Parenteau, Rosalie (Gariépy) (b. 1837)

Rosalie was born at Red River, the daughter of Joseph Dodet Parenteau and Angélique Godon. She married Philippe Gariépy (1839-1900) who was one of Dumont's militia captains. She was one of the heroines of Batoche in 1885. She melted down the lead linings of tea tins to make bullets. "The women made the lead that was used to make bullets. [Rosalie] prepared these for her spouse. Sometimes the cast or mould was too big and the slugs too big. He had to reduce it with a knife. Also, to avoid wasting, Gabriel Dumont made them pick up the used slugs."

Philippe was arrested on June 1, 1885, tried for treason-felony, and on August 14, 1885 at Regina sentenced to seven years and did serve a part of this sentence. Her husband Philippe was the son of François Gariépy and Louise Gladue. They were all members of the Turtle Mountain Band. The couple married at Pembina and they initially lived at St. François Xavier. They were living there in 1876 when he applied for scrip, listing himself as a trader and plains hunter. The Gariépy family moved to St. Louis de Langevin in 1882 and lived on Lots 3, 4 and 6 (T45-1-3).

Children of Rosalie and Philippe Gariépy:

- Ambroise, born c. 1862, married Virginie Laplante.
- William, born c. 1862, died March 1870.
- François, born c. 1865.
- Philippe, born June 12, 1870 at St. François Xavier, died October 27, 1888.
- Victor, born October 1, 1872 at Tourond's Coulee, married Elise Brabant.
- Josue, born December 2, 1874 at St. Laurent, died February 1875.
- Isidore, born November 25, 1875 at St. Laurent.
- François, born 1877 at St. Laurent, died 1880 at Tourond's Coulee.
- Marie Rose, born January 27, 1878 at St. Laurent, died 1884.
- Gabriel, born August 5, 1880 at St. Laurent, married Emma Caron.
- Josue, born 1881 at St. Laurent, died 1882.
- Virginie, born 1882 at St. Laurent, died 1882.
- Unnamed, born and died December 22, 1884 at St. Laurent.



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