

Jean Baptiste “Che-ma-na” Falcon. (b.1826)

Jean Baptiste was born near Devil’s Lake in the Dakota Territory. He was the son of Pierre Falcon (b. 1793) and Marie Grant (the daughter of Cuthbert Grant). He married Marie Nolin, the daughter of Augustin Nolin and Helene Cameron in 1846. He was the buffalo hunt leader for the St. Francois Xavier Metis. He died in 1910 at St. Anne, MB.

He was a Metis leader at the Battle of the Grand Coteau in 1851. This battle took place between a Metis buffalo hunting party from St. François Xavier, led by Jean Baptiste Falcon and the Cut Head (Pabaksa) Yanktonai (Ihanktonwanna), Dakota, led by Chief Medicine (Sacred) Bear, on July 15 to 16, 1851. his sister, Isabelle Falcon, also participated in this battle. Jean Baptiste’s son Francis Falcon would record in 1938:

Jean Baptiste Falcon was going around acting as captain, his sister Isabelle was fighting in his place. She never left him alone during the three days battle, she would force him to rest and during that time she would shoot and she was a good shot too. Everytime they would shoot, it was sure a Sioux would fall. And they would shoot from sunrise to sunset everyday.

Jean Baptiste Falcon and Marie Nolin had the following children:

- Marie, born May 27, 1849 at Baie St. Paul. She married Antoine Desjarlais, the son of Antoine Desjarlais and Louise Richard.
- Melanie, born July 28, 1850 at St. Francois Xavier. She married Hippolyte Beaudry, the son of Narcisse Beaudry and Lucie Breland.
- Pierre Falcon, born November 11, 1851 at St. Francoise Xavier. He married Florestine McGillis, the daughter of John McGillis and Marie Breland.
- Rose, born January 17, 1853 at St. Francois Xavier. She married Francois Roussin, the son of Francois roussin and Elise courchene..
- Emelie, born October 15, 1854 at St. Francois Xavier. She married Octave Perreault, the son of Norbert Perreault and Monique Hamelin.
- Alphonsine, born December 2, 1856. She married Norbert Blanchette, the son of Jean Louis Blanchette and Adelaide Poissant in 1883. She then married Louis Mainville in 1826.
- Josephte, born October 25, 1859 at St. Francois Xavier.
- Francois, born December 22, 1861 at St. Francois Xavier.
- Madeleine, born March 21, 1863 at St. Francois Xavier. She married Francois Berard, the son of Jeremie Berard and Philomene Huppe.

- Gregoire, born August 21, 1864 at SFX and died on November 5, 1865.
- Jean Baptiste, born May 27, 1866 at St. Francois Xavier and died June 13, 1866.
- Charles, born November 27, 1867 at St. Francois Xavier. He married Marie Justine Paul, the daughter of William Paul and Flavie Page in 1894
- Isabelle, born August 5, 1869 at St. Francois Xavier. She married Albert Morin, the son of David Morin and Desneiges Nault in 1895.
- Augustin, born March 10, 1871.
- Angelique, born March 5, 1873. She married David Roussin, the son of Francois Roussin and Elise Courchene in 1899.