

**BERT YERXA:      born 1908    died 1995**

**BAND No. 118 – COUCHICHING INDIAN BAND**

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**Married:**      Frances Bruyere      born 1909      died 1983

**Children:**

Paul Robert	b. 1932	d. 1990	married Hilda Spencer
Florence	b. 1933	d.	married Alden Foy
Beatrice	b. 1934	d.	married Ernie Bird    (1)
			“    Dick Kenny    (2)
Dorothy	b. 1937	d.	married Ed Kelly
William	b. 1939		married Florence Smith
Joyce	b. 1941		married Rueben Cantin (Wabigoon)
Marilyn	b. 1942		married Vernon Perreault
Wayne	b. 1945		married Margaret Handorgan
Leo	b. 1947		

85. In the 1918 Annuity Paylist for Couchiching First Nation a boy was listed with Kawacatoose, #14, in that year. Under the "Remarks" column is a notation which reads "boy admitted into band by authority of Dept letter May 16<sup>th</sup> 427-037-24." Departmental correspondence, dated 10 May 1918 notes that:

*I have the honor to state that the Coucheching Band has expressed the desire to have admitted to membership of their band, the illegitimate son of the daughter of No. 3 of the;Naicatchewenin Band. The mother of the boy died in 1914 and the grandmother died in 1916, since which time No. 14 of the Coucheching band has kept this boy, he is the only relation that will care for the boy and is his grand-uncle. The boy is about six years of age and a bright healthy child, who will always have to live on the reserve and follow the Indian mode of life. I would recommend that this boy be admitted to membership of the Coucheching band.*

Departmental approval was given on 16 May 1918:

*Referring to your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> instant, I beg to state that if both the parents of the illegitimate child of the daughter of No. 3 Naicatchewenin are Treaty Indians, the child in question may be admitted to Treaty and paid annuities with his grand-uncle, No. 14 Couchiching Band, but without arrears.*

Under departmental authority, the boy was listed with #14 on the Couchiching Annuity Paylist. The boy became a "late addition" upon admission. <sup>80</sup>

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79 NAC, RG10, v.9393; R.S.C., 1906, c.81. sec.2 e, f & g, sec. 12.

1918 -	Boy admitted – lives with Kawacatoose
1932 -	Penaceshee – married daughter of #63
1914 -	Penacesheee (Bert Yorksey)
1942 -	Bert Yorksey
1949 -	Bert Yerxa