

Francois Desmarais (1807-ca.1831)¹

FRANCOIS DESMARAIS

BORN: 1807 Rupert's Land (metis)²

MARRIED: To a metis woman³

The child of Francois Desmarais and a metis woman

1. John Desmarais

Born: 1831 St. Boniface, Assiniboia⁴

Married: To Marie Saulteaux, born 1837 (native)⁵

A second time to Louise Patenaude, born 1830 Saskatchewan Valley, Rupert's Land and the metis daughter of Baptiste Patenaude (metis) and Louise Berge (French Canadian)⁶

Children:

1. Isabelle Desmarais: born 1853⁷

2. Elizabeth Desmarais: born 1856 Red River Settlement, Assiniboia⁸

3. Jean Desmarais: born 11 May 1861 St. Boniface, Assiniboia⁹

4. Pierre Desmarais: born 1861¹⁰

¹Completed 25 Jan. 1998.

²National Archives of Canada (hereafter cited as NAC), Kipling Collection, MG 25 G 62, Red River Genealogies, fol. 248.

³NAC, Department of the Interior Affidavits 1870 to 1885, RG 15, microfilm reel C-14927 (John Desmarais).

⁴Ibid.

⁵D.N. Sprague and R.P. Frye, comps., The Genealogy of the First Metis Nation (Winnipeg: Pemmican Publications, 1983), table 1 no. 1130.

⁶NAC, reel C-14927 (Louise Desmarais).

⁷Sprague and Frye, table 4 no. 1130.

⁸NAC, Kipling Collection, fol. 248.

⁹NAC, reel C-14927 (Jean Desmarais).

¹⁰Sprague and Frye, table 4 no. 1130.

5. Marie Desmarais: born 1866¹¹
6. Alfred Desmarais: born 1869 Red River Settlement, Assiniboia¹²

¹¹Ibid.

¹²Ibid., and NAC, Kipling Collection, fol. 248.