

SELECTED MANITOBA RESOURCES RELATING TO LOUIS RIEL

Much can be learned about Louis Riel and his role in Canadian history through the original records held at the Archives of Manitoba and publications held by the Manitoba Legislative Library. Following are a few examples of these resources:

ARCHIVES OF MANITOBA RECORDS

Letter from Louis Riel to his wife Marguerite, written from the prison in Regina, October 5, 1885

Archives of Manitoba P5563, f.12

Riel family correspondence and poetry, 1869-1923

Archives of Manitoba MG3 D2

Papers Relating to Red River Disturbance, 1869-1870

List of Rights/ Liste des Droits

Archives of Manitoba MG3 A1-17,18

Council of Assiniboia Papers and Financial Records, 1869

The Council of Assiniboia was, from 1821 until 1870, the administrative body of Rupert's Land, created by the Hudson's Bay Company to govern the territory prior to Manitoba becoming a province. Minutes of the Council for October 25th, 1869 document discussion relating to Louis Riel and his provisional government

Archives of Manitoba MG2 B1/3-4

Court of Queen's Bench – Surrogate Court File, 1903

Louis Riel's Estate File, completed by his son Jean, in 1903

Archives of Manitoba A 0126, GR 4433, G6699, file # 3388

Dominion Land Surveyor's Field Books, 1869

Land surveyor A.C. Webb's notebook and diary reference and list the names of the men who stopped him from surveying in Fort Garry in 1869. Louis "Ariel" is the first name listed

Archives of Manitoba NR 0157, GR1601, #770-771

George A. Flinn fonds, 1884-1935

Diary of George A. Flinn, newspaper correspondent, 24 March-11 June 1885; memoirs written in 1935; correspondence and papers, 1884-1935, including an account of the trial and execution of Louis Riel.

Archives of Manitoba MG3 C13a-b

Charles A. Boulton fonds, 1855-1961

Charles A. Boulton (1841-1899) was part of a Dominion Land Survey party sent to the Red River Settlement in 1869. He organized a group of volunteers to try to suppress the Red River Rebellion by Louis Riel and in 1885, he led a group of militia to help put down the North-West Rebellion. Records include correspondence, articles, speeches, invitations and genealogical material, including a description of the capture of Louis Riel in 1885

Archives of Manitoba MG3 C13

Alexander Ross Family fonds, 1810-1903

Alexander Ross (1783-1856) was an author, fur trader and prominent citizen of Red River

Archives of Manitoba MG2 C14; #380, 396, 399, 402, 411, 430, 447-8 & 500

Alexander Morris fonds, 1839-1913

Alexander Morris (1826-1889), Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba. Correspondence, letters and papers

Archives of Manitoba MG12 B2

Photographs

Louis Riel, ca 1876. Photographer: Hall and Lowe

Archives of Manitoba Louis Riel 1 (N5730)

Louis Riel, ca 1873

Archives of Manitoba Louis Riel 2-3 (N5735)

Louis Riel and Council, [1870]. Photographer: Joseph Langevin

Archives of Manitoba Red River Disturbance 1 (N5396)

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY ARCHIVES (HBCA), ARCHIVES OF MANITOBA

The history of the Hudson's Bay Company is synonymous with the history of the Canadian West. The Company's involvement in the events of the Red River and North West Rebellions is richly documented through the correspondence inward and outward from their headquarters in London, from their district headquarters in North America and through private papers documenting both rebellions. Search online for a description of these records: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/search/index.html> or contact the Archives of Manitoba for a listing of records relating to the North West and Red River Rebellion records.

LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY PUBLICATIONS

(These materials are to be consulted in the library)

Books

The collected writings of Louis Riel / Louis Riel; George F.G. Stanley, general editor = **Les écrits complets de Louis Riel** / Louis Riel ; George F.G. Stanley, rédacteur en chef. Edmonton : University of Alberta Press, 1985. 5 volumes. Text in English and French

The diaries of Louis Riel / edited by Thomas Flanagan. Edmonton, Alta. : Hurtig, c1976. 187 p. "An English translation of all Riel's diaries"

Louis Riel, poésies de jeunesse / par Gilles Martel, Glen Campbell, Thomas Flanagan. Saint-Boniface, Manitoba : Éditions du Blé, 1977. 161 p.

Poésies religieuses et politiques / Louis Riel. Montréal : Imprimerie de l'Étendard, 1886. 51 p.

The Queen vs. Louis Riel, accused and convicted of the crime of high treason : report of trial at Regina, appeal to the Privy Council, England, petition for medical examination of the convict, list of petitions for commutation of sentence, Ottawa.
Ottawa : Queen's printer, 1886. 207 p.

Newspaper

The **New Nation** reported the activities of Louis Riel's provisional government and was published weekly from January 7, 1870 to September 3, 1870. For instance the January 28, 1870 issue reports the details of the meetings of the Council of 40 and the March 16, 1870 issue reproduces the letter (in French and English) of President of the Provisional Government as Riel was called. Originals and a microfilm copy of the newspaper are available at the Legislative Library.

WEBSITES

www.manitobia.ca

View the entire **New Nation** newspaper and lesson plans about Louis Riel and the Birth of Manitoba.

<http://www.shsb.mb.ca/Riel/indexenglish.htm>

View a biography of Louis Riel on the website of the Centre du Patrimoine.

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/leg-lib/sites.html>

Featured Internet Sites, compiled by the Legislative Library, highlights authoritative sites about Louis Riel.

OTHER RESOURCES

The Library and Archives of Canada in Ottawa
(<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/index-e.html>)

Centre du Patrimoine in St. Boniface, Manitoba
(<http://www.shsb.mb.ca/>)

Both hold the largest collections of original papers of Louis Riel and his family.