

Bouvier, Casimir. (b. 1848)

Casimir Bouvier. Casimir “Was-sarh-kaish” Bouvier was born at St. François Xavier on February 13, 1848, the son of Antoine Bouvier (b. 1828)¹ and Genevieve Breland (b. c. 1827). He married Adelaide Laplante on November 22, 1870. She was born on August 30, 1855 at St. François Xavier, the daughter of Jean Baptiste Laplante and Madeleine Desfond.

Children of Casimir Bouvier and Adelaide Laplante:

- Octavia, married Jean Joseph Lavallee.
- Marie Rose, born February 9, 1873 at St. François Xavier.
- Seraphine, born January 19, 1875 at St. François Xavier.
- Elise, born October 25, 1876 at St. François Xavier.
- Jean Baptiste, born January 20, 1880 at Wood Mountain, baptized February 14, 1880 at Lebret.
- Anne Melanie, born September 26, 1880 at St. François Xavier.
- Joseph Adolphe, born February 27, 1882 at St. François Xavier. He married Emma Ledoux on March 7, 1916 at St. Claire Mission (San Clara, Manitoba).
- Clementine, born circa 1884 at Turtle Mountain.
- François born circa 1885 at Turtle Mountain.
- Adelaide, born circa 1889 at Turtle Mountain.

Casimir and his wife were enumerated as part of the Turtle Mountain Band in 1889.

- Casimir, father age 40.
- Deliah, wife age 32.
- Sarah, daughter age 13.
- Jean B., son age 10.
- Melina, daughter age 8.
- Adolphus, son age 7.
- Clementine, daughter age 5.
- François, son age 4.
- Deliah, daughter age 7 months.

Casimir’s brother Antoine (b. 1853) and wife Elise Laviolette and their children were also enumerated at Turtle Mountain in 1888 and 1889.

Adelaide and Casimir were part of the Cypress Hills Métis hunting brigade that signed a petition for a reserve in 1878. Casimir, known in Chippewa as Was-sarh-kaish, his wife Deliah and their eight children appear on the Turtle Mountain Band census for 1889. They eventually moved to San Clara, Manitoba. Casimir Bouvier signed the January 7, 1891 Little Shell Turtle Mountain Petition regarding reserve land.²

¹ Scrip affidavit for Bouvier, Antoine; born: 1828; father: Baptiste Bouvier (French Canadian); mother: Marguerite Laurent (Métis); claim no: 1180; date of issue: Aug. 20, 1876, St. François Xavier.

² Drafted by Pierre Laverdure, Henri Poitras and Charles Bottineau.

Adelaide Laplante's brother Jean Baptiste Laplante was involved in the 1885 Northwest Resistance. Baptiste was born circa 1835 at St. Boniface, the son of Jean Baptiste Laplante and Madeleine Desfond. Jean Baptiste married Angelique Paul, the daughter of Jean Baptiste Paul and Angelique Godon, in 1856 at St. François Xavier. They moved to the Batoche area from St. François Xavier. During the 1885 Resistance he was active in escorting and guarding prisoners. He is on Philippe Garnot's list of Resistance participants as # 46.

Métis Scrip:

Bouvier, Jean Baptiste; address: Narbuck; claim no. 1692; born: 20 Jan., 1880 at Wood Mountain; father: Casmur Bouvier (Métis); mother: Adelaide LaPlante (Métis); scrip cert.: form E, no. 3507

Bouvier, Marie Rose; address: St. John, Dakota; claim no. 407; born: 9 Feb., 1873 at St. François Xavier; father: Casimir Bouvier (Métis); mother: Adelaide LaPlante (Métis); scrip cert.: form E, no. 292.

Scrip affidavit for Bouvier, Adelaide; wife of Cosimir Bouvier; born: July, 1855; father: Baptiste Laplante; mother: Madeleine Desfond. No. 6523, St. Francois Xavier.

DOMINION OF CANADA. } 1. *Adelaide Bouvier*
 PROVINCE OF MANITOBA. } of the Parish of *St. Francis Xavier* in
 County of *Selkirk* } the County of *Manquette* in the
 City of *Winnipeg* } Province of Manitoba, *wife of Casimir Bouvier* make
 oath and say as follows :

1. I claim to be entitled to participate in the allotment and distribution of the 1,400,000 acres of land set apart for Half-breed children, pursuant to the Statutes in that behalf.
2. I was born on or about the day of *July* A.D. 1855, at the Parish of *St. Francis Xavier* in said Province; and am now of the full age of 21 - - - years
3. *Baptiste Laplante a French Canadian* was my father
Madelaine Desfond a half-breed is my mother;
 my said *Mother* was the half-breed head of a family resident in the parish of *St. Francis Xavier* in the said Province, on the fifteenth day of July, A.D. 1850.
4. I was not the head of any family at the last named date and I have not made any claim other than the above in this or any other parish, nor have I claimed or received as an Indian any annuity moneys from the Government of said Dominion.

Adelaide ^{*nee*} *Bouvier*
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Sworn before me at the ^{*City*} ~~Parish~~ and County aforesaid on the day of A.D. 1876 having been first read and explained in the *French* language to said deponent who seemed perfectly to understand the same and *made her mark* in my presence,

Donald Wood
 Commissioner
 Agent of Dominion Lands



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