

Petit Point du Chenes now Lorette, Manitoba:

Lorette, 26 km south-east of Winnipeg, was settled in the 1850s by Metis from St. Boniface, St. Norbert and St. Vital. It was first known as Petit Point des Chênes and was settled by Metis farmers, freighters traders and buffalo hunters. The majority of the residents were voyageurs and hunters whose cattle grazed along the Seine River. The first baptisms were performed there in 1870. The first families to settle there were, Francois Béreau, Toussaint Vaudry, Romain and Elzear Lagimodiere, Andre Gaudry, Maxime Dumais, Norbert Landry, Collin McDougall, and Francois Flamand. The name was apparently changed by Bishop Taché to honour a priest in France who had made a considerable gift to the St. Boniface Cathedral.



McDougall Family home in Lorette.



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