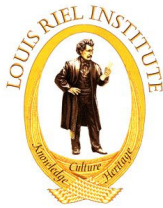


## **Joseph Octave Nolin, M.L.A. (1867-1925)**

Joseph was born on May 16, 1867 in St. Boniface, the son of Joseph Nolin and Marie Anne Gaudry. He married Marie Villeneuve, the daughter of Theophile Villeneuve and Eliza McGillis in 1891 at Battleford. They had 15 children and homesteaded in the Meota and Jackfish Lake districts of Saskatchewan. He was captain of a steam ferry before the local bridges were established, he was also involved in road construction. He also served as a Justice of the Peace. Joseph was multi-lingual, speaking, Michif, French, Cree, English and German. His grandfather, Augustin Nolin, fought on the Canadian side during the War of 1812.

Joseph was one of Saskatchewan's first Metis MLA's. Nolin, a Liberal, was the only representative of the former electoral district of Athabasca, which existed from 1908 until 1917. He then represented the Ile-a-la-Crosse riding from 1917 to 1926.



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