

## **Pierre Bonneau Sr.** (b. 1803)

Pierre Bonneau was a Métis leader in the Qu'Appelle River Valley. 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 14<sup>th</sup> and February 15<sup>th</sup> 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. This strip was to be fifty miles from south to north. The petition did not receive a favourable response. Four members of the family of Pierre Bonneau Sr. (b. 1803) signed this petition.

On September 2, 1880 the Métis of the Qu'Appelle Settlement petitioned Governor Alexander Morris for land, hunting rights and trading rights. The leaders of this group were Pierre Bonneau Sr. (b. 1803), Peter Lapierre (b. 1827) and Simon Blondeau [Blondin] (b. 1827) and Augustin Brabant Sr. (b. 1828).

Pierre Bonneau was born on March 22, 1803 at Oak Lake, the son of Jean Baptiste Bonneau; born 27 May 1752<sup>1</sup> and Louise Paccan (Chippewa)<sup>2</sup>, they were married according to the custom of the country circa 1790; Jean Baptiste died 26 May 1842 at age 90 and was buried 27 May 1842 at St. Francois Xavier. In 1828, Pierre married Louise Gariepy (b. 1815), the daughter of Louis Gariepy (b. 1782) and Josephthe (Chippewa). His sons Pierre Jr., Charles and Julien also signed this petition.

### Children:

- Marguerite Bonneau was born in Sep 1831 and died on 1 Oct 1832 in St Boniface Mission at age 1.
- Elizabeth Isabelle Bonneau was born on 6 September 1832.
- Pierre Bonneau was born in Mar 1833 and died on 1 July 1846 at age 13.
- Marie Bonneau was born in June 1839.
- Charles Bonneau was born on 22 August 1845 in Oak Lake Manitoba and died on 7 April 1886 at age 40.
- Basile Bonneau was born on 14 January 1848 in St Francis Xavier, and died on 6 November 1878 at age 30.
- Marie Elmiere Bonneau was born on 14 November 1851 in St Francis Xavier.
- Pierre Bonneau was born on 17 September 1854 in St Francis Xavier.
- Genevieve Bonneau was born on 17 September 1854 in St Francis Xavier.
- Julien Bonneau was born on 16 February 1857 in St Francis Xavier.
- Josette Bonneau was born on 22 April 1842 in St Francis Xavier, and died on 15 December 1843 at age 1.

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<sup>1</sup> Jean-Baptiste Bonneau was born on April 15, 1758 at Vincennes, Indiana. He died.26 May 1842 at St. Francois Xavier, Jean-Baptiste married a second wife, Isabelle (Cree) , born about 1755. She died on 14 October 1845 St-Francois-Xavier.

<sup>2</sup> Daughter of a Miami Chief Pacanne and his Mahican wife. Born 1760 in Michigan, died before 1820 at St. Francois Xavier. Her brother was the famous Indian Chief "Little Turtle" of the Miami Tribe.

- Jean Baptiste Bonneau Jr. was born on 3 September 1864 on the Prairie.

Scrip claims:

Bonneau, Pierre - Concerning his claim as a head of family - Address, Fort Qu'Appelle - Born, March 22, 1803 near Oak Lake - Father, Jean Baptiste Bonneau, (French Canadian) - Mother, Lizette, (Indian) - Married, 1828 at St. Francois Xavier to Lalouise Gariepy - Children living, six (names on declaration) - Children deceased, five - Scrip for \$160 - Claim 141.

Bonneau, Elmire (b. 1850) - Concerning her claim as a child - Address, Fort Qu'Appelle - Born, St. Francois Xavier, 1850 - Father, Pierre Bonneau, (Métis) - Mother, Louise Gariepy, (Métis) - Married, February, 1872 at Wood Mountain to Modeste Poitras - Children living, four, Marie Justine born 1873, Zacharie born 1875, Jean Bapiste born 1877, Gregoire born 1880 - Scrip for \$240 - Claim 56

Manitoba Scrip Application: (son)

BONNEAU, Basile; HB Child; Filed: Pierre BONNEAU, Sr.; Baie St. Paul; Marquette; b. 20 Feb 1851, St. Francois Xavier; d. 6 Nov 1878, NWT; bu. Lake Qu'Appelle; Pierre BONNEAU, heir and father; Pierre BONNEAU (x); 16 June 1875. C-14925

Manitoba Scrip Application: (daughter)

BONNEAU, Genevieve; HB Child; Baie St. Paul; Marquette; spinster; b. Aug 1855, St. Francois Xavier; age 24; Pierre BONNEAU (HB) is father; Louise GARIEPY (HB) is mother.

Manitoba Scrip Application: (daughter)

BONNEAU, Elizabeth; HB Head; myself, husband and children; Baie St. Paul; Marquette East; wife of Xavier PERREAULT; farmer; b. 6 Sept 1832, Baie St. Paul; Pierre BONNEAU (x) is father; his wife, Louise GARIEPY (HB) is mother; French: Elizabeth PERREAULT (x); 29 Sept 1875; Francois PERREAULT (x) farmer; Felix CHENIER, M.P.P.. C-14932.

**Pierre Bonneau Jr.** (b. 1855)

Manitoba Scrip Application:

BONNEAU, Pierre, Jr.; HB Child; Baie St. Paul; Marquette; b. Aug 1855; St. Francois Xavier; age 24; Pierre BONNEAU, Sr. (HB) is father; Louise GARIEPY (HB) is mother; French: Pierre BONNEAU (x); 16 June 1879; Piere BONNEAU, Jr. (x); Antoine LAROCQUE (x). C-14925.

**Charles Bonneau.** (b. 1844)

Bonneau, Charles - Concerning his claim as a head of family - Address, Fort Qu'Appelle - Born, Oak Lake, August 20, 1844 - Father, Pierre Bonneau, (Métis) - Mother, LaLouise Gariepy, (Métis) - Married, January 20, 1870 at Dung Hills to Rosalie Poitras - Children living, five (names on declaration) - Children deceased, two - Scrip for \$160 - Claim 98.

**Julien Bonneau.** (b. 1857)

Manitoba Scrip Application:

BONNEAU, Julien; HB Child; Baie St. Paul; Marquette; voyageur; b. 22 Feb 1857, St. Francois Xavier; age 22; Pierre BONNEAU (HB) is father; Louise GARIEPY (HB) is mother; French: Julien BONNEAU (x); 16 June 1879; Pierre BONNEAU, Sr. (x); Pierre BONNEAU, Jr.. C-14925



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