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Derrick reports on his blog:

"Found at recently that my great-great-grandfather, Andre Nault (1830-1924), was a pallbearer at Métis leader Louis Riel's funeral in 1885. Of the 19 pallbearers at the funeral, 9 were Naults. Andre Nault was Louis Riel's cousin and spent one year in jail for his role in the Red River Resistance (1869-70). The other Naults who served as pallbearers were: Benjamin Nault, Chas. Nault, Elie Nault, Prosper Nault, Roman Nault, Alfred Nault, and Martin Nault. There were so many pallbearers and all were armed as there were rumours members of the Orange Order were going to attack the funeral in retribution for the execution of Thomas Scott. The attack never came, fortunately."

Coulee des Nault is the name of a waterway in Manitoba that "Flows northwest into Rat River. Probably named after Romain Nault [b. 1838, brother of Andre Nault, Sr.] who homesteaded SE 9-5-4E in 1877." Source: Manitoba Conservation, Geographical Names of Manitoba, 2000, p. 188.



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