

Louis Marion. (b. 1870)

Louis Marion was born at Pembina, North Dakota on February 11, 1870. Louis was the son of Maxime Marion and Elise Jerome, grandson of Narcisse Marion and great-grandson of François Marion. His family moved to Turtle Mountain around 1886.

His father, Maxime (1838-1910), shown on the right, was a guide for the British-Canadian Boundary Commission in 1872-73 east of the Red River. Jean Baptiste Wilkie the Metis chief was his uncle. Maxime was a signatory to the Turtle Mountain Treaty of July 13, 1892, he and his family appear on the turtle Mountain Band Census 1888-1892.

Louis married Philomene DeMontigny, the daughter of Hermas Demontigny and Leocadie Sansregret in 1908. Louis was educated at Rensselaer, Indiana then St. Joseph's College (1891) and the Haskell Institute at Lawrence, Kansas. He became Tribal chairman of the Turtle Mountain Band in 1940 and was re-elected in 1941, 1943 and 1944. He was a Band Councilor from 1945 to 1953.





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