## Joseph McKay. (b. 1842)

Joseph was an interpreter and witness at the Qu'Appelle Lakes Treaty No. Four signed on September 15, 1874.

Joseph was born on August 7, 1842 at Fort Ellice, the son of John Richards McKay and Harriet Ballenden. He married Anne Margeurite Flora "Flavie" Poitras (b. 1848), the daughter of Pierre Poitras and Marie Bruyere on January 27, 1864 in St François Xavier Parish Church. The couple had seven children. They lived at Prince Albert but moved when he became farming instructor at Strike-Him-On-The-Back Reserve near Battleford. After the Resistance of 1885, the family returned to Prince Albert. He later worked as a scout and interpreter for the N.W.M.P. in the Maple Creek area. He died there sometime after 1905.

Scrip affidavit for McKay, Flavie; born: 1849; wife of Joseph McKay; father: Pierre Poitras (Métis); mother: Marie Bruyere (Métis); claim no: 1344; scrip no: 10288; date of issue: August 21, 1876; amount: \$160.

McKay, William Edward; address: Prince Albert; born: 9 April, 1871 at Qu'Appelle; father: Joseph McKay (Métis); mother: Flavie Poitras (Métis); scrip cert.: form E, no. 860; claim no. 1452.

Gale, Maria; address: Lloyd, Montana; claim no. 1013; born: 15 November, 1872 at Sandy Hills; father: Joseph McKay (Métis); mother: Flavie Poitras (Métis); scrip cert.: form E, no. 670.

McKay, Joseph; heir to his deceased daughter, Catherine Harriet McKay; born: 1876 at Prince Albert; died: 7 January, 1879; address: Maple Creek; father: Joseph McKay (Métis and deponent); mother: Philavie or Flavie Poitras; (Métis); scrip cert.: form D, no. 1010; claim no. 1012.



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