

François Renville. (b. 1836)

Francois was born at Ste. Agathe, the son of Francois Renville and Marguerite Belgarde. Francois Renville/Rainville Sr. was born in 1815 at Pembina, Dakota Territory. He married Marguerite Belgarde, (b. 1817) the daughter of Alexis Joseph Gerbeau dit Belgarde and Marguerite Dufort. They were married before 1837. He was a Voyageur on Sept. 9, 1850 at Pembina, Minnesota Territory. They were enumerated in the census of 1850 at Pembina as Family #99. Francois I was killed by the Sioux on 12 February 1866 in between Pembina and Lac Qui Parle while carrying mail.

Francois Renville II married Marie Angelique Gosselin (b. 1847), the daughter of Antoine Gosselin and Marie Roy on 24 November, 1861 in Assumption Parish, Pembina, North Dakota. History notes that like his father he was a mail carrier for Kittson. The family appeared in the census in 1881 in Morris, Provencher, Manitoba. They appeared in the census in 1901 in Emerson, Manitoba. They had the following children:

- Marie was born on 1 Mar 1861. She died on 6 July, 1875 in St. Agathe, Manitoba.
- Eliza was born 1864, married Walter Goodbody.
- John, born 1865, married Sarah Faille.
- Francoise was born about Feb 1867.
- Marguerite, born June 4, 1870, married James Sanders.
- Virginie was born December 3, 1872, she married John Harold.
- Henri was born November 18, 1874.
- Celina was born on 15 Mar 1877.
- Emma was born in 1880 in Manitoba.
- Josephine was born in 1881 in Manitoba.
- Mary was born on 17 Apr 1887 in Manitoba.



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