

## **THE BEAUCHAMP FAMILY**

The Beauchamp's live on a farm a mile and a half north of Umapine. They are one of the oldest families in the Umapine area, having moved in to their present farm in 1864. The Beauchamp's moved there from their original farm on the Walla Walla River.

Isadore Beachamp originally came from the French settlement in Quebec, Canada with the Hudson Bay Co., and came through the Walla Walla Valley with the trading company. Later when he quit the company he came back to settle along the Walla Walla River in about 1855.

He married Mary Tillier in 1859, who was 4 years old at the time of the Whitman Massacre. She remembered fleeing the valley on horseback to the river and then by canoe to The Dalles. She and her family came back to their "burned out" farm after the Indian problems were settled.

They had two children, a son Mose, and a daughter. After moving onto the present Beauchamp farm, the daughter left the Walla Walla Valley and Mose remained to run the farm. He married Margaret Murphy in 1896 and they later had two children, Dean and Muriel.

Dean Beauchamp is now farming on 3<sup>rd</sup> generation land which has been in the family for nearly 100 years.

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