

William Francis Whitford (b. 1856)

William was born on September 20, 1856 at St. François Xavier, the eldest son of William Francis Whitford (b. 1830) and Louise Desjarlais, the daughter of Baptiste Desjarlais and Charlotte Cardinal. He married Marguerite Morin on July 15, 1878 at St. Laurent. William was deceased by the time his father, William Sr., applied for scrip in 1886 at Swift Current.

He and his brother Élie were both active in the 1885 Resistance and fought at the battle of Cut Knife Hill. Consequently Élie Whitford was arrested on May 27, 1885, tried by Judge Rouleau and sentenced to six years in the penitentiary, on June 29, 1885.

Métis Scrip

Whitford, William; address: Swift Current; born: 1830 at St. Boniface, MB; father: Francis Whitford (Métis); mother: Marie Gladu (Métis); married: 1855 at St. François Xavier to Lalouise Desjarlais; children living: Marie, Louison, Élie, Geneviève, Madeline, Jean and Rosalie; children deceased: William, François, Caroline, Leon and Joseph; scrip for \$160.00; claim no. 15.



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