

Bresaylor Settlement - a National Historic Event?

To everyone interested in early Bresaylor history and especially to all descendants of the original **Bresaylor Settlement** families.

The Board of Directors of the Bresaylor Heritage Museum is making application to Parks Canada recommending that the *Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada* (HSMB) designate the Bresaylor Settlement a National Historic Event:

BRESAYLOR SETTLEMENT, a community of mainly Anglo/Metis who migrated out of the Red River Settlement in Manitoba in 1882 and settled up between the North Saskatchewan and Battle Rivers west of Battleford, just beyond what were at that time the Reserves of Moosomin and Thunderchild.

The Bremners, Sayers and Taylors were the vanguard families of this group, and the name BRESAYLOR was derived from a composite of their names. More families joined the Settlement - Spences, Taits, McDonalds, Fiddlers, Swains, Lamberts and others (Louis Caplette is thought to have ridden out ahead of the group) – and it grew to extend from river to river, and east to west between where the villages of Delmas and Paynton are now located

The Anglo-Métis of Bresaylor represent an ethnocultural community that has largely been ignored. While numerous national historic designations exist for various French Metis, the Anglo Métis recognition has been slight. The Bresaylor community has ties to the original Red River settlement in Manitoba and represents a different voice of the Métis in the NorthWest Rebellion/Resistance of 1885. Community member connections to various historical figures including Louis Riel, Poundmaker and General Middleton represent a side to the 1885 story that has yet to be explored.

This above excerpt is more or less how the application begins.

Of course it goes into more detail and has footnotes as well as supplementary material attached and Letters of Support. (If you would like to have a copy of the main application and footnotes, send a self-addressed, stamped envelop or email address and we'll send it to you when finalized.)

We are interested in hearing your thoughts about this idea. Understand, of course, that this is a first step in the process. The proposal must first be recommended (perhaps by the end of this year 2012) to be placed on the agenda of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada perhaps in 2013, or maybe not until 2014. Also, Historic Event designation does not come with financial assistance. It is just designation. Which comes with status but not money.

To facilitate your response we are asking for the following information. Feel free to add as much as you would like by way of comment; and to write a Letter of Support if you like. ALSO, please pass along a copy of this to anyone interested and who may not be on our mailing list.

Name _____ Family connection if a

descendant of an original family. _____

Address _____

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COMMENT _____
