## LaRose Laframboise. (1857-1932)

LaRose Laframboise was born on November 15, 1857 at Swift Current and baptized in 1858 at St. François Xavier (SFX). She was the daughter of Francois Laframboise and Marie Trottier. François Laframboise (b. 1827) was the son of Jean-Baptiste Laframboise <sup>1</sup> and Suzanne Beaudry. Marie Trottier (b. 1831) was the daughter of André Trottier (b. 1784) and Marguerite Paquette. LaRose's grandfather, Jean-Baptiste Lafromboise, fought at the Battle of the Grand Coteau in 1851. This battle took place between a Métis buffalo hunting party from SFX, led by Jean-Baptiste Falcon and the Cut Head (Pabaksa) Yanktonai (Ihanktonwanna), Dakota, led by Chief Medicine (Sacred) Bear, on July 15 to 16, 1851.

Rose married Andre (Andrew) Trottier (b. Jan. 10, 1861 at SFX), a first cousin, the son of Michel Trottier (b. 1831) and Angélique Desjarlais. Michel Trottier was the son of André Trottier (b. 1784) and Marguerite Paquette. Michel's younger brother, Charles Trottier, was one of the original settlers of Havre, Montana, Rose Laframboise' mother and André Trottier's father were sister and brother. At some point, her husband deserted her, in her 1900 scrip application she stated that he was at St. Paul's [Peter's] Mission, in Montana, living with another woman.

#### Children:

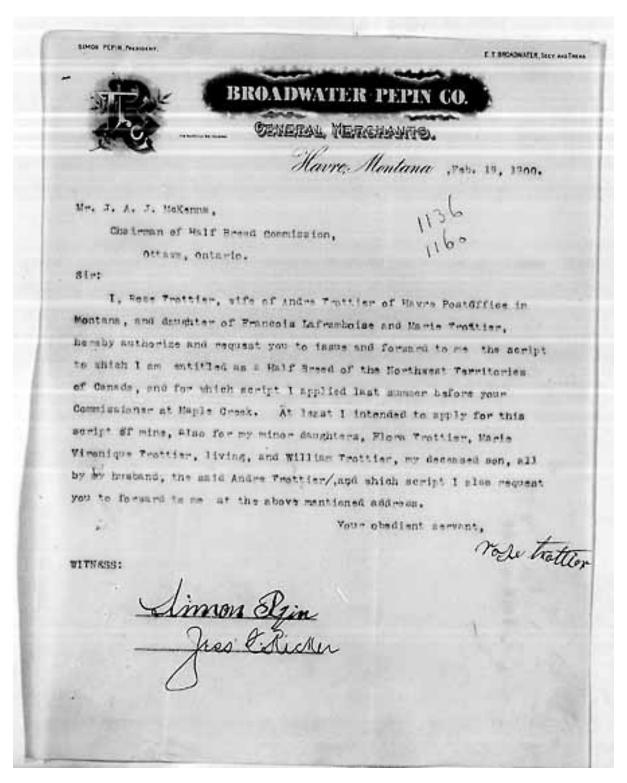
- William Trottier; born 1881 at Cypress Hills; died at 20 days old.
- Flora, born September 1883 at Maple Creek.
- Marie Veronique, born June 1885 at Lebret.

In 1890, at Fort Assiniboine, Larose established a common-law relationship with Simon Pepin (1840-1914). They had a daughter Elizabeth Pepin born 1891. Pepin originally worked in Utah as a teamster, then was involved in the cattle business and by the mid-1880s was running 20,000 cattle and 1,500 head of horses north of the Milk River. In the late 1870s, he had been involved in the building of Fort Assiniboine with Edward Broadwater the cousin of Charles Broadwater who had employed Simon as a teamster. He also began to purchase the homestead lands of several of his relatives and owned 5.000 acres in Bull Hook Bottoms and other water sources north of the Milk River. When the railway came through Broadwater and Pepin donated 40 acres a piece to the government for what became the townsite of Havre. This increased the value of their surrounding land immensely. Thus, Pepin was considered a founder of Havre, Montana. Eventually his land holdings grew to 9,000 acres.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Jean Baptiste Lafromboise (1806-1870) was born in 1806, the son of Joseph Laframboise and Josephte Sha-we-na-quah (Assiniboine). Joseph was born at Mackinac in 1776. Jean-Baptiste was first married to Suzanne Beaudry, the daughter of Joseph Beaudry and Suzanne Latour, in 1827. He then married Angélique Parenteau, the daughter of Joseph Parenteau and Suzanne "Cris" Richard before 1860. He died on May 16, 1870 at St. François Xavier. His sister Louise (b. 1807) was first married to John Wills, then married to Isidore Dumont in 1833. His older sister Marguerite (b. 1805) was married to Henry Munroe Fisher then to Jean-Baptiste Dumont who was father-in-law to her younger sister Louise.

In 1890, at Fort Assiniboine, Pepin had married (common-law) Larose Trottier, described as a Cree woman with two children. By February of 1900, he was assisting Rose in obtaining her Métis Scrip:



In 1891, Simon had moved into the town of Havre and established the Broadwater-Pepin Mercantile Company. He became president of the First National Bank of Havre. In December 1891, they had a daughter Elizabeth and in 1892, they moved into a log house in Havre. Simon then built a five room brick and frame home which he later rebuilt into a fourteen room mansion. Simon maintained the pretense of being a single man, he and LaRose continued to live in the log cabin and only the families of his nieces and nephews and their daughter Elizabeth (who he formally adopted in 1892) lived in the mansion.

Upon his death it was found that he had left the bulk of his estate to his daughter Elizabeth and only \$5,000 for his wife LaRose, even this was to be administered by Elizabeth, who subsequently had her mother committed to the Catholic Home of the Good Shepherd in Helena "to dry out." Larose was there for over a year, then Elizabeth came to get her after the will was probated under condition that she not contest the will.

In 1921 Rose married Frank Baker (1871-1932). In 1926 her husband and attorney C.R. Stranahan convinced her that she could contest the will and receive her one-third dower share. They won this case in the Havre District Court, however Elizabeth appealed and in 1927 the Montana Supreme Court reversed the decision on the basis that Simon and Larose were not "legally" married.

### Métis Scrip Applications:

When over 70 years-of-age Rose has a Mrs. C. Peterson of Havre, Montana apply on her behalf for scrip. In her scrip application of 1930 she says her sister Katherine is married to a McKay. In fact, Catherine Laframboise born 1861 was married to Samuel McKay in 1881 at Fort Walsh. She also says that her sister Katherine and brothers Frank and John had received their Métis scrip. This is probably brother Jean Baptiste Laframboise (b. 1853) who was married to LaRose "Asheuin" Trottier, and either brother François Laframboise born in 1856 at Duck Lake or half-brother François Laframboise (mother Louise Chaboyer) born 1862.

She says that she and her husband left for the Maple Creek area and were living with the Trottiers at Sipers (Cypress) Springs (or Hill). Andrew got his scrip at Lethbridge whereas Rose had not applied because she became ill on the way to Lethbridge. Her sister Catherine took scrip at Brooks, Alberta and her brothers took scrip at Maple Creek

Since the letter on her behalf spells her surname Laframbien and her late husband's name as Andrew Grothee, she gets nowhere with this application.

When Rose applied for scrip on July 6, 1900 at Maple Creek for her deceased child William [b. 1881], and died at 20 days old. She said her husband deserted her, and was at St. Paul's [Peter's] Mission, in Montana, living with another woman. In an affidavit Louise Boyer says that Trottier had left "some years back' and Rose was the sole support of the children. This claim was disallowed in a letter of May 21, 1901, because of "foreign residence."

Trottier, Rose; for her deceased son, William Trottier; address: Havre, Montana; born: 1881 at Cypress Hills; died: 20 days old; father: Andrew Trottier (Métis); mother: Rose Laframboise (Métis and deponent); file ref. 966211; claim no. 1160.

Rose also applied at Maple Creek in 1900 for scrip for her children Flora (b. 1883), and Marie Véronique (b. 1885)

Trottier, Rose; for her minor children: Flora, born: September, 1883 at Maple Creek; Marie Véronique, born: June, 1885 at Qu'Appelle; address: Havre; father: André Trottier (Métis); mother: Rose Laframboise (Métis and deponent); 2 Scrips each for 240 acres; file ref. 766848; claim no. 1136.

These applications were originally disallowed but then granted in 1904.

In May of 1905, her estranged husband André Trottier applies for scrip for William and his claim is disallowed. Basically he had applied for scrip for four children in 1893 and had never mention a child, William, at that time.

#### References:

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Compiled by Lawrence Barkwell Coordinator of Métis Heritage and History Research Louis Riel Institute

See government documents attached below.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CANADA

Re Letter 281180. 21st April, 1931 LAKE WINNIPEG INSPECTORATE INSPECTOR'S OFFICE

Winnipeg, 27th January, 1932.

281180

The Secretary.
Dept. of Indian Affairs.
Ottawa. Ont.
Re Rose Laframbien, Havre, Montana, U.S.A.
Tour letter, number and date I have to acknowledge your letter number and date as given above also the enclosure therewith. Among the enclosures I found a copy of a letter that I wrote on the 30th Dec. 1930, in reply to a letter that I returned with the letter that I wrote. Since then I received other lettem but these were not any use as a clue, and were just a repetitionfof the first letter, I felt that I was dealing with somebody that did not seem to understand what I wrote in my letter of the 30 Dec/1930, and that I would not be able to assist by carrying on a corwer respondence that did not get to a point that would help the situation. situation.

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I talked with some old-timers who I thought might be able to throw some light on these matters notably I talked with the late W.M. Bannatyne, who was born in Manitoba, a son of the late A.G.B. Bannatyne, Esq., who was a General Merchant in the early days of Winnipeg, from the early 60s, and who did business with people who lived where Rose Laframbien was born. But Mr W.M. Bannatune could not recall anything that was of any use. The old-timers of the 50s and 60s are fast passing, and it is very doubt ful if any information can be gleaned from that source.

The copy of Mrs C.Peterson's letter states as follows:
"The brothers and sisters of received their amount from the "Government, but I, Rose, have never received one cent". In my letter of 30th Dec. 1930, in paragraph 5, I told Mrs Peterson that I would try to place the facts, if I got them, with the correct address, if that was possible after all these years.

If there is a clear and intelligent statement to guide one to where the brothers and sisters got satisfaction, it seems to me that they should be able to get to that point.

Places of record, in my opinion, are the only sources from which to obtain reliable information.

In my letter of the 30th December, 1930, I also stated that the family Laframbien is evidently not connected with our Indian people, as members of any Indian band under Treaty

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Mrs Peterson talks of Scrip, then the family Laframbien would have to look to the Department of the Interior for any satisfaction along that line. She also talks of the last battle fought in Canada before the World war, that would be the 1885 fracas in the west, with Batcohe as the centre.

Mrs Peterson says the brother at Maple Creek, Sask. is still getting a pension, it might be well for her to make some inquiry of this brother.

The whole difficulty about this matter, in my opinion, is that there as a cloudiness that surrounds and indefiniteness about the whole story.

Mrs Peterson says that Rose's father owned a farm at that time( what time?) 15 miles NW of Winnipeg, on the bend of the Assiniboine River, what bend, thas stream is a very winding stream.

Inhave mentioned these items to show how very difficult it is to get a line on the facts that should guide one when looking into the matter.

I have the honor to be your obedient servant.

Jno. R. Bunn. Inspector of Indian Agencies. 4th Floor Commercial Bldg. Winnipeg, Man.

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Ottawa, 1st February, 1932.

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With reference to your letter of the 5th June last regarding the case of Rose Laframbien, whose married name seems to be Mrs Andrew Grothee, and who appears to consider that she has a claim against the Canadian Government, I beg to say that as the matter has not been clearly set forth it has not been found possible to obtain definite information in the matter, notwithstanding that an affort has been made to ascertain the facts.

In one of the letters written in the case reference is made to a brother resident at Maple Creek, Sask., said to be in receipt of a pension. It is not clear whether this man is a brother of Rose Laframbien, or the brother of Rose's husband, Andrew Grothee. The name in full of the man at Maple Creek should be reported to the Department, and it should be stated clearly from what source he draws a pension.

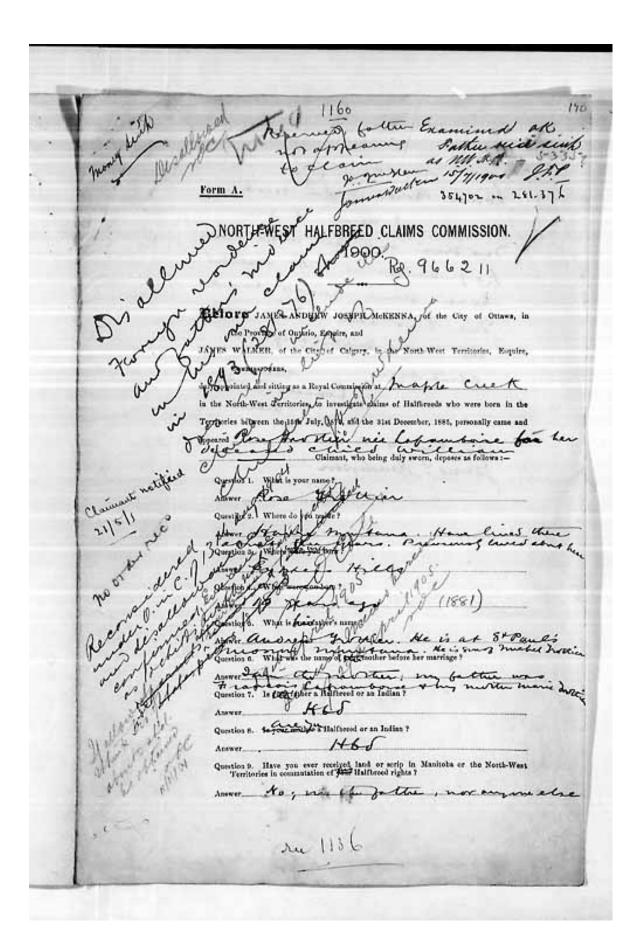
The Department should be informed whether the woman making claim in this matter bases her claim on the fact that she is a Laframbien or because she is the widow of a man named Grothee. The letters written in the case give the impression that the two families were related before Rose Laframbien and Andrew Grothee were married. If facts are clearly stated the Department can look into the matter but not otherwise.

Your obedient servant.

Mrs. C. Peterson, Sparling Hotel, R. 20

Havre, Mont. U.S. T.R.L. MacInnes. Acting Secretary.

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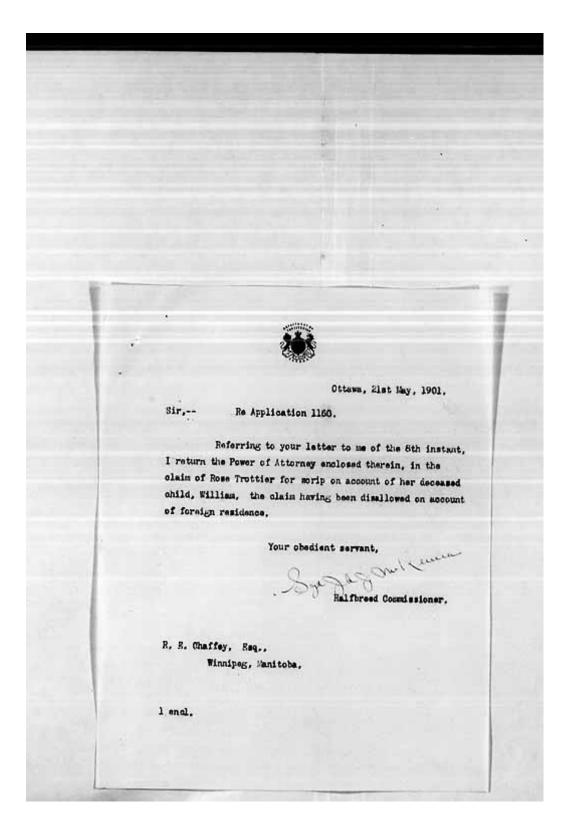
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5th May, 1905

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Sir.

With reference to your letter of the 28th March last, enclosing an order for the delivery of scrip from Andre Trottier.as sole heir of his deceased child, William Trottier, whose mother was Rose Laframboise, I am directed to inform you that the said claim has been reconsidered under the Order in Council of the 13th August, 1904, and the disallowance thersof had been confirmed.

According to the swidence of Andre Trottier. under onth, which was submitted in 1893, he gave the names of all his children, and he stated that he then had four living children, namely:-

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It will be observed that the name of William, on account of whom he preferred a claim in 1900 before Mr. McKenna, is not mentioned among those above given. In the syldence before Mr. McKenna in 1900 it is stated that William had been born 19 years ago, which would make Jas. G. Dagg, Req.,

209 Spence Street,

Winnipeg, Man.

make the date of his birth in 1881, while in the evidence of the father in 1893, already referred to, it was stated that the latter had been married in 1883. In view of this conflicting evidence and the absence of a certificate of baptism of William, who, it is stated in the evidence submitted by his mother before Mr.

McKenna, received private baptism and died when 20 days old, and also as the deceased's name does not appear in the previous evidence submitted in 1893, the disallowance of the claim in question must stand.

Your obedient servant.

P. G. KETES

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Department of the Interior,

Ottown, 29th April, 1905

Memorandum:-

Re claim 1160 of 1800, on account of William Trottier decensed child of André Trottier and Ross Laframboise, reconsidered under Order in Council of 13th August, 1904,

In the evidence undermeeth submitted by André Frottier, in support of his own claim in 1893 before the Agent of Dominion Lands at Lethbridge, he gave the nameJof all his children, he stated he then had four living children, namely:-

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In view of this conflicting evidence and in the absence of the baptismal certificate of William, who it is stated in the evidence submitted by his mother, received private baptism and died when about 20 days old, the disallowance of the claim on account of William is confirmed.

Copies on 1160 of 1900 and files 281376 and 966211.

# Form B. NORTH-WEST HALFBREED CLAIMS COMMISSION. 1900. Before JAMES ANDREW JOSEPH McKENNA, of the City of Ottawa, in the Province of Ontario, Esquire, and JAMES WALKER, of the City of Calgory, in the North-West Territories, Esquire, COMMISSIONES, duly appointed and sitting as a Boyal Commission at Markete in the North-West Territories, to investigate claims of Halfbeecks who were born in the Territories between the 15th July, 1810, and the 31st December, 1885, personally came and your Eli Pelutier as a witness extention in claim in comment will word mother deer being duly sworn deposes and says as follows :-Question 1. What is your name? Eli Pelletie Question 2. Where do you reside? Question 5. Where was he born ? Question 6. When was he been ?

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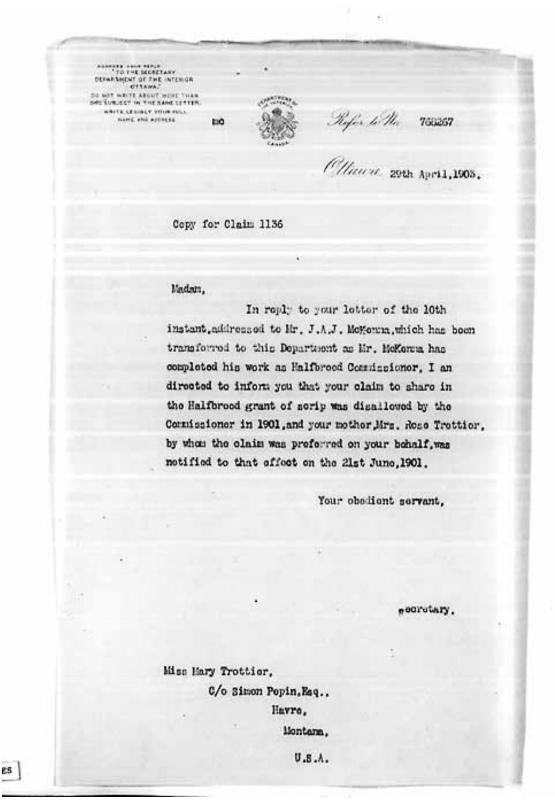
With reference to the orders which you filed in this reportment under cover of your latter of the let ultimo, for the delivery of their scrip from Eary Filler, non-Trottier, wife of Edward Filler, and describer of Andre Trottier, wife of Edward Filler, and describer of Andre Trottier; and Flora Proceeding and daughter of Andre Trottier, I am directed to inform you that the claims preferred before the Half-Breed Cormination at Mayle track in 1900 by Rose Trottier, non-Lafranhoise, sife of Andre Trottier, for her miner children, Flora and Marie Verenique Trottier, have been resconsidered under the Order in Council of the 18th August, 1904, and allowed, but as conflicting orders, affecting the delivery of the scrip in these two cases have been filed here, the ineme of the scrip in estimated in thereof will have to be held in aboyance for the present.

your obedient servent.

Secretary.

R.C.Macdonald, Esq., P.O.Box 1373.

Winnipeg, Man.



HALFBREED SCRIP OF MARIE *ROSELAFRAMBOISE*1885-1898. File **RG15-D-II-1**. 9.

ALLOTMENTS OF HALFBREED SCRIP TO ANDREW TROTTIER AND NAPOLEON TROTTIER AND *ROSE LAFRAMBOISE*, WIFE OF ANDREW TROTTIER 1889. File. **RG15-D-II-1**.