

## **LaFond, Basil.** (1846-1927)

Basil was born at St. Vital, the son of Amable Lafond and Marie Racette. Amable and his family lived on river lots 308 and 309 in St. Vital (HBC Register B).

In 1869, at Battle River he married Isabelle Durand, the daughter of Paul dit Nabair Durand dit Dumont and Marie Ahs-Ke-Kah-um-ahat (both Métis). The couple had six children. His wife was a member of Beardy's Band. Basil was a HBC employee at Fort Carlton, Fort Pitt then at Battleford. Along with Joseph Nolin, he was arrested on March 29, 1885 at Battleford on suspicion of being a rebel, but was paroled with orders to stay in Battleford.

Basil Lafond Sr. died on December 30, 1927 in Battleford. His wife Isabelle Durant was Treaty from the Beardy's Band. She however sold her Treaty Rights on April 11, 1886 in Prince Albert.

Children of Basil Sr. and Isabelle Durant

- Virginia, born 1869 and died in 1874.
- Caroline, born August 20, 1872 at Fort Carlton. She married Samuel Kitchen.
- Julie, born March 6, 1875 at Fort Pitt. She married Patrice Racette, the son of Charles Racette and Helene Boyer.
- Basil Jr., born May 24, 1876 Carlton Sask., died December 12, 1858, Battleford Sask. He married Amelia Pritchard daughter of John Pritchard and Rose Delorme. Amelia Pritchard was 10-years-old at the time of the Frog Lake killings and was with her father John who was employed by the Hudson Bay Company as translator.
- Marie Rose, born July 14, 1879 at Battleford.
- Marie Virginie, born July 1, 1882 at Battleford.



**LOUIS RIEL INSTITUTE**  
Knowledge • Culture • Heritage

Compiled by Lawrence Barkwell  
Coordinator of Métis Heritage and History Research  
Louis Riel Institute