

Joseph "Okitsheta" Desjarlais.

Born in 1806 in Lac La Biche, NWT, Joseph was the son of Jean Baptiste “Nesche-kapow” Desjarlais (1790-1871) and Lizette Cardinal (b. 1810). In 1830 when Joseph “Okitsheta” was 24, he married La Louise “Josephte” Richard, daughter of Joseph Richard and Isabelle Saulteaux, in Baie St. Paul, Manitoba. She was born at Fairford in 1814. The couple appears as #5 on the Saulteaux Village census of 1840.

Their children were:

- Francois, married Henriette Wiskup Gladu Wiskeys.
- Stanislas b. 1838,
- Marie b. 1840, married Francois Leskok Houle.
- Antoine b. 1841. married Marie Chartrand
- Alexandre b. 1843,
- Julie, b. 1846, married Pierre Chartrand.
- Joseph b. 1849, married Marie Slater.
- Eulalie b. 1851,
- Caroline b. 1854, married Norbert Katsipelakiskesekeew.
- Pierre, b. 1858 married Maria Rolette
- Patrice b. 1858 married Harriet Moore
- Isidore b. 1864,

Josephte Richard Desjarlais Scrip claim:

Reference: RG15 , Interior , Series D-II-8-c , Volume 1365 , Reel C-14999 , Access code: 90
File Title: Richard, LaLouise; address: Sandy Bay, Westbourne; born: 1814 at Fairford; father: Joseph Richard (Métis); mother: Isabelle (Indian); married: 1834 at Baie St. Paul to Joseph Desjarlais; children living: 10; scrip for \$160.00; claim no. 1481 Finding Aid number: 15-21

Joseph Desjarlais Scrip claim:

Reference: RG15 , Interior , Series D-II-8-c , Volume 1344 , Reel C-14964 , Access code: 90
File Title: Desjarlais, Joseph; address: Sandy Bay, Westhouse P.O; claim no. 1480; born: 1806 at Lac La Biche; father: Baptiste Desjarlais or Necho-kapow (Métis); mother: Lisette Cardinal (Métis); married: 1830 at Baie St. Paul to Lalouise Richard; children living: 10; children deceased: 1; scrip for \$160.00 Finding Aid number: 15-21



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