born in the Red River Settlement, in Manitoba; but surviving members of his family state that the historic old guide, scout, pioneer, town builder, etc., was born, in 1810, at the trading post of his father, at Bear Point, on Turtle River, 12 miles northwest of Grand Forks, and in North Dakota. His last years were spent on the Red Lake River, and he died at Red Lake Falls in July, 1895.

Donald McKay and Alexander McBeth, both Scotchmen, were two other Selkirks who engaged in trade in 1821 at "the Great Forks" and on the "Red Fork."

Joseph LaBissoniere was a French Canadian with a half-blood Chippewa wife, who left the Selkirk Colony and about 1830, was a trader on the lower Red Lake River. Prior to that time he had been a Northwest Company trader at "La Grande Fourche," or the Great Fork, and had also been on Turtle River, a few miles to the westward. His son, Isaac LaBissoniere, was born at his father's post in North Dakota in 1823, and died in St. Paul, in June, 1910. The family removed to St. Paul in 1837 and Joseph and Isaac helped build the little log Catholic church at St. Paul in 1841. The church was called St. Paul's and the city took its name from it. This was the first Christian Church building erected in Minnesota.