

## **Biographies of Metis Petitioners: St. Antoine de Padoue, September 4th, 1882**

### **Batoche dit Letendre, Louis.** (1801-1883)

Louis Batoche was the son of Jean Baptiste Letendré and Josephthe (Cree). He married Marie Hallett, the daughter of Henry Hallett and Catherine Dansee in 1825 at St. Boniface. He was enumerated as family #185 at Pembina in 1850. He was a trader who established his business at St. Laurent. He died at St. Laurent on September 18, 1883.

### **Batoche dit Letendré, Francois Xavier.** (b. 1851)

Xavier Batoche was born January 20, 1851, the son of Louis Batoche Jr. (b. 1830) and Julie Delorme. He married Eulalie Mary Thibault in 1875 at Pembina.

### **Boyer, Jean Baptiste.**<sup>1</sup> (1845-1895)

Jean Baptiste was a Metis merchant, the son of Jean Baptiste Boyer and Helene McMillan. He married Elizabeth Bousquet on January 19, 1864 at St. Boniface. She was the daughter of Louis Bousquet and Elizabeth Fisher. They moved to St. Laurent on the South Saskatchewan in 1866. Although he was often absent trading out west, Boyer resided on Lot 6 in St. Laurent from 1874. He then purchased a lot from Xavier Letendré and opened his store at Batoche.

### **Carrière, Damase** (1851-1885)

Damase was born in 1851 at St. Vital, the son of Elie Carrière<sup>2</sup> and Elmire Landry. On February 10, 1875, he married Marie-Pélagie Parenteau of St. Laurent, the daughter of Jean Baptiste Parenteau and Pélagie Dumont. They had settled at St. Laurent on the South Saskatchewan in 1877. They had five children.

### **Carrière, Napoleon.** (b. 1858)

Napoleon was the son of Elie Carrière and Elmire Landry. On May 27, 1883, he married Rosalie Rocheleau at St. Antoine de Padoue, Batoche. François Vermette and Napoleon Carrière were sent to Prairie Ronde to bring the Metis and White Cap's Dakota group north to Batoche. His name appears as #125 on Philippe Garnot's list of Resistance participants.

### **Caron, Jean Jr.** (1863-1960)

Jean was the son of Jean Caron and Marguerite Dumas. In May 1887, he married Marie Virginie Parenteau, the daughter of Moïse Parenteau and Veronique St. Germaine. They had twelve children together.

### **Caron, Jean Sr.** (1833-1905)

Jean was the son of Antoine Caron and Angelique St. Germain. He was born on June 22, 1833 at St. Boniface. In 1861, he married Marguerite Dumas and they had 14 children together. The family lived at St. Norbert then emigrated to St. Laurent and Batoche Saskatchewan in 1872. They moved to Lot 52 in 188

### **Caron, Theophile.** (b. 1866)

Theophile was the son of Jean Caron (listed above) and Marguerite Dumas. He was born on February 18, 1866 at St. Norbert. He was a member of Captain Edouard Dumont's company, one of the 19 *dizaines* led by Gabriel Dumont during the 1885 Metis Resistance. He married Anne Normand in 1877, then Amanda Parenteau in 1900 and Elise Gervais in 1909. After 1885, Theo worked for ranchers in southern Alberta but eventually returned to Batoche.

### **Champagne, Emmanuel dit Beaugrand.**<sup>3</sup> (1823-1904)

Emmanuel was born at Pembina, the son of Emmanuel Champagne *dit* Beaugrand and Marguerite Larocque. He married Marie Letendré, the sister of François Xavier Letendré dit Batoche in 1843. They were enumerated in the Red River census that year but were living at Pembina during the 1850 census of the Minnesota Territory. They were both

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<sup>1</sup> A signator of Gabriel Dumont's petition (dated St. Antoine de Padoue, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 1882) to the Prime Minister for a survey and land grants. (CSP, 1886, Vol. 12, No. 45, pp. 23-24). John Baptiste Boyer held HBC lot 1037 at Red River (Register B). His father Pierre had HBC lot 1451.

<sup>2</sup> Elie Carriere was employed as a Middleman by the HBC between 1866 and 1867. Elie had HBC lots 319, 326 and 925 at Red River (Register B).

<sup>3</sup> A signator of Gabriel Dumont's petition (dated St. Antoine de Padoue, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 1882) to the Prime Minister for a survey and land grants. Emanuel Champagne Sr. and Jr. held HBC lots 275, 277, 854 and 861 at Red River (Register B).

members of the Turtle Mountain Band and received annuity payments in 1869.<sup>4</sup> Marie was the oldest child (born September 20, 1824) of Louison Letendré *dit* Batoche and Marie Julie Hallett who had moved to St. Laurent in 1871.

This family was one of the founders of the village of Batoche and lived on lots 42-44 on the east side of the river. He bought these lots from his brother-in-law Xavier Letendré and settled permanently and built a store on lot 44 in 1879. This lot was located above “La Belle Prairie” along the part of the Humboldt Trail, which followed the river to Batoche.

At one time Champagne was a free trader operating out of Pembina. During the Minnesota Massacre of 1862 he was instrumental in rescuing a number of settlers. Emmanuel and Marie were enumerated in the 1850 census of the Minnesota Territory and he appears on the 1854 Treaty list of the Indians of Lake Superior and the Mississippi where he is listed as a “mixed-blood of the Pembina Band” living at St. Joseph over the previous ten years. The family was living at Wood Mountain in 1870 and moved to St. Laurent on the South Saskatchewan by 1877. They farmed and had a fur trade business. Emmanuel also became a prosperous businessman at Batoche.

**Delorme, Jean Baptiste *dit* Bidou.** (b. 1832)

Baptiste was born at Norway House. He married Marguerite Pepin. This was a hunting family and moved a great deal although most of their children were married at Duck Lake. He is shown as a Resistance participant on Garnot’s list and is mentioned by Father Vital Fourmond in Cloutier’s journal:

**Delorme, Joseph.** (b. 1849)

Joseph was born on February 1, 1849, the son of Urbaine Delorme Sr. and Madeleine Vivier; and was the younger brother of Norbert Delorme. Joseph married Lizette McLeod (b. 1854) on February 9, 1875 at St. François-Xavier. They had five children. He served on the Court Martial that condemned Thomas Scott to death. He moved to the Tourond’s Coulee area on the South Saskatchewan in 1882.

**Dumas, Zéphirin**

**Dumont, Gabriel.** (1837-1906)

Gabriel Dumont was born in December 1837, in St. Boniface, Red River Settlement, the third child of Isidore Dumont and Louise Laframboise. In 1858, he married Magdeleine—daughter of Jean-Baptiste Wilkie, a Métis bison hunt leader and trader—at St. Joseph (Walhalla), in present-day North Dakota. They had a warm, loving relationship, although they had no children of their own. They did have a number of adopted children however.

**Ferguson, Antoine.** (b. 1842)

Antoine was born at St. Boniface on January 13, 1842, the son of John Ferguson and Monique Hamelin. He married Eliza Jerome *dit* St. Matte in 1848, at St. Vital. He and his brother Leon listed below were living at St. Laurent de Grandin at the time of the Resistance. Antoine held a homestead patent in Tp. 44, Range 2, W3.

**Fidler, Alexander.** (b. 1835)

Alexander was born at St. James, the son of Charles Fidler<sup>5</sup> and Ann Saunders. He married Mary Ann Linklater. Although they generally lived at St. James they were at St. Laurent in the mid 1880s and a son, Peter, was born there in March 1886.

**Fidler, François Sr. “Lagaua”** (1838-1893)

François, called Lagaua in Cree, was born at St. François Xavier, the son of George Fidler and Nancy Black. He married Josephite Laplante.

**Fidler, William Sr.**<sup>6</sup> (1827-1895)

William was the son of George Fidler Sr. and Nancy Black. He married Marguerite McGillis in 1851 at St. François Xavier. William Sr. died on October 27, 1895. He is buried at St. Antoine de Padoue Cemetery, Batoche.

**Gervais, Alexis.** (1854-1906)

Alexander was born at St. François Xavier, the son of Bazile Gervais and Françoise Ledoux. He married Marie Laplante. They were residents of Batoche.

**Gervais, Alexis.** (1818-1895)

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<sup>4</sup> Gail Morin. *Turtle Mountain Chippewa, Pembina Band; Annuity Payments and Census*. Quinton Publications, n.d. p. 21.

<sup>5</sup> Charles Fidler was employed as a Middleman with the HBC between 1849 and 1853. He held HBC lot 1220 at Red River.

<sup>6</sup> William Fidler held HBC lot 1185 at Red River.

Alexis was born between 1818 and 1820, the son of Jean Baptiste Gervais<sup>7</sup> and Madeleine Bonneau. He married Madeleine Fagnant on September 9, 1839, at St. Francois Xavier.

### **Goulet, Theophile**

#### **Honore dit Henry, Moise (Maurice)** (1847-1934)

Maurice was born on January 8, 1847 at St. Norbert, the son of Alexis Henry and Marie Daunais dit Lyonnaise. His sister was married to Isidore Villeneuve (also listed). He married Isabelle Vandal, the daughter of Antoine Vandal and Isabelle Beauchemin in 1872 at St. Norbert. He then married Blandine Ross the daughter of Donald Ross and Catherine Delorme.

#### **Honore dit Henry, Pierre** (b. 1845)

Pierre was born in January 1845 at St. Boniface, the son of Alexis Henry and Marie Daunais dit Lyonnaise. His sister was married to Isidore Villeneuve. He married Caroline Beauchemin, the daughter of Benjamin Beauchemin and Marie Parenteau in 1861 at St. Norbert. They had nine children.

#### **Larivière, François.** (b. 1854)

François was the son of Louis Larivière<sup>8</sup> and Marie Lambert. He married Marie Delorme, the daughter of Jean Baptiste Delorme Jr.

### **Natome, William**

#### **Nault, André Jr. "Nin Nin."**(b. 1860)

Nin Nin was the son of Riel's cousin André Nault and Anastasie Landry.

#### **Nault, Napoléon.** (1858-1931)

Napoléon was born September 17, 1858, the son of André Nault Sr. and Anasathasie Landry and a cousin of Louis Riel. He was the brother of "Nin Nin" listed above. He was married to Mélanie Vandal. They moved from Manitoba to St. Laurent on the South Saskatchewan in the late 1870s. He operated a trading post.

#### **Nolin, Adolphus.** (b. 1861)

Adolphus was born at St. Boniface, the son of the Honorable Charles Nolin and his second wife, Marie-Anne Harrison. Adolphus married Elise Letendré September 1885 at St. Laurent.

#### **Parenteau, Joseph Dodet.** (b. c. 1810-1890)

Joseph was the son of Joseph Parenteau Sr. and Suzanne Richard. He married Angelique Godon c. 1830. He was part of the original 1871 St. Laurent on the South Saskatchewan governing committee. In 1875 this family was living on the northern part of Section 30. At that time he identified himself as a hunter, farmer and freighter. Many of their children were involved in the Metis Resistance of 1885.

#### **Parenteau, Mathias.** (b. 1867)

Mathias was the son of Pierre Parenteau Jr. (b. 1843) and Helene Normand (b. 1842 at St. Norbert); he was born at Red River on November 1, 1867. He married Levina "Alvina" Boucher (b. Nov. 9, 1873) the daughter of Jean Baptiste Boucher Sr. and Caroline L'Esperance.

#### **Parenteau, Moïse.** (1846-1890)

Moïse was the son of Pierre Parenteau and Josephte Delorme. He married Véronique St. Germain. They lived at St. Norbert, Wood Mountain and moved to St. Laurent on the South Saskatchewan in 1882. Moïse died on November 8, 1890. He is buried at St. Antoine de Padoue Cemetery, Batoche.

#### **Parisien, Elzéar.** (b. 1849)

Elzéar was born at Pembina, the son of Hyacinthe Parisien<sup>9</sup> and Marguerite Letendré *dit* Batoche. He married Madeleine Larence, daughter of Basile Larence and Agathe Iroquois at St. Boniface. They lived on the plains and wintered at St. Joseph, Wood Mountain and Batoche.

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<sup>7</sup> Baptiste Gervais held HBC lot 1449 at Red River.

<sup>8</sup> Louis Lariviere held HBC lot 323 at Red River. Francoise hadlot 796.

<sup>9</sup> Hyacinthe Parisien held HBC lots 399 and 885 at Red River.

His land claim was for the lot he settled in 1875 in Tp. 43, Range 1. This claim was denied in 1884 because he had received American Scrip.<sup>10</sup>

**Poitras, Ignace Zenon Sr.** (b. 1829)

Ignace also known as “Betillet,” was born at Red River, the son of Andre Poitras and Marie Grant. He married Helene McGillis. He is buried at St. Antoine de Padoue Cemetery, Batoche.

**Poitras, Maxime.** (b. 1863)

Maxime was the son of Ignace Poitras and Helene McGillis. After the Resistance he married Elizabeth Henry. His father and three brothers also fought at Batoche. Maxime was wounded during the fighting at Batoche.

**Racette, Jerome.** (1858-1940)

Jerome was the son of Charles Racette and Helene Boyer. He married Caroline Nolin in 1883 at St. Laurent, Saskatchewan. Jerome and his mother held Lot 5 in the St. Laurent Settlement.

**Rocheleau, Jean Baptiste.** (b. 1824)

Baptiste Rocheleau also known as Rochelot was born at Red River, the son of Guillaume Rocheleau<sup>11</sup> and Marie Adam. He married Marie Anne Carriere.

**Tessier, R.P.**

**Tourond, Calixte.** (1853-1885)

Calixte was born at Baie St. Paul, the second son of Joseph Tourond Sr. and Josephte Paul; his first wife was Marguerite Ross. He then married Josephte Gervais in 1882 at Batoche. They had three children, all born at Tourond’s Coulee. Calixte fought and died on May 12, the last day of battle in the 1885 Resistance at Batoche. He is buried at St. Antoine de Padoue Cemetery, Batoche.

**Tourond, François.** (b. 1861)

François was the sixth son of Joseph Tourond and Josephte Paul.

**Tourond, Joseph.** (1826-1883)

Joseph Tourond was born at St. Boniface, the son of Joseph Tourond Sr. (b. 1782) and Rosalie Laderoute. He married Josephte Paul, the daughter of Jean Baptiste Paul and Angelique Godin in 1850 at St. Francois Xavier. He was one of the men who helped Riel stop the surveyors on Nault’s land in 1869. He died at Tourond’s Coulee (Fish Creek) on May 22, 1883.

**Tourond, Patrice.** (1857-1898)

Patrice was the fourth son of Joseph Tourond and Josephte Paul. He was married to Marie Gervais.

**Vandal, Antoine Sr.** (b. 1819)

Antoine was the son of Pierre Vandal and Charlotte Hughes (the daughter of James Hughes and Nan-touche Corbeau. He married Isabelle Beauchemin, the daughter of Benjamin Beauchemin and Marie Parenteau sometime before 1848. They are listed on the Pembina census of 1850 as a hunter.<sup>12</sup> Later they lived at St. Norbert. He was also known as Antoine Vandal dit Matchas.

**Vandal, Jean Baptiste Jr.** (1846)

Baptiste was the son of Joseph “La Pioche” Vandal and Louise Dupuis. He married Henrietta Branconnier on June 3, 1867.

**Vandal, Jean Baptiste.** (1830-1888)

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<sup>10</sup> W. M. Pearce, *Detailed Report upon All Claims to Land and the Right to Participate in the North-West Half-Breed Grant by Settlers Along the South Saskatchewan and Vicinity (Being the Settlements Commonly Known as St. Louis de Langevin, St. Laurent or Batoche and Duck Lake)*. Ottawa: Maclean, Roger & Co., 1886: 16.

<sup>11</sup> Guillaume Rocheleau held HBC lot 816 at Red River.

<sup>12</sup> Antoine Vandal Sr. had HBC lots 710, 823 and 337 at Red River, Antoine Jr. had lot 859.

Baptiste was born at Edmonton, the son of Pierre Vandal<sup>13</sup> and Charlotte Hughes. He married Marie Primeau, the daughter of Joseph Primeau and Marguerite Stevenson. They lived at Saint-Boniface and St. Norbert before they moved to Tourond's Coulee in 1873. In 1877 he returned to Red River to make a scrip application on which he listed himself as a plains hunter.

**Vandal, Joseph "La Pioche."** (1810-1885)

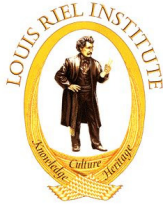
Joseph was the son of Antoine Vandal and his Ojibway wife Angelique. He first married Louise Dupuis then Louise Lavallee. In his younger days he was a buffalo hunter operating out of Pembina. At age 75, he fought and died at Batoche during the 1885 Resistance.

**Vandal, William.** (b. 1861)

William was the son of Jean Baptiste Vandal and Marie Primeau. He married Virginie Boyer on February 7, 1882 at St. Laurent. They had ten children.

**Villeneuve, Isidore.** (b. 1845)

Isidore, born April 8, 1845, was the son of François Villeneuve<sup>14</sup> and Helene Vallee. His wife was Matilda Henry, the daughter of Alexis Henry and Marie Daunaise *dit* Lyonnaise. They had five children. He was alleged to have been involved in the 1871 Fenian invasion of Canada but was acquitted. At that time, he had just returned from the Athabasca with the HBC brigades.



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<sup>13</sup> Pierre Vandal had HBC lot 313 at Red River.

<sup>14</sup> Francois Xavier Villeneuve had HBC lot 918 at Red River.