Elzear Paul. (b. 1857)

Elzear was born on February 5, 1857 at St. François Xavier (SFX), the son of Oliver Paul (b.c. 1822) and Madeleine Gervais, the daughter of Jean-Baptiste Gervais and Madeleine Bonneau. Elzear's family is an example of the Turtle Mountain/SFX families who eventually migrated west to Montana.

He first married Rose Laplante the daughter of Jean-Baptiste Laplante and Madeleine Desfonds *dite* Dufont on January 29, 1878 at SFX. They had a daughter. Virginie born on December 7, 1878 at SFX. Virginie married Odelin Janeaux, the son of François A. Janeaux and Virginie Laverdure at Lewistown, Montana in 1894. She died on February 9, 1952, at Lewistown.

Rose Paul née Leplante died at 23 years of age.

Elzear then married Rose Daignon (Daigneault), the daughter of François Daigneault (Daignon) and Eliza Laverdure on January 19, 1886. Eliza Laverdure was the daughter of Pierre "Nap-pah-kee-tche-quonish" Laverdure Sr. (1819-1902) and Catherine Charette. Their son Joseph Paul was born circa 1886 at Fort McGinnis, Montana. He married Caroline Berger. Their daughter Justine Paul born 1893 at Lewistown, married Isidore Laframboise, the son of William Laframboise and Catherine Berger. The history of the Little Shell Tribe in Montana and mentions Joseph Dussome and several other Little Shell leaders meeting at a Joseph Paul's home in Great Falls, Montana on June 10, 1939.

Elzear Paul died in Great Falls, Montana in 1941.



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