

Alexandre Cardinal. (b. 1841)



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Alexandre, also known as *Petit Loup*, was born at St. François Xavier, the son of Jacques Cardinal¹ and Genevieve Pelletier. He married Elise Moreau in 1863 at St. Joseph. They lived in North Dakota as well as at Regina, Lebret, Lac Qu'Appelle, Cypress Hills and St. Laurent. Their children were:

- Francois, b. February 14, 1865, died December 1865.
- Elise, b. October 22, 1867, St. Joseph's, married Roger Sakaban *dit* Lejour.
- Veronique, b. March 1, 1869 at Wood Mountain. She married Joseph Parisien.
- Albert, Born May 18, 1872 at Regina.
- Domtille, b. March 24, 1875 at Lebret.
- William Napoleon, B. June 1, 1877 at Lac Qu'Appelle, died June 1, 1882 at St. Laurent.
- Angelique Adeline (Celine), b. August 5, 1880.
- Marie Josephine, b. February 23, 1883 at St. Laurent, died May 1889 at St. Laurent.
- Justine (Christine), b. March 22, 1885 at St. Laurent

Their daughter Domthile (b. 1875) later married Resistance participant Louis Riguedel (a Frenchman). Alexandre was a member of Captain Daniel Gariépy's company, one of the 19 *dizaines* led by Gabriel Dumont during the 1885 Metis Resistance. Alexandre also had a relative, Joseph Cardinal, murdered in Alberta while trying to get people to come and fight in the Resistance.

Alexandre was mainly assigned guard duty since he was shot in the hand during a buffalo hunt in 1871 and had broken his shoulder blade in a fall from his horse.

On his Half-Breed scrip application (1885) Alexandre stated:

I have lived permanently in the Territories with my family since 1868 at Cypress Hills, Wood Mountain, Qu'Appelle, Duck Lake and St. Laurent. I have been living on a piece of land at St. Laurent for the last five years but could not enter it (my

¹ Jacques Cardinal held HBC lot 1414 at Red River (Register B).

claim) for want of means to pay the fee. I have lived in this vicinity continuously since last March. I did not take any active part in the late rebellion, beyond keeping guard occasionally—as I was unable to use my left arm on account of a fall while riding, resulting in the breaking of my shoulder blade. This accident occurred before the commencement of the troubles. Had it not been for this accident I would undoubtedly have been obliged to fight like the others.²

His brother Charles Cardinal signed the Cypress Hills Metis Hunting Band petition for a Metis Reserve in 1878.³

Alexandre's Scrip application: (next page)

² RG 15, D II (8) (b)

³ **Chs. Pierre Cardinal. (b. 1838)**

Charles Cardinal was born on January 5, 1838 at St. Francois Xavier, the son of Jacques Cardinal and Genevieve Pelletier. He married Josephte Desmarais, the daughter of Michel Desmarais and Josephte Rochon in 1861. They lived at St. Francois Xavier, Qu'Appelle, File Hills, Wood Mountain and Lebret.

CAPLETTE - CARDINAL

Declaration by Alexandre Cardinal

Concerning his Claim
to participate in any grant to Half-Breeds living in the
North-West Territories, as Head of family

1. What is your name and P. O. Address? St. Laurent
2. Where and when were you born? White Horse Plains, 1846
3. What was the name of your father? Jacques Cardinal
4. What was the name of your mother? Jeannette Pelletier
5. Was your father a Half-breed or Indian or other? Half-breed
6. Was your mother a Half-breed or Indian or other? Half-breed
7. Where were you living each year since you were born? I have lived permanently in the Territories with my family since 1868 at Red Fox Hills, Wood Mountain, in Upper South Lake and St. Laurent hunter and farmer
8. What has been your occupation? hunter and farmer
9. If married when, where and to whom? 1864 - to Marie Maréchal
10. How many children have you living? Seven
11. Give their names, and date of birth? (see names with wife's declaration)
12. What was the name of their respective mothers or fathers as the case may be?
13. How many children had you who died? Three
14. Give dates of birth and death of those who died? (see wife's declaration)

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CAPLETTE - CARDINAL



15. Can you produce baptismal certificates of the birth of your children? If so, produce them, if not, state reasons?

16. Of those dead can you produce burial certificates? If so, please produce them, if not, state why not.

17. Have you ever had a homestead entry? *no*

18. If so, what became of it? *no*

19. Have you ever had any land claims in Manitoba or the North-West? If so, state nature of them, when and how acquired and, what disposal did you make of them?

I have had a claim on a piece of land at St. Laurent for the last few years but could not enter it for want of means to pay the fee -

20. What do you consider the value of all your property, land, implements, building, horses, cattle, &c.?

21. Did you ever receive land or scrip in Manitoba in commutation of the Half-Breed rights?

22. Mention any names by which you have been called, other than your name given above?

23. Do you receive any annuity as an Indian, or in any way participate in grants to Indians?

24. State anything bearing on your claim that you may wish.

25. *I have lived in this vicinity continuously since last March.*

26. *I did not take any active part in the late rebellion, beyond keeping guard occasionally - as I was unable to use my left arm through on account of a fall while riding, resulting in the breaking of my shoulder blade - This accident occurred before the commencement of the troubles - Had it not been for this accident, I would undoubtedly have been obliged to fight like the others.*

Alexandre Cardinal

CAPLETTE - CARDINAL

1. Alexandre Cardinal within named,
make oath (or declare) and say that the within answers given by me are true in every particular.
So help me God.

Sworn (or declared) before me, at
Buck Lake this 20th
day of July A.D. 1885
having been first read over and explained in the
French language to the deponent, who
seemed perfectly to understand the same, and in
my presence, made his mark

Alexandre Cardinal
mark

Attest
Commissary

2. Robert Saurie of Buck Lake
make oath (or declare) and say that I know Alexandre Cardinal, who has
made oath to the correctness of the within answers, and so far as his answers to questions numbered
1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 are concerned, I know them
to be correct, and so far as the remainder are concerned, I believe them to be true and correct in
every particular.

Sworn (or declared) before me, at
Buck Lake this 20th
day of July A.D. 1885
having been first read over and explained in the
French language to the deponent, who
seemed perfectly to understand the same, and in
my presence, made his mark

Robert Saurie
mark

Attest
Commissary

3. Joseph St. Pierre of Buck Lake
make oath (or declare) and say that I know Alexandre Cardinal, who has
made oath to the correctness of the within answers, and so far as his answers to questions numbered
1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 are concerned, I know them
to be correct, and so far as the remainder are concerned, I believe them to be true and correct in
every particular.

Sworn (or declared) before me, at
Buck Lake this 20th
day of July A.D. 1885
having been first read over and explained in the
French language to the deponent, who
seemed perfectly to understand the same, and in
my presence, made his mark

Joseph St. Pierre
mark

Attest
Commissary

Elise Moreau Cardinal Scrip Application:

Declaration by St. Elie Cardinal (nee Morcan)

Concerning his Claim

to participate in any grant to Half-Breeds living in the North-West Territories, as head of family

1. What is your name and P. O. Address? St. Laurent
2. Where and when were you born? St. Basile 1849
3. What was the name of your father? Baptiste Morcan
4. What was the name of your mother? Francine Proulx
5. Was your father a Half-breed or Indian or other? Half-breed Canadian
6. Was your mother a Half-breed or Indian or other? Half-breed
7. Where were you living each year since you were born? I have been a permanent resident of the territories since 1868 living at Cypress Hills Head Mountain Lake Le Poffelle and such Lake and St. Laurent
8. What has been your occupation? farmer
9. If married when, where and to whom? 1867 St. M. to Alexandre Cardinal
10. How many children have you living? seven
11. Give their names, and date of birth? Elgie 15 years Justice's assistant
Léonique 16 "
Albert 14 "
Joseph 9 "
Léon 5 "
Josephine 2 "
12. What was the name of their respective mothers or fathers as the case may be? all of my legitimate marriage
13. How many children had you who died? three
14. Give dates of birth and death of those who died? Francine born 14 Feb. 1865
died 10 months after her birth
Francine born 1866 - died 1 month after her birth
Napoleon born June 1878 died 1880

CAPLETTE - CARDINAL



13. Can you produce baptismal certificates of the birth of your children? If so, produce them, if not, state reasons.

14. Of those dead can you produce burial certificates? If so, please produce them, if not, state why not.

15. Have you ever had a homestead entry?

16. If so, what became of it?

17. Have you ever had any land claims in Manitoba or the North-West? If so, state nature of them, when and how acquired and, what disposal did you make of them?

18. What do you consider the value of all your property, land, implements, building, horses, cattle, &c.?

19. Did you ever receive land or scrip in Manitoba in commutation of the Half-Breed rights?

20. Mention any names by which you have been called, other than your name given above.

21. Do you receive any annuity as an Indian, or in any way participate in grants to Indians?

22. State anything bearing on your claim that you may wish.

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his
Oliver + Cardinal
mark.

CAPLETTE - CARDINAL

1. Ediji Cardinal / mi Moreau within named,
make oath (or declare) and say that the within answers given by me are true in every particular.
So help me God.

Sworn (or declared) before me, at
Sault Lake this 20th
day of July A.D., 1885,
having been first read over and explained in the
French language to the deponent, who
seemed perfectly to understand the same, and in
my presence, made his oath

Ediji Cardinal
mock

Al. Pargut
Courier

2. Jonas Moreau of Sault Lake
Baptiste Ouellette of Sault Lake
make oath (or declare) and say that I know Ediji Cardinal, who has
made oath to the correctness of the within answers, and so far as his answers to questions numbered
1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 are concerned, I know them
to be correct, and so far as the remainder are concerned, I believe them to be true and correct in
every particular.

Sworn (or declared) before me, at
Sault Lake this 20th
day of July A.D., 1885,
having been first read over and explained in the
French language to the deponent, who
seemed perfectly to understand the same, and in
my presence, made this oath

This
Jonas Moreau
Baptiste Ouellette
mock

Al. Pargut
Courier

3. _____ of _____
make oath (or declare) and say that I know _____, who has
made oath to the correctness of the within answers, and so far as his answers to questions numbered
_____ are concerned, I know them
to be correct, and so far as the remainder are concerned, I believe them to be true and correct in
every particular.

Sworn (or declared) before me, at _____
this _____
day of _____ A.D., 188 _____
having been first read over and explained in the
_____ language to the deponent, who
seemed perfectly to understand the same, and in
my presence.

No. 822 Form J.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, CANADA,



NORTH WEST HALF-BREED COMMISSION.

Snook Lake 20 July 1885

This is to Certify that *Elija Cardinal*

a Half-Breed, has proved to the satisfaction of the Commission that he was residing in the North West Territories previous to the 15th day of July, 1870, and under Sub-clause (B) of Clause 81 of the Dominion Lands Act, 1888, and the Order in Council of the 30th March, 1885, is entitled at this date to Scrip to the amount of *160* dollars.

The Scrip called for by this Certificate, amounting to *160* dollars, will be payable to bearer, will specify the name of the person in whose favour it is granted, and will be delivered to the person producing this Certificate. Said Scrip will be accepted at par in payment of Dominion Lands.

W. S. Stewart

Chairman of the Commission.