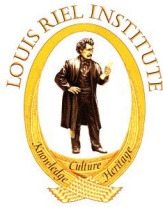


Louis Kwarakwante Calihoo. (1782-1846)

Louis, an Iroquois mixed-blood, was born on October 17, 1782 at Caughnawaga near Montreal, the son of Thomas Anatolia (Kanakanme) and Marie-Anne Tekonwakwehinni. He travelled west from Sault St. Louis to Edmonton after signing a contract with McTavish Frobisher and Company on November 11, 1800. He apparently came west with his brother (or cousin) Ignace Kwargkwante and Ignace Wayande.

He first married a Marie Katis La Sekanaise in 1801 and then married Marie Patenaude, a Métisse, in 1803. He had seven children with his first wife and eight with Marie Patenaude. During the 1819–20 trading season Louis Callihoo was one of a number of Iroquois and Canadien Freeman who hunted and trapped in the Smoky River area of northwest Alberta and traded at posts on the Athabasca River and at Lesser Slave Lake. He and his family are enumerated in the 1838 census of Freeman who traded at Lesser Slave Lake. By 1842 he had moved from the Smoky River area to Shaw Point on the lake. In 1856, the family relocated to the Lac Ste. Anne area. His descendants became known as the Michel Band. Many took Metis scrip and on March 31, 1958, all remaining members were enfranchised by Order in Council. The way in which the Michel Band lost its land is still under dispute in the Alberta Courts.



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