

## VANDALE, William



William Vandale, a lifetime member of the Saskatchewan Metis Association, was born in Manitoba, but lived and hunted in the Saskatoon area before people settled in what is now Saskatoon. He is said to have hunted with Gabriel Dumont.

During the Northwest Rebellion, which started in 1885, he was one of the men who started the famous Battle of Batoche, by engaging General Middleton's soldiers at Fish Creek.

He also served with the 197th Infantry Battalion in the First World War, enlisting when he was almost sixty years of age.

William Vandale died on February 27, 1945, at the age of 89. His funeral was held at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church. Pallbearers included four grandsons, all serving in the armed forces at the time.

The inscription on the military monument simply states:

Private William Vandale  
197th Batt Inf  
Feb. 27 1945  
Lest We Forget



Picture of W. Vandale from a biography binder article (*Saskatoon Star Phoenix*) in the Local History Room, Saskatoon Public Library.