

Napoleon Carrière.¹ (b. 1858)

Napoleon was the son of Elie Carrière and Elmire Landry. On May 27, 1883, he married Rosalie Rocheleau at St. Antoine de Padoue, Batoche. Napoleon was the younger brother of Damase Carrière killed in the fighting at Batoche. Both Napoleon and Damase Carrière signed Gabriel Dumont's petition on Metis land claims from St. Antoine de Padoue on September 4, 1882.



Napoléon Carrière and Andre Nault
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François Vermette and Napoleon Carrière were sent to Prairie Ronde to bring the Metis and White Cap's Dakota group north to Batoche. They proceeded to Prairie Ronde on snowshoes and presented tobacco to White Cap and Charles Trottier.

Norbert Welsh tells the following story:

I heard a big noise around my house... there were about forty men on horseback surrounding my house. I opened the door and two men, Carrière and François Vermette, tried to enter, but I closed and locked the door. ... the Half-Breeds spoke through the door. They told me that I would hand things out when [my friend] White Cap came along... White Cap had some of his band with him, but most of the crowd was Half-Breeds.²

¹ A signator of Gabriel Dumont's petition (dated St. Antoine de Padoue, 4th September, 1882) to the Prime Minister for a survey and land grants.

² Norbert Welsh (As told to Mary Weeks), *The Last Buffalo Hunter*. Saskatoon: Fifth House Publishers [reprint], 1994: 157-161.

The next morning White Cap returned and Welsh asked if they had orders to get his supplies. Vermette and Carriere replied that Gabriel Dumont and Maxime Lépine had given them definite orders to seize his stores. White Cap and Charles Trottier then forced him to travel north with them toward Saskatoon. There were about forty men in White Cap's brigade and about twenty in Trottier's group. Welsh got away from the group at Saskatoon. When White Cap and Trottier³ got to their camp two miles past Saskatoon they sent Welsh's brother-in-law Frank Boyer to return and get him, but Welsh declined.⁴

Napoleon's name appears as #125 on Philippe Garnot's list of Resistance participants.



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³ Charles Trottier was Norbert Welsh's uncle so he really had nothing to fear from him. Welsh's mother-in-law, Madeleine Trottier was the sister of Charles Trottier. Welsh was married to Cecile Boyer, Frank Boyer's sister.

⁴ *Op. cit.*