

## Peter Erasmus (1794-1849) and Catherine Budd (1800-ca.1838)<sup>1</sup>

### PETER ERASMUS

BORN: 1794-1796 Denmark<sup>2</sup>

MARRIED: 31 Jan. 1826 St. John's, Assiniboia<sup>3</sup>

BURIED: 23 Oct. 1849 St. Andrew's, Assiniboia<sup>4</sup>

### CATHERINE BUDD

BORN: 1800 (metis)<sup>5</sup>

### The children of Peter Erasmus and Catherine Budd

#### 1. Sophia Erasmus

Born: 1816 Red River Settlement, Assiniboia<sup>6</sup>

Baptized: 19 Dec. 1824 St. John's, Assiniboia<sup>7</sup>

Married: 28 Dec. 1837 St. Andrew's, Assiniboia to Baptiste Desmarais,<sup>8</sup> born 1812 Red River Settlement, Assiniboia and the metis son of Francois Desmarais<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Completed 2 Feb. 1998, and revised 22 Aug. 1999.

<sup>2</sup>D.N. Sprague and R.P. Frye, comps., The Genealogy of the First Metis Nation (Winnipeg: Pemmican Publications, 1983), table 1 no. 1445, and National Archives of Canada (hereafter cited as NAC), Kipling Collection, MG 25 G 62, Red River Genealogies, fol. 292.

<sup>3</sup>Ibid.

<sup>4</sup>Ibid.

<sup>5</sup>Sprague and Frye, table 1 no. 1445.

<sup>6</sup>Ibid., no. 1235.

<sup>7</sup>NAC, Kipling Collection, fol. 292.

<sup>8</sup>Ibid.

<sup>9</sup>Sprague and Frye, table 1 no. 1235.

Children:

1. Eliza Desmarais: baptized 27 Dec. 1838 St. John's, Assiniboia<sup>10</sup>
2. Fanny Desmarais: baptized 7 Sept. 1840 St. John's, Assiniboia<sup>11</sup>
3. Margaret Desmarais  
     Born: 13 May 1844 Mackenzie River, North West Territories<sup>12</sup>  
     Married: To George Hodges,<sup>13</sup> born 1827-1828 United States and the son of  
     Jonathan Hodges<sup>14</sup>

Children:

1. William Hodges: born 1862<sup>15</sup>
2. Adeline Hodges: born 1865<sup>16</sup>
3. James Hodges: born 1868<sup>17</sup>
4. Henry Charles Desmarais  
     Born: 29 Oct. 1846 St. Andrew's, Assiniboia<sup>18</sup>  
     Married: To Mary Ann Whitford, born 15 Nov. 1852 Poplar Point, Assiniboia and  
     the metis daughter of James Whitford (metis) and Mary Robillard (metis)<sup>19</sup>

Children:

1. Charles Desmarais: born 1867<sup>20</sup>

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<sup>10</sup>NAC, Kipling Collection, fol. 292.

<sup>11</sup>Ibid.

<sup>12</sup>NAC, Department of the Interior Affidavits 1870 to 1885, RG 15, microfilm reel C-14928 (Margaret Hodges).

<sup>13</sup>Ibid.

<sup>14</sup>Sprague and Frye, table 1 no. 2171, and NAC, Kipling Collection, fol. 292.

<sup>15</sup>Sprague and Frye, table 4 no. 2171.

<sup>16</sup>Ibid.

<sup>17</sup>Ibid.

<sup>18</sup>NAC, reel C-14927 (Henry Charles Desmarais).

<sup>19</sup>Ibid. (Mary Ann Desmarais).

<sup>20</sup>Sprague and Frye, table 4 no. 1148.

2. Elizabeth Desmarais: born 1868<sup>21</sup>

5. Mary Ann Desmarais: baptized 14 Nov. 1858 St. Andrew's, Assiniboia<sup>22</sup>

6. John Peter Desmarais: baptized 8 June 1851 St. Andrew's, Assiniboia<sup>23</sup>

7. Rebecca Desmarais: born 1855 Manitoba<sup>24</sup>

8. Flora Desmarais: born 1858 Manitoba<sup>25</sup>

9. Victoria Desmarais: born 1860 Manitoba<sup>26</sup>

10. Maria Jane Desmarais: born 1864 Manitoba<sup>27</sup>

2. Catherine Erasmus

Baptized: 19 Dec. 1824 St. John's, Assiniboia<sup>28</sup>

Married: To Nicholas Spence<sup>29</sup>

Children:

1. Joseph Spence: baptized 14 Apr. 1845 St. John's, Assiniboia<sup>30</sup>

3. Henry Erasmus

Born: 1827 Rupert's Land<sup>31</sup>

Baptized: 1 May 1827 St. John's, Assiniboia<sup>32</sup>

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<sup>21</sup>Ibid.

<sup>22</sup>NAC, Kipling Collection, fol. 292.

<sup>23</sup>Ibid.

<sup>24</sup>Ibid.

<sup>25</sup>Ibid.

<sup>26</sup>Ibid.

<sup>27</sup>Ibid.

<sup>28</sup>Ibid.

<sup>29</sup>Ibid.

<sup>30</sup>Ibid.

<sup>31</sup>Sprague and Frye, table 1 no. 1447.

<sup>32</sup>NAC, Kipling Collection, fol. 292.

Married: 6 June 1850 St. Andrew's, Assiniboia to Margaret Anderson,<sup>33</sup> born 1832<sup>34</sup>

4. Peter Erasmus

Born: 1833 Red River Settlement, Assiniboia<sup>35</sup>

Died: 1931 Goodfish Reserve, Alberta<sup>36</sup>

5. William Erasmus

Born: 1835<sup>37</sup>

Baptized: 16 Feb. 1835 St. John's, Assiniboia<sup>38</sup>

Married: 2 Feb. 1860 St. Andrew's, Assiniboia to Isabella Spence,<sup>39</sup> born 1840<sup>40</sup>

Children:

1. William Erasmus: baptized 25 Jan. 1860 St. Andrew's, Assiniboia<sup>41</sup>

2. Mary Erasmus: baptized 8 Sept. 1861 St. Andrew's, Assiniboia<sup>42</sup>

6. Sally Erasmus

Baptized: 27 Dec. 1838 St. John's, Assiniboia<sup>43</sup>

7. Mary Erasmus

Baptized: 27 Dec. 1838 St. John's, Assiniboia<sup>44</sup>

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<sup>33</sup>Ibid.

<sup>34</sup>Sprague and Frye, table 1 no. 1447.

<sup>35</sup>Irene M. Spry, ed., The Papers of the Palliser Expedition 1857-60 (Toronto: The Champlain Society, 1968), 595.

<sup>36</sup>Ibid.

<sup>37</sup>Sprague and Frye, table 1 no. 1443.

<sup>38</sup>NAC, Kipling Collection, fol. 293.

<sup>39</sup>Ibid.

<sup>40</sup>Sprague and Frye, table 1 no. 1447.

<sup>41</sup>NAC, Kipling Collection, fol. 293.

<sup>42</sup>Ibid.

<sup>43</sup>Ibid., fol. 292.

<sup>44</sup>Ibid., fol. 293.