

Joseph “Aughuhk-quay” Fafard dit Delorme. (1815-1874)

Joseph “Akahkway” Fafard dit Delorme was born in 1815 in the Red River District, and was baptized in an ‘Adult-Baptism’ service on April 6th 1833 in St Boniface Parish Church. He was killed on July 5, 1874 in Pembina Hills district, also known as Hair Hills, North Dakota Territory by the Wapepa “Brave Bear” and three other Sioux Indians at the same time as his son-in-law: Jean-Baptiste Comptois dit Morin. He was buried in the St Joseph’s Churchyard Cemetery, Leroy District. His wife Isabelle and daughter Nancy were also wounded in this attack.

Joseph dit “Akkway” was a grand son-in-law of chief Wild Rice. Sometime before 1836 he married Wild Rice’s grand-daughter Isabelle Gourneau. Isabelle was the daughter of Joseph Georges “Little Thunder” Grenon (Gourneau) and Angelique (Desjardins) Folle-Avoine. Isabelle (aka-Gaurneau; Grenon and Gourneau) was born in 1818 at Pembina, in the Red River District of what was then the Minnesota Territory.¹ She was identified in the 1880 North Dakota Census [at age 62] as a resident in the household next-door to her daughter, Isabelle [b. 1836] and husband James Campbell. She and Joseph were married before 1836 in St Boniface. She died on May 1, 1904 in St Charles, near Winnipeg, Manitoba

Joseph and Isabelle and their family were enumerated in the 1850 census at Pembina as family # 96. The census shows Joseph age 35, hunter, Isabella age 32, Isabella age 14, Joseph age 13, Ann age 9, Elizabeth age 7, Sarah age 5, William age 3, and Louis age 3. Joseph Aughuhk-quay Delorme Sr. received annuities and scrip (Half Breed Scrip # 218) under the 1863 Red Lake and Pembina Treaties of 1863. In 1868 he took annuities for himself, two women and six children under Little Shell’s Band and in 1867 took annuities for himself, one woman and six children under Way-ke-ge-ke-zhick’s Band.

Children:

- Isabelle Delorme, born circa 1836 Red River; married Jean Baptiste Trottier, son of Joseph Trottier and Marie Sauteuse, 20 Aug 1855 Assumption, Pembina; she then married James Campbell, son of William Campbell and Elisabeth Ross, 17 September 1877 at St. Joseph.
- Joseph “Kar-yence” Delorme, born Mar 1838; married Angelique Gingras.
- Nancy Delorme, born circa 1841 Red River; married Jean Baptiste Morin.
- Elizabeth Delorme, born 1843; married George Baker.
- Marie Sarah Delorme, born circa 1845; married Joseph Frederick.
- William Delorme, born circa 1847; married Angelique Herman.
- Louis Delorme; born circa June 1850; died 5 Jul 1874 St. Joseph.
- Jean Delorme; baptized 30 Aug 1852 Assumption, Pembina; died 26 May 1883 at age 30 Olga; buried 27 May 1883 Olga.

¹ Her brothers were Turtle Mountain Chief “Kah-ishpa” Gourneau (1817-1917) and “Ka-isig-ewid” Joseph Gourneau also known as “Sooza”. Her sister Margaret Gourneau was married to Paul Keplin. “Kah-ishpa” was married to Genevieve Allard and “Ka-isigwid” was married to Judith Delorme.

- Bernard Delorme, born 20 Dec 1855; married Jossett (--?--).
- Patrice Delorme dit Akkway; born 24 Mar 1858, and was baptized on April 25, 1858 Assumption, Pembina. He married Madeleine Laframboise (b. 1865).

Joseph's sister Judith Fafard dit Delorme (b: 1827) was married to his brother-in-law Joseph "Sooza-Kahasigiwit" Gourneau. His younger brother Pierre Delorme (b. 1832) became the first Metis Member of Parliament from Manitoba.

Joseph was a counselor to Chiefs Little Shell II and III and his son "Kar-yence" (Joseph Jr.) in turn was a counselor to Chief Little Shell III.²



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² 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).