

Martin Jérôme *dit* St. Mathe. MLA. (1849-1936)

Martin Jérôme was born, on November 23, 1849 at Pembina, the son of Martin Jérôme Jr. *dit* St. Mathe (b. 1800) and Angelique Letendre¹. He was half-brother to Louis Jérôme Jr. (son of Martin Sr. and Betsy Wilkie).



Martin completed his school studies at Collège de Sainte-Boniface. He married Léocadie Carrière in 1871 at St. Norbert. Between 1875 and 1880 the family moved to Saint-Pierre-Jolys where Léocadie was born. Martin was first the mayor of Youville. He was the first Reeve of the Rural Municipality of DeSalaberry. In the 1888 general election he became the Liberal MLA from Carillon, 1888-96 and 1899-1903. He was defeated by the conservative candidate in 1903, and was later elected to the Manitoba Legislature for the Carillon constituency, serving until 1903. He assisted in organizing the first Manitoba Liberal Association, along with Daniel McMillan and James Fisher. He served as a federal immigration agent in France and Belgium for several years, and as a homestead and forest inspector. He was a vigorous supporter of separate Catholic schools.

¹ Martin (St. Mathe) Jerome was born in 1801 in Saskatchewan River Valley. He was also known as Samart Gerome in 1821. He became a freeman and after 1821 moved to the Red River Settlement. In 1850 he was a Hunter in Pembina County, Minnesota Territory. He appears in the 1850 census in Pembina, Minnesota Territory. He was appointed judge of election in 1868 at Pembina, Dakota Territory. He died on 29 July 1879 in Leroy, Pembina County, Dakota Territory. He was buried on 31 July 1879 in St. Joseph Cemetery, Leroy, Dakota Territory. Martin (St. Mathe) Jerome and Angelique Letendre were married on 6 June 1825 in St. Boniface, Manitoba. Angelique Letendre was the daughter of Jean Baptiste Letendre dit Batoche and Josephte (Cree) she was born about 1808 in Northwest Territories. She died bet 1830-1831.

Martin Jerome and Leocadie Carriere were married on 17 January 1871 in St. Norbert, Manitoba. Leocadie was the daughter of Andre Carriere and Marie Anne Rivard. She was born on 15 Jun 1851 in Saint-Pierre-Jolys. She died on 29 December 1932 in St. Vital.

Martin Jerome and Leocadie Carriere had the following children:

- Simon Guillaume b. October and died in 1871.
- Anne Vitaline, born on 26 Jul 1874, married Patrice Vandal, on 1 February 1897.
- Joseph Alfred, born on 9 February 1873, St. Norbert; married Lucie Carriere, on 26 June 1899, St. Pierre-Jolys, Manitoba, he died in 1899.
- Edouard, born on 12 November 1875, St. Norbert; married Melanie Frechette, on 10 June 1901, St. Malo, Manitoba, he died in 1901.
- Frederic was born about 1876.
- Leocadie was born about 1878
- Louise Virginie JEROME was born on 9 Nov 1880 in St. Pierre-Jolys
- Alexander Martin was born on 19 Apr 1882 in Youville, Manitoba. He died on 3 May 1882 in St. Pierre-Jolys, Manitoba.
- William Louis, born on 12 Apr 1883, St. Pierre-Jolys; married Sara Myrtle Kerr, on 23 December 1917; he died on 14 January 1944.
- Mathilde (Marianne) was born on 6 December 1884 in St. Pierre-Jolys, Manitoba.
- Marie Virginie Ida was born on 29 Jul 1886 in St. Pierre-Jolys, Manitoba.
- Alexandre Charles Auguste, born on 9 May 1888, St. Pierre-Jolys, Manitoba; married Alice MCDougall, on 17 June 1922, Winnipeg.



Compiled by Lawrence Barkwell
Coordinator of Metis Heritage and History Research

Louis Riel Institute