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ATTACHMENT 1

# Cunningham Bridge

January 25, 2022



# Background

- A request has been brought forward to name a bridge in Sturgeon County as “Cunningham Bridge”
- Located on Meadowview Drive near Sandpiper Golf Course (east of Range Road 261A)
- Land surrounding the bridge has been in the Cunningham family since the 1800s
- Bridge has been unofficially recognized as “the Cunningham Bridge” since the early 1900s

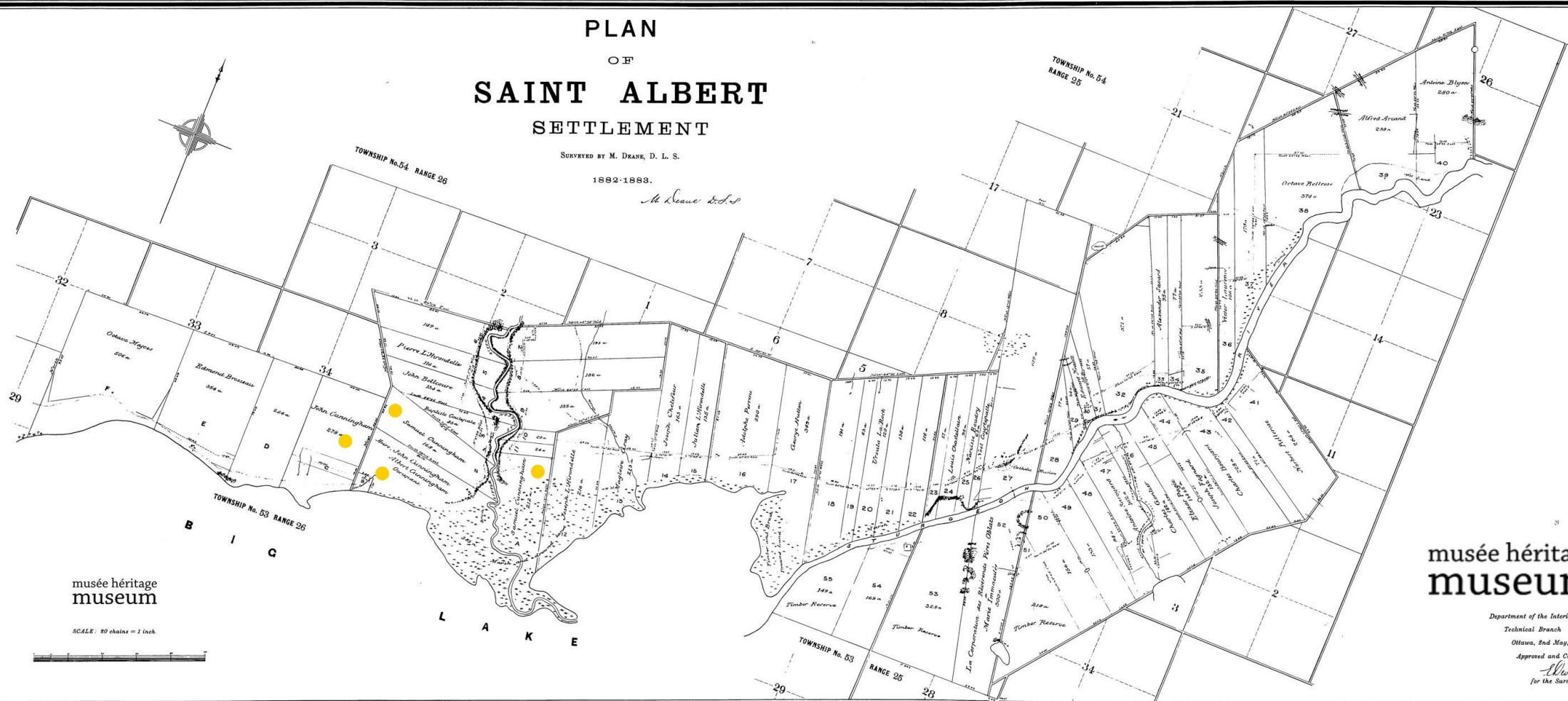


PLAN  
OF  
SAINT ALBERT  
SETTLEMENT

SURVEYED BY M. DEANE, D. L. S.

1882-1883.

*M. Deane D.L.S.*



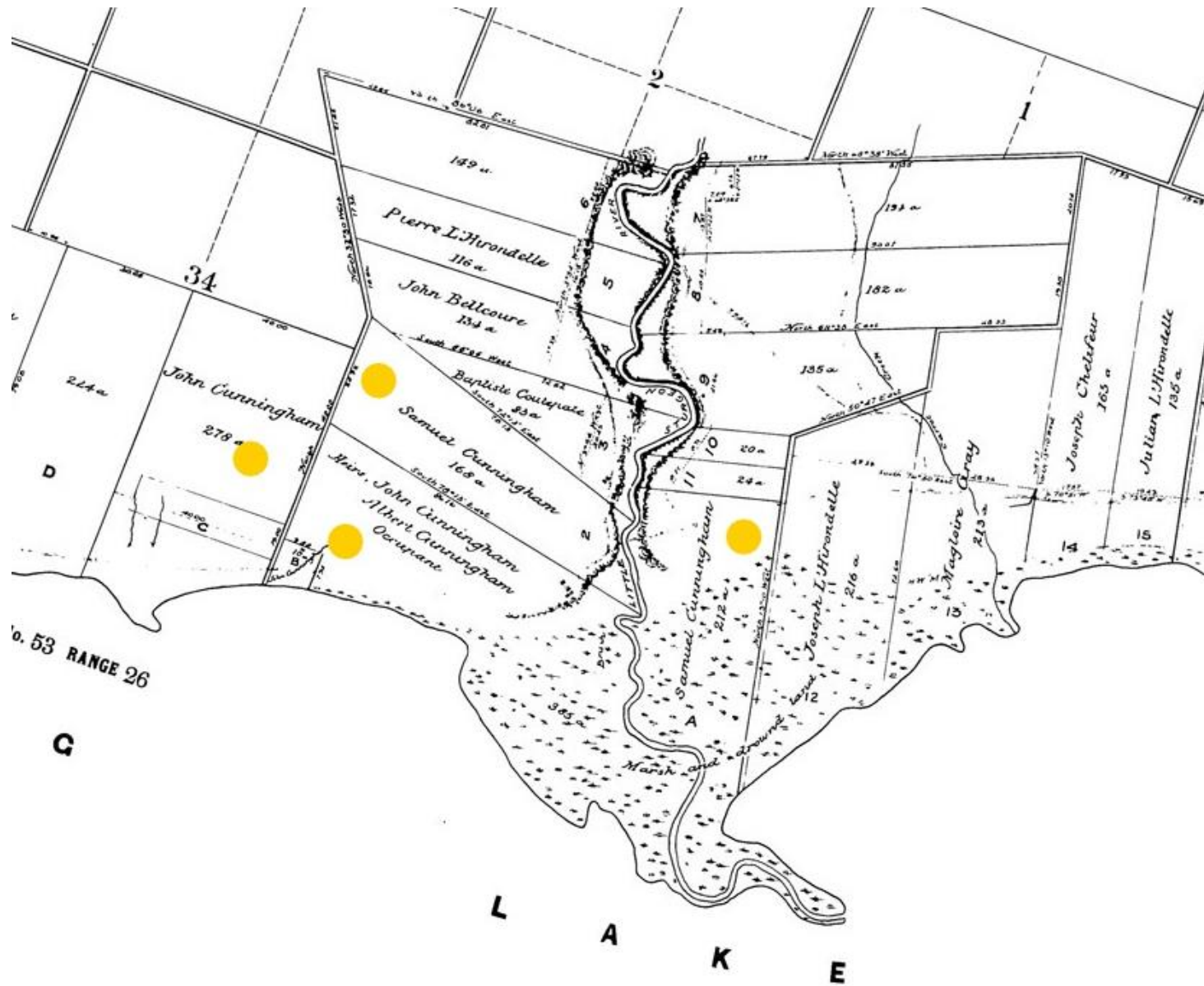
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SCALE: 80 chains = 1 inch

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Department of the Interior  
Technical Branch  
Ottawa, 2nd May, 1884.

Approved and Confirmed  
*E. North*  
for the Surveyor General



# Bridge Naming

- An honorary bridge naming would recognize the deep Métis history of the area and pay tribute to one of St. Albert and Sturgeon County's founding families.
- If approved, content of historic plaque providing additional information would be created in partnership with Musée Héritage.

## THE ALFRED CUNNINGHAM STORY

*by Nellie Cunningham Courtepatte  
and Kathleen Cunningham Preece*

Our father, Alfred Cunningham, was born at St. Albert on New Year's Day, 1869. He and his twin brother Henry were the youngest sons of John Cunningham and Rosalie L'Hirondelle.

During his lifetime, our father lived and worked on the farm situated by the Cunningham Bridge on the Sturgeon River (River Lots 1J and 1K) which was the original land holding of John and Rosalie.

Schooling, to be obtained at the convent from the Grey Nuns, was very limited due to the distance from town, so our father had little education. He also suffered from poor eyesight and in the days prior to the 1900's there was little done for anyone with failing eyesight in this part of the country. Though he could not read or write, he could sign his name and was very quick at calculating arithmetic. He was also very cautious and quick with determining prices and counting his money.





# Opportunity

- Sturgeon County is planning on undertaking rehabilitation of the bridge in the summer of 2022 and can incorporate recognition of the family's heritage during construction.



# Recommendation

That Council proclaim the bridge located on Meadowview Drive east of Range Road 261A as the “Cunningham Bridge”, recognizing the Cunningham family and the deep Métis heritage in the area.