

## Patrice Joseph Fleury. (1848-1943)

Patrice was born in 1848 at Pembina, the son of Louison Fleury and Josephite, a Gros Ventre woman. Patrice married Agathe Wilkie, Gabriel Dumont's sister-in-law, and the daughter of Jean-Baptiste Wilkie. Both Patrice and Agathe were members of the Turtle Mountain Band.<sup>1</sup> They took annuity payments there in 1868 and 1869. They were a buffalo hunting family and moved a great deal before settling at St. Laurent de Grandin.



Patrice was a member of Way-ke-ge-ke-zhick's Band of Chippewa Indians and appears on the annuity rolls in 1868 as Band # 176. Agathe Wilkie and her father Jean Baptiste Wilkie had been members of the Little Shell Band then Way-ke-ge-ke-zhick's Band of Chippewa Indians during the 1860s.

Patrice was involved in the 1885 Resistance at Duck Lake and Batoche with Dumont. At Batoche, he was one of Dumont's captains on the west side of the Saskatchewan River stationed at Alex Fisher's. He and Napoleon Nault were in charge of giving orders to the Captains on the west side of the river and placing people as watch guards. With them is Albert Monkman, who with Fisher, is in charge of distributing provisions. During the battle of Tourond's Coulee Patrice remained on the west side of the river with sixty men.

After the battle at Batoche ended Patrice took his wife south to Lewistown, Montana to join her sister. Along the way they meet Edouard Dumont's wife (Sophie Letendré) who is also going south to join her husband. Her horse is exhausted and Patrice gives her one of his. At Milk River she learns that Edouard is at Fort Assiniboine so she goes there. After the defeat at Batoche Baptiste Parenteau, Isidore Parenteau, Patrice Joseph Fleury, Edouard Dumont and Jean Dumont all joined the Spring Creek Metis Band in Montana. Patrice returned to St. Louis in 1905.



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<sup>1</sup> Gail Morin. *Turtle Mountain Chippewa, Pembina Band; Annuity Payments and Census*. Quinton Publications, n.d. pp. 36, 88.