

John Lazarus Norquay (b. 1837)

John Lazarus Norquay was born on 19 April 1837. He was the son of Henry Norquay¹ (Métis), and Henry's second wife, Mary 'Polly' Anderson (Métis), who were married on 29 November 1836 at St John's Cathedral, Red River. John Lazarus Norquay's father was the son of Oman 'Omie' Norquay (of South Ronaldshay, Orkney), born c. 1773, who had settled at Red River with his wife Jean Morwick (Métis), a daughter of James Morwick and an Aboriginal woman. Through these grandparents, John Lazarus Norquay was related to another John Norquay, a younger cousin, born in 1841, who eventually became premier of Manitoba. In Red River Settlement, the suffixes 'Sr.' and 'Jr.' were used to distinguish between the two John Norquays.

On February 2, 1860 at St. Mary's Anglican church, Portage la Prairie, John L. Norquay Sr. married Mary Sanderson (b. 1839), the daughter of James Sanderson Jr. (of Albany Fort, Hudson Bay), and Elizabeth Anderson (Métis). In the early 1860's Norquay Sr. and his wife farmed in the High Bluff district, near St. Margaret's Anglican Church (built in 1862). James Sanderson Jr. died in 1851 (age 34) when his boat capsized on Lake Manitoba.

Children of John and Mary:

- James, born on December 25, 1859; died on September 18, 1886 in St. Andrews, ,aged 26.
- Elizabeth "Jane", born on March 31, 1866 and died on November 12, 1938, aged 72.
- Mary Harriet "Polly" born on November 23, 1867 and died on October 21, 1949 in Birch River, aged 81.
- John William born on October 27, 1869 and died on January 18, 1935, aged 65.
- Isabella, born on September 14, 1871 in Minnedosa, and died on July 16, 1873 aged 1.
- Henry "George" born on October 20, 1873 in Minnedosa, and died on June 11, 1946 aged 72.

¹ Norquay, Henry. Born c. 1810; HBC career; married 4 November 1831, St. John's, Red River; 2d marriage 29 November 1836 at St John's Cathedral, Red River; died c. 1874.

Scrip affidavit for Norquay, Mary; widow of Henry Norquay who was born: 1810; his father: Omie Norquay (Scot); his mother: Jane Morwick (Métis); his heirs: Mary (widow and deponent); and children Jane, wife of Thomas Crowley; Joseph; Anne, wife of John Williamson; Henry; George; Isabella, wife of John Fields; Thomas; and David; claim no: 2033; scrip no: 9616 to 9623; date of issue: August 8, 1876; amount: \$160 =

Scrip affidavit for Norquay, Mary; born: November 15, 1839; husband: John Norquay; father: James Sanderson (Métis); mother: Elizabeth Anderson (Métis); claim no: 2205; scrip no: 11074; date of issue: October 2, 1876; amount: \$160

- Caroline, born on April 20, 1876 in Minnedosa, and died on September 20, 1947 aged 71.
- Margaret Catherine born on March 17, 1878 in Little Saskatchewan, died on March 27, 1899 aged 21.
- Emma Ellen Euphemia born on May 6, 1880 in Little Saskatchewan
- Robert Alexander born on March 17, 1882 in Minnedosa and died on January 16, 1904 in Grandview, aged 21.

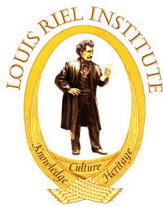
On 1 March 1870, Norquay Sr. was elected at a public meeting of the parishioners of St. Margaret's, to the Legislative Assembly of Assiniboia representing High Bluff. Later, after Manitoba became a province; in December of 1870, in the first election of the new province of Manitoba, it was Norquay Sr.'s cousin, John Norquay Jr. who was elected to represent High Bluff in the provincial legislature.

In the late 1870s, Norquay Sr. and his family relocated to farm at Mountain Gap, Little Saskatchewan Valley. They settled the south half of Section 12-15-18, north of Tanner's Crossing (now Minnedosa). However, by 1901 Norquay had moved to Grandview, in the Marquette district. He died at Grandview on 24 December 1913.

Scrip affidavit for Norquay, John; born: April 19, 1837; father: Henry Norquay (Métis); mother: Mary Anderson (Métis); claim no: 2204; scrip no: 11073; date of issue: Oct. 2, 1876; amount: \$160 = ; Norquay, John Lazarus; for his living son, Robert Alexander Norquay; address: Mountain Gap; born: 17 March, 1882 at Minnedosa; father: John Lazarus Norquay (Métis and deponent); mother: Mary Sanderson (Métis); scrip cert.: form E, no. 2863; file ref. 627197; claim no. 195.

Reference:

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