Pruden, William Albert. (1823-1890)

William served as a member of the 49th Rangers, the Métis Scouts of the British-Canadian Boundary Commission, 1872 to 1873. William Albert Pruden was baptized on August 31, 1832 at St. John's, the son of William Pruden (b.c. 1804) and Nancy Campbell. He married Maria Fidler (1834-1857) then Matilda Gunn (1831-1915). His aunt, Marie Pruden was married to William Hallet, the leader of the 49th Rangers. William Albert died on September 25, 1890 at St. Andrews. His son by Maria Fidler, also William Pruden born January 3, 1855 at St. Andrew's was married to Margaret Johnson.

Children:

- William, born January 3, 1855 at St. Andrew's, he married Margaret Johnson, the daughter of Donald Johnson and Nancy Daniel in 1876 at St. John's. He then married Emma Ballenden, the daughter of John Ballenden and Ann Haywood in 1838 at St. Andrew's. Lastly he married Caroline Ballenden Emma's sister in 1899.. William died on December 4, 1909.
- John, born July 4, 1857 at St. Andrew's.
- Ann Elizabeth, born July 17, 1859 at St. Andrews. She married Robert Ballenden the son of James Ballenden and Frances Lee Lewis in 1879.
- Sarah, baptized on December 29, 1861 at St. Andrew's.
- Jane, born January 1864 at St. Andrew's. She married Joseph Smith, the son of William Smith and Charlotte Mowat. She then married John William Flett in 1926.
- Caroline, born June 24, 1866 at St. Andrew's.
- Maria, born January 1868 at St. Andrew's. she married George Moore, the son of Charles Moore and Jane Birsten in 1886.
- Cornelius, born April 17, 1870 at St. Andrew's, he died on October 4, 1950.
- Isabella Frances, baptized on August 11, 1873 at St. clement's.
- Thomas, born July 3, 1876 at St. Clement's.

William passed away on September 25, 1890 in St. Andrews.

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