## 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, the daughter of Frederick George and Josephte. Henry Jr. married Catherine Fagnant, the daughter of Jean Baptiste Fagnant and Josephte 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.<sup>1</sup>



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Counselors for Little Shell III in the 1890s [These men also served as counselors for Little Shell II: Aysesense]. 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 Norbace 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).