Hourie, John (b. 1835)

John Hourie was born Feb 12, 1835 in St Paul Parish (Red River), the son of Jessie Dennett and John Hourie Sr. (1810-1896), they were both Métisse. Circa 1859 John married Margaret McKay (1840-1889), daughter of Mary England and John McKay (1816-1922)¹, both half-breeds. A son Oliver was born on December 29, 1860 in St Andrews Parish (Mapleton).

The Red River Census of 1881 recorded John Hourie (age 46) and his wife Margaret (age 42) with children: Oliver (age 20), George (14), Frances (12), Mary (9), Margaret (7), Jessie (5) and John Robert (age 1).

In 1888 John Hourie is listed as renting a pew at St Clements Church in Mapleton. On November 16, 1889 Margaret Hourie died. She would have been about 49 years old; John about 54. In 1906 John Hourie (age 73) was with his eldest son Oliver, in the Matlock area.

In the 1911 census John (age 76) is a "lodger", with son William (and his wife & baby son), at the residence of Mary Ann & William Folster b-1852 (his daughter-in-law Mary Alice's parents).

Scrip affidavit for Husband: John Hourie Jr.; father: John McKay (Métis); mother: Mary McKay (Métis); claim no: 1001; scrip no: 7586 to 7593; date of issue: July 30, 1876; amount: \$160.

Children:

- Oliver Adolphus, born Dec 29, 1860. He married Mary Elizabeth Chastellaine, daughter of Sarah Spence & Narcisse Chastellaine (1844-1919).
- Elizabeth Jane, born October 29, 1862. She married Alexander Calder, son of Charlotte Lyons & George Calder (1823-1906).
- John Edward, born February 21, 1865, died in infancy.
- George, born December 28, 1866. George married his sister-in-law, Mary Ellen Calder.
- Frances Harriet, born December 30, 1869. She married John Edward Slater, son of Catherine Cook and William Slater (1833-1884) from the Orkneys.
- Mary Isabelle, born Aug 6, 1870. Mary married Thomas Folster, son of Isabel Brown & John Folster (1813-1873).
- Margaret, born 1874. In 1892 Margaret married John Scott in Selkirk. John Scott was from Ireland. Around 1898 Margaret married for a second time to Joseph Dennett, son of Isabelle Elizabeth Loutit and William Dennett (1844-1916).
- Annie (Jessie?), born 1875.She married George William Folster.
- James Bruce, born 1876.
- John Robert, born 1880.
- Alice, born April 2, 1882.
- William "Bill" born Dec 23, 1884. In 1910 Willam married Mary Alice Folster, daughter of Mary Ann Gray Stevens and William Folster (b-1852).

¹ John McKay was born on Nov 12, 1816 at Brandon House, the eldest son of Harriet Ballendine and John Richards "Little Bearskin" McKay (1792-1877).



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