

Guillaume Desjarlais. (b. c. 1866)

Guillaume Desjarlais son of Jean Marie Desjarlais (b. 1830) and Lizette “Rosalie” Na-quis Batoche, the daughter of Louis Batoche and Marguerite Okimawaskamikinam. Guillaume was a successful free-trader and owned trading stores at Fort. St. John and Lesser Slave Lake. He also established a store at Peace River Crossing at the downstream corner of the Heart and Peace River junctions adjacent to land now occupied by the Peace River Museum, Archives and Mackenzie Centre. Desjarlais was assisted by Felix Akernum Shaw, and William Whitford in the operation of his business.

Guillaume married Josephte Courteoreille (b. 1865) the daughter of Oliver Courteoreille and Sarah Pruden. They had the following children: Marie Rose (b.1889); Oliver (b.1891); Flora (b.1894); Philippe (b. 1896); and Maria (b.1898).

Reference:

<http://peacrivermuseum.blogspot.com/2008/09/aboriginal-pioneers-of-peace>



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