Madeleine (née Trottier) Boyer

Madeleine Trottier was born at St. Andrew's parish in 1822, the daughter of André Trottier (b.c. 1874) and Marguerite Paquette. André and Marie were enumerated in the Pembina Census of 1850 as Family # 84 when André was age 66 and Marguerite was 50. André and two of his oldest sons gave their occupation as hunter. The following year, 1851, they participated in the Battle of the Grand Coteau as members of the St. François Xavier (SFX) Hunting Brigade led by Jean-Baptiste Falcon.

Madeleine married Louis Boyer (c.1821-1858), son of Pierre Boyer (b.c. 1786) and Marguerite Bonneau on September, 14, 1842 in SFX. He was born 1820 in SFX, Manitoba, his occupation was plains hunter.

Madeleine was the sister of André Trottier, married to Isabelle Falcon; Antoine Trottier, married to Angelique Laframboise; Charles Trottier, married to Ursule Laframboise; Michel Trottier, married to Marguerite Landry. These were the core families of the Trottier Hunting Brigade that first operated out of Pembina, then SFX and Prairie Ronde and later the Cypress Hills.

Children of Louis and Madeleine:

- Eliza, born May 30, 1843 at SFX, she married Michel Paul *dit* Bonneau¹, the son of Paul Paul and Madeleine Vivier in November 1862 at SFX.
- Marie, born May 6, 1844, died June 20, 1846.
- Cecile, born April 1846. She married Norbert Welsh, the son of Francois Xavier Welsh and Charlotte Sauvé, on May 27, 1867 at SFX.
- Joseph, born March 10, 1848. He married Marguerite Pelletier (b. 1851) in 1873 at St. Laurent. Marguerite was the daughter of Alexis Pelletier and Louise Houle.
- David, born May 8, 1849. He married Louise Thomas, the daughter of Joseph Thomas and Marie Adele Michel, on September 6, 1868 in SFX.
- Clemence, born February 20, 1851. She married Joseph Lemire², the son of Joseph Lemire and Julie Martin on August 25, 1868 at SFX.

Michel was the son of Paul Paul and Madeleine Vivier. He married Eliza Boyer, the daughter of Louis Boyer and Madeleine Trottier at SFX in 1862.

Paul, Michel; address: Swift Current; born: 1840 at St. Norbert; father: Paulette Paul (Métis); mother: Madeleine Vivier (Métis); married: 1862 at SFX to Eliza Boyer; children living: Catherine, Reni, Gabriel, Madeleine, Baptiste, Marie, Josephine, John and Susanne; children deceased: Clemence and Patrice; scrip for \$160.00; claim no. 8.

Joseph was born at St. Francois Xavier circa February 1833, the son of Joseph Lemire (b. 1811) and Julie Martin. The parents were members of Muscowequan Band before they left treaty. Joseph married Suzanne Lépine, the daughter of Jean Baptiste Lépine and Suzanne Gariepy in 1861 at SFX. He then married Clemence Boyer the daughter of Louis Boyer and Madeleine Trottier in 1868 at SFX.

He and Clemence had four children born at Qu'Appelle, Moose Jaw and Cypress Hills. Norbert Welsh was his brother-in-law as they had married Boyer sisters. Their daughter Madeleine, born June 10, 1869 at Qu'Appelle married Joseph Le Rat in 1888.

¹ Bonno (Paul dit Bonneau), Michel.

² Lemire, (Le Mair), Joseph. (b. 1833)

- François Coté, born September 4, 1852. He married Marie Allary, the daughter of Antoine Allary and Julie Laroque *dite* Rocbrune on April 9, 1875 at Lebret.³
- Victoria, born August 2, 1854. She married Jean Baptiste Tanner in 1875.⁴

The children of Louis and Madeleine Boyer were members of the Trottier Hunting Brigade and part of the larger Cypress Hills Métis Hunting Brigade who signed a petition in 1878 asking for a Métis reserve. Their son David Boyer signed this petition. Their daughter Cecile Boyer was married to Norbert Welsh another signator to this petition. Another daughter, Clemence Boyer, was married to Joseph Lemire who also signed the petition as did Michel Bonneau *dit* Paul the husband of oldest daughter Eliza Boyer.

Madeleine's brothers; André Trottier, married to Isabelle Falcon; Antoine Trottier, married to Angelique Laframboise; Charles Trottier, married to Ursule Laframboise; Michel Trottier, married to Marguerite Landry were also members of the Cypress Hills Hunting Band who signed the 1878 petition.

Family Scrip Applications:

Children of Joseph and Suzanne:

- Adele, born March 1, 1852 at SFX. She married James John Hamelin, the son of Jonas Hamelin and Marie Daigneault, in 1882 on the Musselshell River.
- Jean Baptiste Jonas, born November 15, 1863 at SFX.
- Susanne, born December 29, 1866 at SFX, died September 1, 1867.

Children of Joseph and Clemence:

- Magdeleine, born July 10, 1869 at Qu'Appelle.
- William, born July 1870 at Lebret.
- Victoire, born June 5, 1872 at Moose Jaw.
- Marie, born November 1883 at Cypress Hills.

Joseph was band member #48 of Little Child's Band. In 1886, Joseph, his wife, and three girls withdrew from Treaty.

Joseph was also one of the 30 Métis at Fort Walsh who submitted a petition, September 7, 1876, on behalf of the Métis of the four districts of Assiniboia to join Treaty 4.

Lemire, Joseph; address: Qu'Appelle; claim no. 1194; born: 1834 at St. Francois Xavier; father: Joseph Lemire (Métis); mother: Julie Martin (Métis); married: in 1868 at St. Francois Xavier to Clemence Boyer and in 1862 at St. Francois Xavier to Susanne Lepinee; children living: Madeleine, Victoire and Marie; children deceased: William, Adèle, unnamed, William, child by last wife; scrip for \$160.00.

François was born at St. François Xavier, the son of Louison Boyer and Madeleine Trottier. This was a buffalo hunting family. He married Marie Allery in 1875 at Fort Qu'Appelle. François was one of the twenty Métis from Prairie Ronde who were led by his uncle Charles Trottier and Chief White Cap with forty Dakotas up to Batoche to join in the Resistance. He fought and was wounded in the chest at the Battle at Tourond's Coulee April 24, 1885, and died three days later. He is buried at St. Antoine de Padoue Cemetery, Batoche.

³ Boyer, François Coté. (1852-1885)

⁴ Tanner, Jean Baptiste; for his deceased wife Victoire Boyer; address: Fort Ellice; born: 1852 at Grand Coteau; died: Summer, 1881 South of Wood Mountain; father: Louison Boyer (Métis); mother: Madeleine Trottier (Métis); married: 1875 at Winnipeg to Jean Baptiste; Tanner, deponent; children living: Emilie and Joseph; children deceased: 1; heirs: Jean Baptiste Tanner, \$80.00; Emilie Tanner, \$80.00; Joseph Tanner, \$80.00; claim no. 1365.

Manitoba Scrip Application:

Trottier, Madeleine; HB Head; myself and family; St. François Xavier; Marquette; wife of Louis Boyer; plain hunter; b. 1822, St. Andrews; André Trottier (HB) was father; Marguerite Paquette (HB) is mother. French; Madeleine Boyer (x); 7 July 1877; Cornelius Fidler, St. James; Moise Breland (x) St. François Xavier C-14925.

Manitoba Scrip Application:

Boyer, Cecile; HB Head; myself and family; Baie St. Paul; Marquette; wife of Norbert Welsh; Plain-hunter; b. Mar. 1843, St. François Xavier; Louison Boyer (HB) was father; Madeleine Trottier (HB) was mother; French; Cecile Welsh (x) 28 June 1877; Norbert Welsh (x); Louis Fleury (x). C-14934

Boyer, Eliza; address: Swift Current; claim no. 9; born: 1840 at St. François Xavier; father: Louison Boyer (Métis); mother: Madeleine Trottier (Métis); married: 1862 at St. François Xavier to Michel Paul alias Bonneau; children living: 9; children deceased: 2; scrip for \$160.00.

Boyer, Joseph; address: Maple Creek; claim no. 19; born: 1847 at St. François Xavier; father: Louison Boyer (Métis); mother: Madeleine Trottier (Métis); married: 1873 at Saskatoon to Marguerite Pelletier; children living: 7; scrip for \$ 240.00.

Boyer, Clemence; address: Qu'Appelle; claim no. 1192; born: 1850 near Brandon; father: Louison Boyer (Métis); mother: Madeleine Trottier (Métis); married: 1868 at St. François Xavier to Joseph Lemire; children living: Madeleine, Victoire, and Marie; children deceased: William; scrip for \$ 160.00.

Scrip affidavit for Welsh, Cécile; born: March 1843; husband: Norbert Welsh; father: Louison Boner (Métis); mother: Madeleine Trottier (Métis); claim no: 2886; scrip no: 12376; date of issue: December 10, 1878; amount: \$160

Allary, Marie - Concerning her claim as a child - Address, Fort Qu'Appelle - Born, Baie St. Paul, June, 1857 - Father, Antoine Allary, (Métis) - Mother, Julie La Rocque, (Métis) - Married, September 30, 1875 at Fort Qu'Appelle to François Boyer - Children living, four - Scrip for \$240 - Claim 1542.

Paul, Gabriel alias Bonneau; address: Swift Current; born: 17 January, 1869 at Wood Mountain; father: Michel Paul alias Bonneau; (Métis); mother: Eliza Boyer (Métis); scrip for \$240.00; claim no. 11.

Paul, Remi alias Bonneau; address: Swift Current; born: December, 1866 at St. Francois Xavier; father: Michel Paul alias Bonneau (Métis); mother: Eliza Boyer (Métis); scrip for \$240.00; claim no. 10.

Pelletier, Marguerite; address: Maple Creek; born: 1853 at St. Francois Xavier; father: Alexis Pelletier (Métis); mother: Louise Houle (Métis); married: 1873 at Saskatoon to Joseph Boyer; children living: Therese, Louise, Alexandre, Marie Pauline, Maria, Josephine and Marie Anna; scrip for \$240.00; claim no. 20.

Boyer, Josephine; address: Havre; claim no. 1035; born: December, 1884 at Cypress Hills; father: Joseph Boyer (Métis); mother: Marguerite Pelletier (Métis); scrip cert.: form C, no. 742

Dumont, Louise; address: Harlem, Montana; claim no. 1037; born: 12 December, 1876 at Fort Walsh; father: Joseph Boyer (Métis); mother: Marguerite Pelletier (Métis); scrip cert.: form C, no. 622.

Thomas, Lalouise; address: Swift Current; born: 1847 at St. Francois Xavier; father: Joseph Thomas (Métis); mother: Marie Adele (Indian); married: 1867 at St. Francois Xavier; to David Boyer; children living: Lalouise, Marie, Eliza, Marie Joséphine, Soloman; children deceased: Alexandre, Charles, William, Bernard; scrip for \$160.00; claim no. 841.

Boyer, Alexander; address: Harvre; claim no. 1033; born: 2 Feb., 1877 at McKay Creek; father: Joseph Boyer (Métis); mother: Marguerite Pelletier (Métis); scrip cert.: form C, no. 618.

Boyer, Annie; born: 1885, January at White Mud River; claim no. 1034; father: Joseph Boyer (Métis); mother: Marguerite Pelletier (Métis); scrip cert.: form C, no. 740.

Lemire, Madelaine; address: Qu'Appelle; claim no. 1196; born: 10 June, 1869 at Qu'Appelle; father: Joseph Lemire (Métis); mother: Clemence Boyer (Métis); married: July, 1886 at Qu'Appelle to Joseph LeRat; scrip for \$240.00.

Lemire, Joseph; address: Qu'Appelle; claim no. 1194; born: 1834 at St. François Xavier; father: Joseph Lemire (Métis); mother: Julie Martin (Métis); married: in 1868 at St. François Xavier to Clemence Boyer and in 1862 at St. François Xavier to Susanne Lepinee; children living: Madeleine, Victoire and Marie; children deceased: William, Adèle, unnamed, William, child by last wife; scrip for \$160.00.

Laframboise, Victoire; address: Havre, Montana; claim no. 993; born: 1872 at Moose Jaw; father: Joseph Lemire (Métis); mother: Clemence Boyer (Métis); scrip cert.: form C, no. 580.

Huntley, Mary Therese; address: Harlem, Montana; claim no. 1036; born: Dec., 1874 at Moose Jaw; father: Joseph Boyer (Métis); mother: Marguerite Pelletier (Métis); husband: David William Huntley; scrip cert.: form C, no. 620.

Guff, Pauline; address: Harlem, Montana; claim no. 1040; born: July, 1879 near Fort Walsh; father: Joseph Boyer (Métis); mother: Marguerite Pelletier (Métis); scrip cert.: form C, no. 626.

Welsh, Norbert; heir to his deceased children: Marie Philoméne, born: 1878 at Qu'Appelle; died: 28 November, 1880; Philoméne, born: 7 August, 1881 at Qu'Appelle; died: 18 September, 1889; Victoire, born: 11 May, 1883 at Qu'Appelle; died: 23 May, 1890; John, born: 4 June, 1885 at Qu'Appelle; died: 3 June, 1886; address: File Hills; father: Norbert Welsh (Métis and deponent); mother: Cecile Boyer (Métis); Marie Philoméne, scrip cert.: form F, no. 62; Philoméne, scrip cert.: form F, no. 64; Victoire, scrip cert.: form F, no. 66; John, scrip cert.: form F, no. 68; claim no. 514.

Welsh, François Xavier; address: File Hills; born: 28 January, 1876 at Cypress Hills; father: Norbert Welsh (Métis); mother: Cecile Boyer (Métis); scrip cert.: form C, no. 200; claim no. 426.

Welsh, Emilie (wife of St. Pierre Blondeau); address: File Hills; born: 4 March, 1874 at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; father: Norbert Welsh (Métis); mother: Cecile Boyer (Métis); scrip cert.: form C, no. 150; claim no. 353.

Walsh, Robert; address: File Hills; born: 1872 near Saskatoon; father: Norbert Walsh (Métis); mother: Cecile Boyer (Métis); scrip cert.: form C, no. 148; claim no. 352.



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