

Peter Knight. (1822-1907)

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Peter Knight was the son of Sophia Hallett (a Metis) and James Knight (an Orkney Islander from the Isle of Stromness). James Knight was an employee of the HBC in the Saskatchewan district, then settled at Park's Creek in St. Andrews Parish of Red River where he farmed and took part in the Metis buffalo hunts. Peter Knight worked for the HBC from 1846 to 1849.

While at the Pas he was married to Mary and they had one child, John, born November 8, 1847. Peter then married Ann (Nancy) Bird in 1859. Ann was the Metis daughter of James (Jimmy Jock) Bird and Sarah, a Piegan woman, she was the granddaughter of James Curtis Bird and Elizabeth Montour. The couple had one child Charlotte (b. 1859). Ann died in 1876.

Subsequent to Ann's death Peter married Caroline Cote on January 30, 1867. Caroline was born on October 10, 1848. She was the daughter of Metis fur trader and Chief Gabriel Cote, whose band was located near Kamsack, Saskatchewan. They went on to have 11 children. (Contributed by Heather Hallett.)



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