

Henry “Gapumiitow” Anderson. (1929-2014)

Henry Anderson was born near Malta, Montana, the son of Frank and Mary (Buffalo Calf) Anderson. Henry was raised by his grandparents, Caleb Anderson and Florestine Anderson (née) Swain. His grandfather, Caleb Anderson was born in 1860 at High Bluff, Manitoba, the eldest son of Thomas Anderson and Fanny Paquin (Pocha). Caleb’s second marriage was to Mary Florestine Swain, born July 23, 1873 at Carlton, Saskatchewan, the daughter of William Swain and Nancy Laviolette Caleb and Flora were married at St. Peter’s Mission, Montana on May 20, 1889.

Caleb was imprisoned during the 1885 Métis Resistance, at Prince Albert for being a “suspected rebel.” The other Métis prisoners held with him were James Isbister, Thomas Scott, Henry Monkman, Charles Bird, Fred Fidler, and Elzéar Swain (Swan).

Métis Scrip records:

Scrip affidavit for Anderson, Caleb; born: 18 May, 1860; father: Thomas Anderson; mother: Fanny Paquin.

Anderson, Marie Flora; address: St. Louis de Langevin; claim no. 10; born: 23 July, 1873 at Carlton, Saskatchewan; father: William Swain (Métis); mother: Marie Laviolette (Métis) married: to Caleb Anderson; scrip cert.: form C, no. 25 for \$240.00.

ANDERSON, Flora (Wife of Caleb Anderson. One of the heirs of Betsy Swain) - Scrip number A 1183 - Amount 60.00\$ - Certificate number D 69.

ANDERSON, Flora (Wife of Caleb Anderson, one of the heirs of Thomas Swain) - Scrip number A 1182 - Amount 60.00\$ - Certificate number D 65.

Laviolette (married name: Swain), Marie; for her deceased son, Thomas Swain; claim no. 51; address: St. Louis de Langevin; born: 18 February, 1877 at Cypress Hills; died: 1897 at Havre, Montana; father: William Swain; (deceased Métis); mother: Marie Laviolette (Métis and deponent); heirs: scrip cert.: form D, no. 55 for \$180.00 to Marie Swain, née Laviolette; Flora Anderson, scrip cert.: form D, no. 65 for \$60.00; file ref. 1519035.

Laviolette, Marie; for her deceased daughter, Betsy Swain; claim no. 52; address: St. Louis de Langevin; born: 15 January, 1876 at Cypress Hills; died: 18 January, 1876 at Cypress Hills; father: William Swain (deceased Métis); mother: Marie Laviolette (Métis and deponent); heirs: Marie Laviolette, scrip cert.: form D, no. 57 for \$180.00; Flora Anderson, scrip cert.: form D, no. 69 for \$60.00.

Obituary:

Helena —Just before sunrise Sunday June 1, 2014, at 4:45 am, Henry Anderson ended his journey and he was called back home to the Creator at the age of 84 with his wife and family by his side. Henry (Gapumiitow - meaning Good Driver) was born August 25, 1929, in a cabin near Malta, MT, to Frank and Mary (Buffalo Calf) Anderson. Henry was a very hard working and disciplined man and was proud that he had walked the two roads.



He had many friends, but his greatest joy was his family. He cherished all his children and their accomplishments. He enjoyed reading, watching T.V and catching up on current events every morning through the Great Falls Tribune.

He was traditional in his ways and was a cultural leader for his tribe. He was fluent in his Native language and taught language classes in Montana High Schools and urged everyone to learn their native tongue. He was instrumental in organizing the International Game Society of America and taught classes in making a playing Native American Traditional Games. In 2003, he was hired by the Department of Interior and he and Betsy traveled the route of the Lewis & Clark Trail. He was often called upon to speak and pray for those in their time of need and would do so in the language of the Cree. He served on the State Burial Committee, Circle of Indian Advisors and was previously Chairman of the Board at the Helena Indian Alliance. As a young man he served his country with the 82nd Airborne in the Korean War and was proud to have served his country. He longed to see the Little Shell Tribe become federally recognized.

Henry is preceded in death by his parents and his brother George, his paternal grandfather and Grandmother Caleb and Flora Anderson who raised him, his first wife Nancy Rainingbird, father-in-law Art Rainingbird, his sons Duane Anderson, Blake Anderson, daughter Connie Flores, grandsons Andrew Anderson and Sonny Oats.

He is survived by his wife Betsy, his daughters Dena Anderson and Gloria(Adam) Ortiz from Los Angeles, CA and their families, his sons Reed (Eva) Anderson of St Ignatius, and Eddy (Karen) Oats of Helena, and their families, daughter-in-law Debbie Tailfeathers and grandson Matthew of Missoula, Son-in-law Richard Sangrey, Sisters Doreen Anderson, Bonnie Anderson, Wilma Jean Anderson, and his step-son Steve (Penny) Clark and family, All his family in Rocky Boy and Canada and many

grandchildren, great grandchildren with whom he loved dearly. Also his dogs Sunni and Ellie.

DOMINION OF CANADA. } I, *Caleb Anderson*
PROVINCE OF MANITOBA. } of the Parish of *High bluff* in the County
County of *Saskatchewan* of *Marquette* in the Province of Manitoba.
Lacombe - make oath and say as follows:

1. I claim to be entitled to participate in the allotment and distribution of the 1,400,000 acres of land set apart for Half-breed children pursuant to the Statutes in that behalf.

2. I was born on or about the *18th* day of *May* A.D. 1860 at the Parish of *Portage la Prairie* in said Province; and am now of the full age of *18* years.

3. *Thomas Anderson a half breed is* my father
Jenny Pajin " " is my mother
my said *Father* was the Half-breed head of a family resident in the Parish of *Portage la Prairie* in the said Province on the fifteenth day of July, A.D. 1870.

4. I was not the head of any family at the last named date, and I have not made any claim other than the above in this or any other Parish, nor have I claimed as an Indian any annuity moneys from the Government of the said Dominion.

Sworn before me at the City and County aforesaid, on the *18th* day of *February* A.D. 1879 having been first read and explained in the *English* language to said deponent, who seemed perfectly to understand the same and *made his mark* in my presence.

Caleb Anderson
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Donald Lloyd
Agent Dominion Lands.

Reference:

Obituary at:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/GreatFallsTribune/obituary.aspx?n=Henry-Anderson&pid=171222750#sthash.pwELfMrh.dpuf>.



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