

André Trottier. (1784-1874)

André Trottier was born in 1784 in the NWT, the son of André Trottier and Louise (Chippewa). He married Marguerite St. Denis dit Paquette, the daughter of André Paquette and Lizette (Cree) in 1811 at Red River. This family was enumerated in the Pembina Census of 1850 as Family # 84. They list Andre age 66, a hunter, Marguerite age 50, Joseph age 22, a hunter, Michel age 19, a hunter, Antoine age 14, and Charles age 10. Andre and his brother Joseph were participants in the Battle of Seven Oaks as part of Cuthbert Grant's party. From the Coltman Report:

André Trottier, "Half-Breed," stated the following to Commissioner William Coltman as despotion (sic) into the investigation of the fur trade war: That on his arrival near the encampment he was met by Mr. Alexander MacDonnell, who had with him Seraphim Lamar and Bostonais Pangman, and asked him, "What news?" to which he answered, "we fought yesterday"; and being further questioned, he answered, "that there were 22 of the English killed, that on their side, his brother [Joseph Trottier] was wounded, and a half-breed of the name Batoche, killed." Bostonais Pangman was quoted as saying that Batoche was his cousin and he must be revenged.¹

NAME: TROTTIER, André Jr. **PARISH:** [Red River] **ENTERED SERVICE:** 1813 **DATES:** b. ca. 1791
d. 24 April 1874+

Appointments & Service Outfit Year*:	Position:	Post:	District:	HBCA Reference:
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**An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May*

North West Company:

1813-1818

Red River

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1833-1843

Appears in Red River Census (aged 42-52), Lot 164 St Francois Xavier

Sprague & Frye

Father: André (b. ca. 1757, appears in Red River Census 1833-1838, aged 76-81) (Gail Morin, *Red River Censuses*)
Wife: Marguerite Pacquet [Paquette dit St. Denis] (b. 1787), daughter of Antoine Pacquet (Sprague & Frye, *First Metis Nation*)
Child: André (b. 1816) m. Isabel Falcon (b. 1819), daughter of Pierre Falcon (Sprague & Frye)

+ buried at Lebret SK (Gail Morin, *Métis Families...*)

Filename: Trottier, André Jr. (b. ca. 1791) (fl. NWC 1813-1818); JHB 2002/08



André Trottier died on April 24, 1874 at Lebret in the Qu'Appelle Valley.

Joseph Trottier (Brother of Andre Trottier Sr.): (b. 1790)

Joseph Trottier was wounded with a broken leg during the Battle of Seven Oaks. His brother André reported to Alexandre Greenfield Macdonell that he was going from the forks to get his parents from the Souris River to come and care for his brother.² Joseph was born circa 1790, the son of André Trottier and Louise (Chippewa); his brother André (above) was also in the battle. He married Marie (Saulteaux) before 1824 by custom marriage and they were formally married on June 14, 1841 at St. Francois Xavier. The family was enumerated in the 1850 Pembina Census as Family # 20. They list Joseph as age 60, a hunter, Marie also age 60, Baptiste age 26, a hunter,

¹ State Historical Society of North Dakota, Vol. 4, p. 534

² Macdonell, Alexander Greenfield, "A narrative of transactions in the Red River country: From the commencement of the operations of the Earl of Selkirk, till the summer of the year 1816." London: B. McMillan, 1820: 78.

Marguerite age 22, and Catherine age 20. Joseph died in January of 1852 and was buried at Pembina

The son of Andre Trottier and Marguerite St. Denis dit Paquette was Andre Jr. He fought at the Battle of the Grand Coteau in 1851 as did his wife Isabelle Falcon (her brother Jean Baptiste Falcon was the leader of the Metis hunting group.

Trottier, André (b. 1816) Andre married Isabel Falcon, the daughter of Pierre Falcon and Marie Grant on May 7, 1839 at St. Francois Xavier. Andre was the son of Andre Trottier and Marguerite St. Denis dit Paquette. Their sons, Charles (age 12) and Michel (age 19) were likely present with their parents at the Battle of the Grand Coteau. Charles later became the leader of the Metis from Prairie-Ronde, south of Saskatoon; he had wintered there since the mid-1850s. Charles Trottier (born 1839) and Michel Trottier (born 1832) appear on 1863-64 Red Lake and Pembina Chippewa Treaty as numbers 444 and 457 when they were given Red Lake Half-breed Scrip in 1875.



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