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- A brief interview recounting how the interviewee lost her treaty status at the age of 14.  
Mrs. Bernice Granger, aged 38

Q: When were you enfranchised? (expelled from treaties)

A: 1952

Q: Why were you expelled?

A: Because they told me my father was not a treaty Indian.

Q: And your mother got married to a non-treaty Indian in 1952?

A: Yes.

Q: And all she received?

A: \$50 in a cheque.

Q: We would like to find out how you got kicked out from the treaty register? You went under.

A: The name of Bernice Mosquito.

Q: And Mr. Mosquito was her stepfather?

A: My mother married an Indian and they had 5 kids.

Q: You knew who your father was? Was he treaty Indian?

A: No, he wasn't, he passed on. He never married my mother. My grandfather was a chief and he took us in. He took 3 of us in. Lloyd Sinclair, Tommy, and I when I was in my they told us that there was no chief then. They couldn't take anyone in if they wanted to. Even if they wanted to bring them in as treaty they couldn't do it they didn't have any authority to do it. To bring anyone as treaty then.

Q: What are your brother's names?

A: Tommy and Lloyd Sinclair.

Q: So actually before 1952 you were a treaty?

A: Yes, I was about 14 then. The Indian affairs where we go to school were paying for our schooling up till then. And when that went through they kicked us out of school. They said they weren't going to pay for our schooling any more, that we had to pay for our own schooling. So we had to get out, my brother coming out grade two and I was in grade four, so we didn't attend school after that. We couldn't go on my step-father's name either because they wouldn't accept it in school. Before that they were paying for my education at Grouard.

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