

## **Whitford, James Jr.** (b. 1854)

James Whitford Jr. signed the Cypress Hills 1878 Métis petition for a reserve. In 1878, the Half-Breeds living in the vicinity of Cypress Hills petitioned the government for their own reserve. This is a petition requested a re-opening of the buffalo hunt between November 14<sup>th</sup> and February 15<sup>th</sup> each year and the granting of Métis “reserve” land. The request was for a strip of land 150 miles long along the American border beginning where the Pembina River crosses the border, running west for 150 miles into Saskatchewan. This strip was to be fifty miles from south to north. The petition did not receive a favourable response.

James was born at Pembina on September 14, 1854, the son of James F. Whitford and Marguerite Fagnant. He married Sarah Gladue, the daughter of Antoine Gladue and Catherine Fagnant.

### Children:

- Marie Philomene, born 1879 at St. Eustache.
- James, born 1881 at Oak Lake. He married Marie Celina Langer.
- Elzear.
- Joseph, born 1884, he died in 1891.

### Scrip application:

Re: Whitford, James; heir to her deceased son, William Whitford; address: Willow Bunch; born: October, 1872 at Moose Mountain; died: 1874 at St. François Xavier; father: James Whitford (Métis and deponent); mother: Marguerite Fayant (Métis); scrip cert.: form D, no 120; claim no. 89.

Whitford, Sarah, now Lafontaine, née Gladu, formerly wife of James Whitford, now wife of Louis Lafontaine; for her deceased son, Joseph Whitford; address: Dunseith; born: 8 January, 1884 at Oak Lake; died: November, 1891 at Grande Clairiere; father: James Whitford (deceased Métis); mother: Sarah Gladu (Métis and deponent); heirs: Sarah Lafontaine, Marie Philoméne, Poitras, scrip cert.: form D, no. 3207, James Whitford, Elzear Whitford, Virginie Lafontaine, Rose Marie Lafontaine, Desire Lafontaine, Lena Lafontaine; scrip issued for \$30.00 to each heir; file ref. 795502; claim no. 3497.

This claim was denied as the family was on the rolls of the Turtle Mountain Band.



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