

Calder, William (1852-1908)

William was born on March 14, 1852, the son of James Calder (b. 1826)¹ 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

¹ 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 17th 1902

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

Dear Sir

Re William & Nancy
Caldor

Since writing you on the 12th 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 let me need 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
17th inquiring position of Eagle Lake
& Alberton. which were both in the
then District of Keewatin. You are
right as to them now being part of
Ontario - Alberton is the Township
within which the Village of Port Frank
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. H. Keating

Commissioner McKenna

St. Francis, Ont. May 12th 1902

Half Breed Commission
Winnipeg

Dear Sir

On 30th 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 8th 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 ²

1. Peter Born before 76 - at Esge Lake
2. Jessie - Born 3rd 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 illegitimate - Albaton Kamneton
7. Emily Catherine Jane born 25th 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^d the
information. I would therefore be very

3/ 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.
Secretary

Memo

William Calder son James Calder and
Maria — born 14th Feb 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 Andrew's
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
mother 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 30th 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 Manitoba 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. I am asking you to call on you. The name
of the family is not the same as the name of his mother's family.
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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
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