

Canada dit Henault, Antoine “Kar-nar-dah”. (b. 1832)

Antoine Kar-nar-dah, also known as Enno, was one of the Métis who signed the Cypress Hills Petition. In 1878, the Half-Breeds living in the vicinity of Cypress Hills petitioned the government for their own reserve. This is a petition requested a re-opening of the buffalo hunt between November 14th and February 15th each year and the granting of Métis “reserve” land. The request was for a strip of land 150 miles long along the American border beginning where the Pembina River crosses the border, running west for 150 miles into Saskatchewan.

Antoine Hennault dit Canada was the son of Charles Henault dit Canada and Marie Gray. Antoine married Catherine Davis (b. 1832), the daughter of Jean Baptiste Davis (b. 1777) and Josephite (Saulteaux). Catherine’s brother, William Davis was also a signatory to the Cypress Hills petition. Antoine served as a councilor to Chief Little Shell for ten years. Antoine died on November 7, 1917.

Children of Antoine and Catherine:

- Josephite, was born on December 2, 1852, she married Pierre Lavallée, the son of Pierre Lavallée and Marguerite Bercier in 1870 at Lebret.
- Marguerite, born circa 1854 at Red River, she married Pierre Morin, then Moïse McLeod.
- Antoine, born circa 1855 at Red River, he married Margaret Dumais then married Celina McKay.
- Bruno, born January 29, 1856 at Pembina.
- Alexandre, born circa 1858 at Red River, he married Marie Rose Poitras, the daughter of Gabriel Poitras Sr. and Isabelle Malaterre. Gabriel Poitras also signed this petition. Alexandre was variously known as Alexis Canada, Alexander Enno and Alexander Unean Jr.
- Pierre, born December 30, 1860 at St. Boniface, died in 1861.
- Leandre, born July 17, 1862 at St. Vital, he died in 1877 at Qu’Appelle.
- Virginie, born July 16, 1864 at St. Boniface, she married Alexandre Azure.
- Jean-Baptiste, born May 10, 1886, he married Marie-Theotiste Azure.
- Louis, known as Ish-quork-kee-zons, born November 1870, he married Sarah Morin.
- Jerome Aynaud, born January 9, 1873 at Lebret.

Scrip affidavit for Henault, Catherine alias Canada; born: August 1832; wife of Antoine Henault alias Canada; father: Baptiste Davis (French Canadian); mother: Josephite (Indian); claim no: 2925; date of issue: May 7, 1879



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