

Élie Joseph Whitford (b. 1862)

Élie was born on February 5, 1862 at St. François Xavier, the son of William Francis Whitford (b. 1830) and Louise Desjarlais. He married an unnamed Indian woman. They had a daughter, Maria Delima, born August 5, 1895 at Willow Bunch.

Élie was Band member # 134 in the Battleford Stragglers Band, a mixed group of Cree/Saulteaux and Métis. He and his brother William were both active in the 1885 Resistance and fought at the battle of Cut Knife Hill. Whitford was arrested on May 27, 1885, tried by Judge Rouleau and sentenced to six years in the penitentiary, on June 29, 1885.

Métis Scrip

Whitford, William; address: Swift Current; born: 1830 at St. Boniface, Man; father: Francis Whitford (Métis); mother: Marie Gladu (Métis); married: 1855 at St. François Xavier to Lalouise Desjarlais; children living: Marie, Louison, Élie, Geneviève, Madeline, Jean and Rosalie; children deceased: William, Francois, Caroline, Leon and Joseph; scrip for \$160.00; claim no. 15.



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