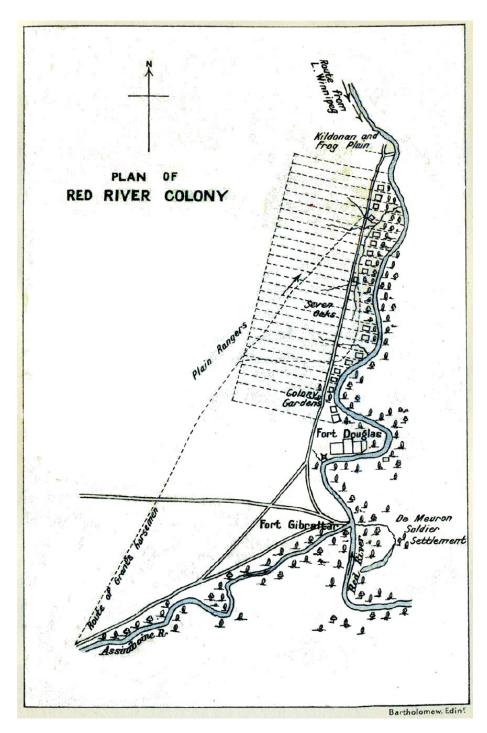
Selkirk Settlers River Lots



Selkirk and a group of disbanded mercenary soldiers captured the North West Company facility in Fort William in 1816 and he remained there until the spring of 1817. On June 21, 1817, he made his way to Red River. He made a Treaty with the Indians and confirmed the settlers land allotments as well as reserving land for a school and a church.

Approximately 24 families, all that remained of the settler parties of 1811-1815, received land for free from the Earl. These settlers on the 24 lots surveyed by Peter Fidler were:

- 1. James Sutherland¹
- 2. Vacant
- 3. Alexander MacBeath (1760-1848)²
- 4. John MacBeath³ (b. 1792) son of Alex and Christian MacBeath, above.
- 5. John McLean⁴
- 6. Alexander McLean⁵
- 7. Martin Jordon⁶
- 8. Hector McLean⁷
- 9. John Bannerman⁸
- 10. Alexander Sutherland⁹
- 11. William Sutherland 10
- 12. Jeremiah Sutherland¹¹
- 13. Angus Matheson¹²
- 14. Alexander Polson¹³
- 15. Alexander Matheson (Mathewson)¹⁴
- 16. John Matheson¹⁵
- 17. Donald McKay¹⁶
- 18. George McKay¹⁷

¹ James Sutherland at age 47 came to Canada in August 1815, arrived in Red River same year.

² Alexander McBeath at age 35 came to Canada in August 1815, arrived in Red River same year. He was born in Kildonan Parish, Sutherlandshire, Scotland. He was married to Christian Gunn who was the daughter of Donald Gunn came at age 10 with the Churchill party in 1813.

³ John at age 23 came to Canada with his parents in August 1815, arrived in Red River same year. He was born in Dallagen, Sutherlandshire, Scotland. John married Helen "Ellen" Matheson, the daughter of Jean Polson and Hugh Matheson. They were part of the "Churchill Party" of Selkirk Settlers led by Miles Macdonell in 1811 and arrived at Red River 1812.

⁴ John MacLean, came with the first party of settlers as a labourer, he was age 22.

⁵ Alexander MacLean came with the first party of settlers as a labourer, he was age 24.

⁶ Martin Jordan (Irish) at age 16 came from Killala in 1811 to York Factory and in 1812 to interior. Martin married Mary MacLean at Pembina in 1815.

⁷ Hector MacLean Also came with the first party of settlers, at age 28.

⁸ John Bannerman was the son of William Bannerman (Lot 21)

⁹ Alexander Sutherland at age 24 from the parish of Kildonan, came to Canada on the "Prince of Wales" to Canada in 1813.

¹⁰ William Sutherland at age 54 came to Canada in August 1815, arrived in Red River same year.

¹¹ Jeremiah Sutherland at age 15 came to Canada in August 1815, arrived in Red River same year.

¹² Angus Matheson at age 30 (b. 1779) came to Canada in August 1815, arrived in Red River same year. On the ship's list he is "Stweward of Stores, his occupation as tailor. He and his wife Christianna (Gordon) had 13 children. He died on April 26, 1874 at Kildonan.

¹³ Alexander Polson at age 30 came to Canada in August 1815, arrived in Red River same year.

Alexander Matheson came with the third party of settlers in August 1815, arrived in Red River same year. He was age 34, listed as the Sergeant of Passengers. With him was wife Ann (age 34) and children Hugh (10), Angus (6), Catherine (2) and John (1).

¹⁵ John Matheson came with the third party of settlers in August 1815, arrived in Red River same year. He was age 18, listed as labourer and school master.

¹⁶ Donald McKay at age 17 came from Rossshire came in 1811 to York Factory and in 1812 to interior.

¹⁷ George McKay at age 50 came to Canada in August 1815, arrived in Red River same year. He came with his wife Isabella Matheson also age 50, and their children, Roderick 19, Roberty 16, and Robert 11.

- 19. William McKay¹⁸ 20. Robert McKay¹⁹
- 21. William Bannerman²⁰
- 22. George Ross²¹
- 23. Alexander Murray²²
- 24. John Flett²³



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¹⁸ William McKay at age 44 embarked at Stromness came to Canada in August 1815, arrived in Red River same year.

¹⁹ Robert McKay (age 22) was part of the third party who arrived at York Factory August 26, 1815. He married Christian Bannerman on September 4, 1815 at York Factory

²⁰ William Bannerman at age 55 came to Canada in August 1815, arrived in Red River same year.

²¹ George Ross married Catherine Murray at York Factory in 1815.

²² Alexander Murray at age 52 came to Canada in August 1815, arrived in Red River same year.

²³ John Flett was born circa 1779. He married Isabella Murray on October 14, 1815 at Red River. Isabella was a Selkirk Settler, the daughter of Alex Murray. She was 18 when she came to came to Canada in August 1815, arrived in Red River same year. John's parents may have been David Flett and Catherine McLeod.