

Louis Hutzler. By this time, the Associates already had obtained title to the Theodore Beck and August Beck farms. According to one account, the new owners planned to continue previous agricultural practices by raising rye and beans, and eventually by adding livestock.⁹¹ That same year, an article in *Motor News* discussed South Manitou

mother, Dorothea (64). They were listed before the Oswald Furst family, which owned

property on the southern end of the island. **Christopher Beck (59)** was the head of a

family that included his wife, Catherine (65), whereas August Beck (27) was the head of

a household that included his wife, Elizabeth (24), and their children: Mary (6), Isimich

value of the farm was \$335.²⁸ It seems likely that the other Becks were helping to work this farm.

Tracing and understanding the history of property ownership among the members of this family is confusing. August, Theodore, and Albert Beck created a partnership in 1877 which deemed that all of their property was jointly owned.²⁹ Around 1870, Christoph and Catharine sold the lower half of their 160 acres to Theodore Beck. In the mid 1880's August Beck purchased the same parcel from Theodore and the upper half from Christoph.³⁰ Before purchasing Christoph's homestead, August bought a parcel of