

Joseph “Kah-isig-ewid” Gourneau dit Grenon. (1822-1912)

Joseph Gourneau also known as “Kah-isig-ewid” (Born on a Pile) and “Sooza” was born in November 1822, the son of Joseph Grenon and Angelique Kwayzancheewin (Folle-Avoine). He was the grand-son of Chief Wild Rice. His brother was Turtle Mountain Chief “Kah-ishpa” Gourneau (1817-1917). “Kah-ishpa” was married to Genevieve Allard. His sister Margaret Gourneau was married to Paul Keplin. About 1846 at Red River, Joseph married Judith “Jidick” Delorme (b. 1828). They had the following children:

- Clemence b. 1847, married Isaie Berger the son of Pierre Berger and Judith Wilkie.
- Marguerite b. 1850.
- Sarah “Syoosh” b. 1853, married Jean Baptiste Wilkie the son of Augustin Wilkie and Marie Wissakickam.
- Angelique “Pun-a-chon” b. 1856, married Joseph Lefloche then Charles Poitras.
- Leandre “Chi-leawad” b. 1857, married Mathilde McLeod.
- Patrice b. 1857, married Marie Rose Vandal.
- Josephine, b. 1860.
- Alexandre, b. 1862, married Elizabeth Charette.
- Joseph Jr. “Kishki-mun-eshiw” b. 1862, married Elise McLeod.
- Louis “Chee-chick”, b. 1863, married Elise Marion.
- Alexandre “Opoochise”, b. 1867, married Margaret Daigneault.
- Marie, b. 1870, married Francois Desjarlais.
- Cecelia, B. 1872, married Louis Malaterre.

Their grandson, Patrick “Aunishenaubay” Gourneau later became chair of Turtle Mountain Tribal Council. His brother-in-law Pierre Delorme (b. 1832) became the first Metis Member of Parliament from Manitoba.



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