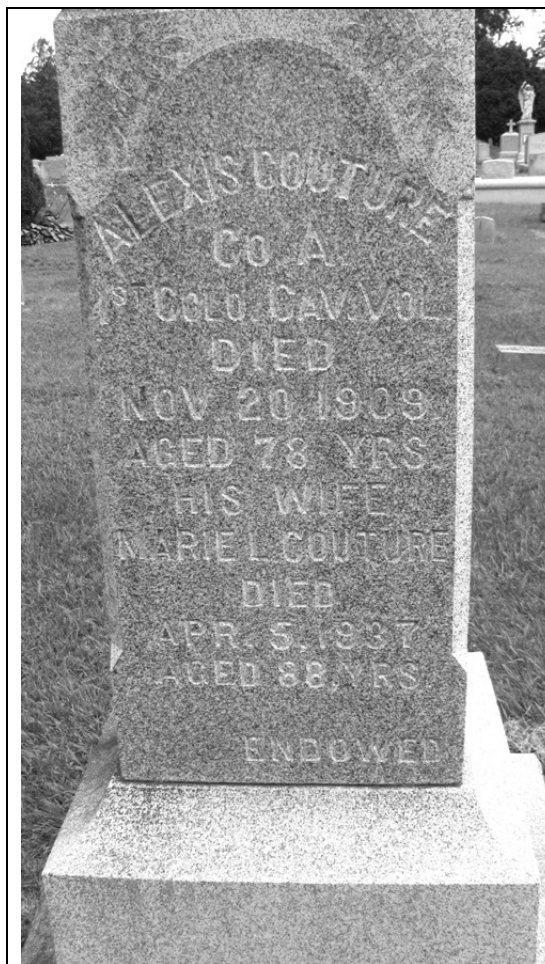


## Civil War Veterans buried in the Old Mount Calvary Cemetery, Burlington, VT

### Alexis Couture

by John R. Fisher



Born 11 Feb 1837 and baptized on the 13th in St Valentin, PQ

Enlisted 8 Aug 1861 in the 1st Colorado Regiment, Company A as a Farrier (a person who shoes horses).

Discharged 23 Sep 1864 (3 years) Private.

Married to Marie Louise Bonneau on 13 Jun 1865 in St Athanase de Bleury, Iberville, Quebec.

Moved to 19 Germain street, Burlington, VT .

Alexis and Marie Louise had 15 children, 1 in Quebec and the remainder in Burlington. His brother Joseph Israel wed to Florence Belanger (Baker in US) on 29 Apr 1861 at Stanbridge, Quebec and raised his family in Burlington.

1890 Veterans Schedules - Alick Couture - on Germain St, no wounds. Pension - 11 Aug 1890 INVALID 878593 & 596520

1900 Census - he worked for the Burlington Water Works.

Died Burlington 20 Nov 1909 at 19 Germain Street.

Pension for Marie Louise - 3 Dec 1909 - WIDOW 931570 & 695026

### COLORADO 1st CAVALRY

Colorado became a territory just a few weeks before the firing on Fort Sumter signaled the official beginning of the Civil War. Although sentiments were somewhat divided in the early days of the war, Colorado was a Union territory. When President Lincoln called for volunteer soldiers to supplement the regular army, Colorado responded. Eventually, nearly 4,000 men from the Colorado Territory served in the volunteer Union forces authorized by the United States War Department. Colorado's Civil War military is somewhat unusual in that two of its three cavalry regiments were formed from previously-existing infantry regiments. Colorado's volunteer military regiments, in the order of their formation were:

### The 1st Regiment of Colorado Volunteers (Infantry)

Organized by the territory's first governor, William Gilpin, this infantry regiment began enlistment in August 1861.

[ **Alexis enlisted in August 1861**] Nicknamed "Gilpin's Pet Lambs" because of the governor's involvement in their organization, the regiment marched to northern New Mexico in February-March 1862. There they fought in the battles of Apache Canyon and Pigeon's Ranch (also called the Battle of Glorieta Pass) and at Peralta, New Mexico.

## The 1st Colorado Cavalry

Colorado's first cavalry regiment was formed in November 1862 from the 1st Regiment of Colorado Volunteers (Infantry) and Companies C and D of the 2nd Colorado Infantry. The 1st Colorado Cavalry's assignment was to guard the Colorado Territory and its gold mines from possible Confederate invasion, and to protect the ever-expanding white settlements from Indian raids. In 1863, they participated in isolated skirmishes against the Utes, (in "Idaho Territory", part of present-day Wyoming) Kiowas, and Comanches (in Kansas).

In January 1864, re-enlisting troops from this regiment formed the 1st Colorado Veteran Volunteers, also referred to as the Veterans Battalion, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Samuel Tappan. More than a standard battalion, the Veterans Battalion actually had at least six companies, and remained part of the 1st Colorado Cavalry for administrative purposes. **[Alexis was discharged in Sep 1864.]**

**Service:** Scout from Fort Sumner August 3-November 4 (Cos. "A," "B" and "G"). Scout from Fort Union, N. Mex., August 4-September 5. Affair near Fort Lyon, Colo., August 7. Operations about Rock Creek Station, Seven-Mile Creek, Dakota, June 24-30 (Cos. "A" and "D").

### Children of Alexis Couture & Marie Louise Bonneau baptized at St Joseph, Burlington, VT

Name	Born	Baptized	Godfather	Godmother
Genevieve (Jennie)	18 Nov 1869 PQ			
Couture, Isilda Sophie Angeline	30 Dec 1871	6 Jan 1872	Varenes, Olivier	Milet, Isilda
Couture, Florence Josephine	22 Nov 1876	23 Nov 1876	Couture, Israel	Belanger, Marie Florence
Couture, Joseph Alexis	29 Aug 1878	29 Aug 1878	Leclair, Candide	Lochu, Julie
Couture, Clara Elisabeth	24 Jun 1880	25 Jun 1880	Paquet, Joseph	Couture, M. Louise
Couture, Narcisse J. Bte. <b>Wed to Corinne Sorel</b>	11 Jun 1882	15 Jun 1882	Forant, J. Bte.	Couture, Rose de Lima
Couture, Eleonore Josephine	13 Jun 1884	13 Jun 1884	Paquet, Joseph	Blais, M. Melanie
Couture, Louis Napoleon	9 May 1886	9 May 1886	Couture, Stanislas	Couture, Genevieve
Couture, Charles Albert	20 Feb 1888	20 Feb 1888	Paquet, Charles	Couture, Sophie
Couture, Alphonse Israel	28 Apr 1889	28 Apr 1889	Duhamel, Alphonse	Leclair, Genevieve
Couture, Philippe Arthur	19 Jun 1891	21 Jun 1891	St Pierre, Philippe	Couture, Sophie

Guillaume Couture & Madeleine Malet - Rouen France

**Guillaume Couture & Anne Emart (Aymard)**

He was born & baptized at St Godard, Rouen, France

Wed on 18 Nov 1649 at Quebec City, Quebec

Died 4 Apr 1701 at Levis, Quebec

Jean Baptiste Couture & Anne Marette

Wed on 12 Feb 1686 at L'Ange Gardien, Quebec

Alexis Couture & Marie Madeleine Morin

Marriage contract 30 Jan at St. Pierre du Sud, Quebec

Francois Couture & Marguerite Lanctot

Wed on 12 Jul 1779 at La Prairie, Quebec

Francois Couture & Genevieve Chamberland

Wed on 28 Jul 1800 at L'Acadie, Quebec

Alexis Couture & Genevieve Fortin

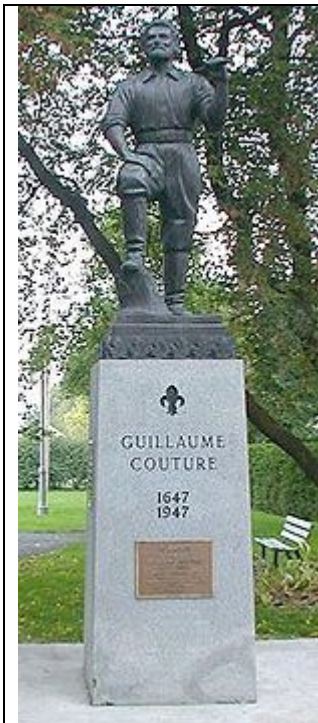
Wed on 25 Oct 1831 in L'Acadie, Quebec

Alexis Couture & Marie Louise Bonneau

Born 11 Feb 1837 and baptized on the 13th in St Valentin, Quebec.

Wed 13 Jun 1865 at St Athanase, Iberville, Quebec

**Guillaume Couture** - Monument to Guillaume Couture in Levis, Quebec



**Guillaume Couture** - He was born in Rouen, France in 1618, the political center of Normandy, a province in Northern France, the son of Guillaume Couture Sr. and Madeleine Mallet (at this time in France married women kept their birth names). Guillaume Sr. was a carpenter in the St. Godard district and young Guillaume was trained in the same occupation. However, by 1640 he was recruited by Jesuits to be a *donne* in New France to help convert the natives of New France to Roman Catholicism. Couture had to take a vow of celibacy and give up his inheritance, transferring it to his relatives in Rouen.

(January 14, 1617/8 – April 4, 1701) Guillaume was a citizen of New France. During his life he was a lay missionary with the Jesuits, a survivor of torture, a member of an Iroquois council, a translator, a diplomat, a militia captain, and a lay leader among the colonists of the Pointe-Lévy (now named Levis city) in the Seigneurie of Lauzon. A district of New France located on the South Side of Quebec City.

Guillaume Couture was a companion of Father Isaac Jogues.