

Whitford, Louis Napoleon (b. 1861)

Louis Whitford signed the Cypress Hills 1878 Métis petition for a reserve. In 1878, the Half-Breeds living in the vicinity of Cypress Hills petitioned the government for their own reserve. This is a petition requested a re-opening of the buffalo hunt between November 14th and February 15th each year and the granting of Métis “reserve” land. The request was for a strip of land 150 miles long along the American border beginning where the Pembina River crosses the border, running west for 150 miles into Saskatchewan. This strip was to be fifty miles from south to north. The petition did not receive a favourable response.

Louis was born September 8, 1861, the son of James F. Whitford and Marguerite Fagnant. Louis married Marie Rose Langan, the daughter of Jean-Baptiste Langan and Angélique St. Germain. They eventually settled at Willow Bunch.

Children:

- Elzear, born 1883.
- Marie, born 1884 at Moose Mountain, she married Pierre Tobie McGillis.
- Louis Ovila, born 1901 at Willow Bunch.
- Louis -Pierre, born 1902 at Willow Bunch.
- Joseph-Maxime, born 1903 at Willow Bunch.
- Jean-Napoleon, born 1909 at Willow Bunch, he married Elizabeth Falcon in 1930 at Great Falls, Montana.



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