

Isabelle Trottier née Falcon. (b. 1819)

Isabelle Falcon Trottier was born on June 6, 1819, the daughter of Pierre Falcon, “the Bard of the Prairies” and Marie Grant. Isabelle married Andre Trottier (b. 1816) on May 7, 1839 at St. François Xavier. He was the son of André Trottier and Marguerite Pacquette. Isabelle was the sister of buffalo hunt leader Jean-Baptiste Falcon.

Both Isabelle and her husband were present at the Battle of the Grand Coteau in 1851. This battle took place between a Métis buffalo-hunting party from St. François Xavier, led by Jean-Baptiste Falcon met the Cut Head (Pabaksa) Yanktonai (Ihanktonwanna), Dakota, led by Chief Medicine (Sacred) Bear, on July 15 to 16, 1851.

“On the first day of the battle “Father Lafleche was in the centre singing hymns and praying and encouraging to defend themselves and their children, and when 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. Every time they would shoot, it was sure a Sioux would fall. And they would shoot from sunrise to sunset everyday.”¹

Isabelle and André had an adopted son, William John Duquette born 1860, and their own son Alexandre Trottier born October 1863. Alexandre died in July of 1881 at age 17 and is buried at Lebret.



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¹ Dictation of Francis Falcon son of Jean Bte. Falcon, and Marie Nolin. Dated Ste. Anne des Chenes on May 23, 1938.