

Joseph Ouellette (Walette) Jr. (1824-1899)

Joseph was the older brother of Antoine and Jean-Baptiste Ouellette. In 1878, their father Joseph Ouellette (b. 1799) and sons Joseph, Antoine and Jean-Baptiste and the other Métis buffalo hunters at Cypress Hills wrote a petition asking for a special Métis reserve of land. Joseph was the son of Joseph Ouelette Jr. and Thérèse Elizabeth Houle. In 1868, he moved from Red River to Wood Mountain for two years, then to Cut Arm Creek (one year), then back to Wood Mountain and Cypress Hills (eight years) then permanently to Duck Lake.

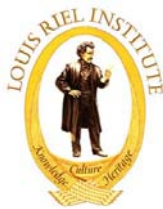
In 1874, Joseph was issued Scrip # 376 (160 acres) under the Red Lake and Pembina Treaty. In 1878, Joseph and other Métis buffalo hunters at Cypress Hills wrote a petition asking for a special Métis reserve of land.

In 1855, at White Horse Plains, he married Madeleine Paul; they had six surviving children. Two of their boys, Julien and Joseph were active in the Resistance. Joseph's niece Véronique was married to Michel Dumas, the farm instructor at One Arrow Reserve. Joseph III fought for the Métis at Batoche.

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On his 1885 application for Half Breed Scrip Joseph states: "Up to 1868, I lived both in Manitoba and the Territories. In 1868, I moved to Wood Mountain where I lived two years, thence to Cut Arm Creek, one year, thence again to Wood Mountain and Cypress Hills (for) about eight years, thence to Duck Lake where I have ever since resided. I am occupying a piece of land near Duck Lake, for which I never entered (application for title) for want of means. I am on said land since July 1879. Since last March I have continuously lived at Duck Lake and vicinity. I was present in arms at Batoche; but I was forced by the leaders to be present at the engagements with the government troops. I took no part in the engagement at Duck Lake nor at Fish Creek."¹ This claim was reserved because of his participation in the Resistance and later allowed on October 13, 1886.²

Ouellette, Joseph - Concerning his claim as a head of family - Address, Duck Lake - Born, 1834 near Winnipeg - Father, Joseph Ouellette, (Métis) - Mother, Thérèse Houle, (Métis) - Married, 1855 at White Horse Plains to Madeleine Paul - Children living, six (names on declaration) - Children deceased, six - Scrip for \$160 - Claim 1271



¹ RG 15, D II (8) (b).

² The Deputy Minister of the Interior instructed (June 11, 1886) that all claims disallowed due to Resistance activity would now be allowed.

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