

Treaty Three Metis

On October 3, 1873 Chief Mikiseesis (Little Eagle) signed Treaty 3 where he asserted control over the lands now assumed by the Fort Frances, Ontario area on behalf of what is now known as the Couchiching First Nation. It was the Fort Frances area Chiefs that recommended that their members with French grandfathers be allowed into Treaty #3. It was because these members lived within the Anishinaabe community as Anishinaabe people. In 1875 Nicolas Chatelain negotiated an adhesion to Treaty #3 that resulted in a "Half-Breed" reserve for the Metis families connected to Mikiseesis' Rainy Lake Band. The Half-Breed Reserve was surveyed as reserve 16A. In 1967, both the Rainy Lake Band and the 16A reserve were amalgamated.

The Metis Members of Treaty #3.¹

Nicolas Chatelain (1798-1892):

Nicolas was active in the Robinson Treaty negotiations of 1850 as a member of the Fort William Anishinaabe Band. It was his work for the HBC as an interpreter, trader, and post manager between 1822 and 1870 that brought him to Rainy Lake. By 1871 he was also an interpreter for the federal government. In 1884 when the Metis elected him as Chief he was forced to step down because he was receiving a salary from the Dominion government. John Jourdain was appointed in his place.

David Chatelain: son

Xavier Chatelain: son

Jean Baptiste Jourdain: husband

Julie Serro: wife

Zoe Jourdain: daughter

John Jourdain: husband

Marguerite Chatelain: wife

Rosetta Jourdain: daughter

Marie Anne Jourdain: daughter

Mary Jourdain: daughter

John Jourdain Jr.: son

Julie Jourdain: daughter

Simon Jourdain: husband

Archange Mainville: wife

Pierre Jourdain: son

Isabelle Jourdain: daughter

Joseph Jourdain: son

Jean Baptiste Jourdain: son

Simon Jourdain Jr.: son

Marie Anne Jourdain: daughter

¹ All information from Public Archives Canada, Indian Affairs RG 10, Volume 3715, file 21,809.

Francois Mainville: husband
Marguerite (Saulteaux): wife
Alexis Mainville: son
William Mainville: son
Francoise Mainville: daughter
Joseph Mainville: daughter
Elizabeth Mainville: daughter
Pierre Mainville: son

Catherine Mainville: sister of Francois Mainville

Joseph Jourdain: husband
Isabelle Ninassaikijikoh: wife
Charlotte Jourdain: daughter
Suzanne Jourdain: daughter
Eliza Jourdain: daughter
Bazile Jourdain: son

Joseph Guimond: husband
Elizabeth Guimond: wife
Mary Guimond: daughter
Charles Guimond: son
Catherine Guimond: daughter
Joseph Guimond: son
Marguerite Guimond: daughter
Leonilla Guimond: daughter

Louis Jourdain: husband
Angelique Mainville: wife
Paul Jourdain: son

John Linklater: husband
Tchi-ki-wis: wife

Francois Xavier Ritchot: husband
Marie Anne Chatelain: wife

Michel Morrisseau



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