Joseph Tait (Tate), Sr. (b. 1826)

Joseph Tait, the son of James Tait and Sarah (Saulteaux). He became an Indian in the Muscowequan Band under Treaty Four in 1876 (Band member #7). In his Scrip application in 1885, Joseph states that he was born at Fort Lacorne in June 1826. He then lived after 1831 at St. Peter's Mission for twenty years. In 1851 he left to go to Fort Ellice and afterward to the Qu'Appelle Valley and then Touchwood Hills and Maple Creek. In 1870 he was living at Fort Ellice. At the time of Scrip application he had been at Maple Creek for four years (i.e. from 1881). In 1844 at St. Peter's he married Marguerite Asham. In 1854 at St. Francois Xavier Joseph was married to Marguerite Desjarlais (b. 1833), the daughter of Jean Baptiste "Nishecabo" Desjarlais and Charlotte Cardinal. Joseph Tate (Band #7) is shown as leaving treaty on May 20, 1886.

Joseph Tait and his sons, Thomas, Cuthbert and Joseph Jr. were part of the Cypress Hills Metis hunting band who signed a petition for a Metis reserve in 1878.



Scrip claims related to this family:

Garriepy, Julie; address: Maple Creek; claim no. 1099; born: 1875 at Qu'Appelle; father: Joseph Tait (Métis); mother: Marguerite Desjarlais (Métis); scrip cert.: form C, no. 678. Tait, Marguerite, for her deceased children: Catherine, born: 1873 at Qu'Appelle; died: 1874 at Qu'Appelle; Michel, born: at Regina in 1871; died: 1879 at Cypress Hills; address: Maple Creek; father: Joseph Tait (deceased Métis); mother: Marguerite Desjarlais (Métis); claim no. 1111.

Tate, Catherine; address: Maple Creek; born: Summer, 1870 at Fort Ellice; father: Joseph Tate (Métis); mother: Marguerite Desjarlais (Métis); scrip for \$240; claim no. 40.



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