Rock Lake, Manitoba Métis Scrip Claims

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Much of the evidence of long occupation of the Rock Lake area by First Nations people was found along the shore line to the left at the bottom of this slope. Photo ca 1900, Pembina Manitou Archive.

Rock Lake is in the Pembina River Valley. Many of the historic Métis of Rock Lake were descendants of Alexander Henry's Métis employees living at Pembina. He had trading posts in the Pembina Hills, as well. Many of these people were intermarried with the Nakota (Assiniboine) and Turtle Mountain Chippewa Cree families.

Allait, Michel; concerning the claim of his deceased son Ambroise Allait; claim no. 1066; address: Boissevain; born: 2 January, 1884 at Rock Lake; father: Michel Allait (Métis and deponent) mother: Betsy Ross (Métis); scrip cert.: form E, no. 3196

Allard, William; concerning the claim of his deceased child Betsy Allard; claim no. 1029; address: St. John, North Dakota; born: 1 November, 1884 at Rock Lake; father: William Allard (Métis and Deponent); mother: Marie St. Germain (Métis); died: 1885; heir: her father, William Allard, the deponent; scrip cert.: form F, no. 1759

Alary, Adelaide; born: 9 Aug., 1883 at Rock Lake; claim no. 994; father: Roger Ducharme (Métis); mother: Marguerite Lucier (Métis); married: 1898 to John Alary; file ref. 869051 and scrip cert.: form E, no. 3151

Allary, Joseph; address: Rock Lake; claim no. 1949; born: 1874 at Duck Lake; father: Joseph Allary (Métis); mother: Marie Gladu (Métis); file ref. File 228860

Alary, Mary Rose; born: 9 August, 1872 at Rock Lake; claim no. 995; father: Roger Ducharme (Métis); mother: Marguerite Lucier (Métis); married: 1891 to Olivier Alary; scrip cert.: form E, no. 3152

Bell, John; address: Lac Louise; claim no. 937; born: 5 December, 1878 at Rock Lake; father: Timothy Bell (Whiteman); mother: Charlotte McKay, nee Gosselin (Métis); scrip cert.: form E, no. 3125

Brecklaw, Harry; address: Rock Lake. (S 24 Tp. 3R.15.); claim no. 931; born: 26 October, 1882 at S 24 Tp. 3R.15; father: Harry Brecklaw (Whiteman); mother: Nancy Gosselin (Métis); scrip cert.: form E, no. 3122

Bruce, Virginie; address: Rock Lake; claim no. 961; born: 31 August, 1873 at Rock Lake; father: Augustin Gosselin (Métis); mother: Mary Morrean (Métis); married: 1890 to Pierre Bruce; scrip cert.: form E, no. 3134

Cawie, Virginie (nee Desjarlais); born: 1879 at Rock Lake; father: Antoine Desjarlais (Metis); mother: Josephte Pelletier (Metis); claim no. 1868.

Cook, Donald; address: The Pas; claim no. 1994; born: 1834 at Rock Lake; father: Charles Cook (Métis); mother: Edith Cunoutipostay (Métis); married: 1885 at The Pas to Sarah Thomas and 1884 at The Pas to Mary Ballendine; children living: 4; children deceased: 6; scrip for \$160.00

Desjarlais, Pascal; address: Oak Point; claim no. 1869; born: 1881 at Rock Lake; father: Antoine Desjarlais (Métis); mother: Josephte Pelletier (Métis)

Desjarlais, Xavier; address: Possen; claim no. 1822; born: 5 April, 1878 at Rock Lake; father: Antoine Desjarlais (Métis); mother: Josette Pelletier (Métis); married: May, 1902 to Isabelle Desjarlais; file ref. 1910254

Ducharme, Marguerite; for her deceased son, Joseph Ducharme; claim no. 1010; address: Dunsuth, North Dakota; born: 6 May, 1871 at Rock Lake; died: 12 May, 1871; father: Roger Ducharme (Métis); mother: Marguerite Lucier (Métis and deponent); heir: his father, Roger Ducharme, scrip cert.: form F, no. 1757

Ducharme, Marie Jeanne; address: St. Eustache; claim no. 1957; born: 24 March, 1885 at Rock Lake; father: James Lilly (Métis); mother: Marie Morin (Métis); married: 10 June, 1901 to Baptiste Ducharme at St. Daniel; scrip cert.: form E, no. 3587

Ducharme, Pierre; address: Dunsuth, North Dakota; claim no. 1007; born: 1884 at Rock Lake; father: Roger Ducharme (Métis); mother: Marguerite Lucier (Métis); scrip cert.: form E, no. 3164

Ducharme, Toussaint; address: Dunsuth, North Dakota; claim no. 1008; born: 14 February, 1875 at Rock Lake; father: Roger Ducharme (Métis); mother: Margaret Lucier (Métis); married: 1895 at Dunsuth to Marie Rose Beaugrand; scrip cert.: form E, no. 3165

Fidler, John; address: Rock Lake (Sec. 14, TP. 3 R. 13); claim no. 1002; born: 21 November, 1882 at Rock Lake; father: Thomas Fidler (Métis); mother: Marguerite Lambert (Métis); scrip cert.: form E, no. 3157

Fiddler, Margaret; for her deceased son, Alexander Fiddler; claim no. 933; born: 2 May, 1880 at Rock Lake; died: same day of birth; address: Rock Lake; father: Thomas Fiddler (Métis); mother: Margaret Lambert (Métis and deponent); heir: her father, Thomas Fiddler, scrip cert.: form F, no. 1742

Fidler, Margaret; address: Rock Lake; claim no. 945; for her deceased son, Joseph Fidler; born: 5 March, 1881 at Rock Lake; died: 1 week after birth; father: Thomas Fidler (Métis); mother: Margaret Lambert (Métis and deponent); heir: her father, Thomas Fidler, scrip cert.: form F, no. 1743

Gendron, Marie Louise; born: 13 July, 1884 at Rock Lake; claim no. 2080; father: Horace Reine (Frenchman); mother: Jeannette Grandbois (Métis); married: 1900 at St. Alphonse to Arthur Gendron; file ref. 786448

Godin, Elie; address: Rock Lake; claim no. 967; born: 3 September, 1878 at Rock Lake; father: Joseph Godin (Métis); mother: Caroline Larocque (Métis); scrip cert.: form E, no. 3140.

Godin, Joseph; heir to his deceased son, Alexander Godin; claim no. 949; born: 1877 at Rock Lake; died: 1883 at Rock Lake; address: Rock Lake; father: Joseph Godin (Métis and deponent); mother: Caroline Larocque (Métis); scrip cert.: form F, no. 1747.

Godin, Joseph; for his son, Moise Godin; claim no. 969; address: Rock Lake; born: 10 October, 1884 at Rock Lake; father: Joseph Godin (Métis); mother: Caroline Larocque (Métis); scrip cert.: form E, no. 3142.

Godin, Joseph; for his deceased daughter, Virginie Gagno; claim no. 980; born: 23 January, 1872 at Rock Lake; died: 16 January, 1897 at Rock Lake; address: Rock Lake; father: Joseph Godin (Métis and deponent); mother: Caroline Larocque (Métis); married: 1893 to Patrice Gagnon; heir: Patrice Gagnon, scrip cert.: form F, no. 1758.

Godin, Joseph; heir to his deceased son, Albert Godin; claim no. 970; born: 10 October, 1880 at Rock Lake; died: 8 October, 1884 at Rock Lake; address: Tp. 4, R. 12, Sec. 24; father: Joseph Godin (Métis and deponent); mother: Caroline Larocque (Métis); scrip cert.: form F, no. 1748.

Godin, Marie Louise; address: Rock Lake; claim no. 968; born: 16 December, 1882 at Rock Lake; father: Joseph Godin (Métis); mother: Caroline Larocque (Métis); scrip cert.: form E, no. 3141.

Godin, Philippe; address: Rock Lake; claim no. 971; born: 15 May, 1874 at Rock Lake; father: Joseph Godin (Métis); mother: Caroline Larocque (Métis); married: 1897 to Emma McIvor.

Gosselin, Antoine; address: Rock Lake Sec. 22, T.3, R. 1; claim no. 962; born: 17 November, 1871 at Rock Lake; father: Augustin Gosselin (Métis); mother: Marie Moreau (Métis); married: December, 1892 to Josette Morrisseau; scrip cert.: form E, no. 3135.

Gosselin, Augustin; for his daughter, Marie Justine Gosselin; claim no. 895; address: Rock Lake, Manitoba; born: 8 November, 1885 at Rock Lake; father: Augustin Gosselin (Métis and deponent); mother: Marie Moreau (Métis); scrip cert.: form E, no. 3104; file ref. 1453022.

Gosselin, Augustin; heir to his deceased son, Augustin Gosselin; claim no. 896; born: 10 May, 1882 at Rock Lake; died: February, 1883 at Rock Lake; address: Rock Lake; father: Augustin Gosselin (Métis and deponent); scrip cert.: form F, no. 1732. Gosselin, Joseph; address: Rock Lake; claim no. 926; born: 5 January, 1882 at Rock Lake; father: William Gosselin (Métis); mother: Eliza Descoteaux (Métis); scrip cert.: form E, no. 3118.

Gosselin, Joseph; address: Rock Lake, Sec. 24, T.3, R. 14; claim no. 965; born: 2 November, 1882 at Rock Lake; father: Augustin Gosselin (Métis); mother: Marie Moreau (Métis); scrip cert.: form E, no. 3137.

Gosselin, Josephte Gosselin; Cécile Brasseau; Rose Morriseau; Patrice Morriseau; Roger Morrisseau; Joseph Morrisseau; St. Pierre Morrisseau; for her deceased sister, Marie Thérèse; claim no. 1633; Morrisseau; born: 1872 at Rock Lake; died: 1888 at Rock Lake; address: Rock Lake; father: Joseph Morrisseau (Métis); mother: Marie Desjarlais (Métis); heirs: Josephte Gosselin; Cécile Brasseau; Rose Morriseau; Patrice Morriseau; Roger Morrisseau; Joseph Morrisseau; St. Pierre Morrisseau.

Gosselin, Josephte; address: Rock Lake; claim no. 1627; born: 1874 at Rock Lake; father: Joseph Morrisseau (Métis); mother: Marie Desjarlais (Métis); married: 1891 at St. Alphonse to Antoine Gosselin; scrip cert.: form E, no. 3469.

Gosselin, Josephte; address: Rock Lake; claim no. 1635; for her deceased brother, Louis Morrisseau; born: 1876 at Rock Lake; father: Joseph Morrisseau (Métis); mother: Marie

Desjarlais (Métis); heirs: Josephte Gosselin; Cécile Brasseau; Rose Morrisseau; Patrice Morrisseau; Roger Morrisseau; Joseph Morrisseau; St. Pierre Morrisseau.

Gosselin, Michel; address: Rock Lake, Sec. 22, T. 3, R. 14 W; born: 7 August, 1880 at Rock Lake; father: Augustin Gosselin (Métis); mother: Marie Moreau (Métis); scrip cert.: form E, no. 3136; claim no. 963.

Gosselin, Paul; for his son, Michael Gosselin; claim no. 928; address: Rock Lake (Sec. 24, Tp. 3, R. 15 W); born: 16 August, 1883 at Rock Lake; father: Paul Gosselin (Métis and deponent); mother: Harriet Ritchot (Métis); scrip cert.: form E, no. 3120.

Gosselin, William; address: Rock Lake, Sec. 14, Tp. 3, R. 5 W; born: 7 November, 1879 at Rock Lake; father: William Gosselin (Métis); mother: Eliza Descoteaux (Métis); scrip cert.: form E, no. 3119; claim no. 927.

Grandbois, Louis; address: Rock Lake; claim no. 925; born: 8 August, 1885 at Rock Lake; father: John Grandbois (Métis); mother: Eliza Descoteaux (Métis); file ref. 44641 A.

Houle, Norbert; heir to his deceased daughter, Marie Ann Houl; claim no. 1634; born: April, 1884 at Rock Lake; died: 1887 at St. Francois Xavier; address: Estevan; father: Norbert Houle (Métis & deponent); mother: Caroline McLeod (Métis); scrip cert.: form F, no. 1951.

Ladouceur, Catherine; address: Rock Lake; claim no. 960; born: 12 July, 1882 at Rock Lake; father: John Ladouceur (Métis); mother: Margaret Fiddler (Métis); scrip cert.: form E, no. 3133.

Ladouceur, Jean Baptiste; for his minor son, John Ladouceur; claim no. 908; address: Rock Lake, Sec. 24, Tp. 3, R. 14 W; born: 13 April, 1884 at Rock Lake; father: Jean Baptiste Ladouceur (Métis); mother: Margaret Jane Fiddler (Métis); scrip cert.: form E, no. 3123.

Ladouceur, Jean Baptiste; for his minor daughter, Mary Dorcas Jane Ladouceur; claim no. 946; born: Dec., 1885 at Rock Lake; address: Rock Lake, Sec. 24, Tp. 3, R. 14 W; father: Jean Baptiste Ladouceur (Métis & deponent); mother: Margaret Jane Fiddler (Métis)

Lagemodiere, Marie; address: Shiperlay, Manitoba; claim no. 1498; born: 17 May, 1874 at Rock Lake; father: Paul Gosselin (Métis); mother: Marie Anne Caplette (Métis); married: 1893 at Rock Lake to Jean Baptiste Lagemodiere; scrip cert.: form E, no. 3409.

Lagemodiere, Marie; for her deceased brother, Louis Gosselin; claim no. 2004; address: Starbuck; born: Jan., 1877 at Rock Lake; died: 1890 at Rock Lake; father: Paul Gosselin (Métis and heir); mother: Marie Anne Caplette (Métis); file ref. 766900.

Lamoureux, Marie; address: Possen; claim no. 1823; born: 1875 at Rock Lake; father: Antoine Desjarlais (Métis); mother: Josephte Pelletier (Métis); married: 1895 at St. Laurent to Alexander Lamoureux; file ref. 1910254.

Langan, Mary; address: St. John, North Dakota; claim no. 1676; born: 8 Nov., 1879 at Rock Lake; father: Joseph Langan (Métis); mother: Marie Flammand (Métis); file ref. 15386A.

Lapoudre, Jonas; address: Baptiste Lake; claim no. 2432; born: 1881 at Rock Lake; father: Harry Lapoudre (Métis); mother: Christine Vivier (Métis); scrip cert.: form C, no. 1412.

Lavallée, Jean; address: Starbuck; claim no. 1847; born: 15 February, 1881 at Rock Lake; father: Pierre Lavallée (Métis); mother: Justine Jeannotte (Métis)

Lavallée, Virginie; address: Starbuck; claim no. 1846; born: 1884 at Rock Lake; father: Pierre Martin Lavallée Jr. (Métis); mother: Marie Justine Jeannotte (Métis)

Lillie, Daniel; for his minor daughter, Maggie Lilli; claim no. 978; address: Rock Lake; born: 10 July, 1885 at Rock Lake; father: Daniel Lillie (Métis and deponent); mother: Esther McLeod (Métis); scrip cert.: form E, no. 3138.

Lillie, Daniel; for his minor son, John James Lilli; claim no. 979; address: Rock Lake; born: 10 November, 1883 at Rock Lake; father: Daniel Lillie (Métis and deponent); mother: Esther McLeod (Métis); scrip cert.: form E, no. 3139.

Lilliy, James William; heir to his deceased wife, Melanie Valle; claim no. 957; address: Rock Lake; born: 12 July, 1872 at Duck Lake; died: 7 November, 1890 at Rock Lake; father: Louis Vallee (Métis); mother: Julia Fosseneuve or Villeneuve (Métis); married: 25 August, 1884 at St. John, North Dakota to deponent; scrip cert.: form F, no. 1745.

Lilly, Julie; for her deceased son, David Lilly; claim no. 2107; address: Pilot Mound; born: 11 Jan., 1885 at Rock Lake; died: 1895 at St. Daniels; father: David Lilly (Métis); mother: Julie Falcon (Métis and deponent); file ref. 2257584.

McKay, Cecilia; address: Rock Lake; born: 29 January, 1879 at Sec. 24, Tp. 3, Rge. 15; father: Joseph Jenevey (Whiteman); mother: Nancy Gosselin (Métis); married: 25 December, 1899 to John McKay; scrip cert.: form E, no. 3121; claim no. 929.

McKay, Charlotte; for her minor daughter, Eva Lavallee; address: Rock Lake, Sec. 2, Tp. 4, R. 15; born: 30 July, 1885 near Morden; father: Frank Lavallee (Métis); mother: Charlotte Gosselin (Métis and deponent); file ref. 829721; claim no. 930.

Morriseau, Joseph; heir to his deceased wife, Marie Henriette House; address: Rock Lake; born 15, April, 1878 at Oak Point; died: 1898 at Poplar River, Montana; father:

John House (Métis); mother: Marie Rose (Métis); married 1896 to Joseph Morriseau (deponent); scrip cert.: form F, no. 2007; claim no. 1988.

Morrisseau, Marie Rose; address: Carman; born: 12 February, 1878 at Rock Lake; father: Augustin Gosselin (Métis); mother: Mary Munroe (Métis); married: 5 February, 1899 to Roger Morrisseau; scrip cert.: form E, no. 3127; file ref. 687148; claim no. 950. Morrisseau, Roger; address: Carman; born: 3 January, 1878 at Rock Lake; father: Joseph Morrisseau (Métis); mother: Mary Desjarlais (Métis); married: 5 February, 1899 to Paul Gosselin; scrip cert.: form E, no. 3126; claim no. 947.

Pilon, Marie; address: Dunsuth, North Dakota; born: 4 January, 1883 at Rock Lake; father: Louis Amyotte (Métis); mother: Isabelle Descoteaux (Métis); married: 1898 at Dunsuth, North Dakota to Guillaume Pilon; scrip cert.: form E, no. 3167; claim no. 1011.

Simpson, Adeline; for her deceased son, Charles Simpson; address: Rock Lake; born: 20 March, 1885 at Rock Lake; died: 28 August, 1886 at Rock Lake; father: Charles Simpson (Métis); mother: Adeline Dennick (Métis and deponent); claim no. 903.

Simpson, Mary; address: Rock Lake (Sec. 14, Tp. 3, R. 13); born: 14 August, 1883 at ock Lake; father: John Simpson (Métis); mother: Émilie Fiddler (Métis); scrip cert.: form E, no. 3168; claim no. 1012.

Slater, Caroline; address: Clerkleigh; born: 21 October, 1872 at Rock Lake; father: Alexandre Lucier (Métis); mother: Rosalie Laviolette (Métis); married: 1891 to Alphonse Slater; scrip cert.: form E, no. 3032; claim no. 654.

Thorn, George; heir to his deceased daughter, Ida Jane Thorn; address: Rock Lake; born: 14 November, 1880 at Rock Lake; died: 6 May, 1891 near Pilot Mound; father: George Thorn (Métis and deponent); mother: Mary Rose Lilley (Métis); scrip cert.: form F, no. 1744; claim no. 932.

Thorn, George; for his minor son, William George Thorn; address: Rock Lake; born: 3 July, 1885 at Rock Lake; father: George Thorn (Métis and deponent); mother: Mary Rose Lilley (Métis); scrip cert.: form E, no. 3129; claim no. 952.

Turcotte, Jean Baptiste - Concerning his claim as a head of family - Address, Rock Lake - Born, 1838 at St. Boniface - Father, Vital Turcotte, (Métis) - Mother, Madeleine Caplette, (Métis) - Married, 1858 at St. Boniface to Angèlique Paquin - Children living, six (names on declaration) - Concerning the claims of his deceased Métis children - Jean Baptiste born 1860, died 1873, Norbert born 1862, died 1877, William born 1864, died 1879 - Scrip for \$480 - Claim 1488

Vallée, Louis; for his deceased daughter, Justine Vallée; address: Rock Lake; born: 18 April, 1880 at Killarney; died: 1899 at Killarney; father: Louis Vallée (Métis and deponent); mother: Catherine Ross (Métis); file ref. 4379225; claim no. 731.

Vallée, Louis; for his deceased daughter, Agathe Vallée; address: Rock Lake; born: 27 November, 1878 at Fort Severin, Boissevain; died: 31 December, 1878 at Boissevain; father: Louis Vallée (Métis and deponent); mother: Catherine Ross (Métis); file ref. 4379225; claim no. 734.



Scene overlooking Rock Lake ca 1900; Pembina Manitou Archive.



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