

Jean-Baptiste Miette.

Roche Miette is a 2,316 metre peak in the Athabasca Valley of the Canadian Rockies, is first recorded in a journal written by Gabriel Franchere. Historians speculate that the mountain was likely named after a voyageur named Baptiste Millette, who worked in the fur trade in the Athabasca River area during 1812 and 1813.

Legend has it that Bonhomme Miette was a Metis voyageur who made the first ascent, climbing it from its south side. He became a well-known figure in French Canadian folklore and was said to have been a gifted fiddler and storyteller. When he reached the top, the story goes, he sat down, dangling his feet over the precipice and, smoked his pipe. During the 1830's it is known that a man named Miette did live in the Athabasca Valley where he was a, "company servant" who hauled coal from the area of Roche Miette to Jasper House as well as to Henry House at the mouth of the Miette River. However, others believe that Bonhomme Miette was a "legendary" voyageur as no one by that name worked for either the Hudson Bay Company or the Northwest Company during the years prior to 1814.



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