L'Hirondelle Sr., Jacques "Wanatou, Wanatew". (1759-1854)

Jacques "Wanatou, Wanatew" L'Hirondelle Sr. was born about 1759 in Kanawahke. He married Josephte Pilon the daughter of Joseph Pilon and Angelique Normand, in 1792 at Lesser Slave Lake. He was likely a Métis, is a voyager for North West Company (1804-1818) assigned to Athabasca, in 1818 he became a freeman.

Children:

- Catherine L'Hirondelle, b-1793 married in 1808, to Joseph Belcourt Sr. d-1863.
- Jacques L'Hirondelle Jr., b-1807 Lesser Slave Lake joined Hudson Bay Company (1832-1834) out of Fort Edmonton. All we know about Jacques Jr. is that he joined the service of Hudson's Bay Company as middleman at Edmonton House on May 21, 1832. His contract was for two years and in the Northern Department Engagement Register (H.B.C. Arch. B.239/u/1, No.1132), he was recorded as being a native of Lesser Slave Lake, twenty-five years of age at the time of his engagement. He went "Free Inland" at the expiry of his contract.
- Joseph L'Hirondelle, b-1814 Lesser Slave Lake married 1842 Fort Edmonton Marguerite Nepissing Métis b-1823 Lesser Slave Lake.
- Jean Baptiste L'Hirondelle,(1816/17-1876) Lesser Slave Lake joined Hudson Bay Company (1841-1870) married 1845 Lesser Slave Lake to Catherine Loyer Métis b-1828 Jasper House, d-1895. Baptiste L'Hirondelle first joined the service of the Hudson's Bay Company in 1841 when he was twenty-three years of age. He was described as a native of Lesser Slave Lake and entered into a contract for three years as a middleman. His contract was renewed from time to time and in 1855 he left the Company's service. Baptiste L'Hirondelle appears to have re-joined the Company's service as a steersman in 1857 and to have continued in that capacity or as a fisherman until he finally retired in 1870.
- Alexis dit Marteau L'Hirondelle, b-1820 married Josephte Amyotte.
- Marie Angelique L'Hirondelle. b-1822 married at Lac Ste. Anne to Oliver Laderoute (1806-1876)
- Pierre dit Cantera L'Hirondelle,b-1825 Lesser Slave Lake married in 1850 at Lac Ste. Anne to Marguerite Boucher Métis.
- James M. L'Hirondelle, b-1826.
- Rosalie L'Hirondelle, born January 5, 1829 at Lesser Slave Lake, married in 1846 at Lac Ste. Anne to John Cunningham Métis (1818-1870).

Family Scrip:

Cunningham, Samuel; for his deceased brother, John Cunningham; claim no. 318; address: St. Albert; born: 1815 at Manitoba; father: Patrick Cunningham (Irish); mother: Nancy (Métis); married: 1848 at Lac Ste. Anne to Rosalie L'Hirondelle; heirs: Rosalie L'Hirondelle (widow), \$16.00; Samuel Cunningham; John; James; Albert; Edward \$16.00; Daniel; Alfred; Henry; Nancy, wife of George Gamon, \$16.00.

L'Hirondelle Sr., Joseph - Concerning his claim as a head of family - Address, Calgary - Born, November 1814 at Slave Lake - Father, Jacques L'Herondelle, (French Canadian) -

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Mother, Josephte Pilon, (Métis) - Married, fall, 1842 at Edmonton to Marguerite Nipissing - Children living, eight (names on declaration) - Scrip for \$160 - Claim 215.

L'Hirondelle, Olive - Concerning her claim as a child - Address, St. Albert - Born, 1855 at Lac Ste. Anne - Father, Pierre L'Hirondelle, (Métis) - Mother, Marguerite Boucher, (Métis) - Married, 1875 at St. Albert to John Blandion and fall of 1884 at St. Albert to John Callio - Children living, three, Hercule, St. Pierre and Patrice - Scrip for \$240 - Claim 919.

L'Hirondellee, Andre; for his deceased brother, Alexis L'Hirondelle; claim no. 3106; address: Lac la Nun; born: Fall, 1870 near Battle River; died 2 months old; father: Alexis L'Hirondellee (deceased; Métis); mother: Josephte Amyotte (deceased Métis); heirs: Andre L'Hirondelle, scrip cert.: form D, no. 3269 for \$24.00; Julien L'Hirondelle, scrip cert.: form D, no. 3270 for \$24.00; Laurent L'Hirondelle, scrip cert.: form D, no. 3271 for \$24.00; Cyprien L'Hirondelle, scrip cert.: form D, no. 3272 for \$24.00; William L'Hirondelle, scrip cert.: form D, no. 3273 for \$24.00; Gregoire L'Hirondelle, scrip cert.: form D, no. 3274 for \$24.00; Josephte, wife of Joseph Gray, scrip cert.: form D, no. 3275 for \$24.00 Suzanne, wife of John Chalifoux, scrip cert.: form D, no. 3276 for \$24.00.

L'Hirondelle, Norbert - Concerning his claim as a child - Address, St. Albert - Born, 1865 at Lac Ste. Anne - Father, Jean-Baptiste L'Hirondelle, (Métis) - Mother, Catherine Loyer, (Métis) - Scrip for \$240 - Claim 973.

L'Hirondelle, Magloire - Concerning his claim as a child - Address, St. Albert - Born, 1850 at Lac Ste. Anne - Father, Baptiste L'Hyrondelle, (Métis) - Mother, Catherine Loyer, (Métis) - Married, 1872 at Edmonton to Euphrasine Beauregard - Children living, four, Adelaide, Jean Baptiste, Justine and Mathilde - Children deceased, one, Joseph - Scrip for \$240 - Claim 972



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