

Jean Baptiste Tourond (1838)

Baptiste¹ was born June 1, 1838 at St. Boniface, the son of Joseph Tourond² and Rosalie Pontbriand dit Laderoute (b. 1816). He married Angélique Delorme³ (Metis), the daughter of Joseph Delorme and Brigitte Plouf dit Villebrun (Metis) in 1861. They lived and farmed at St. Norbert on lot 42.

Children of Baptiste Tourond and Angelique Delorme:

- Elise, born 23 February 1862, St. Norbert Parish; married Anaclet Lepine 27 April 1880, St. Norbert.
- Jean Baptiste Noel, born 1862, died 1863.
- Joseph, born January 1864, died March 1865.
- Rosalie, born December 12, 1864; married Pierre St. Germain, 26 November 1890, St. Norbert.
- Regis, born c. 1865/1867.
- Francois, born c. 1867/1869; died c. 1885, St. Norbert, Manitoba.
- Marie Josephine, born September 1869, St. Norbert Parish, Red River; married Joseph Pierre Parenteau on 10 July 1894, St. Norbert, Manitoba.
- Joseph Theophile, born c. 1871.
- Caroline Josephine, born 12 January 1873; married Norbert Courchene, August 2, 1908, St. Norbert.
- Jean Baptiste, born 1874.

On October 11, 1869, Baptiste was part of Riel's group who stopped Colonel Dennis and crew from surveying on Metis land. Baptiste represented St. Norbert at the Convention of November 1869, and the Convention of Forty January 26, 1870; he then served on Riel's Red River Council in 1870. Baptiste voted in favour of an armed force to repulse the Fenian invasion and was elected second captain of troops from La Pointe Coupée on October 7, 1871. Tourond's wife Angélique died, and on October 21, 1889 he married for a second time to Regina Allard, the daughter of Joseph Allard and Julie Langevin.

¹ Reference: RG15, Interior, Series D-II-8-a, Volume 1324, Reel C-14934, Access code: 90
File Title: Scrip affidavit for Tourond, Jean Baptiste; born: I June 1838; father: Joseph Tourond (Fr. Cdn.);
mother: Rosalie Laderoute (Métis); claim no: 1944; scrip no: 10841; date of issue: 20 September 1876;
amount: \$160. Finding Aid number: 15-19

² Joseph Tourond, according to family lore, "had come with his brother from the neighbourhood of Castle Tourond in France to homestead along the Red River near St. Boniface." He was first married to Charlotte Gladu.

³ Scrip affidavit for Tourons, Angélique; born: 1845; husband: Baptiste Tourond; father: Joseph Delorme (Métis); mother: Brigitte Villebrun (Métis); claim no: 1945; scrip no: 10842; date of issue: 20 September 1846; amount: \$160.



Tourond was among those who, on 11 October 1869, stopped the Canadian survey crew from trespassing on settlement land in St. Vital. He was one of the original members of Le Comité National des Métis de la Rivière Rouge, and, as a delegate of St. Norbert parish, he attended the ‘Convention of Twenty-four,’ which began on November 16 in the Court House at Fort Garry. Tourond continued to represent St. Norbert in La Grande Convention/Convention of Forty, and the Legislative Assembly of Assiniboia. Almost immediately after the formation of the province, Tourond was among the group organized by Rev. Ritchot and Joseph Dubuc to lay claim to land along Rivière-aux-Rats for a new parish — to forestall any disallowance of such settlement expansion by anticipated Canadian government surveys. The settlement proved successful, and later became known as St-Pierre-Jolys’.

In April of 1871 he helped to form the Société Agricole du Comté de Provencher, and was appointed one of its directors. That same year he was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Provincial Agricultural Association. By 1877 he held the patent for some 246 acres of farmland, and up until at least 1882 he exhibited produce in Agricultural Society fairs – winning prizes for entries that ranged from cabbages to dairy cows. He served as an Agricultural Society director as late as 1889.

In 1871 he was named Commissaire d’Ecole for St. Norbert and oversaw the construction of a new school house. Concurrently, he served as a Justice of the Peace for the judicial district of Provencher — to least 1876 when he was appointed its deputy sheriff.

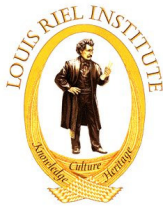
He served as secretary at the assembly called at the home of Louis Riel on 28 September 1871 to discuss the threat of Fenian invasion. It was Tourond who wrote to Governor Archibald, informing him of the assembly’s decision to “offer him the services of the Métis to uphold the cause of the authority of Canada over the country it has at last acquired.”

In 1873, in light of a lack of recognition by the Canadian government of original settler ownership of the ‘Two-Mile Privilege’ – an entitlement which the Legislative Assembly of Assiniboia had worked hard to secure — Tourand was among those who organized to formulate resolutions and to petition for redress. He also attended an assembly of delegates from twelve electoral parishes, convened to discuss the arrest of Ambroise Lépine – which arrest Tourond appears to have protested by refusing to take his seat on the grand jury, Court of Queen’s Bench.

In 1878 Tourond worked towards securing redress from the Department of the Interior, Government of Canada, for Red River settlers who had been denied patent on their lands. As secretary to an assembly held in St. Norbert, Tourond recorded protests and forwarded them, in the form of resolutions, to the Minister of the Interior, the *Free Press*, and *Le Métis*.

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