

Solomon Boucher (1862 - 1930)

Solomon was born at St. Francois Xavier, the son of Jean Baptiste Boucher Sr.¹ (1838-1911) and Caroline Lesperance² (1842-1910). He married Rose-Marie Ouellette (b. 1864), the daughter of Moise Ouellette (1840-1911) and Isabelle Elizabeth Dumont (b. 1847). Solomon was 24 and Rose was 22 when they married in 1886.

Children:

- Marie Rose, born December 8, 1890.
- Adolph, born October 13, 1892.
- Louis David, born 1898.

On November 19, 1883 Solomon signed a petition protesting the 1883 Order-in-Council transferring Metis lands at St. Louis, Saskatchewan to the Prince Albert Colonization company. Later, in 1885, when the Metis took up arms to protect their land Solomon served in Captain Corbet Flamant's Company under Gabriel Dumont. At Tourond's Coulée Sal fought in the front lines. When Jerome Henry is wounded Sal reportedly dressed his wounds. Ambroise Lepine reported: "I had fun to watch James Short and Salomon Boucher firing: They fired like they were sighting pheasants—taking their time." Father Cloutier's journal also reports that during the first evening at Tourond's Coulée, "Salomon Boucher and James short were the only ones awake for a long time—during a certain time before sleeping [some of the men] shot in the air without aiming... James short turned and said to them "My God are you ever stupid!" Elie Dumont reports that Solomon Boucher was a member of a group of seven men fighting as a unit on the fourth day of battle at Batoche.



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¹ Scrip affidavit for Boucher, Jean Baptiste; born: July 26, 1838; father: Jean Marie Boucher (French Canadian); mother: Catherine Minsey (Métis); claim no: 1102; scrip No: 11046; date of issue: August 20, 1876; amount: \$160

² Scrip affidavit for Boucher, Caroline; wife of Jean Baptiste Boucher; born: August 1842; father: Alexis Lesperance (French Canadian); mother: Marguerite Guernon (Métis); claim no: 1192; scrip No: 11047; date of issue: August 20, 1876; amount: \$160