

## **Daniel, William.** (b. 1822)

William Daniel was the great-grandfather of Harry Daniels. William was the son of Jacob Daniel (b. 1792 at Fort Albany) and Margaret Goodwin (English-Metis), born on August 20, 1822 at St. Andrews. William was first married in 1843 to Margaret Linklater, the daughter of John Linklater and Elizabeth Sanderson. He married Betsy Ross in 1847. He then married Isabelle Trottier Mitchell, the daughter of Colonel David Dawson Mitchell and Josephte Nancy Deschamps,<sup>1</sup> in 1853 at St. François Xavier (SFX). William had one son, John with Margaret Linklater and then he and Isabelle had thirteen children; eleven boys and two girls. This was a bison hunting family.

In the 1901 Census Isabelle is listed as living in File Hills. She is living with her two younger sons, George and Zechariah, and a grandson named Peter. She is 60 years old and says her birth year as 1840. Both her sons working as farm labourers, and she is listed as a widow and born in the US. She had four children that died in infancy or very young. They seemed to live in the File Hills area. She is living near her daughter, Catherine.

### Children of William Daniel and Isabelle Trottier Mitchell:

- Moise, born December 1856. He married Philomene Desjarlais.
- William, born 1857 married Betsy Laplante dite Lapierre.
- Joseph, born circa 1859, died in 1860 on the prairie.
- Catherine, born August 26, 1861 at SFX. She married Patrice Bourassa.
- Joseph, born June 19, 1864, he married Marie Martin.
- Alexandre, born January 15, 1867.
- Guillaume, born January 26, 1870 at SFX.
- Napoleon, born November 15, 1872 at Lebret and died in 1873 at Lebret.
- Joseph, born November 15, 1872 at Lebret and died in 1873 at Lebret.
- Raphael, born January 22, 1874 at Lebret and died in 1875 at Lebret.
- Zacharie, born July 25, 1876 at Maple Creek.
- George, born January 21, 1879 at Willow Bunch.
- Eliza, born March 6, 1885 at Lebret.

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<sup>1</sup> Mitchell was born on July 31, 1806, he married Josephte Nancy Deschamps in 1834 in Fort Union. Thus, David Mitchell was son-in-law to the notorious François Deschamps, who was one of Cuthbert Grant's men at the Battle of Seven Oaks. His next marriage in 1840 was to Martha Eliza Berry. Mitchell was the Superintendent of Indian Affairs for most of the time from 1841 to 1853. Born in Louisa County, VA, he became a clerk for the American Fur Company in St. Louis in 1828. He built Fort McKenzie in 1832. Another fur trading post, Fort Mitchell, was named after him in 1833. In the Mexican War he was the Lt. Col. of the Second Missouri volunteers, commanded by Col. Sterling Price. When Price and Col. Alexander Doniphan became involved in Indian troubles, Mitchell was ordered to lead the advance towards Chihuahau. In 1855 he promoted the Missouri and California overland mail and transportation company and became its president. He supplied mules for the army in the Mormon war of 1858. Mitchell died on May 31, 1861, in St. Louis at age 54.

June 11th 1900

Eliz Seabell Daniel (nie Mitchell)  
says & have seen children living:

- 1 Joseph about 40 years old and lives at Pile Hills.
- 2 Alexandre . 35 . . . . .
- 3 William . 33 . . . . .
- 4 Zacharie . 29 . . . . .
- 5 George . 22 . . . . .
- 6 Catherine Annette (nie Daniel) . . . . .
- 7- Liza is 16 years old and <sup>the</sup> ~~is~~ <sub>with Mr.</sub> Seabell Daniel <sup>the</sup> ~~is~~ <sub>with</sub>

Maisie one of my sons died a year ago at  
Port Ellen. He was married to Philomine Desjardis.  
Philomine Daniel (nie Desjardis) is living and  
had three children born while married to Maisie  
Daniel. These three are living:

- 1 ~~One~~ Pierre Daniel is 15 years old and lives at Pile Hills
- 2 Philomine is 11 years old and lives at Cauchidiata
- 3 Maisie is 5 years old . . . . .

Question 10 Are you a member of any Indian Band?

Answer No

When the last Scotch Commissioner was here I was fighting between Buffalo and here I don't know if my father applied father applied for help for me then if they did I don't remember it. I was habituated at St. Francois Xavier, they went there for a trip from the Lower River they passed a winter at Lacombe, I don't know when we lived we were hunting Buffalo we were one winter at Wood Mountain, and come to the Buffalo to line tightens years ago, I don't remember how long we lived in Monistota, my father and mother secured help in Monistota.

And further deponent sayeth not.

Sworn before us at Fort } Alexandre & Daniel  
St. Appelle in the North } <sup>his</sup>  
West Territories on the 15<sup>th</sup> } <sub>mark</sub>  
day of June A. D. 1900. } witnesses  
J. J. Poitras  
James Walker  
Commissioners.

Form No. 131.

## Scrip Applications:

Daniel, Liza; address: File Hills; claim no. 410; born: 1885 at Fort Qu'Appelle; father: William Daniel (Métis); mother: Isabella Mitchel (Métis); scrip cert.: form C, no. 184.

Daniel, Alexander; address: File Hills; claim no. 731; born: January, 1865 at Souris River near Estevan; father: William Daniel Senior (Métis); mother: Isabella Mitchel (Métis).

Daniel, George; address: File Hills; claim no. 619; born: 21 January, 1879 at Willow Bunch; father: William Daniel (Métis); mother: Isabelle Mitchel (Métis); scrip cert.: form E, no. 468.

Daniel, Zacharie; address: File Hills; claim no. 502; born: 25 April, 1876 at Maple Creek; father: William Daniel (Métis); mother: Isabelle Mitchell (Métis); scrip cert.: form C, no. 268.



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