

## **Breland, Josué.** (b. 1855)

Josué was born on March 17, 1855 at St. François Xavier, the son of Pascal Breland and Maria Grant. On June 14, 1875, he married Marie Flavie Dauphinais, the daughter of François Xavier Dauphinais and Françoise Paul.

Their children were:

- Marie Vitaline, born April 24, 1876 at St. François Xavier. She married François Xavier Swan.
- Marie Victoire, born August 3, 1878 at Maple Creek, she married Alfred Breland.
- Joseph, born 1880 at Wood Mountain, he died as an infant and was buried at Lebret.
- Jacques, born February 1882 at Skull Creek, Wood Mountain.
- Jean (twin), born February 1882 at Skull Creek, Wood Mountain.

Josué was a member of Captain Ambroise Champagne's company, one of the 19 *dizaines* led by Gabriel Dumont during the 1885 Métis Resistance. Before the battle at the Coulee, a man coming to Clark's Crossing, going to Prince Albert, carrying Middleton's papers was stopped (the papers were not decipherable) by Josué Breland and two others—Pinok Ross, Chesip Gariépy—riding on horses. They saw a horse and a man who was eating. They attacked and grabbed the man.<sup>1</sup>

Josué's brother Gilbert (b. 1838) was active during the 1885 Resistance fighting at both Tourond's Coulee and Batoche.

Scrip affidavit 2359 for Breland, Josué; born: March, 1855; father: Pascal Breland; mother: Maria Grant.

Breland, Flavie; for her deceased son, Joseph; claim no. 1173; address: Skull Creek; born: September, 1880 at Wood Mountain; father: Josué Breland (Métis); mother: Flavie Dauphinais (Métis and deponent); died: September, 1880; heir: his father, Josué Breland; scrip cert.: form F, no. 352.

Breland, Jean; address: Skull Creek, Assiniboine; claim no. 1113; born: 28 February, 1882, at Wood Mountain; father: Josué Breland (Métis); mother: Flavie Dauphinais (Métis); scrip cert.: form E, no. 708.

Breland, Jacques; address: Skull Creek, Assiniboine; claim no. 1098; born: 1 March, 1882 at Wood Mountain; father: Josué Breland (Métis); mother: Flavie Dauphinais (Métis); scrip cert.: form C, no. 676.

---

<sup>1</sup> Cloutier, Gabriel. *Journal of de l'abbe Cloutier*, AASB, Vol. 2, p. 19.



**LOUIS RIEL INSTITUTE**  
*Knowledge • Culture • Heritage*

Compiled by Lawrence Barkwell  
Coordinator of Métis Heritage and History Research  
Louis Riel Institute



**LOUIS RIEL INSTITUTE**  
*Knowledge • Culture • Heritage*

Compiled by Lawrence Barkwell  
Coordinator of Métis Heritage and History Research  
Louis Riel Institute