

## **L'Hyronnelle dit Nesotew, Joseph. (1814 - 1908)**

Joseph was born at Lesser Slave Lake, the son of Jacques L'Hirondelle (b. 1759)<sup>1</sup> and Josephthe Pilon (daughter of Joseph Pilon and Angélique Normand). Joseph married Marguerite Nipissing on October 12 1843 at Fort des Prairies. She was the daughter of Ignace Commandant Nipissing and Lizette Elizabeth Courteoreille. He was engaged as a fisherman by the HBC at Edmonton House on May 7, 1855, and became free on June 1, 1857, at the expiry of his contract. Joseph died on September 9, 1908.

Joseph signed a September 19, 1877 Petition from John Munro and other Métis at Blackfoot Crossing that was presented to Lieutenant-Governor David Laird Lieutenant Governor, N.W.T. In this petition they asked for farming implements and seed to begin to settle and till the land. They also requested hunting rights. His brother-in-law William Campion, married to Marie Nipissing also signed this petition.

Joseph signed the Métis Petition from the residents of Edmonton (1880) to have the federal government confirm their land claims:

We your petitioners, do humbly pray that you will cause a commission to be issued at an early date to enquire into and confirm the said claims, not only with regard to scrip and allotments of land as provided for in Manitoba, but moreover to confirm the titles to land occupied by or purchased by parties from occupants of claims taken previously to the transfer of the Territories to the Dominion of Canada.

They also requested that the railway lands grants and regulations of 1879 "be so modified as to admit our scrip at its face value in the purchase of lands within the railway reserve."

Joseph's brother Pierre Alexis "Marteau" (1820-1883) also signed the petition. Pierre Alexis "Marteau" L'Hirondelle was first married to Josephthe Souliere. He then married Josephthe Amyotte (b. 1825) on June 1, 1847 at Fort des Prairies. His sons, Andre (b. 1850) and Cyprien (b. 1865) also signed.

L'Hirondelle, Joseph Sr. - Concerning his claim as a head of family - Address, Calgary - Born, November 1814 at Slave Lake - Father, Jacques L'Herondelle, (French Canadian) - Mother, Josephthe Pilon, (Métis) - Married, fall, 1842 at Edmonton to Marguerite Nipissing - Children living, eight (names on declaration) - Scrip for \$160 - Claim 215

L'Hyronnelle, Joseph; heir to his deceased daughter, Melanie; claim no. 1635;  
L'Hyronnelle; address: Calgary; born: 1873 at St. Albert; died: 2 months old at St. Albert;

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<sup>1</sup> Jacques "Wanatou, Wanatew" L'Hirondelle Sr. born about 1759 in Kanawahke. He married Josephthe Pilon in 1792 at Lesser Slave Lake. He was likely a Métis, is a voyager for North West Company (1804-1818) assigned to Athabasca, in 1818 he became a freeman.

father: Joseph L'Hyrondele (Métis and deponent); mother: Elise Thorn (Métis); scrip cert.: form F, no. 554.

L'Hirondelle, Madeleine – Joseph L'Hyrondele, concerning the claim of his daughter Madeleine L'Hyrondele, a Métis head of family - Address, Calgary -Born, 1859 at St. Albert - Father, Joseph L'Hyrondele, (Métis) - Mother, Marguerite Nipissing, (Métis) - Married, 1876 at Edmonton to William Calder -Children living, four, Catherine, William, Joseph and Toulia - Scrip for \$160 -Claim 256.



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