

## **David Chartrand (b. 1960): Genealogy**

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**David Chartrand** is a descendant of the Saulteaux Metis followers of Chief Ow-tah-pee-ka-kaw (“He Who Unlocks” or “The Key”). He is the great-great-grandson of Sophie Genaille (Chenaille) who was a member of this band. She married William Chartrand, a member of the Duck Bay Band in 1873 about two years before the Shoal River Band signed Treaty Four.<sup>1</sup>

**David Chartrand**, the President of Manitoba Metis Federation is the grandson (on his maternal side) of **Joseph Chartrand** (b. 1907). Joseph Chartrand was the son of Michel Chartrand and Helen Leclerc. David’s mother, Martha Chartrand, was raised by her grandparents Michel Chartrand and Helen Leclerc after Sophie died.

**Michel Chartrand** was born June 13, 1878, Michel was the son of William Chartrand and Sophie Genaille. He married Helen Leclerc (b. 1885). On his scrip application he says he is married to Madeleine Leclair.

Children of Michel Chartrand and Helen Leclerc:

- John Chartrand b: 1905
- Joseph Chartrand b: 1907
- Alex Chartrand b: 1909
- Albert Chartrand b: 1911
- Henry Chartrand b: 1913
- Louise Chartrand b: 1915
- Melanie Chartrand b: 1917
- Harriet-Jane Chartrand b: 1919
- Gertrude Chartrand b: 1921

**William Chartrand** born 1853, was the son of Baptiste “Opishkwat” Chartrand dit Attick koway (b. 1810 in Duck Bay) and Louise Stevens. William Chartrand married Sophie Genaille born 1853 at Shoal River on February 9, 1873 at St. Laurent, MB. Sophie was the daughter of Pierre Genaille born in St. Philippe, Montreal, QC, and Charlotte Gagnant Meraste Lafleur born 18 May 1824 in Ile-a-la-Crosse, SK. Charlotte was the daughter of Pierre Lafleur born 30 April 1811 in St. Michel, Yamaska, QC, and Charlotte Matchain born in Cree Lake, SK. He was originally a member of the Duck Bay Band which entered Treaty Four. On his scrip application he says that he has withdrawn from Treaty. He later petitioned to re-enter treaty in 1893 but this was refused.

Children of William Chartrand (b. 1853) and Sophie Genaille:

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<sup>1</sup> The Key First Nation – Most of the followers of Chief Ow-tah-pee-ka-kaw (“He Who Unlocks” or “The Key”) were residing along the Shoal River in western Manitoba in the mid-1800s. The Shoal River drains Swan Lake into Dawson Bay, at the northwest extremity of Lake Winnipegosis. The band included Saulteaux, Saulteaux-Cree, and Saulteaux-Orkney Metis individuals when The Key signed adhesion to Treaty 4 September 24, 1875.

- Monique Veronique Chartrand born March 8, 1874 in St. Laurent, MB, she married Joseph Brass and they lived on the Pelly Reserve in Saskatchewan.
- Pauline Chartrand born 1876, married Frank Napakisit (Flatfoot) (b: 1875).
- Michel Chartrand born 13 June 1878, he married Helen Leclerc (b. 1885). See above.
- Virginie Chartrand born 17 December 1879 in Duck Bay, MB, married Pierre Joshua Parenteau born 18 November 1876 in Grand Rapids, MB, in 1897. He was the grandson of Joseph Parenteau born 1810 in NWT, and Angelique Godon born 1818 in St. Boniface, MB. Joseph “Dodet” Parenteau was part of the St. Laurent on the South Saskatchewan Metis governing committee in 1871. He identified himself as a hunter, farmer, and freighter. Their daughter Judith Parenteau was married to Isidore Dumont Jr., Gabriel Dumont’s eldest brother, who was killed on March 26, 1885 during the fighting at Tourond’s Coulee. Their son, Jean Baptiste Parenteau was married to Pélagie Dumont, Gabriel Dumont’s sister. Their sons, Gabriel (b. 1837), Jean Baptiste (b. 1832), Isidore “Wabash”(b. 1852), Joachim (b. 1854), Leon Esdras (b. 1856), and Louis “Petit” (b. 1835) all fought in the 1885 Metis Resistance.
- Catherine Chartrand born 28 October 1882 in Duck Bay, MB, she married Joseph Fagnan (b: 1885).
- William Gideon Chartrand was born 16 October 1884 in Duck Bay, MB, he married Sophie Brass, the daughter of George Brass and Julia Whitehead, born 1853 at Shoal River on February 9, 1873 at St. Laurent, MB.
- Adeleine Chartrand was born 16 October 1884, she married Magliore Delaronde (b: 1867).
- David Chartrand was born 28 August 1889, he married Therese Brass (b: 1895).
- Cyrille Chartrand was born 1893, he married Melanie Guiboche (b: 1898) then married Louise Campbell.
- Rebecca Chartrand was born 20 February 1893, married Jean Lavallee (b: 1890).
- Melanie Chartrand was born 9 September 1898 married James Sutherland born 24 November 1895 in Elphinstone, MB.

**Baptiste “Opishkwat” Chartrand** was the son of Paulette Joseph Chartrand born circa 1785 in Ile de Montréal, Québec, and Louise “Lizette”. He was married to Louise Stevens in 1840. In 1850, he married Mary Stevens born in 1830 at Oxford House. They were the daughters of Robert Stevens and his Cree wife. He was originally a member of the Duck Bay Band which entered Treaty Four. He then withdrew from Treaty. He later petitioned to re-enter treaty in 1893 but this was refused.

Children of Baptiste “Opishkwat” Chartrand (b. 1810) and Louise Stevens:

- Louise, born 1847.
- Pierre born 1859 in St. Laurent, married LaRose Pangman, in 1878 in Duck Bay.
- William born 1853 at Duck Bay, married Sophie Genaille born 1853 at Shoal River on February 9, 1873 at St. Laurent, MB. Williams half-sister Adelaide Chartrand was married to his wife’s younger brother Joseph Genaille.
- Joseph born 1862 in St. Laurent, married Caroline Paul dit St. Mathe dit Jerome born April 1869 in Lake Manitoba, in January 1887 at Water Hen River.

Children of Baptiste “Opishkwat” Chartrand and Mary Stevens

- Adelaide Chartrand born 1859 in St. Laurent married Joseph Genaille dit Chenaille (b: 1857 in Shoal River) in 1876 at Duck Bay.
- Gaspard Chartrand born January 1877 in Duck Bay. He married Charlotte Peepona-kapow dit Campeau born 24 December 1883 in Swan Lake.
- Angelique Chartrand born 1860 in Manitoba.
- Philomene Chartrand born 1867 in Duck Lake. She married William Flett born 1861 in Norway House, they married in 1883 at Duck Bay.
- Isabelle Chartrand born 1862 in Manitoba.
- Francois Chartran born 21 January 1872 in Duck Bay, he married Eliza McKay.
- Baptiste Chartrand born 1873 in Duck Bay, married Jemima Moar (b: 10 January 1878 in Shoal River).
- Veronique Chartrand born 17 July 1883 in Duck Bay.
- Nancy Chartrand born 1853 in Manitoba.
- Louise Chartrand born 1854 in Manitoba, married Jean Baptiste Francois Larocque (b: 1840) on December 4, 1862 at St. Boniface. Jean Baptiste fought in the 1885 Resistance at Batoche. He was a member of Captain Jonas Moureau’s Company. He was the eighth child of Charles Larocque and Catherine Macon (they held HBC lot # 302 at Red River).
- William Chartrand born 1855 in Manitoba.
- Marie Chartrand born 1856 in Manitoba.
- Pierre Chartrand born 1859

**Paul “Paulette” Joseph Chartrand** born circa 1785 in Ile de Montréal, Québec, was married to Louise “Lizette” Jenwah’bik’ahbik or Mazinakkamikak (Saulteaux). Paul and Louise Chartrand are listed as Family #9 in the 1840 Census of Saulteaux Village. In July of 1832 Father Belcourt selected a site for his mission to be called St. Paul des Saulteaux along the Assiniboine River where a large number of Indians and Metis gathered each spring. He returned in the spring of 1833 with Bishop Provencher’s approval and erected a chapel 60 kilometres west of the Red River Settlement during the summer, but in September it was attacked by a group of Gros-Ventres from the south. In 1834, they relocated to the east of the original site at “Prairie Fournier” on the left bank of the Assiniboine River about 37 kilometres from St. Boniface in the vicinity of what is now St. Eustache. This became the Metis parish of Baie St. Paul. The site included a tract of land with 8 kilometres of river frontage three kilometres in depth, a gift from Governor Simpson of the Hudson’s Bay Company.

Children of Paul Joseph Chartrand and Lizette:

- Jean Baptiste dit Attick koway Chartrand b: 1810 in Duck Bay, married Louise Stevens then Mary Stevens (see above).
- Paul or Paulette Chartrand b: 1812, married Josephte Cadotte b: 1831

Children of Paul Chartrand and Josephte Cadotte:

- Paul or Paulette Chartrand b: 1 July 1839.<sup>2</sup>
  - Marie Chartrand b: 9 April 1849 in Oak Point.
  - Josephite Chartrand b: September 1846.
  - Michel Chartrand b: 30 December 1858.
  - Louis Chartrand b: 15 July 1839.
  - Norbert Chartrand b: December 1855.
  - Julie Chartrand b: 1831.
  - Baptiste Chartrand b: 15 February 1867 in Duck Bay.
- Louise or Lizette Chartrand born June 1820, married Louis Chaboyer b: 1820.
- Children of Louise Chartrand and Louis Chaboyer:
- Isabella Chaboyer, b: 1848
  - Baptiste Chaboyer b: 1850
  - Joseph Chaboyer b: March 1843
  - Pierre Chaboyer b: March 1840
  - Elise or Eliza Chaboyer b: 1852
  - Charles Chaboyer b: 25 December 1843
  - Norbert Chaboyer b: August 1844
  - Marie Chaboyer b: 1846
  - Louise Chaboillez or Chaboyer b: 1840 in Lake Mountain
- Isabelle Chartrand b: August 1826, married Pierre Richard b: 30 May 1813.
- Children of Isabelle Chartrand and Pierre Richard:
- Louise Richard b: 1857
  - Alexandre Richard b: May 1855
  - Antoine Richard b: 3 August 1851
  - Michel Richard b: 1851
  - Moise Richard b: 22 April 1866
  - Flore Richard b: 4 October 1869
  - Marguerite Richard b: 1861
  - Jean Baptiste Richard b: 1859
  - Charlotte Richard
- Ambroise Chartrand<sup>3</sup> married Genevieve Whitford b: 10 May 1828 in Manitoba.

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<sup>2</sup> Paul "Paulet" Chartrand was born on July 1, 1839 at Fond du Lac, which is now St. Laurent, Manitoba. He was the son of Paul Chartrand (b. 1812) and Josephite Cadotte (b. 1813). In 1859 he married Madeleine Malette, the daughter of Joseph Malette and Marguerite Bourbon. Madeleine was born in the North West in 1842. They had 16 children. They lived at Pointe des Chênes, now Oak Point, Manitoba. Paulet, a massive figure of a man, ran a salt making operation at that location. At that time salt was made by heating brine in evaporating pans. In an argument over one of these pans with a drunken neighbour (Monkman) Paulet lashed out and stabbed Mr. Monkman who later died. Paulet was tried on November 21, 1861 and received a nine month jail sentence which was reduced to six months thanks to a petition from his friends and neighbours. He applied for his Metis land scrip at Oak Point on September 10, 1875, listing himself as a farmer.

#### Children of Ambroise Chartrand and Genevieve Whitford:

- Jean or John Chartrand b: 15 May 1857 in Manitoba, Canada
- Ambroise Chartrand b: 15 April 1854 in Manitoba, Canada
- Zacharie Chartrand<sup>4</sup> b: August 1859 in Manitoba, Canada
- Pierre Chartrand<sup>5</sup> b: 7 January 1827. He married Marie Pangman, the daughter of Pierre “Bostonaise” Pangman Jr. (b. 1874) and Marguerite Angelique Wewegabawik.

#### Children of Pierre Chartrand and Marie Pangman:

- Rosalie Chartrand b: October 1847 in St. Laurent.
- Pierre Chartrand b: 14 January 1850 in St. Laurent.
- Michel Chartrand b: 04 January 1853 in St. Laurent.
- Magloire Chartrand b: November 1856 in St. Laurent.
- Michel Chartrand b: 1829 in Red River Settlement, married Sophie Napakissit (b: 1830).

#### Children of Michel Chartrand and Sophie Napakissit:

- Michel Chartrand b: 1860 in St. Laurent.
- Elzear Chartrand b: 1863 in Duck Bay, Lake Winnipegosis.
- Patrice Chartrand b: 1866 in Duck Bay.

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<sup>3 3</sup> Ambroise was born at St. Laurent Manitoba, the son Paul Chartrand (b. 1812) and Josephte Cadotte. He married Genevieve Whitford (b.1832) the daughter of Francois Whitford and Marie Gladu. The family moved to the Willow Bunch area of Saskatchewan by wagon train. Their son Johnny Chartrand is best known for accompanying Louis Legare and a group of Metis men who returned Sitting Bull to Fort Buford, Montana in 1881. Ambroise and Genevieve had seven children. They were one of the Metis families arrested at Fort Belknap for hunting in Montana. On November 24, 1878: Cypress Mountains, Patrice Breland writes:

The news here, although not very good, because the Buffalos (bison) are very scarce in the neighbourhood, they are plentiful on the other side of the line along the Milk River, but there is great inconvenience to go and hunt in that direction because the Americans defend it, they have made prisoners. Antoine Brillant the elder, Peter Lapierre, Alexander Brillant, Pierre Labruler, **Ambroise Chartrand**, Charles Demontigny and Joseph Azure, they have all been made prisoners with their families. They were arrested at Fort Belknap, they have been released after 7 or 8days after, without being fined provided they don't return and tell folks that other prisoners will be put in gaol for two years and their horses and carts taken. I have learned that the Teton (Sioux) go hunting on the other side of the line numbering 300men. The Teton are not numerous here. They are about 50 lodges and the Sante about 30 lodges, and the remainder of the Teton with Sitting Bull are at the Mudhouse on White River (Utah), I have learned that they are about 1,000 lodges. I think I will go very soon to trade with these people.

<sup>4</sup> Larry N. Chartrand (b. 1963) is a Metis Law Professor is originally from Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement in Alberta. He can trace his roots back to Ambroise Chartrand (b. 1837) and Genevieve Whitford of St. Francois Xavier and their son Zacharie Chartrand (b. 1856) and his wife Victoire Breland of Wood Mountain and Willow Bunch, Saskatchewan.

<sup>5</sup> Pierre Chartrand is the great great grandfather of Paul Chartrand (b. 1943) a former member of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal People. Paul's grandfather, Jean Baptiste Chartrand b. 1870, was married to Clarisse Larance, the daughter of Jean Baptiste Larence (b. 1794); J. B. Larence died in 1854 and is buried in the Metis cemetery at Pembina.

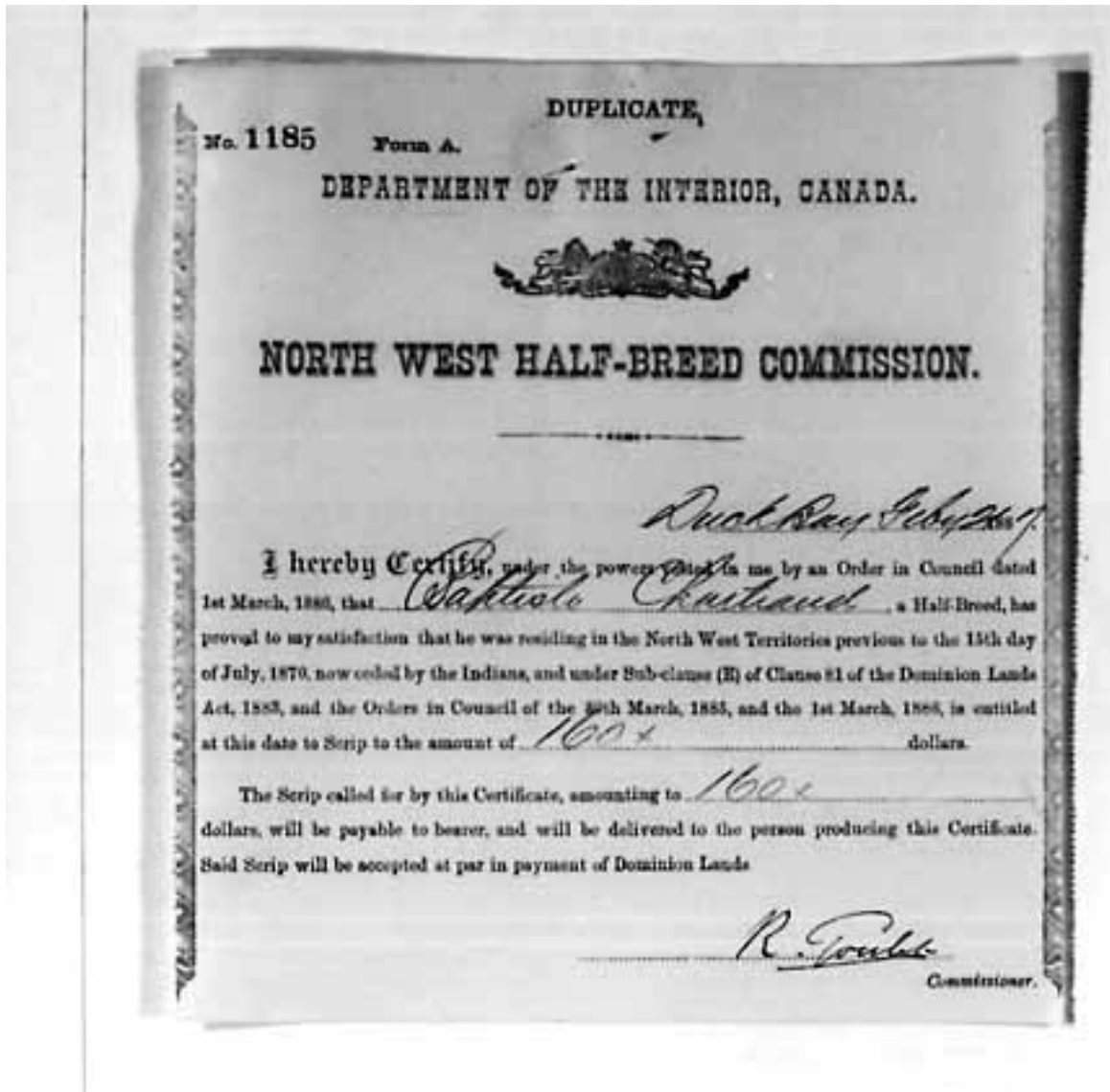
- Alexander Chartrand b: 1865 in Saint Francois Xavier.
  - Jean Baptiste Chartrand b: 1870 in Red River Settlement.
  - Julie Chartrand b: 1872 in Red River Settlement.
  - Catherine Chartrand b: 1854 in Saint Francois Xavier.
  - Rosie Chartrand b: 1854 in St François Xavier.
- Antoine Chartrand b: 1837 in Red River Settlement, married Francoise Delorme b: 1835 in North West Territories.

Children of Antoine Chartrand and Francoise Delorme:

- Antoine Chartrand b: 16 July 1855 in Red River Settlement.
- Mary Chartrand b: 18 February 1857 in Red River Settlement.
- Louise Chartrand b: 2 April 1859 in Red River Settlement.
- Pierre Chartrand b: 6 January 1861 in Red River Settlement.
- Patrick Chartrand
- Angelique Chartrand b: 19 February 1868 in Red River Settlement.
- Ellen Chartrand b: 17 September 1870 in Red River Settlement.

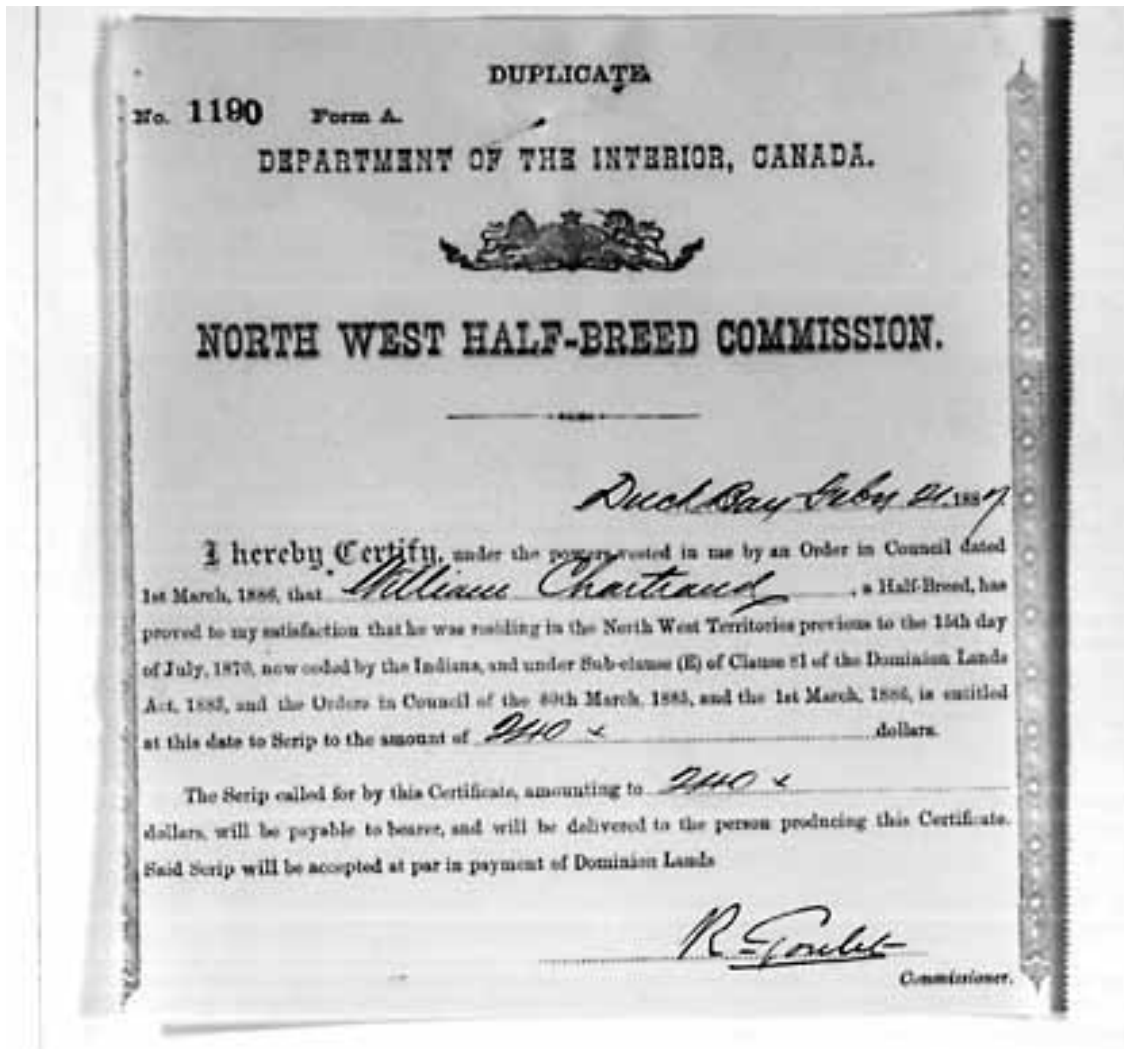
**Scrip applications:**

**Baptiste Chartrand** (b. 1810)



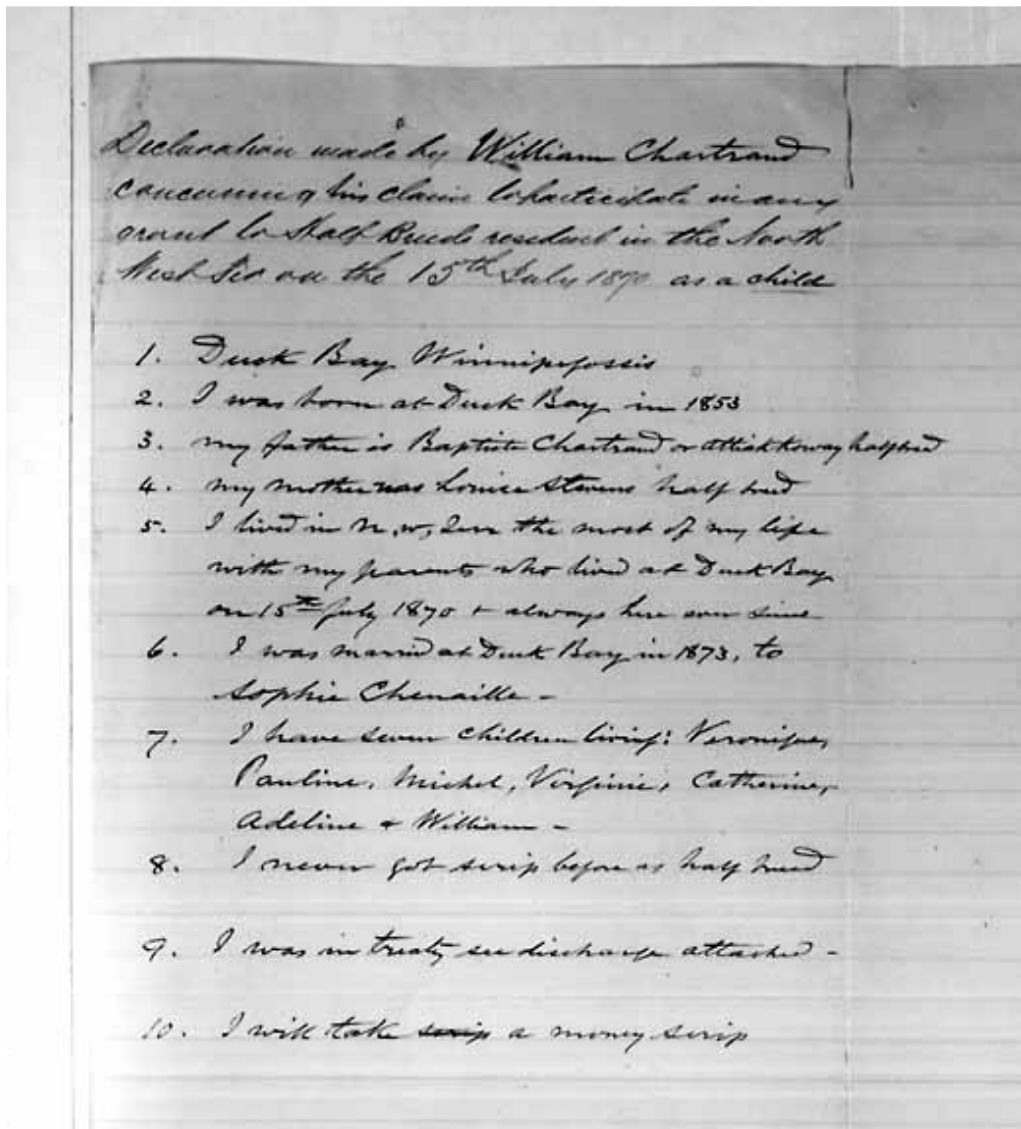
Chartrand, Baptiste; address: Duck Bay, Lake Winnipegosis; claim no. 1655; born: 1810 at Duck Bay; father: Paul Chartrand (French Canadian); mother: Lizette (Indian woman); married: in 1840 at St. Boniface to Louise; Stevens and later to Jane Lambert, now living with Mary Stevens; children living: 13; children deceased: 3; scrip for \$160.00

**William Chartrand** (b. 1853)



Reference: RG15 , INTERIOR , Series D-II-8-c , Volume 1341 , Reel C-14959 , Access code: 90  
File Title: Chartrand, William; address: Duck Bay, Winnipegosis; claim no. 1657; born: 1853 at Duck Bay; father: Baptiste Chartrand (Métis); mother: Louise Stevens (Métis); married: 1873 at Duck Bay to Sophie Chenaille; children living: 7; scrip for \$240.00.  
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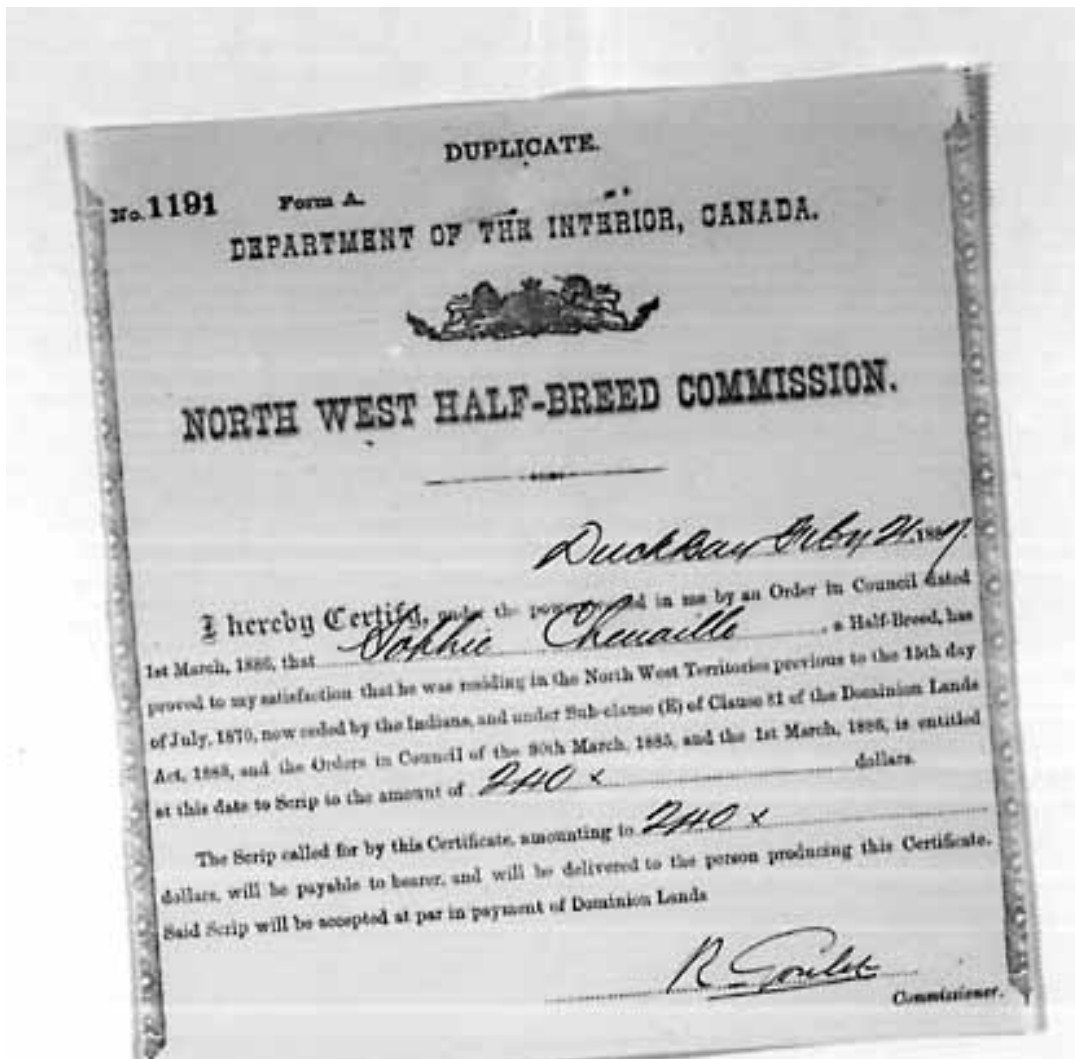




Chartrand, William; address: Duck Bay, Winnipegosis; claim no. 1657; born: 1853 at Duck Bay; father: Baptiste Chartrand (Métis); mother: Louise Stevens (Métis); married: 1873 at Duck Bay to Sophie Chenaille; children living: 7; scrip for \$240.00

Sophie Chenaille (Genaille, b. 1853)

File Title: Chenaille, Sophie; address: Duck Bay, Winnipegosis; claim no. 1658; born: 1853 at Shoal River; father: Pierre Chenaille (Fr. Cdn.); mother: Charlotte Lafleur (Métis); married: 1873 at Duck Bay to William Chartrand; children living: 7; scrip for \$240.00.  
Finding Aid number: 15-21



Chenaille, Sophie; address: Duck Bay, Winnipegosis; claim no. 1658; born: 1853 at Shoal River; father: Pierre Chenaille (French Canadian); mother: Charlotte Lafleur (Métis); married: 1873 at Duck Bay to William; Chartrand; children living: 7, Véronique, Pauline; Michel, Virginie, Catherine, Adeline; and William; scrip for \$240.00

Declaration by Sophie Chevaille wife of  
William Chartrand  
 Concerning his Claim  
 to participate in any grant to Half-Breeds living in the  
 North-West Territories, as a child

1. What is your name and P. O. Address? Duck Bay, Winnipeg  
 2. Where and when were you born? at Head River, N.W.T. in 1878  
 3. What was the name of your father? Pierre Chevaille  
 4. What was the name of your mother? Charlotte Lafleur  
 5. Was your father a Half-breed or Indian or other? French 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 lived in N.W.T. during the  
most of my life with my parents who  
lived at Head River on 15<sup>th</sup> July 1878 +  
always in N.W.T. ever since.  
 8. What has been your occupation? —

9. If married when, where and to whom? in 1878 at Duck Bay to  
William Chartrand

10. How many children have you living? seven  
 11. Give their names, and dates of birth? Marquise, Pauline, Michèle,  
Virginie, Catherine, Adeline + William

12. What was the name of their respective mothers or fathers at the time they were born? myself + husband

13. How many children had you who died? none  
 14. Give date of birth and death of those who died? —

Chartrand, Michel; address: Duck Bay; claim no. 282; born: 13 June, 1878 at Duck Bay; father: William Chartrand (Métis); mother: Sophie Genaille (Métis); married: to Madeleine Leclair; scrip cert.: form E, no. 2906.

Reference: RG15 , INTERIOR , Series D-II-8-c , Volume 1341 , Reel C-14959 , Access code: 90  
File Title: Chartrand, Adelaide; address: Duck Bay, Winnipegosis; claim no. 1653; born: 1859 at St.  
Laurent, Manitoba; father: Baptiste Chartrand or Attickkaway (Métis); mother: Mary Stevens (Métis);  
married: 1876 at Duck Bay to Joseph Chenaille; children living: 4; children deceased: 1; scrip for \$240.00.  
Finding Aid number: 15-21

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