

Joseph Lavadour I Family 1791-1892

Lavadour often spelled Laverdure

Joseph Lavadour and two brothers: Louis & Chas. Came from Canada, from the Province of Quebec. In 1805 Joseph I was employed by N.W. Company & Hudson Bay Fur Company. In a company of seventy five (75) men, was stationed at English River. Louis was in a company of thriynine (39) men at Fort Dauplin; which Charles served with a company of sixty (60) MEN AT Fort Praires.

My knowledge of Louis & Charles is very scant. But they took leave and went into Montana – married women from that Reservation territory and settled down rearing their children. During the year of the Depression some of these families moved into Idaho. Joseph Lavadour I married Lissette Walla Walla of the Walla Walla Tribe. So he and wife were residing at Waiilatpu (wii eel a poo) during the Whitman Massacre Nov. 29, 1847. Following this tragedy they traveled southward again via Wallula. Their fourth child Xavier was born near river April 14, 1842 and died Apr. 7 1936. Buried by the graves of his parents in St. Andrews Catholic Mission Cemetery east of Pendleton, Oregon.

At or near Yreka, California Joseph II was born Mar. 2, 1854. His younger sister Isabella (French) was born there two years later.

After a lapse of years in May or June 1857 they returned to Oregon. Took a homestead in Umpqua Valley. On this land stood the old “Lavadour School” christened in his honor. Also “Lavadour Cemetery.”

Sometime prior to 1887 they abandoned this homestead and migrated to the Umatilla Indian Reservation – a farming location near Pendleton, Oregon. To this union were born 8 (eight) children: 4 sons and 4 daughters. Namely: Xavier – Joseph – Narcisse – Scott – Angelique –

Isabelle, Emelie and Marguerite. All of this generation is now deceased. All are buried in Eastern Oregon Angelique, Emelie and Marguerite. Joseph Lavadour II and wife Mary Alice Bigham of Adams, Oregon were my parents. Father passed away Mar. 17, 1940 and Mother on May 16, 1942. Both buried in Athena, Ore. Cemetery. To this couple were born seven children. The eldest surviving heir is myself Martha Oralee Kirk (83 yrs. of age, Cayuse, Oregon). Second eldest is my brother Albert Lavadour (81 years of age) Pendleton, Oregon. And then my sister Iva Erickson (76 yrs. of age) Santa Rose, California.

The third and fourth generations of Jos. And Lissette Lavadour are numerous and scattered throughout Oregon, Wash, Idaho and as far north as Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Martha O. Lavadour Kirk

Records Concerning Joseph and Lissette Lava. And family

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| Lavadour Joseph Sr. | born 1796 (Douglas Co. Census) |
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| (1791-Oct 13, 1892) | (1791-Mission Cemetery stone) |
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| Lizette Walla Walla | born 1815 (Douglas Co. Census) |
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| (1817-Jan. 21, 1891) | (1817-Mission Cemetery stone) |
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Children:

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| A. Angelique | bap. at Colville, 6 mo. Sept. 15, 1839, Vancouver Register, Bk. I, p. 56) |
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| B. Emelie | No record, but probably about 1841 as she had a daughter born in 1854 Ore. City Register, p. 42 |
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| C. Xavier | born 1844 (Douglas Co. Census) (1842-Mission Cemetery stone) |
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| D. Marguerite | (in California gold field) born July 25, 1849, died Aug. 19, 1849 St. Louis Register, Bk. 1, p. 21 |
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- E. Joseph Jr. born 1852 (Douglas Co. Census), Oregon City Register, Bk. I, p. 33a
- F. Isabel born 1855 (Douglas Co. Census), Oregon City Register Bk. I, p. 33a
 (Elizabeth)
- G. Scott born 1857 (Douglas Co. Census), 1858 Mission Cemetery stone
 (1857-1895)
- Paul born 1857 Oregon City Register, Bk. I, p. 33a – Paul & Scott same child.

Records

Angelique Lavadour (1839-1919)

Married John McGinnis – no record found

Daughter Marie Helen baptized, age 5 years on July 29, 1860 (Oregon City Reg. p. 33)

Son Edward baptized, age 3 years, same day, “parents living on the South Umpqua”

These baptisms were made by the missionary priest Father Poulin on a mission tour through Southern Ore in 1860. The records were brought back to Oregon City to be entered in the register there, Father Poulin’s “home base.” There was no church as yet in Douglas Co.

Lavadour, Emelie (1841 -)

Married Thomas Salden Sept. 18, 1861 “of Douglas County.” At that time Emelie’s 3 children by some former alliance, no name given, were baptized by Father Blanchet on a pastoral visit to Southern Ore. 1. Rose Lavadour, 7 years. 2 Margaret Lavadour 5 years, 3. Henry Lavadour 4 years.

A fourth child, Martha, daughter of Emelie and Thomas Salden (Sadden) was also baptized, aged 11 months Oregon City Bk. 1, p. 42

Lavadour, Elizabeth (Isabel) (1855 -)

Baptized "on the south Umpqua" 5 years old, July 29, 1860, Oregon City, Bk. I, p. 33

Lavadour, Xavier – no church record except that he was godfather to Joseph GrosLouis "on Day's Green, 12 miles from Canyonville" on June 30, 1869, Roseburg Register, Bk. L, p. 20

Lavadour, Joseph Jr. (1854-1940) Name spelled "Labradore"

Baptized "on the South Umpqua" 8 years old, July 29, 1860, Oregon City Reg., Bk. I p. 33

Married Alice Brigham (or Bigham) – no record found

Son Elmer Leonard born May 21, 1885, Roseburg Reg. p. 118

Stones in Athena Cemetery give these dates:

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| Joseph Lavadour | Mary Alice his wife |
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| 1854-1940 | 1864-1942 |
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Laverdure, Paul

"On the 29th of July 1860, we the undersigned priest baptized Paul, 3 years old, born of the lawful marriage of Joseph Laverdure and Lizette Walla Walla. Sponsors Joseph Rivard and Marie Ann Klaketat. A.Z. Poulin, priest, Oregon City, Bk. I, p. 33

Marriage Book I, Douglas County, Oregon

Lavadore, Narcese and Martha Carson

License – 18 January 1868

Marriage – 19 January 1868 at the house of Peter GrosLouis

Witnesses – B. Corvaile and Julia Cardwell

J. P. (Justice of the Peace) – D.W. Ransom

Recorded 11 February 1868, L.L. Williams, Recorder, page 154

Affidavit – 15 and 18 January 1868

Lavadore, Narsis and Martha Carson

Aff. By Joel Thorn and Peter GrosLouis

That said Lavadore is half Indian and said Carson is half negro

Justice of the Peace – D.W. Ransom

Recorded 20 January 1868, L.L. Williams, Co. Clerk, page 271

French, Samson and Miss Isabell Lavador

License – 27 September 1870

Marriage – 2 October 1870 at the house of Joseph Lavadour

Witnesses – John (x) McGinnis

Isaac K. French

J.P. – Wm. J. Martin

Recorded – 11 October 1870, E. Stevens, Page 383

Affidavit – 21 September 1870 by Joseph (x) Lavadour

Witness – Isaac K. French

States that Joseph Lavadour is the father of Isabel Lavadour and that he gives his consent for her to marry Samson French, Page 338

State of Washington
County of Umatilla

Comes now Mrs. Mary Alice Lavadour of Adams, Oregon, who makes the following statement.

I am 53 years of age and have lived on this Umatilla Reservation for the last thirty years. I have known Mrs. Anna McGinnis since I can remember as her brother was my stepfather. I know that her father was a white man and that her mother was a full blood Indian woman of the Walla Walla tribe. She lived on this reservation and died on this Umatilla Reservation. Her name was Lizzie Lavadour. She had selected land for an allotment, had it fenced and partly plowed by died in January before the allotments were made in the fall of the same year and therefore she was not allotted.

Anna McGinnis has never lived on the reservation. She went to California with her mother when she was a small girl and married a white man there named John McGinnis and when she was about 18 years old returned to Oregon and settled at Azalea where she has lived with her husband ever since. Four of her brothers and one sister were allotted on this reservation but at the time of the allotments she had several small children and they were poor and she did not make the trip to the Umatilla Reservation to make claim for an allotment. The names of her brothers who were allotted on the Umatilla Reservation are Nelson or Narcisse Lavadour, Xavier Lavadour, Joseph Lavadour, and Scott Lavadour and her sister is Isabel French.

Signed: Mary Alice Lavadour

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of January 1918.

Umatilla agency,
Pendleton, Ore.

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Joey Lavadour's emails:

My grandmother Edna Bellinger always told me that she was born at Calapooia, Oregon. She said it was in Linn County. She shared with me that when she was 9yrs old that she was living with her mother, Rose Christine Chalifoux Bellinger and Edna's brothers and sisters on the Calapooia River. Rose had TB. They were starving and surviving on crawfish and living in a shipping crate shelter waiting for their father, Edward Bellinger (a master carpenter), to send money from Pendleton. They finally received the money and came by train to Pendleton and the children we placed in the St. Andrews Mission Boarding School. Rose died and is buried at Athena Cemetery. Edward lived to old age here and died in the late 1930's. Edna's birthday was September 21, 1889. We always celebrated my birthday at the same time, sept.22,1954. Rose's birthday was sept. 23.