

## **Beaded Bag**

The beaded bag shown on the next pages was donated to the Louis Riel Institute by Judy Kaczmarz (née Young). Her parents, John and Jean Young lived in the Pas, Manitoba for many years. Their next door neighbours were the Métis family of Horace and Laura Halcrow. This beaded bag was made for Jean Kaczmarz by Laura Halcrow.

Laura Halcrow (née Heurd) was born February 9, 1882 at Warroad, Minnesota and died on October 8, 1945 (aged 63) at The Pas. She is buried at Saint Michael's and All Angels Cemetery, Big Eddy, Opaskwayak Cree Nation. Her husband Horace Halcrow (1882-1945) was a clerk with the Hudson's Bay Company at Ile-a-la-Crosse from 1899 to 1907. Upon retirement he moved to the Pas. He was a mining prospector and developer and a fur buyer. He served for eight years on The Pas municipal council and was elected Mayor of The Pas in 1922.

The bag circa 1920 is made of black velvet, lined with calico cloth. It measures 6 and one half inches by 12 inches. The bag is beaded on both sides with #14 beads.



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