

Bruce, Reverend George S., (1837-1922)

George was born on December 2, 1837 in Kildonan, the son of Mary McNab and James Bruce (1801-1878), both Half-Breeds. His grandfather, Benjamin Bruce (1770-1823) was an HBC employee from the Orkneys of Scotland who came to York Factory on Hudson Bay in 1789 and married an Indian woman. George married Christiana Murray, the daughter of Donald Murray and Jane Mary Heron on June 7, 1870 at St. John's.

In 1868 Reverend George Bruce (1837-1938) was ordained and in 1869 he was put in charge of the Fairford Mission (St. Helen's) where he would serve for 45 years. He replaced Reverend David Hale who had died that year. In 1895 or 1896 the Reverend Henry Cochrane moved to Fairford, Man., where he worked with the Reverend George Bruce until Henry's death in 1898.

Children:

- Robert William, born July 15, 1871 at Kildonan, he died in 1905.
- Mary Ida, born July 8, 1874.
- Isabelle Suzanne Judith Christie, born April 14, 1878 at Fairford.
- Robert Donald Edward, born April 14, 1878 at Fairford.

Scrip Applications:

Scrip affidavit for Bruce, Rev. George; December, 1837; father: James Bruce (Métis); mother: Mary McNab (Métis); claim no: 1734; date of issue: September 20, 1876.

Scrip affidavit for Bruce, Christiana; wife of Rev. George Bruce; born: February 25, 1842; father: Donald Murray (Scot); mother: Jane Mary Heron (Métis); claim no: 1735; date of issue: September 20, 1876.



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