

Whitford, Maxime (b. 1856)

Maxime Whitford signed the Cypress Hills 1878 Métis petition for a reserve. In 1878, the Half-Breeds living in the vicinity of Cypress Hills petitioned the government for their own reserve. This is a petition requested a re-opening of the buffalo hunt between November 14th and February 15th each year and the granting of Métis “reserve” land. The request was for a strip of land 150 miles long along the American border beginning where the Pembina River crosses the border, running west for 150 miles into Saskatchewan. This strip was to be fifty miles from south to north. The petition did not receive a favourable response.

Maxime was born November 16, 1856, the son of James F. Whitford and Marguerite Fagnant. Maxime married Adelaide Campbell the daughter of Louis Campbell and Marie Thomas, on June 8, 1894 at Dunvegan, Alberta.

Children:

- Alexander James.
- Caroline, born c. 1899 near Birch Creek. She married Malcolm Yellowbird Mitchell.
- Mary Jane.



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