

Joseph Kaishpa Gourneau (1790-1854)

On his website, Dick Garneau from Alberta gives the following family history:

Joseph Kaishpa Gourneau Jr. (Metis), also known as Joseph Gernon was born at 1790 Lapointe, Wisconsin, d-1854, son of Joseph Gourneau (b. 1765) and Nowananikkwee (b. 1775). In 1779 Joseph Sr. was assigned to Fort Dauphin. Joseph Jr. married before 1818 NWT Angelique Folle-Avoine (Wild Rice) b-1800 NWT.¹ Kaishpa means (the elevated one). The family was enumerated in the 1850 Pembina census under the name Gernon as household #133 (Joseph age 60, Angelic age 50, Marguerite age 30 and Ann age 9).

Four children are recorded:

Isabelle Gaurneau dit Grenon dit Gourneau Metis b-1818 Red River died May 1904 St. Charles Manitoba married Joseph "Akkway" dit Delorme b-1815 Red River died July 5, 1874 Pembina District aka Hair Hills North Dakota

Marguerite Grenon dit Gourneau b-1820 Red River d-after 1905 Turtle Mountain Chippewa Reserve North Dakota., married 1838 Red River. James Aitkin b-1818 NWT d-before 1845; 2nd marriage 1845 Red River, John Hekaw (1819-1851); 3rd marriage Paul (Pishk) Kipling dit Keplin b-1820 NWT (North Dakota Territory)

Joseph Soosa (Kah-isig-ewid) Gourneau dit Grenon (1817-1912) married about 1846 Red River, Judith Delorme b-1828 Red River also see 1850. This could be Joseph (Kahasigiwit?) Gourneau born November 1822 son Joseph Grenon Jr. b-1790 and Angelique Folle-Avoine. Source St. Ann's Centennial, Turtle Mountain, North Dakota. His brother is listed as Joseph Kaishpa Gourneau alias (Joseph Gernon age 60 in 1850 census) therefore born 1790

Gaspard Louis (Kaishpaw) Grenon dit Gourneau born December 1824 St. Boniface District, Red River married January 23, 1849 Assumption Mission Pembina North Dakota Territory Genevieve Allard b-1826 Red River. It is reported that Kaishpau Gourneau was chief of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa in 1882. Little Shell II lived at St. Joseph but died in 1874. Little Shell III then became hereditary chief upon his father's death. Little Shell II lived near Plentywood, Montana, before coming to the Turtle Mountain in 1887. Meanwhile, Docket 113 states that in 1882, Kaishpau Gourneau was Chief of the Pembina Band. Kaishpau Gourneau traveled to Washington, D.C. and served on a treaty delegation from the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa. Little Shell III returned in 1882 and called a meeting, apparently not aware that Kaishpau was Chief.²

¹ According to Charlie Whitewasel Angelique was Kwayzancheewin the widow of Minomin Gay-tay (Old Wild Rice)

² From "The History and Culture of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa"
http://www.ndstudies.org/resources/IndianStudies/turtlemountain/leaders_traditional.html



Delegation to Washington in 1874: Seated, left to right: unidentified; unidentified; Little Shell (Ase-ance); Something Blown Up By The Wind (Ka-Ees-Pa Gourneau, Metis). Back row, left to right: unidentified; The Man Who Knows How To Hunt (Ke-Woe-Sais-We-Ro, Metis); Little Bull (Mis-To-Ya-Be). Photo by W.H. Jackson.



Kaishpau Gourneau
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