

Edouard Wells (Wills). (b. 1806)

Edouard was born in Winnipeg 1806, the son of John Wills and Josephte Marguerite Grant. In 1850 Edouard, his wife Isabella and their four children were enumerated in the census as living with Charles Belgard, family #73 at Pembina. He is listed as a 38 year-old hunter. In 1866 Edouard left Manitoba; he had a house at St. Francois Xavier; he went west following the buffalo. From 1866 to 1881 they always wintered in the Cypress Hills or Wood Mountain. On July 15, 1870 he was living at Wood Mountain. At the time he applied for scrip he had spent the last five years as a resident of Lewistown, Montana.

He married on October 10, 1836 to Isabella McGillis (b. 1819) at St. Francois Xavier, the daughter of Angus McGillis and Marguerite Notinikabon. They had seven children living (all but one living in the Battle river Settlement), and eight deceased at the time of application. Their son Edouard Jr. signed Louis Riel's 1880 petition for a Metis reserve in Montana.

Scrip Application:

Wells Sr., Edouard; address: Lewiston, U.S.A.; born: 1806 at Winnipeg; father: Wells (Irishman); mother: Marguerite Grant (Métis); married: 1829 at St. Francois Xavier to Isabelle McGillis; children living: Edouard; Donald; Priscilla, wife of Jerome Laboucane; John; Virginie, wife of Michel Langevin; Apolline, wife of Joseph Laverdure; James; children deceased: John, Marie, Allan, cannot remember name, Madeleine, Larose, Gregoire; scrip for \$160.00; claim no. 889.



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NORTH WEST HALF-BREED COMMISSION.

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I hereby Certify, that under the powers vested in me by an Order in Council dated 1st March, 1886, *Edward Mills Esq*, a Half-Breed, has proved to my satisfaction ~~that he will be eighteen years of age on the~~ day of ~~188~~ 188, that he was residing in the North West Territories previous to the 15th day of July, 1870, now ceded by the Indians, and that under Sub-Clause (E) of Clause 81 of the Dominion Lands Act, 1883, and the Orders in Council of the 30th March, 1885, and 1st March, 1886, is entitled ~~at the date he became eighteen years of age, as recited above,~~ to Scrip to the amount of *100* dollars.

The Scrip called for by this Certificate, amounting to *100* dollars, will be payable ~~when due, and will then be delivered~~ to the person producing this Certificate. Said Scrip will be accepted at par in payment of Dominion Lands.

R. G. Smith
Commissioner.