

Norbert Trottier. (b. 1861)

Norbert Trottier was born on March 6, 1861 at Humboldt, the son of Antoine Trottier and Angelique Laframboise. He married Eliza Fisher, the daughter of John Fisher and Elizabeth Brabant. Eliza Fisher was born in 1858 near Fort Qu'Appelle. She was first married to Jean Baptiste Desmarais on May 25, 1875 at Lebret; she then married Norbert Trottier on August 26, 1885 at Lebret. Eliza Fisher was then widowed a second time and married Jean-Baptiste Charette in Lebret in 1892.

In 1878 Norbert Trottier signed the petition of the Metis hunting band at Cypress Hills which requested a re-opening of the bison hunt between November 14th and February 15th each year and the granting of a Metis "reserve." They requested a 150-mile strip of land along the American border beginning where the Pembina River crosses the border in Manitoba and thence west. This strip was to be fifty miles wide from north to south.



Norbert Trottier and his wife Elise (Eliza) Fisher (seated). Their daughter and son in law Rosalie and Andre Trottier are on the right. The grandchildren pictured are David and Edward; Lucy and Annie. Photo courtesy of Mark Calette

Scrip Applications:

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Trottier, Norbert - Concerning his claim as a child - Address, Indian Head - Born, 6 March, 1860 at Humboldt - Father, Antoine Trottier, (Métis) - Mother, Angelique Laframboise, (Métis) - Claim 128

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Fisher, Eliza - Concerning her claim as a child - Address, Indian Head - Born, 1858 near
Fort Qu'Appelle - Father, John Fisher, (Métis) - Mother, Betsy Brabant, (Métis) -
Married, after 1870 to Baptiste Desmarais, (deceased) - Children living, four (names on
declaration) - Claim 85

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Province of Saskatchewan.

I, Norbert Trottier, of Swift Current, in the Province
of Saskatchewan, being duly sworn, depose and say:-

That in the year 1880 or thereabouts I squatted on the
South East Quarter of Section thirty-five, Township thirty-two,
Range six, West of the third Meridian, the land at this time
not having been surveyed, and I being in consequence unable to
file a homestead entry. In 1884 or thereabouts the land was
surveyed, and at the time the surveyors passed over this land
I was in residence, and had my improvements upon it. I
remained in residence upon this land from 1880 till 1886, when
my buildings were burned and I had to leave as I had nothing
left, my horses having been killed at the time of the
rebellion. During my residence upon this land I had a house
18 x 20 feet, one stable 15 x 20 feet, and another stable
15 x 16 feet, and had eight head of horses.

Besides my buildings I had four acres of land broken,
and had fenced in eighty acres.

To the best of my knowledge and belief I fulfilled all
the duties required of a homesteader, both in the way of
residence and improvements.

Harold Palmer *Norbert Trottier*
witness *his* *mark*

SWORN before me at Swift Current, in the Province of
Saskatchewan, this eighth day of June, A.D. 1907.

H. Oswald Smith
A Notary Public in and for the said Province.

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