

## **Philippe Elzéar Gariépy (Gardupine). (1839-1897)**

Philippe was part of the original 1871 St. Laurent on the South Saskatchewan governing committee that was headed by Gabriel Dumont. He was born at St. François Xavier on August 11, 1839, the son of François Gariépy (b. 1871) and Louise Gladue. They were all members of the Turtle Mountain Band. He married Rosalie Parenteau at Pembina, and they initially lived at St. François Xavier. He married Rosalie Parenteau, the daughter of Joseph Dodet Parenteau and Angélique Godon on June 16, 1862 at Pembina. They had thirteen children, four born at St. François Xavier and the rest born at St. Laurent. The couple had ten sons and three daughters. He was living in Pembina in 1876 when he applied for scrip, listing himself as a trader and a plains hunter. Rosalie, born 1844 in St. Norbert, was the daughter of Joseph Dodet Parenteau and Angélique Godon. Philippe and Calixte Lafontaine went to Montana in 1884 to visit family at Lewistown and accompanied Gabriel Dumont's party part way on their journey to recruit Louis Riel. He was a cart owner and regularly freighted to St. Albert and Ile à la Crosse. He also worked as a guide and interpreter for the NWMP.

The Gariépys moved to St. Louis de Langevin in 1882 and lived on Lots 3, 4 and 6 (T45-1-3). Philippe was involved in the 1885 Resistance at Duck Lake with Gabriel Dumont. He is credited with saving one of the wounded men that others wished to kill. He was a member of the Exovedate and a Captain of one of the 19 companies led by Gabriel Dumont. He is mentioned in Dumont's account of the fighting at Tourond's Coulee, and he was part of the last stand in the graveyard trenches at Batoche with Edouard Dumont, Elzéar Parisien, the two Lavallée brothers and one Cree. Isidore Dumas says that at the battle for Batoche

*On one occasion, Philippe Gariépy and Pierre Laverdure were both seen kneeling down on the hillside and coming out in the open to shoot. When one led, the other would follow; and between them existed a sort of rivalry as far as courage was concerned. "You are going to get killed!" shouted the Métis. But they would not listen.<sup>1</sup>*

Philippe was arrested on June 1, 1885, tried for treason-felony, and on August 14, 1885 at Regina, was sentenced to seven years and did serve a part of this sentence. In his testimony of August 13, 1885 at the Regina trial Father Alexis André says:

*Philip Gariépie, forty-eight years of age, I have known for twenty-five years. He has been married for twenty years, and has a large family of six children. All the settlers know this man and respect him. He is one of the most respectable and peaceable men in the whole country, kind-hearted and gentle as a woman. I am informed that he is accused with having abused a wounded man—Newitt. From my personal and intimate knowledge of this man's character and disposition, I do not hesitate to pronounce this accusation to be false and unfounded. It is repugnant to every feeling in the heart of a man like Gariépie. It is the act of a savage and brutal and wolfish nature and disposition. He is quite the contrary—kind, amiable and charitable, while*

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<sup>1</sup> SHM, p. 61.

*his accuser, who is, if I am rightly informed, one Leveque, is totally unworthy of belief. He came to the Saskatchewan poor and miserable, and was treated kindly by Gariepy, whom he now tries to ruin. (CSP, 1886, Vol. 13, p. 384)*

Children of Philippe Gariepy and Rosalie Parenteau:

- Ambroise, born circa 1862; he married Virginie Laplante.
- William, born circa 1862, he died in March of 1870.
- Francois, born circa 1865.
- Philippe, born June 20, 1820 at St. François Xavier, he died on October 27, 1888.
- Victor, born October 1, 1872 at fish Creek, he married Elizabeth Brabant.
- Josue, born December 2, 1874 at St. Laurent, he died in 1875.
- Isidore, born November 25, 1875 at St. Laurent.
- Francois, born 1875 at St. Laurent, he died in 1880 at fish Creek.
- Marie rose, born January 27, 1878 at St. Laurent, she died in 1884.
- Gabriel, born August 5, 1880 at St. Laurent, he married Emma Caron in 1920 at Bellevue, he died in 1935.
- Josue, born September 1881 at St. Laurent, he died in November 1882.
- Virginie, born September 1882 at St. Laurent, she died in January 1884.

Scrip Applications:

June 28, 1876: Scrip affidavit for Gariepy, Philippe; born: April 4, 1843; father: François Gariepy (Métis); mother: Louise Gladu (Métis); claim no: 2618; date of issue: April 20, 1877; amount: \$160

July 5, 1875: Scrip affidavit for Gariepy, Rosalie, wife of Philippe Gariepy; born: February 9, 1844; father: Joseph Parenteau (Métis); mother: Angélique Gordon (Métis); claim no: 2619; date of issue: April 20, 1877; amount: \$160

Gariepy, Gabriel; address: Bellevue, Sask; claim no. 535; born: 5 Aug., 1880 at St. Laurent; father: Philippe Gariepy (Métis); mother: Rosalie Parenteau (Métis); scrip cert.: form C, no. 795 for \$240.00



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