# Peter Gardiner dit Desjardins (Desjarlais) and Rosalie Malaterre

**Teton County Settlers** 

Peter Gardiner *dit* Desjarlais and his wife Rosalie were enumerated at Teton County, Montana in the 1900 Census. They were part of the Canyon Métis community located on the south fork of the Teton River. He is shown as age 75 (Cree) and his wife Rosalie is shown as age 65 (Cree) with daughter Frazine age 20.

Peter Gardiner (Desjarlais) may be the son of François-Xavier "Minock" Desjarlais and his wife Françoise Oke Ne Kih Kwe Bottineau born September 20, 1832 and baptised at St. Peter's Mission, Red Lake Minnesota in 1839.

Rosalie Malaterre was born on September 20, 1840, at St. Francois Xavier, the daughter of Jean Baptiste Malaterre<sup>1</sup> (b.c.1815) and Therese Comtois. She first married William Blandion in 1860. She then married Peter Gardiner (b. 1825) in 1872.

Her father, Jean-Baptiste Malaterre was killed in the Battle of the Grand Coteau. This battle took place between a Métis buffalo hunting party from St. François Xavier, led by Jean-Baptiste Falcon and the Cut Head (Pabaksa) Yanktonai (Ihanktonwanna), Dakota, led by Chief Medicine (Sacred) Bear, on July 15 to 16, 1851.

### Métis Scrip:

Desjardins, Rosalie; for her deceased children; claim no. 1499; Abraham, born: 1873 at Big Lake; died: 1891 at Chateau; Elie, born: 1875 at Red Deer, near Edmonton; died: 1890 at Teton; Elise, born: 1877 at Red Deer; died: 1889 at Teton; address: Teton, Montana; father: Peter Gardiner (Métis); mother: Rosalie Malaterre (Métis and deponent); file ref. 789154.

Desjardins, Euphrosine; address: Chateaux, Montana; claim no. 1500; born: 1 April, 1882 in North West Territories; father: Peter Gardiner (Métis); mother: Rosalie Malaterre (Métis); file ref. 947525

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Malaterre, Jean-Baptiste. (1815-1851) Jean-Baptiste was the son of Jean-Baptiste Malaterre Sr. (b. 1781) and Angelique Adam. <sup>1</sup> Jean-Baptiste was first married to Thérèse Comtois, the daughter of Jean-Baptiste Comtois and Angélique Vallée in 1839 at SFX. They had three children. Thérèse died after giving birth to their third child in January 1846. He then married Louise Marchand *dite* Lapierre, the daughter of Antoine Marsant *dit* Lapierre and Louise Machegone in 1850 at SFX. They had a daughter Marie, born March 25, 1851. Jean-Baptiste was killed at the Battle of the Grand Coteau on July 13, 1851 and reportedly buried either at the site of the battle or along the Sheyanne River. Jean-Baptiste Malaterre's youngest sister Marie born March 31, 1839 was the mother of Marguerite Belhumeur *dit* Monet, the wife of Louis Riel.

Ref. 789541

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Department of the Interior, Ottawn, 2nd Movember, 1904.

#### 1339, 1499 and 1500 of 1900.

femorandum:

Re claims of Pierre Desjardine or Gardiner, as sole heir of his deceased children, Joseph, Abraham, Elie and Rise, and of his living daughter Euphresine, reconsidered under the Order in Council of the 18th August, 1904.

The baptismal certificates from the Mission of St. Albert, Alberta, which have been produced and which are attached to claim 1499, show that Abraham was born on the 3rd May,1873; Elise in December 1878 and Elis in December 1879. They died at Teton, Montana, in 1890, 1888 and 1891, respectively, according to the evidence submitted in 1900 by the mother of the deceased children, before Commissioners McKenna and Walker.

Pierre Desjardins, the father of these deceased children, received scrip in 1893 in satisfaction of his own claim as a North-West Half-Breed (file \$1066), and in 1893, as sole heir of his deceased first wife.

Josephte Breland and the following deceased children, who all died during the smallpox epidemic in the autumn of 1870:- Clemence, or Josephte Desjardins; Angèle or Isabelle Desjardins; Elise, or Mary Desjardins; Edouard Desjardins, and Pierre Besjardins. (file 293171). Scrip was issued to his second wife, Bosalie Desjardins, née Malaterre, in 1893 (file 306933). Elise, or Mary Desjardins, who died in 1870 and on whose account scrip was issued to her father, was born in 1861, while Elise Desjardins, also deceased, referred to in the claim which was preferred in 1900, was born, as already stated, in 1875.

The evidence in these cases, on file 293171, further shows that Pierre mesjardins went to the United

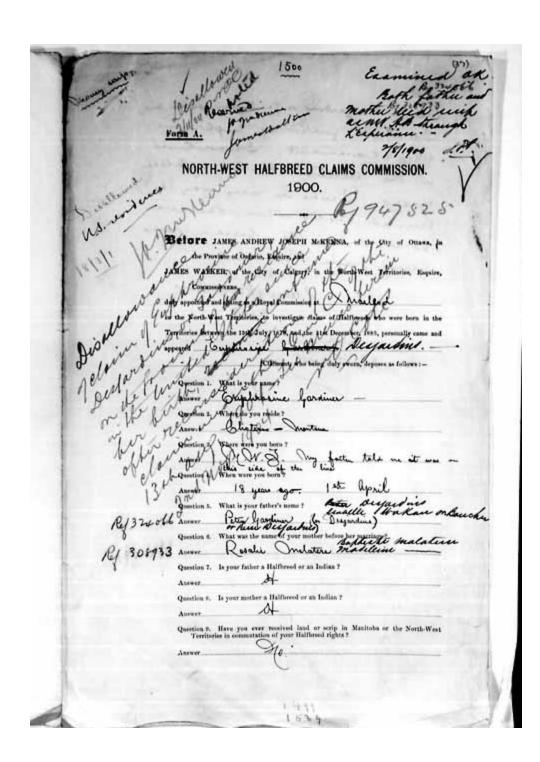
States in 1862, where he has resided ever since, and that his son Joseph Desjardins, who also died in the suttem of 1870, was born, as per his baptismal certificate, on the 9th September, 1870, and having been born after the 18th July, 1870, the claims on account of this child could not them be allowed. Further particulars respecting these claims are given in my memorandum of the 25th May, 1892, addressed to the them Deputy Minister of the Interior, on file 293171, above mentioned.

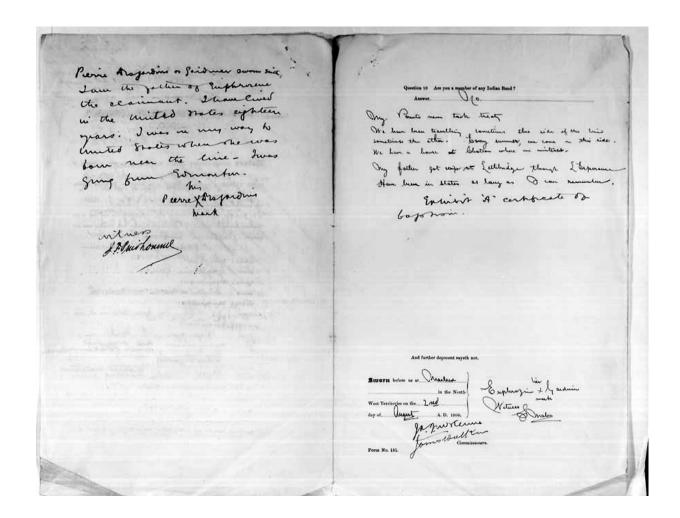
#### DECISION.

The claims of Pierre Desjardine, as sole heir of his deceased children, Joseph pesjardins (1839 of 1900), and Abraham, Elic and Elice Desjardins (1499 of 1900), are allowed, under the Order-in-Council of the 13th August, 1904".

The disallowance of the claim of Emphrosine Desjardins or Gardiner, daughter of the said Pierre Desjardins or Gardiner, who was born on the let April 1852, near the boundary line, it is stated, when her parents were on their way to the United States from Edmonton, and who was begtized, as shown by her begtismal certificate, on the 4th June of the same year at St. Peters Mission, United States, in which country she has lived ever since, is confirmed (1500 of 1900 and Ref. 947825).

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## Form B.

## NORTH-WEST HALFBREED CLAIMS COMMISSION. 1900.

Before JAMES ANDREW JOSEPH McKENNA, of the City of Ottawa, in	
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JAMES WALKER, of the City of Calgary, in the North-West Territories, Esquire,	
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