

McGillis, W. J. William. (b. 1814)

William was born c. 1814, brother of Cuthbert McGillis, son of Angus McGillis (b. 1774) and Marguerite Notinikabon Bottineau (b. 1791). He married Marie Campbell, the daughter of John Duncan Campbell and Catherine Montignais in 1836 at St. François Xavier. William was employed as a plains hunter by the HBC.

William and his brother Cuthbert took part in the Battle of the Grand Coteau in 1851. This was a confrontation between a Métis buffalo hunting party from St. François Xavier, led by Jean Baptiste Falcon and the Cut Head (Pabaksa) Yanktonai (Ihanktonwanna) Dakota, led by Chief Medicine (Sacred) Bear, on July 15 to 16, 1851.

Children:

- Eliza, born July 21, 1837. She married Michel Sesawapas Passam Cardinal, the son of Alexandre Sesawapas.Cardinal and Susanne Decoyne.
- John, born November 4, 1838. He married Marie Breland, the daughter of Pascal Breland and Maria Grant.



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