

Joseph St. Germain dit Brissard. (b. 1820)

Joseph was the son of Joseph Brissard *dit* St. Germain and Marie Cadotte. In the fall of 1844, St. Germain could be found at St. François Xavier on the Cowlitz River in present-day Washington State. Sometime before 1846, he married Anne McGillvray (born 1826), the daughter of Simon McGillvray and Thérèse Roy, both Métis. The couple had seven sons and five daughters.



Joseph and Annie St. Germain, early St. Norbert and St. Vital residents are the great-grandparents of Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame singer Ray St. Germain.

In the 1870 census of the Red River Settlement, he and his family could be found in the parish of St. Norbert. St. Germain was elected second captain for the parish of St. Norbert in order to repulse the Fenian invasion on October 7, 1871. On September 4, 1872, the newspaper *Le Métis* reported that St. Germain and another Métis named Moïse Normand were badly beaten by soldiers from the Red River Expeditionary Force while the two were crossing a bridge over the Assiniboine River. One of the soldiers allegedly chased the men off the bridge with a knife. On November 25, 1875, Joseph St. Germain applied for his lands under the Manitoba Act as a Half-breed head of family. He listed himself as a farmer and was still living in St. Norbert.

Scrip affidavit for St. Germain, Joseph; born: 1820; father: Joseph St. Germain (Métis); mother: Marie Cadotte (Métis); claim no: 1932; scrip no: 10829; date of issue: September 20, 1876; amount: \$160.

Scrip affidavit for St. Germain, Anne; born: 1826; husband: Joseph St. Germain; father: Samuel McGilvrey (Scot); mother: Thérèse [or Therise] Roy (Métis); claim no: 1933; scrip no: 10830; date of issue: September 20, 1876; amount: \$160

Scrip affidavit for St. Germain Jr., Joseph; born: 27 April 1846; father: Joseph St. Germain Sr. (Métis); mother: Annie McGillvry (Métis); claim no: 1936; scrip no: 10833; date of issue: 20 September 1876; amount: \$160.



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