

Victoria Daigneault

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: When did you move to Ile-a-la-Crosse?

Victoria Daigneault: 1943.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: What education do you have?

Victoria Daigneault: I went to school in Beauval. I went to grade 3.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: What's your husband's name?

Victoria Daigneault: Daniel Daigneault.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: Where is Daniel from?

Victoria Daigneault: He's from Ile-a-la-Crosse.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: What was your name before you were married?

Victoria Daigneault: Durocher.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: What's your parents' names?

Victoria Daigneault: William Durocher and Marie Adele Laliberte.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: Where did your parents live?

Victoria Daigneault: In Beauval.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: Do you remember the names of your grandparents on your father's side?

Victoria Daigneault: Yeah, it was Hermeline and Paul Durocher.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: Do you remember what Hermeline's name was before she got married?

Victoria Daigneault: Morin.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: And where were they from?

Victoria Daigneault: They were from Beauval I think, I'm not sure.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: And what about on your mom's side? Do you remember your grandparents?

Victoria Daigneault: Alexander Laliberte and Marie Isabelle Iron.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: And where was she from?

Victoria Daigneault: Canoe, Canoe Narrows.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: What languages do you speak?

Victoria Daigneault: A little bit of English and Cree.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: Do you speak Michif?

Victoria Daigneault: Yeah.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: Where did you learn to speak Michif?

Victoria Daigneault: Well, I guess everybody talked that way around here.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: How do you describe yourself? Are you Métis?

Victoria Daigneault: Yeah, Métis.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: Was your father Métis?

Victoria Daigneault: Yeah.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: Did he speak Michif?

Victoria Daigneault: Uh huh.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: Was your mother Métis?

Victoria Daigneault: Yeah.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: Did she speak Michif?

Victoria Daigneault: Yeah.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: And your grandparents? Do you know what languages they spoke?

Victoria Daigneault: Well, I guess the same thing, yeah.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: Were your grandparents Métis also?

Victoria Daigneault: I'm not sure. They might be.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: Over your lifetime, and when you were younger as well, did you engage in hunting and fishing?

Victoria Daigneault: Yeah, we always used to go camping with my dad and my mom, go fishing for muskrats, things like that.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: Did you, did your father hunt?

Victoria Daigneault: Uh huh.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: What kinds of things did he hunt?

Victoria Daigneault: I guess everything, like moose and deer, just like today, people hunt for the same thing.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: Where did he used to go when he hunted? Can you describe the land, the territory, where you used to go?

Victoria Daigneault: I remember once we went to Patuanak and we stayed there for awhile. He was hunting, I mean trapping.

Kathy Hodgson-Smith: Other than Patuanak, do you remember other places?

Victoria Daigneault: Just the little river over there in Beauval. The south Beaver River, that's where.