

Antoine Richard (b. 1851)

Antoine was born at St. Francois Xavier, the son of Antoine Richard Sr. and Josephite Lapointe. He married "Betsy" Elizabeth Fidler, the daughter of Augustin and Charlotte Lapointe. They had five children: "Willy" b. 1875; Ambroise b. 1877, Alexander b. 1880, Flora b. 1883 and Michel b. 1885.

In 1882, Antoine Richard came into the district of St. Louis in an ox-cart. It took a whole month to travel from Winnipeg to Fish Creek. On the way were seen, but very few Indian tents. The country was empty. They followed an old trail and ate buffalo meat or pemmican. After stopping at Saint Catherine, west of Prince Albert, they continued on to Saint Louis. They had brought along from Winnipeg, a bag of wheat for seeding.> In the archives in Saskatoon we read Antoine Richard lives on a homestead, with his wife and six children. Their house is sixteen by thirty-four feet and is worth \$100. The fence surrounding his property could be valued at sixty dollars.

In 1883 he broke nine acres of land, in 1884 and in 1886 two more acres. In 1887 he gathered his first crop from fifteen acres of cultivated land. It was Modeste Laviollette from St. Louis who countersigned as witness when Antoine patented his homestead.

On November 19, 1883, Antoine signed a petition protesting the 1883 Order-in-Council transferring the Metis lands at St. Louis Saskatchewan to the Prince Albert Colonization company. Later, in 1885, he participated in the Metis Resistance and is listed on Philippe Garnot's list of Resistance participant's.

After Betsy died in 1901 Antoine subsequently married Therese Elizabeth Swain born at Pembina, in 1902 at St. Louis. Therese was the daughter of Jacques Swain (b. 1814) and Marie Allary (b. 1820).

Scrip claims:

Scrip affidavit for Richard, Josephite; born: 1830; father: Augustin Lapointe (Métis); mother: Charlotte Lapointe (Métis); claim no: 1438; scrip no: 10382; date of issue: August 21, 1876; amount: \$160; husband: Antoine Richard

Richard, Antoine; heir to his deceased son, Alexander; Richard; address: St. Louis, Saskatchewan; born: Fall, 1880 at St. Catherines, Saskatchewan; died: 7 September 1897 at St. Louis, Saskatchewan; father: Antoine Richard (Métis and deponent); mother: Betsy Fidler (Métis); scrip cert.: form D, no. 455 for \$240.00; claim no. 221.

DOMINION OF CANADA. I, *Antoine Richard jr*
 PROVINCE OF MANITOBA. of the Parish of *Notre Dame de la Paix* in
 County of *Notre Dame de la Paix* the County of *Notre Dame de la Paix* in the
 Parish of *Notre Dame de la Paix* Province of Manitoba, *farmer* 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 *15* day of *June* year A.D. 1857 at the Parish of *Notre Dame de la Paix* in said Province; and am now of the full age of *Twenty - four* years.

3. *Antoine Richard, Sr half-breed, is* my father
Josephine Lafont, do my mother;
 my said *father* was the half-breed head of a family resident in the Parish of *Notre Dame de la Paix* in the said Province, on the fifteenth day of July, A.D. 1870.

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.

his
Antoine Richard
mark.

Sworn before me at the Parish and County aforesaid
 on the *twenty - ninth*
 day of *September* A.D. 1875, having
 been first read and explained in the *French*
 language to the said deponent, who seemed perfectly
 to understand the same, and *affixed his*
mark in my presence.

M. A. G. M.

Commissioner.



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