Turcotte, Noel (Napoleon). (b. 1851)

Noel was the son of Jean Baptiste Turcotte and Angel Paquin. Noel was a member of Captain Antoine Lafontaine's company, one of the 19 *dizaines* led by Gabriel Dumont during the 1885 Métis Resistance. His uncle, Norbert Turcotte was also active in the Resistance.

Napoleon's wife Madeleine was born at St. François Xavier, the daughter of Jean Baptiste Deschamps and Isabelle Henry dite Allery. She married Noel or Napoleon Turcotte son of Jean Baptiste Turcotte and Angelique Paquin on May 7, 1883 at St. Ignace, Willow Bunch. Napoleon was born in 1851 at Turtle Mountain (North Dakota). Madeleine's husband and her father were both active in the Resistance. Her sister was married to Resistance activist François Vandal.

After 1885 the Turcotte's moved to Turtle Mountain Reserve and are included in the October 1892 McCumber Census of the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Half-Breeds. On the 1904 voter's list of Mixed Bloods Off the Reservation. Napoleon appears as # 458 (Band # 1012). It is believed that they lived in the Dunsieth area. His father, Jean Baptiste Turcotte and grandfather Vital Turcotte were both signators of the 1892 Treaty of the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Band.



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