

November 16th, 2022.

As we are the interested family that initially sent in the September 16th, 2022. Reply to the Enrolment Officer's Report on Ancestor Francois Kawitadijik (RIN #6869); we felt compelled to offer our opinions regarding the responses returned to us regarding the documents we had previously forwarded to your office.

Regarding Document #1 and Document #2.

- We are sufficiently satisfied with your information regarding these documents, and we will be adding this to our family genealogy records. We are very thankful for your insight and knowledge regarding these families.
- We previously thought they were related to Francois; however, it is obvious they were not. We appreciate your professionalism, and we will correct our records because of Joan Holmes' reports and documentation retrieval.

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⁶ALG-03260

¹¹ALG-03284

²ALG-04132

⁷ALG-03623

¹²ALG-40001

³ALG-04646

⁸ALG-03762

¹³ALG-04917

⁴ALG-03079

⁹ALG-03079

⁵ALG-03825

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Wife of Francois Kawitadijik (RIN #6869)

- We are relieved that you state both male and female lines are considered when applying the Proposed Beneficiary Criteria. So, thank you for addressing our concerns regarding this matter.
- We have more information now on Marie Anne Kapimasikekwe (RIN #6870), previously we did not have her parents' names, only her brothers' names. Thank you once again for your thorough examination of the historical records.

Erroneous use of 'Outaouis' designation

- In our email dated September 16th, 2022, we had (in the summation paragraph) said the following: The records from 1819-1839 on Francois, consistently noted him as being Odawa. However, the records are incorrect because in the same documents they also recorded Marie Anne as having no origin, when it is a known fact, she is Algonquin.
- We were not contesting he was Odawa in the records, we were saying she was incorrectly listed as having no origin.

However, after reading your explanations of how names, designation and identities were recorded we withdraw our comment that the records were incorrect concerning Marie Anne. We accept the explanation given.

It is confusing that you did not address our concerns listed in the September 16th email regarding Francois and Marie Anne's daughter Therese marrying Benjamin Weiwassang dit Leclerc/Leclair (RIN 2172) at OKA in 1847. Francois and Mary Anne were identified as Algonquins of the mission on this record. Witnesses are all Algonquin.

- We are not contesting who was listed as Algonquin, but we were concerned and mentioned that if Francois and Marie Anne were to be removed by the governing board of trustees, we would prefer it be acknowledged that we still have "Direct Lineage Descendants" in the Petitioning Period.
- Maybe this is a concern, however; if Francois remains on the Schedule of Ancestors, it would be a moot point and therefore not need to be addressed and could this be why it was not mentioned?
- More clarification would be appreciated on this matter as it was already brought up in the original email and is not a new matter being brought up.

We as a family wholeheartedly agree with your conclusion (page 6) listed in the Enrolment Officer's Report dated July 2022.

- The historical sequence of ascribing first an Odawa identity to Francois' children and then an Algonquin identity to the adult children and grandchildren suggest two patterns: first, the priests followed the convention of applying the father's tribal identity to his minor children without regard to the tribal identity of the mother; and second, that the Odawa origins of Francois became more irrelevant as the family remained in the Algonquin community with close familial and territorial ties to other Algonquins. NO evidence has been located that suggests that Francois, his children, or grandchildren were not considered to be integrated into Algonquin family networks and kinship structure.
- Your conclusion (Page 4) states Francois Kawitadijik was continuously in association with the Algonquins at the mission over multiple decades and was listed as a head of household in the Algonquin village. Other prominent Algonquins witnessed the religious events of his immediate family. Francois married an Algonquin woman, their known descendants also intermarried with Algonquins/Nipissings, and these descendants are identified on records as either Indian or Algonquin.

We are keeping a list of points that strengthen our position on why Francois remain on the Schedule of Ancestors', but we were instructed not to go over them if they were already listed in the original Enrolment officer's Report filed on Francois Kawitadijik.

In conclusion, we wish to be included in the December 12th hearing, and we have previously sent an email asking to be included. We were instructed to wait until December 2nd for instructions on how to join the conversation as the details had not been finalized yet. We are waiting, as instructed but just want it known that we truly wish to be involved in this proposed meeting.