

Peter Gardiner *dit* Desjardins (Desjarlais) and Rosalie Malaterre

Teton County Settlers

Peter Gardiner *dit* Desjarlais and his wife Rosalie were enumerated at Teton County, Montana in the 1900 Census. They were part of the Canyon Métis community located on the south fork of the Teton River. He is shown as age 75 (Cree) and his wife Rosalie is shown as age 65 (Cree) with daughter Frazine age 20.

Peter Gardiner (Desjarlais) may be the son of François-Xavier “Minock” Desjarlais and his wife Françoise Oke Ne Kih Kwe Bottineau born September 20, 1832 and baptised at St. Peter’s Mission, Red Lake Minnesota in 1839.

Rosalie Malaterre was born on September 20, 1840, at St. Francois Xavier, the daughter of Jean Baptiste Malaterre¹ (b.c.1815) and Therese Comtois. She first married William Blandion in 1860. She then married Peter Gardiner (b. 1825) in 1872.

Her father, Jean-Baptiste Malaterre was killed in the Battle of the Grand Coteau. This battle took place between a Métis buffalo hunting party from St. François Xavier, led by Jean-Baptiste Falcon and the Cut Head (Pabaksa) Yanktonai (Ihanktonwanna), Dakota, led by Chief Medicine (Sacred) Bear, on July 15 to 16, 1851.

Métis Scrip:

Desjardins, Rosalie; for her deceased children; claim no. 1499; Abraham, born: 1873 at Big Lake; died: 1891 at Chateau; Elie, born: 1875 at Red Deer, near Edmonton; died: 1890 at Teton; Elise, born: 1877 at Red Deer; died: 1889 at Teton; address: Teton, Montana; father: Peter Gardiner (Métis); mother: Rosalie Malaterre (Métis and deponent); file ref. 789154.

Desjardins, Euphrosine; address: Chateaux, Montana; claim no. 1500; born: 1 April, 1882 in North West Territories; father: Peter Gardiner (Métis); mother: Rosalie Malaterre (Métis); file ref. 947525

¹ Malaterre, Jean-Baptiste. (1815-1851) Jean-Baptiste was the son of Jean-Baptiste Malaterre Sr. (b. 1781) and Angelique Adam.¹ Jean-Baptiste was first married to Thérèse Comtois, the daughter of Jean-Baptiste Comtois and Angélique Vallée in 1839 at SFX. They had three children. Thérèse died after giving birth to their third child in January 1846. He then married Louise Marchand *dite* Lapierre, the daughter of Antoine Marsant *dit* Lapierre and Louise Machegone in 1850 at SFX. They had a daughter Marie, born March 25, 1851. Jean-Baptiste was killed at the Battle of the Grand Coteau on July 13, 1851 and reportedly buried either at the site of the battle or along the Sheyenne River. Jean-Baptiste Malaterre’s youngest sister Marie born March 31, 1839 was the mother of Marguerite Belhumeur *dit* Monet, the wife of Louis Riel.

Department of the Interior,
Ottawa, 2nd November, 1904.

1339, 1499 and 1500 of 1900.

Memorandum:- The claims of Pierre Desjardins or Gardiner, as sole heir of his deceased children, Joseph, Abraham, Elie and Elise, and of his living daughter Euphrosine, reconsidered under the Order in Council of the 13th August, 1904.

The baptismal certificates from the Mission of St. Albert, Alberta, which have been produced, and which are attached to claim 1499, show that Abraham was born on the 3rd May, 1873; Elise in December 1875 and Elie in December, 1877. They died at Teton, Montana, in 1890, 1868 and 1861, respectively, according to the evidence submitted in 1900 by the mother of the deceased children, before Commissioners McKenna and Walker.

Pierre Desjardins, the father of these deceased children, received scrip in 1893 in satisfaction of his own claim as a North-West Half-Breed (file 3066), and in 1893, as sole heir of his deceased first wife, Josephine Breland and the following deceased children, who all died during the smallpox epidemic in the autumn of 1870:- Clemence, or Josephine Desjardins; Angèle, or Isabelle Desjardins; Elise, or Mary Desjardins; Edouard Desjardins, and Pierre Desjardins. (file 293171). Scrip was issued to his second wife, Rosalie Desjardins, née Malaterre, in 1893 (file 306933). Elise, or Mary Desjardins, who died in 1870 and on whose account scrip was issued to her father, was born in 1861, while Elie Desjardins, also deceased, referred to in the claim which was preferred in 1900, was born, as already stated, in 1875.

The evidence in these cases, on file 293171, further shows that Pierre Desjardins went to the United States

States in 1862, where he has resided ever since, and that his son Joseph Desjardins, who also died in the autumn of 1870, was born, as per his baptismal certificate, on the 9th September, 1870, and having been born after the 15th July, 1870, the claim on account of this child could not then be allowed. Further particulars respecting these claims are given in my memorandum of the 25th May, 1892, addressed to the then Deputy Minister of the Interior, on file 293171, above mentioned.

DECISION.

The claims of Pierre Desjardins, as sole heir of his deceased children, Joseph Desjardins (1339 of 1900), and Abraham, Elie and Elise Desjardins (1499 of 1900), are allowed, under the Order-in-Council of the 13th August, 1904.

The disallowance of the claim of Euphrosine Desjardins or Gardiner, daughter of the said Pierre Desjardins or Gardiner, who was born on the 1st April 1862, near the boundary line, it is stated, when her parents were on their way to the United States from Edmonton, and who was baptized, as shown by her baptismal certificate, on the 4th June of the same year at St. Peters Mission, United States, in which country she has lived ever since, is confirmed (1500 of 1900 and Ref. 947525).

W. D. C. C. C.

1500

Examined at
Both father and
mother died with
a will. All through
Expenses
7/8/1900

NORTH-WEST HALFBREED CLAIMS COMMISSION.
1900.

947525

Disallowed
No. 1011
10/1/11

Disallowed
7 claims of
declarations
in the Province
of the Northwest
Territories
other records
13th Nov 1900

Before JAMES ANDREW JOSEPH MCKENNA, of the City of Ottawa, in
the Province of Ontario, Esquire, and
JAMES WARKER, of the City of Calgary, in the North-West Territories, Esquire,
Commissioners,
duly appointed and holding a Royal Commission as
in the North-West Territories, to investigate claims of Halfbreeds who were born in the
Territories between the 15th July 1876, and the 31st December, 1885, personally came and
appeared before the said Commissioners on the 1st day of April, 1900, and being duly sworn, deposes as follows:-

- Question 1. What is your name?
Answer: Expatriate Gardiner
- Question 2. Where do you reside?
Answer: Chatham - Ontario
- Question 3. Where were you born?
Answer: St. W. J. My father told me it was in this side of the line
- Question 4. When were you born?
Answer: 18 years ago, 1st April
- Question 5. What is your father's name?
Answer: Peter Gardiner (or his alias) (or his alias) (or his alias)
- Question 6. What was the name of your mother before her marriage?
Answer: Rosalie Omlatun (or his alias) (or his alias)
- Question 7. Is your father a Halfbreed or an Indian?
Answer: A
- Question 8. Is your mother a Halfbreed or an Indian?
Answer: A
- Question 9. Have you ever received land or scrip in Manitoba or the North-West Territories in commutation of your Halfbreed rights?
Answer: No.

Ref 32066
Ref 308933

1491
1534

Pierre Arapahoe or said man own said
land the father of Ephreum
the claimant. I have lived
in the United States eighteen
years. I was on my way to
United States when she was
born near the line - I was
going from Edmonton.

^{his}
Pierre Arapahoe
witness

J. P. McNeill

Question 10 Are you a member of any Indian Band?

Answer No

My Parents men took treaty

We have been travelling sometimes this side of the line
sometimes the other. Every summer, we come on this side.
We live a hour at Estherville where we wintered.

My father got sick at Leithridge through I believe
Have been in States as long as I can remember.

Exhibit "A" certificate of
Cajonville.

And further deponent sayeth not.

Sworn before me at Estherville

in the North

West Territory on the 2nd

day of August A. D. 1900.

Form No. 151.

Ephreum ^{his} *Arp* ^{admin}
witness *Arp*

J. P. McNeill
James McNeill
Commissioner.

Form B.

NORTH-WEST HALFBREED CLAIMS COMMISSION.
1900.

Before JAMES ANDREW JOSEPH McKENNA, of the City of Ottawa, in
the Province of Ontario, Esquire, and
JAMES WALKER, of the City of Calgary, in the North-West Territories, Esquire,
COMMISSIONERS,

duly appointed and sitting as a Royal Commission at Medora
in the North-West Territories, to investigate claims of Halfbreeds who were born in the
Territories between the 12th July, 1870, and the 31st December, 1885, personally came and
appeared Ambrose Lawrence
as a witness on behalf of Euphrosine Gardin
and the said Ambrose Lawrence
being duly sworn deposes and says as follows:—

Question 1. What is your name?

Answer Ambrose Lawrence

Question 2. Where do you reside?

Answer Medora

Question 3. Do you know Euphrosine Gardin
the claimant on whose behalf you appear as a witness?

Answer Yes, I am her husband.

Question 4. How long have you known the claimant?

Answer since infancy.

Question 5. Where was she born?

Answer She was baptised at St. Peter's Mission when 3
months old, and her mother was her

Question 6. When was she born?

Answer 15 years ago.

Question 7. What was his father's name?

Answer Peter Gardin or Peter Desjardins

Question 8. What was his mother's name before her marriage?

Answer Rosalie Malotte

Question 9. Was his father a Halfbreed or an Indian ?

Answer

A

Question 10. Was his mother a Halfbreed or an Indian ?

Answer

A

Parents were seen in treaty
They got away about 8 years ago at Leekbridge through
{ ignorance. I saw them at Big Lake near
Linton who died was small. They were living
there then. That was before this girl was born.
I don't know where they were the year of the Rebellion.

And further deponent sayeth not.

SWORN before us at

Truelson

in the North

West Territories on the

7

day of

August

A. D. 1900.

J. J. Macdonald
James Stewart
Commissioners.

Andrew his *Laurence*
Witem was
Samuel

Form No. 144.



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