Lemire (Le Maire), Pierre Jarvis. (b. 1830)

Pierre is one of the Métis who signed the Cypress Hills Petition. 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 February15th 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. His three brothers, Joseph (b. 1833), Francois (b. 1844), and Xavier (b. 1851) also signed this petition.

Their last name is spelled in a variety of ways. Pierre was born near Fort Pelly, the son of Joseph Lemire and Julie Martin. In 1857 at St. François Xavier (SFX) he married Thérèse Pelletier, the daughter of Charles Pelletier and Suzanne Bercier. Thérèse Pelletier had three brothers, Jean-Baptiste (b. 1856), Édouard (b. 1836) and Cuthbert (b. 1846) who also signed this petition.

Pierre, Thérèse and their eight children took their annuity payments in 1877 at Cypress Hills as members of Little Child (Cowessess) Band. They had eight children born, typically for buffalo hunting families they were born at a variety of locations; at SFX, Long Lake, Moose Jaw, Poplar Point, Wood Mountain, Swift Current and Fort Walsh. Pierre Lemire took discharge from the Muscowequan Band on April 28, 1886.

Their son Patrice Lemire, born November 26, 1869 at Wood Mountain, married Liza Buffalo Girl, the daughter of Chief Little Bear and Kis-Ka-Men "Gone to Sleep."

Scrip Records:

Lemire, Pierre; address: Qu'Appelle; claim no. 1221; born: 1830 near Fort Pelly; father: Joseph Lemire or Jowis (Métis); mother: Julie Martin (Métis); married: 1857 at SFX to Thérèse Pelletier; children living: Pierre, Cuthbert, François, Norbert, Patrice, Caroline, Florestine & Jean; scrip for \$160.00.

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Pelletier, Thérèse; address: Qu'Appelle; born: 1835 at St. Boniface; father: Charles Pelletier (Métis); mother: Susanne Bercier (Métis); married: 1857 at SFX to Pierre Lemire; children living: Pierre Cuthbert, François, Norbert, Patrice, Caroline, Florestine and Jean; scrip for \$160.00; claim no. 1207.

Lemire, Norbert; address: Qu'Appelle; claim no. 1251; born: July, 1866 at Poplar Point; father: Pierre Lemire (Métis); mother: Thérèse Pelletier (Métis); scrip for \$240.00.

Lemire, Patrice; address: Qu'Appelle; claim no. 1254; born: Fall, 1867 at Wood Mountain; father: Pierre Lemire (Métis); mother: Thérèse Pelletier (Métis); scrip for \$240.00.

Lemire, François; address: Qu'Appelle; claim no. 1252; born: July, 1864 near Moose Jaw; father: Pierre Lemire (Métis); mother: Thérèse Pelletier (Métis); scrip for \$240.00.

Lemire Jr., Pierre; address: Qu'Appelle; claim no. 1253; born: 1860 at SFX father: Pierriche Lemire Sr. (Métis); mother: Thérèse Pelletier (Métis); married: 1882 at Cypress Hills to Sara Delorme; scrip for \$240.00.

Gladu, Florestine; address: Hill Post Office, Montana; claim no. 1342; born: 3 April, 1874 at Swift Current; father: Pierre Lemire (Métis); mother: Thérèse Pelletier (Métis); married: 1897 at Havre to Antoine Gladu; scrip cert.: form E, no. 3555.

Lemire, Cuthbert; address: Qu'Appelle; claim no. 1287; born: 1861 at SFX; father: Pierriche Lemire (Métis); mother: Therèse Pelletier (Métis); married: 1882 at Wood Mountain to Louise Swain; children living: St. Pierre; children deceased: Joseph; scrip for \$240.00.



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