

Edouard Pelletier. (1836)

Edouard Pelletier was born at St. François Xavier on February 1, 1836. He was the son of Charles Pelletier and Suzanne Bercier. His brothers Joseph and Pierre were among the Metis hunters who signed the Half-Breed petition from Cypress Hills in 1878 (along with Norbert Delorme).¹ Edouard was first married to Catherine Rocheblave then to Madeleine Morin. They were a buffalo hunting family who had children born at St. François Xavier, Lebret, Tourond's Coulee, Wood Mountain, Cypress Hills and Pheasant Creek. According to the family's oral history as told by Harry Pelletier, his grandson (b. 1905 at Indian Head), Edouard was active in the 1885 Resistance at Batoche and was wounded in the leg.²

¹ Requesting a re-opening of the buffalo hunt between November 14th and February 15th each year and the granting of Metis "reserve" land (A strip of land 150 miles long along the American border beginning where the Pembina River crosses the border. This strip was to be fifty miles from south to north.).

² Ken Zeilig and Victoria Zeilig, *Ste. Madeleine, Community Without a Town: Metis Elders in Interview*. Winnipeg: Pemmican Publications 1987: 147-149.