

## **The Pelletier Family and the Cypress Hills Metis Hunting Band:**

Jean-Baptiste Pelletier b. 1815<sup>1</sup> was a signatory to the Metis petition to join Treaty Four on September 7, 1876 at Fort Walsh. Jean Baptiste died in the Cypress Hills in April of 1878. He and his wife Madeleine Deschamps had five children who signed the Cypress Hills Metis Hunting Band Petition for a reserve in September of 1878, only five months after he died. The children who were signatories were: Alexandre (b. 1840) Jean Baptiste Jr. (b. 1846), Chrysologue Pierre (b. 1849), Cuthbert (b. 1864) and Adolphus (b. 1869). Jean Baptiste's brother Pierre Pelletier dit Assiniboine (b. 1816) was married to Jean-Baptiste's wife's sister Josephthe Deschamps. They also had a son, Paul Pelletier (b. 1844) who signed the Cypress Hills Petition of 1878. Pierre Pelletier dit Assiniboine and his son Joseph Pelletier had also signed Augustin Brabant's September 11, 1874 petition from Lac Qu'Appelle regard to Metis rights to land, fishing and hunting in the Qu'Appelle Valley and environs.

### **Alexandre Pelletier (b. 1840)**

Alexandre was born at Fort Pitt. He married Caroline Bruyere (b. 1859) in Cypress Hills in 1877. She was the daughter of Jean-Baptiste Bruyere and Marie Allary. This family was part of the Turtle Mountain Band. Their children were:

- Marie Louise, born 1878 at Wood Mountain, died at Dunsieith, North Dakota in 1879.
- Vitaline, born in 1880 at Wood Mountain died when one month old.
- Alfred, born in 1882 at Fort Qu'Appelle, died at Belcourt, North Dakota in 1890.
- Josue (Joseph), born in 1884 at Qu'Appelle, died in 1889.
- Marie.

### **Jean-Baptiste Pelletier (b. 1846)**

Jean-Baptiste was born at St. Francois Xavier. Jean Baptiste married Caroline Sanderson at Lebret Mission on April 28, 1873. She was the daughter of George Sanderson and Mary Whitford. She had first been married to Charles Bird and Captain William Kennedy. This family was also part of the Turtle Mountain Band. Their children were:

- Caroline, born 1874 at Fort Qu'Appelle, she later moved to Dunseith, North Dakota.
- Alexandre, born in 1875 at Lebret. He too moved to Dunseith, North Dakota.
- Marie Virginie, born in 1877 at Fort Qu'Appelle, she married Louis Descouteaux in 1898 and they too lived at Dunseith, North Dakota.
- Joseph, born in 1879 at Wood Mountain, he died in 1894 and is believed to be buried on Turtle Mountain Reserve in north Dakota.
- Helene, born 1880 at Qu'Appelle, she married a Landry.
- Eliza, born circa 1881, and died at age 11 after being enumerated at Turtle Mountain.
- Anne Emilia, born at Wood Mountain in 1882, she married James Descoteaux and they also lived at Dunseith, North Dakota.

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<sup>1</sup> Jean-Baptiste was the son of Joseph Pierre Pelletier dit Bostonaise dit Assiniboine (b. 1791) and Genevieve Hallett. Joseph-Pierre Pelletier was with Cuthbert Grant at the Battle of Seven Oaks in 1816.

- Jerome, born in 1884 in North Dakota and a member of the Turtle Mountain Band.
- Rosalie, born in 1884 at Broadview Saskatchewan, died at two days of age.

Jean Baptiste is then reported to have married a woman named Pauline at Turtle Mountain before 1889. They were enumerated on the Turtle Mountain Reserve in 1892 and at that time had three children:

- Clemence, born 1889.
- Alexandre, born 1892.
- Baptiste, born 1900.

**Chrysologue Pierre Pelletier.** (b. 1849)

Chrysologue Pierre was born at St. Francois Xavier. He married Philomene Fournier dit Wiskaway at the Lebret Mission in 1870. She was born in 1847, the daughter of Francois Fournier and Angeline Methot. Their children were:

- Chrysologue, born in 1871 at Lebret, he died in 1886.
- Judith, born in 1873 at Qu'Appelle. She married Baptiste (Henry) Allary in 1891, they lived at Birtle, Manitoba.
- Nancy, born in 1875 at Wood Mountain, she was married to a Houle.
- Cuthbert, born 1876 at Lebret, he died in 1886 at Lebret.
- Marie Emilie, born in 1882 at Qu'Appelle, she married Louis Morin in St. John, North Dakota.
- Isabella, died as an infant.
- Chrysosteme, died before 1900.

**Paul Pelletier.** (b. 1843)

Paul was the son of Pierre Pelletier dit Assiniboine (b. 1816) and Josephte Deschamps, he was born in 1843 at Pembina, Dakota Territory, but baptised at St. Francois Xavier. He married Louise Gonneville (b. 1851) in 1871 at Lebret Mission. She was the daughter of Alexis Gonneville and Josephte Trottier. This too was a family who were part of the Turtle Mountain Band. Paul farmed there and is listed in the Band Census in 1910. They had the following children;

- Larose, born in 1872 at St. Francois Xavier.
- Isidore, born in 1874 at Winnipeg.
- Francois, born in 1875 at Lebret, he lived at Dunseith, North Dakota.
- St. Pierre, born in 1878 at Swift Current.
- Joseph, born in 1880 at Fort Qu'Appelle, he died in 1900.
- Jean Baptiste, born in 1883 at Fort Qu'Appelle but baptised at Willow Bunch.
- Robert, born in 1885 at Fort Qu'Appelle, also baptised at Willow Bunch.
- Alfred, born in 1887, a Turtle Mountain Band Member.
- Mary Rosine, born in 1889, a Turtle Mountain Band Member.
- Alexander, born in 1892, a Turtle Mountain Band Member.
- Georgina, born in 1895.



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