

Patrick (Paddy) McGuire (b. 1917) and **George McGuire** (b.1925)

Paddy and George were born at Nipigon, the sons of Agnes (Agolo) Kadjish (b. 1885) and Patrick Sylvester McGuire (b. 1875). They are part of the McGuire family who trace their roots to John Natawassang and Marie Pikigokwe on the Ojibway side and to Hugh McGuire and Jane Gougherty on the Irish side. Their descendants lived in the Lake Nipigon, Thunder Bay and surrounding areas of northwest Ontario. The McGuire family has long been active in the leadership and development of Métis organizations. Patrick (Paddy) McGuire Jr. and George McGuire formed the Lake Nipigon Métis Association in 1965. In 1970, they, along with two others founded the Ontario Métis and Non Status Indian Association (OMNSIA). In 1984, it was their feeling that the organization was concentrating too much on non-Metis issues and attempted to have two divisions within the organization. At that time George was president and Patrick was honorary president. When they realized that this was not possible they split with the Association and formed a separate one, the Northwestern Ontario Metis Federation. Paddy McGuire Jr. was active in the Native Council of Canada and was given awards for his contributions.



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