

Bruce, (Deschambeault, Des Jarlais) Sara. (1848-1931)

Sarah was born circa 1848 at St. Boniface, Red River; the daughter of Jean-Baptiste Bruce (or Brousse) who was born 15 September circa 1808, at Île à la Crosse.¹ Sarah's mother was Catherine Beauchemin Perreault, the daughter of Louis Morin dit Perreault and Madeleine Ducharme-Beauchemin, born December 29, 1820 at Pembina. Sarah's parents were married circa 1845 at St. Boniface. Sarah was educated by the Grey Nuns and did many years of Missionary work for them.

Sarah married Pierre Fleury Deschambeault (c 1840-1904) in 1864 at St. Boniface. Pierre was the son of Hudson's Bay Company trader Georges Deschambeault of the *Fleury d'Eschambeault et de la Gorendière* family. Pierre's mother was Marguerite Loyer a Cree-Métis. Pierre was born at Fort Good Hope in the McKenzie River District when his father was chief trader there. Pierre was educated at Red River then entered the Hudson's Bay Company service at Cumberland House, then Swan River District then at English River and back to Cumberland district. For several years he ran Fort Lake Brochet, now Norway House. In 1864, while living at Fort Cumberland Pierre married Sara Bruce at St. Boniface. In 1875, he became a *petit traiteur-en-chef* and then *traiteur-en-chef* in 1883. He was working at Lac Brochet when he retired in 1889. He was living at Norwood, St. Boniface when he died on January 15, 1904. He was buried on January 18, 1904 at St. Boniface.

Sara Bruce, subsequently married Gregoire Desjarlais (1846-1926) on September 7, 1909 in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Gregoire was the widower of Julie Pepin. Sara died on March 19, 1931 in Prince Albert and was buried in St. Boniface.

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ST. BONIFACE PIONEER IS LAID TO REST

Mme. Sarah Deschambeault Des Jarlais, 81, well-known in St. Boniface and Winnipeg literary circles, died Thursday at Prince Albert, Sask.

Mme. Des Jarlais, who maiden name was Sarah Bruce, was born in St. Boniface of a well-known pioneer family. She was educated by the Grey Nuns and spent many years in missionary work among the Indians, of whose languages she had an exceptional command. She was a member of the order of Dames de St. Anne.

The funeral was held today at 9 a.m. from the P. Coutu funeral home to St. Boniface cathedral. Rev. Father Antoine Deschambeault officiated.

¹ He was engaged 1826 as midman for HBC English River; 1828 promoted to steersman; 1829 la Loche boat brigade guide; c. 1836 retired to settle at Red River; rejoined HBC serving with Lac la Pluie and Mackenzie River boat brigades; listed as 'Brousse' guide for Richardson and Rae expedition 1847; appointed Portage la Loche boat brigade captain 1848 to at least 1860; listed as guide on 1850 search for Franklin

The pallbearers were: Antoine Gingras, Henri Deschambeault, Henri Couture, Horace Chevriet, Joseph McMillan, and A. Bilodeau. Burial was in St. Boniface cathedral cemetery.



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