Michel Isaac. (b. circa 1788-1791)

Martin or Michel Isaac was born about 1791 in Poland, he died between 1835 and 1838. Michel may have been one of the Polish soldiers who were in the Regiment de Watteville and Regiment de Meurons fighting on the British side against the Americans in the War of 1812. These units were disbanded after the war and the soldiers received land grants from the Governor General. In 1816, Lord Selkirk chose a number of these veterans to escort him to Fort William and on to the Red River Settlement. Selkirk's plan was that they become farmers at Red River after completing their military escort duties.

In 1827 at Red River, Michel Isaac married Magdeleine Roy (b. 1810), the Metis daughter of Baptiste Roy and Marguerite (Saulteaux).²

Michel and Magdeleine had the following children:

• Marie aka Yankoshi Isaac, born circa 1830 (died after 1910). Marie married Jean Baptiste Maron dit Lenoir, said to be the son of an unknown Marron and Josephte Sheway-ka-pa-week. Jean Baptiste Lenoir, received Metis Scrip under the 1873 "Old Crossing" Treaty with the Pembina and Red Lake Chippewa. Jean Baptiste was a captain of Little Shell's soldiers and President of the Council of Chief Little Shell sometime before the reserve was formed in 1882. Jean Baptiste was the brother-in-law to Louis Godon Sr.

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Le Noir, Battise [*1866]
                                               ·P25.1b
Le Nair, Batiste [1867]
                                               ·P25.1c
Lenoir, Baptiste [R.L. Scrip #71]
Pembina Annuity Roll, Little Shell's Band, 1866:2/38 -
                2 men, 2 women, 6 children $ 25 paid
                     2 men, 2 women, 6 children $40 paid
1867:174 -
National Archives, RG 75, Entry 363, "List of Persons to Whom Scrip was
Issued under Red Lake & Pembina Treaties...." Halfbreed Scrip No. 71
issued February 12, 1873, under the authority of Secretarial Decision,
June 12, 1872, delivered February 12, 1873 [notation: "Patented May 21,
1881"1
National Archives, RG 75, Entry 364, "Treaty of April 12, 1864, Red Lake
and Pembina Half-Breeds," Scrip Stubs, Number 71 [checked], dated
February 12, 1873, 160 Acres, delivered February 12, 1873, issued to
Baptiste Lenoir, delivered to Agent E.P. Smith
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• Genevieve Isaac, born September 20, 1832, at St Boniface.

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¹ Also spelled Isac, Isack and Isak.

² Marguerite was previously married in 1822 to an unknown McDonald and had one child - Isabelle Isaac-McDonald. Isabelle was born in 1822 at St Boniface. She married Louison Godon, (b. 1816). Their children were: Louis married Marie Larocque then Elizette Grandbois; Joseph who married Caroline Larocque; Catherine who married Andre Letendre Sr.; Gilbert who married Elise Desjarlais; Marguerite who married Antoine Collin Sr.; Rose (b. 1848); and David (b. 1850 at St. Boniface).

Children of Jean Baptiste Lenoir and Marie Isaac:

- Marie Margaret Lenoir, born June 1847, married an unknown McDonald, then married Abraham Allary, the son of Louis Allary and Marguerite Cyr in 1880 at Walhalla. She died on August 2, 1932.
- Josephte Maron dit Lenoir, born 1850; married (?) McDonald.
- Elise Maron dit Lenoir, born January 21, 1853, married Joseph Masson, then married H.J. Dahl.
- Jean Baptiste Marion dit Lenoir, born January 13, 1855 at Pembina, died February 11, 1877 at St. Joseph.
- Joseph "A-ki-chi-ta" Maron dit Lenoir, born August 20, 1857, married Camille Descouteaux, then married Adele Malaterre or Hamelin. Joseph and Camille had nine children between 1879 and 1894. Joseph and Adele had three children between 1899 and 1910.
- Louis "Pah-dway-we-dug" Maron dit Lenoir, born June 11, 1861 on the Prairie, married Marie Emilie Poitras, the daughter of Charles Poitras and Marie Breland. Louis and Emelie had nine children between 1898 and 1918. Louis died January 27, 1943 at Belcourt, N.D. Louis was a band counselor for Little Shell III.³
- Antoine Lenoir, born circa 1870.



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³ Counselors for Little Shell III in the 1890s [These men also served as counselors for Little Shell II: Aysesense]. Sas Swaine Poitras (67); Kug-kay-dway-wash-kung, William Davis (70), **Paydway-walsh-kum**, **Louis Lenoir**; Boin-ence Davis (73); Kar-yence Delorme (50), a son of Auguhk-quay; Sharlo Bottineau (68); Ossaotit, Francois Desmarais (55); Tchee-kee-tarn Parisien (68); Batees-shish Valley (58), son of Norbace Valley; Ahkee-win-nini, Alex Jannott (58); Tcheer-kuhk, Joseph Desmarais (56); Bayriss, Corbet

Grant (55); Karn-nar-dah, Antoine Heneult (59); and Jean Batees Gorin (Champagne, 57). ³ Rolla, N.D.: Rolla Centennial Committee, 1989 reprint of the 1953 book; pg. 166.