

**John Pritchard.** (b. 1840)

John Pritchard was the son of Metis parents, William Pritchard and Marie Fleury. He was born at St. François Xavier and educated at Red River where he had taken training for the Anglican ministry. As a young adult he worked in the office of the Metis trader Urbaine Delorme. In 1863, John married Delorme's daughter Rose. Rose Delorme and John Pritchard were married on May 5, 1863 at St. François Xavier. Rose was born in 1847, the daughter of Urbaine *dit* William Delorme and Madeleine Vivier.



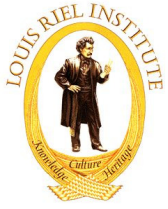
Rose Delorme (Hénault) and her husband John Pritchard, a HBC interpreter.  
Abraham Salois standing.<sup>1</sup>

John Pritchard worked for the HBC at Rocky Mountain House, Fort Carlton and Fort Edmonton. In the early 1880s John became an interpreter for the Indian Department and in 1884 he and his family moved to Frog Lake. John was caught up in the 1885 Resistance and events near the Fort Pitt area. From April of 1885 onward, Norbert Delorme (his brother-in-law) was in communication with him. Wandering Spirit captured John Pritchard and Adolphus Nolin. Pritchard, Pierre Blondin and Adolphus Nolin are

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<sup>1</sup> "Pritchard Family ca. 1875. Standing: Abraham Salois — Metis Trader and Freighter. Seated John Pritchard and wife (nee Rose Delorme). In moss bag: Marie Rose Pritchard (later Mrs. Joseph Sayers), John is holding Salomon Pritchard who was born at Rocky Mountain House, 31 Jan 1869. As a sixteen year old boy, he witnessed the Frog Lake Massacre. He was a freighter and trapper for many years in Saskatchewan and Montana. He was also very active in the Saskatchewan Metis Society. In the summer of 1965, he unveiled the plaque commemorating the Battle of Frenchman's Butte at which action he was present in 1885. Pritchard died 11 October 1967 (D.W. Light Collection)."

credited with protecting the Metis and white women who were prisoners in Big Bear's camp.



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