

## Jean Baptiste Champagne (b. 1831)

Jean Baptiste Champagne was born in February 1831 at Pembina, the son of Emmanuel Beaugrand dit Champagne and Marguerite Larocque. His older brother Emmanuel Jr. (b. 1823) was a founder of the village of Batoche. Because Emmanuel participated as a member of Riel's Council (Exovedate) at Batoche during the 1885 Resistance he was arrested on May 19, 1884 and on August 14, 1885 at Regina; he pled guilty and received a conditional discharge for his part in the 1885 Resistance.

Jean Baptiste received Half Breed Scrip (#463) under the Red Lake and Pembina Band Treaty of 1863. Jean Baptiste first married Isabelle Parisien, the daughter of Jean Baptiste Parisien and Charlotte Nolin, on March 10, 1856 at Pembina. They had five children. Next he was married to Elize Laverdure, the daughter of Joseph Laverdure and Therese Villebrun in 1870. Elize and Jean Baptiste had nine children. Last, he married Madeleine Vallee in 1884. Jean Baptiste was a buffalo hunter and the family lived across the plains when not at Turtle Mountain; Devils Lake, St. Francois Xavier, Lebret, Fort Qu'Appelle, wood Mountain and Cypress Hills. The family appears in the Turtle Mountain Band census in 1884-1892.

Jean Baptiste was a counselor for Chiefs Little Shell II and III.<sup>1</sup>



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<sup>1</sup> 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)**.