

**Enrolment Officer's Reply Report made in response to a Reply
Submission by an Interested Party:**

**Report Regarding Ancestor
Cecile McDonnell dite Mawishk
(RIN #14687)
dated April 13, 2023**



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1. Introduction

The Tribunal received a reply submission from one individual in support of retaining the ancestor Cecile McDonnell dite Mawishk (aka McDonnell-Mawiskak, RIN #14687) on the Schedule of Algonquin Ancestors. The submission is posted on the Tribunal's website at: <https://www.tanakiwin.com/tribunal/cecile-mcdonnell-mawiskak/>

The submission appears on the website as:

- Document 13 – Reply Submissions by J. Poirier.

The submission was filed in response to the Enrolment Officer's initial report and responding report on Ancestor Cecile McDonnell-Mawiskak which are posted on the website as:

- Document 1 – Enrolment Officer's Report Regarding Ancestor Cecile McDonnell-Mawiskak & Appendices, dated November 2022; and
- Document 6 – Enrolment Officers Reply to Initial Submissions Regarding #14687, dated February 22, 2023.

This report addresses the content of the reply submission that is relevant to the Tribunal's inquiry, which is to determine whether Cecile McDonnell dite Mawishk 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 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.

The submission refers to documents that are contained in the Enrolment Officer's Report (posted as Document 1) and Reply report (posted as Document 6). As noted in the Enrolment Officer's reports, 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. Both RIN numbers and ALG numbers will be referenced in this report for ease of discussion.

2. Document #13 – Reply Submission by J. Poirier

The Respondent J. Poirier submitted a family tree taken from Ancestry.ca, a page from the Weskirini website, and paragraphs taken from the Enrolments Officer's Report (posted as Document 1). The points made in the Respondent's reply report are organized into subsections for ease of discussion.

2.1 Ancestry Family Tree

The Respondent provided eight pages from a family tree which appears to have been downloaded from Ancestry.ca. The Respondent includes these pages as "just some facts to take into consideration for the up coming tribunal also the DNA matches to Alexander McDonnell descendant in my previous submission." The downloaded pages show that the ancestor "Cecile Mawiskak MacDonell" was born in 1809, the daughter of "Margaret 'Ann' Cameron" and "Allan Mac Donnel" and was a sibling of Alexander McDonald (1813-1847). No documents or source

references are provided by the party who created this family tree to substantiate the connections between these individuals.

The children and some grandchildren of Allan McDonnell and Margaret Cameron are well documented and described in section E.4 of the Enrolment Officer's initial report (posted as Document 1) and in Section 3.2.a of her Reply report (posted as Document 6). The connections between these children and parents Allan McDonnell and Margaret Cameron are substantiated by primary documents such as birth/baptism, marriage, burial records, a last will and testament, Hudson Bay biographical sheets and authoritative secondary sources. No evidence was found that identified Cecile McDonnell as the daughter of Allan and Margaret Cameron, or as the sibling of Alexander McDonnell, as claimed in the family tree downloaded from Ancestry.ca.

The Enrolment Officer has no comment to make on the assessment of DNA.

2.2 Screenshot of a webpage

This screenshot is taken from the Weskarini website, particularly the PDF relating to the family of Dominique Patwe, and the baptism of his daughter Susanne Patwe in 1839 at Pembroke. The wife of Dominique and mother of Susanne was named Marie Anne Tepinaganokwe.¹

The Respondent notes that the baptism record of Cecile and Narcisse Dorion's daughter Sophie, as described in the Enrolment Officer's Report (posted as Document 1) on page 16, names Marie Anne Tepinaganokwe as Sophie Dorion's godmother.

The Enrolment Officer agrees with the connection made by the Respondent. The Enrolment Officer further notes that Marie Anne Tepinaganokwe was mostly known as Marie Anne Pinesiwabanokwe (RIN #6782) in documents, which were predominantly recorded at Oka. Marie Anne was identified as having the last name "Tepinaganokwe" only on one record, being the record recording the baptism of her daughter Susanne as noted above. Marie Anne was indeed married to Dominique Patwe at Oka in 1833 with her husband noted as being Nipissing, and she as being identified as Algonquin. The Enrolment Officer agrees that this demonstrates a social connection between the Algonquin woman, Marie Anne Tepinaganokwe (aka Marie Anne Pinesiwabanokwe, RIN #6782) and Cecile McDonnell and her spouse Narcisse Dorion.

2.3 Paragraph taken from page 16 of the Enrolment Officer's Report

A screenshot of a paragraph from page 16 of the Enrolment Officer's Report (posted as Document 1) cites the baptism of Cecile and Narcisse's third child Marianne in 1845. The Respondent noted that the godparents named on the baptism record are similar to names included in the "Lamure Research paper." The Respondent did not provide a copy of this research paper nor did the submission indicate where it could be located.

The Enrolment Officer has no further comments.

¹ <https://www.weskarini.ca/files/PATWEDominique.pdf>