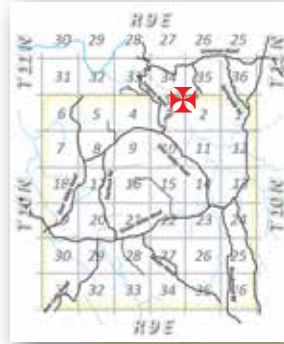


**Beaumont**

Pauline Dunker, the youngest of the Herman Dunker children, married Henry Beaumont, a young man (of French heritage) from Texas. They moved into the Dunker home near Pinchem. Henry and Pauline had two children: George and Frances.

A grandson of a Veerkamp said that Mrs. Pauline (Dunker) Beaumont smoked a pipe, and kids would ask her for the empty tobacco cans—apparently they made great lunch pails. One time when he was at her house, she went out to the shed to find a can for him. She came back with two of them; one was very heavy. Apparently, this was where she stored her gold nuggets!

The story goes, in the fall of each year, she would pull the banks along lower Pinchem Creek. After the winter rains washed the soil away, she would go through the area picking up the gold nuggets that had been uncovered. *(For more information on the family, see the Dunker Family story and Family Tree, page 171.)*



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Pauline (Dunker) Beaumont (circle), with her brother, John Dunker (left) and sister, Matilda (Dunker) Williamson (right). Pauline enjoyed her corncob pipe.