

## Joseph “Mah-tchar-min” Azure. (1828)

Joseph was the son of Antoine Azure and Charlotte Pelletier. Antoine was one of the Metis leaders who met with Major Woods and Governor Ramsay during the 1851 treaty negotiations at Pembina. Antoine received Metis scrip # 445B under the 1864 Old Crossing Chippewa Treaty. Joseph married Angelique Martel, the daughter of Jean Baptiste Martel and Josephte Godon. A buffalo hunting family they lived at Pembina (Family # 101 in the 1850 census) Turtle Mountain, Le Bret and St. Peter's Mission, Montana. They had thirteen children.

They were one of the Metis families arrested at Fort Belknap for hunting in Montana. November 24, 1878: Cypress Mountains, Patrice Breland writes:

The news here, although not very good, because the Buffalos (bison) are very scarce in the neighbourhood, they are plentiful on the other side of the line along the Milk River, but there is great inconvenience to go and hunt in that direction because the Americans defend it, they have made prisoners. Antoine Brilliant the elder, Peter Lapierre, Alexander Brilliant, Pierre Labruler, Ambroise Chartrant, Charles Demontigny and Joseph Azure, they have all been made prisoners with their families. They were arrested at Fort Belknap, they have been released after 7 or 8 days after, without being fined provided they don't return and tell folks that other prisoners will be put in gaol for two years and their horses and carts taken. I have learned that the Teton (Sioux) go hunting on the other side of the line numbering 300 men. The Teton are not numerous here. They are about 50 lodges and the Sante about 30 lodges, and the remainder of the Teton with Sitting Bull are at the Mud house on White River (Utah), I have learned that they are about 1,000 lodges. I think I will go very soon to trade with these people...



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