

Rivière aux Rats, St. Pierre Jolys, Manitoba

Rat River, Rivière aux Rats, Manitoba: Rat River or Wasushk Watapa, was a Métis wintering site located where the Rat River flows into the Red River. After the boundary line left Pembina in the United States many of the Métis relocated in Canada. When it was clear they could not get a U.S. missionary they had the Bishop of Juliopolis, on March 2, 1825 write to Robert Pelly the Governor of Assiniboia for land at Rat River near la Saline. The Rat River Métis Settlement surrounded the present day community of St. Pierre Jolys. The area had plentiful hay lands and wood for making Red River carts.



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