

**Calder, William** (1852-1908)

William was born on March 14, 1852, the son of James Calder (b. 1826)<sup>1</sup> and Maria Gibson, the daughter of William Gibson. He married Nancy Loutit on November 19, 1870 at Fort Alexander. Nancy Loutit was born on January 26, 1851 at Lockport, St. Andrews, the daughter of Lowe Loutit (b. 1824, Orkneys) and Jane McDougall who were married on March 28, 1841 at Rocky Mountain House.

William Calder died on January 12, 1908 in Fort Frances, Ontario. Nancy Loutit Calder died on February 14, 1943, at Fort Frances, Ontario.

When about 20 years of age Nancy Loutit went to Fort Alexandria where she met a young fur trader, William Calder, and was married to him. Travelling to Fort Garry by way of the old Dawson stage coach trail to the Northwest Angle and by canoe up Rainy River, the young fur trader, his wife and infant son arrived in Fort Frances in 1871.

Children:

- Peter, born at Eagle Lake.
- Jessie, born May 3, 1876 at Eagle Lake, married M.T. Hickerson prior to 1902.
- Ann Harriet, born August 26, 1878 at Eagle Lake, married a Merlew.
- William Robert Stuart, born December 24, 1882 in Keewatin district.
- Mary Jane, born before 1885.
- Edward, born before 1885.
- Emily Catherine born February 25, 1885 Keewatin district.

William signed HBC contracts at: Fort Alexander, Middleman, 17 June 1869 for 1 year; Fort Alexander, Middleman, 7 Jun 1870 for 2 years; Fort Alexander, Interpreter etc., 5 April 1872 for 1 year; Rat Portage, Interpreter etc., 16 June 1874 for 2 years; Fort Frances, Interpreter, 29 May 1876 for 3 years; Fort Frances, Interpreter, 1 July 1879 for 3 years; listed as free in 1882 (source: B.239/u/3, p. 49 #288)

Scrip:

Calder, William; on behalf of his children: Peter Calder, born: before 1876 at Eagle Lake; Jessie Calder, born: 3 May 1876 at Eagle Lake; Mary Jane Calder (deceased); Ann Harriet Calder, born: 26 August, 1878 at Eagle Lake; William Robert Stuart, born: 24 December, 1882 at Keewatin, deceased; Edward Calder; Emily Catherine Jane Calder, born: 25 February, 1885 at Keewatin; claim no. 1891

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<sup>1</sup> James Calder b: Abt. 1826 in Moose Factory - d: Bef. 1891 thought to be in Fort Frances, ON; m: 12 March, 1846 in Prince Rupert Land to Maria Gibson b: 1833, St. Andrews, MB, d: May 26, 1904, in Fort Frances, Ontario. Their daughter Maria Anne Calder, William's younger sister was born circa. 1856, on June 11, 1873 in St. Clements, she married Alexander (Briere) Bruyere. The couple subsequently settled on Couchiching First Nation at Fort Frances.

NAME: CALDER, William 'b'	PARISH: Native	ENTERED SERVICE: 1869	DATES: 1850-1908*; fl. 1869-1882	
Appointments & Service Outfit Year*:	Position:	Post:	District:	HBCA Reference:
<i>*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May</i>				
1869-1872	Middleman		Lac La Pluie	B.239/g/46-48
1872-1876	Interpreter		Lac La Pluie	B.239/g/49; B.235/g/1-3
1876-1881	Interpreter in Charge	Eagle Lake	Lac La Pluie	B.235/g/4-6; B.235/k/1 fos. 27,37d,46,61d,74d,86d
1881-1882	Interpreter		Lac La Pluie	B.235/g/6
1882-1883				B.235/g/7
1883-1887	Freeman			B.235/g/8-9
1887-1890	does not appear			B.235/g/10

\*see search file "Calder, William fl.1869-1885"

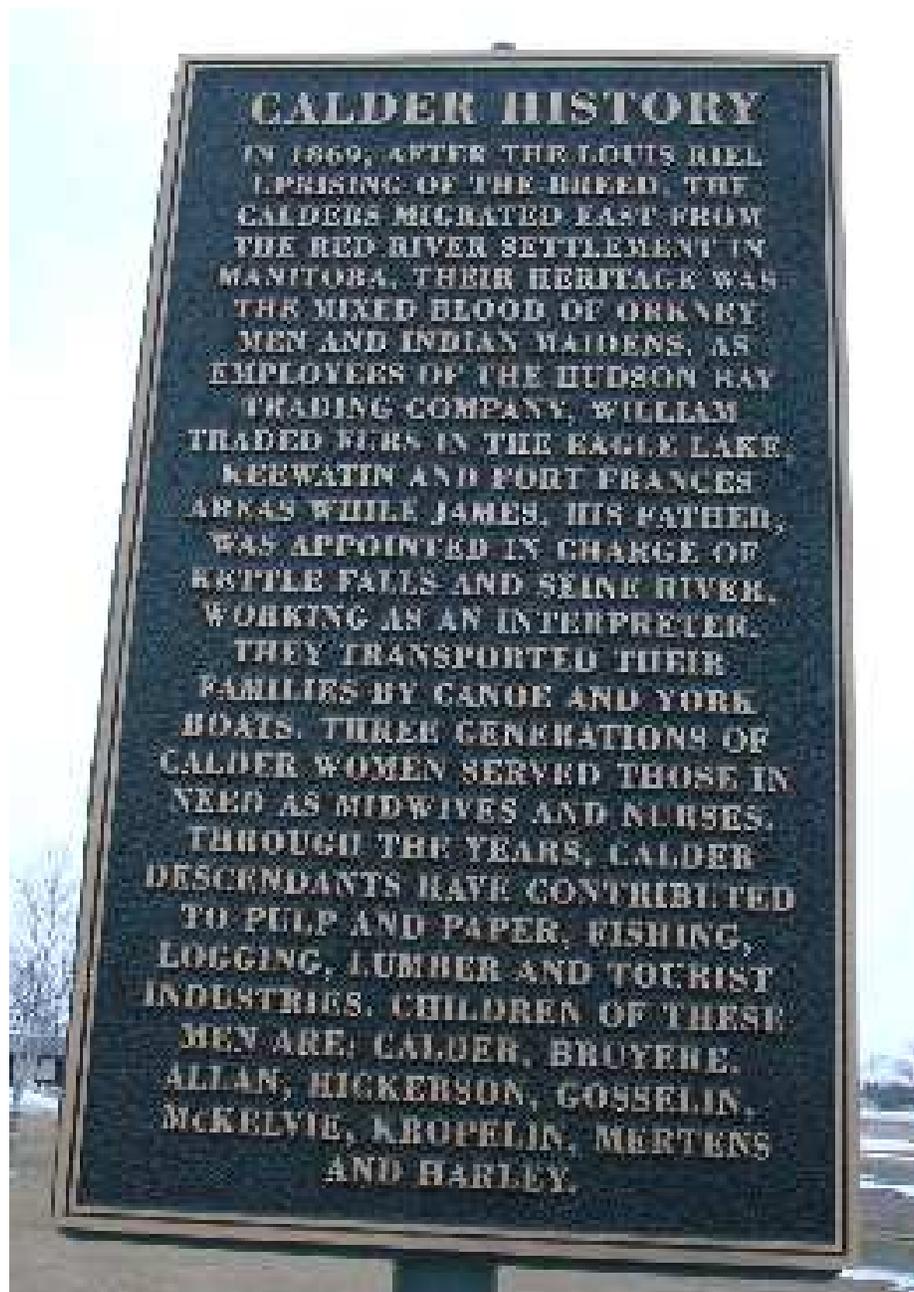
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HBCA Search files "Calder, William fl. 1869-1885" and "Calder, William Interpreter 1876-1881" both appear to refer to William Calder 'b'.



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Calder Memorial at Fort Frances

Fort Frances, Ont. May 17<sup>th</sup> 1902

J. A. J. McPherson Esq  
Half-Breed Commissioner  
Winnipeg

Dear Sir

Re William & Nancy  
Caldor

Since writing you on the 12<sup>th</sup> instant  
William Caldor has called to correct the  
Statement then given to me as to his eldest  
son Peter having been born at Eagle  
Lake. He has had his memory refreshed  
seeing his Sons Certificate as a master  
mariner, in which his birth is given as  
23 Sept. 1872 at Selkirk, Man. William  
Caldor now recollects that at that time he  
& his wife were at Fort Alexander, but there  
being no doctor or nurse there, he sent his  
wife home to her parents in Selkirk to  
be confined & that Peter was born in Manitoba  
under such circumstances.

William Caldor & his wife are going on to  
Winnipeg to appear before you, by the same  
train that this letter will leave by - a man

2. named J. Hanover has been negotiating  
with Callen to purchase his & Nancy  
Callen's Scrip. We are not aware whether  
the price he is offering is fair or not, & to  
protect himself, he has asked me to give  
him a letter to a Winnipeg firm to act  
for me in looking after his interests, as  
he is not capable of doing so himself, particularly  
if he starts drinking. I am giving him  
heretofore a letter to Messrs Munson & Allan  
Barrister Winnipeg, & am asking them to  
take care of him in any sale he may  
make. There is just the danger though that  
if the intended buyer gets control of him  
before he sees Messrs Munson & Allan, he  
may persuade him not to go near them.  
As he is very crazy & needs looking  
after I would be very much obliged if  
you would see that he is advised by  
Messrs Munson & Allan, or explain why  
not. Should he carry out his proposed sale

3. to Hanover or any one else.

I have just received yours of the  
17<sup>th</sup> inquiring position of Eagle Lake  
& Alton. which were both in the  
then District of Keewatin. You are  
right as to them now being part of  
Ontario - Alton is the Township  
within which the Village of Port Franca  
is included.

It is this question, as respects  
William & Nancy Callen's children, that  
I have been most in doubt of: viz, as  
to whether the District of Keewatin, prior  
to its being recognized as part of Ontario,  
is included in the ground covered by this  
Grant.

Yours very truly  
D. P. Keating

Commissioner McKenna

St. Francis, Ont. May 12<sup>th</sup> 1902

Half Bred Commission  
Winnipeg

Dear Sir

On 30<sup>th</sup> January I wrote inquiring respecting the standing of William Calder & his wife as claimants for Scrip, & also as to that of their children. In your reply of February 8<sup>th</sup> you mention that you would require to know the names of the father & mother of William Calder and the names of the Parents of his wife - also the birthplaces of the children named and the date of Birth as near as they can be given -

I have been only able so far to get particulars of the Birth of those baptised by Archdeacon Phin of Winnipeg, who are however the younger ones.

William Calder's father was James Calder  
" " mother " Maria Gibson  
Selkirk

Nancy Calder's father was Jo Lutet  
(wife of William above) mother was Jane McDougall  
St. Andrews

The Children of William & Nancy Calder <sup>2</sup>

1. Peter Born before 76 - at Esge Lake
2. Jessie - Born 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1876 at Esge Lake  
Kamneton
3. Mary Jane - dead
4. Ann Harriet (Nettie) Born 26 Aug 1878  
at Esge Lake Kamneton
5. William Robert Stewart . . . 24 Dec 1882  
(dead) at Albaton Kamneton
6. Edward Calder - ~~born 1882~~ - Albaton Kamneton
7. Emily Catherine Jane born 25<sup>th</sup> July 1885 at  
Albaton "

William Calder wishes to ascertain the position  
he & his Children are in as respects the proposed  
Grant. Also whether he & his wife will have  
to appear personally before you, or if so whether  
the Children will also have to appear. I have  
tried to get a copy of the act or certain  
Council respecting these claims & Mr. Symeant  
M.P. writes me he has twice asked the Sec. of  
the Premier to forward me the information, so  
that I could advise these people, (who are  
poor & dread going to any unnecessary expenses)  
What to do, but as yet I have not rec<sup>d</sup> the  
information. I would therefore be very

<sup>3</sup> Much obliged if you would instruct me  
in them as to their standing & what is  
required of them. I am asking Archdeacon  
Pharo who baptised the Children & knows  
the family, to call on you & substantiate  
their Statement

James M. J.  
Archdeacon

Memo

William Calder son James Calder and  
Maria — born 14th March 1852  
Received scrip as Man H.B. child  
file 6443 =

Nancy Louttit (nee Harper wife of John  
Louttit) born 18th June 1845, received  
scrip as Man H.B. head of family -  
she was then a resident of St Andrews  
file 175 - of Nancy Louttit, wife of Wm. Calder, daughter  
of Louis Louttit and Jane Taylor, born 1852,  
received scrip Sept 1894 - file 364094 - 1897 Dec - Wm. J.  
The Hearings letter does not give enough  
information as to the Wm Calder parents  
within of Nancy Louttit's family. It is not  
stated either when the children were  
born. The parents may have been  
in treaty -

L.A.P.

Louis Lowe Louttit (Louttit) (1819-1865), joined HBC (1835-1844) he was assigned to York Factory (1835-1836), Saskatchewan District 1836-1840), Fort Edmonton (1840-1844) retired Red River 1844

1st married 1840 Fort Edmonton Jane Indian/Metis (1817-1857)

- John Lowe Louit, English-Metis b-1841 Fort Edmonton married 1867 Nancy Harper b-1845, daughter James Harper.
- Jane Lowe, English-Metis bapt. 1845.
- Isabella Lowe, English-Metis bapt. 1849.
- Nancy Lowe, English-Metis bapt. 1851
- Catherine Lowe, English-Metis bapt. 1854, married 1871 Jacob Smith.
- James Lowe, English-Metis bapt. (1856-1856).

2nd marriage 1859 Catherine Moar the daughter of John Moore and Clemence Ross.

- Thomas Lowe, English-Metis bapt. 1860 married 1880 Catherine Corrigan daughter of John Corrigan.
- Alexander George Lowe, English-Metis bapt. 1861, d-1862.
- John James Lowe, English-Metis bapt. 1863, d-1863.
- Magnus Lowe, English-Metis bapt. 1864, d-1864.

WALTER J. KEATING.

East Frances, Ont., January 30<sup>th</sup> 1902

The Commissioner  
Half Breed Scrip Commission  
Winnipeg

Dear Sir

Mr. William Calder a half Breed, born west of  
Winnipeg at a place then called Fairford, 52 years  
of age. believes he is entitled to scrip under the  
present issue - That also his wife Nancy "Loutit" +  
who was born in Red River, St. Andrew's Parish  
is entitled.

They have had the following children, the surviving  
ones live here.

Peter Calder  
Jessie married to M. J. Dickerson  
Mary Jane - dead  
Kattie married to - Mertens  
a boy - dead - (forgot to get his name)  
Edward Calder  
Emily Calder -

All the above were born prior 1885 -  
None of them have ever received a land grant.  
Calder is desirous of knowing if it is a fact that  
as a Manitoban half Breed he would, & each of his  
family, born before 1885, would be entitled to scrip, & if so  
would he be entitled to receive the share of those who died

*Vertical text on left margin:*  
I believe that the information you have given me to call on you. The name  
family under which he was born is not the same as the name of his mother's  
family, under which he was born. I believe that the name of his mother's  
family is the same as the name of his mother's family. I believe that the name  
of his mother's family is the same as the name of his mother's family.

Scrip affidavit for Calder, Thomas sole heir; concerning the claims of his children: John Thomas Calder, born: 11 October 1865, father: Thomas Calder, mother: Annie Calder; Maria Calder (deceased), born: 1868, died: 1871

Scrip affidavit for Spence, Margaret; died: May 13, 1872; deponent: Wm.

McDonald; heirs: her children James Calder; Robert Calder; Margaret Calder;  
claim no: 2879; scrip no: 12338, 12339 and 12340; date of issue: October 1, 1878;  
amount: \$160

Power of attorney in his favour to draw Scrip from Nancy Calder wife of William  
Calder formerly Nancy Loutit daughter of Louis and Jane Loutit original letter  
HB 4496.



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