

Pierre Champagne. (1833-1899)

Pierre was born on May 16, 1833 at St. Boniface, the son of Emmanuel Beaugrand Champagne and Marguerite Larocque. He was from Ste. Anne-des-Chênes and was married to Marguerite Beauchamp (b. 1833). They had seven children. Joseph Champagne (b. 1851) was married to Philomene Harrison; Julienne (b. 1854) was married to Prosper Nault; Francois Xavier (b. 1856) was married to Melanie Cyr; Charles (b. 1863) was married to Mary Jane Miller; the others were Alexandre (b. 1861); Andre (b. 1865); Maxime (b. 1870); Victor (b. 1872) and Michel (b. 1875).

The Champagne family were originally Metis buffalo hunters from the Pembina/St. Joseph area. Pierre appears on the 1864 Treaty list of the Indians of Lake Superior and the Mississippi where he is listed as a “mixed-blood of the Red Lake and Pembina Band”. He was issued Scrip Stub number 382, delivered on May 5, 1874.

He took part in the 1869-70 Riel Resistance and was one of the guards detailed to Thomas Scott and was one of the six men on the firing squad. During the 1885 Northwest Resistance Pierre’s older brother Emmanuel Jr and younger half-brother Ambroise were active in supporting Riel. Emmanuel had participated as a member of Riel’s Council (Exovedate) at Batoche during the 1885 Resistance. Emmanuel was arrested on May 19, 1884 and on August 14, 1885 at Regina he pled guilty and received a conditional discharge for his part in the 1885 Resistance.

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