

Gariépy, Pierre. (b. 1826)

The older brother of Philippe, Pierre was the son of François Gariépy and Louise Gladue. He married Rose Marie Grant, daughter of Cuthbert Grant and Mary McGillis at St. François Xavier. They were members of the Turtle Mountain Band. They had 15 children. They were enumerated in the 1870 census at St. François Xavier but in 1872 moved to the west side of the river at St. Laurent, SK on the South Saskatchewan. He was elected as a St. Laurent Council member in 1873. He was visiting Montana in 1884 when the delegation arrived to ask Louis Riel to return to Canada. Riel had Pierre bring his important papers north, as he was afraid that the government would confiscate them. Gariépy was active in the 1885 Resistance and part of Riel's Exovedate. He was charged with treason-felony and sentenced to three years in prison, because of his participation in the 1885 Resistance.

Marie Rose and Pierre's son Romuel Gariépy (b. 1856) was also active in the 1885 Resistance. He was married to Rose Fagnant, the daughter of Resistance fighter Cuthbert Fagnant. Their son Charles Saluste "Sheesheep" Gariépy (b. 1850) was also active in the fighting and wounded at Duck Lake. Another son, Daniel Gariépy (b. 1854) was wounded during the third day of fighting at Batoche.

In his testimony of August 13, 1885 at the Regina trial, Father Alexis Andre says: "Pierre Gariépie (sic) is an old man of fifty-five (sic) years of age, and has a wife and seven children and has been all his life nearly on the plains as a hunter. He has a large family, and is ignorant of the ways of political tricksters and civilized agitators. He is just one or two degrees above the Indian, but was a leader among the plain hunters. Riel made him believe there would be no trouble or violence, and when the wounded at Duck Lake were about to be brutally massacred by the Indians it was this old man in particular who saved them." (CSP, 1886, Vol. 13, p. 383)



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