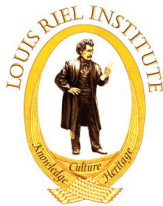


Williams County North Dakota Metis

Prior to 1887 the Metis people were living throughout the North Central Plains of the U.S., from the Great Lakes to the Rockies and north to Hudson's Bay in Canada. In 1886 the Metis learned of a treaty between the U.S. government and the Turtle Mountain Chippewa. They then returned to Turtle Mountain, registering as members of the tribe to which they had once belonged. Many of the Metis were recognized as members of the tribe. When allotments of the land designated to the Turtle Mountain reservation were made, the government found the reserve was not large enough. Thus, some of the people were given land in western North Dakota, mostly in Williams County. Many Metis gave up their land on or near the reserve, packed up their belongings along with what animals they had, and went to the new land.



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