

## **Alfred “Rabaska” Schmidt. (1825-1901))**

Alfred was born at Slave Lake, Athabasca country, thus his nickname “Rabasca.” He was the son of George Peter Andress but raised by Edward Smith. He married Marguerite Lesperance, the daughter of voyageur Alexis Bonami Lesperance and Margeurite Grenon in 1847 at St. Boniface. Their son Louis acted as Louis Riel’s secretary during the 1869-70 Resistance. Alfred then married Josephte Cree circa 1861 and Emelie Vivier c. 1867 at Fort Pitt. Emelie was a Treaty Indian of Seekaskootch’s Band until she withdrew from treaty at Onion Lake in 1886. During the 1885 Metis Resistance they were held as prisoners at Fort Pitt by the Indians. For many years Alfred was a HBC freighter between York Factory and Fort Edmonton.

### Scrip Applications:

Schmidt, Alfred alias Rabaska; address: Battleford, Saskatchewan; heir to his deceased illegitimate son Alfred, Schmidt; born: 9 December 1871 at Victoria, Saskatchewan; died: 19 October 1896 at Battleford; father: Alfred Schmidt (Métis and deponent); mother: Émilie Vivier (Métis); scrip cert.: form D, no. 1443 for \$240.00; claim no. 511.

Schmidt, Alfred alias Rabaska; address: Battleford, Saskatchewan; heir to his deceased illegitimate daughter, Olive Schmidt; born: 30 January 1877 at Victoria, Saskatchewan; died: 10 January 1884 at The Convent at St. Albert; father: Alfred Schmidt (Métis and deponent); mother: Émilie Vivier (Métis); file ref. 1465794; claim no. 140.

Schmidt, Alfred alias Rabaska; heir to his deceased daughter, Marie Anne Schmidt; born: 11 July, 1875 at Victoria, Saskatchewan; (illegitimate); died: 1877 on the Prairie; address: Battleford, Saskatchewan; father: Alfred Schmidt (Métis and deponent); mother: Émilie Vivier (Métis); claim no. 137.



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