

## 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. François Xavier, the son of Louis Gariépy<sup>1</sup> and Marie Cardinal. His grandparents were Louis Gariépy Sr. and Josephthe Ducharme. He first married Josephthe 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.<sup>2</sup> His younger brother Eli “Isinamaken” Guardipee (Gariépy) (1857-1942) also signed this petition. Along with their father Louis Gariépy, they also signed the petition for a Métis 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-chi-case (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:

Gariépy, Leonide - Concerning his claim as a child - Address, Medicine Hat - Born, 1850 at St. François Xavier - Father, Louis Gariépy 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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<sup>1</sup> Louis Gariépy 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. François Xavier where he worked as a blacksmith.

<sup>2</sup> Requesting a re-opening of the buffalo hunt between November 14<sup>th</sup> and February 15<sup>th</sup> 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.