

St. Pierre Parenteau. (1861-1885)

Pierre was born February 23, 1861 at St. Boniface, the son of Jean Baptiste Parenteau and Pélagie Dumont. He married Marie Anne Nolin the daughter of Charles Nolin and Marie Anne Harrison on April 2, 1883 at St. Antoine de Padue, Batoche. He was Gabriel Dumont's nephew. Cloutier's journal notes that St. Pierre was one of the fighters at Duck Lake (Vol. 1, p. 77).

He also fought, was shot in the face, and killed at Tourond's Coulee on April 24, 1885.

Elie Dumont goes to see Pierre Parenteau who is dead. He takes him by the head and then calls Anderson over; the latter helps him remove Parenteau's coat. Elie puts it on. The collar was full of blood. Parenteau had been shot blow the eye. In the pocket Elie Dumont finds a pipe, a chunk of tobacco, and some matches. He starts smoking the pipe.¹

His brother Jean-Baptiste Jr. was wounded during this battle. St. Pierre was a member of Captain Antoine Lafontaine's company, one of the 19 *dizaines* led by Gabriel Dumont during the 1885 Métis Resistance.



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