

Trottier, Charles Jr. (b. 1865)

Charles was born at St. François Xavier on April 24, 1865, the son of Joseph Trottier and Thérèse Vallée *dite* Laplante. His father was a well known buffalo hunter in the west. His two brothers, Joseph and Albert, both fought in the Resistance. He was a member of Captain Philippe Gariépy's company, one of the 19 *dizaines* led by Gabriel Dumont during the 1885 Métis Resistance. He was active in the fighting at Duck Lake, Tourond's Coulee and Batoche. Later, he lived at Loon Lake.

On June 12, 1887, at Duck Lake, Charles married Madeleine Okimassis, the daughter of Xavier Okemassis (Metis) and Marie Thérèse Gladu (Metis). Okimassis was a Willow Cree Chief in the Duck Lake area. Charles and his wife lived on the Beardy Reserve near Duck Lake and were both on the Treaty Pay list of that band.¹

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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¹ David Lee. "The Métis Militant Rebels of 1885." *Canadian Ethnic Studies*, XXI, 3, 1989: 11.