

Laframboise Women

The Laframboise women were important members of the Metis associated with Little Shell's Band, the Dumont Hunting Band, the Trottier Hunting Band and the Metis community in Montana. Louise Laframboise was the mother of six children who were leaders in the Metis Resistance of 1885: Isidore Dumont Jr., Gabriel Dumont, Pelagie Dumont (married to Jean Baptiste Parenteau), Isabelle Dumont (married to Moise Ouellette) Edouard Dumont, and Elie Dumont.

Cheryl Troupe has noted:

When analyzing the available genealogical data, familial patterns begin to emerge, which indicate that many of the men described as being members of Trottier's hunting brigade, or shown to have been present at Round Prairie in the 1860s-70s, can trace a connection to a core group of Laframboise women. For instance, Charles Trottier was married to Ursule Laframboise, Moise Landry was married to Philomene Laframboise, and Antoine Trottier was married to Angelique Laframboise. All three of these women were the daughters of Jean Baptiste Laframboise and Suzanne Beaudry. Isadore Dumont was married Louise Laframboise, sister to Jean Baptiste.¹

Laframboise, Angelique. (1830)

Angelique was born on January 1, 1830, the daughter of Jean Baptiste Laframboise and Suzanne Beaudry (Gaudry). She married Antoine Trottier (b. Aug. 12, 1834), the son of Andre Trottier and Marguerite Paquette on September 21, 1857 at St. Francois Xavier. She died in 1902 at Havre, Montana.

Laframboise, Angelique. (1833)

Angelique was born in 1833 at Turtle Mountain, the daughter of Joseph Leblanc Laframboise (b. 1824) and Marie Cecile Dumont (b. 1800). Cecile was first married to Jacques Berger, then to Joseph Laframboise, then to Jean Desmarais. Angelique married Wabash Parenteau (b. 1831) in 1851 near Belcourt.

Laframboise, Cecile. (1829-1879)

Cecile was born at Red River, the daughter of Augustin Laframboise and Josephte Gonneville. She married Gabriel Azure (b. 1825), the son of Pierre Azure and Marguerite (Assiniboine) sometime before 1848. They were members of the Little Shell Band. They initially received annuities as band members, then received Metis scrip. Cecile died in 1879 at St. Peter's Mission, Montana.

Azure, Gabriel (1824) [1850 U.S.]	.P69.2
Azure, Gabriel [*1866-8]	.P69.2b
Azure, Gabriel Sen. [R.L. Scrip #136]	
Minnesota Territorial Census, Pembina County, 1850:61/61	born: Pembina
occupation: hunter	
Pembina Annuity Roll, Little Shell's Band, 1866:3/38	
- 1 man, 1 woman, 6 children	\$ 20 paid
1867:218 - 1 man, 1 woman, 6 children	\$ 32 paid
Way ke ge ke znick's Band, 1868:156	
- 1 man	\$ 3 paid

¹ Cheryl Troupe, "Metis Women: Social Structure, Urbanization and Political Activism, 1850-1980." Saskatoon: University of Saskatchewan, MA Thesis, 2009:56.

National Archives, RG 75, Entry 363, "List of Persons to Whom Scrip was Issued under Red Lake & Pembina Treaties...." [notation: "B"], Halfbreed Scrip No. 136, issued March 5, 1873, under the authority of Secretarial Decision, June 12, 1872, delivered March 6, 1873

National Archives, RG 75, Entry 364, "Treaty of April 12, 1864, Red Lake and Pembina Half-Breeds," Scrip Stubs, Number 136 [checked], dated March 5th, 1873, 160 Acres, delivered March 6th, 1873, issued to Gabriel Azure, Sr., delivered to Agent E.P. Smith

[1850: husband of: Azure, Cecile (1829) born: Red River Br., aka LaFramboise, Cecelia [VRA #172] [1850: father of: Azure, Modeste [VRA #172s]

Azure, Rossilie (1847) born: Pembina

Laframboise, Elise. (1860)

Elise was born on October 10, 1860 at St. Francois Xavier, the daughter of Jean Baptiste Laframboise and Suzanne Beaudry.

Laframboise, Louise or Lalouise. (1807-1865)

Louise was the daughter of Joseph Fafard dit Laframboise and Josephte (Assiniboine). She and John Wells dit Wills were married sometime before 1825. She subsequently married Isidore "Ai-caw-pow" Dumont the son of Jean Baptiste Dumont and Josephte (Sarcee) in 1833. She died from smallpox on December 3, 1865 at St. Boniface. Isidore and Louise Laframboise had seven children: Isidore Jr., Pélagie, Gabriel, Joseph, Isabelle, Edouard, and Elie. In the 1830s Isidore and his family moved to Red River and were living with his wife's parents until moving to the Saskatchewan River valley in 1840 near Fort Pitt. In 1848 he returned to White Horse Plain and for several years split his time between there and Saskatchewan.

Laframboise, Marie. (1828-1856)

Marie was the daughter of Augustin Laframboise and Josephte Gonneville. She married Jean Baptiste Wilkie (b. 1824) in Pembina on June 24, 1850. She died in March 1856 in childbirth.

Laframboise, Marguerite (Dumont). (1805-1880)

Marguerite was born in 1805, the daughter of Joseph Laframboise and Josephte (Assiniboine). She was first married to Henry Munro Fisher sometime after 1818. Their son, Vital Dumont, called Cayole became the adopted son of her second husband Jean Baptiste Dumont also known as Sha-ha-ta-ow. They were married on April 14, 1834 at St. Boniface. Vital Cayol received Half Breed Scrip pursuant to the 1864 Treaty with the Red Lake and Pembina Bands of Chippewa Indians. In 1872 he received a scrip stub for 160 acres, Scrip # 15.

Vital's mother Marguerite Laframboise and his father Henry Munro Fisher were both from Prairie du Chien. His mother married Jean Baptiste Dumont at St Boniface on April 14, 1834 when Vital was about four years old.

On October 4, 1852 at Pembina, Vital married Adelaide Gagnon. On December 9, 1871, he married Helene Ledoux at St. Laurent on the South Saskatchewan on December 9, 1871. He was also known as Vital Creole or Kayole. A Metis, he had taken treaty status and was living on One Arrow Reserve as a Headman and Band member # 56.² He was a member of Captain Antoine Belanger's company, one of the 19 *dizaines* led by Gabriel Dumont during the 1885 Metis Resistance. Vital died on December 6, 1895. He is buried at St. Antoine de Padoue Cemetery, Batoche.

Laframboise, Marguerite. (1809)

Marguerite was the daughter of Augustin Laframboise and Josephte Gonneville. She married Jean Baptiste Pontbriand dit Sansregret (b. c. 1807) sometime before 1825.

Laframboise, Marie Magdeleine.

Marie was the daughter of Jean Baptiste Laframboise and Elise Thomas dit Roussain. Her husband Remi Trottier (b. 1861) was the son of Charles Trottier and Ursule Laframboise. Remi was active with his father and brothers during the Batoche Resistance. He fought at both Tourond's Coulee and Batoche. After the defeat they fled south to Montana along with Remi's father and brothers Isidore and Jean Baptiste. In 1892, at Maple Creek he married Marie Magdeleine Laframboise.

Laframboise, Ursule. (b. 1839)

Ursule was born in November 1839 at Havre, Montana, the daughter of Jean Baptiste Laframboise and Suzanne Beaudry dit Gaudry. She married Charles Wahpass" (Rabbit) Trottier, (b. 1839), the son of Andre Trottier and Marguerite St. Denis, on August 21, 1860 at St. Francois Xavier. Her husband was a member of Riel's Exovedate.

² The treaty payroll of 1884 indicates that "Vidal Dumond, Kayau" was a Headman of One Arrow Band. He was paid for his wife, 2 boys (Alexandre and Alfred) and three girls (Elise, Marie Athalie and Melanie). There is a note that one boy is married at Qu'Appelle (Henri Cayole dit Dumont) and son Joseph (Cayole 'Dodet')Dumont is discharged from treaty (# 92856). PAM Reel C- 7146, RG 10 Annuity Paylists, 1883-1887, Treaties 4, 6, and 7.

Ursula's brother, Augustin was living on the Muskeg Lake Reserve and was a Captain of one of the 19 companies led by Gabriel Dumont during the 1885 Metis Resistance. His son Edouard also served in his Company. He was involved in the 1885 Resistance at Duck Lake with Dumont and was killed there by Crozier's troops on March 26, 1885.

In 1878, Charles Trottier, Augustin Laframboise and other Metis buffalo hunters at Cypress Hills wrote a petition asking for a special Metis reserve of land. They requested a re-opening of the buffalo hunt between November 14th and February 15th each year and the granting of Metis "reserve" land—A strip of land 150 miles long along the American border beginning where the Pembina River crosses the border. This strip was to be fifty miles from south to north.

This family escaped to Montana after 1885. They lived with the group that was sustaining themselves by cutting wood for Fort Shaw. They were accompanied by their sons, Remi, Isidore and Jean Baptiste.

Laframboise, Philomene. (1847-1927)

Philomene was born on April 7, 1847 at Red River, the daughter of Jean Baptiste Laframboise and Suzanne Beaudry. She married Moise "Apache" Landry (b. 1846 at Turtle Mountain), the son of Louis Landry and Isabelle Chalifoux dit Richard on May 25, 1868 at St. Francois Xavier.



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