John Best (fl.1773-1800)  
and a native/metis woman (fl.1800)¹

JOHN BEST  
BORN: ? Scotland² 
MARRIED: To a native/metis woman³

The child of John Best and  
a native/metis woman

1. Catherine Best  
Born: 1800⁴  
Married: To William Thomas, born 1795⁵

Children:  
1. Charlotte Thomas  
   Born: 1805 Rupert’s Land⁶  
   Baptized: As an adult 21 Dec. 1843 St. John’s, Assiniboia⁷  
   Married: 21 Dec. 1843 St. John’s, Assiniboia to John Vincent,⁸ born 1796-1797  
   Rupert’s Land and themetis son of Thomas Vincent (English) and Jane Renton (metis).⁹  
   He died 22 Jan. 1874 St. Paul’s, Manitoba¹⁰


⁴Ibid.

⁵Ibid.

⁶National Archives of Canada (hereafter cited as NAC), Kipling Collection, MG 25 G 62, Red River Genealogies, fol. 1075.

⁷Ibid.

⁸Ibid.

⁹Ibid., and Sprague and Frye, table 1 no. 5018.

¹⁰NAC, Kipling Collection, fol. 1075.
Children:
   1. John Vincent
      Born: 1830 Rupert’s Land\textsuperscript{11}
      Baptized: 22 Sept. 1840 St. John’s, Assiniboia\textsuperscript{12}
      Married: 26 Mar. 1863 St. Andrew’s, Assiniboia to Elizabeth Slater,\textsuperscript{13} born
      1836 Rupert’s Land and the métis daughter of John Slater (Orcadian) and
      Elizabeth Dennet (métis)\textsuperscript{14}

   Children:
      1. Thomas Vincent: born 1853\textsuperscript{15}
      2. Francis Jane Vincent: born 3 Sept. 1859 St. Paul’s, Assiniboia\textsuperscript{16}
      3. John James Vincent: born 1860\textsuperscript{17}
      4. John George Vincent: born 12 Sept. 1865 St. Paul’s, Assiniboia\textsuperscript{18}
      5. Flora Vincent: born 1869\textsuperscript{19}
      6. Alice Vincent: baptized 12 Dec. 1875 St. John’s, Manitoba\textsuperscript{20}

   2. Elizabeth Vincent
      Born: 1833-1836 Rupert’s Land\textsuperscript{21}
      Baptized: 22 Sept. 1840 St. John’s, Assiniboia\textsuperscript{22}

\textsuperscript{11}Sprague and Frye, table 1 no. 5015.
\textsuperscript{12}NAC, Kipling Collection, fol. 1075.
\textsuperscript{13}Ibid.
\textsuperscript{14}Ibid., and Sprague and Frye, table 1 no. 5015.
\textsuperscript{15}NAC, Kipling Collection, fol. 1075.
\textsuperscript{16}NAC, Department of the Interior Affidavits 1870 to 1885, RG 15, microfilm reel C-
      14934 (John Vincent).
\textsuperscript{17}NAC, Kipling Collection, fol. 1075.
\textsuperscript{18}NAC, reel C-14934 (John Vincent).
\textsuperscript{19}NAC, Kipling Collection, fol. 1075.
\textsuperscript{20}Ibid.
\textsuperscript{21}Ibid., fol. 203, and Sprague and Frye, table 1 nos. 1005 and 5018.
\textsuperscript{22}NAC, Kipling Collection, fol. 1076.
Married: To Alexander Dahl, born 26 May 1823 St. Paul's, Assiniboia and the son of Peter Dahl (Norwegian) and Catherine Murray. He was previously married 18 Apr. 1844 St. John's, Assiniboia to Jane Folster, born 1828 and died 1850.

Children:
1. Catherine Jane Dahl
   Born: 10 Apr. 1851 St. Paul's, Assiniboia
   Married: 1871 to John Higgins, born 1826 and the son of Thomas Higgins

2. Charlotte Dahl
   Born: 16 Mar. 1853 St. Paul's, Assiniboia
   Married: To William Devlin

3. Thomas Dahl: born 1857 Manitoba
4. Donald Dahl: born 1865 Manitoba
5. Alexander Dahl: born 1869 Manitoba

Children (Alexander Dahl and Jane Folster):
1. Isabel Harriet Dahl: baptized 15 Feb. 1845 St. John's, Assiniboia

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23 Ibid.
24 NAC, reel C-14926 (Alexander Dahl).
25 NAC, Kipling Collection, fol. 203.
26 Sprague and Frye, table 1 no. 1005.
27 NAC, reel C-14926 (Catherine Jane Dahl).
28 NAC, Kipling Collection, fol. 203.
29 NAC, reel C-14926 (Charlotte Devlin).
30 Ibid.
31 NAC, Kipling Collection fol. 203.
32 Ibid.
33 Ibid.
34 Ibid.
2. John George Dahl
Baptized: 25 Dec. 1846 Red River Settlement, Assiniboia35
Married: 13 Jan. 1870 at St. Paul's, Assiniboia to Elizabeth
Cumming,36 born 1852 Red River Settlement, Assiniboia and the métis
daughter of Robert Cumming (Orcadian) and Jane Monkman (métis). She
died 1934.37

Children:
1. Catherine Jane Dahl
   Born: 19 May 1871 Stonewall, Manitoba38
   Baptized: 18 June 1871 St. Paul's, Manitoba39
   Married: 1895 to Magnus Anderson,40 born 13 Nov. 1871
   Westbourne, Manitoba and the métis son of Charles Anderson
   (métis) and Ann Birston (métis).41 He died 11 Apr. 1934.42
   Died: 29 May 195943

2. Caroline Clara Dahl44

3. Annabella Harriet Dahl
   Born: 4 Mar. 1873 Stonewall, Manitoba45

35Provincial Archives of Manitoba (hereafter cited as PAM), St. John’s Baptisms 1828-
1879, 1551.

36PAM, St. Paul’s Marriages 1853-1880, 54.

37Where the West was Bourne: A History of Westbourne and District 1860-1985)

38Ibid., 164.

39PAM, St. Paul’s Baptisms 1850-1878, 413.

40Where the West was Bourne, 164.

41Ibid., 161.

42Ibid., 165.

43Ibid.

44Warren Sinclair Family History Archives, Joanne Dahl, personal letter to Warren Sinclair
(30 Nov. 1988).

45The actual year of Annabella Harriet Dahl’s birth was 1873 and not 1874 as indicated in
Where the West was Bourne (512).
Baptized: 30 Mar. 1873 St. Paul's, Manitoba
Married: 25 Apr. 1894 at the residence of David and Ann
Stewart in The Landing, Manitoba to John Chief Stewart, born 7
Dec. 1859 at Ailsa Craig, Upper Canada and the son of David
Stewart and Ann Stewart. He was previously married to Ida
Albright, the daughter of George Albright.

4. John Robert Dahl
   Born: 18 Aug. 1874 Pelly, Manitoba
   Baptized: 20 Oct. 1874 St. Paul's, Manitoba

5. Elizabeth Dahl
   Born: 10 May 1876 Pelly, Manitoba
   Baptized: 27 May 1876 St. John's, Manitoba
   Died: 10 Oct. 1877 Victoria Township, Manitoba

6. Alexander James Dahl
   Born: 10 May 1876 Pelly, Manitoba
   Baptized: 27 May 1876 St. John's, Manitoba

7. James Dahl

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46PAM, St. Paul's Baptisms 1850-1878, 452.
47Where the West was Bourne, 510-511.
48Ibid., 511.
   Courteville to Daniels (Dahl, John Robert).
50Ibid.
51Elizabeth Dahl’s place of birth would be Pelly, Manitoba because her twin brother,
   Alexander James, was also born there. PAM, St. John's Baptisms 1876-1880.
52Ibid.
53PAM, St. John’s Burials 1877-1879.
54PAM, Applications made 1886-1901, 1906. Courteville to Daniels (Dahl, Alexander
   James).
55PAM, St. John’s Baptisms 1876-1880.
56Where the West was Bourne, 234.
8. Thomas Charles Dahl  
   Born: 14 Feb. 1878   Pelly, Manitoba\textsuperscript{57}  
   Baptized: 14 Apr. 1878   St. John's, Manitoba\textsuperscript{58}

9. Mary Dahl  
   Born: 20 Aug. 1879   Victoria, County of Lisgar, Manitoba\textsuperscript{59}  
   Baptized: 2 Nov. 1879   St. James, Manitoba\textsuperscript{60}

10. Mable Mary Dahl: born 9 Feb. 1883   Pelly, Manitoba\textsuperscript{61}  
11. George Dahl\textsuperscript{62}  
12. Sidney Dahl\textsuperscript{63}  
13. Dolly Dahl\textsuperscript{64}  
14. Viola Dahl\textsuperscript{65}

3. John Dahl: baptized 21 May 1848 St. John’s, Assiniboia\textsuperscript{66}

4. Alexander Vincent  
   Born: 1848 St. Paul’s, Assiniboia\textsuperscript{67}  
   Married: to Letty Eliza Birston, born 24 Dec. 1851 St. Clement’s,  
   Assiniboia and the metis daughter of Magnus Birston (metis) and Nancy

\textsuperscript{57}NAC, Applications made, 1886-1901, 1906. Courteoville to Daniels (Dahl, Alexander James).

\textsuperscript{58}PAM, St. John’s Baptisms 1876-1880.

\textsuperscript{59}PAM, St. James Baptisms 1853-1885, 415.

\textsuperscript{60}Ibid.

\textsuperscript{61}PAM, Applications made 1886-1901, 1906 Courteoville to Daniels (Dahl, Mable Mary).

\textsuperscript{62}WSFHA, Dahl, personal letter to Warren Sinclair (30 Nov. 1988).

\textsuperscript{63}Ibid.

\textsuperscript{64}Ibid.

\textsuperscript{65}Ibid.

\textsuperscript{66}NAC, Kipling Collection, fol. 203.

\textsuperscript{67}NAC, reel C-14926 (Alexander Dahl).
Lyons (metis).\textsuperscript{68} She was baptized 22 Jan. 1852 St. John’s, Assiniboia.\textsuperscript{69}

**Children:**

1. Nancy Vincent: born 1868 \textsuperscript{70}

5. William Dahl: born 15 Apr. 1849 St. Paul’s, Assiniboia\textsuperscript{71}

3. William Thomas Vincent
   
   Born: 1836-1838 Red River Settlement, Assiniboia\textsuperscript{72}
   
   Baptized: 22 Sept. 1840 St. John’s, Assiniboia\textsuperscript{73}
   
   Married: 22 Jan. 1863 St. Andrew’s, Assiniboia to Catherine Ross,\textsuperscript{74} born 1839-1841 Red River Settlement, Assiniboia and the metis daughter of George Ross (Orcadian) and Catherine Breland (metis)\textsuperscript{75}

**Children:**

1. Donald Ross Vincent
   
   Born: 18 June 1863 St. Paul’s, Assiniboia\textsuperscript{76}
   
   Baptized: 2 July 1865 St. Andrew’s, Assiniboia\textsuperscript{77}
   
   Died: 1 May 1873\textsuperscript{78}

2. John A. Vincent: born 24 Jan. 1868 St. Paul’s, Assiniboia\textsuperscript{79}

\textsuperscript{68}Ibid. (Letty E. Dahl).

\textsuperscript{69}NAC, Kipling Collection, fol. 59.

\textsuperscript{70}Sprague and Frye, table 4 no. 1006.

\textsuperscript{71}NAC, reel C-14926 (William Dahl).

\textsuperscript{72}NAC, Kipling Collection, fol. 921, and Sprague and Frye, table 1 no. 5016.

\textsuperscript{73}NAC, Kipling Collection, fol. 1075.

\textsuperscript{74}Ibid.

\textsuperscript{75}Ibid., fol. 921, and Sprague and Frye, table 1 no. 5016.

\textsuperscript{76}NAC, reel C-14934 (William Thomas Vincent).

\textsuperscript{77}NAC, Kipling Collection, fol. 1075.

\textsuperscript{78}NAC, reel C-14934 (William Thomas Vincent).

\textsuperscript{79}Ibid.

4. Harriet Vincent
   Born: 1838
   Baptized: 22 Sept. 1840 St. John’s, Assiniboia
   Buried: 23 Dec. 1843 St. John’s, Assiniboia

5. Eleonor Vincent: baptized 22 Sept. 1840 St. John’s, Assiniboia
6. Thomas Vincent: baptized 22 Sept. 1840 St. John’s, Assiniboia
7. James Vincent: baptized 23 Jan. 1842 St. John’s, Assiniboia

8. Albert Thomas Vincent
   Baptized: 5 Jan. 1845 St. John’s, Assiniboia
   Buried: 2 Mar. 1850 St. John’s, Assiniboia

9. Sarah Vincent
   Born: 1846 Red River Settlement, Assiniboia
   Baptized: 5 Nov. 1847 St. John’s, Assiniboia
   Married: 30 July 1866 St. Paul’s, Assiniboia to John Fraser, born 1841-1845 Fort Edmonton, Rupert’s Land and the métis son of Colin Fraser (Scottish)

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80Ibid.
81NAC, Kipling Collection, fol. 1076.
82Ibid.
83Ibid.
84Ibid.
85Ibid.
86Ibid., fol. 1077.
87Ibid.
88Ibid.
89Sprague and Frye, table 1 no. 1664.
90NAC, Kipling Collection, fol. 1076.
91Ibid., fol. 346.
and Nancy Gaudry (metis)\textsuperscript{92}

**Children:**
1. John C. Fraser: born 1866\textsuperscript{93}
2. Henry Fraser: born 1868\textsuperscript{94}

10. Charlotte Vincent: baptized 5 Dec. 1849 St. John's, Assiniboia\textsuperscript{95}

11. George Vincent
   Born: 1851 Red River Settlement, Assiniboia\textsuperscript{96}
   Married: 14 Apr. 1869 St. Paul's, Assiniboia to Harriet Work, born 1851
   Red River Settlement, Assiniboia and themetis daughter of William Work\textsuperscript{97}

**Children:**
1. Catherine Jane Vincent: baptized 28 Nov. 1875 St. Paul's, Assiniboia\textsuperscript{98}

2. Nancy Thomas
   Born: 1820 Rupert's Land\textsuperscript{99}
   Married: To John Moar,\textsuperscript{100} born 1805 Rupert's Land and themetis son of Andrew
   Moar (Scottish) and Mary? (metis).\textsuperscript{101} He was previously married to Clemence Ross, born
   1807.

\textsuperscript{92}Ibid., fol. 1076, and Sprague and Frye, table 1 no. 1664.

\textsuperscript{93}NAC, Kipling Collection, fol. 346.

\textsuperscript{94}Ibid.

\textsuperscript{95}Ibid., fol. 1077.

\textsuperscript{96}Ibid.

\textsuperscript{97}Ibid.

\textsuperscript{98}Ibid.

\textsuperscript{99}NAC, reel C-14931 (Nancy Moore).

\textsuperscript{100}Ibid.

\textsuperscript{101}Ibid. (John Moore).
Children:
1. Caeser Moar
   Born: 1828 St. Andrew's, Assiniboia
   Baptized: 24 Feb. 1829 Red River Settlement, Assiniboia
   Married: 22 Sept. 1858 St. Paul's, Assiniboia to Margaret Cumming,
   born 7 Nov. 1826 Trout Lake, Rupert's Land and the metis daughter of Robert
   Cumming (Orcadian) and Elizabeth ? (native).
   She was baptized 17 Aug. 1838 Berens River, Rupert's Land.
   She was previously married 12 Feb. 1846 Red
   River Settlement, Assiniboia to William Knight,
   born 1824 Rupert's Land and the metis son of James Knight (Orcadian) and Sophia Hallet (metis).
   He was baptized 11 Apr. 1825 Red River Settlement, Assiniboia.
   He was buried 7 Nov. 1854 St. Paul's, Assiniboia.
   Margaret Moar died 1 May 1890 St. Peter's,
   Manitoba
   Died: 29 Nov. 1884 Indian Settlement, Manitoba

Children:
1. Clementina Moar: baptized 27 Mar. 1859 St. Paul's, Assiniboia

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102Ibid. (Caeser Moore).

103PAM, St. John's Baptisms 1828-1879, 65.

104PAM, St. Paul's Marriages 1853-1880, 16.

105Hudson’s Bay Company Archives (hereafter cited as HBC), B.220/a/4, fol. 8.

106PAM, St. John's Baptisms 1828-1879, 1120.

107PAM, St. Andrew's Marriages 1835-1860, 145.

108William Knight's age at the time of his death in 1854 was 36 years. PAM, St. Paul's
burials 1850-1878, 11, and Sprague and Frye, table 1 no. 2275.

109PAM, St. John's Baptisms 1813-1828, 460.

110PAM, St. Paul's, Burials 1850-1878, 11.

111PAM, St. Peter's Dynevor Burials 1888-1913.

112PAM, St. Peter's Burials 1839-1885, 1216.

113PAM, St. Paul's Baptisms 1850-1878, 199.
2. John Robert Moar
   Baptized: 7 Jan. 1861  St. Paul's, Assiniboia
   Married: 15 Jan. 1890 in St. Peter's, Manitoba to Grace Sanderson,
   born 1862 in Stanley, Assiniboia? and the metis daughter of George
   Sanderson (metis) and Jane Henderson (metis)
   Died: 19 June 1937

3. Donald Charles Moar
   Baptized: 16 Aug. 1863  St. Paul's, Assiniboia
   Died: 30 Jan. 1882 Indian Settlement, Manitoba

4. Margaret Moar
   Baptized: 10 Sept. 1865  St. Paul's, Assiniboia
   Married: 17 Feb. 1881 St. Peter's, Manitoba to Henry Penizia, the
   son of Baptiste Penizia, born 1859 and died 7 May 1883 St. Peter's,
   Manitoba.
   A second time 14 June 1888 to John Jones, born 1835 in
   Anglesey, North Wales and the son of Thomas Jones and Ellen Hughes

5. Eliza Louisa Moar
   Baptized: 31 May 1868  St. Peter's Assiniboia
   Buried: 10 May 1874  Indian Settlement, Manitoba

114Ibid., 293.
115PAM, St. Peter's Marriages 1884-1890, 305.
116Ibid.
117PAM, St. Paul's Baptisms 1850-1878, 305.
118PAM, St. Peter's Burials 1839-1885, 1043.
119PAM, St. Andrew's Marriages 1859-1872, 230.
120PAM, St. Peter's Marriages 1851-1890, 230.
121Manitoba Genealogical Society Library, Manitoba Cemetery Index (Parisien, Henry).
122PAM, St. Peter's Marriages 1884-1890.
123PAM, St. Andrew's Baptisms 1859-1872, 414.
124PAM, St. Peter's Burials 1839-1885, 809.
6. Joseph Moar  
   Baptized: 1 Mar. 1872  St. Peter's, Manitoba\textsuperscript{125}  
   Married: 26 Jan. 1893 St. Peter's, Manitoba to Jessie McKenny,  
   born 1875 Winnipeg, Manitoba and the daughter of Augustus McKenny  
   and Nancy Settee\textsuperscript{126}

Children (William Knight and Margaret Cumming):  
1. James William Knight  
   Baptized: 20 Sept. 1846  Red River Settlement, Assiniboia\textsuperscript{127}

2. Henry Knight  
   Baptized: 1849 St. Andrew's, Assiniboia\textsuperscript{128}  
   Married: 16 Nov. 1876 Poplar Point, Manitoba to Eliza Cameron,\textsuperscript{129} born 1858 Red River Settlement, Assiniboia and the daughter  
   of Thomas Cameron and Elizabeth Badger (metis)\textsuperscript{130}

3. Jane Elizabeth Knight  
   Baptized: 18 July 1851  St. Paul's, Assiniboia\textsuperscript{131}  
   Married: 3 July 1867 at St. Clement's, Assiniboia to David Tait,\textsuperscript{132}  
   baptized 15 July 1837 at the Red River Settlement, Assiniboia and the  
  metis son of William Tait (native) and Mary Bear (native)\textsuperscript{133}  
   He was buried 8 Feb. 1873 at St. John's, Manitoba.\textsuperscript{134}

\textsuperscript{125}PAM, St. Peter's Baptisms 1839-1877, 1469.  
\textsuperscript{126}PAM, St. Peter's Marriages 1892-1903, 4.  
\textsuperscript{127}PAM, St. Andrew's Baptisms 1845-1859.  
\textsuperscript{128}NAC, reel C-14929 (Henry Knight).  
\textsuperscript{129}PAM, High Bluff Marriages 1876-1883.  
\textsuperscript{130}PAM, Red River Census / 1870, 368, 1319, and St. Peter's Marriages 1851-1890, 14.  
\textsuperscript{131}PAM, St. Paul's Baptisms 1850-1878, 44.  
\textsuperscript{132}PAM, St. Clement's Marriages 1862-1917, 13.  
\textsuperscript{133}PAM, St. John's Baptisms 1828-1879, 1028, and St. John's Marriages 1820-1835, 172.  
\textsuperscript{134}PAM, St. John's Burials 1821-1875, 678 (638).
Children:
   1. David Tait: born 1867\textsuperscript{135}
   2. Henry Tait: born 1869\textsuperscript{136}

4. Robert Thomas Knight
   Baptized: 30 Oct. 1853 St. Paul's, Assiniboia\textsuperscript{137}
   Buried: 12 June 1855 St. Paul's, Assiniboia\textsuperscript{138}

3. Catherine Thomas
   Born 1820 Rupert's Land\textsuperscript{139}
   Married: 7 Jan. 1845 St. Andrew's, Assiniboia to Richard Smith,\textsuperscript{140} born 1818
   Moose Factory, Rupert's Land and the metis son of John James Smith (English) and Mary
   ? (native).\textsuperscript{141} He was baptized 12 July 1825 St. John's, Assiniboia,\textsuperscript{142} and was previously
   married 7 Nov. 1839 Red River Settlement, Assiniboia to Nancy Robertson,\textsuperscript{143} born 1822
   Split Lake, Rupert's Lake and the metis daughter of John Robertson (Orcadian) and
   Clementina Harper (metis).\textsuperscript{144} She was baptized 17 Aug. 1838 Berens River, Rupert's
   Land\textsuperscript{145} and was buried 10 Oct. 1843 St. Andrew's, Assiniboia.\textsuperscript{146}

\textsuperscript{135} Sprague and Frye, table 4 no. 4619.

\textsuperscript{136} Ibid.

\textsuperscript{137} PAM, St. Paul's Baptisms 1850-1878, 90.

\textsuperscript{138} PAM, St. Paul's Burials 1850-1878.

\textsuperscript{139} NAC, reel C-14933 (Catherine Smith).

\textsuperscript{140} NAC, Kipling Collection, fol. 980.

\textsuperscript{141} NAC, reel C-14933 (Richard Smith), and PAM, St. Andrew's Burials 1889-1895, 204.

\textsuperscript{142} PAM, St. John's Baptisms 1813-1828, 492.

\textsuperscript{143} PAM, St. Andrew's Marriages 1835-1860, 75.

\textsuperscript{144} John Robertson was stationed at Split Lake until the summer of 1822. However, when
   he was transferred to Norway House, his wife and family remained at Split Lake for the 1822-
   1823 season. HBCA, B.91/a/7, fol. 4d, B.91/a/8, fol. 33, and A.36/11, fol. 202.

\textsuperscript{145} HBCA, E.4/1a, fol. 155, 1521.

\textsuperscript{146} PAM, St. Andrew's Burials 1835-1870, 146.
4. Eleanor Thomas
   Married: To William Linklater\textsuperscript{147}