

Marie Louise Bottineau (Baldwin): 1863-1952

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In 1914, Marie Louise became Washington College of Law's first Native American student to graduate.

- Marie Louise was the daughter of Jean Baptiste Bottineau, enrolled Turtle Mountain Band member and lawyer for the band. Her mother was Marguerite Renville (b. Jan. 13, 1842 at Pembina), the daughter of Francois Renville and Marguerite Belgarde. They married on November 17, 1862 at St. Joseph.
- Marie Louise Bottineau-Baldwin was the first woman of color to graduate from the Washington College Law School.
- The WCL student organization, raises funds to support the Marie Bottineau Baldwin Scholarship, which honors her achievement.
- Her great grandfather, Charles [Joseph] Bottineau Sr. was with the Lewis and Clark expedition [1803-1806].
- Her paternal grandparents were Genevieve "Jennie" Larence, born 1818 in the North West Territories, and Pierre Bottineau, son of Charles Bottineau and Marguerite Machequayzaince Son-gabo-kiche-te (Clear Sky). He was born January 1, 1817, at Bear Point, Turtle River. They were married on December 1, 1836 at Red River Settlement.



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