

Metis at Fort Alexander withdrawal from Treaty

After the Manitoba Treaties had been signed the government received a petition signed by 21 Half Breeds taking treaty at Fort Alexander praying that they be allowed to withdraw from treaty in order to participate in Half Breed grant and to retain possession of the land they now occupy in the reserve. Signatories were St. Jean Mainville, Baptiste Courchene and William Atkinson Sr. Baptiste Courchene later changed his mind and withdrew his request. The Mainville family was one of the Metis families who had also entered Treaty Three in 1875 under the Metis Adhesion.

Jean Baptiste Courchene (b. 1820). Jean Baptiste was the son of Francois Courchene (b. 1796 at Trois-Rivieres) and Madeleine Moreau. He married Genvieve Canard (Saulteaux). Their daughter Marguerite (b. 1847) was married to Gilbert Parisien born in 1845 at St. Norbert. Their son Jean Baptiste married Elise Mainville, noted below.

Scrip affidavit for Parisien, Nancy; born: October 16, 1847; husband: Gilbert Parisien; father: Baptiste Courchène (Métis); mother: Genevieve Canard (Métis); claim no: 1887; scrip no: 10784; date of issue: Sept. 20, 1876; amount: \$160

St. Jean Mainville. Jean Baptiste Mainville was the son of Francois Mainville and Marguerite (Saulteaux). Jean Baptiste married Nancy Namekosins (Saulteaux). His father and mother both entered Treaty Three on the Metis adhesion.

Children of St. Jean Mainville and Nancy:

Jean Baptiste, b. 1863

- Isabelle, b. 1867, baptised at St. Boniface.
- Elise, b. 1869, married Joseph Courchene the son of Jean Baptiste courchene and Genevieve Canard.
- Cecile Mainville, born 1871 at Fort Alexander, died 1873.
- David, b. 1876, baptised at St. Boniface.

Scrip applications:

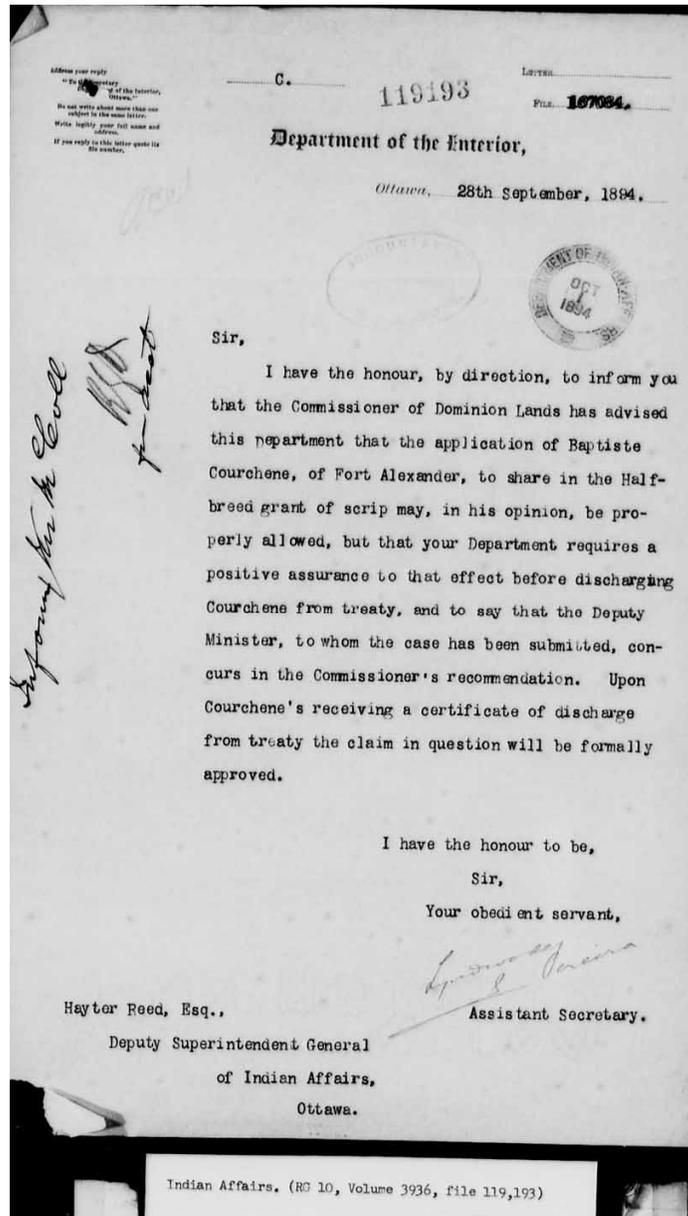
Mainville, St. John; heir to his deceased daughter, Isabelle Mainville; address: Fort Alexander; born: 1867 at Fort Alexander; father: St. Jean Mainville (Métis and deponent); mother: Nancy Namekosins (Indian); claim no. 2153.

Mainville, St. Jean; heir to his deceased son, Jean Baptiste Mainville; born: 1861 near Rat Portage; died: December, 1873; father: St. Jean Mainville (Métis and deponent); mother: Nancy Namekosins (Indian); claim no. 2152.

Mainville, St. Jean; heir to his deceased daughter, Cecile Mainville; address: Fort Alexander; born: 1869 at Fort Alexander; died: Summer, 1873 at Fort Alexander; father: St. Jean Mainville (Métis); mother: Nancy Namekosins (Indian); claim no. 2151.

Mainville, St. Jean; heir to his deceased son, David Mainville; address: Fort Alexander; born: 1863 at Fort Alexander; father: St. Jean Mainville (Métis and deponent); mother: Nancy Namekosins (Indian); claim no. 2150.

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