

## **Thomas Anderson (1835-1920)**

Thomas Anderson was born on February 18, 1833 at St. Andrew's. He was the son of Thomas Anderson, born June 15, 1806 at Turtle Mountain and Catherine Landry, the daughter of Louis Landry *dit* Bouton and Louise Decoste. Thomas Jr. married Elizabeth Desmarais in 1856 at St. Mary's, Portage la Prairie. They had one child, Henry born in 1857. He then married Fanny Pocha, the daughter of Joseph Paquin and Marie Lapointe, and they had six children.

In 1853, Reverend William Cockran (1798-1865) left with his family to start a mission at Portage la Prairie. At the same time about 12 other families from Middlechurch and St Andrew's settled in Portage as members of the first St. Mary's congregation. These people included John and Thomas Anderson Sr.; Baptiste and John Desmarais, and Peter and Simon Whitford.

Scrip affidavit for Anderson, Thomas Jr.; born: Feb. 18, 1833; father: Thomas Anderson; mother: Catherine Anderson; claim no.: 2909; scrip no.: 12411; date of issue: Jan. 30, 1879; amount: \$160.

DOMINION OF CANADA } 1 Thomas Anderson Jun<sup>r</sup>  
 PROVINCE OF MANITOBA } of the Parish of Postage La Prairie  
 County of ~~Manquette W~~ of ~~Manquette W~~ in said Province, in the County  
 Parish of ~~La Prairie~~ make oath and say as follows :

1. I am a Half-breed head of a family resident in the Parish of Postage La  
 Prairie in the said Province, on the 15th day of July, A.D. 1870, and consisting  
 of myself and wife (Fanny Anderson) and six children  
 and I claim to be entitled as such head of family to receive a grant of one hundred and sixty acres  
 of land or to receive Scrip for one hundred and sixty dollars pursuant to the Statute in that behalf.

2. I was born on or about the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1833 in the  
 Parish of St. Andrews in said Province.

3. Thomas Anderson Jun<sup>r</sup> is my father:  
 and Catherine Anderson is my mother.

4. I have not made or caused to be made any claim of land or Scrip other than the above in  
 this or any other Parish in said Province, nor have I claimed or received, as an Indian, any  
 annuity moneys, from the Government of said Dominion.

Thomas Anderson Jun<sup>r</sup>  
 J. H.

Sworn before me at the Parish and County aforesaid on the  
 12<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1878 having  
 been first read over and explained in the English  
 language to said deponent who seemed perfectly to under-  
 stand the same and  
 in my presence.

*[Signature]*  
 Local Agent Manitoba.

Claim No. 2909  
 Scrip No. 12411 issued 30<sup>th</sup> Jan'y. 1879  
 (C) me

Receipt act. by me pl.  
23/8/75.

Dominion of Canada  
Province of Manitoba  
County of Sturgeon  
Parish of Portage la Prairie

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of the Parish of Portage la  
Prairie in the County of Sturgeon  
West and Province of Manitoba

Farmer, make oath and say

- (1) That I have resided as aforesaid for the last sixteen years and well know Thomas Anderson the elder, lately of Portage la Prairie aforesaid, but now residing in the North West Territory
- (2) That the said Thomas Anderson is a Half-breed Head of a Family, and was on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1870, actually and regularly resident in the said Parish of Portage la Prairie, the said family consisting of himself his wife and nine children, and is entitled to scrip for one hundred and sixty acres pursuant to the Statute in that behalf
- (3) That to the best of my knowledge and belief the said Thomas Anderson has never made any claim to land or scrip as a Half-breed, other than at present, and has never received or claimed, as an Indian, any annuity money from the Government of the Dominion of Canada.

Sworn before me at Portage la  
Prairie in the County of Sturgeon  
West on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August  
A.D. 1875.

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*[Signature]*  
Local Agent



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