

Beauchamp, Joseph. (b. c. 1826)

Beauchamp is a well-known Metis family. Joseph Beauchamp, who is a direct ancestor of many people at Ebb and Flow in Manitoba, was born *circa* 1826 at St. Boniface. He was the son of Metis parents, Jean Baptiste Beauchamp (b. 1800) and Angélique Pangman. Angélique, named after her mother, and was the sister of the famous Metis nationalist, “Bostonnaise” Pangman. We know little about Joseph’s youth, but probably he lived at St. Boniface or nearby and was part of the Metis plains hunting group.

In 1848, young Joseph married Catherine Delorme dite Bidoux at St. Boniface in a Roman Catholic service. Catherine was the daughter of a French Canadian named Baptiste Delorme *dit* Bidoux and a Métis woman named Marie LaVallée. Catherine had been born in 1830 at Edmonton, so she was eighteen at the time of their marriage. During the next few years, Joseph worked for the Hudson’s Bay Company. Their eldest children, Sophia and Joseph Jr., were born at Mackenzie River.

Children:

- Sophie, born circa 1849, she married Henry Thompson.
- Joseph, born circa 1851, he married Nancy Chartrand.
- Marie Elise, born circa 1854, she married William Sanderson.
- Marie, born circa 1857, she died before 1870.
- Marie Adele, born August 12, 1859 at Fort Resolution.
- William, born February 7, 1862 at St. Laurent, he married Mary Thompson.
- Adelaide, born 1863 at Duck Bay.
- Florestine, born 1869, she married William McKay.
- Napoleon, born circa 1871, died as an infant.
- Caroline, born May 5, 1874 at St. Laurent.

According to his scrip application, Joseph and his family moved to Duck Bay in 1854, and, except for their daughter Marie who was born at St. Norbert in 1856, the rest of their children were born on the west side of Lake Manitoba. Later, the family moved to The Narrows on Lake Manitoba, and Joseph became a member of the Ebb and Flow Band for a time before leaving treaty in 1887. Joseph and Catherine had twelve children, most of who married and raised families. Their youngest daughter Caroline married John James Flett in 1896, and their descendants can be found on the Ebb and Flow Reserve as well as in the neighbouring Métis communities. (Contributed by Raymond M. Beaumont (Editor), from *Ebb and Flow Stories*, Winnipeg: Frontier School Division No. 48, 1997: 150.).

Family Scrip Records:

Beauchamp, Joseph; address: Narrows, Kenesota; claim no. 1581; born: 1826 at St. Boniface, Manitoba; father: Baptiste Beauchamp (Métis); mother: Angélique Pangman (Métis); married: 1848 at St. Boniface to Catherine Delorme or Bidoux; children living: 8; children deceased: 2; scrip for \$160.00.

Beauchamp, Jr., Joseph; address: Duck Bay; claim no. 1642; born: 1849 at McKenzie River; father: Joseph Beauchamp Sr. (Métis); mother: Catherine Delorme

(Métis); married: January 1870 at Duck Bay, to Nancy Chartrand; children living: 7; scrip for \$160.00.

Beauchamp, Joseph; heir of his deceased son, Joseph Beauchamp; claim no. 267; address: Pine Creek; born: August 1875 at Duck Bay; father: Joseph Beauchamp (Métis and deponent); mother: Nancy Chartrand (Métis); died: 1896 at Pine Creek; scrip cert.: form F, no. 1639.

Beauchamp, Joseph; heir of his deceased daughter, Esther Beauchamp; claim no. 266; address: Pine Creek; born: 26 March 1884, at Duck Bay; father: Joseph Beauchamp (Métis and deponent); mother: Nancy Chartrand (Métis); died: 1896 at Pine Creek; scrip cert.: form F, no. 1640.

Beauchamp, Madeline; address: Pine Creek; claim no. 268; born: 7 March 1881, at Duck Bay; father: Joseph Beauchamp (Métis); mother: Nancy Chartrand (Métis); scrip cert.: form C, no. 2140.



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