

Damase Harrison. (1845-1920)

Damase Harrison was the son of Thomas Harrison (Metis) and Pauline Lagimodiere. On February 26, 1873 he married Helene Jerome, the daughter of Jean Baptiste Jerome and Josephite Courchene and the widow of Elzear Goulet.¹ His mother was the aunt of Louis Riel. Damase was one of Lepine's troops at Fort Garry in 1870. Apparently Modeste Lajemonière and Damase Harrison removed Thomas Scott's body for burial after he was executed.

Damase came from a large family, his siblings were:

- Auguste Harrison b Aug 1836 married Lucie Champagne b Dec 1841; her parents were Emmanuel Beaugrand Sr. dit Champagne and Marguerite Larocque. Auguste and Lucie had 8 children.
- Porphire Harrison b 09 Mar 1838.
- Adolphus Harrison b 1839 married Eliza Cyr b 26 Mar 1850; her parents were Jean Baptiste Cyr and Marie Boucher. Adolphus and Eliza had 4 children.
- Marie Anne Harrison b 15 Aug 1843 married Charles Nolin b 02 May 1838.
- Josephite Harrison b 25 April 1847 d 13 Feb 1898 married 30 Aug 1875 Euchariste Perreault dit Morin b 04 Feb 1854 d 24 Oct 1893; parents Norbert Perreault dit Morin and Monique Hamelin. Josephite and Euchariste had 7 children.
- Catherine Harrison b 26 Dec 1849 married Isidore Huppe Sr. b 06 Jan 1846 parents Joseph Huppe Jr. and Josette Cyr. Catherine and Isidore had 8 children.
- Melanie Harrison b 22 Dec 1851 married Octave Perreault dit Morin b 01 Jan 1850 parents Norbert Perreault dit Morin and Monique Hamelin Melanie and Octave had 2 children Octave remarried 19 Nov 1883 Emelie Falcon parents Baptiste Falcon and Marie Nolin Emelie and Octave had 8 children
- Caroline Harrison b Dec 1852 married Duncan Nolin b 22 Dec 1840.
- Suzanne Harrison b 28 Aug 1855.
- Philomene Harrison b 04 Mar 1857 married Joseph Champagne b 1851 his parents were Pierre Champagne and Marguerite Beauchamp. Philomene and Joseph had 6 children.
- Joseph Harrison b 06 Feb 1859 married Domitilde Nolin b 1863 her parents Augustin Nolin Jr. and Domitilde Perreault dit Morin. Joseph and Domitilde had 9 children.
- Edouard Harrison b 26 Jan 1860 married Marie Caroline Curtaz b 27 Sept 1862; her parents were Pierre Curtaz and Caroline Heneault. Edouard and Marie had 4 children.

¹ Elzear was one of the Provisional Government. Council who decided the fate of Thomas Scott who was executed on 4 Mar 1870 in Winnipeg. He appeared in the census on 1 Aug 1870 in Pembina, Dakota Territory, USA. He was chased by a group of Orangemen, stoned and drowned trying to swim the Red River in Winnipeg and died on 13 Sep 1870 in Winnipeg, leaving his wife and six children.

Damase had three children. He died on October 28, 1920 and is buried in Canora, Ontario.



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