

Postras Men of the Turtle Mountain Band: Signatories to McCumber Agreement 1892.

The Postras men listed below are those who were part of the Turtle Mountain Band who signed the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians agreement with P.J. McCumber on October 22, 1892 at the Belcourt Agency.

Charles Postras
Zackary Postras
Joseph Postras
Modeste Postras
Gabriel Postras Sr.
William Postras
Gabriel Postras Jr.
Norbert Postras
Charles Postras II
Henry Postras.

Biographies:

Charles “Tchee-Non” Postras. (b. 1843) Charles was born in St Francis Xavier on 28 February 1843 he died November 2, 1922 at Belcourt. He was the son of Joseph dit Beucasque Postras (b. 1806, died 1849) and Susanne Laverdure (b. 1820). Charles “Tchee Non” married Marie Breland on August 7, 1875 at Lebret Mission and had 6 children. He passed away on 1908. He married Marie Malvina Breland (b. 1853). Their daughter Emelie (b. 1878 at Wood Mountain) married Louis "Pah-dway-we-dug" Marion dit Lenoir (b: June 11, 1861 born on the Prairies.) Louis was a councillor to Chief Little Shell III.

Scrip affidavit for Postras, Charles; born: Winter, 1849; father: Joseph Postras (Métis); mother: Susanne Laverdure (Métis); claim no: 3179; scrip no: 12807; date of issue: Dec. 3, 1883; amount: \$160

Zachariah “May zha keg wan abe” Postras (b 1848) Zacharie was born on June 8, 1848 in St Francois Xavier. Zacharie's parents were Joseph dit Beucasque Postras (b. 1806) and Susanne Laverdure (b:1820). He and Marie Marguerite Ross married in Cypress Hills.

Joseph “Knee Crosh” “Cornence” Postras. Joseph was born on April 5, 1849 (d. 1908 in Belcourt, North Dakota). He was the son of Joseph dit Beucasque Postras (b. 1806) and Susanne Laverdure (b. 1820). He married Marie Josephine Rainville (b. 1864) in 1880.

Modeste “Ko Tah Mash” Postras, (b. 1850) Modeste was born in 1850 at St. Francois Xavier, the son of Gabriel Postras (b. 1816) and Isabelle Malaterre. Modeste married Elmire Bonneau (born in 1851), at St. Francois Xavier in 1872. Elmire, however, was

widowed when Modeste was, according to family legend, killed during a buffalo hunt in the Dakota territories. Out of this union, there arose four children, three sons, and a daughter. The daughter, however, died, again according to legend, during the trip north to the Qu'Appelle valley, near present day Lebret. Elmire's three sons survived. Their names were Baptiste, Zachary, and Gregoire. All three children produced large families. Gregoire, married Celina Parisian, daughter of Solomon Parisian and Liza Melanie Major.

Gabriel “Su Serde Surret” Poitras. (b. 1820) Gabriel was the son of Andre Henri Poitras Jr. and Marguerite Grant (b. 1760) and Marguerite Grant (b. 1790 at Qu'Appelle). He married Isabelle Malaterre, daughter of Jean Baptiste Malaterre and Angelique Adam, on February 1, 1842, at St. Francois Xavier. Gabriel Poitras' wife, Isabelle Malaterre, was the sister of Marie Malaterre, who was Louis Riel's wife's mother. Gabriel's brother, Pierre, was a member of Louis Riel's provisional government of 1870. . Gabriel signed the 1878 Cypress Hills Metis Hunting Band petition for a reserve as did his brother-in-law Louis Malaterre

Scrip affidavit for Poitras, Gabriel; born: July, 1820; father: Poitras (French Canadian); mother: Marguerite Grant (Métis); claim no: 2654; scrip no: 12226; date of issue: Apr. 20, 1877; amount: \$160

Gabriel “La Swis” Poitras Jr.. Born 1847 at White Horse Plains, the son of Gabriel Poitras Sr. and Isabelle Malaterre. He married Marie Anne Amyotte February 1869 at Dirt Hills.

Poitras Jr., Gabriel - Concerning his claim as a head of family - Address, Turtle Mountain - Born, 1847 at White Horse Plains - Father, Gabriel Poitras Sr., (Métis) - Mother, Isabelle Mallaterre, (Métis) - Married, February, 1869 at Dirt Hills to Marie Anne Amiot - Children living, five (names on declaration) - Children deceased, two - Scrip for \$160.00 - Claim 1637 =

William Poitras. (b. 1863) William was born on January 10, 1863 in St. Francois Xavier, the son of Gabriel Poitras and Isabelle Malaterre. He married Marie Alphonsine Delorme (b. 1871) in 1888. She was the daughter of Urbaine Delorme and Elizabeth Belanger.

Norbert Poitras. (b. 1860) Norbert was born on May 4, 1860 at SFX, the son of Gabriel Poitras and Isabelle Malaterre. He married Melanie Laframboise in 1884, the daughter of Francois Laframboise and Marie Trottier. They had three children. He then married Celina Delorme, the daughter of Urbain Delorme and Elizabeth Belanger before 1897. They had eleven children.

Charles “Tche non” Poitras (b. 1843) Charles was born on February 28, 1843, he died in 1908. He was the son of Joseph dit Beaucasque Poitras (b. 1806) and Susanne Laverdure (b. 1820).

Henry “Sus-swain” Chasseur Poitras. (b. 1823) Henry was born in August of 1823, the son of Henry Poitras Sr. (b. 1794) and Marie George (b. 1807), the daughter of Frederick

George and Josephite. Henry Jr. married Catherine Fagnant, the daughter of Jean Baptiste Fagnant and Josephite Monet dit Belhumeur in 1851 at St. Joseph. The couple had nine children. Henry, his wife and their nine children are shown as receiving Turtle Mountain Band annuities in 1868 onward. They also appear on the Turtle Mountain Band census counts. In 1893, they have three adopted daughters living with them; Philomene Ladeux (11); Marie Ladeux (6) and Deimi Anna Ladeux (3). Henry was a counselor for Chiefs Little Shell II and III.



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