

Lemire, (Le Mair), Joseph. (b. 1833)

Joseph was one of the 30 Métis at Fort Walsh who submitted a petition on September 7, 1876, on behalf of the Métis of the four districts of Assiniboia to join Treaty 4. Joseph was also 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 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. His three brothers, Pierre (b. 1830), François (b. 1844), and Xavier (b. 1851) also signed this petition.

Joseph was born at St. François Xavier (SFX) circa February 1833, the son of Joseph Lemire (b. 1811) and Julie Martin. The parents were members of Muscowequan Band before they left treaty. Joseph married Suzanne Lépine, the daughter of Jean-Baptiste Lépine and Suzanne Gariépy in 1861 at SFX. He then married Clémence Boyer the daughter of Louis Boyer and Madeleine Trottier in 1868 at SFX.

Joseph and Clémence had four children born at Qu'Appelle, Moose Jaw and Cypress Hills. Norbert Welsh was his brother-in-law as they had married Boyer sisters. Their daughter Madeleine, born June 10, 1869 at Qu'Appelle married Joseph Le Rat in 1888.

Children of Joseph and Suzanne Lépine:

- Adèle, born March 1, 1852 at SFX. She married James John Hamelin, the son of Jonas Hamelin and Marie Daigneault, in 1882 on the Musselshell River.
- Jean-Baptiste Jonas, born November 15, 1863 at SFX.
- Susanne, born December 29, 1866 at SFX, died September 1, 1867.

Children of Joseph and Clémence Boyer:

- Magdeleine, born July 10, 1869 at Qu'Appelle.
- William, born July 1870 at Lebret.
- Victoire, born June 5, 1872 at Moose Jaw.
- Marie, born November 1883 at Cypress Hills.

Joseph was band member #48 of Little Child's Band. In 1886, Joseph, his wife, and three girls withdrew from Treaty.

Scrip Records:

Lemire, Joseph; address: Qu'Appelle; claim no. 1194; born: 1834 at St. Francois Xavier; father: Joseph Lemire (Métis); mother: Julie Martin (Métis); married: in 1868 at St. Francois Xavier to Clémence Boyer and in 1862 at SFX to Susanne Lépinee; children living: Madeleine, Victoire and Marie; children deceased: William, Adèle, unnamed, William, child by last wife; scrip for \$160.00.

Lemire, Clémence; for her minor daughter, Marie Lemire; claim no. 992; address: Qu'Appelle; born: Nov., 1883 at Cypress Hills; father: Joseph Lemire (Métis); mother: Clémence Boyer (Métis and deponent); scrip cert.: form C, no. 582.

Lemire, Madelaine; address: Qu'Appelle; claim no. 1196; born: 10 June, 1869 at Qu'Appelle; father: Joseph Lemire (Métis); mother: Clémence Boyer (Métis); married: July, 1886 at Qu'Appelle to Joseph LeRat; scrip for \$240.00.

Laframboise, Victoire; address: Havre, Montana; claim no. 993; born: 1872 at Moose Jaw; father: Joseph Lemire (Métis); mother: Clémence Boyer (Métis); scrip cert.: form C, no. 580.

Boyer, Clémence; address: Qu'Appelle; claim no. 1192; born: 1850 near Brandon; father: Louison Boyer (Métis); mother: Madeleine Trottier (Métis); married: 1868 at SFX to Joseph Lemire; children living: Madeleine, Victoire, and Marie; children deceased: William; scrip for \$ 160.00.



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