

**Enrolment Officer's Responding Submission in response to a
Submission by an Interested Party:**

**Report Regarding Ancestor
Sophie Carriere dite Jammes
(RIN #11566)
dated March 30, 2023**



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1. Introduction

The Tribunal received a responding submission from one individual in support of removing the ancestor Sophie Carriere dite Jammes (RIN #11566) from the Schedule of Algonquin Ancestors. The submission is posted on the Tribunal's website at:

<https://www.tanakiwin.com/tribunal/sophie-emelie-jamme-dite-carriere/>

It appears on the website as:

- Document 3 – Responding Submission by V. Coburn. It was dated February 22, 2023.

Dr. Coburn's submission is responding to the Enrolment Officer's Report which appears on the Tribunal website as:

- Document 1 – Enrolment Officer's Report Regarding Ancestor Sophie Emilie Jamme dite Carrière (RIN #11566). It was dated December 2022.

This reply report addresses the content of the responding submission that is relevant to the Tribunal's inquiry, which is to determine whether Sophie Emilie Jamme dite Carrière is identified in a historic record or document dated on or before December 31, 1921, in such a way that it would be reasonable to conclude that she was considered to be an Algonquin or Nipissing, or a sibling of such a person. A "sibling of such a person" means a person with a common Algonquin parent.

Dr. Coburn's responding submission refers to some documents and facts that are contained in the Enrolment Officer's Report (posted as Document 1). As noted in the Enrolment Officer's Report, archival documents recording a family's life events have been assigned ALG document numbers; RIN numbers have been assigned to individuals discussed in the report to aid in identification. RIN numbers and/or page numbers of existing reports will be referenced in this report for ease of discussion. Additional documents supplied by the Respondent are attached to his submission.

2. Document #3 – Responding Submission by V. Coburn

The Respondent V. Coburn submitted a report to the Tribunal in support of removing Sophie Emilie Jamme dite Carrière (RIN #11566) from the Schedule of Ancestors. The submission was sent under cover of a letter dated February 22, 2023 and comprised a 159-page report including genealogical charts, explanatory text, and supporting genealogical documents.

This reply report comments on the content of the submission that is within the purview of the Enrolment Officer to address and is germane to the issues before the Tribunal. The issues raised by the Respondent are organized into sub-sections. Some individuals discussed by the Respondent are identified by RIN numbers for ease of identification.

2.1 Respondent's Introduction, Proposed Enrolment Criteria, History of Enrolment
(Respondent's sections 01 – 05 and 08, pages 1 to 7)

This reply does not comment on sections of the submission that pertain to the history of enrolment, findings of previous hearings, research methodology, the application of oral history and circumstantial evidence, or the reliability of DNA analysis. Nor does it comment on information submitted or conclusions drawn by the Respondent regarding descendants of the subject ancestors or family lines intermarried with them as these are not issues before the Tribunal. Whether or not individuals can be properly enrolled under the Proposed Beneficiary Criteria (PBC) will be determined after the Tribunal has concluded their work and all protests and appeals have been adjudicated.

2.2 Genealogical Chart for Sophie Emilie Jamme dite Carrière

The Respondent provides a genealogical chart (family tree) for Sophie Carrière (1807-1886, RIN #11566) documenting six to seven generations of ancestors on both her maternal and paternal lines. The genealogical charts provided in the Enrolment Officer's Report (posted as Document 1) in Appendix 1b (paternal line) and Appendix 1c (maternal line) include some additional individuals. The findings depicted on these two charts are discussed in section E.3 on pages 10 to 11 of the Enrolment Officer's Report. As set out in the Enrolment Officer's Report, no Algonquin ancestors were identified in the genealogical charts provided by the Enrolment Officer. No Algonquin ancestors were identified in the genealogical charts provided by the Respondent.

2.3 Genealogical Records for Sophie Emilie Jamme dite Carrière *(Respondent's sections 06 and 09, pages 8 to 11)*

The documents cited by the Respondent are consistent with the material included in the Enrolment Officer's Report (posted as Document 1) and discussed in sections E.1 to E.3, pages 5 to 11 of that report.

The Respondent addressed the issue of a document purporting to be for Sophie Emilie Jamme dite Carrière's father on page 3 of his submission. This document is also discussed in the Enrolment Officer's Report (posted as Document 1) in section E.5 page 14.¹ The provenance of the document has not been verified. In addition, neither the Respondent nor the Enrolment Officer were able to find any substantiating evidence regarding the couple named in this document (Michel Carrière and Marie Magdeleine Catherine Bournier/Fournier dite Morget) or their daughter Emilie.

The Respondent addressed the marriage contract of Josepthe James dite Carrière, the sister of subject ancestor Sophie Carrière (RIN #11566), to Jean Baptiste Daragon Lafrance in his submission in subsection h, page 9. This document was discussed at length in the Enrolment Officer's Report (posted as Document 1) in section E.6, pages 14 to 15.² In that section, the term "une robe l'indienne" is identified as likely referencing a dress made of India cotton, a fabric that was commonly used in that period. The Respondent states that the item was "an

¹ ALG-40502

² ALG-40504

imported print dress made of cotton from India which at the time were commonly referred to as 'Indian dresses'. The Respondent also comments that items made of "alder" wood which were contained in her dowry were ordinary household items being used broadly in that era and not particular to Indigenous people.

2.4 Citizenship Customs and UNDRIP (Respondent's section 10)

This reply report does not comment on this section as it is not directly germane to the issue before the Tribunal which is to determine whether Sophie Emilie Jamme dite Carrière (RIN #11566) is identified in a historic record or document dated on or before December 31, 1921, in such a way that it would be reasonable to conclude that she was considered to be an Algonquin or Nipissing, or a sibling of such a person. A "sibling of such a person" means a person with a common Algonquin parent.

2.5 Conclusions (Respondent's section 11, pages 13 to 14)

Based on evidence supplied in his submission, the Respondent concludes that Sophie Emilie Jamme dite Carrière (RIN #11566) is descended from Europeans and is not of Algonquin descent.

As noted in the Enrolment Officer's Report (posted as Document 1), the Enrolment Officer has not identified a historical document that specifically identifies Sophie Emilie Jamme dite Carrière (RIN #11566) as being Algonquin and the available genealogical information that is outlined in the Enrolment Officer's Report indicates that she is descended from Europeans.

2.6 Appendix A Clouthier and other related families (Respondent's pages 108 to 125)

The Enrolment Officer does not comment on information submitted regarding a family line intermarried with the subject ancestor's descendants as this family line is not an issue before the Tribunal. Whether or not individuals can be properly enrolled under the Proposed Beneficiary Criteria (PBC) will be determined after the Tribunal has concluded their work and all protests and appeals have been adjudicated.

2.7 Appendix B Turcotte and other related families (Respondent's pages 126 to 145)

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2.8 Appendix C Mielke and other related families (Respondent's pages 146 to 159)

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