

## **Joseph Genthon *dit* Dauphinais.** (b. 1830- circa 1875)

Joseph was the son of Maximilien Genthon and Louise Jérôme, born on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March 1830. He married Josette Marion, the daughter of Narcisse Marion and Marie Bouchard. Joseph was a Red River Metis who served as a delegate from St. Boniface to the Convention of Forty in 1870. He did not side with Riel during the Resistance. His sister Marguerite was married to William Dease, a member of the Council of Assiniboia and prominent Métis opponent of Riel. His father Maximilien Genthon was a Councillor of Assiniboia.

Joseph and Josephte had the following children:

- Anne Genthon, married Joseph Levesque.
- Philomene Genthon, b. 1856, married Pierre Leveille.
- Marie Genthon, b. 1854, d. 1868.
- Frederick Genthon, b. 1856, married Josephte Nault.
- Virginie Genthon, b. 1858, married George Deschambault.
- Elisa Genthon, b. 1861, d. 1865.
- Lucie Genthon, b. 1863, married William Lagimodiere.
- Joseph Maxime Genthon, b. 1866.
- Rosalie Genthon, b. 1870.
- Louis Genthon, b. 1873.
- Marie Azilda Genthon, b. 1875.

Their son Frédéric “Le Gros” Genthon was a famous Metis fiddler. At age 16 began driving Red River Carts to the HBC at Fort Carlton for his father’s freighting business. Frédéric is described as a huge man standing over six foot four inches and weighing more than three hundred pounds. He was known for both his prodigious strength and his virtuosity on the fiddle. Because of his size he was called “le Gros.” In 1885, his uncle, Horace Belanger, a chief factor for HBC, appointed Frederick Genthon as an assistant at Moose Lake. He was later made HBC agent at Cumberland House and The Pas. Later he was given the position of surveyor at Winnipeg.



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