

Parenteau, Daniel. (b.c. 1839)

Daniel was born at Red River, the son of Pierre Parenteau and Josephite Delorme. Pierre subsequently married Marie Anne Caron. Daniel was arrested on April 19, 1885, charged with treason felony for his Resistance activities, but on August 4, 1885 was discharged by Magistrate Richardson. His brother Pierre Jr. and Pierre's two sons were also active in the Resistance.

Daniel Parenteau, having fallen off his horse during a buffalo hunt, was no longer in his right mind. His gun had discharged thus wounding him in the arm and causing him to lose his mind.

On the morrow of the battle of Batoche, he was walking around with a loaded gun, completely unaware that a rebellion had taken place. Some English soldiers ran into him and took him prisoner.¹

As noted above although Daniel pled guilty he was given a discharge. The Crown Attorney, Robinson, said at the time:

There are four of these prisoners, with regard to whom the Crown proposes to take no proceedings, Elzéar Swain, Frederick Fidler, Andre Nolin and Daniel Parenteau. With regard to these prisoners there, are so many extenuating circumstances in their cases, although they were undoubtedly implicated in this rebellion, it is so questionable whether they acted entirely of their own free will, that counsel for the Crown thought it right not to ask for sentence upon them at all but to discharge them upon their own recognizance, to appear should they be called upon hereafter at any time.²



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¹ SHM, p. 85.

² CSP, Vol. 13, No. 52, p. 370.