

Bruyère (Brière), Louison. (b. 1842)

Louis Bruyère was one of the Métis who signed the Cypress Hills Métis Petition. In 1878, the Half-Breeds living in the vicinity of Cypress Hills petitioned the government for their own reserve. His father, Jean-Baptiste, brothers Baptiste Jr., Cleophas, and Jeremie as well as brother-in-law Alexandre Pelletier (married to sister Caroline) also signed the Cypress Hills Petition.

Louis Bruyère was born on January 21, 1842 at St. François Xavier, the son of Jean-Baptiste Bruyère and Angélique Guilbault. He married Josephite Berard, the daughter of Pierre Berard and Louise Moreau, in 1865 at White Horse Plains. In her scrip application Josephite says that after 1872 she travelled with her husband on the buffalo hunt, living on the plains, at Moose Jaw, Cypress Hills, and Wood Mountain. In 1870, they were living at Willow Bunch. She says that since her husband owned no land, when they lived in Manitoba they lived in a small log house built upon the land of her father-in-law Jean Baptiste Bruyère.

Bruyère, Josephite—concerning her claim as a head of family—address, Willow Bunch via Moose Jaw - Born, Manitoba, 1834 - Father, Pierre Berard, (Métis)—Mother, Louise Moreau, (Métis) - Married, 1865 at Whitehorse Plains to Louis Bruyère—children living, nine (names on declaration)—Scrip for \$160—claim 1569



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