

Isadore “Mexican Pete” Laframboise. (1881-1952)

Isadore Laframboise was born April 1881 in the North West Territories, south of Davis Lake, Saskatchewan. He was the son of Jean Baptiste Laframboise, born March 05, 1850 in Moose Mountain district, North West Territories (died May 29, 1944 in Maple Creek) and Marguerite Cayen dite Boudreau (married in 1877 at the Blackfoot Crossing Mission (near present-day Village of Cluny, Alberta). Marguerite Boudreau dite (Caen) Cayan was born in 1857 at Regina, in the North West Territories (died April 1939 in Maple Creek). She was the daughter of Alexander Boudreau dit Cayen and Marie McGillis. Alexandre was known as Kee-too-way-how (Sounding with Flying Wings) and was a signatory to Treaty 6 and the first Chief of Muskeg Lake Band.

Isadore married Marie-Rose Trottier, the daughter of Alexandre Trottier and Catherine Laframboise, in 1902. She was from the Prairie Ronde Metis community south of Saskatoon. After parting from Isadore Marie-Rose remarried to “Louis” David Boyer in 1915.

According to his son Paddy Laframboise¹ his father Isadore, a hunter and trapper, was also known as ‘Mexican Pete’ and spent several years in prison because of horse rustling. He was imprisoned in Edmonton at the time Paddy was born in 1903 but Isadore escaped to see his new son then returned on his own accord. He was pardoned in 1914, and went overseas to fight in the World War I where he was wounded twice and also gassed. Following the war, he came back to Maple Creek, Saskatchewan where he later died in 1952, at the age of 72.

Marie-Rose worked for Captain William Parker of the N.W.M.P. Their son Paddy was raised by a “Grandmother” named Margaret Ledoux², who was also known as a Cree medicine woman. Paddy began riding horses at the age of three, and even rode milk cows as a boy, from the town herd. At the age of 14, he began riding in professional rodeos. In 1930, he became the Pony Express Champion in Washington, and also became the Pacific Coast Cow Milking Champion and Wild Steer Riding Champion. His last rodeo was in 1958, when he met his wife Lucille Stewart. She was a nurse at the Colonel Belcher Hospital in Calgary. Paddy decided to get his RN certificate, and started working also at the Colonel Belcher, as a male nurse in 1960. In 1967, he returned to Medicine Hat and became involved in the Senior Citizen's Advisory Council at the Veiner Centre for close to three years. Due to poor health, he was forced to move back to Calgary. In February 1988, Paddy visited Medicine Hat and was interviewed by the Medicine Hat News.

Reference:

<http://www.todd-genealogy.ca/LaFramboise/LaFramboise.html>

¹ Born July 29, 1903 in Medicine Hat, and lived in Moccasin Flats near Strathcona Island, died 1990.

² Née Quenelle wife of Alexandre Ledoux.



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