

## Withdrawal From Treaty Case Example of Louis Cayole dit Dumont



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Louis was born on August 27, 1853 at St. François Xavier, the eldest son of Vital Dumont and Adelaide Gagnon. He married Philomene Roussain in 1876 at Buffalo Lake. Philomene was the daughter of Paulette Roussain and Marie Anne McLeod. Her sister Caroline was married to Napoleon Ledoux of Muskeg Lake Band.

The Dumont's were a buffalo hunting family and lived at various locations; Swift Current, Maple Creek, Cypress Hills, Fort Assiniboine and Batoche. They had eight children, three of whom died as infants and Gabriel who died at age 22.

Although Metis, Louis had taken treaty and was a member of One Arrow's Band. He was a member of Captain James Short's company, one of the 19 *dizaines* led by Gabriel Dumont during the 1885 Metis Resistance. His father Vital and brother François (One Arrow Band # 58) were also active in the Resistance. Louis applied for Treaty annuity payments under the name of Louis Kayole in 1892. R. S. McKenzie, the Indian Agent for Duck Lake clarified his status by way of memo on April 2, 1892:<sup>1</sup>

Louis "Kayole" is a son of Vidal Dumond, is No. 56 of One Arrows band and was in the Rebellion at Batoche in 1885, after which he went across the line and remained there until the summer of 1889, when he crossed back to Swift Current and is still there working for the NWMtd Police and others ...I find in pay sheets that Vidal Dumond (his father) was paid for 1 Man, 1 woman, 2 boys & 5 girls and arrears for eight persons.<sup>2</sup>

On June 23, 1893 at Swift Current Louis applied for discharge from Treaty. He shows his occupation as "bone picker". Note that in the application below he shows his mother's name as "Daylight Giaugh." He and Philomene subsequently made Metis Scrip applications on behalf of their deceased children.

Shown below is the completed application form to withdraw from treaty under the Indian Act of 1888.

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<sup>1</sup> Cited in Sherry Farrell Racette, "Sewing Ourselves Together: Clothing, Decorative Arts and the Expression of Metis and Half Breed Identity." Winnipeg: University of Manitoba, Ph.D. dissertation, 2004: 59-60.

<sup>2</sup> Cited in Racette: File 92,856, vol. 3880, RG 10, NAC.

In your reply refer to  
No. 1239.  
Also to the date of this letter.

*H.A.*

OFFICE OF THE

**Indian Commissioner,**

103478

MANITOBA AND NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

Regina, *7<sup>th</sup>* June, 1893.

*Sir,*

In reply to your letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> instant, in behalf of Louis Vital Dumont, I beg to state that, though he ceased drawing his annuity in 1884, he is still under the provisions of the treaty, as he has never been formally discharged therefrom.

To obtain this, he should now fill up and sign the enclosed forms; those marked A and C being declared to in due form, and the list of questions (B) fully answered.

The papers should then be returned to this office, reference being made to the number of this letter.

Your obedient servant,

*Hayward*  
Commissioner.

*Charles Reed Esqre*  
*Swift Current*  
*Assa -*

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To the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for Manitoba and the North-West Territories.

I, Louis Vital Dumont a Half-breed, admitted into the Treaty with the Ox Bow Band of Indians, and paid with No. 56, desire to withdraw from the said Treaty, under the provisions of Section thirteen of "The Indian Act, 1888" as amended, and hereby signify my intention of so doing by signing this application in the presence of two witnesses this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 189

Witness

Charles Reid  
W. H. Wright

} The mark + of  
Louis Vital Dumont  
Witness Neil McDonald Jr.

We, Charles Reid and W. H. Wright of Swift Current do hereby certify that the above application is made by Louis Vital Dumont who is a Half-breed, to withdraw from Treaty, was signed by the said Louis Vital Dumont in our presence, and that we are the subscribing witnesses thereto.

Sworn before me at Swift Current  
this 23 day of June  
A.D. 1893

A. J. P.

} Charles Reid  
W. H. Wright

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C

I, Louis Vital Dumont do solemnly declare—

That I am the applicant for discharge from Treaty whose name is mentioned in the answers to the foregoing questions.

That the said answers are true; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the "Act respecting extra-judicial Oaths."

Declared before me at Swift Current this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June A.D. 1893  
W. G. Knight

The Mark + of  
Louis Vital Dumont  
Witness Neil McDonald Jr.

We, Charles Reid of Swift Current  
and William Perrin of Swift Current  
do solemnly declare—

That we personally know Louis Vital Dumont  
whose name is subscribed to the above declaration.

That to the best of our knowledge and belief the answers given to the foregoing questions, the same having been read over to us, are true and correct in every particular.

And we make this declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the "Act respecting extra-judicial Oaths."

Declared before me at Swift Current this 23 day of June A.D. 1893

Charles Reid  
William Perrin

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Full answers are required to the following questions by applicants for discharge from Treaty.

Applicant's Name *Louis J. Dumont*  
Date and Place of Birth *Thirty Seven - Red River*  
Father's Name *Vital Dumont*  
His Nationality *French Half breed*  
Mother's Name *Daylight Giasht*  
Her Nationality *French Half breed*  
Band to which applicant belongs *One Arrow, Duck Lake Agency*  
Number of Ticket *56*  
Years for which applicant has drawn Treaty-money, stating where paid each year *-1883-84 + 85*  
*at Duck Lake Agency*  
If Married, to whom, and when *Silvina Rossell in April 1876*  
Names and date of Birth of all applicant's living children, if any *Rosella Born 1879*  
*Pier Born 1882 Eliza Born 1890*  
*Joseph Born 1893*  
Names and date of Birth and Death of all applicant's deceased children, if any *Gabriel B. 1877 D. 1886*  
*Jo. Alfred Born 1884 Died 1886*  
*Infant - Born 1887 died 1887*  
*Infant Born 1881 Died 1881*  
*Mary Born 1883 Died 1886*  
Present place of residence *Swift Current*  
Means of Support *Picking Bones*

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No. 261089  
Ref. 285402

Department of the Interior, 103478

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF DOMINION LANDS.

Winnipeg, Man., 19th May, 1883.

- Do not write about more than one subject in the same letter.
- Write legibly your full name and address.
- Address your reply to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, Winnipeg.



Sir,

I am directed to inform you that before your application to participate in the Half Breed Grant, can be dealt with, it will be necessary for you to furnish your discharge from Treaty. I may say that the Indian Commissioner reports that you drew an annuity up to and inclusive of the year 1881 in the Duck Lake Agency.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*Alm*  
Secretary.

Louis Vital Dumont Esq.,  
Swift Current, Assa.

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