

Ambroise Chartrand (b. 1837)

Ambroise was born at St. Laurent Manitoba, the son Paul Chartrand (b. 1812) and Josephite Cadotte. He married Genevieve Whitford (b.1832) the daughter of Francois Whitford and Marie Gladu. The family came to the Willow Bunch area of Saskatchewan by wagon train. Their son Johnny Chartrand is best known for accompanying Louis Legare and a group of Metis men who returned Sitting Bull to Fort Buford, Montana in 1881. Ambroise and Genevieve had seven children.

They were on of the Metis families arrested at Fort Belknap for hunting in Montana. November 24, 1878: Cypress Mountains, Patrice Breland writes:

The news here, although not very good, because the Buffalos (bison) are very scarce in the neighbourhood, they are plentiful on the other side of the line along the Milk River, but there is great inconvenience to go and hunt in that direction because the Americans defend it, they have made prisoners. Antoine Brilliant the elder, Peter Lapierre, Alexander Brilliant, Pierre Labruler, Ambroise Chartrand, Charles Demontigny and Joseph Azure, they have all been made prisoners with their families. They were arrested at Fort Belknap, they have been released after 7 or 8 days after, without being fined provided they don't return and tell folks that other prisoners will be put in gaol for two years and their horses and carts taken. I have learned that the Teton (Sioux) go hunting on the other side of the line numbering 300 men. The Teton are not numerous here. They are about 50 lodges and the Sante about 30 lodges, and the remainder of the Teton with Sitting Bull are at the Mud house on White River (Utah), I have learned that they are about 1,000 lodges. I think I will go very soon to trade with these people...



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