

Billyjo DeLaRonde. (b. 1953)

Billyjo DeLaRonde, from Duck Bay, Manitoba, is a former President of the Manitoba Métis Federation and a former Chief of Pine Creek First Nation. At one time he ran for the presidency of the Métis National Council but was defeated by Clément Chartier.

Billyjo DeLaRonde is a descendant of the Saulteaux Métis followers of Chief Ow-tah-pee-ka-kaw (“He Who Unlocks” or “The Key”). He is the great-grandson of Sophie Genaille (Chenaille) who was a member of this band. She married William Chartrand, a member of the Duck Bay Band (previously the Duck Bay Band) in 1873 about two years before the Shoal River Band signed Treaty Four.¹ William Chartrand is described as a ‘merchant’ at Duck Bay. His cousin Michel Chartrand (b. 1853)² who was married to Isabelle Ledoux,³ was a clerk with the Hudson’s Bay Company in the Duck Bay Area.

Billyjo is the son of Magloire DeLaRonde⁴ and Lizzy (Elizabeth) Campbell. Magloire Laronde was born on February 8, 1870 at St. Laurent, Manitoba. His paternal grandparents are Louis DeLaRonde dit Laronde (b. 1825) and Judile Morin (b.c. 1835⁵) the daughter of Antoine Morin (b. 1739) and Pelagie Boucher. Louis was a trader at St. Laurent. Billyjo’s paternal great-grandparents were Louis DeLaRonde dit Laronde (French Canadian b. 1803) and Madeleine Boucher (Métis).

Scrip affidavit for DeLaronde, Louis; father: Louis DeLaronde Sr.; mother: Madeleine DeLaronde - Wife: Judule Morin; died: May 23, 1875; heirs: her husband & children Louis Jr., Gaspard, Charles, Baptiste, Elise, Joseph, Josephite, Alexandre, Magloire, Octavie, Jean, & Marie; claim no.: 2425; scrip no.: 9693 to 9698; date of issue: Aug. 8, 1876; amount: \$160.

Scrip affidavit for DeLaronde, Louis; born: 15 August 1825; father: Louis DeLaronde (Métis); mother: Madeleine Boucher (Métis); claim no.: 3152; date of issue: June 1, 1882.

Billyjo’s maternal grandparents are Elizabeth Richard and John Campbell, born March 24, 1880 at Kinosota and baptized at St. Laurent, the son of Joseph Alexander Campbell (b. 1860 at Manitoba house) and Marie Paul dit St. Mathe.

Campbell, John; address: Winnipegosis; claim no. 285; born: 24 March 1880 at Kenesota; father: Joseph Alexander Campbell (Métis); mother: Marie Paul (Métis); married: to Elizabeth Richard; scrip cert.: form E, no. 2908

Billyjo’s maternal great-grandparents are William Richard called “Menogeesick” (b. 1836) and Madeleine West (Métis, born 1838 at Baie St. Paul); they married in 1856 at Portage la Prairie. William and Madeleine both left treaty to take Métis scrip.

¹ The Key First Nation – Most of the followers of Chief Ow-tah-pee-ka-kaw (“He Who Unlocks” or “The Key”) were residing along the Shoal River in western Manitoba in the mid-1800s. The Shoal River drains Swan Lake into Dawson Bay, at the northwest extremity of Lake Winnipegosis. The band included Saulteaux, Saulteaux-Cree, and Saulteaux-Orkney Metis individuals when The Key signed adhesion to Treaty 4 September 24, 1875.

² Michel was the son of Pierre Chartrand (b. 1827) and Marie Pangman (b. 1828).

³ Isabelle was born on November 14, 1854 at St. Francois Xavier, the daughter of Antoine Ledoux and Marie Falcon.

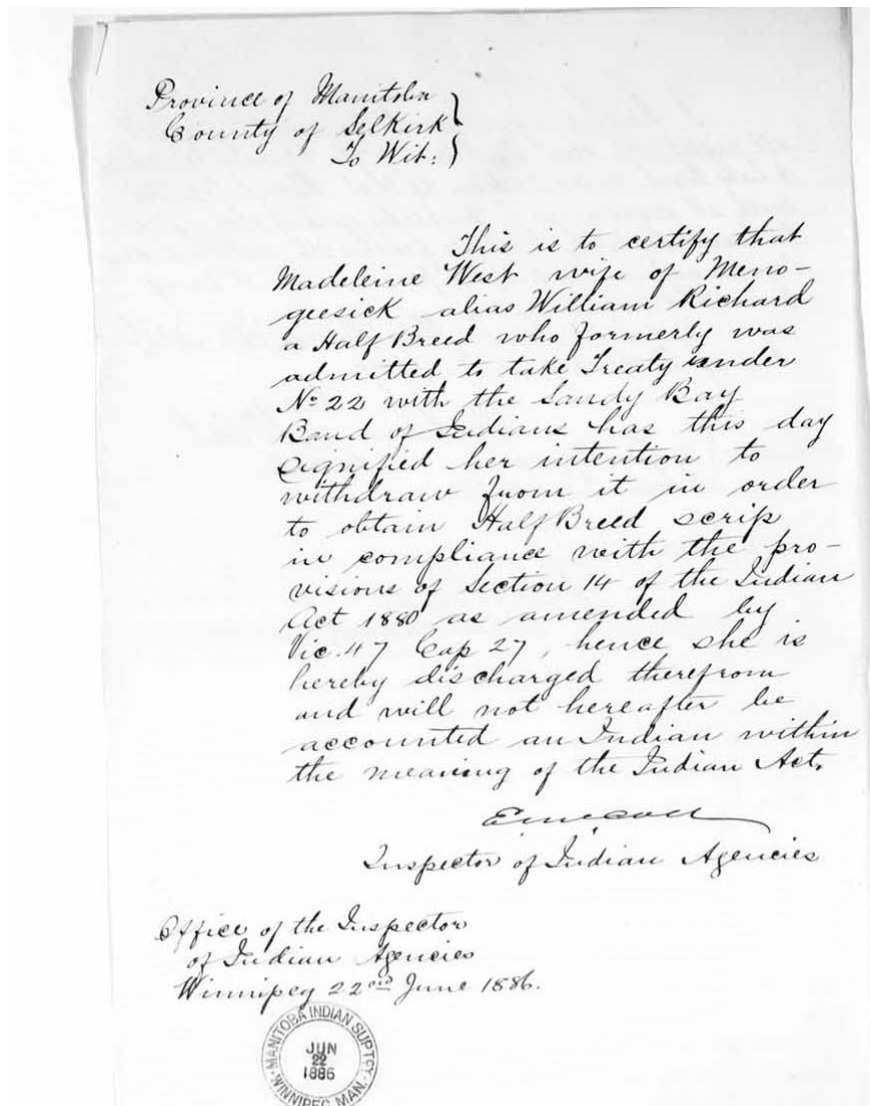
⁴ Magloire was one of twelve children born to Louis and Judile DeLaRonde.

⁵ Judith died on May 23, 1875 at St. Laurent.

Richard, William; address: Sandy Bay, Westbourne born: 1836 at Manitoba House; father: Joseph Richard (Métis); mother: Isabelle (Métis); married: 1856 at Portage la Loche to Madeleine West; children living: William, Madeleine, Antoine, Joseph, LaLouise, Marguerite, Sara, Joseph and Marie; children deceased: Jean Baptiste, Angele and no name; scrip for \$160.00; claim no. 1465.

West, Madeleine; address: Sandy Bay, Westbourne; born: 1838 at Baie St. Paul; father: Michel West (Métis, Kekeshepeness); mother: Madeleine or Attange-kapawee (Métis); married: 1856 at Portage la Prairie to William Richard; children living: 9; scrip for \$160.00; claim no. 1507.

Richard, William; address: Sandy Bay, Westbourne; born: 1856 at Portage la Prairie; father: William Richard (Métis); mother: Madeleine West (Métis); married: 1876 to Helene Spence; children living: Marie and Elise; children deceased: Helene and no names; scrip for \$240.00; claim no. 1444.



Richard, William; address: Sandy Bay, Westbourne born: 1836 at Manitoba House; father: Joseph Richard (Métis); mother: Isabelle (Métis); married: 1856 at Portage la Loche to Madeleine West;

children living: William, Madeleine, Antoine, Joseph, LaLouise, Marguerite, Sara, Josephte and Marie; children deceased: Jean Baptiste, Angele and no name; scrip for \$160.00; claim no. 1465.

Billyjo took his high school education at Cranberry Portage, Manitoba, a provincial residential school.

Offices held:

- Board of Directors Manitoba Métis Federation: 1986.
- President of Manitoba Métis Federation: 1994-1997.
- Executive Director, Winnipeg Indian Métis Friendship Centre: 2003.
- Chief of Pine Creek First Nation: 2004-2008.
- He has also served on West Region Child and Family Services Committee (2005-2008) and on the board of the Frontier School Division.

Billyjo is best known for returning the Bell of Batoche on July 20, 2013 during “Back to Batoche” days. See our articles posted at:

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/150694685/La-cloche-de-Batoche-Marie-Antoinette-retentira>

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/150744764/La-Saga-de-La-Cloche-de-Batoche>

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/152129354/Une-reconciliation-historique>



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