

Trottier, Antoine ‘Wabash’. (b. 1834)

Antoine was born August 12, 1834 at St. Francois Xavier. He was the son of André Trottier (b. 1874) and Marguerite St. Denis *dite* Paquette. André and his family were enumerated in the Pembina census of 1850 as family # 84; he is listed as a hunter. He married Angelique Laframboise (b. 1830) on September 21, 1857 at St. François Xavier. Angelique was the daughter of Jean Baptiste Laframboise and Suzanne Gaudry (Beaudry). Her sister Ursule Laframboise was married to her husband’s brother Charles. Antoine and Angelique had eight children born at St. François Xavier, Humboldt, and Prairie Ronde. Antoine died at circa 1892 at age 57. Angelique died in 1902 at Havre, Montana.

Children:

- Edward born 1859
- Norbert born 1860.
- Jean “War-bish-tee-gwan” born 1863.
- William born 1864.
- Francois born 1867.
- Marie born 1869.
- Isabelle born 1871.
- Philomène born 1872.

In 1878, Antoine Trottier, and other Métis buffalo hunters at Cypress Hills wrote a petition asking for a special Métis reserve of land. They requested a re-opening of the buffalo hunt between November 14th and February 15th each year and the granting of Métis “reserve” land—A strip of land 150 miles long along the American border beginning where the Pembina River crosses the border. This strip was to be fifty miles from south to north.

Their son Jean “Johnny” War-bish-tee-gwan (Grey Hair) Trottier fought in the 1885 Resistance at Tourond’s Coulee and Batoche. He later fled to Montana.

Trottier, Antoine; heir to his deceased children: Isabelle, born: 1871 or 1872 at Saskatoon; died: 1886 or 1887 at Batoche; Philomène, born: 1872 or 1873 at Saskatoon; died: 1893 or 1894 at Havre; address: White Mud River; father: Antoine Trottier (Métis and deponent); mother: Angélique Laframboise (Métis); scrip cert.: form D, nos. 1006 and 1008; claim no. 1011.

Trottier, John; address: Battleford; born: 1863 near Saskatoon; father: Antoine Trottier (Métis); mother: Angélique Laframboise (Métis); scrip for \$240.00; claim no. 850.

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



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