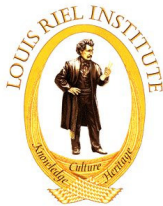


Marcel Roy dit Comtois. (b. 1838)

Marcel Roy was born on August 15, 1838 at St. Norbert, the son of Francois Roy Jr.¹ (b. 1812) and Isabelle Lafreniere (b. 1815). He married Ursule Jeanne Venne (b. 1838), the daughter of Antoine Joseph Lafreniere and Marie-Marguerite Houle, on January 10, 1860 in St. Norbert. By 1875 they were farming south of St. Norbert on the Rat River near Ste. Agathe. They had the following children:

- Marie, b. 1861, married Jean Marie Tourond.
- Marie Virginie, b. 1865, married Amable Lucier.
- Louis Marcel, b. 1867.
- Marie Eleanor, b. 1870, married Alfred Paulin.
- Joseph, b. 1874, died 1905 at Leroy, N.D.
- Marie Celina, b. 1874, married Ephrem Paulin.
- Agnes, married Isidore Payer.

Marcel has been identified as one of Riel's soldiers at Fort Garry during the 1870 Resistance. He was allegedly one of the men in the firing squad for the execution of Thomas Scott. On March 4, 1870, Scott was convicted, sentenced to death and executed by a firing squad in the courtyard of Fort Garry. At Ambroise Lepine's trial (October, 1873) Joseph Nolin testified that the men he recognized in the firing squad were: Auguste Parisien, François Thibault, Marcel Comtois (Roy dit Comtois), Pierre Champagne and François Guilmette.² Nolin said that he had seen Modeste Lajemonière and Damase Harrison but didn't see them moving Scott's body.³



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¹ Francois was the son of Francois Roy Sr. (b. 1789) and Marie Lizette Collin (b. 1792), married in 1810 at Red River.

² Elliot and Brokovski: p. 57.

³ Elliot and Brokovski: p. 58.