

Bottineau, Jonas (b. 1847)

Jonas and his brother Elzéar were two of the Métis who signed the Cypress Hills Petition. In 1878, the Half-Breeds living in the vicinity of Cypress Hills petitioned the government for their own reserve. This is a petition requested a re-opening of the buffalo hunt between November 14th and February 15th each year and the granting of Métis “reserve” land. The request was for a strip of land 150 miles long along the American border beginning where the Pembina River crosses the border, running west for 150 miles into Saskatchewan.

Jonas was the son of Joseph Bottineau and Angélique Cardinal. He married Suzanne Poitras (b. 1864) the daughter of Joseph Poitras and Susanne Laverdure. Her father and mother were part of this hunting brigade as well. The family lived in the vicinity of Wood Mountain and Willow Bunch. Jonas died on April 5, 1879 and was buried at Qu’Appelle.

Children of Jonas and Suzanne:

- Joseph, born circa 1864.
- Angélique, born circa 1870.
- Sarah, born 1872
- Elzéar, born 1873.
- Marie-Seraphine, born 1874.
- Marie-Rose, born 1876.
- Israël Michel, born 1878.

Bellegarde, Marie-Rose; address: Willow Bunch; claim no. 28; born: October, 1876 at Willow Bunch; father: Jonas Bottineau (Métis); mother: Susan Poitras (Métis); scrip cert.: form C, no. 10.

Bellegarde, Marie-Seraphine; address: Turtle Mountain; claim no. 73; born: 1 January, 1874 at Wood Mountain; father: Jonas Bottineau (Métis, deceased); mother: Susan Poitras (Métis); scrip cert.: form C, no. 66.



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