

**Möise (Moyse) Goulet, (b. 1831)**

Möise Goulet and his nephew Leonide Goulet were both members of the 49<sup>th</sup> Rangers, the Metis Scouts of the 1873-74 Boundary Commission. In 1872, the formal survey of the border between Canada and the United States began. The Commission surveyed from the Northwest Angle of the Lake of the Woods to the Red River over the winter of 1872-73. They used Metis guides and Chippewa men to assist them with this task. Maxime Marion, pictured below, was employed as a guide for this part of the survey. During 1873 and 1874 the Commission surveyed from Pembina to the Rocky Mountains. The British Commission employed William Hallett and 30 armed Metis guides and scouts,

**DOMINION OF CANADA.** I *Möise Goulet*  
**PROVINCE OF MANITOBA.** of the Parish of *St. Norbert*  
County of *Provencher* of *Provencher* in said Province, in the County  
Parish of *St. Norbert* *farmer*  
Do hereby oath and say as follows:

1. I am a Half-breed head of a family resident in the Parish of *St. Norbert*  
in the said Province, on the 15th day of July, A.D. 1870, and consisting  
of myself ~~and wife~~ *& 4 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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 1831 in the  
Parish of *St. Norbert* in said Province.

3. *Leques Goulet, French Canadian, was* my father;  
and *Louise Versailles, half-breed was* 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.

*Möise Goulet*  
mark

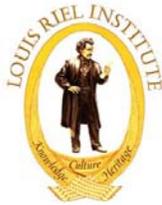
Sworn before me at the Parish and County aforesaid on the  
17<sup>th</sup> day of *November* A.D. 1875 having  
been first read over and explained in the *French*  
language to said deponent who seemed perfectly to under-  
stand the same and *affirmed his*  
*mark* in my presence.

*Maxime Marion*  
Commissioner.

*Claim No. 1821 Scrip issued 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 1876*  
*7/3/80*

Möise Goulet was born in 1831 at St. Norbert. He was the son of Jacques Goulet and his second wife, Louise Versailles (Metis), the daughter of Louis Versailles and Madeleine Montgnaise. He married Marie Beauchamp, the daughter of Pierre Beauchamp and Marie Comtois dit Morin, before 1856. They had ten children. Möise Goulet was a wealthy Metis trader and by the late 1860s was earning upwards of \$1,000 per year in the buffalo robe trade. He had an extensive operation and had hired a number of Metis to work tanning hides for him.

His former house, the “Maison Goulet” is a historic site near Joubert Creek in St. Pierre-Jolys, which is featured on the metre certificate of the Crow Wing Trail, honouring Möise Goulet, a freighter on the Crow Wing Trail for the Hudson’s Bay Company, in 1870. This log house, built by Möise Goulet himself was typical of French homes in the Red River Valley at that time. The house features a double-pitched mansard roof and has been refaced with vertical board and batten siding common to early French Manitoba buildings.



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