

Falcon, Gregoire. (b. 1856)

Gregoire was born August 10, 1856 at St. François Xavier, the son of Pierre “Tche-mar-nay” Falcon Jr. and Louise Leveillé¹, and grandson of the famous Pierre Falcon “Bard of the Metis”. In 1880, Gregoire married Marie Montour, the daughter of Abraham Montour and Marie Page at St. Laurent de Grandin. They had six children. His name appears on the Garnot list of 1885 Resistance participants. His older brother Athanase (b. 1849), along with Joseph Jobin, was living in a Métis encampment near Turtleford (Horse Butte at the mouth of the Turtle River) at the time of the 1885 Resistance. They brought a small Métis force south to Battleford on the heels of Poundmaker during the 1885 Resistance.

After the defeat at Batoche Gregoire Falcon, Baptiste Parenteau, Isidore Parenteau, Patrice Joseph Fleury, Edouard Dumont, and Jean Dumont all joined the Spring Creek Métis Band in Montana. Gregoire and Isidore Parenteau then moved to Flathead territory, and settled at the St. Ignatius Mission in Montana. He died at Cochin, Saskatchewan in 1928.

Gregoire’s father-in-law Abraham Montour was a Resistance leader. One of the early meetings (March 22, 1884) to plan the Métis Resistance took place at his home. Andre Nault Jr. and Abraham Montour were charged with treason-felony for their part in events at Frog Lake and Frenchman’s Butte, however, their hearing was postponed for lack of witnesses and the case was later dropped. Abraham lived at the St. Laurent Settlement River Lot 20, on the west side of the river. His sons, Abraham Jr. and Jean Baptiste were also active in the Resistance at the Battle of Batoche and his two nephews were killed during the fighting at Duck Lake. After 1885, he moved to Selby Junction, Montana. Finally, in 1899, he sold his last property in the Batoche area to an American rancher for one dollar. He eventually settled on a ranch near Medicine Hat.



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¹ Pierre “Tche-mar-nay” Falcon. (1820-1892): Pierre was born on April 12, 1820 at St. François Xavier, the son of Pierre “Che-na-me” Falcon (b. 1793) and Marie Grant. He married Marie Louise Leveille (b. 1826), the daughter of Pierre Leveille and Julie McKenzie on February 3, 1845 at St. François Xavier.