

Dumont dit Cayole, Vital. (1830-1895)

Vital Dumont, called Cayole, was the adopted step-son of Gabriel Dumont's uncle, Jean Baptiste Dumont also known as Sha-ha-ta-ow. Vital received Half-Breed Scrip pursuant to the 1864 Treaty with the Red Lake and Pembina Bands of Chippewa Indians. In 1872, he received a scrip stubb for 160 acres, Scrip # 15.

Vital's mother was Marguerite Laframboise; his father was Henry Munroe Fisher, both from Prairie du Chien. Marguerite, born in 1805, was the daughter of Joseph Laframboise (b. 1776 at Mackinac) and his Nakoda wife Josephte. Marguerite first married Henry Munro Fisher "according to the custom of the country". Marguerite then married Jean Baptiste Dumont at St. Boniface on April 14, 1834 when Vital was about four years old.

On October 4, 1852 at Pembina, Vital married Adelaide Gagnon, the daughter of Joseph Gagnon and Marie Pelletier.

The couple had the following children:

- Louis Cayole, born August 27, 1853 at St. Francois Xavier. He married Philomene Roussain.
- François Cayole, born December 15, 1855. He married Monique Bellerose.
- Joseph Cayole "Dodet", born February 7, 1858 at Pembina.
- Daniel Kayole, born circa 1862 and died in 1865 at St. Francois Xavier.
- Henri Cayole, born April 1, 1863 at St. Boniface. He married Melanie Fagnant at Fort Qu'Appelle.¹
- Eliza, born circa 1868, she died in 1869 at St. Boniface.
- John, born November 1870 at Duck Lake, he died in December of 1870.
- Rosalie Cayole, born and died in 1870 at Duck Lake.

On December 9, 1871, Vital married Helene Ledoux² at St. Laurent on the South Saskatchewan. She was the daughter of Eusebe Ledoux and Louise Desjarlais. Their twins, John and Marie Louise, were born November 1872 at Duck Lake and died two weeks later. Their subsequent children were Elise, born 1875 and died February 4, 1890; Alexandre, born 1879 at Maple Creek³; Marie Athalie Rose born 1881 at Batoche; Melanie, born 1883 at Lebret, and Alfred born 1885.

¹ Dumont, Henry; for his deceased brother and sister; claim no. 1246; John, born: November, 1872 at Duck Lake; died: 2 weeks after birth at Duck Lake; Mary, born: November, 1872 at Duck Lake; died: 2 weeks after birth at Duck Lake; address: Sweet Grass, Whitelash, Montana; father: Vital Dumont (Métis); mother: Adelaide Gagnon (Métis); heirs: Henry Dumont (brother), scrip cert.: form D, Nos 1208 and 1216 for \$60.00 each; Frank Dumont (brother), scrip cert.: form D, Nos 1210 and 1218 for \$60.00 each; Joseph Dumont (brother), scrip cert.: form D, Nos 1212 and 1220 for \$60.00 each; Louis Dumont (brother), scrip cert.: form D, Nos 1214 and 1222 for \$60.00 each

² Ledoux, Helene - Concerning her claim as a child - Address, Fort Qu'Appelle - Born, 1850 at Baie St. Paul, Manitoba - Father, Eusebe Ledoux, (Métis) - Mother, Louise Desjarlais, (Métis) - Married, 1871 at St. Laurent, Saskatchewan to Vital Dumont - Children living, six (names on declaration) - Scrip for \$240 - Claim 1513.

³ Dumont dit Gayse, Alexander; address: Willow Bunch; claim no. 1251; born: 22 May, 1879 at Maple Creek; father: Vital Dumont dit Gayse (Métis); mother: Ellen Ledoux (Métis).

Vital was also known as Vital Creole or Kayole. A Métis, he had taken treaty status and was living on One Arrow Reserve as a Headman and Band member # 56.⁴ He was a member of Captain Antoine Belanger's company, one of the 19 *dizaines* led by Gabriel Dumont during the 1885 Métis Resistance.

Vital died on December 6, 1895. He is buried at St. Antoine de Padoue Cemetery, Batoche.

Vital's oldest son was also involved in the 1885 Northwest Resistance. 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. They were a buffalo hunting family and lived at various locations; Swift Current, Maple Creek, Cypress Hills, Fort Assiniboine, and Batoche. Although Métis, he 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 *dizaines*. His father Vital and brother François 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, 1892:⁵

Louis "Kayole" is a son of Vidal Dumond 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.⁶



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⁴ The treaty payroll of 1884 indicates that "Vidal Dumond, Kayau" was a Headman of One Arrow Band. He was paid for his wife, 2 boys (Alexandre and Alfred) and three girls (Elise, Marie Athalie and Melanie). There is a note that one boy is married at Qu'Appelle (Henri Cayole dit Dumont) and son Joseph (Cayole 'Dodet') Dumont is discharged from treaty (# 92856). PAM Reel C- 7146, RG 10 Annuity Paylists, 1883-1887, Treaties 4, 6, and 7.

⁵ 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.

⁶ Cited in Racette: File 92,856, vol. 3880, RG 10, NAC.