

Norbert “Red Dog” Decouteau (Descouteaux) (b. 1846)

Norbert was born on January 10, 1850, the son of Louis “Arke-wen-zee” Ducharme dit Decoteau (b. 1817) and Isabelle “Lizette” Laverdure (b. 1823). Isabelle Laverdure was the daughter of Alexis Laverdure (b. 1765) and Angelique “Kisi-kawpskup” Montour (b. 1797). In 1889, Norbert married La Rose Belgarde (b. 1867 at Cypress Hills).

They had the following children:

- Joseph b. 1895
- Emerz b. 1897
- Napoleon b. 1897
- Marie b. 1900
- William b. 1903
- Josephine b. 1905

In 1893, Norbert was elected to the council of 12 Half Breeds and Full Bloods of Turtle Mountain, under Chief Little Shell III in opposition to Major Waugh’s committee of 32. This had to do with the ongoing dispute as to Band Membership and who was entitled to reserve land.

Norbert’s siblings:

- Francis, b. 1839, married Mary Gagnon.
- Louis, born 1840, married Josephte Pelletier the Genevieve Amyotte.
- Isabelle, b. 1842, married Jean Louis Amyotte.
- Sophia, b. 1843, married Gilbert Belgarde.
- Victoire, b. 1857, married Alexis Bonneau.
- Eliza, b. 1860, married William Gosselin.



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