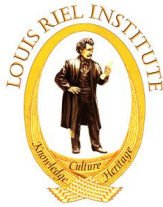


**Donald A. Roulette.** (b. 1950)

Don Roulette was born near Bigstone and raised at Duck Bay, Manitoba, the son of Alexandre Roulette and Flora Richard. His maternal grandparents were Angele Allary<sup>1</sup> and Joseph Richard of St. Laurent. His maternal great grandparents are Theophile Richard (b. 1853) and Angelique Roulette/Mattewewenin (b. 1854) from Whitemud River/Sandy Bay.<sup>2</sup> Don's first language is Saulteaux; he attended residential school at Cranberry Portage, Manitoba for his high school education.

Don is the Executive Director of Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) and was a board member, elected first from Northwest Metis Council (Dauphin) Region 1984-1986 and then from the Winnipeg Region 1986-1990. While on the board he served as a Manitoba Metis Federation representative on the Manitoba Aboriginal Courtworker Program Advisory Board. Don is one of the named litigants on the Manitoba Metis Federation Land Claims lawsuit against Canada and Manitoba. As Executive Director he negotiated the MMF's purchase of the former CPR office building at 150 Henry Ave. to serve as the home office for the Metis Nation in Manitoba.

Previously Don ran his own construction company in Manitoba and British Columbia and is a former Executive Director of the Native Alcoholism Council of Manitoba.



Compiled by Lawrence Barkwell  
Coordinator of Metis Heritage and History Research  
Louis Riel Institute

---

<sup>1</sup> Angele Allary's grandfather was Antoine Allary (b. 1833); Antoine's brother Jean Baptiste Allary (b. 1840 at Bair St. Paul) was one of the Metis who signed Louis Riel's August 6, 1880 petition for a Metis Reserve in Montana.

<sup>2</sup> His great-great-great-grandfather Francois Richard (b. 1783) is listed on the 1840 census of Baie St. Paul Saulteaux Village on the Assiniboine River as no. 22, 60 years of age. Francois Richard's son Pierre (b. 1817) married Isabelle Chartrand (b. 1826), the daughter of Paul Chartrand and Louise Mazinakkamikak. They were also residents of Baie St. Paul Saulteaux Village, where Paul appears as no. 9 on the 1840 census.