

Annie Young (Battley) (1878-1902)

By Logan Hayward.¹

Annie Young was born on October 25, 1878 at Lac Seul, the Métis daughter of John Young and Magna “Muh-kwa” Thompson.² Magna “Maggie” Thompson was the Métis daughter of Dakozhiigan. John Young was engaged for service with the HBC in Shetland in 1869 and went to the Lac la Pluie District where he served until 1878, being stationed at Fort Alexander from 1874 to 1875.

Annie Young’s siblings were:

- Mary Young born November 24, 1873 at Trout Lake, married in 1899 at Rat Portage to Peter Finlayson, the son of Hector Finlayson and Sarah Brass.
- Christina Young born: August 5, 1877 at Lac Seul, married: at Winnipeg in 1900 to James McRoberts.
- Thomas Young born 1879 at Lac Seul he married Elizabeth Bear on July 27, 1902 at Lac Seul. He died July 27 1954.
- Robert Young born December, 1882 at Lac Seul, married Annie Bear in 1907.



William and Annie Young Battley

¹ http://www.hayward-logan.com/william_j_battley_annie_young.htm

² From a letter from the 'Halfbreed Commissioner' while investigating the Scrip claims of the children: "The mother is variously referred to as Magna, Maggie, Mary, and Ellen Thompson. The fact however that the wife of John Young was paid annuity from 1877 to 1886 indicates that the same women is referred to. The explanation given is that her Indian name is Muh-kwa (Muh gua) corrupted into English as Magna, from whence Maggie or Mary, but that her Christian name given her was Ellen. ... Muh kwa is identified both as Magna Young and Ellen Young.

Annie young married William Battley on January 22, 1902 in Rat Portage. The couple had three children. Annie Battley and William Battley acted as lay preachers (in Holmfield - Manitoba near Cartwright) and worked for the Salvation Army. They apparently traveled Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and the northern United States. Sadly Annie died at 28 years of age. The March 22nd, 1909 edition of the *Manitoba Free Press* reports:

"Mrs Annie Battley, wife of W. J. Battley, died early yesterday morning after an illness extending over the past nine months. Deceased who was 28 years of age, and a native of Ontario, leaves a husband, and three small children. The funeral will take place from the family residence 239 Marion street, Norwood³.

They had the following children:

- Ernest John Battley, born November 7, 1902 at York county Ontario, died September 25, 1904 - age 22 months – Winnipeg.
- Clifford Ballington Battley born 26 February, 1904, died 24 Dec 1980.
- Priscilica Annie Battley born 5 December 1905.
- Florence May Battley born 1 Jan 1907.

Scrip

Battley, Annie nee Young; address: Winnipeg; claim no. 1871; born: 25 Oct. 1878, at Lac Seul; father: John Young; mother: Magna Thompson (Métis); scrip cert.: form E, no. 3638; file ref. 709022.



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³ She died of "Phthisis Pulmonalis" (Chronic Tuberculosis).