

Pierre Chrysologue Pambrum Jr. (1824-1902)

Pierre Jr. born at Lesser Slave Lake, was the mixed-blood son of HBC Chief Trader Pierre Chrysologue Pambrum Sr. and Catherine “Kitty” Humphryville. Pierre Jr. was educated at Macallum’s School in Red River and became a HBC apprentice postmaster in 1841 after successfully serving for a number of years as a clerk. For a time he dropped out of the service to become a free trader and rejoined the company in his later years. In 1824, Pierre married Elizabeth Quintal at Lac La Biche.

Two of Pierre’s brothers served briefly as labourers and his brother Andrew Dominique was a HBC clerk at Nez Percé. In 1878, Pierre retired to Battleford and was one of the original members of the Battleford Infantry Company in 1879. During the Metis Resistance of 1885, Pambrun was accidentally wounded in the guard room at Battleford by a fellow home Guard member. As a result his arm had to be amputated.¹



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¹ Douglas W. Light, *Footprints in the Dust*. North Battleford: Turner-Warwick Publications Inc., 1987: 267.