

Narcisse Marion. (1806-1877)

Narcisse was born on December 7, 1806, the son of François Marion and Lisette Martel. On an unknown date, possibly at York Factory or Norway House he married Marie Bouchard (possibly Boucher or Beauchamp b. 1814) and they had twelve children. According to church records they baptized two infants born in 1831 and 1834 at either York Factory or Norway House. Their son Maxime Marion was a guide for the Boundary Commission in 1872-73, for the boundary east of the Red River.

In 1849, he was designated to serve on the Council of Assiniboia, but Governor Simpson refused to accept his nomination. This Winnipeg Metis blacksmith was an opponent of Riel and, although he worked to support the Provisional Government, the Compensation Commission awarded him \$100 for hardship. In the early 1840s, Marion built a windmill south of the St. Boniface Mission Church. Up until the 1850s this was the only windmill on the east side of the Red River (except the one much further north at St. Peters).



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