

Joseph “Tcheer-kuhk” Desmarais. (b. 1837)

Joseph Desmarais was born on August 21, 1837 at St. Francois Xavier, the son of Michel Desmarais and Josephte Rochon. His father (b. 1810) was the son of Jean Baptiste Desmarais and Louise (Saulteaux). His mother was the daughter of Joseph Rochon and Josephte Ducharme.

Joseph married Adelaide Gesson dit Jannot, the couple had an adopted daughter Marguerite and as son Joseph born 1859 on the plains between Oak Lake and Turtle Mountain. Joseph and his wife were enumerated on reserve at Turtle Mountain in the band census of 1889.

Joseph was a counselor for Chiefs Little Shell II and III.¹, Counselor Alex Ahkee-win-nini Jannott is his brother-in-law.



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¹ Counselors for Little Shell III in the 1890s [These men also served as counselors for Little Shell II: Ayse-sense]. Sas Swaine Poitras (67); Kug-kay-dway-wash-kung, William Davis (70), Paydway-walsh-kum, Louis Lenoir; Boin-ence Davis (73); Kar-yence Delorme (50), a son of Auguhk-quay; Sharlo Bottineau (68); Ossaotit, Francois Desmarais (55); Tchee-kee-tarn Parisien (68); Batees-shish Valley (58), son of Norbace Valley; Ahkee-win-nini, Alex Jannott (58); Tcheer-kuhk, Joseph Desmarais (56); Bayriss, Corbet Grant (55); Karn-nar-dah, Antoine Heneult (59); and Jean Batees Gorin (Champagne, 57).