

Jean “Johnny” Chartrand. (1857-1948)

Johnny was born May 15, 1857 at Red River, as was his wife Nathalie Rose Piché (b. 1869). Johnny was the son of Ambroise Chartrand Sr. and Genevieve Whitford. His paternal grandparents were Paul Chartrand (b. 1812) and Josephthe Cadotte (b. 1813). Johnny came to the Willow Bunch area of Saskatchewan by wagon train.

Johnny spoke Michif, French, Cree, Sioux and English. He is best known for accompanying Louis Legare and a group of Metis men who returned Sitting Bull to Fort Buford, Montana in 1881. During this trip the party ran out of supplies and Chartrand rode non-stop to Fort Buford to get the U.S. Army to send supplies. During his lifetime, Chartrand was a scout for the N.W.M.P., a ranch hand and hunter.





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