Alexandre Cardinal. (b. 1841)



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Alexandre, also known as *Petit Loup*, was born at St. François Xavier, the son of Jacques Cardinal¹ and Genevieve Pelletier. He married Elise Moreau in 1863 at St. Joseph. They lived in North Dakota as well as at Regina, Lebret, Lac Qu'Appelle, Cypress Hills and St. Laurent. Their children were:

- François, b. February 14, 1865, died December 1865.
- Elise, b. October 22, 1867, St. Joseph's, married Roger Sakaban dit Lejour.
- Veronique, b. March 1, 1869 at Wood Mountain. She married Joseph Parisien.
- Albert, Born May 18, 1872 at Regina.
- Domtille, b. March 24, 1875 at Lebret.
- William Napoleon, B. June 1, 1877 at Lac Qu'Appelle, died June 1, 1882 at St. Laurent.
- Angelique Adeline (Celine), b. August 5, 1880.
- Marie Josephine, b. February 23, 1883 at St. Laurent, died May 1889 at St. Laurent.
- Justine (Christine), b. March 22, 1885 at St. Laurent

Their daughter Domthile (b. 1875) later married Resistance participant Louis Riguedel (a Frenchman). Alexandre was a member of Captain Daniel Gariépy's company, one of the 19 *dizaines* led by Gabriel Dumont during the 1885 Metis Resistance. Alexandre also had a relative, Joseph Cardinal, murdered in Alberta while trying to get people to come and fight in the Resistance.

Alexandre was mainly assigned guard duty since he was shot in the hand during a buffalo hunt in 1871 and had broken his shoulder blade in a fall from his horse.

On his Half-Breed scrip application (1885) Alexandre stated:

I have lived permanently in the Territories with my family since 1868 at Cypress Hills, Wood Mountain, Qu'Appelle, Duck Lake and St. Laurent. I have been living on a piece of land at St. Laurent for the last five years but could not enter it (my

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¹ Jacques Cardinalle held HBC lot 1414 at Red River (Register B).

claim) for want of means to pay the fee. I have lived in this vicinity continuously since last March. I did not take any active part in the late rebellion, beyond keeping guard occasionally—as I was unable to use my left arm on account of a fall while riding, resulting in the breaking of my shoulder blade. This accident occurred before the commencement of the troubles. Had it not been for this accident I would undoubtedly have been obliged to fight like the others.²

His brother Charles Cardinal signed the Cypress Hills Metis Hunting Band petition for a Metis Reserve in 1878.³

Alexandre's Scrip application: (next page)

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³ Chs. Pierre Cardinal. (b. 1838)

Charles Cardinal was born on January 5, 1838 at St. Francois Xavier, the son of Jacques Cardinal and Genevieve Pelletier. He married Josephte Desmarais, the daughter of Michel Desmarais and Josephte Rochon in 1861. They lived at St. Francois Xavier, Qu'Appelle, File Hills, Wood Mountain and Lebret.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, CANADA,



NORTH WEST HALF-BREED COMMISSION

This is to Certify that Eliza Cardenal

a Half-Breed, has proved to the satisfaction of the Commission that the was residing in the North West Territories previous to the 15th day of July, 1870, and under Sub-clause (B) of Clause 81 of the Dominion Lands Act, 1883, and the Order in Council of the 30th March, 1885, is entitled at this date to Scrip to the amount of 160

The Sorip called for by this Certificate, amounting to 160 dollars, will be payable to bearer, will specify the name of the person in whose favour it is granted, and will be delivered to the person producing this Certificate. Said Scrip will be accepted at par in payment of Dominton Lands.

Chairman of the Commission.