

Reverend James Settee. (1809-1902)

Settee was born near Split Lake in northern Manitoba and was schooled at Red River. He was a protégé of Reverend William Cochrane and eventually he became an Anglican Missionary. On January 7, 1835 he married Sarah Cook, the daughter of Joseph Cook who was an employee of the HBC at Moose Lake. James served at The Pas and later at the Lac La Ronge-Stanley Mission that he founded in 1853. He was ordained at Swan River in 1856. He also built a mission house at Shoal River in 1855-56. Later he attempted to establish a mission in the Qu'Appelle Valley. From 1864 to 1867 he served in the Swan Lake area. The year of 1868-1869 was spent at Scanterbury.

For an explanation of Settee's Metis roots the interested reader should refer to Jennifer Brown's, "James Settee and his Cree Tradition: An Indian Camp at the Mouth of Nelson River Hudson's Bay," in William Cowan (Editor): *Actes du Huitième Congrès des Algonquistes*. Ottawa: Carleton University, 1977: 36-49. In this article, Brown reprints Settee's account of an 1823 gathering at which his grandfather, called the "Little Englishman," presided. Brown notes that Settee's solely Cree ancestry had been assumed, however this manuscript makes it clear that he, like his wife, was of mixed Cree and British descent.

NAME: SETTEE, JAMES (Rev.) PLACE OF BIRTH: Split Lake MB (NOT EMPLOYED BY H.B.C.) DATES: b. c1816
(a Cree Indian boy) d. 9 March 1902

Appointments & Service

Year	Activities	HBCA Reference
<i>*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May</i>		
1823	student at St. John's Mission School, Red River	A.36/5 fo.70
24 June 1827	Baptized while at the Mission School, Red River Colony, by D.T. Jones	E4/1a fo.64
Christmas 1853	ordained Deacon in the Anglican Church	Search File: "Settee, James"
1 January 1856	ordained Priest, Anglican Church	Search File: "Settee, James"
	Served at Fort Ellice, Lac La Ronge, Red Deer's River, Fort Pelly, the Swan River District, Scanterbury, Nelson River District, The Pas, Jackhead, East St. Peter's, where he retired.	
6 July 1899	Copy of letter dated at Selkirk from Settee to R. Rupertsland	A.36/5 fo.71
Wife:	Sarah [Sally] Cook of Red River Colony, daughter of Joseph Cook	E4/1b fo.242d; (m. 7 Jan. 1835) bapt. 19 April 1825, died 3 Jan. 1911, bu. St. John's E.4/1a fo.55; Search File: "Settee, James"
Children:	James (bapt. 30 Sept. 1836, m. Elizabeth Corrigan, d. Dr. Todd, 1866)	E4/1a fo.131; PAM St. Peter's Marriages #110
	George (bapt. 9 Sept. 1838)	E4/1a fo.156
	Mary Ann (bapt. 28 Jan. 1842)	E4/2 fo.5d
	John Richard (bapt. 14 July 1844, m. Louisa Moore 28 Feb. 1867)	E4/2 fo.21d; PAM St. Clements Marriages, #11
	Georgeana (b. c1850, m. John Logan 17 Dec. 1868)	PAM St. John's Marriages #67
	Albert (m. Mary Moore 11 Sept. 1871)	PAM St. Peter's Marriages #151
	Henrietta (b. c1859, m. John McRae, s. of Duncan McRae, 29 June 1875)	PAM St. Peter's Marriages #200
	Elizabeth (m. Halford Spencer Gouldhawke)	RC M/93 (S. Mewhort, 21/1/93)



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