



# Metis Settlements General Council

## GET YOUR GENEALOGY/FAMILY TREE DONE FOR FREE

The Metis Settlements are Metis communities who own and govern their own land base. Metis people who are descendants of Metis ancestors and who are currently members of a contemporary Metis community have Metis aboriginal rights. However, due to recent Supreme Court of Canada rulings, the Government of Canada and Provincial Governments may require Metis organizations to substantiate or show evidence that we represent rights-bearing Metis. This is why it is very important for our Settlement members to have their family trees completed. This genealogical evidence is needed to back up our claims to the government, and to the world, that we are Metis rights-bearing communities.

### WHY IS THE GENEALOGY REPORT IMPORTANT?

This genealogical evidence is crucial to substantiate our Metis rights, especially in discussions and negotiations on aboriginal rights under Section 35 of the Constitution of Canada. It also helps in maintaining sustainable and responsible harvesting practices by ensuring future generations can continue to harvest.

### DISCLAIMER:

The MSGC \*never\* shares individual family trees with governments or any other third party. However, we can generate reports and statistical information about the historical presence, movements, and occupations of Metis Settlement families in Alberta.

### GET STARTED:

Contact your settlement *Land Clerk* to get your free Genealogy & Family Tree done and ensure your rights are protected and recognized.

**Please note that your Genealogy/Family Tree is required for you  
to qualify for Harvesting Rights**

*\* Kelly Beaver will be present during the Census Count for anyone wishing to do thier Genology Harvesting*

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