

Trottier, Joseph Sr. (1827-1885)

Joseph Trottier and other Métis buffalo hunters at Cypress Hills wrote a petition asking for a special Métis reserve of land. Joseph was on the Treaty Pay list of Beardy's Reserve in 1884.¹ Joseph fought and died in the 1885 Resistance at Batoche. He was a member of Captain Daniel Gariépy's company, one of the 19 *dizaines* led by Gabriel Dumont during the 1885 Métis Resistance.

Joseph was born circa 1827 at Oak Lake near Brandon, the son of Andre Trottier (b.c. 1784) and Marguerite St. Denis dit Paquette (b. 1787). Joseph married Therese Vallee dite Laplante, the daughter of Antoine Vallee and Susanne Dufève, in 1852 at St. Boniface. In his declaration on scrip application of 1886 Joseph is described as the head of family at Duck Lake where they had been living for 14 years. Joseph and his wife Therese along with their son Charles (b.1865) who was married to Madeleine Okimasis were all members of Beardys' Band but withdrew from Treaty. Joseph noted he had lived at St. François Xavier when young and was living near Fort Carlton in 1870. He also noted that his son André (1853-1871) had died suddenly while on a trip to Lake of the Woods in 1871 [before treaty]. The declaration of his wife Thérèse Vallée noted that up until 1872 they had been a buffalo hunting family. Joseph fought and died in May 1885 during the North West Resistance at Batoche, Saskatchewan. His sons, Joseph, Albert, and Cuthbert were all participants in the 1885 Resistance.

Their son Joseph Trottier Jr. (b. 1857) declared that he had been born at St. François Xavier, had taken treaty with Beardys' Band but was subsequently seeking discharge as he was currently working as a labourer at Green Lake. In 1879 he had married Julie 'La Grosse Tête' St. Denis, the daughter of Francois and Therese St. Denis. They had resided at Baie St. Paul until 1870.

Family Scrip:

Scrip affidavit for Trottier, Marguerite; born: 1787; husband: André Trottier; father: Andre Paquette (White); mother: Lisette (Cree Indian); claim no: 2838; scrip no: 12271; date of issue: Sept. 5, 1878; amount: \$160.

Trottier, Joseph; address: Duck Lake; born: 1827 at Oak Lake near Brandon; father: André Trottier (Métis); mother: Marguerite St. Denis (Métis); married: 1852 at St. Boniface to Thérèse Vallee; children living: Joseph, Marguerite, Albert, Charles; children deceased: André, Adele, Rodolphe, Louison, Marie and not baptised; scrip for \$160.00; claim no. 1123 Cuthbert, Charles; children deceased: André, Adele, Rodolphe, Louison, Marie and not baptised; scrip for \$160.00; claim no. 1123.

Trottier, Joseph (Sole heir of André Trottier) - Scrip number 3035 - Amount 240.00\$ - Certificate number 674 B. 1886/11/12.

Vallée , Thérèse; address: Batoche; born: 1830 at Edmonton; father: Antoine Vallée (Métis); mother: Susanne Dufève (Métis); married: 1852 at St. Boniface to Joseph; Trottier; children living: Joseph, Marguerite, Albert, Cuthbert and Charles; children

¹ RG 10, Annuity Paylists, 1883-1887, Treaties 4, 6 and 7. Joseph Sr. is Band Member # 53 and Joseph Trottier Jr. is shown as Band Member # 51 on the 1884 pay list.

deceased: André, Adele, Marie, Rodolphe, Louison and not baptised; scrip for \$160.00; claim no. 1113.

Trottier, Joseph - Concerning the claim of his deceased Métis child, Marie Trottier - Born, July, 1868 at Brandon - Died, 1872 or 1873 - Address, Duck Lake, Stobart P.O. [Post Office] - Father, Joseph Trottier, (Métis) - Mother, Therise Vallée, (Métis) - Heir, her father, Joseph Trottier, the deponent - Scrip for \$240 - Claim 1319.

Trottier, Joseph; heir to his deceased son, André Trottier; address: Batoche; born: 1854 near Fort Ellice; died: July 1871 while on a trip at Lake of the Woods; father: Joseph Trottier (Métis and deponent); mother: Therese Vallee (Métis); scrip for \$240.00; claim no. 1142.

Trottier, Jr., Joseph; address: Green Lake via Carlton; born: 1857 at St. Francois Xavier; father: Joseph Trottier, Sr. (Métis); mother: Thérèse Vallee (Métis); married: 1879 at Duck Lake to Julie La Grosse; scrip for \$240.00; claim no. 2172.

Trottier, Cuthbert; address: Batoche; born: 1864 near Fort Ellice; father: Joseph Trottier (Métis); mother: Thérèse Vallee (Métis); scrip for \$240.00; claim no. 1122.

Trottier, Albert; address: Batoche; born: 1863 near Fort Ellice; father: Joseph Trottier (Métis); mother: Therese Vallee (Métis); scrip for \$240.00; claim no. 1124.

Trottier, Joseph; address: Duck Lake; born: 1827 at Oak Lake near Brandon; father: André Trottier (Métis); mother: Marguerite St. Denis (Métis); married: 1852 at St. Boniface to Thérèse Vallée; children living: Joseph, Marguerite, Albert, Charles; children deceased: André, Adele, Rodolphe, Louison, Marie and not baptised; scrip for \$160.00; claim no. 1123 Cuthbert, Charles; children deceased: André, Adele, Rodolphe, Louison, Marie and not baptised; scrip for \$160.00; claim no. 1123.

Paul, Marguerite; address: Batoche; born: 1859 near Fort Ellice; father: Joseph Trottier (Métis); mother: Thérèse Vallee (Métis); married: 1884 at Duck Lake to Bernard Paul; children living: Marie Ernestine; scrip for \$240.00; claim no. 1116.

Trottier, Charles; address: Duck Lake or St. Laurent; born: 6 April, 1865 at St. François Xavier; father: Joseph Trottier (Métis); mother: Thérèse Vallee (Métis); married: June, 1887 to Madeleine Okemassis; children living: Virginie; scrip for \$240.00; claim no. 1722.



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