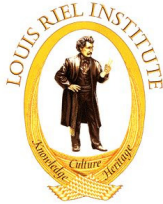


Jean Baptiste “Batees shish” Valle (Valier, Valley). (b. 1838)

Baptiste was the son of Baptiste “Norpace” Valier Sr. and his wife Marie. Baptiste Valier Sr., his wife Marie and their children Marie, Louise, Baptiste, Leagas, Alexis, Mary, Antoine and Abraham are shown as family #117 on the 1850 Pembina Census. Listed as a hunter, he was age 40, his wife 31 and their oldest child was 13. Baptiste Sr. was one of the nine Metis leaders selected to represent the community in treaty negotiations with Governor Ramsey in 1851.

Baptiste Jr. and his family took treaty annuity payments in chief Little Shell’s group in 1866 as family # 3/19 and took annuity payments in Chief Way-ke-ge-ke-zhick’s band in 1868 as family # 233. Baptiste received Metis scrip # 213 under the 1864 Old Crossing Chippewa Treaty.

Baptiste was a counselor for Chiefs Little Shell II and III.¹



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¹ Counselors for Little Shell III in the 1890s [These men also served as counselors for Little Shell II: Ayse-sense]. Sas Swaine Poitras (67); Kug-kay-dway-wash-kung, William Davis (70), Paydway-walsh-kum, Louis Lenoir; Boin-ence Davis (73); Kar-yence Delorme (50), a son of Auguhk-quay; Sharlo Bottineau (68); Ossaotit, Francois Desmarais (55); Tchee-kee-tarn Parisien (68); Batees-shish Valley (58), son of Norpace Valley; Ahkee-win-nini, Alex Jannott (58); Tcheer-kuhk, Joseph Desmarais (56); Bayriss, Corbet Grant (55); Karn-nar-dah, Antoine Heneult (59); and Jean Batees Gorin (Champagne, 57).