

Langé (Langer), Jean-Baptiste. (1855-1930)

Jean-Baptiste was one of the Métis who signed the Cypress Hills Petition. In 1878, the Half-Breeds living in the vicinity of Cypress Hills petitioned the government for their own reserve. This is a petition requested a re-opening of the buffalo hunt between November 14th and February 15th each year and the granting of Métis “reserve” land. The request was for a strip of land 150 miles long along the American border beginning where the Pembina River crosses the border, running west for 150 miles into Saskatchewan.

Jean-Baptiste Langer was the son of Antoine Langer (b. 1832)¹ and Louise Collin. Langers grandfather Jean-Baptiste Collins appears on "List of Persons to Whom Scrip was Issued under Red Lake & Pembina Treaties..." Halfbreed Scrip No. 257 issued December 20, 1873. Jean-Baptiste appears on the same list and receives Halfbreed Scrip No. 446 issued January 6, 1876. Jean Baptiste's grandfather, Baptiste Langer was with Cuthbert Grant at the Battle of Seven Oaks.

Jean married Justine Malaterre (b. 1855), the daughter of Alexis Malaterre and Marguerite Ward at Lebrét in 1876. He was a member of the Turtle Mountain Band. In the 1881 Canada Census Jean-Baptiste and Justine are recorded as household #2 in Cypress Hills. Living with them are their two children Jean-Baptiste Jr. age 4, and Justine (one month) as well as Moise St. Denis (age 29) and Moise Dasi (age 19).



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¹ Antoine Langer appears on the Pembina Annuity Roll, Way ke ge ke zhick's Band, for 1868.