

**Gaddy, William.** (b. 1815)

William Gaddy was born in 1815, the son of James Gaddy and Mary, a Muddy River Peigan. He was a Scottish Half-Breed farmer from Portage la Prairie. He married Mary Marguerite Garrioch, the daughter of William Garrioch and Nancy Cook, in 1835.

William and Marguerite had one daughter, Ann, who married William Peter Favel (b. 1845) on December 14, 1865 at St. Mary's, Portage la Prairie. They had six children, five born at Portage la Prairie and the youngest born in 1878 at Qu'Appelle. After Ann's death, William remarried to Marie Pritchard in 1879.

William was also a noted buffalo hunter. During one hunt Gaddy was involved in the large Chippewa-Metis and Dakota battle at O'Brien's Coulée<sup>1</sup> near present day Olga, North Dakota in 1848. François Corvin Gosselin, who along with Gaddy would later be a sub-leader of the 49<sup>th</sup> Rangers attached to the British Boundary Commission, was also at this battle.<sup>2</sup>

The Chippewa-Metis hunting camp was made up of 800 Metis men and 200 Chippewa Indian men. They had their families, horses and over 1,000 Red River carts. The Chippewa were led by Old Red Bear and Little Shell II. The Metis were led by Jean-Baptiste Wilkie whose mother was a full-blood Chippewa. William Gaddy was present, described as a "brave man" sub-leader of the Scotts Half Breeds. François Corvin Gosselin (1817-1907) was sub-leader of the French Half Breeds. The battle took place before mid-summer.

William Gaddy opposed Louis Riel in 1869-70. He was captured as a spy by Louis Riel in February 1870. According to Riel, he had been a courier for friends of John Schultz, the leader of the Canadian Party, and the Metis had demanded his execution on the spot. He was led to one of the bastions of Fort Garry to be executed by A. D. Lépine and Elzéar Goulet, but was allowed to escape.

The home of William's father James Gaddy, was on Lot 42, at St. Paul's parish on the west side of the Red River. The lot passed through what is now Riverside Cemetery. Lot 41 adjoining on the south was the home of Chief Factor William Hemming Cook, Nancy Garrioch's father. Immediately south of the Cook property, on Lot 40, was the homestead of William Garrioch, father of Marguerite Gaddy. When William and Marguerite married they took up residence on James Gaddy's homestead. They only farmed 13 acres, and William took up buffalo hunting on the plains. The captains of the hunt were alternately William Hallett and William Gaddy and Jean-Baptiste Wilkie was leader. This activity continued until 1852, when, with a number of neighbours, the Gaddy's moved to Portage la Prairie, which came to have a Gaddy Street named after William. They more or less disappear from view until the 1869 Resistance begins. Later, Gaddy headed for Prince Albert where a number of Portage families also moved. William established residence at Red Deer Hill in the Lindsay area. He and Marguerite were photographed there in 1891 when George Henry Gunn visited them. They were

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<sup>1</sup> So called because O'Brien lived at this location some 35 years after the event. It is a short distance west of Olga, N.D. Olga is between one branch of the Pembina River to the north and the Tongue River to the south.

<sup>2</sup> Libby Papers, A85, Box 36, Notebook #14. August 4, 1910 interview with Little Duck, Dominion City, MB, interpreter Roger St. Pierre. This paper was given to me by Louis Garcia, historian for the Mni Wakan Oyate.

living alone.<sup>3</sup> Their daughter Ann, died sometime before 1878.

William served as a sub-leader under William Hallett in the 49<sup>th</sup> Rangers as part of the Boundary Commission during 1873-74. Mary Gaddy died *circa* March 1901, in the Kirkpatrick district, near Lindsay, Saskatchewan. His father's service record with the Hudson's Bay Co. is shown below.

NAME: GADDY, James (Junior)		PARISH: St. Ola, Kirkwall ORKNEY		ENTERED SERVICE: ca. 1791	DATES: b. ca. 1774 d. 9 July 1833
Appointments & Service					
Outfit Year*	Position	Post	District	HBCA Reference	
<i>*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May</i>					
1793-1794	Labourer		York Factory (Inland)	A.30/5, fos. 67d-68	
1794-1800	Canoeman		York Factory (Inland)	A.30/7, fos. 30d-31; A.30/8, fos. 30d-31	
1800-1804	Canoeman		York Factory (Inland)	A.30/6, fos. 26d-27; A.30/9, fos. 31d-32	
1804, 23 Aug.	Home			A.16/34, fos. 73d-74; A.30/10, fos. 30d-31	
1806, 26 June-1811	Labourer		York Factory (Inland)	A.16/34, fos. 73d-74	
1811-1813	Assistant Trader		York Factory (Inland)	A.16/25	
1813-1819	Assistant Trader		Churchill	A.16/26, fos. 36d-37; A.30/15, fos. 32d-33	
1819-1823	Asst. Trader & Interpreter	Fort Hibernia		A.16/37, fos. 97d-98; A.30/16	
1823-1828	retired to colony			A.16/42, fos. 69d-70	
1828-1833	retired to colony			A.16/44, fos. 60d-61	
1833, 9 July	drowned			A.16/44, fos. 60d-61.	

Copies of will and administration in A.36 and A.44/2  
Executors: Alexander Lean and James Sutherland.  
Beneficiaries: Sister Catherine Dick

Children: Isabella, James, John, William.

Wife: Mary  
Data;



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<sup>3</sup> George Henry Gunn, "William Gaddy: Noted Plainsman and Patriot." PAM, MG 9 A 78-2, box 5/40.