

## Davis, Michel “Nubun-ay-gar-bon” (b. 1853)

Michel was one of the Métis who signed the 1878 Cypress Hills Hunting Brigade petition for a Métis reserve. Michel was born in 1852, the son of William Leandre "Kug-kay-dway-wash-kung" Davis<sup>1</sup> and Marie-Enno dite Henault (the daughter of Charles Heneault dit Canada and Marie Gray). Michel married Flavie Allery (Henry), born 1863. She was the daughter of Pierre Allary and Angélique Parisien. Their children were Michel (born 1882), Patrice (born 1887), and Mary (born 1885).

Although the Davis family did not live permanently at Turtle Mountain after 1863, they always returned when not out hunting on the prairie. In 1877, the family and ten others travelled from Milk River, Bear Paw, the Judith Basin, the Little Missouri and Cypress Hills before returning to Turtle Mountain.<sup>2</sup> The family moved to the Judith Basin of Montana in 1879. Michel and his father, William Davis were signatories to Riel's August 20, 1880 petition to Major General N.A. Miles requesting support for the Montana Half-Breeds.



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<sup>1</sup> William was a counsellor for chiefs Little Shell II and III. William was a signatory to Riel's August 20, 1880 petition to Major General N.A. Miles requesting support for the Montana Half-Breeds.

<sup>2</sup> Katie Pollock, *From Borderlands to Bordered Lands: The Plains Métis and the 49<sup>th</sup> Parallel, 1869-1885*. Edmonton: University of Alberta, M.A. dissertation, 2009: 98.