

Betsy Berger née Keplin. (b. 1858)

Betsy was born on December 27, 1858, at Pembina, the daughter of Paul Keplin (Quipleque)¹ and Marguerite Josephte Gourneau.² She married Jean-Baptiste Berger on February 28, 1876 at Qu'Appelle Mission, Assiniboia. Jean-Baptiste was the son of Pierre "Kitkaniapnatch" Berger and Judith "Chatka" Wilkie. He was born 1849. In 1879, they accompanied Pierre Berger's party into central Montana, the family is listed as: John Baptiste Berger age 30, Betsy Keplin Berger, John Baptist age 2, and Antoine several months old.

Children:

- Jean Baptiste Berger, born March 21, 1877 at St. Peter's Mission.
- Antoine Berger, born November 16, 1878 at St. Peter's Mission.
- Marguerite, born April 11, 1887, married Frank H. Latreille, the son of Moise Latreille and Suzanne Perreault *dite* Morin.
- Martine Berger, born November 14. 1891, died October 5, 1918 at Lewistown.

Betsy died on July 12, 1952 at Lewistown, Montana, at age 93.



¹ Paul was the son of Thomas ("Dirk" Pisk) Kipling and Nancy "Margaret" Plouffe *dite* Villebrun. Margaret was the daughter of Louis Plouffe dit Villebrun and Marie-Anne Collets.

² Marguerite Grenon, baptised 9 Dec 1850, born of the legitimate marriage of Joseph Grenon and Judith Delorme, Godfather: Louis Grenon, Godmother: Marguerite Grenon, Albert Lacombe ptre.

Photo circa 1920. Photo description: Mrs. Betsy Berger was born October 2, 1859 [sic]. She was one of the first Metis families to come to Fergus County in 1879 and lived here the rest of her life. She was born in Pembina country of North Dakota, the daughter of Paul and Margaret Gourneau Kiplin [sic]. She met John Berger in the Milk River area and they married on February 17, 1876. Her father-in-law was Pierre Berger. She had nine children, her eldest daughter being Mrs. Elizabeth Swan. Her husband died on May 1, 1908. She died on July 12, 1952.

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