

## **Cleophus Sayer** (b. 1850)

Cleophus was the son of Pierre Guillaume Sayer<sup>1</sup> and Josephte Frobisher. He was born on March 3, 1850 at St. François Xavier. He was married to Marie Caplette, the daughter of Denis Caplette and Elisabeth Otshikkan Bottineau. They had the following children: Joseph, born 1871 at St. François Xavier, Guillaume born 1873 at St. François Xavier, Marie Rose born in 1875 at St. Charles and Ellen born 1876 at St. Charles. They moved to the Bresaylor Settlement in 1882. On June 4, 1885 he was arrested in Battleford for his Resistance activities. On July 23, 1885, the charges were dismissed by Judge Rouleau.<sup>2</sup>



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<sup>1</sup> Pierre Guillaume Sayer was employed as a Bowsman and Steersman for the HBC between 1828 and 1832. Pierre Guillaume Sayer was the son of John Charles Sayer Jr. (b. 1875) and Marie, a Chippewa woman. Sayer was the grandson of John Sayer Sr.<sup>1</sup> a North West Company partner who traded in the west Lake Superior area. His grandmother was Bwa-ne-Quay or Obemaunoqua (Marguerite), the daughter Mamongazida (Big Foot) an Ojibway.<sup>1</sup> Guillaume moved to Grantown in 1824. He farmed there and participated in the buffalo hunt. He married Josephte Frobisher, elder daughter of fur trader Alexander Frobisher and his Cree wife, on March 2, 1835 at St. François Xavier. Josephte, born about 1795-1807 was baptized the same day as the wedding. She and Sayer had eight sons and four daughters. Guillaume Sayer died sometime before 2 October 1875, when his widow Josephte made an application for Manitoba Metis Scrip at Baie Saint-Paul.

<sup>2</sup> Douglas W. Light, *Footprints in the Dust*. North Battleford, SK: Turner-Warwick Publications Inc., 1987: 490.