

Francois Renville (Rainville) (b. 1815)

Francois Renville was born at Pembina the son of Joseph Renville and Miniyuhe (Dakota)¹. He worked for the NWC as a voyageur. He married Marguerite Belgarde (b. 1817), the daughter of Alexis Belgarde and Marguerite Dufort. They appear in the 1850 Pembina Census as family # 99. Francois was 35, Marguerite age 33, Francois Jr. age 13, Marguerite age 9, Marie age 7, Genevieve age 5, Adelaide age 3 and Baptiste age 2.

- Francois born 1837 married Marie Gosselin.
- Marguerite born 1841 married Narcisse Grant.
- Marie born 1843 married Jean Baptiste Bottineau.
- Genevieve born 1843 married Charles St. Arnaud.
- Adelaide born 1848, married Jean Baptiste Gosselin, then married Francois Petit dit Thomas.
- Jean Baptiste born 1848.
- Hilaire born 1851 married Seraphine houle.
- Joachim born 1853 married Matilda Labreche.
- Jonas born 1856 married Marie Louise Monet.
- Rose de Lima born 1858 married George Lambert.

Marguerite Belgarde was a member of the Little Shell Band:

ANNUITY: MHS film M-390 (Roll 3), U.S. Chippewa Annuity Rolls:
Pembina Annuity Roll, Little Shell's Band, 1866:3/14
.1 man, 1 woman, 5 children \$
17.50pd
1867:1941 man, 1 woman, 5 children \$ 28
paid

Francois Renville received Metis Scrip under the Lake superior Treaty:

"HALFBREED"_LAND_SCRIP; LCCN: E93.U69, House of Representatives, 42nd Congress, 2nd Session, Ex. Doc. 193, "Chippewa Halfbreeds of Lake Superior,"
[Lake Superior Halfbreed Scrip: Rainville, Francois; MAY 25, 1870 - St.Cloud, Minn.



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¹ Joseph Renville was born in 1755 in a Sioux Indian encampment or settlement, near Green Bay in Wisconsin Territory. He married a Dakota woman, Miniyuhe, the daughter of Chief Big Thunder, (who was also grandfather to Chief Little Crow). The marriage to Miniyuhe was in Green Bay, Wisconsin in 1775. They also had a son, Victor Renville, who was killed in battle with Chippewas in 1833. Victor was father of the famous Gabriel Renville who was the original chief of the Sisseton-Wahpeton reservation.

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