

Turcotte, Norbert.¹ (b. 1855)

Norbert, a schoolteacher, was the son of Vital Turcotte² and Madeleine Caplette. His father, Vital Turcotte and his uncle Jean-Baptiste Turcotte were both signators of the 1892 Treaty of the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Band.

He married Josephte Lépine. They lived at St. Louis de Langevin near the home of his father-in-law Maxime Lépine (Lots 3 and 4 (T45-27-2)). On November 19, 1883 he had signed a petition protesting the 1883 Order in Council transferring the Métis lands at St. Louis to the Prince Albert Colonization Company. (CSP, 1886, No. 45, pp. 25-28)

Norbert was a member of Captain Corbet Flamant's company, one of the 19 *dizaines* led by Gabriel Dumont during the 1885 Métis Resistance. His nephew Napoleon Turcotte was also active in the Resistance. Norbert reported later that he got caught up in the Resistance when he had attended Batoche for William Jackson's christening. They then took him up to Duck Lake but he was not involved in the fighting. He deserted that night and returned home. Within a week, two armed men came for him and he subsequently remained at Batoche.³



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¹ A signator to the November 19th, 1883, William Bremner petition from St. Louis de Langevin for a survey and patents to their land.

² Vital Turcotte had HBC lot 930 at Red River.

³ Thomas White, CSP, Department of the Interior, 1887.