

Louis (Pepamowew) Courteoreille

The Courte Oreilles (“Short Ears” Ojibway (Chippewa, Ottawa) come from Lac Courte Oreilles Wisconsin and the Band is still active in that area. They were called "short ears" after their custom of cutting the lobes of their ears. The band was asked by Alexander Henry for some members to move to the Red River area to grow vegetables notably turnips, he knew they were good agriculturalists. The Courte Oreilles expanded and settled throughout the west particularly Lac Ste. Anne and Slave Lake Alberta and can be found in the NWT as well. They were associated with the Michel Callihoo Band.

Louis “Keskehtawakiy” Courteoreille was a Metis trader operating south of Lac Ste. Anne. He was born August 16, 1849 in Lac Ste Anne, NWT 1827, the son of Joseph Nippissing Pepamowew Courteoreille (b. 1820) and Susanne Desjarlais dit St.–Amant (b. 1822). He married Sophie Belcourt (b. 1849) in 1870 at Lac Ste. Anne. She was the daughter of Alexis Belcourt (b. 1827) and Nancy “Kinninawis” Rowan (Rowland, b. 1836). They had the following children:

- Emmerance, b.1872
- Emile, b. 1874
- Narcisse, b. 1875
- Patrick, b. 1878
- Edward, b. 1881
- Nancy, b. 1884
- Betsy, b. 1885
- Mary, b. 1889,
- Hillaire, b. 1892
- Josue, b. 1894



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