

Davis, Louis. (b. 1856)

Louis was the son of Jean-Baptiste Davis and Julianne Desnommé. His parents were both members of the Turtle Mountain Band.¹ Jean-Baptiste “Boin-ence” Davis was born in 1822 at St. Boniface, the son of Jean Baptiste Davis (b. 1777) and Josephte (Saulteaux/Chippewa). Josephte was Josephte Mijakammikijikok (Mezhekamakuikok) who was first married to fur trader Alexandre Wilkie. Thus Jean-Baptiste Davis and Jean-Baptiste Wilkie were half-brothers. Jean Baptiste Davis married Julie Desnomme, the daughter of Pierre Desnomme sometime before 1838. This family appears in the 1850 Pembina census as family # 115.² He was a counselor and Headman to Chief Little Shell.³ Jean-Baptiste signed the Augustin Brabant Métis petition from Lake Qu’Appelle, on 11th September 1874. Baptiste Davis signed as a witness to Treaty Four at Qu’Appelle in 1876. He also signed the 1878 Cypress Hills petition for a Métis Reserve.

Louis married Theresa Desjarlais at St. François Xavier. His father was one of the Métis hunters who had signed the Half-Breed petition from Lake Qu’Appelle in 1874.⁴ Louis was a member of Captain Edouard Dumont’s company, one of the 19 *dizaines* led by Gabriel Dumont during the 1885 Métis Resistance.

Scrip Records:

Scrip affidavit for Davis, Therese (nee Desjarlais); wife of Louis Davis; born: 1 November 1852; father: Andre Desjarlais; mother: Josephte Fagrean.

Davis, Elzear; address: Grande Clairiere; claim no. 478; born: 1881 at Fort Ellice; father: Louis Davis (Métis); mother: Thérèse Desjarlais (Métis); scrip cert.: form E, no. 354.

Davis, Pierre; address: Grande Clairiere; claim no. 315; born: 4 March, 1877 at Moose Mountain; father: Louis Davis (Métis); mother: Therèse Desjarlais (Métis); scrip cert.: form E, no. 266.

Davis, Thérèse; for her daughter, Josephine Davis; claim no. 510; address: Grande Clairiere; born: October, 1885 at St. Michel, North Dakota; father: Louis Davis (Métis); mother: Thérèse Desjarlais (Métis and deponent); scrip cert.: form E, no. 382; file ref. 696673.

Davis, Mary Rose; address: Grande Clairiere; claim no. 314; born: 1883 at Oak Lake; father: Louis Davis (Métis); mother: Thérèse Desjarlais (Métis); scrip cert.: form E, no. 264.

¹ Gail Morin. *Turtle Mountain Chippewa, Pembina Band; Annuity Payments and Census*. Quinton Publications, n.d. p. 24.

² Lists Baptiste Davis, hunter, age 28, Julie age 25, Helen age 12, Julie age 10, Catherine age 8, Josette age 6, and Baptiste age 4.

³ Counselors for Little Shell III in the 1890s [These men also served as counselors for Little Shell II: Ayse-sense]. Sas Swaine Poitras (67); Kug-kay-dway-wash-kung, William Davis (70), Paydway-walsh-kum, Louis Lenoir; Boin-ence Davis (73); Kar-yence Delorme (50), a son of Auguhk-quay; Sharlo Bottineau (68); Ossaotit, Francois Desmarais (55); Tchee-kee-tarn Parisien (68); Batees-shish Valley (58), son of Norbace Valley; Ahkee-win-nini, Alex Jannott (58); Tcheer-kuhk, Joseph Desmarais (56); Bayriss, Corbet Grant (55); Karn-nar-dah, Antoine Heneult (59); and Jean Batees Gorin (Champagne, 57).

⁴ Requesting a re-opening of the buffalo hunt between November 14th and February 15th each year and the granting of Métis “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).

Davis, Thérèse; for her deceased son, Avelin Davis; claim no. 513; born: September, 1878 near the present Killarney; died: 1890 at St. Antoine, North Dakota; address: Grande Clairiere; father: Louis Davis (Métis); mother: Thérèse Desjarlais (Métis and deponent); heir: his father, Louis Davis, scrip cert.: form F, no. 60.



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