

## **Ballenden (Ballendine), Peter. (1836-1885)**

Peter Ballendine was born December 10, 1836 in Cumberland House, the son of John Ballenden and Mary Humphreville, and died December 12, 1885 in Battleford, Saskatchewan. Peter married Caroline Rowland, the daughter of William Rowland and Betsy Ballenden in 1863 at Fort Carlton where his father-in-law was HBC Factor. He was educated at St. John's School at Red River and entered HBC service in 1859. He worked as a clerk, postmaster and interpreter at Cumberland House, Fort Carlton and Fort Pitt. He ran the Battleford Post in the 1870s. He then became a free-trader.

In 1875, as part of a Hudson's Bay Company hunting party of First Nations and Métis people, Ballendine was accosted by Gabriel Dumont and a group St. Laurence Métis for hunting in advance of the main hunt. When Ballendine's party refused to abide by Dumont's rules, forty of Dumont's men seized their carts, horses, provisions, and game.

He was the interpreter for Treaty No. 6 at Fort Carlton in 1876 and at Battleford in 1878 when Chief Mosquito signed. He and his brother Adam were both active on the Canadian side during the Métis Resistance of 1885. He was a Scout for Colonel Otter and was at the Battle of Cut Knife Hill where Otter was defeated.



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