Leonide "Can-da-we-cam-chi" Gariépy (Guardipee), (b. 1852)

Leonide, called "Can-da-we-cam-chi," was born or christened on June 2, 1852 at St. Francois Xavier, the son of Louis Gariepy¹ and Marie Cardinal. His grandparents were Louis Gariepy Sr. and Josephte Ducharme. He married first married Josephte Boulette (before 1873) then married Marguerite Pelletier at Lebret on September 6, 1875 and was later married to Marie Rose Laroque "Cak-ik-ay-asee-quia" (Going-by-the-wind), born at Great Falls, Montana, the daughter of Jean Baptiste Larocque and Julie Lemire at Judith Basin, Montana in 1881. In 1878 Leonide and his father Louis were members of the group of buffalo hunters at Cypress Hills who petitioned the government for a reserve in 1878.² His younger brother Eli "Isinamaken" Guardipee (Gariepy) (1857-1942) also signed this petition. They along with their father Louis Gariepy also signed the petition for a Metis reserve in Montana, sent by Louis Riel to General Nelson A. Miles, August 6, 1880.

Leonide is listed on the Rocky Boy Band Census of 1909 as #106, age 60, his wife Cak-ik-ay-asee-quia (Going –by-the-wind) is listed as #107, age 56. Their son Oat-chicase (James) age 20, born in Alberta, is listed as #108, Louis, age 19 is # 114, and daughter Christine, age 17 is shown as #109. Helen "Mess-app" age 14 is #110. Charles age 10 is #111. Peter "Chat-chepp, age 7, born at Fort Hall is #112. Amelia, age 4, born at Butte, is #113. The family also appears on the Rocky Boy Band Census of 1917.

Scrip application:

Gariepy, Leonide - Concerning his claim as a child - Address, Medicine Hat - Born, 1850 at St. Francois Xavier - Father, Louis Gariepy Jr., (Métis), deceased - Mother, Marie Cardinal, (Métis) - Married, 1877 at Qu'Appelle, to Marguerite Pelletier and to Marie Rose Larocque at Missouri, USA in 1881 - Children living, two (names on declaration) - Children deceased, three - Scrip for \$240 - Claim 342



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¹ Louis Gariepy was a voyageur with the North West Company (1804, 1811-1820) and the Hudson's Bay Company (1821-1824). In 1824 he retired to St. Francois Xavier where he worked as a blacksmith.

 $^{^{2}}$ Requesting a re-opening of the buffalo hunt between November 14th and February 15th each year and the granting of Metis "reserve" land (A strip of land 150 miles long along the American border beginning where the Pembina River crosses the border. This strip was to be fifty miles from south to north.