

Gariépy, Louis Marie "Awistoyus" (1777 – 1856)

Louis was born on July 3, 1777 in Lac-Henry, Quebec, Lower Canada. He died on June 1, 1856 in St. François Xavier. Louis was a voyageur first with the NWC, then after amalgamation with the HBC. He retired to St. François Xavier in 1824. He worked as a blacksmith in St. Boniface and St. François Xavier districts, from 1830-1851. He first married Josephte (Saulteaux) born circa. 1786 in the North West Territories. They married “according to the custom of the country.” Josephte died before 1824 in the Red River District. He then married Josephte “Nahasthay” Ducharme (1806-1871), the daughter of Antoine Charron dit Ducharme and Josephte Plouf dit Villebrun on August 15, 1825 at St. Boniface. Louis and Josephte Ducharme appear in the Grantown, Red River censuses from 1827 through 1843 under the names Gardipuis and Garipuis. In 1843, they are listed as having nine children at home. They owned a house, two stables, one barn, two horses, two mares, nine oxen, one bull, seven cows, two calves, six pigs, twenty-three sheep, a plough, two harrows, three carts, and one canoe on fifteen acres of land.

Children of Louis Gariépy and Josephte (Saulteaux):

- La Louise “Louise” born circa. 1805 in North West Territories, died circa. 1860 in St. Boniface. She married Pierre “Bonhomme” Baptiste Bonneau born 1803 in Oak Lake district, the son of Jean Baptiste Bonneau and Marie "Louise" Pacanne.
- Euphrosine born on July 26, 1815 at St. Andrews, she married Abraham Martin the son of Abraham Barnabe dit Martin (b. 1797 in St Roch l'Achigan, Quebec) and Marie Catherine Forest dit Marin, in 1832 at Red River Settlement.

Children of Louis Gariépy and Josephte Ducharme:

- Bonaventure born March 2, 1825 in Red River District, he died April 14, 1890 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He married Madeleine Roquebrune dit Larocque (b. 1827) on January 11, 1847 in St. François Xavier. Madeleine was the daughter of Olivier Larocque and Madeleine Piche. Bonaventure and his brothers, Baptiste and Louis, were members of the group of buffalo hunters at Cypress Hills who petitioned the government for a reserve.¹
- Marie born circa. December 1825 in St Boniface. She died December 19, 1874 in Fort Qu'Appelle. She married John Beaulieu (b. 1820 in Swan River) on June 9, 1845 in St. François Xavier. He was the son of Joseph Jean Baptiste Beaulieu and Marguerite Roussin.
- Helene “Ellen” born May 24, 1827 in St. François Xavier. She married François Desjarlais (b.1820) on June 6, 1853 in St. François Xavier. He was the son of Antoine Desjarlais and Marie Catherine Allary.

¹ They requested a reopening of the buffalo hunt between November 15 and February 15 each year and the granting of a Métis reserve; identified as a strip of land running for 150 miles along the American border beginning where the Pembina River crosses the border. This strip of land was to be fifty miles from north to south.

- Louis born 1828 and died January 17, 1884 at Lebret Mission (Saskatchewan). He married Marie Cardinal (b. 1832) on January 14, 1851 in St. François Xavier. She was the daughter of Antoine Cardinal and Marie DeMontigny Comtois. They had children born in Canada at St. François Xavier, Fort Ellice, and Lebret as well as in the USA at Flat Willow Creek and Poplar River. Louis and his sons, Leonide and Elie, also signed the petition for a Métis reserve in Montana, sent by Louis Riel to General Nelson A. Miles, August 6, 1880.
- Jean Baptiste b: 1832 in St. François Xavier. He married Judith Cardinal (b. 1827 in Jasper House) on June 4, 1855 in St. François Xavier. She was the daughter of Antoine Cardinal and Marie DeMontigny Comtois. Baptiste and his son Elie were members of the group of buffalo hunters at Cypress Hills who petitioned the government for a reserve.

Jean Baptiste attended a French school at White Horse Plains, Canada, for two years, and this closed his scholastic education, although he has acquired in the school of life a practical business experience that richly compensates for the lack of the other. Until his father's death, in 1856, he remained at home industriously working on the farm, and after this he became a noted buffalo hunter in Canada, which occupation he followed until 1868, when he came to Montana and located at Fort Benton, which he made headquarters for buffalo hunting until 1882, when the American bison practically ceased to exist and his occupation was gone. But he was equal to the emergency and in that same year secured a ranch on the upper Teton River, eighteen miles from Choteau, Teton County, and for twelve years engaged in stockraising. This property he sold in 1896, and from that time he has resided with his son, Eli, who has a fine ranch on Cut Bank River, and with his daughter, Emily, the wife of Adolphus Fellers, living near Dupuyer, Teton County. Mr. Garepee, although advanced in years, is still healthy and active, and has a number of plans mapped out for hunting and trapping in the mountains. He has seven children; Mrs, Emily Fellers; Magdaline, now of North Dakota; Johnnie, at St. Peter's mission; Charles, living on the Teton River; Mary, married and residing in Canada; Eli, owner of the ranch on the Cut Bank river; and Josephine, wife of Gabriel Selwood (Salois), now living on the Upper Depuyer River. (From *Progressive Men of Montana* p. 1557-1558)
- Marie “Magdeleine” Madeleine, born August 10, 1834 in St. François Xavier. She married Narcisse Cardinal (b: 1831) on May 27, 1851 in St. François Xavier. He was the son of Antoine Cardinal and Marie DeMontigny Comtois.
- Charles Edouard born January 4, 1837 in St. François Xavier Parish. He died on January 17, 1844 in St. François Xavier.
- Mathilde born May 11, 1839 in St. François Xavier. She married Jean Baptiste Lafontaine (b.c. 1824) on November 2, 1865 in St. François Xavier. He was the

son of Jean Baptiste Lafontaine and Marie Rocheblave. She then married Robert Emerson (b.c. 1839) in 1876 in Cypress Hills.

- Alexandre “Ben” born September 15, 1842 in St. François Xavier. He died in Lewistown, Fergus County, Montana. Ben married Genevieve Cadotte (b. 1844) on September 26, 1864 in St. François Xavier. Genevieve died on June 19, 1872 in Wood Mountain. She was the daughter of Joseph Peter “Kopimoches” Cadotte and Genevieve Marie Picard. Ben then married Mary Gaddy (b.c. 1854 in Portage la Prairie). She was the daughter of Alexander Gaddy and Marguerite Kennedy.



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