

Bushman (Beauchman, Beauchemin) Families in Montana

Gabriel Beauchman, Beachman, Bushman. (1838-1940)

Gabriel was born in Montana in 1838, the son of Beauchman and Red Nest, who was the daughter of Weasel and Look at Ground. He married Marguerite Azure (b. 1850) on January 3, 1872 at Lebret, Saskatchewan.

Marguerite Azure was born on December 4, 1850 in the Dakota Territory, the daughter of Antoine Azure¹ and Victoire Lariviere. The couple had five children; Marie born 1872, Dophus born 1873, Gabriel born 1879, Thomas born 1886, Joseph born 1888, and Louis born 1892.

The Azures had also moved to Montana. The U.S. 1880 Census for St. Peter's Mission, Montana lists:

- Antoine Azure, age 55.
- Wife: Victoria, age 22.

Children:

- Moses, son age 22 born Dakota.
- Alphonse Azure, son age 19 born Dakota.
- Cecile Azure, daughter age 14 born Dakota.
- Bruno Azure, son age 17 born Dakota.
- Justine Azure, daughter age 12 born Dakota.
- Andrew Azure, son age 10 born Dakota.
- Gabriel Azure, son born Dakota.
- Alexander Azure, son age 4 born Montana.

Gabriel Bushman (Beauchman) Jr. (1879-1971)

Gabriel was born on January 29, 1879. Gabriel married Celina Turcotte and had 16 children. He passed away on August 3, 1971 in Wolf Point, Montana. Celina Turcotte was born in Williston, North Dakota, in 1883, the daughter of Jean-Baptiste Turcotte² (1835-1902), son of Vital Turcotte and Madeleine Caplette, and Marguerite Decoteau. (1846-1945) Celina was first married to John Brunelle and had a child. Celina then married Gabriel Bushman (Beauchemin) on January 30, 1901. She passed away on July 25, 1949 in Poplar, Montana.

¹ Antoine Azure was born in St Boniface on 28 May 1825 to Antoine Azure (1794-1900, died at Leroy, N.D.) and Charlotte Pelletier (1785-1885). Antoine married Victoire Lariviere and had 16 children. He passed away on 31 Jan 1914 in North Dakota. Victoire was born in 1823 to Hyacinthe Lariviere and Joseph Bruneau. The couple had 16 children. Victoire passed away on January 12, 1889 in Fort Yates, South Dakota.

² Jean Baptiste Turcotte was born 22 February 1837 in St. Boniface, Red River Settlement. He died about 1902 in Belcourt. Jean first married Angélique Pocha *dite* Paquin, the daughter of Jean Paquin and Genevieve Ainanikip-kik Lattergrasse in 1858 in St. Boniface, Manitoba. Angélique was born about 1840 in near Red Lake, MN. She died 1884 and was buried in Belcourt, North Dakota. Jean then married Marguerite Decoteau (Descoteaux), the daughter of Louis Decoteau and Isabelle Laverdure, after 1883. Marguerite was born on March 1, 1852 in Devils Lake, Dakota Territory. They are listed in the 1892 Turtle Mountain Records Census as Family 228.

Joseph Bushman (b. 1890)

Gabriel Bushman had a younger brother Joseph Beauchemin (b. 1890) who married Sarah Turcotte. We do not know her relationship to Celina Turcotte.

Adolph Bushman (b. 1862)

Adolph was reportedly born in a buffalo camp north of Fort Benton in 1862 to French-Canadian parents. He was said to have moved to Teton County in 1877 and eventually to have settled on a homestead in the Deep Creek area. The Montana Census of 1940 lists Adolph Bushman, age 78 born 1862, living Chouteau, wife Ellen, age 64, son Willis, age 35, and son Grenn, age 22. Gabriel bushman Sr. and Marguerite Azure had a son Dophus born in 1873. This raises the question as to whether Adolph is their son.



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