

Louis Riel Petitions for a Reserve in Montana.

Below is a summary of a petition for a Metis reserve in Montana, sent by Louis Riel to General Nelson A. Miles, August 6, 1880. Martha Foster has pointed out that many of the signatories were members of the Spring Creek Metis Band. “(Many) had settled on Spring Creek the summer before. Other signatories were their friends and relatives, most of whom eventually settled to the north in the Milk River/Havre/Zortman area, or to the west at St. Peter’s Mission near the present day Cascade and along the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains.”¹ A number of family patriarchs led this group, namely; Francois Amyotte Sr. (b. 1819), Pierre Berger Sr. (b. 1816), William Davis Sr. (b. 1824), Louis Gariépy (b. 1828), Salomon Hamelin (b. 1810), and Pierre Laverdure (b. 1819).

Previously, in 1878, a group of Metis at Cypress Hills had sent a petition requesting a re-opening of the buffalo hunt between November 14th and February 15th each year and the granting of Metis “reserve” land. The request was for a strip of land 150 miles long along the American border beginning where the Pembina River crosses the border. This strip was to be fifty miles from south to north. A number of the signatories to this petition signed that 1878 petition as well. Some of the families who signed both petitions are the Charettes, Davises, Fagnants, Gariépy’s, Hamelins, Lafontaines, Laframboises, Marions, Léveillé and Ouelettes.

Musselshell River, M.T.
August 6th 1880.

Br. Maj. Genl. N.A. Miles
U.S.A.

General

We the undersigned Halfbreeds, have the honour to lay before you the following petition, trusting to your kindness to forward it through to the proper authorities of the U.S. Government at Washington, hoping also, from your knowledge of our people and habits that you will represent to the government our claims to a favourable hearing.

We ask the government to set apart a portion of land as a special reservation for the halfbreeds, as, scattered amongst other settlers, it becomes a very difficult matter for us to make a living and owing to our present limited means and want of experience in economy, we cannot compete with the majority of our fellow countrymen.

Our want of legal knowledge has also been a stumbling block in our way, as often defrauded by tricky men, we have again been as individuals put to expense in the law courts uselessly, and this alone has rendered us often unable to remain more than four or five years at a time in our place without becoming completely impoverished. If the U.S. government would kindly consider this petition we promise that our first measure would be to completely exclude liquor of all kinds from the reservation.

¹ Martha Foster, *We Know Who We Are: Metis Identity in a Montana Community*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2006: 96.

We would also respectfully ask that a sum of money be appropriated for us, for a certain period, for the following purposes:

1. to erect and support schools, and pay for competent teachers;
2. for providing us with necessary agricultural implements;
3. for providing farming seeds, potatoes etc for spring sowing, as a commencement;
4. for a certain amount of cows, pigs, sheep and chickens. In asking this we would respectfully state that we would have no need for the clothes and provisions annually issued to Indians by government.

We promise on our part to endeavour to live as law abiding people and in case we succeed in getting a reservation set apart, we ask that all Halfbreeds entering said reservations and settling on land shall own that land according to homestead, pre-emption or timber acts or such other way as the government may desire.

..... Trusting the above petition may meet with favourable consideration,

We remain General, Your most obedient servants.

Alexandre Wilkey
Piere Berger Sr.
Antoine Ouilette
Baptis Gariépy Sr.
Isidor Berger
Jean Baptis Berger
Bernard Berger
Jacques Berger
Piere Berger Jr.
Isaïe Berger
Binjamin Klyne
Joe Lyonnais
Baptis Adams Sr.
Norman Marion
Jean BelleHumeur
Narcisse Cardinal
André Alary Jr.
Baptiste Gariépy Jr.
Louis St. Matt
Louis Gariépy
François Amyot Jr.
Joseph Parisien
Abraham Boyer
Pierre Charbonneau
Elie Gariépy
Baptiste Bellegarde
Octave Lafontaine
Joseph Ouellette
Baptiste Ledoux
François Bellehumeur
Gabriel Amyot

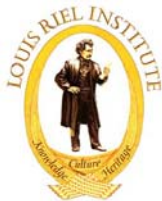
Jonas Hamlin Sr.
Patrice Hamlin
Jonas Hamlin Jr.
Sévère Hamlin Sr.
André Alary Sr.
Jonas Rainville
Baptiste Alary
Antoine Houle
Alexandre St. Matt
William Davis Jr.
Sévère Hamlin Jr.
George Lambert
L.M. Jérôme
Ambroise Houle
Michel St. Denis
Alexandre Azur
Pierre Beauchamp
Antoine Fleury Sr.
Antoine Fleury Jr.
Louis Fleury
Edouard Wells
Arthur Amyot
Joseph Amyot
Baptiste Lafontaine
François Amyot Sr.
Joseph Charrette
Thomas Larance
Cléophas Ducharme
François Ouellette
Moïse Ouellette
Charles Alary

William Laframboise
Baptiste Turcotte
Moïse Latreille
Pierre Laverdure Sr.
Daniel Laverdure
William Davis Sr.
Joseph Davis
Michel Vivier
Hyacinthe George
Jean Charette
Bernard Lafontaine
Charles Norwest
François Daineau
Pierre Léveillé
Baptiste Alary Sr.
Moïse Fagnant
Thomas Bird
Baptiste Larocque
Bonaventure Cardinal

Léonid Gariépy
Salomon Hamelin
Joseph Larocque
William Fagnant
Antoine Lafontaine
Xavier Fagnant
Moïse Adam
Théophile Fagnant
Elzéar Hamelin
Jean Marie Lyonnais
Patrice BelleHumeur
Baptise Gariépy
Johnny Leclair
Jacques Cardinal
Pierre Cardinal
Narcisse Cardinal Jr.
Jérémie Adam
Xavier Laverdure

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Annotated Biographies

Adam, Jean Baptiste. (b. 1824)

Jean Baptiste was the son of Jean Baptiste Adam Sr. and Madeleine Lemire. He married Marie Boyer, the daughter of Pierre Boyer and Marguerite Bonneau in 1845 at St. Francois Xavier. Their sons Jeremie and Moise also signed this petition.

Adam, Jeremie. (b. 1852)

Jeremie Adam was born on February 17, 1852, the son of Jean Baptiste Adam and Marie Boyer. He married Julie Larocque, the daughter of Jean Baptiste Larocque and Julie Lemire at Lebrét in 1873.

Adam, Moïse. (b. 1849)

Moïse Adam was born on December 4, 1849, the son of Jean Baptiste Adam and Marie Boyer. He married Marie Léveillé, the daughter

of Louis Léveill  and Marguerite Gervais at Le-
bret in 1872, then married Isabelle Poitras the
daughter of Gabriel Poitras and Isabelle
Malaterre at Willow Bunch in 1909.

Allary, Andre. (b. 1826)

Andre Allary was the son of Michel Allary
and Marie "Serpente". He married Marie Marcellais,
the daughter of Jean Baptiste Marcellais and
Marie Wilkie at Pembina in 1852.

Allary, Andre Jr. (b. 1853)

Andre Allary Jr., born at St. Joseph, North
Dakota, was the son of Andre Allary Sr. and
Marie Marcellais. He married Josephite McGillis
dite Hamelin, the daughter of William McGillis
and Marie Daigneault at Lebret in 1864.

Allary, Jean Baptiste "Paahpishkit". (1856-1932)

Jean Baptiste was born 6 February 1856
(St.Francois Xavier) the son of Andre Allary and
Marie Marcellais.² He married Marie Amyotte
(1863-1905), the daughter of Francois Amyotte
and Louise Hamelin in 1877. He died 20 January
1932 Turtle Mountain, North Dakota, at age 76.
He witnessed the Petition of Louis Riel on 20
August 1880 Montana. Their children were: Jo-
seph Lawrence born 1886, Gabriel, born 1887,
Julia born 1891, Louis born 1893, Mary Louise
born 1895 and Josette born 1898.

He had a scrip application: in 1885: Allary, Bap-
tiste; f. Andre Allary; m. Marie Marcellais; b.
Feb 1852; m. 1877; Marie Amiotte; HB 263 .

Allary, Jean Baptiste Sr. (b. 1840)

Jean Baptiste Allary was born on Decem-
ber 26, 1840 at Baie St. Paul, the son of Louison
Allary and Marie Marguerite Desjarlais. He mar-
ried Madeleine McKay, the daughter of Alexis
McKay and Marie Flamand in 1863 at St. Fran-
cois Xavier.

Allary, Jean Baptiste Jr. (b. 1864)

Jean Baptiste Allary Jr. was born on Sep-
tember 13, 1864, the son of Jean Baptiste Allary
Sr. and Madeleine McKay.

² Andre was born in 1826, the son of Michel
Allary and Marie (Dakota). Marie Marcellais
was the daughter of Jean Baptiste Marcellais and
Marie Wilkie. They married at Pembina on Sep-
tember 7, 1852.

Allary, Charles. (b. 1863)

Charles Allary was born in 1863 at Moose
Mountain, the son of Michel Allary and Louise
"Saulteaux."

Amyotte, Arthur. (b. 1858)

Arthur Amyotte was born on February 18,
1858 at Pembina, the son of Joseph Amyotte and
Marianne Pangman. Before 1879, he married
Josephite Pelletier, the daughter of Pierre Pelletier
and Josephite Deschamps then married Betsy
Anderson, the daughter of Thomas Anderson and
Fanny Pocha in 1883 at Willow Bunch.

Amyotte, Francois II. (b. 1819)

Francois Amyotte was born at Red River,
the son of Francois Amyotte and Marie "Crise".
He married Louise Hamelin, the daughter of
Jacques Bonhomme Hamelin and Mary Allary.

Amyotte, Francois III. (b. 1843)

Francois Amyotte II was the son of Fran-
cois Amyotte II and Louise Hamelin. He married
Marie Celina Beriault, the daughter of Joseph
Beriault and Isabelle Duval in 1866 at St. Boni-
face.

Amyotte, Gabriel. (1857)

Gabriel Amyotte was the son of Francois
Amyotte II and Louise Hamelin. He married
Betsy (--?--) before 1880.

Amyotte, Joseph. (b. 1849)

Joseph Amyotte was born on November 3,
1849, the son of Francois Amyotte II and Louise
Hamelin. He married Marie Anastasie Gladu,
the daughter of Charles Gladu and Genevieve Pa-
risien in 1873 at Lebret.

Azure, Alexandre "Zoo-may." (b. 1855)

Alexandre Azure was born July 26, 1855 at
Pembina, the son of Joseph "Mah-tchar-min"
Azure and Angelique Martel. His grandfather,
Antoine Labelle Azure was a Metis leader in
Pembina during the 1851 treaty negotiations.
Alexandre married Marie Louise Azure, the
daughter of Gabriel Azure and Cecile Lafram-
boise in 1880. He then married Virginie Henault,
the daughter of Antoine Henault and Catherine
Davis in 1889.

Beauchamp, Pierre Jr. (b. 1837)

Pierre Beauchamp was the son of Pierre
Beauchamp Sr. And Marie Comptois dit Morin.
He married Nancy Ward, the daughter of George
Ward and Elizabeth Turcotte.

Belgarde, Jean Baptiste. (b. 1842)

Jean Baptiste Belgarde was the son of Alexis Belgarde and Emelie Vivier. He married Marie Emily Hamelin, the daughter of Jacques Bonhomme Hamelin and Mary Allary in 1864. In the 1880s this family was in Montana but later settled at Turtle Mountain.

Belhumeur dit Monet, Francois. (b. 1838)

Francois was born on September 8, 1838, the son of Andre Belhumeur and Marguerite Maron. His brother Jean was Louis Riel's father-in-law. Francois married Louise Morisseau, the daughter of Joseph Morisseau and Joseph Lacerte in 1861 at St. Francois Xavier.

Belhumeur dit Monet, Jean. (b. 1832)

Jean is Louis Riel's father-in-law. Jean was born on September 15, 1832 at St. Francois Xavier, the son of Andre Belhumeur and Marguerite Maron. Jean married Marie Malaterre, the daughter of Jean Baptiste Malaterre and Angeli-que Adam in 1860 at St. Francois Xavier. Their daughter Marguerite married Louis Riel in 1882 at Carroll, Montana.

Belhumeur dit Monet, Patrice. (b. 1845)

Patrice was born on December 16, 1845, the son of Michel Monet dit Belhumeur and Louise Gonneville. He was Louis Riel's wife's cousin. He married Julie Robert, the daughter of Joseph Robert in 1874 at Lebreton.

Berger, Bernard. (b. 1855)

Bernard Berger was born on June 13, 1855, the son of Pierre Berger Sr. and Judith Wilkie. He married Caroline Depousse.

Berger, Francois Isaie. (b. 1844)

Isaie Berger was born at Red River in 1844, the son of Pierre Berger Sr. and Judith Wilkie. Isaie married Clemence Gourneau the daughter of Turtle Mountain chief Joseph Gourneau and Judith Delorme.

Berger, Isidore. (b. 1846)

Isidore Berger was born in 1846, the son of Pierre Berger Sr. and Judith Wilkie. Isidore married Domtilde Laframboise, the daughter of Joseph Laframboise and Marie Anne Cadotte in 1873 at Lebreton.

Berger, Jacques. (b. 1851)

Jacques Berger was born at Pembina on October 17, 1851, the son of Pierre Berger Sr. and Judith Wilkie. Jacques married Philomene

Ouelette, the daughter of Isidore Ouelette and Marie Bottineau in 1877.

Berger, Jean Baptiste. (b. 1849)

Jean Baptiste Berger was born in 1849, the son of Pierre Berger Sr. and Judith Wilkie. Another Turtle Mountain Band member, he married Betsy Keplin, the daughter of Paul "Pishk" Keplin and Marguerite Gourneau in 1876 at Lebreton.

Berger, Pierre Sr. (b. 1816)

Pierre Berger Sr. was born at Red River in 1816, the son of Jacques Berger and Cecile Dumont. He married Judith Wilkie, the daughter of Metis leader Jean Baptiste Wilkie and Amable Azure, at Pembina before 1841.

Berger, Pierre Jr. (b. 1841)

Pierre Berger Jr. was born at Red River in 1841, the son of Pierre Berger Sr. and Judith Wilkie.

Bird, Thomas. (b. 1849)

Thomas was the son of Jimmy Jock Bird and Sarah Sally (Peigan). He married Isabella Metaskanik, (b: 1862) the daughter of Baptiste Mataska-nek and Isabelle Flamand, in 1876 at Touchwood Hills.

Boyer, Abraham. (b. 1847)

Abraham Boyer, known as "Abrah-mish" was born on May 10, 1847 at St. Francois Xavier, the son of Pierre Boyer and Genevieve Martin. He married Julie Lafontaine, the daughter of Jean Baptiste Lafontaine and Francoise Martin.

Cardinal, Bonaventure. (b. 1852)

Bonaventure Cardinal was born on March 2, 1852 at St. Francois Xavier, the son of Narcisse Cardinal and Marie Gariepy.

Cardinal, Jacques. (1812)

Jacques was born at St. Francois Xavier, the son of Jacques Cardinal Sr. and Joseph (Cree). He married Genevieve Pelletier, the daughter of Pierre Pelletier and Agathe Azure on November 22, 1836 at St. Francois Xavier

Cardinal, Narcisse Sr. (b. 1830)

Narcisse Cardinal Sr. was the son of Antoine Cardinal and Marie Comptois. He married Marie Magdelaine Gariepy, the daughter of Louis Marie Gariepy (b. 1777) and Joseph Ducharme (b.1806) on May 27, 1851 at St. Francois Xavier. His brother-in-law Louis Gariepy also signed Riel's petition.

Cardinal, Narcisse Jr. (b. 1855)

Narcisse Cardinal Jr. was born on March 5, 1855, the son of Narcisse Cardinal Sr. and Marie Gariépy.

Cardinal, Pierre. (b. 1831)

Pierre was the son of Jean Baptiste Cardinal (b. 1797) and his wife Josette Ducharme. Jean Baptiste and Josette were enumerated in the 1850 Census at Pembina as Family # 2. At that time Baptiste was 63 and Josette was 45. Pierre then age 19 is listed as a hunter. The siblings listed are Genevieve (17), John (12), Adelaide (11), Josette (8), and Jean Baptiste (5). Pierre's mother Josephine was born in 1805 at Red River, the daughter of Pierre Ducharme and Catherine (Chippewa/Saulteaux). Her sister Madeleine was married to Louis Perreault then to Andre Millet dit Beauchemin. Her sister Suzanne was married to Alexis Carriere.

Charbonneau, Pierre. (b. 1844)

Pierre Charbonneau was born in St. Boniface in 1844, the son of Jean Baptiste Charbonneau and Louise (Lizette) Boucher. In November 1869, he married Rose Azure the daughter of Charles Azure and Nancy Grant at St. Joseph's North Dakota. In Winnipeg on November 22, 1886 he made the following scrip claim:

"I lived in the parish of St. Boniface until June of 1863 when I left to go to St. Joseph in the U.S. where I lived for 2 or 3 years. Then I went to many places in the United States. I lived at Devil's Lake on 15th July 1870 and I went in 1871 to 1875 between Wood Mountain and White Mud River, as much on the American side as on the British side, then I was taken by the American troops with the other Half Breeds in Montana, where I lived for some time, then I went back to Wood Mountain in the summer of 1886 and then to Turtle Mountain when I left my family to come back to make my application for scrip."

He claimed for the following children: Marie Mathilde born at the White Mud River age 13; Marie Louise born at Milk River age 12 years; Jean Baptiste born at Lewistown Montana age 7; Elizabeth born at Lewistown, age 5; Justine born at Lewistown age 3; Marie Josephine born at St. John's age 3 months.

Charbonneau's claim was denied as he was deemed to be "an American Half Breed."

Charette, Jean Baptiste. (b. 1843)

Jean Baptiste Charette was the son of Jean Baptiste Charette Sr. and Angelique Petit. He married Marie Anne Laverdure the daughter of Joseph Laverdure and Therese Villebrun before 1867. He then married Marie Beauchamp, the daughter of Jerome Beauchamp and Genevieve Parisien in 1877 at Lebret.

Charette, Joseph. (b. 1850)

Joseph Charette, brother of Jean Baptiste, was also the son of Jean Baptiste Charette and Angelique Petit. He was born on December 14, 1850 at Pembina. He married Adelaide Gagnon, the daughter of Joseph Gagnon and Marguerite Chartier in 1887 at Fergus County, Montana. Joseph was a Turtle Mountain Band member.

Daigneau, Francois. (b. 1840)

Frank Daigneau was the son of Isaac "Zac" Daigneau and Angelique Peter. He married Eliza Laverdure the daughter of Pierre Laverdure and Catherine Charette in 1876. Frank Daigneau applied for Metis scrip as heir to his deceased children: Joseph, born: 1871 at Wood Mountain, died: 1891 at Lewiston; Agnes, born: 1883 at Wild Horse Lake, died: 1896 at Turtle Mountain; Angelique, born: 1885 at Old Wive's Creek, died: 1896 at Lewiston; address: Lewiston, Montana; father: Frank Daigneau (Métis & dependent); mother: Liza Laverdure (Métis); file ref. 947529; claim no. 1188. His scrip application was denied on the basis that he had lived in the United States since 1850. His personal claim had been disallowed in 1895 after Mr. Goulet had procured evidence from Wood Mountain and Turtle Mountain.

Davis, Joseph "Mash-kos-sew." (b. 1862)

Joseph Mash-kos-sew Davis was the son of William Davis and Marie Enno. He married Josephine Hamelin, the daughter of Moise Hamelin and Isabelle Wiscon Wickup Latergrasse in 1882 at Wood Mountain.

Davis, Michel "Nubun-ay-gar-bon." (b. 1853)

Michel Nubun-ay-gar-bon Davis was born in 1852, the son of William Davis and Marie Enno. He married Flavie Henry. Although the Davis family did not live permanently at Turtle Mountain after 1863, they always returned when not out hunting on the prairie. In 1877, the family and ten others travelled from Milk River, Bear Paw, the Judith Basin, the Little Missouri

and Cypress Hills before returning to Turtle Mountain.³

Davis, William Sr. (b. 1824)

William was the son of Jean Baptiste Davis and Josephte Saulteaux. He married Marie Enno. He and his brother Jean Baptiste Jr. were both members of the Turtle Mountain Band.

Davis, William Jr. "Tchee-we-yam." (b. 1844)

William Tchee-we-yam Davis was born at Red River, the son of William Davis and Marie Enno. He married Euphrosine Hamelin, the daughter of Jacques Hamelin and Mary Allery before 1868. He then married Sarah Nolin, the daughter of Joseph Nolin and Louise Frederick in 1870.

Ducharme, Cléophas. (b. 1850)

Cleophas Ducharme was born on September 8, 1850 at St. Francois Xavier., the son of Jean Baptiste Ducharme and Magdeleine Houle. He married Victoria Ledoux, the daughter of Jean Baptiste Ledoux and Marguerite Breland.

Fagnant, Moise. (b. 1839)

Moise was born on April 27, 1839, the son of Francois Fagnant Sr. and Madeleine Lemire. He married Margeurite Desmarais, the daughter of Michel Desmarais and Josephte Rochon.

Fagnant, Theophile. (b. 1864)

Theophile Fagnant was born on January 2, 1864 at Oak Lake, the son of Francois Xavier Fagnant and Marie Bonneau.

Fagnant, William "Kee-tar-kiss." (b. 1852)

William Fagnant was born on November 8, 1852 the son of Francois Fagnant Sr. and Madeleine Lemire. He married Betsy Parisien, daughter of Joseph Parisien and Marguerite Lavallee at Lebret in 1872.

Fagnant, Francois Xavier. (b. 1837)

Francois Xavier was born on March 23, 1837, the son of Francois Fagnant Sr. and Madeleine Lemire. He married Marie Bonneau, the daughter of Pierre Bonneau and Louise Gariépy. Their ten children were born across the prairies at Oak Lake, Lebret, Wood Mountain, Cypress Hills and Dupuyer, Montana.

³ Katie Pollock, "From Borderlands to Bordered Lands: The Plains Metis and the 49th Parallel, 1869-1885." Edmonton: University of Alberta, M.A. dissertation, 2009: 98.

Fleury, Antoine Sr. (b. 1840)

Antoine Fleury Sr. was the son of Louis Fleury and Josephte Belly. He married Elizabeth Wilkie the daughter of Metis leader Jean Baptiste Wilkie and Amable Azure on September 14, 1857 at Pembina. Antoine and his brother Louis listed below married two Wilkie sisters.

Fleury, Antoine Jr. (1865)

Alexander Fleury was born at Tobacco Creek, the son of Antoine Fleury and Elizabeth "Betsy" Wilkie. He married Marie Fergusson in 1886 at St. Laurent.

Fleury, Louis. (1820-1897)

Louis Fleury was born at St. Francois Xavier, the son of Louison Fleury and Josephte (Grosventre). Louis was the brother of Metis leader Patrice Fleury. Louis married Marguerite Trottier,⁴ the daughter of Andre Trottier and Marguerite Paquette dit St. Denis on January 10, 1843 at St. Francois Xavier. They had ten children. Louis Fleury died on November 26, 1897 in Fort Ellice.

Gariépy, Baptiste Sr. (b. 1832)

Jean Baptiste Gariépy was born at White Horse Plains, the son of Louis Gariépy and Josephte Ducharme. He married Judith Cardinal, the daughter of Antoine Cardinal and Marie Comptois, his brother Louis married her sister Marie Cardinal.

Gariépy, Jean Baptiste Jr. (b. 1861)

Jean Gariépy Jr. was born on March 16, 1861, the son of Baptiste Gariépy and Judith Cardinal.

Gariépy, Elie. (b. 1857)

Elie Gariépy was born on May 31, 1857 at St. Francois Xavier, the son of Jean Baptiste Gariépy and Judith Cardinal. He married Antonia Kataitsipi-tsaki, the daughter of Matusohan and Auetsipiaki, in 1885 at Badger Creek, St. Peter's Mission, Montana.

Gariépy, Louis (1828-1884)

Louis was born in 1828, the son of Louis-Marie Gariépy and Josephte Ducharme. On January 14, 1851, he married Marie Cardinal the daughter of Antoine Cardinal and Marie Comptois. They had children born in Canada at St. Francois Xavier, Fort Ellice and Lebret as well as in the USA at Flat Willow Creek and Poplar

⁴ Marguerite Trottier, born 1825 in NWT; died 17 April 1893.

River. His brother-in-law Narcisse Cardinal also signed Riel's petition. He died on January 17, 1884 at Lebret.

Gariépy, Leonide. (b. 1852)

Leonide Gariépy was born on June 2, 1852, the son of Louis Gariépy and Marie Cardinal. He married (1) Marguerite Pelletier 06 Sep 1875 in Lebret, Saskatchewan, Canada; born 21 Sep 1851; died 1880 in Milk River; married (2) Marie Rose Larocque 1881 in Missouri, USA; born 24 Apr 1862 in St. Francois Xavier.

George, Hyacinthe. (b. 1855)

George Hyacinthe was the son of Pierre George and Marie Anne Foucille.

Hamelin, Elzear.

Hamelin, Jonas Sr. (b. 1829)

Jonas Hamelin was born in St. Boniface, the son of Jean Baptiste Hamelin and Francoise Ducharme. He married Marie Daigneault the daughter of Richard Daigneault and Josephthe "Cree." He was a nephew of Salomon Hamelin.

Hamelin, Jonas Jr. (b. 1857)

Jonas Hamelin Jr. was born on November 24, 1857 at St. Joseph's, Dakota., the son of Jonas Hamelin (b. 1829) and Marie Daigneault (b. 1828). He married Marie Patenaude, the daughter of Jean Baptiste Patenaude and Madeleine Mestaskanik Bataskawit on February 1, 1885 at Lebret.

Hamelin, Patrice. (b. 1854)

Patrice was the son of Jonas Hamelin and Marie Daigneault. He died on the plains south of Willow Bunch in 1880. Salomon Hamelin was his uncle.

Hamelin, Salomon. (1810-1893)

Salomon was born on April 6 1810, son of Jacques Hamelin and Angelique Tourengau. He married Isabella Vandale the daughter of Antoine Vandal (a voyageur) and Angelique (Saulteaux) on 11 February 1831. Their son Firmin Hamelin married Clemence Breland, daughter of Pascal Breland, another Metis trader. Hamelin was a well-known Metis trader. He and his family made the annual treks with the buffalo hunters to the Qu'Appelle Valley, Cypress Hills and the Milk River. On September 19, 1857, along with Pascal Breland and Maximilien Genton, Hamelin was made a member of the Council of Assiniboia. Salomon served on

the Legislative council of Manitoba 1871-76. His nephews, Sévère, Patrice and Jonas are also listed here.

Hamelin, Sévère. (b. 1852)

Sévère was born on May 13, 1852, the son of Jacques Bonhomme Hamelin and Mary Alary. He married LaRose Gladue, the daughter of Charles Gladue and Genevieve Parisien. Sévère and his son appear on the Turtle Mountain Band census of 1886. Salomon Hamelin was his uncle.

Houle, Antoine. (b. 1840)

Antoine Houle was born on May 29, 1840, the son of Antoine Houle Sr. and Marie Larocque. He married Julie Lepine, the daughter of Jean Baptiste Lepine and Suzanne Gariépy, in 1867 at St. Francois Xavier.

Houle, Ambroise. (b. 1855)

Ambroise Houle was born on July 6, 1855, the son of Antoine Houle and Genevieve St. Pierre.

Jerome, L. M. (b. 1851)

Louis Jerome was born on October 2, 1851 at Pembina, the son of Martin Jerome and Elizabeth Wilkie. He married Philomene Ferron or Herron sometime before 1879.

Klyne, Benjamin. (1847-1932)

Ben Kline was born on October 13, 1847 at what is now known as Fort Totten, near Mni Wakan (now called Devil's Lake), North Dakota. His father Michel Klyne Jr. was born in 1811 at Edmonton, a Half-Breed descendent of Michel Klyne Sr. and Suzanne Lafrance a Métisse. His mother was Madeleine Millet *dit* Beauchemin, whose father was a French Canadien, Andre Millet *dit* Beauchemin who had married a Half-Breed Crow woman Charlotte Pelletier. Benjamin's parents moved to Pembina from Red River in the late 1840s.

As a boy Ben attended the mission school where the Chippewa speaking missionary's wife taught him to speak English. In 1886, he married Angelic Ayimatch St. Pierre (b. 1845), the daughter of François St. Pierre and Marie Laverdure. Typical of Metis traders and buffalo hunters their 10 children were born at many locations, namely: Little Missouri, Lebret, Wood Mountain, Cypress Hills, St. Peter's Mission and Hammel Creek.

Kline made his first journey to Montana Territory in 1865 and found a large Metis band of Metis hunters living on the Milk River. He

returned to gather a group to settle in Montana. They traveled up the Missouri River, then up the Milk River to a site between the towns of Glasgow and Malta. There they erected a number of cottonwood constructed cabins. Subsequently a small pox epidemic broke out among the neighbouring Indians. The illness did not affect the Metis and the Indians were angered over this and made life unbearable for them. Kline thus moved back to Devil's Lake as a precautionary measure.

In 1867, the family returned to Montana. Their camp was visited by X. Biedler the United States Marshal for Montana who had heard Metis traders from Canada were there illegally transacting business. He confiscated their stock (over \$15,000.00 worth of goods) burned their cabins and ordered traders Antoine Gladue and James Francis, to return to Canada. He allowed the rest of the party to remain. Kline then asked the Marshal how they were to get supplies and ammunition for hunting. In response, Biedler asked Francis Janeaux who was part of the Marshal's party to stay and open a store. This was the start of what was to become a close friendship between Kline and Janeaux.

For the next two years Kline and the other 25 Metis families lived on the Milk River and hunted buffalo as far west as the Little Rockies. The hides, after dressing, were sold to the T.C. Powers & Brothers Co. Pierre Berger was the leader of this Metis band but because he did not speak English, Kline transacted almost all the band's business. The others in the camp were Berger's brothers, Isaie and John, Vital Turcotte and Frank Ouelette, all Metis of French-German-Cree-Chippewa and Assiniboine ancestry.

In May of 1879, a group of Milk River families led by Pierre Berger moved to the Judith Basin. Ben Kline and his boyhood friend Moise LaTray were with this main party. Kline and LaTray were both related to the Wilkies (Berger's wife) through the Charlotte Pelletier family. Captain Williams, the commanding officer at Fort Benton, furnished the Metis with an escort of two soldiers and two civilians who guided them as far as what in later years became known as the Felix McGinn ranch on Cottonwood Creek. From there the party moved toward Big Spring Creek and camped on the former John Crowley ranch north of the former Great Northern freight house in Lewistown. Two hunters were sent to Black Butte, northeast of Lewistown, to locate the buffalo. In a short time they reported they had found a large herd northeast of

the butte. After a few days of rest, all the hunters went after the buffalo and killed large numbers.

It was necessary for the Metis to follow the buffalo and they drifted in the direction of Flatwillow Creek. In July 1879, they were joined by Pierre Laverdure, Frances Daignon and Francis Janeaux, who had traveled from Fort Benton. They all moved south of the Big Snowy Mountains toward Judith Gap where they found the country literally black with buffalo, and they killed so many that it took them a week to dress and dry the meat. After returning to Big Spring Creek, they camped near Reedsfort where they found Paul Morase and a Canadian named Renaud who had come from Rocky Point on the Missouri. They were so pleased with their surroundings that they decided to take up land and make the basin their permanent home. Morase and Janeaux located on the present site of Lewistown and streets are named for them.

Other Metis settled on Burnett and Boyd Creek, which empty into Big Spring Creek near Lewistown. Some went further east toward Grass Range on coulees and streams tributary to Big Spring and McDonald creeks. They remained there and raised their families and increased in numbers.

From 1890 to 1900 they had a population of probably 400 to 500. During that period they attained considerable political strength with a representative vote of from 75 to 100, and their support was largely sought by the politicians. Due to the untimely death of Francis Janeaux in 1888 at the age of 49, Kline took over as leader of the Lewistown area Metis.

Ben Kline was one of the few who could speak English, a leader among them and a man of great influence. In 1880, Kline took up a homestead a few miles east of Lewistown on Half Breed Creek and developed an excellent ranch property there free of encumbrances. Benjamin died in 1832 at Lewistown, Montana.

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Lafontaine dit Faillant, Antoine. (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 Metis buffalo hunters at Cypress Hills wrote a petition asking for a special Metis 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 Metis Resistance at Batoche.

Antoine Lafontaine noted in 1901: I was married at St. Francois Xavier about thirty-nine years ago [1862]. I had been 'tripping' in the west. . . . I lived in Manitoba in the winter and hunted in the summer. I settled permanently at Oak Lake about twenty years ago [1880-81] and have lived there ever since. . . . I resided at Grande Clairiere and Oak Lake twenty-two years. Before that on the Prairies. I left St. Francois Xavier in 1870. . . . I moved to Cypress Hill around twenty-nine years ago (1872). I have always moved about the prairie. I moved to Hartney fifteen years ago [1885-86] and have lived there ever since.⁵ His wife Philomene Jannot noted in 1901 that she had lived in St. François Xavier with her parents until she married Antoine Lafontaine in 1862. Following her marriage, she noted, they immediately left for the west. They settled at Oak Lake in 1881. The birth and death places of her 13 children read like a travelogue of the Buffalo plains.⁶ 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 Metis encampment at Sioux Valley then moved south to Turtle Mountain.

Lafontaine, Bernard. (b. 1858)

⁵ Various affidavits of Antoine Lafontaine to support the scrip applications of his deceased children in 1900-01. NA, RG 15, D-II-8-c, Vol. 1353.

⁶ Ibid., Affidavits of Philomene Lafontaine for the scrip applications of her deceased children.

Bernard Lafontaine was born on August 13, 1858, the son of Calixte Lafontaine and Charlotte Adam. He was the brother of Antoine listed above. He married Julienne Wilkie, the daughter of Alexandre Wilkie and Louise Gariepy.

Lafontaine, Octave. (b. 1853)

Octave Lafontaine was born on December 20, 1853, the son of Calixte Lafontaine and Charlotte Adam. He was the brother of Antoine listed above. He married Marie Josephine Wilkie, the daughter of Alexandre Wilkie and Louise Gariepy.

Laframboise, William. (b. 1853)

William Laframboise was born in March of 1853, the son of Francois Laframboise and Marie Trottier. He married Marie Rose Wells, the daughter of Edouard Wells and Isabelle McGillis, then married Catherine Berger, the daughter of Pierre Berger and Judith Wilkie on May 10, 1881 at St. Peter's mission. Both his brother-in-law Edouard Wells and future father-in-law Pierre Berger signed Riel's petition for a reserve.

Lambert, George Joseph. (b. 1851)

George Lambert was born on March 14, 1851, the son of Antoine Lambert and Isabelle Houle. He married Rose de Lima Rainville, the daughter of Francois Rainville and Marguerite Belgarde.

Larance, Thomas. (b. 1843)

Thomas Larence was the son of Jean Baptiste Larence and Marguerite (Chippewa). His parents were enumerated in the Pembina Census of 1850 as family # 70 when Thomas was 7 years old. He married Helene Deschamps, the daughter of Joseph Deschamps and Josephite "Saulteuse". He received Half Breed Scrip #63 under the Red Lake and Pembina Treaty.

Larocque, Joseph. (b. 1832)

Joseph Larocque was born on September 15, 1832, the son of Olivier Larocque and Madeleine Piche. He married Madeleine Fagnant, the daughter of Francois Fagnant and Madeleine Lemire in 1862 at St. Francois Xavier. Madeleine's brothers Moise Fagnant, William Fagnant, Francois Xavier Fagnant and Theophile Fagnant all signed Riel's petition for a reserve.

Latreille (LaTray), Jean Moise. (b. 1846)

Moise Latreille, a childhood friend of Ben Klyne was connected to the Wilkie family

through Charlotte Pelletier's family. They were all founders of Spring Creek (Lewistown) Montana. He built homes and the Post Office at Lewistown.

Jean, known as John Mose LaTray was born on 23 September 1846 in St Norbert, Manitoba, the son of Felix Lalonde *dit* LaTreille⁷ and Marguerite (Maggie) Jolibois.⁸ He died on 15 April 1938, aged 91, in Zortman, Montana and was buried in Lewiston, MT.

John Mose LaTray married Suzanne Perreault *dit* Morin. Suzanne was born on 4 July 1852 the daughter of Joseph Perreault *dit* Morin and Joseph Langer. Suzanne died on 17 March 1926, aged 73. They had thirteen children.

Moise spoke five Indian languages as well as Michif, English and French. He worked as a "Woodhawk", in his early days in Montana, cutting cordwood for the Missouri River steamboats. Mose LaTray hued the timbers and erected Lewistown's first Post Office, called Reed's Fort, in 1881. He built homes in Lewistown, Gilt Edge and Maiden. At Fort Maginnis he was an undertaker and interpreter.

Moise LaTray came from St. Norbert to Fort Benton, in 1866. They were part of the first Metis group to establish themselves at Spring Creek (Lewistown). In 1873, he worked cutting cordwood and lived near the present site of the Fred Robinson Bridge. He would accompany the steamers to Fort Benton and help to unload cargo. His wife, Susan, and small son, John, would remain at their campsite.

In September of 1876, a river steamer grounded on a sandbar at Cow Island because of low water, Moise LaTray helped unload the cargo and the four men manning the boat attempted to haul it free of the sand, to no avail. It was decided that two men would stay to guard the cargo and the other two men then took a little skiff to St. Louis to get a stronger boat to help free the steamer from the sand.

Laverdure, Daniel. (b. 1859)

Daniel Laverdure was born on December 16, 1859 at Devil's Lake, the son of Pierre Laverdure and Catherine Charette. He married

⁷ Felix moved to St Joseph-Leroy, Dakota Territory around the end of the 1840s, when he helped build the SJ-L parish. He was also a postal carrier in the 1850s from Leroy to St Paul.

⁸ Marguerite Goulet *dit* Jolibois was the daughter of Jean Baptiste Jolibois and Louise Versailles. She is believed to be the sister of Jean Baptiste Jolibois Jr. who married Marguerite Robillard.

Mary Natalie Wells, the daughter of Edouard Wells and Marie Demontigny, on April 10, 1883 at St. Peter's Mission, Montana. He died on September 2, 1939 at Lewistown.

Laverdure, Francois Xavier. (b. 1843)

Francois Xavier Laverdure was the son of Pierre Laverdure and Catherine Charette. He married Marguerite Pelletier, before 1859. They had five children.

Laverdure, Pierre "Ah-zhow-e-ge-shig." (b. 1819)

Pierre was born in 1819, the son of Alexis Laverdure and Angelique Montour.⁹ This buffalo hunting family was enumerated at Pembina in 1850. . He married Catherine Charette (b. 1832) daughter of Jean Baptiste Charette and Charlotte Sansregret in 1836 at St. Boniface. They are identified in the 1850 Minnesota Territory Census, as residing in House #108 in Pembina. Their son-in-law Francois Daigneau, married to their daughter Eliza (b. 1849) also signed Riel's petition. Pierre died at Lewistown Montana in 1902.

Leclair, John.

Ledoux, Jean Baptiste. (b. 1830)

Jean Baptiste Ledoux was born in 1830 at Fort Ellice, the son of Jean Baptiste Ledoux and Francoise Lacouture. He married Marguerite Breland, the daughter of Alexandre Breland and Emelie Wells.

Léveillé, Pierre. (b. 1856)

Pierre Léveillé born March 20, 1856 at St. Francois Xavier was the son of Louis Léveillé and Marguerite Gervais. He married Pelagie Beauchamp at Lebret. Their four children were born at Lewistown, Montana; Fort Walsh and Saskatchewan Landing. Pierre also signed the Metis petition to join Treaty Four.

Lyonnaise dit Delauney, Jean Marie. (b. 1858)

Jean Doney was born on January 20, 1858 at St. Norbert, the son of Joseph Delauney and

⁹ Alexis Laverdure was born about 1765 in Quebec, Lower Canada, and died about April 17, 1850 in Pembina district, being buried April 18th 1850, Minnesota Territory (North Dakota, USA). He married Angelique-"Kisi-kawpskup" Montour about 1797 in North West Territories, where they were married according to the custom of the country, she was the daughter of Nicolas-Jean-Menard Montour and Oom-nah-wish a Swampy Cree woman. She was born about 1780 in Pembina district,

Joseph Henry dit Allery.¹⁰ This was a buffalo hunting family enumerated at Pembina in 1850. Jean married Virginie Lafontaine the daughter of Calixte Lafontaine and Charlotte Adam, on 21 February 1879 St. Peters Mission, Cascade County, Montana

Lyonnais dit Delauney, Joseph. (b. 1844)

Joseph Lyonnais dit Doney was born at St. Norbert, the son of Joseph Delauney and Joseph Henry. This was a buffalo hunting family, his parents were enumerated at Pembina in 1850. Joseph married Philomene Lafontaine, the daughter of Calixte Lafontaine and Charlotte Adam

Marion, Norman. (b. 1854)

Norman was the son of Narcisse Marion and Mary Bouchard. He married Rose Ouellette, the daughter of Antoine Ouelette and Angelique Bottineau, sometime before 1879.

Norwest, Charles.

Charles is possibly a brother of Louis Norwest. The Norwest family lived for a time with the Cree Band led by Kiskayiwew (Bobtail or Alexis Piche Jr.). This band had spent several years with the Cree of Montana.

Ouellette (“Ratte”), Antoine. (b. 1834)

Antoine was born on December 29, 1834 at St. Fran Antoine, also known as Antoine Ratte, Ellette or Walette was born on December 29, 1834 at St. Francois Xavier, the son of Joseph Ouellette (b. 1799) and Therese Elizabeth Daniels dite Houle. Joseph was the son of Joseph Ouellette Sr. (b.1765) and Angelique (Assiniboine). Theresa Houle (b. 1805) was the daughter of Antoine Houle (b. 1781) and Joseph Henry Lauson.

Antoine’s father Joseph II (c. 1799-1885) was the son of Joseph Ouellet and Angélique, an Assiniboine woman. He married Thérèse Elizabeth Houle and they had thirteen children. They lived at St. Norbert and St. François Xavier before moving to St. Laurent on the South Saskatchewan in 1874. However, in 1875 he received Half Breed Scrip pursuant to the 1864 Treaty with the Red Lake and Pembina Bands of Chippewa Indians. In 1875 he and his sons received scrip stubs for 160 acres each, Scrip # 375

¹⁰ Joseph Henry was the daughter of William Henry (b. 1783) and Agathe Letendre. William was the son of Alexandre Henry (the Elder) and Agathe was the daughter of Jean Baptiste Letendre dit Batoche.

for Joseph Sr., Scrip # 388 for Antoine and #376 for his son Joseph. In 1868, he was living with the Turtle Mountain Band and received a \$3.00 annuity payment from the American government. Joseph II fought and died at Batoche during the 1885 Resistance.

Antoine Ouellette married Angelique “Omanukwe” Bottineau (b. 1838), the daughter of Joseph Bottineau (b. 1815) and Angelique Cardinal (b. 1816) on June 15, 1857 at Pembina. Antoine’s brothers were married to Angelique’s sisters. Marie Bottineau, born in 1834 married Isidore Ouellette, born 1830. Joseph Henry Bottineau, born in 1836 married Francois Ouellette born 1832. Antoine was an independent Metis trader operating back and forth to St. Paul in the Minnesota Territory and was heavily involved in the Metis-Dakota/Lakota trade. With the advent of the North West Mounted Police he became a scout and guide for them. When Sitting Bull came up to Wood Mountain in 1870 he was reliant upon trade with Antoine Ouellette and Louis Legare who was working for Ouellette out of Willow Bunch (Talle de Saules) as well as Joseph McKay. Joseph McKay was trading out of Fort Ellice and Baptiste Bourassa who was working for him was relieved of their whole trading outfit by the Sioux near the Milk River. Isaac Cowie reported that Antoine was trading liquor to the Indians at Wood Mountain, Pinto Horse Butte and Eagle Quills.¹¹

In 1877, tourists Percy Heber and his wife hired Antoine “Wallett” as their scout and guide.¹² They had three carts four men including Antoine and thirteen horses. They describe the French speaking Metis as Antoine their guide, George, a cook, and Villeneuve, plus an English speaking Sioux.

The first permanent settlers in Spring Creek, what is now Lewistown, Montana were the Metis. In 1879 three bands comprising of about forty families came in their Red River Carts. A few of the names that became very familiar to all were Berger, Wells, Laverdure, Ouellette, and Ben Kline who down through the years was looked upon as their spokesman and leader. They immediately filed on homesteads. The Ouellette addition to the city, for example, located near the Garfield School, and known as “Buckskin Flats,” was Antoine Ouellette’s origi-

¹¹ Isaac Cowie. *The Company of Adventurers*. Toronto: William Briggs, 1913: 433.

¹² Percy Heber, *Journal of two Excursions in the British North West Territory of North America, 1877, 1888*. Market Drayton, England: Bennion & Horne, 1879: 4. They retained Antoine through James McKay at Silver Heights.

nal homestead.

In 1878, Antoine and other Metis buffalo hunters at Cypress Hills wrote a petition asking for a special Metis reserve of land. His father, Joseph Sr., and brothers, Joseph Jr. and Jean Baptiste also signed this petition. This petition requested a re-opening of the buffalo hunt between November 14th and February 15th each year and the granting of Metis "reserve" land (A strip of land 150 miles long along the American border beginning where the Pembina River crosses the border). This strip was to be fifty miles from south to north. His brother Jean Baptiste Ouellette also signed this petition.

Antoine and his brother Moïse also signed the petition for a Metis reserve in Montana, sent by Louis Riel to General Nelson A. Miles on August 6, 1880.

Antoine's brother Moïse Ouellette (1840-1911) has gone down in history as one of the men who accompanied Gabriel Dumont to Montana in 1884 to bring Louis Riel back to Canada. Riel stayed for a time with the Ouellette's on his return to Canada. Moïse Ouellette was married to Isabelle Dumont, the sister of Gabriel Dumont. Her parents were Isidore Dumont Sr. and Louise Laframboise. Additionally, Gabriel Dumont's brother Elie was married to Ouellette's sister Françoise Ouellette.

Joseph Ouellette Jr. (1824-1899) was the older brother of Antoine. In 1868, he moved from Red River to Wood Mountain for two years, then to Cut Arm Creek (one year), then back to Wood Mountain and Cypress Hills (8 years) then permanently to Duck Lake. In 1874, Joseph was issued Scrip # 375 (160 acres) under the Red Lake and Pembina Treaty. In 1878, Joseph and other Metis buffalo hunters at Cypress Hills wrote a petition asking for a special Metis reserve of land. In 1855, at White Horse Plains, he married Madeleine Paul; they had six surviving children. Two of their boys, Julien and Joseph were active in the Resistance along with their father. Joseph's niece Veronique was married to Michel Dumas, the farm instructor at One Arrow Reserve.

Antoine died on July 22, 1922 at Weyburn.

Ouelette, Francois. (b. 1852)

Francois Ouelette was born on August 26, 1852, the son of Isidore Ouelette and Marie Bottineau. He married Amable Azure Berger, the daughter of Pierre Berger and Judith Wilkie in 1873 at Lebret.

Ouelette, Joseph. (b. 1865)

Joseph Ouelette was born in 1865, the son of Isidore Ouelette and Marie Bottineau. He married Emerise Lafournaise, the daughter of Joseph Lafournaise and Marie Madeleine Poitras.

Ouelette, Moïse. (b. 1840)

Moïse was born on March 5 1840 at St. Francois Xavier, the son of Joseph Ouellette and Therese Houle. He married Isabelle Elizabeth Dumont, the daughter of Isidore Dumont and Louise Laframboise, in 1863 at St. Boniface.

Parisien, Joseph. (b. 1847)

Joseph Parisien was born in 1847 in St. Boniface, the son of Joseph Parisien Sr. and Marguerite Lavallee Martin. He married Marguerite Garipey, the daughter of Bonaventure Garipey and Madeleine Larocque, in 1871 at Lebret.

Rainville, Jonas. (b. 1856)

Jonas Rainville was born on June 16, 1856, the son of Francois Rainville and Marguerite Belgarde. He married Marie Louise Belhumeur dit Monet, the daughter of Francois Belhumeur dit Monet and Louise Morisseau.

St. Denis, Michel. (b. 1843)

Michel was born in 1843 at St. Norbert but was a plains hunter out of St. Francois Xavier. He was the son of Jacques St. Denis.

St. Matte dit Jerome, Alexandre Henri. (b. 1859)

Alexandre Jerome was born on February 8, 1859 at Two Rivers, the son of Martin Jerome and Helene McMillan. He married Mary Jane Collin, the daughter of Antoine Collin and Marguerite Godon.

St. Matte dit Jerome, Louis. (b. 1834)

Louis Jerome was born on January 19, 1834 at St. Boniface, the son of Martin Jerome and Angelique Letendre. He married Angelique Boyer, the daughter of Jean Baptiste Boyer and Helene McMillan. They had eight children seven were born at Pembina and the youngest born at Lebret in 1874. Louis is shown on the 1850 and 1860 Pembina census as a hunter.

Turcotte, Jean Baptiste. (b. 1837)

Jean Baptiste Turcotte was born on February 22, 1837 at St. Boniface, the son of Vital Turcotte and Madeleine Caplette. He married Angelique Paquin, the daughter of Jean Baptiste

Paquin and Genevieve Latergrass in 1858 at St. Boniface.

Vivier, Michel. (b. 1847)

Michel Vivier was born on April 15, 1847 at St. Francois Xavier, the son of Michel Vivier Sr. and Madeleine Fournier. He married Elise Deschamps, the daughter of Joseph Deschamps and Josephine "Saulteuse."

Wells (Wills), Edouard. (b. 1837)

Edouard Wells was born at Pembina, the son of Edouard Wells Sr. and his wife Isabella Wells. Edouard married Marie Demontigny, the daughter of Charles Demontigny and Marie Desjarlais in 1863 at St. Francois Xavier. Edouard Wells Sr. (b. 1812) is listed on the 1850 Pembina Census where Edouard Sr. is shown as a hunter.

Wilkie, Alexandre. (b. 1831)

Alexandre Wilkie was born in 1831, the son of Metis leader Jean Baptiste Wilkie and Amable Azure. The family was enumerated at Pembina in 1850. Alexandre married Louise Garipey, the daughter of Francois Garipey and Louise Gladu, in 1852 at Pembina.



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