

Augustin Parisien. (b. 1810)

Augustin was born in 1810, the son of Claude Bonaventure dit Leger Parisien¹ and Isabelle Lizette, a Chippewa.

Augustin has been identified as one of Riel's soldiers at Fort Garry during the 1870 Resistance. He was allegedly one of the men in the firing squad for the execution of Thomas Scott. On March 4, 1870, Scott was convicted, sentenced to death and executed by a firing squad in the courtyard of Fort Garry. Augustin, according to witnesses did not fire his round.

Augustin Parisien, one of the six soldiers, declared openly that he would not shoot at Scott; and, in fact, he took off the cap from his gun before the word of command — “present”—was given. Of the five balls remaining only two hit the poor victim, one in the left shoulder, the other in the upper part of the chest above the heart.²

Augustin was first married to Thérèse Ducharme, they had one son, Pascal b. 1820 at St. Norbert. He then married Louise Vivier and they had six children born between 1839 and 1846. In 1848 he married Angelique McPherson (b. 1820), the daughter of George McPherson and Angélique Racette according to the custom of the country in 1848. The couple was enumerated in the Pembina census of 1850 as family # 127: he was listed as a hunter age 49. Angélique and Augustin had at least eleven children between 1848 and 1863.



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Augustin's scrip application of November 26, 1875 is shown on the next page. Angelique's scrip application follows.

¹ Born October 15, 1757 in Vaudreuil, Quebec, the son of Jean Baptiste-Leger dit Parisien and Marie Elizabeth Lamothe dite Brabant.

² *New York Times* dated: April 11, 1974

DOMINION OF CANADA. } *Augustin Parisien*
PROVINCE OF MANITOBA. } of the Parish of *St. Norbert*
County of *Provencher* of *Provencher* in said Province. in the County
Parish of *St. Norbert* make oath and say as follows :-

1. I am a Half breed head of a family resident in the Parish of *St. Norbert*
in the said Province, on the 15th day of July, A.D. 1870, and consisting
of myself and *wife & children*
and I claim to be entitled as such head of family to receive a grant of one hundred and sixty acres
of land or to receive Scrip for one hundred and sixty dollars pursuant to the Statute in that behalf.

2. I was born on or about the *year* *1830* in the
Province of N.W. Territories in said Province.

3. *Parisien, French Canadian,* was my father;
and *Isabelle, an Indian woman,* was my mother

4. I have not made or caused to be made any claim of land or Scrip other than the above in
this or any other Parish in said Province, nor have I claimed or received, as an Indian, any
annuity moneys, from the Government of said Dominion.

his
Augustin Parisien
mark.

Sworn before me at the Parish and County aforesaid on the
26th day of *November* A.D. 1875 having
been first read over and explained in the *French*
language to said deponent who seemed perfectly to under-
stand the same and *affixed his*
mark in my presence.

Arthur Syme

Commissioner.

Affett. N° 2104.
Claim N° 1884.
Scrip N° 10781. #160 (C).
Scrip issued on 20th Sept. 1876.
20486. J.A.C.

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DOMINION OF CANADA. I, Angélique Parisien
 PROVINCE OF MANITOBA, of the Parish of St Norbert in the County
 of Provencher in said Province, wife of Augustin Parisien, farmer.
 Parish of St Norbert make oath and say as follows:

1. I am a Half-breed head of a family resident in the Parish of St Norbert in the said Province, on the 15th day of July, A.D. 1870, and consisting of myself and wife & children and I claim to be entitled as such head of family to receive a grant of one hundred and sixty acres of land or to receive Scrip for one hundred and sixty dollars pursuant to the Statute in that behalf.
2. I was born on or about the 15th day of January year A.D. 1820 in the Parish of St Norbert in said Province.
3. George M. Therson, Settlerman, was my father; and Angélique Racette, half-breed, is my mother.
4. I have not made or caused to be made any claim of land or Scrip other than the above in this or any other Parish in said Province, nor have I claimed or received, as an Indian, any annuity moneys, from the Government of said Dominion.

Angélique Parisien
mark

Sworn before me at the Parish and County aforesaid on the 28th day of November - A.D. 1875 having been first read over and explained in the French language to said deponent who seemed perfectly to understand the same and affixed his mark in my presence.

W. H. Lyon
 Commissioner.

Affekt. N° 2103,
Claim N° 1885,
scrip N° 10782 - \$160.00,
scrip issued on 20th Sept. 1876.
20-4-86. J. A. C.