

**Enrolment Officer's Reply Submission in response to Responding
Submissions by Interested Parties:**

**Reply Report to Responding Submission Regarding
Ancestors**

**Frederick and Walter Ferris
(RIN #5208 & #2196)
Dated April 11, 2023**



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1. Introduction

The Tribunal received responding submissions from two parties in support of removing the ancestors Frederick and Walter Ferris (RIN #5208 & #2196) from the Schedule of Algonquin Ancestors. The submissions are posted on the Tribunal's website at:

<https://www.tanakiwin.com/tribunal/frederick-ferris-and-walter-ferris-3/>

They appear on the website as:

- Document 5 – Submission by Chief Wendy Jocko on behalf of her community. It was dated March 7, 2023.
- Document 7 – Responding Submission by Chief G. Sarazin on behalf of his community. It was dated March 27, 2023.

The submissions are responding to the Enrolment Officer's Report which appears on the Tribunal website as:

- Document 1 – Enrolment Officer's Report Regarding Frederick and Walter Ferris. It was dated October 2022.
- Document 6 – Enrolment Officers Reply to responding submission re #5208 #2196. It was dated March 15, 2023.

This reply report addresses the content in the Respondents' submissions that are relevant to the Tribunal's inquiry, which is to determine whether Frederick and Walter Ferris (RIN #5208 & #2196) are 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 either or both of them were 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 Respondents' submissions refer 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, ALG document numbers, and/or page numbers of existing reports will be referenced in this report for ease of discussion.

2. Document #5 – Responding Submission by Chief Wendy Jocko on behalf of her community

The Respondent Chief Wendy Jocko submitted a responding submission on behalf of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan in support of removing Frederick and Walter Ferris (RIN #5208 & #2196) from the Schedule of Ancestors.

The submission does not attach any new documents or information. Rather, the Respondent indicates that she is in agreement with certain of the Enrolment Officer's research findings about Frederick and Walter Ferris, which are described as follows:

Frederick Ferris

- Frederick Ferris married Nancy Good in or near Moose Factory on July 8, 1833.
- Nancy Good was likely the daughter of an Englishman working for the HBC and a Cree woman from the James Bay region.
- Frederick Ferris worked at various HBC trading posts in the James Bay watershed in the 1830s and 1840s, until he retired in 1848.
- Frederick Ferris' Indigenous ancestry comes through his mother, who was likely from north-central British Columbia.

Walter Ferris

- Frederick's son Walter was born at the HBC's Flying Post on December 6, 1841.
- He married Annie McDonald on July 28, 1864 in Rolph Township, Renfrew County.

The Respondent submitted that neither Frederick nor Walter Ferris is an Algonquin Ancestor according to Article 1 of the Special Resolution of January 22, 2020 based on the fact that it is most likely that Frederick's mother was an Indigenous woman from British Columbia, and Walter's maternal grandmother was a Cree woman from James Bay.

The Enrolment Officer notes that neither her initial report (posted as Document 1) nor her reply report (posted as Document 6) drew conclusions as to the tribal affiliation of the Indigenous women who formed unions with Frederick Ferris's unnamed father or with Frederick Ferris and who were the mother and grandmother of Walter Ferris. The known details regarding these women and the work and residential patterns of Frederick and Walter were laid out of the consideration of the Tribunal.

What conclusions, if any, that may be drawn from the Enrolment Officer's Report or other evidence that is available to the Tribunal, are for the Tribunal to determine.

The Enrolment Officer has no further reply comments.

3. Document #7 – Responding Submission by Chief G. Sarazin on behalf of his community

The Respondent Chief Greg Sarazin submitted a responding submission on behalf of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan in support of removing Frederick and Walter Ferris (RIN #5208 & #2196) from the Schedule of Ancestors.

The submission was in response to the Enrolment Officer's Reply to responding submission re #5208 #2196 noted as Document 6 on the tribunal website.

The Respondent states that he agrees with the Enrolment Officer's reiteration that Frederick and Walter Ferris's Indigenous ancestry is most likely not Algonquin. The Respondent states

that Frederick and Walter Ferris are not Algonquin Ancestors according to Article 1 of the Special Resolution of January 22, 2020.

The Enrolment Officer notes that neither her initial report (posted as Document 1) nor her reply report (posted as Document 6) drew conclusions as to the tribal affiliation of the Indigenous women who formed unions with Frederick Ferris's unnamed father or with Frederick Ferris and who were the mother and grandmother of Walter Ferris. The known details regarding these women and the work and residential patterns of Frederick and Walter were laid out of the consideration of the Tribunal.

What conclusions, if any, that may be drawn from the Enrolment Officer's Report or other evidence that is available to the Tribunal, are for the Tribunal to determine.

The Enrolment Officer has no further reply comments on this subject.