Villeneuve, Isidore. (b. 1845)

Isidore, born April 8, 1845, at Fort Edmonton was the son of François Villeneuve and Helene Vallée (Lavallée). His wife was Mathilda Henry (b. 1847), the daughter of Alexis Henry and Marie Daunaise dite Lyonaise. They married in 1860 at St. Boniface. They had seven children. On the Centennial Homestead Map of the RM of Fish Creek Isidore Villeneve is shown on River Lot 31. He entered in 1882 and patented his land in 1900.

- Isidore Jr., b. April 12, 1871 at Dunvegan, Athabasca.¹
- John, b. Feb. 3, 1879 at Fort Ellice.
- Joseph, b. Dec. 12, 1876 at St. Charles.
- Joseph Albert, b. Jan. 28, 1873 at St. Boniface. He died on July 6, 1875 at St. Charles.
- Mathilde, b. July 31, 1874, St. Boniface, died in April, 1877 at St. Charles, Manitoba.
- Francois, b. April 29, 1881 at Fort Ellice.
- Virginie, b. 1883 at Torond's Coulee, died May 18, 1885 at Batoche, Saskatchewan

Isidore was alleged to have been involved in the 1871 Fenian invasion of Canada but was acquitted. At that time, he had just returned from the Athabasca with the HBC boat brigades.

Isidore signed the Métis petition for title to their land sent from St. Antoine de Padoue, South Saskatchewan, on September 4th, 1882. During the 1885 Resistance Isidore was a member of Captain Corbet Flamant's company, one of the 19 *dizaines* led by Gabriel Dumont during the 1885 Métis Resistance. Their 18 month old daughter Virginie died on May 11, 1885 at Batoche. Matilda's brothers, Maurice, Jerome and Pierre were also involved in the 1885 Resistance. Her sister, Alphonsine was married to Resistance activist Antoine Vandal.

Family Scrip records:

Scrip affidavit for Villeneuve, Isidore; born: 1848; father: Francois Villeneuve (French Canadian); mother: Helene Vallee (Métis); claim no: 2574; scrip no: 12151; date of issue: Apr. 20, 1877; amount: \$160.

Scrip affidavit for Villeneuve, Matilda; born: July 1847; husband: Isidore Villeneuve; father: Alexis Henri (Métis); mother: Marie Daunais (Métis); claim no: 942; scrip no: 7146 to 7153; date of issue: July 18, 1876; amount: \$160.

Villeneuve, Joseph; address: Batoche, Saskatchewan; born: 12 December, 1876 at St. Charles Parish; Manitoba; father: Isidore Villeneuve (Métis); mother: Mathilda Henry (Métis); scrip cert.: form C, no. 1111 for \$240.00; claim no. 62.

¹ On the Centennial Homestead Map of the RM of Fish Creek, Isidore Villeneuve, Jr. is shown on River lot 24 in Twp 42, Range 1, W3. He entered in 1900 and patented in 1901.

Villeneuve, Isidore; heir to his deceased daughter, Mathilde Villeneuve; address: Batoche, Saskatchewan; born: 31 July, 1874 at St. Boniface, Manitoba; died: April, 1877 at St. Charles, Manitoba; father: Isidore Villeneuve (Métis and deponent); mother: Mathilde Henry (Métis); claim no. 68.

Villeneuve Jr., Isidore; address: Fish Creek, Saskatchewan; born: 12 April, 1871 at Dunvegan, Athabasca; father: Isidore Villeneuve (Métis); mother: Mathilde Henry (Métis); scrip cert.: form C, no. 927 for \$240.00; claim no. 600.

Villeneuve, Isidore; heir to his deceased son, Joseph Albert; address: Batoche; born: 28 January, 1873 at St. Boniface, Manitoba; died: 6 July, 1875 at St. Charles; father: Isidore Villeneuve (Métis and deponent); mother: Mathilde Henry (Métis); claim no. 67.

Villeneuve, Isidore; heir to his deceased daughter, Virginie Villeneuve; address: Fish Creek, Saskatchewan; born: Spring, 1883 at Fish Creek; died: 18 May, 1885 at Batoche, Saskatchewan; father: Isidore Villeneuve (Métis & deponent); mother: Mathilde Henry (Métis); scrip cert.: form D, no. 655 for \$240.00; claim no. 284.



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