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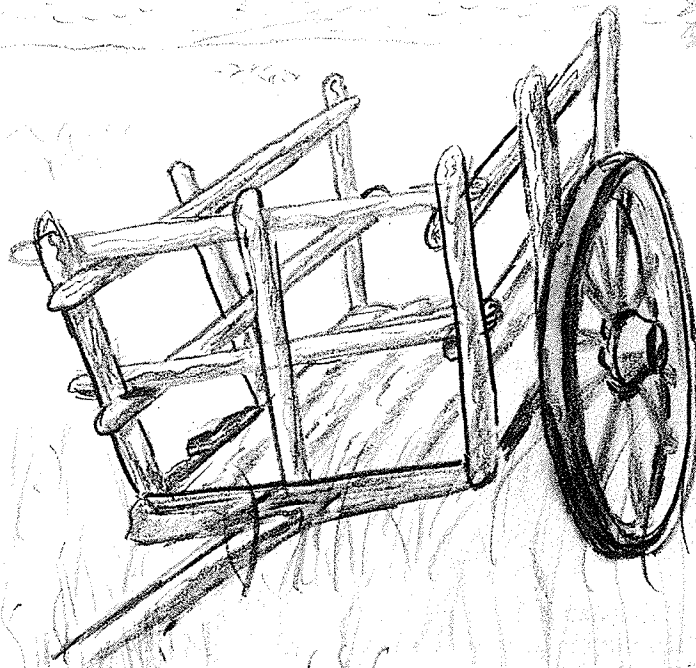


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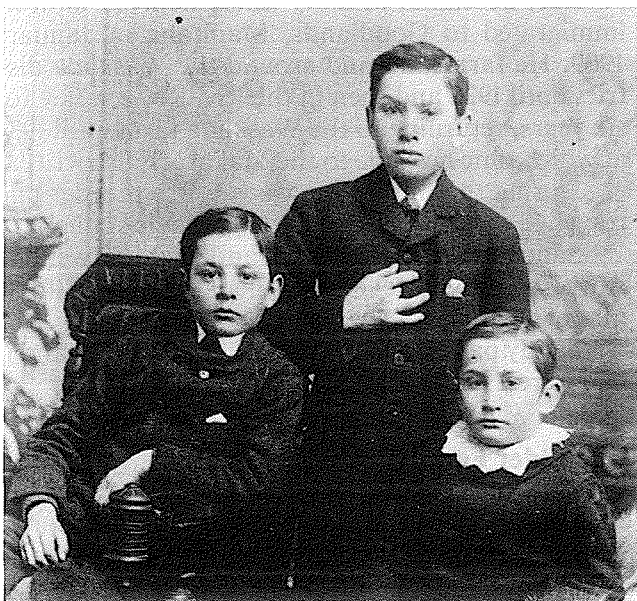
John Edwards Family

by Mrs. B. Thompson, granddaughter

John Edwards was born in Devon, England Oct. 1830. Elizabeth Chorven was born in Devon, England Aug. 1839. They came to Canada with their families, and met again in Downire, Ontario, where they were married Nov. 1857 by the Rev. Patterson, an Episcopal Minister.



The John Edwards Family: Back row: L to R. Billy, Amy, Mabel, Arthur. Front row: Clara (Gay), "Grandma", Eva, Allie.



William, Arthur and Thomas Edwards.

They lived in several places in Ontario — Millbank, Topping, and Stratford. In Topping, they ran a "tavern" (hotel) for several years. This was a stopping place for the stage coaches that passed through to Stratford and Kitchener. They also ran a "brick yard" at Millbank for several years, and also farmed in the area. Eight of their children were born in Ontario. Then in 1880 they moved to Oberon, Man. where Mabel was born. Later they moved to Carberry, for a year or two, and in 1885, they moved

again, this time to the "Tumbell" area, to settle on the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 14-25-29.

Like the majority of early settlers, they were chiefly interested in raising cattle (ranching). Later on, as frost-resistant grains became available, the boys began grain farming.

Several members of the Edwards family settled nearby: Mrs. John Kines (Eva), Mrs. Geo. Ford (Allie), Mrs. R. Glover (Mabel), and Mrs. Hornsby (Clara). Also Billy and Arthur took up land close by. Louise married Mr. Rorrison and moved to B.C. and Amy married Joe Riley, and moved to Winnipeg after teaching school in Carberry for several years. Mrs. Hornsby and her family lived with her parents for many years, and as her boys grew up, they took over the farming for John, leaving Billy and Arthur free to take up their own land. Tom Edwards was one of the many who took part in the Klondike Gold Rush, and never settled in this area.

The Tummel picnic was held for many years, in the pasture, close by the Edwards' buildings. This was usually quite a large affair, as folks from all the surrounding districts would come. There were usually several ball games, and of course, races for all ages. There was always "homemade" ice cream and a picnic supper, and finally, in the evening, the final ball game, which decided which district had the best ball team!!

Mr. Edwards died in 1905, at the age of 75, in Tummel. Mrs. Edwards died at age 89 (2 months short of her 90th birthday) at the home of her daughter, Mabel (Mrs. R. Glover), in Roblin in 1927.

William Taylor Edwards

by Mrs. W. F. Thompson, daughter, Betty

William Taylor Edwards was born in 1876 at Topping, Ontario. Bertha Margaret Grassie was born at Langenburg, Sask., in 1890. "Billy" came to the "Tumbell" district with his family in 1885, and Bertha came to the Cromarty district with her family in 1902. They were married in Roblin in June, 1915 by Rev. Archibald.

Billy had taken up a homestead on the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 34-25-29, in Tummel. He worked this land and with his brother, Arthur worked the John Edwards farm until his marriage. He then bought the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 12-26-29 from Clarence Kines in the Cromarty district. This was to be the family home for many years. In 1946 Billy and his wife moved into Roblin where they lived for a number of years.

Mr. Edwards had the first "Oil-Pull" Rumley tractor in the district and with a "Waterloo" separator used to do a lot of threshing in the district and surrounding area.



William T. Edwards and his bride Bertha Grassie in June 1915.



W. T. Edwards' 70th Birthday: Standing: L to R. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, and Jack. Kneeling: Wilma, Reg and Betty, in 1946.

He was one of the chief instigators of the Wheat Pool movement and was Pres. of Roblin Pool Elevator Association for 12 years. There were 6 associations beginning then but Roblin got their charter first, so became known as "Man. Pool, No. 1" in 1925. The other 2 members on the committee were Mr. Carlson and Mr. John Arnott.

Mr. Edwards always took great interest in the community and was an avid fisherman and hunter. He was once lost in the bush while hunting with friends but eventually found his way back to camp after four days. He lost several toes from frost-bite from the ordeal, and although he couldn't walk very far, he still loved to 'get out hunting' in later years.

Mr. Edwards was also very interested in the Roblin Fair; he enjoyed showing his horses and cattle, and brought home many prizes. Later on, his son, Jack, used to show the horses, and Betty used to show baking in the home produce section. They were both very successful in this.

Mrs. Edwards belonged to the Cromarty W.I. and was its Pres. for several years.

The Wm. T. Edward's family had 5 children: Betty, (Mrs. W. F. Thompson), Jack, Wilma, (Mrs. A. Morrison), Wilson and Reg.

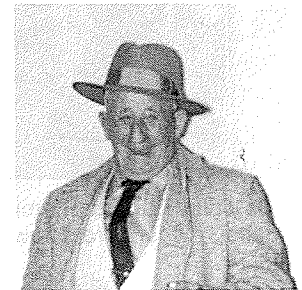
Jack and Wilson were World War II veterans and Wilson and Reg were Korean War veterans.

Mrs. Edwards died at age 62 at their home in Roblin in 1952. Mr. Edwards continued to live in Roblin for a few years and then lived with his daughter, Betty and family. He died in 1962 at the age of 86 years.

Alexander Elder

by Edna Boyce

Alexander (Sandy) Elder was born in St.



Alexander (Sandy) Elder.

Andres, Scotland, in 1887, where he lived until he immigrated to Goodlands, Manitoba in January 1909. He farmed in and around the Waskada district until 1922 and then in the Red River valley for six years, returning to the Waskada farm until 1934 at which time he came to the Makaroff district.

During the thirties he was a horse breeder and travelled the district with his Clydesdale stallion.

Sandy farmed until 1937 and then he went to work for Lawrence Traub where he worked for a number of years.

Sandy passed away on September 26, 1981 and is laid to rest in the Makaroff cemetery.

The Elder Family

by Mina Snell

Charles Herd Elder (1883-1967), born at Burnt Island, Fifeshire, Scotland, eldest son of John Drummond Elder and Isabella (Herd) Elder, immigrated to Canada via U.S.A. in 1905. Mr. Elder's



The Charles Elder Family.



1910-20: John D. Elder, Isabella Elder Sr.

first venture in Canada was a dray business in Saskatoon which he operated for several years, but gave it up when the lure of farming drew him to locate on a farm at Waskada, Manitoba. In 1910 he returned to Scotland and was successful in persuading his parents and brothers (Sandy, Jack, James, Chris and Andrew) to immigrate to Canada. It was on this trip that he met Jean Fyfe (1881-1973), third daughter of Alexander and Wilhemina Fyfe of Cupar, Fifeshire, Scotland. In 1914 Jean sailed for Canada where she and Charles were married at Waskada on March 25th. Their sons, Lloyd and Charles, and daughter Wilhemina (Mina) were born there; and after accumulating some assets such as a Model T Ford car, farm equipment, cattle and horses, they decided in 1920 to move to a farm at Mulvihill. After one crop, Mr. Elder found that the land was not suited to the growing of grain, and again they moved to a farm in the Red River Valley at Dufrost for three years and spent another three years at nearby Arnaud where their daughter, Jean was born. After a very discouraging crop loss due to flooding in 1926, the decision was made to move once more and a promising farm was found at Makaroff in the Municipality of Shell River to which they moved in the spring of 1927. Their new home was situated on the S.E. ¼ of Sec. 28-27-29 approximately two miles north of Makaroff, part of which extended to the Boggy Creek. The closest neighbours were Mr. and Mrs. George Sloan and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boyce. The children attended Makaroff Consolidated School and were transported by a horse-drawn school van, operated by Paddy Sloan of Grand Narrows.

The main means of transportation in the late twenties and thirties were a Willys Overland and a 1929 Chevrolet which lasted throughout the thirties. For the children it was a white Indian pony, used mainly for rounding up the cows and for special errands to town for groceries and mail. Fond memories are recalled of the pony's ability to toss the children on its back one at a time. They merely leaned over its neck; the signal was to touch the pony's ear.

Fond memories of the 1930's included the annual school picnic held at the end of June each year, highlighting baseball and other games and races, and to top it off, home-made ice-cream. Harvest time was another exciting time of year when large threshing gangs were hired to harvest our own grain as well as custom harvesting for several neighbors.

When the drought and accompanying hard times of the so-called 'Dirty Thirties' hit, we were in a comparatively fortunate position to be able to help our less fortunate friends and relatives in southern Manitoba (Waskada) by pasturing their cattle and helping them to find temporary homes and employment in the Makaroff area.

During the thirties, horses were still used mainly in farming operations, but the advent of tractors, combines and trucks had begun and the need for horses declined. When farm help became scarce during the early forties due to young people signing up for the war effort, Mr. Elder was forced to sell most of his cattle, and finally sold his farm holdings in the Makaroff district and moved in 1945 to a half section (N.W. 25-27-29) near Sunny Slope. There he built a house, machine shed and granaries and continued the farm operation with the help of his son, Charles (who had returned from overseas in the spring of 1946), until 1960 when young Charles took over the farm while Charles Sr. and his wife, Jean retired to a house in Dauphin. Mr. Elder passed away in Dauphin General Hospital on October 27th, 1967.

Mrs. Elder disposed of the house in Dauphin



A new Hart-Parr tractor in 1930, driven by Charles Elder Sr., with Jimmy Middleton.

and moved to Winnipeg where she lived with her daughters, Mina and Jean, until her death on November 18th, 1973.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Elder were laid to rest in the Makaroff Cemetery.

Lloyd John Elder, b. 4/4/15 at Waskada, Manitoba, was the eldest son of Charles and Jean Elder. He started school at Arnaud, Manitoba and completed his education at Makaroff Cons. School. In 1939 he married Irene Boyce, the eldest daughter of Harvey and Eeva Boyce, and their first home was situated on the N.W. 1/4 of 28-27-29. Their eldest daughters, Beverley and Florence, were born while they farmed at this location. In 1944 they moved across the Boggy Creek to a farm near Sunny Slope School (N.E. 1/4 of 36-27-29). Their son, Ronald, daughter, Veryl and sons, Earl and Bruce were born there and all of them attended Sunny Slope and Roblin Schools. A new house was built in 1951. Their operation consisted mainly of growing grain and raising livestock. Lloyd has served the community as Councillor for several years and is still serving in that capacity. The family have grown up, married and moved to other areas with the exception of Bruce who operates his own farm in conjunction with his father.

Beverley is married to Lloyd Ruschinsky and lives in Regina. She has three children, Bradley, Cheryl and Laura.

Florence married Ben Siemens and lives in Calgary with two sons, Sean and Ryan.

Ronnie married Gwen Hilland of Roblin and they now live in Saskatoon.

Veryl married Wesley Becker and they live in Regina with their three children, Craig, Chad and Todd.

Earl married Gail Dillin of Roblin and they have four children: Ricky, Vince, Arvelle and Tammy.

Wilhemina Small Snell (Mina), eldest daughter of Charles and Jean Elder, b. 22/11/1916 at Waskada, Manitoba, started school at Arnaud, Man., continued her schooling at Makaroff and completed high school (Gr. XII) at Roblin Collegiate in 1934. In 1939 she attended the first short course in Home Economics at the U. of M. provided by the Extension Service of Manitoba. She worked at odd jobs in Winnipeg until March, 1942 when she was called to Ottawa to work for the Dept. of National Defence for the duration of World War II. Mina returned to Winnipeg in 1946 and worked as a secretary for Dominion Rubber Co. Ltd. for 2 1/2 years. She married Gilbert Snell in 1948 and they settled on a small holding in Kirkfield Park, Man. Their three children were born there, Linda, Gordon and Lorna. Their family also consisted of two daughters, Audrey and Judith, by Gilbert's previous marriage. Gilbert passed away in 1977. Mina

continues to do part time work as a tax consultant with U & R Tax Services, head office in Winnipeg.

Audrey Hale, b. 28/12/37, eldest daughter of Gilbert and Mina Snell attended Kirkfield Park and St. James Collegiate, worked for Air Canada for a number of years and now lives in Calgary and manages her own travel agency.

Judith Ikeda, b. 24/8/40, second daughter of Gilbert and Mina Snell, married Don Suszinski in 1958. From this union three children were born, Jodine, Donna and Barbara. Judy now lives in Victoria, B.C. and has made her career in banking.

Linda Nahnybida, b. 4/1/50, graduated from John Taylor Collegiate, attended Red River College and became a Laboratory Technician. She married Laurence Nahnybida in 1973 and their son, Jason was born in 1980. Linda continues to be employed with the U. of M. as a Lab Tech.

Gordon Snell, b. 19/1/53, graduated from John Taylor Collegiate and has been employed by the Man. Telephone System since 1973. He married Bonnie Ellingson in Dec./1983.

Lorna Jean Lynch, b. 7/3/59, youngest daughter of Gilbert and Mina Snell, graduated from John Taylor Collegiate and works for the Manitoba Government. She married Bill Lynch in 1981.

Charles Douglas Elder, b. 5/11/18 at Waskada, Manitoba was the second son of Charles and Jean Elder and started school at Arnaud, Manitoba. He completed his education at Makaroff Cons. School. He helped his father on the farm until volunteering for active service in the Canadian Army in 1942, serving overseas in Great Britain, France, Holland and Germany until 1946. Upon returning to Canada and receiving his discharge from the army, Charles returned to the farm and was able to start a farm operation of his own with the assistance of the Veterans' Land Act and in conjunction with his father's established farm operation. In 1951 Charles married Edna Boyce, a daughter of Stan and Violet Boyce. From this union four sons were born; Daryl, Keith, Brian and Darren.

Daryl Elder, born in 1951, attended Sunny Slope School and Roblin High school. He now farms.

Keith Elder born in 1952, attended Sunny Slope School and Roblin High. He also farms.

Brian Elder born in 1959, attended Roblin schools and in 1980 married Colleen Gaber of Roblin. They reside in Roblin.

Darren Elder born in 1967, attends Roblin High School and helps his father on the farm.

Jean Robinson, b. 27/12/24 at Arnaud, Man., was the youngest daughter of Charles and Jean Elder. She graduated from Makaroff Consolidated School in 1941. She was called to Ottawa in 1943 and worked for the Dependents Allowance Board for

two years. When an opportunity to go to Vancouver arose she found employment there as a telephone operator. In 1946 she returned home and thence to Winnipeg to find employment with the Manitoba Government. She married Alton Robinson in 1947 and they have three children: Douglas, Gay and Marilyn.

The William J. Elliott Family by the family

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, along with their children, Hazel and Charles, came from Wingham, Ontario in the fall of 1902 to Russell, Man. The Elliotts, along with neighbours and good friends, the N. J. Kerswells left Wingham together and shared the same settlers' railway boxcar.

After arriving in Russell, Mr. Elliott staked out a homestead claim in the Makaroff district. The family resided in Russell for two years while Mr. Elliott worked for a farmer and in the meantime he, along with a couple of neighbours, Bill Kerswell and Jack Powell, built a log cabin on his homestead. The frames for the doors and windows came from Ontario, along with their furniture and other belongings as well as a team of horses. When they were ready for the household items, Bill Kerswell hauled them from Russell to the homestead via the "Old Pelly Trail" with the team and wagon.

Whenever the family required groceries, Mr. Elliott drove by team and wagon to Russell to do the shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott were both very active and very involved in community affairs.

Mr. Elliott passed away while on the farm, July 27, 1943.

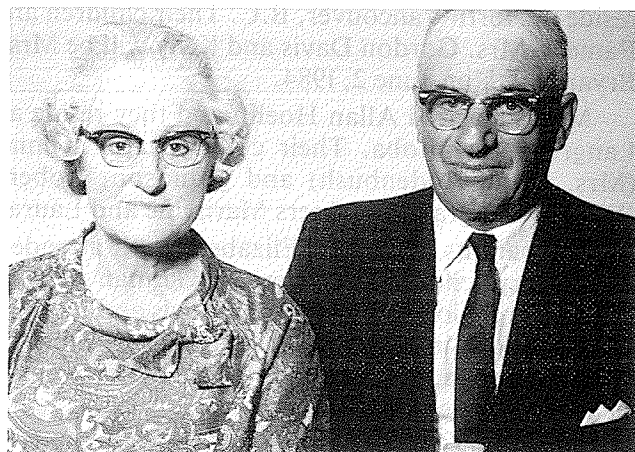
Mrs. Elliott resided on the farm, retiring in the fall of 1952, at which time she sold the farm to her son and resided in Roblin, Man. until her passing on February 27, 1962. Both are at rest in the Makaroff Cemetery.

Hazel married Charles Grundy and they farmed in the Makaroff area.

Charles married Pearl Nowell in 1952. They retired from farming in 1974 and moved to MacGregor, Man. in 1975. Pearl passed away Dec. 7, 1980 and rests in the Makaroff Cemetery. Charles is still residing in MacGregor.

Michael and Elizabeth Eslinger by Joyce Petznik

Mike Eslinger married Elizabeth Kauk on November 23, 1927. They settled on a farm (W¹/₂ of 30-25-29) in the Rural Municipality of Shell River and remained there from the date of marriage until their retirement in September, 1973. They then moved to the Town of Roblin at 151-5th, Avenue S., in September 1973. Mike Eslinger died on May 13,



Mike and Elizabeth Eslinger, about 1973.

1976 and Elizabeth moved to North Vancouver in 1978 and presently resides with daughter, Joyce and family.

Mike Eslinger came from Saskatchewan, from his father, Friedrich Eslinger's farm. This farm was 11 miles north and about 2 miles west of MacNutt, Sask. My mother was Elizabeth Kauk and she came from the farm of her parents, Frank and Elisa Kauk, south of MacNutt, Sask. Actually mother had been nursing at Eatonia, Sask. Hospital prior to her marriage.

There were 3 children in the family; Phyllis,



The Michael and Elizabeth Eslinger Family, in 1976: Front row: L to R. Mavis Hoehn, Joyce Petznik, Phyllis Miller. Middle row: Elizabeth Eslinger, Yvonne Hoehn, Karen Miller (Wright). Back row: Pamela Petznik, Allan Hoehn, Chas Miller.

Joyce and Mavis. Phyllis married Charles C. Miller and they reside at Oliver, B.C. Their children are: Cheryl (Mrs. Rae Vivier) and grandchildren Annette and Paul; Karen (Mrs. David Wright) and grandchildren Sarah and Meghan.

Joyce married Armen A. Petznik and they

reside in North Vancouver, B.C. Their children are Pamela, Mrs. Gordon Davis and Kelly will be Mrs. Bryan Smith on June 2, 1984.

Mavis married Allan Hoehn and they reside at Langruth, Manitoba. Their children are Yvonne (Mrs. Doug Rodenbush) and grandson, Robert William and granddaughters Marianne and Laura.

My parents Mike and Elizabeth both attended elementary school. They were of German descent and their religion was Lutheran. Mavis and I, Joyce attended Roblin high school and taught school in rural Manitoba. Phyllis and I studied by correspondence for grades nine and ten..

Our father, Mike did mixed grain farming. He grew oats, barley, wheat etc. He was fortunate to have a hay slough on the farm which provided substantial fodder. As well, he had the usual herd of milk cows and young cattle that numbered 20-25 (milk cows about 5-8). He usually kept twelve or so work horses during those early days in 1930 to 1940. He purchased his first tractor in 1946, after the Second World War which had caused a shortage of steel for machinery production. The harvesting was done by the "thresher gang", and custom threshing was performed with grandfather's threshing machines and Rumley tractor until the era of combines. My father purchased his combine in the early 1950's and then finally a baler a few years before his retirement from active farming in 1970.

Mike Eslinger loved making mechanical gadgets of his own design, constructed from a variety of Model T-Fords and other car or motor parts, plus wheels and gears from old implements and such useful paraphernalia.

(1) From a Model-T engine he designed a machine with pulley systems and used it as a power unit for operating a grinding machine to make barley grain into chop for fodder. This power unit also was used to run the saw when cutting the annual firewood. Eventually the John Deere tractor replaced this unit for power. (2) He fashioned a grain sheaf-loader to be used to load a hay-rack more quickly. Unfortunately this device did not work satisfactorily enough and manpower continued to be used in loading the racks during the threshing season. (3) Windmills were made from wheels and gears and old fan mills. (4) Borer for wood and steel. (5) Hand plough. (6) Lawn airator. (7) Lath machine, for wood lathing. (8) Merry-go-round (from binder gears and washing machine parts) for children's play. (9) A '22' (gun) used to shoot pests such as rabbits, crows, gophers, and some birds which were raiding the fruit trees.

His mechanical skills with all farm motors and implements were such that the garage men in Roblin knew him for the few services he must request them

to do. He seemed to know everyone in Roblin. He was a firm liberal all of his life.

When they started married life during the depression it was not easy. However food was not scarce with mother's superb gardening hobby and, her large vegetable garden. Flower and fruit arrays won her much recognition at the Horticultural Shows in later years.

Her fruit garden consisted of raspberries, strawberries, gooseberries, pincherries, and currants (red, white and black). Cranberries, saskatoon bushes and chokecherries were nearby on the bordering road allowance.

Mother always raised a flock of turkeys (20-30) and 100-150 young chickens annually. These young birds were obtained from carefully incubated eggs under brood hens which were kept in a warm basement area of our home until warmer weather arrived and these and other brood hens could be set outside for the incubation. As Mother had no modern heated brooder house until after about 1950, the first dozen batches of chicks to hatch spent their first few weeks in the warm kitchen and in that basement woodshed area. The basement was warmed from the large wood furnace located there. Raising poultry meant lots of eggs to gather and clean.

Milk produce meant butter to churn. Excess cream and egg produce were sold in Roblin. Even summer vegetables were sold to the general stores at times, especially cabbage and cauliflower. Friends and neighbours helped pick the excess fruit and those days developed into a sort of picnic time on the farm. This was fun for us children as there would be new playmates-something I always enjoyed.

The special staple, sauerkraut was made in a 10-gallon crock filled with shredded cabbage. There were also cabbage heads for making those delicious cabbage rolls in winter. Homemade sausage was a delicacy.

Butchering days consisted of endless hours of work to do up the porker (pig), 30 chickens and about 30 turkeys each fall as well as beef in spring for the annual supply. Father would prepare the casings for the homemade sausage which was extra delicious and the spicy aroma was mouth-watering. Curing pork in brine and then smoking it took weeks.

Preserving, canning pork, beef, chicken, vegetables, fruits, jams and jellies took endless hours of work. Baking of all breads and pasteries was done at home: seldom were they purchased. Butter churning and washing were other chores which seemed like tedious work to a child but I was accustomed to helping with the hours of summer berry picking and then preserving.

Discipline at home was firm and our parents respected. Work took care of time and mischief with the endless chores of feeding chickens, turkeys, gathering eggs, carrying in firewood, carrying water buckets (drinking water) in and "slop" out, milking cows and bringing cows in from the road allowance in summer after hours of walking or driving with a horse and buggy in search of them. Sometimes when bringing home a new-born calf I would have it loaded onto the buggy for speedier transport. How embarrassing it was to be seen by neighbours with cows in the lead heading home, followed by the horse and buggy, the I walked behind, followed by a newborn calf, which was followed by the mother cow!



Off to school at Cupar: Teacher: Eleanor Stewart, Phyllis and Joyce Eslinger in 1940. The buggy was made by Mike Eslinger.

Transportation in winter was with the bobsleigh or cutter; and later on with the fabulous comfort of heated vans. What fun, upsetting in snow drifts with them all! I was petrified and was usually the first out.

In the springtime during muddy seasons travel was by democrat, buggy or wagon. My father built all of his own vehicles, cutter, democrat, van and stove (for heating), buggy and 2-wheel cart (I used this conveyance for my first schooldays in 1936-1939). Our first car was a Model-T Ford assembled from two cars. Cars were for the summer and good road conditions only, until road building and winter maintenance improved in the 1940's.

Our social life centered around the community school which was Cupar, with social dances, whist drives, pie socials or box (lunch) socials. Many of these were for fund raising during W.W. II. Everyone seemed to attend the neighbouring community events. The annual Christmas concert provided entertainment; there was singing, acting in plays, folk dancing and costume drills, etc. The June school picnics occurred with lots of homemade ice cream.

Our furniture was purchased. We had steel

framed bedsteads and a three-drawer dresser with mirror for each bedroom. We also had a dining room table, chairs, buffet and china cabinet of oak, and an oak Singer sewing cabinet and machine. The usual painted wooden kitchen table and chairs completed our furniture. Our clothing was from Eatons catalogue, but we had hand-knits in sweaters and mittens; some home sewing was also done.

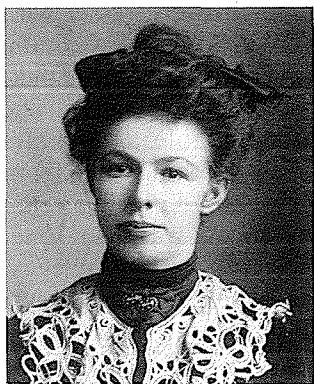
A child's daily chores were: to gather the eggs, clean and crate them; feed the chickens and turkeys; carry in firewood and kindling; carry in snow to fill the barrel daily. This snow melted daily in the kitchen during the winter and was used for soft water to do the laundry and for bathing. We used to feed the cats and dog, and as we became older we milked cows and brought cattle from the pasture to the barn. We would wash the dishes, peel vegetables and bring up supplies from the basement as well as carry food down to the basement for cold storage.

What I dreaded as a child; (1) Going down in the basement for supplies after dark. It was such a blessing when electricity came to our farm in 1950. (2) Bringing the turkeys home after dark, or walking home a half mile or so in the dark. I could run as fleet as a deer and jump fences likewise. (3) Going to the out-house after dark. (4) Going to the ice-house in summer; once the block of ice was floating in melted water and was very tipsy and unstable under the layers of sawdust. Cream and milk supply was kept cool there, so this was a 2-3 times daily chore. (5) Indoor well: bringing up the milk or cream bucket, hoping not to spill any. (It was kept cool there when the well was not dry.) A spill meant pumping out the entire well water and that meant mirky milky water until it became clean and clear. This also meant climbing into the well to bail out every drop. This was usually my chore and Phyllis was up on top carrying away the buckets.

(6) Finding snakes coiled up and asleep in the basement (an infrequent happening). (7) Mice sneaking up from the dark basement to the warm kitchen on a Saturday night (bath night). I would be in my bare feet and the mice would be scurrying around.

Thomas Evans Family by John Evans

Thomas Evans was born in Cardiff, Wales in 1872 at Penrose Farm, where he received his education and worked on his parents' farm until immigrating to Canada in 1901. He worked as a farm hand on several farms in the Brandon and Roblin districts. He purchased a homestead in Shell River Municipality 1½ miles east of Roblin. He married Janet Syme Arnott in 1914. Janet was the 2nd eldest daughter of John Arnott Sr. She was born in Kinross Shire, Scotland, in 1880. In 1902 she and her



Janet Evans.



Thomas Evans.

sister, Annie came to Canada. Janet worked at domestic housework in Brandon. They both played a large part in helping their parents immigrate to Canada. They arrived here in 1903 with 8 younger brothers and sisters. Janet moved to Roblin to help them on their homestead. She worked very hard. They built a large log home, also several barns. Although it was a hard life they had many good times, going to neighboring farms for parties and socials. Janet loved to sing and dance and was always the life of the party with her Scottish jokes, etc. She was well liked by all.

After their marriage, Thomas and Janet lived on the homestead where they had 3 children: Agnes, born in 1916, John Penrose, 1918 and Esther in 1921. Many people remember the tragic fire in 1929 that took the girls' lives. Their home was lost and everything they owned. John was spared as he jumped from his upstairs bedroom window. It took them many years to get over this tragedy.

Thomas and Janet played a big part in the community. They belonged to the Roblin United Church. Thomas hauled many loads of stone for the church foundation. Janet was an active member of the Ladies Aid and Missionary Society, also the Legion Auxiliary, knitting many pairs of socks etc. for the boys overseas in World War II.

Thomas took pride in his show horses, receiving many ribbons and prizes for his Clydesdales at the fairs. John recalls the family sitting for hours making paper roses etc. to decorate them. Janet won prizes and ribbons for her baking, especially her baking powder biscuits.

John went to Roblin school, riding in the school van each day. He enjoyed the hockey games and ball tournaments he played in. He recalls the time he was to pick his mother up in town with the old horse and buggy. After waiting for hours with her groceries and large mail order from Eatons catalogue, he arrived there on his pony. He had been having a good time with "Bones" (William) Hornsby, riding his bike while Bones rode John's pony. Needless to

say his mother was quite cross with him and sent him home for the buggy. He'll never forget his father waiting for him at the door with the strap.

John joined the forces in 1941, first with the Artillery and later joining the Queens Own Cameron Highlanders of Winnipeg overseas. He served in Europe until the end of the war. On his return he lived with his parents in Roblin. They had retired in 1941 as Thomas was unable to work his farm, because he was crippled with arthritis. Thomas passed away in 1948 and Janet in 1971 in B.C. They were both put to rest in Tummel Cemetery beside their two daughters.

John moved to Vancouver, B.C. in 1947 where he married Flora Johnson in 1949. She was born in Manitoba. Her parents were William Johnson from Treherne (a veteran of World War I) and Winnifred (nee Armistead) from the Silverwood district, whose parents immigrated to Canada from England in 1902.

William died in 1956 and Winnifred married Ted Benson of Roblin. Ted worked at Keast's and Cross's garage as a mechanic until moving to New Westminster, B.C. where they still reside. Flora worked at Newton's store before moving to B.C. John worked at construction in B.C. until his retirement in 1982. They had 2 children, Janice Winnifred and John Dale. Janice lives in Vancouver where she works at the B.C. Bank Data Centre. They both attended John Oliver high school and Langara College. John was a member of the J.O. Band and the Kitsilano Boys Band where he played a trumpet. The band made trips to Europe, winning medals. They also went to Expo in Montreal. He also played baseball and football. He now lives in the Yukon working with his own welding business.

Farncombe Family by Melvin Farncombe

James Farncombe was born in 1867 and in 1902 he was a homesteader in the Castleberry area, where he farmed. He married Mary who was born in 1872. They had six children:

Joe Alfred, born January 1, 1911 and died September 7, 1911.

George Henry, born December 26, 1905 and died August 2, 1977. His wife's name was Margaret and she still resides in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Alan James was born in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba in 1901 and died in 1970.

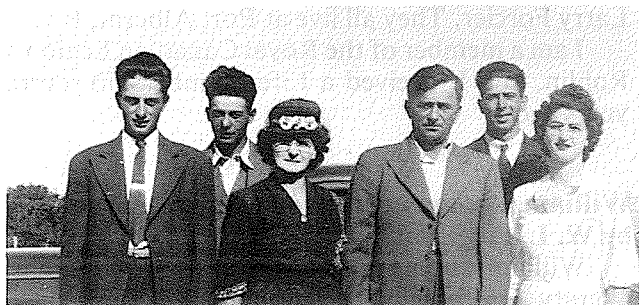
Essie M., born in 1913, married M. J. Dale. She died in 1964.

I, Melvin, married a teacher, Violet, and we farmed and ran the elevator at MacNutt, Saskatchewan for several years. We are presently residing in Saskatoon.

Charles S., born in 1907, lives in England (address unknown).

Henry Fatteicher Family by Irma Baumung

Henry Fatteicher was born on February 7th, 1896, at Wischnitz, Bermat, Roumania, to George Fatteicher and Mary Carst. In 1914, at the age of 18 years, he left home along with his sister, Annie Benson (16 years), who is still living at Canwood, Saskatchewan. He came to Canada, landed at MacNutt, Sask., and joined their sister and brother-in-law Martin and Katie Schepp. Henry worked for his brother-in-law to pay for his trip. In 1915 Henry worked for Skinners at Dropmore, and also for Scotty Moore who lived on the Ed Mensch place. The monthly wage was five dollars a month, plus room and board.



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fatteicher and son Richard, Harold, Elmert and daughter Irma.

Brother Rudolf Fatteicher (deceased in 1961), Philip Fatteicher (82 years) who lives at Langenburg, Sask., and sister Elizabeth Kitsch (age 80 years) who lives at Yorkton, Sask. joined, Henry, Ann and Katie in 1920.

Henry started farming in 1918 and in 1919, on April 27, he married Eleonora Muller (Miller). Eleonora Muller came to Canada at the age of five years with her parents Filipp Muller and Margareta Philipps; brothers, Philip and George; and sisters, Katie, Caroline and Elizabeth. The family came from Ugartsthal Galicia, Austria, in April, 1904.

The first three years of Henry and Eleonora's marriage encountered hail, drought and frost. In those days, when flour was in the home, there wasn't too much to worry about. The farming was done in the MacNutt-Calder area.

This marriage was blessed with three sons and three daughters: Juanita, Richard, Harold, Sylvia, Irma and Elmert. Juanita and Sylvia died in infancy.

Richard, the oldest son, is married to Helen, daughter of Andrew Baumung and Dorothea Kendal. This union is blessed with three sons and four daughters: Wendy and Wesley (twins), Gladys,

Sandra, Rick, Ronald and Glenda. Richard is farming in the MacNutt area with his two sons, Rick and Ron. Wendy is married to Don, son of Carl Jendrasheski and his wife, Selma Habershtock. Wendy and Don live in Langenburg and have two adopted sons Douglas and David. Don is working in a hardware store. Wesley, the twin to Wendy, died at the age of 6 weeks. Gladys is married to Bruno Zerbin and lives at Creighton, Sask. They have two boys, Barry and Brian. Bruno is working in the mine at Flin Flon. Sandra is married to John Geres and they are farming in the MacNutt area. They have two boys, Richard and Roger.

Rick is married to Joan, daughter of Albert Geres and Bertha Frick. Karen and Coleen are their daughters. Ron is married to Heather, daughter of Alex Aberhardt and his wife, Lydia Lesser. Ron and Heather have two sons and one daughter: Damion, Jolene and Aaron. Glenda is married to Barry, son of Leslie and Olga Theis. They are farming west of MacNutt. Glenda is working in a hardware store at Langenburg and Barry is a helper at the Pool Elevator at Togo, Sask.

Harold, the second son, is married to Jean, daughter of Val Kauk and Caroline Eslinger. Harold and Jean are also farming in the MacNutt district. They have five sons: Lawrence, Harley, Marlin, Melvin and Eldon. Lawrence is working in Moose Jaw with computers. He is married to Norreen, daughter of Walter and Jen Kurtenbach of Dropmore. Angela, Crystal and Jennifer are their daughters. Harley is farming with his dad and is married to Laurel, daughter of Richard Burback and Miriam Gross of Yorkton, Sask. They have one son, Curtis. Harley is living on the Henry Fatteicher place (his grandfather's). Marlin took a course in Yorkton as a machinist and is at home helping his dad on the farm and in the garage. Melvin and Eldon at present are attending high school in Yorkton. They both enjoy working in their garage. Small motors is their trade.

Irma, the only living daughter of Henry and Eleonora, is married to Fred W., son of Fred Baumung and Lena Muller of Roblin. Fred and Irma are farming at Togo, Sask. and have three children: Diane, June and Darwin. Diane is living in Regina and is working as a supervisor in Sherwood Credit Union on Wallace Street. June is married to Kelly, son of Paul Richter and his wife, Ann Raaf of Broadview, Sask. June is nursing in the Plains Hospital and Kelly is working for General Tire. They live in Regina, Saskatchewan. Darwin, their only son, is married to Julie, daughter of Andrew Forest and Simone Comeau, of Souris, Manitoba. Darwin is farming with his dad.

Elmert, the youngest son of Henry and Eleonora, is married to Irene, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Henry Hande of Esterhazy, Saskatchewan. Elmer and Irene have three sons and three daughters; Terry, Heidi, Gloria, Shelly, Greg and Michael. Elmer lived on the home place for a few years and then moved to Yorkton, Sask. After a few years of employment in Yorkton, they are now residing in Esterhazy, Sask. Terry is living at Kam-sack and is married to Lorie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bloodoff. They have two children. Heidi is married to Ken Schappert, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Schappert of Marchwell, Sask. They have two children and live in Saskatoon. Ken works as a mechanic in a garage. Gloria is married to Jack, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wagner of Inglis, Man. Gloria and Jack have two children and live in Brandon. Jack works in a shoe store. Shelley is married to Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yaholnitsky of Yorkton, Sask. They have three children and live at Beausejour, Man. Greg is working in Alberta and Michael is attending school at Esterhazy.

Henry and Eleonora Fatteicher retired from their farm at MacNutt, Sask., to Roblin, Manitoba in the fall of 1957. Although living in Roblin, they were still members of Zorra Lutheran Church. Eleonora was a member of the Roblin Horticultural Society and enjoyed her garden and flowers very much.

Henry's health began to fail in the early 1970's and he went to his eternal rest at Roblin Hospital on March 10, 1979. The funeral service was on March 13, and burial was at Zorra Cemetery.

Eleonora was in ill health in the late 1970's. In May and June of 1981, several weeks were spent in Russell Hospital. In July she had an operation in Yorkton, Sask. She was in and out of hospital and after a hard fight with cancer, God called her home to rest on January 18, 1982. Burial was on January 21, 1982 at Zorra Cemetery.

Henry Faulconer Family

by Henry Faulconer

I, Henry L. Faulconer, was born in Elkhorn, Manitoba in 1895. My parents were Isaac Faulconer and Mary Ann (Harper). At the age of 5, I moved with my family to Grandview, Manitoba. There were 7 children in the family: 3 girls and 4 boys — Nellie, (Mrs. J. Hay) Roblin, Florence, (Mrs. McCorquodale); Jennie, (Mrs. Les Harper); Bob, Frank, Isaac and Henry. Nellie and I are the only ones left in our family.

I received my education at Grandview. At the age of 10 years I moved with my parents to Shortdale, Manitoba, where I worked on the railroad and in sawmills. I worked on the section for 10¢ an hour. In 1917 I joined the army, returning to civilian life in 1918.

I had a homestead in the Shortdale area. We

sold it to Mr. Billie Lang. I married Lily Donahue and moved to Bield, Manitoba, where I farmed on shares with Pete Olsen for 5 years.

I then moved to Shell River Municipality, closer to Roblin. From here I drove the school van to Roblin for 14 years and farmed as well.

At this time my wife became ill and died, leaving me with two little girls to raise, Iris and Esther. The girls grew and attended school in Roblin.

I moved to Kelowna, B.C. and worked in the mills and picked fruit for a few years. I then returned to Manitoba to farm for another 4 years. I worked in the mill as bull-cook for Hans Olsen from 1957 to 1960. I finally gave up farming and van-driving and moved to the outskirts of Roblin for 14 years. My health was not good, so I sold the place and retired to the Roblin Residences in 1978, where I still live today.

Esther married Anton Bakken and Iris married Larry Forcier. They all live at Port Alberni, B.C.

I am a member of the Royal Canadian Legion at Roblin, and I received a Life Membership several years ago.

William Thomas Ferguson Family

by W. L. Ferguson

William Thomas Ferguson was born in Lanark County, Smith Falls, U.S.A. on December 15, 1876. He died on July 21st, 1953 and is buried in the family plot at Togo, Sask. He married Mabel S. Smith in 1905 and she died in May 1940.

Their children were: Bessie Lavina, John David, William Leslie, Robert Smith, Gordon Stewart, Catherine Isabella, James Wesley, Jessie Ellen and Mabel. Bessie Lavina was born in 1906 and married Kenneth McLeod on October 15, 1932. They had four children: Neil, Lorne, Dale and Evangeline.



William Thomas Ferguson and Mabel Stewart Ferguson on their wedding day, in 1904.



John Ferguson of Smith Falls, Ont.

John David, born in 1908, married Jessie A. James. They had four children: Ada Lavina, James Leslie, David and Margaret.

William Leslie, born in 1911, married Roberta Luxton. They had twin sons, Walter Lloyd and Luxton William. (Lucky William drowned on July 1, 1967.)

Robert Smith, born in 1912, had one son, Brian Lee who married Audrey Lorraine Schofield on June 21, 1948.

Gordon Stewart, born in 1914, married Blanche Hazel Bailey. They had four children: Garnet Kenneth, Robert Clifton Allen, Lawrence Gordon and Elizabeth Mabel.

Catherine Isabella, born in 1918, married Ernest William Lord and they had seven children: Edward James, Arthur R., Ronald Wesley (deceased), Margaret Gail, Frances Ruth, Cathy Sadie Lee, and Laura Lynn.

James Wesley, born in 1920, married Esther Margaret Irvine, and they had four children: Sharon Rose, Donna Margaret, Sandra Gail and Christine Mabel. James died in 1973.

Jessie Ellen, born in 1923, married Robert Grant. They had one daughter, Jessie Diane (deceased).

Mabel, born in 1927, died in infancy.

The N.W. quarter of 20-28-29 was homesteaded by Wm. T. Ferguson.

James Chalmers had a log house on his quarter, the S.E. of 20-28-29, and it was here that the Ferguson family lived until they were able to clear some land and construct their own home. Wm. Leslie, the third child, was the first one born on the Ferguson quarter.

When the family first started to clear the homestead they used oxen. They later sold them to family at Kamsack, Sask., and drove them the entire distance of twenty-five miles to that destination.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson had to do other work as well as farm work in order to provide for their ever-increasing family. Dr. G. T. Baker was a Veterinar-

ian at Togo, but farmers in outlying districts in Manitoba required many services. As transportation was by means of horses or mules in the early years, he required assistants. Mr. Ferguson and Mr. E. Bonham were his assistants until transportation by automobile became available.

Mr. Ferguson drove the school van to Makaroff Consolidated school, a distance of twelve miles one way, for eight years during the school term. He also assisted new settlers who had moved in. He cut down trees and hauled them to Togo for firewood. In spite of these extra occupations, Mr. Ferguson always managed to farm with the help of his children, and he also helped neighbors who called upon him to tend to their ailing livestock. In those days, neighbors helped each other and the gatherings of friends and neighbors to help with large projects were called "Bees"; there were building "bees" and quilting "bees" for instance. Because of the lack of refrigeration facilities, there were "Beef Rings" where neighbors would take turns supplying cattle beasts for slaughter. They helped each other with the work and shared the meat. Pork was usually salted and placed in a wooden barrel containing salt brine. Sometimes it was smoked and hung up outside to dry.

The Ferguson family enjoyed the good fellowship and were always part of these activities.

Transportation at this time was by vehicles drawn by oxen, mules or horses and sometimes even one teamed with the other. Logs were hauled to the sawmill and cut into lumber for flooring, doors, roofs, etc., but the major part of the dwellings was built of logs. Roofs were sometimes covered with tar paper over rough lumber. Some people managed to purchase rubber roofing, although some roofs were thatched.

Mrs. Ferguson had knowledge of practical nursing and was very popular in this occupation. She acted as a midwife and was constantly called upon to care for the sick. Some people were even brought to her home. She assisted countless babies into the world.

Mrs. Ferguson always grew a large garden and this provided plenty of food for the family. She experimented in making maple syrup from our Manitoba maple trees. It wasn't too bad but it tasted rather bitter.

In spite of all her work outside of her home she held Sunday School classes in her home for neighbor children as well as her own. The material for the lessons was obtained from the Salvation Army.

Occasionally a pastor would come by train from Roblin to hold church services at the home of Mrs. Ferguson's parents, the Smiths. The Smiths in their retiring years built a house of lumber on the Wm. T. Ferguson farm.

The home and lives of this family was indeed a beehive of activity. Their door was always open to any needy persons and no one went away hungry. The gracious kindness and generous hospitality displayed by Mabel and William Ferguson was a big help in the cultural and religious development of the community and is cheerfully remembered by those who knew them.

Two sons of this family served in World War II.

James Ferguson was Wm. T. Ferguson's brother, and a plasterer by trade. He was very busy with his occupation while the area was being developed. His son, Charles farmed in the area for awhile. He served in both World War I and World War II. He and most of his family reside in Winnipeg.

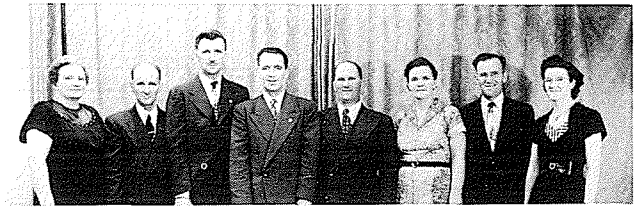
Gordon Ferguson Family by Blanche Ferguson

Gordon Ferguson was born November 1st, 1914, at the family farm in the Makaroff district. There were three sisters and four brothers in the family. He received his education at Makaroff, travelling there by a horse-drawn van. As a teenager he went out working on the farm, and eventually came to Sunny Slope to work on the Bailey farm.



The Smith Family: Back row: L to R. Mabel (Mrs. Stewart Ferguson), Mary (Mrs. Herona Allen), Ella. Front row: David Byers Smith and Catherine (McCormick) Smith.

I (Blanche) was born November 30th, 1914, at the family farm. Thanks to father Bailey's wise thinking I had no problem getting to school as we lived just across the road from Sunny Slope School. My first experience away from home was that of going to Makaroff to a strange school with strange people, to write my entrance exams, sent out by the Department of Education. I attended high school at Roblin, boarding in town during the week. Some-



The William and Mabel Ferguson family: L to R. Bessie Lavina, John David, William Leslie, Robert Smith, Gordon Stewart, Catherine Isabella, James Wesley and Jessie Ellen.

times I came on the morning train on Saturday to Deepdale and walked home from there, then would be driven back to town Sunday night or Monday morning. My plan was to be a teacher, but by the time I was old enough to get into Normal School money wasn't to be had, so I remained on the farm, most of the time doing farm chores.

Gordon and I were married November 11th, 1936. We spent the winter at Angling Lake where Gordon fed and cared for a herd of cattle for father. In the spring we settled in a new home on 14-28-29A, formerly owned by Mr. W. Byce, and was homesteaded by Mr. Strong Byce.

Each winter we moved to the camp on Singush River to care for the stock. Later we worked at Laurier Lake at Plett's Mill in the winter, returning to the farm in the summer. This ended when the children were of school age.

Our family was complete with three boys and a girl: Garnet, Robert, Lawrence and Beth. They attended Sunny Slope School which was two miles away. Their means of travelling were varied. Garnet rode horseback or walked; winter travel was by horse and toboggan. When horses were no longer used, they were driven to school in the morning and walked home at night. There were plenty of chores for them to do when they were old enough to help. By the time Robert and Lawrence were ready for High School, Sunny Slope had joined Intermountain School District. For a few years Gordon had a school route and drove to Roblin with a van in the back of the truck. Then came the school buses. The children were active in curling, Sunday School and C.Y.C.

Power machinery was replacing horse-drawn machinery, and beef cattle took the place of milking cows. The "Law" quarter of land was bought. We were enjoying hydro and telephone services.

We attended church for awhile at Sunny Slope. We then attended Silverwood church which had been closed for a few years and reopened with a Free Methodist Pastor. Gordon was Sunday School Supt. for a few years, then I was given the position which I enjoyed for a number of years. Special days were recognized and we also had many wonderful Christmas programs, with children from three

school districts; Silverwood, Sunny Slope and Hillcrest.

"An angel passed in his onward flight,
With a seed of love and truth and light,
And cried, "O, where shall the seed be sown
That it yield most fruit when fully grown?"
The Saviour heard and He said as He smiled,
"Place it for me in the heart of a child."

Then Silverwood church was closed and we attended a new Free Methodist church in Roblin, as the three pastorates joined together.

After high school, Garnet attended Bible School at Moose Jaw, and there met Olive Farr from Alida, Sask. They were married and six children came to their home. They reside at Carnduff, Sask. where Garnet manages McComb's Automotive Parts.

Robert attended vocational school in Edmonton, taking training in mechanics and welding. Robert and Alice Shiner were married and four children joined them: Melissa, Marvyn, Melora, and Andy. Melora was accidentally killed in a swing accident at the age of three and a half years.

Lawrence left for Bible School at Moose Jaw when he finished high school. There he met Becky Crawford from Portland, Oregon. They were married and are living in Surrey, B.C. with their three children: Cheryl, Deonna, and Timothy. He has worked for the Wright Rope Company since he went there, first as a splicer and now as foreman over a number of men.

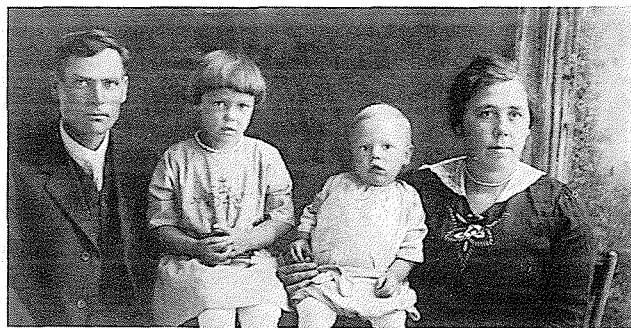
Beth started work at the Royal Bank, Roblin, when she completed her Grade 11, and continues there after a few years off, as she married Will Hojnocki. They live on a farm with their three children: Dwayne, Clair and Rhea.

More land was bought from Jimmie Irvine. Gordon and I are still on the same farm, grain and cattle farming. It's been a good life despite the changing times and happenings in our lives. The question now, is whether "to retire to town or just stay on our farm?"

William Ferguson by Evelyn Ferguson

William Ferguson married Margaret Johnson and they first lived in Langdon, North Dakota. They and their children came to Manitou, Manitoba in 1906 and the following year homesteaded on S.W. 28-27-27 in Merridale. After several years, they went to the Blue Wing district, then to Cromarty and lastly moved into Roblin.

They had two children. Vina, who was about ten years older than her brother, married Norman Paul and they lived in Winnipeg. Two children were born to them, Doreen and Clarence. Vina's brother, Donald was born on April 30, 1903 and was fondly known as "Fergie". He married me, "Gint"



Norman and Vina Paul, with Children Doreen and Clarence



Donald Ferguson Family: Evelyn, Donald, Bonnie, Kelly Keith and Verlyn.

(Evelyn) Kelso on June 23, 1941 and we lived in Roblin. Fergie served in the army from 1942 to 1946 and spent the remainder of his working days on road construction. He died on May 13, 1981.

We raised four children, all of whom attended school in Roblin. Our eldest, Bonnie, married Arnold Langan and they reside in Winnipeg. They have one son, Verlyn. Our second child we named Verlyn. He married Theresa Truffyn and they live in Calgary, Alta. They have a son Wade, and a daughter, Taryn. Next came our twins, Kelly and Keith. Kelly married Phyllis Lestage and they live in Kamloops, B.C. They have two sons, Corey and Kevin. Keith married Monica Penny and they live at Williams Lake, B.C.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ferris Sr. and Family by the family

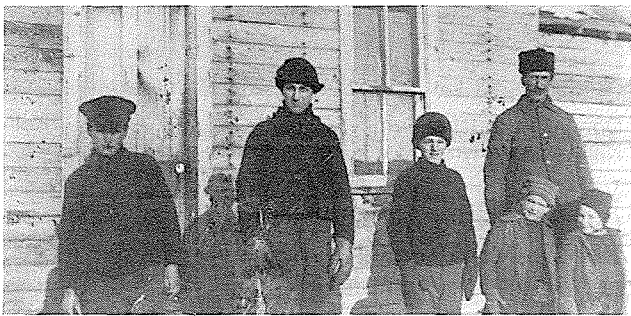
William Ferris was born in 1861 in a small town in Grey County, Owen Sound, Ont. He had four brothers: Joe, Hugh, Sam and Walter, and three sisters: Lizzie, Martha and Beulah.

He married Jennie Drake of Collingwood, Ontario, who was born in 1866.

William or Bill, as he was known to many, and Jennie were blessed with five sons: Britton, Joe, Bill, Jack and Watt.



Mr. and Mrs. William Ferris Sr.



William Ferris and sons: L to R. Joe, Britton, Bill, Jack and Watt.

They arrived in Beaver in 1901, and in 1903 they moved to what is now known as Dropmore to the S.W. ¼ 34-23-29. The boys attended Grainsby School.

Jennie's sister, Martha Drake made her home with the family. The ladies at this time would be seen wearing their long, homemade dresses.

In 1928, when the family was all grown up and on his or her own, William, Jennie and Martha moved to the village of Dropmore. Watt took over the farm. Jennie passed away in 1931. Martha kept the house for William until he passed away in 1937. Martha remained to make her home there until 1942, when at age 85, she passed away.

All are laid to rest in the Dropmore Cemetery.

Henry Britton Ferris

by Myrtle Flett, Angusville, Man.

Britton was born in Bruce County, Ontario on April 11, 1891, and got part of his education there.

In 1902 he moved with his parents west to the



Britton and Annie Ferris.

McGregor district where they farmed. In 1904 he moved to the Rural Municipality of Shellmouth. He married Annie Oaten of Taunton Somerset, England in 1913. They farmed at Dropmore until 1935 when they moved to Dauphin.

Jessie Pope and Annie Oaten came to this country two years before her brother, Jack Oaten, came. Their sister, Bessie, came sometime before Jack but I'm not sure of the dates, two years or so after.

Britton and Annie Ferris had a family of eleven children: Myrtle, Bill, Florence, Arthur, Dorothy, Victor (who was killed overseas in the Dieppe raid), Stanley, Mervyn, Irene, Jean and Joyce, the youngest who were twins.

Mr. Britton Ferris died on June 30, 1953 at the age of 62 years.

Mrs. Annie Ferris still lives in Dauphin, Manitoba.

Joe Ferris and Family

by Mildred Rawlings

Joe Ferris was born in Grey County, Owen Sound, Ontario Aug. 2, 1893. He moved with his parents and brothers to Bagot and later to Dropmore and farmed on section 32-23-29 in the Grainsby district.

On March 5th, 1919, he married Minnie Shearer, who was born July 12th, 1898 at Cut Arm, North West Territories (now the province of Saskatchewan). She moved with her parents to the Castleberry district.

At this time the main means of transportation was by horse and wagon or buggy in the summer and by cutter and sleigh in the wintertime. In later years they owned a Model T Ford car.



Joe and Minnie Ferriss, in 1919.

In the earlier years, Joe could be seen driving Dr. Lee, a doctor from MacNutt, with his team of ponies, Riley and Buster.

Joe was always ready to give his neighbors and friends a helping hand with sick cattle and horses.

Minnie, his wife could be found at home doing housework and many loaves of bread were baked for the family and for the bachelors. When the family was young, she could be found making clothes over, or making them from flour bags.

They raised a family of six, all of whom attended the Grainsby school, until it was closed for a few years. The younger children attended Dropmore, until Grainsby reopened.

Arnold married Vera Shearer and lives on a small farm at Dropmore. He drove the school bus for Intermountain S.D. from 1959 to 1970 (ten and a half years). He is now caretaker of the Dropmore cemetery.

Hazel married George Bernhard. They farmed in the Grainsby district on the S.E. 1/4 30-23-29. George played his accordion in the Dropmore orchestra. They are now retired in their cottage at Madge Lake.

Milly married Jack Rawlings, who served in the Army Service Corps overseas. He belongs to the Inglis Legion and is a Life Member of the Russell Elks Lodge. Jack is now retired from Pool construction and lives in Dropmore. They have a daughter, Sherry, who attends Goose Lake High at Roblin.

Norman married Muriel Robinson of Roblin. They live in Swan River and he drives a transfer. In 1978, he won an award for driving one million miles without an accident, and at that time was driving for Mac Canada Incorporation, Winnipeg. They have a family of four: Brian, Brenda, Patti and

Kevin, Son-in-law, Murray Semeniuk and grandson, Riley.

Laura married Walter Seidlitz. They live in Regina and have a daughter, Pamela. Laura has worked for Sears and Walter presently works as a mechanic for Sears.

Eva married Reinhold Haas. They farm in the Langenburg district. Reinhold is also a councillor, they have a family of six: Karen, Darlene, Greg, Garry, Bonnie and Boyd.

Due to ill health Joe and Minnie retired to the village of Dropmore in 1956. In 1957, Joe passed away after a lengthy illness. Minnie still resides in her little home in the village.

Bill Ferris Family

by Jessie Ferris

Bill Ferris was born April 20, 1895 in Grey County, Ontario, the third son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Ferris.

He came to Beaver, Manitoba with his parents and four brothers; Brittan, Joe and Jack and Walter in 1901.

Two years later the family moved to the farm in Dropmore, Man. He received his education at Grainsby School.

On Dec. 28, 1926, he married Jessie Roberts of Shellmouth, Man. They farmed in the Grainsby district. They had a son, Howard and a daughter, Alyce. Howard married Elizabeth Nixon of Brandon, Man. Alyce married James Johnston of Brandon.

Bill was a veteran of the First World War and was a life member of the Inglis Canadian Legion. He served 21 years as a councillor of the Shellmouth Municipality, 20 years on the Roblin Hospital Board and many years on the Roblin Residences' Board. Bill was a member of the Pool Elevators Association. He attended the Dropmore United Church.

Bill loved his horses and did a lot of driving for the late Frank Clement, buying furs and also for the



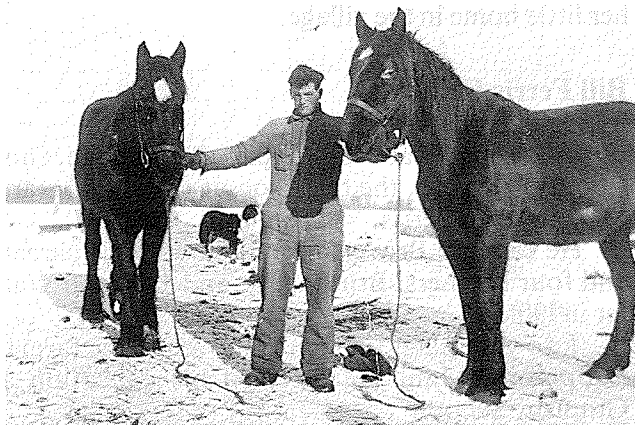
Bill and Jessie Ferris on their 40th.

Soldier Settlement Board representative from Winnipeg.

Bill passed away May 19, 1981, in Brandon General Hospital. Howard and Betty live on the farm and Alyce and Jim live in Brandon. Bill's wife, Jessie lives in Dropmore, Man.

Jack Ferris by Mildred Rawlings

Jack was born on Sept. 30, 1897. He farmed and then ranched in the Assiniboine Valley; he also owned his own transfer for a number of years.



Jack Ferris.

He had to leave his home in the valley when the Shellmouth Dam was put in and the valley was flooded. Then he retired in Roblin where he enjoyed his friends' company and his birthday parties.

Jack loved to dance in his younger years and was a member of the Roblin Elks Lodge.

He passed away at his home and was laid to rest in the Dropmore cemetery in 1975.

Watt Ferris by Mildred Rawlings

Watt was born on Nov. 3, 1900. He farmed the



Watt Ferris with his horses.

S.W. 1/4 34-23-29, the original Ferris farm. In the thirties he and his brother, Jack, took their cattle to Dauphin for a couple of years where feed was more plentiful. The rest of his life was spent on the farm at Dropmore.

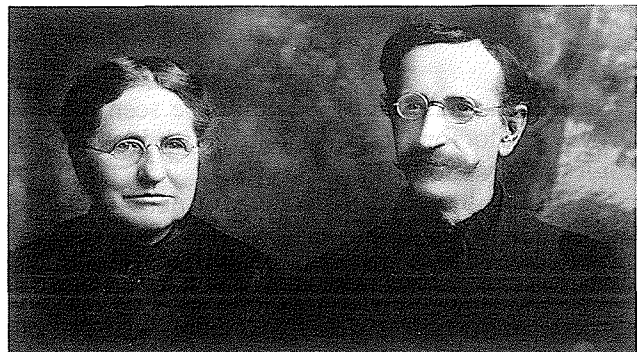
John Flynn made his home and worked for Watt for a number of years until he passed away and was buried at Moosomin, his original home.

In Watt's younger years, he played football, and later curled. He belonged to the Russell Elks Lodge for a number of years.

He passed away in 1968 and was laid to rest in the Dropmore cemetery.

Hugh Ferris

Hugh Ferris was born in 1860, and was a brother



Hugh Ferris and sister Beulah.

of William Ferris Senior. He came from Ontario to make his home on N.E. section 28-23-29 where he farmed for a few years and then, due to ill health, he moved his shack into Dropmore where he made his home. When he couldn't look after himself any longer he lived with his brother Bill and Jennie until his death in 1929 and was buried in the Dropmore cemetery.

Michael and Annie Filewich by Mike and Charlie

Michael Filewich came to Canada from the Ukraine in 1904, an 8 year old boy, with his mother Paraska, older brother Dmytro, sister Annie and

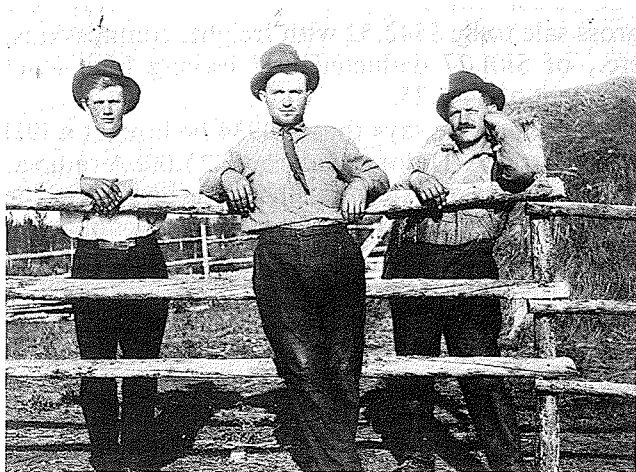


Mike and Annie Filewich's wedding, in 1921.

her husband, Fred Malayny. They arrived at Saltcoats, Sask., and then moved to a farm near Wroxton, Sask. In 1910, Michael came to the Roblin district with his mother and stepfather, Wasyl Dorosh, where they took a homestead on S.W. 31-28-27W, which was 20 miles north-east of Roblin in the area later known as the Timber School District.

Michael, commonly known as Mike, was then 14 years of age and went to work. He got his first job as a hotel porter in Roblin with owner Lou Russell, where he worked for 9 months at \$30.00 per month. Then a friend of his, Sam Zaverzovany, talked him into going to work on the railway at \$2.00 per day. He worked for 2 months but carrying the ties was quite hard for him, so he went to work on a farm for Mr. Moins at Russell, Manitoba. He wanted to be closer to home so he then came back to Roblin and worked for George Spears (who was a Gov't land inspector) on the farm west of Goose Lake. Mike met Tom Robertson in town and he talked him into going back to school. So Mike went back to school at Roblin, with principal Mr. Everall and teacher Mr. Merrell. When asked what grade he had, he said he was in grade 2 at Wroxton, Sask., but being a boy of 15 years, in a couple of days he was promoted to grade 5. He attended school at Roblin for two years, living at Bill Dunlop's place and doing chores for his room and board, such as looking after a team of horses, sawing firewood for the house and helping Mrs. Dunlop turn the washing machine on Saturday. Bill Dunlop was a McCormick Deering Implement dealer in town. Mike says one summer he and Bill's brother, Andy set up 22 land packers and 10 binders before the harvest season.

Then Mike got a job at the C.N. Station in town as a helper to the station agent, Mr. E. G. Deleno at \$35.00 per month. He boarded at Mrs. Waggoner's for \$20.00 a month. He worked at the station for 2



Joe Payjack, Mike Filewich and Dmytro Filewich in 1920.

years under four different station agents: E. B. Deleno, Archie Haren, P. Petrick and Bill Morton. The station was quite active in those days — a passenger train came in the morning from Winnipeg and a passenger train came late in the evening from Saskatoon. There was a local (which was a mixed train i.e. passenger, express and freight) that came from Dauphin on the way to Kamsack, Sask., before noon and a local in the afternoon came from Kamsack to Dauphin and there were also other freight trains. At that time the train engines used to fill up with water from the lake at Roblin, and he remembers one day five engines were lined up for water. In those days the station was lit up with kerosene lamps and this was one of his jobs — to clean these lamps and fill them with kerosene. He remembers John Mitchell who was the first of the farmers with a gas tractor. He used to get his supply of 5 barrels of gasoline at a time by the train. In those days you worked longer than 8 hours a day, but Mike says he still had time to go and play pool when off duty. He was transferred to Winnipeg but this was during the First World War and as he was classed as an Austrian citizen at that time, he was not accepted for the job. He joined the army and spent one week at Minto Barracks and two weeks at Camp Shilo and again was let go because of alien citizenship.

He returned to Roblin and worked for C. H. Burns' Hardware store (which was located on the corner where the Royal Bank is now). Later he worked at Joe Dunlop's hardware (presently Dietrich's T.V. store). He also worked for awhile in the first Co-op store (the present Co-op drugstore building), which was organized and managed by a school teacher (Mr. Michayluk) at that time. The other general stores in Roblin at the time were: Kulberg's, Goldman's, Schrieber's, Gill's, Mitchell's Drugstore and Heming's Jewellery. There were two doctors in town at that time, Dr. Grant and Dr. Coppinger.

After the First World War farming was booming and sounded very lucrative, so Mike bought a prize team of black mares for \$600.00 from Art Williamson (who operated a livery barn and later an auction barn) and he bought a new wagon and grain box and was ready to leave town life and venture into farming with his mother and stepfather in the Timber district. Mike recalls that when he drove up with this new team in front of the boarding house where he stayed to load up his belongings, he let a friend of his hold the team while he went into the house. When he came out the friend and his team of horses were gone. A train had come by and the whistle had scared the horses and they ran away, breaking the wagon and harness, so he had to stay over for a couple of days to make repairs. Then he

left for the farm, with a few more friends coming along to help handle the horses. They were a very lively and boisterous team of horses and you always had to hold them or they would run away if the lines were dropped or let go.

While living out at the farm, Mike met Annie Holowaty (daughter of Filimon and Barbara Holowaty) and they were married on November 7, 1921, at the Shell River Sacred Heart Ukrainian Catholic Church. (Mr. Holowaty was the carpenter building the church.) Mike and Annie had four children: Charlie, born in 1922; Polly, born in 1924; Mary, born in 1932; and Joe, born February 24, 1944.

As a young married couple they took over the management of the farm from his parents with the parents living with them. They broke the 160 acre farm by hand and horses. Mike and Annie always worked together and Annie would help out in the field, haying, stooking, milking cows or working in the garden. (They liked working together.)



Mike Filewich's mother, an early pioneer woman.

Mike, being one of the youngest pioneer farmers in the district, and having some formal education and business experience, was usually called upon in the district for his services. In the early 1920's he served as Councillor for Ward I in the Rural Municipality of Hillsburg. He served during a term of three Reeves namely: C. H. Sorbo, Walter Graham and Charlie Williams, and the Secretary-treas. was James E. Baine at that time. Then from 1953 to 1959 Mike served as reeve of the R.M. of Hillsburg and his son, Charlie was the Sec.-treas.

Mike served as secretary-treas. to the Northcliffe School District as well as on the church board. He was a member of the Rural Credit at that time and he was also appointed on January 3, 1922 as a commissioner of oaths to serve the pioneers in the district with regard to certain legal matters, as it was difficult for some people to travel to town in those days. He was charter member of the Manitoba Pool Elevators No. 1 which was the first one in Manitoba. In those days, and in that area, farmers were all one quarter section farmers, and machinery was not

plentiful and harvesting some years lasted until Christmas time. In 1921, Mike was one of the key members to form a syndicate of seven with his brother Dmytro and neighbours Peter Solotwinski, Sam Hawryschuk, Prokop Yasinsky, Joe Payjack and Nick Dzumaga. They bought a new George White steam engine and threshing machine for \$5,180.00 to do the threshing in the district. He still has a statement of expenditure from the year 1922 for a threshing run of 22 days costing \$1,275.05 (mostly labor). He remembers some years when crops in stooks were snowed under and they threshed one year right up to Christmas time.

With all the work they still found time for sports and Mike has a record book listing all the members of the Timber ball team of 1925 showing where all paid a membership of 25¢ each. As treasurer of the club he has a record of the 1933 baseball season of his club where it shows a total income of \$18.10 and expenditures of \$12.85 for bats, balls and tape and ending the season with a balance of \$5.25 cash on hand.

Mike and Annie enjoyed country life and expanded their mixed farming operation from 160 acres to a 480 acre farm, which took about 20 years to acquire. They broke the land first by manpower, axe and grub-hoe, then with horses, and in the end by tractor power. They operated a mixed farm of about 60 head of cattle and milked 25 cows some summers in the 1930's, of which operation Annie carried out the greatest share with the children helping. They shipped cream to Dauphin before the Roblin Creamery was built and for a good number of years George Prier, one of the first truckers in the district, used to pick up the cream in cans from the farmers twice a week, and for 25¢ a can he would haul the cream to Dauphin and bring the empties back as well as everyone's mail from town. During the 30's Mike shipped several car loads of cattle and he still has the shipping bill for a carload of 29 head that he sold on October 23, 1935, which shows the gross sale to be \$542.52 with freight, commissions, etc., of \$101.27 deducted and leaving him a net payment of \$441.25.

Of course he says that in 1934 he bought a 1931 Ford Model A Tudor Sedan for \$425.00. A radio at that time was a luxury but that year he bought the first radio in that district from F. A. Heming at a price of \$68.00 which included an aerial strung out across the whole farm yard.

Along with the farm operation Mike and Annie (later with children helping) operated a general store which they started in 1922 from the pantry of their house. They always joked about when Bill Ward, who was the Member of Parliament at that time, called on them and they showed him the store. He said it was the smallest store he was ever in,

where the storekeeper had to come out for the customer to go in, but in a year's time they had the store in a separate building and developed it into a very servicable store for the district. They handled groceries, dry goods, work clothes, shoes and hardware such as all sizes of nails, 140 different sizes and types of bolts, all farm tools of the day such as forks, shovels, axes, wrenches and harness repairs, as well as patent medicines of the day. The store being in a district close to hunting and fishing, they carried guns, shells and fishing equipment. One summer Mrs. Filewich even sewed baseball uniforms of white denim with blue trim, for the whole Timber ball team and several uniforms for Merridale players. In the early days trading was a "must" so Mike bought furs, hides, seneca roots, eggs and butter. He had to be a credit manager and must have been successful as their store was in operation until 1950, just before they decided to move to town.

With a growing family, Mike and Annie did their best to give their children an education even though the children would have been of great help in the farming and store operation. They sent their son, Charlie and daughter, Polly to each take 4 years of high school in Roblin and then sent Polly to United College and Charlie to the University of Manitoba.

In October, 1939 Mike and Annie had an auction sale (Art Williamson was the auctioneer) and they sold their cattle and most of the equipment with the intention of going to look for a business in some town. However the Second World War developed and they decided to stay on the farm. They bought machinery again and some cattle. Since they had less livestock for the winter, Mike and son, Charlie spent several winters logging and sawing lumber with the intention to completely rebuild the farmyard. Mike was always interested in road improvements, postal service, telephones and then hydro for the rural areas as these would improve the social quality of rural life. However, since these services did not seem to be coming fast enough to their farm and, having a good supply of lumber on hand, Mike and Annie decided in 1948 to buy 2½ lots in the Town of Roblin from Bob Lawrence for \$500.00 and over a period of two years they built a house that was ready to move into in the fall of 1950. This worked out well and they moved the family into the house in town as daughter, Polly, who was by now a school teacher (starting at Grand Narrows, then Timber, then Sunny Slope). She was teaching at Roblin and daughter, Mary and son, Joe were now able to attend school in town. They would stay on the farm and just come to town for the winter months.

On August 6, 1950 daughter, Polly, got married to Peter Basaraba and they moved to Fort Frances,

Ontario. In 1952 Charlie married Helen Shwaykoski and they lived for 5 years with them, helping with the farm work as well being employed as Secretary-treasurer for the R.M. of Hillsburg since 1953 and for R.M. of Shell River as well since 1968. His wife Helen was employed as assistant.

Daughter Mary worked at Harvey's Store, and then the Roblin Trading Store and then as Secretary for the Dept. of Agriculture. In 1965 she got married to Omar Ouelette who was the Roblin Credit Union Manager and later they moved to Winnipeg.

On February 22, 1969 son, Joe, married Janet Hrynkiw. Besides helping on the farm, he has a full time job as meat manager for the Parkway Co-op at Roblin.

Since about 1958 Mike and Annie moved to town completely and farmed by driving out to the farm and doing grain farming only, with sons Charlie and Joe helping with the main operations such as seeding, summer fallow and combining.

Annie kept herself busy by boarding school teachers for several years after they moved to town and at all times she liked to have a good sized garden to work in and also enjoyed growing flowers and had the pleasure of receiving numerous awards for her yard and flowers.

Mike and Annie farmed actively until 1978 and then turned their farms over to their children. On



Mike and Annie Filewich's 60th Anniversary (taken on Nov. 7th, 1981).

Nov. 7, 1981 Mike and Annie celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

When they moved to Roblin Mike and Annie were members of the St. Vladimirs' Holy Redeemer Ukrainian Catholic parish.

After about a year of ill health Annie passed away in December, 1983, bringing an end to 62 years of wonderful partnership.

Mike however has the consolation of his family visiting him from time to time — that is: son, Charlie and wife, Helen of Roblin, with grandchildren

Carol Ann and Laurie of Winnipeg; Allan and wife, Marilyn of Saskatoon; Marcia and husband, Greg Bialobzysky and great-grandchildren Alexis, Andrew and Allison, of Vegreville, Alberta; son Joe and wife Janet, with grandchildren Jamie and Julie, of Roblin; daughter Polly and husband Peter Basaraba and grandchildren Patty, Allan and wife, Laurel, all of Fort Frances, Ontario; daughter Mary and husband Omar Ouellette and grandchildren Gerry, Dean, Jo-Ann and Yvonne all of Winnipeg.

Charles and Helen Filewich Family by Charles Filewich

I, Charlie was born on November 26, 1922, on the farm (SW of 31-28-27W), in the Rural Municipality of Hillsburg, a son of Mike and Annie Filewich. I attended the Timber school from grade 1 to 8, then Goose Lake High school at Roblin from grade 9 to 12. I then attended the University of Manitoba for 2 years, and also took a course in auctioneering at Mason City, Iowa in 1946. When not attending school I worked on the farm with my parents and for several winters helped by dad cut logs in the Duck Mountain.

I recall that country life in the 1930's was full of participation as I had to walk 2½ miles to Timber school and sometimes twice as far if I took off after a rabbit or squirrel or a bird that seemed to tease young children by waiting until they got close and then took off again. Then when I came home from school there were chores to do such as to bring a pail of water and fire wood into the house, get the cattle home and milk a couple of cows, maybe feed the chickens and so on. When I was older there were jobs like stooking, haying, etc. to do. I was allowed to stay at home from school the day that the potatoes were dug and the rest of the garden was harvested.

In the country school everyone had to take part in all activities. If it was the Christmas concert those who could act were in a play or recitation, while others would sing or be in some drill. The stronger students got the Christmas tree and nailed the stage together from planks delivered by one of the parents; then some had the job of operating the curtains (which was a collection of bed spreads hung on stove pipe wire).

Sports equipment consisted of one soccer ball, 2 bats and a ball and someone was always in charge of this equipment to make sure it was ready when needed. The teacher usually appointed the 2 captains to choose the teams and everyone played. In the winter time soccer was the popular game and baseball in the summer. About twice a year the school team would challenge the neighbouring school (i.e. Northcliffe or Merridale) for a game. Such a game would be played on Friday afternoons



Mary, Charlie, Mike Filewich, Joe Filewich, Polly and Annie Filewich.

as we had to walk about six miles from one school to another.

One teacher at Timber school who deserves mentioning is Victoria Nowosad (now Mrs. V. Semchych) who inspired not only the school children but the whole community by her organization of a lot of extra-curricular activities such as teaching handicrafts, knitting, sewing, public speaking, debating, and concert performances. She also showed leadership in co-operation by organizing hot lunches in the school during winter months, where everyone took turns bringing milk, vegetables, etc. and the children made hot cocoa and vegetable soup for lunch.

After completing grade 8 at Timber, I attended High school at Roblin. My sister, Polly and I stayed at Grandmother's (Barbara Holowaty's) place with two young aunts, Tina and Nettie, who were also attending the same school. So there was always competition as to who would get the best marks in school. I found school work challenging and interesting and got along well with the students and teachers (one of my favourites being Fred Gilbert who was also a sports story writer). In my last year of high school I was elected President of the Student Council. Sports were my second great interest and I would not miss any skating or hockey during the winter and in the summer I loved to play baseball at school during lunch hour. I would rather play ball than go to eat. I played later on the Timber, Shell Valley, Lucky Aces, and the Roblin baseball teams.

After attending the University of Manitoba for 2 years, I was back on the farm because of the tight financial situation due to a couple of poor harvests and the cost of building a house in town. I stayed to help with the house construction.

In 1950 when I was living in my parents' house in town I met Helen Shwaykowski a daughter of Alex and Annie Shwaykowski who was employed by Manitoba Telephones as a telephone operator. Helen was born on July 6, 1924, in the R.M. of Shell

River, but her parents later moved to Hillsburg and Helen attended the Winona school and then completed a hairdressing course at the Scientific Beauty School. Later she worked in an airplane factory at Ft. William, Ontario, then at Woodward's in Vancouver, B.C. She returned to Roblin to live with her parents who had retired and moved into town. She worked for the Roblin Trading Co. and then as a telephone operator in the Roblin office.

On July 22, 1952, Helen and I were married and continued living in Roblin, raising a family of three daughters; Carol, Marcia, and Laurie, and one son, Allan.

On January 1st, 1953 I was employed as Secretary-treasurer for the Rural Municipality of Hillsburg for a salary of \$140.00 per month and allowed to farm on condition that my wife, Helen attend the office. This helped to pay off the 1952 Pontiac, our first car, which had been bought on payments; \$100.00 would go for the car payment and we had \$40.00 to spend. By the way we had no rent to pay as we lived with my parents for five years and then five years with Helen's mother which gave us a chance to save for a house which we built in 1965 and are still living in it. Life for Helen and I has been enjoyable, interesting, and exciting as we always found it enjoyable to work with the public and always have had so many friends around us.

I, Charlie recall the early years with the R.M. of Hillsburg when the office was in the block above the pool room and Dr. Ed Otke's office was across the hall; then down the hall was Leaven's Insurance. Dr. Wm. Kobewka, a dentist; Dr. J. Smart, Vet; Al Romanyk, V.L.A.; the Agricultural Office with Ed Sommers, then Cam Brown, and then Harold Boughton; also the Health Inspector's office with Frank Price. It was a newly constructed block with all young men starting out on their careers with one thing in common — they had a lot to learn and helping one another seemed to be the best way to start. When Dr. Otke or anyone from the block had to venture out in the country in the winter on snow-drifted roads, there would always be a couple of offices ready to close their doors, take their shovels and be company for the trip; then they would all meet at the Cabana Grill (Truffyn's Cafe) for coffee.

Then there were those years when the Chamber of Commerce would decorate the mainstreet with spruce trees and make arches from spruce boughs, and later there would be the Santa Claus parade with animal costumes rented from Mallabars'. I, Charlie was in charge of these and recall that the only problem we had was that whoever was in the back end of the animal costume for one year would not take it again!

I continued to farm and Helen would look after

the office during the day while I was at the farm. I took the children with me to be looked after by Grandma Filewich. Farming wasn't exactly bringing in bags of money but it was a good experience and kept us in touch with our fellow ratepayers.

Having the interest in the well-being of my fellow men, I was always interested in politics, and after being a secretary for the local Liberal Party organization, took part in the nominations in 1958 and 1962, and became the Liberal candidate in the 1962 Provincial Election which I lost to Keith Alexander (Progressive Conservative) by approximately 400 votes, 2200 to 1800.

For 15 years or so I was the active local auctioneer, with my wife, Helen acting as clerk at sales, and with my Dad, Mike helping. We handled at least a couple of hundred farm, livestock and household, auction sales in the Roblin area (operating as far north as Runnymede, south to Shellmouth, west to Calder and east to Dauphin). I was the first to operate with a P.A. System run off the 1952 Pontiac car, and was the first auctioneer to advertise over CKDM radio by taking out at least 100 spots per season at \$1.00 a spot.

I, Charlie also served as clerk of the Roblin County Court in the 1950's and 1960's, until the courts were centralized in the town of Dauphin.

On July 1st, 1968, I took the position of Secretary-treasurer for the Rural Municipality of Shell River as well as Secretary-treasurer for the R.M. of Hillsburg with my wife hired as assistant. Later Eleanor Nykolaishyn (née Holovach) was added to the staff of the joint offices. At this time, due to the demand of the joint office, I gave up auctioneering and active farming, and the position of school trustee on the Intermountain S.D. #36 of which I had been a member since 1962.

Helen, besides working in the office and bringing up a family of four children for whom she enjoyed sewing most of their clothing, also served as a 4-H leader for seven years, and was a member of the Evangeline Rebekah Lodge for 14 years.

Helen and I were members of the Roblin Square Dance Club for some time, and also enjoyed curling and for a good number of years were members of the Roblin Curling Club. I was a charter member of the Roblin Elks Lodge, a charter member of the Roblin Lions' Club, as well as a charter member of the Roblin Golf Club.

Helen and I are active members of the St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Catholic Church at Roblin as well as associate members of the St. John's Ukrainian Church of Roblin.

Our family is now grown up and each one has started out on her or his own career as follows:

Carol Ann was born on October 6, 1953, and attended school at Roblin from grades 1 to 12. She

Allan was born on March 26, 1957, and attended school at Roblin in grades 1 to 9 and 11, as well as St. Vladimir's College for grades 10 and 12. He then

All of our children loved sports and participated in figure skating, hockey and swimming, as well as Ukrainian dancing. They enjoy their visits to Roblin, meeting their friends, as well as to going for

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Hay <u>14</u> bales @ <u>1.15</u> Chop <u>1/2</u> bags @ <u>1.95</u> <small>ANY OTHER CHARGES INCLUDED HEREIN IN FULL</small>			
Shipper's Expense and Commission			
Selling Commission			
Pro Rating			
Local Insurance Fund			
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Shipping Cost per car 14.52

TOTAL CHARGES 98.76

Net Settlement 1441.55

Advance 14.12

926.73

Statement of Threshing 1922		Exp.	Lab.	Grand
J. Gurewansky Engine @ 6 ⁰⁰	12	32	00	132 00
M. Solotwinski Team " 4 ⁵⁰	21	94	50	
D. Filwich tank & strawman " 7 ⁰⁰	22	154	00	
M. Filwich Separatorman " 4 ⁰⁰	24	96	00	
" " with team " 6 ⁰⁰	2	12	00	
J. Jasowski stock team " " 18 1/2	111	00	111 00	
A. Karyshchuk " " " 17 1/2	104	00		
" " team only " 2 ⁰⁰	1 1/2	3 00		
W. Holowaty stock team " 6 ⁰⁰	17 1/2	103 50		
M. Dzurnaga " " " 16 1/2	98	00		
" " " only " 3 ⁰⁰	1 1/2	3 00		
P. Yasinowski " " " 6 ⁰⁰	15 1/2	96 00		
" " " " 1 ⁰⁰	1 1/2	2 50		
J. Bohajek " " 6 ⁰⁰	14 1/2	87 00		
M. Shumyhora Pitcher " 4 ⁰⁰	9	36 00	36 00	
F. Malany " " 7 1/2	30 00	30 00		
J. Andronyk 12 1/2 @ 4 ⁰⁰ 5 days @ 3 ⁰⁰	7 1/2	25 00	25 00	
H. Chie Pitcher @ 4 ⁰⁰	4 1/2	18 00	18 00	
E. Huchkouski " " 3 ⁰⁰	5	15 00	15 00	
M. Malany stock team " 6 ⁰⁰	1/2	2 00	3 00	
Fixtures and oil		123 50	370 00	
Boiler Inspector fee		5 10	5 10	
Rifle & Elbow for Engine		70	70	
Steam roll clamp for Dress & flr. Clams		1 50	1 50	
Robin House Co. fixtures		20 50	20 50	
C. H. Durron. oil		18 30	18 30	
M. Solotwinski. Oil & Bolt & L. glass		1 15	1 15	
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		4 50	4 50	
		1275 05	422 05	

a swim with their Mother or going for a round of golf with Dad.

Helen and I have spent 32 years in municipal service. We have enjoyed every bit of it and have many fond memories. We have worked with several reeves, namely: Mike Filewich (Dad), Ivan Ellis and John Perchaluk, Jr. in the R.M. of Hillsburg and with Howard Wilson and Mervyn Mickelson in the R.M. of Shell River; and as well all the councillors who served throughout those years whose comradeship we will always treasure. We found that members of Council were always willing to serve their fellow men and had the ability to respond to the priority of demands. After the war the priority in the rural municipalities was the demand for good roads, so the Hillsburg council purchased road building equipment in 1949, i.e. a D6 Cat with dozer, a scraper, and grader at a cost of \$20,000.00 for the outfit. They continued up-grading the equipment to the present Cat 140 G motor, grader with snow plow which cost over \$220,000.00.

The municipalities provided leadership in the organization of bringing hydro and telephone service to the rural areas. In the field of agriculture they provided further leadership by working closely with the local representative of Agriculture in establishing joint ventures such as the formation of one of the first Veterinary Services District in the Province. Hillsburg, Shell River and Shellmouth municipalities formed the Roblin Veterinary Services District in 1959. Then the Roblin Weed Control District was formed in 1978. The Roblin Planning District was organized in 1983 by the Town of Roblin and R.M. of Shell River.

In the Recreational and Social Services, the Town of Roblin, with the Municipality of Shell River and Hillsburg jointly acquired the Fair grounds, constructed the Roblin Arena, later the Swimming Pool (jointly with the Kinsmen), and formed the Recreation District to operate these.

The local governments were prepared and ready to face certain disasters and to overcome jointly such difficulties as the 1961 drought when the municipalities took upon themselves to erect a floating bridge over the Carrot River west of The Pas. This was constructed to move units of equipment and men in order to harvest enough hay for the farmers in this area. The hay was delivered to each farmer (with Provincial assistance for transportation) at a cost of \$17.50 per ton. This saved the livestock industry in this area. Harold Boughton (the local Ag. Rep) and I helped to nail planks on that bridge and witnessed the first truck crossing it on to the Pasqua hay meadow, which was the only area with enough moisture to grow hay that summer.

People have asked me how I have managed all

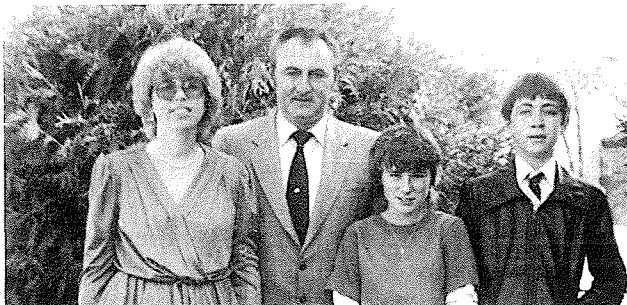
these operations at one time, such as the municipal office, farming, auctioneering, county court clerk, politics, school trustee and time to talk with everyone. The answer is family teamwork. The whole family pitched in whenever help was required. My Dad, Mike would help to rewrite the tax rolls, sister Mary did most of the typing in the evenings when she was off duty from the Ag. Rep's office and brother Joe would be sent out to post the necessary election posters; my mother and Helen's Mother would baby sit when Helen and I had to work at the office late at night (or an odd time, all night) to keep up with the work load. Later, when the children were old enough, they would help with such jobs as tax notices — addressing, sorting and mailing and so on.

As long as the same trust and co-operation prevails amongst the families and the citizens of this country of ours everyone will enjoy a successful future that God has in store for us.

Joe and Janet Filewich Family by Janet

Joe Filewich, son of Mike and Annie Filewich was born on his father's homestead in the Timber district in the R.M. of Hillsburg on February 24, 1944. As a small child Joe often watched his elders at work and one day he told his Mom he was going to go and chop some wood. Joe chopped down all but two of Annie's newly planted maple trees around the farm house. These two trees grew to be huge maples and are still there today.

In 1949, Mike and Annie built their home in



Janet, Joe, Julie and Jamie Filewich.

Roblin on Third Avenue across from the Goose Lake Elementary School. In 1950 Joe started school. He lived in the Filewich home with his brother and sisters, who were also going to school and working. His first teacher in 1950 was Miss Kelso (now Mrs. Kines) and his first friends were Bob Cross and Tom Bowley. From grade five to grade eight Joe went to school at Goose Lake Junior High on Fifth Avenue, where our new Fire Hall now stands. This school was destroyed by fire in the

early seventies. Joe then attended the new Goose Lake High School on Hospital Street. In his high school days Joe was very active in sports. He played hockey, and curled, and also worked part-time at the Co-op Store in Roblin. This was Joe's first employment and he recalls, at the age of fourteen, delivering 100 lb. bags of sugar and bags of groceries with his bicycle.

In 1965 Joe decided to work full time for the Co-op store and farm part-time. In 1968, Joe met Janet Hrynkiw of the Postup district and they were married on February 22, 1969. Joe found a place for them to rent and continued to work for the Co-op store. Soon afterwards their daughter Julie was born and two years later, James was born. We are expecting an addition to our family in September, 1985.

After three years of renting, Joe decided to buy a home and in 1972 Joe purchased a home from Peter Gaber. After buying this home Joe spent a lot of time remodelling and improving it and the home grounds. In 1975 the Roblin Horticultural Society presented Joe and Janet with the F. L. Skinner Trophy for the best Urban Home Grounds.

In 1971, after working for many years in the produce department, Joe then took a course and became the meat cutter for the Parkway Co-op. In 1982 he was presented with a meat manager's plaque in recognition of his management skills in the meat department. As of 1985, he has put in twenty years of full-time service to the Parkway Co-op.

The years have gone by and it is pleasing to Joe and Janet to have their children attend Goose Lake High and to be taught by a teacher, Mike Styba, who once taught Joe.

Joe is a very active family man. He likes to work in the garden in the summer, ice fish in the winter and hunt in the fall. Roblin has been Joe's home for forty-one years and he is looking forward to spending many more years here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Trueman Fillemore by Muriel Dixon

Charlie Trueman Fillemore was born in Lower Sackville, New Brunswick on February 10, 1885. He married Mary Elizabeth Reid from Melita, Manitoba who was born on March 16, 1893. They were married in Makaroff United Church on December 13, 1911. They farmed in the Makaroff, Deepdale and Bield districts until they moved up to the Grand Narrows district in 1932. Charlie still farmed and drove school van to Makaroff most of his life. Then in 1947 they moved up to Shining Bank, Alberta where he farmed up until his death on March 8th, 1953, in Edmonton, Alberta.

Mary Fillemore is in her 91st year. At the present

time she is living in the Parkland Lodge in Edson, Alberta.

They raised eleven children, who are as follows: Mildred Pearl, Viola, Walter Samuel, Christina Carol, Mabel Myrtle, Muriel Iris, Edward Charles, Helen Vera, Joan Trueman and June Reid (twins), and Wilma Isabel.

Mildred Pearl was born on Oct. 29th, 1912, in the Shell River Municipality. She married Neil Francis Carroll, who was born on July 26th, 1907, in Rapid City, Manitoba. They were married in an Anglican Church in Winnipeg on Jan. 1st, 1935. Neil was a brakeman on the C.N.R. all of his married life. Neil died on June 28, 1981. Mildred, in her later years taught kindergarten in her own home for several years. When they took kindergartens out of homes, she worked in a day care centre until her retirement. They had three children: Patricia Frances, Kenneth Wayne and Donald Frank.

Patricia was born on Jan. 30, 1936, in Grace Hospital, Winnipeg, Manitoba. She married Jack Kolisynk on Sept. 19th, 1959. They had no family.

Kenneth Wayne, born on Aug. 28, 1939, in Grace Hospital, married Dawn Pollen in June, 1960, in Westminster Church in Winnipeg. They had one son, Kevin Grant, who was born on May 28th, 1961. They were divorced in 1963. Kenneth married Bernice De Vito of Vancouver, B.C. on Oct. 7th, 1966. Two daughters were born: Tia Patricia on Jan. 13, 1969, in Vancouver, B.C. and Amber Maria on June 3rd, 1970, in Vancouver, B.C. They now live at Prince George, B.C.

Donald Frank, born Sept. 28, 1948 in Victoria Hospital is still single and lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Viola Fillemore was born Oct. 26, 1914 in Winnipeg. She married Leo Longbottom from Winnipeg. They had 2 children, Sharon, and David.

Sharon, born March 11, 1941, married Eddy Glutting on June 3rd, 1961. They had two children, Patsy and Lynn.

David married twice. He and his first wife, Barbara had two girls, Lisa and Janice. His second wife had two girls.

Walter Samuel Fillemore was born on March 16, 1917, and died March 16, 1930.

Christina Carol Fillemore was born on Dec. 25, 1919, in Winnipeg, Manitoba. She married Fred Wilcott, who was born Sept. 4, 1911, at Alida, Saskatchewan. They were married April 27, 1938 at Roblin, Manitoba. They had three children: Eva, Melvin and Valerie.

Eva Wilcott was born on March 15, 1940, in Alvin McKnight's house near Grand Narrows. She married Leo Boiteau on July 14th, 1956. They have three children: Brian, Donna and Guy.

Melvin was born on March 13, 1944, in Win-

nipeg, Manitoba. He died on May 19, 1969, at the age of 25 years.

Valerie was born October 4, 1961 in Pine Falls Hospital, Manitoba, and still lives at Pine Falls.

Christina and Fred Wilcott farmed in the Grand Narrows district on the Alvin McKnight and Hoffard farms until they moved to Pine Falls in 1953, where Fred worked in the pulp mill until he retired. He also farmed a little. At the present time Fred is in the St. George Rehabilitation Centre.

Mabel Myrtle Fillemore was born on Oct. 18, 1921, in the Shell River Municipality near Deepdale. She married Howard Arthur Scott (born on Jan. 6, 1915 at Deloraine, Manitoba) on September 24th, 1963. Mabel joined the army in 1939. After the war she worked in a drug store on River Ave. in Winnipeg, until she married Howard. At the present time they are both caretaking an apartment block.

Muriel Iris Fillemore was born on Nov. 20, 1923, and married Norman Murner Dixon, who was born March 6, 1916. They were married in Roblin, Manitoba on August 26, 1942. They had three children: Maynard, Keith and Lyle.

Maynard David was born on Sept. 1, 1942 in Russell Hospital, and he married Darlene Airriess of Togo, Saskatchewan, who was born on Nov. 20, 1955. They were married on Oct. 7th, 1972, separated in 1982 and divorced in 1984. They had no family. Maynard took an auto-mechanic's course from the United States while he was in Grade 9 at Makaroff. He still continued the course while he attended Roblin High School. After he finished school at Roblin, he went to Edmonton for a six-week course. He then spent five years in Winnipeg, training and working for his "papers". In 1968 he bought Dale Olson's garage in Togo, Saskatchewan and started a mechanic's shop. It burned down on October 4, 1974. At the present time he is farming near Togo, Saskatchewan.

Keith Murner was born on Sept. 30, 1946 in Russell Hospital. He met Elizabeth Pertteli (born on March 30, 1946) from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. She has one daughter, Karri Ann Pertteli, born on Oct. 19, 1976. Keith and Elizabeth are presently living together.

Lyle Ronald was born on July 15, 1948 in the Laurie residence in Roblin and he married Lorraine Paradis, who was born on Dec. 13, 1954. They were married on April 24, 1971 in Roblin, Manitoba. They have two children: Laurie Ann, born on Oct. 15, 1971 in Roblin, and Corie, born on Oct. 20, 1973 at Swan River, Manitoba. Lyle and Keith farm together in the Grand Narrows and Silverwood districts.

Eddy Charlie Fillemore was born on May 28, 1926 in the Shell River Municipality. He is single and farms in the Shining Bank area in Alberta.

Helen Vera Fillemore was born on Dec. 12, 1929 in the Municipality of Shell River, near Makaroff, Manitoba. She married Harvey Armistead, who was born in Treherne, Manitoba on Jan. 2nd, 1927. They were married on Jan. 31, 1949 at his father's home. They had two daughters: Barbara, born in Winnipeg on July 22, 1947, and Bernice, born in Roblin on April 8th, 1951. Bernice married Bob Harper from Edmonton on May 4th, 1971. They have two children: Glen, born on Dec. 11, 1973, and Melis, born on April 7, 1975. Harvey and Helen lived in Manitoba for the first eight years of their married life, then moved to Alberta. They took up residence in Edmonton, where they are still living.

Joan Trueman Fillemore (a twin) was born on May 7, 1933 in the Shell River Municipality near Makaroff, Manitoba. She married Walter Samuel Paul in 1951 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They had four children: Lorna E., Calvin J., Victor and Vinton (twins).

Lorna Paul was born in 1952 in Regina, Saskatchewan, and married Robert T. Ridley, who was born in 1946 in Herbert, Saskatchewan. They were married at Herbert in 1975. They have one son, Jory, born in 1982.

Calvin J. Paul (born in Regina, Saskatchewan in 1956) married Lori Jane Barsi, who was born in 1959. They were married on April 21st, 1984 at Kennedy, Saskatchewan.

Victor and Vinton Paul (twins) were born in Regina, Saskatchewan in 1964.

June Reid Fillemore (a twin) was born on May 7, 1933 in the Shell River Municipality near Makaroff, Manitoba. She married Vernon Chester Nordvedt, who was born on March 17, 1928. They were married on Sept. 22, 1961. They have four children: Donna, Mary, Brian and Norman.

Donna June Fillemore born on Aug. 14, 1954, married Rickie Raymond Joseph Shank on April 19, 1980. Rickie was born July 3, 1953. They have one son, Ryan Raymond, born on July 21, 1983.

A daughter, Mary Selma Nordvedt, born on Oct. 17, 1962 in Edson, Alberta, is still single.

Brian Vernon Nordvedt, born on Jan. 6th, 1964, is still single, and lives in Edmonton, Alberta.

Norman Chester Nordvedt, born Sept. 8, 1969, is single and also lives in Edmonton, Alberta.

Wilma Isabel Fillemore was born on Aug. 9, 1934 near Makaroff, in the Shell River Municipality. Wilma worked in Quebec for quite a long time and is presently working in Edmonton, Alberta. She is still single.

Oscar and Eva Fingas by Eva

Eva McIntyre, daughter of Whitney and Mary McIntyre, was born at Roblin and she attended

school in Roblin. She completed her education in Winnipeg and later taught school in the Inglis area, retiring from the teaching profession in 1973. In 1941 she married a local farmer, Oscar Fingas, and they lived their entire married life on the same farm east of Inglis, retiring to Russell, Manitoba in 1974.

They have one child, a daughter, Karen, who is presently residing in Edmonton and is working as a Co-Ordinator of Settlement Services for the province of Alberta. She is a graduate of Brandon University (B.A.) and the University of Calgary (masters). She has been employed as a psychologist in a variety of settings, later working as a career counsellor and attaining the position of Regional Supervisor of the Alberta Career Centre.

Finkaryk Family **by William Finkaryk**

Toward the end of the 19th century in western Ukraine, life for those people who lived off the land was nothing but hardship and suffering. Most of them didn't have enough money to buy more land to live on, and saving money was impossible when they could only earn 12¢ a day working for rich land owners. That was the way it was in the western Ukraine.



Mike and Sophie Finkaryk.

My parents lived in the village of Borschiv near the city of Tvankov. Mykyta Finkaryk, when he reached the age of 21, had to serve in the army for 3 years. This was the rule of the country at that time. After coming home he married Sophie Demkiv. In time, they raised a son, Nick, and a daughter, Anna. Living was getting tougher.

News reached their village, . . . Canada had land for the homesteaders, and a man could own 160 acres for \$10.00. He didn't wait any longer, selling his parcel of land and his belongings, and took his wife and 2 children to Canada. His destination was Winnipeg. The trip to the new land took 34 days and proved to be very hard for his family. When they got to Winnipeg he was advised to continue on to Dauphin. Here he filed a claim on land in the Sifton area. There was a house on the farm which the

previous family had built and left when the land got too wet. After the family settled there my father looked for a job. He was hired by a farmer at Neepawa for 75¢ a day — scrubbing bush. He worked there till freeze-up and when he finished, the farmer paid him \$1.00 a day for his long days of work. The following year he went back to work for the same farmer and he paid him well.

The next spring he walked west to Roblin and here he found a quarter section of land which was better than the one in Sifton. He cancelled his claim and put it on the N.W. of 20-27-27 north-east of Roblin in Hillsburg Municipality. He then moved his wife and 3 children — Nick, Anna and Wasyl (Bill): I had been born in Sifton.

The first thing my father did was build a house and then he bought a cow from a rancher named Graham, north east of here. He dug up a piece of land with a spade to plant a garden. He bought a pair of steers and broke up land ready for sowing wheat and oats the following year.

Soon more settlers moved in and the families grew so they asked the Government to build them a school. They gave them material and one carpenter and the settlers supplied the free labor. This school was called Postup No. 1655 and it was built on the N.W. corner of 17-27-27. It was opened in 1914 with 27 students. Some years later there were 64 students attending this school with only one teacher.



Bill and Effie Finkaryk.

As the years went by times were improving; more land cleared and more cattle raised and some of the hardships of the old country had been left as memories in our minds.

Now the settlers felt they needed a church to bring some religious teachings to the children, so a Ukrainian Catholic Church was built through donations and volunteer labor. This church was on the S.E. corner of Sec. 30-27-27 which served these neighbours for many years and it still stands today.

The neighbours decided it was time for social events and they decided to build a hall. Most of us donated material and time and built Postup Hall on

Sec. 19-27-27 which served the surrounding area for a long time. All different kinds of social events were held in this hall. The neighbours helped each other and there were few problems.

Pearl, Nellie, Mary, Katie and Nick, youngest in the family, were born here. Unfortunately the oldest son, Nick, died in 1917 so the last son born in the family was named Nick. When he grew up, he joined the army for 4 years. On his return he stayed in Hamilton, Ontario where he worked until his retirement. The girls got married and they lived in different parts of Canada. I married Effie Rozenuk in 1939, and we farmed dad's homestead until 1964 when we moved to the town of Roblin where I was employed by Intermountain School Division for 12 years until I retired. My wife was employed at the Saturn Hotel for 16 years and is now retired.

In our family we had two daughters and one son. Unfortunately our son, Johnny, was killed in an accident at the age of 19 years. Margaret married Leonard Glushka and he is teaching school at Cranberry Portage, Manitoba. They have 4 children; 2 sons and 2 daughters. Brentley, Gerry, Brenda and Virginia are presently attending university.

Eva married Morley Luchka and lives at Prince George, B.C. They have 3 boys — Kenny, Michael and Kevin and one daughter, Cheryl, attending school.

We are so much better off than our parents were and we are very grateful to our parents for bringing us to this new country, Canada. We appreciate that, for we would never have had it so good in the Ukraine. My father died in 1946 and mother died in 1958. We cannot forget what our parents have done for us as we live in a free country with good food and clothing, and I am proud to be a Ukrainian Canadian.

George Fisher Family

by Pat McDuffe

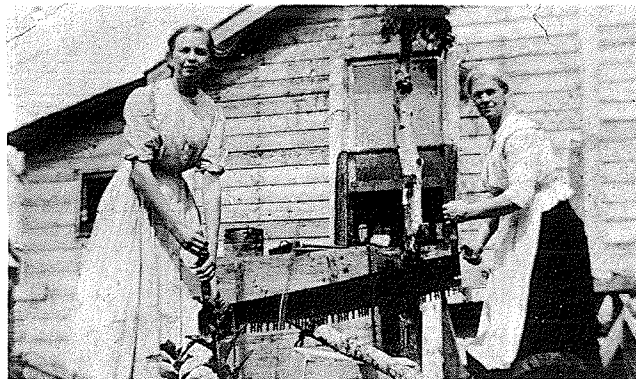
George Henry Fisher was born in 1881 and educated in the Normandy township of Ayton, Ontario. He was a son of Valentine and Anny Fisher, one of a family of six children.

George came to Roblin in 1904 and he and his brother, Dave started a blacksmith shop. This later turned into a machinery dealership. He continued in business for 41 years. During this time he was an active member in the Knox United Church, the I.O.O.F. lodge and served on the village council for many years.

Ten years after his arrival in Roblin, George married Marguerite Porteous of Roblin and from this union there were five children.

George passed away in Roblin in 1956.

Eunice Marguerite Fisher, the eldest daughter was born in 1915. She received her education in



Marguerite Fisher and her mother, Mrs. Bessie Porteous.

Roblin and, after school, took a hairdressing course and worked in Roblin for a time. She was married to Hugh McDonell in 1942 and lived in Winnipeg. They had one son, Duncan who spent some of his earlier years in Roblin with his grandparents. Eunice presently resides in Florida where she remarried Lenny Hamilton.

Mark V. Fisher, the eldest son was born in 1919, received his education in Roblin and later attended the University in Winnipeg. During the war he joined the R.C.A.F. as a pilot and served overseas. Mark was married in 1942 to Eleanor Lyons of Winnipeg and of this union there were four children: Wayne, Bonnie, Robert and Brent. They are all presently living in Winnipeg and Mark is employed by a stock brokerage firm.

Patricia Irene Fisher was born in 1922 and received her education in Roblin, and following this, she joined the Royal Bank staff in Roblin. In 1949 Pat married Jack McDuffe of Roblin and they left in 1951. They returned in 1973 to take up residence and farming in the district.

Gilbert Leroy Fisher, the second eldest son arrived in 1927, and after graduating in Roblin, Gib was employed by the Royal Bank and worked in various points in Manitoba. In 1950 he was married to Elizabeth Wells of Bield, Man. and they have three children; Daphne, George and Jennifer. Gib served as Bank manager in Winnipeg and after his retirement in 1982 Gib and Betty moved to Victoria, B.C.

Lee Alexander Fisher, the youngest son was born in 1933 and after completion of his education in Roblin he moved to Flin Flon, Man. where he obtained employment with Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Co. In 1955 Lee was married to Geraldine Castigan of Flin Flon and they had 4 children: Cheryl, Colin, Dean and David.

O.C. and Mabel Fisher

by Shirley Chewka

In July of 1929 O.C. and Mabel Fisher were



O. C. and Mabel Fisher, 1970.

married at Roblin. They settled down to farming on the north half 22-25-29 in the Tummel District.

It was the beginning of the depression years. One literally lived off the farm. Babies were born at home. Electricity on the farm was a thing of the future.

The first child, Shirley, was born in September of 1930. There was no end of work. Cows had to be milked. The cream was sold for much needed cash. In order to keep it cold, the cream can was kept in a cool running creek about one quarter of a mile from the house. On 'cream truck' days, O.C. would carry the can of cream on his back, up a hill, to the road, to meet Mr. Nixon, the cream truck driver.

Later on, an ice well was made and the cream stored there. The old model T would take the cream to the Roblin creamery twice a week.

In 1932, another girl, Margaret was born. Together with two children, Mabel was kept busy with a huge garden and was constantly hauling water.

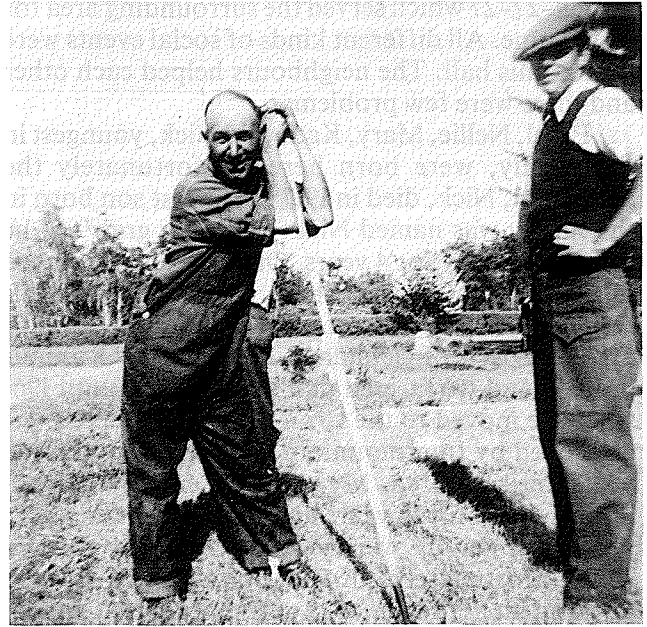
Everyone was hauling water, for these were very dry years. A baby boy, Clarence, was born in 1935.

Berry picking was an essential task. Flour bags full of cranberries and pails of saskatoons came into the house to be cleaned and canned.

There were also many fun times though. There were card parties and old time dances. There were picnics and much visiting went on. O.C. liked to play 'the fiddle' as he called it, and often did so for neighbors or just at home. He was also called upon to be the jolly Santa at school Christmas concerts.

The children attended Tummel Consolidated School by horse-driven van. In later years a car or truck was used. Winter time was only for horses, though, because snow drifts were everywhere. No snow plows appeared on the country roads. On occasion one would see a "snowplane" operated by a local business in Roblin and sometimes it was used to bring the doctor calling in the winter.

Threshing time was very hectic for Moms and



O. C. Fisher (left) at work in the Tummel Cemetery.

Dads and exciting for the children. The huge machine came rolling into the yard and behind that many hay racks pulled by horses. Several men were needed to get the job done. It was exciting for the children, but for Mabel it was perhaps, the busiest time of the year. Now all these men had to be fed and given a place to sleep. Cows had to be milked and garden produce looked after.

Wintertime was for cutting wood. O.C. would bring home sleighs full of long poles and pile them. In the spring the neighbors would get together at different homes for woodsawing.

Once a year the neighbors, the Clements, would herd their cattle to Roblin for shipment. O.C. would help on horseback. The children would be anxiously waiting for the cattle and men on horseback to go by.

Gophers didn't have a chance in those days. There was a bounty offered for their tails, and, though now, some factions might demonstrate because of animal brutality, the children then had a "hey day". Gophers were snared, drowned out or whatever, to get that one cent bounty for each gopher tail.

Eventually electricity came to the farms. The mud roads were gravelled and kept up. Model T's became a thing of the past. Tractors replaced horses and the long hours of the farmer walking behind his machinery.

O.C. was active with Pool Elevators and spent a few years as president of the Roblin Local. Mabel was busy with the Tummel U.C.W. There were the pancake suppers and fowl suppers at Tummel Hall. The ladies cooked and baked and dressed up the

children and everyone went. Cemetery Day was another get-together. Everyone was there helping and cleaning.

O.C. and Mabel sold their farm in 1963 and retired to the town of Roblin.

They were blessed with thirteen grandchildren. Shirley married John Chewka and they have four children; Diane, Donna, Jim, and Bob. Margaret married Bill Eckert and they have seven children; Joan, Lynne, Kathy, Pat, Joyce, Bill and Leslie. Clarence married Wendy Pullen and raised two daughters, Kelly and Stacey.

O.C. passed away in 1982 and Mabel in 1984.

Raymond Fisher Family

by Heather Fisher

Raymond Henry (Spike) Fisher was born on September 28th, 1936 in Roblin, the fourth son of Clem and Edith Fisher of the Tummel district. He received his schooling at the Tummel school. He went out to work at the age of 13 and has been working at various jobs ever since. He has been (over the years) employed at such work as laying



The McKenzie Family: L to R. Earl, Alison, Pam Wallace, Margaret Fisher, Raymond Lamontagne, Alma Berkner, Heather Fisher, Patricia McKenzie, Connie Fisher, George Gove, Larry and Ray Fisher, Lyle, Bonnie, Alan and Yvonne McKenzie, Shirley and Walter Livingstone, Garth McKenzie, Melanie and Kevin Billiet, Mrs. Charles McKenzie, Garry Wallace, Charles and Elizabeth McKenzie — 1982.

Trans-Canada pipe line, road construction, paving, creamery work, carpentry, bus driving, janitor, town engineer, farming and now as a mechanic at P. J. Gaber and Sons.

He married Evelyn Heather McKenzie of Deepdale, Manitoba on June 24th, 1960. They have lived in Erickson, Wawanesa, Minnedosa, Snow Lake, in the Tummel district and now in the Deepdale district. At one time they operated and owned the store in Deepdale. They have four children: Ramona, born in 1961; Margaret, born in 1964, married Darwin Spencer of Snow Lake on June 30th, 1984. Connie born in 1965, and Larry born in 1967.

Nick Fitkowski Family

by Sam Fitkowski

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Fitkowski came to Canada in 1901, with their two small children, Steven and Mary. They came from Sokal in the Ukraine. Mr. Fitkowski was of Polish descent and his wife was Ukrainian.

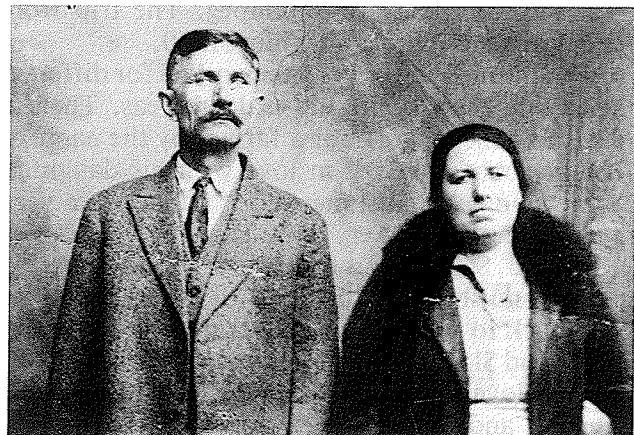
Five other families came along with them: Harry Styba, Bill Yakimishyn, Peter Yakimishyn, Tony Nowasad and John Kulyk. They first settled in the Ethelbert area for a short time, then they homesteaded in Garland, Man., but for some reason they didn't like it there, so they loaded up their few belongings on the C.N. freight and moved to Roblin only to meet with more disappointment, as the land in the Roblin area was not yet surveyed. For a while, they thought of moving back to Garland, but in the meantime, Mr. Fitkowski happened to be talking to some official, who asked him what they were doing in Roblin. Mr. Fitkowski explained the situation to him and after thinking it over, the gentleman told him not to return to Garland, but to go ahead and find himself a place in the Roblin area. Mr. Fitkowski then went north of Roblin and picked out a quarter of a section (S.E. 34-27-28), in what was later called the Gleneden district, with the understanding that he was to clear at least ten acres a year in order to obtain the title.

About three weeks later, the surveyors came and surveyed the land.

The Fitkowskis built a small shack and lived in it until such time that they could build a better dwelling. Times were very hard, money was scarce and all the power that Mr. Fitkowski had was two oxen, which he hitched to a small plow and started to break up the land, little by little.

During the next few years, the Fitkowskis had another two daughters, Eva and Anne, but lost their son, Steven during a diphtheria epidemic.

In 1907, Mrs. Fitkowski died leaving Mr. Fitkowski with three small daughters.



Nick and Frozena Fitkowski, in 1926.

In 1908, he married Frozena Lobay, who had just arrived from the Ukraine. Together, they farmed in the Gleneden district for twenty years, during which time, they had a family of eleven, nine boys and 2 girls, plus the three girls from the first marriage. The children were: Philip, Steven, Sam, Mike, William, Jacob, Joseph, Peter, Sophie and Elizabeth. Jacob and one infant boy died. In 1925, they quit farming and moved to Grimsby, Ont., where they lived until Mr. Fitkowski's death in 1932. Mrs. Fitkowski moved to Hamilton and resided there until she died at the age of 84.

Sam Fitkowski and Family

by Sam and Mary

Sam Fitkowski was born on Dec. 11th in the year 1911, north of Roblin, in what was then called the Gleneden district, 34-27-28. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Fitkowski and was the third in a family of eight (six boys and two girls) by his father's second marriage.

Sam was a strong and sturdy boy and attended Gleneden school, until 1923, when the school burned down. Because of lack of money and material, the school could not be rebuilt for a couple of years, so at a very early age, with only grade five education, Sam went to work for a farmer in Saskatchewan.

In 1925, he moved to Grimsby, Ontario, with his parents. Soon after, he got a job picking apples, then later in Todds Canning factory.

In 1926, he worked for a basket factory all winter and went back to picking fruit in the summertime.

In the summer of 1927, he took on a job as a cook's helper on a CPR extra gang. In the fall of the same year, he went back to the canning factory for a short period.

At this time there was what they called a harvest train going out west, so Sam, not liking the east very much, left home without telling his parents and took the train back to Winnipeg. The trip from Hamilton to Winnipeg cost him \$11.50.

For the next few years Sam worked for different farmers in the Roblin and Calder areas. Then in 1932, he went to work for a farmer by the name of Kost Sauchuk. He fell in love with his daughter, Mary, whom he later married. "I loved her very much, and still love her", says Sam.

In 1933, Sam and his future brother-in-law tried growing mushrooms, but that didn't work so he went back to work for a farmer at \$8 a month in winter and \$15 a month in the summertime.

On November 14th, 1935, Sam married Mary Sauchuk and together they moved to a little old house that belonged to the farmer he worked for.



Fitkowski Family: Sam, Mary, Joan, Mervyn, Adelard and Jillian.

He was still getting a wage of \$15 a month and provided their own board.

On August 21st, 1936, their first son, Adelard, was born.

In the spring of 1937, Sam was offered a job farming for Tom Dillin in Saskatchewan in the Zorra district, so the Fitkovskis moved to a house on the Dillin place. They worked there for 3 years at \$40 a month and Mr. Dillin supplied the horses and machinery.

On Dec. 16, 1937, their second son, Mervyn, was born.

While working for Dillin, Sam bought three mink and started raising mink.

In 1938, he bought a 1/4 section of land on Sec. 7-26-29 in the Assiniboine Valley, about one mile north of what was called the Roblin bridge. The family moved to a shack on the farm and Sam hauled logs; and in the summer he built a new log house. By this time there were about 80 mink to feed and look after, but pelts were very cheap, so he sold the mink and in the fall, left his wife and two small sons on the farm and went to Timmins, Ont., where he received a job at the Hallinger gold mine and then at the Buffalo Ankorite as a machine man blasting and drilling on sinking a shaft. Shortly after his family joined him in Timmins. While in Timmins, he took up amateur boxing and weight lifting. His wife, Mary, lived there for only a year, then went back home and lived with her dad and mother, when Sam was transferred to Sudbury to work in the mine there.

In the spring of 1943, he came home and started farming again. In 1945, their first daughter, Jill, was born. In 1948, the Fitkovskis and the Rickers built a dance hall in partnership and held dances in the hall which was called The Riverside Pavilion.

In 1951, their second daughter, Joan Mary, was born.

When crops got flooded out in the valley in 1955, Sam left the farm for a couple of years and went to work for the Chrysler Company in Windsor, Ont.

In 1957, he came back home and started farming again. He bought out Ricker's share of the hall and moved it home on to his own yard. The name of the hall was then changed to Sam's Dance Spot.

At this time there was talk about a Potash mine starting in Esterhazy. So Sam applied and got a job as a shaft foreman. He and his crew started the first potash mine in Saskatchewan.

While he worked in Esterhazy, his wife, Mary, ran the dance hall. He quit working at the potash mine in 1961, came home, bought some cattle and continued farming and running the dance hall. Sam was a councillor in the Shell River municipality from 1967 to 1974. By this time the Fitkowskis were doing very well. Then the PFRA came to buy out the land in the valley to prepare for the man-made Lake of the Prairies. They bought the land very cheaply at that time, but no one could do anything about it. They sold their land and the hall and built a house in Roblin and moved in 1967. Sam later bought a 1/2 section of land (3-26-29 w) in the Cromarty area, but sold out in 1974. He built a couple of houses for sale in Roblin, but that didn't pay as the income tax department took too much. From there on he only did odd jobs such as helping his friends on the farm and did many other small jobs just to stay busy.

In August of 1983, the Fitkowski family lives were saddened, when their youngest son, Mervyn, died of leukemia.

Sam and Mary, still both in fairly good health, live a very comfortable and happy life in Roblin and at the age of 72 years, Sam still likes to keep his friends; and for a very interesting hobby, he makes Hammer dulcimers and round tables.

Richard E. Fitzgerald Family by granddaughters Ethel Prier and Margaret De La Mare

Richard Edmund Fitzgerald was born in Har-riston, Ontario in 1864. He was the son of William and Margaret Jane Fitzgerald (nee Peebles) who were of Irish descent but were both born in Ontario and lived there until their deaths. Richard had two brothers: John Wesley, who was born in 1867, and Samuel who died at birth. Their mother, Margaret Jane, also died at that time. Their father William was killed in a tragic sawmill accident, leaving Richard and Wesley orphaned at seven and four years respectively. The boys were cared for by their maternal grandmother until her death a few years later, they then lived with other members of the Peebles family. While very young they learned to share in the many tasks to be done on the farms. They attended school for only short periods of time in the winter.

In spite of their meagre education, both Richard



Cassie and George Prier, Gordon Fitzgerald. Seated: Mary and Richard Fitzgerald, Harvey, Benson, Sadie and Cora Prier.

and Wesley found regular employment and were on their own while very young. Richard worked on the ships on the Great Lakes for while. Later he started working for the C.N.R. He married Mary Anne MacDonald who was born in Bruce County, Ontario. Little is known of her family because she didn't have much education and never kept in touch with her relatives.

Richard and Mary Anne moved to Roland, Manitoba where a daughter, Catherine Jane was born on October 4, 1892. A son, William (Willie) died in early childhood. On August 18, 1903 a son, Gordon Wesley was born in Eden, Manitoba where Richard was then section foreman for the C.N.R.

The family moved to Deepdale in 1904 and they were actively involved in the church services which were held in Wyndham school. Richard was one of the first Sunday School Superintendents, and his daughter, Catherine played the organ for services. Strict observance of the Sabbath day and careful preparation for it, were a vital part of their family life. At home, there was family worship daily as well as careful training and strict discipline of the children.

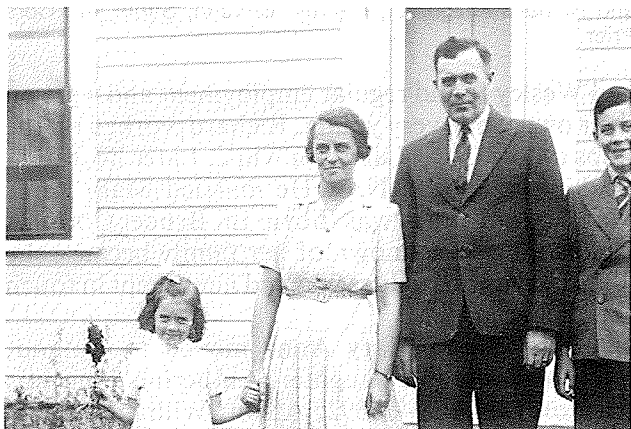
When a decision was ultimately made by Richard to quit his job with the C.N.R. and go farming, he filed on a homestead (N.W. 1/4 of 16-27-28) six miles north of Roblin (where Abe Wohlgemuth now lives). Due to ill health, he carried on the farm work with considerable difficulty. In 1918 he, among many others, fell victim to the post war flu, and died at 54 years of age. While he was ill, the people around him in the improvised hospital, heard him offer fervent prayers to the God whom he had loved and served so well.

His wife Mary, later married Jack Curle who also predeceased her. Her third husband, Alvin Prier, died in 1935. Mary passed away in 1936 at the age of 70. Her son, Gordon, died in Edmonton, Alberta on May 26, 1963 in his 60th year. Her daughter, Catherine, (Mrs. George Prier) died in Roblin in January 1981, in her eighty-ninth year.

Gordon Fitzgerald Family

by son James

My father, Gordon Wesley Fitzgerald, was born in Eden, Manitoba on August 18th, 1904. He was the son of Richard Edmund and Mary Ann Fitzgerald (nee MacDonald). He had a sister, Catherine Jane, who married George Prier. The Fitzgerald family moved to the Deepdale area in the pioneer days. My grandfather was a section foreman for the C.N.R. They lived at Cote for a short time too. Grandpa decided to go farming and took up a homestead on N.W. 1/4 of 16-26-28. He died of the flu in 1918.



Adele, Sadie, Gordon and Jim.



Rick, Brad and Michelle Anthony.

My father attended the Wyndham school near Deepdale and Goose Lake school in Roblin. In 1926 he married Sadie McFayden of Roblin (formerly of Shellmouth). She was the daughter of James and Lillian McFayden. They had two children: James Gordon Richard who was born in Winnipeg on June 26th, 1928 and Adele Sarah Jeanette who was born in Roblin on September 23rd, 1937.

My dad had the agency for John Deere farm implements and also sold Ford cars in the early 30's. He went into the trucking business and in 1940 we moved to Dauphin. In 1953 we moved to Edmonton where my dad established a business which is now known as "Fasco Rentals". Dad passed away in 1963 and my mother passed away in 1978.

I, James (Jim), received my education in Roblin and Dauphin. I helped my dad in the rental business in Edmonton and took over as president of the company after his death. I am unmarried.

Adele married Richard Anthony of Edmonton, and they have three children: Richard (Rick), Bradley (Brad) and Michelle. Rick is a policeman for the C.P.R. in Vancouver. Brad and Michelle are continuing their education in private schools.

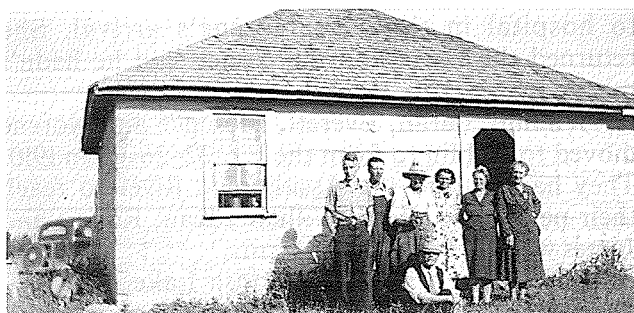
The Ira Flemings and The Sniders

by Ruth Ferriss

Eldon Fleming (father of Ira and Ernie) of the Shoal Lake area, took up a homestead opposite Skrypniks in the Municipality of Hillsburg in 1929. He put up a "shanty" and a barn and cleared some land as improvements required to qualify for the deed. The initial payment was \$10.00.

His oldest son, Ira, married Gladys Snider of Shoal Lake in 1926 and their daughter, Ruth, was born the next year. They had moved from the farm and Ira worked as a garage mechanic in Shoal Lake. On the homestead he was called the "car doctor". The "Crash of 29" ended the garage work and so he worked for farmers for two years. In 1931, he also took out a homestead (S.W. 1/4 14-25-26). In March of 1932, with a sleigh-box and a hay-rack carrying their possessions, and leading two cows, they crossed the Riding Mountains to live with Eldon for the summer. A 10' by 14' shanty and small barn were built on Dad's farm for the winter. Part of their wheat crop was cleaned and taken to a grist mill near Roblin for flour and grits for porridge. The main meat supply was rabbit stew. Rabbits were abundant that year.

There had been a good stand of spruce suitable for saw logs on Dad's quarter, and he had promised his town-reared wife a "frame" cottage. However, during his absence in the winter of 1931-1932, they had been logged off. He had to use smaller logs which he hand-hewed into square timbers. Single-handed, with horse and pulleys, he built an 18' by



Cottage Ira built of squared logs: Ira, Jack, Gladys, Jessie, ?.

24' cottage in 1933. The floor was of rough, unplanned lumber and it had no ceiling for a few years, but it was like a palace after the small shanty. The local clay was excellent for plastering the crevices in the timbers.

One unforgettable experience in the fall of 1933 was that of a grass forest fire that swept towards his farm. Dad was away threshing and Mom, a 98 pounder, was left to fight it alone. The frantic bawling of cows and neighing of horses filled the air from all directions. A neighbor, John Bohun, showed her how to make a back-fire and how to use wet sacks to beat back the grass fire. Then he hurried home to protect his own buildings. The tall trees were pillars of fire and through the night she kept up a steady patrol between the new cottage and the old barn, almost 1/2 mile apart. Her efforts saved both places and the stacks of winter feed.

After losing one of his horses in a swamp, Dad got a team of black broncos from Alberta. They were only halter broken, but he managed to harness-train them. They were not large, but were tough and strong. The mare had a tendency to try to run away when used as a driver so it took a lot of grit on Mom's part to drive them hitched to the van. Dad raised colts from them and in time had a black four-horse outfit.

In the summers, Dad worked as road boss and, along with his neighbours, helped build a lot of roads as "statute labor" to pay a goodly portion of their taxes. It was arduous work with horses and scrapers. The clay roads were full of ruts, and rough, but wagons were the transportation of the day, not cars. In fact, Ira's Model T. Ford was now a "Bennett Buggy".

Their school was Winona, where Ruth attended through Grade 10 (Correspondence 9 & 10). Gladys boarded many of the teachers. Through the 30's both Dad and Mom were active in district activities — school dances, concerts, amateur hours and picnics. Home-made entertainment, card games, house socials was the usual source of fun until about 1936 when a radio was purchased from Eatons on the installment plan. Remember how the darn thing would fade out at the exciting part?



Gladys, Ira, and Ruth Fleming about 1944.

Others of the family followed Eldon and Ira. A brother, Ernie came to help his father about 1934. A sister, Minnie, her husband Walter Parfitt and daughter Gwen took up a homestead two miles south of Ira's. When Walter enlisted in 1940, Eldon, his wife, Bell and son, Ernie moved onto Walter's farm as the house was bigger. About 1944, Eldon and family moved to a farm about 1/2 mile from Shortdale. Here Eldon passed away in 1951. Walter Parfitt's second daughter, Marjorie was born in 1936. In 1953, Ernie and his mother sold the farm and went to Alberta where Ernie worked on a ranch until his death in 1964. Bell spent most of her remaining years in Grandview and passed away in 1969.

About 1935, Gladys' parents, Jack and Jessie Snider, and their youngest son, Lorne, came to live on the homestead. They built a similar log house across the garden from Ira's. Lorne enlisted in 1940 and served overseas. He married Jean MacTavish of Bowsman where he farmed for a few years. They had three sons, Lynn, Cameron and Ken and one daughter, Heather. Both Lorne and Jean were very musical and were involved in fiddling contests and playing in orchestras. They later moved to the Manitou area where Lorne died in 1981. Jack and Jessie Snider spent their remaining years in Bowsman. Jack died in 1950 and Jessie in 1958.

Although the village of Shortdale was the closest source of mail and staples, the town of Roblin was the business centre. Medical and dental services were available (if one could afford them). Gladys had a molar pulled by Mr. Skrypnik, who used a pair of pliers and of course no freezing. The creamery, flour mill, and Municipal offices were located in town. Charles Brydon, and Jack Snider had come out from Ontario on the same wagon train as young lads, and were old buddies. C. Brydon was official trustee and secretary-treasurer of many of the schools. He was always a welcome visitor at the schools. A trip to Roblin usually meant a car ride and ice cream for the children.

After fourteen years in the Hillsburg Municipality, Dad sold his farm to Peter and Pauline Shwaykowski in 1945 and moved to a farm at Bowsman. Gladys passed away in 1963 and in 1965, Ira sold his farm and moved his house to Bowsman. Now his M.F.U. days were over, so he became active in the United Church, serving as secretary and treasurer, and managing the summer camp at Wellman Lake for several years. In 1969 he married his sister-in-law, also a Gladys Snider. He was laid to rest in July, 1984.

Ruth became a teacher and taught for eight years in the Bowsman area. She married Lyle Ferriss and they farmed for five years. In 1956 they moved to Vancouver where Lyle got work with B.C. Hydro. He is presently a supervisor for B.C. Hydro. They have two girls, Kathryn, a law student and Linda studying Marine Biology. Ruth has resumed teaching in the past ten years.

William Fletcher Family by Norene Simpson

William and Sarah (McLaughlin) Fletcher came from Elora, Ont. to Yorkton in 1907, with their son, Everett and daughters, Ethel and Mabel.

On March 27, 1908, Florence Johnston came from Salem, Ont. to Winnipeg, where she married her fiancé, Everett. They lived in Yorkton until 1910.

On May 1, 1909, Norene was born in Yorkton Cottage Hospital. Ethel Fletcher borrowed (without permission) a horse and buggy from in front of Levi Beck's General Store in order to get Florence

to hospital in time for Norene's arrival. She returned the horse and the owner said he hadn't missed it.

William, Sarah, Everett, Florence and Norene moved to Roblin to farm the E $\frac{1}{2}$ 22-26-29 in 1910. They had to ford the Assiniboine River to reach their new home. Reta, William, Jean, Robert and James were all born on the farm.

The children attended Goose Lake Consolidated School in Roblin. In winter the horse drawn van was put on runners and had frequent upsets, with the horse running away. The children enjoyed the run-aways, since it gave them an excuse for being late for school.

In 1921, William and Sarah moved to Deepdale. They resided there until William died in 1933. Sarah moved to Roblin and died in 1946.

Everett and Florence (Flo) lived on the farm until 1928, when they moved to Roblin. Everett worked with Mr. Nelson stuccoing, plastering and doing concrete work. He became caretaker of the old Roblin Elementary School, until his retirement. He died in 1964.

Florence was a member of the Cromarty W.I. and then the Roblin Missionary Society. She died in 1968.

Norene worked with the Manitoba Telephone System in Roblin and then in Neepawa, until her marriage to Lisle Simpson.

Reta attended Normal School in 1929-30. She was the first teacher at Gilbert School (14 miles East of Roblin). She taught for 3 years at \$40 a month (when she could collect). She taught at Cupar, Bield and Southern Manitoba. She was then hired at Ochre River, where she met and married Harry Wolff. They lived on a farm south of Ochre River and had three sons, Bob, Ron and Bill. She now resides in Dauphin.

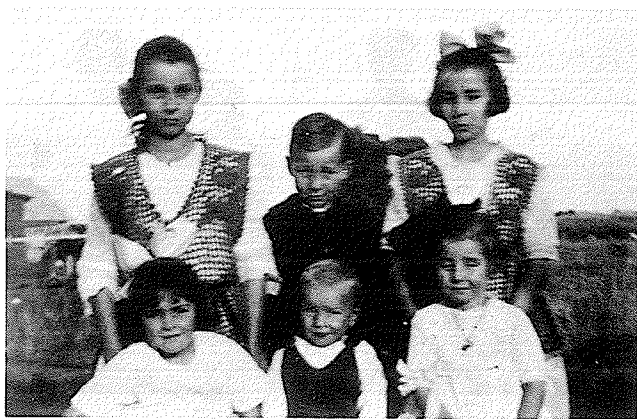
William (Bill) worked in the egg candling station after finishing school. He then took a job in Fred Newton's grocery store. He married Sadie Hartmier and then enlisted in the army. After returning from overseas, he moved to Flin Flon to work for Hudson Bay Mining. He retired to Cranbrook, B.C. He has three children: Jack, Linda and Judy and 4 grandchildren.

Jean took a secretarial course in Winnipeg and then joined the Women's Army Corp. She was stationed in Rockcliffe, Ont. for the duration of the war. She married Lorne Sims and had one daughter, Diane. She resided in Ottawa, until her death in 1980.

Robert (Bob) worked in Kelso's Meat Market candling eggs after completing school. He enlisted in the Royal Air Force. He was an instructor at Cold Lake, Alta, before going overseas. He married Sybil Bridgeman. They have two children, Doug



Mr. and Mrs. Everett Fletcher with his sisters, Mabel and Ethel.



The Everett Fletcher Family: Norene, William, Reta, Merle, Robert and Jean. Missing: James.

and Judy and 2 grandchildren. He taught school in Belleville, Ont., until his retirement in 1984.

James (Jim) joined the R.C.A.F. right out of school. He was stationed in Quebec during the war. He worked in Northern Manitoba after his return. He then moved to Vancouver, where he lived until his death in 1978. He was married to Kay Spears.

George Ford Family

George Ford was one of the early settlers of Tummel, locating a homestead on S.E. 1/4 of 32-24-28. He took an active part in the school affairs of the newly formed Brooksgrove School district, as his name appears in the school records of 1891 as chairman and also as auditor and later a trustee.



Alice Ford, son William, George Ford, and daughter Nellie (Cranwell).

He married Miss A. Edwards, daughter of John Edwards. There were two children in the family: Nellie, Mrs. Henry Cranwell, and William (both deceased). After Mr. Ford's death, Mrs. Ford moved to Roblin, where she kept a nursing home, which provided a real service in those days when there was no hospital care available nearer than Dauphin.

William Ian Ford Family

by Ian and Sandra Ford

Ian was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba on Febru-

ary 22nd, 1942, the only son of Mrs. Hazel E. Ford and the late William George Ford. Sandra was born in Pipestone, Manitoba on November 1st, 1946, the eldest child of Mrs. Mildred E. Misener and the late Ross L. Misener.

We spent the earlier years of our lives in Roblin and we will always cherish the memories we have of these early years.

After attending school, Ian went to Winnipeg to take an accounting course at the Angus School of Commerce and after working for the Evans Printing and Stationery Company, he returned home to assist his father in the Imperial Oil Bulk Agency. He eventually took over from his dad in 1968 or 1969.

Sandra worked at the Roblin District Hospital as a Nurses' Aide and can recall many of the patients she attended.

We were married on May 8th, 1965 in the Knox United Church and while we resided in Roblin our eldest child was born. Racquel Dawn was born in the Roblin District Hospital on September 21st, 1970.

We left Roblin in the fall of 1971 and resided in Dauphin, with Ian working for Brian Davis and U & R Tax Services Ltd. He also did some private accounting during this period of time.

From there, we moved to Minto, Manitoba, where Ian was employed Secretary-Treasurer of the Rural Municipality of Whitewater. During our stay in Minto, our second child was born, Scott Ian, on July 20th, 1978.

In May of 1977, Ian became the Executive Secretary to the Board of Administration of the City of Brandon and in the fall of 1979 we moved to Brandon. Shortly thereafter, he became the Assistant City Clerk. Our third child, Ashley Karmel was born on May 31st, 1981.

At present, Ian is the Acting City Clerk and Sandra is employed as a housewife and mother for three very active and energetic children.

We have many fond memories of our earlier years spent in Roblin and hope to return many times to meet old friends and acquaintances.

Edward Forester

by Louise Chadney

Horace Edward Forester was one of a family of twelve. His father was born in Smithville, Ontario. He was a cabinet maker and carpenter, as was his father before him, in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. Ed, the second in the family, was born Feb. 15, 1878 in Huntsville, Ontario. He worked there, helping his father building in the late 1800s. When visiting Huntsville 3 years ago, I went into the newspaper office to say "Hello". The paper still carries the name of "The Huntsville Forester."

The family moved west to Grandview, Man-

itoba in 1897, where Dad started in business for himself — woodworker, carriage painter and some blacksmithing. Dad and Jimmie Homan shared a duplex building together.

In Jan. 1907 Dad met and married Seraph E. Ball, born Sept. 12, 1886 in Granby, Quebec. She came west with her mother, Alma J. Ball in 1905. Her parents were raised in Granby, and her grandparents came from Vermont, U.S.A.

A daughter, Ida May, born May 27, 1908, was the first in our family of eight. Dad and a friend went for a trip to Vancouver Island in Dec. 1908. Many were the stories he told us about their travels in Chemoimus and Duncan, B.C.

A son, Sydney Arthur, was born Aug. 1910; he died in infancy. Another son, Chester, was born Dec. 1911. Then Dad started to think of a new home, which he built in 1912, next to Tom Bowman, and Dr. George Shortreed. Four more daughters were born in this house, Louise C., Hilda M., Florence A. and Hazel E. In 1921 at the time Hazel was born, three of us, Chester, Hilda (Marge), and Louise had typhoid fever. We were glad Dr. Shortreed lived nearby, and a nurse Morrison helped us out a lot too. What a house full of sickness we had that year.

Business was getting slack in Grandview, and Dad heard of a thriving farming district around Bield. The farmers had to go quite a distance to have their wagon wheels and blacksmithing done, so he felt it would be a good opening there. Dad and Chester went to Bield the fall of 1922; they built a shop there and the rest of the family came in the spring of 1923.

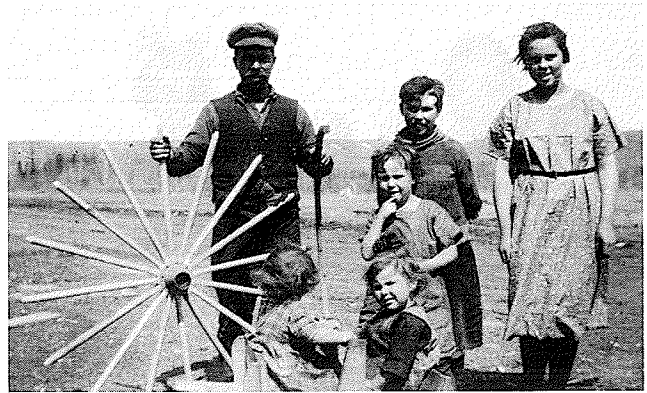
Wells' had a store at Bield, also McIntyres, Mrs. McIntyre was one of Mother's best friends. Their children were Archie, Robert, Isabel and Joe; they and other children in town attending school were: Stokes, Beunos, Burrows and Sargenias. The country children that came in by school van were Roy Chases, Ray Chases, Johnstones, Jaasunds, Shiners, Vansickles, Zimmermans, Bialkoskis, Popahuskies, Wasylenchuks, Yellowagas, Ed Johnston was our school van driver, after we moved out of town a few miles. We used to hear the wolves howling out there.

Our sister, Ida May worked at Fay and Ray Chases for awhile. We all went there for Christmas dinner that year. Enclosed is a snap taken of the two families.

On cold days, I can remember the teacher making soup for our noon meal. Each child brought a vegetable and the soup was made on the big stove in the room.

Mrs. Anderson was our first teacher, then Mr. Merrill in the other school room.

We moved to Roblin the fall of 1925 and rented a building from F. Y. Newton, across from the



Taken in Bield in 1923: Ed Forrester, Chester, Ida May, Hazel and Florence.

Harvey family, and Dad set up shop again. Other blacksmiths were, the Fisher Bros. George and Dave, on the same street. Bob Miller had a wood-work shop on the street behind us. It was about mid-night one summer night when the quietness was shattered by the town bell ringing the alarm for fire. Even though late, quite a crowd gathered. Our teacher, Mr. Fox boarded with Millers. The Town bell used to ring at 7 a.m., noon 1 p.m., 6 p.m. and 9 p.m., a very useful reminder of the time of day. Roblin had a very good town band and when they would march down the steets playing, it was a pleasant and exciting time. They usually attracted a following of small children. The circus was always an entertaining event too. Hilda (Marge), Florence, and Hazel went to the old school and, among many others, Vivian and Doreen Yeo were their play-mates. Chester and I went to the new shcool; we had Mr. Fox for our teacher in grade 6 (that would be 1927). Our classmates were too many to try and remember by name. We went to the United Church with Mother, Rev. Harvey was the Minister. They lived across the street from us, Westwoods on the corner, and Bains across from the church.

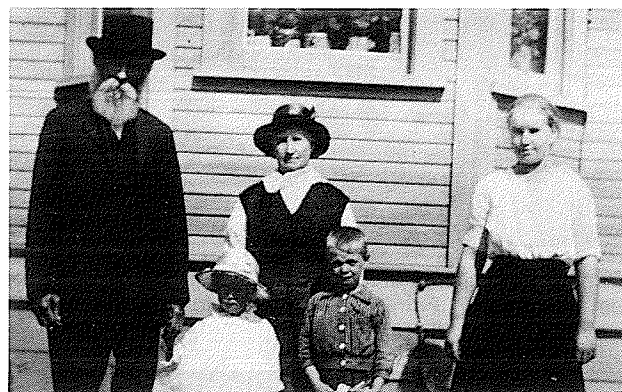
One nice Sat. afternoon, Mother and we three girls went for a walk to the north end of Goose Lake to Speers' place, it was nice to be out in the country for a change; Mother took a snap of us. (Hazel, Louise and Florence).

Our youngest sister, Margaret Lois, was born in Roblin June 18, 1927. Many will remember the cyclone that hit north-east of town in July that year. It did some damage on a few farms and injured a Mr. Roberts.

In the fall of 1928 we all moved back to Grandview. Later Dad took up a homestead 10 miles west of town. Chester also took up a homestead near them. I remember their big garden, and a few visits from bears during day and night. About 1940 they went to live in Winnipeg. Dad built a home there and got work in a Sash and Door Business. Later



The Ray Chase and Ed. Forrester Families: taken at Chase's after dinner Christmas Day 1924.



Thomas and Elizabeth Ross Miller Forsyth, Ellen and Roger Forsyth, a Lietz girl.

Chester went to Winnipeg and lived with them. He worked in the C.P.R. Weston Shops, and retired to Birch River in 1976. Dad died July 1951 in Winnipeg and was buried there. In 1956 Mother came out and lived with me in Vancouver. She died there in Aug. 1960 and was buried beside our Father in Winnipeg.

Ida May married Dick Todd in Dec. 1927. They lived in Winnipeg and he worked for the City. They have four children: Gwen, Jim, Wilma and Allan. The Todds retired in Kelowna, B.C. in 1965, and now live in Clearbrook, B.C. Chester married Winnie Clarey, Dec. 1967, when he worked for C.P.R. in Wpg. Louise married Arthur Chadney, a farmer from Springside Sask. They later retired to Kelowna, B.C. and are now living in Keremeos, BC.

Marge (Hilda) married Jake Krohn in Oct. 1939, they farmed in Roland and Rorketon, Manitoba, then retired to Birch River in 1959. They have one son, George. Jake Krohn passed away in 1982.

Florence married Ted Erickson in Dec. 1941. He was in the Air Force 23 years. They retired to Kelowna, B.C. in 1963. They have two children: Sharon and Vernon.

Hazel married John Erickson, Nov. 1939 and farmed in Birch River. They went to Flin Flon in 1941. John worked for Hudson Bay Mining & Smelting for a couple of years, returning to Birch River to resume farming. They have three children: Ivan, Gordon, and Joan.

Margaret married Bruce McCuaig in Feb. 1945 in Ontario. They worked in the Guelph Foundry for a couple of years and later moved to Winnipeg, where he worked for Manitoba Telephone Company until taken by severe illness. He died in March 1982. They had three children: Don, Greg, and Debra.

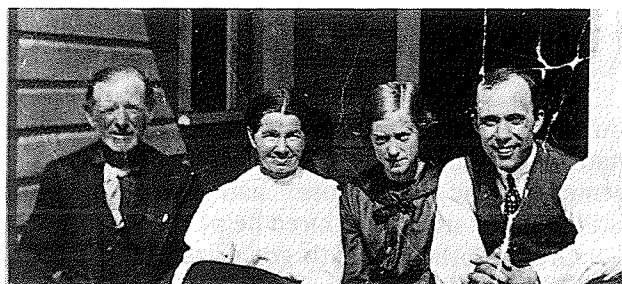
Carlson — Forsyth by Roger Forsyth

My grandfather, Thomas Forsyth was born in Galt, Ont. in 1851. His second marriage was to a

young widow, Elizabeth (Ross) Miller in Parry Sound, Ont. in 1888. She had two sons Jack and Bob Miller. My father, Alexander Forsyth was born in 1890, in Ahmic Harbour, Ontario and daughter Elizabeth (Liz) was also born in Ontario.

In 1898 the family moved to Neepawa and my grandfather worked as a grade contractor on the railway in that area. They moved to Roblin in 1904. They lived and farmed three miles west and a half-mile south of the town.

Jack Miller was a machinist and operated a shop close to Yeo Bros. Garage. Robert (Bob) ran a sash



John and Bertha Carlson, Ellen, and Frank Nordstrom.

and door shop and built many homes and other buildings in the Roblin and Russell area. Some of the larger halls around Roblin were built by him, and also the wooden bridge over the Assiniboine River, west of Roblin near the Sask. border. When my father was old enough, he farmed west of Roblin at Three Mile corner, after attending Man. Agriculture College in Winnipeg. In 1915 he married Ellen Carlson, daughter of John Carlson, of Roblin. I was born in Roblin in Nov. 1916 and my sister, Ellen, (Mrs. James Spice) in Nov. 1918. Our Mother died three days later of influenza. Father left the farm and Roblin after Mother's death and settled in Yorkton, Sask. where we lived from 1927 until 1942. Alex was interested in elocution and participated in this in Roblin. All his life he could



Women and children of the Dunlop, Forsyth, Miller, Carlson, Lietz and Smith Families, 1923. Arnold and Ralph Smith (extreme right) still live in Roblin.



Elizabeth (Liz) Forsyth (Mrs. J. McTurk) 1914.

quote poetry by the page. Elizabeth became a teacher and taught both in Man. and Sask. She married James McTurk and lived in Winnipeg, where she died in early 1970's. They had no children. Alex died in Penticton, B.C. in 1974.

I can vaguely remember Uncle Bob Miller building a new house for my grandparents, which had nine rooms and a full basement, as I recall. I remember the "old house" had no amenities and was used for storage or hired help.

Grandmother Forsyth got prizes for her cured meats and other handwork at the Roblin Fair. I certainly fed chips to the smokehouse fire. I also recall Uncle Bob making the pulpit for the Anglican Church in Roblin, but I do not know what the Church affiliation was when we lived there.

Mr. Everall was the Principal of the school when I began school, and a Miss Russell taught Grade two. I have forgotten her name but my first teacher was from Pipestone, Man. Much of the clothing for children was made at home from hand-me-downs. If bought, it was bought large enough to "grow into".

There was a horse-drawn van to take the rural children to school. I remember that sometimes the horses could not travel over some of the snow drifts. My grandfather acquired a 490 Chev. but it did not stop when he said "Whoa". I remember being very upset when we could not get to town for the Christmas concert because of a blizzard.

Family picnics were a common occurrence and a

way of keeping in touch with other family members. All the mothers vied in bringing their best "dishes" and fathers and brothers took turns making the ice-cream.

Farming in those days included butter and cream, stock, grain, chickens, and there were no "days off".

Neighbours or friends of the Forsythes included the Knotts, Frasers, McNeils, Brandons, Blacks, Newtons and Thompsons and, of course, the Carlsons.

The Carlsons lived and farmed in Shell River Valley, and came to Manitoba from the U.S.A. about 1911. Grandpa and Grandma Carlson and their oldest sons had all come from Sweden to the U.S.A. where the other children were born. I suppose they came for land. Some of the family moved west, and then into the Western U.S.A. Alfred Carlson had a farm in Roblin and was a breeder of draft horses. I understand that Oscar and his father built the Lutheran Church in Roblin. In the 1930's, Carl and Alfred moved to Kelowna. Both are now deceased but Alfred's family are still in Kelowna and some of Carl's.

James and Florence Fowler

by Eleanor Poyser

Jim was born in the Odonah district of Man. in 1896. He came to Roblin in 1903 at the age of six, just before the steel was laid. He was raised by relatives and received his education in Roblin.

Florence was born at Neelin, Man. and received her education in Roblin.

Jim farmed for a number of years in the Shell River district and sawed wood for the people in the Shevlin area.

Florence and Jim were married in 1928. They raised a family of three: two girls (Iva Angus and Eleanor Poyser) and one son, Walter.

In 1935 they moved into the town of Roblin, still



James (right) and Florence Fowler and family: L to R. Iva, Walter and Eleanor.

sawing wood (mostly in winter) and doing construction work, helping to build St. Vladimir's College and the Post Office, as well as other buildings. Later he went into the draying business.

He died in 1959 at the age of 63.

Florence resides in Maple Manor, Roblin and has been a member of the Legion Auxiliary for over 42 years and is still active in curling. She is also a member of the 50 and Over Club in Roblin.

The Fox Family

(Marshal, Clarence, Luther, Wilbert)

by Ruby Alexander

Marshal, Clarence and Luther Fox came from Brandon to the Tummel area in the early 1900's.



Marshall and Josephine (Mickelson) Fox in 1919.

Their father brought his family of nine sons (the three daughters, being the oldest, were already married) from Ruthven, Ontario in 1882. They set-



Cecil and Marie Fox.

tled in the sand hills of Brandon, where the boys received their education. This was not easy as the school was across the Assiniboine River, so the boys had to row across every day.

The three brothers farmed together south of Roblin (8-25-28). Luther was the cook and house-



Wilbur, Myrtle and Kathleen Fox.

keeper. When Mr. S. P. Fox died in 1905, their mother came to Tummel to live with her sons for three years and then returned to Brandon, where she resided, until her death at 83 years of age.

Marshal married Josephine Mickelson on November 26, 1919, and they moved into their own home on N.E. 5-25-28 (where Josephine's nephew, Oliver Mickelson now lives). Josephine died in 1922, leaving two little children, Marie and Cecil. Marshal sold his farm a few years later and moved to Winnipeg. There he married Mary Elizabeth Burke in 1928 and they had five children: Merville, Elva, Olive, Wilma and Nadine.

Marie became a nurse. She married Allan Johnson of Erickson, Manitoba, and had two children, Leonard and Ellen. Leonard was accidentally killed on a motorcycle at the age of 21. Ellen is married and living in Saskatoon. She and her husband, Ken Middleton, have three sons: Adam, Mark and Derek.

Cecil took part of his schooling in Tummel. Then he spent many years in the Royal Canadian

Navy. He retired as Chief Petty Officer 1st Class and is now Senior Ticket Agent for B.C. Ferries and lives in Sidney, B.C. In 1946 he married Rita Cassidy of Belfast, Ireland. They have six surviving children, Pat, Roy, Cathy, Marilyn, Joanne, and Susanne, and five grandchildren, Noel, Jason, Nigel, Paul and Chantel, all living on the west coast. They lost two young sons, John and Michael, accidentally.

Merville married Joyce Hyland and lives in Ignace, Ontario. He was a telegrapher for C.P.R. until the job was phased out. He is now employed by Canada Pipeline.

Elva died of cancer at the age of 13.

Olive married Murray Mawkinney, a chartered accountant in Prince George, and they have five children and 3 grandchildren.

Wilma married David Pickering, a hospital administrator in Moose Jaw, and they have three children.

Nadine married Stuart Tait, a T.V. technician, of Richmond, B.C. and they have three children.

Marshal passed away in February, 1962, and Mary in October, 1984.

Luther Fox moved to Winnipeg for a few years. Then he and his wife Edna came back to Tummel where they remained until they retired to the west coast in the '40's. Another brother, Wilbert, and his wife, Myrtle took over the Charlie Lamb farm (8-25-28). Wilbert lost a leg in an accident. In the 1940's they sold their farm to Bill Bauming and along with Kay Patruck, who had helped them on the farm, moved to B.C.

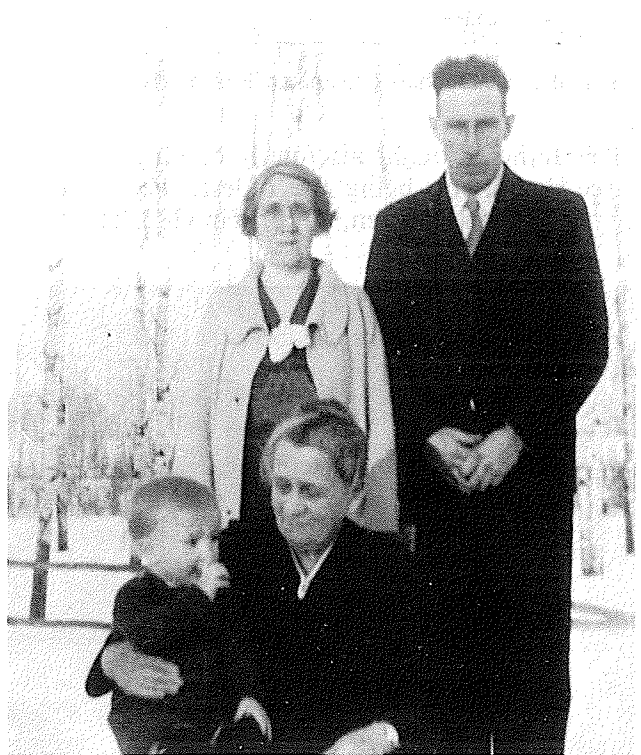
Fred Framingham Family by Phyllis Framingham

On or about the year 1906, a group of immigrants, all members of the same family, left Cambridgeshire, England, to come to Canada, being motivated by the idea of free homestead land in a new country. The group consisted of Robert Cox, his wife, Pollie, four sons — Bob, Harry, Ted and Bill; three daughters — Alice, her husband William Framingham and their three sons Fred, Sydney and Bill; Pollie who later married Isaac Clark; and Annie, who married Joe Redman, a farmer in the Walker district. Two of Joe and Annie Redman's daughters now reside in the Town of Roblin — Dorothy (Mrs. Dick Smith) and Hazel (Mrs. Wm. Irvine).

This group came first to Brandon, Manitoba. Later they went on to the Silverwood area to take up homesteads. William and Alice Framingham remained in Brandon for the next four or five years. William obtained employment with the C.N.R. Two more children were born to this couple while in Brandon, Dorothy and Reg. The Cox group all filed



William and Alice Framingham with their children: Fred, Sydney and Bill, shortly after arriving in Canada, about 1907.



Four generations of the Framingham family: Grandma Cox, Alice Framingham, Fred Framingham, and son Charles.

on homesteads in the same area in and around Silverwood. Only one of this group proved up on and kept his homestead for any length of time. This was Harry who filed on N.W. ¼ of 31-28-28.

Robert Cox Sr. and his wife stayed on their homestead until 1919, when Robert died of a heart attack. His was the first grave to be dug in Silverwood cemetery. His son, Bob Cox and his family soon tired of homesteading and returned to Brandon where Bob was employed all his working years on a dairy farm. Bill left the farm shortly after his father died, going to Roblin, where he married Annie McDougall. He worked as a town constable and a hospital custodian for many years.

Harry and Ted joined the armed forces in 1914. While overseas they both married and in 1918 they returned to Canada with their wives.

Harry and Anna returned to their homestead, where they lived until 1936. They then moved to the Town of Roblin, and later to Birch River, where Harry spent the rest of his life as a lay Minister for the Free Methodist Church.

Ted and Alice bought the farm near Silverwood through the Soldiers Settlement Board. This is where the Earl McGinnis family now lives. Ted lost this land in the early 1930's. Then they moved to Kamsack, Sask. where Ted worked as the caretaker of Kamsack Post Office for the rest of his life.

In the year 1910 the William Framingham family left Brandon, and came to Silverwood where William filed on S.E. ¼ of 6-29-28 W.

They found life on a Manitoba homestead very



Fred Framingham Family at Noel's wedding, June 14, 1975.

difficult. While on this homestead, in their sod roof, dirt floor, log cabin, four more children were born — Edith, Anne, Ross and Albert.

Their beds were home-constructed of rails and had straw mattresses. William struggled to break up land with oxen, but in the year 1920, he left the homestead and obtained work in Kamsack, Sask.

He first worked as a garbage collector, and later he was employed by the C.N.R. as a stationary fireman — a position he held until his retirement in 1945. He died in 1951. His wife, Alice died in 1952.

Two of the nine children of William and Alice Framingham, Fred and Reg, remained to farm in the Roblin area.

Fred worked for farmers in the district until 1935, when he married Phyllis Burrell and started farming for himself. He bought the S.E. ¼ of 36-28-29 from the Municipality for taxes owing. In 1940 he rented this land to George Murray and moved to The Pas, where he worked for The Pas Lumber Company for five years. In 1944 he returned to the farm and purchased the former Kennedy homestead (N.E. ¼ of 23-28-29) from William Johnson. They moved into Roblin in 1980. Fred passed away January 13, 1982. Phyllis now lives in Maple Manor in Roblin.

They had four children: Charles, Murray, William and Noel. Charles, born on N.E. ¼ of 36-28-29, now lives in Winnipeg. He is a Dr. of Agricultural Economics and works for the Manitoba government, and the University of Manitoba. He is married to Margaret Mathison, of Hamiota, Manitoba. They have two children Dale and Michelle.

Murray, born in The Pas, Manitoba, is a service-man for Smith-Corona office machines. He lives in Spruce Grove, Alberta. He is married to Dorothy Agren, of Kitimat, B.C. They have two children, Belinda and Trent.

William was born in Kamsack hospital. He works for Safeway Stores at Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta. He is an assistant meat manager. He is married to Marlene Zimmer, of Shevlin, Manitoba. They have two children, Melanie and Melisa.

Noel was born in Roblin Hospital. Noel is a registered nurse, and is employed at Stony Plains Hospital. She is married to Hans Berger, who works for County of Parkland, Stony Plains. They live in Stony Plains, Alberta. They have three children: Timothy, Mark and Daniel.

Reg Framingham Family

by Donna Framingham

Reg Framingham married Daphne Radford in 1935, beginning their married life on S.W. quarter of Sec. 1-29-29. They moved to Roblin district, where they bought a ½ section from Thompsons in 1943. They farmed this land for over twenty years and built up a fine dairy herd. Reg delivered milk to his customers in the Town of Roblin for many years. He had a great love for animals and was very fond of his cattle. Many times he was called upon by the neighbours to do veterinary work for them. Reg later sold his farm to Tom Giles.

Reg and Daphne had four children: Naida, Edward, Merle and Judy.

Naida, a registered nurse, married Vernon Murray. They live at Kindersley, Sask. They have three children: Brian, Bradley and Heather.

Edward farms in the Merridale district and has a fine dairy business. He is married to Donna Angus and they have four children: Mae, Laura, Grant and Lynne. Mae married Pat Dietrich of Dropmore. They now live in Inglis. Pat is a plumber and is employed in Russell. They have two children, Nolan and Jan. Laura married David Bouvier, who is serving his apprenticeship in construction carpentry with a firm in Yorkton. They have two children, Riley and Terri. Grant works in construction and Lynne is at home. She will be going to Grade XII in September 1984.

Merle is married to Kenneth Watkins and they live at White Rock, B.C. They have two children, Michael and Elanna.

Judy is married to Mervin Krywa and they live at Revelstoke, B.C. They have three children: Kelly, Steven and Shannon.

Daphne died in 1966.

Reg has retired and lives in the Town of Roblin.

Fraser Family

by Florence Fraser

John (Jack) Benjamin Fraser (1873-1961) of Waubaushene, Ontario, came to southern Manitoba early in 1890 to help harvest. He married Ethel Harriet Cockerill (1874-1958) of Fleming, Saskatchewan. Ethel was the eldest daughter of William and Ada Cockerill, who had emigrated from Wolverhampton, England in 1893.

Jack and Ethel settled in the Fleming district, where four children were born: Harold, Ada, Ida, and Dora. The family moved to MacGregor in the early 1900's and were blessed with four more children: Bob, Mac., Charles and Dick. In the summer of 1912, the family moved to the Merridale district where their ninth child, Francis Eric (1915-1917) was born. Jack and Ethel both worked at Charles and Ruddall Cockerill's sawmill at Dark Lake. Ethel took over the cooking and Jack worked as a teamster. He served with the 107th Battalion in W.W.I. Jack returned to Ontario after the war to help his Mother run her hotel. He remained in the Toronto area. Ethel continued to live in the Merridale district with the younger boys until 1929, when they moved to Fort Frances. She retired to a cottage on Rainy Lake, which she enjoyed very much.

Harold Steward Fraser (1893-1961) married Mary Knox Ralston. They lived in the Merridale district, farming, logging and trapping until after the Second World War. Harold served with the 107th Battalion in W.W.I, and with the Veterans

Guard in W.W.II. Their children received elementary schooling at Merridale. They had seven children: Ida, Vera, Clara, Harold, Teresa, Arthur and George.

Ida married Alfred Ayotte. They had two children, Mary and James. Ida later married Joe Volkar and lives at Bancroft, Ontario.

Vera married Ivan Eastcott. They had two boys, Ronald and Charles. Vera later married Marcel Gautron. Vera's mother has made her home with them the past few years at Maple Ridge, B.C.

Clara married Allison Hunt. They farm at Hollock, Minnesota. They have four children: Susan, Shannon, Heather and Hugh.

Harold Stewart (1930-1969) married Evelyn Wynon. Their children are: Vera, Harold, Evelyn, Joanne, Barbara and Marilyn.

Theresa married Cameron Halliday. They are retired and live at Strathclair, Manitoba. Their four children are: Jean, James, Arthur and Judy.

Arthur Thomas (1933-1984) married Emily Hooker. They had one son, John. Later, Arthur married Wanda Pace and their children are: Brenda, Juanita, Arthur and Thomas.

George married Beverly Adkew. They have three children: Robert, Kathleen and Victoria.

Ada Katherine (1895-1896) was the first daughter of Jack and Ethel Fraser.

Ida Caroline (1898-1917) married Allen Lockman.

Dora Ethel (1900-1977) married Maitland Willis. They resided in Merridale, Manitoba and then moved to Wildwood, Alberta with their children, Rudall, Jean, Harold, Allen and Roy. Rudall retired at Willow River, B.C. Jean married Leo White. Their children are Florence, Arlene, Colleen, Duane, Lance and Lee. She later married Thomas Crowe, and they have a family of two girls, Patricia and Valerie. They are now retired and reside in Fort Frances, Ontario. Harold (1918-1966) married Elsie Cruichshank. Their children are Shirley, Joan and Noreen. Allen married June Davis, and they reside in Port Coquitlam, B.C. Their children are Harold, Dale, Roberta, Willa, Kimberley and Christopher. Roy married Jeanette Dube, and they live in Edmonton, Alberta. They have two boys, Roy and Raymond. Douglas Henry Willis was born in 1922 and died in 1925.

Robert William Fraser (1904-1973), the fifth child of Jack and Ethel Fraser, married Clara Bedard Nicolas. He worked on a C.N.R. B and B crew until they moved to Racine, Wisconsin in 1948. He carpentered there, retiring to Fort Frances. Their children are Darlene and Doreen.

John McBeth Fraser (1907-1956) lived in Toronto where he had a small appliance repair shop.

Charles Andrew Fraser (born in 1909) married Aileen Precious. They lived in the Rainy River district where Charles was employed for a number of years as a store clerk, town bus driver, and for the C.N.R. as a section man. He is now retired and lives in rural Fort Frances. Their children are Glen, Dolores and Lorraine.

Herbert Edward (Dick) Fraser (1912-1981) married Florence Williamson. When Dick was still in his teens, he moved to Fort Frances, Ontario with his family. He returned to Merridale in the '30's and worked at Cockerill's sawmill at Angling Lakes. He also trapped and played ball with the Merridale ball club. Dick served with the Canadian Provost Corps in World War II. After their marriage, Dick and Florence took up residence in Fort Frances where Dick worked at logging, drove a taxi, the Town bus and then a school bus. They returned to Manitoba in 1952. They lived for awhile at Grandview before moving to Roblin, where they have continued to reside. Dick was employed at the Roblin Forest Products plant and at the bush camps in the winter. He worked as a reagent operator for I.M.C. at Yarbo until 1971.

Dick and Florence had a family of three: Gerald (1947-1955), Renita and Garnet. Renita received her schooling in Roblin, and then married Dennis Corrigal. They lived in Alberta for several years, where their daughter, Carlee, was born. They returned to Roblin and Renita worked at the Royal Bank before moving back to Alberta. Renita married William (Bill) Hiebert. They reside at Medicine Hat, Alberta and have one son, Fraser.

Garnet grew up in Roblin and attended school here. He worked for Parkway Co-op Ltd. He is employed at Cox's grocery store in Russell as a butcher. He married Michelle Bailey in 1982. Their first child, a son, was born on May 12th, 1985, and they named him Landon Neil. They reside at Russell, Manitoba.

Stewart Fraser Family by Evelyn and Brenda

Stewart Fraser left his birth place of Waterdown, Ontario and travelled west to Saskatchewan in the year 1907. He spent some time in Weyburn, Sask. and then settled in Roblin, Man., in the community of Cromarty.

In 1911, he obtained homestead land which he rented for 3½ years while he served overseas with the Timber Wolves Regiment 107 Overseas Battalion. Stewart met his wife of 48 years while stationed at Aldershot, Surrey, England. Winnifred Goodchild of Haselmere, Surrey, came to Canada in June 1921 and Stewart and Winnie were married on July 1, 1921 at St. Stephen's Broadway Church, Winnipeg Man., by the Rev. Charles W. Gordon.



Front row: Stewart and Winnie Fraser. Standing: Evelyn (Fraser) Fletcher, Lloyd Fletcher, Brenda (Fraser) Atkin, and Bud Atkin, 1964.

Many people will remember him better as the author, Ralph Connor.

The Frasers had two daughters, Evelyn and Brenda. During the war years of 1942-1945, the farm was rented to Olive and Russell Clark.

In the fall of 1945, Stewart sold the farm to Geordie and Vi Laird, Stewart, Winnie and Brenda moved to Hamilton, Ontario. Evelyn remained in Winnipeg, where she worked 7 years for the T. Eaton Co.

In June of 1947, Brenda married Russell (Bud) Atkin of Hamilton. They lived in Hamilton for 8 years, and in 1955, Bud, Brenda and children, Gary and Bonnie, moved to Niagara Falls, Ont., where they have lived for 29 years. The Atkins had an additions of twin daughters to their family in June 1960, Linda and Debbie.

Bud and Brenda are on their own again. Gary is married. He and his wife, Bonnie, live in Etobicoke, Toronto, with their two sons, Matthew age five and Nathan, three. Gary works as a property manager in many different areas of Toronto. Bonnie lives in



L to R. Doug Fletcher, Joanne (Welsh) Fletcher, Brenda (Fraser) Atkin, Evelyn (Fraser) Fletcher and Jim Fletcher, 1981.

Niagara Falls and works in the pharmacy at Shoppers' Drug Mart, St. Catharines. Debbie is now Mrs. Alan Willick of Niagara Falls and works in a pharmacy at Shoppers. Linda (Mrs. Mark Koabel) of Sherkston is also in pharmacy at Shoppers, but at different stores.

After Evelyn moved to Hamilton from Winnipeg in 1947, she met Lloyd Fletcher of Dundas, Ont. They were married in April of 1948. Lloyd and Evelyn have one daughter, Joanne, born in 1949 and two sons, Jim and Doug, born in '58 and '61. Joanne lives in Toronto with her son, Christopher. Lloyd passed away on April 2, 1974. Evelyn lives in Hamilton with the two boys. Jim is a machinist with Stelco of Canada and Doug is training as a chef with Murray's Restaurant of Hamilton. Both the boys are very active in the Scouting movement. Jim spent six weeks at the end of 1983 at Scout World Jam-boree in Australia.

All the families of the late Stewart and Winnie Fraser are active in church and community work. I believe we owe much of this, to our background and childhood days being raised in a caring, friendly community. Stewart Fraser passed away on June 18, 1969, and Winnie passed away on July 28, 1969.

Dan and Ellen Friesen by Ellen

Our story begins in Saskatchewan. Dan was born and raised on a farm near the village of Osler, north of Saskatoon. Ellen (Bergstrom) was born and grew up just eighty miles west of Roblin, near Stockholm, also on a farm. Both of us obtained Bachelor of Education degrees at the University of Saskatchewan. We were married in Saskatoon in 1969.

Our Roblin history dates back to August, 1972, when we moved here from Rocky Mountain House,



Friesen Family: Dan, Ellen, Eric, Tim and Jana.

Alberta in order for Dan to assume an English teaching position at what was then Roblin Collegiate Institute.

The natural beauty of the area, convenience of the town, compatibility and capability of the school staff, and good church fellowship soon confirmed to us that this was a place to put down roots.

Our son Eric, born in Alberta in 1971, was joined by two Manitobans — Tim, born in 1973, and Jana, born in 1977.

Over the years we have been active in the Evangelical Mission Church, Dan with teaching adult Bible class, participating in music, and serving as an elder; and Ellen with teaching Whirlybirds club and Sunday School. Dan and the boys play saxophone and trumpets in the church band.

Dan has directed the Goose Lake High Drama Club for several years, and was one of the founding members of the Roblin-Russell Gideon camp. Ellen substitute teaches, and for several seasons, has been secretary of the Parkland Festival Committee. She has been involved with organizing and guiding Friendship Bible Coffee groups since they began in this area in 1974.

Our children are benefitting from the many activities organized in this community, mainly piano, skating, swimming, and church youth clubs. The boys have enjoyed the excitement of minor hockey, and are sampling the workaday world delivering the Free Press.

Doug Frost-Hunt Family by Doug and Marie

Doug and Marie (Reid) were married in Minnedosa in 1958, arriving in Roblin with their four children in 1971.

Moving wasn't a new experience for them as Doug is the son of a former C.N. Roadmaster and was himself involved in banking. Moving was a way of life in his early career, having lived in Minnedosa, Hamiota, Shilo, Winnipeg, Morden, Dryden and in Rivers, as an accountant for Forman's Hardware.

Having no deep roots in any community, Doug and Marie felt that Roblin Forest Products offered them the opportunity to establish a permanency.

Regardless of where their lives took them, Doug always became involved in community affairs. Upon their arrival they became involved with Boy Scouts, Brownies and Kinsmen. Being an active Kinsmen for many years he was involved in the swimming pool project. He was honoured by being presented with a life membership in Kinsmen in 1982.

In 1981 Doug's career took another change when he became secretary-treasurer for the Town of Roblin, a position he still holds.

Doug and Marie have four children, Robert, Dwayne, Pat and Derek. Robert married Debbie Wokoruk, of Gibbons, Alberta. They live in Fort McMurray with their daughter, Amanda. Robert is employed as a foreman for Suncor.

Dwayne, living in Edmonton, is a boilermaker. His work takes him to points in Alberta and British Columbia.

Pat is married to Larry Burwash of San Clara. They have moved back to Roblin with hopes of making their home here.

Derek is at home and still attending high school.

Doug's mother and dad have also chosen to make their home in Roblin during their final years and presently reside in Maple Manor, a seniors' residence.

Eugene A. Fulkerson 1873-1914 **by Mrs. Ernie Senko**

Eugene was born in Tecumseth township, Simcoe county, Ontario on August 23, 1873. He came to Manitoba and worked with his older brothers as a lumberman in the Bowman area, prior to opening a photography business in Roblin.



The Fulkerson Family: L to R. Eugene, Daniel, Freeman and Olive. Front row: William, George, Mr. Abraham Fulkerson, Louisa, Mrs. Margaret (McCurdy) Fulkerson.

Eugene never married and died at the age of 41 years at Dauphin, on August 30, 1914. He had four brothers and two sisters: Daniel John, Joseph Freeman, William and George, Olive and Louisa Edna May.

Eugene Fulkerson's parents were: Abraham Fulkerson and Margaret (McCurdy) Fulkerson. Their life spans were from 1845-1923 and from 1845-1869. His great-grand parents were John and Margaret (Miller) Fulkerson (1806-1885 and 1812-1866). His great-great-grand parents were: Isaac Fulkerson born in 1776 and died in 1845, and Martha, born in 1781 and died in 1851.

Fullerton Family **by Annie Lunan**

Matthew Fullerton came to Canada from Island Arnaugh, County of Cork, Ireland when he was 16

years old and lived with his sister at Rathwell, Manitoba. He met Jennie Watson and was married at Rathwell on the 20th of November 1907. He farmed there for ten years and then moved to Bield, Manitoba. There was only one store at Bield — Chisolm's.

The farmers had their belongings sent by box car to Bield — cattle, horses, implements and furniture; the family also came by train.

Matthew rented a farm from Chisolm and farmed for a few years, then moved to a farm at Shortdale. Later he got a homestead at Shortdale, and raised a family of 7 children. One child died as a wee baby. The children were: Annie, who married Bill Lunan. Jim, who was with the little Black Devils or the Royal Winnipeg Rifles, was killed overseas. Bob and Lloyd both died with heart attacks. Sarah was killed in a car accident in Winnipeg. Eva married Frank Lischka of Winnipeg, and Edith married Tom Barstard of Winnipeg. Matthew died on the farm. Mrs. Fullerton sold out and moved to Roblin where she lived for 5 years before her passing.

The Isaac Funk Family **Dorothy Jaasund**

My Dad's parents immigrated to Winnipeg from Europe in 1871 when it was still known as Fort Garry. They later moved to Chaplin, Sask. and then to Roblin, where they homesteaded north of Roblin. Isaac is one of a family of twenty-one children and is the lone surviving member of that family.

In 1932 Isaac married Margaret Ella Donaldson and they farmed 3 miles north of Roblin. Isaac served as a cook in the army during World War II. Many families were separated in those days, although I believe the war income helped some families to survive financially.

My oldest brother, George talks about the first horses our family had. Two carloads of broncos



The Isaac Funk Family: Isaac, Margaret, George, Dorothy, Leonard, Janis, Mary, Henry, David and Lona.

came from Alberta and for five dollars a head you could have a horse. How you managed the bronco was your business. 'Heath' and 'Lark' were the names of a team we had for a long time. In the dry years the horses were worked for 4 hours, turned out for food and drink for 2 hours and then back to work for 3 more hours. In these days horses were a very valuable part of any farming operation.

Despite grasshoppers, the dry years and other hard times we all survived, with some good memories.

In 1961 we bought a farm 2 miles west and 1 mile south of Roblin. It was here that we did most of our growing up.

On Sundays my Dad would play his violin while we sang or danced. My Dad came from a family of very talented musicians, and had a family band when he was growing up. We still have the big bass horn he used to play.

George occasionally carries on the music tradition, especially at Christmas time when we still have some family singsongs with George playing the guitar.

There are eight children in the family.

George and his wife, Sylvia have a successful farming operation north of Roblin. They have four children at home: Dwayne, Tony, Rodney and Cora.

Dorothy married Ted Jaasund and teaches in Roblin. Their three children, Glenn, Laura and Howie, have made their homes in Medicine Hat, Alberta. There is one grandson, Sheldon.

Henry and his wife, Carol farm north of Roblin. They have two daughters, Glenda and Connie and two grandchildren, Jason and Jay-Deanne.

Mary and her husband, Harold Pollon live in Maryfield, Sask. They have two daughters, Cindy and Judy and one granddaughter. Mary works at Virden Hospital.

David lives in Russell with his wife, Diane and their two children, Brian and Sherry. Dave has worked for Roblin Forest Products for some time.

Lona lives 3 miles from Roblin with her husband, Wayne Kendal and two children, Kevin and Wendy. One daughter Cheryl works in Hinton, Alberta. Lona works in Roblin Personal Care Home.

Janis lives in Redcliffe, Alberta with her husband, Garland Booker. They have two children, Donald and Tracy.

Leonard and his wife, Roseanne and son, Justin live in Hinton, Alberta, where Leonard is employed.

Isaac, who has been ill since about 1950 is now a resident of the Roblin Personal Care Home. His wife, Margaret lives in her home at Roblin.

Our family has been fortunate in that we have

always been able to visit with each other fairly often and have had many family get-togethers.

Gaber Family **by Peter Gaber**

At the turn of the Century, lack of land and opportunity in Romania motivated Gregori Gaber, with his second wife whom he had just married, to emigrate to Canada.

His first wife, Domnica (nee Bobbie) died in 1902 leaving behind her five children. The oldest was a girl named Odochia, followed by Alexander, Efuzina, Maria and Magdalena (aged 2 years).

His second wife was Mrs. Domnica Bordian (nee Mosoronchan). She bore Gregory one child named Leontina.

They arrived in Lennard, Mb in May 1903, and shortly after filed for a homestead (the NE 1/4 20-23-28 W1).

On April 7, 1905, while building a log house with the help of neighbors, a falling log crushed him and he died a couple of hours later. He was buried in the Lennard Orthodox Church Cemetery. His widowed wife later married John Babbie with whom she had five more children.

My father, Alexander (aged 22 years) married Agrapina Burla (aged 15 years) in 1908. She was a daughter of Eli Burla and Zamfira (nee Mintenko), who were the first homesteaders in the district.

They raised a family of ten, the oldest being Mabel, followed by myself (Peter), then Dora,



Alexander Gaber, Agrapina, Mabel, Peter, Dora and Ann.

Annie, George, Mary, Jim, John, Margaret and Gerald. They lived with her parents until 1910 when they purchased the NW1/4 of 13-23-28 W1. In 1918 they moved to the SE1/4 of 19-23-27 W1 where they lived until retirement. Then they moved to Inglis.

As a child, I attended the Shell Bank school. My last teacher was Wm. Logan who helped me through Grade 10, which I took by correspondence.

Besides teaching, Mr. Logan was also Sec.

Treas. of the School District. When he left in 1928, I became the Sec. Treas. with a salary of \$30.00 per year.

Besides being Sec. Treas. of the School District, I also became a trustee in 1937. I later became involved in many other organizations. I was secretary of the Lennard St. Eli Orthodox Church for over twenty years and served 2 years as President. I was also president of the local Farmers' Union for 4 years; secretary of the Man. Pool Elevators in Inglis for 5 years; leader of the Lennard Junior Seed Club for 6 years where I got my start as a registered seed grower. I was president of the Inglis Chamber of Commerce for 4 years during the period that the Assensippi Beach was started; President of the Dauphin Liberal Constituency for 4 years; and choir leader of our church from 1936 to 1976 when I quit because of my health. In 1942, I was elected as councillor for Ward 2 in Boulton R.M. and the following year when D. R. McDonald resigned as Reeve, I was elected in his place, a position I held continuously for 24 years. When I moved to Roblin in 1967, I received a gold watch in appreciation of my service to the Municipality. After I moved to Roblin, I was chairman of the Roblin Chamber of Commerce for 4 years during which time the Moonshine Daze Festival was started.

Being active as a youngster, I helped organize and pitch for a soft ball team we called "The Lennard WildCats". We won at many tournaments and in the late 30's we switched to hard ball with considerable success.

I also liked music and in 1929 formed a dance band we called "The Tune Twisters". Alex Titian played the violin, his brother, Peter, played the banjo and I played the piano accordion. Later Charlie Neuls with his cornet and Martin Woods with drums joined us, which made a pretty good band. We played at many dances including all the barn dances in the area.

While playing at dances I got to know Lena, a daughter of Kozma and Veronica Bezan (nee Mintenko). They lived in the Hudson School District in Boulton Municipality. Although we didn't live far apart, we lived in different social circles. She attended a different school and church, so we had little opportunity to see each other.

Despite this separation, we still managed to see each other, which led to our marriage on Oct. 18th, 1934. We then raised a family of seven children.

Garry, the oldest, was born Dec. 28, 1935. He attended the Shell Bank School for his public schooling. For high school he went to Inglis. Most of the time he walked the 3½ miles there. There he met Barbary Pooley whom he married on Dec. 12, 1956. They had three children, Lee, Michelle and Shaunene.

Ken, born March 21, 1939, attended the Shell Bank School and finished his high school in Inglis, where we were then living. He went out working for the winter of 1958-59, then came back and joined the garage. In 1963 when we opened the branch in Roblin he moved there and met Grace Shauf whom he married on Dec. 28, 1963. They had two children, Scott and Mike. Ken and Grace were divorced in 1976 with Ken getting custody of the children. On Aug. 18, 1980 Ken married Mrs. Marion Bulezuik (nee Swidinsky). She has three children, Jane, Jim and Dwayne.

Bernice, born July 27, 1943, attended the Inglis School through Grade 12, then went to work in Winnipeg. There she met Eldon Dimond whom she knew from her school days. They were married on June 5, 1965. As Eldon had a position with Air Canada they made Winnipeg their home. Bernice, besides working as a Key Punch Operator, took time off to have two children, Gayleen and Warren.

Alan, born May 10, 1949, finished high school in Russell, then attended the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg. He returned to join us at the garage in 1972 as a bookkeeper. He got together with Sherry Patterson in 1974, who is also a bookkeeper at Gabers.

Dean, born Jan. 5, 1955, finished high school in Roblin, then went to work at Quesnel, B.C. He came back to work at the garage in 1972. On June 12, 1982, he married Tanis Keast.

Darlene, born June 6, 1956, finished her schooling in Roblin and on May 18, 1974 married Dean-Alan Zimmer of the Shorthdale district where they are now living. They have three children, Cory, Faye and Jolene. At present she works at Gabers as a bookkeeper.

Colleen, our youngest, was born Aug. 18, 1959. She also finished high school in Roblin. After that she went to Red River College in Winnipeg where she took business accounting. Then she came back to work at Gabers as a bookkeeper. On Sept. 20, 1980 she married Bryan Elder, a local farmer. They make their home in Roblin.

Lena and I, Peter, started farming on our own



Peter Gaber, Adolph Bezo.

on 90 acres I had bought from Dad. My first crop in 1935 was 52 acres of Marquis wheat which was totally destroyed by rust. That would have been my last year as a farmer if there had been something else to do, but as we were in the middle of the depression years, there was nothing else to do but stay on the farm. With the eight head of cattle that my wife received as a dowry and myself playing the accordion for dances etc, we made enough money to carry on until the next crop.

My farming operation started paying off after I started registered seed growing in 1940. Most of my grain was sold as registered seed at better than elevator price.

Because of a back injury I received with a runaway team of horses, my back gradually got worse. I could no longer do any manual work. My wife, with Garry, our eldest son who was aged 12, were doing most of the work around the place, so I decided to move off the farm.

I bought the Sundown Theatre in Inglis in 1949 but I soon realized that was not what I wanted. In 1951, Wm. Gallant, owner of Modern Motor Works Garage, and I decided to swap businesses. So on Nov. 15, 1951, I became owner of a garage and dealer for Oliver Farm Eqpt. In 1953, I became a Mercury Meteor car and truck dealer. In 1954, I built a larger building on Main St. and sold the other building to my cousin Ted Holunga to use for a body work shop. As soon as Garry and Ken, our older two sons, finished school they came to help in the garage.

In 1963, as business prospered, we bought, from Mrs. Cranwell of Roblin, a vacant building that had been used as a John Deere dealership, and started a branch of my operations there. In 1966, we bought land 1/2 mile west of Roblin from Albert Otke and built a steel building to have more work space and storage room. In 1967, we sold the Inglis operation to Fred and Ted Salahub, then enlarged the building west of Roblin and moved our entire operation there. We later sold the building in town to Brian Davis. Alan and Dean, our other two sons, then joined the firm.

That year we also moved the house, built in 1942, to Roblin. This I had first moved from the farm to Inglis in 1951. In 1972 we built a new home and sold the old home to Joe Filewich.

After the potash mines opened in Esterhazy it became difficult to get enough skilled help, as at the mines, workers could get more money than we could pay at the garage. Consequently in 1969 we regretfully gave up the Mercury Meteor dealership so we could give better service to the farm equipment we were selling.

In 1975, we added Versatile Mfg. Co. and New Holland farm equipment to the lines of machinery

we were already selling which immediately doubled our business.

In 1976, due to lack of sufficient space, we bought more land and doubled the size of the building. The new addition at present houses our parts and sales departments, while making the work shop much larger. This allowed us to take on franchises with Wil-Rich, Bourgault, Morris and others. In 1977 we went into partnership with James Gaber, John McShannock, Gary and Tom McCrea and formed "Shangabrea Soil Services Ltd.", an Anhydrous Ammonia and Dry Fertilizer company. In 1982 the McCreas bought our interest in Shangabrea.

Due to work pressure, the boys (who already had bought most of the business shares) and I decided to departmentalize the managing. Garry became General Manager, Alan was to take care of the accounting and bookkeeping and Ken and Dean took care of the parts department. Later Dean moved up to sales department and Ken became Service Manager.

In 1982 at the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Farm Eqpt. Dealers Association convention in Regina, we were given "The Dealer of the Year" award for Manitoba. That was something I had never anticipated.

A large part of my success I give to Mrs. Gaber. She has been a wonderful wife and mother and has had an over abundance of patience these many years, keeping the meals hot when I was late getting home. My Father passed away in 1969, but Mother, at age 90 is still healthy and active. Mr. Bezan, Lena's father passed away in 1977, but her mother at 87 is still able to look after herself.

The best move I made in my life was the one when we moved to Roblin. The location of the town, the friendly attitude of the business men, the large shops and facilities here, all help to attract a lot of people. Without customers, no town or business can survive.

George and Irene Gamey Family by W. Gamey

George Gamey was born in 1915 on Manitoulin Island, and in early life came to Roblin and lived with Henry and Mabel Gamey on the south half of section 2-26-28. Henry Gamey retired to Roblin in 1942 and George and his wife, Irene (McNicol) operated the farm until 1958. Later he taught school at The Pas, Goodlands and Elphinstone, and at the time of his death in a road accident on highway #6 in July 1958, he was teaching at Ashern, Manitoba.

George and Irene had seven children: Sharon, Gwen, Colleen, Heather, Denise, Yvonne and Reilly.

Sharon married Stan Krawchuk and they live at Elphinstone, Manitoba.

Gwen married Steve Dankewich and they have two children, Marcianna Michelle and Stephen Thomas and one grandchild, Tabitha.

Colleen married John Major and they have two children, John Edward Elijah, and Gerri Jacqueline and they live in Winnipeg.

Heather and Denise are single and live and work in Winnipeg.

Yvonne married Laurie Lacovetsky and their children are Ryan Jesse Reilly and Daniel Paul Heartly and they live at Victoria, B.C.

Reilly and Pat Gamey have a son, Joshua Rubin Alfred Heartly, and they reside in Winnipeg.

Irene Gamey died in Winnipeg in September, 1976.

Bill Gamey and Family

by Bill Gamey

Wilfred D. Gamey and wife, Mary (Clarke) married in Gora Bay, Ontario on Manitoulin Island, in 1903 and moved west. They settled on the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 21-26-28, 2 miles north of Roblin. Other families who lived on the same quarter are M. A. and Gertie (Gilpin) Clarke and Henry Gamey and his wife, Mable (Hartly) for one year in 2 different houses. The Clarkes moved to the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 28-26-28 and Henry Gamey moved to the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 2-26-28.



L to R. Henry Gamey, Blanche Gamey, Wilfred Gamey, Mary Gamey, Mark Clark and Zella Clark.

Wilfred was active in community affairs. He served for 12 years on the school board and 2 terms on the Shell River Municipal Council for Ward 2.

In 1937, they moved to the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 6-26-28 (south-west of Roblin) and later purchased the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 31-25-28. He farmed until 1952, when they moved to Roblin.

Bill, Wilfred's son, married Mary Gerega, and took over the operation of the farm. Bill and Mary had 4 children; Lark, Dale, Blair and Tye. All the children received their education in the Roblin schools.

Lark married David Smith and they had one child, Arwen. They live in Winnipeg, where David is a teaching consultant with the Frontier School

Division. Lark is a teacher and is now working on her masters degree in Education.

Dale is married to Karen Smith of Belmont, Man. They have a daughter, Brooke. Dale continued his education at Red River Community College in Winnipeg and works for the Manitoba Autopac Company as a Computer Analyst Programmer in Winnipeg. Karen is a consultant with Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

Blair is married to Jean Betke of Russell. He is a painter and drywaller by trade. They have 2 boys, Curtis and Travis, and currently live on Blair's father's farm at Roblin.

Tye is married to Nancy Wichert of Virgil, Ontario. Tye received his education at Roblin and attended the Dauphin school for 3 years, by commuting by bus everyday. After his graduation, he attended Brier Crest Bible College in Carenport, Sask. He worked in the Mission Field in India for two, 5 month terms and the balance of each year, he was working in Canada. In Jan. 1982, he went to India for 3 years to serve in the Mission Fields. He and his wife live in Madras.

George Gardner Family — Deepdale, Manitoba

by Corwena Wilson (Granddaughter)

George MacDonald Gardner was born in Ingersoll, Ontario, in 1876, of Scottish origin, moving as a youth to Rolla, North Dakota, where he worked for several years. He married Adeline McMaster, of Rolla. In 1904 Mr. and Mrs. Gardner left Rolla to immigrate to the Deepdale area to join relatives and friends who had arrived a couple of years prior. Travelling by covered wagon with their three small children, (Wilfred, Eva and May), and all their possessions they arrived in the Merridale district where they farmed for a time before moving to the Deepdale district. Six more children were born here. The elder children attended Wyndham school until 1913, when the school district entered into consolidation with Roblin, and then travelled by horse-drawn vans to Roblin school.

Social activities consisted of quilting bees and meetings for the ladies and Socials and Dances, and in the summer community picnics and baseball games in which Mr. Gardner and his sons took an active part.

The Gardner family moved to the hamlet of Deepdale, in the mid 1920's, continuing to lead an active life in this small and close-knit community whose people shared the common bond of having left their homes and families to settle in this new and promising Manitoba.

Mrs. Gardner operated a boarding house for several years, where many travellers to the (at this time) thriving community could attest to her excel-

lent cuisine. Mrs. Gardner served as the District Midwife and many of the present generation in the area became first acquainted with the world through Mrs. Gardner's loving care.

Mr. Gardner died in 1955, and Mrs. Gardner in 1957. Of their nine children, four remain. John, of Roblin, Ira of Quesnel, B.C. Anne (Ballance) of Winnipeg, and May (McCorquodale), of Calgary. The deceased members of the family were Wilfred, 1972, Eva (Powell) 1979, Minnie (Roberts), 1981, Irene (Prier) — (Williams), 1982, and Margaret (Rink) in 1983.

The Dmytro Gerega Family

by Rose Gerega

Mr. Dmytro Gerega and Mary (Skublen) were married on October 8th, 1912, in Winnipeg, after they had both separately immigrated to Canada from Bosyry, Ukraine. In 1913, Mr. and Mrs. Gerega moved to the Hillcrest district where they took up a homestead. While on the farm, nine children were born. The youngest died in childhood. The remaining children are: Russell, Michael, Rose, Alice, Adam, Bill, Vicky and Mary. All the children went to school in Hillcrest, and Alice continued on in school to become a teacher.



Gerega Family (1946).

After Dmytro died in 1948, Mary continued to farm until her retirement in 1953 when she moved to town. She passed away in 1977.

Russell married Madelene Hornsberger and lived in Vancouver, B.C., where Russell was a heavy-duty mechanic until his retirement in 1980. Madelene passed away in 1980 and Russell is still living in Vancouver.

Michael is single and works as a bartender in Kitchener, Ont.

Rose did not marry. She does housework in Roblin, and in her spare time does some crocheting and knitting.

Alice married Stanley Moore of Dauphin. Alice taught school until the time of her marriage. Stanley was Deputy Superintendent at the Dauphin Jail until he retired in 1984. They have 2 children; Sharon and Kenneth.

Adam married Nellie Filewich and now resides in the Silverwood district. They had 2 children but one daughter is now deceased. Adam and his son, David, are farming together.

Bill married Loreen McKinnon of Kenton. Bill served in the Army in 1936 and when he returned, he became a welder in Brandon where he still works. Bill and Loreen have 2 children; Carla and Dean. Loreen died in 1982.

Vicky married Walter Lead of Hartney. Vicky was a sales-clerk until the time of her marriage. Walt was a District Supervisor for Manitoba Hydro. He died in 1972. Vicky still lives in Gilbert Plains and operates the "Fabric Shoppe."

Mary married Bill Gamey of Roblin. Bill worked on the farm in the Roblin area until his retirement. Mary still works at Mitchell's Drug Store in Roblin. Their land is now rented out. Mary and Bill have 4 children: a daughter Lark, and 3 sons, Dale, Blair and Tye. All are married now and have families of their own.

The Gerega family now all reside in Canada with no relatives known to be left in the Ukraine.

Felix Geryluk

by Cassie Geryluk

Felix, son of Joseph and Anne Geryluk, was born April 28, 1898 in Krzyucze, Poland.

Felix and his parents immigrated to Valley River, Manitoba in the fall of 1909 where they lived for the winter.

In the spring of 1910, they moved to Shortdale, where Joseph took a homestead which was bought for \$10.00 (N.E. 1/4 9-26-26). Felix helped his Dad clear the land for farming.

In 1925, Felix married Cassie, daughter of Frank and Rose Bialkoski, at St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Chapel at Shortdale, Manitoba. Father Kurys officiated at the marriage.

We, Felix and Cassie, lived part time with



Felix and Cassie Geryluk's wedding April 26, 1925.

Felix's parents at Shortdale and my parents at Bield for one year.

In the spring of 1926, we took the N.W. 1/4 16-25-26 as a homestead and in Nov. 1926 we moved there.

In the spring of 1926, Felix worked for the C.N.R. at Strevel, to supplement the family income. While here, we had to live in a box car. When Felix was laid off work, we moved back to Shortdale, Manitoba.

In the meantime, we walked 6 miles from Shortdale to our homestead to clear land and build our first house. All the scrubbing was done by hand, using axe and grub-hoe.

Felix helped build the Winona School and later, the teacher boarded with Felix and me.

We used to go to picnics, socials and card parties at Gilbert and Winona Schools and dances at the Shortdale Hall. Our transportation then was horse



Antonia Bonasiuk and Cassie Geryluk.

and buggy in the summer and horse and cutter in the winter, until we purchased our first car in 1946.

I remember Felix hauling a wagon box of wheat to United Grain Growers' elevator at Shortdale. When it was taken to the elevator, it was 28¢ per bushel, but after being left in storage for two weeks, the price had dropped to 23¢ so Felix decided to sell or else he would have had to pay extra for storage.

During 1926, Felix rode freight cars to Kindersley, Saskatchewan to help with harvesting. Then during 1928, he went to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan to work.

We scrubbed land and farmed up until 1960, when we sold our farm and moved to Dauphin, Manitoba for the winter.

In the spring of 1961, we purchased N.W. 1/4 3-26-26 where we farmed for three years. In September, 1964 we retired to Roblin, Manitoba where I still reside. Felix passed away April, 1981.

Gilhooly Family **Ronnie Gilhooly**

Harry Gilhooly immigrated to Canada from

Ireland. He served in the Canadian Armed Forces in World War I. He brought Christina from Glasgow, Scotland to Canada, as a war bride. He then began working for the Canadian National Railways and in 1930 he was transferred to Dropmore from Sedalia, Alberta. They had four children: Bill age 9, Ronald age 7, Margaret age 4 and Robert age 2.



Giving the salute are Nelson Roberts, Reg Roberts and Bob Gilhooly.

The family lived in the railway station. The children all received their education up to grade 9 in the Dropmore School. Harry was instrumental in the making of the first curling and skating rink. He also arranged for hot water from the train engines to be dropped off to flood the rink. Christina helped organize a Sunday school, which was held in the town hall.

Shortly after the outbreak of World War II in 1939, Bill joined the navy. In 1941, Ron joined the army. During the war, in 1942, Harry Gilhooly died, and Christina and the two younger children, Margaret and Bob, moved to Calgary, Alberta.

After the war, Bill stayed in the navy until his



L to R. Bob and Ronnie Gilhooly, with Bud Roberts, enjoying some hockey fun.

retirement. He died in 1979 as a result of a stroke. He had five children.

Ron settled in Calgary, and owns an electrical company. He has three children. Margaret married a lawyer and is also living in Calgary. She has two children. Bob became a lawyer and settled in Kelowna, B.C. He has four children. Christina Gilhooly died in Calgary on February 19th, 1983 at the age of 87.

Gill Home and Family

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The Gill House, occupied for many years by the Martin family, stands on the south side of Hwy. 5, just east of the railway tracks on NW 4-26-28 W. It is located fairly close to the shores of Goose Lake. When the excursion train brought prospective real estate clients to Roblin in 1903 for the sale of townsite lots, *"the Gill family residence was the only house in evidence, aside from the numerous small shacks constructed as temporary quarters."*

The lumber for the Gill House *"was brought from Asessippi and contractor Thompson made, what was considered in those days, a fine residence indeed."*

This house was probably the residence of Henry Gill, his wife, his son John A., and at least two of the Gill daughters. Further research is necessary to decide whether Henry Gill or his son John A. was the original owner of the property. The property on which the house sits was purchased from the Manitoba Government as swampland, before the railway reached Roblin. One account written in 1927 states that J. A. Gill was *"one of the earliest purchasers of real estate in the district, buying the quarter section where his house still stands."* This seems to indicate that J. A. Gill was the owner. By this time, however, his father was dead, so the home could have been the property of J. A. Gill by right of inheritance.

Another son of Henry Gill, A. B. (Doc) Gill and his family lived elsewhere *"in a cottage now owned by Wm. Cranwell"*. John A. and two of his sisters were unmarried and they lived with their parents, however.

The Gill family's history is tightly intertwined with that of Asessippi, a settlement established on



Gill House at Roblin early 1900's.

the Shell River at NW 3-23-28, in 1882 by the Shell River Colonization Company.

The Shell River Colonization Company was formed in Belleville, Ontario by a group of citizens organized for the purpose of developing a settlement in the Northwest. The company appointed Henry Gill as agent in charge of the settlement at Asessippi. According to records in the possession of the Gill family,

"The Company determined to obtain a tract of land with abundance of wood and pure water as well as good soil. This was obtained and they were also fortunate in securing on this site one of the best water power rivers (Shell River) in Manitoba. Large quantities of spruce logs are annually driven down the Shell from the timber country in the Duck Mountains, portions of which is sawed up on the tract and used for the buildings for the settlers."

Born in Burton, Leicester, England in 1835, Henry Gill emigrated to Canada in 1870, locating in Trenton, Ontario, from whence he set out for Shell River in 1882. He returned east that fall to collect his son, John Arthur Gill.

Henry Gill, along with W. F. Baker, J. Richardson, and D. Gillmore formed the Asessippi Milling Company in 1883. *"The natural basin for the mill pond just below the mouth of Bear Creek suggested the site of the mill which was built the same year, thus locating the village."*

The mill machinery was brought from Moosomin, ninety miles (144.8 km) away, by mule team. This was the only mill located north of Russell, and farmers *"brought their grist from within a radius of thirty or forty miles"*.

Henry Gill became the first postmaster at Asessippi, and he later became responsible for the establishment of post offices elsewhere in Shell River.

As agent for the Shell River Colonization Company, Henry Gill was responsible for attracting settlers to the district. In a 1884 report, he wrote,

"In the rich alluvial valley of the Assiniboine, there are thousands of acres of the most luxuriant grass growing from four to five feet in height and which can readily be cut and cured for the winter supply of tens of thousands of cattle. Truly a magnificent country for raising cattle."

It was the reports like these that led men like R. J. Brooks, James Mitchell, and the Anderson brothers to take up huge ranching tracts along the Assiniboine shortly afterward.

In the 1880's and 1890's Asessippi was a thriving place. The post office and store were kept by John A. Gill and his brother A. B. Gill. In the early 1890's John A. (Jack) started a brickyard on the right bank of Bear Creek, a short distance above its junction with the Shell River. The first brick house in Russell was built of bricks from this brickyard.

About the turn of the century, this village, which had expected to be first on the Assiniboine

line of the C.P.R., and later on the Manitoba and Northwestern line, found itself abandoned by the railways. The settlement began to disintegrate. With the coming of the Canadian Northern Railway to Roblin, many of the remaining families decided to relocate there. Among them were the Gills, having sold their mill in Asessippi to T. McLennan.

Having decided to relocate their general merchandising business near the C.N.R. line, Henry Gill and his two sons purchased Lot 10, Block 1 at the townsite sale in September 1903. Soon after they erected a two-storey frame store, titled Gill and Co. This store, located on Main Street, directly across from Charles Brydon's Hardware, was enlarged in 1907. A new block, similar to the first, was built adjoining it. The first floor of the original store became an implement warehouse, and the second floor became a furniture store. The first floor of the new building was utilized as a general store while the second floor was intended *"to be fitted up as a concert or opera house later"*.

It is unlikely that this last part of the plan was carried through. The Gills, and later J. A. Gill, operated this store until 1936 when it was sold. The building was owned by Harvey Naimark, and known as Harvey's Department Store when it was destroyed by fire in October 1950.

Neither Henry Gill nor his son, Jack, ever limited their successful business expertise to their merchandising business.

Henry Gill *"took an active interest in all public affairs, local and provincial, social and political. He was elected the first president of the Shell River Agricultural Society upon its formation. He also acted as police magistrate during the whole of his stay in Roblin until the defeat of the Conservative party, winning for himself the hearty admiration of even his political opponents."*

Another early citizen of Roblin, George L. Speers, recalled a meeting held during the winter 1903-04, to find a more suitable name for the town, Goose Lake not seeming appropriate. *"At that meeting was that grand honorable and dignified old gentleman, Henry Gill, whom I always called the father of Roblin myself."*

Interestingly, the choice of the new name, Roblin, corresponded well with the political leanings of Henry Gill.

Henry Gill died August 9th, 1919, at the age of eighty-four. He was nearly fifty when he came to supervise the establishment of a colony along the Shell River. His pioneering spirit had initiated the development of the region. Before his death he witnessed the creation of a solid farm community between the valleys of the Assiniboine and the Shell.

Jack Gill, like his father, became a community leader in Roblin. He was one of three of the original trustees of Goose Lake School Board. These men

ran the school district until consolidation in 1912. When the first Roblin Board of Trade was formed in 1912, J. A. Gill was its chairman. The incorporation of Roblin as a village in 1913 resulted in J. A. Gill's election as its first mayor.

J. A. Gill was born in England in 1864 and died in Roblin in August 1949. At that time he was living with his three sisters, Lucy Gill, Carrie Gill, and Mrs. J. L. Whittam. He and his siblings had helped their father re-establish the family fortune three times: first in Trenton, Ontario, then in Asessippi, and again in Roblin. The failure of the Manitoba and Northwestern Railway to run its tracks through Asessippi, a settlement into which the family had poured so much of its energy, did not deter the family. They determined to make a new and better life on the railway in Roblin. This they did, and in so doing, helped create a town future generations could enjoy.

The Glover Family **by Marjorie Day**

Edwin and Mary Glover came west from Ontario in 1900, to the Russell area.

In 1904 the family moved to Tummel where they farmed the W-1/2 13-25-29. They retired to Roblin in 1917, and their youngest son, Reg took over the farm until his death in 1926.

Their family of 4 sons and 2 daughters were with them. The boys each took up a homestead; Reg settled on the farm now owned by Bill Eckert, Charlie was directly north of his father, and Fred and George also lived in the Tummel area.

The family was from Methodist stock and, with other families, held service in a school on the Cranwell farm. My mother, Hazel Glover, was the organist there until her marriage in 1911.

Mrs. Glover and Hattie were very active in Red Cross work during both wars, and in Ladies Aid work after they moved to town.

In 1918, I believe, the town invested in a town bell, which was rung several times a day, or to signal a fire. Grandpa Glover was the first "Bell Ringer" and sometimes we were allowed to go with him. He had this privilege until he took ill in 1925, and passed away.

Hattie was a tailoress and dressmaker. She assisted her brother George, who had a tailor shop on Main St. in Roblin, and also helped him raise his three daughters after the death of his wife in about 1920. She also taught Sunday School and was leader of a Girls Club; some of the members were Helen and Amy Newton, Amy Starr and Edna Miller.

The Glovers lived in their home on 1st. Avenue until 1944. I believe it was recently gutted by fire.

Mike and Mary (Malayny) Glutek
by David Glutek

Mike and Mary (Malayny) Glutek were very young when they arrived in Canada, with their parents in 1904. They came from Western Ukraine with the intention of homesteading on the prairies. They were of Ukrainian descent and lifelong members of the Greek Catholic Church.



Mike and Mary Glutek.

Mike's parents, Andrew and Catherine Glutek settled in the Zelena area, where they carried on a farming operation. Mary's parents, Fred and Anna Malayny first settled in Saskatchewan, then moved to Manitoba, where they were engaged in farming north-east of Roblin. Fred and Anna later moved to the town of Roblin, where he was a livery barn keeper.

Mike and Mary (Malayny) Glutek were united in marriage in 1917. They farmed in the Zelena area, until their deaths in 1979 and 1981. They raised 10 children, who attended Northcliffe public school.

The eldest son, Andrew attended high school at Makaroff. He married Olga Ostrowski in 1944 and both of them operated a General Store in San Clara for many years. Andrew also operated a taxi, until his death in 1982. An only son, John, is pursuing a career in the Military.

Walter Glutek was united in marriage to Stella Biluk, a daughter of John Biluk. After helping his parents on the farm for many years, he moved to Wawa, Ontario, where he was engaged in mining, until his recent retirement. Three children, Maryanne, Peter and Michael were raised and educated at Wawa.

The eldest daughter, Ann, married Frank Shenderovich. They carry on a farming operation north of Roblin. Three children; Joe, Ruth and Bill are the product of this marriage.

Stella Glutek wedded George Vermeulen of Boggy Creek. They operated a General Store in the

area for many years, then moved to Calgary, Alberta. Five children; George, Niva, Gary, Ron and Roy reside in the Calgary area.

Sophie Glutek left home in her early years to work at Vancouver, B.C. She was united in marriage to Peter Hryniuk, a Saskatchewan native. Four children; Diana, Gail, Betty and Cheryl have made British Columbia their home.

For many years, Bill Glutek assisted his parents in their farming operation. Later, he married Ina Klassen from the San Clara area. He is currently employed by a mining company at Wawa Ontario. Four boys were raised and educated at Wawa. Jim, the eldest, is with the Armed Forces. Jeffrey resides on Vancouver Island, while Tim and David are continuing their university training.



Bill Glutek on the family farm.

Dave Glutek completed his high school at Goose Lake Collegiate in Roblin. After teaching in the area for several years, he obtained his B.A. and B. Sc. from the University of Manitoba. He moved to Ontario, where he worked for the City of Toronto in a Water Purification Plant. Later, he completed his M. Sc. in Environmental Engineering at the University of Western Ontario in London and is currently employed by the Ontario Government as Chief of an Environmental Laboratory in the Southwestern region.

He was united in marriage to Gloria Smith of Kingston, Jamaica. Two children, Brian and Sandra are attending the University of Western Ontario, majoring in Engineering and Research.

Olga Glutek married Bill Biluk of the Zelena area. After marriage, they moved to Ontario, where they operate a service station and garage, first at Wawa, then later at Sault Ste Marie, Ontario. Five children; Bob, Murray, Brian, Evelyn and Eleanor are residing in the Sault Ste Marie area.

Betty Glutek wedded Mike Puritch of the Roblin area. For many years, they lived north of Roblin, where they were engaged in mixed farming. Later, they moved into Roblin, where they are currently operating a restaurant as well as the farm. Two children; Debbie and Michelle are assisting with the family business operation.

John Glutek, the youngest member of the family continues to operate the family farm at Zelena.

This rural community was vibrant with activity. Church services were held on a regular basis. It was an occasion to worship, exchange greetings and discuss the events of the week. Concerts, dances and ball games were frequent. In the summertime, many people walked to their destinations. In the winter, a team of horses was hitched to a sled or van.

Visitations in the neighborhood were common. Neighbors gathered to play cards or just chat. Most students walked to school, a distance of several miles. Physical fitness came natural through walking and doing the farm chores. The family was a tight unit and ties between members were close.

Community picnics were regular events and were given total participation. Races and games were enjoyed by all. The picnic usually ended with a dance. The people of the community worked, mourned and rejoiced together.

A historic event in the community was a Ukrainian Wedding. First it involved a lengthy preparation of five Ukrainian dishes. Then a day of dining and dancing at the bride's home was followed by a day of the same at the groom's residence. Dancing and dining usually continued until daybreak, which always seemed to come too soon. The bride and groom were toasted with drinks, showered with good wishes, presented with gifts and money to assist them in setting up a household and making a new start in life.

The Goba Family **by Darlene Lichkowski**

Peter Goba was born in Western Ukraine in 1875. He grew up and went to school there. Later, he married Catherine Pronyk and 4 children were born in the Ukraine: Harry, John, Anne and Mike. At the age of 3 years Mike contacted diphtheria and died.

In 1912 Peter immigrated to Canada, leaving behind his wife and 3 children who could not come over at the time because they could not get immigration papers. Peter worked for farmers, helping with the field work and doing whatever jobs were available at the time.

In 1914, before the war broke out, Catherine and the children were able to come to Canada. At this time Peter and Catherine purchased a farm located in the Shell River Municipality namely the S.W. 1/4

of 27-27-28. Together they farmed and later 5 more children were born, Metro, Mildred, Mary, Emily and Paul. The children went to school at Gleneden. In later years, when they were old enough to go out on their own, the children married.

Harry, (now deceased) married Mary Styba and raised 4 children.

John, (now deceased) married Emily Swidzinski and raised 3 children.

Anne married Bill Kozak and raised 3 children.

Mildred married Stanley Gunchoski and they had 3 children.

Mary married Tony Huta and had 4 children.

Emily married Mike Yahodynski and raised 3 children.

Paul, (now deceased) married Ellen Bandura and raised 3 children.

Metro married Jean Welenchenko in 1945 at Zelena. Together they farmed on the family farm, S.W. 27-27-28, which they purchased from Metro's parents. From this marriage 2 children were born, Peter in 1946 and Darlene in 1955.

In 1963 Metro started working for the C.N.R. and at the same time, farmed.

In 1970 Metro and Jean purchased a home and moved to Yorkton, Sask. after which time Metro continued working for the C.N.R. until his retirement in 1981. Peter and Darlene attended school in Gleneden and Roblin. Darlene also attended school in Yorkton when her parents moved there and later graduated from the Regional High school in Yorkton.

In 1972 Peter married Elizabeth Shauf. They had 3 children: Kevin, and Jason and Janet who were twins. Jason is now deceased.

Peter and Beth purchased the family farm from his parents in 1974, where they still reside today. Kevin and Janet attend school in Roblin.

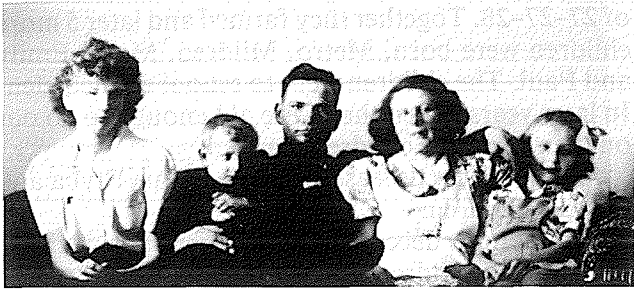
Darlene married Alex Lichkowski in 1974. Together they farm in the Shortdale district on S.W. 1/4 of 16-25-26. They have 3 children: Jody, Trina and Melanie. Jody and Trina attend school in Roblin, while Melanie is still at home.

Catherine and Peter both passed away and were buried at St. Michael's Parish cemetery north of Roblin.

John Goba **by Albena Kozak**

Mr. John Goba, son of Peter and Katherine (nee Pronyk) Goba, was born on June 17, 1908 in the Western Ukraine. He came to Canada with his family in 1913 and homesteaded in the Roblin district. He attended the Gleneden School and began helping at home.

On July 17, 1931 he married Emily Swidzinski at St. Gerard's Church in Yorkton. In 1938 the couple



The John Goba Family: L to R. Albina, Walter, John, Emily and Alice.

took up their own land at Deepdale, Manitoba, where they farmed until 1944. They then moved to a farm southeast of Kamsack. In 1966 they retired and moved to Yorkton, Sask.

In 1975 Mr. Goba suffered a stroke. He was unable to speak and his ability to get around was limited.

Mr. Goba was a hardworking man who loved the land and raised all kinds of livestock. He was very close to his family and his grandchildren held a special place in his heart.

Emily and John had a family of three children: Walter, Albina and Alice.

Walter and his wife, Myrtle live in Kamsack, Sask. and have 2 children; Maria and Caria.

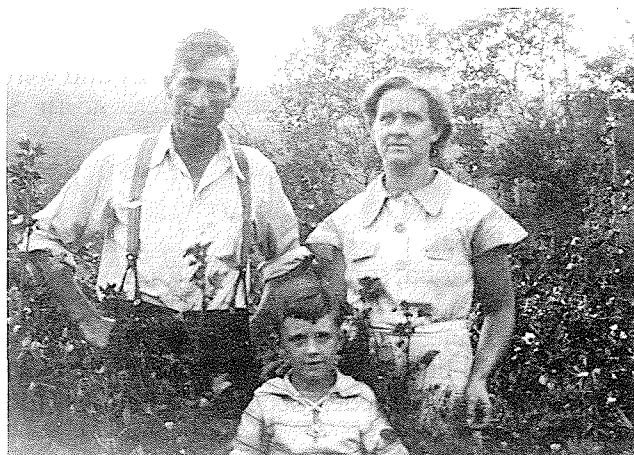
Albina married Sam Kozak of Roblin, Manitoba. They have six children: Dianne, Valerie, Ronald, Maxine, Daniel, Kim and Corrine.

Alice married Peter Khadiken of Yorkton. They had 3 children: Denise, Michele and Murray.

There are 11 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

John passed away February 28, 1984. Emily presently resides in Yorkton.

The Archie Goodbun Family by Alice Drever



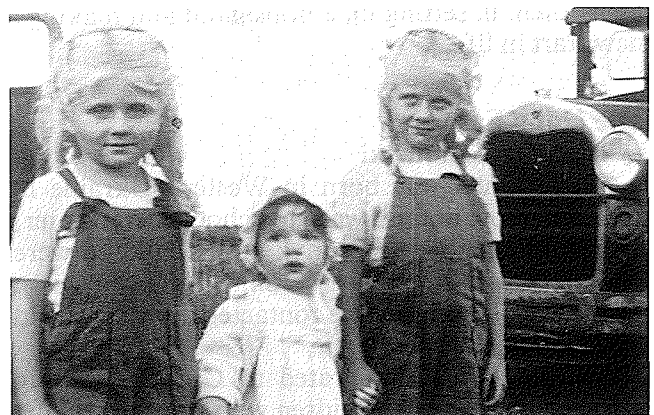
Archie, Cora and Archie Jr. 1938.

Archie Goodbun was the third son of Archibald Henry Goodbun and Violet Frederick Sheppard, born May 3, 1904. In 1909 his family moved from north of Russell to what is known as the 'Brick House' or Goodbun House. When his father passed away in 1928, Archie purchased 'The Maze' as his home and it was to that farm he brought Cora Larsen as his bride in 1930. Their son, Archibald Lewis, was born the following year, then Betty in 1942 and Alice in 1943. Archie loved his farm life — his Percheron horses, cattle and great stands of hay in the meadow. Favorite memories of Archie include Cora's gifted piano playing, dances in the Dropmore Hall and his many happy times with friends and neighbours.

In 1951 a decision was made by Archie and Cora to move west where schools were more accessible for his family and on December 4, they arrived in Calgary. Archie's sisters and brothers were already residing there. Archie Jr. was, by this time, on his own, teaching in various Manitoba communities before he also moved to Alberta.

A home was purchased in south-west Calgary and in the spring of 1952, Archie went to work for the C.P.R. where he stayed until 1968 when ill health forced an early retirement. Cora fought a valiant fight with cancer but died in May of 1962. She will be ever remembered by her family for her music, scholastic ability and homemaking.

In 1962 Alice married Leonard Sanderson. They had two children, Greg and Bonnie. Alice was later married to Harry Drever, owner-auctioneer of the Olds Auction Mart in Olds, where they both work. Greg has now joined them as an auctioneer and Bonnie attends Red Deer College.



Alice, Betty Rawlings, Betty.

In 1963 Betty married Darrel MacKinnon. They had two sons, Grant and Darcy. Betty lives in Edmonton and is an occupational health nurse for R. Angus. Grant is an electrician in Calgary and Darcy attends University of Calgary. Archie Jr.

married Joan Robert in 1963. They have two daughters, Jane and Nancy and they live at Red Deer where Archie teaches. Jane attends Red Deer college and Nancy is in high school.

On January 25, 1969, Archie Sr. married Irene Sheppard of Calgary. Irene nursed in a local auxiliary hospital until 1974. She is now retired and she and Arch still live in their south-west Calgary home.

J. Goodbun Family by the Family

John Douglas (Jack) Goodbun was born February 12th, 1907 at Russell, Man. He was the 4th son of A. H. (Ike) Goodbun and his wife, Violet. Jack's younger years were spent in the Dropmore district where he received his education. In 1924 Jack went out west and worked on a farm for 2 years at Maymont, Sask. (close to North Battleford). He was paid \$300.00 for 9 months and the 2nd year he got a \$50.00 raise. In the winter months he came home to Dropmore and helped his father and brothers feed cattle.

In 1926 Jack and his brother, Archie, travelled out to Saskatchewan again and got work on farms at Conquest and Bounty, which are west of Outlook, Sask. They also worked for Saskatchewan Pool, building elevators in 1927.

The fall of 1927 they were called home, as their father was in poor health and he died on March 27th, 1929. Jack's mother had passed away in November, 1926. So, Archie and Jack took over the farm and ranch at "The Maze" in the Assiniboine valley and worked together until the spring of 1931, when Jack got his job on the highway. Archie continued farming until later when he and his family moved to Calgary.

Jack worked for the Province of Manitoba, Highways Branch, or Good Roads, as it was called back in 1931. His work was maintaining or grading, the then new Highway #31, which later became #83 about 1954. At that time, the work was done with 4 horses on a grader, and Jack's 4-horse outfit were all black. He was paid 7 cents an hour for each horse, for a 9-hour day. Each horse had to be shod at least once a month which cost \$1.00 a foot (\$16.00 a month). Jack did the shoeing himself. He, himself, was paid, 25¢ an hour, he worked a 6-day week for about 9 months, depending on the weather. In the winter he helped Archie to feed cattle and do other winter chores until 1935. The summer months Jack "batched" in the Rochedale district.

In November, 1935, he married Catherine (Kay) Oswald of the Shellmouth district and they then lived in the Rochedale district where they started their family. Jack still worked on the highway, looked after his cattle and did a bit of farming.

In April, 1943, they moved to Roblin with their two boys and bought the W. Westwood home (corner of 2nd Avenue and #5 Highway). Jack continued to work on the highway, but with a motor grader, (a faster mode of travel but also a much longer beat): 75 miles, 33 miles to Russell one day and 42 miles north, to the other side of Madge Lake corner, which took two days. His work was still only seasonal (summer) and in the winter he went to Dauphin and worked at the Good Roads, where he was a snow-plough operator. About 1952 he took over the maintenance foreman's duties in the Roblin area, which he held until he retired in 1972.

After the family were well on in school, Kay got involved with a few outside activities, such as Ladies' Aid and Hospital Auxiliary and helped with Mission Band, Explorers, Tyros and C.G.I.T. whenever she was needed, as well as functions that were held at the church such as banquets, teas, bazaars etc. She also helped with the 4-H Club (sewing) starting in 1949. She became a 4-H leader in the early 1950's and continued until 1971. She really enjoyed all those years working with the girls and has many fond memories to look back on. The last few years she was not quite so active as a leader as she and Jack took over the operation of Route 83 Motel for J. Hilland, but she tried to help the girls whenever they would come to her.

They were at the Motel from 1965 to 1971, when Jack decided it was time to retire and so they bought an acre of land from Roy and Doris Waters. They started to build a new home in the Riverbend district and moved into it October, 1971. Jack retired from his work in February, 1972, and that is when they started to fix up their acre of land, planting seedlings, sowing grass, hauling gravel for a driveway, putting up fences and many more jobs that go into fixing up a yard and garden. They were honored, but surprised in 1976, when they won the Provincial Suburban Home Grounds competition. This was a thrill and made their many hours of hard work seem all worthwhile. They were again honored in 1980 when they won the same award. But to get the Provincial Award they also had to win at the municipal level which they did for 3 times. (1973, 1976, 1980). For this they won the G. L. Mitchell trophy for Suburban Home Grounds.

Jack and Kay had 3 children: Robert Douglas (Doug) who was born at Russell, Man. June 14th, 1936. The first 2 years of his schooling were at Rochedale School with Miss M. Arnott, (the late Mrs. Orville Kendrick) and Mrs. Mac Cameron being his first teachers. He continued and finished his schooling at Goose Lake Consolidated School. After graduating from high school he enrolled in the University of Manitoba in 1955 and got his degree in pharmacy in 1958. He had worked at

Mitchell's Drug Store prior to going to university and during the summer months while attending university.

After graduating from the U. of M. in 1958 he worked at May's Drug Store, Grant Street Drugs and General Hospital, all of Winnipeg.

On July 23rd, 1960, Douglas married Sylvia Sanders, only daughter of Edith Sanders of Winnipeg, formerly of Roblin. In 1962, Douglas accepted a job as pharmacist at Brandon Mental Health Centre and so he, Sylvia and their small daughter moved to Brandon in May, 1962, where they resided until 1965.

On August 24th, 1965, Doug and family went to Toronto and Doug enrolled at the University of Toronto and took Hospital Administration from 1965 to 1967. While at U. of Toronto they lived at Newmarket, Ontario, for 1 year, where Doug worked and got the practical part of his administration course. He and his family then returned to Brandon for 2 more years (1967-1969) and he worked at Brandon Mental Health Centre.

In October, 1969 they moved to Brockville, Ontario, where Doug worked as Hospital Administrator until 1972. At this time he was moved to the Oxford Regional Centre at Woodstock, Ontario, where he and his family still reside and he is the administrator. Doug is quite active in the Rotary Club in Woodstock and they have 3 or 4 exchange students from different countries staying with them, whom they enjoyed having. Also, Doug was one of 23 Rotary Club members from Ontario chosen for Rotary Exchange curling in Scotland in November, 1982.

He and Sylvia have 3 children. Lisa-Lynn (Lisa) born at Winnipeg General Hospital June 8, 1961. She has just graduated from the University of Windsor in psychology, June 2nd, 1984 and is presently working in Woodstock.

Robert Douglas (Rob) was born at Brandon General Hospital May 11th, 1964. He is attending the University of London and majoring in music. He works part-time at First City Foods in Woodstock.

John Roy (John) was born March 19th, 1968 at Brandon General Hospital. He seems to be the sports-minded one of the family and has played hockey with the Woodstock Minor Hockey Association and plays little league baseball, and also enjoys skiing. He is still attending high school.

Jack and Kay's second son, William Alexander (Bill) was born at Sacred Heart Hospital in Russell on April 18th, 1939. He also received his schooling at Goose Lake. When he got into high school he worked after four and on Saturdays at Central Bakery for Lloyd Wilson and Bob Agar. He continued to work there until September 1958, when he went and took a baking school course at Minneapolis,

Minnesota, U.S.A., receiving his diploma in April 1959.

On October 30th, 1959, Bill married Marlene Moore, youngest daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Moore, and early in 1960 they moved to Kamsack, Sask., where Bill managed a bakery. That venture didn't prove too successful for him so he went and worked at a bakery in Canora, Sask. for a few months. In 1961 he and Marlene and baby daughter returned to Roblin and he worked at Parkland Bakery (same bakery but under a new name) until January 1966.

At that time they moved to Portage la Prairie where Bill was employed with Safeway's In-Store bakery. In September, 1969 they moved again, this time to Drumheller, Alberta, as Bill had been accepted as manager of the In-Store bakery at the Drumheller Co-op. His boss was Norris Hargraves who used to be the Co-op manager in Roblin. They were there for 12 years, where they made many friends. Their two oldest girls received all their education there and the youngest one started school there. In 1980 Bill was transferred to the Co-op bakery in Ponoka, Alberta, also as manager. He and Marlene and girls still reside there.

Bill and Marlene had a family of 3 girls: Jerry-Lee, the oldest, was born at Kamsack, Sask., on August 27th, 1960. She started her school years at Portage la Prairie and the rest of her schooling she received at Drumheller, where she graduated in June, 1977. After graduation she worked for the Alberta Government Telephones at Drumheller until 1982, then she went to Red Deer, Alberta also working for A.G.T. She now lives in Ponoka, Alberta with her husband, Colin Reynolds, whom she married on May 21st, 1983. She is employed as a secretary-bookkeeper for Davik Heavy Construction Company. Colin works as a mechanic.

Billie-Jean, 2nd, daughter, was born at Roblin on June 20th, 1962. She received her education at Drumheller, graduating in June, 1980. She also worked for A.G.T. for a short time after graduation. Both girls were members of the Drumheller Aqua Dennies Swim Club where they excelled at competitive swimming, winning many trophies, medals and ribbons. Billie-Jean kept at her competitive swimming and was able to compete in many out-of-province swim meets, some being the Alberta and Regina Invitational meets, and the National Canada Cub II, held at Calgary. She also attended the Manitoba Open Provincial Championships at the Pan-Am Pool, Winnipeg and did quite well, winning a Silver and a Bronze Medal.

Billie-Jean resigned from her work with A.G.T. and moved to Ponoka in 1982, where she is now employed at the Ponoka Swimming Pool as a

supervisor and instructor of swimming. She and her husband, Kevin Rowland, were married October 8th, 1983 and they reside in Ponoka. Kevin also is a swimmer and he works at the pool as well.

Bobbie-Jo is the youngest of the family and was born at Drumheller on April 11th, 1974. She is quite a clever young lady and enjoys swimming, dancing and gymnastics.

Jack and Kay's third child was a daughter, Catherine Diane, who was born at Dauphin General Hospital on February 26th, 1946. She received her education at Goose Lake Schools. She was a member of the Roblin 4-H Sewing Club for a number of years and attended the different programs that the United Church sponsored for children and young people (Mission Band, Explorers, C.G.I.T. etc.)

After finishing high school, she enrolled in a secretarial course at the Angus School of Commerce, Winnipeg, and graduated in 1967. She worked for a short time in Winnipeg and then in 1967 she found work at the Brandon Mental Health Centre, where she worked until 1970.

On November 7th, 1970 she was united in marriage to William Lyle Jago of Reston, Manitoba. Lyle was employed with the Co-op Lumber Department, at Portage la Prairie when he met Diane. After their wedding he was transferred to McGregor, Manitoba, where they lived until 1971. Then he was sent to Portage where he held the same job. He also worked at the Brandon Co-op for a few years. After the lumber department at Brandon was closed down, Lyle went to technical school and got his electrician's papers. He worked for G. T. Smith and Sons for his journeyman's papers. He then worked on a number of construction projects in and around Brandon.

In 1981 he became a real estate agent, working first for Dickson 1st Realtors, Brandon and, at the time of his sudden death, with Canada Trust. Lyle's sudden passing on June 28th, 1983, at the age of 38 years was a shock to his family and ours.

Diane and Lyle had 2 children. William John was born at the General Hospital in Portage la Prairie on May 10th, 1973. He is now attending Linden Lane school in Brandon and is going into the 6th grade. Bill goes to Cubs and enjoys swimming and baseball.

Catherine Ann was born at Brandon General Hospital on September 4th, 1974. She also goes to Linden Lane school and will be in Grade 5 in the fall. She is in Brownies and likes gymnastics and swimming.

Diane and children reside in Brandon where Diane has been involved with the Weight Watcher's program since 1977 and this past year she has become a real estate agent for Canada Trust.

Gove Family by Heather Fisher

George Fleming Gove was born in Scotland on September 8th, 1890. He came to Canada as a young



George and Mary Gove.

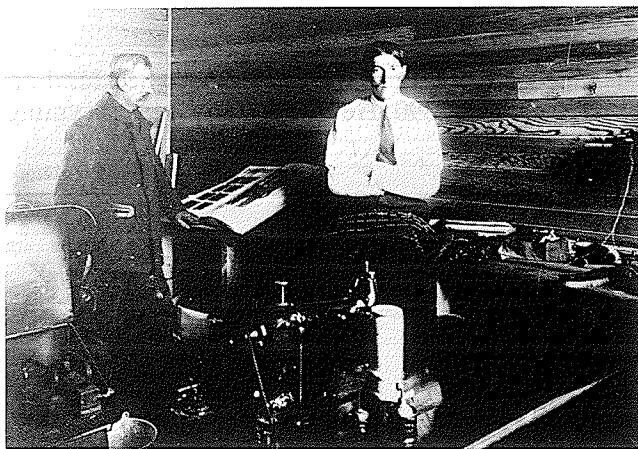
man and eventually settled in the Deepdale district. He married Mary Kathleen McKenzie in January 1919. She had been a school teacher, teaching at the Hillcrest school. Mr. Gove passed away on March 23rd, 1919. Mrs. Gove returned to her parents farm at Altamont, Manitoba. It was there that George Allan Gove was born on December 4th, 1919.

Mrs. Gove returned to this district the following spring and remained here until her death on June 21st, 1977.

George Jr. obtained his schooling in Roblin, being a very exceptional student. He was an avid sportsman, playing ball for many years, then he took up curling and golfing. As well he was a director of the Roblin Credit Union for 31 years. He passed away on June 4th, 1983.

Graff Family by Amie Mazur

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Graff emigrated from Russia to Canada in 1912. They arrived in Winnipeg in the month of May in 1912, bringing with them their first-born son, Victor. They resided in Winnipeg for the next four years, and had two daughters, Emma and Bertha. They moved to Roblin on April



Mr. Graff in his tailor shop in Roblin.

1st, in 1916. They settled on the N.E. 1/4 of 32-24-27 in the Municipality of Boulton.

Jacob and Mary Graff had five more sons while they lived on the farm. They lost a son in 1918 during the flu epidemic. Their daughter, Bertha died in 1923 from appendicitis. They moved to Roblin in 1939, where Mr. Graff started a tailor shop.

During the last war, three of their sons, namely Victor, Fred and Samuel joined the armed forces and all went overseas. All three arrived home safely at the end of the war. They settled in Toronto, Ontario and married there. Victor and Fred have both been widowed. Victor still lives in Toronto and Fred is now in Calgary. Samuel passed away in Winnipeg in 1958.

Amie (Emma) was married to Michael Mazur in 1940 and now resides in Winnipeg. August married Pauline Moore of Roblin and lives in Alberta. Ross, the youngest, is unmarried and lives in Calgary.

Mr. Graff passed away in Roblin in 1952. Mary Graff moved to Winnipeg, where she resided until her death in 1972.

They have fourteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Walter Fowler (Towler) Graham related by Towler written by Jeanette Kight

This account by Walter Fowler (better known as "Towler") Graham, as told to his daughter, Jeanette Kight.

As I look at my years on the farm near Roblin, I find a blend of emotions, from the simple joys of just being a boy (sledding down the steep hill, which, when I revisited in 1954, I realized was never more than a gentle slope), to the real hardships of homesteading in the bush and prairie country of Manitoba.

My father, Walter Graham (born in 1878 in Bradford, England, orphaned at the age of 12, supported himself in the woolen mills and later moved

North to settle, where he met and married Grace Towler) left his wife in England and immigrated to Canada. In 1904, not knowing exactly where he was going, he boarded a train in Nova Scotia and travelled West. When the train stopped in Russell, Dad got off to stretch, and was approached by a friendly man who asked if he wanted a job. During the next two days they covered 45 miles or so by horse and wagon, going north to the natural hay meadows that were being harvested by Mr. Smellie and John McDonald. When Dad decided to homestead these same hay meadows, he simultaneously sent for his wife, and began building a log cabin. Mom arrived just in time to help nail the shingles on the roof, using the heel of her shoe as a hammer.

On April 16, 1906, I was born (the first pioneer baby to be born in the area) and Dad liked to tell this story of what happened about 2 weeks later. Mom, who needed water from the creek, put on her English cape with the attached hood over her head, positioned herself on the small bridge and began slowly dipping water into her pail. Meanwhile Dad finished milking the cow, and while returning to the house in the evening light, he noticed a bear at the creek. Quietly picking up his rifle, and laying on the ground, he took careful aim, but before squeezing off the shot, re-adjusted his elbow. Just then the "bear" moved — it was Mom with her pail of water!!

My brothers were also born in this log cabin, Tom, in 1908 and Ron, in 1909 but my youngest brother, Chris was born in 1914 in the new house that Dad had built, using lumber from the Cockerill Brothers' sawmill.

In about 1918 Dad bought the George McBean property which was adjacent to our farm, and we remained there until 1923 when we decided to sell and move away, hoping to find a less severe winter climate. With our belongings loaded into our Model T Ford and McLaughlin car, we drove South and East, but while traveling Mom became sick and we chose to rest awhile in Chicago. Since work was plentiful, this "rest stop" became our home for the next 11 or 12 years.

On June 7, 1934 I married Alice Standy, and in that same year our family began migrating back to England. First Ron, who had married in 1933, with his wife, Helen (Standy, Alice's sister), taking Mom with them, and later that year Tom and Chris followed. In January of 1935 Alice and I sailed for England, leaving Dad behind taking care of things until we should all return. This wasn't to be though, because Mom became very ill and Dad sold everything so he could join her in England. Mom died in 1937.

We all worked in the building trade, but after World War 2 broke out in 1939, I used my truck to

haul materials to anti-aircraft gun emplacements and search-light bases, then after selling the flatbed I bought a dump truck to haul base material for airfield runways.

My two children, Jeanette (1935) and Robert (1937) were born and we lived in a quiet neighborhood called West Ardsley, located about 5 miles from Leeds. During the 6 years of War it was not unusual to see enemy planes flying overhead and to have shrapnel land on our roof from the very heavy bombing of Leeds, which was a large industrial city.

Even though Tom and Chris, having married English girls, now considered England their home, to us "home" was on the other side of the Atlantic, and during the war years our dream was to take our children to the United States. We were fortunate to be accepted on the first passenger ship to leave England after the war — a Swedish vessel which had been used as a hospital ship for the troops, and had been quickly converted for civilians. We sold the trucking business and left Southampton in March 1946. We docked in New York, and finally settled in Oregon a year later.

While we were in England, Ron and Helen had two children, Grace born in 1937 and Wayne in 1939, and soon after we "came home", they also sailed for the U.S.A. After living in Oregon and Washington Ron became superintendent for a highway construction company in California, and they now live in Santa Barbara, CA, managing their real estate investments. Their daughter, Grace married Gary Hughs in 1955 and they have four children; Carol b. 1956, David b. 1958, Lynne b. 1962 and Wendy b. 1965. Carol married Robert Evans in 1977 and they have Kimberly b. 1980 and Kristen b. 1984. Their son, Wayne married Kay Wetzell in 1963 and they have Kristen b. 1966 and Scott b. 1968.

Tom married Amy Watson in 1939 and they have two sons, Donald b. 1942 and Walter b. 1945. Walter married Hillary Launsdale and their children are: Heather b. 1969, Nicholas b. 1971, Louisa b. 1977 and Holly b. 1981.

Chris married Dorothy Frankish in 1945. They did not have any children.

Dad stayed in England with Tom and Chris, together owning a cinder block business which has since become a many-faceted corporation. We were so pleased when he visited us in 1960 and was able to see his great-grandchildren: Steve b. 1955, Jim b. 1956 and Dan b. 1958, they were born to our daughter Jeanette, who later also gave birth to Chris in 1960. Dad died four years later in 1964 at home in England.

Jeanette was married to Don Griffin until 1969, then married Wayne Kight in 1971, who died in 1981. Her oldest son, Steve, passed away when he was 11, in 1966. In 1984 Jim married Susan (Owen), who is

now step-mother to his children, Faith b. 1977 and Justin b. 1980 by a previous marriage. Dan and Chris are unmarried.

My son, Bob (Robert) who married Juanita Basye in 1966, has two children, Jeffrey b. 1967 and Micheal b. 1969, and has raised them alone since his divorce shortly after Mike's birth.

Alice and I are now retired on a 6 acre "ranch" near the little town of Veneta, Oregon, where we keep busy doing whatever we please, when and if it pleases us! However we would be pleased if anyone from the Roblin area chose to visit us.

The Grassie Family of Cromarty by Betty Thompson

Wm. Grassie was born in Seaforth, Ontario in 1857. Sarah Wilson was born in Huddersfield, England in 1867.

Mr. Grassie moved to Portage La Prairie as a young man, along with others of his family, where he worked in the logging business for awhile. He then moved to Birtle where he met and later married Sarah Wilson, who had come to Canada with her family in 1886. They were married in 1889 and lived for several years in Birtle and Minnedosa. Here their first two girls were born — Bertha and Elizabeth. They then moved to Langenburg, Saskatchewan where they lived for 9 years. Here Adelaide and Edith were born. They then moved to Grandview and here Edna was born.

Mr. Grassie drove stage coach from Grandview to Langenburg and back for several years until in 1902 he got "Homestead Fever" and decided to moved once again.

As Bertha (my Mother) told it, "We loaded all



Mr. W. Grassie and Mrs. Sarah Grassie with Bertha and Elizabeth at Minnedosa, about 1892.

our worldly goods on a wagon, along with a dozen chickens and 2 cows and headed west". It was a 2 day trip and they spent the first night at Chief Rattlesnakes's stopping place, near what we know as Valley River Indian Reserve, also known as Timberton for years. The next day they made it to the homestead, where Mr. Grassie had filed on S.E. 1/4 of 15-26-29. He lived in Cromarty until his death at 70 years. Many times, in rain or shine or cold, he hitched up the buggy or cutter and took his wife to help some sick or needy family. It was on one such trip that he caught a cold, which turned to pneumonia. As a friend said in a tribute, "He who had done so much for others, could not be helped himself". Mr. Grassie was the first Cromarty name on the petition for Consolidation.

In the early days, Mrs. Grassie acted as nurse and midwife and many a Cromarty baby she helped into the world. In later years Elizabeth took over this role.

The Grassies always had a wonderful garden and flowers in profusion. I can remember my grandfather asking me one day if I wanted a "cart". Being quite small, and not knowing exactly what he meant, I said, "yes". A short while later he brought me a carrot.

There always seemed to be lots of fruit, both wild and tame. Mr. Grassie had in his garden two wild plum trees that he moved from Minnedosa. There was a pincherry tree by the kitchen that had especially big and sweet cherries. There were also lots of currants, and raspberries.

The Grassie girls used to dig seneca root in the summer. Bertha used to talk of the Doukabors who camped and dug seneca root on the Boggy hills, north of their place. They were a very religious group, usually about 100 men, women and children in a camp. The Grassies used to go over in the evening to visit and listen to them play their instruments, and sing their religious songs.

Bertha Grassie clerked in Gill's store until her marriage to W. T. Edwards.

Adelaide married T. A. Cameron. Before marrying she worked in Dr. Allen's Drug Store, and later was head operator on the switchboard when it was moved from Mitchell's Drug Store to its own telephone office.

Edith married Rev. George McNeill after teaching for a few years, and Edna also was a school teacher before marrying Mr. B. Robb of Alsask, Sask.

Elizabeth did nursing and homecare for quite a few years. Later on she married Mr. Syd. Argent.

The first Cromarty school was built in 1903 and later burned down. In 1904 another one was built. There were about 20 children going to school then: 5 Philleos, 4 Grassies, 3 Dunlops, 5 McNicols, 2 Rose

girls, and 2 Mushrows. Some of the first teachers were a Miss Umbak and a Miss Anderson. These all walked mostly through brush to get to school. After consolidation in 1912, Edna went by horse-drawn van to Roblin. Since then the old schoolhouse has been used for many things: a church, a dance hall, a centre for Christmas parties and concerts, and so on. It is still in use as a recreation centre.

There has been one funeral (for Mr. John McNicol), and one wedding (Fred Eslinger and Agnes Tucker), and two wedding receptions (for great-grandchildren of the Grassies) held in this hall, as well as many other activities.

The Grassies took a great interest in community affairs. Mrs. Grassie and Elizabeth belonged to the Busy Bees, organized in 1915, and the W.I., with Elizabeth as its first president, was organized in 1920.

I can still remember my grandfather's expression "By Gad". I don't think he ever swore, but I'm sure his favourite expression was "By Gad,



L to R. (kneeling) Steve Muse, George McNeill, T. A. Cameron and Jean. Standing: Elizabeth, Bertha, Edith, Adelaide and Edna Grassie, Grace Collins, W. Grassie.

Sarah", that was good soup", or "By Gad, Sarah" whatever, not just, "By Gad," but "By Gad, Sarah".

Bertha and her husband, W. T. Edwards lived on S.W. 1/4 of 12-26-29, which they bought from Clarence Kines. They had 5 children: Betty, (Mrs. W. F. Thompson), who lives in Cromarty, Jack, Wilma (Mrs. Morrison), Wilson and Reg. Two of Betty's children, Jim and Margaret (Mrs. B. Spear) also live in Cromarty.

Adelaide and her husband, Tommy Cameron had 5 children. One daughter, Mrs. Jean Kendrick still lives in Roblin.

Edith and her husband, George McNeill had 3 children.

Edna and her husband, Bert Robb had 2 children, but none of them reside in the area.

I don't know of any other Grassies, but there may be some in Ontario. One of W. Grassie's brothers lived in Portage until his death in 1950, and another brother, Walter lived in Vancouver. They had no sons, so the name has died out.

Alice Gray (Currey)

by Alice

Alice Gray (Currey) was born in Roblin in 1934 on the same birthdate as her mother Jean. She was raised and educated in Roblin. In 1950, she joined the Manitoba Telephone System as a switchboard operator where she met her husband, Don Gray. He was stationed at Shilo with the Royal Canadian Artillery. They were married in Ottawa in 1952 and they lived there until Don joined Inco. and went north to Moak Lake, Man., in the quest for nickel (1957). While the town of Thompson was in the planning stages, Alice moved to Roblin and lived above the Municipal Office with her three boys, John, Jim and Bob. Many Roblinites will probably remember the three boys and their many escapades. Daughter Jane was born in Roblin Hospital in 1957.

Finally in the fall of 1958 a home was ready in Thompson for the family to move into. One of the first families to move into the new town — pioneering, but certainly not in the same way as the grandparents did. Thompson was an isolated community with very few amenities; there were bush planes and the train but no roads. Thompson became home for many years, where Alice and Don were both involved with building the new town and raising a large family of seven children (five sons and two daughters).

In 1973, Alice and the children moved to Calgary where she worked for Aronovitch & Leipsic. She attended U. of Calgary for one year and finally went into real estate until 1979, when the family reunited in Esterhazy, Sask. and where Don is superintendant of K1 with I.M.C. Alice sold real estate with Block Bros. Independent Agencies, Yorkton, Sask. It was an opportunity to renew old acquaintances since the family had a reprieve from the north from 1964-67, when they lived in Esterhazy and then returned to Thompson. It was also an opportunity to be closer to the family in Roblin. Don and Alice divorced finally, and Alice returned to Calgary where she had daughter, Jane and daughter, Susan, in Edmonton attending U of A.

Alice is presently attending University of Calgary and living on campus with her youngest son, Doug, who is still attending school. David, the second youngest son, is working at a silver mine in Houston, B.C. Robert, the next son, is a forestry technician with B.C. Forest Industries in Houston, B.C. is married and has two daughters. Jim is living

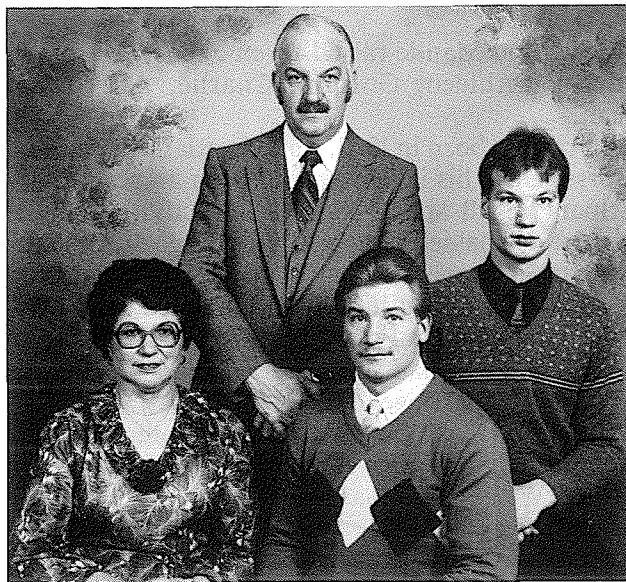
in Cardston, Alta. in Sales and has one daughter. John, the oldest, is working with IMC. in Esterhazy, Sask.

Daughter Jane is married in Calgary, with one son. Susan graduated from U. of Alberta with a degree in Education, specializing in Early Childhood, and has marriage plans for Aug. 1984.

Gunnar and Nellie (Yasinsky) Gregersen

by Nellie

I, Nellie (Yasinsky) Gregersen was born on the farm. At the age of 15 I left home to work in Gilbert Plains, Manitoba. Then I went to Winnipeg.



Nellie (Yasinsky) Gregersen, Gunnar Gregersen, Arnie and Damon.

I moved to Edmonton, Alberta in 1948. I stayed and worked there for three years; and then moved to Vancouver in 1951. I worked in several different places. I met my husband, Gunnar Gregersen and we were married in December 1959. We had a family of 2 sons: Damon, born in June, 1961 and Arnold, born in June, 1963. They are both living at home.

The Grieves Family

by Alf Grieves

James Grieves or Jim, as he was generally known, was born in Preston, Ontario in 1882. As a young man of 18 he moved west to Manitoba and worked around the district of Roblin. Jim applied for a homestead on the 16th of May, 1905, on the S.E. 1/4 of 36-25-29. He married Maude McLachlan of Westbourne, Manitoba on January 3rd, 1906. Their first home was a log house and they later built a two-storey frame building in 1918 which still stands today in the same location. It has been the home of Peter and Anne Horbay since 1943.



Jim Grieves.

Jim and Maude raised seven children: Francis, Joyce, Kathleen, Gordon, Charlie, Alfred and Jean.

Francis, born in 1907, served with the Manitoba Horse. Until his illness he had been an active participant in all sports and social activities of the district. He passed away at the early age of 23, in the Ninette Sanatorium.

Joyce was born in 1910 and married Stan Miser of Niagara Falls, Ontario. They live in Toronto. Joyce had spent several years in Toronto prior to her marriage to Stan.

Kathleen was born in 1912 and married Jack Compton of Ochre River, Manitoba. Jack served in World War II overseas with the R.C.A.S.C. He passed away in 1962. They have four children; Chuck of Fruitvale, British Columbia, Grant of Winnipeg, Judy of Brandon and Heather of Nelson, British Columbia. Kathleen is now living in Winnipeg.

Gordon was born in 1917 and served with the 5th Medium Artillery. He was on active service in the United Kingdom, Italy and Holland. Gordon passed away in Vancouver, British Columbia, at the age of 63 and was buried in Winnipeg.



L to R. Kay, Joyce and Jean Grieves.

Charlie was born in 1918 and married Alma Compton of Ochre River, Manitoba. They have four children; Mavis of Winnipeg, Carol of Transcona, Gale of Calgary and Wayne of Transcona. Charlie served with the Winnipeg Grenadiers and was a P.O.W. in Hong Kong. They now live in Transcona.

Alfred was born in 1922. He served with the Westminster Regiment in World War II in the United Kingdom and Italy. Alfred is now retired and living in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Jean was born in 1925 and married John Attenborough of Winnipeg. They had three children; Gary of Winnipeg, Richard (deceased), and Penny who also lives in Winnipeg. Jean and John live in Winnipeg.

All of Jim and Maude's children finished their education in Roblin except Alfred and Jean, who completed their schooling in Ste. Rose.

Jim was a very hard worker and tackled any job with enthusiasm. He was especially proud of the horses and cattle he raised while farming. He drove the school van for several years, boarding the horses at Mr. Belton's barn. He also delivered milk in Roblin for some years. He milked twelve cows and made a daily delivery to his customers in town. Along with the milk in the Bennett buggy there was a familiar sight; a small white dog named "Pete" who visited the butcher shop each day for his usual bone.

Jim participated in sports (mainly soccer), playing for the Roblin team. He and Jim Currey threshed together for several years. Jim owned the threshing machine and Jim Currey owned the tractor. Some years they took off some very good crops. He was very fond of children, but had some tricks pulled on him, like the time they put a twenty-two shell in his pipe.

In the mid thirties, during the dry years, Jim and Billy Edwards went to Ste. Rose to put up hay for the live-stock. After this the Grieves family decided to move to Ste. Rose. They took all their belongings in wagons, driving the cattle with them. Jim carried



Jim Grieves with school van and family.

on looking after his stock, milking cows and delivering milk to the cheese factory in Ste. Rose.

Maude passed away in 1939 and was buried in the Roblin cemetery alongside of their son, Francis. The rest of the family, as they grew up, went their separate ways. Jim continued living in Ste. Rose, though spending some time in Winnipeg. He moved back to Ste. Rose where he suddenly passed away at the age of 74. Some of his family were with him at the time he died. Jim was buried in the same plot as his wife, Maude and son, Francis in the Roblin Cemetery.

Mikeal Grozik Family

by Alice Storozynsky

Mikeal Grozik was born in 1860, in the village of Krubcha, in the province of Burchib in the Ukraine.

In 1885, Mikeal married Mary Hrinchuk who was born in 1865, in the same village as Mikeal. They had a family of 5 children: Bill, Nick, Anna, Lena and Alice.

Mikeal immigrated to Canada in 1904 and worked here for two years. He then returned to the Ukraine in 1906, to his family. In 1907, Mikeal, once again returned to Canada, to the Shortdale, Manitoba area where he procured a homestead on N.W. 1/4 of 17-26-26.



The farm home of Mikeal and Mary Grozik where John and Alice (Grozik) Storozynsky were married.

Mikeal and Mary's eldest son, Bill was born in 1886 and immigrated to Canada in 1906, where he worked for two years before marrying Anne Homa in 1908.

Mary Grozik, Mikeal's wife came to Canada in 1909 with their three children; Nick, Anna and Lena. They settled in the Ashville, Manitoba area for one year, until they built their house in Shortdale.

Nick, born on May 17, 1894 married Tillie, (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Farion) in 1921.

They had 5 children: Eugene, Mark, Roy, Joanne and Wesley. Eugene and Mark both served in the army during W.W. II. Mark was killed in action in 1944 and is interred in Normandy. Joanne died in 1946 at the age of 14. Nick died in 1946.

Anna, born in 1900, married John Yakimishyn on January 30, 1918. They had 4 children: Joe, Doris, Stanley and Nick. Joe and Nick served overseas during W.W. II. Anna lives in Roblin.

Lena, born in 1908, married Willam Lesack on June 24, 1924. They have 3 children: Martha, Bohdan, and Sylvia. Lena and Bill live in B.C.

Alice, born in 1910, married John Storozynsky on October 28, 1928. They have 3 children: Ernest, Mildred and Mable. John and Alice live on their farm in the Shortdale district.

Mary and Mikeal lived in Shortdale on their homestead, until their retirement in 1931. They then moved to their daughter and son-in-law's (Lena and William Lesack's) home. They lived there for six years until Mikeal passed away in 1937.

When Lena and William Lesack moved to Shevlin, mother came to live with John and I, Alice, for several years.

Mikeal passed away in 1937 and Mary in 1944. They are both buried in the Shortdale Orthodox Parish cemetery.

Joseph Grundy and Family

by the Family

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Grundy came out from England in 1903, settled on a farm in the Stonewall district until 1906, when they moved to Makaroff. Of this union seven children were born: Edna, Alan, Bill, Charles, Frank, Anita and Reg. Edna, Alan, Bill and Reg have all passed away.

Edna never married.

Alan married Dorothy Jolliffe in 1923. They have two children living — Joyce and Blake. Joyce married Lloyd Collins. They have three sons: Albert, Marsh and Leon, who all live in Winnipeg. Albert has his degree in education and lives in Portage la Prairie. He teaches in a school for boys. He married Sue Brown. Marsh is in the Fire Dept. He married Debbie Parsons and they have two little girls. Leon is a computer expert. He married Jane Whitesides. They have no family as yet. Blake married Sheila Smith. They too have three sons: Bruce, Rick and Rod. Bruce married Nancy Hawsett. They have three girls: Kristie, Beckie and Jill. Rick married Margaret West. They have a daughter, Erin and a son, Scott. Rod is not married yet though he is engaged to an R.N.

Bill Grundy, who lived in Bluffton, Alberta, is now deceased. He married Sadie Crozier. They had seven children: Tommy, Fred, Bill (deceased), Janette, Pearl, Anita and Grace. Janette married

Tom Staut. They had five children. Tommy and Vera had two. Fred and Edna had three. Bill and Gay had three. Pearl and Jim Staut had four. Grace and Ted Staut had four. They are all on farms in Alberta.

Frank Grundy married Della Button. Of that union two children were born: Irma and Kenny. Irma married Lorne Gardner. They have three children: two sons and a daughter. They live in B.C. Kenny married Sharon Radford. They have two children: a daughter, Brenda and a son, Brent. They live on the farm in Makaroff district.

Charles Grundy married Hazel Elliott and they have two sons: Leonard and Harold. Leonard is still on the farm. Harold is the Principal of a school in Brandon. Leonard married Shirley Nabe. They had three girls: Sheryl (now deceased), Barb and Debbie. Debbie is a secretary in Winnipeg; Barb married Pat Carriere. They have a little girl, Tiffany, and are living in Australia.

Anita Grundy married George Sloan and they had six children: Alma, Dorothy, Art, Wayne, Roy and Blanche. Alma, the eldest married Bill Bentz. They have no family. Dorothy and her husband Woody had two sons. Art and his wife Laurie had three girls. Wayne and his wife had three children. Roy and Audrey had three children. Blanche, the youngest is not married. Anita's husband, George, is now deceased.

Reg Grundy married Helen Jolliffe. They had two sons, Blaine and Garth. Helen lives with her youngest son, Blaine, in Portage la Prairie where Blaine is in Social Service work. He is not married. Garth married Vera Everett. They had two daughters: Shelley and Susan (who are both nurses) and a son, Tim. Shelley is single. Susan is married to Cam Harrison who is in the Air Force. They have a little girl and live at Cold Lake, Alberta. Tim is married and has two sons. He still lives in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Grundy and Family by the family

Charles Grundy came with his parents, the J. H. Grundy's to Makaroff in 1906 and helped on his dad's farm until 1915 when he enlisted with the 183rd Battalion. He spent four years overseas before returning to Makaroff in 1919.

He purchased the former Lewis Sharpe farm in the spring of 1920. He married Hazel Elliott in January, 1926.

Charles and Hazel have two sons. Leonard farms in the Makaroff district and lives on the former Morley Button farm. He married Shirley Nabe of Togo Saskatchewan and they had three daughters. Sheryl passed away in 1973 at the age of eighteen and is resting in the Makaroff cemetery.

Barbara married Patrick Carriere. They have one daughter and are presently making their home in Perth, Australia. Debbie works and resides in Winnipeg, Man.

Harold is principal of Crocus Plains Collegiate in Brandon. He married Betty Sigurdson of Swan River, Man. They have two children; a daughter, Marla and a son, Darcy.

Charles and Hazel retired from the farm in 1967 and are residing in Winnipeg.

Dan Gulenchin Family by Wm. Gulenchin

Dan Gulenchin and family came to Shortdale, Man. in April 1945, from Whitemouth, Man. He settled on Mr. Palamar's farm, the N.W. 1/4 of 25-25-26.

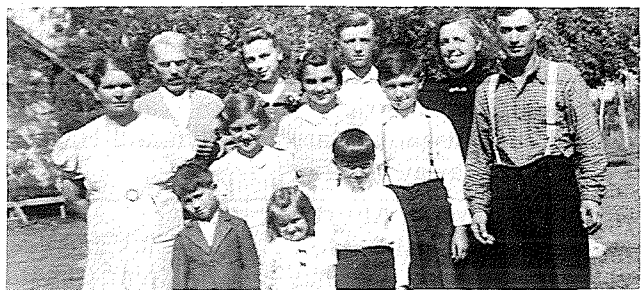
He was born in Austria in 1889. He was eleven years old when his mother, Anna and father, Onofrey and five brothers, (Sam, George, Nick, Andrew, and Tom) immigrated to Canada in 1900. They settled in southern Whitemouth Municipality. Here they farmed and supplemented their income by cutting wood.

He met Tillie Shwaykowski (daughter of Alex and Anna Shwaykowski) in Merridale, Man. through her uncle. They were married on October 22, 1923, in Merridale. Following their marriage they moved to Whitemouth where they farmed and raised their family. Seven children were born to them in Whitemouth.

Anne, the first born received her schooling at Elma. Being the first born, she automatically inherited many additional responsibilities, at a very early age, from her mother who was helping our father in the fields. After her schooling she worked at several occupations including a war time factory at Thunder Bay. She currently resides in Winnipeg and still today, as she did in early life, admirably displays family responsibility and hospitality.

Michael, the second born, received most of his schooling at Elma. Because of economic hardships and his desire to help his family financially, he left to work at a gold mine at Mackenzie Island near Red Lake, Ontario. In 1946 because of an accidental mine explosion, Michael and his co-worker were instantly killed. At this time the Gulenchin family had moved to Shortdale, where Michael's funeral was held. He was laid to rest in the Catholic Cemetery near St. Vladimir's College.

Jeanne, the third born, completed most of her schooling at Elma. She used her talent in designing clothing styles, and she operated a shop in Roblin. While working for the Manitoba Telephone System in Winnipeg she met and (in 1969) married John Lindsay. Currently, they are living at Langley, British Columbia.



Dan Gulenchin Family: Alex Shwaykowski, Anne, Mike and Tillie Gulenchin, Anna Shwaykowski, Mary Anne, Jeanne, Roy, Dan Gulenchin, Braetier, Andrew's son, Joey, Helen and Bill.

Roy, the fourth born, started his schooling at Elma and completed it at Gilbert school, in Shortdale. He left school at an early age to help his father with the farm work. He farmed until 1969 when he moved to B.C. There he met Laurette Lesperance, and in 1974 they were married. He now resides in Calgary, Alberta.

Mary Anne, the fifth born, started her schooling at Elma and completed it at Goose Lake Collegiate in Roblin. After teaching for a year at Wicklow School near Grandview, she left to work for the Manitoba Telephone System. In 1972 she married Harold Piercy and they are currently residing in Winnipeg.

William, the sixth born, started his schooling at Elma, and completed it at Goose Lake Collegiate in Roblin. He attended Brandon University and the University of Manitoba, choosing teaching as a career. In 1965 he married Lorraine Yerama in Dauphin, Man. They have four children: William Brent, Lisa Michele, Jason Stuart, and Cory Lowell. Currently, his family reside in Dauphin.

Helen, the seventh born, started her schooling at Elma and completed it at Roblin and Duck Mountain High schools. After teaching school for a year at Hollybourne, south of Grandview, she trained as a nurse in Winnipeg. In 1956 she married Michael Bomak. They resided in Virden, Man. where two children were born to them: Kimberly Lynn and Kenneth Michael. They are both presently living in Winnipeg. Helen and Mike are living at Grandview, Man.

Dennis, the youngest of the family, was born when the family was already living in Shortdale. He began his schooling at Gilbert School, attended Dauphin Technical Collegiate Institute and St. Vladimir's College in Roblin. After completing his education he worked at various occupations. In 1973, Dennis married Donna Seeley. They have one son, Michael Allan. The family resides in Dauphin.

When the family farm was sold in 1969, all the family members got together on the day of the auction sale. This was an opportunity for us all to

reflect on our past, when all the members of the family were younger and together. Only the shouts of the auctioneers — Charles "Gimme a Dollar" Filewich and Julius "Gimme a Half-Dollar" Zimmer, would interrupt our conversation and reflections. (The farm was bought by young Charles Beer and family).

Some of our "Auction Day" reflections were: Upon coming to Canada and for a long time thereafter, Dad could neither write nor speak English. When it came to register his children at birth with Vital Statistics, each time he had a different interpreter. Later in life, when it was necessary for us to have a birth certificate we found that through surname misspellings it appeared we weren't even related. How's you like dat? Dad overcame this difficulty by having his children teach him to read and write.

Another humorous day came when Dad was learning to operate the first family tractor. It wouldn't listen to him like the horses did. Many times he would bless the tractor in his own way and use the horses instead.

Mother had her exciting moments when she first sat in the driver's seat of a car. How do you synchronize your eyeballs, hands and feet to operate a standard-drive car? She gave that up because the roads were too narrow and the trees wouldn't move out of the way!

Other thoughts from memory were: Who our Godparents were and where were they? The nicknames we re-christened ourselves with Who was "Pansy", "Yoisko", "Bunny", "Weedjsko" and "Sliwka" "Hand-ja"? Do you remember the big licken you got? What was your goal in life that you established in your childhood? Who was the first person you had a crush on? When Mom and Dad caught you smoking — those most embarrassing moments!

For retirement, Dad and Mom chose the town of Dauphin. The first few years of retirement were exciting for our parents. It was like a long, long holiday — a holiday that was long overdue — really their first. No cows to milk, chickens to tend, horses to feed, pigs to slop, and the countless list of farm chores to do. Dad couldn't find a reason to get up at 5:30 a.m. The callouses and blisters on Mom's hands began to disappear.

It was hard for them to get accustomed to this new life — running water, indoor bath room, super communication methods, mail delivered to the door, street cleaning at all seasons, and occasionally a humorous side show when the neighbours would argue. An entirely "modern homestead" this was!

Many friends were soon made. There was time for card playing, quilting bees, baking and canning

bees, and, of course, story telling. Oh, those previous memories that we will cherish forever!

Dan and Tillie Gulenchin reached a milestone on October 22nd, 1973. This was the day of their 50th wedding anniversary. A great, happy moment it was: both parents were in excellent health. Besides the blessings, tributes, and moral support they received from their immediate family, relatives and friends, messages of congratulations and continued good health were received from the Queen, Prime Minister, Provincial Premier, Governor General, Lt. Governor and other religious and political leaders. And continued good health our parents did enjoy. Then in October, 1980, Dad passed away at the Dauphin General Hospital after a brief illness. He had reached his 91st birthday. He was buried at Riverside Cemetery near Dauphin. Mom is still residing in Dauphin, offering to her children and grandchildren countless hours of comfort, courage, prayers and blessings, hospitality and charity as if we had never been away.

Gunchoski Family **by Stanley Gunchoski**

My father, George Gunchoski Sr., came from Poland in 1911 and homesteaded in the Hillsburg Municipality on the S.W. 1/4 of 18-26-26. My mother arrived in 1913, from Poland. Her maiden name was Cecilia Shwaykowski. We two children were born in Poland; Stella in 1909 and I, (Stanley) in 1912. Three other sisters were born in Canada: Mary Shymko (deceased), Elsie Moroz and Adeline Langrell, both of Winnipeg.

We attended school in Bield and Shortdale. I farmed with my father and worked at whatever jobs I could find. I worked with the crew building the north and south highways and also on #5 highway east of Roblin. I started farming on my own in 1935.

In 1936 I married Mildred Goba of the Gleneden district, and we farmed together and raised a family of three. Stanley was born in 1941, Russell in 1945 and Sylvia in 1959. The children all attended school in Bield and Roblin.

Stanley married Doreen Paquette, and they had 4 children: Sheila, born in 1965, Debbie in 1967, Pamela in 1973 and Tom in 1974. Stanley passed away in 1980.

Russell married Ann Waage and lives in Watrous, Saskatchewan. They have 2 children: Andy born on April 14, 1974 and Amy on November 27, 1980.

Sylvia married Joe Schmidt, and they live in London, Ontario. They have 2 daughters, Karen, born on Jan. 17, 1969 and Lori, born on Sept. 17, 1970.

My sister, Stella, married Mike Ostrowski in 1928, and they farmed near the Shell River. They raised a family of 3 children: Philip, Adeline and Veronica. Philip married Verna Lovas and they had 4 children: Margaret, Karen, Evelyn and Harvey. Philip passed away in 1978.

Adeline lives in Alberta.

Veronica is married to Ed. Yaroschuk and lives in Yorkton, Sask. She has two children: Chantel and Rochelle.

Mother, (Cecilia) passed away in 1952. Father, (George) died in 1947 and both are buried in Shortdale Cemetery.

Mildred and I, Stanley, have retired to the town of Roblin, where we have our own home. I still have the homestead, which my father had taken out, and I still farm it. Stella, my sister, lives in Roblin, in her own home as well.

Stanley Victor Gunchoski **by Doreen**

Stanley was the oldest child of Stanley and Mildred (nee Goba) Gunchoski. He was born on the family farm in Shortdale. He received his education in Bield, Man. and attended the Roman Catholic Church in Shortdale, Man. He had one brother, Russell, who married Ann of Watrous, Sask., and one sister, Sylvia who married Joe Schmidt, of London, Ontario.

Stanley Jr. and I, Doreen Paquette were married in Shortdale on February 13, 1965. We lived on the farm until 1967, when we moved into Roblin. Stan worked for the C.N.R., then with Cartier Construction. After moving to Roblin, he worked for Massey Ferguson (D. M. Staple) and then for Co-op Implements, until his death in May 1980.

We had four children: Sheila, Debora, Pamela and Thomas. They were all born in the Roblin Hospital. Sheila attended Goose Lake High School; she graduated in June, 1983. Debora attended school in Roblin, until 1981, then moved to Inglis, Man., and attended school in Inglis Jr. High, until grade 9, then attended Major Pratt School in Russell, Man. Pamela and Thomas attended school in Roblin until 1981. They are attending school in Inglis, Manitoba.

Philip Haberstock Family **by the family**

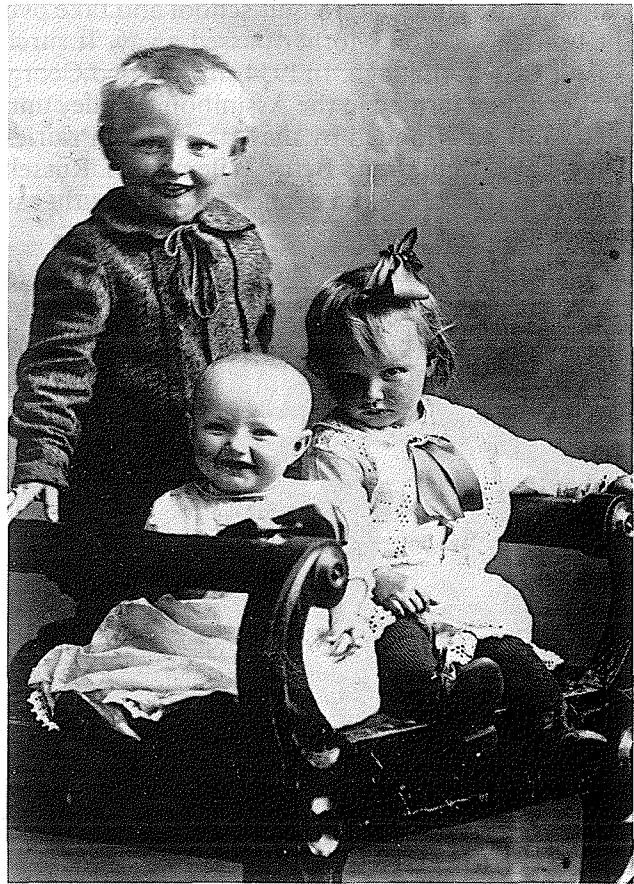
Philip Haberstock, born on August 9, 1881 in Austria, came to Canada in 1900. He took up a homestead, the N.E. 1/4 of Sec. 10-26-30, now in the Gartmore district.

Katherine Baumung, born on Jan. 4, 1888 in Austria, came to Canada with her parents and 3 brothers: Conrad, Philip and Fritz.

Philip and Katherine were united in marriage on April 29, 1906 in the Lutheran Church by Rev. E. J. Otto. They lived on section 10 until about 1911, then bought the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec. 12-26-30 from Mr. Scott, where they built a bigger house in about 1915, which was the home place and is still in the family today. Mother used to tell us that when they lived on section 10, a bear would come and eat with the pigs. Later they bought the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 12 from Biebers and the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ from Mr. Dillin and then the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Werbowetsky's, mostly for pasture. In the 20's they bought the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 13-26-30 from Mr. Van Holt. They farmed and raised cattle and horses. There were all breeds of horses around there: Belgians, Percherons, Clydes and even Shetland ponies. There was many a buck-off to break the young horses for riding. The boys used to take horses to the fair and received their share of prizes.

There were a lot of good times but a lot of hard work too. We used to milk 20 cows or more, all by hand, and that was done by us girls, as the boys had other chores to do.

This couple had 15 children, 6 died in infancy



The Haberstock children: Willie, Della and Minnie, in 1919.



Philip and Katherine Haberstock and sons, Adolf and Jack, 1913.

and 9 grew up — Adolph, Jack, Elizabeth, Henry, William, Wilhelmina, Della, Freda and Joe.

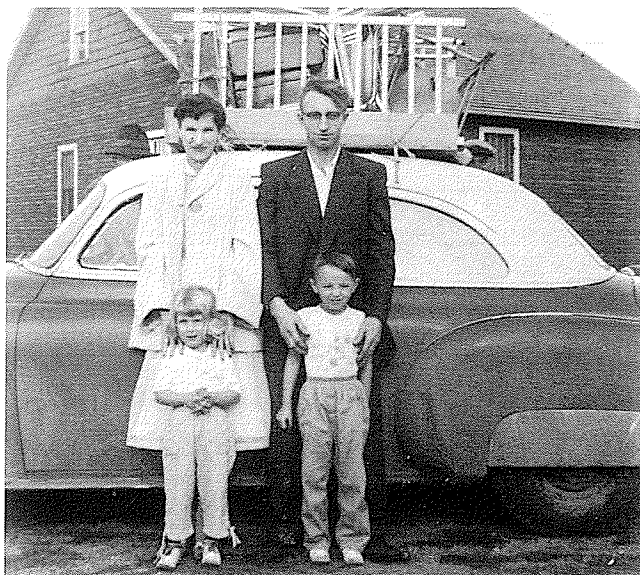
Mother passed away on March 21, 1927. Dad was married in 1930 to Anna from Germany; she was a very good step-mother. Dad passed away on April 21, 1936.

Adolph, born on April 29, 1907, married Mary Becker of MacNutt, Sask. They farmed on Sec. 13-26-30 until October 1939, when they bought a general store in MacNutt. They had five children: Meona, Marlene, Lorne, Sharon and Lynn. Adolph passed away in June, 1961. Mary sold the store to Marlene and husband, George Tkatchuk. Mary lives in Yorkton.

Jack, born on February 24, 1910, married Katie Koch of Shellmouth on October 9, 1937. They had 2 children, Bruce and Penny. Jack took Dad's farm over when Dad passed away. In 1954 Jack and Katie built a new house. They farmed until 1981 when they moved to Roblin. Then Bruce and wife, Darlene Lee of Togo and their two children, Shane and Tracy, took over the farm. Jack passed away on April 9, 1983 Katie still lives in Roblin.

Elizabeth, born on November 15, 1912, being the

oldest of the girls, had to quit school and take over the household after Mother passed away. It surely wasn't easy at that age. In 1934 she married George Ricker. They farmed in the Assiniboine Valley until their land was flooded by the Lake of the Prairies. They have 3 children: Betty Wileman of Russell, Wayne in the valley and Jeanette Chase south-east of Roblin.



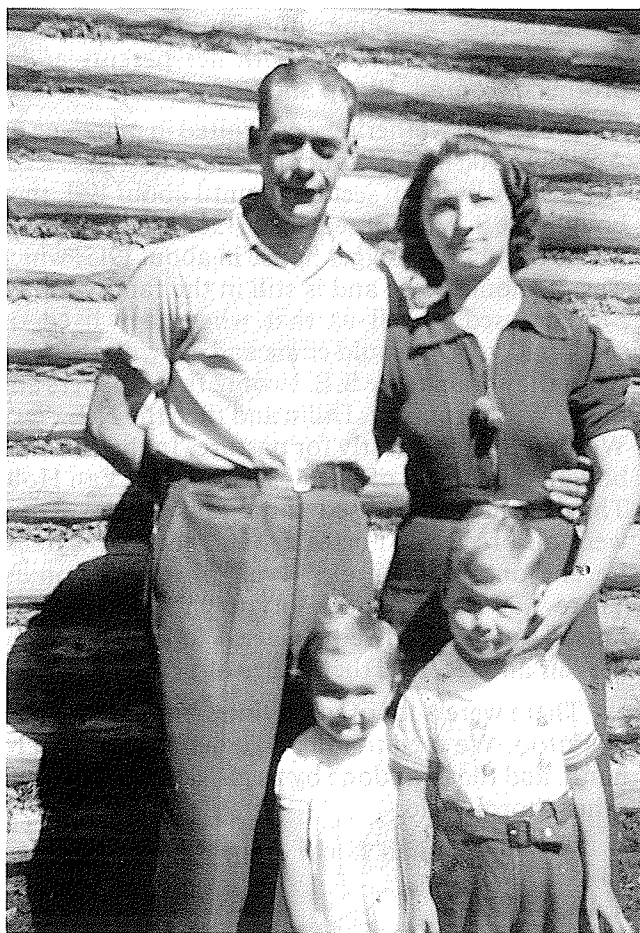
Margaret and Joe Haberstock and children, in 1956.

Henry, born on Jan. 21, 1914, married Mag Klein on Jan. 10, 1944. They had 6 children: Wayne, Carol, Larry, Richard, Diane and Peggy. Henry and Mag farmed until 1955, then moved to B.C. for awhile. In 1961 they moved to Winnipeg. Henry lives in Winnipeg; Mag lives in Melville.

William (Bill), born on Oct. 2, 1915, served in the military with the Winnipeg Grenadiers from 1942-1945. He was overseas in Kiska and Europe; he was wounded in Italy in April of 1945 and came home that same year. In 1946 he built an Auto-Body Shop in Roblin and later sold it to Bill Baumung. In 1953 he went to Bashaw, Alberta, and started an Auto-Body shop there. In October, 1955 he married Ella Schultz of Bashaw. Bill passed away on July 2nd, 1975. Ella lives in Bashaw.

Wilhelmina (Mina), born on January 24, 1917, helped at home, then she worked in the Dropmore area for a few years. In 1935 she went to Winnipeg to work. In January of 1939 she married Sherman Gray of Winnipeg, a gold miner. In 1942 they moved to Prince Rupert, B.C. and went into the fishing business. They had 3 boys: Howard, Ron and Jim. Sherman passed away in February 1966. Ron passed away in August 1982. Mina lives in Prince Rupert.

Della, born on August 8, 1918, went to Winnipeg



Minnie and Sherman Gray, 1935.

in 1935. She worked for the Wheat Board for over 25 years. She is now retired and lives in Winnipeg.

Freda, born on Dec. 5, 1923, remained on the farm until 1946. In April, 1949 she married Herb Hansen of Valley View and moved to Flin Flon in 1952. They have 2 children: Howard and Brenda. Herb worked in the mine. They live in Flin Flon.

Joe, born on October 2, 1925, married Margaret Burns of Makaroff in January, 1950. They farmed for a few years, then moved to Edmonton, where Joe worked as a welder. They have 4 children: Brian, Billie, Dougie, and Heather. They live in Edmonton, Alberta.

We were all confirmed in the Grace Lutheran Church at Zorra, Sask. The old house was sold to Russell and Stella Perchaluk and moved to the Town of Roblin.

Jacob (Jack) Haberstock Family by Katherine Haberstock

Philip Haberstock and his wife Katherine (nee Baumung), natives of Austria, immigrated to Canada with their parents around the turn of the cen-



Mr. and Mrs. Jack Haberstock, Bruce and Penny receiving the award for Master Farm Family in 1968.

tury. They commenced farming in the MacNutt area.

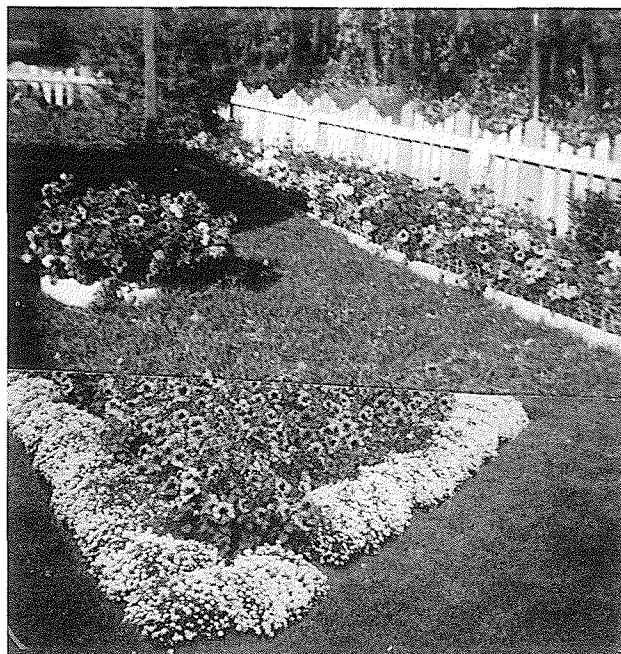
Philip Haberstock was noted for raising pure-bred horses, and at one time had 3 studs on the road (travelling for breeding purposes). After tractors were introduced for farming, horse power diminished, and horses roamed around the prairies, idle. Some were eventually sold for fox feed. After the horse's popularity had declined, more cattle were raised to subsidize the farming.

Philip and Katherine Haberstock's son, Jacob (Jack), married Katherine Koch, of the Shellmouth area in 1937 and they commenced farming soon afterwards on the farm which his father, Philip, had homesteaded in 1900. Like his father, Jack raised prize livestock notably Hereford cattle.

Jack and Katherine Haberstock raised two children: Bruce was born in 1940, and Penny was born in 1957. In 1968, the Jack Haberstock family achievements in farming, homemaking and citizenship were recognized when they won the "Master Farm Family Award" (sponsored by the Sask. Dept. of Ag.) for Ag. Rep. District No. 12. They were also the district's nominee for the provincial "Master Farm Family" award. The Grainhill Farm, which the Haberstocks owned and operated, consisted of a 2½ section grain farm, and approx. 100 head of livestock, plus a laying flock of about 300 hens. The family's efforts on the farm were matched by many hours of community service and involvement.

Jack Haberstock served as a trustee of Zorra School for many years. He served as president and elder of Grace Lutheran Church, and was also active in local church work. He was a member of the Calder local of the S.F.U.

Katherine Haberstock has also been active in church work, having taught Sunday school for many years, as well as serving as superintendent of the Sunday School, and secretary of the Zorra Ladies' Aid. Katherine was also a leader of the



Jack and Katie Haberstock won the 1981 honors for best suburban yard.

Cromarty 4-H Sewing Club, and a member of the Roblin Horticultural Society, having won various prizes for her floral arrangements, etc.

Bruce Haberstock was a member of the Cromarty 4-H Beef and Garden Club, and won a number of awards. Penny Haberstock enjoyed the Cromarty 4-H Garden Club.



Bruce and Darlene Haberstock and son.

In 1970, Bruce Haberstock married Darlene Lee of Togo, and they farmed with his parents for a few years after their marriage. He purchased a hotel in Bethune, Sask., later selling it and buying the "King George Hotel" at Melville. In 1981, they sold the hotel in Melville and returned to farm at Roblin, once Jacob and Katherine had retired to Roblin. Bruce and Darlene have 2 children, Shane and Tracey.

Penny Haberstock married Grant Zimmer in 1978 and they lived at Flin Flon until 1983. They have three children: Autumn, Echo and Logan. They now live at Shortdale.



Grant and Penny Zimmer (nee Haberstock) on their wedding day.

In 1981, Jack and Katherine Haberstock celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. Jack passed away in April, 1983. Katherine still resides at Roblin.

The Hallam Family

by Joan McRae

Jonathon (Jack) Hallam arrived in Roblin from London, England shortly before W.W. I. He was accompanied by his in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hymers. They had come for health reasons and to learn farming at Wilfred Gamey's.

Jack Hallam opened a shoe repair business in town, as Roblin was a booming town, with 20 new businesses beginning by May of that year. He was well qualified as his family had been involved with boot and clog building for over 200 years in England.

When war was declared in August 1914, he was the first to enlist from Roblin district for active service. He was one of a group consisting of W. Armstrong, W. Day, R. J. Ritchie, J. Shearer and A. Hay, who left for training at Valcartier, Quebec. By November, they were overseas in England.

In September, 1920, Jack Hallam accompanied by his war bride and daughter, Joan, returned to

Roblin. He had been a sergeant in the 15th battalion of the 48th Highlanders of Canada, had been gassed in the first gas attack in 1915 and wounded with shrapnel.

In Roblin, it had been reported that he had been killed in action and his name was to be placed on the proposed War Memorial to be built in 1927. After he returned he discovered that his shoemaking tools and equipment and clothing were all missing from the premises, where he had left them for safekeeping so he had to work for a Mr. Howe, another shoemaker. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller had kindly put them into their home, until they were properly settled.

Jack was able to start another shoe repair business after he replaced his equipment. He continued in the business, until 1934, when he was unable to give further credit to people needing his services, who were unable to pay.

He worked on the construction of the Hudson Bay railway going to Churchill one summer, with men such as Sam Kapey and Roy Saunders. He worked as part time engineer at the local power plant, until there was a full time opening. He continued in the power plant as engineer, until his retirement in 1945.

The Hallams were active Anglicans. When the excavation and work on Christ Church began in 1927, Jack was one of the many volunteers. He played concert flute in the Roblin Band, who performed on Main street on Saturday evenings, when the weather was fine.

The Hallams had always displayed an interest in the founding of the Canadian Legion in Roblin and in securing assistance for veterans and families. Mrs. Hallam was a charter member of the Ladies Auxiliary #24 formed in September, 1931. In 1947, she received the Honorary Officer Meritorious Service Medal for 16 years in an executive position in the Ladies Auxiliary, Canadian Legion. In Ontario, she became an Assistant Zone Commander. Mrs. Hallam was very active in the Christ Church, serving as member of choir, church secretary, secretary to the "Little Helpers", Altar Guild and member of the Women's Auxiliary. She had been an officer in the Orange Ladies, a member of the Red Cross and a representative on the "Empty Stocking Fund" during the 30's. Her motto was "service and helping her fellow man".

They had four children; Joan, an artist who married Alex McRae and has 2 children; a daughter, Mary, a shell craftsperson and 4-H group leader who married C. A. Ruttan and has 4 children; a son, Jonathan (John) who enlisted in the R.C.A.F. and retired after 35 years in the service, married Loise McMillan and has 3 children; a son, Tom, who enlisted in the R.C.A.F. and later

P.P.C.L.I., has a position with CNR railways, married Vivian Livingstone and has 4 children.

Following the terrible weather conditions of 1947, they moved to Southern Ontario to be near their daughters, Joan and Mary and grandchildren. Jack Hallam passed away in 1954 in Sunnybrook Hospital. Mrs. Hallam died in 1955 in Minnedosa Hospital, Minnedosa, Manitoba.

Peter and Sina Hanson

by Esther Riffel

Peter and Sina Hanson emigrated in 1917 from Grygla, Minnesota, to Bield, Manitoba, where they took a homestead of a quarter section of land, suitable for farming.

Peter emigrated from Denmark as a young man while Sina emigrated from Norway with her parents. Peter and Sina were married in Grygla in 1908.

Their two children, Phillip and Lenora, were five and three years old when they moved to Bield. Sina's four children from her marriage to Carlot Lovas also came with the family. They were Carlot, Harry, Lola (Kelly) and Martha.

Phillip married Rose Carlson in 1932. Rose was born to Thomas and Florence Knight or Tummel and adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Carlson of Roblin in 1921. Lenora married Frank Kerr of Roblin in 1932, and they farmed in the Bield and Roblin districts for several years.

Phillip and Rose bought a quarter section of land five miles east of Roblin on Highway 5 where they practiced mixed farming. During World War II, Phillip joined the R.C.A.S.C. and, after two years' service, received an honorable discharge for health reasons.

In 1945, Phillip and Rose bought land northwest of Roblin in the Cromarty district where they continued active farming until 1969. In 1965 they built a home in Dauphin and, at the time of Phillip's death in 1972, they were renting their land. Rose continues to live in Dauphin.

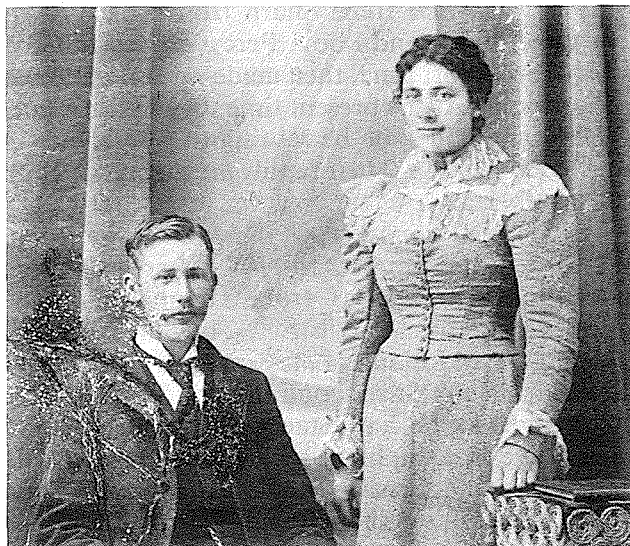
Four children were born to Phillip and Rose: Rosella Nofield, New Westminster, B.C.; Esther Riffel, Fernie, B.C.; Norman in Lynn Lake, Manitoba and Norma Buchy, Virden, Manitoba.

There are 12 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Walter Harlow Family

by Ethel Harlow

Walter Harlow came to Canada from Kent, England at the age of 14 years. He and 2 younger brothers arrived in Winnipeg in 1893. They were sent to the La Riviere district to help on farms. Ethel Rooke was born in Hamilton, Ontario. Her family moved to Ohio, U.S.A. where her father was a



Walter and Ethel Harlow's 57th Anniversary.

market gardener for a period of time, then moved back to Canada to the La Riviere district.

In 1899 Walter Harlow and Ethel Rooke were married. They farmed in La Riviere, Man., Fro-bisher, Sask., and Arcola, Sask. for several years raising 6 of a family.

In the 'dirty thirties' they moved to Togo, Sask. and farmed there for 6 years. In 1940 they moved to the Cromarty district and farmed for 4 years. Due to illness they retired in 1945, and moved 2 miles west of Roblin where George Pearton now lives. Walter Harlow passed away in 1957 and Ethel in 1964. Both had lengthy illnesses.

Gertie, the oldest of the family, married Fred Pacey and they farmed on his family farm in Windthorst, Sask. He passed away in 1951. They had no family but Gertie carried on farming until 1978, then rented her farm and moved to Roblin. She still, at 82, travels back and forth to her farm.

Archie farmed with his father until they moved to Cromarty, then farmed on his own. He married Alice Johnson from Boggy Creek. They had no family. In 1983, due to poor health, Archie and Alice sold their farm and retired to Roblin.

Olive and Ruby married brothers: Russell and Hazel Clarke from Arcola, Sask. Ruby and Hazel moved to the Peace River district in 1929 where they farmed and raised a family of 7 girls and 1 boy.

Olive and Russell farmed in the Cromarty district, then east of Roblin on the Bob Grant farm. They later moved to Roblin where Russell was hired as Custodian for the old elementary school until his health failed him. They had 3 girls: Eileen, married and living in Calgary, Effie, married and living in Winnipeg, and Phyllis married to John Anderson who is employed at the Link Hardware. They have 2 children — Amy and Scott.

Percy married Irene Sharp from Togo, Sask. They had 4 girls and 1 boy. Percy farmed in Cromarty for a short time, then made several moves to various jobs. At the present time they live in Acne, Alberta and will soon be retiring to a residence in Red Deer, Alberta. Their family are all married and live in Alberta.

Ralph, the youngest of the family, served in World War II from 1942 to 1945. After the war he married Ethel Christoff from Tummel and they farm in the Cromarty district. They have 3 sons: Larry, Lyle and Blaine. Larry married Coral Middleton from the Silverwood district. They have 2 children: Dwayne and Stacey. Larry, Coral and family live in Dauphin where Larry manages the Saan Store and Coral is employed at Stitt's Drug Store. Lyle farms in the Tummel district. They have 2 children: Gregory and Erin. Blaine married Louise Trefananko from Wroxton, Sask. They farm in the Roblin district. They have one son, Kevin.

Ralph organized and was leader of the Cromarty (4 in 1) 4-H Club in 1959. He was on Shell River Council from 1974 to 1977. He served on the District Community Centre Board from 1970-1980 and on the Hospital Board from 1975 to the present time. He has driven the Ambulance since 1980.

Howard Harrington Family

by Charles McKenzie

Howard and his wife, Ellen (born in 1903) came to the Deepdale district of Manitoba, in approximately 1929. They had one son, George who was



Charlie Middleton, Sally, Rosalie and George Harrington.

born on December 21st, 1925 at the time they came to his uncle's farm, Mr. Charles Middleton. Here two more children were born; Sarah born on Oct. 8th, 1929 and Rosie born on March 3rd, 1932. The children all attended school in Roblin.

Mrs. Harrington became very ill and spent many years in a hospital at Brandon when the girls were very young. They were then raised by Mr. and

Mrs. Brig Ward on the farm next to theirs. Mrs. Harrington passed away in 1971. Howard is living in Tennessee at the present time.

George and his wife, Lillian and Sarah and her husband, Dan, live in Nashville, Tennessee. Rosie is still single and lives in St. Paul, Minn.

Edward (Ned) and Annie Harrop

by Cathy Shymko

Ned Harrop was born on January 24, 1868 in Wickcom, England. Annie (Gibbons) Harrop was born on May 2nd, 1880 at Wickcom, England, a daughter of Edward and Mary Gibbons.

Ned immigrated to Canada somewhere around the turn of the century. He worked for the Canadian Northern Railway at Shevlin, Manitoba.

Annie immigrated to Canada in 1903, arriving at Winnipeg, Man., where she worked for a short time. She then moved to Brandon, Man., where she worked at a hotel. It was here that she met and married Ned and they moved to Grainfield district where they homesteaded the S.E. 1/4 of 24-25-28.

Ned was a trustee for the Grainfield school for a number of years. Ned and Annie also boarded the local teachers for a number of years. They farmed until 1945 when Ned passed away. Annie stayed on the farm for a few years and then moved into the town of Roblin, where she resided until her passing on August 19, 1967.

Ernie and Edith Hartmier Family

by Edith

Edith (Watson) Hartmier was born in Asessippi, Manitoba, (a small community between Russell and Roblin) on Oct. 20th, 1908. She received her education in Roblin.

Edith and Ernie Hartmier were married in Roblin on Dec. 14th, 1927 by Rev. Harvey, who was the United Church minister in Roblin at that time.

Edith and Ernie Hartmier were blessed with six children: Marguerite Lois, Wilburt Clinton, John Kenneth, William Elmer, James Robert and George Garry.

They moved from Roblin to Yorkton in 1941, where Ernie worked until 1959. They then moved to Kelowna, B.C. to retire.

John Hawrychuk Family

by Jenny Panchuk

John Hawrychuk was born in the Ukraine in the village of Luchyche in 1900. He came to Canada at the age of 4 years with his parents, Sam and Tillie Hawrychuk. They settled on a homestead 20 miles north of Roblin, in the Zelena district, which is still owned by the family (S.W. 1/4 1-29-28).

Victoria (Tkatchuk) Hawrychuk was born at Zelena, Manitoba May 2, 1918. She moved to Roblin in 1928 and lived on Second Street for 16 years. She



John Hawrychuk Family in 1948: Shirley, Doris, Jenny, John, Mary and Victoria.

attended Roblin School until 1933 when she married John Hawrychuk at Roblin.

He was one of the first pioneers and helped build the St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox church in Roblin. He was also a regular driver for Rev. Horbay who said mass in all of the country churches.

John had a livery stable for 15 years and also worked at the Roblin Flour Mill. He later went into his own trucking business, which he operated for 12 years, hauling grain from the farms to the elevators. He also hauled wood, cattle and gravel.

John and Victoria had 4 daughters: Jenny, Shirley, Doris and Mary.

Jenny was born on Nov. 24, 1934 at Roblin, attended elementary and high school there. She went to Winnipeg in 1951 where she worked at the Municipal Hospitals for 5 years. In 1956 she moved to Toronto and worked for B. F. Goodrich Ltd. for 23 years. She married Bill Panchuk in Toronto in 1960. They moved to Edmonton, Alberta, in 1973. Jennie has been employed at Lucerne Milk Plant (Safeway Ltd.), packing dry cottage cheese, for the past 9 years. They have one daughter, Kelly-Ann and live at 153 Primrose Gardens, Edmonton, Alberta.

Shirley, born May 26, 1938, at Roblin, Man., attended Goose Lake elementary and high school in Roblin. She later moved to Toronto, Ontario in 1955 where she married Clayton Burton of Twillingate, Newfoundland. Shirley has worked for Rowntree Chocolate Company for 10 years. She is presently employed at Trans-communications Ltd. as a supervisor in electronics. They have one son, Brian John, and they live at 3286 Rhonda Valley, Mississauga, Ontario.

Doris, born Jan. 11, 1940 in Roblin, Manitoba, completed her schooling in Roblin, then moved to Toronto, Ontario, in 1957. She was married in Toronto, in 1962 and divorced in 1969. She has been employed at Rowntree Chocolate Company for the past 27 years, as supervisor in the "Coffee Crisp"

department. She lives at apt. #503, 1580 Mississauga Valley Blvd., Mississauga, Ontario.

Mary, born October 23, 1943 in Roblin, Manitoba, attended elementary and high school at Roblin. She moved to Toronto, Ontario in 1957, where she also works for Rowntree Chocolate Company. Mary married John Lough in Toronto in 1962. They have 2 children: Stephanie Marie, 3, and Kevin John, born March 2, 1984. They live at 32 Merton Road, Brampton, Ontario.

John Hawrychuk passed away in St. Paul's Home, Dauphin on July 11, 1963. Victoria moved to Toronto, Ontario in 1957, where she too worked for Rowntree Chocolate Company for many years. Victoria is now retired and lives at 276 Chalfield Lane, Mississauga, Ontario.

The Alex Hawryluk Family by Borden

Alex Hawryluk was born on March 30, 1896, in Antonewka, Galicia, in the Ukraine. He came to Canada in May, 1914, at the age of 18 years. After landing in Montreal Alex took a train west, getting off in Canora, Saskatchewan, where he commenced working on the railroad in the Division of Sheho.

After working for the railroad for several years, Alex bought 80 acres of land and two horses and began farming, a vocation which lasted his entire lifetime.

On June 2, 1918, Alex married Katherine Yakimishyn, who was born in Brazil on Sept. 29th in the year 1900. When she was seven years old, she came to Canada with her parents and settled in the Roblin area.

After getting married, Alex and Katherine settled down to a life of farming in the Roblin area, nine miles north of the town of Roblin. Alex and Katherine became involved with many community activities and especially in their church — the Greek



The Alex Hawryluk family: Back row: Sylvester, Borden. Front row: Mary, Mr. Alex Hawryluk, Starlet, Mrs. Kathrine Hawryluk, and Olga.

Orthodox Church. From this union of marriage, five children were born.

Mary Haluschak, the eldest, was born in 1919. She completed her education in the Gleneden School District and went on to become a school teacher. She is now retired and living in Vancouver, B.C. with her husband, Joseph.

Sylvester Hawryluk, the eldest son, was born in 1920. He chose a career in farming, and to this day he still farms his original farm. He is now married and lives in Roblin with his wife, Mary.

The third child, Olga Barida, was born in 1923. After completing her education in Roblin, she took a secretarial position in Winnipeg where she met her husband, Gerald, during the war years. She now lives in Windsor, Ontario.

The fourth child was another son, Borden. Born in 1929 and educated in Roblin schools, he chose a teaching career, followed by a career in real estate and insurance. Borden, with his wife Elizabeth, now live in Roblin.

The fifth child, Starlet Vanstone, was born in 1939. She was educated in the Roblin schools. Choosing a career in nursing, she took post-graduate studies in nursing and is now living with her husband, Jack, in Edmonton.

Alex Hawryluk was very proud of becoming a Canadian citizen. He received his certificate of Naturalization in May of 1926. His proudest moment in life was in November of 1964, when he received his Canadian citizenship.

Alex Hawryluk passed away at 72 years of age on July 22, 1968. Katherine Hawryluk passed away at 76 years of age on June 16, 1977.

Family of Elizabeth and Borden Hawryluk by Borden

Borden and Elizabeth were both born in the Roblin Area. Borden, the second youngest son of Alex and Katherine Hawryluk, was born in the



Linda, Cathy, Terry, Karen, Borden and Elizabeth Hawryluk.

Gleneden District. Borden's early education began in the rural one-room school of Gleneden until the eighth grade; he then attended the rural school of Sunnyslope where he took grades eight, nine and ten. He completed his high school at the Goose Lake Collegiate. After graduation from high school he obtained his teaching certificate from the Normal School in Winnipeg and taught in rural schools for four years. It was during his teaching tenure in the Silverwood School District that he met his wife to be, Elizabeth, the second youngest daughter of William and Mae Maguire. Borden and Elizabeth were united in marriage in the little rural Church of Silverwood. Dr. Carlyle Parker, the United Church minister at that time, joined them in holy matrimony. Borden and Elizabeth settled in Roblin where they have made their home.

From this union four children were born. The eldest daughter, Catherine was born in 1955. She took her entire education in the Roblin Schools. Upon graduating from high school she attended Briercrest Bible College for two years. Cathy then went on to take her nurses training at the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg, where she graduated as a Registered Nurse. Cathy got married and is living with her husband, George Conway, and daughter, Erin in Winnipeg.

Terrance Hawryluk, the only son, born in 1958, also completed his education in Roblin. Upon graduation he started a career in Banking. Sometime later he went to work in the mines at Flin Flon and the oil fields of Alberta, eventually returning home to Roblin to join his father in the Insurance and Real Estate business.



Roblin Insurance.

Karen Hawryluk was born in 1959. After graduating from Goose Lake High she spent two years at Briercrest Bible College. Karen then went on to Mount Royal College in Calgary to study Journalism and T.V. broadcasting. Karen is currently employed at CFAC Lethbridge, Alberta in television as news anchorwoman.

Linda Hawryluk was born in 1961. After high school graduation, Linda took a general Bible program at Briercrest Bible College, followed by two

years missionary work in India and the Philippines with Team Ventures International. Upon returning home, she took a teacher aide position in the Roblin Collegiate. Linda has been accepted at the Grace hospital for nurse's training.

Both Borden and Elizabeth are active in the Roblin Community. Borden has served as school trustee for over twenty years. Both Borden and Elizabeth are active in their church and the schools. They owe it all to the teaching of the church, and the help of the schools that have made their family a happy and loving family.

Joe Hawryluk Family

by Joe Hawryluk

Joe Hawryluk was born in Austria, in 1892. When Serbia declared war on Austria in 1909, Joe was afraid and so he went to Ternoppel, where he started a veterinary business. He worked at it for 5 months, however he did not really like the work and so in 1911, he immigrated to Canada, arriving at Port Arthur (now Thunder Bay), Ontario.



Joe and Katherine Hawryluk and family: Rudolf, Angela and Jean.

Travelling west, Joe spent a winter with his uncle, Mike Hawryluk at East Kildonan. While there, Joe went to the King George School for 5 months, leaving there with a grade 8 education. In the spring, Joe came to the Deepdale area. In 1912, Joe's older sister, Anne immigrated to Canada and settled at Winnipeg. In 1914, she married William Sloboda of Winnipeg, and they lived for many years at Fort Frances, Ontario. William passed away and Anne is still living.

Deepdale, Manitoba was settled in 1906. Among the starting families there were: Brig Ward, Harry and George Ward, the Brownvilles, Tom Cheavins, the Nastroms, the Stevens, the Lumbergs, the Fishers, the Hogues, the Craigs, the Whinns, the Priers and the Joliffes. These families farmed around Deepdale and established a small town there. There was one store set up by the Wards and called the 'Cross Wards' Store.' The railway station and about 2 other buildings made up the town. In 1911,

more buildings were put up and there were 3 stores. Bob McBride built houses and sold them to people who wanted to live right in town.

Upon arriving at Deepdale, Joe went to work for the railroad. In 1911, Brig Ward was the section foreman, and Joe Senderewich was first man while Joe Hawryluk was second. A year later, Joe became relief foreman. That winter was a bad one to have to spend on the railroad. Temperatures stayed down around 40-50 degrees below zero for between 4-5 months. A freight train ran down to Deepdale at about 10 o'clock in the evening, and waited there for the passenger train coming from Togo. On one occasion, the freight train took a chance at meeting the passenger train at Makaroff; before it even got to Togo, a collision occurred between the two trains, and an engineer and five men were killed, while several others were injured on the freight train. No one from the passenger train was hurt.

Joe remembers another train wreck, which took place near the Maclean Bridge. Six cattle cars were derailed and the cattle, which were too badly hurt, had to be shot.

Joe also recalls the settling of the Gleneden district. Sam Nowosad lived and farmed there as did the Willis, the Fitkowskis, the Kulyks, the Yakimyshyns, the Gobas, the Kappies, the Millers, the Kozaks, the Chics, the Kosinskis and Joe Hawryluk. A few (mainly Irish) people came down to farm in the Shell River district, among them Bob McBride, the Baileys, the Stewarts, the Charmans, the McMasters, and the Holmes.

Joe was the first local fellow to own a bicycle. Then four others got bikes too, and they would come to Roblin, which at that time consisted of about 2 stores, 20 houses and Fisher's Blacksmith Shop. Main Street was pretty short, only about 2 blocks long. The young fellows had lots of fun running along the wooden sidewalks and making a lot of noise.

In 1913, Joe married Kathryn Chic. They had three children. Angela was born in 1914, Rudolph was born in 1919, and Jean was born in 1922. In 1918, Joe quit working for the railroad and took up serious farming. He also served as a Shell River councillor for some years.

Angela finished her Grade 12 at school and applied to be a school teacher. However, one of the education board members refused to let Ukrainians go on to study to be teachers. The board member was reported and subsequently fired because of such unfair practices. Again, when Jean completed her grade 12 and applied to Winnipeg to study, she was first refused because of "so called" space limitations. However, she later got in. She taught in the Balfour School near Russell, and then taught right

in Russell. Six of her teaching years were spent with slow learning children.

Rudolph took up farming. I, Joe bought a half-section of land from John Lukach, and also purchased land from Steve Phillipew. When Joe retired, Rudolph took over his half-section and he still farms west of Merridale today on S.W. 1/4 of 2-28-28.

Joe and Kathryn Hawryluk's children are all married. Rudolph married Olga Lebedowich and their have three children: Ted, Randy and Deborah.

Angela married Ted Nowosad and they lived in Sarnia, Ontario for many years. They had two children: Bill and Sylvia. Angela passed away in 1972.

Jean married Wm. Iwaniuk in 1946 and they lived near Brandon. After Wm. died, Jean married Fred Stanchuk at Russell, Manitoba. Jean and Fred live in the Town of Russell.

Joe's wife, Kathryn passed away in 1966, at the age of 66. In 1967 Joe retired to the town of Roblin where he still lives today in his own home.

John Alexander Hay Family by the Family

"Jack" Hay, as he was known to his friends, left Seaforth, Ontario at age 17 and arrived in Hamiota, Man., where he worked in a butcher shop for a few years.

He later came to Roblin and then moved to Shortdale, where he met and married Ellen Margaret Faulconer. She was born in Elkhorn, Man. Her family moved to Shortdale when she was quite young.

They farmed in the Shortdale area for a few years. Their two eldest sons, Jack and George, and daughter Gertie were born there. After a few years they moved back to Roblin, where Jack worked on farms and the last 17 years before he retired he worked for the Shell River Municipality on road maintenance. He retired in the 1960's.

Jack and Ellen raised a family of seven sons and four daughters. Eight of them were born in Roblin and took their schooling there.

Jack, the eldest, started school in Shortdale and



Jack Hay Family: Jack, George, Gertie, Victor, Gerald, Murray, Gordon. Front: Norman, Edith, Ellen and Jack, with Margaret on his knee, and Jean.

finished in Roblin. He was with the R.C.N. from 1942 to 1945 and after his discharge from the navy, he was engineer on the ferry at Kelowna for several years and later at Haney, B.C., now Maple Ridge. He married Dolly McAlpine at Kelowna. They have one daughter, Mary, and two granddaughters. He is retired now and they reside in Maple Ridge, B.C.

George also started school in Shortdale and finished in Roblin. During the war he served with the 1st L.A.A. in England, Italy and Holland. After the war he married Ruth Brown of Winnipeg. They moved to Houston, B.C. where he spent 28 years in millwork. They have one son, Stewart, in Houston, B.C. George is retired and they reside in Vancouver.

Gertie was born and started her schooling in Shortdale and came to Roblin at age 8. After finishing school, she went to work in Tummel, where she met the McArthurs. She and Cliff McArthur were married in 1939 and farmed in Tummel for 35 years, starting out with a Case steel-wheeled tractor — their only means of transportation. They would go to town by team and van with their good neighbours, the Howes. This was an all-day trip, but they had a lot of fun. They have two daughters, Joyce Westra of Lethbridge, Alberta, and Judith Thomson of Gilbert Plains, and 4 grandchildren. Cliff and Gertie now reside in Roblin where they moved on October 15, 1983.

Gordon spent the war years with the 18th, R.E.C.C.E. After his discharge from the army he went to Houston, B.C. where he worked in the mills for several years. He is married and has 5 children and 5 grandchildren. Gordon and Nora now reside in Saskatoon.

Victor served with the P.P.C.L.I. in Italy from 1943 to 1946. After the war he went to live in Kelowna, B.C., where he took up carpentry, which he is still doing. He is married to Alice Downe of Summerland, B.C. They have 2 sons, David and Daryl, and one daughter Lynda. Victor and Alice live in Parksville, Vancouver Island.

Edith married John Cameron and they lived in Roblin for a few years, later moving to Shilo. They moved to Douglas when John retired. They had 3 daughters and 5 sons and 9 grandchildren. John died in 1962. Edith now resides in Carberry, Manitoba.

Jean married Frank Dayson and they farmed north-east of Roblin for several years. They raised a family of 3 sons and 5 daughters. The oldest daughter, Shirley, died at an early age. Jean operated a thrift shop for 5 years in Roblin, until poor health forced her to retire in 1983. They have 13 grandchildren. Jean and Frank live in Roblin.

Gerald married Yvonne McMaster and they raised a family of 11 children, 10 of whom are still living. One daughter was killed in a car accident.

They have 7 grandchildren. Gerald spent many years in the logging and lumbering business in Houston, B.C., where they still reside. Their family all live in B.C.

Murray, after finishing his schooling, started out working in the Roblin Trading Store for Harry Maslove, before leaving for Thunder Bay, where he operated his own store for a few years. He also spent three years with the Ontario Provincial Police. For the last 16 years he has been a Security Guard at the Correctional Institute in Thunder Bay. He married Grace Rapino and they have 2 sons, Jeff and Jim, and one daughter, Susan. They also have 4 grandchildren, (Susan had twin girls, born in July, 1984).

Norman married Doris Doyle and they have 2 sons, Doug and Lindsey, and one daughter De Anna and they have 4 grandchildren. Doug has twin boys aged 5 years. Norman was a truck driver most of his life, until his untimely death at Cranbrook, in 1975 at the age of 36 years. Doris resides in B.C.

Margaret was born and educated at Roblin and has spent the last few years as a home-maker in Winnipeg.

Our father passed away in 1975 at the age of 88. Mother lives in Maple Manor in Roblin. She was 85 on June 11, 1984. There are 35 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren.

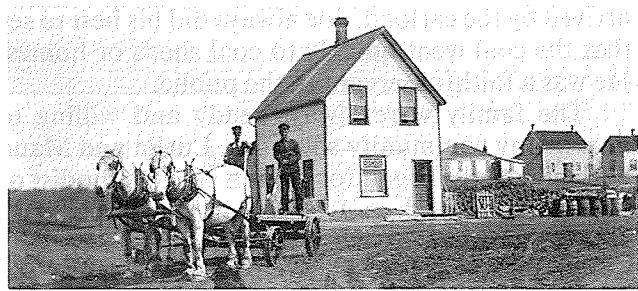
Joseph Hayward and Family by Hazel van der Maaten

Joseph and Ellen Hayward arrived in Roblin in May of 1907 with their five daughters, Luella,



Mr. and Mrs. Hayward and Emma Hayward at their home in Roblin.

Maud, Emma, Lucy and Hazel (a baby of five months). Mrs. Hayward and family had lodging at the village hotel until their household effects, etc. arrived by C.N.R. from Clearwater, Manitoba, their former home. The family located in the house on the corner across the track where Lawrence Dietrich now lives. Mr. Hayward had also filed for homestead rights. The said homestead was south



J. Howard and Albert Ard ride the dray past the Hayward home in Roblin, 1913. Other houses include Dr. Grant's cottage, R. Smale, barber, and Stanley Herbert C.N.R. employee.

and east of the Shell River. As with all who took up homesteading, Mr. and Mrs. Hayward and Hazel were required to live on the homestead for a certain period of time each year, which they faithfully did.

In September of 1908 the first sorrow of the family came when Lucy Irene died in Dauphin hospital. Her body was brought to Roblin and inter-



Grave of Lucy Hayward, Sept. 11, 1908. First child buried in Roblin Cemetery. First grave — Mr. Forfar to the right of picture.

ment took place in the Roblin cemetery. She was the first child to be interred in the cemetery. There were only two other graves at the time (Mr. Forfar and Mrs. Harrop).

As the village grew, Joe (as Mr. Hayward was known by all) saw the need of a dray business, so set about to do just that, with two teams of white horses and drays. The dray tops were made by a local carpenter, Bob Miller, and in a short time the business was rolling, with Albert Ard (who lived with the family) handling one team, and Joe and Lou Olson, or Maitland Willis, the other team. Car loads of brick, cement, lumber, flour, sugar, etc. were unloaded along with the hauling of gravel, stones, etc. for the builders. Gardens were ploughed in the spring and tanks of water hauled from Goose Lake for washing clothes and watering flowers during a real dry spell. In the winter, ice was cut on the lake and hauled to homes and packed with sawdust in buildings, for summer use. Coal and cordwood

arrived by the carload. Joe always did his best to see that the coal went quickly to coal sheds or homes. He was a faithful servant to the public.

The family were always ready and willing to help in any community activities. Luella and Maud both played the organ for church be it Methodist or Presbyterian, and as I recall, in real early days services were held up over Atkey's store. The family were all members of the Anglican Church. Emma also played for church as she got older. Luella and Maud had Sunday School classes in the United Church. Mrs. Hayward was always ready and willing to help in cases of sickness and death. Luella worked as a postal clerk under A. B. Gill. Maud worked in Fred Trickett's grocery store for awhile. Joe carried the mail. After Emma graduated from normal school, she taught school at Gilbert Plains, Bield, Tummel, Makaroff, Roblin and Carberry. Mrs. Hayward, Luella, Maud and Emma were members of the Rebekah Lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Hayward, Hazel and Emma were members of the Loyal Orange Order; Emma became Grand Mistress of Manitoba. Mrs. Hayward was an honorary member of the L.O.B.A. #454.

Mr. Hayward died June 16, 1931. Mrs. Hayward died December 31, 1938. Their daughter, Luella Bowes died June 23, 1951. Daughter, Maud Trickett died August 7, 1956, and daughter, Emma Muirhead died on June 25, 1974. Surviving is one daughter, Hazel van der Maaten of Aurora, Ontario, four granddaughters, five great-granddaughters and three great-grandsons.

The "H.C.L." Harold Lloyd Carson Hembroff Family History

by Vivian

Lloyd was the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hembroff of Russell, and I was Vivian Jean Yeo, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. T. A. Yeo of Roblin.

Lloyd and I met in 1938 at a dance in Russell. I had gone over to visit my sister and brother-in-law Mona and Joe Cross who had just recently moved to Russell from Roblin with their two little girls, Jo-Anne and Sheila.

At this time Lloyd was employed by Smellie Bros. as a clerk in their store.

In 1940 Lloyd went into Winnipeg and joined the Army. He was sent to the "C.A.B.T.C." Canadian Army Basic Training Centre in Fort William now known as Thunder Bay.

So, you can see most of our courtship was by correspondence, and we became engaged at Christmas in 1941. Lloyd received his Lieut. Commission in April 1942 and we decided to be married, so on June 20th, 1942 we were married in our little Anglican church in Roblin. (Christ Church). Lloyd and I went back to Fort William feeling so happy

and lucky to have found a place to live. We had two rooms in a private home. I must tell you about our furniture. The bedroom had a bed and dressing table. Our kitchen furniture consisted of a card table and two chairs, two orange boxes standing on end, with chintz curtains hung on a string where our dishes were kept. One larger wooden box that held a 2-burner hot plate on top and under this is where I kept our pots and pans, one pan and 2 pots, (pyrex) to be exact. I also had a chintz curtain for that box. We were so happy and we called this home for almost a year. Our cup of happiness seemed to be filled to overflowing when on April 28th, our son, Terry Yeo Hembroff, was born.

But our happiness was short lived as my mother took a severe stroke and on June 10th, we lost her. Lloyd was moved to Shilo in preparation for embarkation.

Terry and I came home to live with my Dad while Lloyd was overseas, where he attained the rank of Captain. He returned home on June 10th, 1945 and Roblin has been our home ever since.

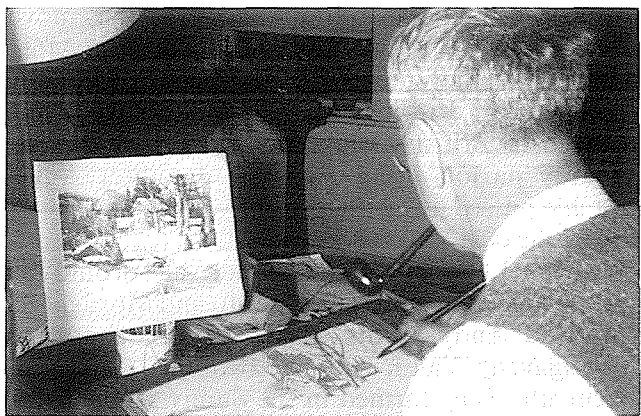
For a few years Lloyd worked in "Yeo Bros" garage, then he was in the Insurance business for 2 years. In 1952 when the Liquor Store opened in Roblin, Lloyd made application and was accepted as a store clerk. Then 2 years later with the resignation of the manager, Doug Hill, he was appointed manager. For 27 years he served in this capacity until (due to ill health) he had to take an early retirement in 1981.

Our son, Terry after receiving his education at G.L.H. joined the R.C.M.P. which he served for eleven years. In 1972 he married Barbara McCann and on September 8th, 1977 a little girl, Keri Erin, was born. Terry is at this time living in Regina, Sask. and is employed by Sask. Consumer and Commercial Affairs as an Investigation Officer.

The Heming Family by Mrs. George Giles

The year 1984 seems to be an appropriate time to reminisce about the history of the Heming Family. This year marks the 70th anniversary of Heming's Jewellery.

The founder of Heming's Jewellery was Frank Austin Heming. Born on a farm in Guelph, Ontario, in 1892, Frank was the youngest of 11 children. The homestead in Guelph had been in the family since 1832 and today is still occupied by a member of the Heming family. Early in his life, Frank decided to apprentice as a watch maker and was later employed by the Savage Jewellery Company in Guelph. In order to qualify as a Jeweller, he was required to make every piece in a watch, assemble the parts, and have it maintain perfect timing.



Frank Heming Sr. enjoying one of his favorite hobbies: painting.

Once he had accomplished this, he was recognized as a Master Craftsman and qualified as a Jeweller.

The early days in Guelph saw very few cars (if any), and Frank had to walk 5 miles to and from work, each and every day. He was finally able to afford a means of transportation and purchased a Harley-Davidson motorcycle which made life a little easier. Upon completion of his 5 years apprenticeship, he moved from Guelph to Pelly, Saskatchewan, raising the funds for the train ticket by selling his beloved motorcycle.

Once in Pelly, he set up a watch repair shop, temporarily, while searching for a suitable location for a permanent business. While living in Pelly, he met his future wife, Lilian Margaret Davis, from Newbury, Berkshire, England. They were married in Pelly in 1914 and later that year moved to Roblin, Manitoba. They successfully operated Heming's Jewellery for 44 years until Frank's death in 1958.

Frank and Lilian were members of the Anglican congregation and worked for their church in many ways. Lilian played the organ, taught Sunday School and held the many offices of the Anglican church Women's Organization.

Frank was active in the administration of the church, having served as a minister's warden, people's warden, delegate to the synod, and was a significant force in the construction of the present church, in 1929. Frank was also a member of the Masonic Lodge as a Master Mason, and Lilian was a member of the Rebekah's Lodge, and of the Eastern Star Lodge.

Together, Frank and Lilian raised a family of 6 children: two daughters, Dorothy and Cynthia, and four sons, Jack, Frank Jr., Ted and Robert.

Frank Sr. was a man with many pursuits. He was a very proficient self-taught artist of water colors and oils. His paintings took many prizes at the local fairs and exhibitions. He also had the ingenuity to set up an electrical plant in the base-

ment of his home, which allowed him to re-charge customers' radio batteries and provide electricity for the home. "Turn off the lights when you leave a room", was a constant reminder to the family to conserve electricity and is still adhered to by members of the family today.

His love for animals was visible by the farm-like appearance in the back yard. There was a cow which produced milk, and chickens which supplied meat and eggs. There was also an apiary which yielded honey for family use and any excess was sold to customers. Also residing in the back yard were homing pigeons, as well as one or two dogs and cats.

Frank was an avid sportsman. He loved to hunt game and fish; a love that was passed on to his sons.

Upon the passing of her husband, Lilian sold Heming's Jewellery to her daughter and son-in-law, Dorothy and George Giles. Lilian then moved to the west coast where she ended her days.

The family business is still in existence today and as previously mentioned, Heming's Jewellery is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year (1984).

The Henderson Family

by Jennie Mortemore

George Robert Henderson was born at Bobcaygeon, Ontario in 1862. He lived with his family until 1888, at which time he married Agnes Britton. They raised a family of nine children, five boys and four girls.

Robert, better known as Bob to his family and friends, farmed in Ontario for several years, then moved to Toronto, where he went into the furniture moving business with his brother, Albert. In those days, they used horses and a van to move furniture. After several years he moved to Morden, Manitoba, where he rented the McCuish farm.

In 1903, Bob, Mert McCuish and Jack Bell moved to the Sunny Slope district, where Bob took a homestead on Sec. 1-28-29-a. He started clearing land and built a log house. In 1906, he moved his wife and eight children to the farm. During their move by rail, the train derailed between Grandview



Bob and Agnes Henderson.

and Roblin. They lost most of their cattle, horses and furniture, so that winter turned out to be a very grim winter for the whole family.

Bob trapped rabbits, prairie chicken and partridge for meat. His wife, Agnes, baked bread for several bachelors. She also helped deliver many babies around their community, as there was no way to get to a doctor in those days.

He was very good on the violin, and played for many dances after the settlers arrived, and settled into their new homes.

Albert, the eldest son, was born at Bobcaygeon, Ontario. He received his education at Bobcaygeon and Toronto. When he left home, he went to Morden, where he took up barbering. He married Annie Simpson from Ireland and they raised five daughters: Winnie, Lorna, Marguerite, Doris and Marion. Albert served in World War I. He was seriously wounded and spent his recovery time in hospital in France. After the war he went back to Morden, where he barbered for a few years, then moved to Saskatoon, where he worked in a beauty parlour. From there he moved to Vancouver, where he retired and spent the rest of his days. He is laid to rest in Vancouver.

Bill, the second son, was born at Bobcaygeon, Ontario. He also received his education at Bobcaygeon and Toronto and later on moved to the Sunny Slope district with his parents. He left Sunny Slope and went back to Morden, where he took up Dentistry with Dr. Bray. Later he joined the Armed Forces in World War I in the dental core. He married Daisy Walkoff after the war and they had one son, George. He lived in Winnipeg for several years after the war, then moved to Los Angeles, where he worked as a dentist until he retired. Later he passed away and is laid to rest in Los Angeles.

Ross, the third son, was also born in Bobcaygeon, Ontario. He received his education at Bobcaygeon and Toronto, then moved to Sunny Slope district, until he took up farming in Silverwood on his own (the farm is now owned by Earl McGinnis). He married the former Grace Bailey. They had four children, Gladys, Harry, Bill and Herb. Ross moved from the Silverwood district to Deepdale, where he owned a pool room for a short time. He later bought the farm, which Earl Boyce now owns, and drove the school van to Makaroff for many years. He lived there until his passing. Ross, his wife Grace and son, Harry, are laid to rest in the Roblin Cemetery.

Eva, the fourth child, was born in Toronto. She is the oldest daughter. She married Archie King and had three children; Ernie, Agnes and Harry. They farmed in the Silverwood district for many years, then they rented their land and moved to Winnipeg, where he was employed. They then moved to Los

Angeles, where they weren't happy, so they moved back again to the farm, and ran a little store. After a few years, they moved to Saskatoon, where Eva took up hair dressing. After a few years there, they moved to British Columbia, where Eva owned a beauty parlor along with her daughter Agnes. Archie passed away there and Eva is in poor health now, she is in Vancouver.

Mabel, the fifth child, was born at Toronto. She received her education in Toronto and Morden. She married Andy Addis who had come out from Abesgavenny Wales. They had two sons, George and Kenneth. They farmed in the Sunny Slope district for many years, until they retired to Roblin. They are both resting in the Roblin Cemetery.

Alex, the sixth child, was born in Morden, Man. He received his education at Morden and Sunny Slope. When he left home, he worked for Mr. Whittam, with Fred McDuffe as foreman. He later opened a barber shop in Roblin, here he worked for many years. Alex married Ordella Payne (former chief telephone operator). He worked in the barber shop, and they lived in Roblin, until he retired. Then they moved to Youbou, B.C. for a few years. The next move was to Creston, B.C., where he remained until his passing. He is resting in the Roblin Cemetery.

May, the seventh child, was born in Morden, Man. She lived at home with her parents. She was never married and passed away in her 56th year. She is resting in the Silverwood Cemetery.

George, the eighth child, was born at Morden, Man., and received his education at Sunny Slope. He farmed in the Sunny Slope and Silverwood district all of his life, until ill health made him quit. He really loved to go hunting with his friends. George moved to Roblin after he took ill, where he lived until his death. He is laid to rest in the Silverwood Cemetery, beside his father, mother and sister, May.

Jennie, the ninth, and youngest child, was born at Sunny Slope in 1909. She received her education at Sunny Slope. She married Reg Mortemore in 1938, and they had two children (twins) Ellen and Ernest. Reg served in the Canadian Armed Forces in World War II, from 1941 to 1945. After the war, he bought a farm in the Boggy Creek district and they lived there for ten years. He sold the farm later to Gordon Russett, then became employed with the Good Roads at San Clara for nine years. He retired and moved into Roblin in 1974, where he and Jennie still reside.

Prosper Henry and Family by Clara Henry

Prosper Henry married Clara (Poitra) on Dec 17, 1929 and lived in Boggy Creek district until 1930

when they moved to the Shell River district. They stayed and farmed in the district until 1970 when they moved into Roblin. Prosper and Clara had 14 children during their marriage: Jean, Florence, George, Alex, Albert, Lennard, Alvin, Harvey, Terry, Connie and Eirwin. Three of their children died during their childhood.

Jean married Archie Langan and they had 5 sons. They separated and Jean remarried Phil Swartz. They moved to Pontiac, Michigan where Phil is a manager of a car dealership.

Florence married Robert Scott and they had 3 children. They live in Winnipeg where Robert was a truck driver until his retirement. Florence worked in the Legion in St. James. They have 3 grandchildren.

George never married and works as a farmhand.

Alex married Katherine Flatte, who had 4 children from a previous marriage. Alex had one daughter, Betty, also from a previous marriage. Alex and Katherine together have had no children. They live in Binscarth where Alex is a carpenter.

Albert married Eleen and they had two children (girls). They were separated and Albert remarried Hilda Jerome. They had one daughter. Albert works on the farm, helps other farmers and works on cars.

Lennard married Shirley Tudd of Winnipeg and they have a girl and a boy. Lennard is an entertainer with his own band and Shirley works as a secretary for a law firm in Winnipeg.

Alvin married Ruth and they have 2 children — one girl and one boy. They separated and Alvin is remarried to Judy. They have no children. They live in Winnipeg where Alvin works for a Firestone dealership and as an entertainer in the evening.

Harvey married Linda and they had 1 daughter. They were separated and Harvey has not remarried. He is an entertainer with his own band, "Harvey Henry Band", which made records and had a television show. The band is now split up and Harvey is playing with Leslie Jerome and his band.

Terry married Lennard Finnson and they had 3 children. They separated and Terry lives in Winnipeg where she works in the Post Office.

Connie was married to Dale Warcup and they had one son. They are now separated. Connie lives in Vancouver where she works as an entertainer. She has her own band "Connie Henry and the Dakota".

Eirwin married Donna and they had two children. They also were separated. Eirwin works in Winnipeg as a mechanic.

Prosper is now deceased and Clara lives in Roblin. Clara and her family are Catholic and were all baptized. She works as a volunteer in the Personal Care Home. Clara enjoys travelling all over

North America. She has traveled to the Gulf of Mexico, Victoria and Ontario.

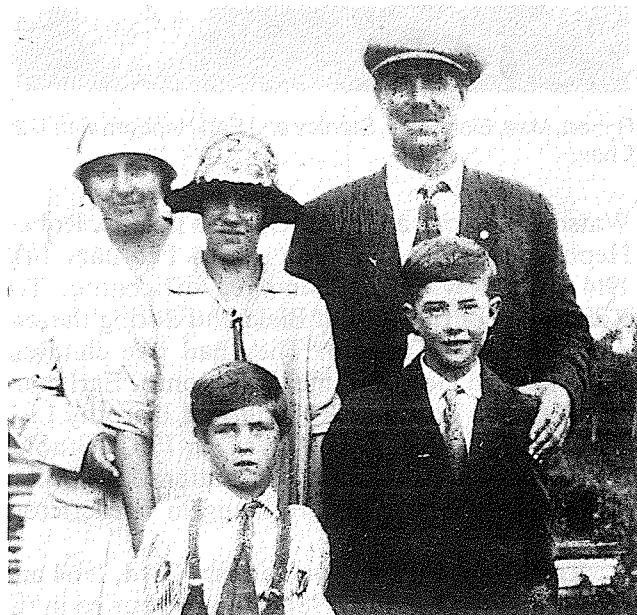
Prosper and Clara have 26 grandchildren and many adopted grandchildren, along with 7 great-grandchildren.

Stanley John Hepburn Family

by Stanley McRae

Stanley John Hepburn was born on November 8th, 1921 at Bield, Man.

He joined the R.C.A.F. in 1941 and was discharged in 1945. He went to work for the fire department in 1950 and retired in 1983.



Robert, Mae, Elsie, Roy and Stanley Hepburn.

Stanley married Marion Ready from P.E.I. in 1946. They have five children: Barbara, Nancy, Janice, Kathryn and Terrence.

Barbara married Alan Campbell in Ottawa, Ontario. They have three children: David, Jennifer and Susan.

Nancy married John Fournier of Dalhousie, N.B. They have four children: Christopher, Leslie, Andrea and Robert. They live at Grand Falls, N.B.

Janice married Darrell Macaulay from Maugerville, N.B. They have two children, Jill and Jessica, and they live at Hillsboro, N.B.

Kathryn married Danny Moorcraft. They have one daughter, Lisa, and they live in Calgary, Alberta.

Terrence is single and lives in Edmonton, Alberta.

Stanley attended school at Bield, Manitoba.

Robert, Stanley's father, was born on August 3rd, 1887 in the Orkney Islands, Scotland.

Mae Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry



Robert, Mae, Elsie, Roy, Stanley and Earl Hepburn with 1929 Chev.

Watson was born at Bruce, Ontario in 1892. Robert Hepburn married Mae Watson on February 11th, 1914, with Rev. J. R. Campbell officiating. The Robert Hepburns lived at Bield and during the war they moved to Toronto. They had five children. Elsie married George James in Toronto. Earl married Sonia at Toronto. Roy married Dorothy Lisle at Toronto. Roy passed away in 1962. Stanley enjoys fishing and hunting. We attend the United Church. At present we are living in Fredericton, N.B.

Robert passed away on January 23rd, 1964 and Mae on December 2nd, 1961. Both are buried in the Clarkson, Ontario cemetery.

Miles and Ida Hesselgrave and Peder and Martha (Melberg) Olson families by Iona (Hesselgrave) Olson

Miles Howard Hesselgrave was born in 1863. Ida Jane (Tompkins) Hesselgrave was born in 1870. Their children were: Mae, born in 1891, died in 1981; Carroll, born in 1892, died in 1932; Nona, born in 1894; Olga Fae born in 1897; Iona Muriel born in 1902; Lawrence David, born in 1904, died in 1980; Milo, born in 1907, died in 1978; and Leona, born in 1910.

The family of Miles and Ida Hesselgrave moved from Minnesota to Manitoba in the spring of 1912. During the summer they lived near Roblin while Miles built near Bield. In the fall they moved to the farm one mile east of Bield where they lived until 1928. Then they retired and moved to the Okanagan Valley near Kelowna, B.C. Ida Hesselgrave died in June, 1944, and Miles died in 1953.

In the spring of 1913 my brother, Lawrence and I walked three miles across country to the one-room school, north of Bield. During the summer holidays

this school was moved to Bield and a large room added on. Mr. Lawrence Sargenia made the stone foundation and Palmer Olson and Ed Johnstone did most of the carpentry work. Bield was very small in those days. In the fall, children were taken to school in vans for miles. These vans were covered wagons in summer and covered sleighs in winter, drawn by horses. Some of the van drivers were Miles Hesselgrave, Carroll Hesselgrave, Albert Anderson, Fred McDuffe, Carney Van Sickle, Ray Chase, Harry Kogar, and Billy Kogar. I can remember Dad staying at the end of the route near Shortdale overnight and coming home in the daytime after he delivered the children at the school, to work in the field during the day. I can also remember my mother, Ida Hesselgrave meeting the van in the morning when he came by and if there were any youngsters without mittens, there were some ready for them by the time they came by going home.

From the Hesselgrave family tree book, I quote, "Since there were no hospitals and only one doctor in the area, Ida Jane and Jessie Van Sickle, in addition to raising their own families, were midwives for the whole community, delivering most of the babies born during the next several years". Nobody had the luxury of indoor facilities and I recall being dispatched with a chamber-pot to homes where there were new infants. (One thing lacking in these modern times is the train service we had in the old days.)

Peder and Martha Olson's children were: Odin, Lewis, Palmer, Linda, Mable, Albert, Melvin, Alice, and Emma. They are all gone now but Alice and Emma.

Palmer married Nona Hesselgrave.

Albert and I, Iona Hesselgrave, were married in January, 1919. We had three children born in Bield. Harold born in 1920 (nicknamed Jim), Elmer in 1922, and Grace in 1924. In 1929 we moved to the Okanagan near Kelowna and had five more children. One baby died at birth at Bield and is buried in the Bield cemetery. Harold and Elmer served in the Armed Forces in the second World War. Elmer was killed overseas. Albert served as a Veterans' Guard in Canada when the war was on.

Cornelius Hiebert Family by Rena Ruth Rolfson

I am Mrs. Rena Ruth (Hiebert) Rolfson, the eldest child of Cornelius and Alvina (Lilley) Hiebert, and I am pleased to be able to express the love and respect I and my sisters and brothers have for our parents in a form where this expression may reach our children and grandchildren yet to come.

I was born in 1928 on the N.W. 1/4 of 27-30-28W, in the unorganized Territory of Manitoba, which



Mrs. F. Lilley and Lillian on her knee, Alvina and Agnes in 1914.

lies north of Roblin, in the Boggy Creek district. In those days homesteads were still available and life in the area was truly pioneering. The "dirty thirties" economic depression was just beginning so that my early childhood life was during those poverty years.

My father had come here with his parents in 1919 and married Alvina Lilley in 1927. They continued to live in this area until 1966 when they moved to Roblin. He died in Winnipeg in 1974, following a long illness.

My father loved life; he was a happy man and worked hard to keep his large family. He farmed, worked for the Forestry Department and in sawmills, played his violin and trombone. He played with and told stories to his nieces and nephews who liked to be around him; or sometimes challenged them to wrestle and play games. He and his neighbour-friend, Bill Rempel, played poker for beans or match sticks.

My father was strict with me. I could not wear lipstick or curl my hair until I was eighteen. He read the Bible more than anyone I know, and liked to talk religion. He used to say: "Life is like roses but every rose has thorns too"; "Every cloud has a silver lining"; "The sun does not always shine", "For marriage to succeed it takes all two people can do; both must work hard at it".

Dad loved horses. He took great pride in Ted, Dexter, Floss, Bute and Dot. He would take his time combing and brushing and talking to them. In the winter he would put bells on their harness and we could always hear them coming home.

Christmas and Easter were full of fun-telling jokes, singing and laughing with a whole yard full of people. How we had room to eat I do not know,

but we managed. There were families of Aunt Agnes Klassen, Aunt Mary Lenderbeck, Aunt Lizzie Funk, Aunt Dora Lester, Uncle Julius Hiebert, Uncle Dick Hiebert; all these families, plus our own (Cornelius' family), all at the grandparents — Hieberts.

Cornelius and Alvina had 8 sons and 5 daughters: Rena Ruth, Lenard Frank, Carl James, Jack Edward, Annie Mary, Joan Leona, Abraham, Frank Barry Wayne, Gordon, William (Bill), Betty Lynne, Edith Pearl and Randolph. Alvina now has 29 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Rena Ruth Hiebert was born on March 16, 1928. She married Gordon W. Wall in 1951. She was divorced in 1971 and married Dee Rolfson in 1975. Two children were born to Rena and Gordon. Robert Wall, born on August 27, 1951 (car technician), married Elaine R. Adams in 1971. They reside in Edmonton, Alberta. Ruth Anna Lilley Wall was born on April 25, 1960 (Assistant office manager). She married Lorry D. Hales in 1980. They reside in Edmonton, Alberta.

Lenard Frank Hiebert, born on Dec. 30, 1930 (lumber-jack), married Pearl Morris. A son, Jackie Wayne Hiebert was born on June 12, 1956 at Calgary, Alberta.

Carl James Hiebert, born on February 5, 1932 (Appliance Repair-man), married Ankie Schnitzer. They have two children: Vicky, born on October 24, 1961; and Lorne, born on November 16, 1963.

Jack Edward Hiebert, born on February 4, 1934 (Maintenance man in the Blue Lake area), has a daughter, Kelly Ann who was born on April 23, 1967 at Roblin.

Annie Mary Hiebert, born on April 23, 1936 at Boggy Creek, Manitoba, (Dietary Aide), married Reinold (Slim) Paul Bordula (a welder) in 1955 at Hanna, Alberta. They have four children: Deborah, Jerry, Angela and Darrel. Deborah Rose Anne Bordula, born on October 27, 1955 at Calgary (secretary), married David John Nairn in 1975. (David owns a typesetting business). They have a child, Shiloh Renee Nairn, born on July 9, 1979 at Calgary. Jerry Reinhold Bordula, born on March 30, 1957 at Calgary (Heavy-duty operator), married Pamela Charlene Besplug. They have one child, Bonnie Rose Anne Bordula who was born on July 12, 1979. Angela Rae Bordula was born on July 29, 1950, at Calgary. She married Garry Paul Morin (a trucker). They have one son, Joey Paul Morin, born on September 5, 1976 at Calgary. Darrell Ron Bordula, born on February 27, 1964 at Hanna, Alberta.

Joan Leona Hiebert born on June 22, 1938, married Herbert (Bert) Brisby (sheet metal worker), in 1958 at Calgary. They had four children: Elizabeth Alvina Brisby, born on November 7, 1958 at Calgary; Herbert Cornelius Brisby born on



Frank Lilley and chums Mary Lilley, ?.

November 10, 1959 at Calgary (Biologic Instrument Technician) married Shirley Robertson in 1981; Thomas Brian Brisby, born on February 26, 1961 died on April 20, 1961; Brian Trevor Brisby, born on May 1, 1964 at Calgary. (student of electronics).

Abraham Hiebert, was born on September 15, 1940 (lumberman). He married Stella Burwash and later divorced her and married Victoria Catagas. Abe has five children: Cindy Lou, born on November 15, 1964; Kathy Marie, born on April 16, 1966; Vincent Abe, born on October 24, 1972; Rebecca Mae, born on November 2, 1973; and Jason born on April 16, 1975.

Frank Barry Wayne Hiebert was born on September 21, 1942 (Mechanic). He married Margaret Allarie Henry in 1964 at San Clara, Man. They have 2 children: Orrey Barry, born on April 15, 1965, and Shanna Leigh, born on March 15, 1968 at Roblin.

Gordon Hiebert was born in 1945 and died in 1945.

William (Bill) Hiebert was born on September 17, 1946. He married Renita L. Fraser at Redcliff, Alberta. They have a son, Fraser Dyck, born on October 30, 1979 at Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Betty Lynne Hiebert was born on May 11, 1948 at Roblin. She married Gerald (Skip) Herbert William Sanders. (Heavy equipment operator) at Russell, Manitoba. They have 3 children: Natalie Edith Sanders, born on May 27, 1966; Dawn Anne Sanders, born on July 7, 1968; and Skip Seymour Sanders born on June 18, 1969. (All born at Roblin).

Edith Pearl Hiebert, born on May 6, 1950 (Manager at Sears), married Rodney Dale Eftoda of Calder, Saskatchewan. Four children were born namely: Randi Lynne, born on May 10, 1968 at Medicine Hat, Alberta; Craig William, born on May 10, 1969 at Roblin; Skye Jebra, born on June 30, 1973 at Roblin and Talan Rod, born on December 23, 1982 at Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Randolf Hiebert was born on December 28th, 1954 at Roblin.

Mrs. Alvina Hiebert enjoys travelling around to visit her many children and grandchildren. She is a

Life member of the Roblin Legion Ladies' Auxiliary to branch #24, Roblin, and the Roblin Fifty and Over Club.

James and Isabel Hilland Family by the family



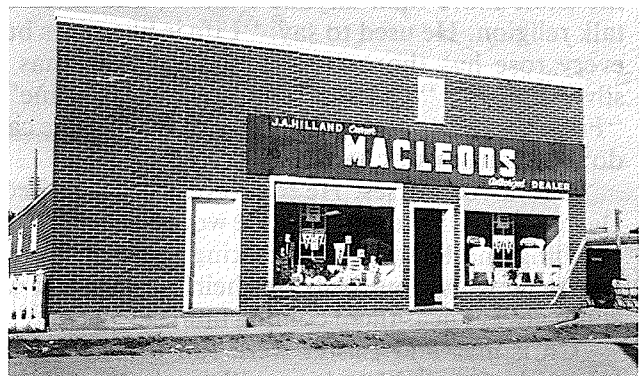
Jim, Isabel, Ernie, Gwen and Mervin Hilland.

James Alfred Hilland was born at Rosenfeld, Manitoba to Jacob and Mary Hilland on May 3, 1920. Isabel Catherine McDonald was born to John and Mary McDonald on May 2nd, 1917 in Ninette, Manitoba.

Jim and Isabel met at Carberry where they were both employed, and were married on July 17, 1943 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

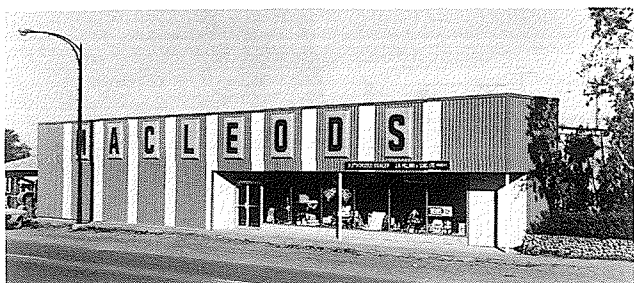
In 1944 they purchased the general store at Pratt, Man. This was the only store there. They also had the post office, fuel business, and grocery store where they worked from dawn until dusk each day. Their first son, Ernest James was born at Portage la Prairie on December 6, 1945, and then a daughter, Gwendoline Margaret, was born on July 9, 1948 in Winnipeg.

In 1949 Jim and Isabel ventured north to Roblin. They started from scratch and built the first Mac-



First Macleods Store in Roblin.

leods' store on 1st, Avenue S.W. Opportunity was there and business soon outgrew these premises so they built a larger store on the present site on Main Street, moving there in September 1962. The second building built on the former Hall property is the Macleods store today (1984).



Macleods Store Roblin.

Jim was very active in the business community. He was on the town council for a period of 20 years, serving as Councillor, Deputy Mayor and Mayor. He acted as one of the developers and a shareholder of Roblin Forest Products, Roblin Meat Processors and the Roblin Auction Mart. They purchased approximately 40 acres from the Otke family on which they built Route 83 Motel and then developed the rest for residential purposes and the present site of Goose Lake School and the Arena. Later they purchased the Bill Cox property, which was developed into an office building on Main Street.

Being a shareholder of Jay Motor Inns, the old Gordon Hotel on the corner of Main Street was purchased and later demolished to make room for the new Liquor Store. They then replaced the hotel with the Roblin Motor Inn, which is located on the former Scott property. The Newton property was re-developed into the present site of the former Bank of Montreal building on Main Street. Also, the old site of the first Macleods store on 1st, Avenue, which was destroyed by fire, had been developed to accommodate Bumper to Bumper and Chicken Delight which was later sold.

The second son, Mervyn John was born in Roblin on May 16, 1956. At present Jim and Isabel are retired in Roblin. Ernie is married to the former Lorraine West of Beausejour and is living in Swan River.

Gwen married Ronald Elder of Deepdale district and are living at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Mervyn married the former Thelma Kozak of Roblin and they are now residing at Calgary, Alberta. There are three grandchildren, Angela, Marnie and Jamie Hilland, all Ernie's children.

Jim and Isabel are members of the United Church. Jim is an active member of the Masons and Shriners and Isabel is active in Eastern Star.

Archie Hogg Family Makaroff Book

Mr. and Mrs. A. Hogg and family (two sons and two daughters) took up residence in the Makaroff district in the fall of 1912.

They left Scotland on June 1st, arriving in Togo, Sask., on the 13th, and spent part of the summer with Mr. and Mrs. A. Allan and family, six miles south of Togo. (Mr. Allan was Mrs. Hogg's brother).

During the summer Mr. Hogg purchased the southeast quarter of 18-27-29, southwest of Makaroff, from Mr. J. W. Mitchell of Togo, Sask., and the family moved onto the farm. There was a two-storey house and a log barn on the farm. Later Mr. Hogg enlarged the house.

The youngest son and daughter finished their schooling in the Makaroff school. A year or two later Mr. A. Hogg purchased more land adjoining the farm. He also homesteaded a 1/4 section north-east of Makaroff but the distance from the home farm made it a poor investment and he traded it for a team of horses.

He named the farm "Ninewells Mains", the name of the farm he had left in Scotland and as long as they lived the farm letters were addressed to "Ninewells Mains", Makaroff, Manitoba.

When war broke out in 1914, the elder son John joined the 107th Battalion and served overseas. He married an English girl and though he returned and lived in Canada for a few years he eventually made his home in England and died there in 1937.

The second son, Allan carried on the farming and in a few years (the mid thirties) Mr. and Mrs. Hogg moved into the village of Makaroff. Later Allan and his wife moved in with them.

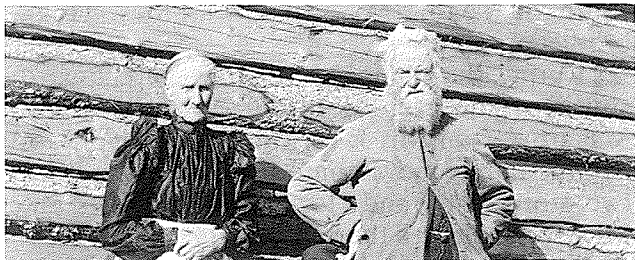
Mrs. Hogg, after a lengthy illness passed away in December and Mr. Hogg lived on with Allan for awhile. Mr. Hogg then went to live in Saskatchewan and later married again. He passed away at Nipawin in October 1964. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hogg, their daughter Agnes, her husband Alexander, Allan and their baby daughter sleep in Makaroff cemetery.

In the fall of 1912, Mr. Hogg obtained a team of oxen and a wagon and went out threshing. Mrs. Hogg had brought her sewing machine from Scotland and it had been left at Allan's, so after threshing they decided to bring it home. They filled a tick at Allan's to cushion the bumps, and loaded the machine on top and Mrs. Hogg was up there holding it. It was very dark when they left Allan's and they hadn't gone very far when Mrs. Hogg asked if they were on the right trail. Mr. Hogg was sure that they were but soon stopped the oxen and struck a match and they were sitting in the middle of a slough, and the oxen were headed back to Allan's. Allan had heard the commotion and came out with

a lantern and soon they were back on the right trail again and arrived safely home. Mrs. Hogg never forgot her first trip with the oxen.

James Hogue Family by Vivian Gerlach

James Hogue and family moved to the home-



Mr. and Mrs. James Hogue.

stead north of Roblin in the R.M. of Shell on S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 28-27-28 in the year 1904. They came from Wiarton, Ontario to Rapid City and then moved to Asessippi and finally north to Roblin. The land they took for a homestead was all trees and scrub and there were no roads — just dirt trails.

Mr. Hogue and his wife, both over seventy years of age, cleared the land and built a home for themselves. They were true pioneers of the district as they were one of the first families to venture west to Manitoba. They were good neighbours and would help anyone in need. Their son, Matt Hogue, homesteaded on the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 28-27-28 in the R.M. of Shell River. Mr. and Mrs. Hogue are buried in the Roblin Cemetery.

Matthew Hogue Family by Vivian Gerlach

Matthew Hogue and his wife, Laura and family moved from Wiarton, Bruce County, Ontario in 1904. They came by team of oxen, 1 red and 1 blue, named Dick and Charlie. They led a cow behind and carried their possessions in the wagon. They first came as far as Rapid City and then to Asessippi and Brooks' half-way house between Roblin and Asessippi. Finally they arrived at the homestead north of Roblin on the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 28-27-28. They always felt they should have gone farther north as the land was more fertile there and did not have so much bush.

Matt Hogue was born in 1868 and married Laura Cecelia Lambkin in Owen Sound, Ontario in 1898. They lived there for five years before moving to Manitoba. Myrtle, Alvin and Velma were all born at Wiarton, Bruce County, Ontario. Velma was only 9 months old when the family moved to Manitoba. Thirteen children were born of this union. They were: Myrtle, Alvin, Velma, Ada, Edna,



Matthew Hogue with his dog and pet deer.

Ernest, Leona, Hilda, Edward, Roland, Charlie, Raymond and Ruby.

Times were hard for the family and money was scarce. There wasn't much to work with except an axe, shovel, hoe and a strong back. They cleared the land and built a home and farmed. They kept sheep, chickens, pigs, cows and horses. They made all their own butter and bread. They also grew a large garden. The neighbours said that before the sun was coming up, Mrs. Hogue would be out hoeing in her garden. They picked wild berries for jam and jelly; wild ducks and deer were plentiful. They always cut and packed an icewell full of ice in the winter to store the cream and meat all summer. Many times the ice was used to make freezers full of homemade icecream which everyone enjoyed so much. For entertainment, it was the neighbours who made their own by visiting back and forth and playing cards and having many house parties and dances in the homes.

Mrs. Hogue was a very speedy knitter and neighbours said that if some one extra would be invited over for Christmas or dropped in unexpectedly, Mrs. Hogue would get her needles and wool and in a few hours would have a pair of socks or mitts knitted for the guest. She also used to knit and sew for the Red Cross during the war, and sent in many articles for the boys overseas.

The children attended school in Gleneden by walking three or four miles a day to school. When Grandfather, James Hogue moved closer to Roblin, Matt took over his farm on the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 28-27-28 and the family then attended Roblin school. Matt drove a school van to Roblin and he also helped to build the first school in Roblin.

The family found jobs where ever they could, to

help out at home. The flu epidemic of 1918 struck and Velma was called home to help nurse the family, as they all had the flu. Edward died at only one



Ruby, Leona, Roland, Hilda, Charlie, Velma, Edna Hogue. Missing: Myrtle and Alvin.

month old, Ada at fourteen years of age and Ernest, only eleven also died with the flu. Raymond died and he was only one and half years old. Grandmother Hogue was ill over a year but she did recover.

In 1930 Matt and Laura Hogue moved to Peace River, Alberta. All their possessions, including cows and horses, were loaded on the train at Deepdale for the journey and they took up a homestead in the Peace River district.

Matt and Laura celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary in 1954. Matt died in 1955 and Laura in 1965.

The children of Matt and Laura are: Myrtle who married Levi Sanders and their children are Percy and Wilson; Edna married Earl Bennett and their children are Elizabeth, Joan and Keith; Leona married Art Erven and their children are Marlene, Donald and Judy; Alvin married Jennie Pierce; Velma married Alvin Nastrom and their children are Raymond, Lorene, Greta, Alvina, and Joyce; Hilda married Percy Johnson and their children are Eugene, Eunice, Sharlene, Myrna, and Linda; Roland married Jessie Watson and their children are Trudy, Marie and Garry; Charlie married Gladys Stammers and their children are Vivian, Trevor and Beverley; Ruby married Frank Nyeste and their children are Janice, Thomas, Mona-Lee and Lenore.

There are many relatives still living in the Roblin district.

Hojnocki Family **by the Family**

George Hojnocki immigrated to Canada in 1914 and worked in Pennsylvania, U.S.A. Then a few years later he bought land at Lemberg, Sask., and farmed.

He married Mary Homulka, then they bought land at Filmore, Sask. They farmed there for three years. They lost everything because of the drought.

They moved to the north of Roblin, about 6 miles, and lived there for a number of years. It was 1934 when they bought land at Bield.

Their three children were born in Lemberg: Peter, Agnes and Pauline. The children received their education in Roblin and Bield.

Agnes married Walter Basil and they live in St. Catharines, Ontario.

Pauline married Joe Suidy of Sifton, and they farmed at Grandview where they are still living.

Peter married Sophie Lichkowski and farmed in the Bield district, where his Dad had lived.

George and Mary retired in 1954 and moved to Roblin to take up residence. They lived there until their passing.

Peter and Sophie lived on the Bield farm for 32 years. They are now retired and live in Roblin. They raised 6 children, 3 boys and 3 girls: Will, Ron, Marge, Richard, Gladys and Patricia. The boys all farm at Bield and Shortdale. The girls are: Marge at Winnipeg, Gladys at Redcliff, Alberta and Patricia at Calgary.

Marge married Richard Trupish. They have two girls, Rhonda and Corrie.

Gladys married Bob Garyk and they have two girls, Diedra and Erlene.

Patricia married Morris Procuik and they had one boy Ryan (deceased when only nine months old).

Will married Beth Ferguson and they have 3 children: Dwayne, Clair and Rhea.

Ron married Sharon Doering and they have 2 girls and a boy: Sherry, Darren and Lee Anne.

Richard married Alice Oltrop. They have 2 girls and 2 boys: Jana, Eric, Dustin and Ashley.

The Jack D. Holowach Family **by Eleanor Nykolaishyn**

Jack and Vera Holowach and their daughter, Eleanor, moved to Roblin in September, 1972. They moved from the Blue Wing (Manitoba) District in the Rural Municipality of Boulton, where they farmed for many years. They purchased the brick house located across from the new Roblin Fire Hall. (This house is said to be over sixty years old).

Jack and Vera are of Roumanian descent. Jack was born in 1911 at Shell Valley, Manitoba. Vera (née Onofreichuk) was born in 1918 at MacNutt, Saskatchewan.

At present they enjoy fairly good health, gardening, and the company of people who drop in for a visit. Vera is quite popular for her delicious home-cooking. Years ago, she was a "cook" at many weddings.

Eleanor was born on August 25th, 1951. She attended school at Blue Wing and in 1967 when school consolidation took place, she finished part

of her grade eight at Goose Lake Consolidated School. Then Eleanor continued to further her education at Roblin Collegiate where she graduated on October 9th, 1971, with the highest standing in Grade Twelve Business Education. During her high school years, Eleanor was actively involved with the Yearbook and Student Council. Since November 1972, she has been employed by the R.M.'s of Shell River and Hillsburg. In November, 1974, she married Russell J. Nykolaishyn of the Zelena District and they have resided in Roblin since then.

Filmon and Barbara Holowaty Family by Charles Filewich

Filmon and Barbara Holowaty immigrated to Canada from Western Ukraine in 1910 and settled on a farm (N.E. 1-28-29W) located approximately 20 miles north-east of Roblin in the Zelena district. They had a family of five sons: William, Michael, Harry, Tom and Peter and five daughters: Annie, Mary, Zena, Tina and Nettie.

Filmon was a carpenter who, along with his partner Mike Kasewich, built the Holy Cross Ukrainian Catholic Church at Zelena shortly after arriving in Canada. His wife, Barbara did most of the painting in the church. Filmon died in 1924. Barbara farmed with her older boys, William and Michael helping. However, with hard times in the 1930's they had to give up the farm and Barbara moved with her family into the Town of Roblin so that the younger children would have a chance of getting a better education; i.e. Peter, Zena, Tina and Nettie were able to attend school at Roblin.

In 1939 Barbara moved with her children to Winnipeg. Her oldest daughter, Annie married Mike Filewich and they had a family of four children: Charlie, Polly, Mary and Joe, with whom she enjoyed living in the Roblin district until she died in 1983.

Mary moved to Winnipeg where she married Nicholas Zalozetzky, who was a druggist. They owned and operated the Empire Drug Store on Selkirk Avenue in Winnipeg. Mary later moved to Toronto with her daughters, Renee and Darcia. She later married Steve Rosko who died in 1982. Mary still lives in Toronto during the summers and in Naples, Florida during the winters. She has her daughters, Darcia and Renee and her husband, Paul Bozowsky and four grandchildren, Neil, Pete, Donna and Patricia to keep her company.

Zena moved to Toronto and married Morley Lawson (now deceased). They had 2 children; Roy, who is married and lives in Toronto and Barbara who is also married and lives in Belfast, Ireland.

Tina moved to Toronto and married Arthur Lord and they have two daughters, Linda and Jennifer who are both busy studying at University.

Nettie married Walter Stekler and they live in Winnipeg. They have three children: Larry, David and Debbie who are all working in Winnipeg.

Filmon and Barbara's sons moved away from the Roblin district in the 1930's, except Michael who died in 1933.

William (now deceased) moved to Toronto and was employed by the King Edward Hotel.

Harry served in the Armed Forces during the war, after which he took up carpentry and spent a good number of years at this trade in the Thorald, Ontario area. He is now retired, enjoying his golfing and lawn bowling in St. Catherines, Ontario.

Tom (now deceased) served in the Armed Forces during the war and later was employed in the fur coat trade. He was a very dedicated member of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Peter (now deceased), after leaving Roblin, attended the University of Manitoba, where he received his degree in pharmacy. He then operated his own drugstore in Winnipeg. He married Stephie Mynarski and they had four children: Andy, Jamie, Janet and Jocelyn. Andy, his oldest son, is now operating the family store known as "Tyndal Drugs".

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holstein and Family by Mary Hilderman

Fred Holstein and wife (nee Mary Schmidt) were born and raised in Galga, Russia near the Volga River. Fred was born on Oct. 27, 1889 and Mary was born on March 30, 1891.

Their parents were farmers and also had cattle and sheep. Fred's father and Mary's father were both shoemakers by trade and that was a side line which brought in some extra money.

Fred had five brothers and three sisters. The land at Galga, Russia was very fertile and they had good grain crops, fruit orchards and vegetables of many varieties.

Fred's brother, George, had immigrated to Winnipeg, Manitoba a few years before. The letters he wrote to his parents and family made Fred and Mary decide to go to Canada too.

On May 11th, 1911, Fred and Mary married. On June 4th, they were on their way to Canada. Fred was 21 years old and Mary was 20 years old. It took a month until they reached Winnipeg, as they were laid up in Liverpool, England for a week.

When in Winnipeg, Fred took on a job digging sewer trenches for 25¢ an hour. Out of that, they had to pay for shelter, food, clothing and medical expenses. They resided in Winnipeg for two years. They then moved to Runnymede, Sask. (which was then called Runnydale) and started farming. In 1935, they moved to the Makaroff area near the Saskatchewan border. They farmed there for two

years, then moved to the Tummel district, south of Roblin, Manitoba and farmed there until 1952. They later moved to Surrey, B.C. and lived there for 24 years or until the death of Mary Elizabeth on Sept. 25, 1976. Fred then moved to Dauphin to live with his daughter, Mary Hilderman.

Fred Holstein lived with Mary for seven years and passed away on Oct. 11, 1983. They are buried in Surrey Memorial Gardens. Fred and Mary Holstein had eight children, namely Mary, who was married to Fred Hilderman of Makaroff at Togo, Sask. by Rev. McConnell. They had three children, one son and two daughters. Lloyd married Erna Isaacs and has one son and one daughter, Scott and Kelly. They reside in Delta, B.C. Laurine married Mervin Gunness of Togo, Sask. They have two daughters, Glenda and Marla. They reside in Fort Saskatchewan, Alta. Gloria married Tony Yaworsky and they have three children, one daughter, Natalie and sons, Gregory and David. They reside in Dauphin, Man. Fred Hilderman passed away on July 19, 1968 and is laid to rest in the Makaroff cemetery.

Lydia married Jack Haberman of Runnymede, Sask. They had one son, Kenneth, and one daughter, Linda. Kenneth lives in Portage la Prairie and Linda married Alvin Holavach and has three daughters, Sherry, Karen and Marylyn and twin sons, Richard and Robert. They live at Inglis, Man. Jack Haberman passed away on Dec. 30, 1980 and is buried in the Roblin District Cemetery. Lydia was remarried in August of 1981 to Adriaan Hartag and resides at Lunder, Man.

Fred married Edith Marose of Taber, Alta. They have two sons, Wayne and Brian and two daughters, Louise and Gayle. Louise married Dan Burbank of Runnymede, Sask. They have one daughter Lorelee and reside in Victoria, B.C. Wayne married Diane Quayle of Taber, Alta. and they have two daughters, Donna and Karen and one son, Fred. They reside in Taber, Alta. Brian married Jean Werwuka of Taber, Alta. They have one daughter, Melissa, and one son, Brendon. They reside in Taber, Alta. Gale married Tim Ell of Taber, Alta. and has one daughter Monica. They live in Taber, Alta.

Alex married Marion Howe of Tummel, (south of Roblin). They have two sons, Barry and Glen and one daughter, Janice married to Dave Turner. One son, Wayne is deceased.

David married Mildred Gardener of Virden, MB. They have one son, Roy. Roy married Signe Austman of Gimli, MB. They have one daughter, Jennifer. They reside in Winnipeg.

Jack married Reta Rehill of Rimbey, Alta. They have three daughters, Sandra, Debby, and Sheila and one son, Michael. They reside at Delta, B.C.

Laura married Stewart Mustard of Holland Centre, Ont. They have two sons, Don and Bob, and four daughters, Donna, Eileen, Anna and Lynn. Bob married Diane Spenler of Kitchener, Ont. They have one daughter, Amanda. Don married Ruby Marose of Taber, Alta. Donna married Grant Allen of London, Ont. They have one daughter Pamela. They live in London, Ont. Eileen has a son. Anna married James Dykeman of New Brunswick. Lynne is not married.

Eileen married George Mercer of New Westminster, B.C. They have one daughter, Christina, and two sons, Mark and Bradley. Christina married Steve Shipton of Fort St. John, B.C. They have a son, Michael. They reside in Fort St. John, B.C.

Fred Hilderman and wife, Mary (Holstein) farmed in the Makaroff district N.W. of Roblin, Man. for thirty eight years. Roblin was their business centre. Their children, Lloyd, Laurine and Gloria received their education at Makaroff Consolidated School. Laurine and Gloria went to "Little's Business College" in Dauphin. Lloyd finished his education in British Columbia. Lloyd lives in Delta, B.C., Laurine in Fort Saskatchewan, Alta., and Gloria lives in Dauphin, Man. Fred Hilderman passed away on July 19, 1968 and is buried at the Makaroff Cemetery. Mary, his wife, now resides in Dauphin, Manitoba.

Homeniuk Family

by Sam and Florence (Homeniuk) Bevel

I, Sam was born in 1901 in the village of Burdakiwci in Western Ukraine, Province of Borachiw. My father died in 1903. In 1905, my Mother sold all her possessions, whatever she owned, and sailed to a new land, Canada, landing in Halifax. By rail she went to Yorkton, Saskatchewan; all she had left in Canadian money was \$40.00. She was a widow with 3 small children. We lived with a family that Mother knew in the Mikado district. She bought a cow for \$30.00 and \$10.00 went towards a sewing machine.

In 1906, she filed a claim for a homestead in the Moss Lake district, the N.W. 1/4 of 10-32-2. In 1907



Mrs. Homeniuk, Mother, Annie, Sam and Mary.

we moved to the homestead. It was at this time that we were on the starvation list for 2 weeks without seeing any bread. It happened that a lady had some sewing done and brought some flour as payment. This same year Mother built a log house and in the fall, when it was partly finished, we moved in. It had 2 rooms; the cow lived with us under the same roof, which helped to keep us alive. In the spring Mother dug seneca root, to help out. Later she helped the neighbours plaster buildings and for her payment she received frozen wheat or rye. To have this milled we had to go across the Assiniboine River to a village of Doukhobors who had a flour mill and a sawmill. It was only possible to get there in the winter time when the river was frozen over. In the summer the water was too high to cross and there wasn't a bridge.

Mother bought me a trap and in the fall and in the winter I trapped muskrats and rabbits. We exchanged the furs for thread and material to make clothing for us. Mother endured many hardships (far more than most people as she was a widow with 3 children). In those days the closest grocery store was 25 miles away, at Canora, Sask. She had to work one day in return for someone to drive her to buy the basic necessities. Flour was \$1.25 a bag; she used the flour bag to make some of my sisters' clothes.

There were no drills or binders in those days and all the work was done by hand.

In 1910 I started school, which was 4 miles away. I walked barefoot over prairie and country roads. In 1912 Moss Lake school district built a school one mile away but I attended very little as I had to work on the homestead. In order to get a patent for ownership you had to improve the land and break up at least 15 acres; it took us 4-5 years to do this, working with oxen and my older sister helping me. The heavy threshing machines came later and they threshed around 30 or 40 farms, beginning with the larger jobs first. The teams would haul our stooks to the larger farm set-up, and the charge was almost half.

The railroad came 7 miles north of Hyas, where there were two elevators. We had grain to sell so I hauled it to town with oxen, but the elevator man docked me so much that I took it down the road about 5 miles to the next town. Later, I came again with a small load of grain but he said he is very sorry but the elevator is plugged full. So again I had to go further to the next town. By the time I got home it was 2 a.m. at night and I had no dinner or supper.

We finally got horses, and were able to break up more land. The horses roamed the prairie as there were no fences. One time when I looked for them I could not find them for 3 weeks. I offered a reward

of \$15.00. The next day an Indian found them and returned them to me.

In 1920 my eldest sister, Anne got married. Now I was on my own, farming. By this time I had most of the machinery necessary for farming, but I was in debt up to my ears. One evening in November, a bill collector came. It was very cold. He had hired a livery barn team of horses to take him to visit his debtors who were like me. The driver was very cold and hungry, and with night coming on, we took his horses into the barn and fed them; we also fed the collector whatever we had for them to eat. So in appreciation of this he gave me some very good advice. He said "If you have a little money, don't give it all to one collector, but give each a little, and this way they can't repossess and you will not lose anything". From then on I was able to farm like any other farmer.

In November 1929, I married Lilly Prestie at Preeceville, Sask. We were blessed with 3 children: Mary, Hazel (died in infancy) and Florence.

In 1934 we built a new house. Wheat was 22¢ per bushel. The depression was on for all of us. In 1936 my mother died. The depression continued and in 1945 we sold out and bought a general store in Togo, Sask. We kept it for 4½ years. Business was poor and I became quite ill. We sold it and moved to Roblin in 1949, and bought an old house across from the Co-op store. In 1950 we tore it down and built a rooming house. Things were beginning to improve. Lumber was \$35.00 a thousand but before we finished building it was \$100.00 per thousand. Things became quiet and there was no lumber to buy. I became discouraged and had an ulcerated stomach. The ambulance rushed me to Winnipeg for a major operation. After I returned I was in bed at home for 2 months; slowly I managed to fix the rooming house and soon rented it out to students for \$10.00 a month. Taxes were very high but we kept going and gradually succeeded in looking after senior citizens.

In 1952 our oldest daughter, Mary married Nick Sambaluk. Her school days were spent on the farm in the Moss Lake district. She completed her grade X, later she took typing lessons by correspondence and passed with good marks. She was blessed with 4 children: Mary Jane, Wayne, Joan and Michael.

Our daughter, Florence finished school in Roblin, graduating from grade XII. Later she went to Winnipeg and continued studying at Success Commercial College, graduating with a diploma in the stenography course. She was employed for the Provincial government under the Attorney-general's department for 5 years. She married Louis Bevel in Winnipeg.

In 1971, I retired and we sold our rooming house and moved to Dauphin to be with Ukrainian Cath-

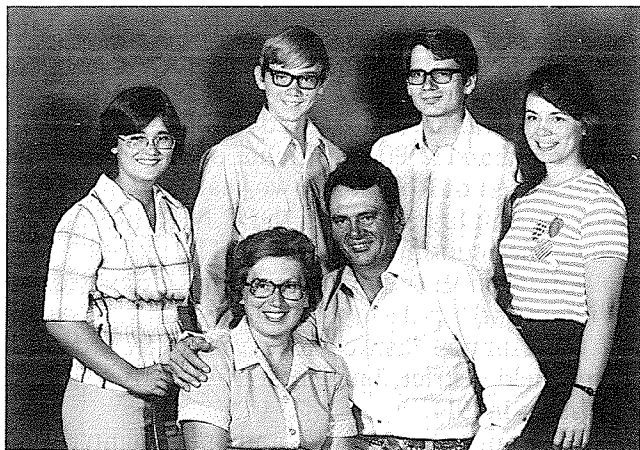


Florence Homeniuk's family.

olic people as we had been all our lives. My life's journey was thorny and paved with a stony, narrow road. Soon it will come to an end. My hobbies are now helping at the Ukrainian Festival, at the Church and Senior Citizens' Club. I enjoy playing my stereo, and recording on the 8 track and cassettes the nice songs and music of the Ukrainian people. Some bring a tear to my eye, especially the old history or songs about orphans.

For two winters we have spent our time in Arizona at daughter Mary's place and at my wife's sister's place.

Mary (Homeniuk) Sambulak is now residing in Phoenix, Arizona. Her husband, Nick is foreman for a steel construction company. Their eldest



Mary (Homeniuk) Sambaluk Family.

daughter, Mary Jane is in her last year of studies to become a doctor. In June she will marry one of her colleagues.

Wayne is married and is a chartered accountant. Joan is completing her teacher's training and will be a teacher in December. Michael is still in University. Florence (Homeniuk) Bevel is now residing in Winnipeg. Her husband, Louis is a foreman at a sheet

metal firm. They were blessed with 3 children: Wendy, will be graduating from grade XII this year; Paul and Angela are in school also.

The Horbay Family by The Family

In 1938 at the request of the Consistory of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, Rev. Thomas A. Horbay, his wife, Rozalia and their two daughters, Caroline and Grace left Andrew, Alberta to come to live in Roblin. Upon their arrival in Roblin, they took up residence in town, later purchasing a quarter of land from Howard Jakeman, half a mile west of Roblin.

Their son, Peter, came to Roblin in 1939. Rev. T. A. Horbay served the following parishes: Roblin-Zelena, Shortdale, Petlura, Lennard, Shell Valley, Grandview, Gilbert Plains, Drifting River, Ethelbert and on occasion Calder and Togo, Sask.

Rev. T. A. Horbay served his parishes and farmed for 13 years. Rev. Horbay was an avid reader and had acquired a large number of books.

In the fall of 1951, Rev. Horbay sold his land to George Elashuk and left Roblin to take up residence in Vegreville, where he and Mrs. Horbay retired.

Mrs. Rozalia Horbay passed away in 1964 and Rev. Horbay passed away in 1969. To this day, the late Rev. Thomas Horbay is remembered with words of praise.

In 1940, Caroline Horbay married George Shewchuk of Willington, Alberta. They have three sons. Dr. Rodney, married Lorene Hill, and Dr. William married Charlotte Bziwenka; they are both practicing dentistry in Edmonton. Major Sidney Shewchuk is a chemical engineer with the Department of National Defence in Ottawa. He married Linda Swanson. They have two children, Katherine and Michael, and live in Ottawa, Ontario. Caroline and George are retired and reside in Edmonton,



The Horbay Family: Rev. Thomas Horbay and wife Rozalia, Peter and Annie Horbay and children Gerald, Zenovia and Taras.

Alberta. George is a retired District Agriculturist with the Alberta Government.

Grace Horbay received her education including grade eleven, at Roblin Collegiate. Grace was the recipient of the Governor General's Medal Award. In 1943 she furthered her education at the University of Manitoba, majoring in Home Economics, and graduated with her degree in 1947. After graduating, she moved to Vegreville, Alberta. In 1951 Grace married Boris Melnyk. They have one son, Thomas, who graduated as a pharmacist. They now reside in Edmonton where Grace is an assistant principal at Wagner High School in Edmonton.

In 1939 Peter Horbay came to Roblin from North Battleford, Sask. Upon his arrival in Roblin he was employed by Hughes Motors, then later he farmed his father's land.

In 1942 Peter married Annie Huculak from Gilbert Plains. That year they rented, and later bought, a half section of land 3 miles from Roblin where they are presently residing. Peter was, and still on many occasions is, a cantor in the Ukrainian Orthodox church parish in Roblin and surrounding parishes.

Peter and Annie Horbay have three children: Gerald, Taras and Zenovia. They all received their education from grades 1-12 in Roblin.

In 1968 Gerald married Myrtle Yellowaga. They have two children, Orysia and Michael who attended school in Roblin until the time they moved to Winnipeg, Jan. 1, 1982. Orysia and Michael now attend Hedges Junior High School where Orysia was president for the 1983-84 school term and Michael will assume this position for the 1984-85 school term. They are both active in sports, C.Y.M.K. and belong to the Holy Trinity Cathedral Youth Choir. Presently Gerald is employed as an area manager with Robinson, Little and Co. Ltd. in Winnipeg. Gerald is also a Church Elder at the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Winnipeg.

In 1970 Taras received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Manitoba. Taras was employed with Manitoba Crop Insurance for 10 years. In 1983 Taras married Angela Laba. They own and operate "Terry's Drive In" in Roblin. Taras also shares his late grandfather's love of reading.

Zenovia continued her education, attending the University of Manitoba where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree. She also completed her first year Master's. Zenovia always strived for top marks and was awarded a number of bursaries and a scholarship. She still enjoys her love for music. She inherited her parents' singing talents and is very active in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church Choir in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

In 1971, Zenovia married Dr. Basil Zmiyiwsky.

They have three children: Paul, Mark and Vera who share their parents' love of music. They are presently taking violin lessons and are being taught piano by Zenovia. Paul, Mark and Vera attend Redwood Public School in Thunder Bay, and are very active in church affairs. Dr. Basil, Zenovia and her family reside in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

The Howes

by Harold Howe

William Howe, his wife the former Ethel May Blackburn and family of three boys and two girls arrived in Roblin in the spring of 1908. They came from Uxbridge, Ontario (near Toronto) where the Howes had been pioneers and settlers for some time.

William Howe filed for a homestead north-east of Roblin where they lived for several years. He later settled in Roblin where he operated a shoe repair business during the early '20's.

He retired to Victoria, B.C. and lived there until he passed away in 1935.

Ethel, the eldest of the family, married S. T. Argent and they operated a store and the Post Office in Deepdale, Man., until a tragic fire destroyed the store and took the lives of Ethel and two of their daughters.

Edward Howe married Allie Collings of Togo, and they operated a store and farmed in the Makaroff district until they returned to Ontario in the early '40's.

Roy Howe served overseas during the war of 1914-18 and after his return, married Maggie Cameron. They lived in Roblin for a time and then Roy operated grain elevators in Manitoba and Saskatchewan until he retired to Surrey, B.C.

Lola married Harry Pitcher of Roblin and they farmed west of Roblin for two years and then Harry took up employment with the C.N.R. in Dauphin, where they continued to live until he retired.

Clifford Eugene Howe, the eldest son of William and Ethel May, married Sarah Jane Adams of the Tummel district. They homesteaded in the Grainfield district, 1 mile east of Grainfield school. This was in 1914.

Here, one son, Harold, and one daughter, Lois, were born. In 1919 they moved to the Tummel district and lived on the S.E. 1/4 of 24-25-29 until the spring of 1936. It was here that 5 more daughters were born: Frances, (Mrs. Harry Slattery of Hamilton, Ontario); Merle (Mrs. James Ritchie of Mississauga, Ont.); Irene (Mrs. Nick Chutskoff of Yorkton, Sask.); Marion (Mrs. Alex Holstien of Brackendale, B.C.); and Alice (Mrs. Herb Henderson of St. Paul, Minn., U.S.A.). Lois, the eldest daughter, is Mrs. James Craig of Russell, Manitoba.

The Howes moved in the spring of 1936 to the Adams' family home on the N.W. 1/4 of 30-24-28. This was a 10 acre lot south of the farm (S1/2 of 31-24-28W).

The family lived here until 1954. The girls were all married and had moved away by this time. Harold married Irene Limb of Roblin in 1954 and Dad and Mom retired to live in Roblin for the remainder of their lives. Sarah Jane (Sadie) passed away in October 1957 and Cliff died in May of 1979.

Harold and Irene continued to live on the Adams' place for the next 4 years. Here one son, Franklin, was born in 1956. They then moved to their own farm, the east 1/2 of 20-24-28. They were then blessed with two more sons, Glenn in 1959 and Bruce in 1965. Harold and Irene were active in the community and 4-H work in Tummel, and all the boys were members of the Tummel Beef Club.

Irene worked off the farm in Home Care and in the Roblin Personal Care Home. Franklin is married and has four children: two sons and two daughters. They live in Springside, Sask. Glenn is married and has one son. He resides in Neepawa, Man. Bruce lives in Brandon, Man.

Harold and Irene bought a home in Roblin in 1983 where they now live. Irene continues to work at the Personal Care Home.

It may be interesting to note that Grandfather, N. B. Adams was a trustee of the Brooksgrove School one of the three schools that later joined together to become Tummel Consolidated School. He was one of the original members of the school board for Tummel, which was consolidated in 1913.

C. E. Howe (Father) was one of the Tummel School Board members in 1932-34 and Harold Howe (Son) was one of the final School Board members when Tummel became part of the Inter-mountain School Division of Roblin.

This is a short history of the Howe families of Roblin-Tummel districts. It will be noted that three generations of the Howe family have lived, and some are still living in Roblin, covering a period of almost 80 years.

John and Catherine Hrynkiw Family by Maria Cockerill

John Hrynkiw came to Canada from Austria in the year 1908.

Catherine Patola was born at Gimli, Man., on December 15, 1903. John and Catherine were married on February 2nd, 1921, at Merridale.

John worked on the railroad for a number of years, then he took up a homestead in the Postup district, where he made a living by working out at various jobs and farming. They left the farm in the fall of 1968 and retired to the town of Roblin.



Hrynkiw Family: Joe, Maria, Norman, Nick, Olga, Pete, John, and Catherine, Edna and Vera.

John and Catherine had seven children: Joseph, Peter, Maria, Olga, Norman, Nick and Edna.

Joseph was born in 1922 in the Postup district, received his schooling in the Postup school, and served in the Canadian army during the second World War. He lived on the homestead after our parents moved to Roblin. In November 1944, he married Elsie Shultz and they had 7 children: Gerald, Robert, Janet, twins (Judith and Valerie), Jo-Ann and Neil. They are all married and live around Roblin. Joe farms and does carpenter work in his spare time.

Peter, born in 1923, also received his schooling at Postup. He also served in the Canadian army for a few years. After discharge he lived in Brandon and cooked at the Mental Hospital for several years. He married Annette Yaniuk on June 3, 1945, and they had three children, Shirley, Donna and Melvin. Peter passed away in 1974 at the age of 51 years.

I, Maria, born in 1924 received my education at Postup. I married Arthur Cockerill on December 11, 1943, and we lived in the Merridale district. Our family consists of seven children: Larry Kenneth, Arthur Randolph, Calvin Brian, Glen Garry, Merwin Neil, Maryvel Cathy-Ann and Blaine Timothy. The children attended Merridale and Roblin schools. We moved closer to Roblin a few years ago. Art still likes to trap and hunt. I work part-time, and we both enjoy travelling and have just returned from a trip to England.

Olga, born in 1926 also received her education at Postup. On June 22, 1948, she married Carl Rumack and they lived in Mafeking most of their life. They have a family of three, Elaine, Ronald and Danny.

Norman, born in 1927, received his schooling at Postup. He was married in Vancouver to Patricia Ann Seline, on June 28, 1957. They have three children, Sherry Ann, Karen and Rocky all living in Vancouver.

Nickolas, born in 1929, farmed with his parents until his fatal tractor accident in August 1967 at the age of 38 years.

Edna, born in August, 1938, also attended

school at Postup. She married John Myslichuk on August 20, 1964, and lives in Winnipeg. They have two children, Jannis Yvonne and Brian John.

John and Catherine celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on February 2nd, 1971. They have 25 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Catherine passed away to be with the Heavenly Father on December 13, 1976 at the age of 73 years, and John on November 15, 1979. They were both buried from the Free Methodist Church, by Pastor Keith Taylor.

Joseph Hrynkiw Family by Janet Filewich

Joe Hrynkiw was born on April 18, 1922, a son of John and Katherine Hrynkiw of the Postup district.

Joe was born on a quarter of land directly across from the Postup school. During the depression years John, (Joe's dad) lost this land and they moved two miles east of the Postup school on Crown land. Joe was the first born of seven children. He had three brothers, Pete, Norman and Nick and three sisters, Mary, Olga and Edna.



Joseph Hrynkiw Family: L to R. Timmy and Danny Galay, Neil Hrynkiw, Janet Filewich, Elsie Hrynkiw, Kyle Cockerill, Joe Hrynkiw, Melanie Cockerill, Judy and Steven Galay, Kevin Huta, Joe Filewich, Russell Huta, Jo-Ann Cockerill, Bonnie Hrynkiw, Monty Cockerill, Ricky Galay, Colleen and Tammy Hrynkiw, Jamie and Julie Filewich, Ryan Hrynkiw, Darrell Huta, Darcy Cockerill, Kristie Hrynkiw, Jarred Cockerill, Jodie Hrynkiw, Riechelle Huta, Robbie Hrynkiw, Gerry Hrynkiw (Inset).

Joe started school at the age of eight years and remembers when he attended Postup school for five or six years. He was unable to attend regularly since his help was needed at home. In his teens he worked at home, scrubbing and clearing land with his father and doing odd jobs for neighbours.

As a young man, Joe developed an interest in carpentry and worked with Tony Adamoski. They built a home for Metro Sorokopud and a home for Pete Yercha in Postup. Later in the fall they built Tony's home in the Town of Roblin.

In November of 1942, Joe was called into the

army and was stationed at Camp Shilo, Portage and Winnipeg for his training. While in Winnipeg Joe met the girl of his dreams, Elsie Schultz of Neudorf, Saskatchewan, who had ventured to Winnipeg looking for employment. She longed to do a lot of travelling. Elsie was employed as head maid for a Jewish family in Winnipeg.

In the fall of 1944 Joe and Elsie were married in the Lutheran Church of the Cross on the corner of Alexander Avenue and Chamber Street in Winnipeg. Joe and Elsie's first home was in a rooming house in Brandon, Manitoba. In June of 1945, Joe and Elsie had their first son, Gerry. The year 1945 also brought an end to the Second World War. While waiting for his discharge papers Joe had heard of work in Fort William, Ontario, and he went to work at the grain elevators, moving grain in and out of port. In April of 1946, Joe received his discharge papers from the army and he decided to return home to Roblin. They moved into a two-room house on Stella Avenue by the railway tracks. Joe did odd jobs and finally got a job on the railway or section. When they wanted to transfer him to The Pas Joe decided to remain in Roblin. He applied for land from the Veterans' Land Act hoping he would get a quarter and would be able to remain on the farm near Roblin.

While living in Roblin Joe and Elsie had another son, Bobby, who was born at Helen Laurie's maternity home.

In 1949, Joe purchased a quarter of land from Alex Zibresky of the Postup district. He started out with two white horses and four head of cattle.

In November of 1949, they had their first girl, Janet, who also was born at Helen Laurie's maternity home because there was no hospital in Roblin.

In 1950, the Town of Roblin and Community built its first hospital. Joe and Elsie were the proud parents of the first twins to be born in the new hospital. In November of 1950, Joe and Elsie had twin girls, Judith (7 lbs. 3 oz.) and Valerie (5 lbs. 9 oz.)

A couple of years later, in the early 1950's, Joe purchased his first car, a Plymouth. Elsie remembers having to pull the car many a time with the tractor to get it started. How disappointed the children would be on a Sunday afternoon if, after pulling it around and 'round the house, it still would not start!

Joe farmed and he broke about a third of the land. He also continued to do carpentry work. Joe remembers building his first house for John Motyka of the Postup district. In Jan. of 1951, Joe and Elsie had another girl, Jo-Ann Hrynkiw.

In 1953, Joe bought his second vehicle. They had planned to spend that Christmas with Joe's brother, Pete in Brandon, but on the way they were victims

of a severe car accident. All of the family were hospitalized. Joe and Elsie lost their son, Bobby in the accident. This tragedy left Joe and Elsie with a great loss, but in time, and with the help of friends and neighbours including Steve Zibresky of Roblin, Joe and Elsie began their life again.

In 1956, Joe and Elsie were blessed with another son, Neil Hrynkiw. Joe continued to work on his farm, and the children grew and attended the Postup school. Joe and Elsie were caretakers of the school for three or four years. In 1967, the Postup school was closed and the children were bussed to Roblin.

Between 1960 and 1980 Joe did most of his carpentry work. He built and remodelled many homes. He remembers building the store for Anton Shafranski at Merridale and this service helped the community for many years. He made many families happy when he finished his hammering and they got together with friends and neighbours to 'warm up' their newly built home. Some of the homes were those of John Stephanow, Mike Wychopen, Bill Nykolaishyn, Roy Cockerill, Harry Stasiuk, Walter Rozeniuk, Bill Nykyforak, Metro Stefaniuk, Eugene Starchuk, Joe Andronyk, son-in-law Danny Galay and many more in the Roblin area. In 1974, Joe travelled to Leaf Rapids with other carpenters from the Roblin district to build a big 'Town Centre'. This complex had a school, hospital, post office, stores, everything under one roof. Joe worked there for eight months. After this he accepted a contract from the government to build homes for the Valley River Indian Reserve, which he did for 5 or 6 years. He built his last home in 1984 for his son Neil, who lives in the Deepdale district.

It is now the year 1985, and Joe's health is not the best, but he and Elsie are planning on retiring and moving into Roblin. Joe and Elsie will be giving up thirty five years of farming. He will miss his farm, his hunting, trapping and carpentry work. He loves sports and he hopes to enjoy his leisurely life and will no doubt be seen at many sports events such as hockey, baseball, horseshoe, etc. Joe is a member of the Roblin Legion Branch #24.

Joe and Elsie are proud to mention that all their children are married and live in the Roblin district. They are very happy to be near their 17 grandchildren.

Their oldest son, Gerry married Bonnie Becker. Gerald and Bonnie have two sons, Ryan and Robbie and one daughter, Jodie. Gerry works as a grocery supervisor for Parkway Co-op in Roblin.

Janet, the oldest daughter married Joe Filewich. They have a son, James, a daughter, Julie, and are expecting an addition to the family in September, 1985. Joe is a meat manager for the Roblin Parkway Co-op.

Joe and Elsie's twins, Judy and Valerie, are also married. Judy married Danny Galay of Rorketon, Manitoba. They bought land one mile west of the Postup Hall and are farming. They have three sons; Tim, Ricky and Steven. Valerie married Russell Huta. They purchased land seven miles north of Roblin and are also farming. Russell and Valerie have two sons, Kevin and Darrell, and one daughter, Richelle.

Joe and Elsie's youngest daughter, Jo-Ann married Monty Cockerill. They live west of Roblin in the Cromarty district. Monty has his own logging company. Jo-Ann and Monty have four children; Darcy, Jared, Melanie and Kyle.

Neil, their youngest son, married Colleen McKenzie. Neil worked for 5 years in Alberta for the Bow Island Drilling Co., drilling for oil. Recently Neil and Colleen have moved to the Deepdale district near Roblin where they are farming. They have two daughters, Kristie and Tammy, and are expecting an addition to the family in September, 1985.

In 1969, Joe and Elsie celebrated their 25th Anniversary with family, neighbours and friends. A close, dear friend, Freda Poyser wrote a poem and presented it to them. This is what she wrote —

To "Joe and Elsie" on your 25th Anniversary

It's a great achievement in this day and age,
To spend twenty-five in the same old cage,
With one man or woman, as the case may be,
But this has happened to Joe and Elsie.

Back in nineteen forty-four when they tied the
knot

Joe was in the army, soldiering his lot;
But soon the war was over and uniforms were
banned,

Then Joe became a farmer and bought a piece of
land.

They have farmed in Postup for many a year,
Lived, raised a family, contented here.
At first came the babies, one by one,
But two at a time was much more fun.

However, into each life, some rain must fall,
There are sorrows and heartaches to trouble us all;
And Joe and Elsie have suffered their share,
But good friends around, make things easier to
bear.

When Joe gets tired of tractor and plow,
And fixing the fences behind the cow,
He jumps in the car with his tools in the trunk
And heads off to build someone a bed or a bunk.

While Elsie at home, milks the cows, feeds the
chickens,
Gets the kids off to school and works like the
dickens,

But as time went by, three daughters got married,
Things quieted down, became less harried.

However, history repeats itself it seems,
And they're back in the midst of diapers and pins.
Two little grandchildren they are proud to show,
One looks like Elsie — the other like Joe.

So we are gathered here tonight, a happy crowd,
To honour this couple of whom we are proud,
We hope your next twenty five years will be as
happy,

And if you're planning on twins again, you'd best
make it snappy!

Last year, 1984, Joe and Elsie enjoyed their 40th
Anniversary with family and grandchildren.

Joe, who has lived all his life in Roblin district,
wishes future generations of Roblin prosperity. Joe
will always have warm and loving memories of
friends, neighbours and the Roblin community.

Cecil W. Hughes and Family by Alma Hughes

Cecil Hughes came to Calder, Saskatchewan from Belfast, Ireland with his parents, Robert and Mary Hughes, and brother, Sam. He enlisted in the Armed Forces and served with the B.C. Regiment overseas. He was taken a prisoner of war in France. After the war Cecil continued to work in the Hughes' Garage in Roblin with his cousins, William and Robert Hughes. Later he was employed with the Co-op for 28 years.

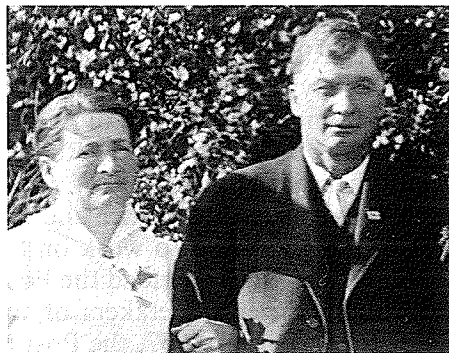
Cecil married Alma Olson in 1949. She was employed in the Royal Bank and after their marriage she worked in the Co-op office. They have two sons, Robert and Terry. Robert worked in the Co-op store for three years and later moved to Flin Flon to work for Hudson Bay Mining Co. He married Sharon Waly, a teacher in Flin Flon in 1982. They have a daughter, Hollee Blair.

Terry graduated from the Brandon University and is presently attending York University in Toronto.

Alexander and Mary Ann Hunt by Elizabeth Rawlings (now deceased)

Alexander Hunt was born in Bruce County, Ontario, July 14, 1864, to William and Jane Hunt, eighth child of a family of six boys and three girls. As far as I know, my grandfather Hunt was born in Ontario and Grandmother Irvine came from Ireland in the early 1850's.

Mother was born at Leeds, Quebec, March 16, 1867, the only daughter of Michael and Ann Henry. There were two older brothers, William and John. My maternal grandmother came from Ireland in 1864 and both grandmothers came from Ireland in sailing ships. Grandmother (Macitee) Henry was led to believe before leaving Ireland, that gold could



Alexander and Mary Ann Hunt married January 1, 1889.

just be picked up off the streets of Quebec City, so this could have intrigued her to immigrate to Canada.

My father was fourteen when his parents decided to move to Manitoba. At that time they had to come through the States, and before crossing into Manitoba, Grandfather Hunt decided to settle at Pembina, N. Dakota, where the family grew up, and continued to make their home. Mother's parents came west to Manitoba in 1874, and lived in Winnipeg for a year, while her father located a homestead at Beaver, Manitoba. He made the trip on foot returning to Winnipeg to work at his trade (carpentry) for a year to make enough money with which to buy oxen, a wagon, a plough, a cow and the necessary items to start homesteading. During the year the family lived in Winnipeg, Mother attended school and Sunday school. I have one of her Sunday school books, with her teacher's name on it. She was also fortunate enough to see the "Countess of Dufferin" steam engine arrive in Winnipeg, aboard a boat on the Red River. This steam engine is still on display in the Winnipeg Museum. During their sojourn in Winnipeg Mother's older brother (William) was drowned in Lake Winnipeg, while out with a survey party. The next fall they left Winnipeg for their homestead at Beaver, and it so happened that they were on the road on Hallowe'en night, so it was on the chilly side at that time of year. The wagon was drawn by the oxen and loaded with their few household effects and a cow tied to the back. The first winter and summer they lived in a tent, placed inside the four bare walls of a house, (minus a roof) and Mother said many times that they were most uncomfortable, with frost and dampness inside the tent. A creek teeming with fish flowed through the farm yard, and was a godsend to their meagre diet. Buildings were improved, and a number of years later Grandfather built a nice new house. Mother grew up in the Beaver district, attended school there, and on January 1st, 1889 she and Dad were married at the farm home of her parents. They

spent a year on the farm in N. Dakota then returned to Beaver, Manitoba. Their first born (twin girls) arrived January 24, 1890. One baby died at birth and Ann passed away a year later.

My parents decided to move to Spokane, Wash. U.S.A. where a number of Dad's relatives had gone to find work. Mother didn't care for it there and after a fire had destroyed all their belongings in a rooming house, they made the move back to Beaver, Manitoba. Their first son, Wilfred, was born after returning from Spokane, and passed away fourteen months later. They farmed in the Bagot district, and this is where Bert was born Sept. 6, 1896 and on April 3rd, 1901, the triplets arrived, Clarence, Ethel and Edith. Edith passed away two weeks later with pneumonia. During the time they lived at Bagot, tragedy struck again. Mother, Dad and the children were at the Bagot school practising for a Christmas concert, when a neighbour saw the fire, but we were too late to save the house or any of the contents, so it meant we had to start all over again.

When homesteading opened up in western Manitoba, a number of relatives and friends were moving to the area, so they decided to move there. Dad homesteaded on the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 30-23-29. Years later he bought S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 31-23-29, just across the road from the homestead, and lived on the former land the rest of their lives. Robert and Edith Hunt and family (cousins of Dad's) lived on the quarter section just east of us. When they moved from Bagot, household effects, machinery and live-stock were shipped by train to Langenburg, Sask., and then by wagon to the farm. Bert accompanied Dad on the trip, and Mother, Clarence and Ethel arrived a short time later, to settle on their new farmstead.

In the first years of homesteading, grain was hauled by wagon to either Langenburg, Russell or Roblin, which was a long day's trip. Mail came to the village of Shellmouth. When the family first arrived there wasn't a school, and Bert attended school at the old log cabin school in the Castleberry district, with relatives and neighbours close by. The settlers soon got busy building a school and the first Grainsby school was built in 1904, and a district was formed. Dad was a trustee for many years, and after Clarence grew up he held the position of secretary-treasurer for twenty-five years. The children walked to school, and as the boys grew older, they drove horse and cutter in the winter time. I well remember the walks to school carrying books and lunch pail. The school was used for church in the early years; more than one service a Sunday, as we had Methodist, Presbyterian, Anglican and Evangelists (not necessarily in that order). In a few years' time the Bowles family moved to the district, and

Mr. Bowles was an efficient Sunday school superintendent. Picnics and other activities were held in the school grounds, as it was the central point of the district. Grainsby district boasted a very active baseball club in Bert's teenage years.

Another daughter was born to Alex and Mary Hunt, Violet Elizabeth, on December 19, 1906, almost six years younger than Clarence and Ethel. The first Grainsby school burned to the ground, August, 1918, two weeks after the fall term began. The fire, which took place in the early hours of a Monday morning, was a mystery. The Wardle family had moved to their new frame house, from their log house, so they kindly consented to set up school in the two-room log house. Desks and supplies were ordered and children were back to school in about two weeks' time. The pupils enjoyed the novelty of attending school in a log house. The only thing saved from the old school was the huge bell, which had hung from the belfry, and it was placed on the corner logs of the house.

The new school was built and ready for the pupils to move back for the Christmas concert. In the early days folks made their own amusement — visiting friends, holding house parties, dances, etc. During the first World War (1914-18) many young men from the Grainsby district served overseas and a number made the supreme sacrifice during the conflict. Bert joined the Army in March 1916, returning home safely on July 1919. We had just got our first car before Bert returned home. The mode of travel before that was wagon and democrat. Some of the neighbours were purchasing Model T Fords around 1915 and 1916 and they proved to be a reliable make.

Bert married Lillian Rawlings, February 3rd, 1925. After living a short time in B.C. and the U.S.A. they returned to Dropmore in the fall of 1949. Bert passed away November 29, 1976. Lillian still lives in the village. Ethel worked in the bank at Dropmore (which was housed in the Municipal Office). She decided to return to High school at Shellmouth, and attended normal school at Dauphin, and taught school at Lundar, Manitoba. She met Kris Myrdal there, and they were married in June, 1924. They moved to Chicago, where his brother lived. They adopted a daughter, Ethel Marie, October 30, 1935, and continued to live there until Kris passed away in January 1946. Three years later, Ethel was married to Edgar White (formerly of Deepdale), and they resided in Sycamore, Ill. Edgar passed away several years ago.

Dad passed away February 15, 1946 and Mother passed away November 16, 1950. Mother, Dad, and Bert are all laid to rest in the Dropmore Cemetery, which is well looked after by a caretaker named Arnold Ferris.

Clarence married Myra Clendenning in Sycamore, November, 1953. They lived on the homestead in the Grainsby district until 1961, when they sold out and moved to Sycamore, Ill., U.S.A. They are now retired in Florida. Elizabeth married Walter Rawlings January 26, 1946, and they have lived in Dropmore ever since. Walter had the Imperial Oil agency for 52 years, both before and after serving overseas in the Second World War. They have a daughter, Betty Ann, born April 20, 1947. After attending school in Dropmore and high school at Roblin, she trained for a nurse in the Misericordia Hospital in Winnipeg. She worked at St. Anne, Deer Lodge, Winnipeg and Gillam, Manitoba. She was married in the United Church in Dropmore to Dean Johnson July 1, 1972. They have three chil-



Elizabeth, Betty and Walter Rawlings.

dren, Robyn, Wendy and Dale, and are presently living at Chilliwack, B.C.

Walter Rawlings passed away on October 3rd, 1983 Elizabeth Rawlings passed away on January 11th, 1984.

James Hunter and Marion Lang Mitchell by Mrs. George (Flo) Hunter

James Hunter was born on November 24, 1880 in Kirkmichael, Ayrshire, Scotland. He was the fifth son of William Hunter and Marion Cunningham. William was the gardener for Culzean Castle in Ayrshire. Jim was educated in Kirkmichael and was studying to become a chemist. When he was 20 years old, he immigrated to Canada on board the "SS State of Nebraska." The ship departed from Glasgow on March 21, 1901 and arrived in Halifax on April 2. In his diary, Jim talks about dances that were held on board the ship. He mentioned that he usually had to dance with other boys as there were very few girls on board. The passenger lists show that there were 100 men and only five women on board.

After landing in Halifax, Jim came to Manitoba and worked in a lumber camp until he homesteaded the NW 1/4 34-24-29 in 1904, with his partner L. G. Gysin in the Assiniboine Valley in Castleavery. Jim subsequently moved to the SW 1/4 28-24-29 which he purchased from Walter (Watty) Robertson in



The James Hunter Family: Back row: L to R. James, Marion, Flo (holding Ian), Buster, Caroline (holding Greg), George, Irma, Bill, Dave. Front row: Isabel, Marion, Richard, Terry, Bobby and Douglas.

1908. This is where he built the house and barn which still stand today and where Dave, his son, still lives. He also purchased from the crown the SE 1/4 29-24-29 in 1909 and the NE 1/4 29-24-29 in 1916.

In Tummel on December 28, 1911, Jim married Marion Lang Mitchell, the second daughter of James Mitchell and Elizabeth Bennie. Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchell farmed in Tummel on the Hermitage farm. Minnie was born on April 8, 1887 in Tummel and received her first few years of education in the "school room" at the Hermitage farm and then attended Sterling School. She attended Normal School in Winnipeg for three months and taught school in Castleavery where she met Jim. She taught school for two years until she was married.

Because there were two other James Hunters in the Roblin area, Jim took on a middle name of Cunningham, which was his mother's maiden name.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hunter had seven children: Margaret Elizabeth (Peggy), William James (Bill), George, James Mitchell (Jim), David, John (Buster), and Colin.

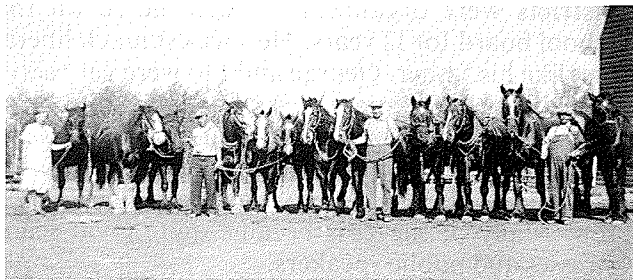
Jim was a staunch liberal and, with Edgar Comfort, ran the polling booth for many years at Castleavery. He hoped all his family would do likewise. He was also a member of the Castleavery School Board for years along with Mr. Dugan and Edgar Comfort who was secretary. Jim and Minnie were also active in the church.

Jim Hunter was a good farmer and always kept his machinery in good repair. He also worked by the clock; he got up at the same time, fed his cows at the same time, and ate his meals at the same time every day. There was no slouching around if you were late the night before! He usually had about 30-40 head of cattle and 12-16 horses. He also had quite a few chickens, although Minnie usually looked after the chickens. When Jim built his house and barn, he bought his lumber from Theo Burrows in MacNutt in 1911, for \$31/M bd. ft. for fir 2x4's and \$1 per

bundle for cedar shingles. Jim sold steers for as little as \$12 each in the early thirties.

A story Dad always told was about the table that they had on the farm. He said that the table was sloped into the middle with a hole in the middle and a slop pail underneath the hole. This was because the kids always used to spill so much milk that the pail was there to catch it. Dad also said that each trip he made to town included bringing home a new pair of shoes for one of the seven children.

Minnie was a very hard worker and never complained about the work. She enjoyed company but wasn't much for visiting. However, visitors never went hungry. She could rattle up a jelly roll or biscuits while you were talking to her, and with canned meat or chicken, salad, and potatoes, the number of people was insignificant. The washing was always done on Mondays. She carried the water in from a tank and boiled the water on the stove. All the white clothes were boiled on the stove. Before she got a washing machine, she often washed clothes until late in the afternoon, sometimes as late



Going to the field to work: Marion Hunter, George, Bill and Jim Hunter Sr.

as 4 p.m. when the boys were coming home from school. All the upstairs floors were washed every Friday. The downstairs floors were washed on Saturday. She did a lot of baking; Saturday night pies and the stew for Sunday morning. She also stacked all the sheaves in the fall, because she could build a stack better than any of the boys.

Minnie liked her chickens and the boys said that if there weren't enough eggs, she squeezed some more eggs out of the chickens.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter went to Scotland in 1953. Minnie enjoyed some of the trip, but was a little disappointed. However, Jim said that he was satisfied that he had made a good decision to come to Canada. He said that he wouldn't want to settle anywhere but in Canada. He never corresponded much with his brothers in Scotland.

There was a lot of tragedy in the family. Colin, who was born on September 23, 1920, died when he was only three years old, on October 17, 1923. He was burned in hot water, something that Minnie

never forgot. Nowadays, maybe they could have saved him.

Jim Jr. who was born on May 21, 1916, was declared missing in action over the Mediterranean on January 11, 1944. He had taken his training in Dafoe, Saskatchewan, and was a navigator in the Air Force. A lake, located at lat. 57° 29' N and long. 104° 15' W in northern Saskatchewan, is named after Jim. Peggy, who was born on September 12, 1912, died of leukemia on December 8, 1946. She lived at home and did some very beautiful needlework.

Jim Sr. died on July 2, 1958 and Minnie died shortly afterward, on June 13, 1959.

William James Hunter and Irma Agnes Shearer

Flo. Hunter

William James Hunter, the eldest son of James C. Hunter and Marion Lang Mitchell, was born on September 15, 1913. He received his education in the Castleavery School. In June, 1941 he married Irma Shearer, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shearer.

They moved to a farm south of Dropmore, 23-23-29, where they farmed until Bill's sudden death in November, 1958. Bill was active in community affairs, having spent many hours in the construction of the United Church in Dropmore, and serving as a member and as a steward on the Church Board since its inception. He was a member of the Co-Op Elevator Association, serving on the board for a number of years. He was an active worker in the building of the curling rink and enjoyed curling. Bill was also interested in the 4-H Club, especially the Calf Club. He attended many 4-H functions with his sons. He served on the Dropmore School Board for many years, being a trustee and chairman at the time of his death.

Bill and Irma had a family of three children: Douglas, Terry and Isabel.

William Douglas was born on June 19, 1943. He attended school in Dropmore and high school in Tummel and then took the Diploma Course in Agriculture in Winnipeg. He is now a livestock fieldman for the Department of Agriculture in the Roblin area. Douglas was a member of the 4-H Calf Club and between the years 1958 to 1966, he had a herd of purebred Shorthorn cattle, which he sold before going to University. Now he has purebred Charolais cattle.

Terence James was born on November 27, 1945. He attended school in Dropmore and high school in Tummel and Roblin. Terry was a member of the 4-H Calf Club. He went to Winnipeg to Red River Community College and took Civil Technology. He first worked for the Manitoba Highways Depart-

ment and now is with Underwood McLellan in Winnipeg. He married Emily Brown of Roland, Manitoba and they have two daughters, Tracy and Dawn. They live in Winnipeg.

Margaret Isabel was born on November 8, 1947. She attended school in Dropmore and high school in Roblin. She was very active in 4-H work, being a member of the Sewing Club and the Calf Club. She also took piano lessons and completed Grade VII music. She went to university in Winnipeg, taking physiotherapy. After completing her course, she worked in Flin Flon, Manitoba, where she met Reg. Leach who was playing hockey with the Flin Flon Bombers. Later, being drafted to the N.H.L., he played hockey for Boston, California, and the Philadelphia Flyers, who won the Stanley Cup one year. Isabel and Reg. have two children, Jamie and Brandie. They spend the summer holidays at their cottage at Arnes, Manitoba and they all do a lot of golfing at the Northern Aire Golf Course.

Irma was a member of the R.D.G.C. Ladies' Church Club at Dropmore, and always was active in all community affairs. She was an assistant leader in the 4-H Sewing Club for seven years.

In November, 1964 Irma married Archie McFadyen and they moved to Roblin. Archie worked part-time for Keast's Garage and then for Sheldon Jones in his Sash and Door Shop. Irma worked in Mitchell's Drug Store for a few years.

George Hunter and Florentine Menzies by Mrs. George (Flo) Hunter

George Hunter, the third child of James Hunter and Marion Lang Mitchell, was born on January 2, 1915 on his parents' farm in Castleavery. George spent most of his early years at home. He took grade 8 at Castleavery and then took two years of high school at Tummel where he stayed with the George Mitchells. In 1938, George and his brother, Jim, left for Alberta and George worked as a farm laborer for one summer. He was paid \$20 a month plus room and board.

George bought the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 20-24-29, known as the "Cozy Neuk" farm in Castleavery from Mrs. Walter Robertson for \$1,000 in approximately 1940. He later acquired the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 28-24-29 called "Duncan Gordon" (a school quarter) from Isabel Johnston, and approximately 120 acres in the valley from part of the Mitchell farm. George used his father's machinery until he could afford his own.

George married Florentine Menzies on May 30, 1942 in Winnipeg. They had a short honeymoon in the Kenora area. Florentine, the fourth child of Robert Menzies and Clara Letitia Hamilton, was born on June 4, 1912 in Oakburn. Robert and Clara farmed in the Oakburn area for many years before moving to Winnipeg. Florentine went to school in

Oakburn and then to the Normal school in Winnipeg. She then taught for 12 years at Audy, St. Mary's, Cracknell and Grainsby. It was while she was teaching at Grainsby that she met George. While teaching, Florentine was paid as little as \$300 per year.

Florentine's father and his brother, Duncan, did a lot of surveying in the Boggy Creek area. They travelled with a surveying chain, stick and a gun (they only had what food they caught, and berries), as well as two books; a Bible, and a copy of Robbie Burns' poetry. With these most basic of tools, they were able to do precise surveying, which is still recognized today.

Community life was always an enjoyable part of living in Castleavery. Bridge parties, barn dances, and other parties at the school were common. For a few years the women did a lot of sewing for overseas, and all the ladies came to sew. Later, the community got together to build the small one-sheet curling rink.

George acted on the Castleavery School Board for a number of years. When the larger school districts were organized, he also acted on that school board for 12 years. He was a staunch liberal, just like his father. George and Flo were very active in the church. George was a steward for a number of years and Flo played the organ for about seven years. Flo was a 4-H leader for about 12 years. The 4-H club work was mainly teaching a group how to sew. Many of the girls became quite good seamstresses and public speakers.

George died on June 19, 1969 in the Winnipeg General Hospital. Flo is currently living in Roblin and is very active in the Rebekahs and the Roblin Horticultural Society.

George and Flo had three children: Bob, Marion, and Ian. All three became good swimmers and good curlers. Robert James (Bob) was born on November 28, 1945. He went to school at Castleavery, Tummel, and Roblin, and received his B.A. and M.Div. degrees from the University of Winnipeg. He also completed his Grade IX in music and still plays the piano and organ. He has served as the minister at Waskada, Morris, Airdrie, Moose Jaw, and is currently at Symon's Valley United Church in Calgary. He married Carol Rae McGhee on May 23, 1970 in Winnipeg. Bob and Carol have two children: Buster Raymond Hunter, born on June 7, 1975 and Eileen Bobbi Hunter, born on April 3, 1980. Buster is quite keen on soccer.

Marion Grace Hunter was born on October 16, 1946. She also went to school at Castleavery, Tummel and Roblin, and received her B.Sc. (Home Ec.). She also completed her Grade IX in music. She then went to Sault Ste. Marie where she was the district home economist for a number of years. She married

Ross Ray Parker from Sault Ste. Marie on July 1, 1968. Ross is an electronics repairman at the Algoma Steel Plant in Sault Ste. Marie. Marion and Ross have two sons: Kevin Richard Parker, born on May 20, 1972 and Brad Thomas Parker, born on August 10, 1973. Both boys are ardent enthusiasts of hockey, swimming and water skiing.

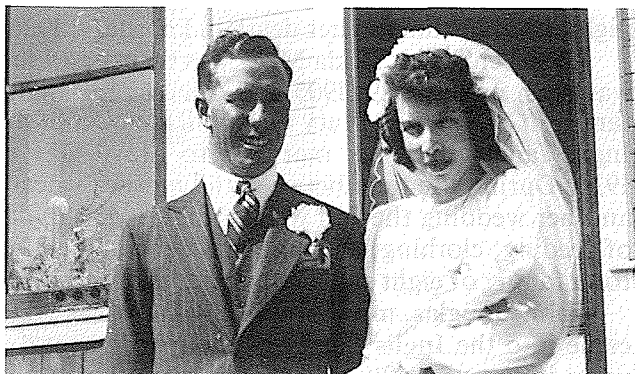
Ian George Hunter was born on February 10, 1952. He went to school in Castleavery and Roblin, and received his B.Sc. (Geology) from the University of Manitoba and his M.Sc. from McGill University. His research for his Master's degree was on the reefs off the coast of Barbados in the Caribbean. He is currently working as a petroleum geologist in Calgary, and is acting as a director of the Society for Housing the Physically Handicapped Young Adults. He is also a member of the Numismatic Society of Calgary, and an ardent amateur photographer, as well as being involved in geneology.

David Hunter

David Hunter, the fifth child of James Hunter and Marion Lang Mitchell was born on September 10, 1917, on his parent's farm in Castleavery. He went to school in Castleavery and took grade 9 and 10 by correspondence. Dave was in the army from June 1942 to January 1946. He went overseas in September 1942 and still has shrapnel in his leg from the war. Dave worked at various farm and lumbering jobs until he bought the E 1/2 of 29-24-29 from his dad in 1950 through the Veterans Land Administration. He farmed this land and helped his father farm the rest of the land until 1954. Dave then farmed the whole farm until 1981, when Greg, (Buster's son) started renting the farm from him.

John (Buster) Hunter and Caroline Sylvia (Kolstad) Hunter by Flo. Hunter

John (Buster) Hunter, the sixth child of James Hunter and Marion Lang Mitchell, was born on



Caroline and John Hunter.

August 26, 1919 on his parents farm in Castleavery. Buster spent his early years on the farm and went to school at Castleavery and high school at Tummel.

Buster married Caroline Sylvia Kolstad on May 17, 1944 on the Dugan farm. Caroline, a daughter of Carl and Selma Kolstad, was born on Nov. 3rd, 1920 at Togo. Carl and Selma farmed in the Togo area for a number of years. Caroline received her education at Gartmore school by walking 4 miles each way.

Bus and Caroline lived with his parents and helped with the farm until the fall of 1950 when they purchased the N.E. 1/4 of 16-24-29 at Longdons Lake in Castleavery. In 1957 they purchased the N.W. 1/4 of 11-24-29. In October 1963, they rented the Dugan farm and moved to that farm where there



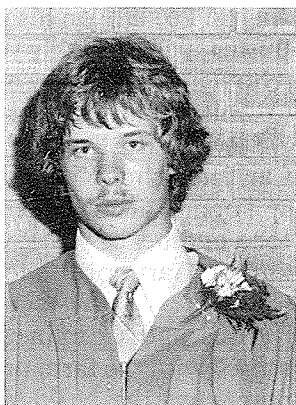
John Hunter, Richard, Greg, John Jr. with 4-H calves.

were better buildings. They farmed both their own land and the Dugan farm until August 21, 1974, when Bus was killed in a tractor accident. In 1975 Caroline and her son, John moved to a new house at the lake. Her son, Greg is currently farming the land.

Bus was a 4-H leader for a number of years and enjoyed working with the young people of the district. His three sons were all active in 4-H as well. Being so close to the lake they were all excellent swimmers. With the curling rink only a half mile away, they all became good curlers as well.

Bus and Caroline had three sons: Richard, Greg and John. David Richard Hunter was born on June 21, 1945. Richard received his education at Castleavery, Tummel and Roblin schools, the University of Manitoba, and Red River Community College. Richard worked in Winnipeg at Crozier Greenberg & Associates, Underwood McLellan & Wardrop associates, and in Edmonton at Stanley Engineering. He is currently working as a civil technologist. Richard married Linda Diane Kotak on

John Hunter.



August 27, 1981 in Gilbert Plains. Linda is a computer programmer currently working for Sperry Univac. Richard and Linda currently live in Winnipeg.

Gregory Charles Hunter was born on September 30, 1951. Greg was educated at Castleberry and Roblin schools and the University of Manitoba. Greg worked in the Credit Union at Russell for 2 years. Greg is currently working as a field rep for the Manitoba Agricultural Credit Corporation. Greg married Patricia Jean Boychuk on Oct. 26, 1974 in Winnipeg. Pattie is a registered nurse and works at the Roblin Hospital. They currently live in Roblin. Greg and Pattie have two sons: Kevin Scott Hunter, born on October 31, 1979 and Randy James Hunter, born on October 28, 1982.

John Edward Hunter was born on August 19, 1961. He went to school in Roblin and is currently finishing fourth year agriculture at the University of Manitoba. John is interested in Plant Science and is enjoying his summer work with Hoechst Canada Ltd.

Thomas Hymers Family

by Joan McRae

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hymers came from London, England in 1914 where he had been a chef in a prominent club. He worked at Wilford Gamey's to learn the Canadian way of farming and delivered milk in Roblin.

Alice, his wife, learned about raising chickens, gardening and canning. They had two children — Gladys and Lindsay.

Tom learned well and Wilford sent him to his brother in the Newdale area for further instructions. Tom and Alice were both active in church and community affairs. Tom died at 94 years in 1984 and his wife, Alice, at 96 years in Minnedosa, Manitoba. When they retired to Minnedosa, they owned three farms and he had built 42 houses.

William John and Annie Whyte Inglis

by John D. Inglis

W. J. and Mrs. Inglis moved to the Roblin

district (Tummel) in the year 1912 and took up farming five miles south and two miles west of the village of Roblin, Manitoba, where they felt they would have room enough in which to raise a family. W. J., had been a Presbyterian minister and became the first minister to preach in the Roblin Presbyterian church. He had ridden a work train west from Dauphin as far as Bield, that being the end of the steel, and he had walked the remaining distance to Roblin so as to be available on that memorable occasion.

This energetic and perceptive couple were active members and leaders in the growth and organization of the church in the community and district. Indeed it was not unknown for W. J. to receive a call to preach at one of the surrounding churches in Tummel, Roblin, Merridale, etc. During the period of the teens and twenties they were also active in church circles in the bringing into being of the United Church.

During these years Mrs. Inglis was also busy in church work. She was a leader in, and the head of the Missionary Society. Although her church activities and the never ending calls on her time and strength as a farm wife and mother took much of her energy, she nevertheless made herself available to help all those in need of medical assistance. In the year 1903, she had graduated from a three year nursing course in the Brandon City Hospital, with her 'R.N.' degree. Such a person (particularly in such a locality and in those times) was in strong demand, and as she answered all calls, there were few babies born in the community who were not personally ushered into the world by her skilled and competent hands, doctor or not presiding.

As they were unable to have a family of their own 'getting' they had decided at an early date to get one by adoption. They worked at this project steadily and systematically between the years 1909 and 1923. In total they finished up with seven children.

In cases of accidents, Mrs. Inglis received many calls and she was always ready and willing to go and assist or to take charge at any time of the day or night, until the time of her death in February, 1926.

Of the children, Hilda Mary was their first. She was born on June 29, 1905 and came to the Inglis family in 1907. Hilda Mary was a full member of the Inglis family until her marriage to Lloyd Day in 1930. During the time between the mother's death and her wedding the full weight and responsibility of feeding, clothing, cleaning and generally caring for a family of eight souls fell on her shoulders.

John Douglas, more commonly known as J.D., came into the Inglis family at the tender age of 3 years in the year 1910. He remained in the Roblin Tummel District on the home farm until 1937.

Sister Grace joined the family in 1915. She remained at home until her marriage to Kenneth Bruce in 1933.

The next venture in the expansion of the Inglis family was the acquisition of Leslie and his blood brother, Bert in 1918 at the age of 7 and 8 years. They remained with the family until 1930 when they left the home to seek fame, fortune or a better living in parts unknown.

To complete the family, Helen, age 7 years and baby Ross arrived in 1923. Helen remained at home with the family through the twenties and thirties until she joined the Air Force in 1944. Around that same time Ross joined the Army. After the end of the war Helen and Ross lived in Winnipeg where they found suitable employment.

Note:

Hilda, married to Lloyd Day moved from Roblin in 1945 to Naramata, B.C. They had a family of four, Ronald, Janice, Anne and Gwen. All of their children were born in Roblin. Hilda died in Naramata in 1972.

Ross died in Prince George in 1968.

Sister Grace is widowed and lives in retirement with her unmarried daughter, Margaret. Margaret was born in Roblin in 1935.

Sister Helen is retired and lives by herself in Saskatoon. J. D. too, is retired and lives with Clara (Crane) in Saskatoon. They are looking forward to celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary on October 3rd, 1984.

John and Isabella Irvine (née Phillips) by Hazel McGinnis and Laura Mickelson

John Gilcrest Irvine was born at Donegal, Ont. and Isabella was born at Erin, Ontario. They were married on Nov. 5, 1891 in the county of Orangeville. Three sons were born while they lived in Ontario: William Stanley, born on Nov. 11, 1892; Thomas John Livingston on Aug 8, 1897; and James

Henry on July 28, 1898. They moved to Neche, North Dakota, in 1898 where John found employment. Laura May, their only daughter, was born there on Sept. 13, 1900.



L to R. Jim Irvine, Stan Irvine, Isabella Irvine, Wright Irvine.

It was a lonely life for Isabella. There weren't many women living close by. Isabella's father and her brother came to visit once while they lived there. This was the last time she ever saw her father.

In the year of 1905 they moved to Minnedosa for a short time and then they moved to the Silverwood district where John procured a homestead for \$10.00. They moved into a log house and took up the task of improving the homestead. The children attended the school that had just been built that year. On July 18, 1905 their youngest son, Wright Alexander was born on the homestead. Life was very difficult, crops would freeze and food was scarce. Isabella used to bake up bags of flour into bread for bachelors for \$1.50 a bag and she always seemed to have a short supply of wood. In later years she could never pass by a stick of wood without picking it up and taking it home. John was a talented violinist and also played a fife which he always played for the Orangeman's Parade on July 12. He also played for the local dances and concerts. The pioneers of those days enjoyed house parties which were great entertainment for the whole family. Politically, John and Isabella were strong Conservatives and some of the grandchildren can remember the table-pounding and arm waving as the men would gather at the general store to argue about politics.

As the family grew up they worked on the family farm and in 1914, World War I began. In 1916, Stanley and Tom enlisted and the family was separated. Many other young men left to fight for their country as well. As time went on Stanley and Tom were sent overseas. The war continued and one day word came that Tom had been killed in action, on May 9, 1917 at Vimy Ridge, and this crushed the hearts of the family, along with those of many other families who also lost loved ones. John and Isabella received a second telegram about a month later and with terrified hearts they opened it, to find that



May Irvine Maguire.

Stanley had been severely wounded. Life was never the same again. May worked for local neighbors during busy times and helped her mother with the daily work. In the meantime, Jim had bought a farm and left to work on his own. Wright left home around his mid-teens and went to Weyburn, where he worked for some time. There he met and married a girl by the name of Sadie Macleod.

Stanley returned in 1918 and went back to the farm he owned before the war. He was a bachelor for some time until he married Gladys Wallace in 1924. Jim chose for his life's partner, a sister to Stanley's wife, Miss Dorothy Wallace. May married William Maguire on Dec. 21, 1921 and they farmed in the Silverwood district.

John continued farming, which was very hard work. One day their house caught on fire and they lost everything they owned. Heartsick and discouraged, he and his wife moved in with son, Jim, but in time he built a frame house and they moved into it and started all over again. Isabella continued to use the cook stove that had gone thru the fire. John's heart began to fail and in the fall of 1933, on Oct. 20, he passed away. Isabella went back to Ontario the following fall and stayed with her sister for a year. She returned and bought a little house in Silverwood and lived there for many years. She boarded teachers and looked after the church cleaning. Eventually, arthritis crippled her and in time she moved in with May. She passed away in Jan. of 1959.

Jaasund Family History

by Marlene Miller

Henry Jaasund — August 3, 1874-1962

Anna Jaasund — June 25, 1878-1954

The reason Henry Jaasund immigrated to the United States and Canada is because he found it difficult working as a farmer and struggling to keep above poverty on a small plot in Norway. The vision of 160 acres of free land was the final decision.

The American fever swept like fire throughout the country, from one district to the next, penetrating the most remote mountain valley. In some districts almost the entire population left. Thousands upon thousands found their way to the ships, taking most of their meagre belongings with them. They must see for themselves if the new land was indeed a land of hope and glory!

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So great was the migration from Norway in the nineteenth century that Norway was second only to Ireland in the proportion of its population who immigrated. The climax was reached in the years 1880 to 1885. In these years, per 1,000 of population,



Emilie, Bertina, Halvor, Marie, Lisa, Mrs. Ole Jaasund, Theodore, Ole, Olena and Henry.

Irish emigration was 15.8, Norwegian 11.1 English 5.7 and German 3.8 + .

By 1850, about 15,000 Norwegians had come to America. When a new family arrived from Norway, they would stop for a time in one of the established communities. Further moves were governed by the advice of earlier settlers, the influence of land companies and railroads, land surveys and reports of new areas, but especially reports sent back by land scouts.

It was under the Liberal leader, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who came to power in 1896 and his aggressive minister of the interior, Clifford Sifton, that new policies were put into force.

In Manitoba and the North-Western Territories of Canada there are over eighty million acres of the finest wheat raising land upon the face of the globe, and these lands are to be had by any man for the asking.

Some of the early settlers paid \$10.00 for 160 acres (1/4 section). They were expected to show improvements on the land over the next three years. After that, the land would be theirs.

The depression was on during the next 10 years. The whole world suffered from its effects with the black blizzards and dark years. The agony of the depression was also prolonged by the clouds of World War II. Both the depression and the war created intense deprivation and destruction. During the war, car gas, sugar, tea, coffee, liquor and meat were rationed. Coupons had to be obtained from the Municipal Office.

The nation survived but losses were cruel and devastating. Not until the heavy clouds of war were lifted in 1945, did the nation heave a sigh of relief, and return to new hope and normal pursuits. End of quote.

In Canada the years 1930-1945 were times of testing and transition. During these unsettling years many ethnic groups, including the Norwegians, could never be the same again.

Henry Jaasund was born in Stavanger, Norway, August 3, 1874. He lived with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ole Jaasund, two brothers, Theodore and Halvor, and five sisters: Emile, Bertina, Lisa, Marie and Olena.



Henry and Anna Jaasund about 1955.

Henry immigrated to the United States in 1892 at the age of eighteen years, leaving his parents and sisters and brothers in Norway. Halvor and two sisters Marie and Olena, followed to the U.S.A. and Canada later. Halvor returned to Norway. However, the two girls married and made their homes in Canada. Henry found work in Lake Park, Minnesota, U.S.A. where he managed a mail route as well as a livery stable.

In Lake Park he met Anna Wenner, a Norwegian girl, whom he married in 1899 in a Lutheran Church in Detroit, Michigan.

Anna Wenner was born in Oslo, Norway, June 25, 1878. She came to the United States in 1880 at the age of two years with her parents, Anton and

Bergette, and her only brother, Rudolph, who was four years old at the time.

The Canadian National Railway came through Bield and Shevlin Valley in 1906 and Henry got his welcome homestead in 1907, S.E. 9 Boulton, now Hillsburg Municipality.

Soon after, Henry and Anna Jaasund and their three sons, Alfred, Ben, and Edwin came from the U.S.A. to Shevlin, Manitoba. Along with them came Anna's parents, Anton and Bergette Wenner, Anna's brother and his wife, Rudolf and Marie Wenner and their two children Alpha and Orville. Mondred and Harold were born in Canada. They brought their belongings and a few head of cattle and horses in three box cars. Due to leaving the U.S.A. near the end of September, many preparations were necessary to get ready for winter. When the sloughs froze over, the hay had to be cut on top of the ice with a scythe. They were fortunate enough to locate some frozen grain from a good farmer called Oscar Mickelson. This helped bring the livestock through the winter.

During the first winter their only provision for shelter was a tent. The following year they had comfortable log house built with a shingled roof. Later on, they moved to greener pastures where he bought better land and built a new home and farm buildings. This was close to Bield and the school.

Anna was kept busy being a fine homemaker. She had a large garden, and preserved her own vegetables, fruit and meat. She carded and spun her own wool, which husband Henry sheared from his sheep. Anna was a great seamstress and also knit her own mittens and socks. Besides keeping the household harmonious, Anna was active in community club affairs.

Besides mixed farming, Henry Jaasund was the Municipal Clerk for Boulton for seven years. He served on the school board for twenty-four years and twenty-one years on the local Pool Elevator Board. He was the first chairman of the Roblin Hospital board. He purchased a new model T. Ford car from C. H. Burns in Roblin, Man., in 1916, which gave the family a pleasure ride to town, church, picnics and to visit the grandparents.

Henry paid \$495.00 plus \$40.00 for freight for the car. He operated a saw mill with the help of his two sons. Farmers in the area hauled logs from the Duck Mountain reserve by team and had them sawed into lumber for farm buildings. Henry also had the John Deere agency and sold machinery and repairs for a number of years, where they lived near Bield. In 1961 he received his Life Membership in the Liberal Party as he had always been a staunch Liberal.

Henry and Anna's children were musical and the family always enjoyed musical gatherings with

either just themselves or with other relatives and neighbors. Some of their musical instruments were: piano, accordion, guitar, banjo, violin and mouth organs. They also shared their talent and played for many of the community dances.

Henry and Anna had a family of four boys and three girls. Alfred, Bennie and Edwin were born in



Myrtle, Alfred, Ted, Adeline and Adella Jaasund.

the United States and Adella, Adeline, Myrtle and Theodore were born in Canada.

Alfred O. Jaasund was born on May 12, 1900. He was 7 years old when he came to Canada. He attended school at Short Creek (now known as Bield) in the Boulton municipality (now known as Hillsburg). He married Jean Spear and spent his life as a farmer. In 1930-31 our No. 5 highway was built. Alfred also worked as highway maintainer for a few years, with a grader drawn by four horses. He also took care of the Bield cemetery for forty-nine years. As a hobby, Alfred enjoyed developing his own pictures and sharing the procedure with others. He made the windmill in the picture below to produce electricity. Alfred passed away January 2, 1970.

Bennie Mervin Jaasund was born March 10, 1904. He attended Short Creek School and farmed in the Bield area. He retired and lives in Bield, where he enjoys working in his beautiful yard and garden. He enjoys working with wood. He has built bird houses, pen holders, tables, etc. He has donated bird houses to community projects.

Ben, along with his sister, Myrtle were recognized for their beautiful flower garden and grounds by receiving the following awards: "Best Suburban Home Grounds", Roblin Horticultural Society, 1974; "The G. L. Mitchell Trophy" 1976; "The G. L. Mitchell Trophy"; "Suburban Home Grounds" 1977; "Third Place, class four, Rural Urban, Provincial Home Grounds", Manitoba Horticultural Association, 1977.

Edwin Jaasund was born February 7, 1907. He

came to Canada at the age of six months. He received his education at Bield Consolidated School. He passed away in 1923 at the age of sixteen, due to sugar diabetes.

Adella M. Jaasund was born a twin to Adeline on May 5, 1913. She attended Bield School. With her twin sister, Adeline she worked at Winnipegosis. She married David Chase at her parental home by Rev. Matchett on October 25, 1933. They raised four children on the farm at Bield, Manitoba. Their names are: Eileen, Keith, Dennis and Garth.

Adeline R. Jaasund (twin of Adella) was born May 5, 1913. She attended Bield school. At the age of sixteen she worked at the Red and White Store in Winnipegosis. At the age of nineteen she married Forrie H. Chase at her parents' home (about 1/2 mile north of Bield). The United Church minister, Rev. Kern officiated.

David and Adella (née Jaasund) Chase family

David and Adella had a family of four children.

Eileen is married to Norman Miller, a grain buyer, and they live at Tenby, Man., (near Glenella). They have two boys and two girls: Randolph, Rhonda, Sandra, and Brent.

Keith is married to Jeanette Ricker and they have two girls: Cheryl and Gwen, and one son, Gregory. Keith is a carpenter.

Dennis Chase is married to Carole Andrews and they have two girls; Kathy and Kim and two boys; Grant and Kelly. They farm in the Bield district.

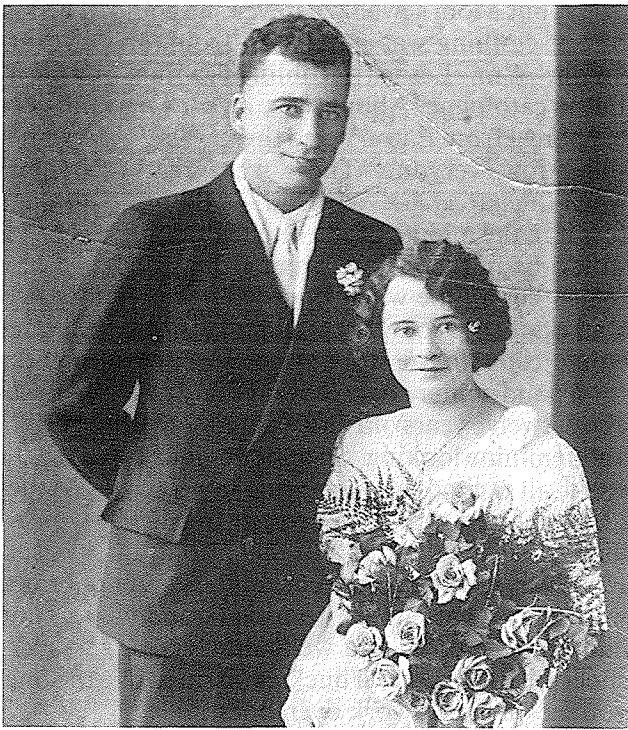
Garth Chase is married to Lynette Olson and they have one girl, Gillian and two boys, Darren and Clinton. They live in Bield and are also farmers.

Forrie Chase was married to Adeline R. Jaasund on Oct. 25, 1932. They were married in Bield by the United Church minister, Rev. Kern.

Forrie was born May 3, 1906 at Swanvillo, Minn. He was the third child in a family of ten. His parents were Leroy and Ethel (ne'e Alshire) Chase. Forrie moved to Manitoba with his parents in 1910. His Dad went ahead to Canada to make arrangements for the family. They built a home in Section 23, Township 26, Range 27, in Hillsburg. Forrie recalls that the first family car was a McLaughlin Buick Touring. It had side curtains and was a real luxury. After that, his Dad bought mostly Chevys for the family. A '27 Touring was the first Chevy.

There was no fight about getting ready for church as everyone hurried to get a place to sit in the car. With a large family only so many could ride and the rest had to walk in front or behind the car and it was 3 1/2 miles to church.

Forrie received his education at Bield. He batched on his farm (Section 10, Township 26, Range 27, Hillsburg Municipality). Later, his brothers Floyd, Dave and Paul respectively also batched with him.



Forrie and Adeline Chase — Wedding picture 1932.

After Forrie and Adeline were married, they settled two miles north of Bield where they lived for twelve years. They were engaged in grain farming and a sizeable livestock enterprise.

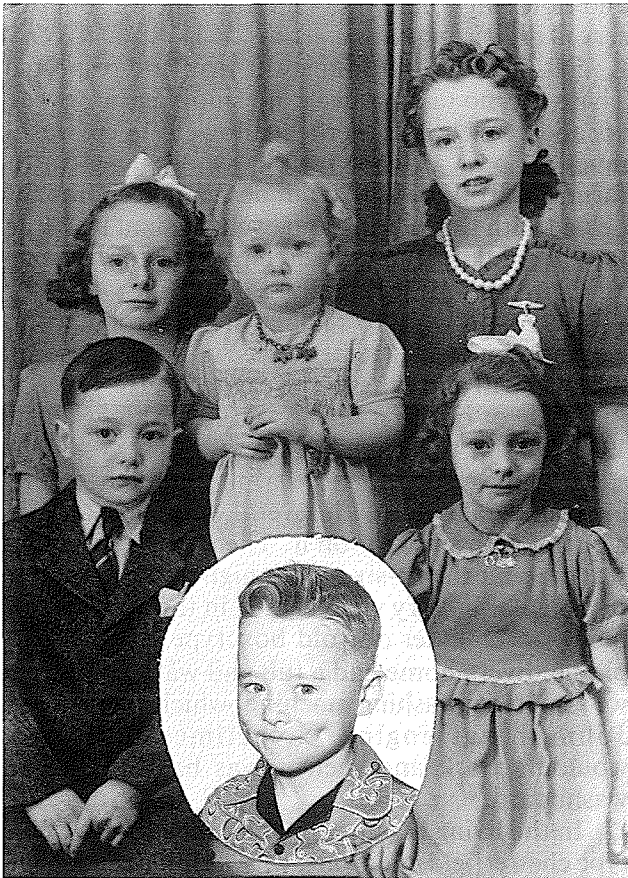
Six children were born to them: Marlene, Alma, Joyce, Maynard, Shirley, and Earl.

In 1944 they moved 2½ miles east of Roblin where they are grain farming today.

They were awarded the Agricultural Award in 1960.



Forrie and Adeline Chase's Award winning farmsite.



L to R. Alma, Shirley, Marlene, Maynard, Joyce and Earl Chase.

This award was presented by the Roblin and District Chamber of Commerce in honour of notable achievement as a farm family and their success in farming, homemaking and citizenship. "To set before the rising generation, the higher ideals of agriculture, as a vocation and as to the wholesomeness and dignity of rural life."

Adeline is a quiet worker within the community. She was a member of the Evening Guild, Home and School Association and the Riverbend Ladies' Club. She is an active member of the United Church.

As a homemaker she is well known for her delicious meals and baking. Adeline has always had a sizeable garden and preserves her own vegetables, fruit and meat. She also knits, sews, crochets, and makes quilts. She enjoys music and loves to play the piano and accordion.

Forrie expresses his love for music by initiating sing-a-longs or playing his harmonica. Their love for music has encouraged their children and grandchildren to take part in the music field such as singing and playing the saxophone, guitar and piano.

Forrie's interests have covered a number of fields as he has served on the Bield School Board, Bield Pool Elevator Board, Roblin Pool Board, Farmers' Curling Executive, Credit Union Board and Home and School Association. He and his brothers of the Bield Community had a general fire

Insurance company, which was a rather unique program of self-help. They dissolved the company when some of the members retired.

While at Bield, and before marriage, Forrie was a member of the Free Methodist Church and worked with their Sunday School as well as other church activities. Through family ties, Forrie and Adeline are now members of Knox United Church.

In the early years the Chase family life revolved around Jack Fish Lake and the Bield Community Hall. We attended a variety of functions such as Christmas programs, box socials, pie socials and Dances. We looked forward to the annual school picnic which was a big event. We participated in races such as the wheelbarrow races and jumping in gunny sacks for a short distance. Ice-cream was 5¢ a cone. In later years after 1944 we sometimes attended the Roblin Agricultural Fair, Co-op Neighbor Nights, Amateur shows, the odd movies and of course the John Deere show.

Our family enjoyed sports activities such as curling, skating, golfing and soft ball. Dad and Mom especially enjoyed curling. As proof of their ability, several trophies adorn the Chase living room. Dad especially loves to golf and mastered a hole-in-one June 15, 1979 at Estevan Woodland Golf Course. Today, at age seventy-eight, he still enjoys the occasional golf game. He also enjoys playing bridge and cribbage.

Many weekends the house was bouncing with laughter when friends and relatives would come to visit. We all remember Mom making Dad's favorite chocolate fudge, toffee, peanut brittle or pop corn balls. Many times we all had a turn at cranking the old icecream freezer. Sometimes Mom would put lots of fresh wild strawberries in it. (I can still taste it).

It wasn't uncommon to have a soft ball game or a sing-song almost any day of the week. To this day, Dad can recite poetry he learned in his elementary school days.

Sometimes we would go for a drive in Dad's prized Model A to the old homestead and check the cattle and crops. We often toured the old house and barn. On the way home we would occasionally stop in to visit relatives. Rarely did it fail that we didn't stop at the spring along the No. 5 highway for a refreshing drink of water, which now can be purchased for \$2.49 for a four litre jug at your friendly Parkway Co-Op store under the label "Roblin Dew, The Drink for you."

In the early years, we girls wore dresses which Mom had sewn. We wore long stockings and those awful garters! Just to make things more complicated we had to tuck long underwear inside the stockings in the winter. There were always a few lumps here and there. We had the odd store-bought

dress, but Mom sewed whatever she could. The rest of our clothing was purchased from George Starkman, Wm. Lesack, Roblin Trading or the T. Eaton catalogue. About twice a year we would get a big parcel from Eaton's and there was always something for everyone. There was great excitement when the parcel arrived! Dad would bring it in and toss it in the middle of the kitchen floor and we kids would be in there, just ripping things open. I also remember a time when I needed a winter coat. My Dad phoned Geo. Starkman and said that Marlene would come to the store at noon hour from school for a good winter coat. He said that I, Marlene, was about twelve years old and wanted something bright and feminine looking. So at noon hour I went to the store, all excited, about getting my coat. Well, they insisted I had to have a brown tweed coat which I didn't like at all and to this day I don't like tweeds. However, it was a good coat. In the winter our mitts were those that either Mom or Grandma Jaasund had knitted for us and we had black canvas overshoes with those metal buckles on them like the ones you see on men's work overshoes.

Guess there was not much else to be had in those days and we were thankful to always have enough warm clothes to wear.

Sheets and tea towels were made out of sugar and flour bags. They were not the fanciest, but they served the purpose.

Discipline in our home was firm and respected. There was no talking back, no smoking, no swearing and no alcoholic beverages allowed. There wasn't much time to get into trouble while living on the farm. Each one of us had our designated chores. We helped with the milking and each one had his or her turn at cranking the Vega cream separator, the butter churn and the ice cream freezer.

There was work to be done in the garden; wood, ice, snow and water to be carried into the house and the swill pail and ashes to be carried out.

Some of our first household furnishings during 1932-1944 in the kitchen were a McClary kitchen stove with a reservoir and warming compartment; a big round oak table with several wooden chairs and a buffet with a mirror on it. There was a radio that stood about thirty-six inches high and took a long rectangular battery which fitted in the bottom. The radio stood under our old box-type wooden telephone. Every home had a tub and wash-board and we also had a washing machine, which was run by a Johnson gas engine. Sometimes the engine wouldn't work and then it was back to the old washboard.

In the living room we had a rusty-brown velvet type chesterfield and chair, with a ripple afghan and cushion on it. There was a high square-type gramophone on four legs that had a crank on the side. We

had to turn the handle to wind it up so that we could play the records. We had records by Wilf Carter, Gene Autry, Roy Rogers and Dale Evans and other to play on it. We also had a high-type heater with silver trim on it, with sort of cellophane looking (mica) little windows on the front door. It also opened on the top and had a good sized ash pan which fitted in the bottom. There was a square table with a smaller square set in about halfway down the legs. Last, but not least, was our prized Heintzman Piano.

Each bedroom contained a steel-framed bed and a dresser with a mirror on it.

Thank goodness we had a small indoor bathroom! (It can get pretty cold outside in the winter).

During the winter, Dad would get up early and stoke up the fires in the kitchen stove and the old high heater, and put the kettle on. A short time later, we kids would grab the long underwear, long stockings, those ugly garters and other clothing and run downstairs to dress behind the heater, which was often red hot.

It didn't take long and Mom would have porridge cooking and the eggs frying in the pan. Next, it was off to school in a horse-drawn school van which had canvas on the sides. In the van there was a small heater with a tin pipe out through the roof. This heater was used in the winter.

In the late 1930's we had electric lights that were generated from a windmill on top of our house. When the windmill turned it charged up some batteries. This was supplemented by a $\frac{5}{8}$ Johnson motor when there was no wind. When there was a strong wind there would be a terrible noise in the house from the windmill turning so fast. There was a long rope to disengage the windmill. Sometimes we had to go outside and pull this rope to disengage the windmill and secure the rope until the wind let up.

We had two ice wells which Dad filled with ice every winter. He covered the ice with sawdust to keep it from thawing so quickly in the summer. These were used somewhat like refrigerators are used today. We would often chip ice from a big block of ice in the well and use it to make ice cream. The one thing I dreaded about climbing in the ice-well was seeing the occasional lizard which found it cool and comfortable down there.

Marlene Lavone was the first-born to Adeline and Forrie Chase at their home in Bield on September 4, 1933. She received her education at Bield and Roblin Schools. After leaving home Marlene worked at Smellie Bros. Creamery and Newton's Groceteria in Roblin. Marlene was married to Cameron Roger Curle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Curle of Roblin. They were married in Knox United

Church by Rev. Dr. Carlyle Parker. Three children were born to Marlene and Cam: Darwin Brian,



L to R. Rod and Corinne Curle, and sons Tyler and Devin, Doug, Debra and Bruce Sveinson, Jack and Marlene Miller. Melody and Darwin Curle and children Noah and Jarret and Shalen on Grandma's lap.

born February 3, 1953; Rodney Kenneth, born Feb. 28, 1954 at Roblin; and Debra Anne who was born Feb. 17, 1957 at Killarney, Man. The three children were baptised at Knox United Church. They received their education at MacNutt, Sask. Debra took her grades eleven and twelve in Roblin. Cameron worked for Canadian National Railways for thirty-five years. During their married life they lived at Roblin, Sturgis, Sask., Dunrea, Man., and MacNutt, Sask. Marlene spent much of her life working as a salesclerk. Her most recent place of employment was the Roblin Trading Co., where she worked for nine and a half years.

Cameron passed away October 31, 1981 after suffering injuries from a traffic accident.

Darwin Brian married Melody Lynne Kaleta of Quesnel, B.C. Three children were born to them: Noah Daniel, born at Roblin September 13, 1976; Jarret David, born at Quesnel, B.C. February 13, 1978; and Shalen Michelle, born at Quesnell, B.C. May 3, 1983. They reside at Quesnel, B.C. where Brian builds log houses and operates a sawmill.

Rodney Kenneth married Corinne Denice Baumung of Zorra, Sask., on June 14, 1975. Two children were born to them: Devin Douglas, December 10, 1976; and Tyler Jay on October 28, 1979. They reside in Regina, Sask. where Rodney is employed with Regina General Tire.

Debra Anne married Bruce Lincoln Sveinson of Winnipeg, Man., on August 7, 1982. They reside in Winnipeg where Debra is employed with the Manitoba Telephone System. Bruce works for Borgardus Wilson Glass Co.

On August 21, 1976 Marlene and Jack Miller were united in marriage at St. Mathew's Lutheran Church, Roblin, Man., by Rev. Paul Borchardt. Jack has one son, Douglas Lynn who was born at Roblin, October 17, 1957. Doug is employed at P. J. Gaber and Sons at Roblin. Jack has a special

fondness for cattle and wildlife. Jack and Marlene enjoy the adventures of farming in the Zorra, Sask. area.

Alma Ruth Chase (Gordon) is the second daughter of Forrie and Adeline. She was born at Bield, Manitoba where she received her primary education. Alma began her elementary grades in Roblin when her family moved to the Shell River area. The rest of her schooling was at Roblin Goose Lake public school No. 1283. During high school she worked at Lesack's store on Saturdays. After graduation Alma attended Manitoba Teachers' College in Tuxedo, Man., and taught in Northern Manitoba and British Columbia. After the death of her husband and daughter, Neil and Cheryl Gordon, Alma resumed teaching in Roblin and later in Winnipeg, Man. Her continued advanced studies were primarily at the University of Manitoba where she obtained her Bachelor of Pedology, Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education degrees. She continues to enjoy her teaching career in Winnipeg. Alma enjoys travelling, and over the past few years has primarily travelled North America, Mexico and Europe.

Joyce Myrtle was the third daughter born to Forrie and Adeline at Bield. She received her education at Bield and Roblin schools. After graduation Joyce attended Manitoba Teachers' College and taught for several years prior to and after her mar-



Ron and Joyce Latimer, Grant, Kent, and Dean.

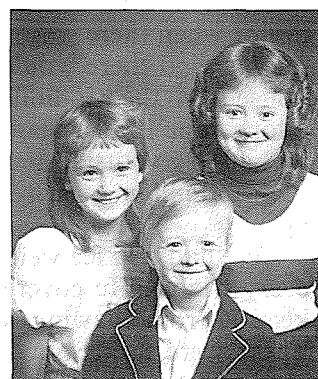
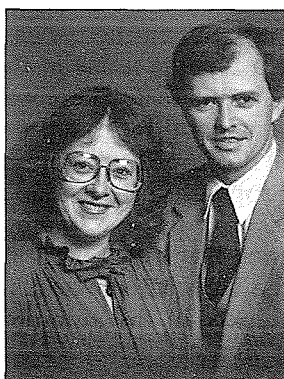
riage to Ronald Robert Latimer. They were married July 22, 1961 at Knox United Church in Roblin. They were blessed with three sons: Dean Milton, born September 17, 1963; Grant Ronald, born April 1, 1968; and Kent Robert, born September 19, 1971. Dean received his education at Carman, Flin Flon and Estevan and has worked at mechanics and in the oil fields. Grant and Kent are receiving their education at Estevan.

Grant is a Grade XI student and is an ardent golfer. He recently scored a hole-in-one at the Estevan Woodland Golf Course. He also loves hockey and received the most sportsman-like award in first year Midget division this year. Kent who is in Grade 8, is also a good golfer, and loves playing hockey, curling, and recently completed a gun safety course.

They all reside at Estevan where Ron and his brother, Hap own a Building Supply Centre.

Maynard Wesley was the fourth child born to Forrie and Adeline on July 30, 1940. He attended school in Roblin. Maynard was active in the 4-H Calf Club and took part in sports activities. He enjoyed music and loved to dance. After leaving school Maynard worked for INCO in Thompson, Man. He later worked on construction in Port Alberni where he was critically injured at his place of employment. Maynard fell from a twenty-five foot beam and landed on a cement base. He was a patient at the Vancouver General Hospital for about eight months. Maynard was on leave from the Vancouver Re-Hab Centre when he disappeared.

Shirely Ann was the youngest girl in our family. She was born in the Grandview hospital, and attended school in Roblin. After high school, Shirley moved to Winnipeg where she attended Success Business College. She held a secretarial position at Investors Syndicate, and later worked at the University of Manitoba.



Shirley and Keith Gottfried, Lori, Shanna and Robert.

Shirley married Robert Keith Gottfried of Winnipeg July 10, 1971 at Knox United Church Roblin, Man. They have three children: Shanna Dawn, born Aug. 13, 1974; Lori Anne, born May 2, 1976; and Robert Alan, born Feb. 4, 1978. Keith was employed with the Bank of Commerce in Winnipeg.

The children attended school in Winnipeg until January of 1984, when the family moved to Richmond, B.C. Keith continues to work for the Bank of Commerce.

When Shirley was eight years of age she sang for her cousin's wedding and after that she sang for numerous other weddings and fund raising events; also with a choral group in Winnipeg and with the Westminster United Church Choir.

Shanna and Lori belong to the Brownies and, like their mother, all three children play the piano.

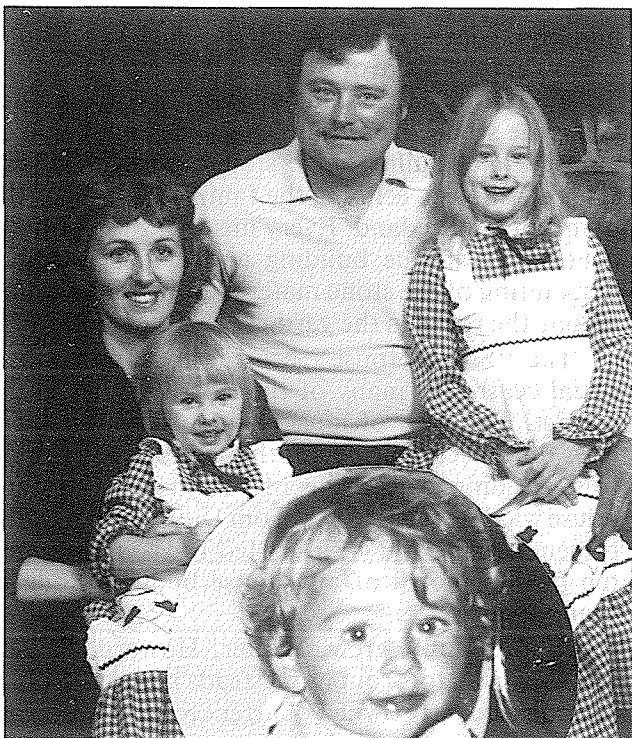
Earl Darwin was born August 31, 1952. He was a student at the Roblin elementary school and Goose Lake Collegiate. Earl was an active band member and he played the trumpet. From an early age he helped his Dad on the farm. He left home to find work in Winnipeg and later in Regina, Sask. On September 2, 1972 he married Myrtle Marion



Myrtle Jaasund.



Alma Gordon.



Earl, Myrtle, Christie, Candace and Andrew Chase.

Andrews of MacNutt, Sask. at Christ Lutheran Church, MacNutt, Sask. They live on their farm (N.W. 18-26-27) in the Shell River Municipality, near Roblin. They have three children: Christie Robin, born August 16, 1973; Candace April Lee, born August 4, 1977; and Andrew Earl, born August 5, 1981. Christie and Candace attend school in Roblin and they also take piano lessons.

Christie, a onetime Brownie, is now a member of the Bield 4-H Club. Candace has completed her first year with the Roblin Brownie Pack. Andrew loves animals and is an active three year old. The family attends St. Mathew's Lutheran Church in Roblin. Earl is farming and is employed at Roblin Forest Products.

Myrtle Jaasund was born April 22, 1917. She received her education at Bield and grew up on the farm. Myrtle was an avid gardener, good cook and took an active part in the community. She had a great love for music and played the piano for dances in the community and also played the organ at the Bield United Church. In the early 1940's she and her brother, Ted belonged to a comical group called the 'Harlem Buzzer Band.'



Home of Ben and Myrtle Jaasund at Bield.

Myrtle cared for her parents in their golden years. In 1972 she and her brother, Ben retired to a new home in Bield where she resided until her death on January 20, 1984.

Theodore Jaasund was born on August 30, 1920 and received his schooling at Bield. From 1941-1946 he served in the Canadian Air Force and was promoted to Corporal. He served in the British Isles, France, Holland, Belgium and Germany. After the war he farmed in the Bield area and now resides in Bield. He married Dorothy Funk (a school teacher), on Dec. 27, 1958. They raised three children: Glen, Laura and Howard. The children reside in Medicine Hat, Alberta. Glen and Howard are employed with the oil rigs. Laura is married to Gary Theissen and they have a son named Sheldon Kevin. Garry is employed with Al San.

Mrs. Jean Jaasund Family

by Jean

Jean Jaasund, daughter of Thomas Lewis and

Sara (Sadie) (Kirby) Lewis, was born in Spokane, Washington in 1908. She had two brothers, who are both presently living in the United States, and one sister, who passed away in 1965.

The Lewis family came to Canada in 1916, and lived on a small ranch in British Columbia.

Mrs. Jaasund came to the Makaroff district about 45 years ago. There she met and married Russel Spear. Russel was the oldest of four children. Leslie, the second son resided in Roblin, and passed away in 1973. Madeline now lives in the United States and Bernice resides in The Pas, Manitoba.

Jean and Russel owned and operated a store in Bield for about 20 years. They had four children: Ellen, Roddy, Alta and Benny.

After Mr. Spear passed away, Jean continued to run the store for awhile. She later married Mr. A. Jaasund. In 1965 she sold the store business and travelled for 10 years. She now resides in the Roblin Residences where she enjoys her pastimes of crocheting and gardening.

Mrs. Jaasund was recently the lucky winner of \$100,000 dollars from the Western Express, which she has shared with her family.

Jakeman Family History by Betty Crawley

Victor, Ivor, and Walter Jakeman, sons of an English farmer near Oxford, immigrated to New York State near the end of the nineteenth century. There Victor and his wife, Annie Beeman, had four children; Russell, Edith, Howard, and Edwin. Later they moved to Bethany, Ontario to set up a meat business. Five more children were born to the family — Albert, Ethel, Ada, Walter, and Eva. Four other children died in infancy.

As a young man Russell made an extensive trip west, travelling as far as the end of the steel at Maple Creek, Saskatchewan. Responding to his son's sto-



The Jakeman Family at the stone house: Russel, Edith, Albert, Abby, Ethel, Eddie, Ada, Eva, and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Jakeman.

ries of the rich resources and natural beauty of the Roblin area, Victor Jakeman moved his family to Manitoba in 1906.

'V.H.', as he was known, opened his cattle and butchering business immediately. He was a shrewd business man. His son, Russell remembered him standing before a mirror practising the right expression to make people he was dealing with think he was a bit simple. He was an excellent cattle buyer and prospered. He also was a jolly man, full of laughter. Because of his compassion, various friends and relatives were always living in his home, and Mrs. Jakeman coped, not only with a large family, but also with sundry guests for extended periods. Included in their generosity were two of V. H.'s widowed sisters from England, Mrs. James and Mrs. Clack. For a time Mrs. Clack ran a small library in the village of Roblin.

V. H. hired Mr. J. Hartmier as contractor, and, using the stones from the site on the south side of Goose Lake, built a huge stone house, barn and slaughter house, echoing the familiar estates of the homeland in England. Every member of the family contributed to the building and evidence of the dynamiting of the stone material may still be found among the rocks in the yard.

The "Stone House" became the musical and social centre for many of the early families in the district. This love of music and sociability is perhaps the most enduring gift that has been passed on to succeeding generations of Jakemans. The stone house was later sold to Mr. Tom Dillin, father of the present owner, and is still noted for being situated the farthest north of any house built of stone in Manitoba.

As the family grew, Walter, Howard, Russell and Edwin all took out homesteads north of Roblin and subsequently owned quarter sections west, east and south of town. With the exception of Russell and Edwin, the family moved to the west coast shortly after World War I, after the return from overseas service of Howard and Ada. Aside from the two brothers, the only other connection the family maintained with Roblin was that, prior to moving west, Edith had married Peter Mickelson, a brother of Oscar Mickelson.

Russell first married Edith Byers who died in child-birth. Their child, Lloyd, was raised by the paternal grandparents. Russell's second wife was Jessie Paterson, a 'Queen's Nurse' from Edinburgh, who had come to Roblin as a representative of the Victorian Order of Nurses. Mr. and Mrs. R. Jakeman farmed one mile east of Roblin, on property which can be identified by a massive stone fence, built by Russell in his retirement years to prove that he hadn't lost the necessary skill. Jessie Jakeman would today be termed a liberated woman

who served as a school trustee, took an interest in politics and fostered her children's musical gifts. In later years Russell and Jessie retired to Victoria, B.C.

Their family consisted of Agnes (R.N., P.H.N., V.O.N.) who worked in her profession in Toronto and Vancouver before retiring. She was married to Al Moorhead. Ronald, who married Frances Curle, saw active service with P.P.C.C.I. for most of World War II, and later was an insurance agent and Municipal Secretary for Roblin. He is perhaps best remembered however, for his beautiful singing voice. Harry, married to Jean Mill, was with the R.C.A.F. during the war and has worked as an electrician for many years. Colin was a pilot with the R.C.A.F. and was killed in action over France, winning a citation for bravery. He also was the possessor of a fine singing voice. Alistair (B.A., B.Ed., L.L.B.) has worked in his various professions in Ottawa and Saskatchewan and has now chosen to farm. It is Alistair who owns and maintains the old family property.

Edwin married Edith McDougall of the Tummel area and they built their home, 'Shady Nook' on land south-east of Roblin. There they farmed for over fifty years, eventually retiring to town. They spent their last years at Middlechurch Home near Winnipeg. Mr. Jakeman was an innovative farmer, growing sweet clover for registered seed and experimenting with various fruit trees. He owned the first herd of registered, purebred Herefords in the area. He was very active in farm organizations, at one time holding office in seven of them in the same year. He was one of a handful of farmers who worked to establish the first pool elevator in the province — No. 1 Pool Elevator, Roblin. He was very active in the C.C.F. (later the N.D.P.) and was a school trustee for several years. He has held all of the offices in the Odd Fellows Lodge, and, having taken up curling at the age of sixty-five, was made an Honorary Life Member in 1964.



L to R. Edith Cheropita, Alice Tummon, Alpha Miller, Albena Sorbo, and Lyla De La Mare. A mock wedding at Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Jakeman's 50th Anniversary.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Jakeman were interested in horticulture and spent many happy retirement years turning 'Shady Nook' into a show place, which won them prizes in the rural home grounds competitions. Mrs. Jakeman was an active member of the Riverbend Ladies Club and the Senior Citizens Club. She was a hospitable woman and many of her family's happiest memories centre around the card parties and dances held in their home. She also made certain that her children valued education and music, and willingly sacrificed during the depression years, to give piano and violin lessons to her family. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jakeman had four children. Victor married to Valerie Williams, was the first Roblinite to see service in World War II as he had joined the R.A.F. in 1938 and was in England when war broke out. On his return six years later he was employed with Air Canada and is now retired in Winnipeg. Viola whose first and second husbands were, Doug Ferguson and Lloyd O'Morrow, also saw service with the W.D.'s in Ottawa and took training in the field of computers when this profession was in its infancy. She too now lives in Winnipeg. Betty married to Bill Crawley (B.A., B.S.W., M.S.W.) was employed for many years as a social worker and is retired in Winnipeg. Ada, married to Vic McBride, worked as a secretary but continued her musical training and now teaches organ in Brandon.

Contact with Roblin is not lost as both Russell's and Edwin's farms remain in the family, and Kenneth, son of Ronald, operates an Insurance and Real Estate Office in town. If an unbiased chronicler of the families' events, in the wake of V.H.'s arrival at Roblin, could be found to judge his family's worth in the perspective of time, what could be said? It seems there are a few common threads that work through the fabric of the family. Over the years the connection with farming and associated business life, together with a love of music, a sense of fun, an appreciation of education, and an underlying belief in the value of the individual have been dominant features.

Janeczko Family

by Jean Blasky

Our memories of our childhood days on our Dad's homestead in Merridale Manitoba.

The school vans were such a wonderful means of transportation. They were like a covered wagon with canvas sides that could be rolled up in the summer so we could enjoy the view and the fresh air. There was a bench on each side lengthwise. The van was put on a sleigh in the winter with sides down, plus blankets and foot warmers that had blocks of hot charcoal in them to keep us warm.



Janeczko Family: Jean, Helen, Wanda, Mr. Janeczko, Mrs. Janeczko, Rudolph, Elizabeth, Edward, Hector and Puppy.

Later we had a little charcoal stove between the 2 benches. Winters were quite treacherous.

We remember the Merridale Consolidated School Christmas recital when Santa was distributing the gifts; his beard touched the flame on the candle on the Xmas tree and set him on fire. Santa survived.

We remember too the snowball fights in school, during lunch hour; then the strapping on our cold hands by the teacher, as punishment for not obeying the rules.

There was the milking of the cows and other chores that had to be done before going to school and if we weren't done and missed the school van, we had to cut across the fields to get to the school which was about 2 or 3 miles away. Our folks were very strict about our education.

There always was a lot of co-operation from all the neighbours, whenever needed. Threshing time, which sometimes lasted 2 or 3 days, were very exciting for us kids. There was so much activity around the steam engine, and with grain hauling and the straw blower. It was a lot of work for our mother to feed all the threshermen 3 meals a day plus snacks.

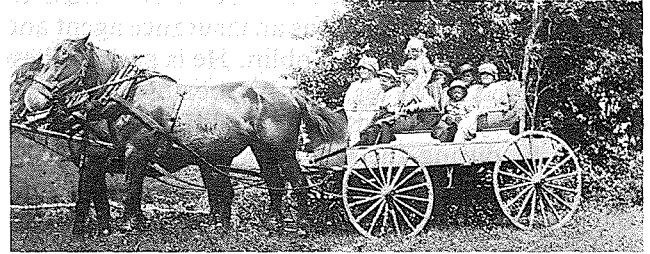
We had a bee with all the neighbours helping to build our hay loft above the barn, then had a party afterwards. We held many dances in the loft after it was built.

Our icehouse was in the side of a hill with the granary on top where we packed ice between sawdust to last us all summer. This was a place to keep our meat. We also kept some of our meat salted in a barrel there.

We will never forget when Mr. Cockerill was passing by our home, taking his large load of furs to Roblin. He was a noted trapper.

Our outdoor oven was always a mystery; how our mother could bake bread, rolls, etc. in the wintertime. It still fascinates me.

I remember our 2 intelligent dogs: Puppy, our cattle dog would grab a calf or a pig by the ear and try to get them back to their pen where they belonged. Hector, the retriever would get the ducks



Janeczko Family: Helen, Elizabeth, Edward, Rudolph, Mrs. Janeczko, Wanda, Jean and Zigmunt.

for our dad after he shot them in our lake. One day, I don't know what possessed him, but he took the duck to the island instead of bringing it to our dad, who was so angry and was going to shoot him. The dog was smart enough and stayed away for 2 days till our dad cooled off.

Late one evening lightning struck a tree by our house, then came in one window and went out the other, while my folks were in the house. Dad was washing his feet after a hard day's work. There are so many good memories, enough to write a book!

Charles Janeczko was born in Oswincim, Poland, on Jan. 19, 1885. He immigrated to Libau, Manitoba, Canada in 1905. He died in Detroit, Michigan on November 19th, 1928.

Louise Stankiewicz was born in Jaroslaw, Poland. She immigrated to Winnipeg on May 20th, 1905. She died in Michigan on March 16, 1965. They were married in Winnipeg, Manitoba on January 30th, 1906 and moved to the homestead in Merridale about 1909 or 1910. They stayed with Knute Midzian, a neighbour, until their home was built.

Helen or Alice was born in Winnipeg on October 12, 1906, and she married Gene Bush on November 18th, 1934. She died on March 5th, 1977. They had no children of their own, but raised 3 boys from one family and she was a foster mother to 12 other boys from broken homes (county wards). They lived in Port Huron, Michigan, U.S.A.

Wanda, born in Libau on August 14th, 1909, married Angelo Emmi on September 5th, 1936. They had 3 children; Barbara, Frances, and Delores. Angela passed away; as a widow, Wanda lived in Detroit, Michigan; now lives in Sun City, Arizona, U.S.A.

Jean, the first one born on the homestead, on March 11th, 1912, married Sylvester Blasky on June

18th, 1932. They had 4 children: Gertrude, Gerald, Michael and Loretta. They live six months in Posen, Michigan and 6 months in Merritt Island, Florida.

Rudolph, born on February 11, 1914, married Delores Sands, on March 20th, 1935, and died on June 2nd, 1938. They had one child, Carol. They lived in Detroit, Michigan.

Edward, born on May 21st, 1916, married Rose Bernagle on June 26th, 1937. They had 2 children, Judy and Carol. They lived in Detroit, Michigan and are now in Sun City, Arizona.

Elizabeth, born on February 12th, 1919, married Ernest Schmidt on June 26th, 1937. She died on April 13th, 1972. They had 2 children: William and Joann. They lived in Oxbow Lake, Michigan.

Zigmund, born on September 21st, 1921, married Anna Lisa Schultz in Germany in 1945. They had no family. Zigmund lives in Redmond, Washington, State.

To date there are 12 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and 9 great-great-grandchildren.

Charles Janeczko left the homestead for Detroit on June 20, 1923. Helen and Wanda left on October 18, 1923; Mrs. Janeczko and the rest of the family left for Michigan on March 19th, 1924.

Emily Jeanotte by Ruth Angus

In 1892, Emily Jeanotte (maiden name not known), at the age of sixteen married Alex Jeanotte in North Dakota. They then made their home at St. Eustache, Manitoba. Later on they travelled through the Turtle Mountains and came to settle on the N.E. 1/4 3-30-28, a quarter in the Boggy Creek district. Emily was a devoted person, and travelled the district as a midwife. Emily Jeanotte died in a Nursing Home in Winnipeg.

In 1933, when Mrs. Jeanotte had to go into the hospital for a gall bladder operation, she was given a blood test. This was when her amazing history of pregnancies came to light.

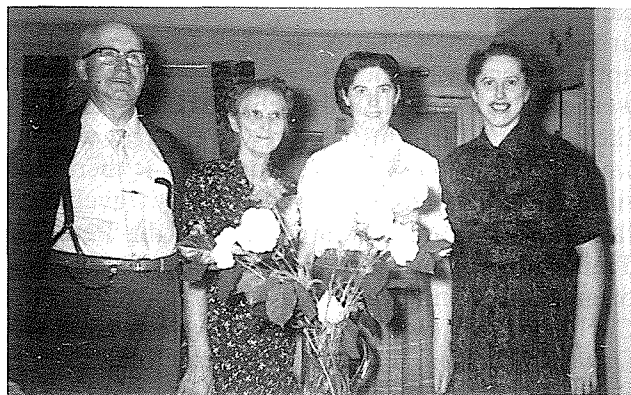
In the graveyard at St. John, North Dakota are many little markers of brothers and sisters, whose deaths were a tragedy of their times. Some of these markers bear no names because the infants did not live long enough to be baptized. They all belonged to one family. All were the children of Mrs. Alex Jeanotte. All except one of her 32 children died. Emily Jeanotte is in the 15% of the population whose blood type is RH negative. At the time it was not known what blood types had to do with the loss of babies.

Their second child, Elmira, was the only child to survive. From the thirty-two births, seven were miscarriages.

Elmira Jeanotte later married a Mr. Bohnam. She is also deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Johnson Family by Lazelle

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Lazelle and Mabel moved to Roblin from their farm at Makaroff, in October, 1948. They settled in a new house by the Creamery (2nd. house east of the Creamery on 1st St. #255).



Lawrence and Minnie Johnson, Lazelle, and Mabel on their 40th Wedding Anniversary, in 1962.

Mr. Johnson was born in Winnipeg in 1893. He was a farmer for several years, and was also a soldier in the 1st. World War. At Roblin he operated a saw-filing shop, and was caretaker of the Roblin Cemetery for several years. He passed away on Nov. 18, 1962 and is buried in the Roblin Cemetery.

Mrs. Johnson was born at Ninon, Ontario, in 1893 and came west with her parents in 1910. She passed away on February 13, 1982, and burial was in the Roblin Cemetery.

Lazelle worked on the Roblin Telephone switchboard in 1948-49. Later on she worked in Perchaluk's General store. Then she worked as bookkeeper for the Roblin Bakery, and did some part-time typing at the Town and Shell River Offices. Later on, she was needed at home to care for her aged mother and the home. She still resides in the home place on 1st Street.

Mabel worked in Roblin as a Nurses' Aide at the Hospital, briefly, then as a teller at the Royal Bank. Later she went teaching at Harrowby, Tummel and Neepawa. In July, 1961, she married Ivan Sundquist and lived on a farm at Moosomin, Sask. They have a boy, Glenn, and a girl, Rose-Mary; an adopted boy, Karl, and a foster boy, Randy. In the spring of 1974, they moved to Melville, Sask., where they still reside on an acreage.

In 1962 on November 16th, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson celebrated their 40th. Wedding Anniversary in Roblin. Friends from Makaroff and Roblin called in the afternoon at a "Come and Go Tea" at their residence, and the family was home for supper.

They enjoyed this happy event just 2 days before Mr. Johnson passed away.

A Few Recollections of the Asessippi Country by J. A. Johnson with Credit to the Manitoba Historical Society

In the early 1870's, my grandfather, James Johnson, and his family were living at a small place called Billings Bridge Village, which is today a suburb of Ottawa, Ontario. In 1879 he accepted an appointment with the Indian Affairs Branch and went to Crow Stand, Fort Pelly, North West Territories, as a farm instructor. On the trip west he was accompanied by his two sons, Robert and Adam, and a daughter, Margaret. They travelled by rail to St. Paul and then came over the Pembina Trail with wagons, Red River Carts, horses, and oxen. From Winnipeg they went northwest over the Carlton Trail (which Father always called the Dawson Trail), and then by the Pelly Trail to Fort Pelly.

They left Winnipeg in July, 1879 with one wagon, three Red River carts, two horses and four oxen. Since Grandfather was going to Crow Stand on a government assignment, the Dominion authorities in Winnipeg supplied him with enough salt pork and groceries for the trip. During the thirty-two days it took to go from Winnipeg to Crow Stand, their diet consisted entirely of salt pork and flapjacks. They had trouble crossing small streams which were in flood condition and it took them a whole day to get across the Little Saskatchewan (Minnedosa) River; with all the supplies being ferried over on a raft made of the four wagon wheels while the horses and oxen swam across.

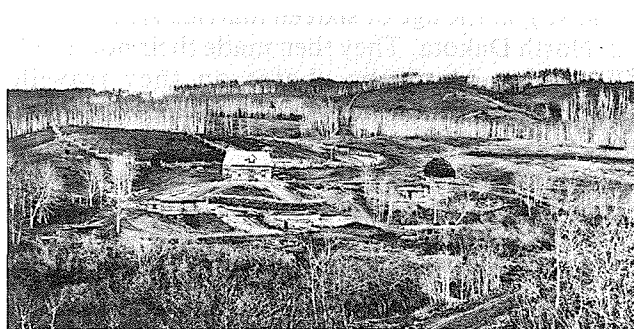
When they arrived at Crow Stand they made a small shack of logs and packed prairie grass on the pole roof to keep out the rain. Their food for the balance of the year was brought in a month after their arrival, and it consisted of 52 sacks of flour, 13 barrels of pork (each weighing 200 pounds), 3 chests of tea (each weighing 50 pounds), 3 barrels of granulated sugar, 100 pounds of baking powder, 4 barrels of dried apples, and bags of raisins, currants, and boxes of rice and dried, pressed vegetables.

There were over two thousand Crees in the vicinity of Crow Stand. The three chiefs were: "Caty" (Presbyterian), "Keys" (Church of England), and "Keetchako" (Roman Catholic). The Indian school pupils were taught by a halfbreed named "Cub" MacKay. Most of the Indians refused to do farm work, and they hunted for game only when forced to do so by hunger. The Indian women did most of the farm work as well as their traditional native tasks. They threshed the grain with flails and cleaned turnips and other vegetables

for stews, in which sometimes even entrails and rawhide were mixed.

As the buffalo were disappearing rapidly at this time, food was a constant concern for the Indians, and even the little Indian lads, six to ten years of age helped in an ingenious way to provide their families with food. They would whittle dozens of willow branches as thin as lead pencils sharpening one end of each, then plant them firmly in the ground in the rabbit runs, with the points slanting in the direction from which the rabbits generally ran. Then the youngsters would go into the bush barking like dogs and chasing the rabbits along the runs. They rarely came back empty-handed, and sometimes got as many as a dozen rabbits in each drive.

After four years at Crow Stand, Fort Pelly, the teaching assignment petered out and my grandfather and his three children moved to Boggy Creek (north of Roblin). Here they were joined by my grandmother and the rest of the family (there being ten children in all). They built their log home at the point where the Pelly Trail crossed the Boggy, a tributary of the Upper Assiniboine. My grandfather was known throughout the district as "Boggy" Johnson, and his home was called the "Boggy Creek Stopping House". Here, travellers could secure overnight accommodation and meals long before the days of rural hotels and motels. At this



Stopping house on Big Boggy Creek (Pelly Trail) in 1887.

time the C.P.R. had reached Moosomin and supplies were picked up from this point. The overland trip usually took two weeks and two trips were made each year.

My grandfather sawed the beams and flooring for his home by using a saw pit. The logs to be sawn were laid on a frame over the pit and with one man above and another below to pull the saw up and down on a carefully marked chalk line, some very good planks were laboriously hewn from logs which had been felled on Riding Mountain or sometimes as far north as the Duck Mountains.

My father, Robert Bruce, born in 1854, married Harriet Amelia Simmons, widow of Alexander Reid, in 1885, and there were nine children of this

union, as well as one child by Harriet Amelia's former marriage. Father took up a homestead three miles south of Binscarth and later moved into Binscarth where he operated a flour, feed, and bakery business. My father's brother, Andrew, who was a carpenter, built the store and bakery which were attached to our home.

Uncle Andrew lived at Asessippi, a small hamlet situated in the valley where the Pelly Trail crossed the Shell River. The Shell River was dammed at Asessippi and Mr. Henry Gill operated a grist mill there and general store as well. When the railroad by-passed Asessippi, almost all of the inhabitants, including Uncle Andrew, moved to the new townsite of Roblin. These first citizens of Roblin lived in tents to start with, and after they had obtained permanent lots by auction (the auctioneer being T. C. Norris, later Premier of Manitoba), they built their homes, many of log construction and a few of milled siding.

When I was a boy I remember going with my father by wagon and team to Russell where two of my aunts were living. Our next stop was at the Brooks' Stopping House, about twelve miles north of Russell. This was a very interesting place, particularly for a small boy, for Mrs. Brooks was an expert taxidermist, and one room of her home was filled with mounted specimens. There were literally scores of them from the great whooping crane to the smallest of finches. Just a few years ago, sometime in the 1960's, I seem to recall, a granddaughter of Mrs. Brooks told me that this fine collection had gone to a museum in the United States. What a loss to Manitoba and Canada! Mr. Brooks had come west from Georgetown, Ontario in 1881, and in the following year he met Mrs. Brooks and their four children at Moosomin. From this point they made the journey to their homestead by ox teams, but at the Asessippi hill the descent was so steep and hazardous that the wagons were slowly lowered down by block and tackle.

As a young lad I remember seeing Pauline Johnson, the Mohawk Princess, in Binscarth. She had come to give one of her recitals. This would be about 1900, and at the time I was working in Dr. Lanigan's drug store, where the tickets for Miss Johnson's concert were being sold. She once told Ernest Thompson Seton, "My aim, my job, my pride is to sing the glories of my own people." And this brings to mind the fact that Ernest Thompson Seton, while employed as a naturalist with the Government of Manitoba, made a nature tour of the Asessippi area, and in his autobiography he mentions staying at the Boggy Creek Stopping House and meeting my grandfather, to whom he applies his well known local name, "Boggy" Johnson.

Denis and Iona (Switzer) Johnston by Denis Johnston

After spending fifteen years with the Purity Dairy Standard Brands Co. in Saskatoon, our family moved to the Staple place (SE 9-25-28) in 1974, where I farm. I also travel and sell pictures of farmsteads for Frontier Photos of Saskatoon. Iona is a hairdresser and has also been employed at the Roblin District Health Centre for a number of years.



Denis Johnston Family: Denis, Charles, Iona, Randy, Carla, Kelly, Kevin, Curtis, Karen, Christopher, Carolyn, Colleen, Kraig and Kenton.

Iona and I have seven children, so the large brick house is just the size we need. Our children have taken piano lessons, played in the band and sang in choirs.

Karen is married to Chuck Brade and lives in Atikokan, Ontario. Karen is a secretary and piano teacher and Chuck is the manager of a Toronto Dominion bank. They have a son, Christopher Charles, born on November 17, 1984.

Colleen is married to Kevin Bergson and lives in Virden, where Kevin works in the oil fields. Their son, Kraig Joseph Kevin was born on April 1st, 1984.

Carla is married to a farmer, Randy Radford and she works in the Credit Union. Kelly, Curtis and Kenton are going to school and Carolyn is still at home.

Edward Johnstone Family by Edward, Ruby Maniel and the Roblin Review Jan. 1983

Edward Johnstone was born in Hanna, North Dakota, U.S.A. His parents were Edward and Lettie (King) Johnstone. He had three brothers, Norman, Allan and William, and two sisters, Marion and Edna. They moved to the Bield district from Hanna in 1907, settling on a homestead in the Jack

Fish Lake area. Edward's parents were of Irish descent. His grandfather immigrated from Ireland in 1879 to Woodstock, Ontario. His grandfather fought in the Great West Rebellion in 1885. He was at the hanging of Louis Riel in Regina.

Ed married Lorraine McLure and they had three children: Eldon, Ruby and Blaine.

Eldon married Gladys McKay and they have five children: Karen, Brent, Myrna, David and Beverley. Ruby married Gordon Andrews and they had a daughter, Brenda. After Gordon's death Ruby married George Maniel and they have three children: Greg, Cindy and Sandy (Twins). Blaine married Elaine Reed and they have three daughters, Laurie, Tracey and Shelley.

Ed's story, as taken from the Roblin Review, is that he moved to Bield and has lived there ever since. He is over 80 years old and still loves to play the fiddle. He helps his two boys with their chores occasionally. He started trapping when he was a kid and hasn't missed a winter since. "In those days the muskrats were as big as these small kid beavers you get now-a-days. I've got as high as 21 coyotes in the open land. Now I restrict my trapping to within a few miles from home in the hills north of Bield.

A wreck on the newly completed railroad is my earliest memory of Manitoba. We were close to our destination, Roblin, and were forced to detrain and walk around the rubble blocking the track. They then had to board another train to complete the journey.

Our log buildings that were constructed on the homestead near Jack Fish lake still stand today. We survived the 'dirty thirties' although we were miles from a doctor, and we never went hungry.

At 14 years of age I entered the working world, shovelling sawdust at a local mill. I have done numerous jobs since, including driving oxen, various farm jobs and clearing land with a grub hoe. I operated my own threshing outfit and worked from 7 A.M. to dark. I've always had a hankering for the violin and loved playing it. I got my first fiddle by selling "perfume pills" and my second by saving the 10 cents I got from each muskrat pelt I trapped, as a kid. My first fiddle was a half size one and it was all tin but it was a good start. My second fiddle was a \$2.95 fiddle from the Sears and Roebuck catalogue, and it was much better. I have had several fiddles since then and I find that there are no two alike.

Many years ago when they needed music at a dance they would come and get me out of bed to play for the dance, which usually lasted from 8 P.M. to the early hours of the morning. I relieved the fiddler many times by popping up on the stage to help out. We were one big family then and every one helped each other out. We played hard for a \$1.50 or

so a night and if the ladies didn't do so well I would likely give it back to them as a donation.

I am still going strong and many times I pick up the fiddle and play for the joy of it, and I also enjoy reading and visiting."

Eldon and Gladys Johnstone Family by Gladys

Eldon's Family: John Edward Johnstone was born in Hannah, North Dakota in 1903, son of Edward and Letia Johnstone of Irish and English ancestry. He moved to the Roblin area with his parents in 1907. They homesteaded in the Bield area near Jackfish Lake (NW 16-26-27) where they raised their family of: Eddie, of Bield; Bill (deceased); Miriam of Kelowna, B.C.; Allan (deceased); Norman (deceased); and Edna of Clearwater, B.C. They attended Bield School when it was situated north of Bield.

Ed worked at various jobs and still enjoys trapping and playing the fiddle.

He married Lorraine McClure in November, 1937.

Lorraine was born in January, 1918, to Muncey and Nelle (Helen) McClure of Irish and Scottish ancestry. They moved from Broomhill, Manitoba to the Bield area during the dirty 30's — during the drought and grasshopper plague of those years. They lived on and farmed a 1/4 section (SW 24-25-27) and raised their family: Lorraine (deceased); Jean of Winfield, B.C.; Devonna of B.C.; Muncey of Edmonton, Alberta; and Jerry of Brandon, Manitoba.

Eddie and Lorraine first lived on a 1/4 section (SE 34-26-27) where Eldon and Ruby (Mrs. George Maniel) were born. They later sold it and moved to the NW 1/4 of 3-26-27 where their youngest son, Blaine, was born. Ed farmed and worked out at a variety of jobs. Their children attended Bield School.

Lorraine passed away in 1960.

Ed married Doris Yellowaga (nee Zibresky) in 1971 and they reside on the same 1/4 section.

Eldon married Gladys McKay in 1959.

Gladys' Family: Francis McKay was born in 1902 in St. John's, North Dakota, to William and Elizabeth McKay of Scottish and French ancestry. They moved to the Qu'Appelle Valley and then to the Duck Mountains near Boggy Creek and later moved to the Asessippi area. They raised six children: Eliza (deceased); Frank (deceased); Arthur of Inglis, Manitoba; Mary of Calgary, Alberta; Edward, of Dauphin, Manitoba and Ernie of Roblin.

Frank married Rosalie Dalle in November, 1933.

Rosie was born in June, 1914 to Charles and Elizabeth Dalle of Belgian and English ancestry.

They moved from Trent, Minnesota, in 1913, settling in the Dropmore area where they raised their family — Emma of Victoria, B.C.; Edith of Roblin; Henry (deceased); Anne of Craik, Sask; Edward of Roblin; August (deceased); Mary of Roblin; John (deceased); Rosie of Roblin; Charlie (deceased) and Mathilda of Roblin. They attended Dropmore and Grainsby schools.

Frank and Rosie lived on 40 acres at the top of Aseissippi hill where they raised their family — William of Ottawa, Ontario; Lenard of Calgary, Alberta; Alvin (deceased); Gladys of Roblin; Peter (deceased); Margaret of Roblin; and Edward of Lumsden, Sask. They attended Rochedale School and High School in Roblin.

Frank worked at various farm jobs and as a carpenter — working in Regina, Calgary and Churchill. They retired to Roblin Senior Citizens' Residence in 1980. Frank passed away on November 8, 1982. Rosie still resides at the Residence.

Gladys attended Angus Business College in Winnipeg and was employed with Colgate-Palmolive Ltd. until her marriage.

Eldon and Gladys were married in Roblin on October 23, 1959. They lived on NW ¼ of 3-26-27 for six years. They have 5 children. Karen was born September 1960, and Brent in December 1961. They moved to Roblin in 1965. David was born in June, 1966, and Myrna in May, 1968. Eldon and Gladys bought a few acres of land from Pete Guspodaryk, one mile east of Roblin, in 1968, and built their home. Beverly was born in August, 1974.

Their children were born in Roblin District Hospital and all attended school in Roblin. Karen was a member of Roblin Happy Homemakers 4-H Club and Grainfield 4-H Garden Club. Brent and David were members of Intermountain Trail Blazers 4-H Club and all were members of Pioneer Trail Blazers 4-H Club under the leadership of Arnold Jose and Eldon. They also joined Tummel 4-H Beef Club and presently Bev. is a member of Roblin Silver Spurs 4-H club. Bev. was a Brownie member for three years.

Eldon and Gladys bought Eldon's uncles' (Allan Johnstone's) farm in the Bield area in 1972. Eldon is involved in farming and as a backhoe contractor, installing farm water-and-sewer systems, digging basements, etc. They were involved in the start of the Bield Community Center and are directors of the Roblin Agricultural Society. Gladys was the secretary of the Ag. Society for two years and is a member of Roblin Tops Club.

Karen married Mark Eger of Yorkton, Sask., September 30, 1978. They live at Watson, Sask., where Mark is employed with Sask-Tel and Karen works at the Personal Care Home. They have a

daughter, Amanda Rae, born March 31, 1981 and are expecting their second child.

Brent married Cynthia Kaselitz of Boggy Creek on September 25, 1982. They have a daughter Erin Lynne, born December 19, 1982 and a son, Jonathon Eldon, born June 23, 1984. They live at the farm in the Bield area. Brent is employed with Rocky Mountain Drilling in the oil fields of Alberta.

David completed Grade 9 at Roblin School and attended Dauphin Regional Comprehensive Secondary School, graduating in June with Grade 12 and Metals Vocational Training.

Myrna completed Grade 9 in Roblin and is presently attending D.R.C.S.S. to complete Grade 12 and a Commercial Foods Course.

Beverly is in Grade 5 at Roblin Intermediate School.

Lorenzo Jolliffe by the family

Mr. Lorenzo T. Jolliffe and his wife, Minnie, in the spring of 1902, came to Deepdale by covered wagon from Rolla, North Dakota. There was no railroad then, but it came a year later. What a joy, it was to them, as they had to drive to Tummel for mail and to Grandview for groceries. The Jolliffes and their 4 children lived in a huge tent, until Lorenzo built a log home on their homestead.

The four children: Leon, Dorothy, Marion and Helen had a wonderful childhood in Deepdale and



Mrs. George (Annie) Ward and Mrs. L. T. Jolliffe pioneers of 1902.

attended Wyndham School. They then went to high school in Roblin. Leon, Marion and Helen, continued on to normal school and all became teachers.

Leon went overseas during World War I. While he was gone, Dorothy was designated to help do the farm work, along with her father. Leon taught for a year in Khaki College, and when he returned he attended university in Winnipeg to further his education. He later settled on the Jolliffe farm and married Mary Wardle of Dropmore, in 1938. They

had two daughters; Marney and Eunice. Leon and Mary eventually retired to live in Roblin.

Marney married Ed Scribner in 1971 and they have two daughters; Lisa and Karen. Eunice married Jim Ferguson in 1984. Both families now live in Winnipeg.

Marion married Robert E. Beecher, a teacher in Deepdale; who later became an inspector of schools until his retirement. They lived in Neepawa for 30 years. Both Rob and Marion are now deceased and are survived by their children; a daughter, Pat of Abbotsford B.C., a son Ted and his wife, Mabel of Red Deer, Alta. Their youngest daughter, Helen is married to Ken Moir of Winnipeg and they have two daughters, Cathy and Tracy. Cathy is now married with a family of her own.

Dorothy married Alan Grundy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Grundy, of Makaroff, in 1923. Alan was a grain buyer in Makaroff. Their daughter, Joyce was born in 1925 and after two years, the family was transferred to Dropmore. Their son, Blake was born in 1932 and after that, the family moved back to Deepdale for a time. The Makaroff School Board then asked Dorothy to take over the teacherage, which she did for several years. Alan and Dorothy were very active in Makaroff Community life. They belonged to the United Church and taught Sunday School. Alan was on the church board and Dorothy belonged to the W.I.

Alan was later called into Winnipeg, to take a job, in a sheet metal shop. He was also with Canada Malting for 17 years, prior to his retirement.

Mr. Lorenzo Jolliffe passed away at Deepdale, in 1951. Mrs. Minnie Jolliffe passed away at age 91 in Winnipeg, in Nov. 1961.

After the folks passed away, Alan and Dorothy took in young people from the Society of Crippled Children for six years. They looked after them with patience, love and compassion.

Joyce (Alan's daughter) married Lloyd Collins and have 3 sons, Albert, Marsh and Leon. Leon and Marsh are both married and live in Winnipeg. Albert is also married and lives in Portage la Prairie.

Alan's and Dorothy's son, Blake married Sheila Smith and they have 3 sons; Bruce, Rick and Rod. Bruce and Rick are married with families and all the boys, plus Blake and Sheila, now live in Toronto.

Helen married Reg Grundy, a younger brother of Alan's, in 1927. Reg was a grain buyer in Makaroff. He passed away in Winnipeg, during 1961, after suffering from diabetes. They had two sons, Garth and Blaine. Garth lives in Thunder Bay and has 3 children; Shelley, Sue and Tim. The two girls and Tim are married. Helen now resides in Portage la Prairie with Blaine, her youngest son.

The Albert Jones Family History by Mrs. Beth Bowley, daughter

Albert Edward Jones, son of William John Jones and the former Elizabeth Mable Tribe, was born in London, England in 1884, and received his education there. He came to Canada in the early 1900's and worked on various farms around the Rapid City, Russell and Roblin areas and also at Hanbury's Lumber camp in the Boggy Creek district. He also spent many years trapping in the Porcupine and Duck Mountains and in the Shell and Assiniboine valleys. During this time he learned to play the violin and having a good singing voice he entertained at many dances and gatherings. Children especially enjoyed his stories and songs.

He began farming in the Castleberry district about 1915 on the quarter of section 22 where he built a home and barn. In later years he rented section 15 from Mr. Luther Johnson who used to live on the N.W. 1/4 of that section. In the 30's Mr. Jones bought this section from him and Mr. Johnson retired to Nebraska with his wife.



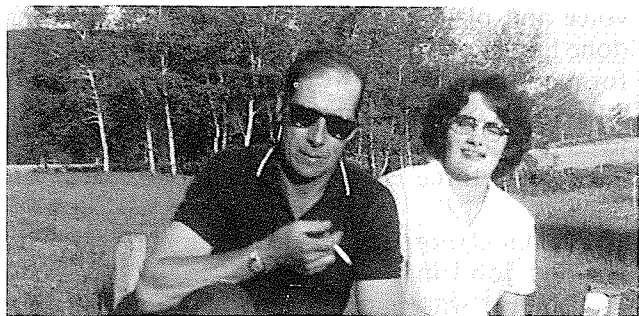
Albert and Ruth Jones on their wedding day in 1917, at Roblin.

In 1917 Mr. Jones married Ruth Mary Atkinson, daughter of James Atkinson and the former Ruth Ingleton, of the Cromarty district, and together they farmed until Ruth's tragic death in 1929. Mr. Jones continued farming and raising his family during the drought and depression years — no easy task. In 1946 he married Esther Dooley of Dallas, Texas and they retired to Tulsa, Oklahoma. Here he published his book, "Lure of the North". He returned to Canada in 1952 and lived in Roblin until about 1972, then spent about 3 years in Bethesda Lodge near Boggy Creek. During his stay there

Esther passed away. Then he was moved to the Personal Care Home in Roblin and passed away about 5 years later in 1981. Mr. Jones and his first wife had 5 children. They are Edward, Harold, Dorothy and Beth (twins) and Ivan.

James Edward, born in 1918, was quite musical but in 1929 at age 11 he tragically passed away.

Harold Lloyd, born in 1929, received his educa-



Harold and Georgina (Pat) Jones at Assessippi in 1962.

tion in the Castleavery school. Harold helped his father farm and after spending some time in the army, he married Georgina (Pat) Souter, daughter of George and Margaret Souter of Roblin. They farmed in the Castleavery district for about 6 years then moved to Russell where Harold started the Russell Auto Wrecking business. About 1978 he sold the business to his eldest son, Gordon, and moved to Birch River where he began another Auto-wrecking business. Five years later they sold this business and moved to Beiseker, Alberta. Harold is also quite musical and has played the accordion for many dances and parties. He also plays the steel guitar and is now playing in orchestras in and around Calgary.

Harold and Pat have seven children: Gordon, Beverly, Lloyd, Darcy, Penny, Pam and Danny — all educated in Russell.

Gordon, born in 1950, owns and operates the Russell Auto Supply and Body Shop. He is married to the former Carol Falloon of Foxwarren, and they have two daughters: Stacey and Courtney.

Beverly, born in 1952, is married to Mickey Nicol and the live near The Pas, Manitoba. They have one daughter, Daina.

Lloyd, born in 1952, was married to the former Elaine Burgess of Russell. In 1982 he began his own Automatic Transmission business near the Russell Auto Supply.

Darcy, born in 1955, has spent nearly all his life in and around Russell. He is presently employed at the Russell Auto.

Penny, born in 1958, is working in a mall in Calgary. Married to Tony Reposo of that city, they have one son, Lee Ernest.

Pamela, born in 1960, has taken a practical nurse's course in The Pas and is presently employed at The Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg.

Danny, born in 1962, is employed at the Har-roby Seed Plant and lives in Russell with Darcy and Lloyd.

Dorothy, born in 1923, completed Grade X at the Castleavery school, then worked in Yorkton and Winnipeg. She managed, by correspondence



Dorothy and Beth Jones and housekeeper, Lena Nahirney, on the Jones farm, about 1931.

courses and night school, to become a teacher and has taught school in various parts of Manitoba. Then, in 1962, she moved to Calgary and taught school around Calgary until her retirement in 1982. She also took 3 years of University while in Calgary. She is also quite musical and has played the violin and guitar for many dances and gatherings. In 1940, when she was only 17, she played her guitar and sang on the radio from C.J.G.X. Yorkton, Sask.



Leonard and Beth Bowley with daughter Bernice, in 1983.

Beth, also born in 1923, attended Castleavery school until 1939. She is presently married to Leonard Bowley of the Lidcliff district and they farm near Binscarth. They have one daughter, Bernice, born in 1963, presently attending the University of Winnipeg. Beth also has 4 boys by a previous marriage. They are Jerry, Barry, Guy (Kim) and Kevin.



Beth Bowley's 4 boys: L to R. Jerry, Kevin, Guy and Barry Prokopetz in 1969.

Jerry, born in 1947, is married to Linda Tanner from Binscarth. They have two children: Johanna and Jason. Jerry is an electrician at the Potash Mine near Esterhazy, Sask., where they live. Jerry was born in the old Russell Hospital.

Barry, born in 1949 in Roblin is a stationary Steam Engineer at the Victoria Hospital in Winnipeg. He was married to the former Marianne Schmidt of that city.

Guy, born in 1952, in Roblin is a Creative Communications graduate of Red River College and is presently employed by Frye Publications company in Winnipeg. He is married to the former Rita De Costa Zuba of Brazil.

Kevin, born in 1955, in Roblin has spent most of his working years on oil rigs in Alberta. He is married to the former Holly Rassmussen of Edmonton where they reside.

Ivan, born in 1927, was educated in the Cas-



Ivan and Maxine Jones (nee McCarthy) on their wedding day, in 1953.

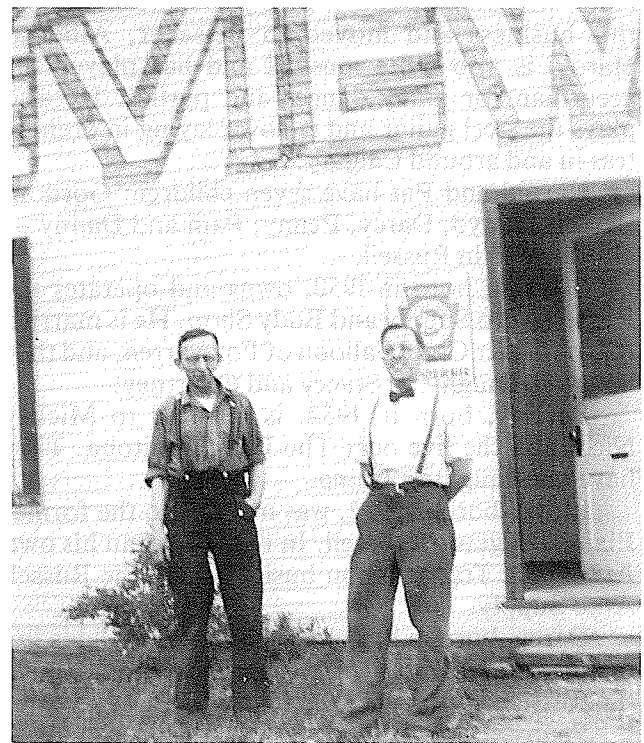
tleavery school. He farmed with his father for awhile then worked in Winnipeg and Calgary — mostly driving big semi-trucks. Then he bought a farm near Rocky Mountain House, Alberta but due to crop failures he sold the farm and bought two trucks of his own and operated one himself for a few years. Lastly he bought some lakeshore property in N.W. Alberta and had this sub-divided into lots for summer cottages. He has a good singing voice and plays the guitar and saxophone so has done his share of entertaining. He is married to the former Maxine McCarthy of Mullingar. They live on an acreage on part of the farm he owns, and have lived in Pheonix, Arizona for the last two winters. They have three children: Wenndel, Colleen and Sheldon.

Wenndel, born in 1954, in Calgary has worked at various jobs in and around Rocky Mountain House. He was married and has one daughter, Courtney Quinn.

Colleen, born in 1955, is a dental assistant and is married to Bruce Pender. They have two children (daughters). They live on an acreage near Rocky Mtn. House.

Sheldon, born in 1964, received his education at Rocky Mtn. House and is presently employed at the Consumers Co-operative in Rocky Mtn. House.

John Evans Jones from The Roblin Review



John Jones and Jim Thom in front of the Review Office, in 1948.

John Evans Jones was born in Wales in 1885, and moved to Liverpool, England with his family in 1888. There he received his education, was a choir boy, and apprenticed to the printing trade.

John came to Canada in 1908 and worked on the farm of Mr. H. J. Bowley near Foxwarren, Manitoba. A year later Mr. Bowley started a newspaper in Binscarth and John worked for him as a printer. Mr. Bowley then founded the "Roblin Review" and "Togo News" in 1912 and John moved to Roblin and was employed as a printer on the Review staff from 1912 until his death on February 10th, 1954.

Johnny, as he was known, was very interested in sports, and was willing to help anyone whenever he could. While interested in the community, difficulty with his hearing kept him from taking an active part. He made many friends and commanded the respect of all who knew him.

Sheldon Jones Family by Sheldon and Roxie Jones

I, Sheldon Lloyd Jones, was born at Bay View, Prince Edward Island on November 28th, 1913. The family came to Togo, Saskatchewan in about 1914, when I was one year old. I was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jones. My brother Claude, born in 1917, died in 1928.



Jones Family: Rosanne, Roxie, Wayne, Sheldon, Garth and Shelly.

The family lived on several farms in the Togo district until 1927, when they moved into Togo. The family received their education in the Togo school, played baseball on the high school teams until 1930, when I graduated from school. I then went to work for Harry Sures in his general store for the next 3 years. The wage for the first year was 50¢ per day and board at home. The next year the wages were raised to \$1.00 per day.

In 1937 I went to Merridale to do carpenter's work for Bert Cockerill, building mink pens. Later

in the fall the Cockerill family and several of the men who worked on the farm went to work in the bush, logging for Kelly Cockerill. This was quite an experience, but very enjoyable. In the spring we hauled the logs to the mill at Angling Lakes, hauling across the north lake. It was quite scary at first when the ice cracked and made loud noises as the loads crossed the lake. None of the loads fell through, so it must have been safe.

The next two years I was employed at carpenter's work during the summer, then returned to the bush for the winter months.

During the winter of 1938-39, Kelly Cockerill took a contract with the Continental Lumber Co. to saw lumber. Bert Cockerill and family went to Timberton to do the logging. I worked in the bush for 2 winters at Timberton filing saws and doing the books. The wages were \$1.00 per day.

I joined the Royal Canadian Air Force at Dauphin and was posted to No. 10 Service Flying Training School for one year. I was then transferred to the No. 2 construction and maintenance unit, serving on several air posts in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. I was also posted to Watson Lake in the Yukon for 18 months, until the end of the war in November, 1945.

In October, 1942 I married Roxanne Cockerill and we had 4 children: Wayne (deceased) 1955, Roseanne, Garth and Sheldine. We have made our home in Roblin since 1948. I owned and operated the Roblin Sash and Door from 1948 to 1973, when the business was sold. We have lived in retirement since then.

Our children all attended public and high school in Roblin and are now married and raising families of their own.

Roseanne married Dwayne Pastuck and they have 4 daughters: Leah, Lisa, Tannis and Heather. They live in Roblin, where Dwayne is a trucker.



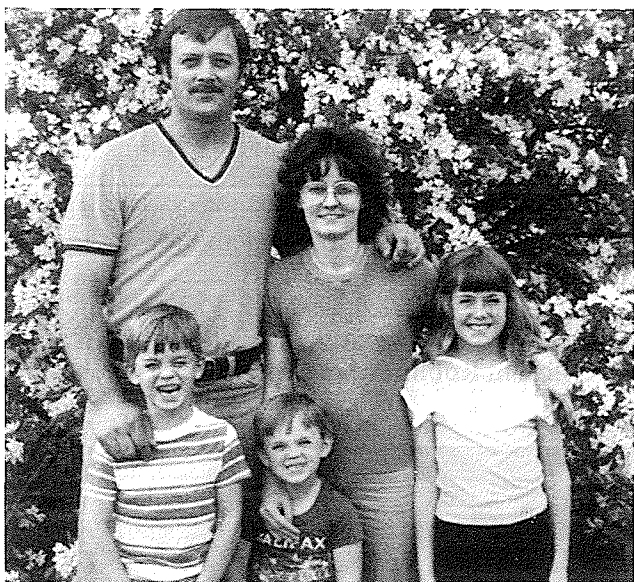
Dwayne Pastuck Family: Lisa, Leah, Roseanne, Tannis, Heather, Dwayne.

Garth married Rosaline Glutyk of Roblin and they have 4 children: Crystal, Kyle, Dwayne and Chad. They reside in Sarnia, Ontario and Garth works for Esso Chemical.



Garth Jones Family in 1985: Crystal, Rose, Garth, Kyle, Chad, Dwayne.

Sheldine married Dennis Zorn of Roblin, and they have 3 children: Vanessa, Lexy and Shaun. They live at Snow Lake where Dennis is employed as a welder.



Dennis Zorn Family: Dennis, Sheldine, Vanessa, Lexie, Shaun.

The Arthur Leonard Jory Family

by Arthur Gordon Jory and Beatrice (Jory) Craig

Our ancestors were originally from England. Our Dad, Arthur Leonard Jory, was born on May 5th, 1884, the eldest child of Samuel Nehemiah and Isabella Grace (Arthur) Jory, and the fourth generation of his family to live in Canada. He was born on his father's farm, the east half of section

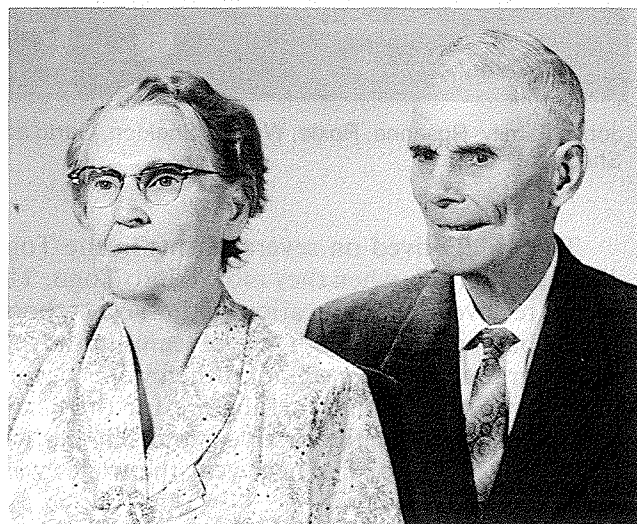
Samuel Nehemiah Jory.



28-10-19 W1, R.M. of Cornwallis, north-west of Brandon. Although Dad was the first Jory to settle in Tummel, his father had come west, worked for a bakery which supplied the tent city of Brandon for one year, then boarded the Paddle Wheel up the Assiniboine River to Shellmouth where he worked for Mr. McDougall and Mr. Thomas Todd, breaking the land. Disappointed with the quality of the land, he returned to Brandon the following spring, little knowing that he could have purchased the choicest of the rich land for only \$10.00 per acre. Back at Brandon, he purchased the half-section mentioned above, which was good Assiniboine meadow land, for only \$3.00 per acre. And here was where our Dad was born.

Our Mother, Gertrude Amy McCrea, was the fourth child of Lorenzo Carlton McCrea and Jane (Gardiner) McCrea, born on January 3rd, 1886. The Gardiners and McCreas had come out from Ireland in 1831, and Mother was of the fourth generation to live on Canadian soil.

Mother and Dad were married in Winnipeg on



Leonard and Gertrude Jory (1960).

December 27th, 1911. For a few years they lived on East 28 mentioned above, and here was where their eldest child, Arthur Gordon, was born in the very same house in which his Dad had been born. Shortly afterwards they moved to Pendennis, 8 miles south of Rivers, in the Harrow district the west half of 20-11-20. Here, three more children were to arrive, Beatrice Belle, Ralph Leonard and Ruby Gertrude. They were active in community life. Gordon and Beatrice attended Harrow school, walking two miles each way and the family attended Roseville United Church. In the fall of 1922, after experiencing three successive crop failures due to rust, grasshoppers and drought, combined with post-war conditions making life difficult, they decided to look for greener pastures. Mother had two brothers at Roblin, living in the Tummel district, Joe and Tom McCrea. Dad went north to look the country over and put a down-payment on the north half of 33-24-28 W1, 7 miles south of Roblin in the Shellmouth municipality. Moving expenses were subsidized by federal grant to assist settlers to move further north to open up the country. Everything had to be fitted into one box car. They held a sale, settled all their debts, and left with \$450.00 in cash, 5 horses, one cow, one pig, a crate of chickens, a wagon box of seed in which perishable household articles were packed, some machinery which was dismantled to take up less room, some furniture and clothes packed on top of that. Dad rode in the car and Mother and us 'kids' in a passenger car at the back of the train.

On arriving, we all stayed with Uncle Joe and Aunt Belle McCrea — in all, seven children under age 9, and five adults! — while Uncles, Joe and Tom helped Dad build our house. I am sure the adults all felt it couldn't be too soon with all that many around (in what is now the home of Albert McCrea). This house is still standing today, with additions, and is occupied. The following year, their youngest son, Lisle Thomas, was born, the only home grown "Tummelite" in our family.

Times were hard. There were only 34 acres broken on the farm. Dad cleared many acres with an axe and by the sweat of his brow! We children all had to pitch in and do as much as we could, but we were a happy family. Life had its compensations; Gordon and I were delighted not to have to walk the two miles to school as we had to at Harrow. Tummel had vans to pick us up and bring us home. Tummel had been settled about 40 years before our arrival but the gravel road only extended five miles south of Roblin. Roads were veritably impassable at times. Dad had bought a car and one day he got stuck — Mother and we kids piled out to push; unfortunately Mother got behind the hind wheel and when Dad revved the motor to go — Swoosh!

We were still stuck, but Mother was covered from head to toe with mud. We started to laugh but not for long, for our usually calm Mother, didn't see anything funny in that. In all possibility she was wearing the only decent coat she owned. As the years passed, manual work was made easier by the use of implements. Our parents prospered and ran a very successful farm operation indeed.

Life wasn't all work — we can recall the Friday night dances which began about 8:30 p.m. and went through until 4 a.m. Parents and everyone attended; a cake or sandwiches paid admission, or else 25¢. We also had summer picnics with ball games, races, etc.; Christmas concerts, Young People's Group, who staged a three-act play and other items each year. So life was work but life was also fun in a beautiful, 'homey' community like Tummel! A friend in trouble was quickly ministered to with whatever help they needed and we were like one big family. Those were the good old days indeed!

Mother and Dad retired in the fall of 1947, moving into Roblin, and Ralph and his wife, Mabel took over the farm. Dad continued to go out to the farm each day, to work in the fields or in whatever way needed, for that was where his heart was and always would be — the farm he had worked so hard to obtain. Mother enjoyed her retirement in Roblin. Not being able to drive, she had missed many social events while on the farm, but now she could walk wherever she wanted to go — to U.C.W. meetings (as she was an ardent church worker), to quilting bees, etc. She had always been a beautiful knitter and crocheter and we, her family, are proud of the articles, including tablecloths, which we cherish in our homes.

We, as a family, owe our parents a debt of gratitude for their love and caring all through the years; they were determined that life for us would be easier than it had been for them. Dad passed away



Back row: Ken Jory, Lisle Jory, Sandy Craig, Bud Platt, Gordon Jory. Front row: Ruth (Platt) Swann, Shauna (Jory) Hinch, Beatrice (Jory) Craig, Ruby (Jory) Platt, Eva (Christie) Jory.

on March 12th, 1966, and Mother on June 8th, 1966. They rest side by side in the family plot, Lot 59 — Block E — Section 9, in Brandon Cemetery. And so we say to them who have gone before — “Well done, thou good and faithful servants of the Lord. Rest in peace!”

Arthur Gordon attended Harrow School for three years, then came with the family to Tummel where he completed Grade XI. He was a long-time member of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association and was awarded a Youth Scholarship to the University of Manitoba School of Agriculture, graduating third in his class with an average of 86%. He purchased his first land, the south half of 33-24-28 W1 in 1933 for \$12,000.00 to be paid by a crop-share method and this took 11 years. His first crop of 70 acres of breaking yielded 11 bushels to the acre of rusted feed-grade wheat. He bought his first tractor in 1940 (second hand) for \$550.00. In 1942, he bought a new 55 horse power tractor for \$1,730.00; and his most recent purchase in 1981 was \$72,000.00 for a 225 horse power tractor — some comparison in price per horse power! In 1946 he purchased the NE quarter of 32-24-28 W1 and this is where he resides now. (In 1984 he seeded his 54th crop since graduating from school.)

On November 30th, 1951, Gordon was united in marriage with Eva Margaret Christie. They have one son, Kenneth Gordon, who was born on January 14, 1953.

Eva is a registered nurse. She was Matron of the Roblin Hospital for years and after resigning this position, continued to nurse. She is very active in community work, church, Bible study, etc. She was Noble Grand of the Evangeline Rebekah Lodge twice and is a very ardent horticulturist. She has won numberless prizes at fairs, etc. around the country and is also called upon to judge at outside points. She has been a member of Northland Presbytery of the United Church, served as President as well as other offices in Dauphin Presbyterial U.C.W. She was President of the Tummel U.C.W. for ten years.

Their son, Ken, attended Tummel and Roblin schools. He went to New Zealand on an International Youth Exchange Program in November, 1976. He worked at various construction trades in the late '70's and early '80's in Alberta. He returned home in 1983 and actively took up farming. He was married to Cheryl Leah Voth, of Victoria, B.C. on November 12th, 1983, in the Roblin United Church. They have settled down to start their own homestead on the South half of 33-24-28 W1, which he had purchased in 1976.

Beatrice Belle attended Harrow School for one year, came to Tummel with the family in 1923 and completed Grade XI in Tummel and Grade XII in



Back row: Rev. Grahme Spear, Shirley (Craig) Spear, Betty (Riley) Craig, Harvey Craig. Front row: Sandy Craig, Beatrice (Jory) Craig and grandchildren Kelly Ann Craig, Christa Spear, Karen Spear, Jamie Craig, Sheena Spear.

Forrest. I attended Success Business College, Winnipeg. After graduating, I was employed in the city for two years before returning home to be married. I was united in marriage with Alexander (Sandy) Craig on December 10th, 1938, in the Tummel United Church. Our wedding was the first to be performed in the then 51 year-old Church and, as was the custom, we were presented with a beautifully engraved Bible in commemoration of the occasion, and to make it more precious, engraved by the late Alvin Kines. We lived on the groom's farm in the Rochedale district for ten years before selling out and purchasing the Ford Garage in Russell.

Sports and reading were my two great loves. If I disappeared, Mother knew I was hidden away in some nook with a book! During my school days I played softball and cannot recall our team ever losing a game. We went to every Fair or Sports Day we could, to compete. I also entered every race I could; thus I brought home a few dollars, but the challenge of competition far out-weighed any monetary gain. After we moved to Russell, we took up curling and when our golf course opened in 1963, we also took up that sport. We loved to bonspiel, mixed or single, and to enter golf tournaments, lose or win, it was fun and we have a nice collection of trophies. During my teen days our every-Friday dances were a highlight and we often danced far into the night.

Life was certainly not all fun and games by any means. Before leaving home, I worked hard and after my marriage worked long and hard hours, both on the farm and in the garage in Russell. I worked a total of six years as bookkeeper in our garage, was secretary for 3½ years in the law office of Wilson and Wilson in Russell, and finally I was secretary of the Russell-Inglis Pastoral Charge (United Church) for 8½ years. The Church always meant much to me and this period of my working

life was indeed gratifying! I also was active in many community affairs, a member of Crystal Rebekah Lodge #49, Life Member of The Order of the Royal Purple, as well as many other facets of the community. But the good old days of Tummel and its loving people will always be treasured in my heart!

(History of our children, Harvey and Shirley, may be found under the James Boyd Craig History.)

Ralph Leonard attended school in Tummel. We think his classmates, especially the girls, will always remember him as being a good-natured tease. We can recall him lying on the kitchen floor (it being his turn to replenish the woodbox) and saying to Mother, "You burn more darned wood than any other woman in Manitoba"; or putting a batch of new-born mice down one of us girls' necks, or some other equally hair-raising stunt! However, one fine April day he decided he had enough of school, toted all his books home and announced that he was going to be a farmer and that was that! No amount of persuasion on our parents' part could change his mind. We can clearly recall seeing him driving an eight-horse tandem team (four old-timers and four being broken) and standing atop the seeder box in order that he could see to sow a straight row.

On October 8th, 1947, he married Mabel Charbonneau, of Roblin. They settled down on the home farm and our parents moved to town. Eight children were born to them: Victor, Darlene, Lyle, Leonard, Wayne, Jerry, Lenore and Beverley.

Victor married Pat Kennedy and is farming at The Pas.

Darlene married Jay Klemetski. They live in Regina. They have 2 daughters.

Lyle is working in the Forestry Department on Vancouver Island.

Leonard passed away at age of nine months.

Wayne married Darla Wagner. They are living in Regina. They have one son, Derek.

Jerry is working in Flin Flon.

Lenore married David Secuur. They are working in Regina.

Beverley just completed Grade XII. She also works in Regina.

Ralph and Mabel separated in the early '70's. Ralph went north to work at such places as Jenpeg, Gillam and others. He married Laura Sokolski. They live in Bowsman.

Ruby Gertrude attended Tummel School, graduating with her Grade XI. She participated in many school and community projects such as sports, concerts and other events as well as attending The United Church. She was a member of Mrs. John Inglis' choir.

Ruby entered the St. Boniface School of Nursing and graduated as a Registered Nurse. She took

up Public Health Nursing and worked in Swan River and Virden prior to her marriage. She was united in marriage with Barry (Bud) Platt of Winnipeg, on September 11th, 1954, in the Tummel United Church. They made their home in Winnipeg, of which Bud was a native, and where he was employed by the Manitoba Telephone System. Ruby continued in Public Health Nursing in Winnipeg.

Three children were born to them — Arthur Jory, Marjorie Ruth and Esther McCrea. During this time, Ruby was very active in church work, including being a superintendent of the Sunday School for many years, as well as in other community projects.

Arthur married Kathy Cummings on August 15, 1982; graduated as a lawyer in May, 1983; and has moved to Virden where he will join a team of lawyers. Ruth married Ronald Swann of Winnipeg, July 24, 1982 and she is a Laboratory Technologist. Esther graduated from the University of Winnipeg this spring, majoring in Nutrition and leaves shortly for Toronto to study for her Internship in Nutrition.

Ruby recalls Tummel and its people as a warm, loving, supportive community, which she greatly appreciated in her youth, still does and always will. The word "Tummel" really means "Home of her childhood"!

Lisle Jory was born on the family farm in the Tummel District and received his early education at Tummel and Roblin, and graduated from Goose Lake Collegiate. He went on to obtain a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Geological Engineering from the University of British Columbia, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Economic Geology from the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena, California. His early professional career was spent at mining camps in northern Canada. Since 1966, he has been a partner in a geological engineering consulting firm based in Vancouver and has specialized in dam foundations, mineral exploration and the assessment of deposits of thermal coal. Foreign assignments have taken him to South America, Europe, Africa and Southeast Asia as well as New Guinea. Married in 1950 to Sheila Clavelle of Vancouver, he and his wife have two sons, Craig and Scott, a daughter, Shauna, and a granddaughter, Lisa.

This History encompasses six generations — Samuel Jory, the first and Derek Jory, the sixth.

Jose Family by Margaret

I, Margaret, was born on a Silverwood farm in March 1932. My Mother was Agnes (Struthers) Luxton-Jose. She came from Scotland to New

York City, where she stayed a year with her Uncle, Ian Munroe, then journeyed to Winnipeg to stay with her sister, Maggie, who had sailed to Canada. There she met her first husband, Robert Luxton, and they moved to a Silverwood farm which belonged to Robert's parents. They had deeded it to Robert. He gave some land for a church, post-office, store and school, and later for the hall.

Robert and Mother were married for less than a year when her father-in-law and mother-in-law died. A few months later, in the winter, Robert died of pneumonia, and Mother was left alone. She moved back to Winnipeg and my oldest sister, Roberta Willamina Luxton was born there in May. She was named after her father, Robert William. My mother lived in Winnipeg until Roberta was six years old. It was in Winnipeg that she met my Dad, Walter Jose. Walter was from Belville, Ontario. He had gone to College and Universities in Ontario, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, and was a school principal in the city when they met. When they married, they went to Snowflake, Manitoba, where Dad taught school and my brother, Arnold was born. Mother wanted to move back to Silverwood, so they bought a 1923-490 Chev. car and set out with Roberta and Arnold.

My sister, Pearl and I were both born on the Silverwood farm.

I remember Bob McBride, a first settler of the district with the Luxtons; he lived not far from us at the edge of the Duck Mountains and at Madge Lake. He kept a large cattle ranch there near Perse and Tees Lakes. Mrs. McBride was one of my mother's best friends.

The roads we used to have had snowbanks over them from December until April. No cars were to be seen in those days, except for Dad's old car and he didn't keep it long on those roads. The snowbanks were drifted hard in the winter and could be used by teams of horses, but in the spring they were treacherous; your team would sink to their bellies, so no one drove anywhere in the spring, except in an emergency. You got all your wood in the fall in those days.

Every family would go to Togo, Deepdale, or Makaroff for supplies every fall; you were a "big shot" if you went to Roblin because it was twenty-three miles away — a long trip for horses. You went to town (your choice) before Christmas and didn't go again until the dry weather in the spring. Sleigh boxes were used, half full of hay, and we took along blankets and foot warmers or hot stones. Foot warmers were fancy. They were like a miniature stove with a draft, and they burned coal. You brought back all the supplies you had written on a long list, and made sure you didn't forget a thing, or you went without 'til spring.

We walked a mile to the school. All the children walked to school, and of course we loved the snowbanks.

The really big 'do's' in those times were the school Christmas concerts and school field days. Everyone at school practiced for weeks for the concert, and everyone in the community attended. All the children received new clothes to wear to this important occasion, from hats right down to fleecelined underwear and cotton stockings. On field day children were dressed in uniforms and competed for prizes for their school. There was marching in school groups, broad jump, high jump, races, ball games — you name it. We would have lunch on long tables set outside by the men. All the women would put white tablecloths or white sheets on the tables and what lunch they brought! Each one was competing, as lively as the children, to be the best cook in their community. Along the bush there would be rows of wagons, and the horses grazed nearby. (No fancy cars then).

In the summer we would have ice cream socials and ball games and horse racing (if the young fellows could get hold of their fathers' horses). We would make ice cream in wooden freezers, take it to the social in buggys, sell it for five cents a cone as a community cause. We would watch the ball game 'till darkness began to fall and the mosquitoes sent us home.

We would have church services in the community church; sometimes United Church, Pentecostal or Anglican ministers would come out to preach and everyone who could, would come. There would be a big fowl supper in the fall, with loaded tables, because of course, the women were again competing.

The first movie to be seen in our district was held before Christmas one year about 1935. The hall in Togo was crowded but Mom and children found seats. Dad went to stand at the back of the hall and put me on his shoulder, and there I saw the show very well. It was Mickey Mouse and I remember almost all about it and how I laughed and enjoyed it so much. We had good crops — the soil was rich in Silverwood district, but prices dropped because of the depression in 1929 and they didn't improve 'till the Second World War started in 1939. We dressed chickens one year and were offered 10¢ each. Mom said we would take them home and eat them ourselves. If you shipped cattle you got a bill for freight, never mind the profit. Prices stayed poor for years and jobs were as scarce as hen's teeth (I think that was the expression used). I've seen farmers burn their crops in the field because they couldn't afford to reap them. Mom and Dad couldn't afford to pay back the mortgage they had to take out on the farm and so we lost the farm to

the bank. We moved three miles west of Bield, Manitoba, to the top of a hill overlooking a valley where Mr. Alfred Scrimshaw had homesteaded. He was quite a gardener and had a beautiful garden and trees around his house. I was eleven years old and loved the hills and country and am lonesome still for the beauty of it all and the people of that place. We went to Bield school by horse-drawn vans. They had canvas sides with a hard top and a tin heater and a box filled with split wood. We went with horses in the winter and by car in the summer and that was our transportation as compared to the modern buses our children ride in today.

Bield had a two-roomed school at that time: one room for grades 1 to 6 and one for grades 7 to 9. It had a large hallway at the door and, as it had once been a church, it had a bell above with a rope hanging conveniently down to the floor, just at the right height for us. We used this bell to call classes after recess and noon hour. Some little kid would always be hanging determinedly to the rope while one or two others would pull him down with a loud "bong"; then let him go and up he'd fly again and be pulled down for another ring. Oh, it was great! All the pupils treasured that bell.

The school was filled with noisy, happy, even-tempered and independent kids. We were always busy at some play and would work while in class to get out at recess as fast as possible. We were good sometimes but mischievous most times (but I never did see many bad things done there by anyone). The adults in the community were the same as the children at the school, they passed by each other's faults and got along together fairly well. I think the lovely scenery made us happy and we didn't have the stresses to deal with as we do now, although we had plenty of hard work.

The war was in progress when I went to school there and in the early mornings, waiting on the hill for the school van, we used to watch the mist rise from the top of the hills and try to imagine all the sufferings of the people involved, even our own brothers and sisters and cousins, and wondered why it was so peaceful where we lived. All the children wondered about the war and felt sad about it too but we never said much 'til the end and all the bags of souvenirs, belonging to Canadian soldiers from the district, were sent home by train. We were rationed during wartime and had ration books and buttons for sugar and meat, two items that I remember. We tried artificial sweetener for awhile but no one liked it.

The store in Bield was kept by Mrs. W. Grieves. Her husband was in the war. She was a fine French lady. The Post Office was kept by Mrs. Wells, whose large house is still in Bield, as lovely and solid as ever. When she gave up the Post Office, Alex

Miller took it over and kept it for years. There was a Pool Elevator. The Free Methodist Church was well attended. The preacher travelled to Bield from Roblin for services. There was a United Church also, but it was never used while we lived there.

I, Margaret attended teachers' college after completing highschool in Roblin. I taught at Kenosota where I met and married Bob Campbell, a rancher and fisherman and we still reside in the district. We have four children: Pearl, Mavis, Dale and Carol.

Peter Juba Family History by Peter

I, Peter was born on July 4th, 1931 at Rosburn, Manitoba. I received my education at Rosburn at Marconi school. I moved with my parents to the Birtle district in 1948. We farmed there until 1959. I then started working as an assistant constable for the Town of Birtle, which I held until August 1961.

Donna Miller was born in Birtle, Man. on September 30th, 1946 and attended school there. We were married on July 8th, 1961. I then joined the Metropolitan Police force in Winnipeg and was relieving a policeman at Esterhazy, Sask., until October, 1961. From here I was transferred to Roblin where I was appointed Chief of Police for the town. At first I was hired through the Metropolitan Police but later I was hired directly by the Town of Roblin.

During my stay in Roblin, F. M. Manwaring, who is now a judge at Dauphin, appointed me as Bailiff for the County Court at Dauphin. (Mr. Manwaring was the Inspector of Legal Offices). I continued policing the Town of Roblin (with part-time hired help to assist me when necessary) until May, 1970. At this time the town was too large for a one-man police force and the R.C.M.P. took over policing of the town.

During our stay in Roblin, five children were born: Lisa, Joan, Rodney, Brian and Michael.

Lisa married David Epp on January 19, 1985 and Rodney lives and works in Dauphin. Joan lives in Portage La Prairie and Brian and Michael attend school in Grandview, where we now live.



Rodney, Joan, Peter, Donna, Brian and Lisa Juba.



1972: Joan, Lisa, Brian, Rodney and Michael Juba.

After leaving Roblin I worked at Thompson for a short period of time then returned to Grandview and was hired as Chief of Police in Grandview for three years, until I had to give up policing as I had open heart surgery.

I then got a position as a Personal Care male aide at Grandview Personal Care Home and I continue to do bailiff work and still do police work at Gilbert Plains part time. I also do homecare work in the Gilbert Plains-Grandview area.

I would like to say that both Donna and I enjoyed our years in Roblin and met many fine people. We still go back to Roblin often to visit our friends there.

Harry Juby (Makaroff Book) by a Friend

Harry Juby, a bachelor, came to the Makaroff district in the early 20's with another fellow by the name of Earl who did custom threshing with his outfit from Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

Harry stayed that winter and a couple of summers working for Sid Rogers and for Mrs. A. Rogers, during that time. He then left and went out to the coast for awhile.

During the 1930's he and Bill Lepedoivin batched on the former Pete Nabe farm. He worked for Frank Grundy (around this time), who was also a bachelor. He helped Frank Grundy with the building of his house.

Harry was quite an entertainer and was very active in community affairs. His wit and songs (many of the latter he composed himself) were a big hit at concerts.

He later married and settled in Winnipeg.

Herman Jungwirth by Carl Ronellenfeth

Herman Joseph Jungwirth was born on April 7, 1853 in the Kingdom of Bohemia which was then a part of the Austria-Hungarian Empire. From here, he and his wife immigrated to Appleton, Wisconsin, U.S.A. in the early 1880's. They had three chil-

dren born to them in America — Joseph born on February 23, 1881, died on October 2, 1946; a set of twins, Frank and John, born on September 29, 1882. Frank died at birth, and his brother John died in infancy on September 4, 1884.

On April 10, 1888 Herman J. Jungwirth married his second wife, Agnes Hamberger. During this time he continued his work as a furniture craftsman. To them eight children were born — Anna, Feb. 7, 1889-Feb. 12, 1889; Frank, Jan. 29, 1890-Oct. 6, 1969; Mary, Nov. 27, 1892-July 30, 1974; John, June 13, 1894-Dec. 29, 1961; Theresia, July 24, 1896-April 23, 1980; Martin, Sept. 13, 1898-Jan. 4, 1983; Herman, Feb. 5, 1900-Nov. 22, 1960; Bertha, May 16, 1902. In May 1903, this family immigrated north into Canada and arrived in Rosthern, Saskatchewan via the U.S.A. Soo Line Railway.

On May 5, 1903 Herman J. Jungwirth claimed a homestead of one-quarter section of land in the Annaheim area which was later abandoned for a homestead in the Leofeld area (NW¹/₄ of 20-40-26-Wst-2nd). His desire to settle here was because of other immigrant families who were settling in this area, and because of accessibility to railway conveniences.

Before traveling from Rosthern, many pieces of furniture were sold for a team of oxen, a wagon, a plow, and \$35.00 in cash. With these possessions and his family, Herman Jungwirth established a prosperous homestead in the Leofeld district. He built his own log house which was 16 ft. x 24 ft. x 5 16 ft. x 20 ft. By 1906 he cropped 60 acres and owned 3 horses, 11 head of cattle and 5 pigs. During this time, two more children were born — Carl, September 29, 1904; and Dominic, September 20, 1907. Being homesteaders, both Agnes and Herman offered each other moral and spiritual support to pursue this difficult task of raising a family.

Negotiations for homestead land with an English gentleman by the name of Mr. Ralph Cudworth for the establishment of a townsite was discussed in 1911. Approximately three years later, Mr. Cudworth returned to the area to finalize the land purchase from Herman Jungwirth, for his townsite. It was at this time, he decided to select an area 1½ miles north of the Jungwirth homestead which was then established as the existing Cudworth townsite.

My Mother said that when they came to Canada they settled 2 miles south of Cudworth, Sask. where the building still stands. At the age of 12 years she worked in a hotel in Rosthern. She attended school at Leofeld and passed to Grade 2. She also worked for a lady by the name of Mrs. Wiebe after she left the hotel. She often told us of how she and her father slept under the wagon on their way to and from Rosthern, and how long the nights were. They kept watching the 3 stars in a row and as they got

closer to the western horizon they knew it would soon be morning.

In 1930, Herman and Agnes Jungwirth retired to the town of Cudworth. Agnes died on May 29, 1935 and Herman died on February 24, 1937. Both are buried in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Matthew Juzivishyn by Rose Szmon

Matthew Juzivishyn was born in Austria. He immigrated to Winnipeg, Manitoba, in 1904, where he worked for a short time. He then moved to Ashville, Manitoba where he lived with, and worked for some of his relatives.

This is where he met and married Paraska (Pearl) Losh in 1906 at Winnipeg. Paraska was also born in Austria and had immigrated to Canada earlier.

While they lived there 2 children were born: Annie and Tillie.

In 1910 Dad filed for a homestead in the Shortdale area on the N.E. 1/4 of 18-26-26. Three children were born here: Frank, Rose and Mary. The quarter section was all bush when they moved here. All they had to work with was an axe, but with a lot of hard work and perseverance, they eventually cleared enough land to put up some log buildings, a house and barn, pig pens and chicken coops. Dad raised mostly cattle and horses.

In 1920 Mother passed away, leaving 5 small motherless children. The children attended Shortdale and Bield schools. Dad worked very hard to try and raise all of us children. Annie and Tillie went to work at a very young age in order to buy clothes and other necessities. I had to do the cooking for the younger children. I, Rose, baked bread when I was 9 years old. I also had to do most of the chores and feed the horses and cattle while Frank helped Dad.

In 1930, we had to leave our homestead and move to Gilbert Plains. Dad worked as a hired hand on farms, and he also helped the shoemaker at Gilbert Plains.

These are the children of Matthew and Paraska. Annie, born in 1907, married Mike Chudick. They had 11 children.

Tillie, born in 1908, now deceased, married Paul Mysko.

Frank, born in 1911, now deceased, married Carrie Worabetz. There are 2 children.

I, Rose, born in 1912 married John Szmon in 1930. We had 5 children. We farmed in the Gilbert Plains area until 1981 when John passed away. I now live at the Burrows Apts. in Gilbert Plains.

Mary, born in 1916 married Mr. Pearson. They had 4 children. Mary now lives at Calgary, Alberta.

Dad passed away at Gilbert Plains in 1935.

William Kapetz Family by Matilda Mitchell and Peter Kapetz

William Kapetz was born in Western Ukraine in 1892. He immigrated to Canada in 1911 and for eight years found employment as a telegrapher with the C.N.R. In 1919 he came to the Gleneden district, within the Shell River Municipality, where he acquired his homestead. While working on his homestead clearing land and erecting buildings, he also helped neighbors on their farms. Most of the work was done in the form of a "bee". In 1922 he was united in marriage to Annie Yakimishyn, eldest daughter of Peter and Pearle Yakimishyn. They were blessed with seven children: Mary, who passed



William Kapetz Family in 1962.

away at age four; Nicholas now a retired C.N.R. Conductor is living in Kamloops, B.C.; Matilda, a retired teacher, residing in Flin Flon. She will be remembered by former students as she taught at Gleneden, Goose Lake and Tummel schools.

Peter tried city life but returned to the homestead to help his aging parents and today still lives on the family farm. Lillian chose teaching as her profession and is teaching in Winnipeg. Mike made his beginning as a helper with surveyors working on the highways in the Roblin area and presently is



William Kapetz homestead: log house built in 1922.

employed with the Department of Transport in Thompson. Shirley worked as a legal secretary for a number of years and presently is employed with Indian Affairs Department in Yorkton. Shirley was the adventuresome one in that she took a trip to Europe and visited the Ukraine and was able to meet some of the relatives who were left behind in 1911. At this time there are sixteen grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

Here I have written about the early days and told about how the family circle widened but the ties were ever strong and very dear. Each of us treasures and stores happy memories as we recall the family gatherings during the festive seasons of Christmas, Easter, and even the many Sunday dinners we shared. Now I shall take a personal touch as I pay tribute to our parents.

Mom and Dad were sincere unpretentious folks willing to share their wisdom and encouragement with family, friends and community. They placed great priority on school and education, always encouraging us to reach for greater goals than they could themselves achieve. They lived by the "Golden Rule" and were very devoted to church life and spiritual fitness. During their life they had expended their energies to St. Michael's parish, helped in the building of St. Peter and St. Paul Church in Merridale and then in the construction of St. John's Greek Orthodox Church in Roblin. Here Dad served as Parish President for several years while Mother made her contributions to the bake sales, fall suppers and her crafts appeared at many bazaars. She was very fond and proud of her cross stitched items and had a special interest in gardening. Today her children and grandchildren display proudly the tea cloths and cushions or snuggle under the quilts Mom so tenderly and lovingly stitched. Mouths water when we think of her freshly baked buns, perogies, and cabbage rolls.

Dad served as councillor for the Rural Municipality of Shell River from 1943-47. He took this task very seriously and spent many hours away from home, inspecting work on the roads and attending to the many calls and complaints that came his way. There were no phones and few motor vehicles so Dad hitched up Queenie and Nell to the democrat and went on his rounds during the spring, summer and fall. This team was a familiar sight, automatically stopping at the sound of someone speaking. Many an evening, I am sure Dad would fall asleep only to awaken when the horses stopped in our own yard. What dreams and thoughts he must have secretly woven!

I can only presume that his greatest dream and wish may have been to make a trip to his beloved Ukraine and once more to see his sisters and brothers and relatives. Family commitments and

demands made this an impossible dream. There were no holidays or money for trips. Mixed farming accorded many chores for us all year round. Hence, it was not till the early 60's that Mom and Dad were able to leave the farm for short periods of time. Dedicated to the family, they made the visits to Kamloops, Toronto, Johnson City, and Flin Flon to see the children and grandchildren.

Dad's health began to fail and in April 1969 he bid us farewell and we laid him to rest. Mother continued her dedicated service through her church, always caring for her family but she too grew weary and God called her home in March 1982.

Nick and wife, Helen have two children. Joan and David and five grandchildren.

Matilda and her late husband Stuart Mitchell, had four children, Leslie, Deborah, Lyle and Lori and also had four grandchildren.

Peter and his wife, Margaret have four children, Barbara, Helen, Nicholas and Theresa and two grandchildren.

Lillian and her husband Rev. Mirone Klysh have three children, Marianne, Myron and William.

Mike and wife, Fran have one child, Trevor.

Shirley and her husband, Fred Karau have two children, Pamela and Yvonne.

Alfred Keast Family by Betty

Alfred Keast was born July 9, 1887 in Orangeville, Ontario to a family of seven children: William, Grant, Harry, Dave, Jessie and Lizzie.

At the young age of fourteen, Alfred struck out on his own from Orangeville to Canora, Saskatchewan, where his brothers were living. While travelling by train from Orangeville to Winnipeg, he had the misfortune to have all his money stolen from him. The manager of the Bell Hotel in Winnipeg, who must surely have been a man of compassion, took him under his wing and fed him, gave him a bed for the night and put him on the train the next day for Canora.

He remained in Canora until 1912 and then moved to Calder, Saskatchewan where he went into partnership with Joseph Jira in the Garage and Implement business. While in Calder he met Mary Egilsson, a pretty Icelandic girl from Logberg, Saskatchewan. She was also from a family of seven: Helga, Hannes, Vega, Paul, Hall and Gertie. In 1916, Alfred and Mary were married and continued to live in Calder until 1936. Their union was blessed with seven children: Gordon, Harold, Marjorie, Calvin, Thelma, Bob and Bill.

In 1930 Alfred moved to Roblin and purchased the Garage and business situated on Main Street (where it still stands) from Mr. R. S. Cross. He took



Alfred Keast Family: Calvin, Marjorie, Harold, Mrs. Mary Keast, Thelma, Gordon, Mr. Alf Keast, Bill and Robert.

board and room with the Terry family, who lived in a dwelling where the Credit Union parking lot is now located. He commuted back and forth from Roblin to Calder on weekends until 1936 when his family made the big move to Roblin and took up residence in the big brick house which was located on the corner of Main St. and 3rd Avenue, where the former Bank of Montreal building is now located. The family later moved to the Payne house which was located where the Co-op store now stands. Mr. Maurice Spigelman rented a room from them while they were at this location and later when the house was renovated, Mrs. Jim Collins rented a small suite from them.

Alfred took a keen interest in his business, but always found time in the fall for his favorite sport — hunting ducks and partridge. As a staunch Liberal, he was interested in politics and kept up on current affairs. He was also an avid sports spectator and proud to watch his sons playing baseball and hockey.

Mary's life revolved around her family and their needs. She was a very loving and caring mother. She was active in community affairs and attended church faithfully. She enjoyed the Women's Institute, quilting bees and was an excellent seamstress, the knowledge of which she passed on to her two daughters. Her door and heart were always open to friends and relatives and to those with special needs and concern.

The family completed their schooling in Roblin. At the same time Gordon, Harold and Calvin did at different times help in the Garage. One of Harold's chores was to milk the family cow. It was rumored that the cow became so attached to Harold that she would follow him whenever the chance arose.

Gordon was born in November, 1918. He has always been very sportsminded and was active in baseball and hockey and in later years, golfing and curling. He was responsible for organizing a Senior Citizens' Curling Club in Roblin. He served his country by joining the Airforce in 1941. In June, 1948, he married Doris Johnston, also of Roblin.

Their marriage was blessed with three children: D'Arcy, who is married and employed in Dauphin; Gordon Jr., who works with Gordon Sr. in Roblin and Kathy, who is presently employed at The Pas, Manitoba.

Harold was born December 24, 1920. Baseball, hockey, hunting and fishing have always been his great interests, as well as curling and golfing. He played first base for the well-renowned Roblin Baseball Club when they had imports brought in from the States. He joined the Airforce in 1940 and served two of his four years overseas. He married Betty Kelso on April, 1949. They were blessed with the gift of two daughters: Mary, who is married and living in Calgary, Alberta, and Sheila, also married, and living in Eugene, Oregon.

Marjorie was born January 26, 1923. She took part in many school activities, babysat with her younger brothers and was very musical. She played the piano, sang in quartets and in the church choir. She worked in Mitchell's Drug Store and also for a time for Safeways in Winnipeg. On August 6, 1942 she married Bill Sharpen. Marjorie and her three sons, Dean, Lee and Glenn, who are all employed, are living in Calgary, Alberta.

Calvin was born January 19, 1925. He too is very sportsminded and has participated in many sports. He now takes pride in watching his sons excelling in hockey and other sports. He joined the Airforce in 1942. In 1959 he was married to Connie Allan, an R.N. who was employed in the Roblin Hospital and is still on a part-time basis. They have a family of five children — Barbara who is married and living in Winnipeg; Cameron, who is completing his education in Winnipeg; Tannis, who is employed in Winnipeg; Kelly, who is employed in Roblin and Tracy at home.

Thelma was born December 22, 1927. She too was interested in school activities and sang in the church choir. She and her brother, Bob were always the best of friends. She worked for several years in the Royal Bank in Roblin. On June 16th, 1956, she married Clarence Riach, an aspiring young lawyer who had taken up practice in Roblin. After a few years of living in Roblin, they have since lived in Calgary, Portage La Prairie, Nanaimo, B.C. and presently in Delta, B.C. They have three children — Ron, who is employed at Maple Ridge, B.C.; Signe, who is employed in Vancouver and Rusty, who is completing his education and living in Delta.

Bob was born on April 19, 1929 and will long be remembered for his musical talents. As a boy he won many "firsts" as a soprano at the various musical festivals. His real love has been playing the organ — for many years in the Roblin United Church (as well as being choir director), then in Deer Lodge United Church in Winnipeg and pres-

ently at Charleswood United Church in Winnipeg. On October 30, 1956, he married Doreen McFadyen, also of Roblin. Bob worked in Hospital administration in Roblin, and then in 1962 the family moved to Winnipeg, where Bob is employed by the Grace Hospital in the same field. They have four sons — Brian, married and employed in Winnipeg; Kevin, employed in Winnipeg; Michael, married and employed in Winnipeg; and David at home.

Bill was born April 13, 1936 and like his brothers is interested in sports and the outdoor life and is quite musical. He was employed by the C.N.R. for some time and is now working as a salesman with Sun Life Insurance Company and living with his family in Yorkton, Sask. He married Sadie Maguire in November, 1963. They are both very dedicated and active in the work of their church. They have four children — Penny, who is employed at Tisdale, Saskatchewan, Larry, employed in Yorkton, and Blair and Patrick, both still in school and at home.

The Garage business carried on from 1930 to 1985.

Gordon and Calvin both left Roblin for a few years after the war. They were both employed for a time with Reid's Tire and Battery Service in Port Arthur, Ontario. Gordon, Doris and D'Arcy moved to Winnipeg where Gordon was employed until 1952 with Good Year Tire Company.

Harold stayed on with his father and took over the business at the time of his Dad's retirement. Gordon and family moved back to Roblin in 1952 and Gordon went into partnership with Harold. Calvin returned in 1952 to work with them.

Gordon left the partnership in August, 1972 to begin his own business, Roblin Tire Service. Calvin remained on with Harold until the business was sold on March 1, 1985. Harold retired and Calvin is employed by the new owners, Mur-Way Auto Supplies.

Mary Keast died suddenly at the age of 55 years on July 23, 1952. She suffered a stroke while watching a ball game in which her son Harold was playing. Her untimely death was a sad loss to her family and to all who knew and loved her.

Alfred Keast died April 25, 1973 at the Portage La Prairie Nursing Home after a lengthy illness. He was 86 years of age — a long journey for the young lad who left home at the tender age of 14 and started out on his own.

Descendants of John Gamon Lee Keay

Beatrice Anne, the first born died at 3 years of age.

Lucy Geraldine Keay (Geraldine), born May 14, 1904 at Manchester, England, was the second child of John Gamon Keay. Her parents moved from

England to Rochedale, Manitoba on May 5th, 1909. Geraldine, being the oldest living daughter in a family of 9, was busy helping with the household duties and caring for babies.

The Keay family's church affiliation was with the Church of England. Geraldine was married to Alex McDonald April 2nd, 1923. To this union was born a son, John and a daughter, Geraldine.

Alex farmed in Russell, Manitoba and then became Superintendent of the schools at Flin Flon, Manitoba. Alex and Geraldine were divorced. Alex retired at the age of 65 and moved to Penticton, B.C. His hobby was gardening. Alex is deceased.

Geraldine was a hairdresser at Roblin, Manitoba from 1929 to 1934. In 1942 she went to Ontario and lived in different places. Geraldine practised as a nurse and during World War II she worked as an inspector in a war plant where they were making rifles.

She married A. W. Forsyth on February 4th, 1950. He is now deceased.

John, her first child, was an electrician. He married Marie Lesouder. Marie is a hairdresser. They have three children and there are four grandchildren. John is now retired.

Her daughter, Geraldine, married L. C. Mize. She has been Deputy Sheriff on the Police Department and now works in the bank and is becoming a bank controller. She and her husband live in Florida. They do not have any children.

Geraldine's third marriage was to Michael Krawec on December 13th, 1974. They are retired and living at Breslaw, Ontario.

Phillip Henry Keay (better known as Phil) was born June 24, 1906 at Manchester, England. He was the third child of Gamon Keay. His parents left England and arrived at Rochedale, Manitoba. Phil was a good helper on the farm and worked out when there was opportunity to make a buck.

The Keay family decided to move to Ontario in 1929 but some of the children were scattering and on their own. Phil worked at Seven Sister Falls Power Plant project for 3 years. He went to Ontario around 1931 (the depression years).

It was not too long before Phil was united in marriage to Ada Blaire. Ada was noted for her kind deeds to others in need. They had one child, Grant Henry. Phil and Ada are separated.

While Phil had many different jobs, he finally owned a garage at Mt. Brydges and also had a car agency which was very successful. He worked for the Fire Department for 32 years.

Phil's son Grant married Carol Ann Blinky. Her father was a professional boxer. Carol works at Canada Manpower in Strathroy. Grant graduated from Strathroy High School and works for the Ministry of Transportation and Communications.

Grant will soon be retiring. He has worked for the Fire Department for 12 years.

Grant and Carol have one daughter, Teresa Ann. She is a noted skater and teaches figure skating.

Phil retired in 1971 when he sold his business and lives in Mt. Brydges. During his retirement years Phil does a lot of lovely wood crafts.

Marguerite Alice Keay was born December 31st, 1910 at Rochedale, Manitoba. She was John Gamon's fourth child and the first to be born in Canada. After Marguerite was away from home and living in Winnipeg she graduated from Marvel College and then opened her own beauty shop.

In 1929 she married Frank Shanks, a draughtman for the CPR. To this union was born a son, William. Marguerite and Frank were divorced in 1933.

Marguerite moved to Ontario and was married to Basil Benstead in 1934. Marguerite had her own beauty shop in Strathroy, Ontario. At present Basil and Marguerite are living in Thousand Palms, California and working together in their own furniture finishing shop.

Their son, Bill, married Doris Puttock in the Little Brown Church in Hollywood, California. They had three boys — John, Donald and Michael. They all have a formal education — John is a policeman in Simi, California, Donald is a policeman in Palm Springs, California and Michael works in furniture finishing in Basil's shop and he now owns half the business. All are married with families so Basil and Marguerite have 3 grandsons and 8 great-grandchildren which they are enjoying.

Their beloved son, William passed away in 1971.

George Edward Keay was born March 21, 1912 at Rochedale, Manitoba. Gamon and Emily Keay welcomed their fifth child, George Edward, into their humble home. George was a good worker at home and for others. He was hired by Leroy Chase, of the Bield area, to help with the duties of the farm. Courting days soon got into full swing with Leroy's daughter, Irene Luella.

In the years of 1933-1935 George attended Lorne Park College of Port Credit, Ontario (high school and theological).

Wedding bells were ringing July 1st, 1935 when George Keay and Irene Chase were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents in Bield, Manitoba.

From 1935 to 1936 we lived at Calgary, Alberta and then returned to the Bield area where we lived from 1936 to 1941. George farmed and also did custom grain cleaning during the winter months.

A son, Glenn Kenneth, came to bless our home. Because of Glenn's physical needs we decided to take Glenn to the Hospital for Sick Children in

Toronto. We made our home at Newmarket, Ontario where we attended the Free Methodist Church.

George soon got work at the Davis Leather Company and next he operated a service station at Bradford, Ontario for a year. With George's skill and ambition he soon owned a garage in the village of Ballantrae, Ontario. I helped George at his places of business, doing book work, sometimes serving customers, going for parts, delivering customers' cars, etc. The business advanced favourably.

Our son, who was a blessing to us as well as customers and friends, passed away on February 28th, 1951.

Soon George decided to go into highway construction with MacDonald and Sullivan. This eventually led to many different areas and contacts were made with new people far and wide.

We were separated for too many years and lost God's highest plans for our lives but in February 1983 there was a reconciliation with God and our own lives. How precious is the forgiveness Christ has provided and our right and duty to forgive one another. We can only be forgiven as we forgive others (Matthew 6:12). As George's wife, I am so thankful to the Lord for His great mercy and for answered prayer in our behalf. What joy and peace it brings day by day.

George was not well for the past couple of years and as I visited him day by day in the hospital, he often requested me to warn others not to let happen to their marriages what had happened to ours, but to be true one to the other. "What God has joined together let no man (or woman) put asunder" (Matthew 9:6). May these last paragraphs fulfill George's desires.

George passed away March 1st, 1984 and was laid to rest beside his son, Glenn Kenneth, in the Newmarket cemetery in Ontario.

Descendants of Phillip Henry Keay submitted by Irene Keay on behalf of the family

John Gamon Lee Keay was born October 3, 1875 at Capenhurst, State of Cheshire, England. John Gamon Lee Keay, best known as Gamon, was the son of Phillip and Anne Keay. He attended St. John's School for boys and girls and got his formal education at Cambridge University, England, and majored in law which he practised in England some. Gamon was a veteran of the Boer War in Africa, serving with the 9th Lancers. In World War I he served as Sergeant Major. He travelled over all parts of the world. He especially loved sports and animals.

Beatrice Emily Cardwell was born March 14, 1878. Emily was a very charming lady. She was a professional dancer. Gamon and Emily were mar-



John Gamon and Emily Keay, Geraldine, Phillip (1908).

ried December 4, 1900. To this union were born nine children. Beatrice Anne (who passed away at the age of three years), Lucy, Geraldine and Phillip Henry Keay were born in England.

Possibly because of war controls in England the Keays decided to move to a better country and on May 15, 1909 they arrived in CANADA and took up farming at Rochedale, Manitoba (Assessippi area), and here the rest of the children were born: Marguerite Alice, George Edward, Donald Lee, Kathleen Emily, Richard Fletcher and James Vincent. Gamon had a brother, Richard Keay, who arrived in Canada eight years earlier in the Millwood District of the Assiniboine Valley.

The Keay's religious affiliation was the Church of England. A beautiful tribute was given to mother Keay by her daughter — "My mother always prayed and believed in prayer, as we do yet." No doubt she yearned for the best for her children and may she be rewarded in that final day when the saints come marching in **because she prayed**.

After many crop failures in depression years, Beatrice Emily Keay passed away at the age of 48 years on September 16, 1926. Seven children were left behind, some in very tender years. Richard Fletcher passed away at the age of nine months in 1918, just eight years previous to his mother's burial and is buried in the Dropmore Cemetery.

Gamon hired Mary Thomas to work for him and indeed it was a full time job in those pioneer days. Gamon remarried Mary Thomas who proved herself to be a wonderful stepmother. She was very understanding.

The Keay family lived at Rochedale for seventeen years when Gamon and Mary decided to leave their homestead and Gamon was very happy when he left the stony land.

In 1929 they arrived at Carodoc Township in Ontario, shipping some of their livestock by CNR boxcar. Here Gamon bought a small farm and continued farming for a few years until his retirement in the Town of Strathroy, Ontario around 1931/32.

Gamon found himself busy at the Downham Nursery Company in Strathroy and then he bought a house on a 1/2 acre of land and had a gorgeous garden as his hobby. NO WEED COULD SURVIVE in his garden. His garden was recognized by the Agricultural Society of Ontario. He was known as the grand old man of Strathroy.

On February 24, 1966 he presented the Strathroy Royal Canadian Legion Band #116 with a framed chocolate box lid. In 1899, we make special note, a box of chocolates had been sent by Queen Victoria to all the British troops serving in the Boer War, wishing the soldiers a "Happy New Year".

It would seem that a lot of the spirit of "Pioneer Days" in Manitoba was instilled into the hearts of Gamon Keay's children. They found themselves willing to do anything they could to make a livelihood in their world. To use a trite expression "there was not a lazy hair on their heads". They were a success in their lives' occupations.

However, they should not forget those wedding vows which united them with their companions, and appreciate that they have been a blessing to the Keay family.

Gamon Keay lived to be 94 years of age when he passed away June 4th, 1969. The Royal Canadian Legion held a service in honour of their Comrade. Rev. John Barrett officiated at his funeral. The flower bearers were his six grandchildren. He was buried in the Strathroy cemetery. Mary passed away a couple of years later and is buried in the Strathroy cemetery.

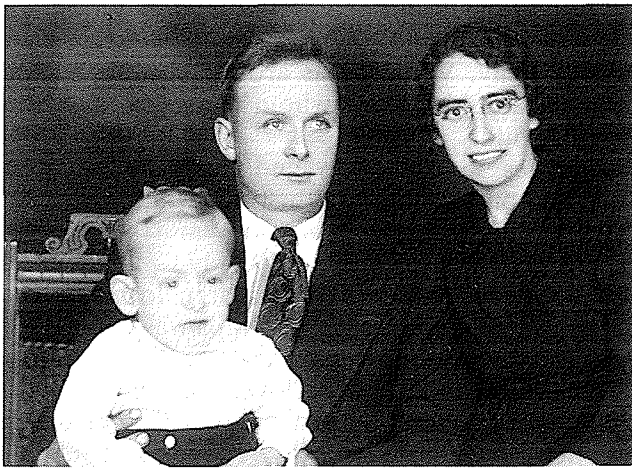
In the year 1984 Gamon Keay's descendants are 13 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

Descendant of George and Irene Keay

Glenn Kenneth Keay was born March 1, 1940 at Bield, Manitoba.

Glenn Kenneth, the son of George and Irene Keay was looked forward to with anticipation, but all too soon after the day of his birth, I was keenly aware that Glenn was not well. His body lacked the muscular strength a normal baby should have. Then to add to our sorrow we discovered his eyesight was impaired.

We went to doctors in our area and then on to Winnipeg but no help was available. One morning while in Winnipeg, tears were flowing unbidden and I said to my parents, "Why is Glenn like this? What had we done?" My heart was bleeding. Why? His little hands had no grip and his legs had no strength



George Edward and Irene Luella Keay, and son Kenneth (1948).

to hold the weight of his body. The horror of it, Glenn could not see. I said, "The cat can see, the dog can see but Glenn can't see."

I shall never forget my father's reply, taken from the Bible regarding a man who was blind from birth — "And Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And the disciples asked Him, saying, 'Master who did sin, this man or His parents that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'Neither hath this man sinned or his parents: but that the works of God should be manifest in him.'" What a message and I needed it!

We decided to go to Toronto Hospital for Sick Children, but we were left disappointed again. He had a kidney condition and this malfunction of the kidneys affected the whole body. The Doctor gave us a very short time for Glenn to be with us, but the Lord let us have our treasure for eleven years (less a day).

With prayer and committing Glenn and our lives into God's will for us was the only way we could find rest of mind. When we would start to question at any time we only placed ourselves into chaos of heart and mind. Glenn really was not ours. He belonged to God by every right and He just loaned Glenn to us to love and cherish as long as His divine plan permitted us to do so.

We soon began to realize the ability which God had given to Glenn. As Dale Evans said about her afflicted child, "Angel Unaware", we could say the same about Glenn. He was very patient and long-suffering. He enjoyed playing with other children, he enjoyed singing and he loved to pray.

One day I was kneeling in prayer in my kitchen and Glenn finally managed to slide to me as he could not walk. He placed his head on my back, and with tears of joy said, "Mother, Jesus came into my heart". This was a precious experience of his own choice.

We still went to different doctors if some one advised us of a doctor they felt might help Glenn. This particular day when we carried him into the doctor's office, Glenn said, "Doctor, I am praying for you." The doctor was surprised and touched. He said to me later, "I would to God I could help your boy."

Just the Saturday before Glenn passed away we called at the home of Mrs. Carter. She had suffered two strokes, could not talk or see. Glenn sang for her and then prayed. How happy Mrs. Carter was!

He sang in many churches and to people otherwise. Many times he helped to share my burden when it would seem I could not carry him any longer. In his simple words he would say, "Mother, Jesus will help you," and He surely did.

The morning of Glenn's passing he was conscious right up the last hour before he left us. He talked with his daddy, whom he loved so much, and he asked me not to leave him. He would tell me he was alright. He did not want me to worry. As I was bathing him he said, "We have not had family prayer yet." This was our custom and Glenn always prayed, too. That morning I read a few verses regarding the Lord's care over the lilies and the birds and concerning His greater care for us. I said, "Glenn, if you just lisp the lovely name Jesus, that will be enough." His speech was thick, his suffering intense, but that was his last request which was granted him. He slipped away so peacefully. The death angel was summoned to take our son. I could just imagine I could hear Glenn's Saviour say, "Come on home Glenn; you have done the best that you could." We could only say through tears, "He will not suffer anymore."

I thank the Lord for the time He entrusted Glenn into our care and for the blessing Glenn has been to us and many others.

Descendants of John Gamon Lee Keay

Donald Lee Keay was born July 21st, 1914 at Rochedale, Manitoba. Donald was John Gamon's sixth child. As a young lad, Donald no doubt did his share around the farm. He went out to Ontario with his parents in 1929.

Donald served in the military during World War II in the capacity of a policeman. During that time he was married to Alma Graham. They had two daughters, Lynda and Judith. His daughter Judith is a registered nurse. Both Lynda and Judith are married and have children. Donald and Alma are divorced.

Donald Lee also owned a sawmill in Strathroy, Ontario.

Later Donald married Marlene Butler and to this union Ronald and Brenda were born. They are both married and have children. Ronald is in a

trucking business and Brenda's husband, Chris May, has a high position with the Pepsi Cola Company. Donald and Marlene were divorced.

Donald Lee Keay has 5 grandchildren. Donald is retired and he and his wife, Ethel are living at Fingal, Ontario. He enjoys gardening for a hobby.

Kathleen Emily Keay was born March 28, 1916, at Rochedale, Manitoba. She was welcomed as the seventh child into the Keay family. Kathleen was just nine years old when her mother passed away.

Kathleen married Ervin Dempsey and their home was blessed with a daughter, Marguerite, and a son, Carmen. Kathleen worked as a stenographer and her husband, Ervin was an electrician by trade and also a musician. He specialized in violin and saxophone.

Their daughter, Marguerite, married Donald Robinson in 1954 and they have four children, Deborah Leanne, Craig Allan, Janet Lynn and Donald Jeffrey.

Marguerite's husband, Donald joined the military and just retired from serving his country for 30½ years. His career was that of a navigator, but for the past 11 years has been flying in the Maritime Command. The last eleven years they have lived at Regina, Sask. and his position there was Warning Officer (relating to emergency). At present they are living at London, Ontario.

Marguerite worked for London Life Insurance Co. previous to their marriage in 1954 but when their children arrived Marguerite remained at home to be a full time mother and homemaker.

Deborah Robinson is living in Yellow Knife, N.W.T. Her time is divided between hairdressing and music. She plays the piano and acoustic guitar and also sings.

Craig Robinson owns his own business as a tile setter and is very sports minded.

Lynn Robinson is married to Peter Petrovich and he is a successful artist. Peter is totally dedicated to Lynn. They are both dedicated to their church, attending Bible Study once a week and Lynn teaches a Sunday School class. Lynn also works at the Bank of Nova Scotia and is progressing quickly at her job.

Jeffrey lives in Toronto. He was with a publishing house but now his new job is with Mega Marketing.

Carmen Dempsey is married and they have two sons, Todd, born December 23, 1969 and Rodd, October 18, 1971. Carmen is an electrician.

Ervin Dempsey passed away February 10, 1983. Kathleen's home is at Petrolea, Ontario.

Richard Fletcher Keay was born in 1918, the eighth child of John Gamon Keay. Richard passed away at the age of nine months from pneumonia.

James Vincent Keay was born March 29th, 1919

at Rochedale, Manitoba. Best known as Vincent, he was the ninth and youngest child of Gamon and Emily Keay. Vincent was around six years of age when he lost his mother whom he needed so much as a little child.

James Vincent Keay and Leona Quelch were married on December 14th, 1942, while James was serving in the Navy in World War II. They were given three lovely children, Wendy Lee, James Lee and Shelley Noreen. The children loved to hear grandpa tell them stories. Grandpa was a good story teller and he almost held them captivated. And Grandma was also their lover. She kept a good supply of cookies on hand and they delighted to sit on her lap and chatter away. They had so much to tell her and they loved to eat those cookies.

Their son, James and wife, Darlene have two sons, Derek James and Wayne Gerald. James is a millwright. Shelley is still at home and works as a stewardess at the Royal Canadian Legion bar.

Vincent still continues with his trade as a tin-smith, heating and air conditioning. He lives at Nipigon, Ontario. Leona is Master of the Post Office in Delaware, Ontario. They are separated.

They lost their little treasure, Wendy Lee, who was born January 14th, 1951. They were only privileged to have her for a couple of days. She cannot come back to them but they can look forward to joining her in that land that is "Fairer than Day".

Richard and Margaret Keay Family by Alice Keay

Richard, better known as Dick, was born in 1873 at Copenhurst, Cheshire, England. He came to Canada in 1892 to the Millwood District, which is



Mrs. R. (Margaret) Keay.

south-west of Russell in the Assiniboine Valley. Here he worked as a farm hand, and at other odd jobs, such as cutting ice on the river and loading it in box cars which were shipped by train loads to Winnipeg. He also hauled poles into Saskatchewan to be used for telephone lines.

He moved to the Rochedale District in 1898.

This was the district which Maggie Lougheed called 'home'. Maggie was born in 1876 at Bracebridge, Ont. and had come to Manitoba with her parents in 1880 and settled in Rochedale.

She gained her knowledge of the 3 R's by walking across country and through the Shell Valley to Asessippi School.

This was at the time of the Riel Rebellion and there were plans being made to evacuate the settlers in this area if hostilities came closer.

After her school years, Maggie worked at the Barnardo Home, just south of Russell. Dick and Maggie were married in 1903 and settled on Sec 19-23-38 in Rochedale and started a mixed-farming operation. They gradually acquired more land, and raised a fairly large herd of beef cattle, which were wintered at the foot of the hills of the Assiniboine Valley. Growing grain and feeding cattle required a lot of horse power. So, there were a number of horses kept, which also meant hiring extra men.

Dick was always interested in the lumber business and eventually had sawmills of his own at Madge Lake, then Boggy Creek in the Duck Mts. The last winter in the bush, his men hauled logs to Sandy Doering's mill in the Riding Mts., then hauled the lumber home.

Maggie stayed on the farm with the chore men and the children which she and Dick had been blessed with over the years.

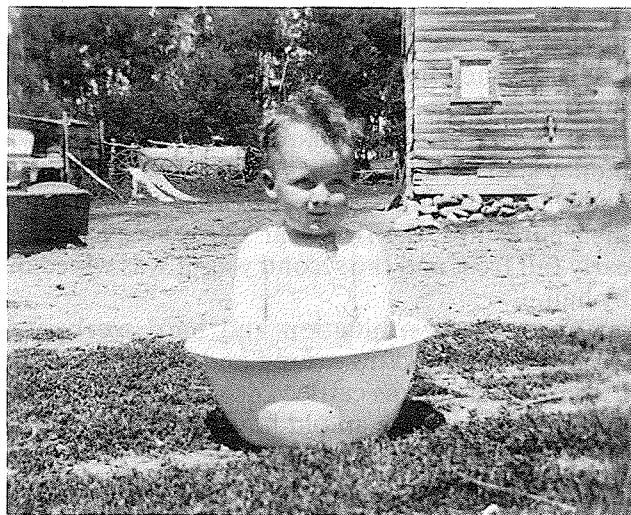
Lucile (Lulu) married Frank Fulbrook. They had one son (deceased in infancy) and three daughters. They now reside in U.S.A.

Beatrice (Tug) married Rudy Lowenberger and they had four daughters and one son. They reside in Yorkton, Sask.

Richard was deceased in infancy.

Harold (Bill) married Alice Patterson. They have one daughter and a son, They reside in Rochedale.

Jack married Evelyn Habershtock. They had a son, deceased in infancy, and a daughter. Jack passed away.



Bath time for little Fred Keay.

Fred married Eva Folina and they reside at Thunder Bay, Ont.

Then the depression came along in the thirties; the cattle had to be sold and Dick worked as a foreman with construction crews, building roads. In 1936 he was moved to The Pas and worked for Man. Gov. under Public works and built that part of Highway 83 known as "The Bog". Maggie passed away in May, 1937 and Dick in Jan. of 1945.

They had both been good community workers and everyone was made welcome in their home.

Harold (Bill) Keay Family by Alice Keay

Harold, better known as Bill, with brother, Jack took over their father's farm in the '30's and farmed it until 1943.

Bill married Alice Patterson in March, 1943, enlisted in the Army and went overseas that same summer. He was in active service until 1946.

After his return to Manitoba, Bill and Alice came back to the Rochedale area and settled on the E½ of 29-23-28, which Bill had purchased before



Jack and Evelyn Keay on their wedding day.



Bill and Alice Keay, leaving after their wedding, 1943.

the war. Highway 83 now borders the east side of this land.

There they lived in two portable granaries for the first summer, while planning and starting their farm site. Those were hard years. Not only was money short, but building supplies and machinery, had all been put into the War Effort. To compound their hardships, the first year's crop was lost to an early fall frost and the second year it was wiped out by hail.

Through determination and hard work, they gradually acquired more land and raised a sizeable herd of Black Angus cattle.

During this time an old house had been moved onto the farm and made liveable. In 1960, a new home was built. In the following years, other farm buildings were built to complete the farmstead, known as "Keay's Knoll".

Bill and Alice were blessed with a daughter and a son over these years.

Bonnie attended Rochedale and Inglis schools, then went on to Brandon University and received her B.A. She then volunteered for two years teaching service with C.U.S.O. in Tanzania, Africa. On returning to Manitoba, she took Education at the



Bill, Rick and Bonnie Keay.

University of Manitoba. On completing this, she went to The Pas, where she taught for three years. Here she met and married Arnold Young. The following year, Arnie was transferred to Edmonton; he is in C.N. Telecommunications and Bonnie works for the Alta. Gov. Manpower Department.

Rick also took his schooling at Rochedale and Inglis, but decided that farming was his vocation. He has a semi-truck and does trucking in spare

time. He married Donna McDuffe in June, 1984 and lives across the road from the home farm.

The family all take a keen interest in community affairs and have participated in many different sports.

Bill was quite active on boards of different organizations, as well as being Reeve of the R.M. of Shellmouth for 12 years.

Alice takes an active part in Inglis U.C.W and helps wherever she can in the community.

Life has been very good to the Keay family, and many happy times have been spent on the farm and with friends of the area.

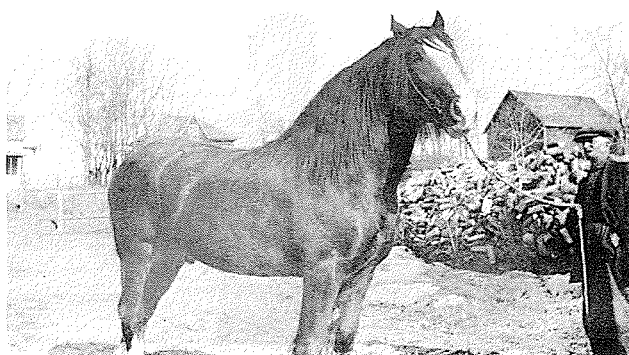
Thomas and Mary Kelly Family by Lottie Kelly

Thomas Kelly and Mary (Alexander) moved from Middlesex County, Ontario to Brandon and then to the Cromarty district in the spring of 1912, and took over the Frank Middleton farm. They had 6 of a family: Maude, Mary, John William, Ernest, Roy and Mabel.



Typical homestead house and yard.

Tom Kelly and his sons raised and showed pure-bred Trotters and Percheron horses. They won several ribbons and silver cups at the Brandon fairs.



Thomas Kelly with his grand champion Percheron.

One year they showed the Grand Champion Percheron, "Pleasant John". Mr. Kelly was an active member in the local Shell River Agricultural Society.

Many young people's socials and Cromarty picnics were held at the Kelly farm; even ploughing matches were held there. Roy was umpire at the Cromarty ball games and "called" for square dances.

Tom Kelly owned a large steam engine and threshing machine and did a lot of custom threshing in the district.

Maude Kelly married James Pringle and they had 2 sons, George and Donald.

Mary Kelly married William (Bill) Fritz of Brandon, Manitoba. Bill Fritz was a train engineer, and worked on the C.N. line going through Roblin to Kamsack, Saskatchewan.

John William married Lola Lovas and they had one son, Charles.

Ernie remained single and spent his latter years in Vancouver, B.C.

Roy married Mary (May) Richardson and they had 3 children, Mervyn, Harold (Harry), and Alison (Alice).

Mabel married Wilson Kelso and they had 2 girls and 4 boys: Ross, Bernice, Isla, Maurice, Douglas and Brian.

John William Kelly, known by everyone as Will or Bill, was born in McGillivray Township, Middlesex County, Ontario on Feb. 10, 1883. He married Lola Melvina Lovas on January 19, 1921.

Lola moved with her parents from Ada, Minnesota, U.S.A. and settled in the Bield district in 1917. Lola was born to Karl and Sina Lovas (Melberg) in June 1898 at Ada, Minnesota.

Bill and Lola owned the south quarter of 34-24-28 in the Tummel district and lived there for 3 years. Some of their close neighbors were Cecil Alexander, William Switzer and Ernie Austin. Their only son, Charles Thomas, was born here in September, 1923.

In 1924, they moved south of Bield, Manitoba, where Bill worked at Mr. Artie Weller's cattle ranch. When the Bield Co-operative elevator was incorporated on August 29, 1927, J. W. Kelly was one of the signers. From there, they moved to Carberry, Manitoba and worked on a farm. Later, they moved south of Brandon, to Little Brandon Hills and worked for Mr. Win Rodick. In 1931, they moved back to Bield to a farm north of Jack Fish Lake.

Later, Bill Kelly worked in Roblin for several years, on the dray for William Cranwell, and boarded at his place. When Mr. Cranwell sold the dray business, Bill moved to the Riverbend district

onto his sister's farm (Mrs. Mabel Kelso) and worked for Mr. Tom Dillin.

In his retirement years, he lived on his son,



Vintage farming methods.

Charles' farm in the Cromarty district, until his death in March, 1968.

Lola Kelly left the Bield district in 1945, when she moved to Massett, B.C. and worked in a fish cannery. In 1970, she returned to Roblin, and lived in the log house, built by Mr. Jim Adams, until 1975. Then she moved into the Roblin Residences.

Charles Thomas Kelly started his schooling at the Little Brandon Hills School. When he was 8 years old, his parents moved to Bield, Manitoba, where he took the rest of his schooling. He was back-catcher for the Bield Baseball team, which was always ready to take on the other surrounding school ball teams. When he quit school, he spent one year at New Westminster, B.C., cutting cordwood in the winter and picking fruit in the summer. In the fall, he returned to Bield and lived with his Uncle and Aunt, Carlot and Laura Lovas, and helped with threshing.

In 1943, Charles joined the Army and took basic training at Portage la Prairie and advance training at Camp Borden, Ontario. In February, 1944, he went overseas to Aldershot, England and took more advanced training. He then served as an assistant instructor on tanks for eight weeks. Shortly after D-Day, on the continent, he joined the Fort Garry Horse Tank Regiment. After spending 23 months overseas, he returned to Canada and was discharged in the spring of 1946.

In May, 1947, he bought a V.L.A. farm, S.W. 1/4 of 13-26-29. The former farm owners were Mel Murray and George Laird. In November, 1950, he married Lottie Loraine Cranwell, and they lived in the original house until 1967; then they built a new house on the south side of the old house yard.

Lottie was the eldest daughter of Arthur and Alice Cranwell, and received her education at Roblin Goose Lake School. She worked for 4 1/2 years at the Creamery which was owned by Smellie Brothers.

In 1971, when the Roblin Auction Mart was built, Charles and Lottie went into partnership with

Tom and Lil Aitken and operated the lunch bar. In 1974, Tom and Lil sold their farm and moved into Roblin. Charles and Lottie carried on selling meals and lunches at the Mart Lunch Bar until Feb. 1976.

After leaving the Auction Mart, Lottie and her sister, Mabel Brade, got involved in teaching ceramics, through the Adult Education Program. For a couple of years, they travelled to San Clara, Makaroff, Bield and Cromarty. They bought a kiln, attended classes at Minnedosa, Manitoba, and wrote exams to get their teachers' certificates. They then rearranged the Kellys' basement for pouring molds and the Brades' basement for teaching ceramic classes 4 times a week, calling themselves "B.K. Ceramics".

Charles and Lottie Kelly have one son, Harold



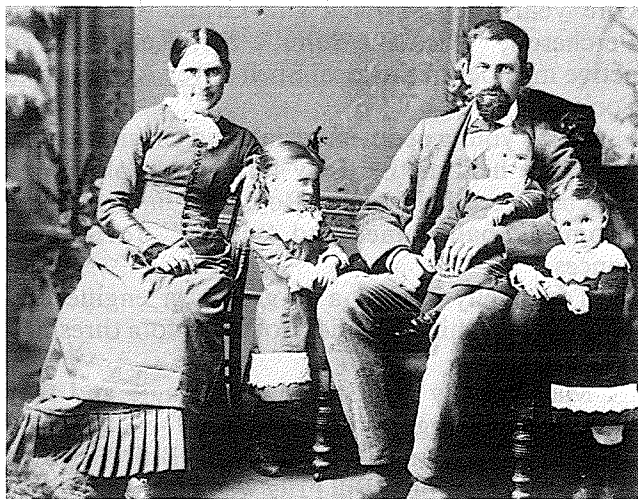
Four generations: Charles Kelly, Lola Kelly, Sina Hanson, Matilda Switzer, Alice Cranwell, Lottie Kelly, Harold Kelly.

Thomas, born in September, 1951. Harold received his education at Goose Lake School, completing his Grade 12 at Roblin Intermountain High School. When the Roblin School Band was first organized, he played the alto horn in it.

In September, 1969, he was employed by Roblin Parkway Co-op as produce manager, and senior grocery clerk for 5½ years. The next 14 months he was employed at the Russell Branch as the grocery receiver, then went to the Rossburn Branch to set up the store for an electronic ordering system. He then transferred to Marathorpe, Alberta and worked there for 13 months as store manager. He returned to Russell for 2½ years as a grocery supervisor, then took on the store manager's position at Rossburn until 1983, when he accepted the position of "Operations Manager". In April, 1984, he was presented with a ring for 15 years of employment with the Co-op.

Wilson Kelso Family

Wilson Kelso, son of William and Christina (Ross) Kelso, took up a homestead on the SW of 28-24-28 in the Tummel district in 1882. In 1885 he married Margaret Johnston, a daughter of James and Sarah (Ritchie) Johnston. They had four children; Ethel, who died at the age of five, Christina,



The Wilson Kelso Family: Mrs. W. Kelso, Ethel, Mr. W. Kelso, Elizabeth, Christina.

Elizabeth and Wilson. Mr. Kelso died at the age of twenty-nine during the flu epidemic of 1889-90.

Mrs. Kelso moved to Russell where the children received their education. Christina and Elizabeth became teachers and Wilson returned to the Tummel district where he farmed until the first World War. He enlisted for service overseas with the 107th Battalion, received the military medal for distinguished service and was transferred as an officer to the 8th Battalion of the 'Little Black Devils'. Upon his return he went back to the farm and married Mabel Kelly of Roblin. Christina married Gibson Ritchie of the Tummel district and Elizabeth married W. H. Robertson and lived in the Roblin and Cromarty districts.

William Kelso Family by Mrs. Wm. Perchaluk

William Kelso, son of William Kelso and Elizabeth (Wilson) Kelso, was born at Peterborough, Ontario in 1840. He married Christina Ross who was born at Cornwall, Ontario in 1844, a daughter of Alexander Ross and Esther (Fraser) Ross.

They came west to Newdale with a party of relatives and friends and then in 1882 moved to Tummel to file for homesteads. Their daughter, Sarah married Wm. McTavish and remained at Newdale. Five sons, Wilson, William, James, Donald and John, came to Tummel. Three children were born at Tummel, Mary and Tom (twins) and Evelyn. Tom, one of the twins, died in infancy. William Kelso and his son, Wilson helped to form the first school district and assisted in building the log schoolhouse and log church.

The family later moved to Russell to enable the younger children to attend school. Mrs. Kelso was in much demand as a nurse and, whether it was a case of measles or a new baby, "Grandma Kelso"

was always equal to the occasion. For a time they had the only milk cow in the district and the milk was shared with those who had children. The milk was frozen in pans in the wintertime and the nurse took a cake of frozen milk with her to the sick.

Mary and Evelyn both entered the teaching profession. Mary (Mrs. T. L. Guild) was one of the first directors of Home Economics at the Manitoba Agricultural College (now the University of Manitoba). Evelyn (Mrs. H. Laidlaw) was matron of the Manitoba Home for Girls and later taught school in Winnipeg until her retirement. She judged at rural fairs for many years and continues to share her expertise in gardening and crafts. She is the only surviving member of the William Kelso family and, at the age of ninety-six, she still lives in her own home in Winnipeg at the time of writing (1984).

Donald Ross Kelso Family

by Morgan

William Kelso (b. 1840) and Christina Ross (b. 1844) were married in Ontario. They came west to Newdale with friends and relatives. In 1882 they moved to Tummel to begin homesteading. Their daughter, Sarah, married William McTavish and stayed at Newdale while five sons (Wilson, William, James, Donald, and John) came with them to Tummel. Three more children, Mary and Tom (the twins) and Evelyn were born in Tummel. Tom died in infancy.

William Kelso and his son, Wilson, helped to form the first school district and assisted in building the log school house and log church in Tummel.

William and his family later moved to Russell, where his wife, Christina, who became known as "Grandma" Kelso was nurse and midwife whenever called upon. She always took a frozen cake of milk to the sick as the Kelso family were the only ones with a cow.

William and Christina's son, Donald Ross Kelso, married Catherine Hautz in 1895 at Russell, Manitoba. They moved back to the Tummel district to farm and had seven children: Thomas (1899), Melville (1902), Dorothy (1904), Catherine (1906),

Christina (1910), Clarice (1915), and Evelyn (1917), as well as two children who died in infancy.

In the early 1920's, Donald and Catherine moved their family to Roblin where Donald purchased William Ferguson's butcher shop. Donald and Catherine were active in community affairs and were staunch supporters of the United Church. One of their daughters remembers her father's habit of carrying a pocketful of peppermints to church to keep the younger children quiet during services. Catherine was a prominent member of the church's Ladies Aid and extended her charitable work during the Second World War to include knitting for the servicemen stationed overseas. Donald died in 1929 and Catherine in 1948; both are buried in Tummel Cemetery.

Thomas Kelso, the eldest son, enlisted during World War I at the age of 17. He served as a dispatcher overseas. After the war he returned home to Roblin briefly, then moved to Winnipeg to work. In 1924 Tommy married Mary Lammie of Deepdale in Winnipeg, where two of their children, Morgan (Pogue) Thomas (1925) and Elizabeth (Bette) Lorene (1928) were born. After the death of his father, Tommy and Mary moved the family back to Roblin where Tommy took over the butcher shop. A third child, Donald (Butch) Lawrence was born in Roblin in 1933; he died in 1976. Following his parents' example, Tommy and his wife were also extensively involved in the community. Mary was a member of the Women's Institute and Tommy was a Charter and Life member of the Canadian Legion as well as having served for several years on the Town Council. Tommy was also influential in the building of the Memorial hall and helped bring a higher calibre of baseball to the community sport's scene through the importing of players from the United States. Tommy died in 1969 and Mary in 1974.

Morgan took all of his schooling in Roblin, enlisted in the army in 1944, and after the war returned to Roblin to join his father as a butcher, becoming the third generation of Kelsos to be butchers in Roblin. In 1951 he married Marjorie Georgena Ellis of Foxwarren. They have two daughters, Clarice Theresa (1957) and Evelyn Mary (1963), who both live in Winnipeg, and one son, Morgan Thomas Joseph (1966), who lives at home.

Bette married Gordon Rupp in 1946 and they had five children: Thomas Murray (1949), Donald Lawrence (1950), Morgan Dwaine (1952-1980), Boyd Franklin (1955) and Theresa Mary (1958). Bette and Gordon are presently living in Snow Lake, Manitoba.

Melville Kelso married Orphas Penas in 1924 and they had five children. (see Melville Kelso family history).



Donald Ross Kelso and wife Catherine.

Dorothy (Dot) Kelso married William King in 1936 in Ochre River, Manitoba. Bill died in the 1950's and Dot later remarried. Her second husband, Jack Terrick, is also deceased. Dot lives in Selkirk, Manitoba.

Catherine (Kay) Kelso married Lawrence Cook in 1933 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They had three children: Gary (1934), Gilbert (1935) and Diane (1940). Lawrence died in 1984 and Kay is presently living in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Christina (Chris) Kelso married W. J. (Bud) Lloyd in 1932 and they had two children, Jerry (1934) and Elaine (1936). Bud died in 1970 and Chris is presently living in Abbotsford, British Columbia.

Clarice Kelso married Joseph Stephanson of Selkirk, Manitoba, in 1938 and they had three children: Kenneth (1941), Joseph (1944) and Carol (1955). Joe died in 1963. Clarice still resides in Selkirk.

Evelyn (Gint) Kelso was the tomboy of the family; she was actively involved in sports including hockey, softball and curling. In 1941 she married a local boy, Donald Ross (Fergie) Ferguson, son of William and Margaret Ferguson. Fergie drove a lorry during World War II. He was a member of the Roblin baseball team and was employed on a road construction crew. Gint and Fergie had four children: Bonnie Elaine (1942), Donald Verlyn (1947), Keith Arthur (1949) and Kelso (Kelly) Brent (1949).

Bonnie married Arnold Langan of Winnipeg, Manitoba, in 1962. They have one son, Verlyn Wayne, born in 1962, and a granddaughter, Ashley Rose, born in 1984. Bonnie and Arnold live in Winnipeg and Verlyn lives in Calgary, Alberta.

Verlyn, the eldest son of Donald and Evelyn, married Theresa Truffyn, daughter of Bill and Mary Truffyn of Roblin, in 1968. Verlyn is in the construction business in Calgary, Alberta. They have two children, Verlyn Wade (1968) and Taryn Lynn (1973).

Keith married Monica Penny of Williams Lake, British Columbia, in 1983. They live in Williams Lake where Keith is a sawyer for Ligman's Sawmill.

Kelly married Phyllis Lestage in 1973. They have two children, Cory (1975) and Kevin (1978). They live in Kamloops, British Columbia, where Kelly is a security guard at a minimum security prison.

Mel Kelso Family **by Mabel Kelso**

Orpha Penas married Melville Kelso in August 1924 at Roblin, Manitoba. Mel worked as a labourer, doing odd jobs. He usually drove horses for Jack Scott, helping on the highway. In later years he worked on a ranch in Alberta and also in B.C. Then in 1961 they moved back to Roblin. They had 5 children.

Mabel was born in Roblin and received her education there. In 1943 she enlisted in the Canadian Army. She returned to Roblin and has lived there since.

Alex was born in Roblin and received his education there. He worked at numerous jobs and finally he took over the dray business from his grandfather, Mr. Penas. When times were getting tough he went to work for Roblin Truck Service. He worked there until he passed away in 1977.

Robert was born in Roblin and received some of his education there. Then his parents moved to Grandview to settle on a farm there. Robert received the rest of his education at Grandview at the Duck Mountain School. He married Florette Stewart at Dauphin and they had three children: Barton, Brent and Wade. All three boys were born at Roblin. Robert worked for Ralph Jory for a number of years, then he worked for the Roblin Truck Service before leaving for Williams Lake, B.C. That is where he now makes his home.

Beatrice was born at Roblin and she received her education at the Duck Mountain School at Grandview.

She married Ed Walters at Grandview and they had 6 children. Ed went to Williams Lake, B.C., where he was employed and Beatrice and her family followed. There were 3 more children born at Williams Lake. Ed passed away in 1978 but most of the family still live in Williams Lake.

Albert was born in Roblin but received his education in Duck Mountain school. Not being able to find work, he went to Williams Lake and obtained employment. He married Anastasia Jerome at San Clara, Manitoba. They moved to Williams Lake where they make their home. They have two daughters, Theresa and Martha.

Both Albert and Robert work in a saw mill.

Mel passed away in 1964 and Orpha in 1974.

History of George Kelso Family **by Betty Keast**

George Kelso, son of James and Priscilla Kelso and brother of Annie McIntosh, Alexander Kelso and Jessie Kines, was born at Russell, Manitoba on September 30, 1898. His schooling was taken at Asessippi and Rossburn. The school at Asessippi was located on a hill at the top of the valley. This meant quite a trudge to make it to school but a fun time in the winter when he and the others could ride down hill on their sleighs on the way home.

George and his family also lived for awhile some 15 miles south of Roblin at a spot which was known by some to be called the "Kelso Ravine". It was while they were living on this homestead that his brother, Alexander became ill at three years of age and died. His body had to be taken in a wagon box



L to R. George Kelso, Annie McIntosh, Priscilla Kelso and Jessie Kines, 1959.

drawn by a team of horses, to the Deer Park Cemetery at Tummel, for burial.

Later the family moved to Rossburn where George worked on a dray after school. He was very interested in sports, excelling in hockey. His mother, who was an excellent seamstress, did sewing for others. Times for them were tough and any way to make money helped them through very difficult times.

It was while George was in Rossburn that he got his start in the creamery business. Indeed, it might be said that he started right on the bottom rung of the ladder. In order to be more knowledgeable in the business, he borrowed money to attend the University of Manitoba to take the diploma course in Agriculture.

On March 27, 1923 he was united in marriage to Olive Irwin, a school teacher, also from Rossburn and from a family of thirteen.

On March 27, 1924, their first child, Betty, was born. A few months later they moved to Russell, Manitoba where George had obtained employment with Smellie Bros. & Co. as buttermaker. While still in Russell their second child, Phyllis, was born on March 8, 1926.

The Kelso Family spent ten years in Russell during which time they became very active in community affairs and the United Church. They were also interested in lodge work — George in the Oddfellows, Masons and later the Shriners and Olive in the Rebekah Lodge.

Olive taught Sunday School and was busy with her family while George was devoting himself and all his energy to bettering himself in the buttermaking industry. The fruits of his labor were not in vain. For several years he worked until all hours of the night making exhibition butter for which he won numerous ribbons and trophies. The fulfilment of his dream was realized when he was recognized as the "King Champion Buttermaker" of Canada.

While living in Russell they became the proud owners of their first radio. Although the reception was not the best, it was still a real thrill to sit beside the big "horn" and listen to all the sounds emitting from it. They also graduated from their Model "T" Ford to a new Pontiac (which Miss Lang, the piano teacher in Roblin, later bought from them).

Happy as they were in Russell, George was always looking for ways of bettering himself. He visited Roblin where a number of his relatives lived and felt there was a real potential there for a creamery business. He set about seeking a good location and then busied himself drawing up plans and a design for a creamery. These he presented to Smellie Bros. & Co. who went along with his vision.

Work was started on the creamery in 1933, and in 1934, the Kelso family left Russell to begin their new life in Roblin. They moved in February, 1934. The roads at that time of the year were blocked so the move was made with the use of horses. The furniture, including a big upright piano, was loaded onto a hayrack and was transported in what took a whole day's time. The family left after lunch in a closed-in van with a small heater, and was pulled by a very spirited team of horses rented from Mr. Adolphe of Russell. They passed their load of furniture which was being slowly pulled up a long hill of the valley.

The family moved in to a big brick home built by Mr. Van Alstyne and was situated on the corner of Highway #5 and 4th Ave., South (now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Holovach). Their neighbors to the south were the Art Edwards family and to the east, the Nate Rosen family. The High School, which has since burned, was to the west and across the road.

Things seemed very strange for a while. The first week or so for Betty and Phyllis in a new school was difficult — Phyllis was in Grade II with Miss Simpson as teacher and Betty in Grade IV with Miss Peden as teacher.

Soon new friendships were made and the creamery business was very successful despite the many complaints about the "terrible odors" coming from the creamery slough. Another thing that took some getting used to was that the people in Roblin had become used to dairy butter. It seemed inconceivable to us that the people preferred the flavor of dairy butter to creamery butter! Indeed, it took some time for Mrs. Fox's dairy butter to take second place to creamery butter.

George and his family spent the next 34 years living and working in Roblin. They were active in community projects, the United Church, Lodge work and sports. They all liked to curl and George refereed hockey games and helped to coach a baseball team. Olive was President of the Ladies' Aid,

held all offices in the Rebekah Lodge and was District President of the Women's Institute.

During the second World War, George was Chairman of the National War Finance Committee. He and the members of his committee worked hard and were well over their quota for each Victory Loan Drive on the sale of bonds.

George served the town as a councillor for the years 1941-1945 and was mayor for the years 1946 and 1947. The big project during his term of office was the building of the combined skating and curling rink. Many hours were spent in planning as well as much overtime in physical labor in getting it ready for the opening in December of 1947.

John Collins, who had been buttermaker in the creamery, took over as manager in 1944. George accepted the position of supervisor of the five Smellie Bros. Creameries in Shoal Lake, Russell, Roblin, MacNutt and Rosburn.

In 1959, Smellie Bros & Co. sold their operation to Manco Dairies, who took over in 1960, at which time George retired. He sold his house and built a new one on Hospital Street, just back of the Greek Orthodox Church. He and Olive enjoyed their time of retirement. They enjoyed travelling and took pride in their garden and their gladioli in particular, for which they took many prizes at fairs. Olive liked nothing better than placing flower arrangements in the church and giving bouquets to her neighbors and friends.

George's mother and sister, Jessie, moved to Roblin in 1943. Jessie taught school for 20 years and was principal of the Elementary School. She retired in 1963 to care for her ailing mother who passed away in May, 1965. His sister, Annie, lived all her married life in Rosburn and died in March 1976. His father, James, died in August, 1961.

Betty and Phyllis completed their schooling in Roblin. Betty went to Winnipeg to Business College and then back to Roblin to work in the Royal Bank for 5 years. She married Harold Keast in April, 1949. They have lived in Roblin most of their lives. Their two daughters, Mary, born December 24, 1953 and Sheila, born January 6, 1958, graduated from the Roblin Collegiate and went on to further their education in Winnipeg. Both girls have married.

Phyllis attended the University of Manitoba, taking Interior Design. She was married to Nestor Mudry in September, 1947 and they now reside in Winnipeg. They have four children, Greg, Tom, Paul and Katherine and two grandchildren — offspring of Tom and his wife, Barbara. The three boys are married and are well established in their chosen fields of work and Katherine is in her 3rd year of University.

Olive passed away in April of 1967, after a



George and Olive Kelso.

lengthy illness. George moved to Haney, B.C. in 1968 where he married Alice (Lundy) Thom, a former resident of Roblin. They resided in Haney for 14 years and then decided to move back to Roblin which was still "home" to them both. They moved back in June of 1982 and moved in to their new home on 4th Ave. South in September, 1982. George became suddenly ill in May of 1983 and passed away on May 24.

Alice is still living in Roblin as is his daughter, Betty and her husband, Harold, and his sister, Jessie Kines.

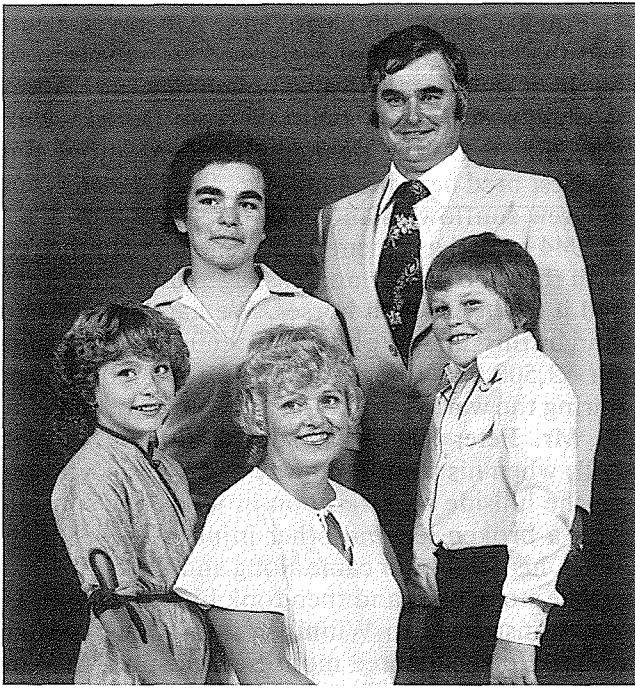
George has left his family with many proud memories.

Edward and Nettie Kendall Family by Nettie Kendall

Nettie Adeline, the 3rd. daughter of Walter and Rosie Cockerill left home at the age of seventeen, in May 1959, to take a hairdressing course at the Marvel Hairdressing School in Winnipeg. She stayed at her Aunt Vera's and Uncle Jack Sanders' place for three years while she took the course and also while she worked at the "Fashionette Hair Stylists" in Polo Park.

Nettie married Edward Albert Kendall on November 2, 1962 in Roblin United Church. They grain-farm in the West St. Paul area. In the winter months Ed works on snow removal in the city. Nettie continued hairdressing part time at the "Nu-Fashion" downtown until their children were born. She continued hairdressing at home for a few years while the children were growing up.

They have three children; Darrin Wayne, born on July 14, 1965; Cheryl Lynn, born on December 14, 1968; and Douglas Keely, born on Dec. 3, 1970. They attended Stony Mountain School and Stonewall High school. Darrin attended two years at St. John's High School in Winnipeg, and is presently attending University of Winnipeg, and works part time at Safeway.



Darrin, Ed., Cheryl, Nettie and Douglas Kendall.

Cheryl works on Saturdays at Grasamere Coffee Shop. Douglas is in the Air Cadets and works at the football games.

Nettie is presently hairdressing part time at the "Maples Personal Care Home" in Winnipeg.

Peter and Caroline (Daisy May) Kennedy by the Kennedy brothers, Alex and George

Peter Kennedy was born in Bricken, Scotland on January 29, 1880. He was the second son of a family of 13. He came to Canada at the age of 18 and some of his younger brothers and sisters weren't born yet so he never met some of his family. Some of them went to Australia.

In 1897 (the year of Queen Victoria's Jubilee) the passage on the ships cost less to come to Canada



Peter and Daisy Kennedy, Jack and Annie Hayes, with Annie, George and Alex Kennedy, and Jimmy Hayes, 1924.

than to go to Australia, and when Peter flipped the coin he chose Canada. Peter arrived in Winnipeg in June and told his family later that the houses were banked with cow manure. He told us he headed for Calgary, Alberta (which was still in North-West Territories at that time) to work for an Uncle, but got word that the blizzard of 1897 wiped him out, so he went to work for a big farmer at Newdale, Manitoba by the name of Jackson.

Peter got his first homestead at Newdale, but sold it when he knew he could get a second homestead in the Castleberry district. He moved to Castleberry in 1901 and homesteaded on the N.E. 1/4 of 24-24-30. (This farm is presently owned by Alex Bier N.E. of MacNutt.) In moving he had to use the swinging bridge over the Assiniboine River at Shellmouth. This bridge was turned around by horse power. It went out with the flood in 1902. He drove up and broke 110 acres, built a house and a barn during the summer. In the fall he went back to Newdale and helped thresh at the Jacksons. He worked in the sawmills at Riding Mountain National Park (Clear Lake) in the winter months. He cut the first crop in 1902 with Nat Haig's Massey Harris 5-foot binder and hauled the grain with horses to Russell, Manitoba, a distance of about 35 miles. The Kennedy family purchased the binder and did a lot of custom work with this binder for Waggoners and other neighbours. Parts of the old binder were used by the neighbours for repairs. There are still some parts in the bush at the home place. Peter built the first portable granaries because it was easier to dump the grain straight into the bin instead of into the wagon and then into the bin. He threshed grain for his neighbours from 1914-21 with a George White steam engine (17 horsepower) and a 28" wooden separator. They later used a 24 x 46 inch wooden separator in 1921. Still later a gas Allwork George White tractor; and still later a steel separator which is now in the Pioneer Museum at Roblin in a space marked "Kennedy Place".

In 1907 he rented his farm out and went back to Scotland for a holiday. The crop froze that fall so he didn't lose anything by going. He sold that farm in 1908 and bought a quarter of 18-25-29 in the Shell River Municipality.

On January 28, 1910 Peter married Caroline (Daisy) May Thomson who was born on June 6, 1886 at Sutton Bonington, England. Daisy came from England to work at the Dugan farm and Peter met her while out walking in the hills.

Daisy, being a city girl from England, had a hard time adjusting to country living shortly after they were married. One day Peter had a toothache when he got to MacNutt, Sask., so he got on the train and went to Russell to have his tooth pulled; he stayed overnight and got home the next day. Daisy

was frantic, not knowing where he was. Peter had a dog that wasn't used to having women around so when he went to town they tied the dog to the table leg. He broke loose and followed Peter to MacNutt. When Peter returned to MacNutt the next day the dog was waiting for him at the station. Daisy at home alone thought Peter had left her and was quite terrified alone on the farm.

Peter was a road foreman from 1926-1940. He was a very successful farmer and built an attractive and sheltered farmstead which still stands today.

By about 1914 they had a big 17 horse-power 28 inch steam separator outfit and, along with 10 men, did a lot of custom threshing. In 1919 they got a smaller threshing outfit and a Fordson tractor for field work. In 1922 they bought a George White Allwork kerosene tractor and a 24 inch wood separator. In 1928 they got another 24 inch steel separator.

They had a Model T touring car in 1916. In 1918 they got a MacLauchlin Buick touring car. In 1929 they got a chev. closed-in car.

In 1936 they traded the Allwork and Fordson tractors on a John Deere D. tractor, binder and oneway 3-bottom plow. They always had about 18 work horses and full line of machinery for them.



Peter Kennedy's purebred Herefords in 1930's.

Peter Kennedy and his sons raised registered Hereford cattle and in 1926 had 20 cows and 21 calves. We increased our herd to 200 head. We also went into sheep ranching. He bought a Domino bull



Sheep following dog, on the Kennedy farm.

at Frank Calcutts in Crossfield, Alberta. Calcutts had the largest herd of registered Herefords in the world at that time. He also bought a Kendel Domino bull at a Calgary bull sale from Douglas Lake Ranch in B.C. The Kennedy herd was at one time the best bred herd in Manitoba. The Kennedy family grew sunflowers and corn for silage. From 1925 to 1944 he had a cement trench silo and cut the feed with the corn binder and ensilage cutter and tramped it in the pit with horses. We had 7 quarters of land by this time. We built a 50 x 60 foot barn in 1916 for \$3,500.00. Wheat was \$2.50 to \$3.00 a bushel during the war.

Mr. Peter Kennedy had a terrible accident in 1921, when his team ran away and he was left lying on the hillside all afternoon in 90 degree sunshine with a broken leg and other injuries as well. Jack Watt, his neighbour came along and took him home on the stone boat and then took him to Roblin. He was transported to Winnipeg the following afternoon. He spent three months in hospital in Winnipeg.

About 1926 they got an electric plant, but when the depression hit they had to go back to coal oil lamps.

In 1910 the Castleberry Church burned to the ground in a prairie fire. We had the N.W. 1/4 of 7-25-29 nearly all broke up and that saved the home buildings and the grain was stooked on the S.W. of 18 or we would have lost everything.

In 1924 Peter, Daisy, Alex, Anne and George all went back to Scotland and England for a three-month holiday. They also went to the grain exhibition in Regina in 1933; and drove to the Calcutt ranch in Alberta in 1929 to buy a bull. In 1941 we went to the Calgary Stampede and visited Banff, Lake Louise, and Jasper.

Mrs. Daisy Kennedy was a trained pianist and lovely singer. She used to walk to Cupar School and help the teachers with music for the Christmas concerts which were famous and well attended. She spent many hours entertaining her friends and family.

The John Deere tractor that was bought in 1936 is still in running condition and George uses it to seed in the spring. He and Blanche are now semi-retired on a small farm near The Pas, Manitoba.

Peter and Daisy had 4 children, 2 sons and 2 daughters, Alex, Anne, George and Margaret.

Alex, born in 1910 is still single and lives on the home farm. He is semi-retired, and spends many happy hours working and helping out at the Keystone Pioneer Museum.

George, born in 1920, married Blanche Johnson in 1941 and farms near The Pas, Manitoba. They have a family of 4 children: Peter, Roy, Patricia and Jerry. Peter married Elaine and they live at Edson,

Alberta and have 2 children. Roy has 4 children. Patricia married Victor Jory and they live at The Pas.

Anne, born in 1916, married Gene Schmid and lives at Edmonton, Alberta. They have 3 children: Peter, Bob and Carol. Peter married Barb and they have 2 children. Bob married Diane and they have 2 children. Carol married Art Hooks.

Peter Kennedy passed away on August 17, 1941 and Daisy on December 10, 1962. Both are buried in the Castleberry Cemetery.

Children of Charlie Kennedy and Jean Taylor

Charlie was born at West Maine and worked at Wigtownshire.

George died at age 18.

Charlie lived in Broughty Ferry, Scotland.

Peter's family history above.

Johnny lived in Roblin, then Hamilton, Ontario. He was married.



Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth, Miss Forsyth, Miss M. Forsyth, A. St. John, Mr. J. St. John, Bill St. John, John Angus, Miss E. Kennedy, J. Kennedy, Mrs. K. Kennedy, and A. K. Kennedy, in 1912.

Alex married Minnie Forsythe. (She lives in Winnipeg). Their children are Harold of Flin Flon, Manitoba and Kathleen who married H. Kendall and lives in Winnipeg.

Jean-Boughty Ferry lives in Scotland.

Elsie is married and lives in New York, N.Y.

Mary lives in Liverpool, England.

Jennie lives at Newdale, Manitoba. She married Frank St. John. Their children are: Bill, Earl, Leslie, Edwin and Arnold (deceased).

Frank Kerr Family by Frank

My mother, Isabel Calcutt was born in Grey County, Ontario and came west with her parents. My father, Walter Kerr was born in Scotland and came to Canada as a young man. Walter and Isabel had 5 children: Robert, Clara, Jack, Georgina and Frank. I, Frank was born 2 miles east of Roblin, on

a farm, in 1909. Bob and Georgina live in B.C. Clara lives at The Pas, Man. Jack passed away, and I live in Binscarth, Manitoba.

Lenora's father (Peter Hanson) who was, born in 1880, came from Denmark as a young man. He married Sina Lovas, born in 1877 at Grygla, Minnesota. Sina's parents came from Norway and settled in Ada, Minnesota. Lenore was born in 1914 in Grygla, Minnesota, U.S.A., and came to Canada in 1917, settling in the Bield area and attending school there.

In 1932, I married Lenora Hanson and we had 2 daughters: Frances, born in 1933, and Mildred. After I returned from the Army and overseas service, we lived on a farm 2 miles south of Roblin for several years. We raised our girls there and they attended school in Roblin. We enjoyed curling, golfing, card games and visits with our neighbours. We left the farm and moved to Flin Flon, Manitoba where we lived for several years. We enjoyed our social life in the Lutheran Church at Flin Flon.

Frances worked at the Roblin Creamery and at a store in Roblin after she finished her schooling; and before she married Reginald Ward of Deepdale, Manitoba, in 1951. They had 3 children: Shelly, born in 1952, Wayne in 1954 and Leona in 1956.

Shelley married David Etienne in 1972. He came from Ontario, and they have 2 boys; Ryan and Blair.

Leona married Raymond Power in 1978. His parents live in Newfoundland. They have 3 children: Robert, Chris and Jennifer.

Wayne was married but they separated. They had no children. They all live in Flin Flon and work for H.B.M.S. Company.

Mildred was a teacher at Mountain House school for a year, then worked for H.B.M.S. Co. as cashier in the café. She met and married Freeman Barrett in 1955 at Flin Flon. They have 2 sons; Brian, born in 1956 and Grant in 1959.

Brian married Cheryl Russell in 1983 and they have a daughter, Crystal, born in 1984. He also works for H.B.M.S. Co. in Flin Flon.

Grant married Karen Wilson in Winnipeg. They have a daughter, Lisa, and they live in Winnipeg where Grant is parts-man in a garage.

Freeman and Mildred moved to a farm near Binscarth, and operate a garage in town.

We are now retired in Binscarth, Manitoba and have lived there since 1978. We spent one winter in Arizona and Texas. We presently work at hobbies and enjoy them very much.

Robert and Georgina Kerr by Roy Mickelson

Robert Kerr (1865-1961) Georgina Staple (1870-1928).



Gladys Kerr, Carrie Staple, Georgina and Robert Kerr, Sarah Staple, in 1911.

Robert (Bob) was born in Norland, Ontario in 1865 where he was raised and educated. He married Georgina Staple, a teacher, and moved west in 1892 to Neepawa. They homesteaded in the Tummel district 5 1/2 miles south and 1 mile east of Roblin in 1903. They had one daughter, Gladys, who taught school in Rochdale and near Gilbert Plains, Manitoba before she married Oscar Mickelson.

by Gladys (Kerr) Mickelson

In June 1903 we travelled by train from Neepawa to Grandview where we stayed with friends. We drove by team to Tummel where we stopped with Alf Scott until we got a log cabin built. We drove with team and wagon back to Neepawa in time for the fall harvest. In 1903 there was no Roblin, except for a tent. In 1904 there were a number of buildings and we were able to come all the way by train.

Freedom from stones in Ontario and weeds in Neepawa were the reasons Father gave for moving. But there was hard work. To help out the family income my father cut wood and sold many loads in Roblin. He also drove the school van. Albert Terry and Mr. Kirkpatrick had log cabins back in our bush where they spent much of the winter cutting wood.

My Mother baked bread for the bachelor neighbours and sometimes picked wild berries and sold

them. They milked cows and churned and printed hundreds of pounds of butter to sell to customers or to the store. Perhaps my most vivid childhood memory is of hunting cows every evening. The cows could and did travel for miles.

My Mother died when she was only 58. Her obituary said she was "a woman very much esteemed for her quiet, consistent, sympathetic life". In the early days, I imagine she missed her family back in Ontario. Her Mother wrote to her in 1896 and said "When I think of you being away out there, almost out of the world, I feel so lonesome and wish I could help you feed the threshers". My father lived to be 96. He was a kind, soft spoken person and a good father, grandfather, uncle and neighbour.

The Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Kerswell Family by Flo, Alma and Vera

Mr. and Mrs. Kerswell came west from Wing-



Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Kerswell.

ham, Ont., early in March of 1903, to the farm (32-26-29). They brought two cows, one or two young stock, and a team of horses. One of the horses died at Russell, where they had to unload, as the railway was not yet open from Dauphin to Kamsack, Sask. The grading was partly finished and the first train went through sometime in the winter of 1904. There was no road except the old 'Pelly Trail' which ran from Brandon to Russell, and on to Fort Pelly and to Edmonton. There was no mistaking it with its six deep ruts; when one rut got too deep, the Red River carts made another rut alongside.

Bill, their son, made eleven trips to Russell and back, in the summer of 1903. He brought furniture,

some lumber for floors, and doors and windows, for their sod-roofed log house. He was just a lad of sixteen at the time and he must have had some long lonely rides, during which he slept under the wagon at nights.

The first year they planted about five acres of oats which had to be fenced, as the neighbors had herds of cattle and horses roaming the prairies.

Their log house burned down in 1905. The men saved a few things but the mother and girls were away at the time, so they saved only the clothes they were wearing. The neighbors helped them to build another log house, which was later used as a machine shed. Nicholas ('Nels' as he was usually called,) and his wife, Mary Jane Kerswell, had a family of one son and two daughters. Mrs. Kerswell was married beforehand to Mr. Powell, having had



L to R. Flo Kerswell, Jack Powell, Cilla Powell, N. J. Kerswell, Mary Kerswell, Bill and Ida Kerswell.

a son and daughter from this marriage, Jack and Cilla Powell.

Her second family with Nels consisted of:

William (Bill) — who married Alma Denham of Gilbert Plains in 1915. They had four children.

Florence — married Art McInnes of Winnipeg, Man., and they had five children.

Ida — married Phil McLellan of Kamsack, Sask. They had four children. Ida's second husband was Jim Rodden; her third husband, Ted Tempest, and her fourth husband, Jack Smith, were all of Flin Flon, Man. Ida and Jack lived there for a few years then moved to Vernon, B.C. where Jack still resides. Ida died in 1980.

Jack Powell — (From a former marriage) was employed with the C.P.R., Winnipeg, Man. He quit his job and filed on a homestead two miles from where Kerswells lived (where Jim lived later with his family).

Their nearest neighbors were the Boggy Johnson's, James Rogers', Sloan's and Collins' families who came about the same time.

Jack's house was built first, then N. J.'s. Jack and Bill cut the scrub and made a road between the

two places. After working in the city for so long, Jack liked to be outside where he could yell at the top of his lungs and it was said they could hear his voice from where the Kerswells lived.

N.J. dug a well, and daughters, Ida and Flo hauled the dirt up by pail. That year, Jack, N.J. and Bill went to Roblin to work on the section. They built a shack near the station and Jack's wife cooked for them. Jack had three children; Clarence, Dorothy and Hazel.

Bill's mother and two sisters, Ida and Flo, stayed on the homestead and looked after the stock while the men were away. The pig started eating the few chickens they had, and the well went dry. The girls had to drive the stock to a lake about a mile away. It was a cold job cutting a hole in the ice and watering them. The girls also hauled wood and sawed it for firewood. Flo was thirteen, and Ida a year younger, at the time.

The family had an old army rifle (Snider) which Bill had traded something for in the east. That was the only gun they had with which to hunt game. Needless to say, they blew a few prairie chickens to pieces before they learned to hit them in the head!

Jack remained in the district for some time, and several years later, following the death of his first wife, he remarried and moved to the west coast with his second wife, (the former Lollie Button) where he built a little home. Here, he, his wife, and Kathleen, their daughter, lived until his passing in 1953. Lollie died a few years later.

N.J. left the farm in 1915 and his son Bill and wife Alma took over. He built a house and an office, west of the Post Office in Makaroff. Mr. Kerswell managed an insurance office, acted as Justice of the Peace, sold marriage licenses, and during the war, published a paper to the boys serving in the first World War. He called this newspaper "The Rainbow" as "the rainbow was the sign of Eternal Hope," he said. He produced this paper by typewriter and sent it to the men in the trenches.

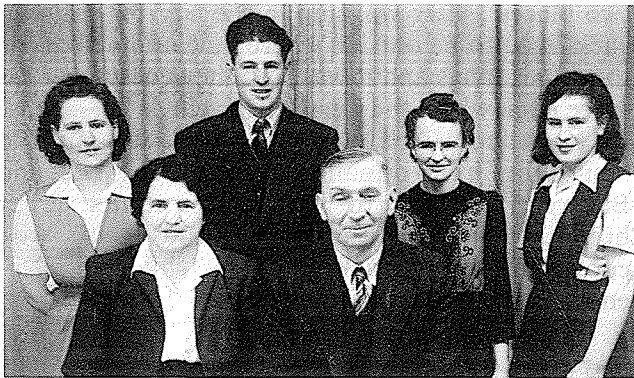
He used to give out blotters to the school children, but only if they said, "May I have a blotter, please?", not "Can I?"

Mrs. Kerswell was a long-standing member of the W.I. and L.A. Both she and her husband were active in community and church work. She was secretary for several years prior to 1939.

Mrs. Kerswell passed away in 1939 and Mr. Kerswell in 1943. They are both laid to rest in Makaroff Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. William (Bill) Kerswell and Family by Alma and Vera

Bill, the only son of N. J. Kerswell, married Alma Denham of Gilbert Plains, Man., on June 2,



The William Kerswell Family: L to R. Vera, Jim, Enid, Doreen, Mrs. W. Kerswell and Mr. W. Kerswell.

1915. They had many happy years on the same farm as Bill's father had lived on, in the Makaroff district. Bill farmed there until he retired in 1944 when his son, Jim took over the farm. Bill was also a cattle buyer.

Bill and Alma moved to Roblin, Man. where Alma looked after the Ladies' Rest Room for awhile. Their family consisted of one son and three daughters. Two other children had died in infancy.

Jim, the third generation on the farm, married Erie Tripp of Togo, Sask., after she had served in the war. They had three children; Greg of Winnipeg; Karen married Keith Ray of Flin Flon and later moved to Swan River; and Vernon who returned to the farm after attending the University



Christmas with the Kerswell, Powell and McInnes Families.

of Manitoba. He married Brenda Simair of Dropmore.

Vera married Jack Davis in 1936 and they settled in the Makaroff district. They had five children.

Enid married Bill Bruce of Hudson Bay, Sask. They worked in Flin Flon for a few years, then moved to Hudson Bay. They also lived in Roblin for about two years. Bill drove an oil truck for a number of years, then worked for MacMillan Blodell, a chip-board company. Enid worked in a Dry Cleaners' plant for a few years. Bill retired in 1982 for health reasons. They had two daughters and one son.

Doreen married Ernie Eger of Dinorwic, Ont. They lived in Dinorwic, Geraldton and Port Arthur (now Thunder Bay) and later moved to North Vancouver. They had two sons and two daughters. Ernie died in 1980, and Doreen later married Nick Hutzkal of Vancouver.

Bill and Alma were enthusiastic curlers and great supporters of all community activities. Alma was a member of the Ladies' Aid and Women's Institute. She was secretary of the W.I. in 1930 and vice-president in 1934, 1935 and 1937.

Bill died in 1948 and is resting in Makaroff Cemetery.

Alma moved to Flin Flon in 1949 where she lived with her sister-in-law, Ida, for a short time. She worked as a cook for awhile and then met Theo Windfield and married him in 1954. He died in 1968 and was laid to rest in Grandview Cemetery.

Alma remained in Flin Flon until 1972 when she married Dick Jacobs of Portage la Prairie and went there to live. Dick went into the Lions' Prairie Manor in 1979 and Alma returned to live with her daughter, Vera Davis at Makaroff.

The Family of John Kines Sr. by Thomas A. Kines

John Hilliard Kines was the youngest son of William and Margaret (Bothwell) Kines who emigrated from Ireland in 1832 and settled on a farm near Stratford, Ontario.

In 1882 John married Eva Edwards whose parents, John and Elizabeth (Chowen) Edwards had come from Devonshire to settle near Poole, Ontario before moving to the Roblin district (Tumbell) in 1883. Most of the Edwards family settled in the Roblin district. Louisa married W. Rorrison; Clara married Wm. Hornsby; Allie married George Ford; Amy married Joe Riley; Mabel married Reg Glover; Art married Lottie Leybourne; Wm. married Bertha Grassie; Tom went to the Klondike about 1898 and is reported in the Russell Banner to have made a fortune in gold there.



Kines Family: L to R. Front: Margaret, John (father), Eva (mother), Bessie. Back row: John, Amy, Alvin, James, Clarence, Arthur.

John and Eva Kines went first to Carberry, Manitoba, where his brother James settled, and then moved to the Tummel area about 1884, where they homesteaded on the SW ¼ of 18-25-28. Son Clarence and daughter Bessie were born there. They moved to Asessippi where James and Margaret were born and then to Neepawa where Alvin was born on April 12, 1893. A year later the family moved back to Asessippi where Amy and the twins, Arthur and John, were born. They lived there until September, 1903 when they moved back to the farm in Tummel in six inches of snow.

John had earned his patent on the first homestead by 1888 and was entitled to a second one, so he filed on the N.W. ¼ of 18-25-28. The family suffered hard times that winter but survived with Clarence, Jim and Bessie all working out.

Clarence married Hazel Glover in 1911; Bessie married Charles Glover the same year; Margaret married Tom McNeill in 1914; Jim married Lena Macdonald in 1916; Amy married Charles Chapman in 1920; Alvin married Ethel McNeill in 1921; John married Alice Solotad in 1935 and Arthur married Saba Selby in 1934 in California.

Clarence, despite the loss of his right hand, continued to farm in the Roblin district until 1944 when they moved to British Columbia, eventually settling in Naramata where their daughter Marjorie (Mrs. Anson Day) still lives. Their daughter Mildred (Mrs. Lloyd Eckhoff) and daughter-in-law Audrey Kines live in Armstrong. Their elder son Clare was killed in action in Normandy in 1944 and son Pat Albert Glover died in Armstrong, B.C. in August 1982.

James and Lena had two children: Jean (Mrs. Allan Martin) is living in Roblin and John married Joyce Armstrong and lives in Birtle, Manitoba. Jim farmed in the Tummel district until 1948 when they moved to the Riverbend district, continuing to farm there until his death in 1965. Mrs. James Kines was a vigorous member of the Roblin community until she died in 1980 at the age of 86.

Margaret Louise Kines (at least the 3rd Margaret in the Kines genealogy) and Thomas Leonard McNeill had four children: Thomas Leonard, who moved to Vancouver in the 1920's; Kathleen Louise, who grew up with the family of F. H. Belton in Roblin; Lorraine, who grew up in the Charles Chapman family in Cromarty and Shirley, who grew up in the James Kines family. (More detail of this family in the McNeill story).

Bessie (Mrs. Charles Glover) had five children: Edith (Mrs. Ormond Pasquill); Gordon, who was killed in W.W. II; Jack, Alvin and Reg, all of whom at last account were living in B.C.

Amy (Mrs. Chas. Chapman) had three boys:

Roy, now in Chilliwack, Percy in Sardis and Jack in Vancouver.

John and Alice had two daughters, Helen (Mrs. Olynyk) in Boston and Kathy in Winnipeg.

Arthur and Saba had two boys, Cliff and Bruce, both living in California.

Alvin had four sons: Thomas Alvin (married to Mavis Jean Lauder) living in Ottawa as is Donald (married to Veronica McIntosh); Hugh John (married to Helena Truffyn) in Roblin; and Wayne Locksley (married to Jane Stuart) now living in Ottawa.

The Kines family was among the earliest pioneers in the Roblin district and various references are made to members of the family in the local newspapers of the day.

In 1899 the Russell Banner published a special edition featuring a section on the Asessippi district containing the following: "Still a little farther north (of Tumbell) we come to the home of Mr. John Edwards (father of Mrs. John Kines) whose genial face at once shows the successful and contented farmer. He came in 1883 and his cattle, horses and grain crops cannot be beaten anywhere".

September, 1900, "Messrs. Ford, Kines, and Johnson are enhancing the value of their property by digging wells. Small particles of gold are being found in the well at present being dug in town". February 1901, "Miss Maggie Kines has been visiting at her grandpa's and grandma's, Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards, for the past few days. May and Gay will be delighted to have the visit of "Miss Maggie Blue-eyes".

In April 1906 the paper reported — "A very successful concert and social was held in the Sterling School on March 15. The opening address was by Master Louis Hornsby, a recitation by Miss Maggie Kines, a recitation by Hazel Glover. A dialogue 'The Seasons' by James Mitchell, Wm. Hornsby and Henry Cranwell, a chorus by the 'Kines twins'."

A later reference to the Sterling Sunday School picnic says: "A special feature was the race between Masters Arthur and John Kines who ran an even heat"!

The church, of course, was central to the life of the Kines family. The dedication of Tumbell Presbyterian Church took place on November 17, 1887, on a site donated by John Watson, just off the old Pelly Trail. Mrs. John Kines was a member of the first congregation and used to tell of driving seven miles with oxen to arrive for the morning service. Her husband, John, was secretary-treasurer of the building committee which was responsible for the building of the log church, the walls of which were erected at a raising on June 21, 1887.

John, however, was a Methodist and was there—

fore among the families which began services in the early 1900's at Sterling School. In 1909 the people of Sterling gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kines and presented Mrs. Kines with a handsome chair in appreciation of the work she had done in the Sunday School.

The first Union Sunday School was held in 1914, but the Sunday School of the Presbyterian church in Roblin was organized in 1904 by Mrs. Alvin Kines' father, Dan McNeill, who was also the first superintendent. (More under the McNeill story). In 1924 Alvin Kines became superintendent and continued in that capacity for 25 years. Alvin was also clerk of the session from 1929-1947, Field Secretary from 1926-1944 and again from 1954 to 1957, and a member of the board for most of that time. In 1958 he was appointed lay minister to the churches in Inglis, Dropmore and Shellmouth; a ministry which he fulfilled with distinction for more than five years.

Ethel (Mrs. Alvin Kines) was leader of both senior and junior choirs and played the organ for services for varying periods over a span of thirty years. She was also the organizer of many concerts and musical events, taking the Knox United Church Choir to the music festival in Kamsack in 1940 where they carried off top honours. (More about music in Roblin under separate section).

Alvin Kines became Postmaster of the Roblin Office in 1920, after serving overseas for four years in the 1914-18 war. He was awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery in 1917 and received his commission at war's end. He also won a silver medal as welter-weight boxing champ and continued his interest and involvement in sports throughout his life. He served as Postmaster for 38 years and was succeeded by his son, Hugh John, in 1958. During and after the second World War, Alvin Kines was Captain of the Veterans' Guard in Roblin, recruiting officer for the Canadian Army, president and secretary of the Canadian Red Cross, Master of the Masonic Lodge, member of the school board and town council. After the death of his wife, Ethel, in 1967, Alvin Kines married Jessie Kelso, who taught primary school in Roblin for many years.

John B. Kines, after studying geology at the University of Winnipeg in the late '20's and taking his teachers' training and receiving his physical education diploma in Toronto, returned to Roblin to join the teaching staff of Goose Lake Collegiate. He remained in Roblin until 1937 when he moved to Gilbert Plains as high school principal.

In 1958, after serving almost 13 years as assistant, Hugh Kines succeeded his father Alvin as Postmaster for Roblin. He continued in that capacity until 1984, when he retired after 39 years of service to the community. Hugh and his wife (the

former Helena Truffyn) raised three children in Roblin: Michelle married Rev. Ron McConnell and they are now living in Gilbert Plains, Man.; Clare is serving with the R.C.M.P. in Thompson, Manitoba; and Larry joined the Roblin Post Office staff in 1984, thereby being the 3rd generation to serve in that capacity. Helena Kines taught at the Roblin Collegiate from 1962 to 1984 and continues to teach part-time in the school although she resigned from her full time position in 1984. Hugh has been a member of the Roblin United Church Choir for a number of years and has also served as a member of the session and church board.

The Kines Family by Marjorie (Kines) Day

One hundred years ago 1884 John Kines and his wife, Eva came to the Tummel district. They had been married in 1882 and had come west to Carberry.

In 1884, John decided to look elsewhere, so settled on a homestead where, except for a few years in Asessippi, he and Eva lived until their retirement to Roblin in 1927.

Their eldest son, Clarence was born there in 1885, and seven other children throughout the following years.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Kines were involved with the building of the first church in Tummel. John was also a council member for several years. Mrs. Kines was active in the W.I. and was head of the committee who first planned the Annual Cemetery Day in Tummel.

Clarence took up a homestead in 1903 in Cro-marty, and in 1915 sold it to his uncle, Bill Edwards and moved to Tummel, where he and his family lived until 1944, when they moved to B.C. He was an active member of the Tummel School Board; was secretary of the Beef Ring for many years; served on the Church Board; and was on the Board of Directors for the #1 Wheat Pool Elevator built in Roblin. He died in 1979 at the age of 94. His wife, the former Hazel Glover died in 1970.

Jim Kines homesteaded the farm beside his father, where J. C. and Marg. Brook now live. He too was on the council and the church board.

Three of the family were school teachers; Alvin, Johnnie and Margaret. Alvin was in World War I and in 1920 became Post Master until 1958. For years he was Superintendent of Roblin Sunday school.

Johnnie lives in Winnipeg, after teaching at schools in Roblin, Gilbert Plains, and Flin Flon.

Johnnie's twin, Arthur moved to Los Angeles in 1927, where he spent the rest of his life. He died in 1976, leaving two sons, Bruce and Cliff.

Bessie, the oldest daughter married Chas Glover. They moved to Vancouver in 1926.

Margaret taught in local schools in the Roblin district. She moved to Vancouver in the late 1920's and was Secretary of Associated Dairies until her death in 1938.

Amy married Chas. Chapman. They farmed in Cromarty district until they moved to Chilliwack, B.C. in 1937 where Amy still resides.

There are many descendants of John and Eva Kines. They are scattered from Nova Scotia to Vancouver Island.

James M. Kines Family

by Jean Martin

James M. Kines, second son of John and Eva Kines, was born in Asessippi, Manitoba, in 1888 and at a very early age worked for Tom McLennan before moving to the Tummel area in 1903. He took as a homestead the N.W. 1/4 of 15-25-29, later moving to the farm now owned by Bus and Marge Brook, who still live in the same house which he built in 1916. He married Lena MacDonald, who had come to Canada in 1913, from Canon Bridge, Scotland, to live with her eldest sister Mrs. T. H. (Jessie) Belton.

Both Jim and Lena Kines were very active in community affairs, especially in the church where Lena sang in the choir and occasionally played the organ. They also were interested in school activities and the cemetery upkeep.

Their home was the centre of many sing-songs and no one ever left hungry. Their barn was the scene of many dances and even fowl suppers. Jim was interested in the Credit Union and served on the first board as well as the Roblin Co-op. (now Parkway Co-operative) where he was the first president, and was on the Shell River Council from 1921 to 1926. In the 1920's he took over his father's farm until 1948 he moved to the Riverbend area and lived until his death in 1965.

He became an elder in the Roblin United Church following his move nearer town, but still retained many Tummel interests such as secretary of the Tummel Beef Ring.

During the "dirty thirties" he was many times called on to act as a barber and a butcher for his neighbours.

They had a daughter and a son. Jean, Mrs. Allan Martin of Roblin and John, of Birtle; also a niece Shirley (McNeill) McCallum of Regina was raised in their home.

Following Jim's death in 1965, Lena moved to Roblin to continue in church work and maintained a special interest in quilting until her death in 1981.

Jean and Allan Martin have three daughters, Janice Hopkins of Ottawa, Ontario, Lynn Stewart

of Amherst, Nova Scotia, and Marjorie Kergen of Luseland, Saskatchewan.

John and Joyce Kines have two sons and a daughter, Lindsay of Brandon, Murray of Winnipeg and Andrea of Birtle.

Shirley and Harold McCallum have one daughter, Rosemary of Regina, Saskatchewan.

Clifford And Olive Klassen

by Olive

I, Olive Irvine, eldest daughter of the late Stanley and Gladys Irvine, (née Gladys Wallace) was born on April 8, 1925 on Dad's homestead two miles north of Silverwood school, where both my father and I received our education. Two of our sons also attended this school for a time.

I married Clifford Klassen on Nov. 9, 1949. Clifford was a veteran of World War II. We spent some time farming in the Silverwood area.

Three sons were born to us while we lived on the farm; Gerald, Everett and Billy. Later we moved to Wawa, Ontario where Clifford was employed as a diamond driller in the mines. Our only daughter, Winona was born there. After some years we moved back to the farm at Silverwood and there, Marvin, our youngest son, was born. Clifford was not happy farming, so after a few more years he left the farm and moved to Edmonton where he found a job which he really enjoyed. Our family moved here soon afterwards and we have lived here ever since.

All of our children are employed in Edmonton. Gerald is married and we have two grandchildren, Amy and Christy.

Erla (Morrison) Klein

by Erla Klein

Erla Morrison left the farm in November 1962, to attend business college and later to work at Manitoba Telephones Systems. By 1964 she decided to start heading West — a childhood dream! Yorkton was to be a short stop-over and then on to beautiful British Columbia, but Kerry Klein entered the picture.

Kerry and Erla were married in Roblin on September 11, 1965. At that time Kerry worked for Pachal Beverages and played hockey for the Yorkton Terrier Senior Hockey Team. Erla was employed at the Bank of Nova Scotia.

One year later, Kerry received a phone call from Hythe, Alberta to come and play hockey in the North Peace River League and buy grain for National Grain. This was the beginning of many moves!! Shortly after they moved, Erla started working for the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in Beaverlodge (9 miles away) but was interrupted when Tracy Gay arrived August 5, 1967. After a brief holiday Erla went back to work in

Beaverlodge and eventually moved there in April, 1968. Kerry went to work for Solheim and Hogan, building houses for Indian Affairs in Slave Lake.

With fall came another hockey offer for Kerry so off he went to Dawson Creek in October to a training camp. Erla transferred to the Dawson Creek bank. Kerry worked at the hockey arena for a little while and then a job came up with R. J. Keen Construction (heavy construction). August, 1969 brought another move further north. Keen was setting up his head office in Fort Nelson (Mile 304 Alaska Highway) to be closer to his work sites. At this point Erla went into retirement. Kerry was on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. He did all the purchasing for the road construction and oil field jobs. They found the North definitely different! Sunday and Monday were all the same to those working in bush camps. When parts or grub were needed they had to be ready whenever the next plane, barge or truck was leaving. Many a Sunday afternoon outing was interrupted or cancelled by a mobile radio call from a bush camp.

On November 6, 1970 Bradley Kent arrived. Erla spent the next few years in and out of the work force. The fall of 1976 she took a job with Canadian Propane and was there until Kerry landed a job with Canadian Cellulose in Prince Rupert, after Keen Industries folded.

On December 19, 1977, Erla, Tracey (10), Brad (7), the cat and a St. Bernard (Claude) in a 1967 Plymouth Fury, headed down the Alaska Highway to Dawson Creek, through the Pine Pass to Prince George and over to Prince Rupert, arriving there at noon on December 23. Christmas was not elaborate and was unorganized, but the greatest gift of all was being together again! They had been separated from Kerry for about three months on and off again while he was out on interviews and just generally searching for work and then he spent a month in Prince Rupert before his family arrived.

They loved Prince Rupert! No screen or storm windows! Quite a change from Fort Nelson's cold winters and the bugs in the summer. Kerry spent a great deal of time on the golf course, with its lush greens all the time. The winters were very mild. Erla did books for Brodwater Welding and Fabricating. They did most of their work on commercial fishing boats. So Erla quite enjoyed learning and meeting people from a new industry.

All through the years Kerry kept in contact with the Yorkton hockey team. When the Old Timers Hockey Association started holding tournaments on a National scale in 1975, he came back and played with them in Peterborough, Ont. Usually when he came back he would check the papers and see if there were any jobs open in his field. Sure enough, in 1979 Leon's Manufacturing Co. were looking for

a purchasing agent. So back to Prince Rupert they travelled in a convoy this time — one rent-a-truck and a stationwagon minus one St. Bernard. Erla was employed with Crestview Mobile Homes and was there a year when she moved to the Yorkton Co-op. At the same time, Kerry went to work for Morris Rod-Weeder Co. They bought a house about three blocks from their very first basement suite and seem to be quite settled now (July 1984).

A Song Honouring Mr. Ernest Knight on the occasion of his 95th Birthday

by Mrs. Freda Poyser

There's an old spinning wheel in the corner,

Spinning dreams of the days long gone by,
When an old-fashioned lad from Surrey, England

Left his country and sighed a little sigh.

Shall I ever return he wondered sadly,

As he leaned on the railing of the ship;

But the young man, his spirits soon recovered,

He determined to enjoy his ocean trip.

Now this young Englishman, you know, was
Ernie,

With his brother he came to pioneer,

They were told Canada needed some farmers,

So they settled on homesteads near here.

His brother Owen was handy with a hammer

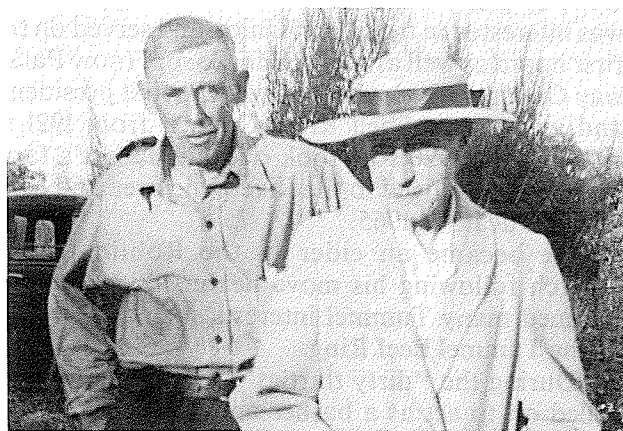
Ernie found the crosscut saw a mystery;

But between them they built upon a hilltop

And the house still stands for all to see.

'Twasn't long before these two started courting

And they married two lovely English girls;



Ernie and Lilly Knight.

Settled down to break the sod and plant some
wheat,

Milk the cows, shear the sheep and visit Curles.

But as the years rolled by Australia beckoned,

And Owen sailed off to that far country,

So Ern and Lil were left alone together

But soon had wee Reg for company.

'Twas a happy life there on the homestead.
 Times were hard, but Ernie stuck behind that
 plough,
 In the heat of the day the horses tired,
 So he stopped them saying, "that's enough for
 now".
 While they stood slowly switching at the horseflies,
 Ernie found a shady spot beneath a tree.
 "Snatching forty winks is good for soul and body,
 And especially good for horses," said he.
 Meanwhile Lil was keeping busy in the kitchen;
 Churning butter, baking bread and cooking
 meals.
 Quite a difference she found it from old England
 Where the maids looked after everybody's
 needs.
 And Reg was busy trying his invention,
 For he was quite mechanical, you see,
 From odd parts of this and that he built a tractor
 To replace the horses and the doubletree.
 They lived and they thrived on their sheep ranch.
 Contentment and happiness was theirs.
 Looking back on those times of good fortune,
 Ernie calls them "the jolly good old days".
 It's the same old story as we all grow older,
 We find we treasure more the memories
 Of the old spinning wheel in the corner,
 And the days that belong to yester-years.

James Knight Family **by Ethel Harlow**

James Knight and his wife, Emily Jane, came to Canada in 1905 from England. They settled in the Tummel district on the N.W. 1/4 of 22-25-29, where they farmed for several years. They raised a family of seven children, some of whom were born in England. The family received their education in the Sterling School. After James Knight passed away, Mrs. Knight and several of the family moved to Vancouver.

Fred Knight married Ellen Nastrom from the Deepdale district. They lived in Vancouver where he drove a street car for a number of years and raised a family of three; Gloria, Shirley and Jimmy. Fred owned a dance hall in Vancouver. He was a great square dance caller and his daughter, Gloria, played in the orchestra.

Dorothy Knight married Leo Christoff in 1918. They farmed in the Tummel district and raised a family of 11 children.

Lillian married in Vancouver. She passed away at a young age leaving 3 small children.

Ivy married Ed. Stanley and they moved to Watson, Saskatchewan. He was a barber until his death. Ed and Ivy raised 3 girls. Ivy still lives in Watson.

Ella married in Vancouver and had 1 son. Ella and her second husband were killed in a tragic car accident near Prince George, B.C., in 1968.

Gordon married in Vancouver. They had no family.

Sydney never married. The only living members of the family are Ivy, Gordon and his wife, Margaret. Emily Knight passed away in 1956 at the age of 85 years.

Mary Kobluk (nee Mary Babiuk) **by John Stolarchuk**

Mary Babiuk immigrated to Canada with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Babiuk in 1896. They left their homeland in Western Ukraine and upon arriving in Canada, settled briefly in the Saltcoats area of Saskatchewan and later moved to Calder, Saskatchewan where Michael Babiuk took up a homestead. At that time, this area was known as the North West Territories. Mary's father had an ox and with the co-operation of a neighbour, who had one horse, the two farmers were able to break enough land for gardens.

In 1899, Mary, at the age of 17, was married to Nick Nevistiuk. They had six children — Rose, Bill, Vera, Steve, George and Doris. Nick took ill and suddenly passed away in 1909. Mary faced many hardships in providing for her young family.

In 1910 she was married to George Kobluk and they settled in the Inglis area. From this marriage, nine more children were born — John, Margaret, Kay, Anne, Elsie, Nick, Chris, Ted and Doreen.



Mrs. Mary Kobluk and Grandchildren.

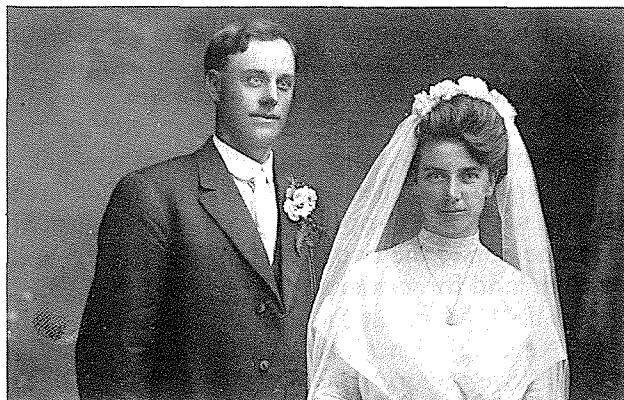
George and Mary retired from the farm at Inglis in the fall of 1958 and moved to Roblin. In 1962 George passed away and Mary continued to live at home with her son George, who worked at various jobs around the community; Town of Roblin, Roblin Forest Products, and Roblin Golf Course.

When illness handicapped Mary to the stage where she was unable to do her housework as efficiently as she would have liked, she moved to the Personal Care Home in the Roblin and District Health Centre. Five years later, on October 8, 1980, she passed away at the age of 99 years.

At the present time, residing in Roblin, are the following descendants of Mary Kobluk: son, George Nevistiuk; grandson, John Stolarchuk; and great granddaughter, Gloria Korpan.

Carl and Selma Kolstad Family by Delores Ulrich

Carl Johan Kolstad was born on Aug. 14, 1882 in Benson, Minnesota, U.S.A. Selma Jorgina Gilarod was born on May 2, 1892, also in Minnesota. They were children of two Norwegian families. Carl and Selma were married on June 29, 1912 in Minnesota.



Mr. and Mrs. Kolstad on their wedding day, June 29, 1912.

They had nine children. The four oldest children were born in Minnesota and the other five at Togo, Sask.

Ernie, born April 16, 1913 in Minnesota, died on Jan. 15, 1915, and was buried in Minnesota.

Ada was born on May 25, 1914. She married Joseph Dugan on September 30, 1937. They had two children; Joseph and Richard. They farm in the Castleavery district.

Leonard, born Jan. 20, 1916, served in the 2nd World War as a radio operator. He married Delilah Lux and they had four children: Lenore, Constance, Judy Lynn, and Georgina. Leonard died in November 1971, and is buried at Lac La Biche, Alberta.

Clifford, born Oct. 3rd, 1917, married Lydia Browe. They had 6 children: Sharon, Clifford, Karen, Judith, Deborah and Kenneth. They live in Regina, Sask. While in Roblin Clifford had the Route 83 filling station and lunch counter for a few years.

Caroline, born on November 3rd, 1920, married John Hunter of the Castleavery district. They had 3 children: David, Gregory and John Jr. John Sr. died in 1974.

Delores was born on the 24th of Feb., 1923. She married Andy Ulrich and they lived at Roblin. Andy died in 1971.

Kenneth, born Dec. 22, 1924, has never been married and lives at Roblin, Man.

Ruby, born Jan. 12, 1927, married George Roe and they had two children: Janet and Tim. They live at Ste. Rose du Lac, Manitoba.

Edward, born Jan. 9, 1930, married Annie Michalevich and they have five children: Kyle, Shirley, Rodney, Randy, and Gayle. They live at Surrey, B.C.

In 1919 Carl and Selma moved to "Sunnyside Farm" in the Togo, Saskatchewan district. They farmed in the Togo and Calder districts until their retirement to Roblin, Manitoba in November, 1951.

Selma Kolstad passed away November 29, 1952 and Carl on Jan. 19, 1958. They are both buried in the Roblin Cemetery.

Clifford S. Kolstad Family by Cliff and Edith Kolstad

I, Clifford Kolstad, born on Oct. 3/1917 at Montevideo, Minnesota, U.S.A. came to Canada with my brother and sister and parents, Carl and Selma Kolstad. We settled in the Gartmore District near Togo, Sask. I received my education at Gartmore School. I left in 1939 for employment with Scott National Fruit in Flin Flon, Man.

In 1944 I married Edith Brausse. She was born in 1925 in Keliher, Sask. and was employed as a chemist for HBM & S. Co. We married in Regina, Sask. In 1946 we moved to the U.S.A. where I was employed as manger of "Red Owl" Food Stores. During the eight-year stay we lived in various towns throughout South Dakota and Minnesota.



Kolstad's lunch counter at the Goose Lake site.

We moved back to Canada in 1954, settling in Roblin, Manitoba. We immediately established Roblin's first fast-food outlet in the name of "Lakeview Lunch". The following year a gas-bar and open 'pit' for oil changes and grease jobs was added. Business boomed and in 1958 we built the first ultra modern, two-bay, B.A. Service Station and restaurant known as "Route 83" Service Station & Restaurant. We operated this service from 1958 to 1968 when we sold it to Herb Sanders of Roblin. We then moved to Chilliwack, B.C. where



Kolstad's garage at Goose Lake.

we resided for two years. We moved to Regina where we now reside.

We have six children, Sharon, Clifford, Karon, Judith, Deborah and Kenneth who helped us operate our garage and restaurant, making it a 'family affair'. Our family has since increased as we now have eleven grandchildren.

We enjoyed our friendships and business associations with the town's people over the fourteen years we called Roblin our home. It was a good town to raise our family and we still enjoy return visits.

I was active with the Sherwood Co-op in Regina as a salesman, until retirement in 1983. Edith is still active babysitting grandchildren and I keep busy assisting our eldest son with his newly-formed business.

Sharon, born Dec. 24/45 in Regina, Sask., received her education in Roblin, graduating with the Class of '63. She moved to Regina in 1964 to seek employment. She married David Farn of Rockglen, Sask. in August 1972. They presently reside in Regina with their children, Ryan (b. 1975) and Kristy (b. 1978). David is employed as a heavy-duty mechanic for "Reed Ford Tractor" and Sharon is in the Accounting Dept. of "Dairy Producers Co-operative", Head Office.

Clifford, born June 7/47 in Milbank, South Dakota, U.S.A., attended public and high school in Roblin. He moved to Regina in 1968 where he married Shirley Baker in September 1969. They presently reside in Regina and have a son, Bradley (b. 1972) and twin daughters, Dana and Heather (b. 1976). Cliff has been an electrician for the past 10 years and recently became a partner in his own electrical company. Shirley is employed as a stenographer at Scotiabank.

Karon, born Dec. 14/48 in Granite Falls, Minnesota, U.S.A., attended public and high school in Roblin. Beginning at the Royal Bank in Roblin, she worked in many branches throughout Western Canada over a period of 12 years. She married Gerald Parker of Birch River, Man. in June, 1977. They are presently farming in LaPorte, Sask. They have two sons, Jason (b. 1979) and Devin (b. 1980).

Judith, born Sept. 13/51 in Winner, South

Dakota, U.S.A., received her education in Roblin, graduating with the Class of '69. She married Winston Elashuk of Saltcoats, Sask. in December, 1969. They are presently residing in The Pas, Man. with their children, Shelley (b. 1972) and Garrett (b. 1976) Winston works as a heavy-duty operator for "North Point Construction Co." and Judy is the Assistant Director of The Pas, "Friendship Centre".

Deborah, born Jan. 4th, Roblin's New Year's Baby of 1957, received her education in Roblin and Regina, graduating with the Class of '75 in Regina. She married Marcel Nussbaum of Regina in August, 1975. Deb pursued a career in banking for 8 years. They now reside in The Pas, Man. with their daughters, Amé (b. 1978) and Anneke (b. 1980). Marcel is presently managing Northland Beverages (Coca Cola) Ltd. and Deb is a homemaker.

Kenneth, born Feb. 27/62 in Roblin, Man., received his education in Regina, Sask. graduating with the Class of '80. He married Tracy Williams of Regina in July, 1982. Ken is presently attending the University of Regina and working as a computer systems operator for Sask. Oil. Tracy is also attending University and is employed with the Provincial Government. They reside in Regina.

Kenneth Gordon Kolstad by Delores Ulrich

Kenneth Gordon Kolstad was born on December 22nd, 1924. His parents were Carl and Selma Kolstad. Ken was born in the Togo, Sask. district and received his grade VIII education at Gartmore school. He helped farm the family farm, until his parents retired to Roblin in 1951. In the fall of 1951, he joined a Seismic crew. He worked as a driller on this crew until he had a very serious accident in 1960. After spending some time in the hospital in Edmonton, he moved to Roblin, Manitoba, where he still resides. Ken was never married.

Edward and Anne Kolstad by Anne Kolstad

Ed's parents were Carl J. Kolstad who married Selma Gilsrud. They homesteaded in Shell Valley, having come from Benson, Minnesota. The farms and homes where they were born are still owned by members of their families.

Anne's parents were Michael Michalevich who married Annie Potola. Michael came from Europe at the age of 14 to Merridale, Manitoba and served in both World War I and World War II. Annie was born in Merridale and now resides in Roblin Residences.

Edward and Anne (Michalevich) were married in Roblin United Church. Ed worked for three years at "Crosstown Motors" and Anne worked for Tay-

lor's Hardware. In 1955 they moved to Surrey, B.C., where they lived for eight years and they have now lived in Delta, B.C. for 18 years. They have five children and five grandchildren.

Kyle married Lloyd McKay and they live in Surrey, B.C. with their two sons, Devin and Shawn.

Sheryl married Will Irvin and they live in Vanderhoof, B.C.

Rodney married Doris Moise and they live in High Level, Alberta with their three children, Leonard, Jason and Deborah.

Randy is married to Maureen Smith and they live in Surrey, B.C.

Gayle lives at home and works in Surrey, B.C.

For recreation we have a cabin in B.C.'s Cariboo Region at Canim Lake where we spend a lot of our time fishing and ski-dooing in the winter.

We were involved with our children in their growing years at our community affairs such as basketball, cadets, hockey and figure skating. Randy played hockey in the Delta Junior League for 5 years and Gayle took figure skating and played softball.

Living so near to the ocean and the mountains has always provided us with a lot to do for our weekends and holidays.

The Korbud and Tkachuk Families

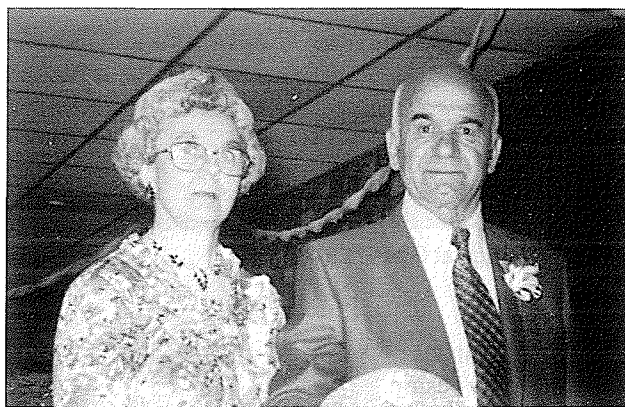
by Mrs. F.(Mary) Lutka

Alexander (Sandy) Korbud came to Canada with his parents, John and Evdokia, four sisters and a brother in 1911. They came from the Chernowtsky region in the Ukraine (which was then Austria).

In 1926, Sandy married Pauline Tkachuk. Pauline's parents had immigrated to Roblin in 1907, from the Sokol region in the Ukraine. They arrived here with two small children, and Pauline and five of her sisters were born here in the Roblin district.

Sandy and Pauline farmed approximately twenty miles north of Roblin during the hard times. They cleared their own land and erected their own buildings by using hand-hewn logs and timber. At that time, cows sold at \$20.00 a head; eggs were 5¢ to 10¢ a dozen; butter was 25¢ a pound, and wheat sold for 25¢ a bushel.

Sandy and Pauline had five daughters. Sandy was involved in the building of the Nova Zora School and was an active trustee and chairman for several years. During his farming years, he also helped build roads in the district. Occasionally he went out of the area in search of employment, while Pauline took over the chores and looked after the family. In addition to her gardening, she went out to pick wild berries to supplement the family food supply. One of the berry types was the saskatoon (the Queen of England, who travelled across the ocean as an invited guest, and spent sometime in



Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Korbud (in 1976).

western Canada, had the rare opportunity of savouring one of the finest pies made of the little-known wild berries — the saskatoons).

Sandy and Pauline semi-retired to the town of Roblin in 1952. Sandy worked during the summer months for the CNR, and helped with construction around town until his retirement.

Pauline worked part time at the Saturn Motor Hotel and was involved with the women's organization of St. John's Greek Orthodox Church.

Their daughters attended Nova Zora School and held various jobs in the Roblin district. Gradually Mary, Jean, Vicky and Doris moved to Toronto, and Anne moved to Winnipeg.

Mary is married to Frank Lutka, originally of Welland, Ont. They have three children: Norma Jean, Ronnie and Barbara.

Jean is married to Ed Burek of Hazel Ridge, MB. They have two children: Doug, and Shelley. Shelley is married to Dennis Schembri.

Vicky is married to Joe Palkovich of St. Catherines, Ont.

Doris is married to Norm Laine of Toronto. They have one daughter, Jodie.

Anne is married to Rick Falzarano of Winnipeg. They have two children: Korey and Andrea.

In 1974, Sandy and Pauline retired to Toronto to spend their golden years nearer to their families. Sandy and Pauline celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 1976.

Kowalyk Family

by Nellie Kowalyk

Peter and Nellie Kowalyk came to Roblin from Canora, Saskatchewan with their two children, Cheryl and Darrell, in June of 1966. Peter was the C.N.R. operator here until January of 1978. He is presently working at Grandview.

Nellie (née Lesiuk), daughter of Steve and Helen of Shortdale, first worked in Roblin at the age of 16, after finishing Junior High at Pozier school.



Peter Kowalyk Family: Nellie, Cheryl, Peter, Kevin and Darrell.

Nellie worked at the Cabana Grill for the Truffyn and Perry families, at Roblin District Hospital, William Lesack's general store, and at Orland Andres' I.G.A. store, prior to her departure to Dauphin and subsequent employment there. In 1961 Nellie married Peter Kowalyk of Sifton, Manitoba, who was a son of Cassie and the late William Kowalyk.

A son, Kevin was born at Roblin District Hospital on October 4, 1966. All their children have attended Roblin schools and were active in various activities. Cheryl was in 4-H, Brownies, Guides, figure skating, cheer leading and various school sports. Darrell took part in hockey, volley ball, and basketball and Kevin played basketball, volleyball and took swimming, etc. Both boys were in Cubs and all three children enjoyed Ukrainian dancing.

Cheryl graduated in 1981 and went to Winnipeg to seek employment and worked for Sun Life as a Claims Examiner. Cheryl married John Paul Peeters of Winnipeg on May 21st, 1983, at the Holy Redeemer Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Darrell graduated in 1983, attended Assiniboine Community College at Brandon and is presently seeking employment in Winnipeg.

Kevin will be taking his Grade XII this year.

Nellie worked at the Parkway Co-op, Robinson Stores, and the Bank of Montreal until the latter closed their doors on November 5th, 1982.

Wasył and Mary Kozak and Family by Fred and Anna Kozak

My parents, Wasył and Mary Kozak were of Ukrainian nationality and Greek Catholic religion. They came to Canada from Brazil in the late summer of 1908, with a big family of seven (four boys and three girls). The reason they came to Canada was that their friends from Canada had written to them saying that Canada was a country of milk and honey and that one could buy a big piece of land (160 acres) for only \$10.00. When they came here there



Wasył Kozak.



Maria Kozak in her 80th year.

was no milk or honey. There were only hard times. They bought a homestead (the N.E. 1/4 of 27-27-28) seven miles north and two miles east of Roblin. They built a log house with a roof made of sod, on their farm in the Shell River Municipality, on the river bank of the Shell River, and that is where the hardships started. They had no money, no welfare or any help like what is available now. They had to do the best they could so that they could survive. Dad went working in summers for farmers. In winter he went working at the sawmills or wherever he could get a job, and Mom stayed home and took care of the children. During the first winter, most of our food was whole wheat which was given by farmers so that we would not starve. Anyway, Dad and Mom and the older family members kept scrubbing and clearing bush and breaking some land so that at least later on we did produce more food that grew on our own farm.

On October 16, 1911, I, Fred, was born, so I was not much of a help because it only increased our family from seven to eight. But, I guess my Dad and Mom were happy with us as they did the best they could; fed us and taught us to grow and to be good citizens in this country.

From year to year I grew slowly. I started going to school. Then my older sister, Annie, got married

to Peter Ostrowski who had come from Europe, and my older brother Mike went looking for a job, which he got at a paper mill in Fort Frances, Ontario. He worked there for many years and then came home sick. Nobody knew what had happened to him. He had to be taken to Brandon hospital and stayed in the hospital until he died in 1967.

In 1918, brother Paul was drafted to the army and finally our family was getting smaller. Paul came back from the army and was farming with brother John and Dad. I was still going to Gleneden School. I went to Goose Lake Collegiate at Roblin to grade nine and then I stayed home and helped my brother farm. In the year 1927, in August, my father died, so it made it a bit harder for me. Then the same year, (1927) brother Paul got married to Mary Baranowski, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kazmier Baranowski of Roblin, and moved onto his own farm at Deepdale, Manitoba. The same year my sister, Nellie got married to Harry Titanich, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Titanich of Roblin and sister Mary went away to Toronto, Ontario, worked there for some time and later got married to Louis Bandola of Winnipeg, Manitoba. Brother Bill got his teacher's certificate and married Sophie Glutyk, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Glutyk of Roblin. So he left home and went teaching with his wife. Then finally, our family dwindled down to only two of us, (brother John and myself), but that did not last long either because John got married to Mary Glutyk, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Glutyk of Roblin and they moved to their farm.

Finally, here I was left alone with my dear Mom and we were farming the N.E. of 27-27-28, the best way we could. It was kind of hard because Mom was getting old and those were the hard years that they called the 'dirty thirties', when the Bennett government was in power. Wheat was then 25¢ a bushel, barley 10¢ a bushel, rye 11¢, oats 5¢ a bushel, eggs 2¢ a dozen and fat steers were selling 1¢ a pound. Farmers could not pay their threshing bills. That is just how the hard times were in those years.

Then I became a CCF member and still am a member of the NDP as CCF has changed to NDP. People will remember those dirty thirties and while I was farming with my Mom, I thought I should find myself a companion which would make it easier for my Mom, so in 1936 on November 21st, I got married to Mary Bordeniuk, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Casey Bordeniuk of Roblin. We had to work very hard, for those were really hard years. That winter I left my mother with my wife and went trapping in the Duck Mountains with my friend Mike Glutyk. We had good luck, made some money and in the spring of 1937 I bought horses, a couple of cows and seed to put my crop in. We had a section of land at this time. My wife, Mary was a very good

natured person so my life was very happy with her. In the fall of 1937, on September 29, our first baby boy was born, a son William. Our second child, Michael was born in 1941, and a daughter, Olga was born in 1945 and a son Tony on June 16, 1949. My mother passed away at my sister, Nellie Titanich's home in the year of 1951 at the age of 81½ years.

In 1939, when the Second World War broke out, everything started picking up fast. Then we prospered. We had a sawmill and later on had a garage and service station in Roblin. I sold the garage to Walter Lupichuk of Roblin and built another garage on the west side of Roblin. I had the David Brown farm machinery agency, Studebaker dealership and also a service station. In 1954, I sold the garage to William Yourchek and sold the farm to Norman Cockerill. Then we moved to Windsor, Ontario where I was working as a motor inspector at Chrysler for two years, but was not happy. I missed my home place and I thought I should come back to my home province, Manitoba. In 1957, in July, we moved back to Manitoba, stopped in Dauphin for a rest and got a job with a Massey Ferguson dealer. I worked there for 3 years and went into the garga business in Dauphin, operating it for 2 years.

I then left this business and went to Grand Rapids as a mechanic. There was a big project opening up there. They were building a big dam for hydro power. I worked there until the dam was finished.

In 1964, I came back to Dauphin, bought a gravel truck and was trucking for 2 years in Saskatchewan and 6 years in Manitoba. My trucking business was finished off in the year 1971, as I had a heart attack so had to quit trucking. A year after my heart attack I went into the business of buying hides and furs and now I am still buying hides only.

In September, 1979, a most serious thing happened in my life. My wife took a heart attack and in two days she passed away. Now half of the world was lost to me when I was left alone, but in the year 1980 I thought I should find a new companion, which I did. I found a very good natured lady and in November, 1980 I was married to Anna Odut, and now we live very happily. I will never forget my home place and my first wife. We go to the farm where I was born and spent most of my happy days, and every year I go big game hunting in the Duck Mountain where I used to go in my younger days.

All of my children have finished high school and Tony has 7 years of university. Son, William got married to Diane Kitlarchuk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Kitlarchuk of Dauphin. They live in Windsor, Ontario and have a family of 3 boys. The eldest boy, Terry is married and has 2 children, one

boy and one girl. They are operating their own business in Windsor, Ontario. They have an ambulance service and courier service. Son Michael got married to Margaret Curle, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Curle of Dauphin. They have a family of four, two boys and two girls. Mike is a traveller and Margaret is a nurse and they are living in Dauphin. They have about a dozen homes in Dauphin and Minnedosa, and half a section of land in the Ochre River District. Daughter, Olga was married to Alex Kozma a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Kozma of Roblin. They have no family. Olga is working in the Highway Department, Alex is working for Buckwold's and they are living in Dauphin. Son Tony got married to Ruth Storożinski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Storożinski of Dauphin. They live in Winnipeg and have a son, Jeffery. Tony is manager of the funeral home in Beausejour, Manitoba and Ruth is working for the Bank of Nova Scotia. So I have eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren. I am very proud of and happy with my family.

We are members of St. George's Greek Orthodox Church in Dauphin and my wife and I are members of the church choir. We go to church every Sunday to sing. We also sing in the Senior Citizens Choir at Canada's National Ukrainian Festival. Also, we sing at most of the concerts. We enjoy our life very much, retired, and live in the Town of Dauphin.

William G. Kozak Family by Margaret Mitchell

William G. Kozak (Billy) and Margaret Larocque were married in San Clara, Manitoba in 1949. They lived in the Happy Lake district before moving to Roblin in 1961. Billy was in the lumbering business and worked at hauling logs and lumber long miles from Cedar Lake and other lumber mills in the Duck Mountains. Billy died in a truck accident in 1963 near Roblin.

Billy and Margaret had five children: Jerry born in 1950, Shirley born in 1952, Veronica born in 1953, Thelma born in 1956 and Dean in 1958. They



Veronica, Shirley, Margaret, Dean, Billy, Jerry and Thelma Kozak.

attended school in Roblin and all graduated from Goose Lake High.

Jerry married Phyllis Ostrowski of Roblin (daughter of John and Sophie Ostrowski) in 1980 at Flin Flon, Manitoba. They have two children, Wm. Jon and Maria. Jerry is in the logging-mill business at Flin Flon, and Phyllis is a nurse.

Shirley married Reg Galatiuk, son of Neil and Vicky Galatiuk of Shell Valley, Manitoba in 1975, at Roblin. They have two children, Jeffrey and Cheri. Their home is at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Veronica married Jack McBride of Brandon (formerly of Roblin), son of Bob and Jean McBride, in 1972, at Edmonton, Alberta. They have two children, Billie-Jean and Benjamin. They reside in Calgary, Alberta.

Thelma married Merv Hilland at Roblin in 1981. Mervyn is the son of Jim and Isobel Hilland. They live in Calgary, Alberta.

Dean lives and works in Roblin.

Kozak Family by The Family

Paul Kozak was born in 1898 in the village of Bilche, Borchiw, Ukraine, son of Sam and Mary. He immigrated to Canada with his parents in 1906, to Gonor, Manitoba for three years. Later they moved to the Gleneden district. He had three brothers and three sisters: John, Bill, Mike, Effie, Lena and Anna who were all born in Canada. They all attended Gleneden school and worked on the farm. Paul worked in Winnipeg for awhile. He applied for work and after signing an application he served in the army during the second World War.

Mary Fitkowski was born in the Ukraine in 1900. Mary's parents were Frozena (Manchur) and Nick Fitkowski. She came to Canada when she was only two years old, settling in the Gleneden district. There were thirteen children in this family; Philip, Steve, Sam, Mike, Pete, Joe, Bill, Jacob (died from diphtheria when he was eight years old), Mary, Eva, Annie, Elsie and Elizabeth (twins). She and her brothers and sisters all attended Gleneden school. After some schooling Mary worked in Roblin for Dr. Grant.

Mary Fitkowski married Mike Shenderewich in 1914. They had a family of five children: Tillie, Tony, Nick (deceased in 1966), Pauline and Frank. They all attended Gleneden school. Mike died in 1928.

Tillie married Mike Kozak and they reside in Vancouver. They had three boys; Adam, Edward and Robert. All the boys are teaching in the University in Vancouver.

Tony married Mary Welechenko, and they live on a farm seven miles north of Roblin. They had one son Michael who farms with his father.

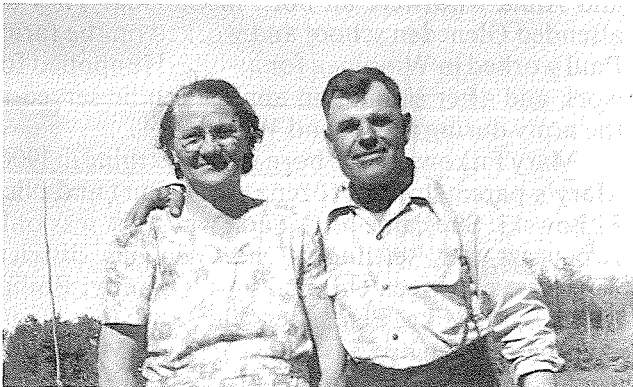


Mrs. Mary Kozak and sons.

Nick finished grade twelve and then attended Normal School in Winnipeg. He joined the air force during the second World War as a wireless operator. After discharge he worked in horticulture doing plant breeding, mostly with potatoes. He married Ann Nekoriak and they had three children: Ona, Mary and Alan. Nick died in 1966 and Ann lives in Othello, Washington.

Pauline married Albert Nedohin. They had two sons, Brian and Ken. Brian works as an Ag. Representative in Morden, Man., and Ken is a telephone serviceman at Gypsumville, Man. They live at Tolstoi, Man., are semi-retired and live on the farm.

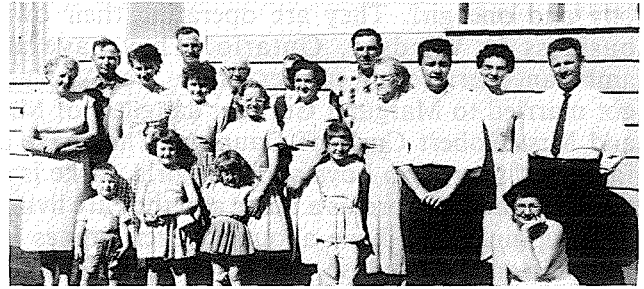
Frank married Rose Goldstone and they had five children (four boys and one girl) David, Tony, Philip, Stephen and Lynn. They reside and work in Vancouver, B.C.



Mary and Paul Kozak.

Three years after Mike Shenderwich died, Mary married Paul Kozak in 1931 and they lived on the farm until 1939 when Paul joined the Royal Canadian Engineers in the Second World War. He spent five years overseas. After discharge he returned to the Deepdale district, and settled on a V.L.A. farm, W¹/₂ of 13-27-29A. They farmed there until 1960 when they retired and moved to the town of Roblin. Even after he moved to Roblin he helped his son, Sam with the work on the farm for several years.

Paul played the violin for most of his life at Ukrainian weddings and community dances and



A Kozak family gathering.



Kozak and Senderevich Families.

concerts and whenever music was needed. He used to make dulcimers (musical instruments) and at 86 years of age he is still able to tune them today for many people who request it of him. Mary was a good cook and many people called on her to help cook for weddings and she helped out with fowl suppers and other community events. She has been a member of the Roblin Legion Ladies' Auxiliary for over twenty years. Mary is now a resident of the Roblin Personal Care Home. Paul still lives in his own home in Roblin.

Paul and Mary had a family of four children: Sam, Helen, George, Donald (deceased with pneumonia at two years of age).

Sam married Albina Goba, daughter of John and Emily Goba in 1954, and they have six children: Dianne, Valerie, Ronald, Maxine, Kimberly and Corrine. The children all attended Roblin schools. Maxine married Daniel Bencharski and they live at Wynyard, Sask.

Helen married Peter Drobot and they have two children, Darlene and Randy. They reside at Preceville, Sask.

George married Mildred Rozyk and they have three children: Donna, Rodney and Janet. They live at Vancouver, B.C. where George works for B.C. telephones as a service man for computer telephones.

Kozmeniuk Family by the family

Metro and Lena Kozmeniuk moved to Roblin with their four children in 1963: daughter, Beverly, a university student; son, Wayne, in High School; son, Bernard, in Public School; and daughter, Donna, just one year old.

Metro and Lena bought a hardware store from Steve and Lena Nahirney through Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Taylor. It was then known as the 'Marshall Wells Store'. Now on its new location it is the 'Home Hardware Store'.

Lena is a descendant of the Marteniuk family of Calder, Saskatchewan. Her father had migrated to Canada alone at the age of 16 from Bucovina, Ukraine in 1897. Her mother migrated to Canada with her parents at the age of 9, from Bucovina,



Kozmeniuk Family: L to R. Douglas Thompson, Larry Thompson, Larry Mazur, Donna Mazur, Bernie, Wayne, Kelly, Beverley Thompson, Lena, Metro, Karol, Pamela, Trevor, Keri, Dawn.

Ukraine, also in 1897. Metro's father came to Canada alone at the age of 16, while his mother came to Canada with her parents at the age of 9. Both parents came in 1907 from Bucovina, Ukraine and settled in the Hyas, Saskatchewan area.

Metro and Lena were united in marriage in Calder in November, 1941, where Metro was a manager of the Monarch Lumber Store.

Life was at limbo for them as it was for many others while Metro served with the Royal Canadian Engineers until 1946. Metro and Lena later settled in Danbury, Saskatchewan, taking up farming and a country General Store. Shortly, they expanded their business to Stenen, Saskatchewan, opening a Locker Plant and Grocery Store. Lena operated the Danbury Store and took care of the children while Metro commuted daily to Stenen to operate the Locker Plant and Grocery Store with the help of his

cousin, Mike Kozmeniuk, who later worked in the Hardware Store in Roblin.

In 1962 they sold their business in Danbury and Stenen and in 1963 moved to Roblin and have resided here since.

The Hardware and Furniture Store was first operated as a Marshall-Wells Store in the corner building. Roblin, being a good trading area, the business soon outgrew its premises and a new building was constructed over three times the size of the original one. The business was moved to the new building in 1969 and in 1970 the Store began to operate as 'Link Hardware', a dealer-owned company.

The store boasts a very good houseware and giftware section, where Lena takes great care in selecting the merchandise.

Metro served on the Link Hardware Board of Directors until its amalgamation with Home Hardware Stores in 1980.

Beverly, the eldest daughter, became a Home Economics teacher. She taught at Sturgis, Saskatchewan, and in Assiniboia, Saskatchewan. She married Larry Thompson of Assiniboia in 1967. They have three children: Douglas, 12 years old; Pamela, 10 years old; and Trevor, 7 years old. They are one of the very progressive farmers in Assiniboia.

Wayne, second in the family, stayed in Roblin in the family hardware business. He operated a Sporting Goods shop and also a separate Furniture Store. Wayne recently assumed the responsibility of the family hardware business and has expanded this business to Kamsack. In 1969 he married Karol Cottenie of Kamsack, a school teacher. Karol has been teaching elementary school for over 15 years. They have three children: Kelly, age 13; Dawn, age 10; and Kari, age 7.

Bernard, still single, also chose to stay in Roblin after completing school. He worked in the family business, then operated an appliance service shop for 5 years. Presently, he is helping Wayne operate the Kamsack Home Hardware Store.

Donna, the youngest, after completing high school, attended college and university for three years, studying arts and business administration. In 1983 she married Larry Mazur who is a partner in the Mazur family 'John Deere' farm implement dealership in Roblin. Donna presently is employed by the Roblin Credit Union.

Metro and Lena plan to retire in Roblin.

Nick Kulyk Family by Rosemarie Riech

Nick Kulyk was born in the Ukraine in 1887 and came to Canada in 1899 to Ethelbert, Manitoba. In March 1907 he married Natalie Styba of Roblin in

Kamsack, Saskatchewan. He farmed for a short time and then moved to Grimsby, Ontario, returning to the Deepdale area in 1932. He farmed here on the S.W. 1/4 of 21-27-28. He also worked for the Manitoba Good Roads until his retirement.

Nick and Natalie had four children: Walter, Bill, Annette and Rosemarie. Bill died several years ago, Walter lives in Victoria, Annette at Hamilton and Rosemarie in Winnipeg.

Nick died in 1976 and Natalie in 1983.

The Peter Kurchak Family by the family

Believing there were greater opportunities in Canada for a young lad, Peter, at the age of 18, left Bukovina, Austria, in 1910 for the "promised land". He arrived by boat in Boston, Mass. U.S.A., went by train to Montreal, and then on to Langenburg, Saskatchewan. From Langenburg, Peter walked to MacNutt to the home of his Uncle, Mr. John Pitz.

Peter's first job was at Ike Goodbun's as a farmhand. Hours of work were from 6 A.M. to 10 P.M. for \$15.00 a month. It was from the Goodbun family that Peter learned the English language. His next employment was with the CN railway at Shellmouth, Man., from 1913 to 1918. In 1913, Peter's brother, Steve, also came to join him in Canada, leaving their parents, five sisters and one brother in their homeland.

In 1918, Peter bought a small farm in Shell Valley and became a farmer. His first project was to build a house of logs and also a barn. This was built with the help of friends and neighbours in true pioneer spirit. Peter grew a garden, raised a few hogs and chickens, which produced the main food. The only purchases made were flour, sugar and tea.

In 1924, tired of doing his own cooking, Peter married Katie Pitz, daughter of George and Lacaria Pitz of MacNutt, Sask., on February 10th in the Shell Valley Church. On the farm they both toiled together through many hardships. A small general store and post-office were two miles away, as was the church they attended. There were no means of transportation so they would walk until they bought a team of horses. They struggled to keep food on the table, raising as much of it as possible themselves. Katie was known to carry a pail of eggs to the local store to sell for 5 cents a dozen in order to buy the bare essentials. Regardless, there was always comfort and food for anyone passing by — friends and neighbours. They loved people and everyone was always welcome to share what they had. Later, as their herd grew, they milked as many as sixteen cows. They shipped most of the cream to the creamery but kept some to make their own butter and cheese. The cream and butter were stored in an ice-

house. During harvest Katie would stook in the field. She placed her oldest son, Steve, beside a stook to amuse himself and she would carry on until feeding time.

The Church was the centre of their lives and the Ukrainian traditions from the homeland were upheld. Christmas traditions were happy ones — Christmas Eve with the twelve lenten dishes, many guests, and carolling from house to house. It was a joyous time, with much goodwill. Social life then was tremendous visiting with friends and neighbours and attending church gatherings.

Peter and Katie were blessed with three children: two sons, Steve and Alex, and a daughter, Victoria, who received their education in the Shell Valley School. This school was two and one half miles from their home and the children walked to and from school. The school (one room) held grades from one to eight and had one teacher. Some years there were as many as 70 students.

In 1939 tragedy struck. Their daughter, Victoria, then seven years old, contracted polio, then known as infantile paralysis. After being hospitalized in Dauphin and Winnipeg and transported to and from in their Model A Ford, she was brought home for rehabilitation. With loving care and patience, Katie was able to get her daughter walking with only the aid of one brace. The local teacher gave of his own time and assisted in keeping up Vicki's studies.

In 1944, Peter moved his family to Tummel to the farm he purchased from Dan McDougall. This move enabled their daughter to attend regular school classes.

With help of their two sons, Steve and Alex, Peter and Katie farmed in the Tummel area until they retired from the farm in 1952. They raised cattle, hogs and poultry, as well as growing grain. Katie always had a large vegetable garden, took pride in her flower garden, did a lot of Ukrainian cross-stitch embroidering as well as knitting and crocheting. She was always known for her delicious cooking, and guests were very frequent at their residence. Cream, poultry and eggs were the main source of the household income but Katie had a way of always making the family meal elaborate. There was still no hydro but the ice-house served the purpose, even for homemade icecream.

In 1952, the family farm was taken over by Steve and his wife Pauline. Peter and Katie moved to the town of Roblin. Alex, their second son, was now farming the farm in Shell Valley.

Upon moving to Roblin, Peter needed something to do, so he started out by working as a janitor for the Memorial Hall. He found the late hours tiring, so he went to work at the Gordon Hotel where he worked until the age of 70. Katie was

employed by the Roblin District Health Centre as cook until her retirement at age 65.

Katie was very active with her church (the Ukrainian Orthodox), serving over 25 years with the Ukrainian Women's Association, up until her death in January of 1983. At the time of the writing, Peter, at the age of 93, still resides in his home in Roblin.

Steve and Pauline Kurchak Family by Pauline

Steve Kurchak was Peter's eldest son; he was born, raised and educated in Shell Valley. Steve was married in 1951 to Pauline Pitz, the daughter of Eugene and Bella Pitz of the San-Clara district. Steve took over the family farm in Tummel. The house on their farm was built by the McDougall family in 1900, and the lumber was hauled from Brandon, Manitoba by oxen. It has square nails and was a lovely house in that era. At one time it was used as the Tummel Post Office, with the mail stuck between the banister railing of the stairs. The house was later stuccoed and still stands, but is now used as a storage building.

Steve and Pauline started off by working hard on their farm; they raised cattle, hogs and poultry. They milked cows and sold the cream by hauling it into Roblin, to the Manitoba Dairy Co-operative Ltd. The cream cheque was a source of income which bought the groceries. Eggs were also sold in crates (15 or 30 dozen). They grew a large garden and Pauline did a lot of canning of fruits and vegetables.

In 1953, they were blessed with their first born, a baby girl, Leona Kaye. In 1956, Sindy Marie, another girl for the Kurchak family, was born. To complete their family of 3 daughters, Lydia Lynn was born in 1960.

The Steve Kurchak family attended the Shell Valley church, then later joined the Roblin St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Their 3 daughters attended Ukrainian summer school and Sunday School. Pauline was one of the teachers.

Recreation for the Kurchak family was found in doing things together; camping at Madge and Clear lakes, going to fairs, tobogganing, and in going on holidays.

Steve was kept busy with his farming and livestock. Most of the hay was made in the Assiniboine Valley on a 1/4 section of hay land which was later purchased by the Government and flooded, and is now known as "Lake of the Prairies".

Although farming was good, Steve decided to take on something more adventurous. He and a partner, Joe Hersak of Roblin, bought the Transport Co. from Rudy Zimmer in 1958. Joe Hersak moved to Winnipeg in 1964 and sold his share of the

business to Steve. Steve was the first person in this community to start a feed-lot in 1968. By feeding livestock he helped several other farmers by purchasing feed grains from them. Having experience in livestock feeding, Steve decided that an Auction Mart in this area would be an asset, so he formed a committee which sold shares for the Auction Mart, which was built in 1971. Due to ill health Steve sold the Auction Mart a year later to Weiller & Williams Ltd. of Winnipeg.

When Roblin Theatre was condemned and closed due to a weak roof, Steve and Alex Kurchak bought the building and made the necessary renovations and the Theatre was soon reopened. The Theatre was later sold but is still operating under different management.

Leona, the oldest daughter, received her education in Tummel and Roblin, and after graduating, she (known as Lee) took a hairdressing course in Winnipeg. In 1974, she opened her own shop in Roblin, known as "Lee's Beauty Salon", which she is still operating. Lee married Barry Burla of Inglis, Manitoba in 1973 and was widowed in 1976. Lee was married in 1978 to Darwin Eisner of Togo, Saskatchewan, where they now reside and farm. Darwin and Lee were blessed with 2 children, a boy and a girl.

Sindy (second eldest) also received her education in Tummel and Roblin. After graduating she worked in the Personal Care Home for 1 1/2 years, but her desire was to travel and work, which she did. Sindy returned to Roblin in 1976. In 1977 she married David Baranowski of Roblin. They farm in the Roblin area. They have 2 daughters and are expecting another child in May of 1984.

Lydia the youngest daughter, was also educated in Tummel and Roblin and spent 1 year in Red River Community College, Wpg., where she took a stenographer's course. She married Stan Steciuk of Roblin and they farm in the Cromarty district. They have 2 sons. Lydia worked in the Parkway Co-op Office, in the Advertising department for awhile, then later she worked for Roblin Truck Service Ltd. Presently she is working 1 day per week at the Auction mart.

The Steve Kurchak family carry on the Ukrainian traditions at Christmas, with 12 meatless dishes prepared by Pauline on Christmas Eve, which the whole family enjoy. The Christmas presents are then opened and carols are sung. Easter is a holy celebration, with the blessing of the Paska and Pesanka (a special braided bread and decorated eggs).

Steve and Pauline live on the family farm and have frequent visits from their children and grandchildren.

The Alex Kurchak Family by the family

Alex Kurchak, the second son of Peter and Katie, farmed with his father, and also in the late 1940's worked in Armstrong, Ontario, in the pulp mill for several winters.

Alex was an ardent ball player and played with the "Lucky Aces" of Shell Valley, taking in all baseball tournaments in the area in the latter 1940's.

In 1952 he took over the farm in Shell Valley, but in 1954 he decided to try for a career in plumbing. He rented out his farm, moved to Calgary, Alberta and commenced his apprenticeship in plumbing. Alex left Calgary in July, 1955, and moved to Edmonton where he was married to Doris, a daughter of Mike and Mary Screpnik, on August 6th, 1955. (Ironically, the land Alex now owns in Shell Valley, was homesteaded years ago by Doris' grandfather). Alex continued his apprenticeship in Edmonton until he became a qualified plumber, gas fitter, and steam fitter. Doris also worked until they were blessed with their first born, a daughter, Darlene, in 1956. A son, Darrell, was born in 1959 and another son, Darren, in 1966.

Alex and his family moved back to Roblin in 1967 at which time he and his brother, Steve worked together at the Truck Service, farm, and Feed Lot. In 1970, Alex and Doris took over managing the Theatre as well.

In 1977 they built a large building on 2nd Ave. in Roblin and went into a business known as "Allied Hardware". In 1980 they terminated this business and rented the building to Stylerite Dept. Store.

Their daughter, Darlene, upon graduating from High School, attended the University of Winnipeg, completing her degree in Education. Darlene's first position in teaching was in Winnipeg in 1979, in which year she was also married to Les Monita of Dauphin, Manitoba. The following year Les was transferred to Calgary by the Bank, and Darlene was able to get a position there and continued her teaching career. Darlene loves to travel and her favorite holiday location is Hawaii.

Darrell, the oldest son, upon graduating from High School, attended Red River College, completing his course in Computer Programming. Darrell is presently employed in Edmonton, Alberta.

Darren, the youngest son, is presently attending Goose Lake High, taking his Grade 12, while working part-time.

Alex and Doris are both very active in their church (the Ukrainian Orthodox). Alex has been serving as Sacristan for over 12 years and Doris has been with the Ukrainian W.A. They are also very active with the Roblin Lions Club.

Alex has worked hard with the North Stars

Hockey Club, being involved in different capacities.

He became a representative for "Pioneer Life" in 1982, working at it on a part-time basis, as he is employed at Roblin Truck Service Ltd. full time. Doris is presently employed at Roblin Forest Products Ltd.

Sanky Labuik Family by Mary Myslichuk

Sanky Labuik immigrated from the Ukraine in the year 1908 or 1909, with his brother, Andrew. Another brother, Pete came later.

Sanky and his wife, Domna lived in the Russell-Rossburn area, working for a farmer and on the



Sanky and Domna Labuik.

railroad. Domna worked in a cafe for awhile, as a dishwasher.

In 1911 they moved to the Timber district where Sanky took up a homestead. The first year was very hard, clearing the land and building a cabin and they started to raise a family. Garden space was cleared, wild hay was cut with a scythe and dried and gathered by hand for use in the winter. Fire wood was plentiful. They managed to buy two cows; also food was plentiful and there was plenty of wild game to be had and berries to be picked.

The next years were easier and Mother told the family that God was good to them. They grew a large garden with plenty of potatoes, carrots, beets, turnips etc. She was a resourceful woman and managed the household very well. She kept all the buckets she got from the cafe and put them to use by making dill pickles, sauerkraut, and also she packed cottage cheese and butter in them and stored them in the root cellar for the winter.

In the spring Sanky went back to Russell and worked until fall. With his earnings he bought horses and a wagon, flour and sugar and other needed staples. Mother always said God was good to us in supplying us with a bounty of food, shelter and a fine family.

Sanky and Domna raised a family of eleven children: Alex, Paul, Peter, Andrew, Bill, Annie, Pauline, Mary, Fred, Verna and George.

The years passed and the family needed to attend school. Since there was no school in the district they moved to Makaroff, near the Saskatchewan border. Here the children attended school. The family have married and are scattered across Canada.

Paul married Ada Schrimshaw and they had two children, Lorne and Joyce. Both Paul and Ada are deceased. Peter is single and lives near Roblin. Andrew married Rose Dubois of Laurier, and lives in Neepawa. They have five children: Rita, Danny, Roseanne, Ricky and Diane. Annie married Alex Bonazew and they have five children: Madeline, Irene, Harold, Merle, and Patricia. Alex and Annie live in Roblin. Pauline married Ken Biemen of Kitchener, Ontario. They had two boys, Barry and Tim. Pauline is now deceased. Mary married Ed. Myslichuk and they have eight children: Dorothy, Frank, Ted, Arlene, Sharon, Roxie, Edward and Kenny. Fred married Tessie Borley, and they live in Winnipeg. They have three children, Danny, Joe and Dorothy. Verna married Henry Schnieder (deceased) and they had ten children: Jeanette, Wilfred, Garry, Gloria, Kimberley, Marvin, Wayne, Elmer, Anglea (deceased) and Carlene.

Mrs. Labuik passed away on August 3, 1957 and Mr. Labuik on April 28, 1961. Three sons; Alex, Bill and George are also deceased and are all buried on a hillside in the Togo Cemetery.

John and Ada Labuke

by Joyce Kopp

Ada was born January 7th, 1912, a daughter of Alfred and Alice Scrimshaw. She lived with her family in the Shell Valley district and attended school at Bield. On February 11th, 1943 she married John Labuke at the Roblin United Church and they remained on the farm with her father. In 1944 they moved to the Makinak district along with Alfred Scrimshaw, who remained there with them until his death in 1945.

John and Ada farmed in the Makinak area until 1958. They had 2 children, Lorne, born in 1946 and Joyce in 1952. In 1958, John, Ada and family moved to Dauphin where they remained until their deaths. (John died in 1977 and Ada, in 1980)

Ada was an ardent gardener, which was probably a trait inherited from her father. She belonged to various organizations throughout their moves.

Their family, Lorne and wife Cheyenne and two children, lived in Fort McMurray, Alberta. Joyce, married to Joseph Kopp, and two children reside in Thompson, Manitoba.

Gus Lade

by Mrs. E. Redman

Gus Lade came out from England and spent the first few years prospecting in the Klondike. Around 1906, he moved to Shell River where he bought land on Sec. 12-28-29 in the Silverwood district. Here he met Ethel Hay, (who had come out to be with her sister Mrs. Pearson). Gus and Ethel were married and had a family of two girls and one boy. Around 1925, they sold their farm and moved back to England. There is still one daughter and the son surviving from this family.

The James Laird Family

by Vi Laird

James and Elizabeth Laird, along with their four sons, came from Alloa, Scotland in 1910 and settled in the Makaroff district. Their sons (Bob, Sandy and Frank) worked for various farmers in the area. They had finished their schooling before leaving Scotland. Jack took his schooling in Makaroff.

Maggie McMillan also came with them and eventually married Sandy. Sandy and Maggie farmed for many years in the Makaroff district. Sandy died in 1967 and Maggie lived her last several years in Grandview, in the Personal Care Home until her death in 1981.

Bob married Peggy Laird and they also farmed in the Makaroff area. Bob and Peggy had one daughter, Helen. They moved to Winnipeg after selling the farm and Bob worked for many years for a fruit packing company. Helen took her schooling in St. James and in 1956 married Frank Deeley, who works as a city fireman. Helen and Frank have three sons: Bob, Jim and Chris. Bob and Jim are both mechanics. Both are married and live in Winnipeg. Chris is in high school.

Bob Laird passed away in Winnipeg in 1976. His wife, Peggy, still lives in a nursing home in the city.

James and Elizabeth's son, Jack, went to Winnipeg where he worked and lived for the rest of his life. He married Cecile Robedoux and they raised three sons: Frank, James and Steven and three daughters: Elizabeth, Jacqueline and Kathy. Both Jack and Cecile are deceased.

The fourth son, Frank, passed away as a youth and James and Elizabeth passed away many years ago (James in 1923 and Elizabeth in 1931). They are both buried in the Makaroff Cemetery.

The George Laird Sr. Family

by Vi Laird

As a young man George Laird Jr. decided to leave Scotland. Times were tough, the work was hard and there were few prospects for a bright future. He had been working away from home since he was 13 years old and at one farm there hadn't



The George Laird Sr. Family: George, Sandy, George Laird Sr., Jack, Peggy and Bob Laird, Ken, Joyce and Helen Laird.

been enough to eat while at another, oatmeal porridge had been on the menu twice a day except on Sunday. Finally on March 12, 1921 Georgie left his home in Linlithgow, Scotland for the 13 day journey by ship to Canada.

After docking at Halifax and a long train ride, he arrived at his Uncle Jimmy's in Makaroff on the 29th of March. The trip had been quite an adventure for a 17 year old. Georgie intended to stay in Canada for five years and here it is sixty-three years later and, except for the occasional visit to Scotland, he never had the desire to return permanently.

Georgie's two brothers, Alex (Sandy) and John (Jock), came out the following spring and in the fall of 1922 his father and mother, George Sr. and Helen, and their two daughters, Margaret (Peggy) and Helen, arrived in Makaroff. Mrs. Laird died in 1923 after only two years in Canada. Peggy kept house for her father after her mother's death until her marriage to Bob Laird.

Helen took her schooling in Makaroff. After finishing school, she looked after the home for her father and her brothers until her marriage to Charlie Miller of the Roblin district in 1940. Helen and Charlie farmed on Charlie's father's farm southeast of town until his father's death. They then sold the farm and moved to Winnipeg. Charlie worked for a fruit company for 21 years and Helen worked for the Children's Aid Society in Winnipeg. Helen and Charlie retired to Roblin where they live near the lake and enjoy their garden.

Sandy and Jock farmed the family farm known as "Helenlea" and for many years Sandy drove a school van. George Laird Sr. passed away in 1962 and some time later Jock and Sandy sold the farm to the Ken Boyce family and retired to Roblin. Both have been back to Scotland for holidays.

Georgie, the first son to come to Canada, worked for various farmers in the area. Then in 1929, he went to Milwaukee, Wisconsin for two years where he worked for an ice company. This was prohibition time in the U.S. and a good part of Georgie's time was spent delivering ice to the

"speakeasies" and "blind pigs" that flourished during those times.

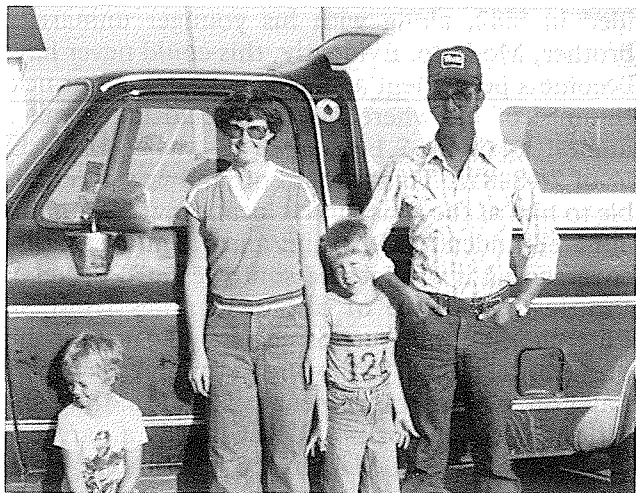
In 1931 he returned to his father's farm and in 1934 bought the Mel Murray farm in Cromarty. He married Violet Nott in Sept. 1934. The depression was on and times were hard for everyone. One of Georgie and Vi's most memorable wedding gifts was from a neighbor, Mr. Stewart Fraser. Stewart walked the mile and a half from the Fraser farm carrying two six-week old piglets, one under each arm. This was the Fraser's wedding gift and when Stewart arrived at Georgie's he commented that the certainly hoped the piglets kept on gaining weight at the rate they had in the 20 minutes it had taken him to carry them over.

In 1945 Georgie and Vi bought the Fraser farm. Shortly after this, Georgie bought one of the first combines to be used in the area. This was considered a gamble as many people said the combine could never replace the threshing machine. The Laird family farmed "Bonnyview", as it was called, for a quarter of a century, and during those years Vi spent many hours on the farmhouse grounds. The green lawns and pretty flowers were a source of pride for the whole family. They sold the farm to Jack and Pat McDuffe in 1972.



Four generations of the George Laird Family: Vi and George, Joyce Farmer, Terry and Alana Farmer.

Georgie and Vi have two children. Joyce, their daughter, took her schooling in Roblin and went on to become a teacher. She and George Farmer were married in 1956. George was a flying officer in the R.C.A.F. They lived for a time in North Bay and in West Germany. For the last 18 years George and Joyce have lived in Calgary. They have four children. George Jr. is married and lives in Denver, Colorado. Terry is married and lives in Calgary. Tim and Jody are both at home.



The Ken Laird Family: Ken, Finette, Jeremy and Jordy.

Ken, the Laird's son, went to school in Roblin and then moved to Saskatoon where he worked for the Hudson Bay Co. He married Finnette Lantz of Meadow Lake in 1966. They lived for a few years in Calgary where Ken had a drapery business and was involved in house construction. They moved to Meadow Lake in 1975 and built a garage and service station. Ken and Finnette and their two sons, Jordy and Jeremy, are very involved in outdoor life—snow mobiling, biking and boating, and spend most of their summer at Greig Lake, Sask.



Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Laird and the Farmer Family: Geo., Geo. Jr., Faye, Vi, Leslie, Geo., Terry, Joyce, Jody, Tim.

Geordie and Vi have always taken a keen interest in the community around them. Geordie was a councillor in Ward 2 for 6 years and was on the Pool Elevator Board of Directors for many years. His was one of the first names on the boards of both the Co-Op store and the CCIL and was presented with a gold watch for 29 consecutive years of service on the Credit Union Board. Geordie also spent some time on the Roblin Hospital Board.

They are members of the United Church and Vi is a Life-Member of the United Church Women. She is a charter member of the Horticultural Society and judges horticultural shows around Manitoba. Vi's love of growing things seems to be inherited by

her family as even her grandchildren are keen "green thumbs".

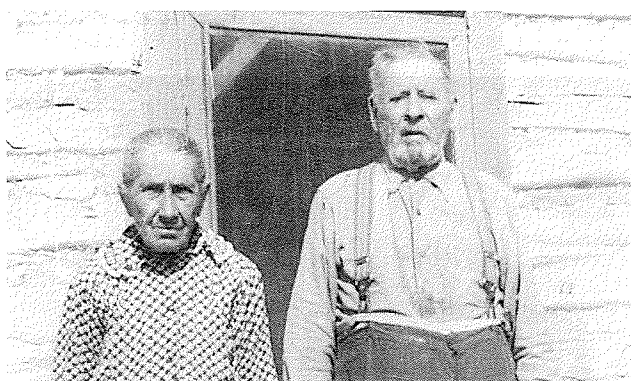
The Lairds are now retired and living in Roblin. They travel a good deal. They have been back to visit family in Scotland several times, have toured Europe, and like nothing better than spending time in Hawaii during the winter.

They both enjoy fairly good health and most summer days you will find Geordie fishing on the Lake of the Prairies.

Laliberte, Joachim (Justin) and Caroline

by Verna Laliberte

Joachim Laliberte was born in December of 1860 near Pembina, North Dakota before the boundary between Canada and the United States



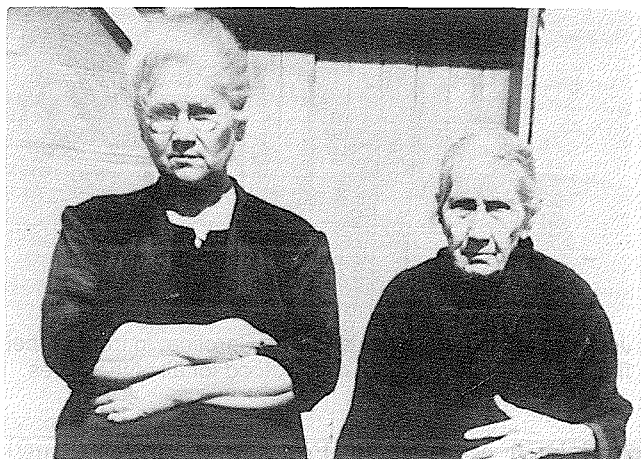
Joachim (Justin) Laliberte and wife Caroline, in front of their first homestead log home, which stood for all of their lives.

had been established. For added interest, Justin used to claim that he was born with one foot in Canada and the other one in the States because of the fact that in those days it was not then known, as to which country Pembina would eventually belong. He was the fifth son of Alexis and Marie Laliberte and also a great-grandson of Jean Baptiste Lagimodiere, the famous coureur-de-bois who left Three Rivers, Quebec, drifted west, and ended up gathering furs for the Hudson's Bay Company. It was Jean's wife, Marie Anne Gaboury, whom he later acquired on one of his return visits to Quebec. Marie Anne travelled back to the west with her husband and so became known as the first white woman in the west.

Justin grew up following his family around the Red and Assiniboine Valleys. For some time the family lived along the eastern shores of Lake Manitoba taking care of a herd of 300 head of cattle for the Hudson's Bay Company. With Indian children as playmates, he soon learned to speak a certain amount of the Cree language. When he reached the age of fourteen years, he was hired on, freighting for the Hudson's Bay Company, along with a

troupe of elders. The means of travel was by Red River cart and oxen, which were supplied by the Company, and each cart and driver, with a load of six one hundred pound sacks of flour, was off to either Prince Albert, in the then Northwest Territories or else Fort Edmonton, now in present day Alberta.

His first trips, because of his youth, were to Prince Albert and in this case, we were told, that it was expected of the troupe that it should complete two return trips in one summer from Fort Garry to Prince Albert. If instead, the troupe was headed for Fort Edmonton, only one trip could be managed in a season on account of the greater distance. Justin used to recall that by then most of the larger buffalo herds had already disappeared but occasionally, however, some herds would be sighted in certain areas across the plains.



Caroline Laliberte and daughter Caroline Burwash (left).

In 1888 when he was twenty-eight years of age he married Caroline Paul at St. Eustache, and worked for a rancher by the name of Joe Ross near Pigeon Lake. While there the family lived in a small house in the same farmyard as his employer. It wasn't long though until Joe decided to move, along with his herd of cattle, to one of the more recently opened up areas in what is now Saskatchewan, and he was very desirous of having the Laliberte family make the move along with him. Somehow, Justin with his increasing family, could not see his way clear to do so, and instead, moved back to St. Eustache. The 1882 voters' list recorded his residence as being part of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of 2-12-3W, just northeast of the village, on land which was also occupied by Justin's brother, Modeste, W. Scott, Domina Beaudin, Hermidas Beaudin and Daniel Carriere. We are inclined to believe that the family, after leaving Joe Ross' employ, had probably moved back to the same household in which Justin had previously res-

ided in 1882, along with his younger unmarried brother, Modeste. Evidently, this could never have become a permanent arrangement, and in our next findings of his whereabouts, he had taken out a homestead on the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 28 and the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 21-8-8W. This amount of land was permissible to him at the time but its location was probably not well understood by him and when Justin discovered that it was located southwest of Portage la Prairie (a distance of about 35 miles from St. Eustache) it is not surprising to find out that this project was nipped in the bud before it ever began. Later on, a new arrangement was made at the Land Titles Office on April 13, 1911, whereby a parcel of land registered as Lot 42 in the Parish of Baie St. Paul was allotted to the family instead. Before it was finally proven up, the Lalibertes had decided to join the big migration west to the new settlement beginning to spring up surrounding the village of St. Claire (later called St. Clara and now, San Clara).

This move, he felt, would give all the space he would need for his growing herd of cattle and plenty of land and space for a growing family. He was always a cattleman at heart and from reports he had heard, the country was lush with pea vine and grass, and had plenty of water everywhere for both the cattle and household use.

With the assistance of his older sons, Justin would have plenty of help to put up the winter's hay for the herd and to establish themselves in the way of buildings, a well, and the clearing of bush required on a homestead, so he reasoned, "What was to stop him now from going ahead with his plans?"

His first trip out here was made more or less as a prospecting trip in 1909, and when he found out first-hand about all the unoccupied land surrounding the quarter section, he decided to settle on the quarter next to his brother-in-law Moise Lucier, and also found out that all this spare grassland could (for some years to come at least) become a free or leased pasture. The urge to move became stronger and soon his mind was completely made up. When he returned home he filed for a homestead on the newly located site on Section 9-29-29 and this became his permanent home from thence on. The second trip was made in April of 1910 to make preparation for the family's arrival. A new log house was planned for and the work on it was begun, but with so many other things to do, it was never completed until after the arrival of the family in June of the same year. He had made this second trip out, in the company of Antoine Branconnier, his St. Eustache neighbour and friend and with his help, and help from his already established brother-in-law, both parties managed to get some of the preparations done for a home. Small fenced yards

had to be put up in order that there would be some place in which to contain the newly arrived cattle, until such time as they would realize that this was their new home also.

The actual move was finally completed by the end of June 1910, with the arrival of Justin, Caroline and nine of their ten children. One daughter, Marie Louise remained at St. Eustache for a time with her aunt and uncle, the Desrochers, but later on joined the family here. When the family arrived, a long-time friend of Justin's by the name of Oliver Barron, offered him the use of his house until such time as his own could be completed. Oliver's house was vacant at the time, so this worked out very well for the family whose own new homesite was only a mile distant. Their own log house was soon completed and it was only a short time until the family moved in, and Oliver returned to occupy his own place.

This last and final trip was completed with Caroline, Alex and the younger children (who had not travelled overland with Justin) arriving by rail at Togo along with a car of cattle, two oxen, a mower, rake, plow, a wagon and a few household effects. Alex was with the car to take care of the cattle and his mother and the smaller children. Upon the arrival of the car in Togo, unloading began and the cattle were fed and watered and the milk cows milked out on the ground, except for the amount of milk the children needed to drink. It was his job to keep the cows in herd until such time as his father and Joe and Kenny, who had travelled over land with the horses and a light wagon, would arrive at the station and help to drive the herd out to the homestead, a distance of eleven miles. While waiting, he sometimes found it necessary to act as interpreter for his mother who spoke no English at the time. In due time they were met and the herd and family all arrived safely at their destination. It is quite remarkable that without phones in those days and a lot of guesswork going on as to the arrival time of each group of movers, the feat was finally accomplished without mishap, and soon, all were together again to complete the building of the new house and barns for the animals.

To go back to the events relating to the overland trek of Justin, Joe and Kenny in a light wagon, driving two horses and for a day or so, with two yearling colts in tow behind the wagon, it is quite surprising that all went so well. The trip was delayed in the spring until such time as there would be plenty of grass along the roadside for the horses. They forded rivers and slept out under the stars at night. It took them nine days to complete the trip from St. Eustache to the newly acquired homestead. We were told that after a day or so, the colts were allowed to run free, as by that time, they had learned to follow the wagon. The team was always

hobbled at night and allowed to graze so there would be no question as to their whereabouts when the wagon had to move on in the morning.

When all were settled into the new home and the family had time to take stock of their possessions, it was found that no major damage had occurred to any of their few household effects which were, for the large part, homemade and strong. There was one article in particular which always attracted great admiration. It was a household storage trunk hewn out from a solid, large tree. It was all one piece without nails, pegs or metal of any description to hold it together, except for the lid's hinges. This trunk never did split or crack (which in itself was quite amazing) and was kept for the purpose of holding all important documents, as well as special items of clothing and other prized items. The children were never allowed to rummage through its contents for it held such important papers as marriage and baptismal certificates, land titles and even cash, as well as other important items. This trunk eventually became the property of their daughter, Antoinette at Prince Albert and is most probably now sitting in the Prince Albert Museum.

Several other families such as Paul Paul (Caroline's father), Jean Baptiste Paul (her brother who later returned to St. Eustache), Francois Gunneville, Alphonse Lachance, Moise Lucier, Antoine Branconnier, Dominique Branconnier, Daniel Carriere and others were all a part of this great migration, and also, a number of previously known families from Walhalla, North Dakota. These included the families of the Jeromes, Laplantes, Larocques, Lafournaises, Travises and the Villeneuves, to name a few. With this sort of migration occurring, it was soon evident that a church and schools would be a necessity. A priest was supplied and services, for a time, were held in a log building in the village of San Clara, until such time as the present-day larger church was constructed. This Roman Catholic Church has served the community well for many years, until finally, owing to difficulties encountered in not being able to procure a priest, the district is now serviced by Father Verhulst of Roblin either from the old church in San Clara or else in Roblin. There have been many priests throughout the years but one of the longest lasting, and one who certainly deserves great merit, has been Father Dansereau, who truly became a part of our community and a friend to all, regardless of religion.

As for the schools, all districts of Happy Lake, Grand Prairie, Walker, Clemenceau and Grand Narrows were formed within the Diocese, and Justin, living in Grand Narrows, sometimes took his turn on the local school board as trustee, and often served as overseer, whenever new roads had to be

built within the district. The younger members of his family attended English school in this district and soon became quite proficient in the language. As of today, all are quite bilingual and able to converse in both languages.

In those very early years, many of the settlers' first livelihoods depended on trapping and fishing, until such a time that enough land could be broken and grain raised for livestock and for sale. From those early years on, trapping has continually declined and with much of the bush now cleared away, the homesteaders and their descendants have gradually turned to grain growing or cattle. Justin never did take a very big interest in either trapping or grain growing and cattle always remained his chief interest as long as he was able to cope.

Justin and Caroline lived out the rest of their days on this farm, never moving again. He passed away in May of 1954 at the age of 93, and she on Nov. 4, 1961, at the age of 90. Their family, all born



Five Laliberte brothers (sons of Joachim): L to R. Joseph, Moses, Alex, Kenny (Etienne), and Paul.

at St. Eustache between 1890 and 1909 consisted of Caroline Jr., Alexandre, Joseph, Etienne (Kenny), Justine, Marie Louise, Alexandrine (Alice), Moise, Antoinette and Joachim (Paul) in order of their birth. Only Mary Louise, of Langley B.C., and Moise and Paul of Roblin are living at time of writing.

Caroline Laliberte, the eldest of the family married Steve Burwash before their arrival in these parts, but shortly after, they too made the move. Their family consisted of Robbie, Bertha, Henry, Nelson, Willie, Maxime, Agnes, Maggie, Irene, Nellie, Lillian and Freddie. Both Steve and Caroline have lived out their lives in the San Clara area, although the family and their descendants have become rather scattered by now.

Alexandre, the eldest son, who accompanied the railway car, later married Lucy Laplante and their three children consisting of Emile, Lawrence and Rita, in order of birth, have left our community, and both Alex and Lucy have passed on.

Joseph (now deceased) married Virginia Lizotte. They had six children: Gideon (Patrick), Alphonse (Billie), Raymond, Rena, Henri, and

Andre. Both Gideon and Alphonse passed away as children and of the rest, only Andre has moved away into Winnipeg. Joe had been farming all his life on farms within our community but had taken out his homestead at Happy Lake. (A fuller history of his family will probably be written up by some of his family).

Etienne (Kenny) married Azilda Larocque. They had no children of their own, but because having a family seemed to have been a necessary part of their lives, they adopted Lloyd Pearson and raised him as their own, and Lloyd later became known as Lloyd Laliberte. Zilda still resides in her home along the highway and rents the farm out.

Justine Laliberte married Joseph Branconnier, a son of Antoine Branconnier. They had seven children consisting of Eli (Johnson), Henri, Philippe, Alphonse, Agnes, Alice and Oscar. This family settled near the family of her parents and during the last years of Caroline Sr.'s life she was kept by Justine and later Azilda (Kenny's wife).

Marie Louise married Eddy McCorquodale of Sunny Slope S.D. and their sons were Gordon, Archie and Riley, who now reside in Fort Langley, Calgary and Vancouver respectively. For some years after residing in our area, the family moved to Saskatoon for awhile, and from thence on to Vancouver or vicinity.

Alice Laliberte married Raymond Senecal of St. Eustache, but her life was short and Raymond was left with four small boys to raise. He was helped by Alice's Uncle Modeste (the brother of Justin who has been mentioned beforehand in our story). The children's names were Cyrille, Marcel, Paul and Luc and they continued to live around St. Eustache until the two elder boys joined the forces during the war. Cyrille has now passed away and the other three have moved away.

Moise married Dorothy Pitfield who was a daughter of the nearby Walkersburn postmaster and mail carrier. They had three children namely: Hazel of Estevan who married Hap Latimer; Rita of San Clara who is married to Edward Langevin; and Dale who was killed in a mine accident. (A fuller story of this family will probably appear elsewhere in the book.)

Antoinette's oldest son, Lawrence was raised by her parents and her three later children, Marie, Blanche, and Paul Bernier all grew up at Prince Albert, Sask. while Lawrence resides in British Columbia. Both of these parents as well as Blanche and Paul are now deceased and only Marie (married to Emil Lavoie) is now surviving and farming at Prince Albert.

Paul, the youngest member of Justin's family, is married to Verna Wilson and upon retirement they are presently living in Roblin. They have a son,

Garland, and two daughters, Marlene and Rena. Garland has received his Doctorate in Agricultural Engineering and is presently head of that department at the University of Manitoba. He also continues to farm in a small way, with his dad's help in the Makaroff and Sunny Slope areas. Marlene is married to Lloyd Shearer of the Castleberry district and has a family of five children. The history of this Shearer family will be dealt with separately, but Rena, the youngest daughter, since she has moved out into the Russell district will be mentioned more fully here. She was married to Wendell Wondrasek (now deceased) of Russell, Manitoba. He was a full time farmer at the time and upon his demise, Rena was left with a family of three boys (Randy, Troy and Wade) to raise. She has now rented out her farms but still continues to teach in the Russell school, commuting to work from her home on the farm near Millwood. This was once her old school where she had taught before the district was taken into the Pelly Trail S.D. The three Paul Laliberte children had all grown up in the Grand Narrows-Sunny Slope and Roblin areas, where they received their elementary and high school educations and still regard this area as grassroots and home.

Overall, this first Justin Laliberte family has now expanded to include 45 grandchildren as well as several great, great and great-great-grandchildren. Many of the descendants still continue to reside here and their stories will appear elsewhere on the pages of this book. Those who have moved off into other parts never seem to forget their roots and continue to return for visits, and to keep in touch with their old friends and neighbours of Roblin and District area and this will always be home for them also.

The Laliberte Family **by Moses Laliberte**

The Justine Laliberte family of St. Eustache, Manitoba came to Walkerburn in 1910. The father, mother and 10 children (5 boys and 5 girls), made the trip — a distance of about 300 miles. The father and 2 sons came with horses and wagon. It took 9 days. Many rivers and streams had to be forded as there were no bridges. The rest of the family came by train.

Alex bought a team of oxen, 7 cows and 2 pigs, as well as some chickens, farm machinery and some furniture in a box car. The oxen and machinery were unloaded at Togo, Saskatchewan and moved to Walkerburn. The family stayed with Moses Lucier, an uncle. There were 22 people altogether. Some slept in tents and some under wagons. We then used the house of Oliver Barron for some time. Potatoes were planted on the 17th of June and a very good crop was taken off.



Mose, Justin and Alex Laliberte.

A log house was built with an upstairs. A ladder made of poles was used for the stairs. The house measured 18 x 20 feet. After the house, other buildings were built on N.E. 9-29-29. This was the homestead taken out in 1910. The purpose of coming to this area was to raise cattle as there was plenty of free pasture and plenty of water. Trapping was also very good in the area. 500 muskrats, 60 weasels and 18 mink were caught before Christmas. Muskrats sold for 15¢ each in 1911.

The Grand Narrows school was 2½ miles away and all the family attended. There was a log church (about 14 x 16) in San Clara and services were held whenever a Priest came by. He usually came from Pelly, Saskatchewan.

The older boys worked out in lumber camps — for Burrows — and worked for the farmers in the summer.

In order to prove-up on the homestead, it had to be fenced and 30 acres broken. Four acres were broken in the first year with the use of oxen. This was disced and sowed by hand to oats, then harrowed with branches. A very good crop of about 230 bushels was realized. A few more acres were broken each year after this. When all the improvements were made, the patent was issued by the Government. The farm was then owned by the farmer.

There were 11 families settled in this area at this time: Peter Paul, Bill Burke, the Bangles, Tom Butler, Dick Saurbutt, Jack Atwater, the Pitfields, Dunc Kable, Paul Paul, Moses Lucier and Lalibertes.

Dunc Kable had the first post office in Walkerburn. When he resigned in 1914, Pitfields took over and operated the post office for 21 years. Mose Laliberte and family then operated it for the next 26 years. The wage was \$15.00 for three months of work.

The Atwaters came in 1902, the Pitfields in 1904. Reg and Frank Steen had already proved-up on their homesteads. Jack Knowles had also proved-up.

In the 1920s, crops and wages were good but the roads were not. Shopping was done in Togo, Saskatchewan, which was 13 miles away, and travelling was done by horses.

Moses started farming about 1925, and farmed with horses for many years. Then he changed over to power machinery and farmed until 1959. His son then took over and Moses went to work for the P.F.R.A. pasture for 11 years. He then retired to Roblin.

Family of Mr. and Mrs. Justine Laliberte: Alex Laliberte, married Lucy Laplante; Joe Laliberte, married Verginia Lizotte; Kennie Laliberte, married Gilda Larocque; Moses Laliberte, married Dorothy Pitfield; Paul Laliberte, married Verna Wilson; Caroline Laliberte, married Steve Burwash; Justine Laliberte, married Joe Branconnier; Marie Laliberte, married Eddie McCorquodale; Alice Laliberte, married Raymond Senecal; Annie Laliberte married Wm. Bernier.

Charles Wesley Lamb Family by Bruce and Kathleen Lamb

My parents moved from a farm 12 miles north of Roblin in 1920 to a farm 5½ miles south of Roblin (8-25-28) in the Tummel district. I, Bruce was eleven years old at this time. My parents were known as Charles Wesley Lamb and Robena Agnes Lamb.

My sisters and I all went to the Tummel school. We also attended the United Church. I also played baseball with the Tummel team. Some of the members of that team I can remember are: Cliff McArthur, Jack McArthur, John, Leslie and Stewart Inglis, and Charlie McGrath.

There used to be an annual picnic on the Edward's property on July 1st. It was sponsored by the residents of the Tummel community. The ladies of the community always had a picnic lunch there which was really a feast served under a grove of trees. Then there were all sorts of sports such as baseball, running and jumping which were highlights in our lives to always remember.

Before I go any farther, I would like to mention the name of Miss Stairs, who was the principal of Tummel school for about 5 years. She was a wonderful teacher.

My sisters' names were Wilma, Jean, Eloise, and Eleanor who was 3 years old when we left for Rainy River.

I attended the Roblin High school for 1½ years. I will always remember Mr. H. J. Everall. He was a great man.

My parents did most of their trading at Kulberts' general store in Roblin. Young folks in those days did not have access to cars like they have today, so for recreation we used to gather by horseback at one of our friend's places on Sundays. We would do everything from breaking horses to wrestling, boxing, etc.

My Father and Mother always took an active part in all social activities and the church.

My mother passed away in 1957 and my father in 1958. They were both buried in the Britton, South Dakota Cemetery.

John Wesley and Mae Lamb by John Lamb

In 1924 my Dad, John Wesley Lamb and my mother, Mae Elizabeth (Roberts) Lamb came to the Roblin district from Bredenbury, Sask. I was born on August 9, 1923. In 1928 we rented the Lou Fox farm and bought it in 1942. In 1949 we bought the other half of the section (8-25-28) from Bill Bauming. It had formerly been owned by Wilbert Fox, Charlie Lamb (my dad's twin brother) and before that by Clarence Fox.

My dad had four children from his first marriage — Russel, Wendell, Gerald and Elizabeth, and five from his second marriage — Kathryn, John, Mae, Billy and Merle. My sister Kathryn,



Merle, John, Kathryn, Mae, John, Wendell Lamb.

Merle and I went to Tummel school. We have lived most of our lives at Roblin and have been supportive of the community. My dad was an elder of Tummel Church for life and Kathryn was organist there. Wendell served 25 years on the Credit Union and Co-op boards and on Tummel Church board for some time. Merle has been a soloist in Tummel Church Choir.

For medical reasons my dad had to go south for the winters to live. We wintered in Phoenix, Arizona. He passed away in 1964. Kathryn passed away in 1975 with cancer. My mother passed away in 1982 and Wendell in 1984. Sister Mae died as a baby and Billy died accidentally when he was six years old. He was hit by a car when he crossed the road by Goose Lake to pick cat-tails.

I married Conola Mae (Scoggins-Wiseman)



John and Conola Lamb.

Lamb in 1966 and we later moved from Arizona to Durant, Oklahoma. My brother, Merle, moved there also. Conola's sister, Mollie Farrell lives there, too. Conola has one son.

We sold the Roblin farm in 1984 and will now reside in Durant and Roblin, but will always think of Tummel as our home. God bless you all.

R. L. Lammie Family (Tummel Book)

In the early days Mr. and Mrs. Lammie moved from Brandon district to Asessippi where they kept the boarding house for a time. Friends from the south had taken up land in Tummel and Mr. Lammie followed, buying the south half of 17-25-28. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lammie were active in all community affairs. The Fife school was situated on the southwest corner of their farm and they usually boarded the teacher. There were three children in the family: William, John and Mary (now Mrs. T. Kelso of Roblin).

After Mr. Lammie's death, Mrs. Lammie spent her remaining years with her son, William at Deepdale.

Ronald and Jeanine Landry Family by Jeanine Landry

Ronald was born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan on August 5, 1943, the son of Joseph and Alice (née Tremblay) Landry of Courval, Sask. I, Jeanine, was born in Saskatoon on March 15, 1947 to Raoul

and Marie (née Brochu) Clavelle of Viscount, Saskatchewan.

Ron and I came to Roblin in September of 1966 as teachers. Ron was hired as the French teacher in the Roblin Collegiate. I was hired by the Goose Lake School Board to teach grade four. The first year Ron boarded with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Andres and I boarded with the Henry Chick's.

When we came to Roblin we were engaged and were married the following spring on March 27th, 1967 at Viscount, Sask. Our first home was a little white house on the corner of 1st Ave. N.W. and 1st St. which we rented from Mr. and Mrs. Beaven. In September, 1969, we moved to 105 Hospital Street to a house we rented from Alvin Funk, a teacher who had built it about 6 years before. In the summer of 1972 we purchased this house.

Our eldest son, Donald Joe, was born on



Ronald, Jeanine, Donald, Yvette Marie and Patrick Landry.

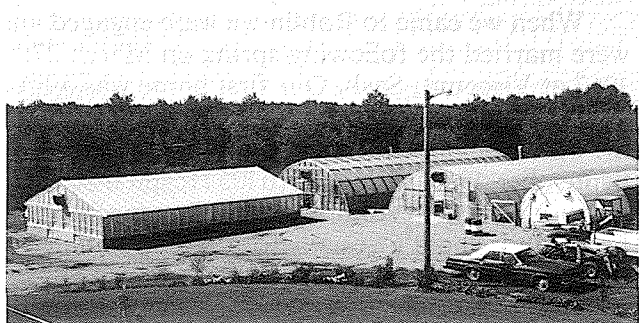
October 16, 1969. Our daughter, Yvette Marie, was born on March 24, 1971.

Ron and I continued our education by taking evening classes in Yorkton and summer classes in Saskatoon. Ron received his Bachelor of Education degree in 1971 and I received mine in 1976. Ron studied two more summers in France; at the University of Tours in 1974 and at the University of Grenoble in 1976.

In 1977 Ron built a small greenhouse in the backyard with the help of Brother Mike from St. Vladimir's College. This was the start of a hobby which slowly emerged into a business. This hobby of growing bedding plants expanded to two greenhouses in 1978 and to three in 1979. All this time we had been looking for a few acres to buy. In July of 1979 we purchased 5 acres on the N.E. 1-26-29 from Mr. and Mrs. Archie Harlow.

We began developing our land the following

July. We erected a quonset, dug a well and put up a white board fence. This was to be our beginning. However, in August we were able to purchase a second-hand greenhouse north of Canora, Sask. We dismantled it and rebuilt it on our acreage. In September the construction of our new house began. We moved in on January 30th, 1981. This



Landry Greenhouses 2 miles west of Roblin.

was a year of "new events" for the Landrys: a new home, a new business (Landry Greenhouses) and a new son, Patrick Ronald, born on May 11th.

Each year since then we have expanded our business a little. We now own 10 acres, have 6548 square feet of greenhouse under fibre glass and we plant several acres of market garden.

Ron has continued teaching all along. I have taken a few years off but at present I am teaching grade 6.

Our family has been active in the community. We attend the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church where Ron has served on the church board and we have both taught catechism classes. Ron is a member of the Knights of Columbus and has served as Grand Knight. He served as a town councillor from 1977-1980, when we moved out of town and on the Recreation Commission when it first began.

I have served as Honored Royal Lady for the Royal Purple, president of the Church Ladies' group, and helped initiate the Meals-on-Wheels program. At present I am president of the Parkland Festival and active in the Ladies' Evening Curling Club.

Donald and Yvette have belonged to various clubs, too. They have been members of the Figure Skating club, Minor Hockey and have taken Ukrainian dancing lessons. Both have taken (and Yvette continues to take) piano lessons from Islay Simpson. They have both done well in swimming lessons taken at the town pool.

Our family has always enjoyed this Parkland area. We especially enjoy fishing on Lake of the Prairies, only a 7 minute drive from our door. In winter we enjoy playing cards and snowmobiling. The children enjoy skiing at Mark Valley.

Joseph and Mary Langan

by Ruth Angus

In 1907, Joseph and Mary Langan, with their family of six: Joe, Jack, Alex, Millie, Dave and Nordeth, came to Canada. Joseph was a butcher by trade and had a butcher shop in St. John's, North Dakota. When they came to Walkerburn, they soon opened a store on his homestead on the N.W. 1/4 18-29-28.

After Joseph closed his store, he travelled the area, buying furs from the trappers.

On November 17, 1941, Joseph Langan died and was buried in San Clara.

On August 2, 1943, Mary Langan died at her daughter Nordeth Larocque's home.

Thomas and Elizabeth Langley

by Mrs. Albert E. Langley (Sarah)

Thomas' father and mother (ne'e Miss Nution) arrived in Canada from Yorkshire, England in the year 1873. The Langleys Sr. had a family of 5 sons and 2 daughters. They came to Winnipeg, Manitoba where Thomas (their son and also my father) worked for awhile. There he met my mother, Elizabeth Hill of Woodlands, Manitoba.

They were married at Woodlands and moved to Kamsack, Saskatchewan in 1883. After spending 11 years at Kamsack, they moved to the Castleavery district. They had a family of 11 girls and 3 boys, but one boy died at birth.

The children all attended Castleavery school at first and it was once told that, for want of a better means of transportation, they rode to school on a hayrake. This would almost seem impossible to most of us, but perhaps "necessity is sometimes the mother of invention" and perhaps there may have been a way of riding by placing a plank across the tines somehow, thus creating a seat. This may only be fiction, though. In later years, the MacNutt S.D. was organized and then sister, Cora and I, Sarah, attended MacNutt School.

Our church services were held in a log building until it was razed by fire. My mother died when I was 12 years old and she, as well as sister, Alice and brother, Tom's two girls are all resting in the Castleavery Cemetery.

Father continued to live on the farm at Castleavery until 1927 when he moved to Springside, Saskatchewan to be with his daughter, Edith, and her husband, George Langley. Father lived until he was 99 years and 8 months old, and died in the Yorkton Hospital on February 14, 1950. He was buried in the Springside Cemetery. I, Mrs. Thurza Sarah Langley (or Mrs. Albert Langley), am the only one left of Tom Sr.'s family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Large and Family

by Marion McVey

Mr. and Mrs. A. Large were born and raised on Prince Edward Island, coming west when they were just married in 1911.

Dad and his Uncle Charles (who both lived in St. James at the time) had been to Makaroff to build the United Church Manse. The house which they built over sixty years ago is still there but has been sold to a private individual.

I guess Dad thought it was a good place to raise a large, Large family. I think that it was 1921 when we all moved to Makaroff — Dad, Mother, Winnie, Marion, Arthur, Russell and Edythe; Helen and John were Makaroff stock. Dad was a contractor by trade so he did a lot of building in the first years at Makaroff. He did it all with hand tools (no power in those days). He would plane and sandpaper the boards, saw by hand and so on.

The small farm he bought later was formerly owned by C. R. Grundy.

The "Dirty Thirties" were hard on our folks like they were on all our friends. Everyone was in the same boat, trying to make ends meet. The plain old flour bags were our friends. They were bleached and made into undies, aprons, pillow cases, sheets, tea towels, etc. Some were dyed and made into dresses.

My husband is Errol McVey, formerly of Grandview, Man. His mother was a cousin of the late writer, Nellie McClung, formerly Nellie Mooney of Wawanesa, Man. Nellie McClung did a lot toward getting better rights for women.

Winnie is a teacher and married Bob Switzer. They have one son and live at Fort St. James, B.C.

Marion is an R.N., married to Errol McVey. They live at Emerson. Their children are Marilyn, George, Jeanette and Jim. Marilyn is married, has a daughter and lives in Winnipeg; George lives in Winnipeg; Jeanette is married and has a daughter in New Brunswick; Jim is taking his Grade XII (1970).

Arthur is a Doctor. He practised in Roblin for several years. He also worked in the several homes that opened their doors as a hospital to many people of Roblin and district. Arthur and his wife, Betty had 2 daughters: Linda and Gwenda. Betty passed away in the early 1960's. Arthur is retired and lives in Winnipeg, Man.

Russell married in England and paid the supreme sacrifice during World War II.

Edythe, a nurse, married Ray McTavish. They have three daughters and reside in Winnipeg.

Helen is a teacher. She married Morris McGregor of Kenton, Manitoba and they have four children.

John is married and has a daughter, Patti and a son, Douglas. They reside in Edmonton, Alberta.

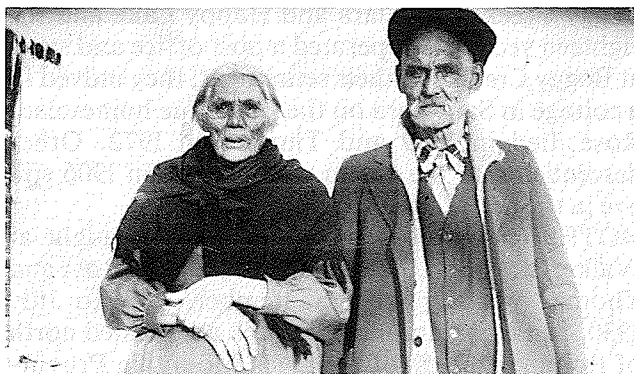
Mr. Large Sr. passed away in 1941 and Mrs. Large in 1969. Both are resting in the Makaroff Cemetery.

The Larocques of San Clara

by Eva Durnin

Alex Larocque (1837-1913), a fur trader married Rose Sayer, (1858-1948) at his homestead in Portage la Prairie in 1872.

Every year Larocque and his wife, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Langan and a Mr. and Mrs. St. Germaine travelled to a central location accessible for trade with a large number of Indians. At this site a log cabin was erected with a sod roof and plastered clay walls and floor. Windows were made of scraped buffalo hides transparent enough for light to filter through. Beds were bunks made of poles and logs, the mattresses were stuffed with hay. The cabin was subdivided into three sections to accommodate the three families. Rose gave birth to



Joe and Mary Langan (Mrs. J. Larocque's parents) in 1937.

her first infant in one of these shelters, but the child died at four months of age. The men travelled by horseback to engage in fur trade with various Indian tribes. After trading had taken place a horse dragged a travois laden with furs back to the winter quarters.

In Spring the furs were packed into Red River carts and the families returned to their summer homes. The furs were delivered to Rose's paternal grandfather, Mr. Sayer, in St. Boniface. The Hudson's Bay Company paid Mr. Sayer for the furs in bills of small denomination which remained in a wooden chest until he reimbursed Alex Larocque and his helpers. (The wooden chest was passed down to Alex and Rose Larocque's daughter, Rose — Mrs. Thomas Wheeler — and subsequently to her son, Sandy Wheeler of Winnipeg.)

Alex and Rose moved to a homestead at St. John, North Dakota in 1882, but they returned to Manitoba with their family in 1906. They were accompanied by the families of Frank Langan, Jack

Bill and Mike Henry. They travelled by wagon train, a distance of about three hundred miles from St. John to San Clara, Manitoba. Three open hay racks carried all their household effects. Rose Larocque and her three year old baby rode in a four-wheeled buggy with a waterproof top and removable side curtains. The daughter of Alex and Rose, Rose (aged twenty-four) and her cousin, "Besant Larocque" were on horseback and herded eighteen horses and forty cattle. Enroute the wagon train sojourned for two weeks to look over land prospects at Elphinstone, Manitoba.

In 1906 Alex and Rose took the homestead, fractional section 14-29-29A in the unorganized territory of San Clara, Manitoba. There were only six families in this area at the time and the only roads were meandering trails. Alex practised mixed farming at this site until his death in 1913. Rose remained there until her death in 1948. Their daughter Rose, married Thomas Wheeler in 1912. During their working years the Wheeler's farmed at Boggy Creek, San Clara and Happy Lake and for eighteen years they operated a post office and store at Boggy Creek. On their retirement, they moved to a cottage in San Clara on the Larocque homestead. Rose died in 1969 and Thomas in 1972. Other descendents of the group who arrived in 1906 still live in the San Clara district.

NOTE: The author, Mrs. Eva Durnin taught at Walker S.D., San Clara and boarded with Rose and Thomas Wheeler from September, 1929 to July 1930. San Clara and Boggy Creek are located north of Roblin and west of the Duck Mountain Provincial Forest.

Justin and Nordeth Larocque by the family

Michael and Emily Larocque were Justin's grandparents. They came to Walkerburn, with their



Justin and Nordeth Larocque Family.

grandchildren, after Justin's parents died. Justin was born on July 1, 1896.

Michael and Emily lived most of their early married years in St. John's, North Dakota. They had no children of their own, and so they adopted two boys, Mike, at birth, and Raymond. Mike married Rose Jarvis and they had 3 children during their years in North Dakota.

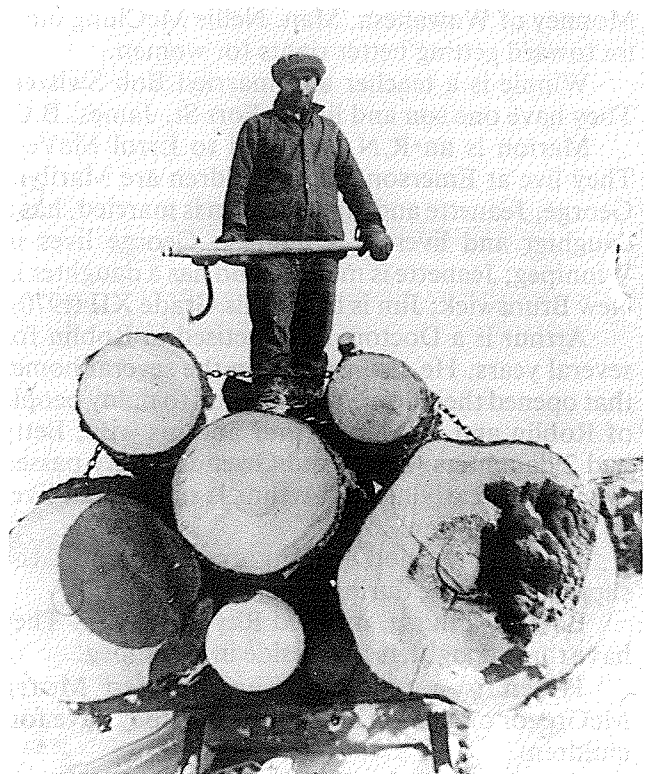
The two families of Michael Sr. and Michael Jr. came and settled at St. Francois Xavier, a small settlement near Portage La Prairie. While at St. Francois, Mike Jr. took ill and died. His wife, Rose, had just given birth to their fourth child. Rose and her new born child returned to St. John's to care for her sister; however, they both took ill and died, now leaving the three children: Virginia, Justin and Margaret with no parents. Michael Sr. and Emily now had their grandchildren to raise.

In June of 1906, Michael filed for his homestead on the S.W. 6-30-28, at Walkerburn, Man. which was north and west of San Clara. Michael and his family came north because of the furs and wildlife to be found so readily in these parts.

In 1916, Justin filed for his homestead on N.W. 1/4 5-30-28W.

In 1918, Justin was called to enlist, however, being the only son, he was discharged early in 1919, before going overseas.

On March 4, 1919, Justin married Nordeth Langan, a daughter of Joseph and Mary Langan. Nor-



Justin Larocque standing on logs all of which came from one cut tree.

deth was born on July 18, 1898, in Belcourt, N.D., U.S.A.

Justin and Nordeth moved to their homestead late in 1919, after building a small one room house. They had thirteen children: Jules (Boss), Emma, Annie, Mary, Catherine, Louise, Margaret, Gabe, Beatrice, Yvonne, Clifford, Armand and Florence. One child died at birth.

Justin farmed some, but mostly, he trapped in the Duck Mts. He received a registered trap line when it became available in 1956. He retired from trapping in the 1970's.

In 1938, Justin trained dogs for a team, which he used for his transportation, up until 1960. The dogs were trained to act on command. Justin recalls one occasion, when his dogs were of great value. On that occasion, the dogs had travelled approximately 150 miles in 1½ days.

In 1942, the family moved from their home to the McBride farm seven miles north. Justin continued to trap on his line, but he also raised sheep, along with some cattle.

In 1963, Justin and Nordeth retired from farming. They bought a home in the village of San Clara, where they still reside. Justin continued to trap.

Both he and Nordeth became active in the local legion group and the church. They both enjoyed curling and horseshoe. They still enjoy playing King Pedro.

Justin and Nordeth still live alone and are in fair health. On March 4, 1984 they celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary.

Emma Aldina Larocque was born on June 29, 1921, the second child of Justin and Nordeth Larocque. On Nov. 26, 1941, Emma married Henry Bouvier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bouvier of Boggy Creek. They had three children: Ralph, Sadie and Morris. Henry died of pneumonia on October 12, 1951. On June 29, 1953, Emma married Dave Rondeau from Rose Valley, Sask. They lived in Brandon, and on February 23, 1984, after a lengthy illness, Emma Rondeau died.

Annie (Larocque) Carriere was born on July 26, 1923. She married Edmond Carriere of San Clara on May 8, 1945. They have three children: Leo, Louie and Jules.

Mary Celia (Larocque) Langan was born on Jan. 12, 1926. She married Edward Langan. They have thirteen children: Elma Charters, Jim, Esther Laviolette, Georgina Wilkes, Eva Hiron, Eddie, Gordon, Diane, Audrey Debra Stenerson, Donna, Danny and Della. Donald died on Nov. 15, 1962 at the age of 6 months.

Catherine (Larocque) Hyska married Michael Hyska in June 1951. They have two sons; Brian and Elliot.

Louise (Larocque) Carriere married Armand

Carriere of San Clara in 1953. They have two children: Matthew and Karen. Matthew married Pat Sigurdson and they have one son, Timothy. Karen passed away on Nov. 30, 1975.

Margaret Larocque married Billy Kozak in 1949. They had 5 children: Jerry, Shirley Galatiuk, Veronica McBride, Thelma Hilland and Dean. Billy died on December 14, 1963. Margaret married John Mitchell in Oct. 1974.

Gabe Larocque married Joyce Brazeau and had six children: Bernice, Beatrice Floch, Wyman, Eunice, Janice and Danny. Gabe lives on his father's homestead.

Beatrice (Larocque) Bouvier married Lionel Bouvier in Nov., 1955. They have four sons: Garland, Rodney, Wayne and Kenneth.

Yvonne (Larocque) Davis married Lee Davis in July, 1957. They have 3 children: Ann Deforest, Duane and Scott.

Clifford Larocque married Yvonne Quesnel in June, 1960. They have five children: Brenda Asmundson, Barry, Lori, Sharon and Kimberly.

Armand Larocque married Sydney in Oct. 1960. They had four children: Theresa, Robert, Richard and Raymond. Theresa was born on July 31, 1962. She died in December, 1968.

Florence Larocque married Norman Friesen in Sept. 1966.

Jules and Flavia (Poitra) Larocque by Ruth Angus

On January 11, 1920, Jules was born to Justin and Nordeth Larocque. He attended school at Grand Prairie #1, until the age of fourteen. Jules helped his dad hunting and trapping. In the fall and spring, he worked for the farmers in the fields. Jules then started working in the bush, logging.

On April 22, 1942, he married Maria Flavia

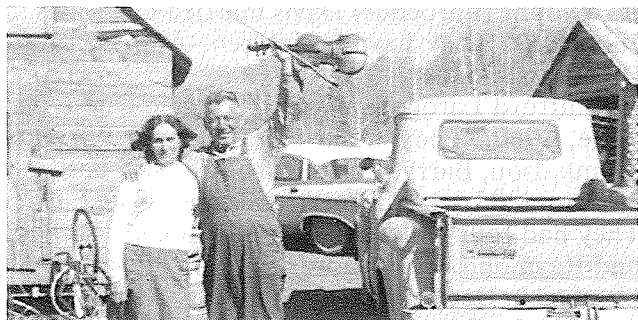


Jules and Flavia Larocque.

Leonna Poitra, the daughter of George and Adele Poitra. Flavia was born on December 12, 1921.

Jules, at the time of his marriage, received two horses from his parents. Flavia received a cow and calf from her parents. Jules had raised some cattle on shares and also had a couple of calves. From these few head, Jules and Flavia built their herd of cattle. During their first few winters, they moved to the Cockerill's logging camp, where Jules logged with his team of horses and Flavia cooked for the men. He retired from bush work in 1964 and settled into mixed farming.

In 1945, Jules and Flavia bought the N.W. 1/4 of 21-30-28 and began to farm. He still worked in the bush, logging and as a sawyer.



Marcel and Laura Paul.

In 1946, they moved to Justin's in a small house, so Jules could be sawyer for the mill that was set up in his father's yard.

Jules and Flavia had seven children: Yvette, Ralph, Gerald, Vivian, Ruth, Roland and Alvin.

Mary Yvette Larocque was born at Boggy Creek and attended Happy Lake school. On November 26, 1959, Yvette married Wilfred Bouvier. Wilfred is a son of Albert and Evelyn Bouvier. They have 5 children: David married Laura Framingham and they have two children, Riley and Terrie; Robin married Cecile Klemecki and they have one son, Jarret; Donna married Wayne Piwniuk and they have a daughter, Amanda; Donald and Maxine are the younger members of Yvette's family.

Ralph Larocque married Margaret Nowlin. They have three children: Scott, Lisa and Clayton.

Jules Gerald Larocque married Sharon Nykyforak and they had two sons Corey and Kyle. Gerald died on August 15, 1979.

Vivian Larocque is married to Daniel Radford and they have two children: Barbie Brazeau and Christa Radford.

Roland and Ruth are twins and were born in Benito. Roland married Debbie Puritch, and they have two children: Roland and Courtney.

Ruth married Len Angus and they have 3 children: Jay-Dean, Mark and Brandy.

Alvin Wm. married Susan Watson and they have two children, Justin and Kelly. Alvin lives in Williams Lake, B.C.

Sisters to Justin Larocque by Ruth Angus

Victoria Larocque, a daughter of Mike and Rose (Jarvis) Larocque, was raised by Michael and Emily Larocque. She was born on July 10, 1894, in St. John's, North Dakota. She came to San Clara with her grandparents. On April 6, 1920 she married Jack Sinclair. Jack was born on Nov. 24, 1900 in St. John's, North Dakota. Victoria died on April 16, 1975. They had four children.

Margaret Larocque, a daughter of Mike and Rose (Jarvis) Larocque was born on Feb. 10, 1898 in St. John's, North Dakota. She married John Goselin in Sept., 1917. One year later he died on Nov. 18, 1918. On that same day, their son, Norman, was born. In Feb. of 1920, Margaret was married to Delphus Lucier and they had a daughter, Agnes. On March 12, 1984, at St. Rose, Man., Margaret passed away.

Lars Christian Larsen History by Bruce Larsen

Until I was nine years old, my summers were always spent in the Roblin area because I had one set of grandparents living in the village of Dropmore and another set of grandparents on a farm north of Deepdale.

The grandparents at Dropmore were Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Larsen. They had started farming about 1910, having moved to Canada from DeKalb, Illinois.

My grandfather had been christened Lars Christian Larsen after he was born on October 8, 1865, at Torsley Dronninglund, Hjorring, which is in the Jutland area of Denmark. He moved with his family to DeKalb, Illinois, in the mid 1870's.

My grandmother Larsen's given name was Elizabeth and she was born on November 25, 1865, in Bethnal Green, Middlesex, England, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Turpin. The Turpin family moved to the Sycamore area of Illinois in 1871. My grandparents were married on March 1, 1893 and my father, Lewis Joseph Larsen, was their first child (born on Jan. 29, 1894) in Sycamore.

At Dropmore, Grandpa Larsen seemed to be known as Lewis Christopher Larsen instead of 'Lars Christian'. Most called him 'Chris'.

I'm not too sure of Grandpa Larsen's community involvements. I know he was a past master of the Masonic Lodge, having been a staunch member of the Shellmouth branch for many years. After he finished his farming days he was a local weed

inspector but I do not think there was a salary or honorarium for this.

After moving to Dropmore in 1910, the Larsens stayed there except for a brief move to Virginia in 1916 but I believe they were back to Dropmore within a year.

When I visited during the summers (1928-1936) most of Grandpa's farming was behind him. Their farm was a wondrous place for a young boy to visit. The grandparents seemed very old and stern. Their house was at one end of the main street of Dropmore. The floor of the kitchen fascinated me. It had a cement floor, pebbled by years of scrubbing. My brother, Glen, and I were not encouraged to play inside the house and there were adventures outside. There was the barn that housed corn threshing equipment (evidently my grandfather had spent some determined years trying to prove that corn could be grown successfully at Dropmore but he was back to regular grain when I was born). There was a workshop with exceptionally fine woodworking tools, many handmade in Illinois; there was Lewis big store and post office down the street and two Lewis men (Reg and Donnie) who always had time to talk with kids: there was the Lewis home further along where we often stayed (It was stocked with more musical instruments than I'd ever seen before because this was a musical family); and there was a train station.

And there were adventures beyond the village itself. We always visited and usually stayed with Aunt Cora (my father's sister) each summer. Aunt Cora and Uncle Archie (Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Goodbun) farmed along the Assiniboine a few miles out of Dropmore. Uncle Archie was a good farmer with impressive fields and livestock and he always found time to talk with and enjoy youngsters. Aunt Cora had the most bounteous vegetable garden on the sunswept hillside near the house, and it produced the first watermelon I ever tasted.

And I recall one other summer visit that must have been close to an annual for us. We'd go across the Assiniboine to the Dropmore Nursery that later brought world recognition for Frank Skinner. We'd pick berries and usually my mother would also come away with 'slips' and roots for her own garden. There were more things growing in that nursery than I thought the world could possibly hold.

The Dropmore I remember was hot and dusty and friendly. It had a schoolhouse just across the way from the Larsen home and that's where my mother came to teach and met my father. My mother's maiden name was Stella Marie White and she came from Deepdale. When she arrived to teach, my father had finished his schooling and was running a Burrows' Lumber yard in Dropmore. My father was also playing a lot of baseball for Drop-

more. (For more information on this family see the Robert Sutherland Family History.)

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Laughlin by Lyla Carmichael

Edward Laughlin was born at Dodge City, Iowa, U.S.A. in the early eighteen hundreds. He married Emily Bennet, who was born in Belville, Ontario, in the early eighteen hundreds. They were married in Brandon, where they lived for two years. They lived in MacGregor for fifteen years; then in Dropmore for a few years and in Melita for twenty-five years. Mr. Laughlin was a station agent. They had a family of three: Clyde, Laura and Lyla.

Clyde married Bill Stewart and they had one daughter. They are both deceased.

Laura Frances, known as "Tuggy", married William Davidson and they had a son, Edward Harley Davidson, and two daughters. Laura and William are both deceased.

Lyla Uritta Laughlin, the youngest, was born on February 3, 1897 in MacGregor. She came to Dropmore with her parents and met Bartley Delbert Carmichael, who was born in 1903 in Iowa, U.S.A. He came to Canada with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Carmichael. He had a sister, Verna. Carmichaels were some of the early settlers in the Grainsby district. Lyla married Bartley in Dropmore December 17, 1926. They farmed in the Grainsby district. Lyla was secretary of the Grainsby school for fifteen years and Bartley was a trustee. They took part in many community events, such as baseball, curling, dances and concerts.

Lyla's aunt made her home with them for a few years before she passed away in 1956, and was buried in the Dropmore cemetery. In her earlier years she had managed a boarding house and also kept house for Mr. Laughlin after Mrs. Laughlin passed away. She was known as 'Auntie Yeomans' to all her friends.

Due to Bartley's ill health they moved to Russell in 1965 and then to Brandon in 1967 when Bartley was admitted to the Assiniboine Hospital. He passed away in 1969 and is buried in the Dropmore cemetery. Lyla became ill while visiting at Dropmore and was taken to the Russell hospital in 1980, then to the Assiniboine Hospital, where she remained until April 21, 1981. From there she went to make her home at the "Fairview Home" in Brandon. She enjoys visitors and takes part in some of the large group activities.

The Laurie Family by Joan Dixon

James and Helen (the former Helen Hogg of Makaroff) Laurie moved to the Grand Narrows district from the Alva School District of the Côté



Jim and Helen Laurie and family: R to L. Johann, Jeanina, Archibald, Alexander and James, in 1940.

Municipality, west of Togo, Saskatchewan, in the spring of 1931. They had five children ranging in age from 7 to 14 years. Their names are Alice Johann (now name changed to Joan), Jean Alexina (Ina now Jean), Robert Archibald, Alexander Allan, and James Stewart.

Their first home was a half mile east of the, then, Walker School. This land is now owned by Norman Dixon and sons. The four youngest children attended Walker School; our post office was at San Clara. Mr. Laurie later moved to a half section in the Silverwood district where they continued to live until they moved to Roblin in 1941 or 1942.

I, Alice Johann (name changed to Joan) was born on September 25th, 1917. (History recorded under Dixon).

Jean Alexina (Ina, now Jean) was born on April 12th, 1919, married Glen Finch. Glen paid the supreme sacrifice having been killed in action in France in August, 1944. They had five children: Constance, Marion, Melville, Glen and Sharon. Constance Jean married Glen Galloway and they have one child, Dana who married Jeannie and they have two children, Taylor and Melissa. Marion, born on October 8, 1938 has two children, Kenny and Robbie. These boys are married and have families of their own. Melville Carson, born on November 3rd., married Margaret—divorced. They had four children: Linda Jean, Catherine Margaret, Patrick Allan Carson, and Michelle Anne. Melville was accidently killed in 1984. Glen Alexander, married Paulette Jones — divorced. Their children are Paula Jean, Glen Alexander (Sandy), James Carson. Sharon Alexis, married Don White. They live on Vancouver Island. Sharon is an assistant bank manager and Don is in the Royal Canadian Navy. After Glen's death, Jean moved to White Rock, B.C. She now lives in Surrey, B.C.

Robert Archibald, born on September 26, 1920, joined the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders early in World War II. He was taken prisoner during the Dieppe Raid on August 19, 1942. He was held

a prisoner somewhere in Germany until the summer of 1945. Robert married Anne Nespiak of Roblin in July 1948. Bob and Anne have two sons, Douglas and James Matthew. Douglas, born on May 5th, 1951 married Bernice Yahodinsky and their family are Sherry, Tracey and Ericka. James Matthew, born on July 24th, 1952, lives in Calgary, Alberta. Robert lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Alexander Allan, born on March 7, 1922, joined the Canadian Forestry Corps during the World War II and was stationed in Scotland where he drove trucks, hauling timber for the war effort. After returning, Alex worked at many jobs over the years, driving trucks and caterpillars, both on land and on ice. He later went to Alberta to work on farms. He married Goldia Stelton. They now make their home at Arrowwood, Alberta.

James Stewart was born on January 26, 1924. After graduating from grade eleven in the old Goose Lake Collegiate of Roblin, James joined the Royal Canadian Air Force as a pilot. Toward the end of the war he joined the Royal British Navy as a pilot. James took more education after returning home. He lived for a time in Toronto before going to Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A., where he and Edie live at present. He is married to Edith Moore. They have no family.

When Dad's rheumatism became very crippling, they sold their stock and belongings and moved into Roblin. Dad worked for William Ford, a bulk oil dealer, for a time. Mrs. Laurie took in roomers and boarders. Later they bought a house where Beaver Lumber (McMunn and Yates) had their lumber yard. Mrs. Laurie had a nursing home where many of the babies of the late 40's were born. After Roblin's first hospital became a reality, Mrs. Laurie again had a sale, keeping only a few personal belongings. At this time, Mr. Laurie entered a Nursing Home, one of which was in Dauphin, where he spent his remaining years, and passed away on November 29th, 1956 at the age of 69 years.

Mrs. Laurie worked for the next two years at Birtle Indian Residential School. When the school



Mrs. Helen Laurie.

was integrated into Birtle High, Mrs. Laurie found employment as a Nurse's Aid in the Roblin Hospital until her retirement. Later, she was one of the first to be accepted as a resident for the Roblin Senior Citizen's Home. She still lives there and is now 94 years young. Although Mrs. Laurie cannot go out visiting her many friends, with "Home Care" she manages really well.

Mrs. Laurie was a very faithful member of the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary Roblin Branch #24 and was presented with a Life Membership in 1983.

Editors Note: Mrs. Laurie is now a resident of the Roblin Personal Care Home.

William (Uncle) Billy Law

by J. M. Stewart

This was a family who homesteaded early in the Sunnyslope district, one-half mile north of highway 83. The sons had homesteads at various locations around the area.

They later moved to Roblin, but the farm was retained by a family member, Hazel (Mrs. Cormack), until it was sold to Gordon Ferguson. The family operated a boarding house in Roblin before and after 1920.

Wilford Law, an undertaker, operated the funeral home. Dewit (De) Law operated the lumber yard at Roblin. Ken Law managed the St. James Cemetery, in Winnipeg. Burt Law became a carpenter in B.C.

Bill and Lena Lesack Family

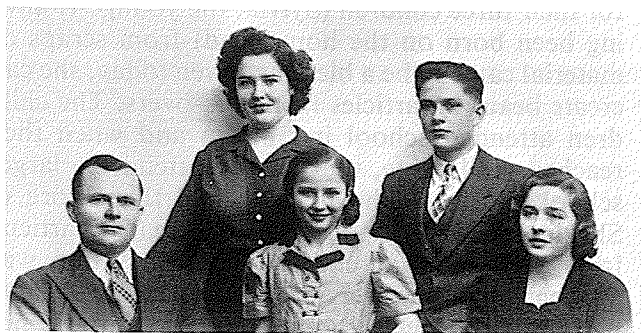
by Marcia Muldoon

Bill and Lena Lesack are two pioneers that dedicated much of their time and energy into the cultural and physical development of Roblin and area. The Lesack family's beginnings in Canada started with Mr. Lesack Senior's immigration alone in 1910. He came with the intention of sending for his family once he was established, but tragically, after three short weeks in Winnipeg, he died of sunstroke. He had written diary-like letters home every day from the time he left and when the letters

stopped coming, his family knew something had gone wrong.

The family had nothing to stay for in the Ukraine so Bill's older sister, Anna was sent first and settled with relatives, the Mandziuks, at Gilbert Plains. Two years later, in September 1912, Mrs. Lesack and her younger two children, Bill and Alice, landed in Canada. Her future did not look bright with forty dollars to her name, three children to look after, and a new culture and life style in which to integrate. She was advised by other friends who had immigrated previously, to stay in the city where she could get work to support her family. But, she insisted that she had to raise her children in the country and so continued toward Gilbert Plains. Mandziuks had a small house on a separate piece of land, that she could use. They arrived at Mandziuks to a house that was crowded with other relatives who had just recently come and their hosts were killing a chicken every day to keep everyone fed. After one week, Bill and his mother and sisters moved into the small house that would be their home for slightly longer than one year. In the fall when school started, the school board gave young Bill the position of janitor. As well as attending school himself, he lit the fire, brought in the water, and kept the woodbox full. In the spring, he was given a twelve dollar cheque and a 25¢ piece for payment. He brought the cheque, and coin home and his mother was distraught to think that her son had been taken advantage of and had not been paid more than 25¢ and a worthless piece of paper. Mr. Mandziuk explained to her what a cheque was and how to cash it. Relieved that they finally would have some money, she took it to the store to buy some basic necessities. Bill recalls that he really wanted to buy some chewing gum with that 25¢ tip, but with tears in her eyes, his mother explained that they had little with which to buy food, let alone buy gum. So, enough oatmeal was purchased with that quarter to feed the three of them for a month.

Mrs. Lesack, Sr. remarried when Bill was about thirteen years old. At age fourteen, in 1914 young Bill decided he would leave home. He went to live with his married sister and her husband, the Yaceniuks in Shortdale. He flagged down the school van one day and continued to attend school all that winter. During the next harvest, his brother-in-law went to Saskatchewan to work but he could not take young Bill. So, not having anywhere to go, Bill went to Grandview to look for a job. By now, he could speak English quite well and was referred to a farmer who offered to pay him \$135.00 a year to help on the farm. Bill recalls ploughing with a walking plough until he was "sick to the stomach". He ploughed until it was so cold that the ground turned over in pieces. In the winter he helped cut scrub and



L to R. Martha, Bohdan, Bill, Sylvia, and Lena.

froze himself very badly without even knowing it. He had no lamp and stole some matches so that he could see his feet. "But", laughs Bill now, "I wasn't smart enough to put the matches away." His employer found them and asked young Bill if he was smoking. Choking back the tears he said no, that he just wanted to see his feet to see why his nails were coming off. He visited his older sister and family for Ukrainian Christmas and they told him not to go back when they saw the condition of his fingers and toes; he paid heed to their advice.

In 1923, Bill now a 23-year-old man, moved to Shortdale to look for work. He had various jobs cutting wood, helping farmers, and trapping. Bill says he never really knew how to trap so that did not work out. He rented some land in Shortdale and "batched" for two springs. He built a small house and another small building but used them only one year before trading them for a cow. In 1924, he got his crop sowed in the spring and in June married young Lena Grodzik. They continued farming and in 1925 had such a bountiful crop that money was left over after he paid his bills. He then purchased some cattle, pigs and chickens.

Ten dollars was needed to purchase a homestead so Bill and Lena soon got their own land. In the area where they lived (north of the present highway store on highway #5 East, near Shortdale), there was no school and the Lesacks now had two young children, Martha and Bohdan. Several concerned parents met at the Atkinson house in the early 1930's, to attend school meetings. Some fifteen and sixteen year olds in the area had never been to school. Thus the foundations of Gilbert School started when those that had horses hauled logs while those that did not, hewed logs. Everyone worked together! Logs were hewed right in the bush and hauled to the school grounds, but after the basics were done, nothing more could be accomplished since they had no money. Arthur Lyons, the main spokesperson of the school committee, and Charlie Brydon, the administrator, corresponded with the Department of Education and the community received \$450.00 from the government for finishing the school so it could be used.

The first teacher was a woman who had 75 children enrolled in a one room school! One of the next and best remembered teachers was Mr. Cutforth who walked from house to house to see how many school-aged children there were. Although small, and very crowded, tiny Gilbert School produced some very good scholars!

Homestead life was often very difficult, with many set backs. On New Year's Day in 1935, Bill, his friend, John Bomak and Bill's nephew, Bill Yacentiuk were hauling a little house or "caboose" that they were going to live in while cutting logs in

the bush. Before crossing a slough, the men checked the thick ice with an axe and feeling that it was safe, proceeded across it. They had not realized that there were warm springs in the water and down went the sleigh and horses as ice cracked and broke all around them! They were in seven to eight feet of water and the horses had to swim from there to shore while the men broke the ice for the horses to keep going. The shore was quite boggy and they managed, with help that came, to pull out the older horse. By that time, he was getting stiff. They cleaned him off as best they could with hay, put a horse blanket on and Bill Yacentiuk got on the horse's back and rode him to keep him going. The younger horse, seeing the older one out, tried to leap out himself but his hind legs could not get a grip of the shore and he fell back right under the water; nothing visible but bubbles. He then came up a bit and the men saw his nostrils. They scrambled to keep his nostrils clear, so he could breathe. At last they got a chain around him and pulled him out. The horse was so anxious to get out of there, they barely cleaned him up and Bill got on the horse's back and rode him home. They returned the next day with the same team to retrieve the caboose which luckily had not submerged.

The Lesacks had their homestead for ten years, but lived on it only seven to eight years. The crops never seemed to do well in the 1930's. The last year on the homestead, Bill broke twenty-five acres of land, discing with his horses. It was such hard work discing that it almost had the inside of his legs rubbed off. In 1935, they had a beautiful crop of wheat that only ended up rusting. At that point, Bill and Lena decided to move off the farm because they had worked too long and got nothing in return. They sold most of their possessions and animals and moved to Shevlin where they had bought the store. It was the spring of 1936 and Bill states pensively, "We started life over again". They added to their initially skimpy business by also running the post office, raising chickens, turkeys and pigs, selling eggs on the train, helping local farmers with their crops. Lena's particular talent in creating clothes for their three children (Sylvia, the youngest, having been born on the homestead) from scraps of material came to be a blessing. Even today, she can create beautiful articles from left-overs. The children attended school in Shevlin and when they reached grade nine, they had to attend the larger school in Bield. The Lesacks had their store in Shevlin seven years and they were treated particularly well by that community. The time was approaching, however, that Martha and Bohdan had to attend high school in Roblin. Bill did not want his children living away from home and being

on their own, so in May of 1943, they moved to Roblin.

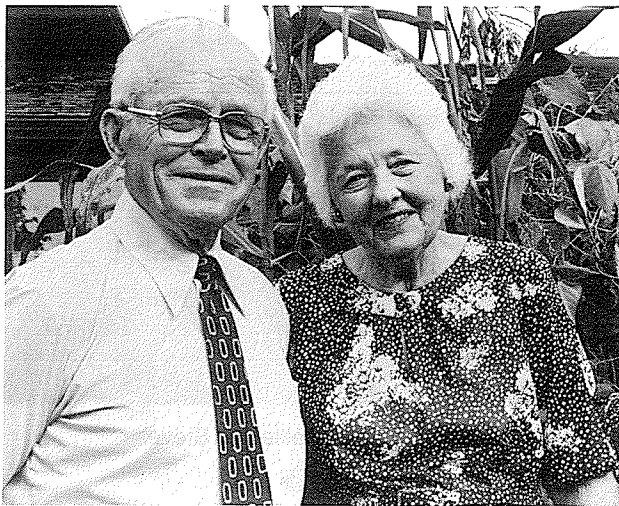
Bill purchased five acres of land on the east side of the town (on 2nd. Avenue East) and felt that he would at least have that to fall back on if his new business floundered. He started keeping bees and expanded from one package to thirty-five. He made enough money from honey to make payments on the house. Honey at that time sold for twelve cents a pound and Bill eventually got as much as twenty cents per pound.

Times were getting better, but life still was by no means easy. Martha had finished high school and was now teaching school and helping her parents pay off the house. She took her teacher's training at Normal School in Winnipeg. Bohdan also started university and went to medical school and Bill was helping them while still making payments on his store in Roblin. He credits local business people, friends, and understanding people from the wholesale houses in helping him to keep going. Eventually Sylvia also went to university, but by this time, finances were improving.

Bill relates a story about one day, during the war, going on business to Winnipeg. Standing on Portage Avenue, he knew Bohdan wanted to come home for a visit, but the fare from Dauphin to Winnipeg was eight dollars and Bill honestly did not know where he would get the money to have Bohdan return. Bill had to leave without Bohdan and when they parted they both choked back the lump in their throats. At that time, Bohdan had only four dollars a month for spending money, street cars, etc. It was a sad occasion for everyone, including Lena, who cried when Bill got home and told her what had happened.

Lesacks store, now the eastern section of Mitchell's Drug Store, was sold in 1956. Bill and Lena repossessed it two years later and sold it again in 1958. Bill went into semi-retirement at a young age, but worked for Sheldon Jones in carpentry for a couple of years. During the winters, they lived in B.C. while Mr. and Mrs. Jakeman Sr. stayed in their Roblin house. They sold their house after selling the store and built a new house near Goose Lake. Shortly thereafter, they moved to British Columbia permanently.

While living in Roblin, they were very active in the community. Among some of the positions Bill held were: three terms as town Councillor, one term as Deputy Mayor; and one term as school trustee. Although there were many Ukrainians living in Roblin, few held prominent positions in the community. In this respect, Bill was one of the forerunners. He also helped to organize the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church in Roblin and in 1944 became the first president of the congregation.



Bill and Lena Lesack's 60th Anniversary (1984).

The Lesack clan has now expanded to include Bill and Lena, Martha and her husband, Sam Lebedovich, Bohdan and his wife, Anne, all living in Surrey, B.C. Sylvia and her husband, Malcolm Campbell in Poulsbo, Washington, ten grandchildren, five of whom are married, and three great grandchildren with a fourth on the way. The importance of education, that Bill has always stressed, has filtered through the entire family. Of the ten grandchildren, seven have graduated from university and the remaining three are in high school.

Bill and Lena Lesack are truly examples of hard working pioneering spirits, whose dedication and perseverance has brought them abundantly fruitful lives.

Lesiuk Family **by Nellie Kowalyk**

Helen, daughter of Peter and Magdalena Huculak and Steve, son of Kost and Anastasia Lesiuk were both born in the western Ukraine. Along with their three month old daughter, Nellie, they arrived in Canada on January 26, 1938. Nellie was born on September 12, 1937, in the village of Niwra in Ukraine.

They arrived in Halifax on a very cold winter day. They had travelled by train from Germakiwka to Gdena where they boarded a small ship to England. They travelled on the C.P. steamship line from England to Halifax, then by train from Halifax to Shortdale, Manitoba.

A team of horses and a van took them to the homestead at Petlura, Man., which consisted of a clay house and five acres of land.

Many hardships were endured. Steve carried a 50 lb. bag of flour on his back from Shortdale, a distance of 12 miles. Cordwood was cut that winter



Steve Lesiuk Family: Helen, Nellie and Steve.

and sold for \$1.25 a cord. Wages were 10 cents an hour and they cut 10 cords a day.

Steve bought his first bicycle in 1942 for \$42.50. Later, he traded the bicycle and added \$100.00 for a 1928 Chevrolet at Crosstown Motors, Roblin, Man.

A second daughter, Mary, was born on February 5, 1941. Mary married Marvin Procyshyn of Winnipegosis and is now residing in Dauphin. They have three children: Greg, Gary and Wanda.

A son, Peter was born on April 3, 1946 and is now married and living in Winnipeg. He married Linda Delaney. They have two children, Mark and Jennifer.

On October 2, 1947 Marlene was born. She married Ray Benson of Winnipeg. They are residing in Winnipeg and have two children, Lisa and Steven.

In 1948 Steve bought his first tractor — a 1020 McCormick. In 1953 Hydro came to the farm and in 1954 the telephone was installed.

In 1953 a daughter, Elizabeth was born. She married Dennis Slone and they are living at the home place. They have two children, Amanda and Russell.

In 1961 Nellie married Peter Kowalyk of Sifton, Man. They have resided in Roblin for 18 years and have three children, Cheryl, Darrell and Kevin.

Steve and Helen Lesiuk retired to Roblin in the fall of 1978 from their farm at Shortdale, Manitoba.

The Lester Family by Grace Ayer

In 1919 Glen and Lydia Lester and four children, Lavere, Evelyn, Donald and Ada left North Dakota to come to Canada where Glen had taken out a homestead at Boggy Creek, Manitoba.

It was a hard, lonely life, but they made the best of it. In the Lester home there was always music. Music was the focal point, especially on Sundays, when the few neighbours and friends would come over and all gather around the piano and sing. The neighbours and friends became very close. Their

entertainment consisted of house parties and prayer meetings.

In 1923 their fifth child, Grace was born. By this time things were looking better a few miles south, so they moved to the district of Grand Narrows. They had another daughter, Doris. She brought much joy into their home, but the family was saddened when she was taken from them with an illness at the age of 2½ years. It was a sad time in their lives, but the wonderful friends and neighbours made life worthwhile again.

They later had another son, Bruce. By this time, Evelyn had married Dick Hiebert of Boggy Creek. They had a family of seven.

Lavere married Annie Allen of Deepdale. They had a family of three.

Ada married Bruce Helmkey of Kamsack, Sask. They had a family of five.

The second World War took place and Lavere and Donald joined the Armed forces and served overseas.

Glen quit farming and he and Lydia and Bruce moved to Deepdale, where Glen took up the Watkins business. After the war, Grace married Clifford Ayer from Deepdale, and they had one daughter, Beverley.

Donald married Liz Kranz from Vernon, B.C. Bruce married Enid Holepane from Flin Flon. Donald and Liz had a family of four; Bruce and Enid had four also.

Donald, Lavere, Bruce and Ada and families all moved out to B.C. Grace and Clifford remained and farmed near Deepdale. Glen and Lydia left Deepdale in the early forties and retired in Winfield, B.C. They both lived good long lives. They were married for 66 years. Glen died at the age of 89 and Lydia at the age of 86.

Evelyn passed away at the age of 48 years and Lavere passed away at the age of 66 years.

Donald, Ada and Bruce still live out in B.C. in the Okanagan Valley and Grace and Clifford still farm at Deepdale but live in Roblin, Man.

The Lewis Family by Don Lewis

In 1906, Edward (Barney) Lewis married Clementina Skinner and lived in Winnipeg until moving to Dropmore in 1912 where they built a large home and opened a grocery store to serve the community.

Seven children were born of this union; six boys and one girl. Edward, William (Buzz), Reginald, Violet (Gale), James, Donald and Mervyn.

Mr. Lewis was Postmaster until his death in 1934 and later Reg, who had suffered polio, was the Postmaster until he and his wife, Frances (née Broomfield) moved to Abbotsford, B.C. in 1966.

Mr. Lewis' interest in drama resulted in many

three-act plays which provided the surrounding community with winter entertainment during times when the winter-freeze kept people close to home.

At present Gale (Mrs. Jim Alston) is living in England, Buzz is in Aldergrove, B.C. and Don and Beatrice are in Courtenay, Vancouver Island. Ed died in 1982, Reg in 1979, Mervyn in 1975 and Jim in 1968.

Eleven grandsons, ten granddaughters and fifteen great-grandchildren are living in England, Australia and throughout Canada.

Lichkowski Family History

by Edward Lichkowski

Joseph Liczkowski (Polish) and Annie Julia Bialkowski Lichkowski (English).

In the early twentieth (1900's) century, Canada seemed like a place of hope and prosperity for many immigrants who came to this land. Two such immigrants were Joseph Lichkowski, and Annie



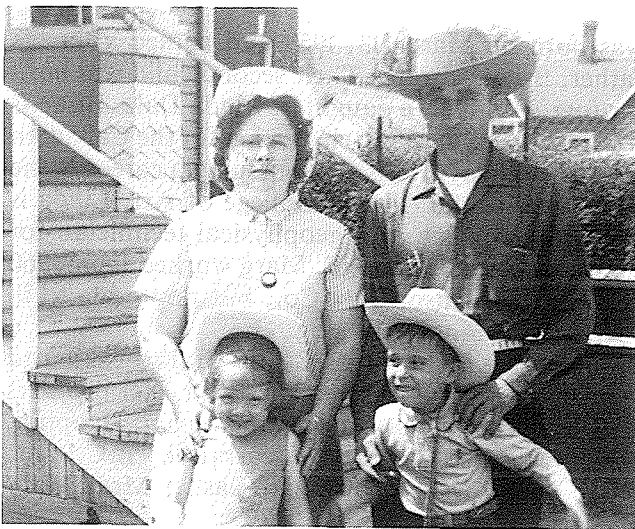
Ed., Marg., Brian, Tom, Joe and Annie Lichkowski.

Bialkowski from Poland, a couple destined to be married. They came to the municipality known as Hillsburg. Joseph's interest in migrating to Canada was a common one shared by all those who came and settled here. The Canadian Government offered 160 acres of land to anyone who was willing to put down ten dollars (\$10.00) for it, but little did they realize that the land had to be cleared and improvements made in order for them to keep it. The land that Joseph settled on was in the Bield area and money was needed to clear it and also for day to day living, so this new family stayed in a house in the town of Shortdale, where Joseph found a job with the Canadian National Railway as a track maintainer. He worked at this job for ten years, meanwhile clearing his land in his spare time. In 1929 he decided that he needed a new farm with more potential, since the one he had was in bush country where there were no access roads, no stores and just wilderness and bush. This new farm was bought with a small down payment and was later

lost, due to the depression that occurred after the year 1929. Some years later they were able to buy it back from the Municipality for a few hundred dollars.

Joseph and Annie Lichkowski had sixteen children. They are listed in order of birth. Toni born on Nov. 30, 1918, Victoria, and Wanda, (twin girls, (lived only a few hours) deceased; Sophie, July 15, 1921; Jannete, June 10, 1923; Angus, born on Aug., 28, 1925, deceased; Victor, born on May 12, 1927; Thomas, born on Feb. 20, 1929; Edward, born on April 29, 1930; Twins, (born dead) two girls, deceased. Twins, deceased no dates known, (one boy and one girl.) Albert, born on February 27, 1934, deceased; Victoria, born on July 18, 1938; Wanda date not known, (lived only a few weeks).

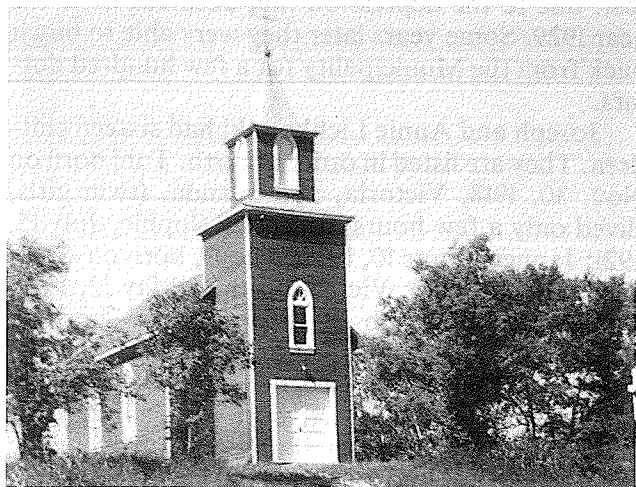
The ninth of these children was Edward Lich-



Ed. and Marg. Lichkowski, Brian and Linda.

kowski, who was born on the farm in Shortdale, and went to school there until the first half of grade three, then the Lichkowski family moved to the homestead which Joseph had bought when he first came to Canada, after a home had been built for the family to live in. Edward continued his education in the school at Bield from the last half of grade three on into high school. In 1950, Edward left the homestead (farm) and went to Winnipeg to find a job. He found a job at Woods Driden Paper Bags Ltd., but later left and moved to Alberta where he got a job with the Canadian Pacific Railway in their communication department. He stayed with the C.P.R. until 1959, then went to work for the city of Calgary and is still there in the Public Transit Division.

While in Alberta, Edward met Marguerite Sims (Marg) in 1957, and in the spring of 1958 they were married. They bought a house in Calgary, and decided to start a family. Their first child, a son,



St. Anthony Roman Catholic Church built in 1921 at Shortdale.

was born on March 13, 1959 and named after his father, Brian Edward. Their second child was born on Aug. 4th, 1961, a daughter, Linda Dale. Brian is presently working as an electrician for the Canadian Pacific Railway. He is also pursuing a career in the Fine Arts, at the Alberta College of Art. Linda is presently working as a geophysical technician for Seis-Pro Consultants Ltd. Marg worked from 1960 to 1979 for Hudson Bay Co., but now, due to ill health, is no longer working.

Annie's father was John Bialkowski and Annie's mother was Helen Bodenski. Her brothers and sisters are: Mrs. Antonia Sokoloski, Dauphin, Mrs. Jeannette Pawluck, Clearbrook, B.C.; Mr. Mike Bialkowski, Kamsack, Sask.; Mrs. Mary Sharowarisky, Cranbrook, B.C.

The sons and daughters of Joseph and Annie Lichkowski still living are Toni Lichkowski, Shortdale, Man.; Mrs. Sophie Hojnocki, Roblin; Mrs. Jennette Tronosky, Ethelbert, Man.; Mr. Victor Lichkowski, Toronto, Ontario; Mr. Thomas Lichkowski, Surrey, B.C.; and Mr. Edward Lichkowski, Calgary, Alberta; and Mrs. Victoria Kuzyk, Dauphin, Manitoba.

Joseph Lichkowski **by Tony Lichkowski**

Dad was born in 1888 at Borszczuw, Poland, where he lived until 1912 when he immigrated to Dauphin, Man., and lived with Thomas Pawlecki.

He worked as a hired man on farms, and for the Canadian Northern Railways.

In January, 1918, Dad married Anne, (born 1902) daughter of John and Helen Bialkowski at Shortdale, Manitoba (S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 15-26-26). Mom and Dad had their own little house in the same yard as my grandparents.

One son Tony was born here in 1918.

In 1919, Mom and Dad purchased N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 9-26-26. There were 8 children born here.

Sophie (1922) married Peter Hojnocki in 1943. They had 6 children: Marjorie, William, Ron, Rick, Gladys and Pat. Sophie and Peter reside in Roblin, Man.

Jeanette (1923) married Nick Szulak in 1940. They had 6 children: Pat, Iris, Morris, Shirley, Janice and Nancy. Jeanette resides at Ethelbert, Man.

Ignace (1925) is deceased.

Victor (1927) is married and has 2 children; Richard and Darcie Anne. They reside in Toronto, Ont.

Tommy is married, and has 3 children. He resides in Surrey, B.C.

Albert (1933) never married and is deceased.

Victoria married Walter Kuzyk at Shortdale in 1957. They have 4 children: Rosita, Julie, Zenith and Bonnie. They live in Dauphin, Man.

In 1941, Dad and Mom purchased a homestead S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 31-25-26, and in 1942 they moved here. They farmed here until their passing in 1966.

Tony married Louise, daughter of Peter and Nellie Senyk of Birch River, Man. in 1941. In January, 1942, I (Tony) joined the Royal Canadian Ordinance Corps., R.C.E.M.E. I served overseas in U.K. and Continental Europe until February 1946. Anthony Jr. was born in 1943 while I was away in the Armed Forces.

When I returned home in 1946, I purchased N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 17-25-26 from Alex Shwaykowski and here Louise and I started farming and raising our family. We had 3 children born here: Diane (1947), Alex (1949), and Willie (1955).

Our children walked to Winona School and when the schools consolidated, they attended Goose Lake High in Roblin, Man.

Anthony married Laura Hiebert at Fort St. John, B.C. in 1966. They have 3 children: Clifford, Kevin and Tracy Lynn, and they reside at Inglis, Man.

Diane married Michael Williams in 1965. They had 2 children; Liza and Michael. They were divorced and Diane later married Garry Krassman and they reside at Medicine Hat, Alta.

Alex married Darlene Goba in 1974. They have 3 daughters: Jodi, Trina and Melanie. They live on and farm N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 16-25-26, south of Shortdale.

Willie married Karen Holovach in 1979 and they have two sons, Chad and Jordan. They reside in Winnipeg, Man.

Louise and I still reside near our first farm south of Shortdale. We enjoy good health and retirement.

John G. Lietz

John was born at Bloomfield, Minnesota on

March 2, 1876. In his early years he farmed. On December 10, 1902 he married Charlotte Carlson of



Mr. and Mrs. John Lietz Sr. on their wedding day, in December 1902.

Wadena, Minnesota. They were married at Manahga, Minnesota, and lived there until 1908. In June of 1908 Mr. and Mrs. Lietz and daughter, Myrtle and son, Lawrence came to Roblin by train. Upon arrival they stayed at the Nastroms for a short time.

Mr. Lietz, built a shack on Neil McIntyre's homestead north of Roblin where they lived until the fall. They spent the winter with Mrs. Lietz's parents, the August Carlsons. In the spring of 1909 Mr. and Mrs. Lietz and family of three settled on a homestead N.E. of Roblin, remaining here until 1919 when Mr. Lietz bought the S.E. 1/4 14-26-28 in the Shell River Municipality. There they raised their family of three boys and six girls. Mrs. Lietz died here March 11, 1927.

Myrtle and Lawrence were born in Minnesota, U.S.A. Ellen, Ada, Vivian, Esther, John, Alfred, Vernon and Margaret were all born in Shell River Municipality. All attended school in Roblin and all were married.

Myrtle (Mrs. Ban Reilly) lived in Calgary and died suddenly October 1972.

Lawrence, married Lela Sharpen of Roblin, Manitoba and is now retired and living in Roblin.

Ada (Mrs. J. Luffman) passed away at Roblin in April of 1942.

Ellen and husband, Rev. Walter Sadler, are now retired and live at Gresham, Oregon, U.S.A.

Vivian (Mrs. O. G. Stone) passed away at Rapid City, Manitoba in February of 1977.

Esther (Mrs. Garnet McMillan) and husband retired, and are now living at Castlegar, British Columbia.

John Alfred married Reta Booker of Roblin. They moved to Medicine Hat, Alberta where he worked until his retirement. He and the two girls still live in Medicine Hat, Reta died there in 1979.

Vernon went overseas in war time. On his return he was on the farm N.E. of Roblin for a short time. He went to B.C. and worked in the mines at Salmo until they closed down a few years ago. Vernon will retire this year (1984). He and his wife, Mary, and family of six girls and one boy still live at Salmo. Vernon sold his land N.E. of Roblin to his brother, Lawrence Lietz. Now the land is owned by Herbert Poyser.

Margaret (Mrs. Waldo Langland) lived at Calgary. She died there suddenly September 1965.

In 1948 Mr. J. Lietz sold the S.E. 1/4 of 14-26-28 and moved to S.W. 1/4 of 15-26-28, then owned by son, Alfred. Mr. Lietz remained there until his death July 6, 1952.

Lawrence Lietz and Lela farmed and lived with Lawrence's dad for a number of years, then moved to their own land West of Roblin (E 1/2 10-26-29). They farmed this land and also the land N.E. of Roblin until 1967 when they sold. The land N.E. of Roblin is now owned by Herbert Poyser, and the West 1/2 10-26-29 is owned by Floyd and Duncan Chase. Floyd has the south quarter and Duncan the north quarter.

When Lawrence sold his land he did carpenter work until he retired. He and Lela live in Roblin.

The Frank Limb Family by Irene Howe

Frank Limb was born in 1911 on his father's homestead near the Lake North of Sandy Lake Manitoba.

He spent his younger years in this area. His father Robert Limb enlisted in 1915. His mother died shortly afterwards and Frank went to live with the Charlie Rhoback family in Sandy Lake.

As a young man he came to the Calder district and lived with his father's sister and her husband Mr. and Mrs. William Heaps. He worked as a young man as a farm labourer in the Calder and Zorra districts. He married Hilda Helliwell of Zorra in 1932 and moved to the Roblin area. Frank worked for a short time in Sheriden, Manitoba, but



The McMasters (at left): Stan, Pearl, Yvonne and Murray. The Limbs: Frank, Hilda, Irene and Marlene.

returned to Roblin and worked in Hughes Garage. He then bought a quarter section farm 2 miles west and 1 mile north of Roblin, where he and Hilda settled down to farming. They raised two daughters, Irene and Marlene. They both graduated from the schools in Roblin.

Irene married Harold Howe in 1954 and they have three children. Franklin, born in 1956 attended Roblin School and took up farming and construction. He married Beverly Holowka from Willowbrook, Sask. area and they have four children, Carrie Ann, Tyrel, Jarred, and Jenny Rae. They reside in Springside, Sask.

Glenn attended the Roblin Schools and he is a Front End Alignment man. He works at Neepawa Tire in Neepawa. He married Sharon Cockerill and they have one son, Christopher. They live in Neepawa.

Bruce, born in 1965, graduated from Roblin High School in 1983 and attended Assiniboine College in Brandon. He is now employed with Inventronics and resides in Brandon.

In 1983 Harold and Irene retired to Roblin where Irene continued her employment in Roblin Personal Care Home.

Marlene Limb married Walter Fowler from Roblin and they have two sons, Brent and Dale. Brent attended school in Roblin and Brandon. He works for the Bank of Nova Scotia and is now employed in The Pas. Dale attended Roblin and Brandon Schools and took training in retail business and is employed as Assistant Manager of Kinney's Shoe Store in Portage la Prairie.

Marlene trained as a L.P.N. and is now employed at Brandon General Hospital. Walter is employed in Real Estate Business and they reside in Brandon, Manitoba.

Frank Limb passed away on December 1st, 1963 and Hilda passed away in August, 1956. They are both buried in Roblin District Cemetery.

The Lindsay Family

by Jessie Butterfield

John and Helen Lindsay came to Canada from Dundee, Scotland around 1905 and homesteaded in the Shell River Municipality about 3 miles from Togo, Sask. (S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 19-28-29).

They were accompanied by two of their children, John and Nellie.

Nellie later married Alex Lowe of Togo, a blacksmith.

A second daughter, Jean arrived with her husband and family a year or so later. The rest of the family remained in Scotland.

The senior Lindsays remained on their homestead until their deaths. Mrs. Lindsay, who was

predeceased by her husband some years earlier, died in 1935. The family homestead was sold at that time.

On August 23, 1935, John Lindsay married Jessie Hunter, a Scottish lass who had come to Canada from Dundee in 1914. Prior to this he had studied theology in Ottawa, Ontario for approximately seven years. He returned to the family farm in 1913. After his marriage he homesteaded east of the original family farm but although he kept the homestead for many years, he only lived on it for a short time.

In 1926 John moved his family to a farm near Makaroff, the N. $\frac{1}{2}$ of 10-27-29. They farmed there until their retirement to Roblin in 1947. Jessie died in 1955 and John in 1958.

John and Jessie had six children. Their eldest daughter, Lois took a business training in Winnipeg, later moving to Ottawa, Ont. where she worked as a civil servant. In 1945 she moved to Montreal where she was a private secretary. While living in Montreal she met Walter West. They are now retired and living at Coteau Station, Quebec. They have no children.

Norman remained on the family farm until near the outbreak of the war. In 1940 he joined the Army Service Corps and served overseas until 1945. Upon his return he worked as a power mechanic in several parts of Manitoba and Alberta. While living in Alberta he met Bessie Ritchie and they made their home in Edmonton until his death on Dec. 31, 1982. They had no children.

David, the second son stayed with his dad on the family farm until around 1945 when he went into a garage business for himself in Makaroff. He later moved to Winnipeg to work for International, where he is still employed. He married Marion Hall from New Brunswick and they had 2 children, Allan and Karen, both living in Winnipeg. Karen is married and has 2 children.

Ina, the second daughter, graduated with a degree in Home Economics from the U. of M. She worked in her related field in the Ottawa Valley where she met Alex Bell. They still make their home on a farm near Carlton Place, Ontario. They have one son, John who is married and has one child living near them and 3 other sons, Sandy, Kevin and Robert, all working in the area.

Jessie, the youngest girl, taught school in various communities of Manitoba, including Roblin for 4 years. She married James Butterfield, a grain buyer, and they make their home in Swan River. They have 2 daughters; Patti and Bobbie (both married and living in southern Manitoba) and 5 grandchildren.

The youngest boy, Victor still operates the family farm at Makaroff. He is also employed by the

D.P.W. He and Rhonda have three children at home; Eleanor, David and Darren.

In the 30's the gov't had an assistance program for hired help on the farm. Otto Christensen came out from Denmark to work at the family farm under this program. His brother, Alf had a farm to the south-east of us. Even after Otto had his own farm the family enjoyed having him drop in for his frequent visits. He still enjoys visiting on the farm with Victor and reminisces about the early days.

Jessie Lindsay was a devoted mother and was active in the W.I. in Makaroff. She assisted in Extension Courses such as knitting, home improvement and home nursing.

Both John and Jessie were involved in the United Church; John very often took the service in the absence of the minister.

John was also instrumental in forming the Consolidated school district at Makaroff. He served both as Sec. Treas. of the local School Board and on the Pool Elevator Board. In addition to this he was active in the formation of the Man. Federation of Agriculture.

The family outings in the old Model T, the second car to come to the Togo area, were exciting at the best of times but some were outstanding; for example there was the time the engine fell down and John had to cut a fence to get wire to hold it up so they could continue on; or the day the top blew off, never to be used again. The open car served the family well until the early 30's.

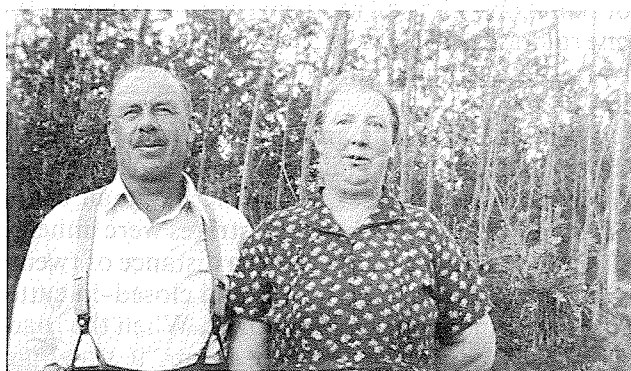
Sundays in the early days usually were spent with church and a 12-mile trip to Togo to visit Granny Lindsay; and in summer, a trip to John's homestead where the cattle were pastured for the summer.

Get-togethers with the neighbors were frequent and many happy hours were spent on the farm with 'Old Tin Can', a favorite summer game.

Ina and Jessie were instrumental in organizing the M.F.A.C. Young people's group at Makaroff. Meetings were held in the homes. Summer camps were held at Madge Lake and Clear Lake. Folk Schools in connection with it were held in different towns where public speaking, etc. were studied. It was these early experiences which led each of the children choosing his or her respective line of work.

The Robert Linton Family by the Family

Born in 1886, Robert Linton immigrated to Winnipeg, Manitoba from his native Ireland in the early 1900's. Robert worked as a carpenter, and he helped build part of the Eaton's Store. In Winnipeg, he met and married Margaret McHarg (born in 1886) who had also come over from Ireland at the same time.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Linton Sr.

Their first child, Elizabeth Margaret, was born in Winnipeg in 1914. The family then moved to Mendham, New Jersey, U.S.A. in 1915, where a brother, Matthew lived, and had obtained carpentry work for Robert on a large estate. The family grew, David Samuel was born in 1915; Robert Joseph Jr. was born in 1917; Anna was born in 1919; and Gladys who died in infancy.



The children of Robert and Margaret Linton, in 1977: Back row: Elizabeth, Robert, Anna and Matthew. Front row: David, Ruby, William and Thomas.

In 1921 they returned to Canada and settled in the Deepdale area where they planned to take up farming on land formerly owned by Charles Bodtcher, whose wife was the relative of a sister-in-law of Robert Linton's. They arrived in Deepdale on April 21st, stopping in at the Fred Trickett home, until a means of conveyance could be obtained to take them to the farm, three miles north and east of Deepdale. The farm (25-27-29A) is still farmed by the Linton brothers.

On this farm four more children were born: Matthew was born in 1921; Ruby was born in 1923; William was born in 1924; and Thomas James was

born in 1929. They all received their schooling at the one room school house at Deepdale, travelling there by horses and cutter in winter and horse and buggy in summer.

Winters were long and cold in those "good ole days" and the one highlight of such times were the three mail days a week when the mailman came. This was in the days when mail strikes were unheard of. The mail route was perhaps a distance of twenty miles and was made by horses and closed-in cutter in winter, and by truck in summer. When the roads were heavy during or after a storm, it was quite common to hear the coming of the mailman anytime up until 8, 9 or even 10 o'clock at night. If the roads were impassable by horses, it was known that the mailman walked a good portion of this distance with letters. Hats off to the memory of the faithful mailman Mr. Claude Argent.

Social events were few and far between. The annual school picnic was a great day of fun for young and old alike, if it wasn't spoiled by rain, which of course it sometimes was. Then later in the year came the preparations for the annual Christmas concert which helped to break the monotony of school during the cold dark month of December.

On the date set for the concert, no matter what the temperature (sometimes 50 and 60 below zero F.), the Deepdale Hall was usually filled to capacity, with everyone living for miles around in attendance.

Robert Linton purchased his first car, a '28 Chev. in 1938 and life became more exciting by going to town to shop on Saturday nights. A radio came into the home around 1936 and provided much entertainment for one and all.

Matthew spent time in the army from 1943-46 serving in England and Holland. The others carried on with the farming. When Matthew was released from the army, he obtained a farm through the V.L.A. and also purchased a tractor. Thus began mechanization on the Linton farm. He and his brothers worked together, his farm being less than a mile away.

The three girls were all married in the year of 1943. Elizabeth went to work in British Columbia and married Cecil Halvarson. They are presently living in Penticton, British Columbia. They have two children, a son and a daughter. Gladys (now Mrs. Gary Lennox of Surrey, B.C.) has three daughters and one son; Linda, Karen and Julie (twins) and Christopher. John married Millie Braun formerly of Manitoba and they are living at Quesnel, B.C. John works as a millwright and they have two sons, Mark and Michael, and one daughter, Laura.

Anna, Robert's second daughter, married John Hugh Beerman, a farmer in the Makaroff district. They have two daughters and two sons: Lenore

(now Mrs. Glenn Matcyk) living at Grande Prairie, Alberta has two daughters, Lisa and Tanya. Johnny married Mary Boliziuk and they are living in Roblin. They have two sons: Brent and Ryan. Brenda is living and working at Grande Prairie, Alberta and Brian is living in Calgary.

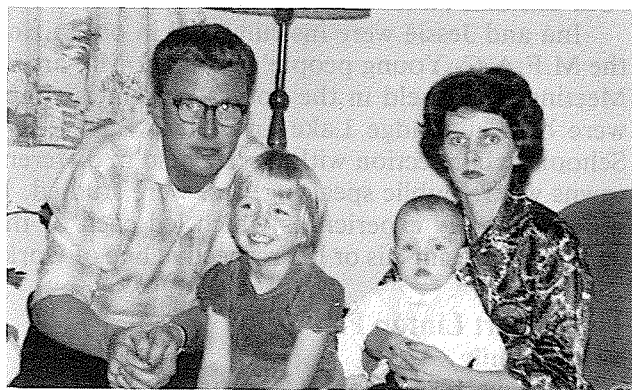
Jack and Anna sold their farm to John and Victoria Snihor (formerly V. Huta) and retired to Roblin in October 1973.



Jack and Ruby Stinson (nee Linton) and their family: L to R. Shirlee, Jerry, Iris and Diane, in 1977.

Ruby also married a farmer in the Makaroff district, John James Stinson. They have three daughters and one son. Shirlee (Mrs. Edward Toews) is living in Brandon and they have a son, Dwayne and a daughter, Dawn. Jerry married Myrna Osborne and they are farming at Bowman. They have three sons and one daughter: Jerred, Mark, Darren and Julie. Iris (now Mrs. Roger Belcourt of Winnipeg) has a daughter, Cyndie, and a son, Jamie. Diane (now Mrs. Robert Matthes of Winnipeg) has two sons, Timothy and Trevor.

Jack and Ruby sold their farm to Mel and Alice Rode (formerly Alice Schick — Niece) and moved to Roblin where they built a new home in 1976.



Tom and Eileen Linton, with daughter Joanne and son Robert.

Tom Linton married Eileen MacLeod in 1956 and they live in Roblin. They have a daughter and a

son, Robert, who lives in Roblin; Joanne, now Mrs. Terry Martinuk, is living at Calder. She has a son, Kelly.

Hydro came to the district in 1952. Men began putting in the poles in the fall of '51, and on the 12th, of March, the whole district literally "lit up" when the hydro men made whatever connections were necessary. Again life became easier with the introduction of the frig, and deep-freeze, not to mention having lights at the flick of a switch. Somewhere about this time, telephones also were installed in many homes.

We take all these things for granted now — radios, cars, telephones, electricity, etc. but they were great events when they happened to us at that time.

Mrs. Margaret Linton passed away in May 1952, at the age of 66 years. Mr. Robert Linton Sr. died in June, 1977, at the age of 91 years. The Linton Brothers purchased a new home in Roblin in 1976 and spend the winters there, while summers are spent out on the farm.

Livingston Family by W. Livingston

Arnott Livingston came to Canada in 1903; after homesteading he married Agnes Arnott and after living on the north quarter, they moved to the original farm.

They had four children, Robert, Elizabeth, William and David. David, the youngest was killed in action during World War II. He was a Corporal in the Royal Canadian Engineers.

Robert farmed in the Tummel district and took an active part in Tummel Church and Cemetery Committee. He is still interested in livestock after raising purebred herefords, taking an active part in 4-H work, and the Agricultural Society. He is now residing in Roblin.

Elizabeth nursed for some time in Vancouver, was a member of the V.O.N. and is now retired.

Bill, after serving overseas in the armed forces, returned to the family farm. In 1951 he married Jean McTavish of Strathclair and they have a family of two boys and one girl: Garth, Ian and Diane. All three took their schooling in Tummel and Roblin and were active in 4-H work.

Garth and Ian both took courses at Assiniboine College in Brandon; Garth in Mechanics and Ian in Carpentry. After spending a few winters working at Gillam, both boys farm in the Tummel district. Some of the land is the original land the family moved to in 1903.

Ian married Arla Waggoner in 1981, and they have one daughter, Kyna.

Garth married Hope Cockerill in 1982 and as

well as farming operates Midtown Service Station in Roblin.

After High School Diane spent several years before deciding to go to University. During this time she graduated in Fashion Merchandising from Olds College, Olds, Alberta; spent a winter in New Zealand and worked on a sheep and cattle ranch through International Agriculture Exchange Association. She worked summers at Brooks Horticultural Centre and had a trip to Europe, visiting in Germany, Sweden and Denmark with young people she met in New Zealand. Then after four years of study at the University of Saskatchewan, she graduated with honours with B.Sc. and is now working in Saskatoon as a Geographer and Land Use Consultant.

Bill and Jean are now living in Roblin and enjoying their family and friends. Bill is a member of the Roblin Legion and Jean of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Roblin Legion Branch #24.

Walter Livingstone Family by Shirley Livingstone

Walter Livingstone was born at San Clara, Manitoba on August 30th, 1929, the youngest son of Robert and Mabel (Hamilton) Livingstone. He received his education at Walker School. He worked as a carpenter and a milk-man in the Town of Roblin and also worked as a carpenter in other towns near Roblin.

I, Shirley McKenzie, daughter of Charles and Dorothea McKenzie, was born on May 26th, 1932 and received my education at Deepdale and Roblin. I married Walter Livingstone on November 16, 1953. We had 4 children: David, Barbara, Keith and Debbie.

David attended Roblin school and also the U. of M. and U. of Winnipeg. He obtained his B.A. degree in 1977 and now works as Operations Manager for A.D.T. in Winnipeg. He married Wilma Moore on December 19th, 1983.

Barbara attended Roblin school and also the U. of Manitoba where she received her B.Ed. degree in 1978. She taught for 3 years at The Pas. She married Randy Butler on August 8th, 1981 and they have a daughter, Erin, born on April 11th, 1984.

Keith received his education at Roblin and is presently attending Assiniboine Community College.

Debbie attended Roblin schools and graduated from the U. of Winnipeg in 1983 with a B.A. degree. She is presently employed as a switchboard operator at the U. of Winnipeg.

On October 19th, 1983 Walter lost a brave battle with cancer and was laid to rest on October 22, 1983 in the Roblin cemetery.

Dan Loucie

by Mrs. Mary McIntyre

Dan Loucie was a bachelor who came from Menahga, Minnesota in 1906 or 1907. He took out a homestead on 15-27-28, near the Shell River. He cooked in logging camps for many years. He later moved to the Tummel district and lived on the N.E. 1/4 of 6-25-28. His horses ran away while he lived here and the rack hit him and killed him. He is buried in Tummel Deer Park Cemetery.

Arthur Carlot Lovas Family

by Jessie Lovas

Arthur Lovas, son of Carlot Severin and Lorentse Lovas (Johnson), was born on June 17, 1924, in the Municipality of Hillsburg. He was the third eldest child in a family of seven girls and two



L to R. Charlie Kelly, Bernice Lovas, Art Lovas, Jessie Lovas, Zena Gibson, Ross MacLeod, Eileen (MacLeod) Linton, Norlene (MacLeod) Bailes, in 1947.

boys. He attended Bield school until age 14. After school he helped his parents farm, which included threshing for neighbors in the fall.

At the age of 18, he joined the Royal Canadian Army Service Corp in Winnipeg. He took his basic training at Red Deer, Alberta. In July, 1944, he was posted to England and in August, served in France, Belgium and Holland with No. 64 Canadian Transport Company (No. 552). He returned to Canada in July, 1945, and was discharged from the army. In 1947, he purchased the S.E. 1/4 of 10-26-27 through the Veterans' Land Act. This quarter had been his grandfather's (Peter Hanson's) farm since 1917.

On July 25, 1947, he married Jessie MacLeod in Knox United Church in Roblin. They had four children: Sharon Laura, John Arthur, Herbert Christopher and Robert Murray. The children were all active in 4-H clubs — Sharon in clothing and the boys in Beef Club and Woodworking Club, of which Arthur was the leader for five years. They attended school in Bield and Roblin and all graduated from Grade 12. John took two years of Building Technology at Red River College. The boys placed ball in the summer with the Bield Orioles and in winter played hockey with the Bield club and later with St. Vlad's College team in Roblin.



Cultivating potatoes: John Lovas rides while Arthur, Robert and Herb Lovas follow.

Arthur was director of Bield Pool Elevator Association for 27 years, and delegate for Pool Elevators in Roblin for 9 years. He served as a trustee of Bield school for a number of years. He was a member of the Bield Soil Conservation Club. Besides farming, he drove a school van to Bield for many years. He was president of the Bield Community Centre for nine years.

Jessie belonged to the Bield Ladies' Club for thirty years and saw many changes in life-styles. She is an ardent gardener and loves growing flowers.

They are members of Bield United Church and Roblin Knox United Church. In 1984, they were made life members of the Roblin Agricultural Society after many years of exhibiting at the annual fair and being members of the Hall Committee.

After the war, the Bield Veterans held a November 11th, service and banquet in the old Bield Hall. There was always a surprise raffle and the winner had to retrieve the live prizes which were let loose in the hall. Some of these prizes were pairs of ducks, turkeys, chickens and a pair of weanling pigs.

Arthur has been a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #24 for 25 years and Jessie has been a member of the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary for 23 years. Both have served on the Color Party and Jessie is the Warden.

In 1952, they purchased the N.W. 1/4 of 1-26-27, one mile east of Bield. This quarter at one time belonged to Lawrence Sargenia. Mr. Sargenia was born in Italy but spent a number of years in Scotland and learned the bricklaying trade. There is a hill facing south along the Shortdale road on which Mr. Sargenia did extensive stone terracing and which is still in good condition, 65 years later.

There is a picture in Chicken Delight in Roblin of the barns built into this hill on the Sargenia farm.

Arthur rented the west half of section 3 from Mrs. Nellie Olson and later from Lennard Olson, for a number of years. The one thing that changed rural living the most was Manitoba Hydro. Hydro came through the Bield district in November, 1953.

Their daughter, Sharon, married Peter Matsyk on August 24th, 1968, in Knox United Church, Roblin. They have two children, Robert Peter and Lorenste Dawn. They live in Winnipeg.

John married Anna Marie Serduletz on September 8, 1973, in Kenora, Ontario. They have two children, Eric John and Deanna Marie. They live in Kenora, Ontario.

Herbert married Diane Marie Dixon on July 25, 1970, in Knox United Church, Roblin. They have 3 children, Jerrold Christopher, Jamie Arthur and Shelly Marie. They farm at Russell, Manitoba.

Robert married Darcie Rosa Yellowaga on June 28th, 1975, in Knox United Church, Roblin. They have 2 girls, Erica Cherise and Karen Melinda. They live in Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

Arthur and Jessie are still farming and reside on the home farm north of Bield.

Pete Ludwig Family

by Gladys Ludwig

Pete Ludwig (son of Christopher and Kathleen Ludwig) was born on February 28th, 1895. He came to Canada in 1914 from Prairie du Chen, Wisconsin,



Ludwig Family in 1950: L to R. Bernice, Elizabeth, Mavis, Robert, Shirley, Calvin, Florence, Pete, Harvey, Lyle, Elaine, Peter.

U.S.A. with his parents and nine brothers and sisters. They settled at Calder, Saskatchewan.

Florence Smith (daughter of Sam and Mary Smith of Quasqueton, Iowa, U.S.A.) was born on June 27th, 1906, and also came to Canada with her parents and eight brothers and sisters to settle at Calder in 1917. In 1922 they moved to the Zorra district.

Pete and Florence married on December 18th, 1928 and lived in the Zorra district where they farmed and raised their ten children: Robert, Mavis, Elizabeth, Bernice, Calvin, Harvey, Shirley, Lyle, Elaine and Peter. There were two still-born

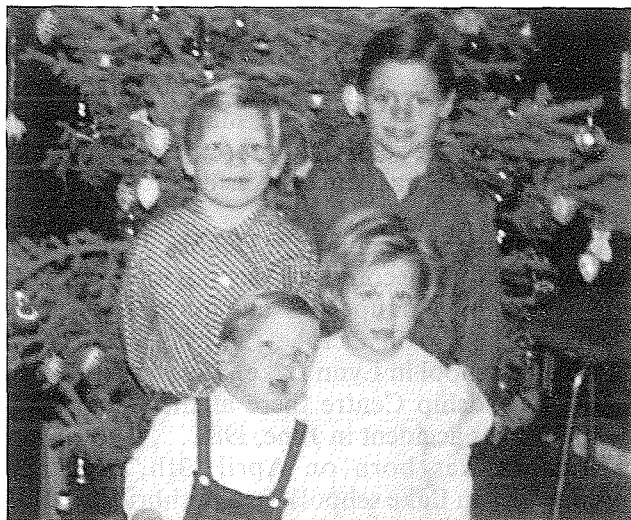
children as well. Pete was often called upon by friends and neighbours for his self-taught veterinary skills. He was also a very good carpenter. He died on June 5th, 1955 and in the fall of 1956, Florence and her four youngest children moved to Roblin.

In 1975 Florence moved to the Senior Citizens' Residence where she still resides.



Ted, Robert and Rose Ludwig.

Robert was born on April 8th, 1929 and went to school in Gartmore. After the eighth grade he worked in the oil fields in Alberta and B.C. until his father passed away. He remained on the family farm for about 1½ years. He met Rose (Sinnock)



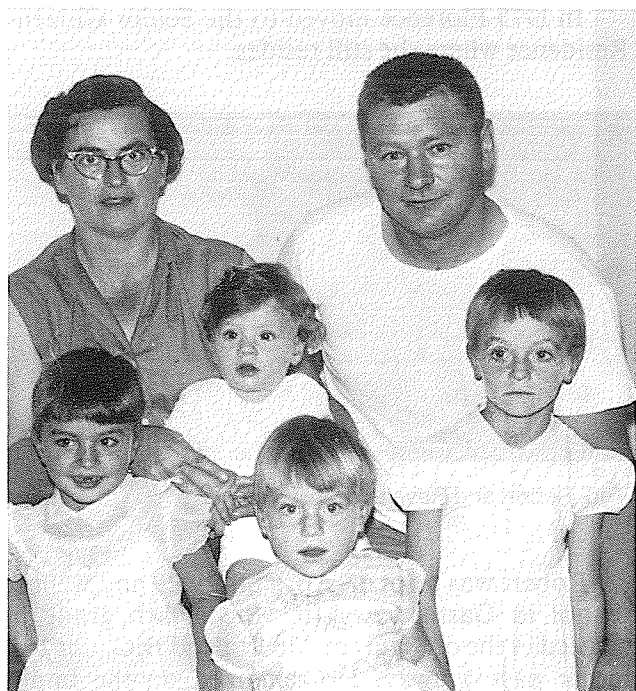
Harvey and Marge Ludwig family.

Turner of Winnipeg, who had a son, Ted born in October, 1953. They were married in November 1958 and lived in Calgary where Robert worked at Burns' Meat Packing Plant for many years.

In 1976 they moved to a farm near Daysland, Alberta, where they farm and Robert also works for the oil companies.

Ted received his education in Calgary and then

worked at various jobs. He obtained his diploma for roofing, in Edmonton and is now in the roofing business. In June, 1976 he married Bonnie Stewart of Calgary and they have a daughter, Veronica, born in March, 1984.



Sylvester, Mavis, Lynn, Linda, Lenore, Debora Yalowski in 1963.

Mavis was born on November 22, 1930 and attended Gartmore school up to the eighth grade. On December 24, 1956 she married Sylvester Yalowski of Merridale. They moved to Lynn Lake where Sylvester has since been employed in the mines.

They raised four children: Debora was born on April 23, 1957. She completed school in Lynn Lake and works in Winnipeg as an accounting clerk. Linda was born on October 2nd, 1958 and also completed school in Lynn Lake. She was employed at the Friendship Centre there at the time of her death in a car accident in June, 1981.

Lenora was born on April 13th, 1960 and attended Lynn Lake schools then Lethbridge Community College. She lives in Dawson Creek, B.C. where she works primarily with the handicapped. Lynn was born on September 5th, 1962 and is presently completing his high school education at Dawson Creek, B.C.

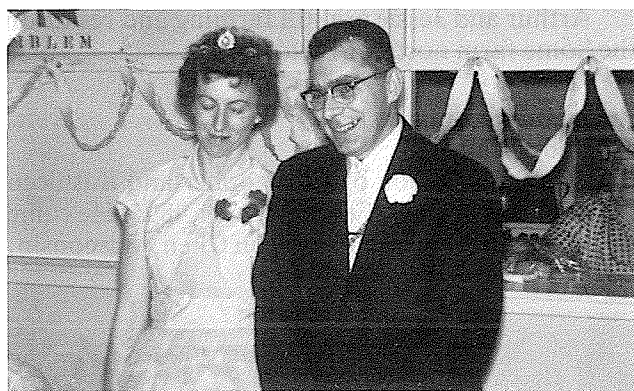
Elizabeth was born on May 20th, 1932 and attended school at Gartmore. On July 9, 1952 she married Ralph Cockerill of Merridale and they lived on the farm homestead of Bert and Annie Cockerill, Ralph's parents. Besides farming, Ralph also did some logging and sawing. They had three sons;

Herbert, born in July, 1953, Brian in November 1958, and Dale in November 1962. After several years in the sanatorium, Ralph died in October 1967.

In August 1970, Elizabeth then married Roy Cockerill and they lived on their farm near the Shell River in the Merridale district. Later they moved to their new home west of the river. Roy farmed all his life except from November 1941 to September 1945, when he served in the Army and spent some time overseas. Roy and Liz had two children; a son Grant, born in October, 1970 and April, born in April 1972.

Herbert went to school in Merridale and then worked on the farm and on the oil rigs in Alberta. In 1975 he died in a car accident. Brian went to school in Merridale and Roblin and now farms and works on the oil rigs in the winter. Dale also attended school in Roblin and has worked on the oil rigs since.

Grant and April still attend school in Roblin.



Ed and Bernice Hotts.

Bernice was born on June 29th, 1933 and attended Gartmore school to the ninth grade. She married Edwin Hotts of Peterborough, Ontario, on December 24th, 1960. They had four children: Darlene, born in July 1961; Cindy in August, 1962; Bernard in August 1972; and Noah in March 1974.

Both before and after her marriage, Bernice



Hotts children: Bernard, Cindy, Darlene and Noah.

lived in many places in Canada, from Windsor in the east, to 100 Mile House in the west, and Urainium City in the North. She worked out at several different jobs but predominantly in restaurants. She is presently attending college. Ed's work was mainly as a miner.

Darlene now attends University of Edmonton where she is studying to be a nurse. Cindy is a physio-therapist in Red Deer while the boys still attend school at Camrose, where they live.

Calvin was born on August 6th, 1934 on 15-26-30, in the Zorra district of Saskatchewan, and attended Gartmore school to the eighth grade. He did bush work and worked in the oil fields of Alberta, for several years, then farmed with Ralph and Elizabeth Cockerill.



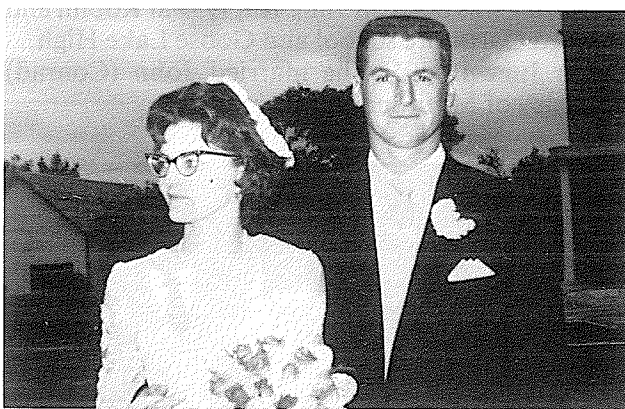
Calvin, Gladys, Warren, Wesley, Greg and Barry Ludwig.

In 1960 he met me, (Gladys Titanich) and we were married on August 4th, 1961. The first year of our marriage, Calvin worked as a sawyer for Sig Olson and we spent the winter in a trailer near the mill site near Childs Lake. In 1962 we moved to S.W. 1/4 of 2-28-27 in Merridale and have lived there since then. Ours is a mixed farm, predominantly raising beef cattle. To supplement the farm income, Calvin owned and managed a small sawmill until 1968. Thereafter he worked at other off-farm jobs such as carpentry, sawyer at sawmills and assisting John Cockerill on his trapline.

We raised four sons: Warren, born in April, 1962; Barry born in June, 1963; Greg born in April, 1965; and Wesley born in October of 1967. Warren did not complete high school, favouring to work out instead. He worked at Roblin Forest Products for one year, then on the oil rigs in Alberta. In 1982, he returned to Roblin where he works for Roblin Concrete. Barry graduated from Goose Lake High in 1981, then worked out for one year. In April, 1984, he graduated from the Diploma Course in Agriculture at the University of Manitoba.

Greg graduated from Goose Lake High in 1983

and has worked as a mason's helper and now is on the oil rigs. Wesley is still attending high school.



Harvey and Cheronne Ludwig.

Harvey was born on August 1st, 1937 at Roblin and attended school to the eighth grade. On June 27th, 1963 he married Cheronne Robson of Perdue, Saskatchewan. A son, Richard, was born on April 23rd, 1964. They lived in Calgary and Harvey worked at Canada Packers there for 9 years. Cheronne died in 1967 and on June 21st, 1968 Harvey married Margaret Sainsbury originally from Dauphin, who had a son, Garrett, born on March 2nd, 1966. They have a daughter, Celeste, born on October 2nd, 1969, and a son, Allan (Harvey Jr.), born on January 1st, 1971. They lived at Trochu, Alberta, for two years, where Harvey worked in a hardware store. Then they moved to Stettler, Alberta. In 1981 they were divorced. Harvey now does oil field steaming and washing with his steamer and pressure washing unit.



Richard and Adele Ludwig, 1984.

On February 17th, 1984, Richard married Adela Rockarts of Stettler. He and Garrett work in Stettler, while Celeste and Allan attend school there.

Shirley was born on June 7th, 1939 at Roblin and attended Gartmore school and Goose Lake High.

On June 11, 1958 she married John (Conrad) Walmsley of Minitonas.



Con and Shirley Walmsley, Shelley, Tarry, and Neal, 1982.

They lived at Weyburn, Saskatchewan, where Con was a truck driver; then at Lynn Lake where he worked at the fish plant; then at Beardmore, Ontario and Massey, Ontario where he was a miner; and then as a labourer at Sudbury, Ontario. As well, Shirley is a cook for the armed forces' base near Sudbury.

They raised four children. Tarry was born on July 23rd, 1959 and currently works as a surveyor. Shelley was born on December 4th, 1961 and is now married to Mark Oliver (Dec. 28, 1982). Both she and Mark attend Laurentian University at Sudbury. Neal was born on November 30, 1969 and attends school at Hanmer. They also raised a foster child, Joyce Gordon, who is now married and has a daughter.

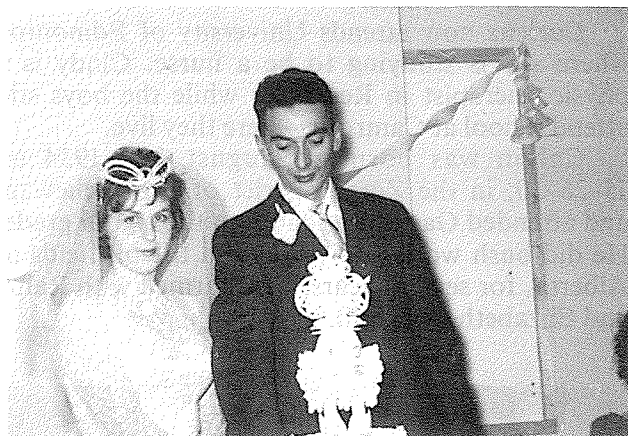


Lyle, Alice, Shannon and Melanie Ludwig.

Lyle was born on April 23, 1941 and attended school at Gartmore and Roblin, completing his grade XI. He then joined the Navy for five years after which he was employed at Inco in Thompson, Manitoba.

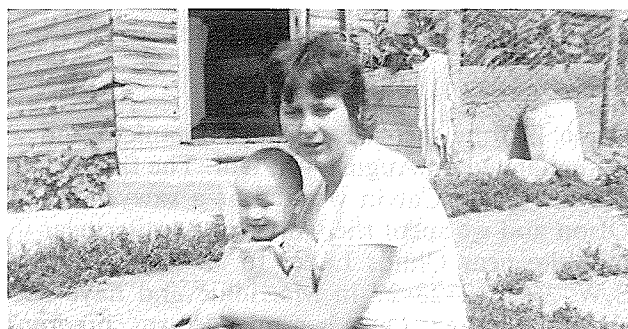
On May 1st, 1965 he married Alice Titanich of Roblin. While in Thompson, their two daughters were born, Shannon on February 15th, 1966 and

Melanie on July 15, 1969. In 1972 they moved to the Bill Pronyk farm on S.E. of 7-28-27 in Merridale, where they have lived since. Shannon and Melanie both attended school in Roblin, Shannon having graduated in 1984.

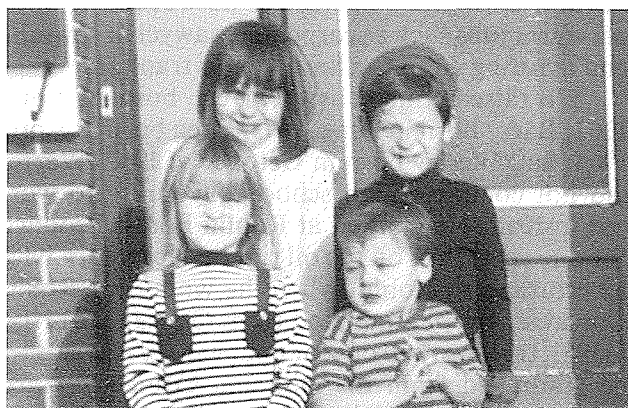


Gordon and Elaine McKay (Ludwig) 1963.

Elaine was born in Yorkton on November 11th, 1943 and attended school in Gartmore and Roblin to the eighth grade. On November 27th, 1963 she married Gordon McKay of Roblin. They lived in various places, such as: Lynn Lake, where Gordon worked in the mine; then in Shellmouth where Gor-



Frances with son Peter (McKay).



McKay children: Frances, Lowen, Angela and Douglas.

don helped build the Shellmouth Dam; in Winnipeg, where he worked for a bottling company; in Marchwell, at which time he worked in the Esterhazy mine; in Hudson Bay where he was in the lumbering business; in Saskatoon (where they still reside) and Gordon first did cement work at Key Lake but now helps on a farm. Elaine was one of Roblin's polio victims but through therapy and surgery is able to walk about quite well. She and Gordon had a family of four: Frances born in July, 1964; Lowen born in December, 1965; Angela born in March, 1968; and Douglas born in May, 1970. In 1982 they adopted Candace who was born in March, 1980.

None of the children completed high school and Douglas and Candace still have their education to complete. Frances worked out at several jobs. She has a son, Peter, born in July, 1981. Lowen works on a farm with his father and Angela is a waitress in Saskatoon.



Bud and family with furs (Ludwig).

Peter "Bud" was born on December 11th, 1944 at Yorkton, Saskatchewan. He completed his high school at Roblin, then did carpentry work in Winnipeg. He was a taxi driver and worked for C.N. telegraph in Edmonton: he helped build the Shellmouth Dam; then spent eight years in Winnipeg and from then until the present, near Camrose, Alberta, on building construction.

On November 30, 1968 he married Gloria Tolpa of Minitonas. They have three children: Peter, born on June 28th, 1971, Crystal, born on October 27th, 1973 and Lorrissa, born on May 25th, 1978. The family lives at Gwynne, Alberta, but Bud's work takes him to areas around Camrose and Wetaskiwin. Gloria also works part time as a hospital aid.

Victor Lumberg **by Mrs. Mary McIntyre**

Victor Lumberg, a bachelor moved from Menahga, Minnesota, U.S.A. to the Deepdale district in 1906. He took up a homestead on the S.W. 1/4 of 21-27-28. He farmed here for several yers, later selling the farm and moving to B.C. His sister, Lottie and husband, John Olson came at the same time and homesteaded one mile from Victor. He was a good neighbor and his best friend was his dog "Snooks".

James and Belinda Lunan **by Eleanor Poyser**

James was born in Grey County, Ontario in 1868. He came to Southern Manitoba where he married Belinda Lambkin, formerly of Keppel County, Ontario in 1904 at Morden, Manitoba. They settled in Roblin in 1914.

Jim, as he was better known, was a mason by trade, having built a few stone foundations in the Roblin area. One summer he operated an open air dance platform at Jackfish Lake, where he called for square dances.



James and Belinda Lunan.

He worked at a number of different jobs, later going into the draying business until he retired in 1938.

They raised a family of six boys and one girl. Lawrence, Clarence, William, George and Ernest are all now deceased; Norman, who lives in Portage La Prairie, and Florence Fowler, who resides in Maple Manor in Roblin.

The boys, in their young years, were very active in baseball in the Roblin area.

Belinda died in 1941 at the age of 63 and Jim passed away in 1946 at the age of 73.

Annie Lunan and Family **By Annie**

I, Annie (Fullerton) Lunan was born in Rathwell, Manitoba in 1909. My parents were Matthew

Fullerton and Jennie Watson. I moved with my parents to Bield, Manitoba when I was 8 years old.

There were 7 children in the family (3 boys and 4 girls): Bob, Lloyd, Jim, Eva, Edith, Sarah and Annie.

We moved to the Shortdale area where Father had a homestead. I received my education in Bield school and went out to work at an early age. I married Bill Lunan in 1927 at Roblin. He worked whenever he could get a job. We had two boys, Bill Jr. and Wilbert. They attended school in Roblin.

I cooked for a survey gang in different locations for a number of years and at Hans Olsen's sawmill for three years, from 1957-60. Bill died several years ago.

Bill Jr. has been in the Army at Shilo for 37 years as a soldier. He married Beth Haig of Alexander, Manitoba and they have 4 children and 3 grandchildren.

Wilbert married Ruth Stevenson of Picton, Ontario and they have 6 children and 7 grandchildren. Wilbert works as a guard at Napanee prison in Picton, Ontario.

I moved into the Roblin Residences in 1978. I am a member of the Roblin Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, Museum Ladies and the Hospital Auxiliary in Roblin.

The Lundy Family

by Alice Kelso

Milton Samuel Lundy was born February 13, 1875 at New Market, Ontario and came West with his parents and one sister. They settled on the ridge north of Gilbert Plains.

The Frank Dowkes family consisted of Oliver, Blanche, Hilda and Dora came from Glen Ewen, Saskatchewan. They settled north of Gilbert Plains, in the Venlaw District, where Mr. Dowkes was Postmaster and also operated a store. The mail was brought from Gilbert Plains once a week by horse and buggy. Hilda Christina Elizabeth Dowkes was



Mr. and Mrs. Milton H. Lundy, in 1904.

born June 14, 1886 near Glen Ewen, Saskatchewan (then the North West Territory).

Milton Lundy and Hilda Dowkes were united in marriage by Rev. Johnson in Gilbert Plains on December 22, 1903; and came to Roblin as a young bride and groom in the spring of 1904. Their first task was to get a home. They purchased two lots across from the present theatre where they built a small three-roomed house. This house was replaced by a two-storey stucco house built in 1925, and it still stands.

Milton and his cousin, Arthur Williamson, who had come from Ontario at the same time, built and operated a feed and livery barn for some twenty years. The livery barn, besides housing and feeding the horses, was also the meeting place for people of all walks of life. It was a place to go, especially for the men. He told of long cold livery trips with the doctor over snow-filled roads, and long waits put in while they, in turn, were waiting for a new arrival.

With the advent of the car, the feed and livery business was no longer profitable. Milton obtained employment on the railway as a brakeman for a time. Then he decided to start his own draying business. Draying was a full time business in the early days, it being the forerunner of the "transfer". A dray was a wagon with a very wide, flat platform, drawn by a team of draft horses. They delivered freight from the station to the various places of business.

Hilda was a dressmaker, and besides sewing for her family, she often did sewing for the town's people, thus supplementing the family income. She was active in community life. She was a keen member of the Ladies Aid, the Women's Institute, the Loyal Orange Benevolent Association and later the Rebekah Lodge. She was also active in the church and Sunday School.

As there were no radio or television networks in the early days, travelling entertainment groups visited our town quite regularly. Musicians and players such as Negro Minstrels and the Swiss Bell Ringers came in. Before we close this short sketch of our entertainment, we must not forget to mention Chautauqua. Chautauqua was an excellent troupe of entertainers who travelled across Canada in the 1920's putting on concerts in a huge canvas tent. Seating was on planks supplied by the local lumber yard. They spent a week in our town and each day there was a different program with different artists.

Mr. Lundy passed away suddenly on January 1st, 1946 in Lloydminster, Saskatchewan. After several years in Brandon, and down East, Mrs. Lundy moved to Vancouver, B.C. where she resided until 1968 when she moved to Haney, B.C. to be with her daughters, Alice and Lavina. She passed away there on September 8th, 1975.



The Lundy children: Alice, Lyla, Lavina and Wesley.

Mr. and Mrs. Lundy had three daughters and a son: Alice, Lyla, Lavina and Wesley. Alice, the oldest, completed her schooling at Roblin High School. Then with Normal School training in Brandon she became a teacher. After seven years teaching in Saskatchewan, she returned to Roblin where she and Miss May Lambkin opened a private hospital. In September 1941 Alice and James Thom, owner and publisher of the Roblin Review, were married by Rev. D. Conly. In 1948 they bought the local theatre (where the Drop-In is now) from Mr. Dow. Alice recalls that the admission price then was twenty-five cents for adults and ten cents for children. On November 28, 1952 Jim, as he was known, passed away in the Roblin Hospital and was buried in Russell Cemetery.

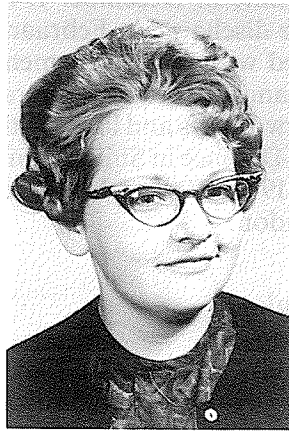
In April 1967 Alice moved to Haney, B.C. to live with her mother and sister, Lavina. She and George Kelso were married April 27, 1968 in Haney and resided there until 1982 when they returned to Roblin and took up residence. George passed away May 24, 1983. Alice Kelso still resides in Roblin.



Lyla and Ray Street, in 1950.

Lyla Mae, after graduating from Roblin High School, entered Providence Hospital in Moose Jaw

1929, and graduated as an R.N. in 1931. She continued to work in the hospital for a year, then she moved to Brandon and did private nursing. Lyla married Charles Raymond Street of Brandon on May 31, 1933. They had three daughters and one



Judy Ann, 1963.

son. Ray died in Haney on February 17, 1981. Lyla still resides in Haney, B.C.

Bertha Lavina, received her education in Roblin, moved to Brandon in 1928 and attended Success Business College. Upon completion of her course, she was employed as a stenographer at J. J. Jackson Insurance Company. In 1940 Lavina married Russell Herbert Smith of Mt. Elgin, Ontario and resided there until Russell passed away suddenly in 1954. In 1956 she moved to Vancouver where she was employed with the Department of Veteran Affairs. In 1967, when she retired, she moved to Haney where she still resides.

Frank Wesley was born and educated in Roblin. He moved to Brandon in 1929 and was employed at the Paragon Grocery, and later with Downey's Grocery. In 1937, Wesley married Margaret V. Parker of Brandon. She was the eldest daughter of Charles and Catherine Parker of Estevan and Oxbow, Saskatchewan. Wes and Margaret have one daughter, Judy Ann, born December 1947 in

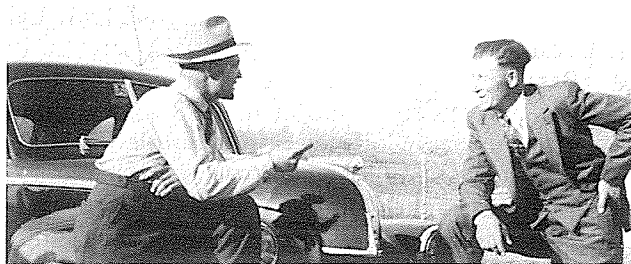


Wesley Lundy and Margaret.

Brandon. She is employed in Brandon as a secretary. In the late 30's Wesley was employed at the King Edward Hotel. In August 1941 he joined the R.C.A.F. in Winnipeg and in November 1942 was posted overseas. He sailed from Halifax on the Isle de France having Christmas at sea. At the end of the war Wes was repatriated home in December 1945 and received an honourable discharge in February 1946. He then was employed with the Department of Veteran's Affairs in Brandon for three years, Brandon Hotel for twenty-two years and lastly with the Department of National Defence in Shilo, Manitoba until his retirement in 1977. Wesley, Margaret and Judy still reside in Brandon.

Walter and Nellie Lupichuk by Walter and Nellie

Walter's Dad, Mykita Lupichuk came to Canada from Skale, Austria, in 1891. He settled down with his parents in Comarna, Manitoba. In 1905 he



Walter Lupichuk and Harry Sadowick.

was married to Sophie Glutik at St. Michael's Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church at 612 Flora Avenue, Winnipeg, by Father Hura (O.S.B.M.). He came to Roblin in 1905 and started farming on a homestead in the Zelena district. There were few farmers homesteading there. Then they built a Ukrainian Catholic Church named Holy Eucharist. Mykita was very skilled and he wanted to beautify the church with the nice crosses which he made. The crosses are still standing today on top of the dome, which was made of iron. It was the first church built in this district. Inside the church he made a con-astas. His helper was Mr. Kasewich. It was all handmade and today it stands as a historical church.

Mykita and Sophie raised nine children: John, Annie, Walter, Mike, Mary, William, Frank, Mildred and Zelia.

Mykita moved to another farm eleven miles north of Roblin, at the corner of the highway, where he had a blacksmith shop. At this time it was a great business. He also had a sawmill on his farm. He had a big steam engine threshing machine, and went out threshing for other farmers. Walter was a

great help to his father, as he liked the work of running tractors and sawmills. It was his joy. Walter's Dad was a very skilled man of many trades. Walter started to help his Dad by shoeing horses at 60¢ a horse. At that time Walter's Dad never had dollar bills — it was all silver (change). This was in 1929-1930.

Finally Walter got himself a big truck and he worked in the bush, trucking logs and lumber. Walter wanted to become a mechanic. He went into the welding machine work, as he wanted to start on his own.

In 1931, Walter married Nellie Nykolaishen. Nellie came from the same district. Nellie's Dad, Pete Nykolaishen, came to Canada from the town of Krywcha, in Austria, when he was a young boy. He married Annie Mymka at Ethelbert, Manitoba, in 1904. They farmed at Ethelbert and then moved to the Hillsburg district near Roblin. Here, Pete took out a homestead. They had five children: John, Katie, Nellie, Mike and William.

In 1933, Walter moved with his young wife to Makaroff, Manitoba, where he started his own business: welding, repairing cars, blacksmith work, and shoeing horses. He did all types of work for the farmers. He was so busy that his name and work was known throughout a very wide area. In his spare time Walter went to brush up on his mechanical school work, in Regina, Yorkton, Saskatoon and Winnipeg. At that time, this school was held in different cities (it was a workshop). Soon Walter was known as a very good skilled mechanic. Walter and Nellie spent eleven years in Makaroff. At this time, it was a dream town for them. The people were so friendly and everybody helped each other. There was a nice grocery store and hardware store. It was a nice place to live as it was a "one big family" town.

In the winter time it was Walter's job to open up the roads, even the highway. He made himself a tractor blade to open up the road and it kept him busy.



Bear shot near Makaroff: Walter Lupichuk and friends.

One morning in May the news came into town that some one spotted a big bear chasing Mr. Traub's cattle. Within half an hour the news spread fast. Everyone who had a gun came out. There were about a dozen more men with shotguns, big guns and .22 rifles after the bear. Mr. William Pound was also there with a shotgun. It took them a couple of hours to get the big bear. They brought it into town. They had fired about 40 shots — everybody was shooting! (The bear is in the picture).

In our early years it was never "roses", money wise. We had to work hard and for little money, as everything was so cheap. I, Nellie, remember when I went shopping with \$2.00 and bought the groceries and brought some change back. Everyone made their own bread. I always made my bread and shared it with my neighbours.

Walter and I had one daughter, Patricia.

In time, when Makaroff started to disappear, we moved to Roblin. In 1944, we bought a garage, started the same kind of work and again Walter started to do work within a wide area. Very soon we were involved in community work. Walter joined the fire brigade in 1944 and retired in 1982. He served the longest time of any fireman on the fire brigade. At that time the fire truck was hauled by horses and wagon and had a big water tank on top. Walter was elected to the town of Roblin council. He served about 14 years with Fred Newton as Mayor. Walter served as deputy Mayor and was also on the health board.

As the years went by, Walter had bad luck with his family. He started to lose his family. His Dad (Mykita) passed away in 1937, his brother Bill in 1936, his mother in 1952, brother Frank in 1972, brother Mike in 1972, sister Mary in 1973 and brother John in 1974. It was very hard for both of us to live through.

I lost my family too as my mother died in 1950, brother William in 1944 in the Second World War, and sister Katie in 1984. But we thank God for everything.

As the years went by, Walter and I became involved in church work. Walter helped a great deal at St. Vladimir's College when it had just started. He was a right hand man to the Fathers when they needed a helping hand. He took the Fathers to different parishes and also took the boys to hockey, concerts and everywhere they needed to go. This was all volunteer work. I am also very involved with the college and did all the sewing such as vestments, the boys' Ukrainian costumes and then took on the task of cooking at the college. The boys have known me for my cooking for many years. I sew for many other churches — gowns, altar linens etc. I am known in a very wide area as a seamstress. I sew habits for the Redemptorist Fathers. I am also

involved in the parish work, such as wedding banquets. The people appreciate my cooking. I do volunteer work. I love people and I like to work for a good cause. We feel we have a happy life as our daughter, Patricia, married Larry Korman. They live in Thompson, Manitoba. Larry is a top man in Inco. and is a maintenance apprentice. They have 4 boys: Doug is in Germany, playing hockey; Terry is in Electronics at Inco; Tim is an R.C.M.P. at Nipawin, Saskatchewan. (He married Susan Pawley); Rickie still goes to school and is a great hockey player.

Walter moved to a new location on the northern outskirts of Roblin. He built a shop and still does a lot of work there. We are both in fine health and thank God for the years we have been together and that we are still able to serve the community. It's all because of God's power.

The John Luxton Family **by W. L. Ferguson**

John Luxton was born in Devon, England, February 15, 1840. He completed his apprenticeship as a wheel-wright there and at the age of 21 years, he travelled to Canada on a sailing ship.

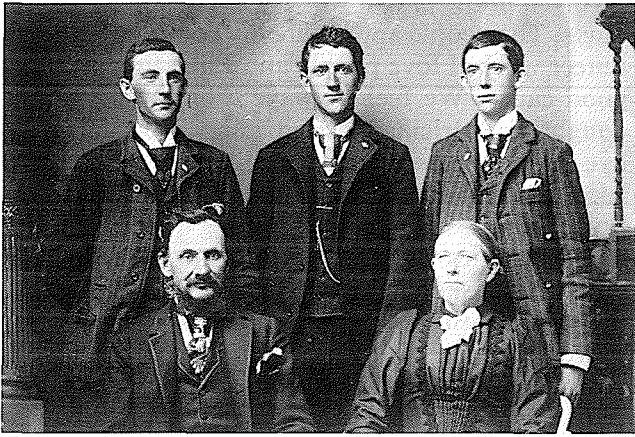
He was united in marriage on June 5, 1868 to Mary Collie who had travelled by boat from Scotland with her parents and siblings when she was only 10 weeks of age.

There were five sons born to this union, all of them in Morefield, Ontario. Two of them died in infancy. The family moved to South Dakota, U.S.A. The two eldest sons, Thomas and George, settled down near Frankfort, South Dakota, but Mr. and Mrs. Luxton and the youngest son, Robert decided to come north to Canada. Mr. Luxton made a new wagon and gathered together their household effects and implements which were required to clear and prepare this "bush" country for farming.

They arrived at Togo, Saskatchewan in 1903 or 1904 in two emigrant cars, but they settled in Manitoba in an area approximately 17 miles north of Roblin on section 13-28-29. Their homestead was three miles east and 1 mile north of their final residence.

Mr. Luxton built very substantial buildings with stone foundations and lumber, most of which are still being used. They donated land on the southeast corner of their section for community buildings, and the Silverwood School and Silverwood community hall were erected there.

Pioneers by the name of Kennedy lived across the road and a short distance to the west. Most of that family died of tuberculosis. At that time there was little that could be done to cure this dreaded disease.



Front row: Mr. and Mrs. John Luxton. Back row: George, Thomas and Robert Luxton.

Also across the road and a short distance to the east were Mr. and Mrs. Gus Lade, pioneers from England. Mr. Lade also donated land for Community projects and a Protestant church was built there.

On March 6th, 1916, Robert married Agnes Struthers of Scotland, but he died February 17, 1917, three months before their daughter, Roberta was born.

John Luxton died at Togo, Sask. (where he had built a house for their retirement) on August 3rd, 1916. Mrs. Luxton died at Frankfort, South Dakota on April 25th, 1917.

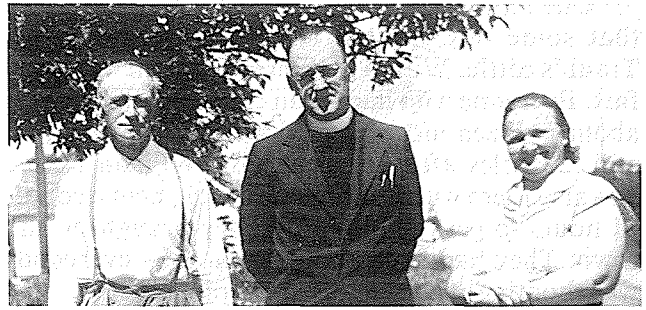
The Joseph and Annie Luzny Family by Stephanie Luzny

Joseph (Joe) Luzny was born in Poland on October 31st, 1884, and came to Roblin in 1911, to the home of Anton Klemetski at Merridale, Man. who had come to Roblin earlier from the same area in Poland. As there were no jobs in Roblin, Joe left shortly for Winnipeg, where he had some acquaintances. He worked at whatever jobs were available. During harvest he worked on many farms in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, returning to Wpg. for the winter months.

In 1922 he returned to Roblin and started to work for the C.N.R. as a section man, where he worked until his retirement in 1949.

Joe married Annie Kosinski in Roblin in 1923. She was the eldest of the seven children of Joe and Dora Kosinski and was born on January 1st, 1906 in the Zelena district.

Joe and Annie had two sons and one grandson. The eldest son, Frank was born in Roblin, on April 6th, 1924 and attended school in Roblin. He joined the R.C.A.F. in 1943, and went overseas. He returned home in 1945. After his discharge he worked in a mine on Vancouver Island. In 1948 he started work for the C.N.R. as a fireman, and was



Father Sochinski and Joe and Ann Luzny.

later promoted to locomotive engineer. He worked and lived in Dauphin until his untimely death on May 8, 1976, due to cancer.

Frank married Stephanie Menzul on July 31, 1952. They had one son, Wade, born on July 30, 1954. Frank was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion and St. Viator's Roman Catholic Church in Dauphin; also a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Albert, their second son, was born in Roblin on February 2, 1926. He attended school in Roblin, joined the army in 1944, and went overseas and returned home in 1946. After his discharge he worked at the Roblin Hotel. In 1951 he married Ann Yarema, and went into the hotel business in Winnipegosis and Cartwright, Man. After several years he moved to The Pas where he still resides and works for the C.N.R. Albert is an active member of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Joe Luzny passed away on January 4, 1964, after a short illness. Annie still lives in her home on 2nd Avenue S.E. which they bought over 50 years ago. They were both active members of the Sacred Heart Church. In their home, Sunday was observed as a holiday, a day of rest, and a day for visiting. Their home was always noted for its friendliness and warm hospitality. They always had accommodation for people whenever the need arose. Joe was also an ardent reader of a Polish paper. Mrs. Luzny is a life-member of the Roblin Legion Ladies Auxiliary to the Roblin Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion #24.

The MacDonalds by Harold Howe, great-grandson of Mary MacDonald

Mary MacDonald (nee Mary Morrison) was born at Lodes, Isle of Lewis, Outer Hibrades, Scotland. She married Lauchlyn MacDonald, who was born in Harris, Scotland on May 13, 1863. Christina MacDonald was born there on July 18, 1871. Mary MacDonald and her three sons and two daughters came to Canada by sail boat. She was a widow and the eldest wanted to come to Canada but

she would not hear of him coming unless they all came.

The eldest son, Donald, married Martha McKay and they had 3 sons, Lauchlyn, Malcolm and Duncan. Alexander never married and died near Saltcoats, Saskatchewan.

John MacDonald never married. He was born in 1869 and died in 1959.

Donald and Martha MacDonald died in 1907 leaving Lauchlyn, Malcolm and Duncan orphans. John MacDonald and his mother, Mary MacDonald, brought the boys from Saltcoats to make their home with them. They attended Stirling school and later Tummel school #1319 when Sterling, Fife and Brooksgrove joined in 1913.

The boys served in the army during 1914-18 and later lived in the Tummel district for a time.

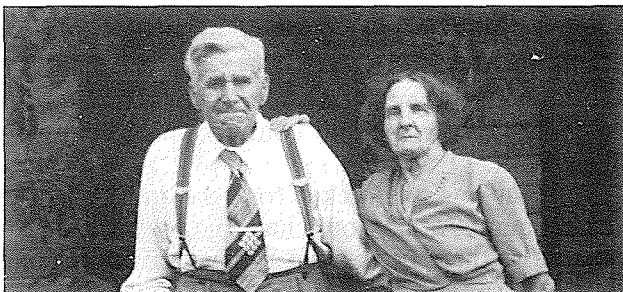
Lauchlyn married Verna Stairs (one time teacher at Tummel) and they farmed in Tummel for a few years and then moved to Winnipeg, where Lauchlyn worked as an engineer for Winnipeg Hydro. They had two daughters Betty and Dianna. Betty was killed by a car in St. Boniface when she was four or five years old. Dianna married and lives in Alberta. Lauchlyn died in Winnipeg in 1944.

Malcolm married Bina Anderson during the war. They had one daughter, Lillian. They lived in Tummel for a while but moved to Vancouver Island near Nanaimo, B.C. They are still living there.

Duncan never married and lives near to Malcolm in B.C.

John Russell MacFarlane Family by Joan Collie (MacFarlane)

Our family moved to Dropmore in May, 1946 and lived on the Jack Ferris farm east of Dropmore. At the same time, our grandparents, Sam and Emily Furneaux, also moved to Dropmore and lived in a house of Fred Brown's just across the field from us. We left Dropmore again in June, 1947. Mom and Dad farmed in the Millwood and Harrowby districts, until they moved to Regina in 1961. In 1962, they bought a Service Station and Cafe at Pense, 20 miles west of Regina. In July, 1963, Dad passed away suddenly from a heart attack. Mom and the



Mr. and Mrs. Furneaux, in 1958.

two youngest boys, Harvey and Donald ran the business, until 1965, when they sold it and moved back to Regina.

After Grandpa Furneaux passed away in Sept., 1959, Grandma resided with the family until 1970, when she took up residence at the Blind Institute in Regina, until her death in May, 1971.

Over the years the family has scattered and grown.



The MacFarlane Family, in 1963.

Gerald married Eleanor Kleebaum from Endcliffe. They live in Nelson, B.C. and have 4 children and 7 grandchildren.

Ken married Doef Wileman of Endcliffe. They now live in Regina. They have 2 children and 2 grandchildren.

Jim married Mary Whalen of Portland, Oregon and now resides in Newbury, Oregon.

Joan married Bill Collie from Hamiota, Man. They live in Regina now and have 2 children and 4 grandchildren.

Vernon married Dessie Cranwell of Roblin and they live at Virden. They have 3 children and 5 grandchildren.

Marion married Garry Robinson from Bin-scarth. They have always lived in Winnipeg, where they have 3 children and 2 grandchildren.

David married Leona Preis from Yorkton. They are now in Regina, and they have 3 children and 2 grandchildren.

Betty married Stewart Mile from Kennedy, Sask. They now are in Regina, and they have 3 children.

Harvey married Glendyne Zerr of Regina. He and the 2 children live at Radway, Alberta.

Donald married Valerie MacMillan from Colfax, Sask. They live at Brownlee, Sask. and have 2 children.

At present Mom is living with Harvey at Radway, but plans to retire to her own house in Virden this fall.

In the past two years, we have been fortunate to meet some old friends from Dropmore and are looking forward to renewing old acquaintances through the history.

John MacLeod by Jessie Lovas



John and Jessie MacLeod (on December 30th, 1954).

John MacLeod was born in 1880 in Lairg, Sutherland-Shire, Scotland, the only son of a Crafter. He attended school in Lairg and the only school supplies needed in those days in northern Scotland was a slate and a good tweed jacket sleeve as an eraser. Their noon-day lunch was usually a scone and a piece of home-made cheese carried in their pockets. After he left school, John worked at Wick and Bonar Bridge. During the Boer War he served in Argyle-Sutherland Highlanders Territorial Force.

On December 30, 1904, he married Jessie Graham of Alness, Ross-Shire. They lived in Inverness and on different farms in Ross-Shire where he worked as a farm labourer. During the next eighteen years they had three sons; John Graham, Finlay and Ross Christopher, and two daughters; Zena Agnes Ina and Jessie.

In June, 1925, they came to Canada, landing in Quebec City. They settled on a Soldier Settlement farm, S.E. 1/4 16-26-27 in the Bield district. Jessie MacLeod found living in Canada much different than in Scotland. Baking bread was a real challenge and Mrs. George Burrows, her nearest neighbour, was a great help, but the first year the cows got many a loaf of flat bread!

On July 7, 1927, a cyclone all but wiped out their farming operation. It passed just south of the house and every other building was demolished. Pieces of the barn were found miles away. Jessie and the girls were in the house. Her favorite saying in any crisis was "The Lord be about us"!, and that day she was certain He had heard her.

They were members of the Bield United Church and attended regularly by horse and buggy in the summer months. House parties were held in the winter months, on Friday nights. Jessie had an organ, a small accordion and could even get an old Scottish tune out of her mouth organ.

They belonged to the Roblin Scottish Society. Every January 25, they attended the Robbie Burns' dance, held in the Roblin hall.

John, a quiet man by nature, loved to walk, and he had a good memory. He loved reading about history and could tell about all the European wars to anyone who would listen. Jessie took great pride in her baking and anyone who visited her was always welcomed with tea and some biscuits. She loved flowers and always had an array of house plants. They had their 50th Wedding Anniversary in December of 1954.

Jack, their eldest son, married Gladys Cooper in 1936 and they had six children: Eileen, Noreen, Graham, Bryan, Wayne and Jacqueline.

Finlay married Edna Floyd of Winnipeg in 1941. They had four children: Gerald, Bryan, Heather and Karen.

Ross remained on the farm with his mother and dad.

Zena married William Gibson of Winnipeg in 1938. They have two children: Graham and Marguerite.

Jessie married Arthur Lovas in 1947. They have four children: Sharon, John, Herbert and Robert.

Finlay served with the Canadian Signal Corps for five years during the second World War; most of that time being spent in England and Europe. He died in Winnipeg, in 1974.

Jessie served with the R.C.A.F. (W.D.) for three years, one year in Ottawa and two years in London, England.

John MacLeod died in September, 1962, at the age of 82. Jessie died in October, 1975 at the age of 90 years. They are both buried in the Bield cemetery.

Amos Maguire and Family by Mrs. Miah Maguire

In 1905 when Amos and Annie moved to this district, they homesteaded on 12-28-29A, where Milton Bangle farms now, in Walker School district.

When they left Neepawa to come by train to their homestead, they shipped a carload of horses, cows, implements and furniture. One of the articles shipped was a wagon box which was turned upside down in the car. Times were so hard and they couldn't afford to pay railroad fares for the three older boys, so they lived under the wagon box for the three days it took to come from Neepawa to Togo, Sask.

The car was sidetracked for a day in Roblin and I can imagine Amos would have his work cut out to keep those three boys quiet. They arrived in Togo ahead of Anne and the little boys, Percy and Lawrence. She was so confused she stayed on the train

until Amos came tearing along to get them just as the train was pulling out of the station.

They moved into a small log cabin on their homestead and Amos started a lumber mill just north of the homestead.

Many of the early buildings here were built with lumber from his mill. He later sold this lumber mill to Bob McBride.

About 1920, they sold their homestead and bought land from Robert Pearson, in the Silverwood district. They farmed there until Amos retired to keep a little store at Silverwood corner.

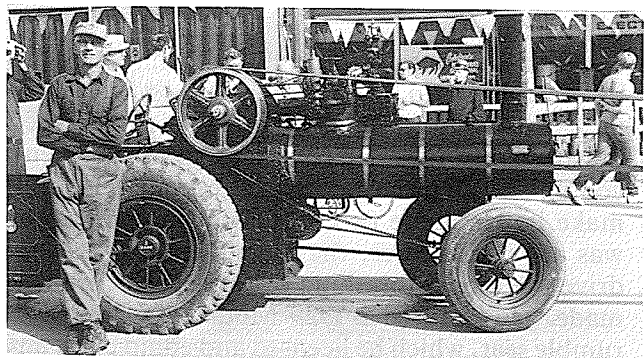
Wesley never married. He was very interested in steam engines, and ran the first steam threshing machine in this district, which was owned by Amos Maguire and his partner.

Jeremiah married Gladys Burrell. They had five children. After farming in this district for some years he bought land in the Togo district in 1927. He farmed there until his death in 1960. His wife still lives in Togo. Harvey, his second son, owns land in Shell River Municipality.

William married May Irvine. They had five children: a son, Tom passed away at 9 years of age; three of their daughters — Mrs. Hazel McGinnis, Mrs. Laura Mickelson and Mrs. Elizabeth Hawryluk, still live in the district and Mrs. Sadie Keast lives in Yorkton, Saskatchewan. William farmed near Silverwood for many years; he also served overseas in the First World War. He retired to Roblin where he died. His wife still lives in the Maple Manor in Roblin.

Percy never married. He served in the First World War, and worked as a steam engineer in Churchill for some years. He died in 1978 at the age of 80.

Lawrence married Rose Dixon, and they raised four children. They farmed near Silverwood until their retirement. Lawrence was very musical. He and his son Clifton won many Old Time Fiddling Contests. He died in Winnipeg where his wife still lives.

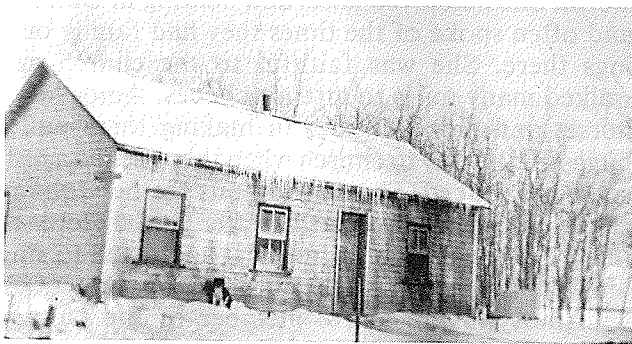


Cecil Maguire in the Roblin Fair parade with the steam engine he made in 1970.

Cecil was much younger than the other boys. He lived in Roblin and was very interested in the Roblin Pioneer Museum and worked very hard for it. He had a very inventive mind and had invented a miniature steam engine and threshing machine, which he ran at many Pioneer Days at the Museum, giving pleasure to children and old-timers alike.

Amos and Annie (Ward) Maguire by Hazel McGinnis

Amos Maguire and Annie Ward were united in marriage on March 8, 1890 in the county of Haliburton, Ontario. Six years later they and their three small sons (Wesley, Jeremiah and William) came west and settled for a time in the small hamlet



The home of Amos and Annie Maguire.

of Franklin near Neepawa. Amos found employment and in due time two more little boys, namely Percy and Lawrence were born.

Amos was a staunch Irishman and Annie a prim English lady. They both had an average education and both came from Methodist religious backgrounds.

Amos's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Maguire, left Ontario and joined Amos and family in the west, much to the sorrow of relatives in Ontario. They were well on in years and were never to see their beloved Ontario again and neither did Amos and Annie. Jeremiah passed away at Franklin and his wife came west to Togo later on when Amos moved again. She passed away in the Togo district.

After a time Amos heard of homesteads being offered for the price of \$10.00 for a quarter section further west and the urge for adventure overtook him and he left Annie and family at Franklin and headed for Togo, Saskatchewan. The railroad had reached Togo by that time and he arrived with his belongings and set about acquiring a homestead. He found what he was looking for about eighteen miles north of Roblin and set about the task of cutting logs to make a house. That accomplished, he sent for Annie and sons.

Amos improved some land on his homestead and began farming. Eventually he obtained a permit to set up a logging camp and sawmill in the Duck Mountains where he hired men to work for him. He soon had lumber sawed and in time he built a frame house, as they called it then. It must have been an exciting time for his wife when she was able to move into a bigger and more convenient home. Their sixth son Cecil was born there on the homestead. The house they built is still being occupied today.

Annie had a very hard life and often, a very lonely life. She was terrified of thunder storms due to the fact that their house had been struck with lightning one time. She would gather her children around her and in fear and trembling wait out the storm. She had loved lakes and boating in Ontario, and often spoke of the times they had family outings there. She was faithful to the church and walked many miles to attend services. Amos loved horses and didn't believe in making them pull a buggy all the way to church when they needed a rest, so Annie walked. She was famous for her Johnny cakes, which made mouths water just to look at them. She was also very musical and loved to sing and play the organ and the autoharp by ear.

Amos was an active member of the Orange Lodge. They celebrated on the 12th of July with a big parade in Roblin each year.

Being a long way from school, the boys found it difficult to receive an education. They learned to read and write and the rest they learned by experience.

Amos eventually bought a car. He also bought a threshing outfit consisting of a steam engine and threshing separator. Harvest time would find him and his threshing crew moving around the district threshing the crops for farmers.

As the boys grew up they began farming on their own. Then in 1914 World War I broke out and Canada found herself in the battle. Young men were enlisting and William and Percy left their farms to do their part. After the war the family were all grown up and after moving several times in the course of their lifetime, Amos and Annie retired to Silverwood and operated a small store. They lived there until Amos' death. Annie eventually remarried and after her second husband's death she lived in a small house on William's farm. She passed away in a Dauphin Nursing Home in 1955.

Amos and Annie had six sons: Wesley, Jeremiah, William, Percy, Lawrence and Cecil.

Wesley was born on March 2, 1891 in Haliburton County, Ontario. He came west with his parents and spent most of his life in the Walker and Silverwood districts. He owned a homestead and also worked in his father's logging camp. He loved play-

ing his violin. He was very mechanically inclined and spent many years repairing cars and threshing machines. He loved sports and was a good baseball player and good at horseshoes. In the winter he spent many happy evenings with Mr. and Mrs. Burnett, playing cards or crokinole. He was very handy with an axe and enjoyed cutting firewood. He eventually retired to Roblin where he passed away in 1974.

Jeremiah was born on June 26, 1893 in the county of Haliburton, Ontario. He was a good farmer and loved the soil. He married Gladys Burrell. He and his wife raised a family of three sons: Burrell, Harvey and Bruce and two daughters, Ethel and Kathleen. He retired to Togo where he lived until his death.

William was born on Nov. 1, 1895, in the county of Haliburton, Ontario. He came west with his parents and lived for the rest of his life in the Silverwood district. He married May Irvine and farmed until his death.

Percy was born on March 30, 1897, in Franklin, near Neepawa. He worked on his father's farm and in the sawmill and logging business and was also on the threshing crew. He loved music and could play several instruments. He also could repair almost anything. He enlisted in the army in World War I. He arrived overseas near the end of the war and was in the clean up operations which was a very sad and difficult task. Upon returning he worked in Dauphin at the airport and was employed as a steam boiler operator. Later he went to Churchill where he was responsible for the steam boilers. He was there while World War II was on. He moved to Dauphin to retire and then to Roblin where he spent his remaining years. He passed away in 1978.

Lawrence was born at Franklin, near Neepawa and came west with his parents. He married Rose Dixon and together they took up farming. Lawrence was a talented violin player. He and his wife raised a family of three sons: Melford, Edward and Clifton and one daughter, Arlene. He sold his farm and lived in Roblin for a time. His health began to fail and they moved to Winnipeg and lived there until his death.

Cecil was born on July 19, 1911 while they lived on the homestead. He was the youngest of the family. He too was very musical and could play several instruments. He was a good mechanic and when he couldn't buy a piece he wanted or needed, he would make it. He made two model steam engines; one was a 3 horsepower, the other 5 and both would drive the model threshing separator which he also made. He restored a 1929 Model A Coupe, with rumble seat, which he licensed and could drive anywhere in Canada. Cecil's creations would be seen as a regular attraction in the Roblin parades on fair

days. He also travelled to other towns such as Yorkton, Kelvington and Hudson Bay where his models would be included in their parades. The Austin Museum Days were special to him as he spent many weeks there helping with the show. He also spent many happy years at the Roblin Keystone Pioneer Museum where he enjoyed making things work. He made his home with Eva and Barbara Steffler in his later years and it was a happy home where he was one of the family. He had a heart problem and the care these two ladies gave him made his life meaningful. He was tragically killed in 1980, only a few yards from home, when he and Barbara were returning from a working day at the Museum. Barbara was critically injured at the time but with her remarkable spirit survived through a long period of suffering.

Grandpa Maguire passed away in 1931, Grandma in 1955, Wesley in 1974, Percy in 1978 and Cecil in 1980.

William (Bill) and May Maguire

by Hazel McGinnis

My father, William, and my mother, May (née Irvine), after moving as children with their parents, grew up in the Silverwood district. Dad served in the army during World War I, and upon returning home he took up farming.

On December 21, 1921, my parents were married, becoming the first couple to do so in the new church known as the Community Church (later the United Church). They began their life together on a farm which they rented from Mr. Dan Sinclair in the Grand Narrows district. One day, late in the following summer, Dad had gone to Togo, and Mother, being a lover of horseback riding, caught a handsome white horse from the pasture, mounted him and took off to visit her parents in the Silverwood area. Dad happened to look back from somewhere across the Boggy hills and, I suppose because the trees were not as thick and tall as they are now, he saw that white horse sailing along. When mother, being pregnant, arrived at her parents' home, she found it rather difficult dismounting that horse. No doubt there was some explaining to do when she arrived home that evening.

My parents moved back to the Silverwood district in the fall of 1922, and on December 1st their son, Tommy, arrived. A first grandson to both sets of grandparents, Tommy was naturally the pride and joy of both families. Four and one-half years later, I (Hazel) was born, and in time Tommy and I were great pals. Three years later, Laura joined us on the 12th day of July, and as both grandfathers and Dad all belonged to the Orange Lodge which celebrated on that day, she was really special.

Tommy was a delicate child and Dad and

Mother spent many anxious hours whenever he was ill. When he was nine years old, he was stricken with pneumonia and, because of circumstances and no miracle penicillin, our beloved Tommy was taken from us. Crushed and heart-broken, Dad and Mother picked up the pieces of their lives and pushed on. Two more daughters were born: Elizabeth in 1933, and Sadie in 1938. Our little two-room house was quite full.

The large room was kitchen, dining and living-room combined. The smaller room was partitioned-off with curtains into two bedrooms. We children loved it when mother would empty out the straw ticks that we used for mattresses, wash the covers and fill them with fresh straw or hay. One night, in the cold winter, when Grandma Irvine stayed overnight, Dad lit up the tin heater which was our central-heating system. Soon smoke was swirling around everywhere, and the boards and ceiling paper were on fire! Everyone was up in a flash! Grandma was standing and looking up to where the fire was burning. Mother came with a dipper of water and threw it up onto the ceiling. Needless to say, it all came down on Grandma's head. "Oh May! Mercy sakes May," were Grandma's harsh words. I expect the fire was soon put out, and we all exploded with laughter at Grandma's calamity.

Our house leaked on rainy days and the ceiling, having been made of building paper, would hold the water until a certain amount had collected and then it would spill out onto the floor. Mother would set pots and pans here and there on the floor. One day when Mr. Ed Charbonneau had come in, rain poured down. He was sitting on the couch when all of a sudden, down came paper and water right in front of him. I also remember Tom and Percy Rosevear, two bachelor neighbors, who would come over in the evenings to listen to the radio which was a great novelty then. Mother would cook up a pot of oatmeal porridge for lunch.

Dad owned a steam engine and separator and did the threshing in the district. The steamer had a wild cat whistle, and once you heard it you never forgot it. I can still hear that whistle as I walk over



William and May Maguire and family: L to R. Sadie, Elizabeth, Laura, Hazel, May and William.

the farm where we lived and which my husband and I now own.

On Sundays we walked to the United Church for Sunday School and services. It always seemed to be filled up. I suppose it was also a time to meet neighbors and friends, as well as to worship. The men in the area formed a Farmers' Union and the farmers would meet to discuss farming and work to improve conditions. They would meet at the Silverwood Hall.

Sometimes on a nice winter evening, Dad would harness up the horses, hitch them up to the sleigh and we would all pile in. Dad would put fresh straw in the sleigh box and Mother would bring a quilt or two for us to cover ourselves with on the way home. We would drive to Uncle Stanley's place. What a wonderful time we children would have, playing all sorts of things! Dad and Uncle Stan would find a place to sit and play dominoes while Mother and Aunt Gladys would visit. On other occasions, we would visit the Dan Stewart home or the Comrie's home. Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Comrie had the wonderful gift of making children feel important and welcome, and we loved to go there. Mrs. Stewart's buns and Elsie Comrie's fruit cake and other goodies made our mouths water as we thought of the lunch that we would be served later in the evening.

In 1940, Dad bought our first car from Mr. Stewart. In the fall of that same year, Dad had finished building a new house on the farm where Mother had grown up, and we moved in. Dad moved the furniture and everything we owned with a steel-wheeled truck wagon (as he called it) and a team of horses. In the evening when, I suppose, the last load was being hauled, the pin dropped out of the reach in the wagon and away went the horses with the two front wheels. Somehow Dad got them halted. Luckily nothing was broken and we settled in that night in our new home. Mother had always wanted doorknobs instead of latches, so she had her wish and had a great time turning those doorknobs.

My three sisters and I all received our schooling at Silverwood School. My first teacher was Miss Ethel Rogers from Makaroff. We had to walk about 2 miles, so when it was really cold, we sometimes didn't get to school. Laura and Elizabeth took high school by correspondence, and Sadie was able to go to Roblin to take her high school.

World War II broke out in 1939. We had been stricken with drought in those years and times were very hard. Dad eventually had to try to get into the army even though he was slightly past the acceptance age. He was accepted and Mother and we four girls tried to keep the farm going. When Dad returned home, he resumed farming.

We girls all grew up and married. Hazel married Earle McGinnis on June 1, 1945. Laura married

Mervyn Mickelson on November 9, 1949. Elizabeth married Borden Hawryluk on August 27, 1951. Sadie married Bill Keast on November 10, 1962.

Dad and Mother bought a new half-ton truck and enjoyed visiting the family, as well as making Saturday night trips to town. Ill health forced Dad to sell the farm. They bought a home in Roblin. Dad passed away in the same month that they moved to town. Mother lived in her home until 1981, when she moved to the Maple Manor, where she still lives and enjoys fairly good health, and good family times.

Lawrence Maguire Family by Rosie Maguire

In 1925, on February 16th, Lawrence Maguire and Rosie Dixon were married. We bought a farm in the Silverwood district. I had the telephone pay-station until the rural phones came in and Lawrence farmed and ran the grader for Shell River Municipality.

We had 5 children, 4 boys and 1 girl: Melford, Stanley Earl, Glen Eddy, Clifton and daughter Shirley Arleen.

In 1957, I bought a beauty shop in Roblin and hairdressed for 10 years, then worked in a hotel and Cowan's Flower Shop for awhile. Ill health forced me to quit working so I retired. Lawrence sold the farm in 1966, and I worked for Bob Cowan.

Our eldest son, Melford joined the Army in 1942. In 1948 when he came back he married a girl named Evelyn Maza of Winnipeg, where they now live. Melford is a sewing machine operator and his wife is a secretary and bookkeeper in the University. They had 5 children. Gloria Maguire works in Government work; Jerry Maguire is a carpet layer; Barry Maguire married Maureen Motz. He is a carpet layer for The Bay and she is a bookkeeper for The Bay. David married Joanne Barry of Winnipeg. David is a surveyor and Joanne is a teacher. They have two girls, Kristine and Andrea. Beverley Maguire married Bruce Trimber from Toronto. Beverley is a buyer for a store and Bruce is manager of a trucking company.

Our second son, Stanley Earl died when he was 1 month old.

Our third boy, Glen Eddy married Barbara Shield from Dawson Creek, B.C. He is a truck driver and she is a housewife.

Our fourth son, Clifton Maguire married Gayle Fitzpatrick from Calgary, Alberta. Clifton has a business machine shop in Calgary, and Gayle is a hairdresser. They have 4 children. Kelly Lee is a bank clerk. Kathy Rose is a hairdresser. Kenny Lawrence and Kristie May go to school.

Our daughter, Shirley Arleen married Keith Kilmury. Keith was killed 24 years ago. She has two children. Greg is employed in the water works

department in Winnipeg. Kim is assistant manager in a food bar.

In 1973 Lawrence and I moved to Winnipeg. In 1977 Lawrence died from cancer.

On April 26, 1980 I, Rosie, married James V. Ayres. I kept my own name, Rosie Maguire. James is a retired City Policeman.

The Mailhot Family by Madeleine Mailhot

The two Mailhot families coming from Quebec were Alphonse Mailhot and his brother, Emery Mailhot. Alphonse Mailhot and his wife had 4 children. Alphonse died in 1983. Dollard Mailhot owned and operated the San Clara Hotel for many years. He now resides in Dunrea, Manitoba with his



Emery and Marianne Mailhot.

wife, Margaret and children — Jeanine, Carol, Renee and Roger. Charlie Mailhot died in 1982.



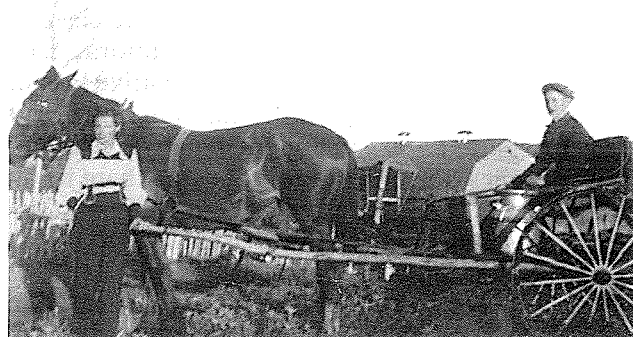
L to R. Emery Mailhot, Cecile, Paul Mailhot, Herve, George Mailhot, Fern Pahud, Jean Mailhot.

Emery and Marianne Mailhot had 11 children: Yvonne, Jean, Bernice, Annette, Paul, Yvette, Cecile, Herve, George, Theresa and Armand. The daughters mainly reside in Winnipeg. Annette married Albert Lachance. Annette and Albert recently had their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Albert is well-known in the area for his antique collection. George Mailhot died in 1961 from leukemia. Yvette married Albert Carriere and they had 6 sons — Omer, Fidele, Emery, Eugene, Hubert and Gideon.

Hubert Carriere married Wanda Townsend. They have 3 children and are actively involved in the community. Hubert is sole proprietor of Cardeager Ford in Roblin.

Herve Mailhot married Louise Vermeulen and they had 2 daughters — Madeleine and Noella, who reside in Saskatoon, Sask.

Armand married Rena Laliberte and they had 3 children: Michael, who married Glenda Funk; Judy, who married Maurice Laviolette, and Roseanne is married to Leonard Funk.



Mailhot farm, horse and buggy.

Joseph and Annie Makowski (Homeniuk) by Sam and Florence

Annie Homeniuk was the daughter of John and Josephine Homeniuk, born in Berdakiwci, Borschiw in Western Ukraine. She came to Canada in May 1905 with her widowed mother, brother and sisters. They lived with a family they knew in the Dneiper area, which is N.E. of Yorkton. Then they moved to a homestead south of Hyas. Annie endured many hardships in her early years, more so than some other pioneers because her mother was a widow.

Annie, being the oldest child, had to look after the younger children while her mother would go out working for neighbours in return for taking her to town to get some groceries or haul wood for her that she had chopped for fuel. Her mother used to sew a lot for other people, to make some money. When Annie was older she went out working, picking potatoes in the fall, or plastering buildings or stooking. As years went by, she and her brother

cleared and ploughed some land and got a few head of cattle, so living conditions improved.

Later Annie got married, then her brother Sam was married to Lily Prestie. Her sister, Mary married John Molchanko, and Katie married John Welgush. On January 23, 1936, Annie's mother, Josephine Homeniuk passed away at the age of 56. (May she rest in peace).

In July, 1920, Annie Homeniuk married Joseph Makowski of the Canora district in Antoniwnka Church, 6 miles north of Canora. Joseph had immigrated to Canada at an early age, in 1912. He left his home on June 13th, which is St. Anthony's Day, a day which was sacred to him each year afterwards. Joseph immigrated from Ryzaniwnka, Zalishehiki near Tarnopol, Poland, leaving his parents, Joseph and Evdokia Makowski, two sisters, and four brothers. He was the fourth child in the family, having one sister, Annie and two brothers, Carl and Peter, who were older, and one sister, Melanie, and two brothers, Mike and Nick, younger than himself.

Joseph worked at Port Arthur at the elevators for awhile. He left and came to Canora, Sask. where he knew some people from his native Poland. He worked for farmers in the surrounding area as far as Regina. Later, he bought a quarter section of land 15 miles north of Canora, Sask. where he and Annie lived for 17 years. He was a foreman for 7 years, working on roads in the municipality. The land was sandy and the drought came in the 30's. Their crop was hailed out three years in succession; that made living conditions pretty hard so they sold their farm and bought two quarters six miles north of Norquay. In January 1938, Joseph became very ill with pneumonia but in the spring he was happy to move to the Norquay district where there was more pasture and more land to work on, but they had a shortage of water in winter, which meant melting snow for cattle and horses. They belonged to St. Thomas Church in Norquay. Joseph and Annie farmed there until 1953, then they moved to Kamsack. Here Annie used to cook for weddings, Joseph did various jobs for the C.N.R. Also, they were janitors at the Catholic Hall. In May 1967, Joseph and Annie moved to Yorkton, where they belonged to St. Gerard's Church. Joseph passed away peacefully at home on Dec. 31, 1969.

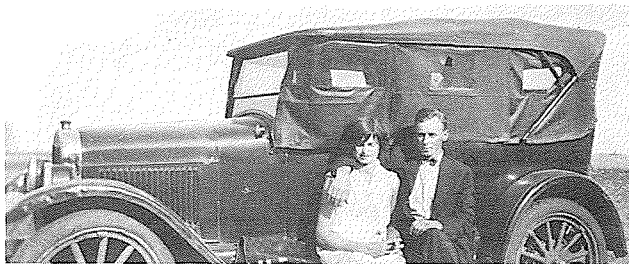
Annie now lives at Queen Elizabeth apartments where she enjoys knitting, crocheting and some sewing, but most of all she enjoys being with people.

Joseph and Annie had five daughters, Eleanor married Peter Perepeluk, and lives at Kamsack. They have 3 sons: Al and Larry of Regina, and Lorne of Melville. Mary married Mike Ewachiw. They lived at Regina and had one daughter, Carol,

also living in Regina. Mary passed away in November 1979. Eugenia attended business college at Saskatoon. She married Jim Tirkaylo and lives in Yorkton. They have two sons, Dennis of Regina, and William at home. Barry was killed in a car accident in November, 1975, at the age of 18. Kay was a school teacher. She married Steve Zurawell. They live at Edmonton and have 3 children; Marilyn Van Hill, Edgar and Cynthia, all of Edmonton. Anne, the youngest, married Steve Matechuk. They live at Melville and have 6 sons: Ken and Greg of North Battleford, Michael of Regina, Gerald of Melville, and Francis of Winnipeg. Alvin is still at home. They all have various occupations helping the economy of our nation.

Henry Makinson Sr. Family **by Henry Makinson Jr.**

In 1899, Henry Makinson was born in the Orkney Isles. He was a descendant of several gener-



Henry and Annie Makinson of Carnduff, Sask. preparing to drive to Shortdale, Manitoba to look for a farm, 1931.

ations of Henry Makinsons. He joined the British Navy and after his discharge at the end of the war, he immigrated to Canada in 1920.

Henry spent several years working across Canada, before finally taking up farming at Carnduff, Saskatchewan. There, in 1929, he married Annie



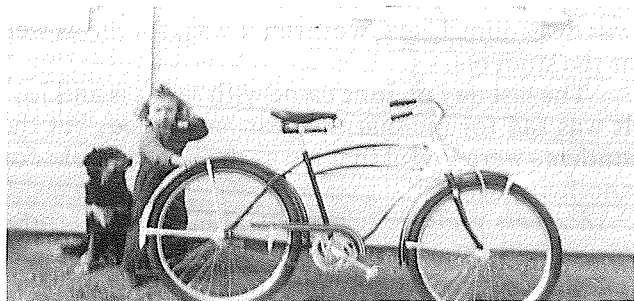
Henry and Violet Makinson, 1939.

Bilinsky of Ethelbert, Manitoba. In 1931, another generation of Henrys was born. After several years of crop failures due to drought, Henry decided to move on to "greener pastures". He moved to a vacated homestead (S.E. 1/4 22-25-26) at Shortdale, Manitoba in 1932. A daughter, Violet, was born in June of that year.

Henry went to acquire several other vacated homesteads, among them; Ed Thewless', Warbanks'; and Allen Beaven's. On August 6, 1945, another daughter, Iris, was born. In 1978, they built a new home in the town of Roblin, and commuted back and forth to the farm until his passing in 1982.

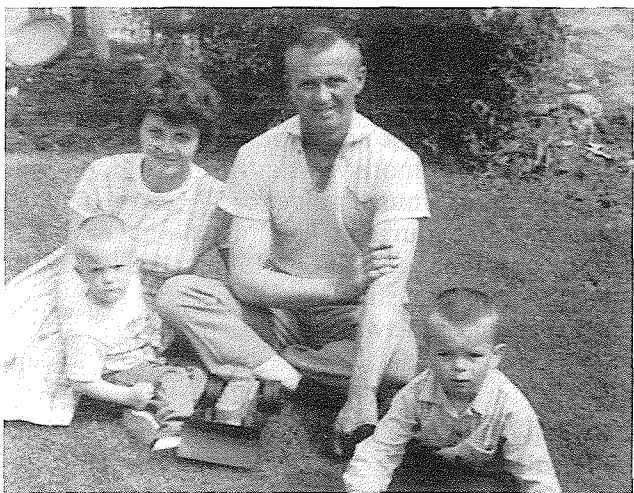
In 1957, son Henry married a neighbor girl, Ann Odowichuk and they moved onto the farm of Jack Coulthard. They later acquired Alfred Dixon's land. This land had all been originally homesteaded by the previous owners. In 1963, Henry and Ann's son, Henry, was born and in 1964, their son Larry was born.

In 1974, Henry and Ann purchased several lots



Iris Makinson, in 1946.

which were being developed in the town of Roblin and moved the house in from the farm. They presently reside in town, travelling to and from the farm.



Annie and Henry Makinson and Sons Larry and Henry in 1967.

Son, Henry, married Karen Maxwell of Rossburn, in 1981 and moved onto the original land acquired in 1932. Farming and photography are Henry's pursuits. In 1982, Henry and Karen had a son, Henry.

Son Larry is a "jack-of-all-trades."

Mike Malanchuk

by Mike Malanchuk

Mike Malanchuk was born in 1898 to Onofry and Mary (Kozolowski) Malanchuk. They lived in the village of Scorodinch in the province of Chortkoon in Austria.

I (Mike) immigrated to Canada with my parents in 1899; we settled in the Oakburn District, where my parents farmed.

I attended school at Olha District school for a while, and helped my dad on the farm.

At the age of 13, I went to work for a farmer at Shoal Lake, Man., herding 80 head of cattle for \$10.00 a month for the summer. The following year I went to work for another farmer as a farm hand, doing all the spring and fall work until freeze-up.

I continued to work for farmers for the next 15 years, in the summertime, and to supplement our meagre income, I trapped in the winter.

In 1921 I married Rose Nowosad, a daughter of Fred and Anne at Seech, Manitoba.

In 1927 I acquired a homestead in the Petlura District; then in 1929, I cancelled this homestead and re-applied and received the S.E. 1/4 16-24-26.

The trees were so thick that I had to use the axe and grub hoe, in order to clear a space to build a house.

By 1930 I had cleared enough land to build a log house, had a small garden and seeded 10 acres of oats. I had a team of horses and a small walking plow.

We had 4 cows, which provided us with milk, cream, butter and cheese, and any extra we shared with our neighbors. I stayed on the homestead until 1944; by this time I had the 1/4 section cleared and producing crops.

In the fall of 1944, I purchased (in partnership with my brother-in-law) the Geo. Cooper General Store in Shortdale, Manitoba. In 1946 the partnership was dissolved and I continued on my own, with the help of my wife, daughter and son-in-law.

I retired from the business in 1965, and moved to Dauphin, Man. where I still reside.

We have one daughter, Mary, who in 1946 married William, a son of John and Annie Yacentiuk.

They have two children, a son and a daughter. Michael resides in Wpg., Man. and Marcia married John Layton and they reside in Columbus, Ohio, and have one son, Johnny.

Bernice Maliteare (Hubic)

by Bernice

I shall never forget my first teaching job at Happy Lake School for the term 1957-58. I had just graduated from Pelly, Saskatchewan High School and had completed a permit teaching course at the Winnipeg Normal School. There was a shortage of teachers, so jobs were easily found. I had asked to teach near my home and this is how I got Happy Lake with a salary of \$1800.00 per annum.

My parents drove me to the school on a Sunday, and I began teaching on Monday, August 28. One incident of the trip I still remember was the sign on the outskirts of Boggy Creek reading "Boggy Creek — Pop. 16". When we reached the school, there also stood a teacherage where I would be staying for the next ten months. It was a small teacherage consisting of three rooms, furnished with an electric stove, table, two chairs, a small wood heater for source of heat, and a bed and dresser.

The next morning, on August 29, 1957, there they were: 28 shining, smiling, curious faces ranging from 6 to 16 years of age. Being a multi-grade school, there were Grades I to VIII, plus two students taking Grade X by correspondence. It was with great anticipation and wonderment that I approached that school door that morning, since two of the students were only two years younger than I. Any doubts I had soon vanished as they were a great group of students, and real "eager beavers" with varied personalities and talents — some were even mischievous.

I was teaching under an official trustee in Winnipeg, so books, chalk, paper towels, and gym equipment were ordered and received by mail.

Mrs. Vina Hiebert was caretaker at the school, so my evenings were spent visiting with her. While I prepared and corrected lessons, she swept, dusted, and washed to get the one-room school in tip-top shape for next morning. The old barrel type wood stove provided a cozy warmth.

Our gym consisted of the great outdoors, where all grades participated in baseball, football, skipping and sometimes chasing gophers. The older children always looked after the younger ones, even



Bernice Maliteare (nee Hubic).

staying after school to see that the little ones were bundled up for the long walk home, as far as two miles in some cases. Recess and noonhour provided craft time for some girls who learned to knit and crochet and took great pride in their achievement.

Our school concert was the highlight of the year for both the students and me. A bingo and dance were held in San Clara hall earlier in the fall to raise money for ornaments, curtains for the stage, a Santa suit, and treats such as candy and oranges. There was enough money left for each of the children to get a \$2.00 present which was selected through Eaton's catalogue by the parents and children. I sent the order in and Eaton's returned the gifts all wrapped and labelled with the students' names. These were presented along with bags of treats at the close of the concert by Santa Claus (namely Billy Kozak).

Father Dansereau, the Roman Catholic parish priest, approached me one day and asked if I would teach Catechism one-half hour per day. I remember telling him I did not feel qualified to teach, but he was determined, so Catechism it was, for me as well as the students.

The last day of June came with sadness and joy. It was sad for me that the year had ended, but the students were joyful that it was the last of books for another year.

Parents and pre-schoolers attended the school picnic with homemade ice-cream and lemonade. There were races, baseball games, and just visiting among young and old.

It was there that I met Everett Maliteare. He had been working up north at Mystery Lake as a diamond driller and had come home on a three-week leave. These days stretched into weeks, and then he got a job driving a truck, hauling lumber for Billy Kozak. We were married on January 2, 1959. We have three girls.

Sherry is married to Pete Flesher, and they have a son, Tyler.

Shannon is married to Ray Case and has a daughter, Keely.

Kim is still single and at home.

I taught four more years at various schools, and then worked as a nurse's aide for 3½ years. In 1975 I took my LPN course in The Pas and have worked for the past nine years at the Roblin District Health Centre where I am still working.

Everett passed away on February 5, 1982.

Edward Maliteare Family

by Bernice Maliteare

Ann and Joseph Maliteare came to Canada from the United States in 1911 and settled in the St. Lazarre area. This is where Edward was born in 1911,

on November 5. He is one of 7 children, 2 of whom are still living.

When Edward was a youngster the family moved to Boggy Creek to a homestead.

Edna Larocque was born to Patrick and Marie Louise (Langan) on November 26, 1912. They also had immigrated to Canada from the United States and had settled at Walkerburn, now known as Boggy Creek, Manitoba. This is where Edna and Ed (as he was known) met and they were married on February 24, 1936 in St. Claire, R.C. Church in San Clara.

Their first home was a log house in Edna's father's yard. They had only a stove, a table and a bed. Ed worked as a farm labourer for farmers like Lawrence Traub and the Mailhots for 50¢ a day or even exchanged meat for wages.

Even though times were hard, they sold the few cows they had and moved to Whitewood, Sask. for the winter, to do chores for Alex Howard. They returned in the spring and bought Harmel Darveau's 1/4 section for \$300.00. It was all bush. (This land along Highway #83 north, is now owned by Paul Strilaiff).

They lived there for 3 years, clearing the land a little at a time. They grew a garden and some grain. Horses were used for all the work. This farm was



The Maliteare Family: Back row: Edwin, Everett, Frank, Melissa, Bob. Front row: Don, Mr. Edward Maliteare and wife Edna, Betty, and Mona.

sold to Joe LaPlante and the family moved near to the tower at Happy Lake. While there Henry Davey's farm was rented by them for another 3 years. Again the work was hard and income low and they decided to make one more move; they purchased a 1/4 section west of Happy Lake school, for \$500.00.

There was some land cleared, and with the children getting older, they were able to help with the chores. Ed managed to purchase a tractor and had a new Chev. 1/2 ton truck of which he was very proud. By shipping cream, selling grain, keeping chickens

and pigs and growing all of their own vegetables, they were able to afford to have a T.V. and frig. Electricity had come to the district, although there still were no telephones, and San Clara, 9 miles away, was the closest telephone service. Messages were relayed by anyone who happened to be around at the time that the telephone calls were received.

Edna and Ed lived on this farm until 1959. The children attended Happy Lake school, Walker School to take Grade IX and San Clara and Roblin for High School.

Ed's health failed, and having had a heart attack, he was forced to leave the farm and moved to Benito to be near a doctor.

Ed and Edna, along with Joe and Jennie Lucier, spent many days digging seneca roots as a pastime. Their tent could be seen pitched and with them sitting around an open fire, making a meal or just reminiscing about the "good old days" as they called them.

Ed and Edna had 9 children but Wilmer passed away at the age of one month with scarlet fever.

In 1964 Ed passed away at the age of 52 years. He had started building a house in the town of Benito, so with the help of the family, the house was completed and Edna resided there for a few years; then she moved to Brandon where she worked in the Brandon Mental Hospital for one year. She worked in Edmonton for a few months while visiting with a daughter, but returned to Benito and worked in various construction camps. She lived in San Clara for awhile, then moved in 1979 to a mobile home in Roblin where she still resides. Her pastime is making quilts and visiting with her family and friends.

Betty is married to Glen Fawcett. They live in Brandon and have 2 boys, Ryan and Matthew.

Donald married Rose Paul. They live in Roblin and have 5 children: Perry, Janice, Larry, Jamie and Rolene. Three children are from Rose's previous marriage.

Mona lives in Winnipeg with 2 children, Warren and Holly. She was married to Clayton Rooks.

Ed and Edna's family all grew up and left home. Edwin is married to Jean Montgomery. They live in Roblin and have two children, a boy Todd and a girl, Allison.

Everett married Bernice Hubic, and they had 3 girls. Sherry married Pete Flesher and they have a son, Tyler. Shannon married Ray Case and they have a daughter, Keely. Kim is still single. They all live in Roblin.

Everett passed away on February 5, 1982 at the age of 42 years.

Frank married Alice Koraluk. They live in Roblin and have 1 boy, Shane and 2 girls, Tammy and Candace.

Melissa is married to Blair Howard. They live in

Shomberg, Ontario. They have 2 girls, April and Nicole.

Bob married Linda Northcut and they live in Brandon. They have 1 boy, Trevor and 1 girl, Lara.

John and Mary Maluta Family

by Irene Homeniuk

John Maluta immigrated from the Ukraine in the spring of April 29th, 1900, from the village of Gustin, Province Borstchiw Halychyna with his parents Fred and Mary (nee Zibreski) Maluta, 3



John Maluta Family: L to R. Nick, Irene, Mary, Stella, Olga, Sophie, Katie, Anne, Steve, Mike.

sisters and 1 brother. Barbara (26) later married Nick Weslowski; Pearl (20) married Walter Kowalski; John (13), Bill (8) and Nellie (5) later married Peter Yercha. The trip took several weeks.

On arrival they settled 10 miles west of Sifton, Manitoba on a homestead. For the first few years they encountered great hardships. First they built a tent-like abode and covered it with old hay, that they had cut with their scythes which they had brought along with them. They also used hay for the floor. Later on, they built a more permanent home and had it covered with sod. They cleared some land and planted some seed that they had brought with them. Mostly turnips were planted. Their staple food was mostly mushrooms, which were plentiful that year. Later they ate their turnips which managed to grow to about the size of fingers.

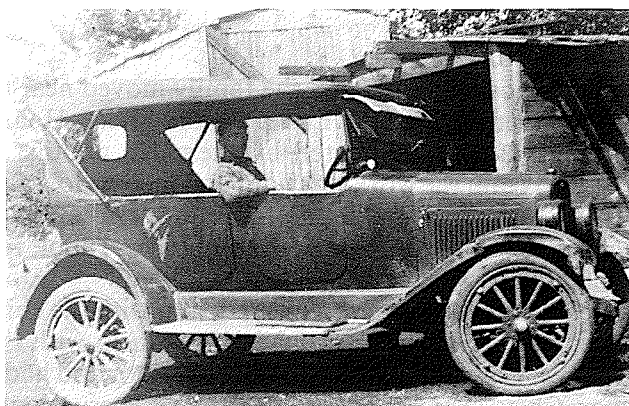
The family had enough money from the sale of their land in the old country to pay for their fare and expenses, with \$45.00 left over. With this they purchased a cow, and this added milk to their meagre food supply. When the family was more or less settled Grandpa Fred ventured out to look for a job. He walked to Neepawa, 120 miles away. There he found work for \$1.25 a day, while the family at home cleared some land. One day there was such a heavy rainstorm, and the sod roof got so soaked and heavy, that it caved in. It wasn't until their father came home that fall that they could afford to buy some flour and they ate their first bread in Canada.

Son, John went to look for work at the tender age of 15. He and his father and a couple of other men, struck out to look for work, with whatever

food and clothing they had. The shirts on their backs were made of flour sacks, with the printing xxx on their backs. (Today they would probably be in style!) The morning they left for work, John's heart beat faster, because it meant that he was classed among the grown ups. The walk took 7 days and 7 nights and they slept under bridges and in ditches. Grandpa Fred found work right away for as long as it lasted clearing brush in the cemetery, then found other work. John didn't find work for 6 weeks, so he was elected as the cook, and his kitchen was a ditch. When he finally found some work he managed to make \$70.00 that summer. He purchased himself a suit for \$4.00 and an ox for \$35.00. They had one ox already, so that made a yoke. They fashioned a sleigh out of poplar wood so they could haul logs that winter to build a more permanent home. This house is to be moved to the new Ukrainian Festival site in Dauphin.

In 1908 John had gone to Roblin with his brother-in-law, Walter Kowalsky, and obtained a homestead on Sec. 30-27-27 in Hillsburg Municipality. On January 29, 1911 John married Mary Panasiuk, who had arrived in Canada in 1910 with her parents, Nick and Rose Panasiuk and 5 sisters and 1 brother, from the village of Turka, Province of Sokol. Shortly after they were married they came to live on the homestead.

John took an active part in the affairs of the community. He was a councillor of Hillsburg Municipality from 1914 to 1924. He also was a trustee for the Merridale school for several years. In 1923 the Postup school was built. John was instrumental in building that school, where most of the children attended classes. John was also instrumental in building churches. He had donated land for the Catholic church of which he was President for a few years and Mary was Secretary. Later in 1927, he helped build the Orthodox church in the Merridale district. He also was on the team who organized the Roblin Pool, which is the No. 1 Pool elevator in Manitoba.



John Maluta's 490 Chev. 1920.

In 1927, John built a general store on his farm. This also served as a Post Office. It was also a gathering place for the community on Sundays and evenings as the store was open until midnight. He had bought his first car in 1920, a 490 Chevrolet.



1932 — Funeral of Mary (nee Zibreski) Maluta, transported by a democrat to church. The coffin was homemade covered with black sateen. They stopped for a drink of water when this picture was taken.

In 1937, during the depression after years of dry weather, low prices on wheat and high interest rates, John, with his son-in-law Nick Nabozniak, moved to Hudson Bay Junction. Nick wanted to look the situation over in hopes of setting up a sawmill. John purchased a quarter section of land.

In 1938 he moved his family.

Mike still lives in Hudson Bay.

Olga later married Fred Strekiwski. They now live in Calgary, Alberta, and have 3 daughters, and 2 grand-daughters, Mary and Stella (twins). One son passed away at the age of 19.

Mary married Pete Burdeyney. They retired to Kelowna, B.C. They have 2 sons, 1 daughter and 2 grandsons.

Stella married Mike Konopasky. Mike lives in Windsor, Ontario. Stella passed away on January 3, 1977. They had 3 sons, 3 daughters and 10 grandchildren.

Stephen married Anne Kudlak and lived on the original family farm. Steve passed away on June 10, 1981. They had 1 son, 2 daughters and 2 grandchildren.

Irene married Jack Homeniuk. Irene lives in Hudson Bay. Jack passed on, on January 16th, 1983. They had 3 daughters, 1 son and 7 grandchildren.

Nick married Barbara Barker and they live in Calgary, Alberta. Nick has 1 stepson, 1 stepdaughter and 4 grandchildren.

Sophie married Ken Brunning and lives in Calgary, Alberta. They have 3 sons, 2 daughters and 9 grandchildren.

Anne, who is married to Nick Nabozniak, came with her family; they have 2 sons and 2 daughters and 9 grandchildren.

Katie, who is married to Mike Stasiuk, stayed behind in Roblin. They still live there, and have 2 sons, 4 daughters and 5 grandchildren.

John and Mary retired from the farm in 1952 and took up residence in Hudson Bay. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on January 29, 1961. John passed away at the age of 74 on May 6, 1961 and Mary on August 19, 1964 at the age of 76. They were pre-deceased by one infant son, Dmytro in 1914.

William and Minnie (Micheolena) Maluta by Olga Boychuk

The news came through from Queen Victoria of England of better opportunities in the new land Canada, and the Queen had knowledge of peasants of the Ukraine as being good, hard-working farm people.



Theodore and Maria Maluta.

In 1900 William Maluta at eight years of age (second youngest of the family) arrived in Canada in the springtime from Iwankowa, Borschiw, Galicia, Ukraine. He came on the ship from Hamburg to Halifax with his parents, Theodore (50 years old) and Maria (48 years old); one brother John (Ivan); 3 sisters: Barbara (Warwora), Pearl (Paraskevia) and Nellie (Anastasia). They travelled by rail to Winnipeg, Manitoba and made a brief stopover, where they procured a homestead for \$10.00 through an agent. Then they carried on with their journey to Dauphin by rail; at that time it was the end of the rail line. They managed to reach the homestead at Ukraina in the Dry River district, which was swamp and bush land. Theodore and Maria brought with them fifty dollars in cash, some grain and vegetable seed, plus a small amount of clothing.

They experienced their first winter in Canada which was quite harsh and they were not prepared for it. There they built a little log house, plastered with mud, to live in. For the first few years, they lived mostly on wild deer and rabbit meat, plus a few vegetables which they grew after they cleared some land. The hide of rabbits was made into winter footwear. Their shopping centre was Dauphin for essential groceries, such as flour, salt, sugar and tea. The people walked for thirty miles through bush to do their shopping and staked out the trail on trees and branches in order to be able to return home. They carried their purchases on their backs. At one point, William remembers that there was nothing to eat, so his youngest sister, Anastasia, cooked barley for supper.

Eleven years later the first school was built in the district and also two Ukrainian churches (Ukr. Greek Orthodox and Ukrainian Catholic) on the corner of Theodore's farm.

At that time, William, at the age of 19, along with others had to work in the fall for farmers harvesting crops around Neepawa and Minnedosa. The young men walked together, carrying a loaf of bread and boiled salt pork, through the Riding Mountains until they found employment. They stopped at farm places to buy a quart of milk (for five cents) to go with their meal of bread and fat pork.

William was too old to attend the first school built in the district but was self-taught at home to read and write in both languages (Ukrainian and English).

In 1917, William married (Michelena) Minnie Prokopowich on May 6th, who was from a family of 9 children (4 boys and 5 girls). She was born in Canada in 1900 (the same year that her parents had immigrated). In the spring of 1918, William and his wife moved to the Postup district by wagon trail along the south side of the Duck Mountains, with one cow and few chickens. The homestead was situated one half mile east of Postup school. In 1918, during the epidemic "Flu year", William worked as a C.N.R. labourer and would bring back, by horse



John and Mary Prokopowich of Ukraina in 1930's.

and buggy, whiskey and garlic from the town of Roblin, to be used as medicine to cure the sick in the district. Later, he was a weed inspector for a short while and farmed as well. While living there he helped to build the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Postup. Then later he was one of the founders and helped to build the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church of St. Peter and Paul in the Merridale district.

In 1925 William and his wife operated a convenience store in the Merridale district, situated on the

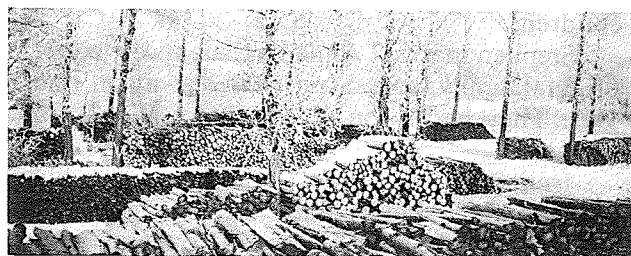


William Maluta's store and home (in background) at Shortdale.

corner of his brother John's farm. In the year of 1927 William and his family of 5 children moved to Shortdale and bought a grocery store and took over the Post Office from Fred Strike. The store was a small building, single board on the outside, not painted, and on the inside the two-by-fours were exposed.

In 1928 the government's heavily wooded bush land went up for homestead rites and homesteads were allotted to people who arrived from the other side of the Riding Mountains, mostly from the Rossburn and Oakburn areas. In 1930 a new store was built to serve the community of Shortdale and neighbouring Valley River Indian Reserve. At that time their railway station was named Strevel.

The main business at that time was that of buying cordwood, such as dry poplar at \$1.00 per cord, seasoned poplar at \$1.50 per cord and birch was \$2.50 per cord (seasoned). Measurements per cord



William Maluta's cordwood supply.

were 4 feet wide, 4 feet high and 8 feet long. Most of the cordwood was loaded into box cars and shipped by rail to a firm in Brandon. The cordwood was brought in by sleigh and horses, although there was

a team of oxen owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ciszau, who lived in the Winona district. The wood was bought from people living as far south as the Petlura district, a 15 to 18 mile haul. The last cordwood shipment was sold to Regina, Sask., and was traded for a new blue four-door Dodge car in 1937.

In the thirties, farmers brought eggs in pails which were layered with grain or chop to protect them from breaking, and then they would be transferred at the store into thirty-dozen wooden crates with cardboard dividers. The price of eggs was 5 and 10¢ a dozen. Butter was brought in one pound prints and stored on blocks of ice in the summer months. It was bought for about 15¢ per pound and resold at the store. The mail was brought by C.N.R. passenger train #9 at 5:45 A.M. Farm cream was shipped to a creamery in Dauphin at 12 P.M. by passenger train #10. The price for a 3 gallon can of cream was about \$1.50. During the thirties people bought flour for the winter supply and the merchant brought in three boxcar loads to meet the demand. Also in the thirties, William was a Massey Harris implement agent and sold cedar shingles as well. The Indian people from the Valley River Reserve brought in seneca root (green) for trade, which later had to be dried, then shipped to Winnipeg for sale. The Indian people sold raw fur hides and cordwood and traded at the store.

When homesteads were taken up, there was also an influx of children who only had one school to attend at Shortdale, one mile west of town. There was a class in the morning with an attendance of forty pupils, then the other forty-two or three pupils attended class in the afternoon. Grades were from one to eight in a one-room school. In a short while Gilbert and Winona Schools were built and took the pressure off the Shortdale School.

In 1932 William helped to build a ridna Schkola (school hall) in the community where social events, such as Ukrainian plays and dances, were held. Ukrainian school classes were held during the summer months of July and August. William and his wife were members of the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church which was located 3½ miles west of Shortdale at that time, and now is located in the village of Shortdale.

In the Shortdale community in the thirties, there were two stores, a Post Office, a hall, a United Grain Growers elevator, 2 blacksmith shops, one shoe repair shop, two churches (Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church 3½ miles west and the Roman Catholic Church one mile west of town), as well as the school one mile west. The first grain buyer at the United Grain Growers elevator was Les Adams from Isabella, Manitoba. There were several sawmills in the district where logs were cut into lumber.

In the spring of 1941, their son, Fred joined the Postal Corps at Ottawa, then later on was moved to Halifax, Brandon, Carberry, Overseas Postal Depot, London, England First Army Headquarters, and to the First Division Army Postal Station in Holland. He arrived home in March, 1946.



The Maluta family.

In 1946, his daughter Mary (the third child) married Henry Tyzuk, who operated a restaurant in Fort Garry, Winnipeg. A son, Boris was born to Mary in 1953. He completed his education at the University and also became a Rhodes scholar. Presently he is married, living in Vancouver, B.C. and is working with a law firm.

In 1947, their son Fred (the second child) married Rose Mendro of Roblin and they operated a meat and grocery store at Flin Flon, Manitoba. They have two daughters, Alicia and Marcia. Alicia is living in Edmonton, Alberta and Marcia lives in Calgary. Both have completed a business marketing course.

In 1948, daughter Olga (first child) married William Boychuk of Roblin and operated a grocery, meat and drygoods store at Grandview. They have one son, Timothy (married) who lives in Winnipeg, works as a drafting technician and does file work into the computer system.

In 1950, daughter Stella (fourth child) married Walter Lelyk of Dauphin, taught school for nine years in various places, then later took over her father's drygoods store at Dauphin. Stella and Walter Lelyk have a son, Glenn, a geologist who is married and living in Winnipeg. They also have a daughter, Karen who has finished her computer course, married and is presently living in Germany for a short while.

In 1952, William and his wife moved to Dauphin, Manitoba and operated a drygoods store there until their youngest daughter took it over in the sixties. While at Dauphin William served a term

on the church board of the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church, and was very interested in current affairs in Canada and abroad. On May 6th, 1984, they celebrated their 67th. wedding anniversary at their home quietly with their family. They enjoy their own home in a quiet neighbourhood, and also enjoy their garden in the back yard as a hobby and a pastime. Their four children were all married in Shortdale Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church and by one minister the Rev. Horbay of Roblin. The youngest child, Alma died at nine months of age in October, 1927 at Shortdale.

The first home of Theodore and Maria at Dry River was built of logs, had clay plastered walls and was whitewashed with lime. It is still standing and is in good shape. There is a possibility that this home may be moved in the near future to the site "Celo Ukraina" Dauphin, as a Museum home.

Theodore and Maria Maluta and their children — son John and wife Mary, daughter Anastasia and her husband, Peter Yercha were all buried in one cemetery at the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church, St. Peter and Paul, Merridale. Daughter Paraskevia is buried at Postup and her husband, Walter Kowalsky at Roblin Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery.

Conrad Mann Family by Carolina Mann



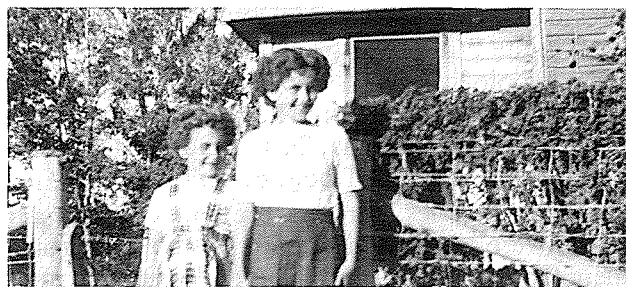
Leo, Fred and Ron Mann with cousin Bob.

Conrad was born in Austria in 1912. He immigrated to Canada in 1929, where he worked on Conrad Baumung's farm at Calder, Saskatchewan.

After a few years of getting acquainted with the Canadian way of living he married Carolina Baumung. Carolina was the eldest daughter of Phillip and Justina Baumung of Calder, Saskatchewan. They were united in marriage at Runnymede, Sask., on September 28th, 1933.

They purchased a half section of land, the N.E. and N.W. of 30-25-29, on which Billy Wark lived but it was owned by Black and Armstrong.

Times were tough, the days seemed long, but the



Trudy and Louella Mann off to school.

spirit was strong and the family grew and prospered. They have five children, three boys and two girls. The family are members of Grace Lutheran Church at Zorra, Saskatchewan.

Their sons, Leo and Fred, attended Cupar school for a few years. The school closed then they attended Zorra school. Ron, Luella and Trudy attended Zorra school also, then later they attended Roblin school for their high school education.

Conrad's pride and joy were his horses and Hereford cows.

Carolina, an active member of the Roblin Horticultural Society, has proven her "green thumb" many times by winning prizes for her house plants and bounteous gardens. The Manns latest achievement was a third place plaque in the M.H.A. Homegrounds competition. They have five children who are all married.

Leo married Valerie Harper, and they have three children, Catherine, Sheila and Ryan. They reside on a farm near Roblin.

Fred married Edith Franklin and they have one daughter, Marla. They reside on a farm in the Shellmouth Municipality.

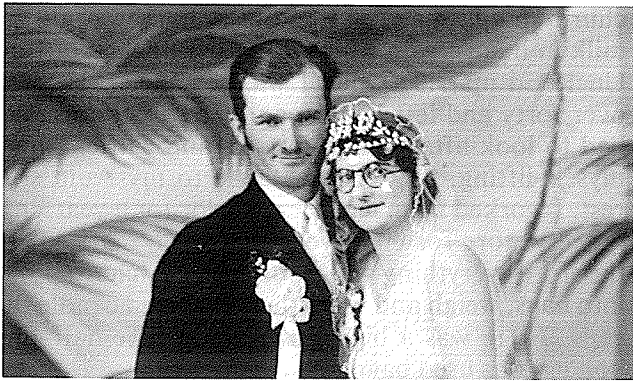
Ron married Beverly Murray and they have two daughters, Leslie and Kimberly. They reside in Saskatoon, Sask. Ron is General Manager of Case Power and Equipment in Saskatoon.

Luella married Lloyd Werle and they have 3 sons; Shawn, Kelly and Brent. They reside at Langenburg, Sask. on a farm.

Trudy married Albert Nabe and they have four children; Gregory, Dwayne, Glenda and Dana. They reside in the Makaroff district on a farm.

Markosky Family by the family

William Markosky, born in 1906 in the MacNutt district, attended school at Zorra and later attended Regina Collegiate Institute, where he was registered in the motor mechanics classes. He graduated in March, 1929 and then was employed at G.M. assembly plant for a few years. He also worked on a road construction crew in the Gravelbourg area. He returned in the fall of 1933 to take up farming in the



William and Carrie Markosky on their wedding day.

Roblin area. He established a farm along the side of the Assiniboine River in the R.M. of Shell River, seven miles west of the Town of Roblin. That same fall, he married Carrie Gilchuk from the Calder district on Nov. 23rd, 1933.

The years that followed were the same as most pioneers experienced, namely, the toils of carving a livelihood out of the soil with the added pressures of the depression in the 1930's. With determination and lots of hard manual labour, a small mixed farm was started. As the years progressed (along with the farm developing) on May 17, 1937 the Markosky family increased. A son, Garnett was born. A few more years passed and again the Markosky family grew when on July 10, 1941 another son was born, Kenneth. The years following were the same day-to-day farming until again the Markosky family grew when in the fall, on October 9th a daughter, Jill was added to the family. All three children attended Goose Lake grade school and Goose Lake Collegiate. Garnett continued his education and



Markosky Family.

while attending school was employed part-time at Roblin Trading Co. and later was employed full time there.

Garnett married Doreen Pitz in October, 1959. A daughter, Cheryl, was born on June 6, 1963 and

Brian, in October of 1964. Garnett worked for Mr. Nate Rosen and Mr. Harry Maslove in the Roblin Trading store. He bought the business in 1974 and has now moved to a new building.

Cheryl married Tim Cockerill in July of 1982 and they have one daughter, Kristen, born on December 8, 1983.

Brian is continuing his education in the University of Manitoba, studying Computer Science.

Ken Markosky received his education in Roblin and in 1959, moved to Yorkton and started to work for Auto Electric. Ken married the former Marion Gebney in July of 1962, and the following year they moved to Toronto where Ken took a course in Electronics. While there he took up skiing and on returning to Yorkton a year later he started working for Yorkton Television. He also started the Roblin ski hill at the Assiniboine Valley seven miles west of Roblin (Mark Valley Ski Hill).

In 1970 Ken and Marion moved to Regina to manage the ski shop he had started in 1971. He then moved to Fort Qu'Appelle where he bought a small manufacturing shop.

In 1980 Ken moved his family and business back to Roblin where he and his family still run the "Roblin SKi Hill" and operate the shop under the name of "Ken's Industries."

They have two children, Lisa, born in 1971, and Jason, born in 1975.

Jill married Bob Cross and they have one daughter Jana, born in February, 1974. Bob is the owner of Cross-Town Motors and the family lives in Roblin.

Robert and Jean Marrison by Jean Marrison

In the spring of 1967, the Marrings moved from Viceroy, Saskatchewan, where Bob was employed as Postmaster, to a farm 1½ miles south of Makaroff, which we purchased from George and Leola Beattie.

Moving from the prairies to a farm in the Parkland area of the country proved to be a real challenge. We were interested in landscaping and in 1975, were awarded the Van Dreht trophy for the farm grounds competition sponsored by the Roblin Horticultural Society.

Bob, a Veteran of World War II, served 3 years and 5 months overseas in the R.C.A.F. attaining the rank of sergeant. He joined the San Clara Legion and later transferred to the Roblin Branch when we retired to Roblin.

In 1969 I, Jean, was employed on the nursing staff of the Roblin Hospital and worked there for several years.

Our family consists of one daughter, Janie, who

lives with her husband, Ron Jeffery, and two daughters at Tawassen, B.C.

Our son, Kenneth, and his wife Gail, a former registered nurse from Brentwood, B.C. have one daughter, Catherine, and one son, Robert. Ken, a member of the R.C.M.P., upon attaining the rank of Cpl. resigned in 1982 and purchased our farm. He now lives there and farms. We retired and moved into Roblin.

James and Cora Martin

by Cora Martin

I, Cora (Knapp) Martin was born in Anten Mills, Ont., on Oct. 12, 1896. There were six children: Ed, Sadie, Charlie, John, Cora and Wilson. My father, Herbert Knapp was Pennsylvania Dutch. My mother died at 35 years of age from tuberculosis when I was six. Uncle Ed gave me ten cents the day my mother died. My father remarried.



James and Cora Martin (on November 19th, 1969).

The younger children went to live with Grandma Wilson near Barrie, Ontario. I don't know what we would have done if it had not been for our grandparents. They were very strict but kind — "No" meant "No". Grandmother said I could not go to see the baby at my aunt's. I was so mad. I just lay on the bench by the table. Grandma said, "Alright, young lady, I'll keep you home from Sunday School for a month of Sundays." I thought about it for a while and have not sulked since, I get mad though. Saturday nights, not Sundays, we had to polish shoes. One time, years later, when I was sewing on a button for Jim on Sunday, I could still hear my grandmother saying, "You should not do that on Sunday".

I took grade eight and hoped to take bookkeeping, but Grandma had died and Sadie had four men to cook for so I had to help Sadie. Sadie married and left me at fifteen years of age in charge of a home (Grandpa, Uncle and Wilson). We knew how to work. We had to do lots of things people would not think of doing now a days: bring the big barrel

churn up and make butter and milk cows, put the milk in huge cream cans with a tap at the bottom. Uncle Ed married when I was seventeen. He was over forty and left Wilson and I to do chores. We had to look after sheep, horses, and cattle. I hurt myself lifting, so went to Barrie to my Aunt's to rest. I worked in an ice cream parlor for a year, in a grocery store for eight years and then married. In the store everything was in bulk so we had to put it into bags, weigh and wrap the butter and candle the eggs. There was a big tourist trade. The half-day holiday was used bagging.

I worked from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. for five days, Saturdays until 11 p.m., no coffee breaks. (Salary \$40.00 a month and cost of board \$20.00.)

On Nov. 19, 1919 I married John James Martin in the manse in Barrie. Uncle Ed Wilson had a big reception for us. We went to Toronto, Ont. for a week. My sister was living in Nokomis, Sask., so we went there and worked on a farm and also helped our brother-in-law look after graves. Allan James Edward was born Feb. 23, 1921. We moved to Pense, Sask. One day I had my tea cup read and was told I would receive a parcel. Soon a wee parcel came in the mail. It was my mother's ring, with eight green leaves on it. I still have it, I also have a bracelet with the names of the boys who went to the war engraved on it.

My father had married Mrs. Ed Miller's sister and bought a farm two and a half miles south of Roblin. He asked us to come to help on the farm. We decided we had to make a break sometime, so, in 1922 we came to take over the farm. My father and step-mother moved to the Kelso house by the railroad track. We worked the farm for six years and belong to Riverbend community. On Friday nights we would gather in different homes to dance, laugh, talk, play cards, and have lunch. When we reached home, we would find a really cold house.

When father died we rented land from Mark Clark for two years. In 1929 we bought Mr. Gill's farm. Gills had bought lumber from Asessippi to build the house, one of the first big ones to be built in Roblin. It felt so good to have our own farm. When the mortgage was paid, Mr. Gill was so happy for Jim, that he almost hugged him. We sold eggs and made butter. We had to buy four horses. The first year two died so we had to rent two from Mr. McBride.

In the late fifties we built a new house just east of the big house. Allan and Jean moved into the big house and we enjoyed having our three granddaughters: Janice, Lynn, and Marjorie growing up near us.

Jim Martin was born in Roches Point, Ontario, Sept. 19, 1892 and died Aug. 8, 1976. He had two brothers; Clark and Finn and one sister, they all

remained in Ontario, Jim rode horseback for miles to get people to sign for membership to build a Co-op store in Roblin

James Martin was a good horseman and really enjoyed good outfits of horses; he broke many colts for neighbours in the area.

The Martins were active members of Knox United Church. James helped dig the basement for the addition to the church in 1925, and became a member of the church board for several years while his wife, Cora, was active in the Ladies' Aid, now known as the United Church Women. She still remains active in this organization in as much as her health will allow.

James Martin passed away in 1976 after a lengthy illness.

Allan married Jean Kines and resides in the old Gill home which was built in 1903. Allan and Jean's family consists of 3 girls. They are all married and live in separate areas of Canada.

A Bit of History by Allan Martin

The residence of Jean and Allan Martin was re-shingled in July, 1984 and when the contractor removed the old shingles he found a note written on one of the sheathing boards: "Nov. 3rd, 1903 Carpenter Jack Ritchie, Wm. MacLawler, W. F. Thompson." Below the signatures was written in large letters "TO GOOSE LAKE VIA PELLY TRAIL."



Gill's house.

Many senior citizens have talked of the time when this dwelling was built; some thought in 1903, others in 1904. Due to the thoughtfulness of the carpenters we now know "1903" is correct.

The Family of Charles William Mathews of Deepdale, Man.

by Mildred Lomax and George Mathews

Charles William Mathews came to Canada in the 1800's. He came from Limerick, County Kerry, Eire. He came to Owen Sound in Ontario. There he met and married Amanda Owen whose family Owen Sound is named after. He was a baker and later located in Manitawaning, Manitoulin Island.



George and Annie Ward and family: Fred and Agnes Ward, Ken Ward in uniform, George Matthews in uniform, May and Mildred Matthews, Donald Ward and Brian Lomax.

Here the family were born. Our father, William Alfred was the eldest. There were 4 girls: Edith, Mabel, Alma and Gertie. When they were quite young, they moved to Rolla, N.D., U.S.A. Here our grandmother died of cancer at the age of 42 years. She is buried in the Rolla Cemetery.

Our father learned the trade of a blacksmith and came to Roblin, when he was a young man. He worked there with Dave Van Alstyne for awhile. He later moved to Deepdale, where he set up his own business. There he met Elizabeth Ward, the eldest daughter of George Ward and they were married on Dec. 23rd, 1914. They had three in their family: Esther Mae, the eldest; Mildred Ann, the second; and George William Charles, the last. Our Dad passed away in 1946 from cancer. Mae married Art Staley of Tacoma, Wash., U.S.A. and went there to live. They had one adopted daughter, Cathryn. Mae passed away in 1959 from cancer. Mildred married Edward Lomax from England in 1938 and lived at Deepdale, Flin Flon and Kelowna B.C. They had four children: Brian was the eldest; Lynn-Ellen passed away at 10 months; Kerry, and lastly Liane.

Brian is married and they have one son, Shaun, who is 19 years old.

Kerry has 2 adopted children: Ryan and Tyne. They live in Kelowna. Liane is married and lives in Calgary, Alberta but has no family at the present time.

George married while overseas during the war and they had 3 daughters. Carol, the eldest, lives at Danbury, Sask. and they have 3 sons and 1 daughter: David, Timmy, Kevin and Wendy. Cheryl, who lives in Tacoma, is married and has 3 children: Stacey, Chris and Wayne. Claudia lives in Pyallup, Wash. and has 2 children: Nina and Joslua. George's wife, Dot passed away after a short illness. He has since married Iris and they reside in Tacoma, Wash.

Our Dad's favorite song was "The Golden Vanity", a sea song which he sang and whistled quite often.

Matsyk Family

Peter Matsyk's grandparents were Alexius Macyk, and Tatiana Fyk, a daughter of Gregory Fyk.

Peter's father was Matwij Macyk. He was born on August 15, 1858 in the Parish of Gablonow, District of Husiatyn, County of Galicia. His father served as a cavalryman for ten years and three months in Yugoslavia and received a medal for bravery when he was discharged from active service.

He applied for immigration from Austria to Canada on May, 8, 1889. Peter's father and mother, Matwij and Katherine Matsyk, also came to Canada in 1899 and settled in the Calder District. They too were one of the pioneer families.

Helen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nickola Purich, came to Canada as a young couple from the village of Toporinits in the Western Ukraine, Province of Bukovina, Austria. They came to Canada in 1899, and homesteaded in the Wroxton District. Helen, after completing her schooling, worked in Yorkton, Saskatchewan. The original house on the homestead still stands today and this homestead is still owned by one of the Purich sons.

Peter and Helen Purich were married on September 16, 1945 in Calder, Saskatchewan.



The Matsyk farm buildings in 1954. Peter is on the roof and Marjorie and William are on the ground. Fire destroyed the barn in 1974.

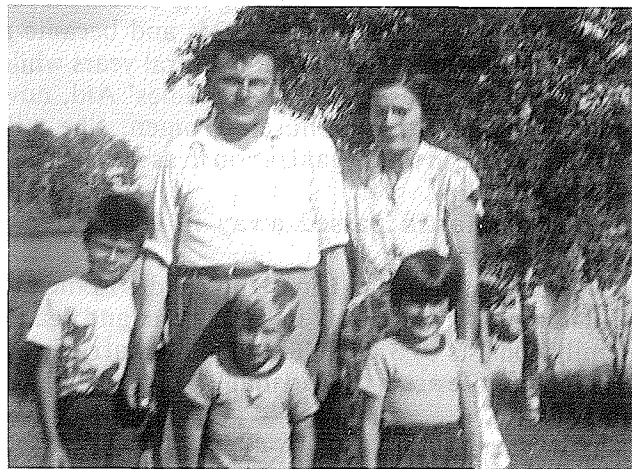
Peter bought land of his own in 1945 and farmed until the family moved into Roblin in 1953. Three children were born in Saskatchewan to Peter and Helen: Peter Jr., Marjorie and William. They moved into Roblin, where all the children could all attend school. In Saskatchewan the school was too far away and the roads were poor.

Peter Jr. married Sharon Lovas and they live in Winnipeg. Peter works for Manitoba Hydro. They have two children, Bob and Lori, who are both attending school in Winnipeg.

Marjorie works in Winnipeg at Pattern Castings Ltd.

William works for The Department of Highways in Dauphin.

Peter and Helen bought the Sorbo farm (7-26-27) where they lived for a number of years.



Mr. and Mrs. Peter Matsyk and family: Peter, Marjorie and William, in 1956.

They sold this land to W. L. Ferguson in the fall of 1966 and then moved to Roblin for retirement in the spring of 1967. Peter worked for the C.N.R. and also as a caretaker of the curling rink. He did many odd jobs until ill health forced him to retire. They spent their time visiting, gardening and having their families spend time with them.

While on the farm they learned to swim in the "Oddfellows' Lake" that was located on the farm. The lake was used by many groups and families for picnics in the 1950's and 60's. Many times they went on picnics and to other gatherings which they enjoyed very much, and each time they returned home, they visited the farm on which they had grown up.

Peter Matsyk passed away in 1977, and Helen now resides in her home in Roblin.

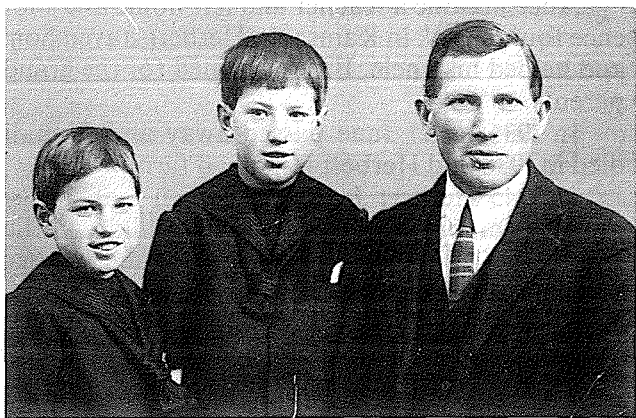
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John E. Mattson and Sons

by John Harry Mattson and Evert

On March 16, 1926, my father, John E. Mattson, my brother, Evert and I left Sweden aboard the Norwegian ship the Bergensfjord. We arrived at Halifax harbor in Nova Scotia on April 5, 1926.

Our father left us boys with a family in Winnipeg, Manitoba and went to the San Clara District looking for a farm. In the later part of April, he



Swedish passport photo, in 1926: Evert, John (Harry) and John E. Mattson.

bought a farm for \$4,000.00. This farm is now the home of Mr. Dick Smith.

My younger brother, Evert joined the army on the 17th of June, 1941. While he was away, I was on the farm helping Dad.

Evert returned home from the war on the 19th of November, 1946, and with him he brought his bride, Catherine (Harrison). They were married on the 2nd of May, 1945.

Evert and Catherine remained on the farm with Dad and me for a short time. Then they moved to Hamilton, Ontario, where Evert started working for Canada Coach. He worked for Canada Coach for eight years, then in 1954, he started to work for Hamilton Street Railway.

In 1946, Dad sold the farm to Mr. Dick Smith and moved to Yorkton, Saskatchewan. After the sale, I married Rose Petruk, on the 24th of October, 1946, then we moved to Yorkton with Dad.

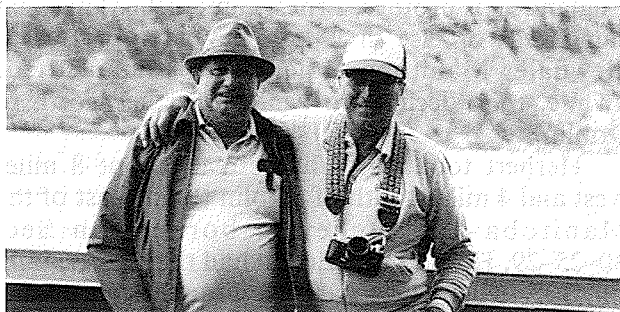
Around Christmas of 1947, Dad, Rose and I (Harry) moved to Hamilton, Ontario. Dad stayed with Evert and Catherine. In the spring, Rose and I returned to Saskatchewan. We moved to Sturgis and lived there for twenty years. I worked in that area as a carpenter. We had two children; a son, Norman, and a daughter, Dale.

Dad passed away in the Henderson General Hospital in Hamilton, on the 2nd of November, 1962. He rests at Eastlawn Cemetery in Hamilton.

Our son, Norman joined the City Police in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan in 1968. On May 1, 1971 he married and still lives in Saskatoon, with his wife, Linda, and their two children; son, Glen, and their daughter, Lori.

My wife, daughter and I moved on the 28th of July, 1970 to Alberta. We built our home in Claresholm and I continued to do carpentry work there.

Evert's wife, Catherine, passed away on December 30th, 1978 and she was laid to rest at Eastlawn Cemetery.



Evert (right) and John (Harry) Mattson, in 1982.

I retired from carpentry work in 1979. Evert retired in 1982, after working for Canada Coach for eight years and twenty-eight years for Hamilton Street Railway.

To this date, Evert lives in Hamilton, Ontario and Rose, Dale and I live in Claresholm, Alberta.

Mrs. Jane Maudsley

by Jean Maudsley

Jane Bird was born in 1853. She lived in Hyde, Cheshire, England. In 1876, she married Franklin Maudsley. They lived in Hyde until 1905, when they came to Canada with their family, to see their sons: Herbert Sr. and Ernest.

They bought a homestead in Zorra, Sask. on S.E. 24-25-30. Here, they settled and farmed the land with their son, Ernest. When their grandson, Herbert, grew up, he farmed it until 1946.

Frank and Jane celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1926. Jane was a very quiet Christian woman, loved and respected by all who knew her. She passed away on April 26, 1936, and her husband died in 1938. They are at rest in the Castleavery Cemetery. Ernest and their grandson, Herbert, are also buried in the Castleavery Cemetery.

Herbert Maudsley Family

by Jean Maudsley

In 1903 Herbert Maudsley came to Canada from



Herbert Maudsley Sr.

England. His brother, Ernest came either later that same year or else in 1904. They came as far as Newdale, Manitoba, where they remained for awhile, then decided to venture further north to Roblin.

Herbert took out a homestead about 8 miles west and 4 miles south of Roblin (1 mile east of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan border) on Sec. 30-25-29. Herbert and Ernest had their house built by 1905, when their parents, Franklin and Jane,



Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Maudsley and Herbert.

came out from England. They lived with their sons until Franklin took up a homestead in Zorra, Saskatchewan, S.E. 24-25-30.

In 1907 Elizabeth Carrick came out to Canada from England. Herbert and Elizabeth were married in Roblin in 1907. That was the same year that Franklin Maudsley moved to his homestead in Zorra, and he remained there until his passing. Ernest, their son lived with them and helped them farm. Ernest also took out a homestead about 5 miles south of Herberts' on Sec. 6-25-29. It is now being farmed by Edwin Rowan.

Herbert and Elizabeth did not remain farming for very long. Herbert went to Saskatoon Sask. and became a bookkeeper for a Brewery there. The water in Saskatoon was not very good at that time, so Herbert came down with Typhoid Fever. In October 1912, he passed away.

Herbert and Elizabeth had three children: Alice, Florence and Herbert Jr.

Alice, who was a school teacher, married Frank Moriarity of Kamsack, Sask., and they had 8 children: John, Marjorie, Cecile, Betty Marie, Jane, Elaine and Garry.

Florence, was a dressmaker in Kamsack, but later moved to Russell, Manitoba where she married Donald Smith, a farmer there.

Herbert Jr. after his father's death, remained with his grandparents, Franklin and Jane Maudsley. Later his mother married Guy McNicol of Roblin, but Herbert still stayed on with his grandparents.

Alice became a teacher and left home and Florence found work in Kamsack. Herbert stayed home and helped his uncle, Ernest farmed for the grandparents.

In 1936 or 37 Jane passed away and Franklin died in 1938 and Herbert remained farming.

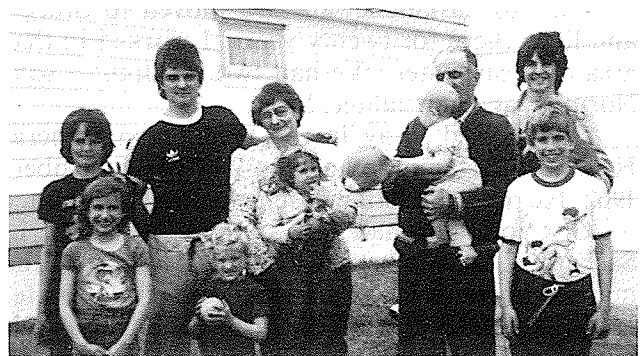
In 1945 Herbert Jr. married Jean Isobel Case, from Dropmore, and they had three children: Ellen Elizabeth (1946), Janet Ann (1948), and Marlene



The Maudsley girls: Janet, Marlene and Ellen.

born in 1954. In the fall of 1946, he bought Sec. 22-24-29, the Albert Shearer farm in Castleavery district, which they farmed until 1965. They then bought a farm near Shevlin, Man. Marlene and Janet moved with their parents to Shevlin. By this time Ellen had finished high school and had gone to Success Business College in Winnipeg. Later she married Jack Gardner, a son of Wilfred Gardner, and they have three sons: Shaun, Daniel and Rodney. Jack is a wheat board inspector, and the family live in Yorkton, Sask. Ellen is Assistant Manager for Logan-Steven Construction.

Janet completed her schooling in Roblin and became a school teacher in Winnipeg. She married Ray Krause and they have a four year old daughter, Kari. Roy works at a cement plant in Winnipeg and Janet is still teaching school.



Herbert and Jean Maudsley with their 8 grandchildren: Shaun, Danny, Rodney, Jason, Heather, Laura, Kari and Lisa.

Marlene received her education in Roblin and became a secretary. She married Lou Van Mulligan,

a carpenter from Brandon. They have 4 children: Jason 9, Heather 8, Laura 5, Lisa 2.

Herbert and Jean farmed in Shevlin until they retired in 1978. They then moved to the town of Roblin where Herbert passed away on December 8th, 1983. Jean presently lives in the town of Roblin.

Russell and Azilda (Belisle) Mazur

by Russell Mazur

Henry Russell Mazur the youngest son of Daniel and Jessie Mazur, was born on July 17, 1919 at Sinclair, Manitoba. He received his education at Cloverhill and farmed with his father. In 1945 he married Azilda Margaret, daughter of Matt and Agnes Belisle of Fertile, Saskatchewan.



The Russ Mazur Family: 1985 Larry, Donna, Nicole, Peggy, Greg, Russell and Azilda.

Azilda was born on August 22, 1924, at Sinclair. She received her education at Kelvindale, Bellergarde and Fertile. After graduating, she attended normal school in Regina and taught school at St. Edmond and Oatlands schools.

They farmed for five years on the home farm, then moved to Antler where Russell operated a service station and also a bulk gasoline station. In 1954 they returned to the farm where they enjoyed mixed farming and raised a fine herd of Simmental cattle.

Russ and Azilda were blessed with two sons: Gregory, born at Antler on February 26, 1951 and Larry, born at Redvers on April 2, 1956.

Gregory attended Clover Hill elementary school, Reston Collegiate, the University of Manitoba and Mount Royal College, Calgary before starting a sales career in John Deere machinery.

Larry attended school at Clover Hill, Sinclair and Reston. He also attended St. Vlad's in Roblin in 1971-72, before going to Melville, where he attended school and enjoyed considerable success playing goal for the Melville Millionaires. Larry returned to the family farm at Sinclair, then joined

his brother Greg in forming North West Implements in Roblin. Larry married Donna Kozmeniuk, the youngest daughter of Lena and Metro Kozmeniuk of Roblin, on June 11, 1983.

Donald and Anna McArthur and Family by the Family

Donald McArthur and Anna McClarty were born and raised on the Manitoulin Island in Ontario. They were married in 1904, and in 1908, moved with their two small children, Cliff and Jack to the Roblin district.

The first summer Donald worked for Mark Clarke, and filed on the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 17-26-29W1. The next spring they moved to their homestead and started breaking the land with a team of oxen. They were able to get a team of horses a bit later at a sale in Russell. It took a full day to travel to Russell each way, in 1909.

The home they had on the homestead was not very comfortable, so when they received their title, they traded this quarter for the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 16-26-29W1. They farmed the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of this section until 1918. While here in the Cromarty district Helena, Wilfred, and Malcolm (who died in infancy)



Donald McArthur Family: L to R. Bill, Gladys, Jim, Mr. McArthur, Jack, Helena, Wilf, Cliff, Gordon, and Mrs. McArthur.

were born. They moved to the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 20-25-28W1, in the Tummel district in 1918. Gordon, Jim, Bill and Gladys were all born here.

Mrs. McArthur suffered a stroke in 1938, so they gave up farming, and moved to the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1-25-28W1, where they started a store which was operated until 1961.

Donald and Anna McArthur were active in the United Church, on school boards, pools, and other associations. They had moved from a comfortable home in Ontario, to the privations of homesteading, starting in a two-roomed sod shack, in which they lived for a year. A trip to Roblin for mail and groceries was made about once a month. They had their first telephone in 1913-14, and their first car in 1918. They survived the 'flu' epidemic of 1919-20 (which took dozens of people from the district) and also the economic problems of the late 1920's and early thirties.

In the war years of 1939-45, Gordon, Jim and Bill were in the forces. Rationing was in effect and it was difficult to buy a car, truck or tractor until 1950.

Anna McArthur died in 1949, and Donald in 1959. The reason they left a comfortable home and also their relatives and friends, to move to a harsh climate and the privations and hardships of homesteading, we will never know, but many did, so, this is part of the story of 'how the west was settled'.

Cliff McArthur Family

by Gertie McArthur

Cliff went to school in Roblin and Tummel. He worked for four years in Mitchell's Drug Store and Hemings during the 1920's. He spent three summers at Churchill in 1931 to 1933.

Cliff started farming in Tummel in 1936. He married Gertrude Hay in 1939, and they continued



Cliff, Gertie, Joyce and Judith McArthur.

to farm until 1972. They sold the farm to Steve Kurchak, but lived on the farm for the next 10 years, and then built a new home in Roblin in 1983. They moved into it on October 15th.

Cliff and Gertie have two daughters, Joyce and Judith. Joyce, married John Westra of Lethbridge, they have 3 children, Susan, Kim and David. Judith is married to Bruce Thomson of Gilbert Plains and they farm there. They have 1 son, Jeffery.

Jack McArthur Family

Jack left Roblin and went to Ontario. He married Velma Grover and settled in Newmarket, Ontario. They had 3 children: Betty, Jim and Eloise.

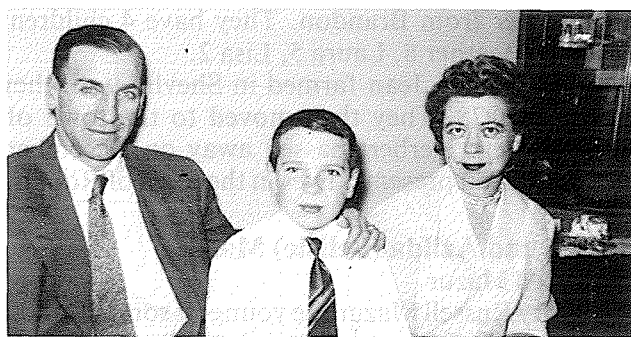
Betty married Ken Burke. They had five children, Richard, Michael, Elaine, Timothy and Janice. They lived at Holland Landing, Ontario.

Jim lives in Newmarket. He married Marjorie Miller. They had no family.

Eloise married James Bond. They had 3 boys, Larry (died in infancy), Scott and Jeffrey. They live in Newmarket.

Jack died in 1976. Velma is still living in Newmarket.

Wilfred McArthur Family



Wilf, Mary and Ken McArthur.

Wilfred left Roblin and went to Kamsack and worked for the C.N.R. He married Mary Medd of Kamsack and they have one son, Kenneth.

In 1965, Wilf and Mary moved to Winnipeg where Wilf worked on passenger service with the C.N.R. He took his pension in 1979 and is retired in Winnipeg.

Ken married Karen Larson and they have 2 children, Heather and Scott, and they live in Winnipeg.

Wilf is enjoying his retirement with his golfing and curling.

Gordon McArthur Family

Gordon was born in Tummel and attended school there. When he finished school he worked for five years at Skinner's Nursery. When war broke out he enlisted with the R.C.A.F. in Winnipeg and served from 1941 to 1946. He then farmed and took over the Tummel store from his dad in the Tummel district until 1960. In 1953 he married Irene Lovas. Irene taught school in the Rochedale and Roblin schools. They had two daughters, Gwen and Brenda. Gordon, Irene and girls moved to Roblin in 1960 where Gordon worked for the Post Office. Irene passed away in 1967.

Gordon married Ellen McLaren in 1968. They continued to reside in Roblin and are active in the community. Ellen worked part-time at the Roblin Trading Co. and is still busy with her involvement in the United Church and the Choir.

Shirley, Ellen's daughter, was active in music and taught piano lessons while in high school. She graduated from Roblin Collegiate in 1971 and married Percy Schepp of the Zorra district. They have two sons, David and Jarrett. They are now residing in Coronach, Sask. where Percy is a machinist millwright for Saskatchewan Power. Shirley continues to teach music.

Gwen graduated from Roblin high school. During school she took piano lessons and also taught lessons. After finishing school she worked with the Royal Bank in Roblin. In 1973 she married Roland Zimmer of the Shevlin area. In 1975 Roland joined



Gwen, Ellen, Gordon, Brenda, and Shirley.

the R.C.M.P. They lived in Langenburg, Sask. and now reside in Tisdale, Sask. They have two children, Alison and Shane.

Brenda also took and taught piano lessons. She graduated from Roblin high school and then graduated from the University of Manitoba with her degree in Pharmacy. She worked for Hargreaves' Drug Store in Neepawa and in September 1982 she married Stuart McLeod of Russell. In 1983 they took up residence in Russell. Brenda works at Revies Pharmacy in Russell and Mitchell's Drug Store in Roblin. Stuart works as a Derrick man in the oil industry.

Gordon retired from the Post Office in 1984. Both Gordon and Ellen enjoy fishing, gardening and travelling.

James and Hope McArthur by the family

James Wilson McArthur was born on March 3rd, 1921. He attended Tummel Consolidated school. In 1940 he joined the Canadian Armed Forces and served overseas from 1941 to 1945. On returning from the services he worked as a C.N.R. trainman-Conductor from 1945 to 1979 at Kamsack, Saskatchewan.

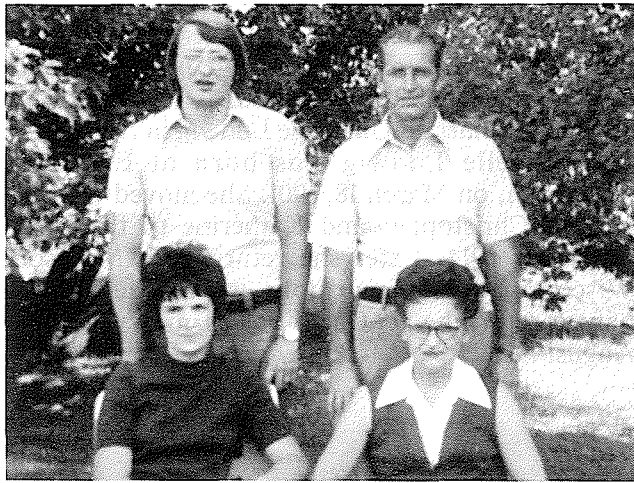


Bill, Jim, Hope and Gladys McArthur.

On June 3rd, 1947 he married Hope Thrall and they had three children: Gail, Donald and Robert. In 1983 they moved to Kelowna, B.C.

Bill and Lena McArthur Family by the Family

Bill was born and received his education in Tummel. He served in the army during the second World War. After his discharge from the army he



Bill, Lena, Donna and Ronnie McArthur.

went to Flin Flon. He worked for H.B.M.S. company for 37 years and retired in 1982.

He married Lena Konick of Flin Flon. They have two children, Donna and Ron. Donna married Gary McFadden and they had 4 children: Kevin, Trent (died in March 1982), Laurie and Darcy. Gary is employed by the Hudson Bay Co. in Winnipeg, where they reside.

Ron married Debbie Edwards and they have 2 children, Stephanie and Daylon. Ron is also employed by the Hudson Bay Co. and they reside in Winnipeg.

Lena died in September, 1979 and Bill later on married Loraine Jeffries in 1982. They continue to live in Flin Flon.

Gladys McArthur

Gladys finished her high school education and taught one year on a permit in Inglis, grades 1 to 4, before going to work in the Bank of Montreal in Kamsack. She died of leukemia at the age of twenty-nine.



Gladys McArthur.

Ross McBain Family by Margaret Wildeman

Active and long-time residents of the Roblin area were Ross and Gabrielle McBain. Mr. McBain was born on March 24, 1892 at Portage la Prairie, Manitoba; one of six children who were born to James and Isabella McBain.

In 1904 he moved with his father and family to their Gartmore homestead. In 1912 he took out his own homestead on the site that is now the Togo bridge. He married Gabrielle Ludwig in 1923.

Gabrielle Ludwig was born at Eastman, Wisconsin, on March 18, 1901. She moved with her parents Christopher and Katherine to the Zorra district in 1914. Later she returned to Madison, Wisconsin and Minneapolis where she worked before returning to Gartmore to marry Ross in August 1923.



Ross and Gabrielle McBain.

Like most other homesteaders, Ross and Gabe built a home and farmed their land of approximately 500 acres (always improving the site one mile west of the old Gartmore school). Their son, Christopher Dale was born there in 1928.

Mr. McBain was especially interested in the educational policies of the Gartmore School. (He had briefly taught there on a permit for a salary of \$60.00 per month). He was a Trustee from 1918 to 1950 and Secretary-Treasurer of the school for thirty years. He was certainly interested, too, in Federal and Provincial politics. Ross joined the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool in 1925 and the Farmers Union in 1922 when it was first formed. He was a Director of the Manitoba Farmers Union and organized about thirty locals in 1951 and 1952.

In 1950 Ross and Gabe sold their farm and moved to Roblin. By this time their son, Dale had moved to B.C. and they moved to Roblin with their daughter, Margaret, who was then eleven.

Ross began his second career as a Funeral

Director and owner of McBain's Funeral Service. His store, a general hardware, was a gift shop and also a meeting place, and was always a hub of conversation about politics and civic affairs.

Both Ross and Gabe were very active in their respective Lodges. Ross was a Past Master of the Togo Masonic Lodge and affiliated with the Roblin Lodge; Gabe was a Past Matron of the Eastern Star. They were also tireless supporters of the United Church. Gabe especially, was a dedicated worker. She served not only as the first president of the Roblin United Church Women, but provincially, as Presbyterial President and represented Manitoba at Dominion Council. A woman who loved music, she not only served as organist for her Lodge but sang in the United Church choir for twenty-five years.

A major contribution by Mrs. McBain was the fourteen years she served as Treasurer of the Roblin Hospital Auxiliary. Gabe McBain will probably be remembered though as an avid and successful gardener. Active in Horticultural Society, her display of flowers and her gardens were always a show-piece.

Always ready to try new experiences, both of the McBains learned to curl when well into middle age and enjoyed the companionship of the game. Ross was able to smoke and sweep at the same time putting more effort into the pipe than the broom.

Ross' pet interest in Roblin was, as a Chamber of Commerce representative, to establish a Senior Citizens Home in Roblin. The fact that Roblin now boasts two fine Senior Citizens residences was very satisfying to him.

He died very suddenly on February 9, 1980 at the age of eighty-eight. He was, up until this time, still able to drive his car and read huge quantities of novels. Gabe's health had been failing and she passed away seven months later on September 4, 1980.

Their two children, Dale (Rusty) and Margaret, both live in the Vancouver, B.C. area. Rusty has four children: Laura Lynne, Ross, David and Rick. Margaret, married to Gar Wildeman of Inglis, has a son, Tom, and a daughter, Sheila.

And so this family of Ross and Gabe McBain, whose roots go back over eighty years in the Roblin area, and over a hundred years in Manitoba, seems to have spread to the west coast of Canada.

McBride Family History by the family

Robert W. McBride's parents were born in Ireland and came to Canada in the 1880s. Robert, at age sixteen, came with his mother, sister and brothers, from Markdale, Ontario to Manitoba on April 9, 1892. They settled north of Franklin where, for the next few years, Robert worked on the river,



Robert and Ethel McBride at home, 1951.

floating logs, and as a farmhand. He later moved to the Roblin district and homesteaded the N.W. 1/4 of 18-28-28 where he farmed for many years.

Robert and his brother William lived in a log house, which they built themselves, until his marriage in 1916 to Ethel Isabel Charbonneau, who had come with her parents from Albermore Township, Bruce County. She and her brother, Edwin and sister, Olive attended the Wyndham School and then Roblin Collegiate. Ethel later taught at Wyndham School for a short period. After his marriage, Robert built a lovely brick home on his farm north of Roblin, and there he and Ethel lived for many years. Besides raising five children, they grew most of their own food, kept milk cows and made their own butter and cottage cheese. Of the five children, Jennie Agnes passed away May 31, 1937; Margaret lives in Calgary, Alberta; Robert Thomas is in Brandon, Manitoba; Ethel Irene lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and William Victor lives in Brandon.

The McBride children got their early education in the Roblin district, at Sunny Slope School.

Social life in the district consisted mainly of families getting together for card parties and dancing, with music provided locally by anyone who could play an instrument. Children attended these gatherings with their parents.

Robert (Bob) McBride was a great cattleman. He leased land for grazing in the Duck Mountain area. He was also in the lumber business, where he had occasion to hire people from all walks of life for work in the mill — cutting logs, sawing, and planing lumber for buildings of all kinds. A planer mill was operated at Runnymede for a few summers, so lumber could be shipped by rail, but was eventually moved back to a site in the Duck Mountains and operated along with the sawmill. Besides selling lumber at the yard, he delivered to many districts in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. His son, Robert Thomas, was a great help, driving lumber trucks for years until his enlistment in the RCAF on September 18, 1942.

Bob Sr. was an active member of the community, serving as Reeve of Shell River and later as Mayor of Roblin. He was a life member of the Roblin Agricultural Society. He was instrumental in the beginning of the first highway through the Duck Mountains, from the north edge of R.M. of Shell River to the boundary of R.M. of Swan River. Opponents to the road called it a road to McBride's mill; he countered with the reply that the road would be in use a long time after he was gone. He organized Roblin's first Christmas parade for children and was responsible for the Christmas decoration of Main Street for many years after. He was fond of all sports and in his younger years played football and baseball. In the 1930s and early 1940s he and Ethel operated a store and rented cottages at Madge Lake (Benito Beach). With the help of son, Robert he developed a ball park on the Benito side, where many good times were had. Boats were available for people interested in fishing and boating.

In 1953, Mr. McBride developed a playground for children in Roblin. A plaque in his memory has been erected at the entrance to the playground.

Ethel McBride, too, played an active role in the life of the community, serving as a member of the Canadian Legion Women's Auxiliary, Ladies Aid, and for over 25 years as a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. These were worthy and time consuming activities, yet she never turned her back on a genuine request for a helping hand.

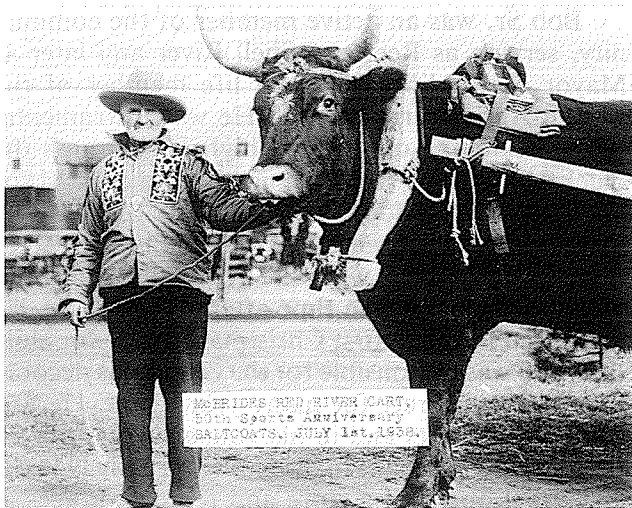
Bob McBride was interested in the pioneer days of the community. At one time he raised an ox from a baby calf and had the Indian people make a Red River oxcart and harness as replicas of those in use in the early days. The Indian women did lovely beadwork and Mr. McBride was given several items of this work, which he prized very highly. Some of these items are now on display in the Austin, Manitoba museum.

Mr. McBride, with his ox and cart, took part in several major parades; the Regina World's Grain Show in 1933, and the Toronto Royal Fair in 1937. They also participated in the Winnipeg parade in 1939 when King George VI and Queen Elizabeth visited the city, and the Saltcoats 1938 parade to help celebrate their 50th Sports Anniversary.

Bob McBride passed away in April 1955. In the late fall of 1956, Ethel married Mr. C. Burns and moved to Vancouver. After his death in 1962, she moved to Calgary to make her home with daughter Margaret. She eventually returned to Brandon, where she remained until her death on April 30, 1978.

Bob McBride (Sr.)
by Jim Stewart

Bob McBride and his father homesteaded the



Robert McBride with his ox and Red River Cart in 1938. This big ox aids charities. It sold for \$300 at Winnipeg. This ox bred and raised by Robert McBride, Roblin, Manitoba weighed 2,310 pounds. Mr. McBride turned over the proceeds to the Red Cross, Salvation Army and Milk for Britain Fund.

N.W. and N.E. quarters of 18-28-28 W in 1903 before the sections were surveyed and they were not even aware of the correction part of the survey at this time. Bob was reported as doing considerable breaking on the neighbour's homestead.

A brother, Billy McBride, also homesteaded in the district and obtained other farms. He spent most of his life as a skilled trapper, starting first locally and in the Duck Mountain area, then went on to far northern places along the McKenzie River area to Aklavik where the "Mad Trapper Johnson" existed and went berserk. During that winter, Billy McBride spent the winter at brother, Robert McBride's farm and informed us that he was acquainted with "Trapper Johnson". The following summer, he returned to the same area with two years of trapper's supplies and stayed for a number of years. He was later found dead in his cabin where he had experienced relaxed life.

Robert McBride became an established farmer in the area and operated a steam threshing outfit. He operated a sawmill in the Duck Mountain area and a planer mill at the farm during the summer season. This required many men with horses and wagons or sleighs for hauling the lumber.

About 1914, he built a beautiful white brick house on the homestead, and about 1915, he married Ethel Charbonneau. Most of the family attended Sunnyslope school at the start. The family then moved to Deepdale for a number of years, then went on to Roblin where they were active in many things. Robert McBride became Mayor of Roblin.

During this time, his activities were spread all the way from the saw logs of Duck Mountain to the

Town of Roblin. Robert was famous for the showing of a huge ox "Jerry" and the Red River Cart at fairs and he was always dropping off a milk cow, or something similar, for a needy family; or doing something to help needy children, such as donating the playground area operated by the Rebekah Lodge in Roblin. He was an early homesteader who did a great deal to establish the Roblin area.

Mc Corquodale Family

by J. M. Stewart

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Mc Corquodale and large family were early homesteaders two miles southwest of Sunnyslope school. Most of the girls became telephone operators when they left the district. Some of the boys left for B.C. to make a career.

Eddy, a son, was looked upon as a professional wolf catcher. He owned several wolf hounds which he transported in winter with horses and a boxed-in sleigh, ready to be released at the sight of a wolf. He married Miss M. Laliberte. They had three sons: Gordon, Archie and Riley. The family later moved to B.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mc Corquodale farmed two miles south of Sunnyslope school. They had beautiful horses and harness which were shown at Roblin and Togo fairs for many years. They took most of the first prizes in the various hitch classes shown. Jim (a son) and family later moved to B.C.

Orton, another son, farmed north of Deepdale and later married May Gardner. They moved nearer to Deepdale when Orton was employed by the C.N.R.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Mc Corquodale remained on the farm until she died about 1925 and then Archie retired to Deepdale.

The McCrea Family

by Evelyn McCrea

Joseph McCrea was born in Winnipeg, January 20th, 1884. He was the fourth of a family of nine children. He went to Brandon to work for his uncle, John McLean. He married Mary Belle Kennedy on April 20th, 1915. In 1919, they moved to a farm in the Tummel district near Roblin with their two children: Albert born Jan. 14th, 1916 and Jean born April 8th, 1919. Clifford was born November 24th, 1921.

Joe was active in community affairs. He was on the Tummel School Board, an elder of the Tummel Church, on the Pool Elevator Board, and also was councillor for the Rural Municipality of Shell River for years. Belle raised her family. She was given a Life Membership in the Tummel United Church Women. Joe died in 1963 and Belle died in 1967.

Albert is unmarried and still farms the home place.

Jean married Art Oliver in Feb. 1945. They moved to Vancouver where Art worked in the hospital until he retired in 1982. They had three children: Ronald in 1951, Brian in 1957 and Beth in 1960. Beth married Douglas Schober in 1981. Jean died in 1969.

Clifford joined the R.C.A.F. in 1943. In 1945, he married Evelyn Kramer in Calgary. They moved to the Tummel district to farm. Cliff was on the Pool Elevator Board, Tummel School Board, Co-op Implements Board, and an assistant 4-H Leader. He was in the Roblin Legion Branch #24 for several years and served on the Colour Party for a number of years. He became a partner in Shangrabrea Soil Services in 1978. He died on June 29th, 1982.

Clifford and Evelyn had three children: Gary, born in 1946, was educated at Tummel, Roblin and Winnipeg. In 1969, he married Linda Sinclair. He worked for Varien, when they lived in Calgary. In 1974, they moved to Roblin to farm. Gary worked at Gabers as a salesman. He headed the Co-op and Rapeseed Boards. They have three children: Joanne born in 1978, Andrea in 1981, and Michael in 1983.

Mary, born in 1949, was educated at Tummel, Roblin and Brandon. She married Wayne Brown in 1970. Patricia their daughter was born in 1972. They moved to Roblin in 1973 and were divorced in 1974. Mary trained as a Practical Nurse at La Pas, Manitoba and went to Thompson to practice nursing. There she met and married Wilfred Swain who works as a welder for INCO. Jennifer was born on May 30th, 1981.

Tom, born in 1953, was also educated at Tummel and Roblin. He received his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from the University of Winnipeg in 1974. He married Diane Durston in 1975. They have four children: Scott, born June 30th, 1980, Kristen born Dec. 1st 1981, twin boys Tom (T.J.) and Mark on September 25th, 1983.

Tom and partners started a fertilizer business, Shangabrea Soil Services, in 1977.

The Murdoch McCuish Family

by Jennie Mortemore

Murdock McCuish came to the Silverwood district from Morden, Man. He bought a farm in the Silverwood district but was lured to the Gold Rush at Dawson City. He did not hit it rich, but that did not discourage him for he went on to try for riches in the 'Gold Rush' in California. He still didn't find his "Pot of Gold", so came back and once more tried his hand at farming. He married and they had three sons.

Murdock was handicapped by having only one arm. He found it very difficult farming, so left the farm and moved to Dryden, Ontario where he lived until he passed away.

Hazel (Ward) McCulloch

by Earl Ward

Hazel was the ninth child born to Ernest and Marjorie Ward in 1914. She grew up on the farm and attended Roblin Schools. She worked out and on the farm for a few years.

In 1936 she married Albert McCulloch and they moved to Maidstone, Saskatchewan, where Albert was employed as section foreman at many different locations in Saskatchewan.

They had two children, Marguerite and Donald. Marguerite married Len Lane and they live at Medicine Hat, Alberta. Marguerite has three children by a previous marriage, Brenda, Byron, and Stacey.

Donald is married to Connie Rudler and they have two children, Michelle and Nicole and they live at Maidstone, Sask.

Hazel passed away in 1971. Albert still resides at Maidstone, Sask.

John D. McDonald

by John McDonald

My great-grandfather came to Quebec from Ireland or Scotland around 1820 and my grandfather was born in 1829. He moved to Ontario in 1850 and was married in 1859. He was killed from a kick from a horse in 1871, leaving six children between the ages of 11 years and 6 months. My father, being the eldest, stayed with his mother until he was 25 years old. He then went to work in Michigan in lumber camps in the winters. In the summers it was river drives (floating logs down the rivers). Later he worked on farms in the Dakotas where he and my mother, Lucinda Shortreed were married in 1898.

A son, William was born in 1901 and died at 5 weeks of age. I, John D., the second son, was born in 1902. In the spring of 1903, my parents moved to Forrest, Manitoba and in the fall to the homestead on the N.E. 1/4 of 24-25-30 on the Manitoba-Saskatchewan border. In 1904, my sister Emma was born. The homestead was the first in that area. My Mother kept house for Wm. Anderson in district south of us while my Dad, who was a carpenter, walked to build several schools — Grainsby, Zorra in 1907, Gartmore in 1908, Homeland in 1909 and various buildings for the new settlers. He helped start the telephone and was president of the company as long as he was active and then I took over his place as president.

Emma and I went to Zorra school for our education, but Ethel went to Cupar as they were short of pupils and a few families from Saskatchewan went there as it was the same distance and a brand new school. The Cupar School concerts at Christmas time were well-known and the school would be packed full. The young people of the district always

put on a play as they only had fourteen pupils. Dances were also held there and one night it got stormy so they just danced until daylight. Box Socials were also very popular in those days as well. The whole family came and young ones were bedded down in the "teacher's room" when they grew sleepy. No expensive orchestra was hired; anyone who played a musical instrument brought it along and every one took his or her turn. Ernest Maudsley was usually on the organ stool, Grant McBain, Ivan Furtney, Belle Furtney on the violin are some I can recall.

My Mother passed away in 1929 after a short illness and the girls and I continued to farm until 1941 when Ethel left for Ottawa to become a Civil Servant in the Navy where she spent 2 years. She and Jack Mitchell were married in August 1943. Jack was in the Air Force at that time and they were transferred to Winnipeg. Emma joined the Army and was stationed at Brandon and Winnipeg during her four years there. I stayed on the farm with my dad, who passed away at age 83 in April 1943.

I am still on the farm but have acquired another section of land between Emma and me. Emma came back to the farm when the war was over and she was discharged in 1945.

McDougall Family

by the late Mrs. Ed. Jakeman (Tummel Book)

James McDougall was born in Pitochry, Scotland in November 1845 and died in Tummel in 1918.

Mrs. J. McDougall (Martha Burroughs) was born in Ottawa, Ontario, 1862 and died at Roblin in 1932.

Mr. McDougall came with his parents from Scotland and settled in Drayton, Ontario. Other members of his family, were; a brother Peter; a sister Isabel (Aunt Belle, as she was always known in Tummel); also a sister, Mrs. D. McTavish, who remained in Ontario. The family lived in Newdale for a short time and later followed the homestead seekers to Tummel. Here they lived as the other pioneers did, growing most of their own food, getting their year's supply of flour made from wheat at the Asessippi mill. There was the occasional trip to Russell for other supplies. Peter McDougall, his son Dan, and daughter Annie were faithful workers for the pioneer church. Miss Annie McDougall taught in the Sunday school for many years, teaching the children of two generations. She was also postmistress of the Tumbell post office for over forty years. Postal authorities made a mistake in the spelling of the name of the post office which should have been Tummel. It was named after the district in Scotland which was the home of the McDougalls.

The W.I. sent in a petition to the Government

and had this corrected. The post office was finally closed and people then had their mail addressed to the post office at Roblin.

The old log house on the Kurchak farm is the original log house of Peter McDougall and is perhaps the only one of the original pioneer homes still standing. Members of the James McDougall family were: Mrs. M. McFayden (Maggie), Mrs. E. Jakeman (Edith), Mrs. L. Olson (Nellie), Mrs. O. Olson (Lucy), and Mrs. Wm. Cox (Annie); all of this family are now deceased.

Fred McDuffe Family

by Pat McDuffe

Frederick Charles McDuffe was born in 1898 in Winnipeg, a son of James and Tamima. He came with his parents from the States in 1904 to Bield where they farmed.

In 1920 Fred married Ruby Downie who was a telephone operator in Roblin. In 1927 they moved to the Cromarty district where they farmed until retiring and moving to Roblin in 1973.

Fred and Ruby were active members in the Cromarty district. After retirement, Fred was caretaker of the Roblin Memorial Hall for several years. He passed away in 1980 while visiting his daughter in Dawson Creek, B.C. After his death Ruby lived in Dawson Creek until her death in 1982.

Fred and Ruby had three children: Charles, Jack and Ruth.

Charles Alexander McDuffe, born in 1923, received his education in Roblin and after school he worked in McWhirter's Bakery in Roblin. He served in the Navy during World War II and after his return he worked as a baker at The Pas, Man. He was married to Eileen Radford of Roblin and they had 3 children: Barry, Dale and Vernon. Charlie worked in the Correctional Institute in Dauphin as a guard and passed away in 1980.

Ruth McDuffe, youngest child of Fred and Ruby was born in 1931 in Roblin. After completing her education in 1949 she moved to B.C. where she married John Miller. They had 4 children: Heather, Randy, Robbie and Janet.

John Ronald McDuffe, second son of Fred and Ruby was born in Bield, Man. in 1925 and moved to Roblin with his family in 1927. He attended school in Roblin and worked on the family farm. In 1949 Jack married Pat Fisher of Roblin and in 1951 they moved to Oak River, Man. where Jack was employed by National Grain Co. He remained with the Company for 17 years, working in various points in Manitoba and Alberta.

In 1967 Jack left the grain business and was employed by Gulf Chemicals, living for several years in Winnipeg and then in Ontario.

Jack, often referred to as "J.R.", decided that farming was "the life" and he and his family returned to Roblin in 1973. As well as farming they are now operating a dairy business.

Jack and Pat have 6 children: Garfield, William, Donna, Terri, Karen and Sandra. Garfield McDuffe, eldest son of Jack and Pat, was the first baby boy born in the newly built hospital in Roblin in 1950. He moved with his parents from Roblin in 1951 and returned in 1975 to work on the family farm. Gar was married to Verna Loewen of Winnipeg in 1977 and they had one child, Laura. Verna has been employed at the Roblin and District Hospital since her arrival in Roblin.

While enroute to Roblin from Oak River, Jack and Pat had to make a "pit stop" in Russell to bring the "over-eager" Billie into the world. Bill moved to various points with his family and in 1971 married JoAnn Barnett of Winnipeg. In 1973 they moved to Roblin to start the family farm. They have 3 children: Robbie, Ronnie and Dustin. Robbie, born in 1972 and Ronnie, in 1974 are presently attending school in Roblin. After 6 years Dustin arrived on the scene. JoAnn (Bill's wife) now is employed by D & R Processors in Roblin.

Donna, Terri, Karen and Sandra were all born in Alberta in 1956, 1958, 1965 and 1967 respectively and came to Roblin with their parents in 1973 and continued their education at Roblin.

Upon completion of her education, Donna was "into dough" at the Roblin Bakery. She was always a great one for digging in the dirt and took up farming full time on the family farm. She was married in 1984 and became Mrs. Richard Keay of Inglis, Manitoba.

While completing her education in Roblin, Terri worked part time at the local Saturn Motel Restaurant and after graduation Terri left Roblin for the big city lights of Winnipeg. She obtained employment with the Royal Bank and is now residing in Turner Valley, Alberta and commuting to Calgary for her position in the bank.

Karen, during her schooling worked at Terry's Drive-Inn, the Roblin Swimming Pool as life guard, and the Roblin Credit Union. In 1983 Karen left for Winnipeg where she is enrolled in a Radiotherapy course at Red River College.

Jack and Pat's Centennial Baby, Sandra is in her twelfth year at Goose Lake High. She is presently employed at Roblin Swimming Pool as a life-guard. Sandra has always been an avid sports enthusiast and active in all areas of sports.

The McFadyen-Morrison Family by Mr. and Mrs. Archie McFadyen

Mr. Dan McFadyen came west from Ontario and was employed at Minnedosa, Man. There he



The McFadyen-Morrison Family, in 1960: Earl, Jean (Jennings), Ronnie, Wilbert, Archie and Mrs. Janet Morrison. John McFadyen, Isobelle (Shearer), Dan and Archie McFadyen.

met Janet Gourlay, who also had come west with her family in 1879 from Bluevale, Huron County, Ontario. There were married on April 12, 1899, at Minnedosa, Man., later moving to a homestead west of Shellmouth, Man. which was the N.W. 1/4 of 6-23-29. Here they lived for a few years, then they sold their homestead and moved to Langenburg, Sask. where Dan McFadyen opened a butcher shop. He operated the shop until his sudden death from pneumonia on August 27, 1907. His wife Janet was left with five children: Sandy, John, Isabel, Dan and Archie.

On October 20, 1910, Janet McFadyen was married to Archie Morrison, formerly of Strathclair, Man. They lived on the N.E. 1/4 of 6-23-29 where they farmed until July 1921. Then they moved to the Grainsby District, settling on the west half of 9-24-29. To this marriage were born three boys and one girl — Wilbert, Ronnie, Jean and Earl. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison lived on this farm until they retired to Roblin in 1961. Mrs. Morrison passed away in Feb. 1963 and Mr. Morrison passed away in Aug. 1963. They are buried in the Dropmore cemetery.

The family all married and did not scatter too far apart. Sandy married Joyce Marshall on Dec. 6, 1923. They had one daughter, Irene. Sandy died March 11, 1925.

John married Mary Shearer Jan. 8, 1931. They farmed the S.E. 1/4 of 8-24-29 and the N.E. 1/4 of 16-24-29. Later they sold this farm and moved to a farm at Birch River, Man. They had nine children: Hugh (accidentally killed on an oil rig Nov. 1955), Mervin, Doreen, Barbara, Alvin, Belle, Muriel, Stuart, and Stanley. John passed away Oct. 30, 1978.

Isbel married James Shearer Nov. 19, 1924. They farmed the S.W. 1/4 of 29-24-29, retiring to Roblin in the fall of 1964. They had three sons: Donald, Murray, and Lloyd.

Dan married Maisie Nairn on Oct. 16, 1930. He owned and operated a creamery at Eriksdale, Man. They had five children: Allan (died April 1936), Keith, Ralph, Barry and Janet.

Archie married Irma Hunter (nee Shearer) on Nov. 14, 1964.

Wilbert married Ann Shearer Oct. 18, 1939. They farmed the west half of 16-24-29. In the spring of 1947, they sold the farm and moved to MacNutt, Sask. owning and operating a general store. In January 1974 they closed the store and in May 1978 retired to Roblin, Manitoba. They had three children — Garry, Elaine and Judy.

Ronnie married Dora Robb Oct. 25, 1941. They farmed the S.E. ¼ of 30-23-28 in the Rochedale District and still reside on the farm. They had three children: Kenneth, Archie and Barbara.

Jean married Percy Jennings June 9, 1937. They farmed 26-24-29 in the Assiniboine Valley until the land was bought up for the dam. In July 1964, they moved to Brandon, owning and operating a rooming house. In 1976, they retired to a private home. In May 1981, they moved to Winnipeg, Man. They had four children — Rene, Leslie, Allan and Janet.

Earl married Jean Birnie Nov. 11, 1943. They farmed the south half of 8-24-29 until moving to Brandon, Man. in the spring of 1966. They have one daughter, Erla.

James McFadyen Family by James Fitzgerald (grandson)

My grandfather, James McFadyen was born in 1869 in Ontario, and homesteaded in the Shellmouth area. He married Lillian Common, who was born in England in 1880. They had three daughters: Alma and twins, Sarah (Sadie) and Lillian (Lil). Lillian died shortly after the twins were born on December 26th, 1903.

In 1905 James married Mary Elizabeth Schappert, who was born in Austria in 1878 and was living in Langenburg at that time. James and Elizabeth had three children: Laura, Angus and Clifford. The family left Shellmouth and moved to Roblin about 1924. They had a boarding house on the property where the Parkway Co-op grocery store is now situated.

Alma married Dave Black of Oakburn. They had six children: James, Grace, Anne, George, Alma and Sarah.

Sadie married Gordon Fitzgerald of Roblin. They had two children: James (Jim) and Adele.

Lil married Bus Burns of Roblin. They had one son, Ross and a daughter, Ivadelle.

Laura married Lorne Robertson of Roblin. They had a daughter, Jacqueline, who is unmarried and resides in Winnipeg. They had a son, William who is deceased.

Angus married Dorothy Tasker of Winnipeg. They had no children.

Clifford married Violet Hallaway of Winnipeg. They now reside in Edmonton. Their two children, James and Jane are both married.

In the early 30's my grandparents moved from Roblin to Winnipeg where they both passed away, James in 1945 and Elizabeth in 1949.

The surviving members of their immediate family at the time of writing are Lillian and Clifford.

Malcolm James McFadyen and Family by Mrs. John Craig (nee Mabel McFadyen)



Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm (Mac) McFadyen.

My Dad, Malcolm James McFadyen, was born in 1882, 40 miles the other side of Regina, Saskatchewan. My Mother was Margaret McDougall, born in 1892 on a farm in the Tummel district, south of Roblin, Manitoba. She lived there until she married my Dad in 1913.

When Dad was quite young, his parents moved to Shellmouth, Manitoba, bringing with them three daughters and two sons: Mary — Mrs. Pete Patterson and Katherine — Mrs. Bob Patterson of Shellmouth; Barbara — Mrs. Lamb of Regina; Roy was killed in the First World War of 1914-18. The other son was my Dad, Malcolm.

Dad built a livery barn and house in Shellmouth when he grew up. It was there that he brought my Mother as a bride. While there, Dad drove the livery and well I remember his stories of the bad flu in 1918, when he would drive the doctors from Russell and District. Sometimes he would have to drive to Russell for the doctor, then back to Shellmouth where he would change horses and perhaps drive all day and night to Langenburg, Calder, MacNutt, Tummel, Rochedale, Wroxton and even as far as Togo. Many calls were made on these trips, but sometimes arriving too late to save a life. Dad said he slept in barns while the doctor attended the patient, and the doctors slept while on the road. This went on for weeks.

From Shellmouth, my parents moved to a farm

in the Shell Valley, six miles south and two miles east of Roblin. It was very lonesome there, and a few years later we moved back to the Tummel district on to the McDougall homeplace, one-half mile south of the Tummel Church. The Tummel Cemetery is on this same quarter. In fact, my Mother's Father, James McDougall, donated the piece of land which is now Deer Park Cemetery.



Mac McFadyen Family: L to R. Albert, Donald, Gordon. Back row: Glen, Roy, Gertie, Margaret, Doreen, Elaine, Anne, Bertha, Mabel.

Mother and Dad raised a family of twelve, seven daughters and five sons. With a family of this size, especially in the 30's, it was quite a problem to clothe and feed them. So, besides farming, Dad helped out the family income by driving a school van with horses. He would rise at five in the morning and return about seven or eight at night. He had to go every schoolday, regardless of the weather. He contended with winter storms and muddy roads for \$1.25 to \$2.00 per day.



Mac McFadyen with his school van at Tummel.

But it is here that I can recall our happy childhood days when we had church concerts and the school Christmas concert was the highlight of the winter. Here, too, I remember my Mother baking

dozens of loaves of bread and printing hundreds of pounds of butter to sell to customers or the store. I also remember our Model T car. When all of us piled in for a Saturday night in Roblin or our once-a-year trip to Shellmouth to visit, it surely was a full car. Usually it took the notion to stop at the Dropmore Hill. Everyone would have to pile out and walk up the hill, while Dad would end up having to back it up all the way.

In 1946 my parents retired to Roblin. Here Dad did his first curling and was made a Life Member of the Roblin Curling Club. He enjoyed dancing and took several prizes through the years for waltzes, etc. He enjoyed this immensely.

Dad passed away in 1962 and Mother found life very lonesome, but she enjoyed visiting her family, neighbors and friends. She really enjoyed the company of young people, especially her fourteen grandchildren. She also was an active member of the U.C.W. in Roblin, and the Ladies Auxiliary. Mother passed away in Roblin in 1968.

The family are all scattered here and there now, but we are a close family and find ourselves visiting one another quite often.

There have been many changes in our family since our parents passed away.

I, Mabel Craig, am the oldest of the McFadyen family. I married John Craig in 1941. We lived on the Craig home place, 13 miles south of Roblin on 83 highway. Here we lived for thirty-eight years in the Rochedale district. Johnnie passed away on October 4th, 1978. In 1979 I moved into Roblin. We had no family. I still love to curl, and am a member of the U.C.W., and have been with the Roblin Hospital Board for some years.

The next oldest of our family was Roy, and he received his schooling in Roblin and Tummel, and later worked with his Dad on the farm. He joined the army in 1940 and was a corporal in the Royal Canadian Engineers. He returned from the army in 1945. He worked after this in Calgary, Alberta for a number of years on construction and at Buan's Ranch. Later, he returned to Winnipeg, where he retired until his death on June 28th, 1983. He is buried in Deer Park Cemetery, Tummel.

Bertha, the third oldest of the family, went to school in Tummel. She married Eddie Boone from Yorkton, Saskatchewan, and later they moved to Vancouver, British Columbia. She worked in the Vancouver General Hospital for six years, then moved to Burnaby, British Columbia where she worked in the Burnaby General Hospital for 9 years. Then she went to Port Coquitlam where she worked in the Valley View Mental Hospital for twenty years. She has retired now, and still lives in Port Coquitlam. She has one daughter, Judy, and three grandchildren who live near her.

Anne also got her education in Tummel. After her school, she worked in the Roblin Telephone Office, and later in various stores. She managed the Eaton's Mail Order Office for a period of fourteen years, until it was closed. She also clerked in the Co-op Store in Roblin for ten years and for a few years in the fabric department of the Stylerite Store. She is now retired and lives in Roblin.

Gertie, the fifth oldest of the family, also got her education in Tummel, later going to Winnipeg, where she worked at various jobs until she married Charlie Prosiak of Winnipeg. Later they moved to Port Coquitlam, British Columbia. Here Gertie worked for the Schlage Lock Company for twenty-three years. She is now retired. She has a family of two: a daughter, Karen, and a son, Harvey. Karen lives in Pit Meadows and has one daughter. Harvey lives in Port Coquitlam and has one son.

Albert, the second son of the family, also went to school in Tummel. After his schooling, he worked with his father on the farm until he joined the army in December of 1942. He was with the Canadian Scottish 3rd Division. He was wounded,



Mac McFadyen putting ice in a well for the summer where we kept our meat and cream.

but never returned home until after the war. When he returned home, he bought a farm eleven miles south of Roblin on #83 highway. He married Ilene Roe from Castlebury. They lived on the farm for many years and in 1982 retired and moved into Roblin. They had a family of three. Rodney, who lives at Turtle Mountain and works for the Parks Department, is married and has three sons. Lynne lives in Brandon and works for the Hydro. One daughter, Shelly, nurses in Victoria, British Columbia.

Gordon and Donald are the twins of the family. Gordon also got his education in Tummel, later worked on the farm at home and also for various farmers in the district until he bought a farm in the

Tummel district. The farm was formerly owned by the Jack McEwans. Later, Gordon sold this farm and moved into Winnipeg where he worked for a number of years. He married Julie Squires of Winnipeg. He has now retired and they live in Winnipeg.

Donald also attended school in Tummel. During the war years, he helped Dad on the farm and also worked for various farmers. Later, he farmed on his own farm in the Tummel District. He married Verli Vipond of Togo, Saskatchewan. Later they left the farm and moved into Roblin. Here he worked at various jobs until he retired. They have a family of three: a son, Donnie, who is in the navy and lives at Saskatoon, and two daughters, Anne and Judy, who live in Snow Lake. Anne has a family of one son and two daughters. Judy has one son and one daughter.

Margaret, the next oldest after the twins, also went to Tummel School. Later she went to Winnipeg, where she took a secretarial course. She then worked for Eaton's in Winnipeg for a number of years, later moving to Vancouver, where she worked for an oil company for some time. She then returned to Winnipeg, where she worked for the Grain Exchange for a few years. She later married Andy Carlson from Winnipeg. After a few years, they moved to Winnipeg Beach where they retired. Margaret passed away June 19th, 1980, and is buried in Deer Park Cemetery in Tummel.

Doreen attended school in Tummel. She is the third youngest of the family. After her schooling, Doreen worked in Mitchell's Drug Store in Roblin for many years. She married Robert Keast of Roblin. They lived in Roblin for a few years and then moved to Winnipeg. They have a family of four boys: Brian, who is married and lives in Winnipeg, works for a printing company. Kevin lives in Winnipeg and is a program director for a Health Club in the Y.M.C.A. Michael is married and works in a garage. David is still at home. Doreen at present is working at the Hudson Bay in Winnipeg.

Elaine, the second youngest of our family, went to school in Roblin, as by this time our parents had moved into town. After her schooling, she worked in Roblin Hospital for some years. She married Don Kahut of Calder, Saskatchewan. They moved to Calgary, Alberta. Here she worked at George Boyack Personal Care Home for a time. She had a family of eight children. There were two sets of twins. The twin boys were Brent and Warren, and the twin girls, Tracy and Terrie. An older daughter, Carman, is married and lives at Rockglen, Saskatchewan. Then there were three sons: Timmy, Sam and Craig. Elaine passed away December 19, 1979 and is buried at Deer Park Cemetery in Tummel.

Glen, the youngest of the family, went to school in Roblin. He worked for Manitoba Telephone System in Roblin for awhile, and also worked for different farmers in the area until he went to Calgary, Alberta where he worked on ranches and farms. Later, he worked on construction and building projects. At present, he is living in Calgary.

Bernard McGinnis Family Makaroff Book and G. Boyce

Bernard McGinnis was born in Iowa in 1859 and in 1889 married Bridget Mehan who was also born in Iowa in 1868. From this union were born seven sons and five daughters. Eight of these children are now deceased. Gertrude lives in Detroit, U.S.A.; Lily in Miami, Manitoba; Patrick and Blanche in Winnipeg.

This family moved from Iowa to Asessippi by covered wagon in 1907 and came to the Makaroff district in 1910 using the Pelly Trail route. The last three children were born in Makaroff.

This family received their first education at Berry Grove School and later went to Makaroff Consolidated School.

Bernard McGinnis farmed all his life and for years drove a school van and was weed inspector. He and his wife loved the pioneer life and anyone was always welcome to a night's lodging or a meal.

Bernard died in 1937 and his wife, Bridget in 1944. They are resting in Makaroff Cemetery as well as their daughter, Emma who died in 1948 and their son, Sylvester who died in 1970. Their daughter Belle died in 1938 at Birch River and Walter in 1962. He rests in Silverwood Cemetery. Elmer rests in a cemetery at Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Walter and Clemmie McGinnis by Earle McGinnis and Noreen Radford

Walter McGinnis was born March 17th, 1895, in Iowa, U.S.A., the third child of Barney (Bernard) and Isabelle McGinnis. They came to Asessippi, Man. in the year 1907. They then moved to Berry Grove and later to Makaroff, Man. Although at the time of his death Dad was a very well read man, he only had a Grade 2 education which he must have received in U.S.A. In 1916 he enlisted with the P.P.C.L.I. While serving in the army he was a sniper and was gassed at Vimy Ridge in 1918, leaving him in very poor health.

On May 18th, 1912 he married Clemmentine Rosevear in San Clara Roman Catholic church. He took up a homestead in the Silverwood area. It was here that Gertrude and Earle were born. Their home was a quaint log house that was boarded with ship lap inside and plastered with mud and whitewashed outside.



Four generations of the Rosevear family: Charles Rosevear (holding great grandson Earl Boyce), Clemmie McGinnis and Gertrude Boyce.

Times were hard so they decided to move to Winnipeg where Dad worked at a box factory for awhile and then moved to Miami, Man. where he worked for his brother-in-law, Bob Thompson. Among many other duties were those of cutting blocks of ice for water to wash clothes and for storing in an ice house for future summer use. This was the only means of keeping food cool. Later Dad worked in a garage but his poor health forced him to quit.

While in Miami, Noreen was born, and in 1928 we all returned to Makaroff area where Velma was born. We lived in several places before moving to the farm 1/2 mile east of Silverwood School where their son, Earle and wife, Hazel still farm. Dad and Mom lived there for 17 years. During this time Lloyd, Jean and Yvonne were born, completing our family of seven.

We remember well of moving into the two-story house. In those days everyone moved from place to place and bed bugs were the order of the day. Mom was a very clean, tidy person and the old wall paper hanging from the wall had to be torn off. Underneath it was literally alive with bed bugs. Our only possessions were in this mess, so for weeks and months, after we'd go to bed, Mom would come in with the coal oil lamp and hold it up to the wall and the bed bugs would drop in. Also, coal oil was put in our mattresses to kill them. They didn't like the smell neither did we, but we were soon rid of the pests.

Also Velma was toddling around and when we went upstairs there she was eating pretty green stuff

as we thought. We told Mom. "Oh dear!, that's paris green!; it's poison!" she said. So off they went with horse and buggy to Mrs. Smith's 5 miles away. I don't know if she had any training or not but she was the district nurse, doctor, and many things combined. She saved many lives. Velma was a very sick child for awhile but recovered.

In the kitchen, right inside the door of this 2-story house, was a trap door which went into the cistern. The basement did have stairs to go down. We were always warned never to lift this trap door or we may get drowned. How could we when it was always nailed down? On the sink closeby was a green cistern pump; after much effort on the pump handle we had running water. This was much better than lots had.

In the 'dirty thirties' times were very rough for anyone. In 1938, Dad took about 25 head of cattle to the Duck Mountain, west of Blue Lakes to a little lake where he built a cabin, and Dick and Evelyn (Lester) Heibert looked after the cattle for one year. That lake is now marked on the map as "McGinnis Lake", named after our father. Dad also put up hay there, and thinking he didn't have enough hay, he went on horse back, taking Bill Burnett's rifle which he borrowed and went looking for more meadows to cut. He was lost for three days. He had not taken any lunch as he'd thought he would be right back, so he survived on berries. His horse had received a bad snag in her side from a stick, so many times he walked and led her. This was when he lost the borrowed rifle. He realized how badly he needed it, especially when he was lost, but no harm came to him. He eventually came to a place owned by Ben Urbanski and then journeyed home, very worn and tired from this ordeal. Many were waiting and were so happy that he had returned to his anxious family. Mom recalls that, after driving the cattle home this long distance, they trucked them to Winnipeg and got \$10.00 per head for them.

Dad had a love for horses. He had a beautiful, lively team called Sandy and Fanny. Many remarked that it was the nicest team for miles around. We remember well that Dad had a very



Walter and Clemmie McGinnis on their wedding day. Wilfred Gardner was best man.

stubborn colt he was trying to teach to lead and just couldn't. His temper ran short, which very seldom happened, and he tied the colt behind a load of hay — she'd learn that way. But lo and behold when he reached the barnyard the colt had a broken neck. He lost that round. Fanny died while having a foal. Many tears were shed, but that didn't help.

Dad was a man of few words when it came to disciplining the family; that was Mom's domain, and she did. I, Noreen, remember well the time Mom followed me up the stairs, slapping my backside and I hollered, "I'll tell Dad". He heard me and said, "Give her some more". I never tried that again.

Entertainment was very scarce in those days. We had a radio but could only listen to what Dad was interested in as the batteries ran down quite fast. The hockey games we didn't care for, but on Wednesday night after playing ball at Silverwood School, we always came home to listen to a ½ hr. singing program from a jail in U.S.A. called "The Boys and Girls in White". Also on a Saturday night we all enjoyed the W.L.S. Barn Dance. By this time Dad stayed indoors all winter as the frost made him cough terribly.

Many hours were spent by us girls in the kitchen as Aunt Beatrice Burnett taught us to dance to our own singing. We'd get on Dad's nerves as he sat in his big chair trying to read and he'd say, "Girls, girls". That meant quit, but if we sang "That Silver-Haired Daddy of Mine" we could then continue a little longer. Dad was never heard singing or humming a tune but could he whistle!

Silverwood hall was a great place for pie socials and box socials. The girls would decorate their entries and whoever paid the highest price was your partner for the night. Money was scarce and \$2.50 was a high price. Of course we always had a certain someone in mind that we hoped would buy our entry but it didn't always happen that way. The Ross Webb or Pat Powell orchestra generally provided the music, and that was music!

I also remember a talent night which was held in the hall. Many contestants entered. Standing out in my mind was Margaret Bakken of Roblin (who later became Mrs. Wellings Charbonneau) and her brother, and could they sing! Although they never raised the most money, they entertained most of the night. That's just like today — it's not the best talent that wins — it's the ones with relatives or friends who spend the most money.

A group from the community put on a play called "Polishing Papa" in which Dad was a good actor. We all enjoyed house parties at Tom Adams' with Stanley Irvine or Lawrence Maguire on the violin and Jim Donaldson on the mouth organ.

Children and all were packed in a sleigh box and off we'd go.

Dad's health started to rapidly get worse, especially that terrible cough. He only had one lung and it was poor; and when the hoarfrost was on the trees that was the worst time for him. People who came to visit were so alarmed, thinking he would choke to death. On year Dad went to work in B.C. in the shipyards as that climate was much better for him. Mom used to send us to the field each day with a bottle of stout for Dad, saying it was Dr.'s orders, you know. Maybe it was, but we used to chuckle.

We also had a beautiful pincherry tree out behind our hen house where we always wanted to play. Mom worked very hard all of her life. She had us milking cows when we were too small to carry the milk. She'd come and get it. She was very nervous of animals so she always milked cows standing up, as the picture shows. She would always tell us, "You can play when your work is done," but that was seldom. In dandelion season we picked the flowers and Mom made dandelion wine. Uncle Tom Rosevear was the offical sampler and Earle and I one day, when cleaning the basement, decided to sample it too. We soon found out that wasn't the right thing to do.

Mom always had a beautiful yard, large garden and lots of mouths to feed, especially on Sundays. Our home seemed to be a meeting place and no one left hungry. Mom, very capably, did all our sewing (mostly at night). We girls always dreaded coming home from school on Mondays as Mom would be up to her elbows in soap suds on the rub board. Finally she got a gas washing machine, but that noise was terrible.

In 1929, Dad bought a new Model A Ford touring car. We used to go to see Mom's sister, Freda and Alf Priest at Gilbert Plains. They had goats and they'd climb on the hood and up on the roof of Dad's curtain car and would he be mad!

Then in 1939 he bought a John Deere tractor and went 'putting' along.

He was determined to dig a well. In regard to where he wanted it, many who came said, "Walter, there's no water there". They dug and got lots of water. That same well served for many years. Then he got a large windmill to pump the water. It still stands today at Earle's farm and is one of very few around. How we hoped that the wind would blow so that we wouldn't have to pump water for the cattle!

During the winter of 1938 Dad was very ill. Several times the snowmobile would come from Roblin and take him to a doctor. When the snow came in those days, it just stayed — no such thing as snow plows then. Every home did not have a phone as they do today. Each district had a pay phone. We had to go to Mr. Jose's to phone for help.

Dad hired several men over the years, namely George (Pa) Donaldson and his two sons, Bert and Tom; also Russel Gerega. Mom at this time, boarded Silverwood's teacher for \$8.00 per month. Ethel Rogers from Makaroff boarded at our home for seven years. Jim Donaldson, another son of Pa, also lived with us. He was a wheelchair victim. He could go upstairs faster than we kids could. His legs had been paralyzed from polio at six years of age. He was very capable of doing house work: dishes, making beds and churning butter, which we all dreaded. In the winter he had a sleigh which he sat on, folded his legs up and pushed with his hands in the snow and he went wherever he chose. Our paths were always shovelled the winters he was there. He would fork manure and hay, and even milk cows. No task was too great. He also played the mouth organ, entertaining many people. I remember once someone asked him what he'd like to do, and he said "I'd love to dance." at that time the government paid Jim \$5.00 for his necessities and gave Dad \$5.00 to keep him.

Then Dad got a threshing machine. Many heated arguments arose as Mom could never understand why he would thresh for everyone else and leave ours until last. Dad always would say, "We need that money." I remember lying awake one night hearing Dad say, "You know, those oats went only 10 bushels per acre." I wonder what the farmers would think today!

In October, 1939 Gertrude married Ken Boyce of Makaroff and they went to farm in that area. Gertrude passed away in April, 1975, a victim of cancer, at 51 years of age. They had four sons.

In September, 1942 Noreen married Howard Radford and moved to the San Clara area to farm, where she still lives. They had three sons. Howard passed away in April, 1981.

In June, 1945 Earle married Hazel Maguire. They still farm Mom and Dad's place at Silverwood. They had four sons and three daughters.

There was no hydro in those days and in 1945, our parents, Velma, Lloyd, Jean and Yvonne moved to The Pas in northern Manitoba, where Dad was going to make his fortune farming. He tried his best to get Earle and Howard to go, too, but we didn't go and we were never sorry. In 1960, the year of the flood at The Pas, Dad quit farming. His health had failed, and he spent the rest of his time in bed. We don't know if he ever admitted it or not, but he went broke up there, as he never did harvest a crop. If it wasn't early frost, it was ducks or geese or something else that took the profit. It looked good. There were miles of farm land free of stones, but it must be too far north for agriculture. Mom took in boarders again and cleaned town buildings with the help of her family.

In April, 1946 Velma married Orval Boyce of Makaroff. They farmed there and Orval drove the Municipal grader for many years. After 28 years, Velma went to Calgary and has worked at the Foothills Hospital ever since. They had three sons and three daughters.

In August, 1955 Lloyd married Vera Anne Spencer of The Pas. Lloyd, among other things, is president of W. L. Wardrop and Associates Ltd. They live in Winnipeg and have two sons.

In October, 1955 Jean married Don Lorch of Portage la Prairie, who was at that time working on the railroad in The Pas. Jean has always worked outside of her home and is presently working as administrator in the town office at The Pas. They have one daughter and one son.

In December, 1955 Yvonne married David Bagshaw of The Pas. He has always been in the air force. Yvonne once remarked, "I don't know what we'd do if David couldn't be in the airforce; that's all he knows. I'm sure he couldn't sell a can of pork and beans to a pair of starving Eskimos." In 1962, David joined up with the British Air Force and they moved to England. Yvonne found the move very hard at first, as they had never been very far from home and loved ones. They have made a few trips back to Canada, and after 22 years over there, they all speak with very English accents. They have two daughters.

The year 1955 finished marrying off a family of seven — three weddings in one year seemed a lot.

Dad passed away at The Pas in 1962 and is laid to rest in the Mount View Cemetery in Silverwood. When Mom speaks of going "up home", she is coming to this area. There were three generations attended Silverwood School — Mom, their family and Earle's family. When we went to school there, each year there was a big highlight — Field Day at Walker School.

In the year 1963, Mom flew to England and spent four months with Yvonne and family. Then in 1966, she moved to Virden, Manitoba, where she still lives in her own home with a beautiful yard.

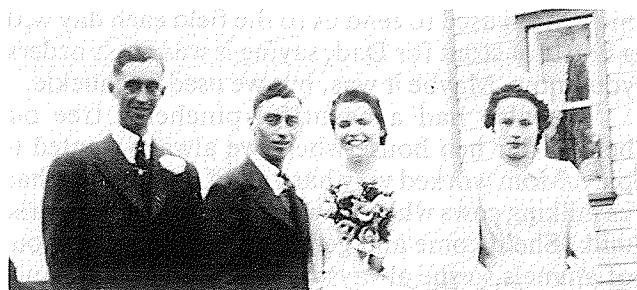
In 1967, she went to Expo, and in 1971 she and Gertrude went to England for one month. She had always loved to travel and her family is very glad that Mom took these opportunities to go, as she'd worked very hard and also looked after our Dad very capably and faithfully for many years, not being able to do what others were doing. Now again her travelling is limited. She enjoys fairly good health, but has had two heart pacers in the past five years. We all feel that if we can look and be as spry as Mom is, we'll be thankful, because on June 23, 1984, she celebrated her 80th birthday. On August 5th of that year, we had a family reunion and a "Come and Go Tea" to celebrate this occasion.

Mom has 26 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren. All of her children attended, and most of her grandchildren.

Earle and Hazel McGinnis Family

by Hazel McGinnis

On June 1st, 1945, I (nee Hazel Maguire) married Earle McGinnis, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs.



L to R. Orville Boyce, Earl and Hazel McGinnis (nee Maguire), and Laura Maguire, at Earl and Hazel's wedding, 1945.

Walter McGinnis. We were married in the Silverwood United Church by the Reverend Ellison, who was at that time the minister of the Roblin United Church. Orval Boyce of Makaroff, who later became our brother-in-law, was Earle's best man and my sister Laura was my bridesmaid.

Earle and I settled on the same farm that my parents lived on, and where my brother, three sisters and I were born. We had two horses, a few milking cows, one hen who faithfully laid an egg six days a week, missed a day and then started over again. We also had 2 little pigs and one dog.

Late in August, we had a delayed honeymoon in Winnipeg as Earle had been called in to receive his discharge from the Army. Because we didn't have a car we didn't travel very far, but little by little we learned to do the many things that young couples do to make a living. Our parents lived close by, and many times they gave us a helping hand which meant so much to us. We were very young and fortunately there were some wonderful people living a little way down the road from us. Reg and Jennie Mortemore and George Henderson took upon themselves the task of encouraging us and were there to love us and give advice whenever they could. We have many wonderful memories of times spent with them.

On April 25, 1946, our son, William Earle, was born at the Russell Hospital. Needless to say, my parents, having lost their only son, were delighted with this little boy and they spent many happy times cuddling him.

On May 10, 1947, our daughter, Lynda May, was born at Mrs. Ralph Smith's nursing home. As our old house was cold, it was difficult to keep the



Earl and Hazel McGinnis' first car, a 1939 Ford: L to R. Billy, Linda, Sandra and Lloyd McGinnis.

babies warm in the winter. Then in the summer, we had to keep them from 'cooking to death'.

Earle's parents decided to move to The Pas to farm, in the fall of 1945, and in 1948 they sold the farm in the Silverwood district to us. By this time Earle's sister Noreen and her husband, Howard Radford, had purchased a car and the four of us along with two children drove to The Pas. We left at eight o'clock in the morning and arrived at eight o'clock in the evening, having driven at the tremendous speed of 25 mph! We felt as if we had travelled half-way around the world. Upon returning home, Earle, myself and our two children moved, and it was so good to have a bigger and warmer house.

On June 12, 1949, Sandra Isabel was born at Mrs. Laurie's nursing home. When Sandra was sixteen months old she had lovely wavy blonde hair. Lynda, who must have decided then and there that she would become a hairdresser, did a very interesting job of cutting Sandra's hair.

Robert Lloyd, our second son, was born in the new Roblin Hospital on October 20, 1950. That same year we experienced frozen crops, and it was our third crop failure in a row. One year we had been hailed out, then the next year we were dried out, and finally we received frost. Needless to say, those were very difficult years.

The following spring, the hydro came to our area. In order to qualify, one had to pay \$65.00 and purchase five electrical appliances. In those days \$65.00 was a tremendous amount of money, and to buy five appliances was almost impossible, but somehow Earle managed to do it. The excitement of throwing out the wash tub, wasbboard and the sad irons could not be described in words. To be able to flip a switch and have light was 'a dream come true'. I suppose one of the great things about having started off with next to nothing was the sheer delight of enjoying each new convenience to the

fullest. Earle was eventually able to buy a pump jack and electric motor for the well, and he was thus relieved of the back-breaking task of pumping water for the livestock. As time passed, we were able to buy a tractor, a combine and other farm machinery, as well as purchasing more land. We had a car by this time too!

On August 12, 1953, Ronald Ian was born in the Roblin Hospital, and our house was full, or so we thought! We were very busy people, and the children were becoming a lot of help. Then there were those times when we would play ball and do things as a family. The children began attending the Silverwood school, where both their grandmothers had attended and also their parents. We all attended church in Silverwood, now pastored by a Free Methodist pastor.

On March 31, 1960, David Kent was born in the Roblin Hospital, and on September 16, 1961, Colleen Ann was born in Grandview Hospital. Our family was now complete. The following year, our oldest son, Bill, left home and went to work at Davidson, Saskatchewan, returning home in the fall. Eventually, he went to Aldersgate Bible School in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, where he took a business course. By the time David and Colleen were ready for school, the country schools were closed and buses transported the children to Roblin.

Our son Bill worked for an auto body shop in Moose Jaw. On June 11, 1966 he married Ann Hyrechka of Moose Jaw. Bill worked in the Co-op lumber yard, eventually becoming its manager. He and Ann later bought a motel in Craik, Saskatchewan, and they managed it for a number of years. In the meantime, Bill was beginning his own gravel construction business, and continues in it today, having sold the motel. Bill and Ann have three daughters: Wanda, Wendy and Wanesa.

Our daughter, Lynda, took a hairdressing course in Moose Jaw in 1966. The following year, on July 15, 1967, she married Ken Chase of Bield, and they are farming in the Bield area today. Lynda and Ken have three daughters: Angela, Tracey and Julie, and one son, Shawn. Lynda has a hairdressing salon in Roblin, called Klip n' Curl.

Sandra completed high school and took a typing course in Winnipeg, after which she was employed with the Manitoba Telephone System in Brandon. On April 26, 1969, she married David Shiner and they have two sons, Glenn and Tim. Sandra now works as a secretary and lives in Edmonton, Alberta.

Lloyd was employed in Winnipeg after he finished high school. He then went to Fort McMurray, Alberta where he was employed with the Tar Sands Oil Company. He married Janice Toews on March 1, 1975 and later moved to Edmonton. Lloyd

and Janice have three sons: Ryan, Andy and Michael. Lloyd now lives in the Silverwood district.

Ron also went to Winnipeg to work after he finished high school. He went to Fort McMurray and worked for the Tar Sands Oil Company. Later moving to Edmonton, he drove a truck hauling heavy equipment for the oil companies. On December 28, 1980, Ron married Muriel Gauvin and now lives in Spruce Grove, Alberta.

David also went to Fort McMurray where he was employed for a few years. He returned home and married Linda Anhalt on September 8, 1979. They have one daughter, Jessica, and one son, Justin. Dave and his brother Lloyd operate a corral cleaning business. Dave and his family live in the Silverwood district, in the same house which his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Maguire, lived in.



Earl McGinnis on horse back.

Earle and I continue to farm and raise cattle. We enjoy many activities, among them fishing. We also attend the Evangelical Mission Church in Roblin, where we enjoy many activities.

Sylvester McGinnis Family by Elsie McGinnis

Sylvester McGinnis was born on May 4, 1906 in Breckenridge, Minnesota, U.S.A. As a very young boy he came to Canada with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. (Barney) McGinnis, and settled in the Makaroff area. There he took his schooling and then worked as a hired laborer until November 7, 1931 when he married Elsie Boyce (born Jan. 3, 1912), the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Boyce of Makaroff.

Sylvester and Elsie McGinnis took up farming and drove the school van to Makaroff School until July, 1940 when Sylvester joined the Armed Forces. After four years overseas, Sylvester was discharged

in 1945 and returned home to resume farming. In 1952 he became Post Master of Deepdale post office and worked his land which he had purchased under the Veterans' Land Act. In 1955 Sylvester and Elsie moved to The Pas, Manitoba and worked there until 1961, then returned to the Roblin area. In 1963 Sylvester took over the Makaroff post office and remained there until his death on February 20, 1970.

After her husband's death, Elsie spent a year living with her son and daughter-in-law in Churchbridge, Saskatchewan. Soon after returning to Roblin, she moved into the then brand new Roblin Senior Citizens' Residence (Maple Manor) where she is living today.

Sylvester and Elsie McGinnis had six children: Frances married Steve Beck of Makaroff and they now reside in Swan River, MB; Neal married Ella Lachance of San Clara and they now reside in The Pas, MB; Leona married Arthur Haberstock of Zorra district and they now farm in that area; Loretta married William Wright of Wellton, Arizona and they now farm in that area; Lawrence married Marion Eslinger of the Zorra district and they now reside in Saskatoon, Sask.; Garth married Linda Oliver of Churchill, MB and they now reside in Thunder Bay, Ont. There are 20 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

McGrath Family

Matthew McGrath was born in Bruce County, Ontario in 1868 and his wife, Sarah John, was born in Sarnia, Ontario in 1869. They were married in 1901 and came directly to Boissevain, where they helped with the harvest; later moving to Lenore to the farm of Ben Miller. Here they spent the winter, and the following summer they moved with their effects to Tummel. The loaded wagon was drawn by a yoke of oxen, and Mrs. McGrath and baby Winnie followed in a buggy drawn by a pony and a cow was tied behind the buggy. By the time they arrived at Bill Watson's the tires on the wagon were worn, so they remained there for the night and were glad to find that Mr. Watson was a blacksmith and could repair their wagon.

Next day they arrived at the home of John Edwards, where they were made welcome. They felt privileged to be neighbours of these good people for the rest of their lives.

Mr. McGrath's homestead was the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 14-25-29. Mr. J. Edwards lived on the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the same section. A good trail was opened between the two places and was used by many in the early years.

Mr. McGrath operated his farm and also did considerable road building throughout the district. Both Mr. and Mrs. McGrath were active in all community work. Both were active in the work of the church, first in the Methodist Church, with services

in homes and later in Stirling school and then, after church union, at the Tummel United Church. Mr. McGrath frequently acted as chairman at meetings and belonged to the farmers' organizations, while Mrs. McGrath was an active member of the Missionary Society and the Women's Institute.

There were two children in the McGrath family. Winnie, (Mrs. Maloney) of Winnipeg, and Charlie in Ontario. Charlie married Maimie Nastrom of Roblin and they had a family of four children, Blake, Billy and Fay (twins) and Ronnie. Charlie passed away a few years ago. Maimie and the family live in Ontario. Billy was killed in a car accident several years ago.

Arthur and Florence McInnes

by Lorna Young

Arthur E. McInnes was born at Parkhill, Ontario on October 25th, 1879. He came west on a harvest excursion when he was 14 and worked in fields in North Dakota and Manitoba. After the harvest, he worked at carpentry — the trade he had learned from his brothers.

Florence was born at Wingham, Ontario on August 19th, 1890 and was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Kerswell. She came west with her parents who located on a homestead in the Berrygrove district.

Art and Florence met in Winnipeg in 1910 and



Arthur and Florence McInnes' wedding day.

were married at Makaroff in 1911. Art worked as a carpenter in Winnipeg and district.

They moved to a farm 3½ miles south of Makaroff in 1918. At that time they had 3 children: Adele, Lorna and Edwin (Ted). Eleanor, Ray and Jack were born after moving to Makaroff. They

lost Eleanor in a drowning accident when she was 16 months old.

In 1937, the family moved to Flin Flon, MB. where Art continued in the building trade. He passed away in 1967 and rests in Hillside Cemetery in Flin Flon.

Adele (Mrs. Chester Morden) lives at Grassmere, B.C. She and her first husband, Joe Hampson, formerly of Togo, Sask., had 5 children: Stirling of Fernie, B.C.; Winston of Grande Cache, Alberta; Jule of Las Vegas, Nevada; Evolda of Edmonton, Alberta; and Ted of Minneapolis, Minn. Lorna Jean, of a 2nd marriage, lives in Edmonton, Alberta.

Lorna and husband, Ernie Young, are retired and live in Flin Flon. They have a son, Grant of Kamloops, B.C., and a daughter, Claire in Toronto, Ont. Lorna nursed in Flin Flon for many years.

Edwin (Ted) and wife, Melba (Buxton) are retired and living at Lac du Bonnet, MB. They have 5 children: Lorne, a Major in the Armed Forces, lives in Halifax, Nova Scotia; Dale at Elliot Lake, Ontario; Dianna (Pearce) at Edmonton, Alta; Garry at Marathon, Ontario; and Susan (O'Connor) at Irricana, Alta.

Ted was an electrician at H.B.M. and S. Flin Flon, MB., Elliot Lake, Ont., Esterhazy, Sask., Dickstone, MB., and Bernie Lake, MB. He served in the Navy in W.W.II.

Ray and his wife, Ada (Smith) are retired. They spend the winters in B.C. and return to their cabin at Flin Flon for the summers. They have one son, Rodney at Cranbrook, B.C. Ray was Warehouse Superintendent at H.B.M. & S. prior to retirement. He served in the Air Force during W.W.II.

Jack and his wife, Margaret (Fisher) live at Warren, MB. Jack works for Manitoba Hydro at the Dorsey plant. They have 4 daughters and 1 son: Jacquie (Sivertson) and Mona at Yorkton, Sask.; Cindy and Suzanne in Calgary, Alta; Sandy works in Winnipeg, but lives at home in Warren.

Makaroff was a very small village but an active community, providing many opportunities for young and old alike.

Art. and Florence were active members of the church, school, curling club and ball teams. Florence was also a W.A. member.

There were many family trips to fairs and chautauquas at Roblin; fishing trips to Boggy Creek; cranberry picking outings to the Assiniboine Valley; and holidays at Madge Lake with Trail Rangers and C.G.I.T. There were dances, box socials and masquerades in the Community Hall, and barn dances in the "Valley". Children were taken to all activities as baby sitters were not available. They slept on the stage or behind the scenes or wherever!

Everyone attended ball games in Togo, Deepdale, Silverwood, and Roblin. Florence never knew how many people would sit down to a meal on Sunday. Their pasture was used for the ball diamond.

Winter sports consisted of curling, toboggan slides, skating on ponds or in open-air rinks (many times ending with the participants having frozen feet and hands).

School vans were rough trips in summer and dangerous in winter. Vans upset frequently in snowbanks on slippery, ungraded roads.

Florence continued to be active in church, Legion Auxiliary and curling clubs in Flin Flon. She is now 95 years young and still enjoys watching curling. She has attended the Silver Broom in Winnipeg, Moncton, London and Regina and also the Brier at Halifax, Brandon and Victoria. She is a life member of Ross Lake Curling Club, Manitoba Ladies Curling Association and the Legion Auxiliary. She is also a past-president of the Auxiliary, Curling Club and W.A.

The McInnes clan held a reunion in Flin Flon in 1977. Eighty-three family members attended from all areas of Canada and the United States. Another reunion was held at Manitou Beach in 1982 with 76 attending.

There were many "ups and down" during the 1920's and 30's, especially in the farming areas. One can never forget how neighbours and friends turned out to help those in need at times of family tragedies, illness, and loss by fire, etc.

Florence (Flo) was 95 years young on August 19, 1985 and to celebrate the special occasion, family and friends gathered on August 18th at her son's cabin at Phantom Lake on the outskirts of Flin Flon, Manitoba. Flo says she can't see, hear or talk as well as she used to but she is happy.

Last year (1984) was the first curling season Flo has missed in 58 years. Although she is no longer able to participate in one of her favourite pastimes she is still working on quilts. Several years ago, in conjunction with a family reunion, she made 19 quilts, one for each of her grandchildren, in different styles and colours. And so no one would fight over them, she said, each quilt was numbered and the grandchildren each selected an envelope and was given the quilt with the corresponding number.

Flo has 19 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Whitney and Mary McIntyre by Earl

Whitney McIntyre was born in Haliburton County, Ontario in 1882, the son of Dan McIntyre and his wife, Sarah (Wessels). The McIntyres have

lived in Canada for at least eight generations. The Wessels' family came to Canada as United Empire Loyalists following the American War of Independence (1776).

Haliburton was a hardwood lumbering area with many small lakes and rivers. It is a beautiful country as a recreation area but in Whitney's early years it offered few opportunities other than logging, river driving or sawmill work.

In 1902 or 1903 Whitney headed west to search for a homestead. He stayed the first fall and winter with cousins, the McPhails at Keyes, near Gladstone. The next spring he boarded the train at Gladstone for Dauphin and filed for a homestead on 16-27-28W in 1904. The C.N.R. was in the process of building the line a few miles west of Goose Lake (later named Roblin). Whitney climbed aboard a flat car loaded with telegraph poles, spent his first night in the water tower at Goose Lake and the following night at the Dan McNeill residence. His first memories of Roblin were those of a few tents, with the construction of Gill's store in its early stages. Next, there was the matter of walking 5½ miles through bush and around sloughs to find his land which had been surveyed into townships but had not as yet been surveyed into sections.

Whitney told stories of breaking land with oxen to 'prove up' on his homestead; of working winters for Hanbury's Lumber Company in the Duck Mountains; river-driving down the Assiniboine; threshing with Dick Keay in the fall and working for him in his logging and sawmill business in the winter; and of getting back to the homestead for spring seeding and more breaking of land. His early training in Haliburton never left him. Winters were never idle times, even in later years. His axe was never far away, even when it came to repairing his binder canvasses!

Mary Elizabeth Nastrom was born on a farm near Menahga, Minnesota in 1895. Her father Jacob Nastrom was born at Wisby, Gotland, Sweden and



Whitney, Mary, Earl, Eva and Arthur McIntyre.

had come to the U.S.A. as a young man where he worked for a time in Chicago, driving a street car powered by horses. After a stop or two in the U.S. Mid-West, he met and married Gerta Peterson, a Norwegian immigrant who was born north of the Arctic Circle in Norway. Mary's parents homesteaded at Menahga, Minn. In 1907 the Nastroms left the U.S. to homestead the N.W., N.E. and S.E. quarters of 21-27-28 R.M. of Shell River. The N.E. and S.W. quarters were homesteaded by Mary's older brothers, Alvin and Charles. A few short years after arrival at Roblin, Jacob Nastrom died, leaving Greta and her sons and daughters to survive on their own in a new land. Mary, as the eldest of the daughters, had heavy family responsibilities at home, and little opportunity for schooling. The nearest school was Gleneden, about three miles away through hills and bush which had to be traversed on foot.

On Dec. 22, 1915, she married Whitney McIntyre. Their married life together began in a primitive frame house which was 'banked up' with earth around the outside and had a tarpaper roof. The cow stables and poultry house were constructed of logs. Their roofs were covered with sod which leaked for days after a rain — indeed were wet or damp most of the summer but were adequate shelter for the winter. Three children were born in the old house: Earl (1916), Eva (1918) and Arthur (1922).

During the winter of 1927-28 a minor epidemic of scarlet fever swept through the district and it was while fumigating the old house following the scarlet fever that the house caught fire and burned to the ground. Whitney promptly obtained a permit from the Provincial Forestry Department to log 20,000 board feet of lumber in the vicinity of Kelly Cock-erill's mill; he did the logging, had the logs sawn, the lumber planed, and by mid-summer construction was underway by Mr. Alex Taylor (carpenter) on a new house — the one which still stands today with a few alterations.

During the summer, while the house was being constructed, the family lived in a portable granary which was built before the construction of the house got underway.

1929 is remembered by most prairie people as the beginning of two catastrophic events: the beginning of the great depression and the years of drought. Even if a farmer was able, through hard work and good management, to grow a few bushels of grain and market some livestock or produce, the price he received never repaid him for the effort. The McIntyres managed to survive by always growing a good garden, raising a few sheep and by milking from 10-12 cows. On occasion it meant going to the Duck Mountain Forest reserve to find meadows where hay could be made to feed the livestock dur-

ing the winter months. The winters of the 1930's were among the coldest on record and the summers were among the hottest. During the winters, Whitney would sell cordwood to the Roblin school, deliver tamarac fence posts to the Beaver Lumber Co., drive a school van, do road construction or other odd jobs or whatever was required of him to obtain a few dollars for the necessities of life such as food, clothing, and medical and drugstore expenses.

Entertainment consisted mainly of neighborly get-togethers for cards or house parties in the winters. Whitney will always be remembered as a good fiddle player who played for gatherings of many kinds. During his life, he had carried his violin with him to lumber camps, threshing gangs and river drives. He will be remembered as a good neighbor, and one who could dove-tail the corner of a log building to perfection.

Mary could always turn out a delicious meal from whatever food happened to be on hand. During the summers wild fruit had to be picked and preserved, and meat preserved in sealers for summer consumption. The icecream that was made on special occasions during the summers was a delicacy that will be remembered for a lifetime!

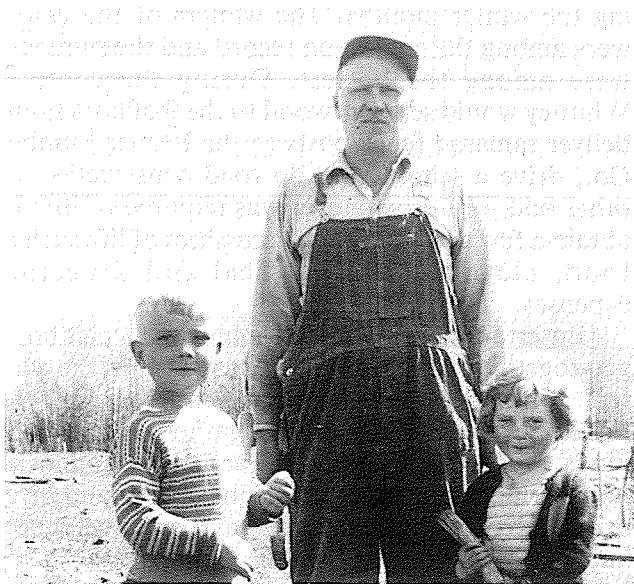
Farming began to improve again with the beginning of World War II in 1939. By this time Eva was away teaching school and Earl and Arthur were doing much of the farm work. Earl joined the Army in 1942 leaving Whitney and Arthur to carry on for the next several years until Whitney and Mary's retirement to Roblin in 1950. They engaged Alf Christenson to construct a house at the Creamery corner where they lived until Whitney's death at 89 years of age in 1972. Mary continues to live on her own and to care for herself at 89 years of age. I guess there's something to be said for a life of hard honest work.

Mary always grows a lovely garden and her flowers make her yard a special attraction for all to see. As well, her houseplants are in bloom most of the time which shows she has a green thumb with plants. Mary received a twenty-five year pin from the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, and this year (1984) received a Life Membership in the Auxiliary.

Earl and Anne McIntyre

by Earl McIntyre

Earl Daniel McIntyre, son of Whitney and Mary (Nastrom) McIntyre, was born Dec. 3, 1916 on his parent's homestead, S.W. 16-27-28. He received his first ten years of education at Roblin but always felt that baseball and sports were more interesting than academics. On leaving school Earl spent the next 8 years on the family farm during the summer and the winters were spent at Alvin Nastrom's lumbering

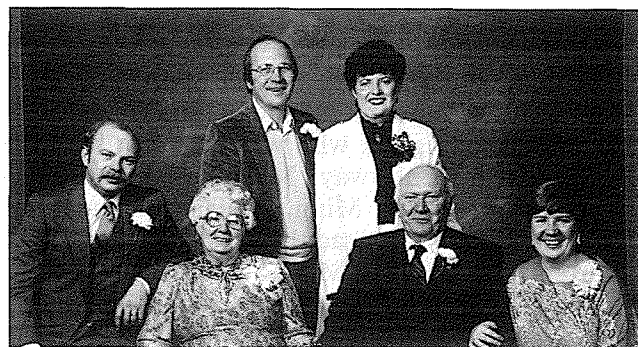


Earl McIntyre with Donald and Pat in 1953.

operations in the Duck Mountains. In July 1942, he joined the Royal Winnipeg Rifles, did his training at Fort Osborne Barracks, Winnipeg and Debert, N.S.; was posted overseas in 1943; waded ashore on the Normandy Beach on June 6 (D.Day); was wounded Sept. 6, following the action at Falaise Gap and spent the next 2½ years in hospitals at Farnborough, England and Deer Lodge, Winnipeg.

It was during his hospitalization at Farnborough that he met Anne Hall, a W.D. in the R.C.A.F. She had come to visit a friend in the next hospital bed to the one occupied by Earl. Anne was born at Morden, Man., the youngest daughter of Frederick and Elma (Pierce) Hall. She had received her education at Morden; completed Normal School training at Brandon; taught for 2 years at Woodnorth, Man. and 1 year at McFadden School north of Manitou; joined the R.C.A.F., and was posted to London, England where she worked at the R.C.A.F. Records H.Q. for the next 3 years.

Anne and Earl were married Dec. 7, 1945 while Earl was still on crutches. About a year later they purchased, through V.L.A., the old Harry Ward farm, N.E. 16-27-28. They farmed for the next seven years but mixed farming and Earl's disability were not compatible. They sold the farm, acquired the Post Office at Deepdale, and each school day Earl drove to Makaroff to complete Grade XI. He accepted a call to the ministry of the United Church of Canada and moved with Anne and their 4 children to Grandview where Earl served as a Student Lay Supply minister. He attended school each day, and completed his Grade XII. The following year they moved to LaRiviere where the biggest events of their year there was the birth of their youngest child, Susan, and also Earl's completion of a year's study



McIntyre Family: Jack, Donald, Pat, Susan, Earl and Anne McIntyre.

at United College. During the next three years the family lived at Elm Creek where Earl ministered to a three-point pastoral charge and completed his three years of Theological studies. He was ordained by the Church and sent to Treherne. Earl, Anne and their family had five happy fruitful years at Treherne (1962-67) where the children received most of their schooling. Then a call came to serve the church at Preeceville, Sask. Daughter Patricia began studies at the University of Winnipeg. The first year in Saskatchewan is remembered by our family as the saddest of our lives. Daughter Margaret was killed accidentally in a horse-riding accident. In ten days she would have been 15 years of age. During the 6 years at Preeceville, Don and Jack completed Grade XII and Pat received her B.A. from U. of Wpg. and a teacher's certificate from U. of Man.

In 1973 Earl accepted a call to Russell, Man. During the 5 years at Russell, Susan completed her Grade XII, Don began and completed his Theological studies at St. Andrews, Saskatoon and was ordained. Earl, Anne and Susan spent a year (1975-76) in St. Andrews, Scotland where Earl studied at St. Mary's College.

The last four years of Earl's active ministry (1978-82) were spent at Pilot Mound. In 1982, he received a Doctor of Divinity Degree from the U. of Winnipeg.

In 1982, Earl and Anne retired to Morden, Man. where they still remain active in community and church affairs. Earl gets to exercise his continuing love of sports on the golf course, and Anne crochets her afghans.

Pat married Vince Roberts and they have 2 children: Christopher and Matthew and they live in Nova Scotia. Vince is a teacher and Pat runs a Day Care Centre.

Donald married Helen Hanford and they have 2 children: Debra and Barbara and they live in Souris, Manitoba, where Donald is the United Church Minister. Helen does nursing there.

Jack married Annette and they live in Saskatoon, Sask. and have one son, Jock. Susan, who is still single, lives and works in Winnipeg, Manitoba in an office.

William and Elizabeth McKay Family by Myrtle McKay

Mrs. Elizabeth (McKay) Lefort was born in St. John, North Dakota, on December 31, 1882, and was a daughter of Francis Langan and Philamine (nee St. Jermaine). She received her education in Denver, Colorado, U.S.A.



Six generations of the Elizabeth Lefort Family: L to R. Kay Clarke, Elizabeth Lefort, Elizabeth Ward, Stephanie Pohoyenko, John Pohoyenko, and Grace Pohoyenko (nee Zelmer).

In 1900 she married Wm. McKay. They moved to Canada and homesteaded in the Qu'Appelle Valley where their family was started. They moved to San Clara, and later moved to Assessippi where they raised their family. There were 13 children born to Wm. and Elizabeth but 7 passed away at birth or soon after. The 6 remaining were: Eliza, Frank, Mary, Arthur, Edward and Ernie.

Wm. was an avid trapper and hunter and worked for district farmers until his passing in 1929.

Elizabeth was well known as a midwife in the Inglis and Assessippi area and delivered over a hundred babies, including the Merinuk twins. Many times she would stay and help the ladies for whom she had delivered babies. I remember how she would get up at dawn and have her washing out and 20 loaves of bread baked in the old wood stove by noon. "Beat the heat", she always said. Then if she



Mrs. Elizabeth Lefort and Mrs. Adam Johnstone.

needed anything she would walk to Inglis and back. She looked after Mr. Gilcrest for a number of years until his passing.

Her sons, Ernie and Arthur, served in the European theatre of war and Eddie served in the Caribbean. It was during this time that her house burned down in her beloved valley. She married Frank Lefort in 1944 and they moved to Roblin where Frank was employed as a labourer until his passing in 1965, at the age of 85. Elizabeth stayed in her wee house where she enjoyed gardening, making quilts and knitting, and was always there to lend a helping hand to neighbors and family. In 1980 she moved into the Personal Care Home, where she remained until her death on February 4, 1981, at the age of 99.

Eliza, her daughter, married Mel Watson and they had 2 children: Kathleen and Irene. She later married Eugene Larocque and after his passing, married Henry Ward of Grandview. She passed away in 1977.

Frank married Rosealee Dalle and they had seven children: Wm. Leonard, Alvin (deceased), Gladys, Peter (deceased), Margaret and Eddie. Frank passed away on November 8, 1982.

Arthur married Clara Lefort and they have 7 children: Gordon, Clifford, Marlene, Darcey, Arthur, Debbie and Heather.

Mary married Henry Sanders and they have 2 children: Judi and Marlyn.

Edward married Margaret Lee and they have one son, John.

Ernie married Myrtle Robinson and they have four children: Raymond, Amy, Judi and Kathrine (Cassie).

Mrs. Elizabeth Lefort had the distinction of being part of six living generations.

Ernie McKay Family by Myrtle McKay

Ernest William was born and raised in Assessippi and attended school there. He played the guitar at an early age and when he was 13 years old he started playing with the Wagner boys orchestra. He also took up the violin. He worked at Skinner's Nursery and also for farmers in the district.

In 1942, Ernie joined the Army and served in the European Theatre of war for 3½ years. He was wounded in Italy.

In 1948, he and Myrtle (Robinson) were married and they have 4 children: Amy, Raymond, Judith and Kathrine. Ernie worked on construction for Pete Chyz for a number of years, for the highway department and also part time as a beer waiter. He also was employed at the mine in Esterhazy and for the Parks board, until illness forced him to retire in 1968.



Back row: Louise Robinson, Myrtle McKay, Nell Prier. Front row: Dallas Prier, Elizabeth Lefort, Mrs. Lovatt, Dana Prier.

When I, Myrt, was 12 years old, I worked in the Boston Cafe after school, washing dishes and later as a waitress. In 1943, I took an egg candling course, with the Manitoba Dairy and Poultry Co-op. The egg station was located under the theatre and later an egg station was erected on the C.N.R. property. In 1960, Manco purchased the creamery and the egg operation was moved to the rear of the Creamery. During the war, we had to stamp every egg with "Canada Grade A", for overseas shipment and even though it was against the rules, we would autograph the odd egg. I received letters from 2 different families in England and kept up a long penpal friendship with them. I graded eggs 6 months of the year and worked as a waitress for the other six months for different places like Truffyn's and Nick Danyluk's cafes, and also worked in the hospital for a short period of time.

After the egg operation was moved to the Creamery, I, Myrt, gradually learned the other aspects of the Creamery work and am still employed there as this goes to press.

Amy married Edward Pearton on August 23rd, 1968 and they have two children, Randy and Curtis.

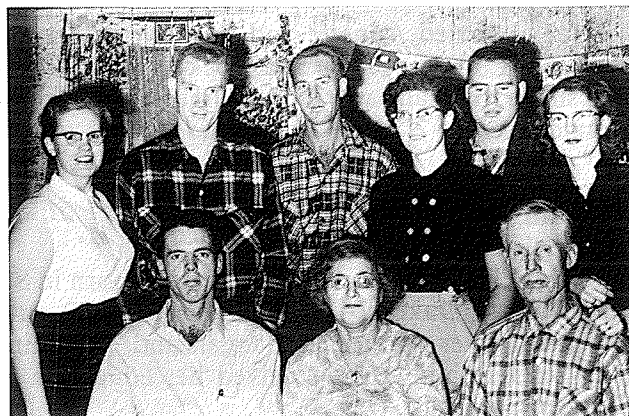
Raymond married Shiela Mack on Nov. 6th, 1975 and they have two children, Amber and Tyler. Ray is a carpenter and they reside in Edmonton.

Judi married Eldon Prier on Aug. 20th, 1971 and they have three children: Dallas, Dana and Dawn-A-Lee. Eldon is an electrician and is employed at the Esterhazy mine and they reside in Churchbridge, Sask.

Kathy, (Cassie) works and resides in Edmonton, Alberta.

Charles and Dorothea McKenzie Family by Heather Fisher

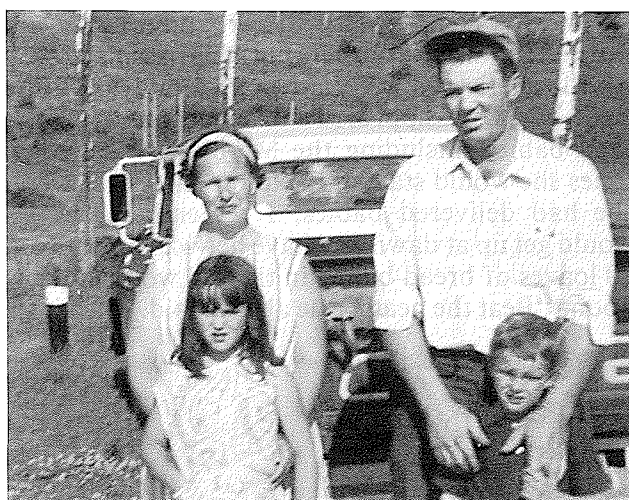
Charles Haddon McKenzie was born at Alta-



The Charles McKenzie Family: L to R. Alma, Alan, Lyle, Shirley, Garth, Heather, Kenneth, Mrs. C. McKenzie, Mr. C. McKenzie.

mont, Man. on May 26th, 1896. He was raised on the family farm there and moved to Winnipeg as a young man. He joined the Canadian Army after the beginning of World War I and served overseas with the army, returning to Canada in 1919. Shortly after that he came to the Deepdale district to be with his sister, Mrs. George Gove.

He married Mary Dorothea Taylor, daughter of Alex and Mary Anne Taylor, on November 21st, 1923 at her parents' farm home. They lived with Mrs. Gove and George until 1925, when they then moved to their own home on the N.E. 1/4 of 19-27-28. Here they raised seven children: Kenneth, Alma, Alan, Carlyle, Shirley, Heather and Garth.



Kenneth, Ruth, Alison, and Ross McKenzie, in 1969.

Kenneth Charles, born in 1924, attended school in Deepdale and worked at various jobs elsewhere and also on the farm. He joined the Army in the Second World War. He married Ruth Ward and

they had two children: Alison, who married Earl Wallace and they have two children, Garry and Pamela; and Ross who is not married and working in B.C. Kenneth passed away in 1974 and is buried in the Roblin Cemetery and after that Ruth moved to Vernon, B.C. to live.

Alma Verle, born in 1926, attended school in Deepdale and joined the services as a photographer. She married Norman Berkner of Westbank, B.C. They have one daughter, Shelley, and they live at Westbank.

Alan Thomas, born in 1927, also received his



Yvonne, Alan, Dougie and Hugh McKenzie in 1962.

education in Deepdale and worked at various jobs around Roblin and in the mills. He married Yvonne Payne and they had two children: Hugh (deceased in 1965) and Douglas. Alan also served in the armed serves in the Second World War. They reside in Kingston, Ontario.

Elwyn Carlyle, born in 1929, is still single and lives at home. He farms and does electrical work.

Shirley Dorothea, born in 1932, married Walter Livingstone and they had four children. David married Willie Moore, and they live and work in Winnipeg. Barbara married Randy Butler and they have a daughter, Erin and reside in Ottawa, Ontario. Keith is attending college at Brandon, and Debbie is in Winnipeg. Walter passed away in 1983 and Shirley lives in Roblin.

Douglas Garth, born in 1937 attended school at Deepdale as the rest of the family did. He married Norma Babcock and they had five children. Laurie married Brian Pearton and they have two children, Sherry and Danny and live at Medicine Hat, Alberta. Colleen married Neil Hrynkiw and they have two children, Kristy and Tammy. They farm in the Deepdale district. Kathleen married Michael Gerk and they have one child, Gregory, and they live at Craik, Sask. Patricia lives in Roblin and Bonnie is attending high school at Roblin.

Evelyn Heather, born in 1939, married Ray

Fisher of the Tummel district. They lived at Snow Lake for a few years and then returned to the Deepdale district. They have four children: Ramona works at the Roblin Motor Inn; Margaret married Darwin Spencer of Snow Lake; Connie is presently at Snow Lake; and Larry is attending high school in Roblin.

Throughout the years, both Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie were instrumental in building a worthwhile community. They were active in school, and church functions. Dad served on the school board as a trustee for almost 40 years, while Mom was on the church and Sunday school boards. She was a member of the W.I. for many years, and a member of the Deepdale Ladies' Aid since its inception in 1921.

They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 1983. Mrs. McKenzie passed away on July 20th, 1984. Mr. McKenzie, with his son, Lyle, continues to farm.

Mrs. McKenzie was well known as a poet and writer, using the pen name of "June Palmerston."

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McKenzie and Family by the family

After discharge from the R.C.A.F., December 1945, Wally McKenzie, his wife, Hilda and their two pre-school daughters, Patricia and Judith, arrived in Inglis, Manitoba from Stronraer, Saskatchewan to accept the position as grain buyer with Reliance Grain Company. Mr. Ross Park, the former grain buyer, his wife, Margaret and son, Garry, had been transferred to Portage la Prairie, Manitoba. Other grain buyers on the Inglis market in 1946 were H. M. "Scotty" Hansen, Roy Wycke, Jake Kendell and Court Denham.

In December, 1948, Wally and Hilda McKenzie purchased the Solo General Store and Portage la Prairie Mutual Insurance business from Neil and Joyce Hamilton. Their only son, Glen McKenzie, was born in 1948. Over the next thirty years, the McKenzies successfully operated their Inglis business complex and during the early 1960's, they expanded their Solo Store franchise to Russell, Manitoba where they added a partnership with Ewart and Phylis Mather under the banner of M and M Solo.

In 1966 Wally McKenzie was elected to the Manitoba Legislature as the Progressive Conservative M.L.A. for Roblin constituency. He was re-elected in 1969, 1973, 1977 and 1981 to serve under five different Manitoba Premiers and their governments. Consistancy boundaries were expanded twice during his term of office. The last jurisdiction known as Roblin-Russell Constituency extended from Ashville to the communities of Gilbert

Plaines, Grandview, Roblin, San Clara, Shortdale, Shevlin, Dropmore, Shellmouth, Inglis, Russell, Binscarth, Silvertown, Angusville, Rossburn — Vista and other intermediate points east to Clear Lake.

McKenzies have a lengthy record of community service. Wally is a past-director of the Co-operative Credit Society of Manitoba; past-director of the Manitoba Chamber of Commerce; past-president and secretary of Inglis Royal Canadian Legion #197; former secretary-treasurer of Inglis School District #2107; former Village councillor; past-master of Russell Lodge AF and AM #62; a member of Roblin Lion's Club. A well-known musician, Wally has conducted church and community choirs and played with numerous dance bands all of his life. He took an active and coaching role in various community sports. Hilda has played an equally active role as church organist, choir member and served with United Church Women's groups and other community groups to the fullest.

Their children — Mrs. Patricia Graves (Grandview, Manitoba); Mrs. Judith Ransom (Boissevain, Manitoba); and Glen McKenzie (Swan River) through their marriages have blessed Wally and Hilda with nine grandchildren.

McLaren by Ellen

Mary-Ellen McLaren and daughter Shirley, moved to Roblin in May 1958. Mary-Ellen is a daughter of the late Mary and Peter Patterson of Shellmouth, Manitoba. Ellen attended and graduated from Shellmouth High School, after which she worked in Pennington's General Store. In 1943, she moved to Winnipeg to work for Wilson's Stationery where she became manager of the retail store. She also went to Fort William and Port Arthur (Thunder Bay, Ontario) where she trained the clerks for two new stores which had opened.

In 1952 Ellen married Peter McLaren of Winnipeg. They began their married life in Saskatoon where their daughter, Shirley, was born. They later



Ellen and Shirley McLaren.

moved to Biggar and Delisle, Saskatchewan where Peter passed away in 1957.

In May, Ellen and Shirley moved to Roblin. Ellen worked at the Roblin Trading Company. She is active in the United Church and continues to sing in the choir. Ellen worked on the Music Festival Committee for many years.

Shirley was active in music, and taught piano lessons while in High School. She graduated from the Roblin Collegiate in 1971 and married Percy Schepp of the Zorra District. They have two sons, David and Jarrett. They are now residing in Coronach, Saskatchewan where Percy is a machinist millwright for Saskatchewan Power. Shirley continues to teach music.

In 1968, Ellen married Gordon McArthur of Roblin.

Jim and Sharon McMillan by Sharon

Jim and Sharon McMillan moved to Roblin from Winnipeg in August, 1968 with their five month old son, Craig. Jim had been hired by Inter-mountain School Division to teach at Goose Lake High School in Roblin.

Having both been raised in Dauphin, they were accustomed to "small town life" but after taking a ride down Main Street on their first Sunday afternoon here, they promptly decided that one year would be enough in this quiet town. Well, that one year has stretched into 16 years and they find Roblin anything but quiet! They have since raised three children here — Craig, 16; Derek, 14; and Tammy, 13; and all family members have become involved in many of the community activities Roblin has to offer.

Jim still teaches physical education at Goose Lake High School. He's an avid sportsman, playing hockey with the Roblin Oldtimers Club (and formerly with the North Stars), refereeing minor and senior hockey, curling, golfing and fishing.

Sharon has been an administrative secretary for the Department of Agriculture since 1977 and is also very involved in community activities. She was on the first Recreation Commission board in Roblin and was a member of the original Moonshine Daze Festival committee for five years. She also takes an interest in curling, 4-H and all other activities in which her family participates. Having three members of her family involved in hockey, she estimates she watches one hundred (plus) games a year — true dedication from one who has never professed much love for the game.

Even though no family history ties them to Roblin, good friends and the beautiful countryside have made Roblin "home" to the McMillans.

William McMurray Family

by Grace Skomorowski

William James McMurray was born on the family farm in Rawdon Township, Hastings County near Belleville, Ontario on December 8, 1881. He died on January 11, 1984 at the age of 103 years. Ella Maria Eggleton was born on September 13, 1890 in Sidney Township, Hastings County. She died in February of 1960. They are both buried in Roblin Cemetery in the Rural Municipality of Shell River.

Will lived in the Belleville, Ontario area for 22 years. He worked in lumber camps during the summer at a wage of \$22.00 a month and in winter he attended school. In 1903, he moved to Killarney, Manitoba where he worked for a family who raised and showed purebred horses and cattle. The Eggleton family had moved to the Killarney area several years previous. Ella worked as a housekeeper for one of the local families. Her employer once bet her \$5.00 that she couldn't knit him a pair of mitts in a day. \$5.00 was a goodly sum in those days. She won the bet! She not only knitted the pair of mitts but had all her other work done as well when he returned home.

William James McMurray and Ella Maria Eggleton were married on December 16, 1908 in Trinity Church Rectory in Killarney.

They farmed at Killarney for six years, then spent some time near Togo, Saskatchewan before moving to the Grand Narrows District of Shell River Municipality in about 1918.

While farming in the Grand Narrows District, Will also drove a school van for Makaroff Consolidated School District. It was a wooden van pulled by horses. It was heated by a wood stove situated in the centre of benches.

Ella was an active member of the Grand Narrows United Farm Women.

Will and Ella retired to Roblin in 1951 and resided at 118-3rd Avenue N.W. Ella worked as a nurses' aid at the Roblin District Hospital from 1951-1960. She was a very compassionate person and helped many people through difficult times.



McMurray Family: Back row: Percy, Donald, Harvey, Marjorie, Mabel, Arnold, William J. and Ella.

Will and Ella raised six children.

Percy (deceased) spent most of his life in Flin Flon and Snow Lake, Manitoba and raised seven children.

Arnold (deceased), of Killarney and later of Elgin, Manitoba had a family of five children.

Donald (deceased), after leaving the armed forces, spent most of his life in Wichita, Kansas, U.S.A. He raised two children.

Marjorie (Mrs. Lorne Kempthorne) of Boissevain, Manitoba has a family of four children and one step-son.

Mabel (Mrs. George Peters) of Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta has two children.

Harvey of rural Roblin lives on the S.E. quarter of 28-28-29w. He raised a family of two children and two step-daughters.

After Ella died in 1960, Will continued to live at 118-3rd Avenue, then lived for a period of time with his children before settling in the Roblin and District Personal Care Home in the late 1970's.

Will was an incredible man who was clear of mind until the day of his death. He had a wealth of information about early times. He could tell stories of experiences with horse-drawn vans known as general stores on wheels, stage coaches, barn building bees, homemade lye laundry soap, and oxen pulling plows. He lived to see men on the moon and the flight of a space shuttle. He lived longer than any other member of his family having lived for over a century.

The McNeelands Family

by Margaret Simmie

James and Mary Ellen McNeelands came from Mount Elgin, Ontario, at the same time as the Brooks family. Mary Ellen was a sister of R. J. Brooks. James took up a homestead in May, 1882 — the N.W. 1/4 of 20-24-28 in the Tummel area. He also applied for a pre-emption on the SW 1/4 of the same section.

A son, Clarence A., was born in March, 1885. He was the first of three babies born in Tummel within a month. The others were Clarence Kines and Christena Brooks.

Clarence was followed by a sister, Maggie May, born in August, 1886.

After the death of James in 1891, Mrs. McNeelands was given the privilege of entering for the land in her own right, in view of the fact that widows with dependent children were permitted under the provisions of the Dominion land regulations to apply for homesteads.

Mrs. McNeelands died in 1905.

Maggie May married Robert D. Hammond and lived in the Rockdale district until her death in 1943.

Clarence married Mary Chisholm who, accompanied by her father, a brother and a sister, came from Musselburgh, Scotland in 1911 to join her brother, the Reverend Andrew Chisholm of Bield.

Clarence died in 1952. His wife died in 1958.

Their family included Mary, Margaret, Chisholm and Ewen.

Mary, who married Paul Pifko, lives in Toronto. Paul and Mary have two sons, Clayton and Eldon, one granddaughter and two grandsons.

Margaret and her husband, Archie Simmie, live in Winnipeg.

Chisholm and his wife, Betty, live in Winnipeg.

Ewen married Gaylia Gardner of Roblin. They too made their home in Winnipeg. Ewen died in 1974. They had three children: Brian, who died accidentally in 1971. Heather, who is an LPN, lives in Winnipeg. Janet and her husband, Gerald Andrews and their daughter, Jennifer Elizabeth, reside in Transcona.

McNeill Family by Thomas Kines

Daniel McNeill was born on March 2nd, 1858, near Teeswater, Ontario, the second son of Matthew McNeill and Margaret Taylor who emigrated from Belfast, Ireland about 1852. In July, 1882 Daniel married Jane McPherson, whose parents, Wm. McPherson and Catherine Orr, had come from Scotland,

That same year, 1882, Daniel's father, Matthew McNeill came west from Ontario to the new Province of Manitoba and took up a homestead at Holmfield, near Killarney. Shortly after, Daniel came west to join his father and mother, sisters and brothers.



McNeill Family: L to R. Ethel, George, James, Locksley, Thomas, Ruby, Catherine, John. Front: sitting Father Dan and Mother Jane, Mabel.

By the time the Daniel McNeill family moved to Roblin in 1905, eight children had survived childhood. They were: Thomas Leonard, born in 1886; Mabel Olive in 1887; John Alexander in 1893; George Wallace in 1895; Mary Ethel in 1898; Daniel James in 1901; Donald Charles Locksley in 1903 and

Ruby Jane in 1905. Catherine Elspeth was born in the Roblin district in 1910.

Daniel McNeill had left his farm near Killarney, Manitoba in 1903 in search of more land in the newer area being opened up by the building of the Canadian Northern Railway. That fall he purchased a section of land one mile west of the present town of Roblin. Two years later he sold his farm at Holmfield and moved his family to Roblin where a new home was built with lumber drawn from the local sawmill north of Roblin.

In the spring of 1904 Mr. McNeill assisted the Rev. John Inglis in organizing the Sunday School in Roblin and was appointed its first superintendent, a position he held for many years. In 1905 the first Presbyterian Ladies' Aid was organized and Mrs. McNeill was president in 1906. Mr. McNeill was elected to the local school board and took an active part in the establishment of a high school and later in the formation of the Consolidated School District. He was also chairman of the building committee for the new church which was opened for worship on July 18, 1909. (Note — This building is still part of the present Knox United Church).

The first wedding to be held in the new church was that of John E. Atkey and Mabel McNeill on October 6, 1909. Rev. Kemlo officiated. In an account of the early days in Roblin left by Jack Atkey he said, "The wedding went off very well. The only sad part was that Rev. Kemlo acted as if I was stealing his wife".

Jack Atkey had come to Roblin to work in the store of his brother Will who was one of the first merchants and the first postmaster in Goose Lake. As Jack said, "The job suited me but he (Will) did not seem to recognize that I was worth more than \$35 per month plus board and room. I suppose he would have given me more but he was not in much of a hurry. But there was a very attractive young lady, Mabel McNeill who said she had made up her mind, and who is going to change it".

In 1911 the Russell Banner carried items noting that T. L. McNeill returned from Brandon fair with two registered clydesdales. "No doubt Tom will clean up some of the prizes at the fair this year." On August 22nd, 1912, among the results of the Agricultural Society Fair it was reported that T. McNeill won several prizes in the horse show.

"In November, 1911, D. McNeill left for Dauphin where he will be engaged during the winter on a mission field."

In 1914 Thomas Leonard McNeill, eldest of the McNeill children, married Margaret Louise Kines and begat Thomas Leonard, Kathleen Louise, Lorraine and Shirley. The latter three children spent their youth in the Roblin district — Kathleen in Roblin, Lorraine in Cromarty and Shirley in Tum-

mel. There are numerous references to occasions on which T. L. (Tom) McNeill provided the music for dancing. Tom was well-known throughout the district for his prowess on fiddle and banjo and it would appear that the other members of the McNeill family participated in music making over a period of 20 years. A note on the annual meeting of the Union Church in March of 1917 stated: "The McNeill orchestra rendered some choice selections. John McNeill sang a solo and gave two readings."

In 1918 John Alexander McNeill married Mary Eliza Goldthorpe who hailed from, Melville, Sask., where his sister, Mabel, had gone to live after marrying J. E. Atkey. The following year, at a concert in the I.O.O.F. Hall, Mr. John McNeill and Miss Ethel McNeill were reported to have rendered a duet in excellent style. There was also special mention of their accompanist, Mrs. John McNeill. Earlier that year John McNeill had gone to Winnipeg to undergo an operation and have one of his eyes taken out. A few days previously a piece of steel flew into the eye but not much notice was taken until the pain became unbearable. It was to save the sight of the other eye that the operation was performed.

In July of 1919 Private George McNeill returned home from service overseas in the Great War, having enlisted in 1914 at the age of 19. In 1924 he married Edith Alice Grassie who was born in Langenburg, Sask., but moved to Roblin in 1903 with sisters Adelaide (Mrs. Thomas Cameron) and Lizzie, who was midwife to three of the sons of Alvin and Ethel (McNeill) Kines.

1919 was the year that Ethel McNeill, employed by the Union Bank in Roblin, left for Brandon College to study music. Unfortunately, she was called home before she graduated but she spent the rest of her life in Roblin dedicating her talents to the musical life of the community.

In the Knox United Church history it is recorded that "the second organist was Mabel McNeill from 1905 to 1909."

"Others who entertained the choir included Mrs. A. T. Kines (Ethel McNeill), many times. Everyone looked forward to lunch time and her famous chocolate cakes. She too began playing the organ for church and Sunday School before she was married. She continued as organist and later as choir leader whenever there was no one else available, until ill health forced her to quit. Whenever people with musical ability came along she was willing to let them take over, but when there was no one else who would play, she was always there. At times she directed the senior choir and played the organ at the same time. Other times her work was with the junior choir; sometimes directing and sometimes as organist. She loved music; gave of

herself whole heartedly to this task and derived much pleasure from it."

In 1921 Ethel McNeill married Alvin Thomas Kines, postmaster at Roblin for 38 years, and bore four sons in their home on 3rd. Avenue: Thomas Alvin (1922), Donald James (1925), Hugh John (1929), and Wayne Locksley (1935).

In 1925, when church union had taken place, an extension to Knox Church was inaugurated with special services and on Monday, December 14, the Ladies' Aid served a delicious fowl supper and a splendid program followed. The Roblin Orchestra which consisted of Mr. and Mrs. John McNeill, J. E. and Mrs. Baine and John Hill, contributed greatly with their fine musical selections. John Hill, a Scotsman, was bass soloist in the choir for many years and John McNeill was the tenor with an extraordinary fine voice. He and Mrs. McNeill played in the Roblin brass band and in dance orchestras and were the leaders in Roblin musical life as long as they remained in the community. John McNeill taught in the primary school (Gr. 3 around 1929 and Grade 8 from about 1935). In 1936 their home on the farm west of Roblin was completely destroyed by fire.

In the meantime, James E. McNeill had been appointed student missionary for the summer of 1922 on the Merridale field. In 1924 Jim McNeill served the Deepdale-Silverwood-Makaroff field for the summer and his Dad (Dan McNeill) took it in the winter when Jim went back to college. James McNeill graduated from United College (now the University of Winnipeg) and was ordained in 1927 by the Manitoba conference of the United Church. That same year he was married to Lina Burke, by Rev. Prof. A. B. Baird, D. D. assisted by the Rev. Robert Harvey, M. A. B. D. Mrs. Alvin Kines sang "Love Divine". The bride's uncle, Mr. Wilford Gamey gave her in marriage. They had five sons and one daughter: Daniel Burke (who was manager of Skinner's Nursery in Dropmore for many years), Wilford Dennis, James Baird, Patricia, John Locksley and Ian.

Rev. James McNeill returned to Roblin pulpit on many occasions and served the Russell United Church for several years.

Much of my article on the musical life in Roblin (1925-40) refers to the involvement of the McNeills and their decedents. After 1927 I am going on memory alone as I have no records of marriages, births or deaths other than knowing that Locksley went off to the U. of M., graduated in law and married Kathleen Spence. Ruby Jane went off to Riley, Alberta to work for her uncle, Dr. James McPherson and married John Archibald McLean McPherson.

Catherine Elspeth married Theodore Statham

in Roblin and continued to live there for several years before moving to Winnipeg.

The only descendents of Daniel McNeill and Jane McPherson remaining in the Roblin area to this date are Hugh John Kines (son of Ethel McNeill) and his family. His wife, Helena Truffyn bore a daughter, Michele and two sons, Clare and Larry.

There are no McNeills of that name left in the region. Tom McNeill lived there until his death in 1968.

Memories of the Early Days **by George McNeill**

In 1903 Father decided that he had to move west and find cheaper land if he was going to establish five sons on farms; so after putting in the crop at Holmfield he took the newly built Canadian Northern Railway to the end of steel at Grandview, Manitoba. The road bed was graded through to Togo, Sask., but the bridges were not in and the rivers were in flood so from Grandview on they had to build rafts and float their belongings across on the raft or risk pneumonia from wet clothes. Father joined forces with a man by the name of Duthie who owned a pup tent, and together they went as far west as Togo, Sask., but returned to the Roblin area, section 7, one half mile west of the town of Goose Lake, which later became Roblin. After sowing the crop in 1904, Father with brother, Thomas, and a hired man by the name of Fred Searie, took six horses, two wagons, breaking plows, and feed for the horses. They drove to Roblin going by way of Brandon. Within a couple of months they had one hundred acres of land broken and ready for crop. In 1904 brother Tom went to work for the Killarney Hardware so Father took Mother's cousin's boy, Dave Black and again with Fred Searie, drove back and broke another 100 acres as well as sowing the original breaking to oats and flax. In the meantime there had been somewhat of a recession in Manitoba and the man who bought the Holmfield farm went back on his deal and Father was left with two farms and a payment due on the Roblin land. According to Mother they decided to pray for guidance and within days a buyer came and took over the Holmfield property.

In October, 1905, Father, with the help of his neighbours, loaded three freight cars with all his worldly belongings and set out for Roblin. Brother Thomas and two hired men went with the cars and lived in the train caboose, while brother John and I travelled by train, and spent a day or two with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wocks, who was my Father's sister and the mother of some 16 children. We arrived in Roblin on my birthday, Nov. 3, 1905. For some weeks Father rented a small house in Roblin while

he and Thomas and the hired men worked on a small shanty on the farm. Within a matter of a couple of weeks we were established on the farm and going to school in Roblin. At that time the Roblin school was a half mile west of the village and fairly close to our farm home so we appreciated the school. In southern Manitoba the Fairdale school was moved some distance north and west of the original site so that we had two and a half miles to walk or ride the pony. It was also standard custom to close the school from December to February 28, because of storms and cold weather. In the summer they closed for a month to permit children to help with the farm work so progress was slow. I was in Grade III when starting to the Roblin School and ten years of age. Fortunately I liked school and wrote my Grade VIII exams when twelve years of age.

Fortunately Father and Mother were most interested in educating their children and we in turn were quite pleased to be in school. If we objected to going to school Father never argued, he merely harnessed up a quiet team of horses to a farm wagon and sent us out to pick stones off the fields. One or two days of picking stones usually awakened our desires of higher education. Father and Mother usually boarded the teacher.

Dr. C. W. Gordon, who was the Student Missionary when Willie was drowned, conducted the funeral service and remained a lifelong friend of Father's and Mother's. Dr. Gordon became famous as an author under the pen name of Ralph Connor, and over the years sent Mother and Father autographed copies of his books as they came from the publishers. Unfortunately the home at Roblin was burned with the complete loss of everything but a clock the Atkeys gave us for our wedding.

Shortly after our arrival in Roblin, Tom homesteaded three miles west and around six miles south of Roblin, in the Tummel district, so each summer John, Father and I cut and piled scrub and trees while Tom and a hired man operated four-horse teams on the breaking plows. Within a couple of years we had most of the original farm cleared and under cultivation. We then began work on Tom's homestead and discovered that it was very stony and difficult land to cultivate.

Tom was married in 1914, just before or after the outbreak of World War I and Father started him up on the southwest 1/4 of section 7 and assisted him in purchasing another quarter-section of very good land 3 miles west and 1 mile north, which we proceeded to break and bring under cultivation.

In May of 1916, I joined the Army and went overseas with the 107th Battalion Infantry C.E.F. I returned home in June, 1919. Tom and John were both married and farming on their own so I settled

down on the farm where I remained for three years. Jim started to University in 1921. He later studied Theology and was ordained in 1927 by the Manitoba Conference of the United Church. I went to University in 1922 and I too became a Minister in the United Church.

Editor's Note: War Memories by George McNeill can be found in the Veteran's section of this book.

McNicol Family by Stewart McNicol

My father, Guy McNicol came to Canada from Cromarty, Scotland. He was a carpenter by trade and built many homes in the Roblin area and also the Tummel church.

My mother was Elizabeth (Stewart) McNicol. She had two sisters, one was married to a lawyer in Dauphin, Mr. McGirr. Her husband practiced law there for many years. Mother's brother, Sam Stewart lived in Yorkton, Sask., and when he died he left a considerable sum of money to charity in the Yorkton district. My dad had three brothers, Stewart and Peter were in the services. Stewart was killed at Vimy Ridge; Peter died of wounds after he returned to Canada.

I was a regimental signaller with the P.P.C.L.I. in the Second World War. I served two years in Italy with the British 8th. army with the Canadian 1st. Division.

I was married in England on December 19th, 1942 to Betty Davis. We had nine children: Gordon, Kenneth, Shirley, Brenda, Gail, Vincent, Theresa, Joanne, and Keith. The family all grew up near Roblin and attended Roblin schools. Gordon married Adele Paul from Edmonton. He is an iron worker superintendent on construction and Adele is assistant manager of a printing firm. They reside in Edmonton, Alberta.

Kenneth married Norma Shearer of the Makaroff district. Ken owns his own construction business in Calgary. They have three children: Jarrett, Kimberley and Kevin and they live at Calgary.

Shirley married Bill Palmer and they have one son, Shawn. They live in Winnipeg. Bill works in the Fibre-glass plant and Shirley works part-time.

Brenda married Frank Myslichuk from Roblin. They have four children: Sandra, Shelley and Lisa (twins) and Joannah. They live in Winnipeg where Frank is a plumber.

Gail is single and lives in Winnipeg.

Vincent is single and lives in Roblin. He met with an accident at work that left him a paraplegic. He has wedding plans for August, 1985 with Sheila Azure.

Theresa married Ed Boychuk of MacNutt, Sask. Ed was killed in a construction accident and

Theresa was left with three sons; Greg, Dwayne and Douglas.

Joanne married Dave Lowry, a surveyor for Templeton Engineering Co. in Winnipeg, and Joanne works as a receptionist for Apco Plumbing Supplies. They have two sons, Gerald and Cory.

Keith is single and works as a machinist with Standard-Areo Space and works on jet engines. He lives in Winnipeg.

I worked for the Town of Roblin for a number of years and then we moved to Winnipeg. I worked on water and sewer construction in Roblin and also in Winnipeg. I have now retired but my wife, Betty still works and is the assistant manager for T.V. and Stereos in Simpson-Sears at Polo Park shopping centre.

(Edward) Arthur McRae Family by daughter, Gertrude Chase and son, Raymond

Three McRae brothers, (including Alexander, John, and another brother) came from Scotland to Alma, New Brunswick. Alexander, who had been a school teacher, joined his brothers in ship building. They built two ships which were lost at sea. Alexander received a grant of three hundred acres of land on Caledonia Mountain, N.B. He was one of the first settlers on the mountain and it was he who gave it this name. He built his home and raised his family of eleven children there. His son, John, who was the seventh child in that family, continued to live on the mountain and raised his family of thirteen there. Edward Arthur was the thirteenth child. Edward Arthur, known as Arthur, came west in his teen years and worked for his eldest brother, Albert, who had come west in earlier days. Arthur acquired a homestead at White Bear, Sask. Arthur had a special pen pal known as (Leah) Helen Crandell of New Westminster, B.C., and on March 19, 1917 they were married at Swift Current, Sask.

In 1929 the McRae family, consisting of five children (one son died in infancy at White Bear), moved north to Glaslyn, Sask., a town about fifty miles north of North Battleford, Sask.



McRae brothers: L to R. Ted, Raymond, Edwin Olson, Harvey, Morris, Bert Chase and Frank.

Arthur's poor health combined with the poor water at White Bear prompted the move north. At Glaslyn the water was better but Arthur's health did not improve. Early in 1932 the doctor diagnosed diabetes for him.

The farm at Glaslyn was almost solid bush thus requiring much hard manual labor to clear the land. Arthur, with the help of his brother, Amos and a couple of his sons built a log house. It was twenty-four feet square and had an upstairs (although that area was never finished). There were pole barns and other sheds erected, even a shed to shelter the car as it was seldom used in the thirties.

There we learned to dig seneca root. The Indians who were hired to help clear land and pile brush (if I remember correctly, for one dollar a day) used to come to trade horses with Dad. When that pony would fatten up they would come back to trade back again. I think they would give Dad five dollars to boot. One incident with regards to the horse trading business that I can remember was this: one such pony strayed away in the fall of the year leading two of our other horses with it. It returned to the Indian Reserve about twenty-two miles away. Mr. Moccasin recognized the Indian pony and knew where it belonged. He hitched up his own team and along with his wife and family proceeded to lead our horses home. They never worried about where they would be at nightfall because they always carried their tent and blankets. If they didn't have enough food they would soon catch a rabbit or whatever crossed their path that pleased their appetite. By the time they arrived at our place it was evening. They asked permission to pitch their tent in our yard, but since there was a heavy wet snow falling Mother asked them to sleep in the house. They accepted and we had an enjoyable evening. I cannot recall how many children there were but as we played together the adults sat around the kitchen table talking. The subject must have been geography because Mother got out the road map to show them there really was civilization beyond North Battleford. When she showed them the city of Moose Jaw the Indian mother called out "Moosejaw, Moosejaw". Their eldest son ran to see what his mother wanted (his name was Moosejaw). At bedtime they rolled out their blankets on the living room floor. When morning came the Indian mother got up and lit the fire in the heater. My dad thought that was great to get up to an already warm house. We all had breakfast together and then Mr. and Mrs. Moccasin went back into the living room and sat across the room from each other and took turns smoking their pipe. One of the children carried it back and forth for them. One good turn deserves another and I know my dad appreciated the horses being returned and the Indian family appreciated being able to sleep in

out of the wet. Many fond memories remain from our five years at Glaslyn.



Mr. and Mrs. E. A. McRae with Raymond and Harvey picking saskatoons.

On April 27, 1934 the McRae family arrived in Bield, Man. We travelled in a 1926 Chevrolet touring car. At the request of the children, the side curtains were left off. We all had windburned faces before we reached Saskatoon (a distance of one hundred and twenty five miles), where we stayed the first night. The car radiator was leaking so we carried a ten-pound syrup pail with us and stopped at many puddles in the ditches along the way to replenish the water supply. When we arrived in Bield about nine in the evening we were welcomed to our new home by Mrs. Ed Andres, from whom we took over the store business. The store building belonged to Mr. Peder Olson.

It was only eleven months later when Dad decided to go back to farming. He purchased the south east $\frac{1}{4}$ of 36-25-27 from Mr. Roy Purcell. Well I remember arriving at our new home by the school van. It was a two-roomed house (I would say it was a bit crowded for Mother, Dad, and five children). A log shack in the yard served as bedroom for the boys until an addition was built on to those two rooms. This comprised a living room and kitchen combined, a small pantry, and a small bedroom. Being an only girl has its advantages, but I have detested small bedrooms ever since. This was before T.V. came along to entertain families, and radios were run with batteries, so they were used sparingly. One of our winter evening entertainments which leaves a vivid impression on my mind was Mother reading stories to us. She was a good reader and could make the characters seem so real to our minds. Sometimes she would quote poetry for us while we were supposed to be going to sleep. I can still remember "The stag at eve had drunk his fill, where danced the moon on monins rill", from the poem "The Chase".

Once again Dad thought we would try store-keeping, so in November 1945 he sold the farm to Mr. Frank Bailes Sr., and moved to Cromer Man.

Early in 1947 they moved to B.C., where Dad worked for Paul Chase for a season and then purchased a farm at Lumby, B.C. They lived there until 1952 when Raymond took over the farm and they moved into Vernon, B.C. Mother took in foster children and sometimes cared for elderly people in their home.

Dad passed away on July 20, 1957 at Vernon, from a heart attack. Mother married Mr. Charles Freed in Sept., 1960. She passed away on Nov. 10, 1968.

The eldest of the family was James Frank, known as Frank. He left Bield and went to B.C., early in 1940. He spent a short time in the C.A.F. Health reasons terminated his services in the army. In October 1941 he married Ellen Snowdon from Bield. They have two sons and one daughter.

Edward Arthur Jr., known as Ted, joined the C.A.F during World War II and served overseas. He was wounded in France and was returned to England where he remained until his discharge in 1946. After his discharge he worked around Cromer, Man. for a short time but soon found his way to B.C., where he worked in the logging business. He married Evelyn Hatton of Vernon, B.C., in 1949. They have seven children, three boys and four girls. He is still working in the lumber business near Golden, B.C. They plan to retire to Ainsworth, B.C. in 1985.

Gertrude Elizabeth (Gertie) married Bert Chase in June, 1940. They have five children, two boys and three girls. Their family all live in the Roblin area except Hazel who is a registered nurse and lives in Regina, Sask. (more details in Bert Chase history).

Morris Albert went to B.C. about 1945 to attend Bible college at Port Coquitlam. After college, Morris married Phyllis Walrod of Kelowna, B.C. They pastored a church at Chinook Cove, B.C. He accepted work with the B.C. forestry to supplement his salary. This led to full time forestry work which led him and his wife and two girls to several places in B.C. Morris was still active in church work. He assisted the pastor at Prince George in the prison ministry and was instrumental in helping open a new church at McKenzie, B.C. Morris and his wife, Phyllis were church pianist and organist in the First Baptist church in Prince George. Morris passed away on Feb. 7, 1982, a victim of cancer.

Raymond Leslie arrived in B.C. in 1946 to work in the orchards. He stayed with Bert and Gertie, who were living in B.C. at that time. Raymond moved on to Lumby with Dad and Mother in 1947 to help on the farm. In 1952 he married Ruby Nickoli (formerly from Minitonas, Man.). At that time he took over the farm from Dad and continued to farm until 1957 when he sold the farm and moved to Vernon, B.C., where he joined the working force.

His latest job was for the B.C. Government, operating weigh scales. He worked at Prince George, Terrace, and Vernon, B.C. Ill health forced his retirement. Raymond and Ruby live at Vernon, B.C. They have two girls, one is a teacher, and the other is a registered nurse (working at Penticton, B.C.).



Harvey McRae training for R.C.M.P. at Regina.

Harvey Lorne, who joined the McRae family on Nov. 20, 1937 and spent his earliest years at Bield, moved with the family to B.C. He took most of his schooling there. He joined the R.C.M.P. in 1955, and after training, he was stationed at Prince Albert, Sask. It was there he met Betty (Rita Elizabeth) Hein and they were married on Dec. 7, 1957. They have five children, two boys and three girls. Harvey has always been interested in photography so he left the police force and followed that career. He has a photo studio at Kelowna, B.C.

The following are a few recollections of Raymond's boyhood at Bield.

I was just a little shaver at the time but I remember Mr. and Mrs. Sargenia who lived a mile or so out from the village. Mr. Sargenia had a long white beard and he came into Bield carrying a bag over his shoulder. I suppose the bag was to carry his groceries home in, but my older brothers and sister teased me saying that he was coming to take me home in his bag. I sure kept out of his way. Mrs. Chisholm had a little grocery store and a pet poodle named Patsy. Mr. McFadyen was the elevator man. Mr. Stokke was one of the blacksmiths, and Mr. Witwicki was the other blacksmith. Mr. and Mrs. Clive lived in the village too. That just about takes care of Bield.

In the fall of 1934 life became a problem. I started school, along with Edwin Olson, Frank Bailes, and a few others. Doris Wells was our teacher and we met her a few times that we would rather not mention. So with smarting hands, we settled right back to work or (mostly play). No

reflection on Miss Wells, I received most of my education from her.

I still remember when Frank Bailes got his brand new skis. We went off to try them on the hill by Dave Chase's. I walked up the hill and ran down, as after all they were Frank's skis.

One day in the store Mother and Dad sold twenty dollars worth of groceries, etc., and they thought they had a pretty good day. After all they made a profit of four dollars (gas sold for thirty five cents a gallon or three gallons for one dollar, and chocolate bars were five cents each, or some were three for five cents).

When we moved to the Purcell farm we had one horse (Sandy). One of our nearest neighbors, Jack Fleming, helped us out by letting us use his horses, and so we managed until Dad bought more horses. The Snowdons lived just across the highway from us. Then there were the Clarence Coopers and Odin Olsons. To the east of us were the Alex Clark family, the George Kitsch's and Saws. Joe Swaykoski lived down that road but it was so far that I never got there (this is where Frank and Bessie Bailes live now). To the south of us was John Johnson (who liked to ski) and Allan Johnstones and still farther south was the McLures. We got along very well with our neighbors. I better sign off in case someone else wants the line.

Nick and Maria Melnychenko by Mrs. Audrey Chalanchuk

This is a true story of the life of a pioneer family of the Gilbert school-Shortdale area: Nicholas (Nikola or Nick) Melnychenko and his wife Mary (Maria) who settled in this area in 1927.

Nick Melnychenko was born in the Ukraine in the village of Horodenka on February 18th, 1891. He was the oldest of a family of four — 2 brothers and a sister. Their mother died at a very young age. The youngest brother was only 4 years old.

Nick left home at the very young age of 14 years to work in a coal mine in Germany. It was too hard

for one so young. The coal dust was too much to endure so he came home only to find he now had a stepmother who was not too kind.

So once again he left home. He was now 16 years of age and he decided to immigrate to Canada. This was in the year of 1908. He came to Ottawa and found a job on the extra-gang with the railroad at 14¢ per hour.

He decided to go to West Fort William, Ontario and there he had an Aunt with whom he got board and room. His Uncle was foreman in the foundry. The coal-dock job was long and hard. He was promoted to engineer and work as well as pay was much better. The only problem was there was no work in the winter time, only in the summer, and it was almost impossible to put away any savings. What was earned during the summer was spent during the unemployed months.

Mary Trach was orphaned at the young age of 6 years, along with a younger sister, who was 3 when their mother died. The step-mother was not the kindest person, so in 1913 Mary or Maria as she was called, immigrated to Canada from the Ukraine. She came to West Fort William, Ontario. She was 16 years of age, but had to work. She found work with an English couple who were kind to her because she was a willing worker. She learned to do housework, cook and sew. Little did she know at the time, but who did she meet but Nicholas Melnychenko who came from her village back in the Ukraine. Their friendship blossomed into a romance which ended in marriage of September 26th, 1914. They had a family of 3 children, Bill, Walter and Audrey. By now Nick Melnychenko felt he had to get away from the coal dock life. He decided to go west and take up farming. Since Maria's Uncle Jacob Mayowsky lived in Angusville, they decided to move there. They landed in Winnipeg on a terrible cold first of January.

By now Bill was 5 years of age, Walter was 2½ and Audrey (your writer) was all of 7 months. Mother's Uncle lived on a farm, but he was a school teacher and did not really have time for farming. He was a great comfort to these city people.

Our farm was located a short distance north of the village of Angusville, Manitoba. I remember a small lake just to the south where I nearly drowned one winter after falling into a hole in the ice.

Father spent his cash on this farm as he had to purchase horses and implements, seed grain — just everything was needed.

After losing his crop to rust, frost, drought etc. the Mortgage Company took it all. He was broke as far as finances go, but he was not a loser by any means. He decided to start anew — and I mean anew. He scouted around and found out that a ¼ sec. of land could be had for the price of \$10.00. It



Nick and Maria Melnychenko.

could be his after the necessary improvements. He chose the N.E. 1/4 of Sec. 20-25-26 W1. This was in May 1927.

After many trips with team and wagon, he finally was ready for his family to join his new home. So in August a rickety truck with our household possessions on board, took us to Shortdale,



Bill Melnychenko hauls a load of cordwood to Shortdale, in 1940.

Manitoba. It had been raining days on end and it was impossible or rather impassible to reach the homestead. Remember there were no roads to speak of then — only a cut through the bush and corduroy laid of poplar poles to prevent the wagons from getting stuck in the muddy ruts.

We were staying with Mr. and Mrs. Marian Balewich until we could finally come to our new home.

My father had built a very small log cabin to live in while he and a helper built a 2 room log house complete with chimney for his family. My mother had to help plaster it after she came. This house was beautifully plastered inside and out. Then it was whitewashed with unslaked lime on the inside. This was the warmest house in the winter and cool in the summer.

Now the hard labor began. There was not a patch of land bare even as big as your living room. There was solid bush and sloughs, so the trees were cut by axe and used for building barns for animal shelters etc. The balance was cut into cordwood later.

My father acquired a stump-puller and really eased the job of getting stumps out of the rich soil. The only problem was that under one stump was a small well of water. In those days moisture was everywhere. Little by little land was cleared and broken and a garden and some oats were planted. How everything grew!

At the same time we children grew and without a school to go to. So my father, being the progressive man that he was, decided it was high time we had some education. He took up a petition and after many miles on foot trying to convince other homesteaders with children, a meeting was called. Permission for a school was granted. This was not easy as there were a lot of bachelors in the area who had no desire for a school as they had no need for one. This is a story in itself into which I will not go at this time.

Then and now the majority rules. A motion was passed to build a school of logs and chinked with a cement plaster. Boy was it a cold school!

My father, Nick Melnychenko, worked for 27 days free — not a cent did he receive. He wanted a school so badly for his children. So in 1931 a class of all ages of children came to learn the three R's. My brothers had it easier then I as they had attended the Angus school in Angusville. I did not know any English. The first teacher was Rita Fletcher. I must tell you, that because my father was instrumental in acquiring this school, he got to name it. Of this I am very proud. Since we had a lake not too far off called Gilbert Lake, he thought it appropriate to name the school Gilbert School #2210. So with honey and lard pails as our lunch kits we trudged the 2 miles every day, winter and summer. How we did learn! We wanted to know about everything there was to learn about. Our teacher really had a handful. She strapped anyone whom she thought needed it, and to this day I have a very warm place in my heart in spite of her strap. Later there was a gentleman teacher by the name of Wallace Cutforth, also an excellent teacher. At one time he had a class of 72 pupils, all in one room and 8 grades at least.

My only other teacher was a Mr. Jack Oliver. This was in my 8th grade. To him every bad day was blue Monday. I liked and respected all of my teachers and their word was like religion—no matter what, you obeyed. The rule at our house was, "If you get a strap in school, you will get twice as many when you get home."

Life on the homestead was not an easy one. There were no chain-saws, bulldozers or tractors to be had at that time.

With no indoor plumbing or electricity, life was no less exciting. In winter the soft water barrel stood in a corner of the kitchen always waiting for more snow to replenish its contents and always producing lots of soft water for laundry which was done by hand on a washboard in a tub.

In the summertime we caught rain water off into barrels outside. We lived like kings as far as our table fare was concerned. We grew a lot of garden vegetables, raised our own beef, pork, ducks, chickens and turkeys. Mother baked bread, made

butter and canned wild fruit to last us through the long winter months. Wild fruit consisted of strawberries, raspberries, currants and cranberries. In later years Walter planted fruit trees and we had an abundance of plums, crabapples and other fruits. At a very young age he learned how to graft on fruit trees.

All of us children had chores to do every day. Wood had to be split in the winter and piled to dry. Always it seemed wood needed to be carried into the house.

Since, in the early days, there were no fence lines, cattle went anywhere they pleased. The boss cow always carried the bell. To hear one's cow bell, you first break off a branch and swish off the mosquitoes, at the same time throw a rock into the slough to quieten the frogs and listen for your bell.

Years went by and things improved on the homestead. More land was cleared and broken and we even had time to visit on Sunday once in awhile.

Our favorite neighbours visited back and forth. Our closest neighbours were Felix and Cassie Geryluk who took up a homestead even earlier than my father. They lived to the south of us.

War broke out and young men had to go. My brother, Walter, taught school at Winona school and then volunteered for service in the Army. He sailed for England on Christmas day 1944, never to return. He was killed in Holland in 1945.

Bill took up farming and retired to live in Grandview, Manitoba.



The Chalanchuks: Geraldine and Max, Sonia, Susan, Sandra and Carol, in 1959.

Audrey farmed with her husband, then moved to Roblin, Manitoba, where she still resides.

Mother passed away after a long illness in 1961. Father lived to be 86 years of age. These two brave people did so much for the betterment of their community and country. May they always be remembered.

The Mendro Family

by Vicky Mendro

John and Mary Mendro moved to Roblin in



Mr. and Mrs. John Mendro and family: Marie, Rose, Peter and Vicky, in 1947.

1940. John owned and operated a barber shop and pool room on Main Street for 25 years, retiring in 1965.

They were both founding members of the St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church and were very active in the organizational beginnings of the parish and Ukrainian Orthodox community. John devoted many hours to the building of the church. Mary was very active in the Ukrainian Women's Association, and was on the executive for many years.

Mary was very interested in Ukrainian culture and taught Ukrainian cross-stitch embroidery, Ukrainian Easter egg art, weaving and baking. Her hobby was making hand stitched woolen quilts.

John and Mary had four children: Rose, Peter, Vicky and Marie. Rose and Fred Maluta live in Flin Flon and have 2 daughters: Alicia of Edmonton, and Marcia of Calgary, Alberta. Rose and Fred are now retired from a grocery store business.

Peter and Pearl live in Flin Flon and he manages a grocery business. They have 4 children, all of whom are living in Flin Flon. Greg is a surveyor for the Manitoba Government. Ronald is working for Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Co. Michelle and Karla are at home attending high school. Peter is an active 25 year member of the Lions' Club and has served on City Council for over 10 years.

Vicky lives in Winnipeg and has been employed with Manitoba Telephone System for over 25 years.

Marie and Howard Collins live in Winnipeg where she is employed with Manitoba Telephone System and Howard is with the city fire department.

John and Mary moved to Flin Flon in 1968 to be nearer their children and grandchildren. John passed away in October, 1969 and Mary died in February of 1980.

Tom and Mary Menzul Family by Jerry Zbytnuik

Tom Menzul immigrated to the Zelena district of the Shell River Municipality in 1910. He was born in what was then the western Ukraine on February 12, 1893. At the young age of seventeen, he immigrated to Canada with the promise of a new land of opportunity. He obtained his homestead in 1911 along the Shell River in the Zelena District. His attraction to a treed area arose from the fact that in the Ukraine, wood for whatever use, was very precious because of its scarcity. He came by boat to the east coast, then by train to Manitoba, where he arrived at the home of the Joe Kosinski family, who were originally from the same area of the Ukraine.

Two years after his arrival in Canada, he had obtained the means to bring his mother, father, grandmother, two brothers, Bill and Peter, and his sister, Mary to Canada. They homesteaded in the same valley, one mile north of his homestead. Tom's grandmother and parents passed away and are buried at Holy Cross Cemetery in Zelena, next to the church which Tom helped to build. His sister, Mary, moved to Insinger, Saskatchewan, and then to Regina, where she lived until her death in 1977. Tom's brother, Bill farmed in the Zelena district and died in 1960. His younger brother, Peter also farmed in the district, moving to Winnipeg with his wife, Jessie after his retirement. Pete passed away in Winnipeg in 1970.

Tom married Mary Korman on November 21, 1917. They remained on the same homestead for 47 years, where they farmed and raised their family.

Mary Korman was born on April 7, 1902, at Mink Creek, Manitoba. She later moved to the Zelena district with her parents and brothers and sisters. Mary came from a large family, so before and after her marriage, she was like a mother to her younger brothers and sisters. Deceased are her parents and brothers, Nick, Steve, Peter, Mike, and Fred, and her sister, Anne. Surviving are brothers, Jim of Florida, John of Detroit, and sisters, May of St. Catharines, Ontario, and Christine of Winnipeg.

Tom and Mary were blessed with four children, eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The eldest son, Don was born on October 4, 1918. He attended Northcliff school, finishing his high school in Roblin. He worked for John Choma

in the general store before joining the R.C.A.F. on February 2, 1942. He remained in the service until May, 1969, when he retired as a Warrant Officer. In 1967, Canada's centennial year, Don was honored by receiving the "Centennial Medal" in recognition of "Valuable Service to the Nation." His service with the Air Force took him to various parts of Canada as well as four years in Europe. Don was married on June 5, 1945, to Stella Bileski. They have three children: Jenafor, Richard, and Lorraine. Don and Stella are currently living in Surrey, B.C. enjoying a very active semi-retired life.

The second son, Mike did what many sons did in those days; he remained on the farm. He married Mary Filewich on November 5, 1945. They have three children: Donna, Allen, and Margaret. Mike and Mary farmed their own land adjoining Tom's until 1959, at which time Mike took over his father's farm as well. They continued working hard on the mixed farm for twenty years, but always found time for friends and laughter. Mike was active in the local farm organization. When they retired, they moved to Roblin where they now live.

Tom and Mary had only one daughter, Stephanie, who was born December 1, 1922. Stephanie had a very eventful life. She attended Northcliff school and completed her schooling at Goose Lake Collegiate in Roblin. On May 2, 1943 she married Tony Zbytnuik who was in the R.C.A.F. The family was not to escape the tragedy of World War II. Tony was reported missing in action on April 18, 1944. She had given birth to a son, Jerry, on January 30, 1944. Stephanie remained with her parents on the farm for awhile, at which time she taught at Northcliff school for one year, then she went to Winnipeg to take a hairdressing course. She subsequently set up a hairdressing business in Roblin from 1947-1952. Her shop was located above the current Shell River Municipality office. Stephanie married Frank Luzny on July 30, 1952. They moved to Dauphin, where Frank was an engineer on the C.N.R. Stephanie kept up her hairdressing on a part-time basis. She and Frank had a son, Wade, born on July 30, 1954. Frank died in Winnipeg on May 8, 1976 of cancer. Stephanie remained in Dauphin until September, 1984, when she moved back to Roblin.

Tom and Mary's youngest son, Frank was born October 8, 1925. Frank attended Northcliff school and farmed with his parents. He always was an adventurous person. He made the annual winter trek to Toronto, vowing to stay there, but when spring came, he was back to work at the farm. Frank married Olga Klemecki on September 28, 1974, and they settled in Roblin, where Frank is currently employed by the Manitoba Liquor Commission.

Tom and Mary had many eventful happenings



Tom and Mary Menzul Family: Frank, Stephie, Mike, Don, Tom and Mary.

during their lifetime, which took them from the early pioneer days to the lifestyle of today. They led a very active life and were able to adjust with the times. The events were not always pleasant, as sickness befell the family on numerous occasions, and they did not escape the tragic flu of the thirties. The family escaped death but were in a state of delirium for two weeks. They were aided by a neighbour who went around helping the best he could. The animals were even left to look after themselves. They always found a way to overcome hardships, working on the land and always maintaining a proud and fair way of life.

Tom purchased two adjoining farms over the years and his first half-ton truck was a 1939 International. The fifteen mile journey to Roblin was made by horses prior to obtaining a motorized vehicle. Power came to the farm in 1955 and (you guessed it) the first purchases were a battery charger, a fridge, and a hotplate. The fridge saved them from using the well for cooling, where many a quart of milk lies on the bottom, and the hotplate eliminated the heat of the stove during summer cooking. Surviving on a mixed farm meant keeping cattle, pigs, chickens, turkeys, and ducks, both for their own use and the market of the day. Their farm was 15 miles from Roblin, 2 miles from a post office, 2½ miles from the hall, 2 miles from church and 2½ miles from school. Their close neighbours were the Kormans, Malugas, Chicks, and Fediniuks. A trip to town routinely included the following stops: egg grading plant, creamery, hardware store, and grocery store, prior to going home.

Tom and Mary moved to Roblin in 1959 and celebrated a milestone, their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary in 1967.

Tom Menzul was a very proud and hard working man. He was always around to help his neighbours with the threshing, wood cutting, haying or whatever needed to be done. Tom was a school

trustee, a church founder and builder, and he graded many a mile of district roads. He was an originating and a 50-year member of Manitoba Pool Elevators. Tom Menzul died of cancer on July 5, 1976.

Mary Menzul, despite her many illnesses, raised a family and with the work of the day, maintained a very active life. She was self-educated. Her father introduced her to books at an early age. She became an excellent seamstress, maintaining the craft and filling all her children's and grandchildren's homes with her famous "throws". Her delicate work in cross-stitching and embroidery is most artistic. Mary's big love was in reading books, newspapers, and sewing. She was an active member of the Holy Cross Catholic Church at Zelena. When she moved to Roblin she became a member of the Holy Redeemer Church and C.W.L.

Mary died a peaceful death in Roblin on June 19, 1984.

Characteristics of Tom and Mary, for which they will certainly be remembered by those who knew them, were their willingness and openness to help those in need; and their love for visiting and entertaining guests. Their home, both on the farm and in town, was always an enjoyable place to visit and callers were treated in a very hospitable manner. Tom and Mary, like the other people of the time and the land, worked hard and that is what got them through many hard times. If there is a lesson to be learned by their example, it was not to just wish for something or envy those who have something, but to roll up your sleeves and work for what you want.

The homestead remains much the way it was from the beginning, with its rolling hills, trees, lake and river nearby. The original farmhouse still stands, and the children and grandchildren return often to "the Farm" as they remember the many berry trees and mushroom patches, but most of all, "How can you forget the smell of Grandma's cinnamon buns?"

Lorin Merrell Family by Clarence Merrell

It was the spring of 1881 that Lorin Merrell arrived from the east with his mother, three sisters and nine brothers. His father had set out the year before to look for a farm that could support his family, and where he could put three or four of his older sons to work.

The first few years of Lorin's life in Manitoba were spent completing his public school education. He attended school first in Portage la Prairie, then Brandon, and finally Northfield school which was several miles east of Wawanesa toward Glenboro. It

was likely here that Lorin made up his mind to become a school teacher.

Lorin's ambition to be a teacher, however, was interrupted for a few years because of the need of an extra farm-hand at home.

However, due to soil erosion, the family was being encouraged to give up farming. Some of the boys were already gone. The Rev. Horace Atkins, a Baptist student minister, and close friend of the family, had heard of the settlement started in 1886 between the Riding and Duck Mountains. By 1896 the railroad had reached Dauphin. The prospects looked good for a boarding house in this fast growing community. That year, Lorin's father sold the farm and moved the family to Dauphin.

Lorin was now able to consider his own future and set about at the age of 26 to fulfil his ambition. For 35 years, he taught school in Manitoba. Most of this time was spent teaching grades VII and VIII in Brickburn school (Gilbert Plains) and Goose Lake (Roblin).

With his wife Emily, (the widow of the Rev. Atkins) and their three children (H.C. (Bob), Mabel and Clarence), Lorin arrived in Roblin in the summer of 1912. Their first home was over Gill's store and they later moved to the Van der Matten house two or three blocks west on Main Street. By 1915, the family moved to a house a block and a half south. This was the year Emily, who had been suffering ill health, passed away. She was buried in Gilbert Plains, beside her two daughters who had died as infants. The following year the family moved to a house just south of the old fire station. This is where Lorin brought his new wife, Louisa Lowe, a widow and milliner from Gilbert Plains. By 1918, the family was living on a farm a mile and a half north of Roblin.

Without a car or other means of transportation, the trek to town was by foot. This was especially hard for Lorin and Louisa, who, like so many others, were doing volunteer work in town during the flu epidemic. The school had been closed and the Roblin Hotel converted to a hospital.

After the Armistice, the family moved back to town and lived in another house near the fire station for a time and finally to the house overlooking Goose Lake.

Following his retirement from Goose Lake, Lorin and Louisa lived in Bield, Grainfield, Postup and Deepdale where Lorin filled in as teacher. It was following this that he closed out his career as mentor. Louisa passed away in 1935 and is buried in Roblin beside her son, Stephen. Shortly after, Lorin moved to the New England states. He lived for awhile in Utah, and finally moved to Hawthorne, California. Lorin died on the 17th of February, 1951

at the age of 78. At his death, he was survived by his three children and eleven grandchildren.

Lorin will be remembered as a quiet, easy-going unassuming man, who seldom lost his temper, and got his pupils through their grades. There will be those, whose handwriting left much to be desired when they reached his room, who will remember that he taught them how to write. Others, who got pleasure on the playing field will remember this six-footer as one who could keep up with the best.

There are probably some who will remember their misdemeanors, and who, when once warned, got prompt attention not always by orthodox means. Although Lorin's name will not appear in the history books of Manitoba, it will be remembered with pride by his pupils.

H. C. (Bob) Merrell became a Pharmacist, having worked in drug stores in Roblin, Brandon, and Prince Albert. He operated his own store in Maymont, Sask., and up to 1965, had a store in Edmonton. During the second World War, he was a warrant officer in the R.C.A.F. attached to the army hospital in Calgary. He was married to the former Ella Jackson of Brandon in 1920. He died June 17th, 1967.

Mabel Merrell became a school teacher, teaching in Marchwell, Foam Lake and Maymont in Saskatchewan. She was married in 1930 to R. G. McIntosh. They are living in Saskatoon.

Clarence Merrell joined the Royal Bank in Roblin in September 1928. In 1931 he was transferred to Flin Flon, remaining with the bank until December 1935. In May of 1936, he started working for Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Co. Ltd. He was married to the former Audrey Hall, a school teacher, in August 1938. Following retirement in September 1973, as Chief Accountant, Clarence and Audrey moved to Winnipeg where they still reside.

The Leslie Merrell Family by the Family

Leslie Lewis Merrell was born in Beamsville, Ontario on June 11, 1869. He moved west with his parents, nine brothers and seven sisters in 1881. He attended school in Portage la Prairie, Brandon and Northfield. At Northfield one of his classmates was Nellie McClung.

On Nov. 14, 1894, he married Ada Jane Martin. Ada was born in Stratford, Ontario in Nov. 1870. Her mother died when she was small and she was raised by an aunt. Her father and two older sisters moved to the Shoal Lake district in Manitoba. Later, Ada's two sisters were married and lived in Brandon. When Ada was 17 years of age, her sisters asked her to join them. Here she met and married Leslie Merrell, a brother to her sister, Ambie's husband, Harry Merrell.

Leslie was a painter and paper hanger by trade. He also farmed for a number of years. They lived in the Lena district near Killarney, where four of their five children were born; Zina, Phedora, Lawrence and Mary. They moved to Wapella, Sask. where their youngest son, Leslie Floyd, was born. They moved back to Manitoba and farmed in the Cromarty district, north-west of Roblin. All of the family attended school in Roblin.

Zina, the eldest child, died at Wapella when only 13 years of age.

Phedora was a music teacher. She married Harold Wells who, for several years, was a partner with Thomas Cameron in a restaurant and grocery store in Roblin. They had three children; Gordon, Phedora and William (Bill). Harold's wife, Phedora, passed away eight days after Bill was born. Shortly after that, Harold took the two older children and returned to England. Phedora's parents looked after Bill who is now married and lives in Vancouver.

Lawrence married Pearl Watson (nee Leflar). She was a widow with four children whom Lawrence adopted. Their names were: Eva, Alice, Walter and Arthur. Lawrence and Pearl had one son, Truman, who was born in Roblin. Lawrence was a mechanic. He was employed in Yeo's garage and later he looked after the power house which supplied electricity to the town until Manitoba Hydro brought their power lines to Roblin. In 1941 Lawrence and Pearl moved with their family to Montreal where Lawrence worked as a diesel engineer. They later moved to Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta where Lawrence and Pearl both passed away.

Mary became a school teacher and taught at Erickson where she married a farmer, Arthur Gusdal. They had nine children. Arthur passed away in 1981. Mary still lives on the farm with one of her daughters.

Floyd, the youngest member of the family, married Sadie Prier in 1935. They lived in Roblin until 1941, where four of their children were born. Their names were: Lyle, Marlene, Elaine and Gerald. Floyd was employed at Cross's Garage. They moved to Dauphin where Donald and Barry were born. In 1957 the family moved to Winnipeg where Floyd and Sadie still reside. They have nine grandchildren.

Ada Merrell died of cancer in Roblin in 1935 and Leslie passed away in B.C. in 1956.

Michalevich Family

by Love Perchaluk

Steve Michalevich arrived in Canada in 1908. He brought his brother, Michael over in 1913; his parents, Matthew and Anastasia, and his sister, Anna

in 1914; his sister, Mary and husband, Paul and daughter, Stefia Kowaletski in 1917. Steve's cousin, Helen Andrychuk, Smuskis, and Sykos came in 1924, and his cousin, Walter Czkowski came in 1929.

Steve married Mary Vikowski and they had seven children: Emily, Lena, Anne, Tony, Stella, Steve and Marion. After Steve and Mary passed away the family moved to the U.S.A. where Tony and Steve served in the Korean War. Steve also worked on the Nassau project.

Mary and Paul Kowaletski had three children: Stefia, Joe and Annie. They farmed in the Meridale district.

Mike married Anna Patola in 1921. They had ten children: Love, Victoria, Anne, Michael, Victor, Anastasia, Yvonne, Cynthia, Edith and Daria. They all are married and living in Canada. Mike and Anne lived in Postup, Meridale and Roblin. Mike served with the Winnipeg Rifles (the Little Black Devils) Battalion in the First World War. In the Second World War he served in Canada as a Home Guard with the war prisoners. Mike passed away in August 1949. Anna is presently living in the Roblin Residences.

Mickelson Family

by Oscar Mickelson and Roy

Mickel Paul Mickelson (Nov. 25, 1854-Feb. 2, 1916) and Anne Marie (Mary) Tollefson (Jan. 3, 1855-Aug. 1944)



Oscar, Peter, Josephine, Isabelle, Henry, Helen, Mickel, Mary and Anna.

Mickel Mickelson was born in 1854 in Lodi, Wisconsin. Mary Tollefson was born in Bergin, Norway and immigrated with family to the U.S.A. Mickel and Mary were married and farmed at Forest City, Iowa, where their family was born. They later moved to Foxhome, Minnesota. In 1904 they immigrated to the Tummel district and took up a homestead 5½ miles south, and 2 miles east of Roblin. My Dad was on his way to Montana. He got only as far as Fargo, North Dakota, when he met a representative of the Canadian government who

talked him into going to Manitoba. This man also asked him to get others to move north. Manitoba was anxious to get in more settlers and the railways were working with the government to bring this about.

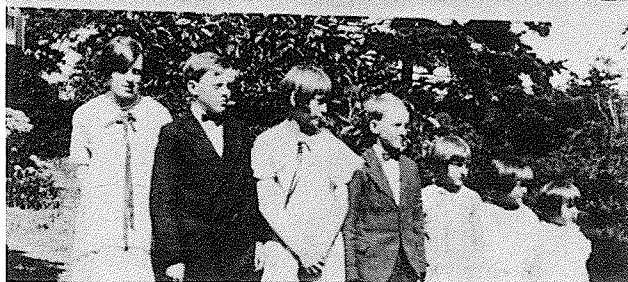
What I remember mostly was the heavy frost that came before the first fair in Roblin. It was in August 1907. Everyone was pretty depressed over it. It was the nicest wheat prospect ever grown in the valley. The first airplane I saw was at the Roblin Fair in 1914. I played ball with the Tummel team and I remember the people thought Tummel put up the best picnics. We would go to the Christmas programs in the three schools in Tummel. At one program Belle Mitchell sang "We're Tenting Tonight", and Jack Mitchell and brother, Peter, were dressed as soldiers. One winter I drove the school van and went to the agricultural school in Roblin. As part of the course Eddie Charbonneau and I went down to the University of Manitoba for a few days. When I was 16 I was clearing land. I used a plow with three horses: Fly, May and Mag.

I believe Marshall Fox had the first car in Tummel. He bought a Ford in 1915. Albert Staple got an Overland in 1916. Albert was councillor from 1908 to the early 20's. In 1907 Kines ran against Mitchell and was elected and he made Albert road boss. That fall Albert ran against Kines and was elected. John Arnott was elected reeve at the same time. Sid Rogers was reeve for many years. The Roblin High School was built in 1919 and 1920. Albert was a trustee in the late 20's.

The only first I can think of is that Dad bought the first manure spreader sold out of Roblin in 1912 and I bought the first Fordson in 1919. I think the biggest change since is in the size of the farms with more acres and less farmers. From oxen and horses it went to machines, cars and tractors. Often I stand and watch the cars, trucks and buses go by and try to visualize that 70 years ago it was all done by old Dobbin.

My father enjoyed his valley home. But his Canadian dream was short lived. He took sick and died suddenly in 1916. Mother was 13 when she came to America but she worked diligently learning to read, write and speak in English so was able to make friends. Mother lived here for many years and their grandchildren and great-grandchildren have been happy with their Manitoba homes. Mickel and Mary had 8 children: Isabella married Albert Staple; Peter (twin) married Edith Jakeman; Henry (twin) married May Black; Anna married Frank Korthal; Josie married Marshall Fox; Helen married Robert Switzer; Amanda died at age 19; Oscar married Gladys Kerr.

Isabella Mickelson (1879-1964) and Albert Staple (1873-1960) — see the Staple family history.



Peter and Edith Mickelson, Vivian, Harvey, Pearl, Cecil, Ada, Ivy and Cora.

Peter Mickelson (1881-1960) and Edith Jakeman (1888-1964)

Peter came to Tummel with his father, Mickel Mickelson and his twin brother, Henry in 1904. When fall came, Peter was asked to stay in Canada to hold the homesteads for the winter. However, he got too lonely and surprised his family by returning to Foxhome, Minnesota for Christmas. Peter and Edith were married in 1910. They farmed in Tummel (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 17-25-28), also north of Bield and in Virginia, U.S.A. They also had the Massey Harris business in Roblin. Peter built the house in Roblin (130-4th Avenue E.) In 1928 they moved with their family to Victoria where Peter worked hard as a carpenter to give his family an education.

They had eight children:

Vivian (1913), married Guy Walker and they live in New Zealand.

Harvey (1915), a teacher, married Norma Matthews, dean at the University of Victoria. They have 2 children, Rick and Ann (both teachers).

Pearl (1916-1974), a hairdresser, married David Orr.

Cecil (1918), a psychiatrist, married Liami Rante who was born in Finland. They have a son, Allan (a doctor) and a daughter, Linda. Both Linda and her husband, Marcel Cloutier, lectured at Laval University in Quebec and have now been appointed to the Canadian Embassy in Morocco for two years.

Ada (1919) married Carl Severson and they have one daughter, Karen.

Ivy (1922) has a bookstore in Victoria.

Cora (1924–1982) married Wilfrid Fraser and they have 2 sons, Danny and Jeffrey.

Henry Mickelson (1881–1964) and May Black (1882–1957)



Henry and May Mickelson.

Henry homesteaded the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 16–25–28. His brother, Oscar lived there later and now Mervyn lives there. The original house and barn were brought by Albert McFadyen and moved to his farm. Henry and May were married in 1914 and later moved to Long Beach, California where Henry did gardening and yard work.

Anna Mickelson (1882–1973) and Frank Korthal (1883–1957)

Anna and Frank were married in 1908 and lived in Roblin for a short time. They owned Frank's Cafe in Towner, N.D. They had 3 children: Jessie, Ila and Margaret.

Jessie (1905–1944) married Floy Spacht and they had 4 children: Meredith Ann, Wilma Jean, Mona K. and Jim. Jessie was the minister of the congregational Church in Fargo, N.D. when he died suddenly. He took some services in Roblin.

Ila (1912) married Joe Selzler and they have 2 children, Jesslyn and Greg and 5 grandchildren — Kay, Donna Jo, Joel, Darryl and Sara. Ila lives in Towner, N.D. and is the local paper reporter and has been church organist for over 40 years.

Margy (1919) married Garn Radabough who served many years in the U.S. Navy, and they have 3 children; Dennis, Bruce and Rhonda, and 5 grandchildren; Darrin, Brian, Ryan, Erin and Shaun.

Josephine Mickelson (1885–1922) and Marshall Fox (1878–1962) see the Fox Family history.

Helen Mickelson (1887–1971) and Robert Switzer (1880–1969) see the Switzer Family history.

**Oscar Woodrow Mickelson (July 9, 1893–)
Gladys Valeria Kerr (Feb. 15, 1897–1972)
by Roy Mickelson**



Earl, Roy, Gladys, Mervyn, Oliver, Ruby, Oscar and Gladys (parents) and Lillian Mickelson.

Oscar was born in Forest City, Iowa in 1893. Gladys was born in Neepawa, Manitoba in 1897. Their parental families moved to the Tummel district in 1904 and 1903 respectively, and homesteaded on neighboring farms. Oscar and Gladys were married in 1919 and began farming 5 miles south of Roblin.

They had 7 children:

Lillian married Jay Campbell and they are living in Bremerton, Washington.

Ruby married Keith Alexander (deceased) and she is living on the original Kerr homestead.

Earl (twin) married Bev Cumming and they also live on the original Kerr homestead.

Roy (twin) married Joyce Schwalm and they are living in Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

Mervyn married Laura Maguire. They live on the farm which was homesteaded by Henry Mickelson.

Gladys married Don Shearer and they are living on a farm 11 miles south of Roblin.

Oliver married Loretta Zimmer, and they live on a farm 6 miles south of Roblin.

by Ruby Alexander

They worked long hard hours bringing up their large family. Dad farmed, clearing land and picking many stones, drove the school van, had horses, cattle, pigs and fowl. Before going to school he would milk up to a dozen cows. We would hear him coming across the yard whistling and carrying large pails of milk.

Mother served three big meals promptly every day to her hungry crew, made and mended clothes, tended the garden and helped with other chores. She also took time to help each child with his (her) school work and to learn the notes on the organ. She

had bought the organ when she started teaching. We became familiar with many of the hymns she played. Each child also had a list of jobs to do. Both parents enjoyed books and encouraged a good education. Dad especially liked history and we became very familiar with the lives of the presidents. Mother seemed to be an expert on word meanings.

In all this business they never forgot to have fun,



Oscar Mickelson Family: Lillian, Gladys, Ruby, Gladys, Oliver, Earl, Mervyn Mickelson taken in the spring of 1935 by the Shell River with a 1928 Ford car.

but joined with us for picnics, skating, ball, swimming and many games. Even with money very scarce, with nine people packed into our two-door Ford, we took memorable trips to Clear Lake, Swan River, Madge Lake and even to Winnipeg. Dad worked all night in the field so we could leave for Winnipeg. How Mother packed enough food and clothing in such a little space I can't imagine.

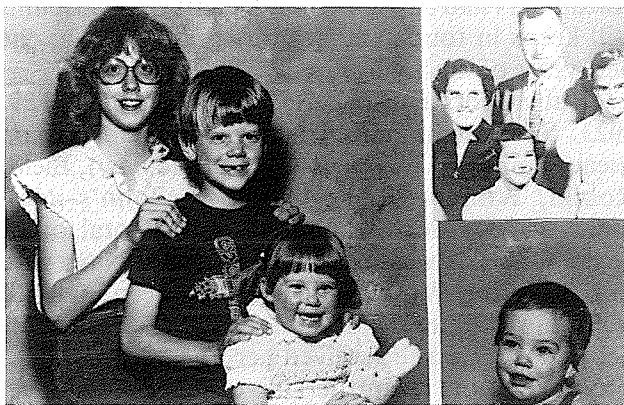
After Dad officially stopped farming, he spent many days doing tractor work, picking stones, harvesting, painting buildings, tidying garages and gardening for the family. Being the youngest in his family, he was also concerned about caring for his Mother and brothers and sisters when they needed him. Mother also kept busy in the home with her father and grandchildren.

She was secretary for the U.C.W. and worked on many other projects. It has been said, "She was a wonderful woman!" We had loving, caring parents.

Lillian Mickelson and Jay L. Campbell by Ruby

Lillian Irene was born on January 11, 1922 in Winnipeg. Jay L. was one of 8 children born to John Luther Campbell and Terah Belle Haynes in New Mexico on August 15, 1917.

After attending school in Roblin, Lillian helped on the farm, took a homemaking course in Roblin and belonged to a chicken club. In 1943 she worked



Erin and Michael Murray, Alicia and Mark Harris, Lillian and Jay Campbell, Michelle and Claudia.

in the Navy Yard at Bremerton, Washington. On June 17, 1944, she married Jay Campbell. The wedding took place in the farm home south of Roblin, with the Rev. David Conly officiating. Lillian's music teacher, Mrs. Russell Boyce played the organ and Bobby Keast was soloist. Except for a couple of years when Jay worked in the Montgomery Ward Store in Spokane, they have made their home in Bremerton. They have two daughters: Claudia Irene and Portia Michelle.

Claudia Irene, born on July 13, 1948 is married to Danny Estrada. They have two children — Erin Irene, born on September 12, 1969 and Michael Earl, born on April 23, 1974. Claudia is a Quality Assurance Specialist for undersea warfare at the Keyport Torpedo Naval Station. Danny works for the Bremerton Sun paper.

Portia Michelle, born on March 18, 1952, is married to Randy Harris. They have two children —, Alicia Michelle, born on April 17, 1979 and Mark Christopher, born in October, 1983. Randy is in electronics in the navy yard.

Throughout the years Lillian, Jay and their family have spent many of their holidays in this area and now have a home here. They take an active part in the community, supporting Tummel Church by helping with cleaning and upkeep of the building and teaching and attending Bible School and Church services. They also enjoy the winter sports.

Ruby Mickelson and Keith Alexander by Ruby

Arnold Keith Alexander (January 12, 1921–December 18, 1972) was the son of Jack Keith Alexander and Florence (Flossie) Cameron. Keith was a pilot in the R.C.A.F. for 12 years and was a member of the Manitoba Legislative Assembly as conservative representative for Roblin from 1957–66. He farmed, studied at the University of Winnipeg, and was lay minister for Benito, Durban and Kenville for two and a half years. While in Kenville the

Alexanders had a foster child, Dennis Chief. Dennis still keeps in touch and regards that period as the best years of his life.

Ruby Georgina Mickelson was born on July 29, 1923. She taught school in Cupar, Sandringham (near Dauphin), Wicklow (near Grandview), Bield, Roblin, Winnipeg (Argyle and St. John's—adult night school) and Swan River, for a total of 22 years. One year was spent working in the Navy yard in Bremerton, Washington. She has been involved in Tummel Sunday School, U.C.W. and Bible School. In 1970 she received her B.A. degree (Psychology major) from the University of Winnipeg. Since then she has helped in the L'Arche home in Transcona; sat on a Treatment Panel for Community Services and Corrections in Winnipeg; worked on church and community committees; and, with her Dad, has attempted to keep the home place open and in repair. In the absence of a family of her own, she has greatly appreciated the companionship of her nephews and nieces and other relatives.

Roy and Joyce (Schwalm) Mickelson by Roy



Barry, Larry, Heather, Ross, Gayle, Roy and Joyce Mickelson.

We were married in 1950. Joyce had been a former Grade 6 school teacher in Roblin.

In March of 1952, we left the farm and took over the International Harvester dealership in Roblin. The dealership was located on Main Street west.

Some of the most common machines listed in the first price book, which I still have are:

W4 tractor	\$2092.00
W6 tractor	2592.00
1/2 ton truck	2350.00
3F plow	352.00
10' cultivator	358.00
10' tandem disc	385.00
24 DD drill	653.00
8' binder	658.00
10' rake	128.00

5' mower	195.00
7' power mower	306.00
side delivery rake	302.00

In March, 1958, International Harvester asked us to become the dealers in Yorkton. We operated both dealerships until selling Roblin's dealership to Lloyd Elder and Sons in 1972 and Yorkton's in 1975.

We have three children; Heather, Ross and Barry, all born in Roblin.

Heather married Larry Decterow, and they are living in Regina. She has a university degree in Home Economics and is Assistant Provincial Nutritionist with Saskatchewan Health. Larry is an electronics technologist with Saskatchewan Power. Ross married Gayle Reimer, and they live in Saskatoon. Ross is a medical intern at City Hospital. They have 1 daughter, Sarah and 1 son, Mark. Barry is living in Calgary. Barry has a university degree in psychology and is a licensing officer for Alberta Social Services and Community Health. He has also had major acting roles in about 20 productions at theatres in Calgary.

Earl Robert Mickelson and Beverly Jean Cumming by Earl



Earl and Bev Mickelson's herd of cattle.

Earl married Bev. Cumming of Springside, Saskatchewan. She is a registered nurse, having received her training at Yorkton Union Hospital. She worked in the Yorkton Hospital and periodically in the Roblin Hospital.

They live on the Bob Kerr homestead. They also have purchased the original Mickelson homestead as well as Albert Staple's homestead.

They have raised registered Hereford cattle for a number of years. They have shown cattle at a number of fairs and exhibitions as well as exported cattle to the U.S. and Mexico.

Mervyn and Laura Mickelson (nee Maguire) by Mervyn

Mervyn Garfield was born on December 30, 1926 to Oscar and Gladys Mickelson at their farm, 5 miles south of Roblin. He was the fifth of seven children.

Laura Isabella was born on July 12, 1930 to



Mervyn, Laura, Jim, Bob, Susan and Tom Mickelson.

William and Mae Maguire at their home in Silverwood. She was the third of five children.

Laura and Mervyn were married in the Maguire home on November 9, 1949. Their first home was in the farmyard of Mervyn's Grandfather, Bob Kerr. A year later their house burned to the ground while Laura was in the hospital giving birth to their first child, Thomas Woodrow (Sept. 21, 1950).

In 1951 the Mickelsons rented Donald Robertson's $\frac{1}{2}$ section, one mile west of their present home. In 1952 they built on their present location, which was homesteaded by Mervyn's uncle, Henry Mickelson.

On January 6, 1953, Robert Garfield was born and Susan Lynn was born on June 24, 1958. During these years they farmed a $\frac{1}{2}$ section of his parents land plus various rented land.

In 1959 Mervyn went to work as a salesman for his brother, Roy in the International Harvester business and continued to farm a $\frac{1}{2}$ section.

On December 1, 1967 tragedy struck the family. Tom was killed in a car accident at age 17 in his final year of high school.

James Wesley was born on February 4, 1968. His birth brought much joy and helped ease the pain of their loss.

In 1966 Mervyn purchased three quarters from Durrel Staple, and a half section from Hilton Brumwell. The Staple home quarter was subsequently sold to Denis Johnston.

In 1968 Mervyn resigned from International Harvester and went into a partnership with Murray Cameron and Reg Robertson. They set up a feedlot

for 600 head of cattle and jointly farmed their land and rented the Ralph and Mabel Jory farm for a total of about 3000 acres. This partnership continued until 1975. At that time they disposed of their



Bob Mickelson bull riding at the Calgary stampede in 1980.



Susan, Russ and Noah Wilson.

equipment through an auction sale. Murray Cameron took over the feed lot which was on his farm. Mervyn and Robert farmed together until 1978 when Mervyn's health problems caused them to rent out much of the land.

Robert has spent many summers riding in rodeos. In 1975 he was Manitoba Cowboy Association champion in saddle bronc and bull riding, receiving two silver buckles. He purchased a section of grain land and $\frac{3}{4}$ of pasture land in 1981.

After completing her high school and working on the farm, Susan entered Briercrest Bible Institute at Carronport, Saskatchewan. She graduated from there and married Russ Wilson (also a Briercrest graduate) from Oshawa, Ont. They accepted a pastorate at The Evangelical Free Church in Kamsack, Sask. where they served for $2\frac{1}{2}$ years. They have one child, Noah Christopher, born on July 21, 1983. They are preparing to enter a ministry in Quebec City for Campus Crusade for Christ.

Jim is presently in grade 11 at Goose Lake High. In 1983 Mervyn was elected Reeve of the Shell River Municipality and is presently serving in that position.

The family is also actively involved in the Evangelical Mission Church.

Gladys (Mickelson) and Don Shearer by Gladys



Gladys, Allison, Brenda and Don Shearer.

Gladys was employed at the Royal Bank in Roblin and Don farmed in the Castleberry district prior to their marriage in 1959. We moved to the Tummel district in 1963. We have 2 daughters, Allison, who is enrolled in Agricultural Degree Course at the University of Manitoba and Brenda, who is attending Goose Lake High.

Oliver Mickelson and Loretta Zimmer by Oliver

Oliver Wesley was born on June 24th, 1929. Loretta Christine was born on November 24, 1940.

She was a daughter of Emil and Freda Zimmer of Shelvin, one of five children: Ken of Brandon, Orland of Yorkton, Joan Gagne of Selkirk and Don of Swift Current.

Oliver and Loretta had three children: Miles Buchanan, born in 1957, deceased in 1970, Cheryl Maureen, born January 29, 1962 and Myron Oliver, born October 7, 1972.



Kimberly Crabb, Myron Mickelson, Cheryl and Bill Crabb, Oliver and Loretta and Miles Mickelson.

Oliver and Loretta farmed until 1974. Since then Oliver has worked at bookkeeping and janitorial work and has been employed at the Harrowby Canola Processing Plant since June 1981.

Loretta has been employed as waitress in Roblin and for three years at the Roblin Hospital in the kitchen and as a nurses' aid.

Cheryl has been secretary at Winnipeg Airport, Polar Insulation Co., and at Pioneer Grain Co. in Winnipeg (for three years). She married Bill Crabb in May 1981. They have a daughter Kimberly, born on March 28, 1983. Bill, son of Arvid and Pauline Crabb, is a video tape supervisor at C.K.N.D. TV in Winnipeg. Bill, Cheryl and Kimberly Ann are active members of Rosedale United Church in Winnipeg.

Myron is currently in Grade VII in the Roblin Collegiate. He enjoys all sports, but particularly baseball and football.

Charles Middleton by Charles McKenzie

Charles Middleton was born in 1878 in the south of England, and came to Canada in 1904 or 1905 and took out a homestead in the Deepdale district on the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 20-27-28.

Mrs. (Cora Evans) Middleton was born in England in 1870 and had a son, Norman who was born in 1904. They lived on the homestead for several years and were good neighbours. Charles left in the 1940's for B.C. and later went to Toronto where he ran a rooming house. He passed away in Toronto in

1957. Cora passed away in 1941. Norman is still living in B.C.

Charlie sold his farm to Sigurd Olsen in 1937, who later sold it to the V.L.A., who later (after the Second World War) sold it to Earl Ward and they still live there today.

John Midzian Family by the family



John and Rosie Midzian (both standing), and Tom and Pearl Midzian (both seated) at the Merridale Midzian Reunion, 1981.

John Midzian was born in Poplar Park, Manitoba in 1902, shortly after his parents, Michael and Euphrosena Midzian, arrived in Canada from the Ukraine. He was the third child in a family of four. In that same year the family moved to a homestead in the Merridale district (Hillsburg municipality). He attended school in Merridale for a number of years, after which, he was employed in the Roblin area, by the Arnott families as a hired man. He was a member of the Armed forces for only a few months in 1918.

Rosie Klemetski was born to Maria and Frank Klemetski in Poland in 1910. After enduring many

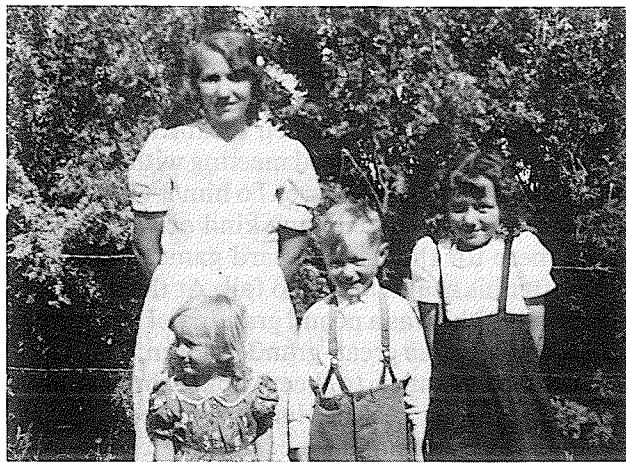


Mr. and Mrs. Klemetski in front of son-in-law John Midzian's first car.

hardships there during the First World War, Frank immigrated to Canada in search of a better life. In 1923, Rose, her mother, sister and brother set out to

join their father in Canada. Misfortune struck, when they reached Belgium. Her young sister died and the family was delayed in Antwerp for a burial. However, they finally did continue on the journey and a few months later were able to join her father in Merridale, Manitoba, in the new home that he had prepared for them. Rosie attended school for a few years, after which she was employed by the Arnott and Ritchie families in Roblin.

On November 8, 1931, Rosie and John were married in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Merridale and settled on a farm in the district. Together they raised their family of two boys and two girls.



Mrs. Rosie Midzian and her oldest children, 1940.

At the same time they were expanding on their farming operation. John made many trips by horses and sleigh to Kelly's mill, where he obtained his lumber for farm buildings. Likewise, he made many trips with horses, a distance of fifteen miles to Roblin, to do the shopping. By 1935 he purchased his first car. That was not only a pleasure to his own family, but he also provided taxi-service to many of the neighbours, when their needs necessitated them to "go to town". John also recalled the many times he helped build municipal roads with the aid of horse-drawn scrapers.

He spent some time as trustee of the Merridale school. As well he also provided caretaking services at the school. For a number of years, he and his boys supplied the cord-wood, which kept the school warm in winter. He was not too politically inclined.

Rosie, as well as helping with field work and milking cows, was busy growing a large garden and generally keeping the family supplied with plenty of food — wild berries, mushrooms and home baking. She learned the art of spinning yarn from wool and was always busy during the evening knitting socks, mitts and scarves to keep the family warm in winter.

She also spent countless hours making use of her new "Singer" which aided her in supplying the family with clothing. Fancy embroidering of articles occupied much of her leisure time. In 1950, she spent much of the year caring for her ailing mother, who passed away that year.

Time passed quickly and soon the children were out of school, married and on their own. In 1965, they sold their farm and moved to Roblin. John was employed at Roblin Forest Products for two years and then retired. Since three of their children chose to make their homes in British Columbia, John and Rosie made many trips there to visit them, and of course their grandchildren. At the same time, they made many stops at other points on the prairies to visit and chat with other relatives and acquaintances. But, no matter how exciting their travels were, they were always happiest when they were back at home and among their local friends.

John especially enjoyed meeting with his friends at the local Drop-in-Centre. To him it was always a pleasure to walk there in any kind of weather, just to be there for that special card game. This he did even after his health began to fail. At the time of his death in 1983 he was a proud grandpa of nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Rosie continues to keep house on her own, despite declining health. Her garden keeps her well occupied in the summer time. Although her eyesight has been failing, she still continues to knit many articles as well as doing a considerable amount of patch work quilting for the entire family. She now has two additional great-grandchildren.

Alex Miller Family

by Pen Miller

Alex and Jean Miller were both born in Scotland and came to Canada at an early age. Alex came to Canada in 1911 to homestead with his two brothers near Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

Jean came to Canada in 1912, worked in Montreal for six months then moved to Yorkton, Saskatchewan to be near her sister. This is where she met Alex.

In August of 1914, Alex joined the Canadian Expeditionary Force and served overseas from 1914 to 1918. In 1915, Jean returned to Scotland and in December 1917, Alex and Jean were married in Holytown, Scotland.

In May of 1919, Mr. and Mrs. Miller returned to Yorkton, Saskatchewan where Mr. Miller received his discharge from the army. During the next seven years the couple lived at Yorkton, Calder and Canora, Saskatchewan.

In 1926 they bought a farm 5½ miles south of Bield and farmed until 1944 when Mr. Miller became postmaster in Bield. He served in this capacity until 1956. In September of 1956 they

moved to Winnipeg where they spent their remaining years.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller had three daughters, Irene, Penual and Jean. They received their education in Bield and now reside in Winnipeg.

Bert Miller Family

by Mabel Kelso

Annie Penas married Bert Miller at Roblin. They lived in Roblin where Bert did manual labor. Finally he started to do painting and decorating. For a couple of winters he worked at Sig Olsen's sawmill. He also took care of the curling rink for a couple of seasons.

They had 4 daughters. Ruth, the eldest, received her education in the Roblin schools. While in high school, she had a fatal disease and passed away at the age of 17.

Elizabeth received her education at the Roblin schools and after graduation she took a business course in Dauphin. She worked at the Dauphin Co-op Creamery and married Keith Brittain at Calgary, Alberta. They resided at Calgary for a number of years where Keith did carpentry work. They bought a land development near Rimbey and that is where they reside. They have 3 children: Tracy, Murray and Paula.

Jessie received her education at the Roblin schools and also at Dauphin school. Upon graduation she joined the Civil Service and was posted at Churchill. There she met Douglas Maclean and they were married at Dauphin. Doug was a member of the Royal Canadian Army and they moved to London, Ontario. Their son, Bert, was born there. They spent some time in West Germany. Their daughter, Ruth Anne, was born in Dauphin. After his retirement Doug and Jessie moved to Calgary. Doug was employed by Keith at the summer resort and Jessie took a position in the Bank of Montreal at Rimbey and now is in Calgary.

Bertines was born in Roblin. She started school here but finished her education in Dauphin. After she finished she went to Winnipeg where she had found employment. She married Allan Devitt.

Mr. Miller had left Roblin after the death of his daughter and took up residence in Dauphin. He looked after the curling rink for a couple of seasons and then he worked for the town until his retirement.

Annie worked as a clerk in the Boulevard Hotel and finally in the Indian school until she retired.

Mr. Miller passed away in 1972. Mrs. Miller remained there for awhile, but now resides in Drumheller, Alberta.

Chris Miller Family

by Chris and Della Miller

Chris Miller came to Canada with his parents,



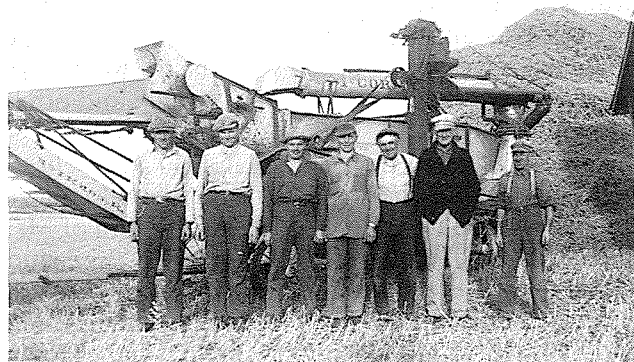
Stacking hay in the valley.

two sisters (Mary and Caroline), two brothers (Valentine and Rudolph) and a brother-in-law (married to Mary), John Schilling. Chris was two years old and his baby brother, Rudolph, only 3 weeks old.

The family came from Shifka Galicia, Austria and arrived in Halifax, Nova Scotia on May 17th, 1904. After the family arrived in Halifax, they went on to Winnipeg and then to Neudorf, Saskatchewan. They settled here at uncle Christian's home from May until the spring of 1905. They then moved on and settled in the Melville, Sask. area, where Chris went to the Kielback school, on Sec. 10-22-6. Chris moved away from home in 1924, and came to the Calder district, where he worked for his brother-in-law, Fred Baumung. He worked for him until he bought some land in the Assiniboine valley on Sec. 6-25-29 in 1935.

Chris married Della Schneider in 1941 and they lived on his farm until 1969, when the valley was flooded and the highway put through their farm. They had four children: two girls, Bernice and Dorothy, and two boys, Clifford and Raymond (Ray).

Bernice married Thomas Arthur and they live in Florida, U.S.A. Thomas is in the United States Navy, where he is the supervisor on the USS Yosemite. He has been in the Navy for over 24 years



Adam Kitch, Dan Guiest, Calvin and Mervin Kitch, Tom Pringle, Chris Miller.

to date. They have two daughters, Charlene and Kimberly.

Dorothy married Walter Nabe of Togo, Sask. Walter farms in the district. They have five children: Donna, Barbara, Diane, David (deceased) and Raymond.

Clifford married Shirley Ranford and they live at Dauphin, where Clifford is a carpenter. They have no children.

Ray married Bernadette Lamontagne, and they have four children: two girls, Juliana and Jolene; and two boys, Christopher and Corey. They live in Roblin where Ray is the manager of the Stylerite Dept. Store.

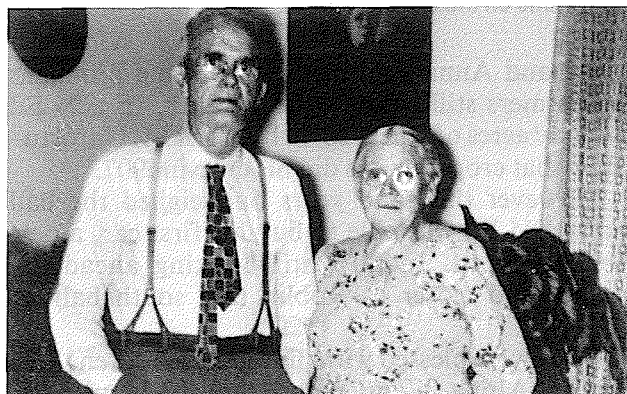
Chris' mother passed away in 1925 and his father in 1926. Chris and Della find the people in Roblin to be very friendly. They are members of the St. Matthews Lutheran Church and Della sings in the Church choir. They both enjoy being members of the 50 and Over Club in Roblin where Della is a member of the board.

Ed and Annie Miller by Shirley Chewka

Ed and Annie Miller came to Tummel District as a young married couple in 1901. Here they homesteaded with other pioneer families of the district, raising their children and struggling to make a living on this new land.

In 1900 they had come to take up the homestead on the south-east quarter of 22-25-29. They made hay that year and went back to Virden, Manitoba for the winter. Early in the spring of 1901 they moved, Ed driving the wagon of supplies and Annie driving the horse and buggy. To their dismay their supply of hay had been eaten and destroyed by cattle and deer. Nevertheless Ed returned to Virden and brought back their livestock.

Their first house was a one-room log building with a dirt floor, except for where the bed was located. Here it was in 1902 that their first child, Will, was born.



Ed and Annie Miller.

The nearest neighbors were the Edwards, about one and a half miles to the south-east and Jimmy Mitchells in the valley.

Annie was busy milking cows and making butter. They exchanged butter at the store for groceries. At that time they shopped at Russell when shopping was necessary. Ed rode horseback to Russell for the mail. His horse was very necessary to him because the cattle roamed freely and far. There were no fences.

In 1904 Ed and Annie bought the north-east quarter of that same section and later on another quarter east of the homestead.

A daughter, Mabel was born in 1906. They had moved from the one-room log shack to a better house on the north-east quarter. Later on two more sons, Albert and Charlie were born.

The children worked right along with their parents. They attended Sterling School. For entertainment they had a gramophone. Of course much visiting went on with the neighbors. Neighbors were very important to these pioneers. Later on, when the village of Roblin began, one storekeeper, Mr. Atkey was very hospitable. Annie said he never failed to ask them to stay for dinner when they were in shopping.



Haying time on the Ed. Miller farm.

Ed and Annie had one of the same problems that farmers still have — the weather. In 1906 Ed had sixty acres of wheat sown by April 1st. Unfortunately that crop froze as did his crop in 1907.

However the good years outweighed the bad and in 1915 Ed was able to buy his first car, a new Model T Ford. In 1917, still looking ahead, he bought land closer to Roblin (the south half of 3-26-28).

They were blessed with nine grandchildren. Will married Alpha Wenner and they had one son, Daryl. Mabel married O. C. Fisher and they had

three children; Shirley, Margaret and Clarence. Albert married Jenny Ritchie and raised five children; Jean, Lois, Ann, Al, and Ilsa. Charlie married Helen Laird.

Ed and Annie farmed near Roblin until Ed's death in 1955. Annie passed away in 1966.

Jenny and Albert Miller **by Mrs. Albert (Jenny) Miller**

Jenny Ritchie and Albert Miller were married in November, 1937. They moved onto a rented farm that belonged to his aunt, Mrs. Knapp. They had cattle, pigs, poultry and, until 1947, used horses for field work. At that time, Albert was able to get a John Deere tractor. They farmed the N. 1/2 34-25-28.

In 1939, Jean Catherine was born, followed by Lois Vaughn in 1943, and Mary Anne in 1943. A son, Albert Edwin, arrived in 1948, and Isla Doreen in 1956. Jean was at business college in Winnipeg when Isla was born.

In 1956, the family moved to the Edwin Miller home, after selling the Knapp quarter to Harold Dillin. They continued farming, with the children giving a lot of assistance, as well as attending school in Roblin. In the early 1960's, Albert's health was not good and he had to take an early retirement. Although the land was rented, they lived in the house until 1972, when they moved into a smaller house, formerly belonging to Alton Sorbo. Isla was still going to school. In 1975, Albert and Jenny moved into the new addition to the Roblin Residences where they still reside.

Jean graduated from high school and went to business college in Winnipeg. She obtained work first at Bristol Airways, and then with Aranovich and Lypsic. She met Gary Rice in Winnipeg and they were married in June, 1964. They first lived in Saskatoon and then Regina, where Gary was employed by the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool. About 9 years ago, Gary and Jean and their family moved back to the farm at Tisdale, Saskatchewan where they raise Main-Anjou cattle and special seed grains. They have two children: Douglas Gary, born in 1969 and Karen Lynne, born in 1971. Gary and Jean have both worked with the 4-H Clubs in the Tisdale area, as well as doing church and other community work.

Lois graduated from school in 1960 and went to Winnipeg where she worked in the dental college until she was married to Gordon Ashby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ashby of Roblin, in 1965. Lois and Gordon own the farm formerly owned by Frank Belcher (N.E. 1/2 10-26-28). Gordon is grain farming and Lois works in the Roblin Personal Care Home as an aide. They have 3 daughters: Debra Louise, born in 1966, Sheryl Lynne, born in 1967 and Bar-

bara Lillian, born in 1970. Sheryl and Barbara are attending Roblin schools; Debra graduated in 1984.

Anne graduated in 1962. She went to Winnipeg and got work in the office of Marshall Wells. In 1969, she moved to Calgary. In April, 1970, she married Wayne Klassen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Klassen of Calgary and formerly of the Silverwood area. They have lived in Calgary and in Port Alberni, B.C. and in 1983 they moved to Roblin. Wayne works for Steve Kurchak.

Al graduated in 1967, and attended Red River Community College in Winnipeg, where he studied communications. He graduated from Winnipeg and Ottawa and was sent to Regina as an aeradio operator at the airport. He also worked at Resolute Bay, North Battleford, Sioux Lookout, Chesterfield Inlet and Baker's Lake. He now has a permanent posting in Dauphin. In November, 1972, he married Peggy Tokar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Tokar of Regina. They have two daughters: Dianna Colleen born in September, 1973 and Kathleen Joanne born in July, 1976.

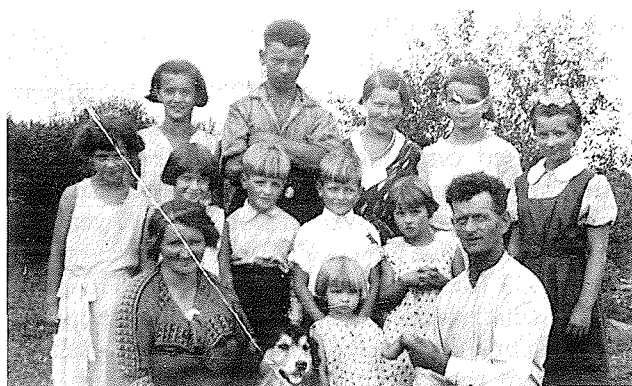
Isla finished school in 1974. She worked for a time at Isaac's honey farm. In September, 1974 she married Donald Bandola, son of Mrs. Mary Bandola of Roblin. They both work in Winnipeg and have a daughter, Sherry Lynne, born in June, 1975 and a son, James Gordon, born in June, 1977.



Mrs. Albert Miller and Mrs. O. C. Fisher pouring tea at the 50th anniversary of George and Della De La Mare in 1966.

Murdock and Nellie Miller and Family by W. C. Gamey

Murdock and Nellie Miller came to Canada from Scotland in 1925. They were employed by Wilford Gamey until 1934, at which time they farmed on their own until 1937 when they moved to Waterford, Ontario. Their family, as in picture: back row — Nell, Murdock Jr., Jean, Esther, Isabel, Ardis, Sheila, Percy and Charlie (twins), Cathy; front row — Mrs. Miller, Shirley and Mr. Miller.



The Miller Family in 1936.

Clarence Mills Family by Clarence Mills

I, Clarence W. Mills, was born at Hinchcliffe, Saskatchewan in September 1918 to Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Mills. I moved to Endeavour, Saskatchewan where I lived until 1964. I joined the army in 1941 and served overseas in Italy, France, Germany and England until 1945. I married Annie Lenych in 1947. I worked at the Endeavour Post Office for 15 years after the war. I joined the C.N.R. in 1964 and worked as a section man at different points throughout Manitoba. I moved to the Roblin



Mills Family. L. to R.: Sherry, Judy (Peats), Randy, Ruby (Paradowski), Darlene (Roberts), Ann and Clarence Mills.

area in 1967 and have resided in the Shell River Municipality since. I retired from the railroad in 1983.

Anne and I have five children.

Darlene, (Mrs. Don Roberts) in Winnipeg has 2 children, Robert and April.

Ruby lives in Calgary. She was married to Stanley Paradowski and they had 3 children, Stanley, Cynthia and Wesley. They are now divorced.

Randy married Eileen Hackywicz and they live at Lembrech, Alberta. They have 3 children, Christa, Cheryl and Tammi.

Judy married Gordon Peats of Roblin and they have 3 children, Sean, Dezerae and Lee.

Sherry is at home and attending high school in Roblin.

Ross Misener Family by Millie Misener

Ross was born on March 3, 1927 and I, Mil was born on March 1, 1924 at Pipestone, Manitoba. We were married on June 7th, 1946. We moved to Roblin in 1949, as Ross was District Supervisor for Manitoba Hydro. We lived in Roblin for 17 years.

We lived above Newton's Store for 2 years and then in 1953 Ross built the first house on Hospital Street in which we lived until we moved to Dauphin, Manitoba in 1966. While living in Roblin, Ross was president of the Curling Club and Golf Club, (of which he was one of its founders) and later he received a life membership. He was also the Master of the Masonic Lodge. I, (Mil), was also president of both the Ladies' Curling Club and Ladies' Golf Club. Both of us were active in all community activities.



Misener Family: Ross, Millie, Sandra, Donna. Back row: Glen, Ian, Jim and Racqual (1977).

Our family consists of two sons and two daughters. Sandra, our eldest daughter, was born in Pipestone, Manitoba; Glen, Jim and Donna were all born at the Roblin Hospital and the attending doctor was Dr. Art Large.

In 1966, Ross was transferred by the Manitoba Hydro to Dauphin, Manitoba, where we presently live. On June 19, 1982, Ross passed away at the age of 55. Sandra married Ian Ford in 1965 and they live in Brandon. Jim married Debbie Mus in 1977 and he and his family live in Moose Jaw, Sask. Glen and Donna are both living in Dauphin.

The George Mitchell Family by the Family

George Mitchell came to Roblin in the spring of 1904 and filed a homestead north-east of Roblin (26-26-28). He was born on June 12th, 1870 in Leeds, Yorkshire, England. His wife, Harriet-Ann Jackson, was born on April 19th, 1872, and they were married in Lady Lane Chapel in Leeds on Dec. 26th, 1896.



George and Harriet Ann Mitchell at Leeds, Yorkshire, England in 1890.

George was an engine fitter by trade and his job took him to many different parts of England and Wales. As the years passed, however, it became increasingly hard to find work as strikes and layoffs made jobs scarce. George began to dream of a new life and after seeing billboards promising the purchase of 160 acres of land in Canada for \$10.00, he decided to try his wings in a new land.

After George had established his homestead in Canada, he sent for the rest of his family, and in June of 1905, his wife, Harriet-Ann, their three children, Laurence (7½), Dorothy (5½), and Nellie (10 months), and Harriet-Ann's father, T. W.



Riverview Sunday School in 1917: Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Olson and family. Right: Dorothy and Nellie Mitchell.

Jackson, arrived in Winnipeg. George was employed by the C.N.R. in Winnipeg at that time so he was able to meet them there. From Winnipeg the Mitchell family travelled by train to Roblin where they were met by Harriet-Ann's brother-in-law, Charlie Reader, his parents, the W. E. Readers, their daughters, Lizzie and Jessie, and friends, John Day and his wife Lily. The Readers and the Days already filed homesteads in the area so the Mitchells

had neighbors close by in their new land. George had left his job with the C.N.R. to clear the land on the homestead and when his family arrived a cozy log cabin was awaiting them. No doubt his family appreciated the chance to rest after three weeks on a rough sea from England followed by a long train ride across the country that became their new home. Harriet-Ann, having lived all her life in a city, had never been near animals to any extent. She had to overcome her fear of cattle soon after arriving in Canada, as the only method of transportation available was a wagon pulled by oxen over rough muddy roads.

Like all other pioneers in the area, the Mitchells did not have many material possessions but they made the best of what they had. Their log cabin was humble, but very cozy as Harriet-Ann's father was very handy with wood — making tables, chairs, beds, and a sideboard for the Mitchells' home as well as crutches and a wooden leg for himself. He lost one leg from blood-poisoning in 1907. Mr. Jackson also helped the Mitchells by taking care of their children while George and Harriet-Ann worked in neighboring towns, so he was a great help to the family. In those days, friends helped each other willingly and without thought of money; if there was a job to be done, everyone cheerfully came to lend a helping hand. A neighbor of the Mitchells once said that Mr. Jackson was the happiest man he ever knew with only one leg to go on and not a cent in his pocket.

Mr. Jackson passed away on November 27th, 1909 and was one of the first people buried in the Roblin cemetery.

Harriet-Ann had brought with her many things that helped to make their hard pioneer life easier. Many nights she read to her children by firelight after the coal-oil lamp had gone dry or lulled them to sleep by playing hymns on her old pump organ. Harriet-Ann was a kind and gentle woman and although she had no formal medical training, she worked as a mid-wife and nurse for many families both in the Roblin area and in Dauphin, where she also worked for the Bennett and Cruise families. In 1909 Harriet-Ann's daughter, Nellie, accompanied her mother on one of her trips to Dauphin and it was there that Nellie had her first ride in an automobile. Mother and daughter travelled to and from the town of Dauphin by train and coming home they had to walk the 5 miles from the train station in Roblin to the Reader's farm. On the way home they stopped for a rest and some tea at the home of their friends, the Van De Mattens, where there was always a welcome.

In the fall of 1910 or 1911, the Mitchell family went on a threshing trip west of Roblin. The owner of the outfit was Jack McCan. George was the

fireman for the threshing outfit, which consisted of eight stook teams, four stook pitchers, two spike pitchers, one tank man, a separator man, an engineer, and a bookkeeper (Clem Robinson), as well as several grain teams and a straw team. Laurence Mitchell drove oxen and hauled straw to his father, George, who used it as fuel for the fire in the steam engine. It took a lot of straw to feed the fire as it had to be burning strongly at all times. Harriet-Ann worked as the cook for the men on the threshing team with the help of her older daughter, Dorothy. Nellie, the youngest daughter, was too young to be of much help but accompanied the family on their trips nonetheless. Throughout the course of the threshing season the Mitchell family lived in a caboose that also served as the kitchen and dining room for the men on the gang. The furniture in the Mitchells' temporary home was very frugal — consisting simply of a stove, a very large table, a bed (that had to be fastened to the wall during the day to make room for the men that came in to eat), and the many blue enamel dishes with which Harriet-Ann cooked the hungry threshers their meals. As the cook, Harriet-Ann had to be very flexible in her plans, and many times was forced to bake and cook meals while the caboose was on the move from one farm to the next. Some of the people for whom the Mitchells' gang threshed were: Bill Thompson, Fred Thompson, Mike Rolston, Jack Chapman, Bill and Charlie Grassie, Frank Middleton, Matt Brandon, and the Collins family.

In those days it was impossible for the Mitchell children to go to school as the nearest schoolhouse was four-mile walk away and there were no good roads to travel on; only a blazeline that extended from the Mitchell's farm to the Reader homestead. The two older Mitchell children, Laurence and Dorothy, went to the Shell River school (where Annie Arnott was the teacher) for the summer.

In the spring of 1912, however, a neighbor, Cliff Howe, began to transport the children of the area to school in Roblin. At first there were only three children on the route — Dorothy and Nellie Mitchell, and Cliff's sister, Lola — so Cliff drove them to the school in a buggy. The Nash children (also neighbors of the Mitchells) had the measles at this time so they were not able to go to school with the Mitchells for a short time. When they returned, the children had to be transported to the school in a democrat. Later, as the number of children along the route increased, they were taken to school in canvas-covered vans. These vans came from all directions to the old consolidated school that was presumed to be one of the first of its kind in Manitoba. To keep warm in winter as they travelled to and from school in the cold, horse-drawn vans, the children wore heavy robes and carried compressed

coal bricks that they had heated to red-hot in the kitchen stove before leaving home. These bricks kept the children's feet warm and helped them to forget about the bitter winds that blew through the thin canvas covering the van. On sunny summer days, however, the canvas could be opened up and the children could ride in the open air. A while later, George Mitchell bought the van and horses from Cliff Howe and assumed the duties of van driver for a number of years. He also sold wood in Roblin to make some extra money.

After the year 1912 there was a Sunday School operated in the district where Mitchells lived. It was first held in Mrs. Oscar Carlson's home but a few years later all the neighbors got together and built a small church where student clergymen came each summer to minister to the small congregation. Some of these ministers included: Mr. Paton (who joined the World War One forces in 1914), Mr. Smith, Mr. Jim McNeil (who preached in the little church for two summers), Mr. D. A. Cowan, Mr. Hamilton, and many others. The little church, known as Riverview, was also faithfully supported by many of the people in the area, especially Kick Nash (who was the Sunday School superintendent for 15 years), George Nash, Ernie Knight, Rademaker, Howell, Carlson, and Olson families, as well as Mark Clark and Jack Hay, who came to the area later. Laurence Mitchell was the secretary-treasurer of the Riverview church and Mr. D. Nash the superintendent until 1924, when many of the congregation began to go to the church in Roblin. The members of the Riverview Church held Sunday School year-round with a Christmas program every winter and an annual Sunday School picnic in the summer.

In September of 1916 another baby was born to the George Mitchell family — a boy, Walter Francis. The other children were delighted to have a baby brother and welcomed him to their home. The first World War was being fought at this time and many of the young men that joined the Armed Forces and went to fight overseas never returned.

In the fall of 1918 a flu epidemic passed through the Roblin area. There were many deaths as this was a very serious sickness — so serious that the schools were closed and the school in Roblin turned into an emergency hospital to treat victims of the epidemic. George was the only member of the Mitchell family that went into town as the flu was very contagious. No church services, school classes or meetings of any kind were held until the threat of the sickness has passed.

Although there were many hardships to the Mitchells' pioneer life, they still found time to have fun. They took time out for many happy gatherings in the homes of relatives and friends as well as

picnics in the summer, and tobogganing and skating parties in the winter.

The Roblin Fair was the highlight of the summer. George was the director in charge of poultry and Harriet-Ann entered many articles of sewing, baking, canning, etc. as well as fresh vegetables and fruits as she always had a good garden. Competition for the prize money was strong; everyone strove to do his best, as a little extra money (as well as the satisfaction derived from doing a good job) was always welcomed.

George and Harriet-Ann Mitchell remained on their farm until 1942 after which they moved into the town of Roblin for ten years. They returned to the country (to the farm of their daughter, Nellie and her family) and lived there until their deaths. Harriet-Ann passed away in March of 1953, and George in September of 1954.

Their oldest child, Laurence, lived in British Columbia until his death on March 28, 1973. Dorothy, the eldest daughter, resides in Selkirk, Manitoba. Nellie, their second daughter, lives on a farm 1½ miles from the old homestead of her parents. The youngest of their four children, Walter (and his family) still lives on the family farm.

As a pioneer in the Roblin area in the early 1900's, life was hard. Few things worked to their advantage, but in the midst of hardship and poverty, settlers such as George and Harriet-Ann Mitchell made the best of what they had. They found Canada to be a land of freedom and opportunity, as have their children and many grandchildren and great-children throughout the years.

Laurence Mitchell married Edith Bingham and they had 4 children: George, Joyce, Florence and Leonard.

Dorothy married John Ritchie and they had 4 children: Betty, George, Walter and Royden.

Nellie married Harold Nash and they had 4 children: Eveline, Muriel, Richard and Roland.

Walter Mitchell married Elsie Dayson and they had 2 children: Daphne and Blaine.

Irwin L. Mitchell by the family

Irwin L. Mitchell was born in Stonewall, Manitoba, January 10, 1882. Originally the Mitchell family came from Scotland. Irwin's grandfather came to Canada in 1832 and settled in Ontario.

"I. L." Mitchell graduated in pharmacy in 1907. He took over the Roblin Drug Store shortly after graduation. In 1909, he married Margaret Marnie and they made their home in Roblin.

For two years they lived in the back of the drug store, then had a bungalow built on Third Ave. Later Andrew Mitchell, his Dad, converted it to a

two-storey house. This was their home for the rest of their lives.

I. L. took a very active part in the community



I. L. Mitchell Family.

and served willingly for the village. He was on the first council in 1913, later in that year he became mayor until 1915. He was mayor again in 1923 and remained mayor until 1939.

He was an elder of the United Church for more than forty years and also secretary-treasurer of the church.

I. L. took part in many organizations. He was past District Grand Master of Masonic Lodge, life member of I.O.O.F. and of the Liberal Association of Manitoba, president of the Red Cross, represented the Children's Aid Society of Manitoba, a member and later chairman of the hospital board.

He was greatly interested in education, a member of the school board and secretary-treasurer for 35 years of Goose Lake C.S.D. He was official trustee for Happy Lake S.D. and Leonard S.D.

I. L. enjoyed sports, played football and baseball in his younger years and it was due to being hit on the ear by a ball that he lost his hearing in his right ear. For many years, he curled and enjoyed attending bonspiels at Grandview and other villages.

Margaret A. Marnie was born in Scotland in 1878, and came to Canada when she was four years of age. She was a school teacher and taught in Stonewall for five years. One of her pupils was A. K. Stratton who later was principal of Goose Lake School.

She took a great interest in all the community affairs, especially the church. She helped the Sunday School, took charge of the Birthday Bowl and was known as the "Birthday Bowl Lady" by young children of the district. I. L. and Margaret donated the little red chairs for the Sunday School and these were used for years before being replaced. She was a life member of the Ladies' Aid and Women's Missionary Society.

There were five children in the family; one son, Graham of Roblin, four daughters; Gladys Kellett of Edmonton, Jean Leavens, Lillian Hughes and Ruth Barowski, all of Winnipeg.

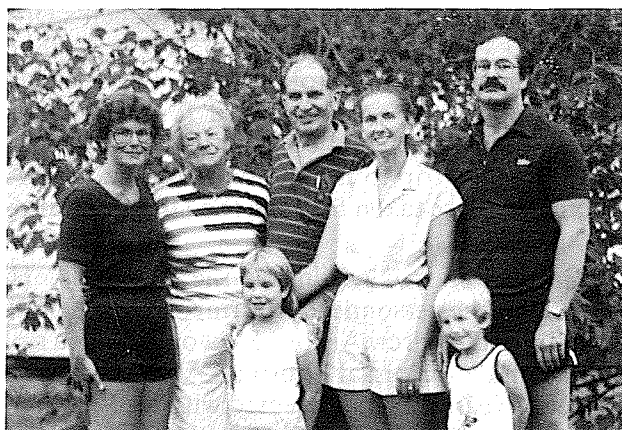
I. L. Mitchell died in Roblin on Nov. 19, 1956

and Margaret died in Winnipeg on March 18, 1964. They were buried in the Roblin Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell are still loved and remembered by their family and many friends.

I. L. Mitchell Family by the family

Gladys taught school at Rochedale, Belhamton, Glenella, The Pas and Roblin. She married J. E. Kellett, an engineer of Winnipeg, who is now retired and living in Edmonton. They have 3 children: Marnie, Beverly and Jim. Marnie is a legal secretary who married George Traub and now lives in Wetaskawin, Alta. They have 4 children: Tracy, Kari, Alison and Tyler along with 3 grandchildren. Beverly is a physiotherapist. She married George Dolomont, and they are living in Dartmouth, N.S. They have 2 sons, Peter and Burke. Jim of Vancouver, has recieved his forestry degree at Simon Fraser University.

Jean taught school at Sunnyslope, Grandview, The Pas and Roblin. She married Ivan Leavens (deceased in 1970) and has 1 son, Larry who is a civil engineer working for Ducks Unlimited in Winnipeg. Larry is married to Kathy Dyck, an R.N. and social worker, and they have 2 sons, Ian and Andrew.



Graham Mitchell Family: Julie, Graham, Hazel, Jim, Annie, Jamie and Whitney.

Graham received his education in Roblin. After graduating from high school he attended the University of Manitoba where he graduated with a degree in pharmacy, also at which time he served his apprenticeship with his dad, during the holidays.

After graduation in pharmacy, he went to work at the Gateway Drug Store for Mr. Gordon Martin and Ules Andrews. While in Flin Flon, he had the pleasure of meeting Julie.

Graham joined the R.C.A.F. and served his country as a pharmacist. He was posted to Hagersville, Ontario, and later to Mont Joli,

Quebec. It was at this time that Julie and Graham were married at Hamilton, Ont. at the home of Lyl and Bob Hughes in 1942. After a short time in Mont Joli, where they opened their home to the Air Force Personnel on weekends and holidays, it was time for them to move on. They were posted to Moncton, New Brunswick which at this time made them very unhappy. They were there only a month when Graham was posted overseas. Julie went home to Saskatoon, Sask., while Graham was stationed at Torquay for two years.

In December 1945 Graham returned home and took over the drug store from his father in 1946. They are still operating it but almost ready to retire.

The pharmacy has undergone a number of changes since it was erected in 1914. The store front and entrance were changed and new windows were installed. In 1950 the store front was covered with metal and black vitrolite and in 1952 the store was expanded, new fixtures were installed and a new dispensary was built. Again the store was expanded in 1963. In 1981, they purchased the building adjacent to the pharmacy and the store was expanded to approximately twice the size. Jim's wife, Annie, is working part time and it is only a matter of time before their children, Whitney and Jamie will take their turns behind the counter at Mitchell's Drug Store.

Going back a few years to 1969, Mitchell's Drug Store had cause to celebrate. That year Graham became the fourth Manitoban to receive the A. H. Robins Bowl of Hygenia Award for outstanding service in pharmacy in the Province. This took him and Julie on a trip to Richmond, Virginia, U.S.A. where they were taken through the Drug Manufacturing Unit.

Graham started curling at the age of 14. He remembers the personnel of the rink — Bob Arnott, T. Dillin and Andrew Arnott. He would enter a rink in the Flin Flon Annual Bonspiel. After participating for 25 years he was presented with a gold watch. Graham and Julie enjoy going to the Silver Broom event every year, which has taken them far and wide (in 1985 to Scotland). They have enjoyed meeting a number of people each year.

Graham was a member of the United Church Board of Stewards for several years, and still works for the church, taking bookings for different events. He is a Past Master of the Roblin Masonic Lodge No. 122, and belongs to the Shrine Khartum Temple of Winnipeg. Graham also belongs to several other organizations in Roblin.

Graham and Julie have 2 children: Hazel and Jim. Hazel graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1969, with a degree in Home Economics and has worked in Virden, Brandon and now in Win-

nipeg. At present Hazel is Chief of Home Economics and Health for the Province of Manitoba.

Jim and Annie (nee Galatiuk) live in Roblin. They have 2 children, Whitney and Jamie. Jim graduated from the University of Manitoba, with a diploma degree in pharmacy in 1971. Jim is in the process of taking over the store from his dad. Jim is the third generation to operate Mitchell's Drug Store and looks forward to serving Roblin and district for many years.

Lillian was a switchboard operator in Roblin and married Bob Hughes, a mechanic, at Hamilton, Ontario. Bob died in Winnipeg on December 20, 1964. Their daughter, Pat, received her B.A. degree and teaches school at Calgary. Pat married Bob Benson, an engineer of Rivercrest, and they have 2 sons, Robbie and Scott.

Ruth worked for her father in his Drug Store for six years; then took a secretarial course and worked in Law Offices at Roblin.

In 1945 she married Michael Borowski. He was a lawyer in Roblin from 1944 to 1946. He had a daughter, Carole. They moved to Winnipeg early in 1947. They had three sons, Irwin, a doctor, married Kathryn Edmunds, a nurse. They have a son, John Richard. Thomas, the second son, worked at the University of Saskatchewan as Editor of Alumni Journal, until his death in 1980. Robert, the third son, is a geophysicist and works for Oil Companies in Calgary. Carole married Donald Stewart. They have two daughters, Alison and Caroline. Carole and Don are Associate Professors at the University of Guelph.

Jim Mitchell Family by Jim

Jim was born and raised in Roblin, where he attended both elementary and high school. After graduating from grade XII, Jim attended University of Manitoba and graduated from the Faculty of Pharmacy in 1971. While attending University, Jim met his wife, Annie (nee Galatiuk) who had, in earlier years, resided in Shell Valley and Russell. After graduating, Jim worked in Portage la Prairie and was married in 1972, after Annie had graduated from the School of Social Work.

Jim and Annie moved back to Roblin in 1973, with Jim taking over the family business (Mitchell's Drug Store) and Annie working for the Dept. of Health in Dauphin.

Both Jim and Annie are active in community activities and are past presidents of the Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs respectively. Jim is also active in the Roblin Curling Club and Chamber of Commerce.

Jim and Annie have two children, Whitney (born in 1978) and Jamie (born in 1980).

James Mitchell
by J. R. Mitchell

James Mitchell arrived in Canada in 1882 from



John and Marion Mitchell and their triplets, born in 1860: James, Agnes and Robina, shown here in 1863.

Kilsyth, Scotland. He was the oldest of triplets: Robina, Agnes and James. The Mitchell family had a butcher shop in Kilsyth for over a hundred years. In Canada he drove oxen from Winnipeg to Edmonton and back with the Red River carts. During the first winter he worked as a butcher in the bush camp around Prince Albert.

Working with a crew which was surveying the North-West Territories near where Togo, Saskatchewan is today, he homesteaded on 2-29-30, where the survey crew had built a shack. He went back to Scotland and married Elizabeth Bennie and

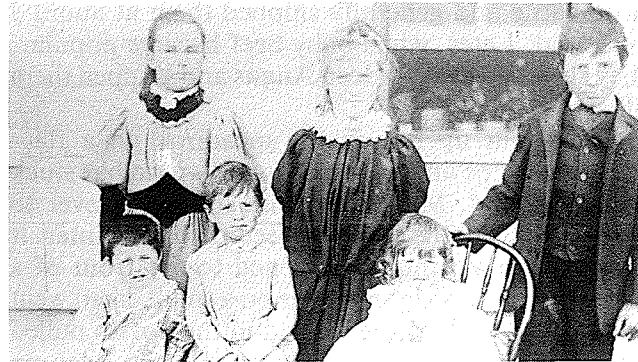


James and Elizabeth Mitchell.

came back to his homestead in Canada. My father, John Mitchell was born there in 1884.

During the Riel Rebellion they kept a team harnessed to a wagon 24 hours a day, ready to leave if the war got too close. You can imagine my grandmother's terror when a large Indian came into the house when she was alone with the baby. The Indian picked the baby up from the crib and was very surprised to see that the baby was white, as he thought all babies were born brown. He carefully laid the baby down and left, much to my grandmother's relief, as she had heard stories of Indians taking white children.

They got their mail and groceries twice a year and on one trip the coal oil spilt on the flour, so they had to eat bread flavoured with coal oil for nearly 6 months. A sister to John was born there named Isobel, but generally called Belle. James broke land



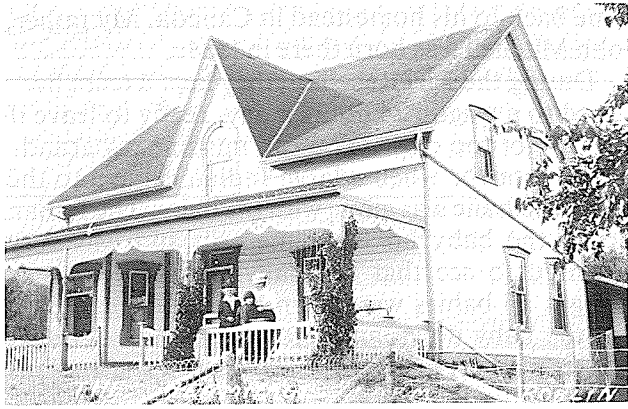
John, Marion, Belle, James, George and Madge Mitchell.

as required by the Homestead Act, but raised cattle as there was lots of free pasture around. They drove their cattle to sell, along with other settlers, to the nearest railroad at Birtle. John Birnie and a friend of his had spent a winter in a shack north of Mitchells' with Ernest Thompson Seaton, and then homesteaded in the Assiniboine Valley south-west of Roblin. So in 1886 James homesteaded in the Assiniboine Valley on 4-25-29 and called his farm the "Hermitage".

Shortly after the birth of Marion, my grandmother died and her sister, Isabella came out from Scotland to look after the children. James and Isabella got married and had George, James, Madge, David and Jessie May. David is the only one left and is in Deer Lodge Hospital in Winnipeg.

They built a large house at the Hermitage and as there were no schools around then, one room was built for a classroom. They brought teachers over from Scotland and their own children and their neighbours were taught in that schoolroom.

Later my father was sent to Gordon School in Glasgow, the same one, I believe, that Prince Charles went to. Marion also went to school in



James Mitchell home.

Scotland and came back to teach in Cromarty 5 miles west of Roblin.

They started at the "Hermitage" with Short-horn cattle and generally shipped them at about 3 years old. Later, when baby beef became popular, they switched to Aberdeen Angus and shipped them alive to England.

They put up hay in the meadows on a flat-bottomed slipe and slid the hay off with a bar stuck in the ground. My father built a stack mover to bring the hay to the barn and feedlot in the winter. It consisted of a windlass fastened to the front of a flat-bottom on sleighs: a rope on a small drum went around the back of the stack and the horses pulled another rope on a large drum to pull the stack up onto the sleigh. This was used for many years at the Hermitage.

As the Hermitage was so close to the Assiniboine River, the children were taught to swim almost as soon as they could walk. Summer picnics were held there and everyone gathered to play baseball and run foot races. David was a good pitcher and played ball around Deepdale and Togo while buying grain there. He later became a Superintendent for Manitoba Pool Elevators at Dauphin and retired to Winnipeg. The girls were good baseball players also and scared many opposing teams with their pitching.

James Mitchell had been a member of the Masonic Lodge in Scotland and was a charter member in Russell and later in Roblin. He died from a burst appendix at Tummel on September 21, 1920 at the age of 60. A nurse had given him epsom salts for a stomach ache. His funeral was conducted by the officers and Brethren of Roblin Lodge No. 122 AF and AM and he is buried in Deer Park Cemetery at Tummel.

James' family was as follows: John married Helen R. Scott and they had 2 children Jean B. and John R.; Belle died from an operation; George married Clara Hornsby and their children were

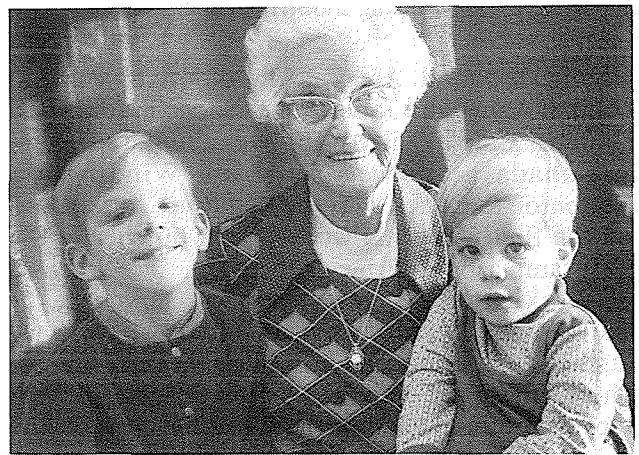
Isabel, Stuart, John, Elizabeth, David and Greg; James married F. Lawrence and later Dorothy Morrison (there was 1 child, Sharon); Madge married Greg McCoy and they had no children; Marion married James Hunter and their children are William, Elizabeth, George, James, John and Colin.

John Mitchell

by J. R. Mitchell

In 1900 my father took a homestead on the N.E. of 27-25-29-W1, and a pre-emption on the N.W. of 27-25-29. He named the farm "Prospect Hill" but for many years it was called P.H. "Poverty Hill".

In 1910 he took a training course at Portage before buying a 30-60 HP Hart Parr tractor and a Red River Special 32-inch separator. He paid for them both the first year, doing custom threshing. Most farms were less than a full quarter section so they threshed a farmer out in a day. The caboose where the men slept was one of the few that had springs and mattresses in the bunks. Some of the men who worked on his threshing crew were Bileskis, Yaworskys, Sid Townsin and others from north of Roblin and Merridale. In 1911 he got an 8-furrow Cockshutt plow and used it to break a lot of land around the Tummel area and later at Makaroff. One fall they threshed 19 days without a stop for breaks, which is probably better than some of our modern 150 thousand dollar machines.



Mrs. John (H. R.) Mitchell, Trenton and Kevin.

In 1912 John married Helen R. Scott and they had two children, Jean B. and John R. Helen (generally known as Nellie) was born at South Woodend near Bonnybridge, Shropshire, Scotland in 1886, on a farm the family had owned for over 600 years.

John was active in sports and went to most of the fairs and picnics around. He had many a 100-yard dash against Tummel speedsters like Louis

Hornsby. He was a member of the RT and T or Royal Templars in Roblin; ran for legislature and lost; was a Lieutenant in the Manitoba Militia around 1913, took training at the barracks in Winnipeg in March and went to Camp Sewell at the end of June. They took their horses to Camp Sewell (now Shilo), and taught them to lie down and stay there while they fired their rifles over them.

John died from burns on February 5, 1917, at age 32 and is buried in Tummel Cemetery. His wife and children farmed 3 quarters of land with hired help until 1946. Mrs. H.R. had a tough time farming in the '30's when many men were losing their farms. She managed to keep hers by good management and a lot of hard work. She milked cows, raised chickens and grew a large garden, sold butter and eggs, and with the help of a lot of good hired men (and a few not so good), managed to keep the wolf from the door.

My mother liked to curl, so for a few winters we moved to town and lived over the Gill Store or across the street over the hardware store (now Radio Shack). She was a long-time member of the Shell River or later the Roblin Agricultural Society. She showed flowers, sewing and baking at the fairs. Also she was a member of the U.C.W., the W.I. and the Rebekahs. She drove one of the first Model T's in Roblin, then a large Willys Knight and the first sedan in Roblin (a Willys Overland "Blue Bird").

Having a rough time getting over the loss of her husband, she helped other women in their time of loss. Mrs. Tom Evans lost two girls in a fire and stayed with Mother for some time after the fire. Mrs. H. Everall also stayed with Mother after her

husband passed away suddenly. Up at dawn to do chores, she always changed her dress after dinner and many a friend called in the afternoon for tea. After the war, I took over farming and she retired to Roblin, bought a house from Walter Black next to the Memorial Hall, and lived there until her death in 1982, on April 29. Having worked all her life, she didn't stop when she retired to Roblin and remained active in church and other organizations. When she was 80 she spent a winter in Victoria with Mrs. F. Y. Newton but said that was no place for her, it was just a place for old people.

John and Helen's daughter, Jean B. married Don Robertson, who was killed in the RCAF and she later married Arnold O. Purdy. They have both retired from teaching in Winnipeg. They have no children.



Mitchell Family: Inset — (Darren, Bryan), Marilyn, Robert, Brian, Marilyn, Jack, Ethel, Alexis, Scott, Trenton, Kevin, Brett, Jennifer, David, Greg and Jonathan.

John R. married Ethel V. McDonald and they have 3 sons. Robert married Marilyn Peach and they have 2 boys, Trenton and Kevin. Brian married Marilyn Leon and they have 2 children, Brett and Jennifer. Scott married Alexis Nabe and they have 5 sons: Jonathon, Gregory, David, Bryan and Darren.

John and Margaret Mitchell by John Mitchell

I was born in Roblin in 1926, the third child of George and Clara Mitchell. We lived in the Assiniboine valley and I attended Tummel school for 11 years. In 1945 I attended the University of Manitoba and took a 2-year course in Agriculture. I farmed with my brother, Stuart on our grandfather's homestead, until the land was bought by the Manitoba Government, and a large dam was built at Shellmouth.

At this time I moved to Roblin and lived with my mother and I continued doing farm jobs for local farmers. In 1974, a government job became available in the Roblin area. I applied for and was



Arnold and Jean Purdy.

accepted for this job as a "Grassland Technician". The job entailed looking after experimental pastures seeded down to tame grasses and fertilized according to soil tests. To date I am still working at this job.

In 1974 I married Margaret Kozak (née Laroque) and we make our home in Roblin.

John and Frances Moross

by Frances Moross

John and Frances Moross moved to Roblin in 1963 from Saskatchewan. John worked for the Roblin Co-op for a few years and then joined the Roblin Forest Products. He worked there until his death in 1970.

Frances Moross continues to live in Roblin. For a few years, in the early seventies, she was Sec. Treas. for the Roblin Agricultural Society. She has also done part time work as bookkeeper for many years, for Keast Bros., Texaco and Elders Farm Equipment.

They have one son, who, with his wife and two children, lives in Leduc, Alberta.

The Wilbert Morrison Family

by the family

Wilbert and Anne Morrison farmed what had been the Ferris farm on the west half of 16-24-29. Their children were born while they were there. In 1947 they moved to MacNutt where they operated a general store for 27 years, moving in 1978 to Roblin.

They had three children. Garry worked for a refrigeration company in Regina from 1962 to 1974. He married Phyllis Hamblin, a widow, and adopted her three children, Raymond, Dan, and Susan. They have two more children, Donald and Gwen.

Raymond works for Sask.-Tel. in Regina and his wife Cindy teaches school.

Dan works for Grip Clinch Nailing and Stapling at Calgary.

Susan is married, with two small boys, living in Grandview.

Donald and Gwen are attending high school in Roblin.

Garry and Phyllis moved to the farm in the Grainsby District in 1974 and are still there.

Elaine Morrison married Robert Digby and they started farming on the George Kennedy farm. They later moved to the Carmicheal farm in the Grainsby District, and now specialize in purebred Charolais cattle and grain farming. They have five children: Cheryl, Brian, Donna, Barbara, and Jason. Cheryl lives in Roblin, Brian farms at home, and Donna works for Clement's Implements in Russell. Barbara and Jason are still attending school in Roblin.

Judith Morrison taught school in Rocanville, Calder, and MacNutt. In 1965 she married Franklin

Becker. They farm three miles northeast of MacNutt. They have three children: Brenda, Laurel, and Warren. Brenda attends highschool in Yorkton and Laurel and Warren attend school in MacNutt.

The Herbert Mortemore Family

by the Mortemore families

Herbert and Rosa Mortemore and sons James, Reginald and Sidney came to Canada in August of 1924 from Hoddesdon, Herts, England to Togo, Saskatchewan, where Herbert was employed on a farm owned by Arthur Taylor (now owned by Jack Nabe).

The farm (8-28-29 WI) was approximately five miles from Makaroff. The children attended Makaroff Consolidated School. During the years they attended, their van drivers were Pete Labuik and Bill Craven.

Prior to coming to Canada, Herbert had served in the Imperial Armed Forces, in the Artillery Branch, for thirteen years.

Mr. Taylor died in 1930, at which time Herbert and his family moved to the Jack Davis farm, near what is known as the "Corral Corner", west of the Smith farm.

Two years later, Herbert bought a farm in the Boggy Creek area. This farm he later sold to the Mailhot family after World War II.

Rosa passed away in 1965, and rests in the Silverwood Cemetery. Herbert then moved in with his son, Reg, and daughter-in-law, Jennie, at San Clara, and lived with them until his passing in 1973. He was laid to rest in the Silverwood Cemetery.

Jim, the eldest son, took to the retail business and was employed in the Duck Mountains by Sures Bros. as a fur buyer and store manager for eleven years. He served in the Canadian Armed Forces in Europe for five years from 1941-46, and upon his return, opened a business (store) in 1947. He is still actively engaged in the store and post office at Boggy Creek. He married the former Monica Connors in 1938, and they have one daughter, Monica Patricia. Monica Patricia married James Brechka, and they have one daughter, Kimberley. They reside in Winnipeg.

Reginald, the second son, farmed in the Boggy Creek area after having served in the Canadian Armed Forces (Artillery) in Europe from 1941-45. He married the former Jennie Henderson of the Deepdale district in 1938. They have two children (twins), Ellen and Ernest. Ellen married Reginald Robertson of the Dropmore district in 1964. They have two children: a son, Kevin, and a daughter, Karen. They reside in Roblin. Ernest married Edith Allon from Calgary in 1965. They have two children: a daughter, Tracy, and a son, Shane. They reside in Leduc, Alberta. In 1965 Reg sold his farm

to Gordon Russett and moved to San Clara, at which time he was employed with the Good Roads. He was employed with the Good Roads for nine years, until his retirement in 1974. They then moved to Roblin, where they still reside.

Sidney, the third son, also joined the Canadian Armed Forces (Artillery) in 1941 and served in Europe. He took up farming after World War II, in the Boggy Creek area. He married the former Ella Kerr from Neepawa. They have three children: one daughter, Janice, and two sons, James and Richard. Janice married Leonard Upton of Edmonton. They have two daughters, Belinda and Becky. They reside in Edmonton, Alberta. James — better known as Jimmy — married Nora Sanders of Edmonton, Alberta. They also live in Edmonton. Richard, the youngest, is single, and also resides in Edmonton. Sid became interested in the Game and Forestry Department and took up a position with the Parks Branch of Ottawa, Ontario, serving in the National Park for four years. He then went to Elk Island Park in Alberta, and later worked as Park Warden at Waterton, Alberta, where he is still employed. He resides at Pincher Creek, Alberta.

The Motyka Family by Justine Yaworsky

Dan and Anastasia Motyka were Ukrainian immigrants from Austria, who arrived in Canada as turn of the century homesteaders. They settled near the town of Roblin, on S.E. 20-27-27. Both Dan and Anastasia worked the land. It was customary for men and women to share in much of the farm labor, despite the fact that the women were also responsible for caring for the children.

Starting out in a basic sod hut, Dan and Anastasia raised a family of nine children, all of whom attended the Postup school. Dan was quickly able to provide a log house for the family, and some time later he acquired a threshing machine and the gang of men worked for many local farmers.

Despite the hardships and lack of luxury, people shared a closeness of spirit, and special occasions and holidays were always times of large family and neighbor gatherings. Christmas and Easter celebrations went on for at least 3 days, the festive gathering moving from home to home.

Dan and Anastasia Motyka had 9 children: Nick, Ed, Mary, Annie, John, Tinnie, Justine, Steve and Peter.

Nick married Annie Ratushny and they live in Haney, B.C. They have 3 children: Tony, Stella and David.

Ed married Nadia Sluser and are presently living in Calgary, Alberta. They have 4 children: Danny, Bill, Alice and Harry.

Mary married Harry Steciuk and they farm

locally, in the Postup area. They have 6 daughters: Annie, Olga, Stella, Nettie, Tilly and Rose.

Annie married Ernest Cockerill and they lived in the Merridale district. They had 4 children: Ruth, Horace, Lorne and Donny. Annie passed away in 1936 and Ernest in 1949.

John remains a bachelor and is still farming on the old homeplace.

Tinnie married Bill Komar and they live in Illinois, U.S.A. They have 2 children: Sonia and Dennis.

Justine married Jack Yaworsky, who died in 1973, and Justine still resides in Roblin. They have 3 children: Marianne, Tony and Roy.

Steve, who served in the Canadian Armed Forces, married Sophie Stephanow. They live in Vancouver, B.C. and have 3 children: Dennis, Bob and Laurie.

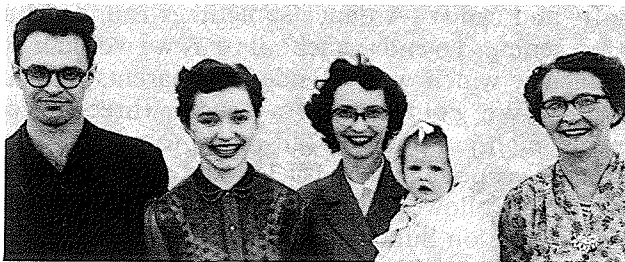
Peter married Victoria (Vicky) Boychuk. They have no children and are presently residing in the town of Roblin.

Edward Motyka Family History by Ed Motyka

I am the son of a pioneer family who lived in the Merridale district. After leaving the family farm I went to Flin Flon where I was employed with Hudson Bay Mining Company as a miner. I came back to Roblin in 1945 and started the Roblin Taxi service in 1946. In 1950 I sold it to Mr. Booker. I was also a cattle buyer and shipper.

I married Nadia Sluser and we have a family of four children; Daniel, Alice, William and Harry. They all attended school in Roblin, Daniel and Harry completed their education at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg. Daniel has a Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering and Harry has his Master's in Electrical Engineering, William graduated from the University of British Columbia in Forestry (Botany). Alice completed her education in Winnipeg and became a bookkeeper. We now live in Calgary, Alberta.

Ludwig and Caroline Mund Family by George Mund



The Munds, in 1955: George, Ellen, Rose, Barbara and Caroline.

My father, Ludwig Mund, was born in Bere-sind, Sask. on November 17, 1898. My mother, Caroline, was born in Austria in 1902, and came to Canada with her parents, Anton and Elizabeth Ricker in 1904.

My father and mother were married on April 24, 1921. They farmed the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of 19-25-29. My two sisters and I were born here. Rose and I attended the Cupar school, which was built about a mile to the south of us. Ellen, who was much younger than we were, went to school in Oliver, B.C.

The school was built on about four acres of land in the valley. Some of the students came to school by horse and buggy or horse-back in the summer, and the horses were turned loose in the school yard.

The teacher would call us to class by ringing a bell and someone was appointed to raise the flag in the morning and to lower it at the end of the day. We carried our drinking water from the creek or from a well on the Frank Allbright farm. That was usually done by the boys at morning recess. Games played at school were tag, hide-and-seek, pick up sticks, and a game called "Bear". A variety of ball games were also played, but there was a limited number of students (10-15) to play.



Ludwig Mund and son George.

The Christmas concert was the highlight of the year. We would practice for three to four weeks for that special event. Ernest Maudsley would play the organ for us. The adults also took part in this event. The concert was held in the evening, and after the concert there was a Santa Claus who handed out the gifts and candy. A dance sometimes rounded out the evening. To end the school year, we would have a picnic, which was attended by parents and all adults. We would have foot races, three-legged races, high jump and broad jump, to name a few. There was prize money for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. This was followed by a ball game and a lunch. In wintertime on Sunday afternoon, we would go to the Assiniboine River, clear the snow off the ice and go skating, play tag, crack the whip or play hockey using willow sticks for hockey sticks. On moonlight

nights, we would sometimes organize a skating party. Alex Kennedy would bring his accordian and we would end up with a moccasin dance.

After taking high school by correspondence, my sister, Rose, went into the teaching profession. She was helped financially by receiving a scholarship. She taught one year on a permit in the Grandview area. She then took normal school in Winnipeg. She taught a few years in the Brandon area before going to B.C. She met John Klein while teaching at Agassiz, B.C. They were married on August 15, 1953, in Oliver, B.C. They have one daughter, Barbara, who lives in Victoria, B.C.

Ellen, my youngest sister, went into the nursing profession. She took her training at the Royal Inland Hospital in Kamloops, B.C. and is now the nursing supervisor on a floor in the Nanaimo Hospital on Vancouver Island. Ellen married Carl Dorich on May 19, 1984, in Oliver, B.C. They make their home in Nanaimo, B.C.

As for myself, George, I worked for several threshing outfits in the Roblin area and worked two winters cutting pulp wood for the Manitoba Pulp and Paper Co. at Pine Falls, Manitoba. I worked one summer on the farm for George Mitchell in the Assiniboine valley. I then went to B.C., where I worked for the Emil Anderson Construction Co. on construction on the Hope to Princeton Highway. I later secured work as a helper on the electrical crew for the Granby Co. at Copper Mtn., B.C., which was an underground copper mine. When it closed down, I worked for the Reeves McDonald Mine in the west Kootenays. There I met Catherine Kelly of County Cork, Ireland. We were married in Oliver, B.C. on April 3, 1961. We have no children. I took early retirement from Bethlehem Copper Mine near Ashcroft, B.C., where I was employed as an electrical foreman. We now live in Oliver, B.C.

My father passed away in 1959 at MacNutt, Sask. My mother lives in Oliver, B.C. She enjoys gardening and going to the Senior Citizen dances.

George Murray Family by Alice Murray

George Murray was born in London, England, on February 18th, 1899. He came to Canada with his parents, two brothers and two sisters in March, 1907. His father took up a homestead at Rama, Sask. His nephew still farms the original homestead there.

George joined the 107th Battalion in Winnipeg, at the age of 17 years, and served until the end of the war. As he was under age he was told to give his age as nineteen before he was allowed to go to France, where he served as a runner or messenger. He rode a motorcycle through the mud and debris of the front

lines. He was awarded the Military Medal on September 2nd, 1918.

He returned to Canada in 1919 and worked around Togo, Saskatchewan, before buying a farm in the Alva district through the Soldiers Settlement Board. He farmed there until 1937, when he bought the land that Ray and Herb (two of his sons) are farming at the present time.

He built on the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 27-28-29. This land had been pastured but the family had to bring it under cultivation and also had to build a mile and a half of road so that the school van and other traffic could come in.

Later on he bought the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 22-28-29 and built another set of buildings there. The family moved to this location in 1949. He was interested in grain farming and also in cattle and pigs.

George Murray was a past president of the Canadian Legion Branch in Togo, Sask. and received a twenty-five year pin. He served as school trustee in Alva and Makaroff school districts, was past president of the Manitoba Pool Elevators at Makaroff, chairman of Grand Narrows Church Board and a Past Master of Togo Lodge, No. 130 A.F. and A.M.

The family was awarded the Roblin and District Chamber of Commerce Agricultural Award in 1958.

George married Alice Burrell in 1926, and they have six children. Alice still lives on the home farm.

Margaret, their first daughter, married Roy Falkiner of Kamsack, Sask. and they have three children. Roy is an Engineer on the C.N.R. Margaret is a Community College Co-ordinator. Roy and Margaret's family are Valerie, Charlene and Murray. Murray was killed several years ago in a traffic accident at Oak Bank, Man.

Ray farms in the district. He married Ethel Bangle, and they have five children, Twila, Tracey, Wendy, Craig and Jeff. Twila married Kelly Boyce of Roblin.

Herb also farms in the district. He married Vivian Bangle and they have two children, Blaine and Carla. Blaine married Valerie Bauming and they live in Winnipeg.

Vernon married Naida Framingham, an R.N., and he works for Saskatchewan Power Commission at Moose Jaw, Sask. They have three children, Brian, Bradley, and Heather.

Grace is a school teacher at Snow Lake. Her husband is Morris Chrapun and he owns Mo's Marine, Snow Lake. They have three children, Rodney, Dennis and Sandra.

Beverly married Ron Mann. He is a sales manager for Case Equipment and lives at Saskatoon. They have two children, Leslie and Kimberley.

George and Alice Murray had six children, 18 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

George Murray died on July 1st, 1970. Alice lives on the farm in the Roblin area.

Muse Family of Cromarty

by Alice Muse

Mr. and Mrs. Muse came from Newcastle, England and settled in the Cromarty district in 1909. Mr. Muse had first homesteaded the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 17-26-29, but never lived on it as it was just pastureland, so he bought the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 15 from Mr. Tucker. Their first home was a log cabin, with sod roof, already on the property. Their next home was a two-room house, where Dick, Alice, and Aleck were born with Mrs. Grassie's help. (Mary was born in a new house after the war.)

Mr. and Mrs. Muse went overseas to the First World War, having rented their farm to the Chapman brothers. On their return in 1919, they again farmed in Cromarty until 1931, when the family moved to Winnipeg. Dick married Helen Deegan and moved to Calgary as Manager of Gaevert Co. Photographic supplies — a Belgian firm which had to close at the outbreak of World War II, when Dick then joined the Army. He returned to Calgary after the war and died there in 1982. His wife predeceased him in 1978.

In 1928 Roblin Collegiate entered the National Oratorical Contest. Alice Muse was winner in Roblin, Dauphin and Winnipeg — the Provincial Finals, and came third in the Dominion finals held in Toronto. She was the recipient of many gifts from Cromarty district and the town of Roblin, among them being a Waterman's pen and pencil set, gold capped and engraved, also a gold signet ring, which she wore for over 50 years until it could be worn no more and is still a prized possession. The Elks of Roblin gave her a beautifully fitted suitcase with tortiseshell brush and comb, mirror and nail polisher, etc. and \$100.00 spending money. This was a very generous and incredible gift at that time of severe hardship throughout the district and therefore doubly appreciated and prized. Alice also won a scholarship to Success Business College and got her first job in Commercial Union Assurance Co., where she worked for 21 years, including the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ years spent overseas in the Second World War as a secretary in R.C.A.F. #6 Bomber Command in Yorkshire. Returning home she joined the C.N.R. Tax Department as secretary to the Assistant Tax Commissioner a position she held until her retirement in 1976.

On the death of Mrs. Muse, age 95, in Winnipeg, Alice moved to Calgary, where she now resides, Aleck Muse joined the Navy, married Helen Neroda of Winnipeg, while still working for C.P.R. as a boilermaker. They moved to Victoria,

B.C. where he died in 1981. His widow, Helen and son, Robert and family still live there.

Mary, the youngest, married Keith Hutchison of Winnipeg and resides in Gold River, B.C. She has five children: Wendy MacPheat of Yukon, David, Diane (Mrs. Norman), Gerald and Grant all in Gold River, B.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Richardson (Mrs. Muse's brother and family) are both deceased, as is Muriel Mills (eldest daughter), Joan Scott (youngest girl), and Harry Richardson who won the Military Cross for two missions (32 trips) as Pilot in the R.C.A.F. He was killed with his crew over England on his return from his last mission. Margaret, wife of Rev. Robert Wright, lives in Sioux Falls, S. Dakota and has one married son, Clarke.

Mushrow History

by Hugh A. Mushrow

Abner Mushrow, his wife Margaret and three children: Margaret, Robert and Lily arrived in Roblin in 1903. They came from Minnesota, U.S.A. by horse and wagon.

They lived in the flats just south of Deepdale, later living in Roblin where Abner had a small livery barn.

Abner died in 1925. Margaret died in 1922 and both are buried in Roblin cemetery.

Margaret, the eldest daughter, married Vesty McCauley and lived in The Pas. Both are deceased.

Lily married Fred LaFontaine and lived in Dauphin. Both are deceased.

Robert A. Mushrow married Rachel Ward, eldest daughter of Brigham Ward, in 1915. They farmed 3 miles north of Deepdale where Hugh, Harvey and Beatrice were born. Harvey and Beatrice are buried in Roblin. They had another daughter and son, Gwendolene and Orville. Orville is deceased.

Gwendolene married Bill Maher. They have two children: Shelley and Bradley. Bill and Shelley are deceased. Gwendolene is now married to Clay Denison and they reside in Winnipeg.



Mrs. Abner Mushrow, an early pioneer of Deepdale.

Hugh married Mary Clark and they have three children: Richard, Joyce and Douglas.

Hugh served in the R.C.A.F. from 1940 to 1945. After the war, Hugh and family lived in Winnipeg where he went into business for himself. Hugh and Mary are now retired and live in Winnipeg.

Dmytro Mymko Family

by Steve

Dmytro and Irene immigrated to Canada in 1902 from their native land of the Ukraine, looking for a better future.

They had 2 children, Tennie (3 years old) and Bill, six months. They came to Ashville, Manitoba, where Dad had some relatives and they had nowhere else to go. As time went on they bought and cleared some land and built a log house. In the meantime they lived with relatives and worked at whatever they could find.

Dad had to leave home to find work, so Mother was left at home with the small children. While Dad was away, Mother grew a big garden, milked a couple of cows which provided plenty of milk for the family.

These people had to struggle to make a living; the wife had to work hard with no complaining. Dad had to go to Neepawa, Manitoba for flour which he carried home on his back.



Dmytro Mymko Family: L to R. Steve, Lena, Mike, Nellie, Fred, Annie, John, Teenie and Bill.

By 1917, they had 9 living children. When the hard times came they lost everything.

In 1928 Dad procured a homestead and in 1929 we moved there. Again we had to help scrub some land by hand.

Religion played a very important part in the lives of the Ukrainian pioneers. Tennie, born in 1898, married Bill Ternowski in 1918. They live in Vancouver, B.C.

Bill, born in 1901, never married. He has lived with Dora and Steve at Onanole, Manitoba since he retired.

John, born in 1904, married Marion Oryniak in 1928. John passed away in 1981.

Annie, born in 1905, married Pete Hrynychuk in 1922. They live at Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Nellie, born in 1908, married Peter Gurniak. They live in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Fred, born in 1910, married Katie Chiko in 1931 and they live in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Mike, born in 1912, married Mary Laciuk in



Mike Mymko Family: L to R. Joyce, Mike, Mary, Rosaline, Diane.

1936. Mary passed away in 1958. Mike married Rose Nowasod in 1961. They reside in Grandview, Manitoba.

Lena, born in 1917, married Bill Nelson in 1941. Bill was in the R.C.A.F. during W.W. II. They live at Nanaimo, B.C.

Bill farmed in the Grandview district from 1940 to 1970.

Mom and Dad were living in Grandview with their son, Mike and his wife, Mary. Dad passed away in 1956 at the age of 84½ years. Mom continued to live with Mike and Mary until 1958, when Mary passed away. Mother, then came to live with Dora and I.



Steve and Dora Mymko.

Steve, born in 1914, married Dora Oryniak in 1938. We farmed in the Grandview district for a few years, then we purchased some land in the Shortdale area. We farmed there during the depression years. We sold wheat for 35¢ a bushel.

We have 6 children. They attended Gilbert and Shortdale schools. Some of the children attended



Steve Mymko Family: L to R. Norman, June, Lyla, Bill, Muriel, Patricia and Michelene.

Bield high school, and some of the children moved to Winnipeg to attend high school.

In 1961, we sold the farm and moved to Lake Audy, where we purchased a small business. We had a grocery store, filling station and also ran the post office. We were also renting out boats at Lake Audy. The girls helped out, which was a good experience for them. This was a Tourist Resort. Steve also worked for the C.N.R.

Our children are as follows: Muriel, single, has made her career in the Armed Forces. She is an Acting Sergeant in the R.C.A.F.

Lyla Wager has 2 sons, Darin and Johnny. She has a government job and lives in Winnipeg.

Norman, married Isobel Koltusky, and they have four sons and a daughter. They live in Winnipeg where Norman is a fireman.

Patricia married John Porter. They live in Calgary, Alberta.

June married Dennis Lastiwka. They have one son. They live in BPPN Indonesia, where Dennis is an oil engineer.

Michaelene married Victor Rochelle. They have 2 sons. They live at Red Lake, Ontario, where Victor works for Griffets Steel Mine.

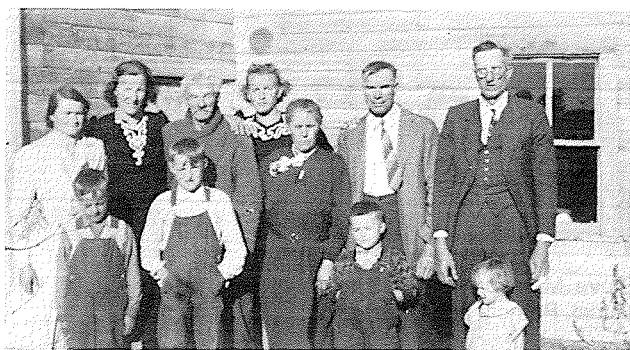
We, Steve and Dora, have 9 grandsons, 1 granddaughter and 3 great-grandchildren.

We sold our business at Lake Audy in 1977 to Bob and Adeline Curle. We built a home in Onanole, Manitoba where we are retired. We enjoy good health and enjoy visiting our family (which are scattered all over) and also our friends. We are very proud of our family.

Philip and Tillie Myslichuk Family by Maryanne

Philip and Tillie Myslichuk were both born in 1863 in the Western Ukraine in the Village of Serpenci, District Sokol. The date they were married is not known.

They came to Canada in 1898, with three children. Four more children were born here. They had four sons: Steve, Harry, Jack and William. They also had three daughters: Ann, Julia and Mary. After coming to Canada, they settled in Libau



The Philip Myslichuk Family: Mrs. W. (Helen) Myslichuk, Julia, Mr. Philip Myslichuk, ?, Mrs. S. Myslichuk, Steve, William and William's children: John, Steve, Russell and Ann.

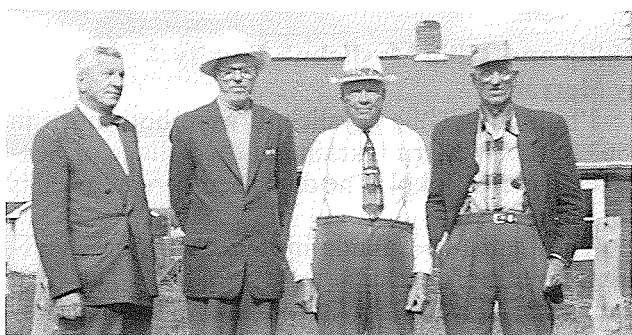
Manitoba, close to Poplar Park, where they farmed. There were several other families from Europe there also. They lived there until his wife, Tillie, passed away in 1915. She was buried in Poplar Park, at the age of 52.

Philip and his family then moved to Roblin, where Philip got a farm in Merridale. They lived there until 1925, when they moved northwest of Shortdale. They remained here until he filed on a homestead south of Shortdale, where he lived out his declining years with his youngest son, William, and his daughter-in-law, Helen. Philip Myslichuk died on Feb. 5, 1950 at 87. He is buried in the Greek Orthodox Parish Cemetery in the Winona district.

William and his wife continued to farm the homestead after his father's death. William finally sold the land to John Slobozian, because of ill health. He moved to Roblin, where he resided until his death in 1975.

Philip is survived by only one of his children, a daughter, Mrs. Ann Paskiw of Flin Flon, Manitoba. Philip had 13 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren.

Philip loved music and especially loved to sing. In his declining years, he loved to tell stories to his grandchildren about the old country and the hardships there and about his life after he came to Canada.



Four Myslichuk sons: L to R. Harry, Jack, Steve and William.

Steve Myslichuk Family

by Mary Myslichuk

Steve Myslichuk immigrated to Canada with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Philip Myslichuk, brother Harry, and sister Julia, at the age of ten in 1898. He lived with his parents in Libau for seventeen years. By this time he had acquired three brothers: Harry, Bill and John and three sisters: Julia, Mary, and Anne. Steve's mother passed away in 1915. Steve then moved to Postup area where he met Lena Sokoloski (nee Kobishyn) who was a widow with two children. Her son Frank later married Sophie. Frank is now deceased, and Sophie resides in Milwaukee, Wis, U.S.A. Lena's daughter Rosie married John Cockerill. Rosie passed away in 1980. John Cockerill still resides in Roblin.



Mr. and Mrs. Steve Myslichuk.

Steve and Lena were united in marriage in 1917 and they settled in the Postup district, where they farmed. Steve and Lena worked hard to make ends meet. They were blessed with two children. One son, Ed, later married Mary Labuke in 1941. They reside in Roblin. Their daughter Stella married Clarence McLean, and they reside at Lynn Lake, Manitoba.

Steve and Lena were well known for always being ready to lend a helping hand in the time of need. Lena was known for her gardening skills and always grew enough for her own family needs and shared with her neighbours.

Steve was musically inclined. He played the fiddle and drums with a band who often travelled by wagon or sleigh drawn by a team of horses. They travelled to Shortdale, Zelena and Merridale to play at weddings and dances. In 1949 Steve and Lena retired from the farm to live in the town of Roblin.

Their son Edward and wife Mary took over their homestead and raised their family of eight children: Dorothy of San Jose, California, U.S.A.; Frank of Winnipeg; Ted of Merridale; Arlene of Edmonton, Alberta; Sharon of Roblin; Roxie of Winnipeg; Eddie and Ken both of Roblin. Ed and Mary's son Ted and his wife Barbara live on Grandpa Steve's homestead now with their children: Conrad, Amanda and Curtis. This makes four generations of Myslichuks to reside on this farm known as the NE ¼ of 20-27-27 in the Postup District in the Hillsburg Municipality.

The family of Steve and Lena hope to keep this



Five generations: Lena Myslichuk, Rose Cockerill, Sylvia Nykyforak, Linda Lovas, Loralee Lovas.

homestead in the family name for many more generations to come. They had 11 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren (2 of whom are deceased), also 1 great-great-grandchild.

Steve and Lena sleep peacefully in the Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery amongst their friends and old-time neighbours who helped to open up the frontiers of Merridale, Postup and Shortdale districts.

Edward Myslichuk Family by Mary Myslichuk

Edward Myslichuk grew up in the Merridale district on the homestead (the N.E. ¼ of 20-27-27) in the R.M. of Hillsburg. He attended school there and worked on the farm.

In 1941 he married Mary Labuik and together they farmed and raised cattle and sheep, etc. Ed also worked for the Hillsburg Municipality operating the grader for 12 years.

In 1972 they moved to Roblin and Ed worked for the Town of Roblin for 2 years on the grader. He also worked in the Goose Lake High school for awhile and was caretaker of the Royal Bank, as well as Roblin Residences for 9 years. He is now semi-retired.

Ed and Mary raised a family of eight children. Dorothy married Garry Wells and lives in San Jose, California. Her children are Danny, Debbie,



Ed. and Mary Myslichuk and family: L to R. Dorothy, Eddy, Sharon, Roxie, Arlene, Ted, Frank, Ken and Donna.

Angela (deceased) and Tania. Frank married Brenda McNicol and they live in Winnipeg. They have five children: Sandra, Kevin (deceased), Shelley and Lisa (twins) and Johanna. Ted married Barbara Paul and they farm on the homestead in Merridale. They have three children: Conrad, Amanda and Curtis. Arlene married Garry Barabe and they live at Edmonton. They have three sons, Dean, Dwayne and Corey. Sharon lives in Roblin with her two girls, Carrie Ann and Sherry. Roxie married Len Nordal and they live in Winnipeg. Ed is single and lives in Roblin. Ken married Donna Cockerill and they live near Roblin. They have two children: Scott and Cassandra.

Ed and Mary are both members of the Greek Catholic Church and the Merridale Community Club. Presently they are both doing part-time work.

History of the Peter Nabe Family by the family

Peter Nabe, born on May 6th, 1903, died on May 28, 1974. Martha Nabe (nee Kimmel) born on March 25, 1908, died on May 5th, 1978.

Peter Nabe was born in Kraft, Russia and came to Canada in 1913, to the city of Winnipeg, Manitoba. He moved west and settled in the Togo district in 1918. He married Martha Kimmel in October of 1929. In 1935 they moved to the Makaroff district where they farmed until retiring to the village of Togo in 1969.

The family consisted of five children (four sons and one daughter).

Harold Nabe was born on September 4, 1930, and died on May 25, 1979 in Togo, Saskatchewan. Harold was educated in Makaroff. He married Donna Beattie on July 29th, 1953 in Togo, Sask. He lived in the village of Makaroff, where Donna taught school, while Harold commuted back and forth to Togo where he worked as a mechanic at Bell's Garage. Later on they moved to Togo where Harold built and operated Togo Motors until October of 1975. He served as Mayor of Togo for a number of years.

Rhienold (Peter) Nabe was born on March 23, 1933 at Makaroff. He was educated at Makaroff. After finishing high school he spent a short time at



The Peter Nabe Family: Leonard, Harold, Martha, Peter, Geraldine, Richard and Rhienold.

Flin Flon, then moved to Winnipeg and worked for the Canadian National Railway for 12 years. Then he left the railway and worked for a sign company. He married June Rombough in May of 1968 in Winnipeg. In September of 1969 they were transferred to Saskatoon with the sign company. Then in April, 1971 they were transferred to Regina where they still reside. They have one daughter, Cheryl.

Richard Nabe was born on August 15, 1936, in Makaroff. Richard was educated in Makaroff. He left Makaroff and went to Flin Flon where he worked for Hudson Bay Mining Company. He married Joyce Topham in September, 1959 at Flin Flon. They have three children: Kim, Donnalea and Randy. He left Flin Flon in 1972 to reside in various parts of British Columbia and Alberta. Finally he settled in Camrose, Alberta. Joyce passed away in April of 1983.

Leonard Nabe was born on December 18, 1937 in Makaroff. He was educated in Makaroff. He left



Photo of the Peter Nabe farm.

Makaroff to work for the Royal Bank in Binscarth, Manitoba. Later he was transferred to Winnipeg. He married Gloria Cameron in May of 1961 at Shilo,

Manitoba. They have three children: Darren, Kelly and Michael. He left Winnipeg to reside in Vancouver, British Columbia where he is employed with Eatons of Canada.

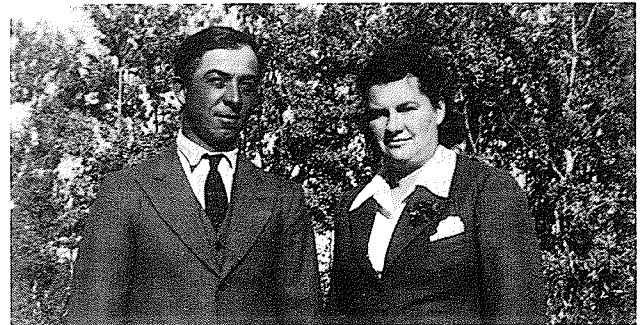
Geraldine Nabe was born on May 21, 1951, in Yorkton, Saskatchewan. She was educated in Makaroff and Roblin. After finishing high school she went to Flin Flon and worked for a chartered accountant. She married Bruce Mulroy in August 1971 and left Flin Flon to move back to Togo, Saskatchewan where Bruce took over management of Togo Motors. Geri worked in the Togo Credit Union for two years. In 1975 she quit the Credit Union and became bookkeeper at the garage. They have two boys, Michael and Jeffery.

Nicholas and Annie Nabozniak

by Anne Nabozniak

Nick Nabozniak was born in 1909, in Sifton, Manitoba, to Paul and Tillie (Yercha) Nabozniak. Both parents were born in the Ukraine. Nick was a long-time sawmill and planer operator. In 1934 he learned this trade near Shortdale, Manitoba.

I, Annie Maluta, was born in Roblin, Manitoba in 1915 to John and Mary (Panasiuk) Maluta. Nick and I were married in 1935 at Roblin. We moved to Hudson Bay, Saskatchewan in 1938, with all the Maluta family.



Nicholas and Annie Nabozniak.

Nick operated his sawmill and planer from 1938 to 1955 in the Etomami area. In the winter we would move to the bush, and in the summer move back to the farm, where we farmed and grew a large garden. I cooked for 15 years in our lumber camp.



Nicholas and Annie Nabozniak and friends at the Maluta homestead.

We have 4 children: John, Zinnie, Russell and Nadia. All of our children attended Etomami Aspen school. In 1955 Nick retired from the sawmill operation and we moved to another farm near Hudson Bay, Sask., where he had his own mechanic shop and also farmed. He was well known for hammering sawmill saws. Many operators came great distances and sought out Nick's skill on repairing saws. He worked for Simpson Timber Co. for 5 years as a journeyman machinist, a job that was his pride and joy.

John was born in 1936 at Roblin. He graduated from Hudson Bay high school and the University of Saskatoon, Sask. He is an electrical engineer and is employed with Edmonton Power Corporation. John married Catherine McIntyre in 1969. Their 2 sons are Ryan and Scott.

Zinnie was born in 1939 at Hudson Bay, Sask. She graduated from Hudson Bay high school. Zinnie married Floyd Eberhardt in 1961 at Calgary. Their children are Holly Ann and Mark. They have their own business, Tool Company Corporation, and they live in Calgary, Alberta.

Russell was born in 1941 and finished his high school in Hudson Bay. He married Dorothy McGarvy in 1963. They have 2 sons, Brent and Todd. Russell is a plumber in Calgary, where the family make their home.

Nadia was born in 1946 and finished her high school in Hudson Bay. She married Ronald Pilat in 1966. They have 3 girls: Dawn, and twins Carla and Amber. They reside on 11 acres of land in the Sardis district of B.C., where they have horses and cattle. Ronald works for Safeway Co. Ltd. in Vancouver, B.C.

Nick and Annie are now retired on a farm near Hudson Bay, Sask.

George and Ada Nash by Leonard Nash, Sr.

My parents were both born in England in 1873. My dad was a soldier in the Army. He was in the War in India in 1898. My parents were married in 1899.

My mother told me that they had decided to go to Canada in 1906, as conditions were not very good in England. So, in May, 1906, we came to Ontario. My dad worked on a farm for one year. I think it was at Waterford, Ontario. Then we moved to Boissevain in Manitoba looking for homestead land. Dad homesteaded in Roblin in 1907 and in the spring of 1908, we brought a car of settlers' effects from Boissevain to Roblin. My parents told me that we were met by Ernie Knight who had settled here before the railroad came through. We lived in a small house that was on the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 34-26-28 and my dad settled on the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the same section.

In the winter of 1908 and 1909, Mr. Knight, Dad and my Uncle Dick went to the Duck Mountains to cut logs to be sawed into lumber at Cockerill's mill. All settlers got a free permit in those days. They brought a lot of small, straight rails to use as studs and rafters and sills under the floor. I can remember, as a young boy, my mother trying to keep the floor clean as it was lumber straight from the saw mill. As the lumber dried out, the cracks got wider. In 1912 my dad built another piece onto the house. Our furniture was bought from Eaton's Catalogue. I started school in 1913 in Roblin. We left home about 7 a.m. long before daylight and got home after dark. Our lunch was frozen solid every day and we would try and thaw it out by putting it on top of the radiators.

In 1917 we would have rifle practice with 22 repeating rifles. At the last practice we had, a boy named Tom Lambkin and I were tied for best shot. I never got a chance to shoot again, as I had to quit school and help on the farm. The Roblin school I went to, is the one they wrecked just lately.

In those years around 1912, we milked a few cows. Mother would put the milk in a tall milk can and let it settle for about 24 hours in a cool place down in the cellar, then skim off the cream by opening the tap at the bottom, to run the milk out. When she had enough cream, we would churn it into butter by hand with a dasher churn, pumped up and down until it turned into butter. What we didn't need to use, was made into 1 pound prints and traded in at the store for groceries. We had a few hens, and what eggs we did not need, were packed in sawdust in a pail and sold in town. As my mother came from the city, she was not too handy at knitting and sewing in those years, but I can remember her spending a lot of time every evening in later years, making socks and mitts for us.

As far as games went, we had to make our own. I can remember going to the Fair in Roblin every year.

In 1918, when times got better for us, Dad bought more land and that put a finish to my schooling. In 1918 I remember cleaning seed grain with a cleaner we turned by hand. That fall, I worked for a neighbour shovelling grain in the granaries. We filled the granary so full they had to pull the grain spout out before I could get out. After harvest I hauled grain to the elevator with a team of horses. As I was getting close to town I heard a lot of bells ringing. When I got to town they told me that the War was over. That was in 1918. In 1919 my dad passed away and times were not very good for Mother and family as my dad had always done all the managing of the farm business and the family was all quite young. In those years we used to cut quite a lot of cordwood and sell it to the school and

to anyone else in town. In 1927 I bought a Model T Ford which I kept for 10 years.

In 1930 I went to work for a fisherman on the north end of Lake Winnipegosis. I spent the next 10 winters fishing and freighting between Mafeking and Grand Rapids on Lake Winnipeg. I went trapping rats for a couple of springs after the winter fishing was over. That was in the dirty thirties.



Les Nash and his dog.

There were 5 boys in the George Nash family. Leslie, Leonard and Cyril, born in England. Stanley and Wilfred were born in Roblin. Stanley, Wilfred and Leonard are now deceased.

George Nash Family by W. E. Nash

George Nash served for ten years in the English Imperial Army, mostly in India. After the turn of the century work was hard to find in England. He said that if he did not find employment in a fortnight he would go to Canada. Thus it was that after saying goodbye to relatives and friends forever, he left for Canada, arriving in Quebec City in May of 1906.

The journey continued on to Ontario where he found work on a farm for \$12.00 per month, if he promised to stay for 12 months. At the end of the agreed time he left for Boissevain, Manitoba where his brother Richard was working on a farm.

In the fall of 1908 at the Claims Office in Dauphin they filed claims on homesteads north and east of the present town. George returned to Boissevain. He arrived in Roblin in March 1909, where he lived on the Frank Lot farm while building a house on his own place.

George worked for William Arnott south of Roblin while improving his own homestead. By 1918 he had purchased two more quarters of land from Daniel Hurley. However, on December 19, 1919, he passed away, leaving a wife and five small sons.

The next few years were hard for the widow, whose family was too young to run a farm. Then came the 'Dirty Thirties' with all its problems. All that could be accomplished was to keep a roof over their heads, and the taxes paid up.

Mrs. George Nash (Ada) moved to Roblin in 1948 and died on March 20, 1964, thus ending a generation of pioneers whose life meant using the grub hoe, axe, pitch fork, oxen, and the horse. Success was gained by good muscles and a strong back. They were the pioneers of the Riverview district. They helped to build a church that was the centre of activities for some fifteen years. The sons who are left are much better off by being able to remember only part of the struggle that opened up the district. These include tasks such as the building of the roads and the starting of facilities that we have today in both the town and rural area.

History of Richard and Alice Nash by Nellie Nash

Richard Nash was born February 20th, 1867 in Epping, Essex, England. He married Alice Cotton on June 4th, 1892. She was born May 31st, 1874 in Hull, Yorkshire, England. They owned and ran a laundry there until 1906, when they came to Boissevain, Manitoba and worked for a farmer there until the fall of 1908.

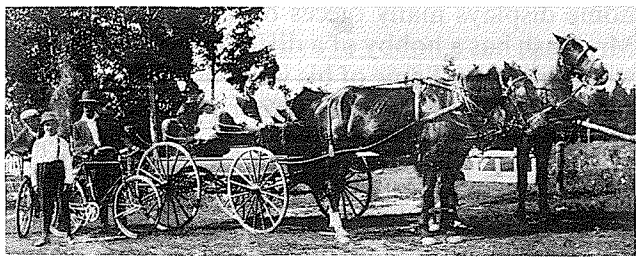


Richard and Alice Nash with the Salvation Army at Roblin, from 1925-1930.

They had three children, all born in England. Ethel May was born in 1894, Harold Edward in 1896 and Doris Gertrude on September 13th, 1904.

The family travelled to Roblin with Richard's brother, George, and there the brothers homesteaded on N.E. 1/4 34-26-28 and S.E. 1/4 34-26-28.

They continued to live on the farm, working out for other farmers: Morley Button, the Gameys and



Ready for church: Harold Nash and his Mother and Dad.

for years with Mark Clark's threshing gang. Richard also drove a school van to Roblin for a number of years. He was a willing worker who was always ready to give a helping hand to all in need.

His main interest was in the Riverview Church, where he was superintendent for 15 years. He enjoyed working with young people.

In 1924 our Riverview Church closed and most people started going to Roblin to attend services. The Salvation Army came to Roblin at this time and as the Nashs had been faithful to the Salvation Army in England, they really enjoyed attending in Roblin. Dick Nash, as Envoy, took many services on Sundays and week nights and he led open-air meetings on Saturdays and also played in the band.

Everyone living four miles north of Roblin on Highway 83 would see Dick Nash and his wife, Alice, with the democrat and ponies as they went to town to help with the services. Very few people had cars at that time. Dick Nash also drove a school van for a number of years.

The Nashs continued to live on the farm until 1938 when Dick passed away at the age of 71 years.

Ethel Nash married Joe Hess in 1912 and she passed away in August 1979, at age 85. They had 8 children: Alex, Bill, Nacie, Alice, Anna, Harold Edward, Myrtle, Bessie and Reginald.

Doris Nash married Cecil Rogers in 1926 and passed away in July 1954 at age 49 years. They had 6 children: Gwen, Edna, Donald, Alice, Walter and Richard.

Harold Nash married Nellie Mitchell, December 26th, 1933 and they had 4 children: Eveline, Muriel, Richard and Roland. Eveline married Max Lebowicky and they have 3 children: Craig, Brian and Tanis. Muriel married Dave Lowe and they have one daughter, Donna. Richard married Betty Telford and they have 2 sons, Derek and Kevin. They live in Calgary, Alberta. Roland is still single and lives in Edmonton, Alberta.

Harold and Nellie still live on their farm. They both love church life. At age 88 Harold is still active and drives the car to Roblin every week. He still plays the violin he made, and enjoys working with wood, making all kinds of birds and animals and painting them in their natural colors.

The Nash Family

Taken from: Roblin Review November 9th, 1983;
"No Reason to Retire"

Mr. Harold E. Nash came to Canada in 1908 from Yorkshire, England, as a 12 year old boy whose family finally settled in the Roblin area of Manitoba. He was born in 1896 on January 2nd.

Mrs. Nellie Nash, his wife, came to Canada in 1905. She too was born in Yorkshire, England on August 6th, 1904.

Their families had lived in the immediate vicinity of each other in England, but little was it then even suspected that one day they would become relatives through marriage. Harold and Nellie exchanged wedding vows in Canada on December 26th, 1933. The couple settled in the Roblin District of Manitoba, and lost no time in carving out a homestead on a piece of land known by description as the N.W. 1/4 of 23-26-28.

This year makes the Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary for Harold and Nellie. Although celebrations were a bit early, The Nash Family honored their parents on this occasion in July of 1983. Golden Anniversaries are not that common, but the Nashes see nothing unusual. They are happy and thankful to have lived so long together and base success of their marriage on love, understanding and togetherness. Doing things together, sharing each other's interests and reaching for the same goals is what makes a marriage work and survive the test of time.

The present divorce rate in Canada alarms Mrs. Nash. It is all because of an over abundance; she elaborates saying that couples today enter marriage with just so much going for them that they have little left to challenge, and the resulting boredom drives them apart. "Then the women's liberation movement is much to blame," she continues. "Women have a rightful place in society, but trying to compete with men is just pushing it unnecessarily too far."

Mr. and Mrs. Nash have a family of four, (two sons and two daughters). Son, Richard is married and living in Calgary, Alberta. Roland, the youngest, is still single, living in Edmonton, Alberta. Eveline, Mrs. Lebowicky, lives in Winnipeg. Muriel, Mrs. Dave Lowe, is a local Roblin area resident.

Mr. and Mrs. Nash have seen Roblin progress from a skeleton settlement, with only a couple of homes, to what the town is today. Schools were literally unknown in those days and neither Harold, nor Nellie could obtain much of an education.

As the years progressed so did their life together. Mr. Nash recalls: how, little by little, he built the home they still live in, from the logs cut down and hewn off their own land, as their needs

began to grow. He recalls working on the farm with a team of oxen, that he occasionally drove into town to get supplies. But despite the hardships, they have had a fulfilling past they would trade for none other. They demonstrate a love of their land by refusing to retire, and move into town. They enjoy the convenience of modern plumbing and cannot see town living as more attractive.

Thus far, they have retired only from active farming. They lease their farm to their son-in-law, David Lowe. They both remain active by cutting their own winter supply of firewood and tending to their garden and apple orchard in the summer.

Mr. Nash is a war veteran. He was amongst the fighting men on the front lines in World War I,



Harold and Nellie Nash's 50th Anniversary.

having joined the war effort with the 27th Winnipeg Infantry in June, 1915. He took part in campaigns at Vimy Ridge and Passchendaele. He saw the end of the fighting and still feels very fortunate to have returned in July, 1919, when so many good men from the Roblin area did not. Some he knew personally. Along with his wife, he sees no justification to war and believes in peaceful coexistence.

In 1965, Harold Nash was diagnosed to have cancer. Even less was known about the disease then, than it is now. Cobalt treatments were not so readily available, and he was given only a short time to live at the age of 69.

But, Mr. Nash in tune with a fighting spirit did not cede to a little problem like cancer, especially after having survived the War. It was some time later that his cancer disappeared, and has celebrated his 87th, birthday. He offers living proof that no matter what happens, one should never give in or give up. Except for a bit of a hearing problem, Mr. Nash enjoys excellent health.

Today, both Mr. and Mrs. Nash have cultivated some unusual hobbies to help them remain active. Mrs. Nash enjoys crocheting and knitting. Her

home displays many pieces of fine delicate work. Mr. Nash has a hobby of a different sort. He makes wood carvings. Some of his work includes a carving of two elk interlocking horns in battle. That particular piece of work won him a prize at the Roblin Agricultural Fair in 1983. He carves animals, birds of prey and even has carved exact replicas of the totem poles that stand in Kelowna, British Columbia. He prizes, amongst his possessions, a cane which he carved himself in the image of a totem pole. Mr. Nash at one time painted in oils. Several framed paintings hang in their home. The frames are personally handmade by himself as well. Amongst his most accomplished paintings is that of the Last Supper. He also makes spoon racks, knife holders and axe handles. All of these are carved from a plentiful supply of birch wood that grows on his property.

Today, Mrs. Nash enjoys playing an antique organ, which she said had provided some entertainment on her wedding day. Mr. Nash enjoys playing his violin. Both play extremely well and really love music.

Although he is proud to still own a violin he bought as a boy, he is just as proud of a violin he made himself in 1972. It took him all winter to carve the instrument but to look at it one would hardly suspect it was homemade. Its ability to carry a fine tune does not give itself away either. As for the rest of his carvings, Mr. Nash said that he has given away or sold at least twenty-five to relatives and friends from as far away as British Columbia and Newfoundland.

Today, Mr. and Mrs. Nash continue to enjoy life with no desire to retire and do nothing. "If I did that, and moved to town, I'd be gone in a month", said Mr. Nash. Constant activity, a love for life and a philosophy, 'that if anything goes wrong it is for a good reason', have given Mr. and Mrs. Nash a complete meaningful life.

John James Nastrom Family by Lorene Ward

John James Nastrom was born in Menahga, Minnesota in 1897. He moved with his mother and father and the rest of the family to the homestead north of Roblin, near Deepdale, Man. The homestead was on the N.W. 1/4 of 21-27-28, in the R.M. of Shell River. Jack's brothers and sisters were Alvin, Charles, Mary, Hattie, Maimie, Ellen, Millie and Alice.

Jack attended school at Gleneden where the children had to walk about 3 miles each way. When the First World War broke out Jack enlisted and served his country from 1916 to 1919, after which he returned. He worked in Alvin's saw mill in the Duck Mountains and trapped and helped on the farm.



Jack and Hannah Nastrom, at Blue Wing.

Jack married Hannah Howell of the Merridale district in the 1930's. Jack also enlisted in the Second World War and returned in 1945.

After the War he settled on Soldier Settlement Land in the Blue Wing district, where he and his wife Hannah operated the Blue Wing post office, and Jack drove the mail to Bield and Shevlin. Jack always had lovely driving horses and was very proud of his drivers. He also had one of the first "Coupe" cars in the district.

People will remember Jack and Hannah for their kindness and for their happy-go-lucky nature. He served his community well by acting on many boards, and was on the Boulton Municipal Council for many years.

Jack and Hannah never had a family of their own but were always ready to help any one in need or to take them in and help the families in the area. Hannah died in 1971, after suffering many strokes, and Jack died on January 18th, 1981 in the Roblin Personal Care Home. Both are buried in the Roblin Cemetery.



Cow being milked by Jack Nastrom.

Jacob and Greta Nastrom Family by Earl McIntyre

This is a short history of the family as told to me by my mother, Mrs. Mary McIntyre, the eldest daughter of Jacob and Greta Nastrom.

Jacob William Nastrom was born in Wisby, Goteland, Sweden in 1847. As a young man he immigrated to Chicago, Illinois, where he was employed as a teamster on the Chicago street cars. He then decided to try his hand at farming in North Dakota. While there he married Greta Peterson. Farming conditions, however, were not favourable so they decided to try their luck elsewhere and moved by covered wagon to Menahga, Minnesota.

In Minnesota the land was not much better, as it was all sand and covered with jack pines. By this time the two eldest sons, Alvin and Charlie were able to help support the growing family by trapping and working in the logging and lumbering industry of Minnesota. They also took up ranching there.

In the fall of 1906 Jacob came to Roblin in search of new land. He found three quarters to



Mr. Jacob Nastrom and Mrs. Jacob (Ann) Nastrom (the beads around her neck were made by her, with her own hair).

homestead on Sec. 21-27-28 W 1, seven miles north of Roblin in the R.M. of Shell River. In the spring of 1907 he moved his wife Greta and his children: Alvin, Charlie, Mary, Hattie, Jack, Maimie and Ellen to Deepdale and then to the homestead. They brought their worldly goods by train including some machinery, two horses, 2 sheep, three or four head of cattle and a dog named Cookie. Alvin and Charlie accompanied the animals in the two boxcars.

A bachelor, Mr. Boyd, allowed the Nastrom family to live in his small house for a few months until their own living quarters could be built. The frame house that was constructed in 1907 still stands today. The L which forms the living room was added later.

Ratepayers are requested to pay at once; otherwise, after the 1st of January, these Taxes will be collected by distress.

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF SHELL RIVER

No Tax tenders can be received on December 31st NOMINATION DAY.

Statement of Taxes for Year Ending 31st December, 1911

NAME OF RATEPAYER	LAND	IMPROVEMENTS	WATER	SEWER	ROAD	STREET	TRAIL	GRASS	STOCK	FEES	TOTAL TAX	AMOUNT PAID	REMARKS
J. H. 21 1/2 1/2	400	40	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	

NOTICE — Unaccepted Bank Cheques will be returned. Accepted Cheques, Drafts or Money Orders, payable for sum of Taxes at Roblin, Manitoba, must have Exchange added. Taxes for the current year accepted at per cent. 10% On Dec. 31st, no payment, no per cent. will be added to the current year's taxes. A penalty of 10 per cent. will be added to all unpaid taxes on March 1st, 1912.

This Notice mailed at Roblin 1911. Care of Newsletter, A. B. 1911.

CHAS. BRYDON, Sec'y-Treas., Roblin, Man.

Tax Notice for Jacob Nastrom, from the R.M. of Shell River, 1911.

Two more children, Millie and Alice were born within the next few years making a total of nine living children.

Today one would wonder at moving so far away with so few resources and many heavy responsibilities, to a new land filled with mosquitoes and no roads or conveniences of any kind. Most of the resources were found within the people themselves. The two sheep provided wool which Greta washed, spun and knit into socks, mitts, and warm winter clothing. The cows provided the milk and butter; poplar trees provided the wood; wild berries were abundant and wild game was always available. The most immediate task was to get a roof over their heads for protection against the elements, and to get a few acres broken on which to grow some grain and a garden. Mrs. Nastrom was very clever and from some of her long blond hair made a necklace, which is still in the family today as a keepsake.

Discipline of the children was accomplished, in the main, by giving even the youngest children some responsibilities. Only occasionally, in the first years, families would get together to play games, chat and enjoy each other's company. Sometimes house parties were held where there would be dancing, with music provided mainly by someone near at hand who played a fiddle; usually this was Charlie Nastrom or Whitney McIntyre.

The nearest Church was seven miles away, so religious observance in those years consisted mainly of the reading of the Bible in the Swedish language. It was read to the family on a more or less regular basis.

The Nastrom family attended Gleneden school which was located near the Shell River. During the spring and fall seasons, the students entertained themselves by wading, and playing games in the river. The only way to get to school was to walk about 2½ or 3 miles morning and evening and to stay at home in the wintertime when the weather was too severe.

No ready made dresses were ever bought — always yard goods. Mrs. Nastrom cut the cloth and

sewed it on a small hand-turned sewing machine. The boys and men usually bought ready made clothing from the stores in Roblin.

When the First World War broke out in 1914-18 in Europe, Charles and Jack enlisted, leaving Alvin with the responsibilities of the family. Charles died in 1916 while in the services, and Jack returned home in 1919. Jack also served in the 2nd. World War until it ended.

Around 1920 the Nastrom brothers purchased a Rumley Oil pull tractor and a threshing machine. On one occasion they had to take the machine up the Shell River hill which was quite steep at that time. They hooked a team of horses on the high side of the machine and the team gave a quick pull and never stopped until they had upset the machine. This caused a lot of excitement.

Alvin and Charles used to trap all winter, leaving the younger members of the family at home. By this time they were all attending school in Roblin. Snowshoes were the mode of transportation through the deep snow in the heavy bush and over ice-covered lakes.



At Nastroms 1914: L to R. Back row: Vic Lumberg, Fred Craig, Dan Loucie, Jack Nastrom. Front row: Hattie, Alvin, Ellen, Charles, Maimie, Alice, Mrs. G. Nastrom, and Millie.

In due time the family all grew up and went their separate ways. Jacob Nastrom died in 1910 and Greta in 1923; both are buried in the Roblin Cemetery.

The two quarters of land that was homesteaded by the Nastrom family is still owned by the Ray Nastrom family and the other quarter by another family member.

Alvin married Velma Hogue in 1929 and they had five children: Raymond, Greta, Lorene, Alvina and Joyce.

Mary married Whitney McIntyre and had three children: Earl, Eva and Arthur.

Hattie married Thomas Watson and this couple had one daughter, Gladys.

Jack married Hannah Howell and they had no family.

Maimie married Charles McGrath and they had four children: Blake, Bill and Fay (twins) and Ronnie.

Ellen married Fred Knight and they had three children: Gloria, Shirley and Jimmy.

Millie married John Gardner and they had no family.

Alice married Archie Harvey and had one son, Derek. She later married Albert Traub of Winnipeg.

So much more could be told of family happenings and events but space will not permit. This is a tribute to the Pioneer families of our great district of Roblin, and will bring back a lot of pleasant memories to each of us.

Alvin and Velma Nastrom Family

by Raymond Nastrom

My father, Alvin Nastrom, was born in Chicago in 1885. My mother Velma (Hogue) Nastrom was born in Warton, Bruce County, Ontario in 1903.

Alvin's parents, Jacob and Annie Nastrom, came to Chicago from Wisby, Goteland, Sweden before 1885. Some of the relatives still live near Wisby.



Alvin and Velma Nastrom.

Jacob's first wife died, leaving Alvin and a younger sister, Annie (born in 1902). Annie was four years old and a neighbour family had been caring for her since her mother died. When the Nastroms decided to move to Manitoba in 1906, they started packing for the journey. They told the neighbour they would pick Annie up in the morning. When they got there the home was deserted. The people had moved in the night taking the child with them. None of the Nastrom family have seen or heard of the girl since. ("A long lost relative"). In those days it was very difficult to search for her and they were ready to leave so she was left in the States.

While they lived in Minnesota, the family took

up ranching. One day while Alvin was herding cattle on horseback in the open prairie lightning struck a tree nearby and knocked the horse down. They both lived and suffered only a few scratches.

Also while they were moving by covered wagon across the Dakota prairies, lightning struck and killed a baby in Mrs. Nastrom's arms, even though she (the Mother) was not hurt.

The family arrived in Deepdale on the C.N.R. train early in 1907. They completed the home and moved all their furniture and family in. The three quarters were all on 21-27-28 in the Shell River Municipality, owned by Jacob and Greta (the second wife), Charlie and Alvin Nastrom.

They worked very hard clearing the land and raising cattle, pigs, sheep, etc. to feed a large family.

Jacob Nastrom died in 1910 shortly after they came to the homestead, and in 1923 his second wife, Greta, died. Both are buried in the Roblin Cemetery.

Alvin, being the eldest son in the family of nine children, had to take over raising and providing for the large family. He used to go trapping a lot as fur animals were plentiful and brought a fairly good price.

Charlie and Jack were on their own mostly, but there were six girls at home. I can still remember our relatives teasing dad about all his girls, and at this time he had four more daughters of his own to raise, plus me, a son.

Alvin, my father, had a sawmill for several years in the Duck Mountains where he sawed railroad ties for the C.N.R. In the spring when the river water was high they would float the ties down-stream to Strevel (Timberton) and load them in boxcars to be shipped to various areas by the railroad for their own use.

In later years the ties were hauled by truck to Garland, on the east side of the mountain, or to Roblin on the west side, where they were loaded. They were usually shipped to Prince Albert to be treated before being used elsewhere on the tracks.

My mother would cook all winter in the sawmill for 20-30 men. I remember the prunes, dried apples, apricots, and raisins that we got by the box-full to make into pies. We used to call the fruit at that time C.N.R. strawberries. Mom used to make hundreds of pies and also flapjacks each morning, by the platter full. At home, the family would be milking cows in the winter and freezing milk in pans or buckets for use at the mill to cook with or for porridge and baking cakes etc.

In later years, as time progressed, things got better economically. World War II brought a demand for lumber to build the Air Port buildings at Dauphin, and now that the dry years were ending

there was more grain and, in turn, more elevators and annexes were being built.

In the 1950's I took over the Nastrom mill operation. My wife, Lois, did the cooking and book-keeping. In 1961 it was very dry. The crops dried out and were also haled out. There was a large forest fire that burned out a lot of the jack pine tie-timber in the Duck Mountains and we spent many days fighting fire to save the timber. After this fire we moved to Lynn Lake where I worked in the mines.

Some of the men who worked at the mill when I was in charge of its operations were: Jack, Mike, and Mark Bancarz, Willis Armstead, Albert Armstead, Lorne Ward, Cecil Maguire, Joe Ward, Harold Duffy, Ken McKenzie, Allan McKenzie, Ogest Yakimishyn, Neil Irvine, Fred Ladubec, Jack Nastrom, Ray Fisher, Don Ward, Len, Bert and Bob Cockerill, Art McIntyre, Les Nash, Allan Beaven and Alex Livingstone.

The lumber piles in the Nastrom yard used to keep the farmers for miles around supplied with building material for years.

I can remember when we were young that one of our yearly outings was to take four horses up into the Duck Mountains and cut, rake and stack hay for the winter months. On one occasion we had taken our usual supply of food for three weeks of haying, but the weather was poor and we ran out of food. There were no cars or good roads to go for groceries, and it was too far to take the work horses; so down to the Blue Lakes with the old fishing rod we would go. Needless to say, after a week of fish for breakfast, dinner and supper, we were quite sick of fish.

Dad (Alvin) was a councillor in Ward three in the Shell River Municipality for a few years. He had a heavy load trying to please all the ratepayers when prices were low and complaints were high. He helped to build several bridges across the Shell River, cut scrub and maintain roads as well as building roads that were only trails, and all the rest that comes with being a councillor. Dad, being the easy-going type of person that he was, soon gave up this position.

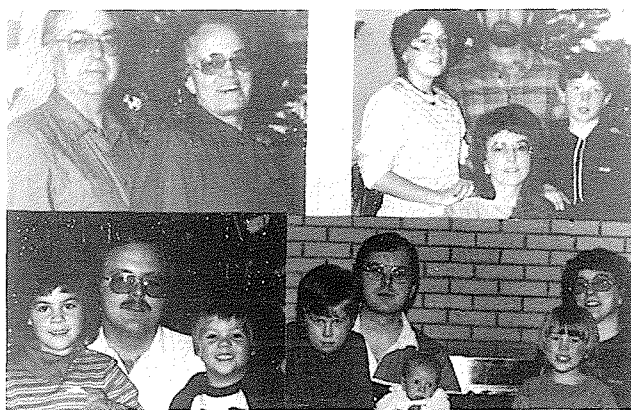
My mother (Velma) was a very hard worker from dawn to dusk, growing a large garden, making braided rugs and quilts, and canning fruit, pickles and vegetables for the winter months. She was also an excellent cook and baker. Many friends and relatives came to visit from near and far and my parents were respected by all who knew them.

I feel fortunate to have lived a good life on the farm and to have worked at milking cows, shearing sheep, butchering, stooking and threshing, etc.; and also to have enjoyed the Duck Mountains, and the hoot of the steam whistle when it was dinner time. Those were the days to remember!

I recall going to school was an adventure in itself, with a jam can lunch pail, and there was the old crock with a tap on it and small paper cups to drink out of. The school vans were mounted on sleighs in the winter and on wheels in the summer, both drawn by horses, and later, cars, trucks with a van in the back were used. Then, as the roads got better, the new modern school buses took over. As we look back over the years we suddenly realize how important the horses were to everyone for logging, farming and also for transportation.

For entertainment, there were card parties, house parties, dancing to the tune of someone on the violin, guitar or tamborine, etc. Also, I remember the beautiful fowl suppers at Deepdale, Merridale, Tummel, Bield and St. Michael's Hall.

My mother and dad were married in 1929 and from this union five children were born. My mother's maiden name was Velma Hogue. The children are: Raymond (myself), Lorene, Greta, Alvina, and Joyce.



Raymond and Lois Nastrom, Shannon, Bill, Janice and Jason Lawson, Sasha, Kenneth and Shane Nastrom, David, James, Christopher, Jennifer and Sally Nastrom.

I married Lois Ward on October 18th, 1949 and we had four children: Janice, James Alvin, Kenneth Raymond, and Kevin Ward.

Janice married Bill Lawson on April 5th, 1969 and they have two children, Shannon and Jason, who are attending school in Logan Lake, B.C. Bill works at the mine and Janice is a loans officer at the bank in Logan Lake.

James Alvin married Sally Stark and they have two children, David and Jennifer, and they live at MacKenzie, B.C.

Kenneth Raymond is divorced. He has two children, Sasha Lynn and Shane; they live at Logan Lake. Ken works at the mine.

Kevin Ward was born on August 13th, 1968 and died on August 14th, 1968.

Lorene Ann married Earl Ward. They have four children; Larry, Sandra, Brian and Randy.

Greta Joan married Ralph Cockerill. They have two sons, Ronnie and Percy.

Alvina Ruth married Len Cockerill. They had eight children: Ricky, Barry, Leona, Donna, Derek, Sharon, Noreen and Gregory.

Joyce Velma married Bert Cockerill and they have four children: Penny, Crystal, Dean and Lori-Kaye.

Alvin Nastrom died on March 8th, 1958 after a long illness and Velma died on January 8th, 1976. Both are buried in the Roblin Cemetery.

I am very happy to be given the chance to write a short story of my family for this Centennial History Book, which I am sure will be enjoyed to the fullest by many residents and non-residents of Roblin and district. I think it is a tribute to the early pioneers.

John and Ida Nelson by Vicki Lead

John Peter Nelson and Ida (Olson) immigrated to U.S.A. at an early age from Sweden. When he was 18, he enlisted in Spanish American War of which he was a veteran.

In 1905 they were married in Huron, South Dakota then seven years later came to Roblin, the attraction being the abundance of fishing and hunting!



John and Ida Nelson 1905.

John was well known for his masonry work! For a point of interest, one of his first tasks was plastering Hillcrest School located eleven miles North of Roblin. He was taken to the school by a team of oxen! It took them forever to get there. His work is still evident today: While driving in Roblin or countryside you'll see a stucco house or sidewalks, cement basements, carpentry and plastering that was done by him. He took pride in his work and gave it his best.

As much as he enjoyed work he also enjoyed leisure — fishing at Jack Fish Lake near Bield. He built his own canoe and caught many pickerel there. A good catch meant his friends ate well too. The same went for duck hunting.

In winter he cut firewood and ice to store for summer. He made his own ice-box. It was rare to have an ice-box in those days!

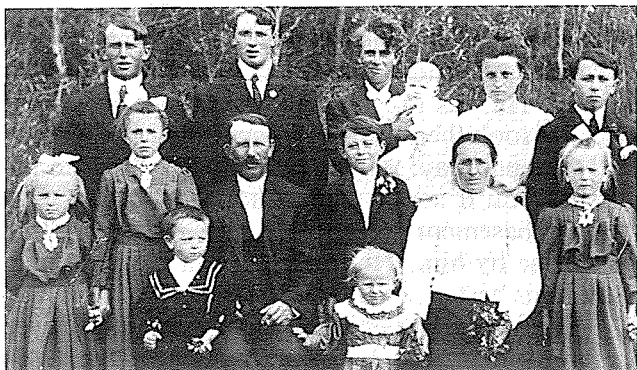
When curling became popular, he took a great interest in that sport. They travelled by train to various Bonspiels and won many prizes.

Ida, his wife, contributed much to the community. She was always available to help anyone that needed assistance. During the flu epidemic she helped to look after many people when they turned the school into a hospital. She escaped getting the flu herself.

People would remember her best for her love for cooking. It was a delight to anyone who had an opportunity to eat at her table, as often she kept boarders or just served meals to business people who came to town. Besides her cooking, she was an excellent seamstress and made suits and wedding dresses for various people. She died in 1948 at the age of 67 and he died in 1958 at the age of 79. They had no family, but raised a niece, Elsie Nelson who arrived from U.S.A. at the age of 7. She graduated from Goose Lake High School. In 1927 she married Richard Adam (brother to John Adam who worked for Manitoba Telephone System). They both are deceased. They had one daughter, Ida, and one son, Lorrie.

Philip and Margaret Nerbas by son, Frank

In about 1919, Philip and Margaret Nerbas moved to the Dropmore district with 10 of their 17 children, namely; Jacob, John, Dorothea, Lena, Philip, Rudolf, Frank, Margaret, Minnie and Laura. (Their other children, Fred, August, Adam and Catherine were already married and away from home. George, Lizzie, and Valentine had died in infancy.) We lived there approximately three years. Philip, Rudolf and I attended the Grainsby school. After the third year the family moved to the Endcliffe district and in 1929 moved back to land called the 'Farncombe farm' in the MacNutt-Cas-



The Philip Nerbas Family in 1911: Back row: August, Adam, Fred (holding daughter Elizabeth), Fred's wife Dora, Jacob. Middle row: Lena, Catherine, Philip Sr., John, Margaret, Dorothea. First row: Philip Jr. and Rudolf (in dress).

tleavery district. We farmed there until 1934 when Father retired and he and Mother went to live with my brother, August, and his family. They spent the last few years of their lives living with my sister, Minnie and her husband Harry Pepler at MacNutt. Father died June 23, 1957, at age 93, and Mother died August 9, 1956, at age 86.

Social activities in those days were very limited. Summer sports were mainly baseball, football, horse racing — bareback, buggy, or wagon, swimming in the Bluebird Creek, or some went to Shellmouth to fish, others to Roblin. Winter sports or entertainment were also limited — skating for those who had skates. The most affordable skates were the clap-on ones. Father was less than happy when he had to keep putting the heels back on. We also tried to play hockey with homemade willow sticks and a wooden puck. I'm sure the great Gretzky would have had just as much trouble as we did to identify the puck among whatever else was around where the cattle stood.

Threshing time was the highlight ending the



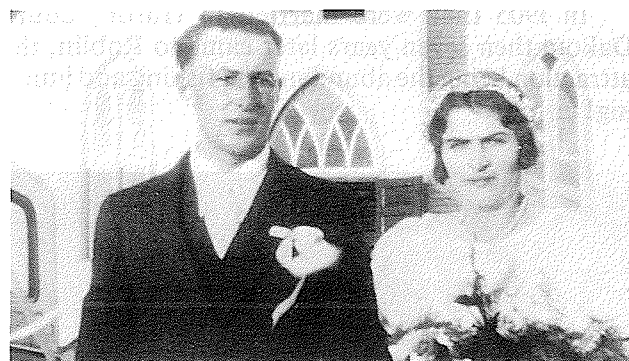
Philip Nerbas and son Rudolf with a colt, in 1934.

summer season. The crew consisted of the engineer, separator man, tank man, straw monkey, six to eight stook teams. If the granaries were in the yard, then they had to haul the grain with team and wagon.

Philip and Margaret have many descendants — 57 grandchildren, approximately 135 great-grandchildren and approximately 75 great-great and great-great-great-grandchildren.

Rudolf and Louise Nerbas by Louise

When Rudolf's father, Philip retired in 1934, Rudolf stayed on and farmed the land which was known as the 'Farncombe farm' in the MacNutt/Castleavery district. On October 29, 1934, Rudolf and I (Louise Schaan) were married and on July 16, 1936, our son, Roderick was born. We farmed on the Farncombe farm until the fall of 1940 when we moved to the Blackstone district in Grandview. Our daughter Carol was born February 13, 1945, in the Grandview Hospital.



Wedding picture of Rudolf Nerbas and Louise Schaan October 29, 1934.

I recall that gypsies camped east of the farm on the prairie and peddled their wares. We bought a wicker clothes basket from them which I still have and use occasionally.

When Roderick was a young baby, I would take him with me once, and sometimes twice, a week to MacNutt in a one-horse buggy to sell cream, while Rudolf was busy working in the field.

We raised pigs, cows, horses, chickens and turkeys, grew our own food and made our living off the land.

Neighbours of ours were Sam and Fred Moskalyk, Jim Shearers, Hunters, Dugans, Fred Schaans, John Wagners, Art Rowans, Jim Christies, the Comforts, Johnny Shearer and his two sisters.

During the time we lived on the Farncombe farm, Rudolf's brother, Frank, lived with us off

and on until 1940, and until 1944 with us in Grandview. Elizabeth Puritch (now Nykyforak, of Roblin) also worked for us for awhile. A midwife delivered Roderick at home on the farm and the one time I needed to be hospitalized, the Doctor came from Roblin by snowplane and I had to be taken to the Roblin Hospital.

Rudolf passed away March 29, 1974, at the age of 64. I still live in Grandview. Our son, Roderick is married and he and his wife, Dianne have two sons, Scott and Michael. Roderick is a teacher and lives in Selkirk, Man. Our daughter, Carol is married to Wayne Densmore and they live in Roblin, Man.

Fred Nernberg History by Rudolph

Friedrich Nernberg married twice. From his first wife he had two children, William and Louisa. She died giving birth to Louisa. His second wife, Anna Stienhe gave him six children: two sons, Mike and Yehra and four daughters, Minnie, Molly, Tinie and Pauline.

Friedrich's oldest son, William Nernberg was born on September 13, 1860 in the district of Petrikaii, Poland. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church at Breschian, District of Petrikaii, Poland, from where he moved to Wolymia, West Russia.

In 1886 he married Anna Fiheis (Feekeis) in Newegen. Anna Fiheis was born in 1868 in the District of Lootsch, Poland. She passed away in Shevlin, Manitoba, Canada on October 9, 1947. Anna Fiheis' parents were Jacob Fiheis and Anna Siefert.

William and Anna Nernberg's family were: Gustave, born on February 28, 1888 and died on November 14, 1970; Pauline, born on May 18, 1890, died on August 4, 1976; Bertha, born on September 29, 1893, died in December 1983; Louis, born on December 11, 1892, died in April, 1958; Dolly, born on July 4, 1894, died on March 29, 1969; Lydia, born on March 13, 1900, died on February 22, 1956; Albert, born on November 11, 1905, died on March 9, 1972; O'Tillia, born on April 17, 1908, died on February 26, 1924; Rudolph, born on December 25, 1916. The first eight children were born and raised in Glusha in the state of Wolzemia, West Russia. They moved to Canada in 1914. Rudolph was born and raised in Shevlin, Manitoba where he still resides.

William Nernberg was a farmer in Glusha, Russia. The farms were not like you see them here; they were long and narrow and if they covered 10 acres in total it was considered a good sized farm. The fields were ploughed with horses and the harvest was gathered and threshed by hand. The houses were all at the front of the fields, by which a road was used to connect all of the homes.

The shopping was done in the nearby town of

Glusha, called "Gros Glusha" by the local people because there was another smaller town with the same name of Glusha.

In 1907 William Nernberg journeyed to New York and remained for approximately four years and then returned to Russia for approximately one year, before finally settling in the Boulton district of Manitoba. One of the reasons for choosing this particular area was that his oldest son, Gustave and some neighbours had moved to this area approximately two years previously. In the summer of 1914, approximately 3 weeks prior to World War I and about 2 years after his own arrival, William sent for his family to come and live with him in the Boulton district.

The family left Europe from the Port of Hamburg, Germany. They travelled by freighter for 21 days before arriving at the dock in Quebec City, Quebec. They boarded a train to Winnipeg and arrived later to reunite with the rest of the family.

Along with many other settlers who came over in this era of Canadian history, William and his family came because of the promise of free land and better living conditions.

After first moving to the Boulton district, William and Anna received a homestead in the Shevlin district, 13 miles southeast of Roblin, Man. The homestead fee was \$10 for a quarter section of land, provided that he would clear for cultivation 30 acres of land, build a fence, and construct a liveable building within the first 3 years. Having met these conditions the land was his own to keep.

Annie Nernberg was a midwife. She delivered about 140 babies. Wilfred Mitchell, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell, was the 125th child. The last one she delivered was Ruth, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Weir, of Togo, Sask. Every time Mom went to deliver a baby, Dad would make us soup. What kind, I do not know, but it was certainly good.

Gustave married Natalie Kleebaum. They had four sons: Oscar, Rudolph, Henry and Wilfred, and twin girls, Edna Weir and Ella Onofriechuk.

Pauline married Fred Weir. They had 7 children: Oscar, Herby, Harold, Arnold and girls, Mrs. Ida Liskie (August) and Mrs. Alma Bomback (Frank). One child passed away.

Bertha married Jacob Klimack. They had 6 children: Mrs. Martha Koss (Emil), Russell, Mrs. Freda Marzoff (Fred) of Russell, Mrs. Annie Marshall (Walter) of The Pas, Ralph Klimack in Winnipeg, Ada Klimack, Mrs. Hertha Frieze (Edward) of Russell.

Louis married Martha Zimmerman. They had four children: Dora, Evelyn, Hertha and Ervin.

Dolly married Adam Edel. They had three chil-

dren: Lena (Mrs. Haberstock), Bertha (Mrs. Ross Newham), and Richard who married Betty Rowan.

Lydia married John Brenning. They had 2 girls: Mrs. Annie Mohr (Gordon), and Mrs. Hertha Schmollinger (Emil).

Albert married Lydia Zimmer. They had 10 children. Herbert married Hertha Zimmer, Doreen married Lawrence Doering, Bernice married Oswald Edel, Elsie married Neil Gow, Kenneth married Ginney (Jenny) Langton, Lorna married Paul Marshall, Marlene married John Fuhr, Marion married James Tokar, Clifford didn't marry, and Dennis married Linda Marzoff.

O'Tillia passed away when she was 17 years old.

Rudolph married Julia Zimmer. They had 4 children. Willard, married Lyndale Leir, Edgar married Marilyn Chase, Rodney married Sheryl Leir, and Linda married Dale Chase.

The family of William Nernberg have nearly all passed away. The only one living is Rudolph.

Albert and Lydia Nernberg Family by Lawrence and Doreen Doering

Albert Nernberg came to Canada in 1913, from Glosheva, Russia, at the age of eight years, with his parents, Wm. and Anna Nernberg. They spent some time in Winnipeg, then went on to Russell. Later they took up a homestead in Shevlin district. There Albert attended school and church. He helped his father clear land and raise cattle. He also worked at a sawmill.

On August 17, 1928, he married Lydia Zimmer, a daughter of Emil and Emila Zimmer. Lydia came from Shevidchewka, Russia, with her parents in 1921, at the age of 14. They settled in Russell, Manitoba. Lydia immediately went to work as a housemaid and helped to pay for her debts to her uncle, who had pay for their fare to Canada. Her first words of English were learning the names of vegetables that she was to get from the garden. She soon picked up the language.

Albert and Lydia had 10 children (four boys and six girls). Herbert, who married Herta Zimmer now lives in Russell. Doreen married Laurence Doering of Deepdale and they now live in Roblin. Bernice



The Albert Nernberg Family.

married Oswald Edel and they live at Shevlin. Elsie married Neil Gow in Calgary. Lorna married Paul Marshall of Ingis, and they now live in The Pas. Ken married Ginney Langton, who was from England, and they are living in Stony Plain, Alta. Marlene married John Fuhr of Spruce Grove, Alta. Marion married Jim Tokar and they live in Winnipeg. Cliff is living in Calgary, and Dennis married Linda Marzoff of Inglis. They are living on the family farm in Shevlin.

Albert and Lydia's household was a busy one, with 12 to 14 at the table at meal time. How well we remember all those dishes to wash, all those shoes to polish, and all of those cotton dresses to starch and iron in preparation for church on Sunday morning. There was usually company for dinner.

Lydia was the happiest lady around the day she received her first motor-powered washing machine, even if the water had to be hauled and heated. Now she could even do her in-laws washing. Lydia was also a skilled seamstress, sewing by coal-oil lamp into the wee hours of the night. When Hydro came, this was really getting modern.

The children all attended their grade school at Shevlin, two miles away. During the cold winter, a horse was hitched to a toboggan, a blanket was put over their heads and off to school they went. There



William and Annie Nernberg. This house now belongs to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nernberg, at Shevlin.

were times when the roads were rough. The toboggan would tip to one side, dumping everyone. The horse and toboggan would get home a little before the children.

Albert loved to hunt and fish, so there was usually plenty of meat. He often dreamed of building a cabin near the lake someday, when it was time to retire. But on March 9, 1972, at the age of 66, he passed away. Lydia spent a few more years on the farm, then retired in Roblin, where she is still enjoying quilting, travelling and doing her own housework.

The Family of Frederick Young Newton by the family

Frederick Young Newton was born in Coburg,



F. Y. and Catherine Newton's 50th Anniversary.

Northumberland County, Ont. on April 7, 1870, son of John White and Mary Newton. John White Newton was born in Somersetshire, England, 14 Feb., 1840 and came to Canada with his parents, John White and Juliana Newton in 1845. He married Mary McCullough, who was born in Canada of Irish parentage. She died at age 50 years.

The family came west to Manitoba in 1878. F. Y. Newton received his education at the Winnipeg Collegiate Institute. He was always proud that he had passed his entrance exams (equivalent to grade 8 today). They moved on to settle in Wellwood, Man.

It may be of interest to mention that John White Newton not only farmed, but was the magistrate, a public official with the power to enforce the law or a minor judicial officer as a justice of the peace. He held court at his home and Frederick Young would listen to the proceedings. It was this period of his life that gave F. Y. his life long interest in the law of the land. John White Newton died January 4th, 1912 and was buried at Carberry Cemetery, Man.

F. Y. Newton farmed at Carberry Plains from 1888 to 1897, when he moved to Dauphin. He was in business there until 1901, when he moved to Grandview, where he was in the hardware business until 1904. After moving on to Roblin he opened a stock and grain business, lumber and implement business. In 1906 he established a private bank, and also a Grain, Stocks and Bond business. He was also a Notary Public. The banking business was later sold to the Union Bank.

Frederick Young Newton's service in public office was extensive. He was Reeve of the Municipality of Shell River in 1906, elected to the Manitoba Legislature for Russell in 1911, re-elected for Roblin in 1914, and defeated in 1932. He served as a Conservative member in the Manitoba Legislature for a period of 19 years. He also served as Mayor of the Village of Roblin for two separate terms. He was a life member of the Roblin Curling Club and an active outdoor sportsman. He became a member of the Independent Order of Foresters in 1905.

Mr. Newton's military career should be noted. He was Regimental Major, 32nd Manitoba Horse, 1912. Officer Commanding 32nd Manitoba Horse, 1915. As at that time he was a sitting member of the Legislature, he did not go overseas.

F. Y. Newton was married to Catherine Isabella Gilchrist on Feb. 24, 1904, in Grandview. Catherine Gilchrist's mother was Mary McArthur, who came from the Island of Islay, Scotland, to Canada in a sailing vessel in 1839, when she was six years old. The family, consisting of her parents, five brothers and one sister, settled in Simcoe county, near Barrie, Ont. They blazed their road into Barrie and cut trees down to build their home. In 1863 Mary McArthur married Duncan Gilchrist, whose father also came from Islay, Scotland. In 1881 they came to Manitoba, settling at what is now known as Grand Pointe, but was then called St. Norbert. Mr. Gilchrist was the first C.P.R. Section Foreman at that station east of Winnipeg. The C.P.R. line had recently been completed from Emerson to Winnipeg. They lived there for three years and then moved to Clear Springs, where they farmed. In 1889 they moved back to Grand Pointe where they had a dairy farm and kept a Stopping House for farmers travelling with their produce and grain from Steinbach and district to Winnipeg.

They had five sons and three daughters, of whom Catherine was the youngest, being born on January 23, 1880, at Ora, Ontario. Duncan Gilchrist died in 1903, and Mary Gilchrist in 1935.

Frederick Young and Catherine Newton had five daughters and two sons:

Vernice — (Mrs. C. E. Trimble) — (died 1980).

Amy — (Mrs. Frank Wade) — (died 1969).

Helen — (Mrs. E. M. Witt) — Victoria, B.C.

Minnie — (died 1922).

Beatrice — (Mrs. J. S Bryant) — Stuart, Florida.

Frederick Alexander — (died 1976).

Frank Gilchrist — Victoria, B.C.

It may be of interest to note that Vernice was the first baby girl born in Roblin. Mrs. Newton said there was a boy born before, but the family moved on and she couldn't remember the name.

Mrs. Newton used to tell how she had to stay in the railway station when she first came to Roblin in 1904 until F. Y. finished the house on the homestead north of Roblin, by the Bob Rae farm. After she moved there her first visitor was Mrs. Dunlop who drove a yoke of white oxen into the yard.

Mrs. Newton was a resident of Roblin for 65 years before her death on April 1st, 1969. She was a very active member of the community, being a Charter Member of the Women's Institute, and a founder of the Ladies' Aid of the then Presbyterian Church. She was later an elder of the United Church. She was a charter member of the Eastern

Star. During the first World War she was secretary of the local Red Cross Society.

Frederick Alexander Newton, elder son of F.Y. and Catherine Newton was born in Roblin on January 16th, 1911. With the exception of a few short years, during which he lived in Winnipeg and served in the Armed Forces, he lived his entire life in Roblin. For a number of years he was active as a merchant in the town of Roblin and later spent 20 years working in the General Insurance and Real Estate Business.

Fred Newton spent four years as a Councillor of the Town and 18 years as the Mayor. In addition he actively served on the Arena board, Hospital Board, and Ambulance Service Board. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Lion's Club, Elks Club, Legion and an active and dedicated member of the Conservative Party. He also served on the Motor Transport Board for four years. He died Friday, July 23rd, 1976.



Mr. and Mrs. Newton, Vernice, Amy, Helen, Minnie and Lena Dunlop.

Points of Interest

Mr. Newton brought the first car to Roblin in 1912. (a McLaughlin).

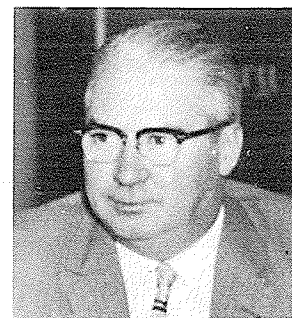
He also ran his own lumber yard and planer, situated east of the track below the Freeland home. He said it came in handy while he was building the many buildings and homes in Roblin. The lumber yard was sold to the Beaver Lumber Co.

The Traub Brothers brought the first combine and swather to the area. It was put to work on a rye field on the Rose Farm. This farm was owned by F. Y. Newton, but rented out to Wilfred Gamey at that time. The house on the Rose farm was jacked up and moved from a site very close to the Printing shop location. It originally was the home of a photographer and the house had a skylight in the roof so pictures could be taken.

Frederic Alexander Newton by the family

Fred Newton married Arlie Ina Dingwall on Dec. 27th, 1941 in Tamarisk, MB. They lived in

F. A. Newton.



Roblin in the home behind the building now known as John's Sporting Goods Shop. Fred operated a General Store which was located where Heming's Jewellery store is now. In 1943 he went to war, selling the store to his brother-in-law, Cliff Trimble. When he returned in 1945 he relocated directly across the street running the store himself until the 50's when Jack Robertson bought in as a partner. They operated the business together until 1955 when Fred left to become an insurance agent in the building which he built directly behind the grocery store. He worked there until 1976 when he sold out to Borden Hawryluk. In about 1960 he tore down the pool hall beside his office building and built a restaurant which operated for years as the Ivanhoe Restaurant.

In 1947 Fred and Arlie moved to a bigger home on 3rd Avenue which is now known as the Roblin Memorial Chapel. This home at one time was the F. Y. Newton residence and later a hospital in the late 30's. In 1960 they moved to a home they built on Hospital street which is now the residence of their eldest son, Hugh.

Arlie Newton was an active member of the United Church, serving a number of years as a superintendent of Sunday School, leader of CGIT and Explorers, member of the church board, member of the choir and the U.C.W. In addition to her dedicated work with young people both in the church and as a school teacher (Grade III, 1962-74), she was an active member of the Royal Purple and Eastern Star.

Fred and Arlie had five children: Hugh born in 1942; Shelley born in 1943; Helen born in 1947; Debbie born in 1951; and Spencer in 1955.

Hugh went to school in Roblin until 1962, receiving the rest of his education in Winnipeg and Grand Forks. He returned to Roblin in 1978 as a high school teacher, moving into the family residence with his wife, Jo Ann and their two children, Jarrett born in 1974 and Carlana Jo in 1977.

Shelley received her education in Roblin and worked in the Royal Bank in 1965-66 until she was married in 1966 to Bill Michaluk. They lived a short time in Gilbert Plains, returning in 1967 to open a

clothing store (Michelle's) in the same location her father had once operated his grocery store. In 1969 they relocated to a building her father built beside Kelso's Meat Market. They operated a men's and ladies' clothing business known as 'Michael's and Michelle's.' In 1972 when her father bought out Cowan's Insurance Agency and Lorraine's Florist, the insurance was consolidated with his business and the florist shop was relocated in Michael's and Michelle's. It was operated by Shelley under the name of 'Roblin Florist'. In 1978, Michael's and Michelle's was sold. The Roblin Florist was sold and moved to Bayn's Jewellers at its present site (1984). Bill and Shelley now live in Coquitlam, B.C. with their two children, Jay born in 1980 and Tiffany born in 1984.

Helen received her education in Roblin. She left in 1966 and is now living in Winnipeg with her husband, Don Ross and children, Kerry (1976), Spencer (1978) and Karlie (1981).

Debbie received her education in Roblin and left in 1969. She received her degree in education and taught for 7 years in Carman and Winnipeg. She then became a Registered Nurse and is now working at the Health Science Center in Winnipeg.

Spencer received his education in Roblin and left in 1974. He received his Bachelor of Commerce degree at the U. of Manitoba and went on to receive his Computer Science Degree at Red River C.C. in 1980. Spencer now works for Price Waterhouse in Winnipeg. He married a Winnipeg girl, Mardie Marshall in 1984.

Frederic "Hugh" Newton **by Hugh**

Hugh Newton went to school in Roblin and St. John's Ravenscourt (1957-1960), graduating from Roblin Collegiate in 1962. He then attended the University of North Dakota and the University of Manitoba obtaining his Bachelor of Pedagogy, a Certificate (in Education) and his Pre-Master's in Education.

Hugh started teaching in Killarney in 1967 for 4 months (March-June) and then obtained a full time job in Waskada, MB. that fall. He remained in Waskada until 1978 when he returned to Roblin with his family to teach math at Goose Lake High School.

Hugh married Jo Ann Lawrence from Lyleton, MB. on August 26, 1972. They have two children: Frederic Robert "Jarrett", born October 3, 1974; and Carlana Jo, born Feb. 28, 1977. Both children are attending Roblin Elementary School.

Hugh was and is very active in sports. He played senior hockey and baseball for Waskada from 1967-1978. He also coached Volleyball and Track

and Field. In Roblin he coaches the Goose Lake High Raiders' team.

Hugh has been an active Kinsmen member and is currently President of the Parkland Golf Association.

J. J. Nolan History **by Marie Currey**

Jesse James Nolan was born on Oct. 4, 1894 in Floyd County, Virginia, U.S.A. He came to Canada in 1916 to work for an uncle at Tugaskie, Sask. He went back to Virginia and married Allie Virgie Correll in 1918; they then returned to Tugaskie to make their home. Their three children Kiah, Percy and Marie were all born there. In 1924 they moved to D'arcy, Sask. where Jesse farmed. In 1931, when the 'dirty thirties' struck, he gathered up his family and belongings and moved to Boggy Creek, Man. His father, Calvin Hill Nolan, had also come from Virginia and had bought a homestead in the area so Jesse helped him clear land and farm. In 1938 Jesse went into the lumber business. He cut logs, sawed lumber and planed.

Mrs. Nolan, (besides the million and one chores a pioneer woman had to do) also cooked for the saw mill crew.



Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Nolan's 60th Anniversary on Jan. 13th, 1978.

In 1942 they decided to move to Roblin where Jesse still planed lumber for a few years. His Dad also retired in Roblin in 1946 but passed away in 1948. While in his eighties, Calvin thought nothing of walking 14 miles and carrying groceries home on his back.

In 1958 the Great North beckoned and Mr. and Mrs. Nolan moved to Flin Flon, Man. Jesse first worked as a carpenter's helper, then he took on a grocery delivery business which lasted for 10 years. While in Flin Flon they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

In 1968 they decided to retire and moved back to Roblin. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 1978 at a 'Come & Go Tea' in Knox United Church basement, and their 65th, quietly at home in 1983. Jesse passed away in Oct. 1983 at the age of 89. Mrs. Nolan still lives in Roblin.

Their two sons, Kiah and Percy live in Flin Flon, Man. and their daughter Marie (Mrs. Art Currey) resides in Roblin. Jesse and Allie had 9 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

John Nott Sr. Family by Vi Laird

John Nott and his wife, Mary settled in the Tummel area in the spring of 1902. John came from



Mr. and Mrs. John Nott Sr., in 1910.

Port Perry, Upper Canada where he had been born in 1866, one year before Confederation. He was a carpenter by trade and many of the large barns in southern Manitoba were built by John. Mary was the former Mary Miller, born in Algoma, Upper Canada. She had moved to Virden prior to her marriage.

John and Mary were homesteaders and had to make-do with very little in the early days. In fact, they started out on their homestead in a sod house that they built together. For supplies, they drove by team, or rode a bicycle to Russell. I believe the only store, in what is now Roblin, was set up in a tent.

John and Mary raised six children. Arthur was the oldest and was born in the fall of 1902, in Virden. He grew up in the Roblin area and spent his school years in Cromarty and Roblin. He moved to B.C. in



Arthur Nott and wife Alice, George and Vi Laird, Joyce and George Farmer, in 1981.

1922 and worked for various fruit farmers for 2 or 3 years. He then went to Vancouver where he worked for Vancouver Transit as a conductor on the old streetcars, and then later, as a bus driver. Art worked as a bus driver until his retirement. He and Karen Moe were married in 1935. They had no family. Art is now retired, and he and his second wife, Alice live in Tsawwassen, B.C. He has always had a love of growing things, with roses being his specialty. Art passed away on June 27, 1984.

The next November, a new baby was expected. John and Mary bundled Art up warmly and started out by team and sled to Mary's mother's home in Virden, to await the birth. The new baby was a girl and she was named Nellie, after John's sister. Nellie grew up in Roblin and moved to B.C. in 1921. She married Tom Buchanan and they raised two girls and a boy. Nell is now widowed and lives in Mountain Manor in Keremeos, B.C.

Life went on, with John breaking as much land as he could with a team of oxen called Buck and Bright. Mary raised her family, did washing by hand, and baked break for various bachelors in the neighborhood.

The Notts later moved from Tummel to the Cromarty district. John had obtained three quarter sections of land along what is now #5 highway, running from the 3-mile road west to 4½ miles west of Roblin. They lived on the west quarter for several years. Hilda was born there. She took her schooling in Roblin and moved with the family to B.C., working in Vancouver for several years, and returned to Roblin to keep house for her father in 1935. In 1942, she married Henry Watson of Tummel. They farmed in the Cromarty-Roblin area until Hilda's death in 1950 at the age of 41.

Jack was born in 1910 and went to school in Roblin and in B.C. Jack farmed with his father for many years and finally took over the farming operations. He married and had one son, John who

farms in the Tummel area. John married Dianne Schmollinger of Roblin and they have 2 daughters and one son.

In approximately 1912, Mr. Nott built all of the buildings on the farm 3½ miles west of Roblin. This farm now belongs to Mr. Marvin Mohr. This was the first home in the district to have full indoor plumbing.

Violet and Roy, the two youngest children, were born in that house.

By the year 1920, John and Mary decided it was time to retire. It was 18 years since they had homesteaded and John was now 54 years old. They rented the farm to John's brother, Frank who was a returned veteran of both the Boer and First World Wars. Frank farmed the land for the next 9 years. A sister, Mrs. Nell Stinson kept house for him.

John bought a fruit ranch in Kelowna, in the Okanagan Valley, so he would have something to do in his retirement years. The family loved the valley, but hard economic times hit the fruit industry and some years there was no profit at all. In 1929, the Notts and their three younger children moved back to Roblin. Frank Nott then opened a harness shop in Roblin and Mrs. Stinson went back to Port Perry.

Vi and Roy had taken most of their schooling in B.C. After the family moved back to the farm, Vi went back to B.C. for a year. When her Mother's health began to fail, however, she returned to Roblin. She married George Laird of Makaroff in 1934 and they farmed in Cromarty until 1972 when they retired to Roblin.

Roy, the youngest of the Nott children, was in the armed forces for 2 or 3 years. After his discharge, he worked in the mines at Red Lake, Ontario for several years, then joined the Corps of Commissionaires, and worked as a commissionaire until his retirement. He still lives in Winnipeg.

Mrs. Nott died in 1934, and Mr. Nott lived to the ripe old age of 98, passing away in 1964, some 44 years after he had first retired. He knew everyone, was very spry, and always interested in what was going on in the world, right up until his last illness. His health was so good that he drove his car until he was 90 years old. He was a very quiet man who always said that he would rather listen than talk. He spent most of his last 11 years living with his daughter and son-in-law, Vi and George Laird. John and Mary are buried in Tummel Cemetery.

Harry and Anna Nowosad (nee Bogusky)

Family

by William Nowosad

Because the family of George and Anna Bogusky immigrated to Canada a year or two ear-

lier than did the family of Harry Nowosad, this biographical sketch will commence with the family of Anna Nowosad (nee Bogusky).

Anna (later Mrs. Harry Nowosad) was the oldest daughter, born August 27, 1888 to George Bogusky and his first wife (nee Matskiw) in the Lemberg region of Ukraine (during the Austro-Hungarian period of occupation) or Lviv (under Polish occupation). George remarried shortly after the death of his first wife, this time to Anna Fedorchuk. They had a family of six: John (July 1894) and Kalyna (June 6, 1897) born in Western Ukraine, and Pauline, Harry, Mary and Jennie, born in Canada. Upon arriving in Canada in 1900 the family first settled in the Stuartburn-Vita district of south-eastern Manitoba, resettling temporarily in the Garland-Ethelbert district, and settling finally in the Hillsburg Municipality, north-east of Roblin. The younger children attended Merridale School.

Harry Nowosad was born in October, 1881, the son of Roman and Sophia (nee Styba) Nowosad, in the hamlet of Serpantsiw, Sokol region (povit) of Western Ukraine. When Roman died, Sophia married Mr. Kozakevich.

The family first settled in the Ethelbert-Garland district of Western Manitoba, in 1902. Harry Nowosad and Anna Bogusky were married in Ethelbert on February 15, 1904. Two daughters, Sophie (Mrs. Sam Yalowicki) and Pauline (Mrs. Mike Chernesky) were born there, before the family finally took a homestead in 1908 in the Shell River Municipality (S.E. ¼ of 12-28-28W).

The rest of the family were born in the Shell River Municipality: Catherine (Katie, Kay), Mike, Mary, Victoria, Philip, Peter, Paul, Helen, Nick, Steve, Eva, Rose, Olga and Bill. Five of the foregoing passed away in infancy, or at least at a very early age: Helen, Nick, Paul, Peter and Olga. The family lived on the farm for forty years (1908-1948), and in the mid 1950's the farm was sold to Sam Fedeniuk who owns and operates it.

The older members of the family attended Northcliff School which was built in 1919, but because of its inaccessibility at certain times of the year, such as spring (there being no bridge across the Shell River), the younger members attended Merridale school in the Hillsburg municipality. The family picked up mail in Zelena Post Office, but later, with the transfer of schools to Merridale, it became more convenient to pick up the mail in Merridale Post Office.

There are nine survivors of the family and they are: Sophie (born on January 12, 1905) who married Sam Yalowicki. They reside in Hillsburg municipality, along with the youngest son, Francis, in the Merridale district. Pauline (or Lena) born August

28, 1906, married Mike Chernesky and they now reside in Inglis, Manitoba; Catherine (Kay) Klemetsky (born on August 8, 1908) resides in Roblin, Manitoba; Mary (born in April 1913) married Steve M. Keller of Stenan, Saskatchewan, and died on February 18, 1971; Victoria (born on May 24, 1915) married Tony Myslowska and is now widowed and residing in Welland, Ontario; Eva (born on March 18, 1923) married Peter Chic and died on October 22, 1964; Rose (born on March 23, 1925) married Mike Mymko, and they live in Grandview, Manitoba; Mike (born on November 14, 1909) lives in Roblin; Philip (born on December 1, 1916) lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba; Steve (born on January 5, 1921) lives with his wife Stella in Welland, Ontario; and Bill (born May 9, 1931) presently resides in Winnipeg. He taught school in Manitoba and Saskatchewan from 1948 to 1982.

Mrs. Anna Nowosad passed away on March 17, 1944 after a lengthy illness and was buried in the St. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church cemetery of the Merridale district. Her husband, Harry Nowosad, who passed away on August 26, 1968 is also buried there.



Mike and Maria Nykolaishyn's 50th.

Mike Nykolaishyn Family by Wilna Styba

Mike Nykolaishyn, son of Onofrey Nykolai-shyn and Maria Mimka, was born on November 5, 1894 in Krywcha, Ukraine and immigrated to Canada in May, 1912. He obtained a job as a farmhand at Mr. Wolson's farm at Russell, Manitoba. On June 10, 1918 he married Effie Kozak, daughter of Sam Kozak and Nellie Lytsk in the Holy Cross Catholic Church, Zelena, Man.

In 1920, they moved to the Timber area and farmed the N.W. 1/4 of 34-28-27W and then in the years 1925 to 1928, the hard times forced him to leave his wife and three small children to farm alone while he went to work in the Levack Mine in Sudbury, Ontario for three and a half years.

In 1934 he purchased a farm and moved to live in the Zelena Unorganized district on Sec. 2-29-28, where they farmed until their retirement to Roblin in 1967.

He served as a trustee for the Northcliffe school board for about 25 years.

Mike and Effie were hard workers and well liked by all their neighbors. Mike was well known for his exploits in hunting, trapping and logging. He enjoyed story-telling, as well. Effie was also known for her cooking at weddings, gardening and for being a midwife.

They were blessed with eight children, two sons and six daughters: Russell, Bill, Rose, Anne, Nellie, Olga, Margaret and Wilna.

Russell married Mary Marchuk and they have four children: Andy, Tony, Eva and Ted; (one daughter deceased Rose-Jean).

Bill married Marge Worbeck and they have two children, Janet and Dan.

Rose married Walter Hawrychuk and they have two children, Mervin and Myrna.

Anne married Lloyd Mus and they have three children, Jerry, Joseph and Kenneth.

Nellie married Mike Darry and they have two children, Edith and David. (one child, Edwin, deceased).

Olga married Joseph Klemecki and they had three children, Diane, Dennis and Cecille. Joseph passed away and Olga married Frank Menzul.

Margaret married Norman Sandluck and they have two children, Shelley and James.

Wilna married Mervin Styba and they have three children, Lyndon, Shanna and Brian.

Mike and Effie resided in Roblin until their deaths — Mike in April and Effie in November of 1975.

John Nykyforak Sr. Family by John and Sylvia Nykyforak

John Nykyforak, his wife Wasylynna (nee Peats) and their family of one son, Jacob, and two daughters, Sarah and Mary, left the town of Drachyntsiakh from the district of Chernovetski and the Province of Bukovina, Ukraine in 1898.

After arriving in Canada in 1898, another son



John Nykyforak and wife Wasylynna and son Nickoli.

was born to John and Wasylynna. They named him Nickoli and later on a daughter, Anne, was born.

The early settlers were seeking a better and easier way of life. At the beginning when the settlers first immigrated to Canada, life wasn't easy for them. John wanted to settle with his family near people who came from the same village in the Ukraine, as he did, so they could communicate.

They first settled in Saltcoats, Saskatchewan but the land was stoney so they didn't stay there very long.

Later, John took up a homestead in the Timber district (for a fee of \$10.00) on the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 33-28-27, approximately 18 miles north-east of Roblin. Living there was not easy for John and his family. They cleared enough open prairie for a garden. Later they cleared more land for farming purposes. This was done by the man leading the oxen and the woman holding onto the handles of the one-furrow plow.

They raised their own chickens for eggs and meat. There was a creek nearby where fish were caught. When Nickoli grew old enough he would shoot a deer or moose; thus there was nearly always an adequate supply of meat to go along with vegetables from the garden. Also there was usually an abundance of wild berries.

In later years John raised beef cows and although he received only \$12.00 for a good two year old steer, he would have money for groceries.

John grew his own tobacco as he owned a pipe so he never worried about running short of tobacco.

There was a small store about two miles away from their home so they could take a few dozen eggs there to sell, for which they received 5¢ per dozen. They would also trade eggs for tea, sugar, flour, matches, porridge and other necessities.

Roads in those days were only trails made by wild animals. In 1917 the first road was made near their home by John Bailey. John Nykyforak would hook up his team of oxen in the late fall and strike out for Roblin to get his winter supply of groceries. It would take him two or three days, as he would stay over night in Roblin to give his oxen a rest.

John would work out for farmers or ranchers, wherever work was available. He worked a lot for John Bailey and Bert Cockerill, in order to provide and care for his family.

In 1928 the first nearby St. John's Church was built on the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 28-28-27. People of different church affiliations walked for miles to attend the church services held there.

John and Wasylynna had five children: Jacob, Sarah, Mary, Anne and Nickoli.

Jacob married Anne Rurak from Calder, Saskatchewan. The history of their family follows

but information concerning Sarah, Mary, Anne and Nickoli is not available.

Jacob and Anne Nykyforak Family by Sylvia Nykyforak

Jacob, at 17 years of age, immigrated to Canada with his parents from the town of Drachynstsiakh from the district of Chernovetski in the province of Bukovina, in 1898. Jacob, as a boy, settled with his parents in Saltcoats, Saskatchewan but they did not live there very long. Later Jacob moved with his parents to the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 33-28-27. Jacob wanted to settle near people who came from the same village as he did, so they could communicate with each other (as they knew how to speak only in Ukrainian at that time.)

One day Jacob decided it was time to leave his Mother and Father and look for a place of his own. He always wanted a place where there was a lot of firewood, as the wood in his Ukraine village had been very scarce.

Jacob took up a homestead approximately eighteen miles northeast of Roblin on the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 33-28-27 in the Timber district; on this homestead there was an adequate supply of wood, as the quarter was all bush.

On July 12, 1913, in the St. Peter and St. Paul Church in Calder, Saskatchewan, Jacob married a very fine, hard-working woman, Anne Rurak of



Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Nykyforak.

Calder, Sask. As pioneers they built their home from logs.

Jacob and Anne had eight children, 7 boys and 1 girl. Jacob worked for farmers or ranchers wherever work was available.

In the summer months, when the children were small, Anne would quite often get up very early in the morning; prepare food for the children; set a big batch of bread; go into the forest and dig some seneca root; come home at noon and feed the children; bake the bread; and go back into the forest to

dig more seneca root. Later the roots would be sold to buy groceries. Anne was a generous, kind-hearted neighbour.

Neighbours recall one winter when Anne would complete her day's work, which included caring for her children; then she would go and milk a cow and walk a mile one way after dark to take milk for the neighbour's baby, as the neighbour didn't have a milk cow.

Anne's neighbour lady would exchange with her a coat for a dress (or vice versa) when going to town, as some of the neighbours didn't have a good coat or good dress to wear to town.

Many people from Roblin, while going into the late Alvin Nastrom's sawmill and the late Kelly Cockerill's sawmill, would come in the evening to put their team of horses in the barn, feed them for the night and in the morning feed them again. Many times eggs, potatoes, vegetables, cream and milk would be given by Anne to these people on their way to the mills. These people would have supper, lunch and breakfast together and in the morning they would hitch up their team of horses and continue to move on up their trail to the mill. You see, they forgave each other's transgressions. Therefore the hard facts of life dictated good neighbourly relations and this was a good way to live.

It seems that our parents were happy because they were young and conditions now are such that the younger generation should also be happy. Anne and Jacob left a life of poverty and a country where it was hard to make a living. Here in Canada living conditions were not easy, but were generally satisfactory, although work and money were very scarce.

Jacob and Anne lived in this community for many years, and never suffered from the lack of food. They nearly always had plenty of milk, eggs, vegetables, poultry, fish and cured meats, although there were times when it was noodles and milk for breakfast, noodles for dinner and noodles for supper! Sunday was always special, and a big meal would be prepared that day.

In 1923 a small church was built on the S.E. ¼ of 28-28-27. People from near and far gathered at this church for many years. From 1939-1944 Mennonites from Steinbach held religious services nearly every Sunday at Jacob and Anne's home, with the neighbours coming from near and far to join in the services. Jacob and Anne lived on their homestead for many years, sharing the hardships and good times together. Jacob passed away on May 26, 1961. Anne continued to live on the farm for awhile, then moved to Roblin to retire. Anne enjoyed her little home in Roblin. While Anne was able to walk, she frequently attended Roblin St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, and would visit neighbours.

Anne devoted much of her time to the church and helped neighbours all she could. Anne passed away on March 14, 1978. Anyone who knew Anne spoke of her good nature and kindness to all.

John and Sylvia Nykyforak Family by Sylvia Nykyforak

John Nykyforak was born on Jan. 2, 1920 in the Rural Municipality of Hillsburg. He grew up there and received his education at Timber school, a one-room school house approximately 18 miles north-east of Roblin.

When John was 21 years old, he was called up to the army, which he served for 2½ years in World War Two.

On June 21, 1951, John married Sylvia Cockerill.



Arnold and Linda Lovas, Sharon, Sylvia and John Nykyforak, Loralie Julie and Trina Lovas, Kyle and Corey Larocque.

Sylvia received her education (grade 1-8) in Mer-ridale (a two-roomed school house), which was five miles from Sylvia's home. She says, "I sure earned my education, as I had to walk five miles each way, morning and night, nearly all the time, as there were not many vehicles on the road those days, except on the odd mail days which were Tuesday and Saturday. Those were the good days, but not too many of them."

I recall one mail day when my Uncle Ernest came along with a car, and picked up the children who were going home, north-east from school. There were seventeen riding with him, and there wasn't enough room in the car for all the children, so some had to stand on the fenders and some sat on the hood of the car, but it sure was good to get a ride home from school! Another time I recall walking to school on a real cold frosty morning and by the time I walked to Metro Syko's which was ½ mile from the school across the field, I had to stop and get warmed up, as the warm knitted socks and mitts I was wearing did not keep out the bitter cold. Mrs. Syko had a cup of hot chocolate and some cookies ready for me and this soon helped to ease the pain. This I really enjoyed and I will never forget the good deed done by Mrs. Syko.

John and I have farmed in the Timber area on section 18-28-27, since 1951. As a young lad, John liked trapping and started to trap at a very early age. Over the years John has done very well at trapping. It has been not only a source of income, but also as a good hobby. John had been a holder of a registered trapline since 1957.



John and Sylvia Nykyforak with their trophies.

John and I both enter fur in the raw fur competitions at The Pas Trappers' Festival each year, and have received many trophies and awards for a job well done. To achieve a trophy you have to have patience and a good knowledge as to how to trap and skin and prepare the pelts to make them look their best.

We have received the Bob Burn's Trophy at The Pas, the George Simpson Trophy at Swan River and the Festival Du Voyageur Trophy at Winnipeg.

In February, 1984, John captured the Roger

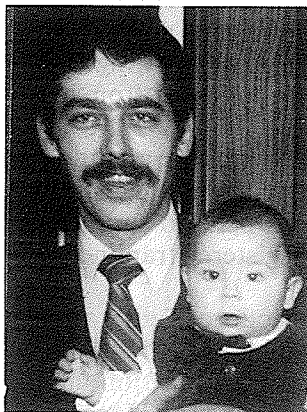


Sharon and Gerald Larocque, Linda and Arnold Lovas, John and Sylvia Nykyforak, Lorelee Lovas, Corey Larocque and Lena Myslichuk.

Chartrand large trophy. To receive this large trophy to keep, you must win it three times. There is a panel of three judges judging the fur, so you really have to know your trade. John and I have been buying fur for a number of years.

In 1980 a trappers song was composed by a group called "Taste of Country", to tell of John's skills. This song hit No. 1 on the 'Top Forty'.

John and I have two daughters, Linda and Sharon. Linda, born on January 19, 1953, married Arnold Lovas on September 8, 1972. Arnold and Linda are farming in the Bield district. They have three girls: Lorelee (born Sept. 11, 1973), Trina (June 20, 1977), and Julie (Aug. 22, 1978). Sharon, born on March 11, 1954, married Gerald Larocque in 1972. They had two boys: Corey, born on August 4, 1976 and Kyle, born on Dec. 23, 1978. Gerald passed

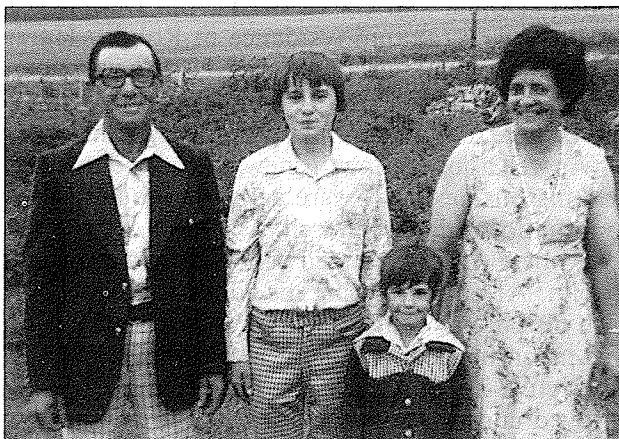


Marcel Roberts and Ryan.

away in August 1979. Sharon, Corey and Kyle are living in Winnipeg at the present time.

William and Sophie Nykyforak Family by Sophie Nykyforak

William Nykyforak, son of Jacob and Annie Nykyforak was born on October 28, 1923, Sophie,



William, Sophie, Theodore (Ted) and Garry Nykyforak.

daughter of John L. and Mary Yakimishyn was born on June 18, 1933. They received their education at Timber and Roblin schools.

William Yakimishyn and Victoria (nee Nykolishyn) were married on May 27, 1951, and a reception was held for them then; also when William Nykyforak and Sophie Yakimishyn were married on June 10, 1951, a double wedding reception was held for the two couples. This reception was put on by the parents, John and Mary Yakimishyn.

Two weeks later William's brother, John Nykyforak and Sylvia Cockerill were married on June 21, 1951. At this time Jacob and Anne Nykyforak held the wedding reception on June 23rd, 1951 for the two couples. In those days Ukrainian weddings lasted several days and all the neighbours were invited to attend. Much dancing and many parties were held for several days with fast Ukrainian music and hand clapping. A platform for dancing would be set up in the yard and everyone joined in to celebrate the occasion by visiting, dancing, eating and drinking. This was the custom of the Ukrainian people.

William and Sophie Nykyforak farm and raise livestock in the Timber district. William also traps fur-bearing animals and sells pelts to supplement his income. He has his own registered trapline in the Duck Mountains.

They raised two sons, Theodore (Ted) was born on August 19, 1962. He attended school in Roblin, graduated and then finished his education at Red River College taking Civil Technology. He received a diploma in Surveying Technology. At present he is employed with a company in Winnipeg. Garry is presently in grade 8 in Roblin.

The Oliphants

by Marg and Harry

David Henry (Harry) Oliphant, his wife Margaret (nee Nickolson), born, raised and educated in Dauphin, Manitoba and their three children, Robert, Donna and Gail moved from Dauphin in April, 1954 to take up residence in Roblin. Harry and Margaret had purchased the weekly newspaper, 'The Roblin Review' from Mrs. Alice Thom and moved here to manage and operate the business.

As well as operating the newspaper and the job-printing business they were active in the life of the community and their church.

Robert (Bob) attended school in Dauphin and Roblin. After completing his education he worked with his parents in the 'Review' office until his life was taken in a car accident on March 11, 1978. He was active in sports, coached and played hockey, enjoyed curling, hunting, bow and arrow hunting and fishing. He was a member of the Roblin Community Youth Band, as were his sisters.

Donna attended school in Roblin and the University of Manitoba. She obtained her Bachelor of Home Economics degree in 1970 and her Bachelor of Education degree in 1973. She taught Home Economics with the St. Vital School Division No. 6, Winnipeg from 1972; then in January, 1977 she became Home Economics Supervisor for St. Vital S.D. No. 6 and maintains that position at time of writing (1984). She married Robert Bulow on March 30, 1981 and they have two children, Erica Margaret, born on April 6th, 1982 and Jeffrey Robert, born on April 24, 1984. They reside in Winnipeg.

Gail received her education in Roblin. She was employed as a receptionist in a dental office and later in the Doctor's Clinic in Roblin, and owned and operated a fabric shop for awhile. She married Albert Davis of Roblin on January 10, 1970. They have two children, Heather Lanette, born January 8th, 1975 and Kaleigh Robert, born on January 29th, 1980. They reside on a small holding on the Davis farm in the Cromarty district. They are very active in the Roblin Community and with 4-H programs.

Lennard Olson Family **by Dorothy Olson**

Lewis Olson, son of Peter Olson, was born in Minnesota and moved to Manitoba as a young man. He married Nellie McDougall of Tummel in 1918. They farmed in the Bield district until 1943, when they moved to Newmarket, Ontario. Mr. Olson died in 1957 and Mrs. Olson in 1972.

There were four children born to Lew and Nellie: Lennard, Ellen, Margaret and Ronald. Ellen and husband Hugh Belcher live in Eden Mills, Ontario. Margaret and husband Jack Butterworth live in Oakville, Ontario. Ronald and wife, Doreen live in Malton, Ontario.

During World War II, Ellen and Ronald served in the R.C.A.F. and Lennard served with the R.C.E. in Canada until discharged for medical reasons. He then joined the Toronto City Police Department for six years.

Lennard and his wife Dorothy live on the family farm at Bield. They have one son and six daughters.



Lennard Olson (Toronto City Policeman).

Lynette and her husband, Garth Chase and their three children, Darren, Gillian and Clint farm at Bield.

Eric and his wife Valerie and their children, Melynda and Sheldon also live on the family farm.

Jo-Ann and her husband live in Winnipeg, as does Lisa.

Colleen and her husband live in Surrey, B.C.

Andrea is working in Calgary.

Rhonda and her husband live in Yorkton, Sask.

Mr. and Mrs. John Oltrop by John

Mr. and Mrs. John Oltrop and children Alice, Donald, and Ilona came to the Roblin district in 1956.

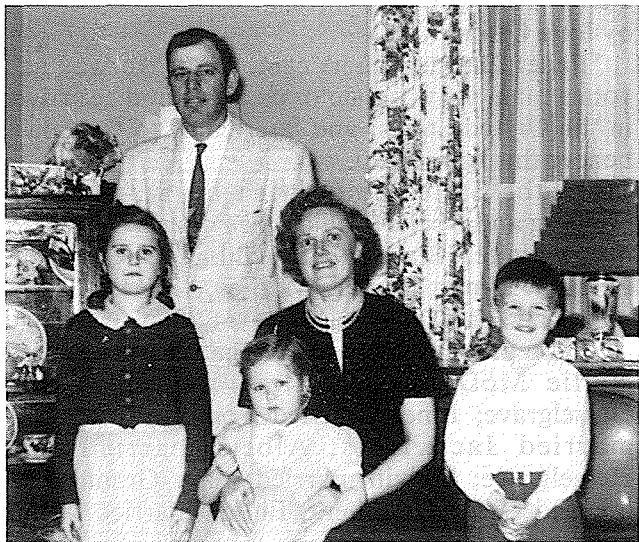
John immigrated to Canada in 1928 with his grandparents. Mrs. Oltrop immigrated to Canada in 1951 after World War II. Both were born in Germany. They were united in marriage in 1952, in Dauphin.

John worked for Dan Klimchuk and the family lived in the same yard as the Klimchuk family. In 1959 they moved into town for about a year. At that time Mrs. Oltrop became a Canadian citizen.

They then moved to a farm 12 miles north of Roblin on Pete Lebedowich's old place and they lived there for 7 years.

John worked in the bush during the winters and in the summers he worked in the sawmill for Hans Olsen. Since the time that Olsen's sawmill shut down, John has been employed at Roblin Forest Products.

The children attended Hillcrest school until they moved 2 miles north of town in 1967. The children attended high school in Dauphin.



John and Gerda Oltrop and family: Alice (Left), Ilona and Donald, in 1959.

Alice attended Brandon University for 2 years. She married Richard Hojnocki and they have 3 children.

Ilona married Tony Nykolaishyn and they have 2 children.

Don married Shirley Nepenak and they have 4 children. Don serves in the R.C.M.P.

The Oltrops have lived in Roblin since the first government homes were built and occupied one of the first 15 built.

Olson Family History by Norman Olson

My father, Edwin Olson, was born in Grand Forks, North Dakota, of Norwegian parents. His



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Edwin Olson (1948).

grandfather came from Austad, Norway. Dad was born about 1887 and died in 1950. He had four brothers and two sisters. My last uncle, Omund died about two years ago at Grygla, Minnesota at the age of 83 years. The family moved to Grygla when my father was young. His father died when my Dad was about 6 or 8 years of age. His mother lived to the age of 99 years, 3 months and 11 days and outlived most of her family, including two daughters. I went to her funeral in Grygla in March of 1953.

Mother was born in Stavanger, Norway about 1890 and came to the U.S.A. at 18 years of age, to visit a brother and sister who lived there (Halvor and Camilla Jaasund). From there she came to Roblin to visit sister, Marie (Mrs. Rudolph Wenner)



L to R. Mrs. Edwin Olson, Mrs. Ned Harrop, Mr. Harold Belcher.

and a brother, Mr. Henry Jaasund of Bield. That's how she met Dad (I think) who had a homestead 9 miles north of Roblin on the Shell River. Before Dad met the Jaasunds he knew Mr. Helmer Sorbo from earlier years in the U.S.A. where they had both spent their youth. Dad was running a box machine factory in Redlands, California when Mr. Sorbo told him about the \$10.00 (160 acre) homesteads. That's how he came to Roblin. Mom was a cousin of Dora (Mrs. Helmer Sorbo). They had a very fine home and farm 5 miles east of Roblin. They had a family of five: Alton, Harvey, Verna, Walter and Irene. (No doubt Bennie or Ted will outline the Jaasund family.)

Peter Olson (no relation) was a very early settler at Bield and lived on the property now owned by Bennie Jaasund (in a new home). Peter had five sons: Odin, Albert, Palmer, Louis and Melvin and two daughters, Linda and Emma. Edwin Olson (near the highway) is Odin's son; Leonard in Roblin is Louis' son. Albert, Palmer and Mel moved to B.C. years ago.

Local families intermarried so many original families are now related.

My aunt Anna (Mrs. Henry Jaasund) was a Wenner and Marie (Mrs. Rudolph Wenner) was a Jaasund, so their children are double cousins. (Leonard and Edwin Olson are also double cousins as their mothers were sisters.)

We were first cousins to the Jaasunds and Wenners and second cousins to the Sorbo children.

Adeline and Adella Jaasund married Forrie and David Chase so their children are double cousins. Adeline and Adella were twins. Myrtle was their sister and Alfred, Edwin, Bennie and Ted their brothers.

We were close friends of the Ed Johnstone family: Eddy, Bill, Allan and Norman and sisters, Mina and Edna. We also knew Frank and Dorothy Bailes.

I, Norman Olson, left Bield in 1935 after working for Frank Skinner at the Nursery at Dropmore, and worked at The Pas for about two years and then for Imperial Oil at Sherridon before going to work as a miner for Sherrit Gordon. I joined the R.C.A.F. for four war years, operating Diesel Power plants mostly at Gander, Nfld. Then I went back to Sherridon for six weeks and on to Saskatchewan Power Corporation at Yorkton from 1946-1952. From here I went to the Interprovincial Pipe Line, Wpg. Pipeline and then to the Imperial Oil Refinery in Winnipeg. When it closed I went to the Royal Bank for 4½ years and had to leave at the age of 65½ years. Now I am back working at Imperial Oil since February, 1981, at 68 years old plus.

Orville and Gordon are at Winnipeg, Alvin at Brandon, and Lorna, Artie, Ethel and Jean are at Winnipeg. Margaret lived near Detroit, Michigan



Five Olson sisters and one sister-in-law with their catch: Jean, Dorothy, Margaret, Eleanor, Lorna, Allie, Ethel.

and Eleanor at Langley, B.C. So all the children have survived to date.

I have 1 son and 1 daughter married and 2 sons not married as well as four grandchildren, 2 boys and 2 girls.

John and Lottie (Lumberg) Olson by Mary McIntyre

John and Lottie came to Canada from Menahga, Minnesota, in 1906. They took a homestead on the S.E. ¼ of 17-27-28 in the R.M. of Shell River. They had a family of 12 children: Henry, Ella, Archie, Oscar, Carl, Tillie, Annie, George, Charlie, Alfred, Albert and Alvin. Six children died here and are buried in the Roblin cemetery: Henry, Ella, Archie, Oscar, Tillie and Albert.

They farmed for a number of years, and the children all attended Roblin schools. They later moved into Roblin and then to B.C. Some of the family still reside there and Alvin lives in Saskatchewan.

John and Lottie died several years ago; Emma died in Menahga before they came to Canada.

Peder Olson Family by Iona Olson

Peder Olson (father) came from Norway as a young man. He was a sailor on a ship and he arrived in the United States, and later came to Canada. I believe this was in 1910.

In the States he married his wife Martha Melberg and I believe all of their family were born in the United States. Their children were: Odin, Lewis, Palmer, Linda, Mable, Albert, Melvin, Alice and Emma.

Odin married Lucy McDougall; Lewis married Nellie McDougall; Palmer married Nona Hesselgrave; Linda married Tom Kirkus; Mable married Jack Hills; Albert married Iona Hesselgrave; Melvin married Mary Grant; Alice married Oscar Holmberg; Emma married Arthur Olson.

Odin was a veteran of the First World War, Albert was a veteran of the Second World War.

Peder and Martha are both buried in the Bield Cemetery.

All of the Olson family have passed away except Alice and Emma.

Odin Olson and Family by the Family

Odin Olson was born in Ada, Minnesota, in 1887. Being the eldest member of the Peder and Martha Olson family, he was the first to come to Canada. He came to the Bield district in 1909 with a car load of cattle. The land was greatly advertised in the U.S.A. in order to get settlers to come to Canada.

Other members of the family came later that year; brothers Palmer, Lou, Albert and Mel; and sisters Linda, Mabel, Alice and Emma. Martha Olson died in 1921 and was the first to be buried in the Bield cemetery. Peder Olson died in 1949.

Odin Olson served with the 107 battalion during the first World War and was wounded at Vimy Ridge, France. He was married to Lucy McDougall of Tummel by the Rev. A. Chisholm of Bield. Their farm was about a mile from Bield. Odin died in 1961 and his wife died in 1970. They had two sons, Wilfred and Edwin, and one daughter, Alma.

Wilfred served on the "Inch Arran" in the Navy during the second World War. He married Monica O'Riley of Vancouver in 1951. They have two children: Martin, married and living in Seattle, U.S.A.; and Patricia, married and living in California.

Alma worked in the Royal Bank in Roblin and married Cecil Hughes in 1949. They have two sons: Robert married Sharon Waly of Flin Flon, in 1982 and they have a daughter, Hollee. They live in Flin Flon, Man.

Terry graduated from Brandon University and is now attending York University in Toronto, Ontario.

Edwin is farming the home farm. He married Shirley Williamson of Grandview in 1953. They have two children. Gary married Angela Czarnecki in 1982 and they live in Brandon, Manitoba. Karen married Carl Mohr in 1982 and they live in Roblin.

Annie (Kozak) and Peter Ostrowski by Olga Glutek

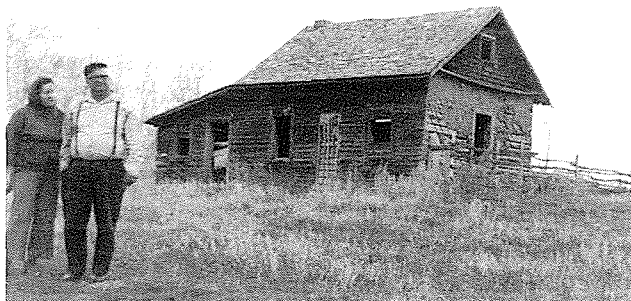
My mother, Annie Kozak, was born in Austria (Hungary) in 1894 and came from Brazil in 1907, with her parents. She had very little education. In 1914, she married Peter Ostrowski who was born in 1891. She had met him when he worked for her father on his threshing outfit. They took up a homestead on 35-26-28, until 1938, when they moved to N.W. 1/4 14-27-28 near the Shell River. They farmed and raised their ten children: Olga, Lena, Frank, Annie, John, Stella, Mary, Adeline,



Annie and Peter Ostrowski.

Rose and Sylvia, who were all educated at Goose Lake schools in Roblin. During her last years as an invalid, my mother learned to read in both English and Ukrainian. My father died in 1961 and my mother died in 1963, both at 69 years of age.

I (Olga) was born in 1918, and in 1944, met and married Andrew Glutek of Zelena, Manitoba. He



Andrew and Olga Glutek in front of her family's original home.

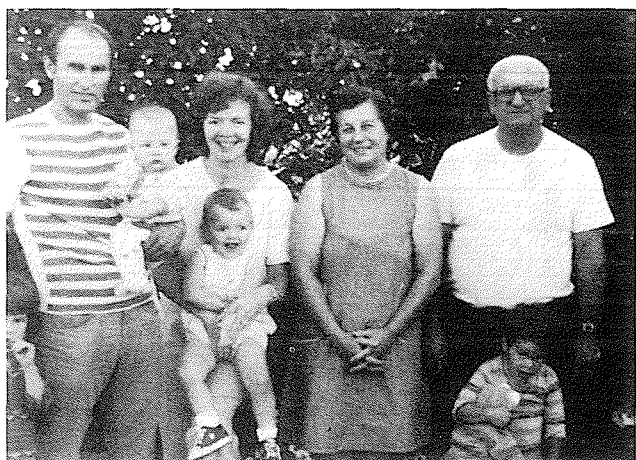
was a teacher at Nova Zora School (1944-45). We started and operated a country store in San Clara, Manitoba, from 1946-76. We also operated a taxi at San Clara for many years. Our only child, John, went to school in San Clara, then to St. Vladimir's College and St. Joseph's College in Yorkton. He married Doreen Sinclair in Winnipeg in 1970. They live at Kingston, Ontario, and have four children: Michael 10, Jason 9, Dana 8 and Tyler 7. John is in the armed forces.

Lena, Annie, Stella and Mary operated a general store in Roblin for several years. Lena now lives in Fort Frances, Ontario.

Frank has retired but still lives on his farm south of Grandview. He married Carrie Koroway.

Annie lives in Winnipeg and works as a secretary.

Stella married Peter Korman and they have one child, Jerry. They live in Fort Frances, Ontario.



The Andrew Glutek Family, in 1978: L to R. John, Doreen, Olga and Andrew, and children: Jason, Tyler, Dana, and Michael.

Mary married Jim Fisher of Grandview but later was divorced. She has two children, Roger and Terri. She still lives there and works in Grandview Personal Care Home.

Adeline married Walter Goy and lives in Appleton, Ohio, where her husband is an electrician. They have two children, Valerie and Donald.

Rosie married D. Van Hauken and resides in Santa Rosa, California. She is an airline stewardess.

Sylvia is married to John Spain, lives in Vancouver, and is employed as a secretary.

Fabian Paczkowski Family by Lloyd Paczkowski

Fabian (Phillip) Paczkowski was born in Krzyweze, Germakowka in Poland on November 20, 1887.

In 1899 he immigrated to Canada with his parents, Frank and Katherina Paczkowski, when Fabian was 12 years old. They settled in the Ashville district.

Land in Poland was very scarce, and even fuel-



Fabian and Mary Paczkowski.

wood was hard to get, so people learning that there was plenty of land in Canada, began migrating in search of land.

There were homesteads being offered for only \$10.00 per quarter section providing they stayed on the quarter and made some improvements. Then they received a title for the quarter.

Fabian stayed with his parents as he grew up, working in logging camps in the winter months and for harvest and threshing time walked to Neepawa, as there was no transportation at the time.

Fabian had a keen interest in reading and tried to self-educate himself.

Mary Czajkowski was born in Krzywce, Barzow in Poland on December 20, 1887. Her mother, Anna Czajkowski had become a widow when Mary was a small child. She married Joseph Geryluk. In 1909 Mary Czajkowski immigrated to Canada with her mother and step-father Joseph Geryluk. They settled in Ashville district.

On November 17, 1909 Fabian Paczkowski and Mary Czajkowski were married in the Roman Catholic Church in Ashville, and then they moved to the Shorndale district, taking up a Homestead there — N.E. 1/4 17-26-26.

The clearing of bush was done by manpower, using axes, grub hoes, and scythes. This was hard work and a slow process. The breaking up of sod was done with a breaker plow pulled by oxen. Later they acquired horses which made it easier and faster.

Fabian's father was a carpenter, a trade he had learned in Poland, and Fabian learned much of carpentry and woodwork from his father.

There was heavy bush and timber in the area so the homesteaders built their buildings out of logs. The logs were specially picked and were expertly hewed with a broad-axe. The houses would then be plastered with clay inside and outside and then whitewashed. The houses were very warm in winter and cool in summer.

Fabian helped friends and neighbors to build many of these buildings and would help people with any problem they would have and took a great interest in the Community and Church. He was a good horseman and cattleman and did a lot of minor veterinary work.

Fabian Paczkowski had the first threshing machine in the district which was a portable type. It did not have band cutters nor a straw-blower. This was done manually. He later acquired a Case Steam Engine, and a regular threshing machine.

Mary Paczkowski was a kind and loving, hard working person who dedicated her life to her family, friends and church. She was a good friend and neighbor to all, and enriched the lives of all the people who were fortunate enough to know her.

Fabian and his wife Mary had a deep concern for people less fortunate than themselves and always were willing to help and share with the things they had.

They were blessed with a family of 9 children who all were born and raised on the homestead. Frank died at age 15 years. Cassie married Walter Tischinski, Stanley married Rose Baranowski, Lloyd married Stella Boychuk, Helen married John Sadorozny, Elizabeth married Roland Britcher, Pauline married Tony Pelczar, Frank married Mable Storozyński, Josephine married Alfred Abrey. Josephine died on November 26, 1969. Fabian Paczkowski died on November 15, 1943, Mary Paczkowski died on February 9, 1979. Both are buried in Shortdale Parish Cemetery.

Paley Family by Betty Paley

Terry and Betty Paley and their three children, Brent, Garth and Lori, moved to the town of Roblin



Paley Family in 1981.

in July, 1962. Terry was born in Theodore, Sask., the descendant of Ukrainian parents. Betty (Hansen) Paley was also born in Theodore, Sask. Her ancestors were from Germany and Denmark. Both sets of parents were farmers.

Terry and Betty attended the Theodore school and graduated with a high school diploma in 1953 and 1954 respectively. Terry attended the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon in 1954 and went on to the Saskatchewan Teachers' College in Moose Jaw in 1955. Betty attended Moose Jaw Teachers' College in 1955. After one year of teaching in two different rural schools in Saskatchewan, Terry and Betty were married in St. Andrews United Church at Theodore, Saskatchewan in 1956. Terry con-

tinued to teach at a rural school in the Caldervale school district near Theodore for one more year, while Betty took up housekeeping.

After two years of teaching, Terry joined the Co-operative movement of Saskatchewan. In July, 1957 he became General Manager of the Edgeley Co-op in Edgeley, Saskatchewan near Regina. In September, 1958, the Paley family moved to Sandy Lake, Manitoba where Terry had been transferred as General Manager of a larger Co-op Association. In October, 1960 he was transferred to Manitou, Man. to be General Manager of the Pembina Valley Co-op Association. While there, he supervised the construction and opening of a new retail grocery and hardware store.

While Terry pursued his career in the business world, his wife Betty was at home raising their three children. Brent Alan was born in 1956 at Theodore Union Hospital, Theodore, Sask.; Garth Lee was born in 1958 at the Indian Head Hospital, Indian Head, Sask.; and Lori Lynn was born in 1960 at the Erickson Hospital at Erickson, Manitoba.

In 1962, Terry and Betty both decided to return to the teaching profession and applied to the Goose Lake Consolidated School District #1283 for teaching positions that had been advertised in the Winnipeg Free Press. They were interviewed and hired by Goose Lake School Board, who offered Terry the responsibility of becoming the Principal of the Grade 4-8 school in the old Goose Lake Collegiate building. He accepted the position of Principal and teacher of a grade 7 class at the Roblin Intermediate school. Betty accepted the position of teacher of a grade 5 and 6 combined class at the same school. The Paley family took up residence in Roblin on July 14, 1962.

During their 22 years in Roblin, Terry and Betty have been active members of this community and continue to serve the people of the Roblin district. Terry served the Goose Lake Consolidated School District #1283 and the Intermountain School Division #36 in the capacity of Principal from 1962-1979. During those years he worked hard, in the summer months as well as the school months, in assisting with the consolidation of the many rural school districts in the area, with Goose Lake. He played a major role with the School Board in the planning and construction of the new Roblin Intermediate School built in 1969. Recently, the name of the building has been changed to Roblin Elementary school and from 1979 to the writing of this history (1984) Terry serves the school as teacher of a grade 5 class. His extra-curricular activities have been many. He assisted in the organization of and chaired the Association for Retarded Children until the responsibility for the education of these children were taken over by the Department of Education,

rather than by the Department of Health. Terry was president of the Teachers' Local Association and was on the executive of the Roblin Home and School Association. He was an executive member of the Roblin Youth Band and of the original Roblin Parkland Festival Association. Terry coached baseball and was a member of the first Recreation Commission of the Roblin District. He was Chairman of the Adult Education Committee for Roblin from 1969-1975. He has also been a member of the Knox United Church Board. Terry joined the B.P.O. Elks shortly after moving to Roblin. He was Worthy Exalted Ruler of the Roblin Elks Lodge #396 in 1969 and served as Secretary on the executive of the B.P.O.E. for many years. At present, he is Secretary of the Roblin Lions' Club.

During these years Terry attended summer schools at the University of Saskatchewan and at the Brandon University where he received a Bachelor of Teaching degree in 1972, and a Bachelor of Education in 1975.

Betty Paley has also been an active member of the Roblin Community. Betty has been a teacher of grades 5, 6 and 7 and served as Teacher-Librarian of Roblin Intermediate (Gr.4-8) and the present Roblin Elementary (K-6) school from 1969 to 1983. Betty was also a Resource Teacher and is presently teaching Grade 3. She too spent many summers working at summer school at the U. of Saskatchewan and Brandon University where she obtained her Bachelor of teaching degree in 1972, and a Bachelor of Education in 1976. Betty has been an active worker in the community. She has been a Sunday School teacher and leader of the Junior Choir at Roblin Knox United Church. She has also served on various committees of the Intermountain Teachers' Association, and was on the executive of the Roblin Figure Skating Club. She was a Chairperson of the Program Committee of the Parkland Festival Association. She served as drill team leader and was an executive member and chair officer of the Order Of The Royal Purple. She was Honored Royal Lady of the O.O.R.P. #210 in 1969. More recently, Betty has been chairperson of the Roblin and District Library Committee since 1981, and was active in obtaining the new library building for this district, which was built this year (1984).

The Paley children also took an active part in community life. They all attended the Roblin schools. As youngsters, they attended Sunday school at Knox United Church.

They participated in sports. Brent and Garth were members of the Minor Hockey Association. Garth played baseball. Lori was a member of the Roblin Figure Skating Club. Lori participated in Cross-Country running and was a member of the Goose Lake High Cross-Country team in the

Provincial Cross-Country run at Winnipeg. They were all avid swimmers. During the summer months they took swimming lessons at the Kinsmen Pool in Brandon. Brent earned the Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross, and Senior Resuscitation Certificate from the Royal Life Saving Society. He was a member of the Red Cross Leader Corps in 1974 at the "Y" in Brandon where he received a Swimming Instructors' Certificate. As a result, he was employed as lifeguard and swim instructor at the Kinsmen Pool in Brandon in the summers of 1973 and '74. Garth and Lori earned their Red Cross Senior Swim Certificates and their Intermediate Life Saving Certificates from the Royal Life Saving Society. They were too young at the time to earn the other awards.

They were also interested in music and youth groups. Both Brent and Garth were members of the Roblin Youth Band, while Lori studied piano and sang in Goose Lake High Choir. Brent was a member of the T.G's Youth group and Garth was a member of Sigma '78 Youth group. Lori was an avid 4-H member. She belonged to the Roblin 4-H club, where she took part in sewing, cooking, and crafts. Later she joined the Roblin Silver Spurs Pony Club, and the Intermountain Trail Riders, where she earned many trophies for her achievements. She was also a Junior Leader in 4-H.

They each earned spending money in various ways. Brent worked as a lifeguard and also worked at Texaco and Thrifty Service. Garth started his own lawn mowing business during the summer, and then became employed at Thrifty Service (Later called Three-Way Service) Car-Wash and convenience store. Lori worked as a part-time waitress at Gulf 5 East, Saturn Hotel, and Roblin Motor Inn.

The Paley children have left Roblin to seek their fortunes in other parts of Canada. Brent left Roblin Collegiate Institute in 1975 and has been employed in Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Brent married Elizabeth Mary (Betty) Fedoruk of Togo, Sask. on July 22nd, 1978. Their son, Tod Matthew, was born on November 29th, 1980 at Medicine Hat, Alberta. Brent is presently enrolled at Medicine Hat College in the field of Power Engineering. He is employed for the summer months by Sierra Drilling.

Garth graduated from Goose Lake High school in 1976. He was employed immediately after graduation in the Management Training Program of the Royal Bank of Canada. He has been transferred from Shoal Lake, Man. to Atikokan, Geraldton, Thunder Bay and Bracebridge, Ontario. At present Garth is Assistant Manager of a Branch of the Royal Bank of Canada at Bracebridge.

Lori graduated from the Goose Lake High School in 1978. She attended Assiniboine College in

1979-80, graduating with a certificate in Bookkeeping. She became employed as office clerk at the Hudson Bay Wholesale, Dauphin, Manitoba in June, 1980. She is now the bookkeeper at Hudson Bay Wholesale. She married John Bruce (Jack) Bremner of Dauphin, on July 18th, 1981. Lori and Jack are presently building up a farm in the Dauphin district.

John Panasiuk Family by John and Mary Panasiuk

John Panasiuk was born on September 23, 1932 to Jeremy and Sophie Panasiuk. He was born on N.E. 1/4 of 9-25-26 in the R.M. of Hillsburg.

John attended Winona school. In 1953 John started working for the C.N.R.

In 1955 John married Mary, daughter of Andrew and Rose Genik of Keld, Manitoba.



John Panasiuk Family: Michael, Stella, Isobel, Sylvia. Front row: Lucy, John, Mary, John Jr.

John and Mary have 6 children: John Jr., Lucy, Stella, Sylvia, Isobel and Mike.

John Jr. was born in 1956, on N.E. 1/4 of 9-25-26 in the R.M. of Hillsburg. He attended Gilbert school, Roblin elementary and Roblin Collegiate. After graduating from grade XII he attended the University of Manitoba where he graduated with a degree in Agriculture. John Jr. now resides in Edmonton, Alberta.

Lucy was born in 1957 at Roblin Hospital. She attended Gilbert and Roblin schools. She graduated from Roblin Collegiate. In 1975 Lucy married John, son of Bill and Mary Stadnyk of Petlura, Manitoba. They have two children, Elizabeth and Michael, who attend Grandview elementary school. They reside in the Petlura district.

Stella was born in 1958 at Roblin Hospital. She attended Gilbert and Roblin schools and graduated from Goose Lake High. In 1977 Stella married Morris, son of Peter and Mary Yeroschuk of Petlura. They have 2 children: Miles and Clayton, who both attend Roblin elementary school. They live in the Shortdale district.

Sylvia was born in 1960 at Grandview, Man-

itoba. She attended the Roblin schools. In 1983 Sylvia married Garth, son of Hilda Ziprick of Inglis, Manitoba. They have two children: Stacey and Darren. Stacey attends Roblin elementary school. They reside at Inglis, Manitoba.

Isobel was born in 1962 at Grandview, Man. She attended and graduated from Goose Lake High. She is presently attending Red River College where she is taking a veterinarian assistant's course.

Michael was born in 1968 at Dauphin, Manitoba. He is presently attending Goose Lake High.

John and Mary are presently living on N.E. 1/4 35-25-26 in the R.M. of Hillsburg, where they operate a dairy farm. John is still working for the C.N.R.

Dmytro Pawluk Family by the Family

Dmytro Pawluk, son of Bill and Anna Prokopowich, was born on October 30th, 1900, in Skala, West Ukraine, Povit Borchive.

He married Anna, daughter of Nick and Nastia Prokopowich, on October 16, 1921. They farmed in Skala until 1926, when Dmytro made a decision to come to Canada to seek a better life for himself and



Dmytro and Anne Pawluk and family.

his family. Leaving Anna and their two children behind, he boarded the ship 'Menedosa' and sailed to Halifax, then went by rail to Edmonton where he was hired by the C.P.R. in Coronation, Alberta.

In December of 1926, Dmytro moved to Shortdale, Man. and hired on with the C.N.R. He stayed with his brother, Nick who had already settled in Shortdale since 1919. He then bought a farm and sent for his family who arrived a year later, in 1927.

Dmytro and Anna worked very hard breaking up new land and building their own home, and they were blessed with two more children.

Both were very active with the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, as well as with the community hall (for which they donated part of their land) and construction began in the winter of 1931. All in all they donated seventy-five dinners to the workers, as it was too far for them to travel home. The hall was completed in 1932. The hall was named in memory of Taras Shevchenko.

Anna organized the local Red Cross in 1941, with the first members consisting of Mrs. Geo. Cooper, Mrs. Max Melnyk and Mrs. Sam Medwid.

Many socials, bazaars and concerts were held in this hall to raise funds for the community. Anna also taught Ukrainian school, dancing, singing and drama in which Dmytro played many a part in his time.

Many friends were made in those years until Dmytro was transferred in 1950 to Dauphin, where he still resides. Anna passed away Sept. 12, 1983.

Their four children are Russell, Luba, Olga and Doloris.

Russell, born Oct. 28, 1922 in Ukraine, attended school in Shortdale and Bield. He married Olga Vladyka of Detroit. They have two children, Bob and David, both in Detroit.

Luba was born Dec. 25, 1923 in Ukraine and now resides in Vancouver, B.C. She attended school in Shortdale and Bield. She married Sam Kut of Regina, Sask. They have four children. Julie, Mrs. Vlad Shumuk has a daughter (Kutrina) and lives in Vancouver. John lives in Vancouver. David married Allison and lives in Vancouver. Darcy lives in Vancouver.

Olga was born June 9, 1929 in Shortdale, and attended school in Shortdale and Bield. She married Nick Rurak and now resides in Tecumseh, Ont. They have two children. Debbie, Mrs. John Krych has a daughter (Venessa) and lives in London, Ont. Bill lives in Sarnia, Ont.

Doloris was born June 22, 1941 in Winnipeg. She attended school in Shortdale and Dauphin. She married Tony Matlashewski of Dauphin and they had two children. Wanda, Mrs. Wally Matskiw, lives in Dauphin. Michael lives in Dauphin.

Dmytro and Anna celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1971 and their 60th in 1981.

The Wesley Payne Family by Ordella Henderson

Mr. and Mrs. Payne came west from Dundas, Ontario to Manitoba in 1904, to the McAuley district. At this time they had one son, Walter, who had been born in Ontario in November, 1901. While residing on their farm at McAuley, a second son, William, was born. Due to Mrs. Payne's health, they were advised to move from the district, the



Payne's boarding house in the early 1920's. (Now the site of the Co-op Store in Roblin).

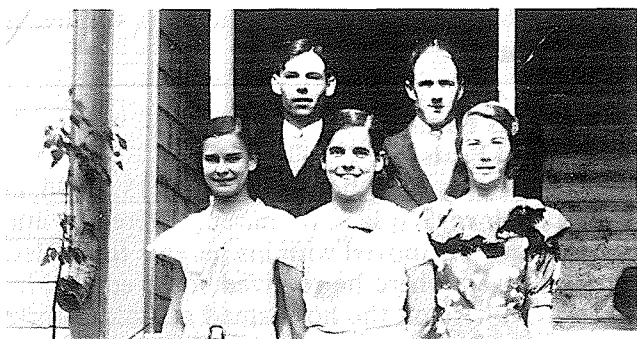
alkaline water being the cause of her problems. There were no purification systems in those days.

They then moved to the Makaroff district in 1913, and homesteaded on the N.W. quarter of 23-27-29. A frame home and a large log barn were built on this property and they planned to make their living out of cattle. With that in mind, they broke only enough land to grow oats for feed. Their first daughter, Donalda, was born in this new home. Walter and Bill attended school in Makaroff and their van driver was Jess Thompson, who drove the van with a team of mules. Mr. and Mrs. Payne resided on the homestead until 1918 when they moved to a farm north and west of Roblin, known as the "Harry Robertson" farm. It was here that their youngest daughter, Ordella, was born.

In the fall of 1919 the family moved to the village of Roblin where Mr. Payne operated a draying business for many years, and Mrs. Payne owned and operated a boarding house, which was located where the Co-op store now stands. Mrs. Payne passed away at Grandview, Manitoba in June of 1952 and Mr. Payne passed away in June of 1962 at Roblin, where he had been living with his daughter, Ordella. Both were laid to rest in the family plot in the Roblin District Cemetery.

Walter Payne, the eldest son, married Amelia Ingleton and together they raised a family of six daughters namely: Elva (Mrs. Wilf Ward) Kelowna, B.C., Irene (Mrs. Clair Muffitt) Mississauga, Ont., Audrey (Mrs. Fred Taylor) Nanaimo, B.C., Eileen (Mrs. Bud Castle) Muskegon, Michigan, June (Mrs. John Piel) Westbank, B.C., and Marjorie (Mrs. Art Stubel) Winnipeg. Walter is retired and living in a Senior Citizen's residence in Kelowna, B.C.

William Payne married the former Janet Baskerville of McAuley, Manitoba. They had two children; a son Ernie, who passed away in July, 1977



1930 Pupils at Makaroff School.

and a daughter, Yvonne, who is married to Alan McKenzie. They reside in Kingston, Ontario.

Donalda trained as a nurse and obtained her R.N. degree from the Misericordia Hospital in Winnipeg. She married Robert Kilmister of Grandview and they had three sons: Barry, who is married to the former Phyllis Sneath, and now lives in Youbou, B.C.; George, who at the age of 18 years was killed in a car accident at the Wroxton corner, along with four other young boys; and Lawrence, who is married to the former Susanne Bell of Grandview and now works for the Manitoba Telephone System in Winnipeg.

Ordella was the Chief Operator of the Manitoba Telephone System in Roblin for many years. She was married to Alex Henderson, who operated a Barber Shop in Roblin from 1932 until his retirement to Vancouver Island in October 1970. Alex and Ordella moved to Creston in August, 1973 and it was at their home in Creston that Alex passed away very suddenly on June 2, 1977. Ordella then elected to return to the place of her birth, Roblin, so she could once more be close to relatives and friends. For some time, she resided in a house that years ago was known as the Bob Rae house. She now resides in Maple Manor in Roblin.

Walter Payne Family History

by Elva

Walter Payne was born in Waterdown, Ontario and came to McCauley, Manitoba with his parents, Wesley and Mary Payne, in the year 1903. They built a small house and lived there until 1909, when they moved to Roblin. (The reason for leaving was the alkali water). They were not happy there, so they moved to the Tummel district for two years. In the fall of 1913, he moved with his parents to the Makaroff district. They didn't stay there too long and moved back to Roblin. Walter was now a young man and worked on the dray and other jobs.

In 1919, he married Amelia Ingleton and they lived and farmed on the Baskerville farm, going from there to the Ingleton farm close by. Here they raised six daughters: Elva, Irene, Audrey, Eileen,

June and Marjory. Having six daughters kept them pretty busy. Times were hard and in 1937 Walter decided he should go and look for something else, as there was very little crop that year. He went to Ontario to a bush camp and worked there for awhile, but didn't stay long. He went to Winnipeg and got a job on a dairy farm and didn't stay there long. He read that MacDonald Bros. wanted men to shingle, so he applied and got on as foreman at Shilo. He worked there until 1952 and joined the Canadian Order of Foresters, as a sales representative. This was the best thing he ever did. He liked to be with people, so did very well. He was top man for several years. It then came time to retire, which he thought would be great, but later found out he couldn't take it, as he had nothing to do. He took a job as a security guard at several department stores in Winnipeg. One cold night, when he was coming home, he decided he couldn't stand the winters, so he and Millie moved to Kelowna, B.C. in 1968. Ten years later, Millie passed away and Walter still resides at the Kiwanis Tower on Lawrence Ave.

Their six girls are all married and scattered around from coast to coast. Elva married Wilfred Ward of Roblin. Irene married Clair Muffitt of Toronto, Ontario; Audrey married Fred Taylor from Ladysmith, B.C. Eileen married Martin Castle of Muskegon, Michigan; June married John Peil of Victoria, B.C. and Marjory married Arthur Stubel of Winnipeg. There are fifteen grandchildren, Wayne, Gloria, Diane, Deborah, Cheryl and Gary Ward; Linda, Donna, Kathy and Susan Taylor; Donna and David Castle; Joanne and John Stubel; and Gordon Peil.

Robert and Annie Pearson

by Mrs. E. Redman

Robert and Annie Pearson came from England in 1902 and had one son, Willie, born on the boat coming over. They met Mr. and Mrs. Armistead and Mr. and Mrs. Kirkbride, so they decided to stay together and came to Dauphin, where they staked a claim for a quarter section of land each on 14-28-29 in Shell River Municipality.

The men came on to build a place to live while the women stayed in Dauphin and worked in the hospital. Their first home was a one room log shack with a dirt floor and sod roof. If it was raining, Annie would have to put the umbrella over the table to keep the food dry.

Having no cow the first winter, Robert would walk to the Bailey ranch, (their closest neighbour) to bring home frozen blocks of milk in a gunny sack. Annie when writing home to her parents in England told them about this and her Dad thought that living in this country had made her a bit queer, telling a story like that!



District gathering at the Robert Pearson home near Silverwood, about 1925: Back row, L to R. Adam Sangster, Donald Stewart, Harry Cox, Albert Armistead, Premier John Bracken, Mrs. Albert Armistead, Edith Pearson, Robert Pearson, Fred Allen, Premier's Assistant, John Davis. Front row: Mrs. Harry Cox and baby, Mrs. Robert Pearson and Mrs. Fred Allen.

In the winter, Robert would work on the railroad which was just going through at the time and would take his pay in flour.

They got a couple of oxen and started to clear land but had to work early in the morning as when it got hot and the flies were bad, the oxen would head for the first slough and stay there until it cooled off.

For a few winters Robert worked in Burrows Sawmill and Annie cooked there. It was a week's trip to go for mail and supplies as they had to go to Grandview with oxen.

They continued to farm until 1920, when they decided to sell out and move back to England. By this time, there was another son and a daughter. The two boys, Willie and George, decided to stay here and took up farming on 15-28-29. Robert and Annie found that England wasn't what they wanted anymore and in a year they were back in Canada. They took over the farm the boys had, along with the rest of that section and farmed there until 1939 when they retired and moved to Winnipeg. Annie died in 1947 and Robert in 1963. Robert spent his later years in gardening and won prizes for his garden.

Willie, the eldest, married Alice Allen and they farmed in the Silverwood district for a number of years. They had three daughters and two sons. They moved to Winnipeg and a couple of years later Willie was killed in an accident. Alice now lives at the coast.

George farmed for a while. He was in the army for four years. When he came home, he and his family of three daughters lived in Roblin. They moved to Winnipeg in 1952, where he still lives.

Edith and her husband, Fred Redman took over the home farm in 1939 and farmed there until 1948, when they sold out and moved to Winnipeg. Fred

died in 1962. Edith and three daughters still live in Winnipeg.

John Peats Family by Clifford Peats

John Peats was born on April 18, 1896 at Halifax, Nova Scotia. His parents were Eli and Rosie Peats. He moved with his parents to Calder, Saskatchewan where he received some education. They lived here on the homestead at Calder for a few years, then they moved to the Shell Valley area, south of Roblin where they farmed for twenty years. They then moved closer to Roblin in the R.M. of Shell River for a few years.

In 1934 he married Patricia Donaldson of the Silverwood district and they moved to the town of Roblin. From this union there were 12 children born



John Peats Family: Clifford, Leroy, Jack, Richard, Bob, Cecil, Donald, Gordon, Bella, John, Velda, Rosella, and Pat Peats.

(8 sons and 4 daughters): Jack, Cecil, Donald, Clifford, Robert, Richard, Leroy, Gordon and Rosella, Velda, Bella and May (deceased at 6 years of age in 1947). The children all received their education in the Roblin schools later moving away to obtain employment.

John operated a dray business in Roblin for over 30 years. His sons helped him with the business. He also dug many graves in the Roblin Cemetery and other nearby cemeteries by hand with the help of his sons. Freight that had come into Roblin by train was hauled to the stores from the C.N. station.

They also hauled wood, water and ice by team and wagon or sleigh to many homes and businesses before trucks and tractors were in use.

Many will remember John by his fiddle playing at dances and his love for music and dancing.

Jack married Stella Irvine and they have 3 children: Allan, Brenda and Colleen. They live at Killarney, Manitoba. Cecil married Ada Cockerill and they have 3 sons: Derek, Kurt and Troy. They live at Fort McMurray, Alta.

Donald married Irene Colin and they have 2 sons, Stewart and Bradley. Donald has been in the air force for 25 years. They live at North Bay, Ontario.

Clifford married Marilyn Souter and they had 4 children: Michelle, Raeanne, Cliff (Sandy) and Jeris. Clifford lives at Lac La Biche, Alberta and is now married to Thelma Dayson of Roblin.

Robert married Patricia Roy and they have 4 children: Julie, Perry, Paula and Jason. They live at Williams Lake, B.C.

Richard married Sylvia Semchych and they have 2 children Trina and Eric. They live at Dropmore, Manitoba.

Leroy married Joyce Rice and they have 3 children: Scott, Kelly and Clinton. They live at Turner Valley, Alberta.

Gordon married Judy Mills and they have 3 children: Sean, Dezerae, and Lee. They live on a farm near Bield, Manitoba.

Rosella married Bill O'Niel and they have one son, Guy William. They live at Windsor, Ontario.

Velda married Allan Wagner and they have 4 girls and 1 son: Dale, Jerry, Laurie, Mandy and Karen. Al and Velda and family live at Russell, Manitoba.

Bella married Russell Titanich and they had 2 sons, Owen and Kevin. Bella died in November, 1983. Russell lives at Churchbridge, Saskatchewan.

John Peats died on April 26, 1973 at age 77 and Pat lives in her own home in Roblin. She is a member of the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary and the Evangeline Rebekah Lodge No. 41 at Roblin.

Cecil and Ada Peats and Family by Ada

Cecil Albert Peats, son of John and Patricia Peats, was born on September 16, 1937 in the Shell River District north of Roblin. He attended Roblin school. After school his time was spent helping his father with the dray and farming.

While he was a young lad he went to Regina where he worked on a grain farm. He also worked on a cattle ranch at Teulon, Manitoba. After this he spent several years working with the Roblin-Russell Transfer, at which time he married Ada Cockerill, on September 20, 1960.

In 1961, he started working for Roblin Forest Products and worked there off and on until 1979. He also worked on the hydro dam projects in northern Manitoba. On October 1, 1979 he moved to Fort McMurray, Alberta where, up until the present time, he works as a heavy equipment operator in the tar sands.

Ada, wife of Cecil, was born on December 4, 1940, a daughter of John and Rose Cockerill. She



Kurt, Derek, Troy, Ada and Cecil Peats.

received her schooling at Merridale school, Bield high school and Goose Lake High School. Ada was a permit teacher and taught school at Waterhen, Manitoba. She was the first to organize a 4-H garden club in the town of Roblin and served as a leader of this club for several years.

In 1979, Ada graduated from Keewatin Community College as a Licenced Practical Nurse. In Fort McMurray, Ada teaches Wee College, hosts a home Bible Study and leads Bible Studies for women. During the Roblin years she was a C.Y.C. leader for 10 years.

Cecil and Ada have three sons: Derek, Kurt and Troy. Derek Cecil was born on November 21, 1962. He is a journeyman diesel mechanic. Kurt was born on May 7, 1965. He is an Aldersgate Bible College graduate. He married Gwen Chase on August 17, 1985. Troy was born in February, 1967. He has graduated from high school and works at Safeway.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Penas by Mabel Kelso

Mr. Frank Penas was born at Silver Lake, Minnesota in 1881. His mother and father had immigrated from Bohemia to the United States. Frank was a member of a large family. They farmed just out of Silver Lake and he helped on the farm. He received very little education.

Mrs. Penas (nee Jessie Hess) was born in Ontario, but when she was 3 months old her parents moved to Silver Lake, Minnesota. She was the eldest daughter of a large family. She received her education at a small country school near her home.



Frank Penas Family. L. to R.: Orpha, Myrtle, Annie, Mr. and Mrs. Penas.

Mrs. Penas raised the younger children of her family as the mother was ailing.

In 1904 she married Frank Penas at Hutchinson, Minnesota. They lived on a farm in the district. Two children were born — Annie (died in infancy) and Orpha.

Mrs. Penas's father, Jake Hess, came to the Duck Mountain district and took up a homestead. He wrote a letter to Frank and Jessie and told them about Canada. They loaded their furniture and stock in a box car and left for Canada. They had to go as far as Togo as this was the closest station to the homestead. They unloaded their belongings and took off across the prairie towards their homestead as there were no roads.

In April of 1907 Mrs. Penas and Orpha followed by train. They took up a homestead in the Hillcrest area. They had a few neighbors, Thomas Wallace, Wm. Sharpen, Robert Aldersay, Wm. Richards and Tom Reed. Their main mode of transportation was either horses or oxen. Mr. and Mrs. Penas remained on the farm for a few years. Myrtle, Jacob and Jake were born here.

They did most of their business dealings in the thriving village of Togo, Saskatchewan. It was much closer than Roblin.

Orpha and Myrtle received some of their education at the Hillcrest school. Later they moved from the farm, going to Brandon, Manitoba where Mr. and Mrs. Penas worked for a farmer. This did not last long and they moved back to Roblin where they resided in a house on the site of the Roblin Motor Inn. In 1917 Mr. Penas bought the lot where the present house now stands.

He started work at numerous jobs such as working for Mr. Hayward at the livery stable. He worked for Mr. Jack Hartmier in the masonry business. He worked for the Dunlop Bros. in the dray business which he eventually bought. He carried on this business for quite a few years until he retired and he sold his business to his grandson. Mr. Penas also helped Mr. Nelson at masonry work.

Mr. and Mrs. Penas attended some of the first picnics held at San Clara. They would go over by horse and buggy. Later on Mr. Penas bought a Model T Ford.

His two sons both passed away at a young age. Annie was born in Roblin.

They attended the United Church when Mr. Kirkpatrick was the minister. In later years they attended the Free Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Penas loved to travel and in later years they did quite a bit.

Mr. Penas passed away in 1961 and Mrs. Penas in 1974.

Peppler Family

by G. A. Peppler Family

The Pepplers, of German ancestry, originated from Hussenbach, Russia. In 1902, at the age of 9, Henry, accompanied by his parents, one brother, and a half brother, immigrated to Canada. He was part of this family unit, until his marriage in 1914 to Katherine Huber. They farmed at Stornoway, Sask. for 3 years and in the spring of 1917, purchased a 1/2 section of land about 19 miles in a southwesterly direction from Roblin. The land was bought from Mr. Sanders, it being the South half of Sec. 19, Township 24, Range 29 in the municipality of Shellmouth. Farm buildings were and still are (somewhat rearranged and renovated) on the SW 1/4. The 40 mile move was made mostly by wagon and horses.



Four generations of the Peppler Family: L to R. Mrs. H. (Katherine) Peppler, Mr. Henry Peppler, John Peppler, Mrs. Heinrich Peppler, Darlene Peppler, Lorraine Peppler, 1943.

Some items went by railroad. Henry and Katherine farmed the above mentioned land along with the N.E. 1/4 of the same Section (purchased sometime after their arrival) for about 30 years and raised a large family of 6 sons, and 4 daughters who are as follows.

Harry (Henry) George, born in 1914, married Wilhelmina Elizabeth Nerbas on Mar. 29, 1937. Children — Loraine, Glen and Dale.



The Peppler home.

Fred William, born in 1916, married Rose Marie Magdalene Melnick on Feb. 14, 1948. Children — Paul, Fredrick, Rose Mary.

Elsie Marie Elizabeth, born in 1917, married Arthur Oswald Bernard Andres on Oct. 6, 1939 (Arthur died in 1962). Children — Clifford, Jean, Judith, Joyce, Robert.

John, born in 1919, married Rose (Theresa) Weitzel on Nov. 1, 1940. Children — Darlene, Nadine.

Edwin Alfred, born in 1921, married Esther Alvina Weitzel on Oct. 16, 1945. Children — Robert, Reginald, Timothy.

Berhardt Walter, born in 1922, married Thelma Mae Popp on Apr. 28, 1946. Children — Raymond, Beverly.

Frieda Louisa, born in 1924, married George Wilhelm Mehling on Nov. 1, 1942. Children — Grant, Murray.

Eileen Dorothea, born in 1926, married Edgar Benjamin Popp on May 16, 1948. Children — Randolph, Lorrie, Charmaine.

George Arthur, born in 1928, married Romona Doreen Weitzel on Nov. 12, 1955. Children — Wanda, Marlin.

Clara Ruth, born in 1930, married Harald Erwin Kentel on Apr. 24, 1949. Children — Bradley and Barry (twins), Judith, Jeffrey.

During these years it was a mixed farming operation, consisting mainly of cattle and grain. Land cultivation was done with horses, until about 1939, when a new rubber-tired tractor was bought. Over and above the usual farm activities, Henry travelled the district, during the mid 1930's, with a Percheron stallion and threshed grain for many of the neighbours. (His first threshing outfit consisted of a Wood clad, 24" cylinder thresher and a Minneapolis-Cross motor tractor, purchased during the early 1920's). He cut, hauled and packed ice for the MacNutt Creamery, from a lake due west of

Harry Roe's buildings, and also from London's Lake. Firewood and logs were hauled from the Assiniboine Valley. Logs were cut to uniform thickness, by a home-built lumber mill, and in 1940 were used to build a log house. Some logs were cut into lumber and used on other farm buildings. Firewood was sold to various people and to the MacNutt Creamery for generating steam to operate the butter making machinery.

Vegetables, fruit and wild berries were used for preserves. Various Kinds of sausage were made from beef and pork (some smoked and kept for months, without refrigeration). Sauer-kraut was made every fall, using large stoneware crocks or wooden barrels for containers. The cabbage was cut up, salted and packed down and held in a packed condition, with a large stone. Occasionally, layers of whole heads were put in and used as wrappers for rice rolls later on. Sour cucumbers and carrots were preserved in salt water with dill added.

Laundry soap was always homemade. Pork and beef drippings were saved and, usually once a year, this was put into a very large, round, cast iron pot and cooked, with lye added. The pot was enclosed with a metal skirt, which served as a support and a fire box.

During the 1930's, softball was played by the young men of the district. Some dances and whist drives were attended at the Castleavery School.

Grain was hauled to Roblin to be milled into flour. Various shopping trips were made to buy special supplies or clothing.

During the winter months, the roads were usually snow bound. Modes of travel then consisted of horses and sleigh in the early 1930's. Later on, heated, closed-in, horse-drawn vans were used, while summer travel was done by car from about the mid 1920's on.

In 1947, the farm was taken over by his eldest son, Harry. Henry moved to MacNutt, Sask. and operated a business for several years, then retired in B.C. He passed away at age 69 in 1963. His wife, Katherine, at present is living with her youngest daughter, Clara, at Edmonton, Alta. At 87 years of age, she has 29 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren (of whom 3 are adopted) and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Two sons served in the Canadian Army during the last war. Fred (1942-1946) took basic training in Alberta and B.C. (with Prince of Wales Rangers) and served some time overseas. Edwin (1942-1943) received his basic training in Alberta and received a medical discharge after 9 months from the Royal Canadian Service Corps.

Harry and Wilhelmina (Minnie) farmed in the Castleavery district for many years. They raised the following family of one daughter and two sons.



Harry Peppler Family: Dale, Lorraine, Glenn, Harry, and Minnie.

Lorraine Katherine Margaret, born in 1938, married Mel Byblow. Children — Melody and Clint.

Glen Wayne, born in 1944, married Carol Rodgers. Children — Laura, Leeanne, Jeffrey, and Gregory.

Dale Warren, born 1953, married C. Jenderschesky. Children — Robert and Christopher.

Harry's farming was carried on in the same manner as his father's except that a major change in mode of harvesting was made, when he started using a combine in about the year 1949. Minnie's parents, Philip and Margaret Nerbas, lived with them for a number of years. After farming for 27 years, the land was sold to Mr. Lloyd Shearer. Harry and his wife, Minnie, retired in 1974 and are presently living in Yorkton, Sask.

Perchaluk Family by Russell Perchaluk

John Perchaluk, at the age of four, came to Canada with his parents, his sister, Anna and his three brothers, Harry, William and Fred. They left their village Zalowy, district of Terebowla, in the Ukraine in the spring of 1897. After a twenty-one day voyage on the S.S. Arabia, they arrived in Quebec on May 26th. After spending several days in the immigration hall in Winnipeg, they settled on a homestead in the Valley River district northwest of Dauphin.

They were given two sacks of flour, one sack of cornmeal and an axe. This, along with some tools and garden seed brought with them from the Ukraine, plus seventeen dollars left over after paying for transportation, was all they had with which to begin their life on the homestead.

It was several years later that a school was built in the district. John was able to attend for only a short time before he reached the age when he was expected to work out and contribute to the family income.

In 1909 when the south half of Township 26, Range 26 was thrown open for homesteading, John's older brother, Harry settled on N.E. of 19. John lived with him until he reached the age of eighteen and then applied for his own homestead. He settled on the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 17.

Shortdale at this time was a bustling village in which about thirty families made their home. There were two sawmills and a planer operating in the summer. As well, employment could be obtained on the railroad. In winter, men worked in logging camps in the Duck Mountains. These camps were operated by the T. A. Burrows Lumber Company. Wages from these jobs went a long way in assisting the settlers in improving their farms.

Some of John's neighbours were Gresco Juzwishen and his two sons, Mike and Tony, Fabian Paczkowski, Adam Dobranski, Mike Grozik, Petery Zodorozny, Mike Bolwich, Joe Geryluk, Happy Jack Poucher and others. "Happy" Poucher deserves a special mention because of his cheerful disposition and colorful vocabulary. A special mention also, for Mrs. Mike Grozik, that kind midwife who delivered dozens of babies and would never accept a cent for her service. They were friends and neighbours who believed in, and practised, co-operation throughout the hard times and the good times.

In 1912, John married Rose Mlynorowich whose family lived in Sclater. They raised a family of eight: Russell, Mike, Vera (Mrs. Joe Plesh), Annie (Mrs. Mike Kolowich), Joe, John Jr., Bill and Roy. Rose passed away in 1949, John in 1980, Roy in 1976, and Joe in 1983.

Russell married Stella Yourchek. They have six children: Silvery, Maryka, Paul, Sally, Donna and Susan. They live at Brandon, Manitoba.

Mike married Helen Yellowaga. They have two children: Roy and Margaret. They reside at Dauphin.

Vera married Joe Plesh. They have three children: Rose Ann, Patricia and Peter. They live at Winnipegosis. Anne married Mike Kotowich. There is one step-daughter, Judy. They live at The Pas.

Joe (now deceased) married Love Michalevich. There are two surviving children: Rose Anne and Donna. Joe Jr. and Janice are deceased. Love lives in Winnipeg.

John Jr. married Reba Cameron. They have two sons: Robert and Brian. They farm at Shortdale. John is the Reeve of Hillsburg Municipality.

Bill married Ethel Ritchie. They have one son, James.

Roy (now deceased) married Emily (Marj) Scott. They have three children: Gregory, Kenneth and Paulette.

The Perretts

by Mrs. Essie Cross

Mary King and James Perrett were married in England and immigrated to Canada in 1904. They came first to Rapid City, as Mrs. Perrett (my mother) had a brother, Rev. J. L. King preaching there. Later they moved to Saskatchewan and homesteaded near a little place named Pendennis, where they built a sod dwelling. They had to travel with oxen to Saskatoon, a distance of 60 miles, for yearly supplies of groceries, until Harris became a small town nearby, where supplies could be purchased.

A number of years later, they were blessed with a daughter and named her Essie Elizabeth.

In 1912 they moved to Roblin, as Rev. King was preaching in Roblin at this time. We farmed on Sec. 3-26-28, south and east of Roblin, then moved to another, smaller farm, north and east of Roblin, as my dad's health was failing. (We lived on the old Jack Fish Lake Road, which I am sure is familiar to many.) We did mixed farming and purchased 80 acres across the road for pasture and water for the stock.

1922 was the year of the flood in our area and in part of the village of Roblin. My Dad, Mr. Perrett, passed away on May 5th of that year. My mother and I stayed on the farm until I finished my schooling. I then went to Teacher's College (or Normal School as it was called then) for one year.

When I finished, Mr. J. E. Baine, Official Trustee for Hillsburg, obtained a position at the school in Merridale for me, where I stayed for 3 years. My mother and I lived in the teacherage during our stay in Merridale.

Those were three great years. I had over 40 pupils, and all grades. Discipline was no problem as we were one big happy group. I played football with the children in the winter, and baseball in the summer. We always had a program on Fridays from 3 to 4, and Mrs. Perrett was always called for by one of the children, who brought a chair for her so she could be a part of our group. We always had a Christmas concert and a picnic in the summer.

After finishing teaching in Merridale, my mother and I came to the village of Roblin, where we purchased a house. I began to teach grade VII and VIII subjects in Goose Lake Consolidated School. I was active in church work, taught Sunday School, was a leader of a C.G.I.T. group, President of W.M.S. and a life member, a member of Young

Peoples group, a life member of the Hospital Auxiliary, Sec.-Treas. of the Cemetery Committee, for 33 years. I am also a 40-year member of the Roblin Evangeline Rebekah Lodge, and a P.N.G.

I taught until June, 1939. On Sept. 27, 1939 I married Henry Hall (Harry) Cross, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Cross. Harry was head mechanic at the Cross Garage.

My mother died the following year, Feb. 29, 1940.

In 1944, a bundle of joy arrived, namely Robert (Bob) Stafford. He attended school in Roblin; Miss Jessie Kelso (now Mrs. A. T. Kines) was his Grade 1 teacher. After completing school, he began to help at the garage, and is now President of Cross Town Motors Limited.

Harry and I first lived in what was then known as the Ham McFadden house on 3rd Avenue. Then, in 1947 we purchased the Williamson house across from the garage and lived there until the spring of 1950. Grandma Cross had died in January of 1950 and Grandpa Cross in March of 1950. Following this we moved into the Sr. Cross home, west of the garage.

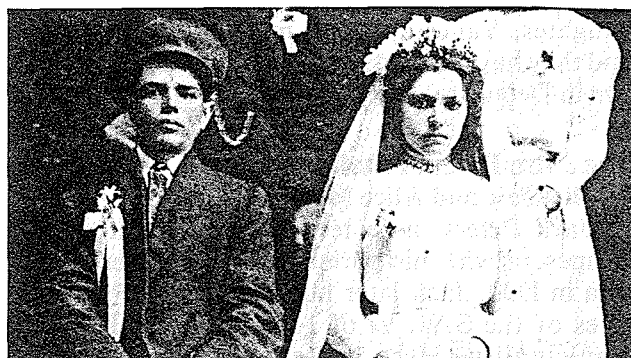
In 1968, we bought George Kelso's home on Hospital St. That year, Bob married Julianne Markosky in May. They have one daughter, Jana. Bob is a member of the Kinsmen and Jill is a Kinette. Both have worked hard for the betterment of their community.

Harry passed away on Dec. 11, 1977. I continued to live at our Hospital Street residence, until for health reasons, I moved to Maple Manor in Roblin, January, 1981.

Family History of Fred Peteleski

by Olga Peteleski and Pat Wilk

Fred Peteleski was born in Western Ukraine in 1890. He immigrated to Yorkton, Saskatchewan in 1910 where he resided until his marriage to Caroline Pobihuschy. Caroline was born in Western Ukraine on December 25, 1895 and came to Canada in 1912.



Fred and Caroline Peteleski.

They were married in Stornoway, Saskatchewan on November 11, 1913 and moved to a homestead near Roblin in 1914, where they farmed until 1945. He also drove a school van for many years. Upon their retirement they moved to the town of Roblin where Fred operated a shoe repair shop until his death on March 1, 1960. Caroline Peteleski passed away on October 2, 1981. They leave behind seven children.

Stella, now in Calgary, Alberta, married Andrew Hanson in 1939 and passed away in 1973. They have a daughter, Joan, who married Douglas Grant and they have two boys, Jarrett and Todd, who now live in White Rock, B.C.

Mike, now in Roblin, married Olga Marchuk in 1943. They had three children: Donnie, who passed away in 1973; Christine of Oshawa, Ontario; Nelson of Winnipeg, who married Gladys Spratt and they have three children, Dana, Krista and Christopher.

Pete, now in Roblin, married Stella Welenchenko in 1952 and they have one child, Patricia of Roblin, who married Douglas Wilk and they have one child, Raena.

Helen, now in Roblin, married William Ratushny in 1942. He passed away in 1983. They had three children: Peter of Roblin, Theresa of Roblin who married Russell Merko, and Verna of Roblin who married Michael Sanders and they have two children, Kimberly and Shelley.

Mary, now in Winnipeg, Man., married Steve Pomanski in 1950. He passed away on April 25, 1980. They had three children: Barry, who passed away on January 28, 1954; a daughter, Donna of Winnipeg; a son, Allan of Winnipeg who married Ingrid Shroeder and they have two children, Kelly and Kory.

Nellie, now of Winnipeg, Man., married Lambert England in 1939. He passed away in 1954. They had a son, Gary. Nellie married Marion Lisowski in 1958. Gary married Phyllis Tkatchuk and they have two children, Andrea and Tracy and live in Winnipeg.

John, now of Kelowna, B.C., married Jean Nizol in 1948. They have three children: Jim of Kelowna, and twin daughters, Gail and Gwen. Gail of Kelowna married Stan Watts and they have one daughter, Vanessa; Gwen married David Register and they have two boys, Jonathan and Steven. They live in Delaware, North Carolina.

The John Peters Family **by Lily Hale and Alice McQueen**

Jack Peters, as a teenager, immigrated from Minnesota with his parents, to the Gilbert Plains area in 1900. Jack later homesteaded the south 80 acres of the S.W. 1/4 of 1-26-26 in the Hillsburg municipality. Here he set up and operated a sawmill, planer and shingle mill powered by a steam

engine. Dad was very mechanically inclined so had his own blacksmith shop where he fashioned his own repairs.

In 1923 he married Beatrice Cooper. She had immigrated from England with her parents to the Shortdale area.

Dad and mother lived in a 2-room log house which was very hot in summer and cold in the winter. It was heated by a cook stove and a heater made from a 45 gallon steel barrel. The fire was kept



Jack and Beatrice Peters with their daughter Annie, at the homestead log house.

going in the heater all night but the water in the water pail still froze.

In the operation of a sawmill, several men were employed, and also a hired girl. This in turn meant many meals to be prepared in a small house with no facilities, and with young children to care for as well.

Everything was homemade — butter, bread, clothes, canned fruit and meat. Meat consisted of moose, elk, deer and sometimes rabbit. Butter and milk, etc. were hung down a well to keep them cool. Rain was caught from the roof for washing clothes but in the dry season, water was carried from the creek near by.

Our closest shopping place was 4 miles away at Shortdale which boasted 2 grocery stores where eggs and butter were exchanged for supplies. Dad was one of the first in the area to own a Model T Ford car. In the wintertime they walked to town or were drawn by horses hitched to a "jumper". This was a homemade 2-runner sleigh.

Sunday school papers were received monthly from a Church mission.

With the arrival of the depression, the sawmill operation had to be closed down.

There wasn't a school near enough for us children to go to, so in 1933 the farm was sold to Henry Meyer and we moved into Gilbert Plains.

There were six girls and 1 boy born of this union.



Jack Peters with Lily, Alice, Fred and Annie.

Annie married Gordon Keats and lives in Melville, Saskatchewan.

Alice married Elwood McQueen and lives in Grandview.

Lily married Bill Hale and lives in Gilbert Plains.

Fred, our only brother, married Miriam Hauta and farms at Birsay, Sask.

Ruby married Noel Feetham and lives in Halifax, N.S.

Betty married Abe Friesen and lives in St. Francis-Xavier.

Ruth, who was only 2½ years old when mother died, married Joe Dykun and farms at Gilbert Plains.

Mother died of pneumonia in 1936, leaving us 7 children motherless. We were each raised separately by relatives but still manage to get together occasionally for a family reunion. There are 24 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren at the time this is being compiled.

Dad died in 1972 at the age of 85 years.

George Petz Family by the family

George Petz was the eldest son of Alex and Rose Petz. Alex Petz was born in 1893 in Drachintsi Cheronetz in the Russian Ukraine. In 1900 Alex moved with his parents, George and Kerri Petz, to the MacNutt District in Saskatchewan. Rose Bodnar was born in Austria in 1900. At age 11 she moved with her parents, Andrew and Polly Bodnar, to Calder, Saskatchewan. Alex Petz and Rose Bodnar married on June 27, 1918 at Calder, Saskatchewan. They continued to farm in the MacNutt District until 1923 and then moved to Tummel, Manitoba. Their last move was to Shellmouth, Manitoba in 1946.



George and Anne Petz on their wedding day.

George was born in the MacNutt District on July 19, 1920 and received his education at Tummel. He worked for awhile at Skinner's Nursery before serving in the Second World War. He served overseas in Italy, France and North Africa from 1942 until 1945.

After returning to Canada, George married Anne Piwniuk, the daughter of Michael and Tennie Piwniuk. They farmed in the Grainsby Area. Besides farming, George sold Watkins Products for a few years. He is also remembered by many relatives and friends for the many haircuts they received from him. George also drove the school bus and continued to drive even after selling the farm in 1966 and moving to Dropmore where he operated the Post Office. He was Postmaster until his death on May 31, 1978. George belonged to the Knights of Columbus and was a member of the Inglis Legion.

Anne continues to operate the Post Office in Dropmore. She is always kept busy helping in church work and in the community. Her house seems a favorite place for coffee to the ladies in the community and she never fails to lend a helping hand to anyone who asks.



Anne Petz and family.

George and Anne had six children: Frank, Phyllis, Nancy, Gary, Brenda and Angela.

After Frank left home, he went to Regina where he was employed by Simpsons Sears. In 1963 he

married Darlene Klatt of Regina. In 1966 Frank and Darlene moved to Langenburg, Saskatchewan where they both began working at I.M.C. (Canada) Ltd., Potash Mines. They are still employed there, Frank working as a Journeyman Electrician and Darlene as a Personnel Clerk. They have one daughter, Carmen.

Phyllis received her Education I.A. at the University of Manitoba in 1966. She taught for two years before marrying Wayne Digby of the Dropmore Area in 1968. They lived in Carman, Manitoba for one year, Wayne as Assistant Ag. Rep. and Phyllis teaching at Roland. In 1969 they moved to Arborg, Manitoba where Wayne worked as 4-H Specialist in the Interlake Region. While in Arborg, Shauna and Todd were born. The family moved to Swan River for the years 1972 to 1975 and then to Russell where Wayne worked as Rural Development Counsellor. In 1977 they decided to go to Botswana, Africa for two years with C.U.S.O. Wayne worked in the Ministry of Agriculture and Phyllis taught school. After returning to Canada, they settled in Killarney, Manitoba where they are at present. Wayne is working as Ag. Rep. and Phyllis is working in the Royal Bank.

After completing Grade XII, Nancy was employed by the University of Manitoba as a secretary until 1971 when she married Gerald Adam of the MacNutt Area. They continue to farm in this district. They have four children: Nicole, Nadine, Gacynth and Garrett.

Gary attended Red River Community College for two years taking Business Administration from 1971 to 1973. After graduating, he worked for Woolco. In 1974 he married Nicole Moreau and in 1974 Gary and Nicole moved to Langenburg, Saskatchewan where Gary began working for I.M.C. (Canada) Ltd., Potash Mines as an Accountant. They moved to Russell, Manitoba in 1977 but Gary continues to work for I.M.C. They have two children: Colette and Dion.

Brenda married Brad Robin of the Inglis District where they continue to farm with Brad's parents, Don and Freda Robin. They have two children: Kiley and Kristy.

Angela completed her hair dressing course at Red River Community College in 1976. She worked in Yorkton and Brandon before moving to Roblin in 1979 where she continues to hairdress.

Duane Philleo Family

by Duane

Duane Philleo and Fanny Mitchell were married in Austin, Minnesota, U.S.A. in 1883. Mr. and Mrs. Philleo lived on a farm near Avoca, Minnesota and had a family of 6 girls, Lena, Tracy, Daisy, Maud,

Ruth and Mona. They moved to Walnut Grove, Missouri in the Ozark Mountains. Mrs. Philleo passed away here in 1899. Mr. Philleo and the girls then moved back to Avoca, Minnesota.

In 1901, he decided to immigrate to Canada and in April, they left Avoca in a 'Prairie Schooner' (covered wagon). Sometime in June, he filed for his homestead on the N.E. 1/4 4-26-29. First of all, he broke 6 acres of sod for feed oats and a small garden, then built a log house with a sod roof. He left his 6 girls and went to Russell for the fall threshing. The following summer, Mr. Philleo put a shingled roof on the log house and they lived in this house until 1910, when he built a new frame house. In 1903, Mr. Philleo gave an acre of land on the N.E. corner of his homestead for a school named Cromarty. This school burned but a second one was built which is now known as Cromarty Hall.

Mr. Philleo sold his farm to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tucker in the fall of 1917 and son Ralph now farms this homestead. In 1914, Mr. Philleo had bought the S-1/2 of S.W. 1/4 30-26-29 in the Assiniboine Valley and after 1917, he, Ruth, and Mona lived on this 80 acres for a few years. About 1922, Mr. Philleo and Ruth moved to Victoria, B.C. He remained here until his death in 1938, at the age of 96 years.

Lena married Wm. Thompson in 1903. She passed away on Feb. 19, 1973.

Daisy married Fred Thompson (Bill's brother) in 1910. They had a family of 4 boys: Duane, Bill, Harry and Jack and a daughter, Eunice. Daisy passed away on Feb. 14, 1959. Bill Thompson is still residing in Cromarty.

Tracy married Wm. Tucker in 1912. Their family includes Agnes, Albert, Ralph, Lloyd, Jean and Larry. At age 19 years, Lloyd passed away in August 1941.

Maud married Walter Black. They had 4 children: Don, Audrey, Zella and Bill. Mrs. Black now lives in Langley, B.C.

Mona married Wilfred Griffin and lives in Winnipeg. They had 2 girls, Joan and Shirley.

Ruth married George Hunter in 1943. She passed away on April 15, 1960.

Wm. Tucker passed away on November 6, 1977. Tracy Tucker age 95 years is now living in the Personal Care Home in Dauphin.

Nick Pitz and Family by the Family

Gregory Pitz, father of Nick Pitz, came to Canada from Bokovana, Austria. Gregory Pitz's father came from a family of five children. He had one sister and three brothers. Gregory Pitz married Lecaria Buduik in Austria. Lecaria Budiuk had three sisters and one brother. Gregory and Lecaria married and immigrated to Canada in 1900, along



Nick and Ann Pitz's 50th Anniversary (in 1979) here with their children: Sharon, Diane, Vera, Olean, Doreen, Nick and Ann Pitz, Wilfred and Orland.

with four children. Four more children were born in Canada, making a family of eight to homestead in MacNutt, Saskatchewan. Nick was born in 1911 at MacNutt.

Nick married Annie Onchulenko on October 14th, 1934 and settled in the Tummel district. Annie's parents immigrated from Austria to Lady Lake, Sask. Her family moved to the Boulton municipality near Inglis and later retired in Roblin. Annie was born in 1913.

Nick and Annie raised a family of seven children: two sons, Wilfred and Orland; five daughters, Doreen, Olean, Vera, Dianne and Sharon.

The eldest, Doreen, married Garnet Markosky of Roblin and they have two children, Cheryl and Brian. Garnet worked as a clerk in Roblin Trading until 1974, when he bought the business. Doreen also works in the Trading. Cheryl married Tim Cockerill and they have a daughter, Kristine. They reside in Roblin. Brian has graduated from Goose Lake High and is continuing his education at the University of Manitoba, studying computer science.

Olean married William Alexander (Bill) of Roblin and they have two children, Wade and Ronda. Both Bill and Olean work on their mixed farming operation. Wade graduated from Goose Lake High and is presently employed in Brandon. Ronda is attending Goose Lake High at the present time.

Orland married Nancy Germain and they have one daughter, Melissa. They live in Gerald, Sask., where Orland is a foreman in the K5 mine. He also owns farmland, which he works in the Shellmouth area. Melissa goes to school in Gerald.

Vera married Jack Onofrechuk and had two children, Lori and Richard. Jack farmed in the Shell Valley area until he bought a hardware store in Grandview. The store has since been sold, and Jack moved again to Swan River where he operates "Onofrechuk Enterprises" (a furniture store). Lori has finished her nurse's training at the St. Boniface

Hospital in Winnipeg. Richard is continuing his education at the University of Manitoba, studying political science.

Wilfred married Linnea Walld and they have 2 children, Marshall and Allison. They live in Winnipeg, where Wilfred works as a salesman at Dominion Bridge. Marshall is now going to school in the Charleswood area.

Dianne married Glen Bauer and they have one son, Dean. They live in Roblin, where Dianne works at Mitchell's Drug store and Glen is owner of a road construction/bush-clearing company. Dianne also helps out on her father's farm. Dean is attending Goose Lake High School.

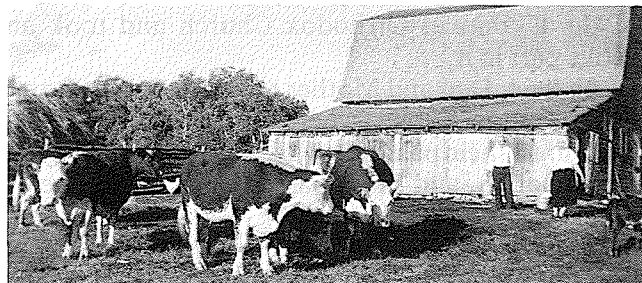
Sharon married Mervin Hawrychuk and they have one daughter, Wendy. They live in the Roblin area, where Mervin drives a school bus and farms his land. Wendy is going to school at Goose Lake High also.

Nick Pitz and his parents belong to the Greek Orthodox Church. Nick took his schooling in MacNutt, Saskatchewan. They farmed at MacNutt, before moving to the Tummel district. He drove a school bus for 44 years. He has farmed all his married life in the Tummel district. They farmed with horses to start with and then later bought a Ford tractor, progressing to the present with the machinery which is still being used. In 1939, Nick bought his first car, a 1929 Model "A" Ford.

The family enjoyed their neighbours, played cards, danced and entertained. They did not join many clubs, but entertained their family by taking them to dances, shows, fairs, 4-H club socials and all picnics in Rochedale, Dropmore, Roblin, Bield and many other areas. Nick enjoys baseball games, and always took his family to them. He also enjoys dancing and all of his children try to keep up to him on the dance floor, but don't succeed.

Geo Pitz Family by George and Tena

My dad, Steve Pitz, came to Canada in the year of 1902, at the age of 12, from the old country, then named Austria. He first settled with his parents in MacNutt, Sask. He worked out many years in



Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pitze with their herd of milk cows.

Brandon, Saltcoats, Langenburg and many other places.

In 1913, he took up a homestead in Manitoba in the area of Shell Valley. He soon got married to Rosie (nee Butz) of MacNutt, Sask., who had also come to Canada in 1912, from the same village of Drachenetz, Bukovina. They both worked hard to clear some land for a garden and to grow a little bit of grain. They raised a family of four: 3 boys, George, John and Alex, and one daughter, Katie, who passed away at the age of 18 months. Alex passed away at the age of 47.

I (George) recall driving with my dad to the Roblin Flour Mill, then owned and operated by Jacob Kirschmier. We had about 50 bushels of wheat, which was ground into flour. Here we also got the bran, shorts, also wheatlets (cereal) which was cooked into porridge. As for other items, Dad would shop at Roblin Trading then owned by Nate Rosen, and also at Schrieber's store, and at times would drop into the secondhand store owned by Morantz, where there was a possibility of saving a few cents. Dad would at times haul 10 to 20 bags of potatoes into town (that's 100 lb. bags) and get 75 cents per bag and that was if the market was there. Blacksmiths in town where Fisher Bros; the tailor was Jacob Graff. We would also visit Taylor's Hardware Store.

Dad and Mom were milking a few cows and of course there was no Creamery in Roblin, so the cream had to be shipped to Russell Creamery owned by Smellie Bros. There was a daily train from Russell to Inglis (C.P.R.) to where we had to haul this cream and catch the train at 7 a.m., so it meant that you had to be up fairly early in the morning to drive a team of horses hitched to a buggy, 11 miles. The price of cream in those days was very low. If you had #1 sweet cream testing 40 or better, you could look at about \$2.00. I can recall one 5 gal. can which graded weedy so we got a cheque for 90 cents for it. As for other farm produce, we had eggs and butter. I recall carrying two pails of eggs to a country store owned by Jack Paulenko, which was 2 1/2 miles away and got \$1.00 for 20 dozen; butter was selling for 10¢ per lb.

Dad had served as a trustee on the Shell Valley School Board for many years; he was also a member of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and took an active part in it.

In 1964, Dad and Mother retired from the farm, and moved to Roblin, where they built a home and lived until their passing away. Dad passed away at the age of 88, and Mom passed away at the age of 86.

I, George, being the oldest of the family was born in 1916. I attended school at Shell Valley. My first teacher was Louis Fisher. There were at times

70 pupils attending school. Our School inspector was Mr. Gilcrest and Mr. Mitchell was the trustee. I quit school at the age of 14, and was in Grade 8, because I had to help Dad work on the farm, for there was no money to hire help. I used to make a few dollars by trapping and hair cutting (which was 25¢); it all meant a lot in those days.

In the winter of 1935, I started working in the bush for Alvin Nastrom. The wages were \$10.00 per month. He was sawing railway ties and lumber. Metro Znak was the steam engine operator. There were others at the mill also, namely: Leslie Nash, Reuben Poyser, Earl McIntyre, Nick Bodnariuk, Wm. De La Mare, and Len Curle who was the sawyer. There was not very much money to be made, but we were all happy. In 1938, I worked for Bob McBride. There he had 2 steam engines running a sawmill. Cecil Maguire was the engineer. In 1937, I purchased a model A Ford.

In 1939, I decided to get married to a girl from Inglis, Man., whom I had met 3 years previously. Her maiden name was Tena Bulbuck. We immediately settled on a farm that I had bought from Joe Dunn of Russell, Man. We raised cattle and pigs and some grain to make ends meet. I bought a 10-20 McCormick Deering Tractor from the International Dealer (John Choma) in Roblin and a threshing machine. I did a lot of custom threshing in the earlier days, until the combines took over. We sold our farm in the Shell Valley and moved to the Inglis area, where we leased the land of Wm. Bezan. There we farmed for two years and as I could see a greener pasture ahead, we moved into Roblin, where I purchased some land from Mr. Greenaway. We built a home in 1946, and soon after, I purchased a sawmill and went into the lumbering business. I have sawed lumber for 25 years in places such as Laurie Lake, Childs Lake, Cedar Lake, Mafeking and other places for the late Mr. Wm. Kozak. I also planed lumber for 22 years. During my years of sawing I had some very good men such as Philip Laplante,



Mr. and Mrs. George Pitz and family.

Frank Langan, the Carriers, Sam Matavich and many others.

I also farmed land in the Shell Valley area as well as at The Pas. May I mention that we were blessed with a family of 6 children, 3 boys and 3 girls.

The eldest of the boys, Billy, who is married to Patrica (nee Brychka) of Brandon, is employed at the Brandon General Hospital as a respiratory technician.

James, the second oldest, is married to Karen (nee Enns) of Winnipeg and is living in Calgary. His trade is civil engineering.

Jerry, the youngest of the boys, is a welder and is employed by Uranium Mines of Northern Sask.

The eldest of the girls, Olga, married Mark Bailes and they are farming and raising cattle in the Bield area.

Joan, the second oldest, is married to Wm. Henderson of Winnipeg. Wm. is a Royal Bank manager.

Marg, the youngest, is married to Wm. Harris of Winnipeg. He is a civil engineer.

We are also blessed with 9 grandchildren. As of recent times, my wife and I are in fairly good health, enjoying the new home that we built in 1983. We belong to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, where I had served on a committee for a number of years. We both enjoy singing and are cantors in our church and surrounding areas. Our hobby is growing a nice big garden, and if health permits we would like to do some travelling.

To the Roblin District Historical Society and others who helped to commemorate this historical event, we say thank you for allowing us this space in your book.

Mike Piwniuk by the Family

Mike Piwniuk was born in the Western Ukraine on May 6, 1895. In 1912 at the age of 17, he boarded a ship sailing to Canada which landed in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The rest of his journey across Canada was made by train, ending in Roblin, Manitoba.

His first job in this country was for the C.N.R. where he worked for two years. During that time he met Teenie Boyanski and they were married on November 21st, 1914, at St. Michael's Church (9 miles north of Roblin).

Their first homestead was in Merridale, but in 1919, with horses and wagons, they moved to Mac-Nutt, Sask. In 1922 they once again moved, this time to the Marchwell district, where they rented a farm near the Lowenbergers. Mike and Teenie later moved to a farm known as the 'Busch Farm'. During these years (1923-29), all their shopping was done and their mail was received in Shellmouth, then later in Dropmore. In 1929 they bought their



Tennie, Mike, Katie, Pete and Bill Piwniuk.

present farm from "Peters", 5 miles south-west of Dropmore.

Before they bought their first vehicle, a Model A Ford bought in 1940, all their grain and cream was hauled the five miles to Shellmouth with horses. The family had to travel a considerable distance to attend church services in the Greek Catholic church in Calder, Saskatchewan, and occasionally to St. Michael's Church in Roblin.

Mike and Teenie Piwniuk raised eleven children. The eldest son, Pete, served in the second World War and married a "war bride", Mabel Thomas. They had two children, Sylvia and Gerald, who with their mother, reside in Winnipeg. Pete passed away in 1965.

Bill married Blanche Yaworski and lived in Kelowna, B.C. until his passing in 1977. They had five children: Love, Laura, Johnny, Shirley and David, all in B.C.

Their daughter, Kay, (Mrs. Al Carefoot) lives in Burnaby, B.C. and she has one son, Dennis.

Mary, (Mrs. Joe Walowetz) lives in Russell, and they raised three children: Adeline, Lorne and Terry.

Anne married George Petz and lives in Dropmore, Man. George died in 1978. They had six chil-

dren: Frank, Phyllis, Nancy, Gary, Brenda and Angela.

Johnny served four years overseas in the Second World War where he was wounded 4 times while in the front lines. He returned home in 1945 and died in 1947, from the effects of his wounds, at the age of 23.

Joe married Elsie Boguski and they lived in the Dropmore district until 1976 and then they moved to Roblin. They have four children: Emil, Wayne, Patricia, and Perry.

Steve and Cathy Piwniuk (nee Tiley), reside in Prince George, B.C. with four children, Tina, Jimmy, Tara, and Kevin.

Fred married Janet Thickett, and their four sons, Darren, Kelly, Doyle, and Randy took over the family farm in Dropmore, Manitoba.

Julie married Melvin Zimmer, and they have four children: Glenda, Darryl, Cheryl, and Starla. They now reside in Russell, Manitoba.

Verna resides in Russell, and has four children: Reggie, Robin, Lori, and Bonnie.

After many happy and healthy years Mike Piwniuk passed away in 1965, leaving behind many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His wife, Teenie lived in her own little house on the "Home-place". Even at the age of 84 she remained active, crocheting bedspreads, baking, gardening, etc.

Teenie Piwniuk became ill in April, 1983 and spent considerable time in and out of hospital and 5½ months living with her daughter, Julie in Russell until her passing away in Feb. 1984.

Fred Piwniuk by the Family

Fred, Janet and the boys still maintain the family farm which was a dairy farm for ten years. As in his father's days, Fred still has horses, but no longer as the primary source of transportation or power. His antique buggy and democrat can be seen in parades and in fairs in the area, and also his horses in the occasional trail ride.

Fred and Janet have a family of four boys. Darren was born in 1963 and attended school in Roblin. He graduated in 1981, then took an electrical course at Keewatin Community College, The Pas. He also played hockey all through his school years in the Roblin Minor Hockey League, and later with the Roblin North Stars. He is now living in Roblin and is employed with Dee's Electric.

Kelly was born in 1966 and attended school in Roblin, graduating in 1984. He also played hockey during his school years with Roblin Minor Hockey, and then with the North Stars. He is presently living at home and employed at the Asessippi Park.

Doyle was born in 1967. He attended school in



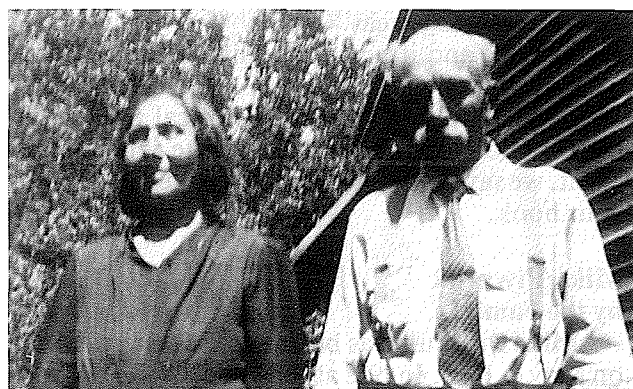
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Piwniuk, baby Frank Petz, Fred. Back row: Johnny, Anne, Kaye and Joe.

Roblin, and is presently taking grade 12 at the Goose Lake High School, and also helping on the farm.

Randy was born in 1976 and is attending Roblin Intermediate School taking his grade 3.

Mr. George Poitra and Family by Clara Henry

Mr. George Poitra and his wife Mary Adele (Henault) came to Canada in 1917, from Belcourt, North Dakota. They moved to the Boggy Creek



George and Adele Poitra.

district, where they homesteaded on a ½ section of land (¼ section which they bought, and the other ¼ which was homesteaded). Some of the family's 13 children were born in the U.S.A. Three of the children died during childhood, leaving four boys: Joe, Dave, Alex and Arthur, and six girls: Clara, Mary Laura Rose, Mary Jane, Flavia, Albertine and Ernestine. The children were raised in the Boggy Creek district and went to school in Grand Prairie and Roblin.

Joe and Dave went to war during the Second World War.

Clara (the eldest) married Prosper Henry and stayed near the homestead until 1930, when they

moved to a second homestead in the Shell River district. Their family of 14 children were raised in the district and went to school in Roblin. In 1970, Clara and her husband moved to Roblin.

Joe married Viva Tourn. When Joe came back from the war, he worked as a farmhand. Joe and Viva had 2 boys and 1 girl. Joe lives with one of his sons in Calgary.

Leo died during childhood.

Mary Laura Rose married Marcel Paul and had 8 children (2 died). Marcel farms in the Boggy Creek area.

Mary Jane (Lillian) married Joe Zurisk. They farmed in the Grandview area, where they had 4 girls (1 died). They were separated and Mary married Phillip Nowasad of Winnipeg. They had 2 children, a girl and a boy, and still reside in Winnipeg.

Dave never married. He worked as a lumberjack after he left the army.

Flavia married Jules Larocque and farms in the Happy Lake district. They had 7 children (1 boy passed away).

Alexander (Alex) married Florence Lafournaise and they live in the Boggy Creek district. They had a boy (who died), and a girl. Alex works as a forest ranger and a trapper.

One brother and sister died during 1929, both during their childhood.

Albertine married Hervé Carriere and had 8 children. When Hervé came back from the army, he farmed in the San Clara area. They now live in Roblin, where Hervé worked in the Forest Products until his retirement.

Ernestine, who had 1 boy before the marriage, married Bill Pilky. They had four children, one boy and three girls. They all reside in Winnipeg.

Arthur married Jean, who had 3 children from a previous marriage. They moved to Winnipeg where Arthur works as an entertainer during the evening and in the Post Office during the day. They adopted one son.

The whole family are of the Catholic faith and were baptized as Catholics in the San Clara Church.

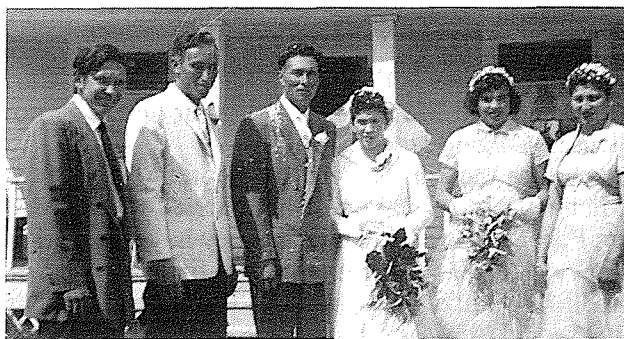
In 1963, Mary Adele passed away and George died in 1969.

Joseph George Poitras and Marie Adele Eneau by Ruth Angus

George Poitras was born somewhere in the Qu'Appelle Valley, Sask. on Jan. 31, 1882.

Marie Adele Eneau was born in Belcourt, North Dakota on Nov. 17, 1889. They were married in Rolette on June 27, 1910. They lived at St. Michael, a small district near Belcourt.

The Poitras family's main livelihood was obtained from trapping. When furs were difficult to



Pete Laforaine, Arthur Poitras, Alex Poitras, Florence Poitras, Yvette Larocque, Yvonne Paul.

come by in the Dakotas the family decided to move north to Canada where furs could still be harvested.

George and Adele had three children born in St. Michael, North Dakota. They came to Canada by wagon train. George came with eight horses and two wagons and an express wagon. It took one month to reach their destination, "Boggy Creek".

Some families who were in the wagon train were: the Lafontaine family, the Dumont family, the Galdeau family, and Jake Sinclair.

The Poitras family settled on the S.E. 27-29-28 section. George homesteaded the quarter next to the home quarter (S.W. 27-28-28) which he had purchased from Mr. Frank Langan. George kept some cattle and horses on the farm but he made hunting and trapping his life's trade. He hunted in the Duck Mountains and the Porcupine Mountains, and when registered traplines came into effect in 1956, he received a line. Before this time he obtained permits to trap the perimeter.

Adele Poitras passed away on September 23, 1963 in the Roblin District Hospital, the result of a stroke. She was buried in Ste. Claire Church Cemetery.

George moved to San Clara in 1964. On May 15, 1964 a special tribute was made to George Poitras R.T.L. #28, at the age of eighty-three and he was still very active. He had spent over forty years trapping in the Duck Mountains. George died at his daughter's home on August 11, 1969 at the age of eighty-seven. George and Adele had thirteen children. Three children died — Louis Leon 1914, Josephine Leona 1930, and David Jacob 1930.

Clara Rose Delia was born Jan. 27, 1912 in St. Michael, North Dakota. On Dec. 17, 1929 she married Prosper Henry. Prosper held a registered trap line and farmed the S.W. 1/4 26-29-28 section.

Clara and Prosper had fourteen children and lost three: Jean, Flo, Kenny (George), Alex, Albert, Len, Alvin, Harvey, Theresa, Connie, and John. Prosper died in March, 1978. Clara now lives in Maple Manor.

Joseph George (Joe) was born June 15, 1913 in St. Michael. He married Alvina Thorn in San Clara. Joe and Alvina had three children: George, Chris (Floean) and Mary. Alvina died in 1961. Joe now lives in Calgary.

Laura Rose was born on Sept. 15, 1916 in St. Michael, North Dakota. She married Marcel Paul on Feb. 3, 1936 in San Clara. They have farmed the N.W. 1/4 6-30-28 for over forty-five years. Laura and Marcel had eight children: Ross, born Sept. 15, 1936, died 1980, Leo born Sept. 23, 1938-deceased, Rovina, Yvonne, Gordon, Marcella, Percilla, and Elvis.

Lillian was born on Dec. 10, 1917 in Boggy Creek. She married Phillip Nowosad, and had six children: Laura-Jean, Marilyn, Carry (deceased), Faith, Phillip, and Blaire. Lillian now resides in Winnipeg.

David was born on Dec. 7, 1919 in Boggy Creek. He is single and spent some time in the army. He still lives in the Roblin area.

Flavia Leonna was born Dec. 12, 1921 at Boggy Creek. She married Jules Larocque in April 1942. (Flavia's history is written with the Larocque history.)

Alex was born Dec. 20, 1923. He has trapped on a registered trapline since 1956 and has worked for the Forestry for some years. He married Florence Laforlaise at San Clara. They have 5 children: Debra, Brant, Allan, Romona, and Dennis.

Albertine was born Aug. 18, 1927. She married Hervé Carriere on April 11, 1950 at San Clara. Hervé and Albertine had nine children: Marie Adele, Carmele, Gisele, Danita, Patricia, Alfred, Robert, Donald, and Shona. Hervé and Albertina now live in Roblin.

Ernestine was born on Dec. 15, 1929 at Boggy Creek. She married Bill Pelkey and they had five children: Raymond, Kimberly, Billy (died Aug. 5, 1982), Melaine, and Ernestine. Ernestine now lives in Winnipeg.

Arthur Tody was born Aug. 7, 1932 at Boggy Creek. He married Jean Mingo in Winnipeg. They have four children: Carl, Carolyn, Paulette, and Damyen.

George Porteous Family by Pat McDuffe

George Alexander Porteous was born in 1867 in Rolla, North Dakota and was married to Betsy Jane Ward, in 1888. They had seven children: George, Harold, Marguerite, Burns, Lorna, Dorothy and Roy. In 1904 they moved from Rolla to Deepdale for a few months and then to a homestead in Merridale. Shortly after, they moved to Roblin where George started a blacksmith shop and later worked for Fisher Brothers in their shop. Betsy started a guest



Mrs. Bessie Porteous and Mrs. F. Y. Newton.

house where a number of teachers boarded. Betsy was known for her good cooking and won many prizes at the Roblin fairs. Because of poor health, George quit the shop and in 1924 they moved to Winnipeg. George died in 1931 and Betsy in 1946.

Of the seven children born to George and Betsy, Marguerite was the only one who remained in Roblin for any length of time after her schooling. She was born in Rolla, N.D. in 1896 and came to Roblin in 1904 with her parents. Marguerite was married in 1914 to George Fisher. She was an accomplished pianist, teaching piano for 20 years and was in a dance orchestra for 15 years. Marguerite played the piano and organ in the United Church in Roblin for approx. 47 years. Two years after the death of her husband in Roblin in 1956, Marguerite moved to Winnipeg. In 1982 she moved to Golden Links Lodge in Winnipeg and passed away in June of 1984.

John Collinson Poucher and Annie Poucher (née Watson) by Grace Campbell

John Collinson Poucher was born in the town of Martin, Lincolnshire County, England, on January 11, 1888. As the eldest of 14 children born to William Poucher and Harriet Poucher (née Graves), John was required to assist in his own support at the very early age of 8 years when he began working half-days and going to school half-days. This system continued until John became 14 years old and he began to hire himself out by the year.

In 1907, John left England and came by boat to Canada to look for adventure. His point of entry to



The Poucher Family in the 1930's.

Canada is not clear; however, on arriving he immediately travelled 2 weeks by train to Winnipeg.

John first found work in Canada as a farm labourer, but after a few weeks he switched to working on railroad construction near St. Lazare for a short period of time. During the next several years, he followed a seasonal employment pattern. In the winter, he would work cutting wood in the bush near Grandview. In the summer, he worked as a farm labourer or wherever he could find employment.

One day in 1913, as John was bringing a second load of grain to Grandview, he met Annie Watson along the roadside looking for her family's cows. In response to her inquiry, John told Annie that he had seen some cows on his first trip to Grandview and that if she would like to jump onto the wagon, perhaps they would find the cows farther down the road. In fact, there had been no cows and this was just a way of getting to know this pretty young girl.

John was impressed with Annie and he began to concoct ways of meeting her. For example, he would go to the slough across the road from the Watson farm and shoot his shotgun, even though no ducks were there. Hearing the shot, the Watson's hunting dog would then come racing over to look for the non-existent duck. More important however, Annie would soon come over to get the dog and the enterprising bachelor would have another chance to talk with his sweetheart. The courtship continued for approximately one year, and then on June 3, 1914, John and Annie were married in Gilbert Plains.

Annie, who was born on December 3, 1889 in Bottineau, North Dakota, was the second youngest of the 5 children born to Henry Watson and Annie Watson (née McVicar). During the early 1890's, Annie's parents moved by horse and wagon to Treherne, Manitoba, to farm. They stayed in

Treherne until sometime between 1906 and 1911, when they moved to Grandview. The move was prompted by personal financial setbacks and the news from Annie's uncle Charlie that good cheap land was available in Grandview.

The young couple spent their first few years homesteading in the Shortdale area, but their farm was too low lying and the crops frequently froze. In approximately 1915, they moved to a farm located about 2½ miles from Bield on the southwest quarter of 7-26-26 in Hillsburg Municipality. John and Annie remained on this farm until 1947, when they sold it to their son, George.

John and Annie were blessed with 6 children. From oldest to youngest, the children are:

Mae, born in Grandview, married Andrew Mervyn Grierson; currently residing in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

George Henry, born in Bield, served in the Air Force during WW II; married Violet Elizabeth Brimner; currently residing in Bield, Manitoba.

Harriet Eva, born in Bield, served in the Canadian Women's Army Corps during WW II; married William Ballingall; currently residing in Brandon, Manitoba.

Grace, born in Bield, served in the Canadian Women's Army Corps during WW II; married Andrew Campbell; currently residing in Kenora, Ontario.

David, born in Bield, served in the Army during WW II; married Doris Nernberg; deceased March 8, 1981.

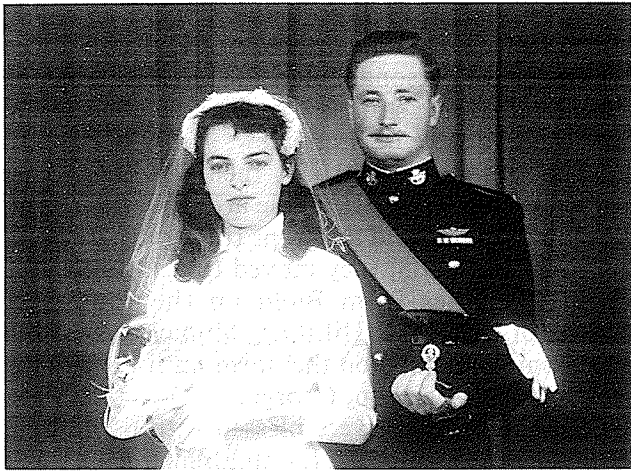
John William, born in Grandview, served in the army as a paratrooper during WW II; married Nicole Kaddon; currently residing in Victoria, B.C.

When John and Annie sold their farm to their son George, they moved into Bield where they continued to reside until their deaths. Annie passed away on January 22, 1969 at the age of 80 years; John passed away on August 14, 1974 at the age of 86 years. They are both laid to rest in the Bield Cemetery.

Jack Poucher Jr. Family **by J. W. Poucher**

I was born in the Grandview Hospital on the 27th of November, 1929. My birth in the hospital was one of the rare happenings in our family as most of my brothers and sisters were brought into the world by a midwife, Mrs. Hesselgrave or my father, John Collinson Poucher.

My mother, Annie Watson, was born in Bottineau, North Dakota in 1889 at a time when the border was not too important, nor as recognized as it is today. Her maternal grandparents were the MacVicars who somehow had immigrated to Three Rivers, Quebec after suffering from some sort of



Jack and Nicole Poucher in Belgium in 1955.

bad banking business in Great Britain's coal industry.

I am not sure how my grandmother moved to Warton, Ontario or where she met my grandfather, Henry Watson, nor how and when they moved out west. They most likely were associated with the Riel Rebellion in 1870, as we do know that grandfather was a fighter for that uprising, and that they settled in the Winnipeg area. After moving to several areas out west, they eventually settled down in Gilbert Plains, Manitoba, where my grandmother died in the early part of the century.

It was in the Gilbert Plains-Grandview area that my mother met and married my father in 1914.

My father was born in Martin, Lincolnshire, England, in 1888 and had immigrated to Canada in 1908, arriving in Yorkton, Saskatchewan in the fall of the year. He used to tell many stories about those early times when he worked on several farms in that area and in Russell or Boissevain, and eventually worked on the C.N.R. in Binscarth when it was first being constructed. It was built by mules and horse-drawn implements i.e. wheelers, freznoes, carts and lots of manpower.



Childhood days: Dave and Jack Poucher and Ellis Grierson.

Eventually my father worked in the Roblin Hotel as a swamper-helper. He often used to tell us of fights that took place when the lumberjacks or shanty boys used to come into town from the bush camp and river drives that took place down the Shell River, and how it was quite common for him to sweep up parts of ears and noses the next morning.

My father also told us about a woman who was married in the Roblin Hotel bar. Apparently she was pregnant and was offered to anyone who would own up to his responsibilities. But as no one wanted to do so, she was then offered up for marriage to anyone. As such, a local bachelor, which the area had an abundance of, stepped up and the happy couple was married and rode off together into the fading sunset.

After leaving the hotel business, Dad became part of the log drive down the Shell River into the Assiniboine River to Shellmouth from where the logs were finally driven on down to Brandon which, at that time, had several sawmills.

Shortly after my parents' marriage, they moved into the Shortdale area and established themselves in the cordwood business, but eventually they purchased a farm, two and a half miles east of Bield, from a Ukrainian immigrant by the name of Kozar.

My father told me that Bield was named by a Scotsman, Mr. Chisholm, who called the whistle stop Beal or Bield from the Gaelic word meaning "in the valley".

When I arrived on the scene on that frosty November day the stock market had just fallen and the whole continent was in the grips of a depression. All our family was raised with our "backsides hanging out of our pants", as Dad would have said, but we never realized how poor we were as the whole community was in the same boat.

As the depression ground on, it must have been a very trying time for my parents but we never went hungry, despite being known as "Poucher Patches". I fondly respected and loved my parents, especially my mother whose noble and gallant efforts succeeded in keeping us together as a family during those very trying years.

It seems to me now when I think back that God must have turned his back on the western farmer in that era, as no matter what we did to survive, nature turned against us. Rust, smut, drought and severe bitter cold winters were our lot. But we, in our ignorance, did a lot of stupid things, such as — over-cultivated, and trapped and shot the predators who were our best friends. However, the extra money we sold the pelts for was more than welcome in our very empty pockets.

With the predators having been killed by us, our farms became overrun with gophers and as such, the community offered a one cent-per-tail

bounty on those fat little fellows. It was a bonanza for us kids who had a bit of time and a few traps. It was also a great opportunity for we kids in the neighbourhood to get together on Sundays and go on a gopher-trapping expedition. So one man's loss became another's gain, especially if one could catch a ground squirrel and cut its long tail in half. Hence two cents went into our larcenous pockets.

The bounty money we gained from trapping or snaring the little beasts provided us with a few cents of exchange with which to purchase our favourite candy, jawbreakers or bulls'eyes as we called them (three for one gopher tail), which we could suck on forever and a day and use to paint our faces into hideous masks of black and pink as the different layers of the candy changed colors. Then back they went into our mouths. We could not waste much of the candy that way. It was almost too good to be true. Then came the tasty seed in the very centre. How lovely!

Live gophers caught by snare could also provide us kids with pets, and sometimes as a means of amusement we would hitch them up like horses and have a grand time racing them. Last, but not least, as a prank on the lady teachers, we put them into their desks at noon when they were out of the schoolroom and what a start they got when they opened their desks at study time, and what glee we imps took from their screams and our schoolmates laughter! Yes, I think the gopher should replace the buffalo as our provincial animal logo.

When I was growing up, Bield had three stores. One was owned by the widow of the late Mr. Chisholm and was situated on the corner, across from the Wells' family home. She was an eccentric who played the piano and sang beautifully. Her dog Patsy used to accompany her with his howls and wails, and so it often went, on into the night. She didn't have many customers during the day, so she would close shop, and in the summer would go for a bike ride, a rare thing to see in those days. I think she was the only woman in the area who owned one.

The Wells' store was well patronized as it also contained the post office. It was also the meeting place for all of the Bield locals and characters (of which we had quite a few) i.e. Bob Hepburn, my uncle and Lou Olson. I was always fascinated and amused by the stories, antics and tricks that they would play on each other and on Mr. Wells, who was quite deaf.

The Wells family owned a large water retriever that had been taught several tricks. One of them was that of tossing a bit of bread into the air with his nose and catching it in his mouth. This was a very fascinating thing to observe for a growing lad in those days.

The other store was owned by several managers,

the most memorable of whom was the Grieves family.

As the hungry thirties ground on, the news became filled with the rumors of war. From the horror stories told by the many veterans of the First World War, I was most alarmed and terrified as I thought of the devastating effects it would have on our family. This stress, family problems and pressures brought on in part by the depression, ill-affected my ability to concentrate on my school studies. These crises resulted in (as much as I liked school) my never being a star pupil, to say the least.

Much to my surprise, when war did break out, everyone seemed to be racing away to join the forces. Some just walked off the farms with only the bare essentials but I was too young to understand it all then.

This migration to the war factories and to the services stripped the community of many families. Those who were left behind were very lonely, particularly the young people of my age. I had few or no one to play with. It was a time when I was required to be away from school to help my father on the farm.

I had to leave school after completing grade seven to work on the farm. A sad happening it was when I look back on it now. I was only 13 years old and one of many others in the same boat.

By this time my brother, George, was in the RCAF. Dave was in the Armoured Corps, and my sisters, Harriet and Grace, were in the CWAC and my sister, Mae, had married a soldier in the RCE. I was on the home front, as they called it then.

Our close neighbours during those boyhood days were: the Bazylewskis, Yellowagas, Strikes and Griersons, our cousins the Hepburn family, and last but not least the Titanich family, without whose help we would have had a very difficult time to survive the war years.

During the Second World War, my brothers often came home on farm leave which helped out a great deal, and this allowed me to be able to get off the hook at times. It was during such a leave that I was allowed to go to Roblin where the army was putting on a demonstration as part of a war bond drive, and I saw for the first time, a paratrooper jump. How death-defying and magnificent it was! From then on that became one of my life's ambitions.

During the war years there were quite a few dances held in the Bield Hall which we enjoyed a great deal although they didn't have the same class as the dances held during the 30's with a floor manager calling all the dances: it had been, "Ladies and gentlemen, the next dance will be a seven step; gentlemen please choose your partners," etc. This

job was usually admirably carried out by George Snowden.

As the years rolled on I knew that things were picking up as we now had peanut butter in the house. A light started to show at the end of that lonely and sometimes boring tunnel, and the light somehow indicated a route from the drudgery of the farm. We bought a radio, yes, things were picking up!

All during my formative years I enjoyed the company of Andrew Bailes and Peter Todorovich. We became very good friends and got into a lot of mischief once in awhile.

Unfortunately after leaving the district in 1946 I never had the pleasure of meeting them again as they had both died as young men.

At long last the war came to an end with two big bangs in the land of Japan, a country we had been taught to hate, but I later learned to love during my travels in the far east. The boys and girls all came marching home, except those who had been killed in action, such as my cousin, James Fullerton, who had died on the beaches of Normandy.

After my two brothers returned home, I was relieved of many farm chores and took up trapping in a small way. Most farmers then didn't mind you using their lakes and streams, and in this way I was able to pick up some pin money. Then I found that life was peaceful, and I was content with just myself and my dog, Bingo. These were the most pleasant days of my youth.

I was 16 when I left home for a job on the CNR construction. On arriving at the Dauphin Employment office, I was informed that I was too light for that kind of work but was offered a job in the Timberton Planing Mill instead, which I accepted, and at last I was farm free and running! The summer was spent working in Timberton and was very interesting and educational. I learned how to live in a rugged old bunk house, with bed bugs and all; ate like a king, and my, how one can eat at that age! I took two and three helpings plus dessert and the old cook would encourage us to fill our pockets with cookies for a snack. This was when Canada still had sugar rationing! Our pay was about 30¢ per hour, 10 hours a day and work we did! My job was that of loading the boxcars with timber and as the car began filling up, the closer we got to the hot steel roof of the car. I often used to look down at my stomach (I wore no shirt) and noticed that I was actually lathering.

After I left Timberton, I moved to Winnipeg where I worked in the St. Boniface Box Factory for the winter. It was quite a slave camp and was run by the Jews. This was quite a turn of events. I almost lost my thumb and forefingers in a saw accident, but I accepted those things as part of the job. In the

following spring I departed from the factory with all five digits on each hand and headed out west to see the Big Rock Candy mountains and fabulous B.C. that I had heard so much about. I found my first job in B.C. through the Employment agency in Edmonton, Alberta and arrived in Penny, B.C. very early in the morning with no one to meet me. I was with others, but we picked up our turkeys (hand bags) and walked down the track and eventually found the mill. Conditions at the mill at Penny were much better than at Timberton and so was the pay, but the lumber was longer (now 16-18 feet) and we moved two or three pieces at a time. Yes, I was back loading boxcars and there I really learned what hard work was.

On the long weekend of the first of July a few of the crew pulled the pin (as they say out this way) and we took the train to Prince George. I had never seen the likes of that town then, nor have I since. All the streets were plank walks, and the population consisted of a rough, tough, rowdy-dowdy collection of cork-booted drunken loggers, hookers and Indians. They were a ripe crew, to say the least!

I had my savings in the Post Office account at that time, but I had overlooked one thing. It was the holiday weekend and the post office was closed and I was broke! I remember waiting outside one of the old beer parlors for one of my chums whom I hoped had a few bucks I could borrow, when out came an old logger, very much in his cups, and after eyeing me up and down said, "Son you look hungry", which I was, I lied and said, "No". He took out of his pocket a roll of money that would choke an ox and told me to help myself to whatever I needed. I refused and he said, "You might as well have it as anyone else", but I shook my head. He put the money back in his pocket and said, "Son you are a young fool", and of course I was! Two days later a very hungry stalwart from Bield, Manitoba arrived to work in Aleza Lake sawmills. To say the least, the pancakes, bacon, steak and eggs never tasted better.

Being interested in travel, I soon found myself down south in the Okanagan Valley where I had hoped to find employment picking fruit. Such was not the case and I found employment in a sawmill at Sugar Lake, North-east of Vernon and Lumby, B.C., instead.

The work in the mill was hard and dangerous but the crew was a good lot. The bunkhouse was quite rugged but the food was good. The kitchen was run by a big fat woman and her skinny husband. She was, to say the least, a real tyrant. As was normal in the bush camps, little or no talking was allowed at the table. This she enforced with vim and a sharp tongue! House of Parliament meat sauce was not to be referred to as "horse power" nor her

biscuits as "gut busters". Yes, she was a real shriek that one!

That fall I finally got out to the B.C. coast and found employment on Vancouver Island with the British Columbia Forestry Service. I found the sights, sounds and smell of the Pacific ocean thrilling and exciting. I had finally made it to the West Coast. The forestry crew was a fine bunch of men and as such I made some lifelong friends there. At that time our crew was working in the Campbell River area with the Reforestation Branch. It was here I saw the ravages and waste of the old time logging practices. One could walk for miles on fallen logs that had been fallen and then left to rot. "Take the best and leave the rest" was the policy in those days, but we are now suffering the effects of this in 1984 as we run out of timber.

Our main job was falling snags (dead trees) and a dangerous job it was. As the vibration caused by the falling axes and crosscut saws would cause the tops to snap off or the heavy bark to slip down on the fallers; several of us were injured and one killed, while I worked there. In the spring we would get crews in from Vancouver to plant the seedling trees and what a ripe bunch they were; drunks, bums and drugheads, etc., but it was quite an experience and a lot of fun also.

As 1948 rolled on, the Berlin blockade was put up by the Russians and the Berlin Air Lift was on. It looked as if we were about to go to war again and I was of age. So I joined the army on Jan. 14, 1948 and eventually became a member of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. On May 21, of that year I finally reached a goal in my life, as on that date in Rivers, Manitoba, I qualified as a paratrooper. Our training with the P.P.C.L.I. was arduous, sometimes exciting and sometimes boring. I found the airborne part of the training to be exciting and terrifying as I learned that I had acrophobia, a fear of heights and that I'd never been able to shake. Once committed to a jump you had to go. If you failed at the door, you were met on landing by the provost and subsequently tried by summary trial, found guilty, stripped of your wings, and sent to military prison for thirty days at number ten service detention barracks in Calgary, Alberta, fondly known as Blue Berry Hill. The "I" in hill could have been replaced by an "E" as I assure you it was no rest camp!

Fortunately, I always made my jumps and followed the training from our Garrison in Currie Barracks in Calgary to Grand Prairie, Alberta, White Horse, North West Territories, Northway, Alaska, and of course Wainwright, Alberta. The latter should have been left to the buffalo as it is hot in the summer and cold in the winter.

Then all of a sudden the Korean conflict loomed

up over our western horizon and we were at war with a country thousands of miles away that I had never heard of before.

Of course, when you are young (I was 20 at the time) you don't think of the more serious aspects of soldiering and as a result I jumped in with both feet, as did Pte. Brydon from Roblin who died with our second Battalion during that United Nations Police Action. As my dad used to say, "Man will walk where angels fear to tread".

Each battalion of our regiment served one year at the front, with some time out in reserve positions that turned out to be 'alternate positions'. One of them was Gloucester Hill where, just previous to our arrival, a terrible battle had taken place between the Chinese and the Gloucester Regiment. One didn't have to look far for the skeletons, I can assure you.

In general we found the Chinese soldiers very courageous, inventive, and at times, humorous, but always very dangerous. Different rifle companies in our battalion killed some of the "John Chinamen" making their way through our defensive mine fields during the winter with snow on the ground and using their bare feet in attempting to locate the trip wires. Those same soldiers, if not detected, would locate the mines, dismount them, put all the parts on the ground, and leave a cheeky note or Christmas card to boot, just for us to contemplate. So much for the ironies of war!

In May, 1952, I was promoted to Sergeant and became one of the youngest Senior Non-Commissioned Officers in the regiment, and of course was given one of the worst jobs as stretcher-bearer Sgt. When everybody else was down during the conflict or shelling, my head was up. It was very bad for a young lad from Bield, Manitoba. At any rate I survived the war, a bit shell-shocked, but none the worse for wounds. Thank you Lord for answering my family's prayers.

After we left the front line we were transported down south to Pusan via the Korean express. The conditions were rough but we were alive, young and the whole world was our oyster!

Upon posting to Kure, Japan I found the locals to be very friendly and most hospitable. Indeed it was a soldier's paradise, as above all, the Japanese people were most honest, honourable and most efficient. Why we fought each other, outside of politics, I'll never understand.

In my service in Kure, Japan as a disciplinary N.C.O. at the convalescent centre for the wounded, I had the pleasure of being acquainted with Mildred Herman from Swan River, who was then serving with the Canadian Red Cross. She was a very dedicated and loyal lady and certainly a credit to our province.

Upon returning to Canada our soldiers did not receive the warm "Welcome Home" like the returning veterans of the Second World War did, as most Canadians were not aware of our involvement in the far east. Oh Canada, we stood on guard for thee!

I joined our regiment's second battalion and was posted overseas to Germany where we served in the Canadian 25th Brigade in the Soest area of Westphalia.

Our battalion was stationed in Dielinghoffen where we took over a brand new barracks, and did we ever learn in short order what "Gerry Built" meant. To say the least, the construction was a slipshod effort. But being Canadians, we smartened things up and eventually made the place liveable.

During my stay in Europe (1952-55) I visited friends in Belgium where I met and eventually married my wife Nicole. Upon returning to Canada I served in Calgary, Edmonton, Camp Borden and in 1959 I rejoined our first battalion in Work Point Barracks in Victoria, British Columbia.

In 1962, I was posted to Europe once again and served in much the same role as in the previous tour but this time, thanks to Defence Minister Hellyer, we were finally issued proper clothing and equipment and as a result, our Brigade was second to none in Europe.

By this time our family had increased to five. A son, Douglas and two daughters, Karen and Dawne, had been born.

In 1965 our battalion was posted to Griesbach barracks in Edmonton and the following spring I was posted back to the West Coast as a Staff Sergeant to work with army cadets. I found this new employment interesting and very challenging, as it entailed working with the youth of Canada, not only from B.C., but also from a cross section of young people from all across Canada.

For several years I was the Drill Sergeant-Major of Vernon Army Cadet Camp where we would have up to 1500 cadets on parade for their ceremonial review.

In the meantime I had purchased a home in Victoria and we were finally in a position to put down roots.

As years rolled by, our son, Douglas graduated from Royal Roads Military College, and is now a Captain in Halifax, N.S. Our eldest daughter, Karen, graduated from High School and Comosen College and is now working on Salt Spring Island as an early child care teacher. Our youngest daughter, Dawne, has also graduated from High School, attended special schooling afterwards, and is now a beautician here in Victoria.

In 1975 I was posted to our second Battalion in Winnipeg. As I was not prepared to give up my

home in Victoria I elected to be released from the Canadian Armed Forces and received my discharge in 1976 after having served 27 1/2 years.

Over the past few years I have worked at several jobs but have found that my main source of employment has been with the Naval Reserve in Esquimalt and Albert Head where we conduct basic and leadership training.

As life goes around in circles we find ourselves back in a depression again with inflation much the same as it was in 1929 when my story began.

Since then, as I've told you in this account, I have travelled quite a lot through good times and bad. Carefree times and times of danger have been my lot, but I always found that having pride in family, pride in self and pride in my regiment job has helped to pull me through in most cases.

Fortunately I own a home and a nice piece of property at 943 Latoria Rd. here in Victoria. If any of you folks come out to Victoria please give us a ring and drop around to see us—but as my father used to say before me, "Help yourself to the mustard and eat as much as you can but what you don't see, don't ask for".

William and Maud Pound Family History by the Family

I, William (Bill) Pound was born in Nestrin, Cheshire, in 1891, and came to Canada in 1900 on "The Lake Champlain". It took two weeks to come over. We settled in Grasmere, 4 miles west of Stonewall, and were there for four years, and then moved to Enderby, B.C. in 1904. While at Enderby, I worked at many different jobs — in a logging camp, brickyard, flour mill and a chicken ranch.

In 1906 I came to Makaroff as I had two uncles here (J. H. Grundy and Hutchcraft). They had bought the farm which later belonged to Frank Grundy, and also land a mile out of Togo, Sask. In 1907 I sowed a crop of wheat but it was so poor I burned it. So I came to work for George Sloan, in 1907, but that crop froze out. I took my pay in cattle, which I left with J. H. Grundy, and went home to Enderby.

In 1909 I came back to Makaroff, and I bought



Bob, Jack, Dorothy, Bill, Emma, Maude, Mary, Gordon, Charlie Pound.

oxen and worked out. I broke the land from Makaroff to the cemetery (now owned by Rob Arnott). I again sold out and went back home to Enderby. I came back to Makaroff again in 1913, and worked at Sloans.

In 1913 I married Barbara Maud Beattie. Maud was born near Orillia, Ontario, in 1894. She came to Roblin with her parents in 1907, and they moved to a farm at Makaroff. We answered an ad in the paper for a married couple, and went to work at Golden for the summer. I traded the home I had at Enderby, and bought a homestead at Runneymede. We were there for four years. While at Runneymede, I started in the cattle business with Spigelman and Lichter.

We moved back to Makaroff in 1918 and rented the Payne place while our own home was being built on the S.W. 1/4 of 4-27-29. We lived and worked there until we retired to Roblin in 1952.

We bought our first car in 1918 (Model T, bought from Burns, who later married Mrs. Robert McBride). Then we bought a '29 Chev. from Ed. Howe.

We have seven children. Jack was born at Golden. He married Annie Beck at Makaroff, and they have 4 children, Kenny, Audrey, Mary-Lou, and Linda. They still farm at Makaroff on the former Clem Robinson farm.

Emma was born at Runneymede. She married Red (Lawrence) Ewart, of Vancouver. They have 2 sons, Jack and Ronnie and live in North Vancouver.

Charlie was born at Runneymede. He married Joan Howard of Vancouver. They have 4 children, 2 sons and 2 daughters, Barbara, Billy, Jamie and Ricky. Charlie lives in North Vancouver, and he works for the Parks Board.

Bob was born in Makaroff. He married Iola Bishop of Toronto. Bob was in the armed forces (Medical Corps) and served overseas until the war was over. They live in Toronto and have a son, Douglas. Bob has retired from the Postal Department, where he was a letter carrier.

Gordon was born in Makaroff. He married Ada Rogers of Makaroff. They have 4 children, 2 sons and 2 daughters: Eric, Gail, Sherryll, and Garry. Gordon was in the armed forces (Artillery), and was overseas. They live and farm at Makaroff.

Dorothy was born in Makaroff. She was in the armed forces (the Wrens). She married Art Allison of Victoria, and they have four daughters, Madeline, Linda, Barbara, and Valerie, and they live in Victoria.

Mary was born in Makaroff. She taught school for one year, then married Norman Cockerill of Roblin, and they had 8 children: Bernard, Jackie, Barbara, Darlene, Douglas, Patricia, Tommy and

Billy. They farmed for a number of years in the Merridale district until Norman was killed in a tractor accident in 1968. Mary now lives in Roblin.

After we retired to Roblin, I continued with the cattle buying business, but I gave that up in the late 60's. While in Makaroff, Maud belonged to both the Ladies' Aid and the W.I. and I served on the Church Board, school and elevator boards as well. In 1964 I was presented with a life membership by Makaroff Curling Club.

We have 27 grandchildren and 52 great-grandchildren. Maud and I celebrated our 67th Wedding Anniversary on Dec. 2, 1980. Maud passed away on December 19, 1980. I have continued to live in my own house. I drive my car every day and go to the Personal Care Home 5 days a week, where I help serve afternoon tea and entertain the residents. I celebrated my 93rd birthday on October 1st, 1984 with a "Come and Go Tea" at my home.

The John Pound Family by Mrs. John Pound

John is the eldest of seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. T. W. (William) Pound. William was born in Nestrin, Cheshire, England in 1891 and came to Canada in 1900. In 1913 he married Barbara Maud Beattie. Maud was born near Orillia, Ontario in 1894, and moved with her parents to Roblin in 1907.

John was born in Govan, Saskatchewan in 1914 and moved with his parents to Runneymede, Saskatchewan where they lived for 4 years. In 1918 the family moved to the Makaroff district where his parents farmed for 34 years before retiring to live in Roblin.

In 1939 John married Annie Beck. Annie was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Beck, and was born in Calder, Saskatchewan in 1919. Her father, Joseph, was born and received his education in Austria and came to Canada in 1908. In 1913 he was united in marriage to Dora Nakonechny. They farmed in the Calder district until 1927, when they moved to the Makaroff district where he also farmed.

In 1938 John purchased and farmed two pieces of land, S.W. 10-27-29 and S.E. 28-26-29, plus John farmed 3 quarters of rented land until he retired from farming in 1976. John and Annie still live in the Makaroff district where they raised 4 children: Ken, Audrey, Mary Lou and Linda. The children received most of their education in the Makaroff school and then in turn were transported by bus to Roblin to complete their education.

Ken married Angela Propp of Togo, Saskatchewan and they have 4 children: Tracey, Darren, Debbie and Cindy. They are residing in Roblin.

Audrey married John Rasmussen of California and they are living in Woodland Hills, California.

Mary Lou married Jim Goshulak of Dauphin, and they are living in Dauphin. They have 2 children: Jeffrey and Jodi.

Linda married Alfred Brade, of Roblin and they are living in Grandview. They have 2 girls: Lori-Lee and Heather.

Mr. and Mrs. John James Powell and Family by Pat Clarence Powell

My father, John James Powell, came to this area in 1902, staking out his homestead located on N.E. 34-26-29. He and his family travelled from Brandon, Manitoba with a team of oxen and wagon via what was known as the Pelly Trail. I was only one year of age at that time.



Mr. John James Powell Sr., Mrs. Ella Powell, Dorothy and (Pat) Clarence Powell.

My father was born in Wingham, in Huron County, Ontario. I do not know where my mother was born. My father worked in the C.P.R. freight sheds in Winnipeg before coming to the homestead.



Mr. and Mrs. Ireland and family in 1907. Taken on the S.E. 1/4 of 34-26-29.

When we arrived at the homestead my father built a log building partitioned in the middle. We lived in one end and the oxen in the other.

My father built the first road across the Boggy to Deepdale, having to corduroy the bog with willows before covering with dirt. While working at this one day my mother had brought dad's lunch down to him. They happened to look up over the hill and saw smoke coming from our direction. My sister and I had tried to start a fire in the stove and some sparks must have caught on a curtain close by so we got out of the house. We watched while it burned down.

My father was the first man to sign for the first elevator to be built in Deepdale.



The J. J. Powell Family: L to R. Clarence (Pat), Dorothy, Hazel and Jack Powell.

Our family loved music. Mother travelled with the minister, a Mr. Kirkpatrick, to play the organ at the old Berry Grove school, where church was held. He used to carry the shot gun in the back of the buggy to shoot prairie chickens along the way. His old saying was "Don't do as I do but do as I say".

We left our farm in 1910 and moved to Vancouver, B.C., where my father got a job building houses. My mother died there in 1912 at the young age of 34. In 1915 we returned to the old farm.

My Father, at the age of seventy one, moved back to Vancouver where, in March of 1953, he died.

I have often wondered how these same pioneers made a go of it as they had very little to work with, compared to what we have today. Maybe they were a lot happier as they knew everyone was in the same boat. This is the history of one family, at least some

of it as near as I can remember. I have three sisters dead and two living. They are: Dorothy 86 years of age and Hazel 80. I am 82 years old at the time of writing.

Clarence ('Pat') Powell Family by Pat.

I, Robert Arnold Clarence Powell was born in Winnipeg in 1902. My parents were John James Powell and Ella Ireland. They were both born in Ontario and farmed there until 1902 when they decided to move west. After a year in Winnipeg they took up a homestead and settled on the N.E. 1/4 of 34-26-29 in the Makaroff district. That is where I spent my youth except for six years (1912-18) which we spent in B.C. My Mother died in B.C., in 1912, at the age of 34, leaving my two sisters, Dorothy and Hazel, and me for my father to look after.

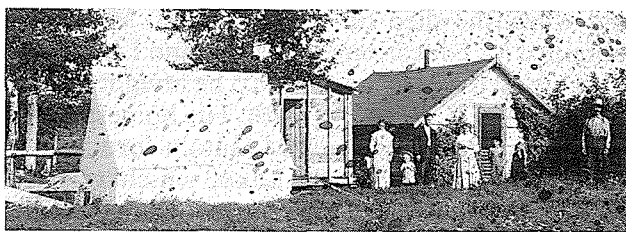


Dorothy Powell (left) with Mr. John James Powell, Hazel and Pat Powell.

We were a musical family and at the age of thirteen I, Pat, started chording on the organ and accompanying fiddlers who were in the district at that time. I got my Uncle Bill Kerswell to teach me to play the violin and played for ten years. I then took a few lessons on the saxophone and continued to play it for forty years or more. I know I have played for at least three generations. I travelled the country playing for dances, both old time and modern. My Dad and eldest sister played with me for a time. I played in some barns and in many dance halls, also for quite a few wedding dances.

In 1932 I married Eva Janet Gardner who had moved with her parents, George and Anne, from the U.S.A. Eva and I farmed on the S.W. 1/4 of 34-26-29 and lived there all of our married life.

Eva was a good community worker. She belonged to the Deepdale W.I., from 1940-1966. She took some of the women to their meetings with the tractor and trailer. She was also a faithful member of the Deepdale Ladies' Aid. Her pleasant personality and sense of humour won her many friends. It was a great shock to everyone when Eva died suddenly of a heart attack in August, 1979.



This old granary (shown here in 1908), still holds grain and is in Pat Powell's farm yard.

After Eva's death, I moved into Maple Manor where I still reside.

Our two sons, Clare and Larry both live in Regina. Clare married Gail Fisher of Dauphin. They have a son, Dana and a daughter, Sherrie. Clare is a secretary for CUPE. Gail is attending university at present. Larry married Eleanor Hamilton of Victoria. They have a teenage son, Graham. Larry works for CBC radio and Eleanor is employed as a librarian.

Mr. Isaac (Jim) Poyser by Win de Groot

Mr. Isaac Poyser was the oldest son of a family of eight. His parents, Henry and Sarah (Cook) Poyser lived in the "New House Farm" at Onecote, Staffordshire, England. His father died on April 10th, 1937 at the age of 84. His mother was 71 years



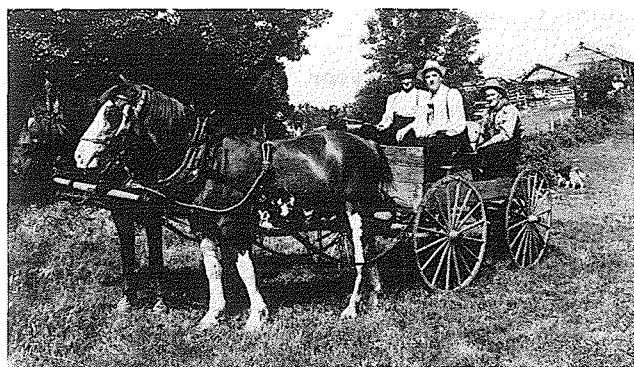
Poyser Coat of Arms.

old when she died on April 9, 1930. Mr. Poyser obtained his education in Onecote and Leek.

During the early part of 1905 he bought a homestead (the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 2-27-26). His homestead was on the border of the Duck Mountain forest reserve in an area called Spruce Lake, which was later named Merridale.

Mr. Poyser never married; rumour, or a current story that has not been verified, was that his girl friend's parents would not let her come to Canada because they were worried about her survival in the fierce elements of this country. She died in England two years after he left.

John Henry Poyser, his brother came to the area in 1906 and bought a homestead four miles west. Another brother, Rueben Poyser and his sister, Betsy came to the district on November 7, 1907. Betsy stayed with Isaac and helped as a housekeeper for a couple of years.



Reuben, John Henry and Isaac Poyser in wagon.

Mr. Poyser had a well-known ranch in the district. On May 8, 1924 he erected a shack away back in the forest reserve where he herded his cattle. The grazing of the cattle was a great assistance in checking forest fires.

Mr. Isaac Poyser enlisted in the early part of the first World War. He was wounded on three different occasions, and was present at many of the engagements along the Ypres section of the line, designated as the graveyard of Canada. Sapper Isaac Poyser of the Canadian Railway Troops wrote home during 1917 and mentioned that during a large German offensive his troop had spent several days in the trenches in an emergency case. Sapper Poyser later served with a salvaging company in France.

On March 13, 1919 he returned to live on his homestead. On March 27, 1919 he went to Winnipeg to secure his discharge. Mr. Poyser received the 1914 star, a medal especially designed for those who bore the first brunt of the attack in France and Flanders. This served as a special mark of recognition to the

soldiers serving from 1914-1918, he also received other medals.

There was a well worn path to his isolated shack. His kettle was always boiling on the stove for a cup of tea. One of my fondest memories as a small girl was running up the hill to raid his cookie jar.

He celebrated Guy Fawkes Day with his many friends every November 5th, with a bonfire and fireworks.

Mr. Poyser was a favourite among his many nephews and nieces. He was known as "Uncle Jim" by young and old, from far and wide. His greatest enjoyment was sharing his love and time with children. I always looked forward to his visit as he would make me paper animals, and as you can surmise, they were indeed my favourite playthings.

During the fifties and sixties he held picnics on his farm. Rodeos, baseball, races and sports of many descriptions were indulged in. Picnic lunches and ice cream were the children's delight. The whole event was a chain of pleasant occurrences. People from Roblin and adjoining districts were present.

In 1963 ill health forced him to spend some time in the hospital in Roblin, and also at Deer Lodge Hospital in Winnipeg. While he was an out-patient he stayed at our home.

In July 1964 I brought him home for his last "Uncle Jim's Picnic".

During October 1964 he became ill and died in the Roblin Hospital. He was 82 years old on his birthday, September 19, 1964. He was buried in the Roblin Cemetery.

J. H. Poyser Family by Winnifred de Groot

The surname Poyser is derived from the Anglo-French Peiser, Poiser, (Old French Pesseur), an official in charge of a weighing machine. Early



J. H. Poyser and Mrs. Poyser with son, Hugh.

records in England appear in Kent Pipe Rolls of 1198, in Yorkshire Asseze Rolls of 1219; in Kent Curia Rolls in 1224; in Kent Hundred Rolls of 1275; in Sussex Subsidy Rolls in 1296.

A Family Coat-of-Arms was granted in 1772 to the Poyser family in London, England.

Mr. John Henry Poyser was born on May 13th, 1885 in Leek, Stafordshire, England, the third child in a family of eight. His parental home known as "The Fold" has been in the family for over three hundred years, (six generations) and stands like a huge castle.

Mr. Poyser received his education in Oncote, and at the age of 19 he decided to come to Canada. He worked on the C.N. for a short while. In 1906 he moved to the Merridale area, and bought a homestead, Section N.E. 1/4 32-27-27, Hillsburg Municipality, for ten dollars. This is one of the very few pioneer homesteads still with the original family in occupancy (two of his sons own his homestead).

In 1918 he married Doris Charman, at Deepdale, Manitoba. They had a family of two boys and three girls. His wife passed away in Feb. 1939.

Mr. Poyser took great pleasure in writing books and poems on local events and people. His first book "Songs, Poems and Essays of the West", was published in 1934. He had five other books published. His songs were played on the local radio stations and he won several amateur awards.

He was an Insurance Agent in Roblin and District from the early forties. Ill health forced him to retire at the age of 79, in 1964. He was also a member of the I.O.O.F. and President of the first Senior Citizen's Club in Roblin.

Mr. Poyser passed away at the age of 81 years, on Thursday, June 2nd, 1966, and is buried in the Roblin Cemetery.



Lorna, Hugh, Annie, John and Winnifred Poyser.

Members of the J. H. Poyser Family: Hugh, John, Lorna, Anne, (Mrs. W. Pallister), Winnifred, (Mrs. A. de Groot). Grandchildren Brian, James and Margaret Pallister. John de Groot, Diane, (Mrs. D. Charbonneau), Lorna, (Mrs. Brian Ladobruk) and Glen de Groot. Great Grandchildren Duane, and

Dale Charbonneau, Dean, Lindsay and Kimberly Ladobruk, and Athena de Groot.

Reuben and Pearl Poyser by Eleanor Poyser

Reuben Poyser was born in England in 1887. He came to Canada at the age of 18. Pearl Pugsley was born in Dauphin in 1900.

They were married in Merridale in 1916. Reuben



Reuben and Pearl Poyser in 1959.

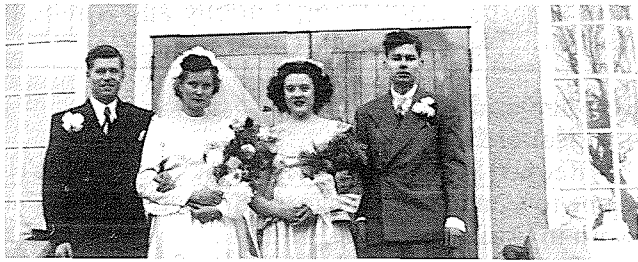
homesteaded for a few years and also drove the school van in the Merridale area. He worked on the river drive for Hanburys on the Shell River to the Assiniboine River, from the Duck Mountains to Brandon, in about 1913 and also for Alvin Nastrom on the Valley River to Timberton (Strevel) between 1935 and 1938. He was a cook for the C.N.R. and worked at a cordite plant in Winnipeg during the second World War. He worked as a tower man for the forestry for many years before his death in 1960 at the age of 72.

Reuben and Pearl raised a family of one girl, Sadie, who married Leslie Ward, and five boys: Trevor (not married); Herbert, who married Freda Dayson; Raymond, who married Helen Meketsell; Len, who married Eleanor Fowler; and Lawrence, who married Myrtle Lovas.

Pearl is now a resident of the Personal Care Home in Roblin.

Len and Eleanor Poyser by Eleanor

Len was born in Russell in 1928, the son of Reuben and Pearl Poyser. Eleanor was born in Roblin in 1930, the daughter of Jim and Florence Fowler. They were married in Edmonton in 1950. Len hauled lumber in the mountains of B.C. in 1948. He worked as a mechanic for Cross Town Motors and Parkside Motors part-time along with trucking in the Roblin area and in the oil fields of Alberta, later buying a farm in the Postup district NW 32-26-27 in 1953. They moved to Edmonton in 1955 and came back to the farm in 1958. His work con-



Eleanor and Len Poyser's wedding, 1950, Attended by Alma Pawloski and Tony Meketsell.

sisted of farming and trucking, hauling logs and lumber in the winter and gravel in the summer. The farm was sold in 1974 and they moved into Roblin to go into the trucking and truck storage business presently hauling to northern Manitoba.

They raised a family of three girls and two boys and have 9 grandchildren. Cathy Angus has two sons, Jack and Jason, of Leduc Alta.; Pat Rice has a daughter and a son, Jocelyn and Wesley of Roblin; Jim married Donna Davey and has a daughter and two sons, Angela, Rodney, and Dusty of Roblin; Ardith Tucker of Roblin has a daughter and a son, Tara and Scott; Ronald is at home.

All children except Ron were educated at Postup School until it was closed. After the Postup School was closed the children were bussed to Roblin.

The Alvin Prier Family by Clint Prier and Margaret De La Mare

Our grandfather, Alvin Prier was born in Rolla, North Dakota U.S.A. on July 22, 1859. In 1880 he married Sara Ann Sanders, who was born on June 26, 1859. They had four children: Howard, born in 1882; George, born in 1884; Elza, born in 1888; and Ethel, born in 1892. They heard of some new land being made available for homesteaders in Manitoba and in the spring of 1901, the Alvin Prier family and three other families (Crosby Wards, George Wards and Lorenzo Jolliffes) left North Dakota and headed for Canada. They travelled together in horse-drawn wagons and brought their livestock with them.

They went first to Ethelbert where our grandmother's relatives (the Sanders family) had settled. They were not satisfied with the condition of the land in that area as it was too wet; so the next year they decided to go further west. They had to cross the Valley River and the Shell River and there were no bridges. They could not ford the rivers because the water was too high. The men got a boat and fastened logs to both sides of it to make a raft. They placed a wagon on the raft and were able to transport them across safely one by one. They were able to get the cattle and horses across by the use of long ropes which the men held on both shores. They tied



Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Prier, Howard and George.

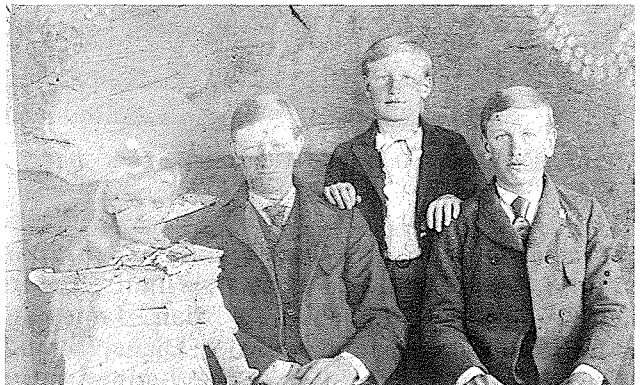
the ropes to the heads and tails of the animals to keep them from washing downstream.

After the families and animals had been taken across the waters safely they travelled on to the area now known as Deepdale. They arrived there in July of 1902 and were the first settlers in this district.

The Priers, Jolliffes and two Ward families chose homesteads adjacent to one another and on the same section (18). Alvin Prier chose the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$, the Jolliffes chose the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ and George Wards the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ and J. Crosby Ward settled on the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 18-26-29. Crosby or Cross, as he was better known, purchased a small building in the valley which had been used as a trading post by the section men when the railroad was being built. It had been operated by Mr. Douk. Cross operated a store in Deepdale for a few years and became the first postmaster in 1907.

The railroad was being built from Roblin to Deepdale in 1903 so Alvin's sons were able to find employment helping to build up the grade.

Howard and George soon took up homesteads of their own. Howard filed on the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 20-26-29, and George filed on the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of



Howard, George, Elza and Ethel Prier.

20-26-29. Later Elza filed on the N.W. ¼ of 30-26-29.

Besides clearing their own land, first with oxen and then with horses, the Priers did quite a lot of breaking for other settlers. They also had their own threshing outfit and did custom work. They took out permits for logging in order to get lumber to build on their homesteads.

The area was quickly settled and it soon became apparent that a school was needed. The first classes were held in a small 12' x 14' log house which was loaned by Mr. Parr. A proper school house was built in 1904 and was named Wyndham by Mr. Douk, in memory of his hometown in Ireland. Elza and Ethel, the two youngest Priers, both attended classes in these two schools. Ethel went to Gilbert Plains to complete her high school and later became a teacher. She taught for a short time at Wyndham school.

Howard married Marion Knox. They parted and Howard went west in about 1924. They are both deceased now.

George married Catherine (Cassie) Fitzgerald in 1910. They had eight children and raised a grandchild. George and Cassie are both deceased.

Elza married Carrie Howell and they had six children. They farmed in the Deepdale and Meridale districts. Elza and Carrie are also deceased.

Ethel married Ernest Nadiger of Lockwood, Saskatchewan. They later moved to Nipawin where they farmed. They had three children. Ethel passed away in 1954, Ernie still farms at The Pas, Manitoba.

Our grandmother, Sarah, died on December 12, 1913, at the age of 54, due to a stroke. Our grandfather, Alvin, later married Mrs. Sloan and after her death he married Mary Curle (Fitzgerald), Cassie's mother. This was very confusing for George and Cassie as it made them Uncle and Aunt to their own children. Alvin passed away in 1935 and Mary in 1936.

George B. Prier Family by Margaret De La Mare

George Bensen Prier was born in Jamestown, North Dakota, in 1884. He was the second eldest in the family of Alvin Prier and Sarah Sanders (Prier). He had two brothers, Howard and Elza and one sister, Ethel. In the spring of 1902 the family decided to move to Canada. Some details of their journey and where they settled are related in the Alvin Prier family history.

George was an ambitious fellow. He spent some time working for "Hanburys" on the river drive and helped to build the railroad through the Deepdale area. He bought a plough and broke a consid-



Prier Family. L. to R.: Harvey, Benson, Harold, Arthur. Girls: Maxene, Ethel, Sadie, Cora, Margaret and Mother Cassie.

erable amount of land for other homesteaders as well as for himself.

In 1910 he married Catherine Fitzgerald (daughter of Richard and Mary Fitzgerald), better known to her many friends as "Cassie". They had eight children, four boys and four girls, and raised a granddaughter, Maxine. The first five of their children were born on George's homestead.

There was no school in the Deepdale district as the Wyndham School District became a part of Goose Lake Consolidated in 1913 and continued as such until 1923. This meant that in the early years of their education, Sadie, Harvey, Cora and Benson had a long distance to travel to school in a horse-drawn van. In the winter time they never saw their home in daylight. These vans were far from comfortable. Although foot warmers were used they did not always function properly.

The flu in 1918 made its rounds and claimed many lives. George was near death and had heard rumors that his coffin had been ordered. However, he declared that he was starving, and when given more nourishment he recovered. Cassie's father was not so fortunate. The flu claimed his life in 1918.

George and Cassie then moved their family to the Fitzgerald homestead, six miles north of Roblin. Here three more children were born.

George and Cassie worked very hard to feed and clothe their family. The older children were sometimes expected to take on a great deal of responsibility. Although life was often difficult, George and Cassie were not given to complaining. They maintained a happy spirit and there was lots of love and laughter in their home. George thought it was great sport to wrestle with his boys or watch them wrestle with one another. Many times Cassie stood on a chair holding the lamp so that it wouldn't get upset. George also loved to play softball, and often the neighbors would gather on a summer evening or Sunday for a game. Their close neighbors were Ernie Wards, Harry Wards, Whitney McIntyres, Alvin Nastroms and Hogues. Swimming was

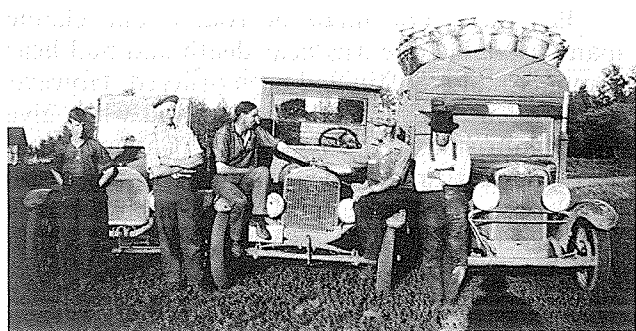
another recreation which these families enjoyed together at the Shell River or sometimes at Jack Fish Lake. George was an excellent swimmer.

There were lots of house parties too. Whit McIntyre was the chief Musician (playing the violin) and George, who loved to dance, could always make himself heard as he "called off" for the quadrilles. Cassie was not fond of dancing, but she enjoyed the music and visiting with friends. If no one had the measles, mumps or chicken pox, the whole family attended dances in Merridale and Deepdale.

The hills at Deepdale afforded a great, but daring terrain for tobogganning. George broke a rib and cracked another, one Christmas Day, while taking part in this sport and trying to be "one of the boys".

George used to work in the Duck Mountains in the winter time, cutting and skidding logs for Kelly Cockerill's mill. He also worked one winter at McBride's mill and one winter for Doering Brothers at Cowan. One by one, as the boys quit school they joined their father at the mill. They worked hard, but for fun, they played tricks on one another. There was a never-ending game of "Trying to Get Even". For many years after when they were together, they would laugh as they recalled some of their pranks.

George and his sons also worked together in the trucking business. In the early thirties George obtained a franchise for hauling freight to and from Dauphin. As there was no creamery in Roblin at that time, they used to gather cream from Postup,



George Prier's trucks gathering cream before the creamery was built in Roblin: Harold and Benson Prier, Ira Gardner, Harvey and George Prier.

Merridale, Zelena, Timber, Grand Narrows, Silverwood and Sunny Slope areas, and haul it to the creamery in Dauphin. They also picked up cream along the highway to Dauphin. A rack was built on the top of the truck to hold the empty cans, leaving room to bring back groceries for the merchants in Roblin to sell.

After Smellie Bros. built the creamery in Roblin in 1933, George and his sons turned to hauling cattle

and grain for farmers who did not own a truck. This was very hard work, as the grain had to be shovelled onto the truck by hand. In harvest time every minute counted as they sometimes tried to keep the grain hauled away from more than one threshing machine in the same day.

Sometimes George was fortunate enough to get a job with the government hauling gravel for the highways which were being built in the vicinity of Roblin in the thirties. He was also employed with his truck to haul gravel for the airports at Dauphin and The Pas during the Second World War. After that he sold his truck and started delivering milk around the Town of Roblin. (He had given up farming and moved to town in 1937.) His helper was a very clever horse named "Pearl". She knew the milk route as well as he did and saved him many steps by moving along to the next delivery without his having to touch the lines. When failing health forced George to give up the milk business, around 1954, he hated to part with Pearl, who had been such a reliable helper and friend.

Before the installation of the signal lights at the C.N.R. crossing (near Crosstown Motors), George was a watchman to see that the school vans got over the tracks safely. He also worked part time for Bill Ford at the Imperial Oil shed until he was forced to retire because of ill health. He passed away February 8th, 1961.

Cassie was an excellent helpmate to George. She was industrious and thrifty. Besides her household duties, she tended the garden and often did the barnyard chores such as milking cows, feeding calves, chickens and pigs. She and Sadie also helped in the field occasionally.

Both Cassie and George enjoyed picking wild fruit. They generally took along a lunch and made the day into a picnic for the whole family. Sadie recalls going to Happy Lake district to pick blueberries. As this was a long trip with team and wagon, they took along some quilts and slept under the stars. Besides preserving fruit, Cassie made lots of jelly and jam. Her family recalls her 'yummy' rhubarb and fig jam which she generally stored in gallon crocks. She made lots of pickles and catsup too.

Cassie was an excellent self-taught seamstress. She made most of the clothes for her family, including coats, when money was scarce. She loved to read, but had to spend most of her evenings sewing or neatly darning socks and patching overalls.

Cassie was also a good cook. Her family looked forward to the day she baked bread as it usually meant a big pan of cinnamon rolls for supper, or perhaps doughboys for dinner when the bread was depleted. It took a lot of bread to fill those school

lunch pails, as the children were all blessed with healthy appetites.

After moving to town Cassie kept boarders for a number of years, to supplement their income. She enjoyed music. Although she didn't have many lessons, she was able to play the organ for church when services were held in the Wyndham school near Deepdale. She had an organ and played hymns for her own enjoyment when time permitted. The family would gather around her and sing together. Sometimes George would play the mouth organ so the young folks could learn to do the "Seven Step" or the "Heel and Toe Polka".

Although George and Cassie were always good living people and had taught their children Christian principles, they drifted away from regular church attendance when times were hard. In 1940 they were converted and accepted Christ as a personal Saviour. This brought a great change in their lives. They joined the Free Methodist Church and spent the rest of their lives serving the Lord and enjoying the fellowship of the people.

After George's death, Cassie sold their home and lived in several different apartments. She loved to travel and visit with her family. She had time for reading and writing letters to her family and many friends. Ill health forced her to give up her suite in Roblin Residences where she had spent five happy years. She went to live with her daughter and son-in-law Margaret and Ralph De La Mare for the last two years of her life. She was fiercely independent. Although she often did not feel well, she never stayed in bed unless she was hospitalized. She passed away on January 23rd, 1981, at the age of 88, leaving behind, besides her immediate family, 27 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren.

The following is a resumé of George and Cassie's family. Sadie (born in 1911) worked when she was a young girl in a bakery and confectionery which was operated by Charlie Yee. She also clerked for the Roblin Trading Co. for several years. She married Floyd Merrell who was employed as a mechanic and truck driver most of his life. They lived in Roblin until 1941 where four of their children were born, namely, Lyle, Marlene, Elaine and Gerald. They moved to Dauphin where Donald and Barry were born. In 1957 they moved to Winnipeg where Sadie and Floyd still reside. Sadie worked for Eatons in Dauphin and Winnipeg. She and Floyd are both retired.

Harvey (born in 1912) married Irene Gardner of Deepdale. He worked in the mines in Bralorne, B.C., Sudbury, Ont. and in Flin Flon, Man. They had three children, Sheldon, Darla and Gail who all reside in Alberta. Harvey died suddenly of heart failure at the age of 61. Irene married Alf Williams

in 1980. She also died suddenly of heart failure in 1982 at the age of 67.

Cora (born in 1914) married Bill Smallwood of Toronto. Bill was a carpenter and was employed mainly in construction work. They had six children (one girl and five boys) who all live in Ontario. Cora and Bill are both deceased. Cora died of a heart attack at age 62 and Bill died of cancer at age 70.

Benson (born in 1916) married Olive Cairns of Grandview. He joined the airforce and worked in the plumbing and heating department at #10 airforce base in Dauphin. He was also stationed at Dawson Creek, B.C. for a short time. After the war he bought a farm at Grandview through the VLA and farmed there for ten years. They moved to Alberta. Benson retired in 1981 after working for Fasco Rental Co. in Edmonton for 21 years. Olive passed away in 1983. Their three daughters are all married and live in Alberta.

Harold (born in 1918) worked as a salesman for Armco Metal and Drainage for 39 years. He lived in Regina but spent most of his time travelling in all the southern part of Saskatchewan. He married Ina Valentine of Pennant. They had four children: one girl and three boys. Ina died of cancer at the age of 51. Harold married Alvina Chrislock of Melville. He retired in 1983. They spend most of their summers at their cottage at Crooked Lake in the Qu'Appelle valley.

Ethel (born in 1920) served as a pastor in the church of the Nazarene for more than thirty years. She shared in a team ministry with Myrtle Moore at Saltcoats and Phonehill, Sask., before attending the Canadian Nazarene College in Red Deer, Alberta. She served in several churches in Alberta before moving to B.C. where she and Rev. Jessie Clerc pastored churches in Langley and Nanaimo. Ethel was forced to retire early from the ministry because of ill health. She now lives in Victoria with her friend and former co-pastor, Jessie Clerc.

Arthur (born in 1923) left Roblin and went to B.C. when he was 16 years old. After working at several jobs he was a steward on the C.P.R. boats. When he was 18 years old he joined the army Medical Corps and served overseas in the United Kingdom, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. He volunteered for the Pacific but the war ended while he was on furlough. He returned to Vancouver where he married Gladys Thompson. They had two daughters and six grandchildren. Arthur retired in 1979 after working for Air Canada for 27 years. Gladys died of cancer in 1982. Arthur still lives in Richmond, B.C.

Margaret (born in 1925) worked in the Royal Bank in Roblin for four years before she married Ralph De La Mare, son of George and Della De La Mare. Margaret and Ralph live on a farm south-

east of town. They have two children, Murray and Marnie and five grandchildren.

Maxene (born in 1939) was a granddaughter but raised by George and Cassie as their own. After completing her high school she took a secretarial course. She married Al Kemp. They have one son, Malcolm. Maxene is now an agent in Winnipeg for Mutual Life of Canada.

John and Nell Prier Family

by Nell Prier

John Howell Prier was born in Deepdale, Manitoba on July 7, 1924, the second son of Elza and Carrie (Howell) Prier. He attended school in Deepdale until the age of 10 when the family moved to Merridale. He took the rest of his education in Merridale school where he and his dad did the janitor work. The family lived on the N.W. 1/4 of 28-27-27.



Eldon, Gary, Jack, Ian, Nell, Cara, and John Prier in 1979.

John joined the Air Force in 1942, then transferred into the Army in 1943; he was discharged in 1946. After his discharge from the army he bought a farm (S.E. 1/4 32-27-27) where he farmed until 1960. In 1948 he married Nellie Agnes Cockerill. They had four sons born while they lived on the farm: Eldon, Gary, Jack and Ian. In 1960 they moved from the farm into Roblin. In 1962 they moved to Lynn Lake, Manitoba, where John worked for Sherritt Gordon Mines as a mill operator on the surface crusher. Their only daughter, Cara, was born in Lynn Lake, on Nov. 8th, 1963.

In 1965 they left Lynn Lake and lived for 2 years in the Assiniboine valley, west of Roblin. In 1967 they built a new home in Churchbridge, Saskatchewan, where they now reside. John works for I.M.C. as a mine operator.

Eldon, born on October 26, 1950, married Judi McKay on August 20th, 1971. Their children are: Dallas, Dana and Dawn-a-lee.

Gary, born on Nov. 20th, 1954, married Irene

Johnson, on July 10th, 1976. Their children are Mark and Mandy.

Jack, born on March 24th, 1957, married Lorna Gogal on May 12th, 1979. Their children are Scott and Carter.

Ian, born on August 21st, 1959, married Janet Johnson, on Sept. 6th, 1980. Their children are Kristy and Clinton.

Cara is not married at this time.

Thomas Pringle

by Conrad Mann and Della Miller

Thomas Pringle was born in Dungamon County, Tyrone, Ireland and was the last member



Tom Pringle in his house.

of a family of eleven. He had one nephew in the United States. Mr. Pringle came to Canada in 1912 and homesteaded ten miles west of Roblin, across the Assiniboine River. During his lifetime he was a carpenter and trapper. His hobby was gardening. He loved flowers and trees. The Castleavery cemetery was made more beautiful by his hand as he planted small spruce trees years ago, which are now large and one tree shades his grave. He also built the beautiful cairn there.

He was a member of the United Church and a member of the Masonic Lodge in Ireland. He served



Mr. Pringle's house and yard.

as trustee and secretary-treasurer of the Cupar School District from the time the school district was formed until it ceased to function.

In 1943 he built a house on the S.E. ¼ of 31-25-29. He was very proud of his home and garden. The neat and pretty yard could have been pictured in a storybook. He also grew "Pringle Peas" — a very tall variety which climbed up 8 feet of poplar bush. He had a great sense of humour and entertained many by his stories of his boyhood. He passed on much of his outdoor knowledge to the Mann boys as he was an avid hunter, trapper and fisherman.

He died in 1967 at the age of 86 years.

Steve Pronyk Family by the Family

Steve Pronyk, son of Audrey and Octon Pronyk, was born on June 18, 1892, in Werbowec, Austria. Steve had 2 sisters and 3 brothers. The Pronyks were of Ukrainian descent. Of six children, Steve was the only one to immigrate to Canada and was self-educated.

Steve arrived in Canada in 1912 at the age of 19. He worked in a steel factory in Montreal for several months. From Montreal, he went to Field, B.C., where he worked for the C.P. extra gang for about one year. He was then transferred with C.P. to Saskatoon, where he worked for approximately two years. After leaving Saskatoon, he went to Hamilton, Ontario, where he worked for the International Harvester Machinery Co. for about a year. After that he came to Winnipeg and worked for a Bedding Company. In 1919, Steve came to Roblin and bought a farm located 8 miles north and 6 miles east in the Merridale district.

On July 21, 1919, Steve married Mary Midzain, the daughter of Mike and Florence Midzain. Mary was born in Poplar Point, Manitoba in 1906. Mary and her parents came to the Merridale district in 1908, where Mary obtained her education at the Merridale School. Mary was the youngest of four children. She had one sister and two brothers.

Steve and Mary retired from farming and moved to town in the fall of 1962, where they are presently living.

They had two sons, Paul and Bill. Paul was called into the army during World War II. He served three years, of which 13 months were served overseas.

Paul married Bella Puritch and lived on the farm up until 1965, when they moved into town and have been working for Macleods. Paul and Bella have two daughters, Ruth and Audrey. Ruth married Glen Boychuk and they have a son and a daughter, Tyson and Amanda. They live in Kam-sack, Sask., where Glen owns a construction com-

pany. Audrey married Ray Smelski and they have a son, Jared. They live in Winnipeg, where Ray works for C.P. Air.

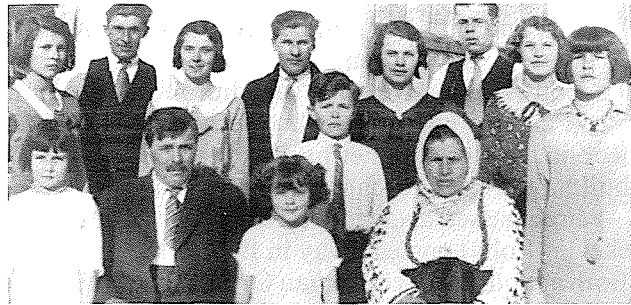
Bill married Irene Filewich and at first lived on the homestead. Bill had open heart surgery in 1972, and was forced to retire with his wife and daughters to Roblin, where they are presently residing. Bill and Irene have two daughters, Tammy and Dale.

Fred Puritch Family by Sophie Sauchuk

Fred Puritch came to Canada in 1903, from Bokovina, Ukraine. He married Paraskovia (Polly) Mintansky on September 1, 1911, who arrived in Canada in 1907.

They settled at Wroxton, Sask., where they farmed until 1939. Afterwards they farmed at Roblin, Man., and then retired there and moved into town in 1951.

Their original homestead, at Wroxton Sask., burned down and they were forced to rebuild.



The F. Puritch Family: Back row, L to R. Doris, Nick, Sophie, Bill, Betty, John, Mary, Rose. Front row: Bella, Mr. F. Puritch, Helen, Mike, Mrs. F. (Polly) Puritch.

Fred felt very close to the church and was always active in it, and helped as much as he could. They were members of St. Eli Ukrainian Orthodox church at Wroxton Sask., where he was on the board and also fulfilled the duties of diak (cantor). The church was also called the Toperis church, since most of the members originally came from that district in Bokovina.

He was a self-educated man, well versed in the Ukrainian language and learned English while in Canada.

They had 4 sons and seven daughters: John, Nick, William, Mike, Betty, Sophie, Doris, Mary, Rose, Bella and Helen.

John married Pearl Misfeldt and they had 3 children: Glenda, Valerie and Glen. They are in Roblin at the present time.

Nick married Elsie Wereschuk and they have 4 children: Edna, Alma, Gordon and Melvin. They also reside in Roblin.

William is single and lives in Roblin.

Mike married Betty Glutek and they have 2 daughters: Debra and Michelle. They are residing in Roblin and now operate the Gulf East Restaurant.

Betty married Mike Nykyforak and they had one son, Mervin. Mike passed away in 1976, and Betty presently lives in Roblin.

Sophie married John Sauchuk and they have no family. John passed away in 1976 and Sophie also presently resides in Roblin, Man.

Doris married Nick Proskie. They have 2 sons: Kenny and James. Doris and Nick farm near Roblin.

Mary married Raymond Boss. This couple had only one son, Wayne. They lived in Toronto. Raymond passed away in 1971.

Rose married Paul Reed and they have 2 sons: Gordon and Eddie.

Bella married Paul Pronyk. Bella and Paul have 2 daughters: Ruth and Audrey and live in Roblin.

Helen married James Skeba. They had 1 son and 1 daughter: Wade and Diane and are living in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Puritch had 19 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Polly was active with the church in Wroxton, Sask. and also with St. John the Baptist U.O.C. in Roblin. Along with her husband, she helped in the building of the church in Roblin in 1951-52.

Fred passed away in 1962 at the age of 75. Paraskevia (Polly) passed away in 1974 at the age of 86. Both are buried in Ukrainian Orthodox Cemetery in Roblin. Vichnaya Pamyat — Memory Eternal.

The Pyott Family by Jessie Shearer

The Pyott family emigrated from Perthshire, Scotland. The first members to arrive were brother



Bob and Agnes Pyott.

and sister, William and Marjory, in 1905. They worked for a relative, William Anderson, in the Clova district in Saskatchewan. Marjory married John Birnie in 1910. William took a homestead in the Lintlaw, Saskatchewan area.

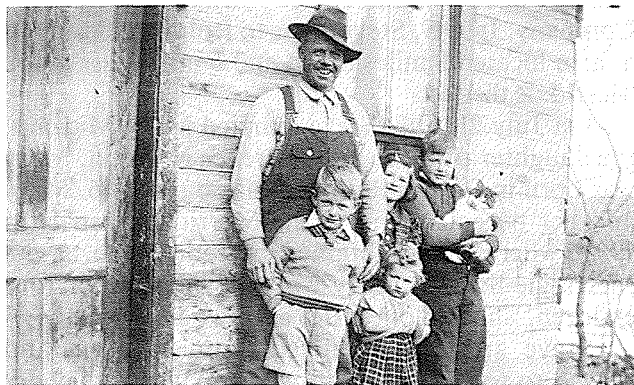
Back in Scotland their father and mother, Robert and Jessie Pyott, were making arrangements to come to Canada with the remaining unattached members of their family, to farm the James Anderson land in the Clova district. This they did in 1914. Sister and brother Margaret and Robert (Bob), came in the spring, and in the fall the senior Pyotts came with Charles and Winnifred.

In Scotland the oldest daughter, Jane, had married Robert Crerar and lived out her life there. Son, Alexander, was also married, but moved to British Columbia a few years later. He died at a young age as the result of a logging accident. Another son, James, had joined the army and lost his life in the Great War. Charles served in both World Wars.

In 1918 the family moved to the Assiniboine valley (S.W. 1/4 of 2-25-29), in the Shell River Municipality. The buildings were approximately one quarter mile east of where Pyott's Campground is now located.

In 1930 the senior Pyotts, with Margaret, moved to Armstrong, B.C. Winnifred had married John Hayhurst and moved to Vernon, B.C. sometime before 1930.

Bob married Agnes M. Case in 1930 and took over the farm. They had a family of four: Robert



Bob Pyott and family.

Pyott, who moved to The Pas in 1961 and passed away in 1982; Jessie Shearer and James Pyott who live at Swan River; and Marjorie Jamieson who lives in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

These, of course, were the depression years; however the children of this couple remember lovely, growing-up years, with the Assiniboine river and valley being their private playground—swimming as soon as it was warm until fall, skating

in winter, river banks for sliding, lovely hills for horse-back riding and just plain adventure.

Raising black Angus cattle was the main source of income for the family. Haymaking took up most of the summer and fall. In those days, rather than auction marts, we had cattle buyers. Those, whom Dad dealt with were Spigelman and Lichter, who either called at the farm and bought cattle, or shipped them on consignment. In the early years the cattle to be shipped to Winnipeg were driven to the Roblin stockyards by men on horseback. Usually these cattle drives took place in the spring.

With the building of the dam at Shellmouth,



Jean Maudsley, Minnie Pyott, Margaret Ballard, and Minnie's grandchildren Patrick and Sheila Pyott.

land owners were forced to sell to the Government their land which was required for the reservoir. With all the hayland gone, cattle ranching was no longer possible and Mom and Dad reluctantly left the lovely valley and moved to Swan River in the spring of 1968.

Dad passed away in June, 1974, and Mom in June, 1981. William passed away in 1972. Charlie Pyott is 88, in excellent health and lives on Mayne Island, B.C. Winnifred Hayhurst lives in Lumby, B.C. These two are the last of the original family.

Arthur Radford Family

by Bonnie Cockerill

Arthur Murden Radford was born on March 7th, 1911 and married Ruth Mary Burrell on December 5, 1935. They farmed in the Silverwood district. They had five children.

Evelyn Ruth, born on February 13, 1938 married Clinton Parker on July 3, 1957. They had three children. Terri Lynn, born on July 10, 1958 married Richard Nahirney on July 7, 1979 and they have two children, Matthew Allen and Jodi Jean. William



Doug, Keith, Dan and Ron Radford going to school.

Arthur was born on October 1, 1961. Shirley Jean was born on May 19, 1964. Evelyn remarried Bob Cockerill and had twin daughters, Kimberley Dawn and Kathleen Nora born on March 29, 1969.

Herbert Arthur was born on December 28, 1940 and deceased on August 8, 1950.

Bonnie Jean, born on August 8, 1943 married Lorne Cockerill on Jan. 10, 1962. They have two children: Troy Ernest, born on March 24, 1970 and Tamara Michele, born on October 23, 1973.

Ronald Guy, born on December 4, 1949 married Dena Cockerill on Oct. 12, 1970. They had two children, Dean Cory, born on October 27, 1970 and Rhonda Lee, born on June 7, 1973.

Daniel Robert was born on June 18, 1950 and married Vivian Larocque on July 29, 1981. They have three children: a stepdaughter, Barbara Anne, born on November 1, 1968 and Christa Dawn, born on April 13, 1982, and Daniel Curtis Arthur, born on September 26, 1984.

Howard Radford Family

by Noreen Radford

On November 3, 1913 Howard Radford was



Noreen Radford on snow banks on highway #83.

born at Makaroff, Manitoba and for many years he worked as a farm laborer. In 1938 he bought the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 35-28-29 with only a few acres broken.

In 1942 he married Noreen McGinnis of Silverwood and in November he joined the armed forces P.P.C.L.I's. He never went overseas as many times he was hospitalized for stomach ulcers and was discharged on these conditions in November 1943. This was when he bought an 18' \times 24' frame building and moved it to the farm site where I live today. Water was easy to get as we were close to a swamp and our first well was only eight feet deep. Then in 1950 Howard dug a well 75 feet from the house. It is only 16 feet deep, but supplies us with plenty of good water.

Our barns, hen house and pig pens were all plastered with mud and straw. When people say they'd like to own a log house, I'm amazed, as I have no such desire. One of my happiest memories was when we built a large frame barn and the last log buildings were used for fire wood.

In 1945 our first son, Walter was born. He went to Walker and Makaroff schools. When he was old enough he drove our old horse named "Fly" hitched to the buggy, to school in the summer and in the winter the children took a small van or the toboggan when the weather got warmer. Walter did some farm labor and then moved to Esterhazy, Sask., as a miner and later moved to Delisle, Sask., where he still worked as a miner. In 1967 he married Beth Shauf of Togo, Sask. They lived at Langenburg and Delisle, Sask. In September, 1969 their son, Kevin, was born. Fate dealt a horrible blow in May, 1970 as Walter was killed in a Potash mine at Delisle. Later Beth married Peter Goba where Kevin now lives.

Times were hard and so were the winters. The crops were poor. I smile today when young people start their married life with automatic washers, dryers, fridges and ranges plus much more, and are still very discontented. We, like everyone else then, didn't have any of these conveniences. Our heating system was a new tin heater once a year which would get red hot. We had no chimney — just pipes out through the roof. Even with out all these fire hazards, there seems to be more homes lost in fires today than there was then. We would get up in the morning to find the water, or any other liquid left in the pails, frozen solid. When we finally got linoleum it would curl up from being so cold. The inside of our house was just 2 \times 4's so we decided to remodel. We opened cardboard boxes and nailed these on the wall, over which we applied wallpaper, to which we had put homemade glue, and finished our living room this way. In the middle of the night we heard terrible loud bangs; lo and behold! when the cardboard and wallpaper dried it also shrank,

leaving our wallpaper hanging in shreds. Oh well, it had looked nice the night before.

Farming was all done by horses and horses were also our only means of travel. In the winter it was done by team and sleigh and later on a van. In summer a team and lumber wagon was used. Each Sunday morning in the summer, we were all on our way to Grand Narrows Hall for the Church service by 9:30 A.M. That was our weekly outing. Later the church board decided to close Grand Narrows to church services and we would have to go to Makaroff or Togo, Sask., eleven miles away. Then Makaroff church closed its doors and now I have to drive 20 miles to Roblin. When the snow fell in the fall it stayed on the roads as there were no snow plows. Towards spring the snowblower and snowplow would come up Highway #83 and clear a path through. Today we complain if we are snow bound over night.

One cold winter day my brother, Earle McGinnis, his wife, Hazel and family all came to visit us. We didn't can fruit in those days for two good reasons; we couldn't afford the fruit, and secondly it would have frozen anyway. So I cooked some prunes — an old stand by. I put them in a sealer on the step to cool but as soon as the sealer hit the snow I had no sealer and no prunes. This was a disaster as we had ration coupons for sugar, tea, flour, meat, etc., and that was very skimpy and I'd wasted the sugar so that was a terrible loss.

Large piles of green wood were cut each winter to be seasoned for next year. Howard and his brother, Ben often helped each other get out wood. Jack Radford owned a sawing outfit and for a small fee would go from place to place where eight to ten men had gathered for a wood sawing bee. Some of the ladies would go and help cook meals for these hungry, cold men. It was the same at threshing time; our men would be away ten days at a time, leaving the women to herd cows, look after the family, milk cows and gather in the garden produce for winter. We, including our families, all worked very hard but we were happy. When we could afford to eat one of the pigs we had raised (generally a too-fat sow), a relative or neighbour would help again and come to help butcher. Our busy independent world was much different than today with T.V's, cars, etc., and people are not as neighborly now.

In 1949, Douglas was born. He attended Walker school, where he went by horse. In his high school years the bus was taking the children to Roblin. In the spring when the weather was warmer they took a toboggan to Walker school and would come home down the "strip road". They had to go through Mr. and Mrs. Dave Klassen's yard, so they would bring their mail from San Clara, where Walker school then stood. On cold days the kids would be asked in

to warm up and have some delicious cookies. After high school Douglas joined Walter as a potash miner in Esterhazy and Delisle, Sask., then later went to Thompson. In 1973, he bought a half section of land formerly owned by Robert Ferguson and took up full-time farming in the summer and in the winter for six years, he went north to Fort McMurray, Alberta. He drove a cat and grader for oil companies. He now lives on and farms the family farm and will one day own it.

In 1954, we built a 20' x 20' addition on our home and gradually got it finished inside and out. Our heating system changed over the years as did our standard of living. We now had two tile-lined brick chimneys and a 20' x 20' basement, then we had a booker heater put in which burned coal. This was nice, but, oh, the mess of coal dust! Then we bought an oil burner which could be scary at times but produced a nice even, clean heat. Now we have electric and wood heat and all the modern conveniences.



Doug, Carl and Walter Radford.

In 1956 Carl was born, he also went to school at Walker and Roblin. He graduated from grade 12 in 1974. He then drove a cat for George Shearer at Dauphin. Later he went west to work on the oil rigs. In 1979 he decided to try farming in the summer and working out in the winters. In 1980 he took a full-time job with the Department of Highways at San Clara, and still farmed after four and on weekends. He soon found out he had no time to be with his wife and family, so this year he gave up farming, but works for Douglas as much as possible.

In April 1979, Carl married Rose Carriere of San Clara, and in April of 1982, they had a bouncing baby boy, Joseph Andrew. The name Joseph came from Carl and his dad playing cowboys and Indians when he was a little boy. His dad started calling him

"Little Joe", coming from T.V.'s Bonanza program. Then in December 1983, Joey was blessed with a beautiful baby sister, Jennifer Marie. I, as a grandmother certainly enjoy these little ones. It is too bad their grandpa could not have been spared long enough to see them.

In 1958 Howard's mother, Mrs. Lillieth Radford, came to live with us and spent the next five years here. For years she had looked after her daughter, Ruth Webb's children (four) while Ruth worked. Now Ruth was moving to Edmonton and grandma did not want to go with them. Grandma's eyesight was failing fast but she would do the dishes, shell peas, etc. She was a great help and wonderful company for Carl. Grandma, with her cane and Carl, and our dog Sport, went for many walks and enjoyed the great outdoors. One day Grandma said, "Carl and I will stay home while the rest of you go to Roblin". We didn't stay any longer than necessary but when we arrived home Grandma was out in the yard calling, "Carl, Carl", she feared



Grandmother Radford and Carl and dog Sport.

he was lost. There was no answer, so we all ran in different directions. His dad went to the well first to see if he had fallen in. We looked everywhere but there was no Carl. Then we came into the house only to find him sound asleep on the bed. By 1961, Grandma was totally blind and in July 1963 she passed away and was laid to rest beside her husband, John Radford who had passed away in 1938 and was buried in the Mountview Cemetery at Silverwood. To all of us it was great loss, but to Carl someone very special was missing.

One day in July, 1960 Howard went to get the children from school. When he got home he said he did not feel well, and was burning up with fever. I had not driven the truck very far in those days, just

to the field and back, so then he said I could drive him to the hospital, I knew how sick he was, but we got there. He remained in hospital with pneumonia. Our niece, Merle Framingham came home with me for company and to help out on the farm. When we arrived home, lo and behold!, there were tents every. Mr. Stillborn, who had a contract to cut pulp in the spruce bluff south-west of us, had hired a few natives to come and work for him. We did our evening chores and had supper. Our radio was playing on the kitchen window, so when we went out later that evening, about 30 men, women and children were sitting by our house and also enjoying our music. Needless to say we were nervous, but our friends remained harmless. They took water from our well and somehow my soft water in the barrel seemed to disappear, as did the eggs from the hen house and vegetables from the garden. After Mr. Stillborn arrived and convinced many of them that he only had enough work for the four families he had hired, the rest of them finally left. They



Howard Radford shearing sheep.

remained in the area for about 1½ years and, except for a few incidents, we were very good friends.

Howard, as his dad before him, had always raised sheep. He was very capable and did the shearing, although he was not fond of the sheep ticks and the hot days, but you had to shear sheep when the oil was in the wool. What a racket of "Baa, Baa" there was until finally the lambs each

decided which strange looking creature was its mother. He also sheared sheep for Orville Wilson, Earle McGinnis, Bill Appel and John Brazeau. In 1970 he decided to sell the sheep. By this time you had to sell so many pounds of wool or you did not get the government subsidy, which meant a lot. The coyotes were hungry and loved mutton. They would come right into the yard, three years in a row and killed several sheep. At one time the sheep broke out into our oat field which was about eight feet high and had frozen. From eating this they got nitrate poisoning. They would jump up in the air and lay down and die. We lost six that time. Howard figured this was just another losing battle. Deep down I think he had had enough of chasing sheep back from where they should not be. If not, the rest of us had had enough. There are very few flocks of sheep in this area now.

We hand milked cows for 35 years, starting with two or three and gradually increased to ten. Along with other farm work, it was just too much. When we first quit milking cows, we wondered how we would manage financially, as our cream cheques had been our main source of income. We survived and had more good sucking calves to ship. We also raised turkeys and chickens to sell and also kept guinea hens, bantam hens and yes, we even had tame rabbits at one time.

Howard loved hunting and the outdoors but in 1963 he lost the sight of his right eye when some barbed wire got in it while he was fencing. He never cared for hunting after that. After all he was not left handed. The boys, too, loved to hunt but now that desire seems to have gone.

Then came 1980. Howard had never been well since his ulcer operation in 1963, when they removed half of his stomach. Now we could see him failing fast and he finally went to a doctor, who diagnosed his case as that of lung cancer. After 15 months of Chemotherapy and radiation he passed away and was laid to rest in the Roblin District Cemetery. During his illness, it was only while Howard was in hospital that he remained in bed. Although he was very weak, he went around the farm yard and garden and took a keen interest in all that was going on around him. Life without him has been very hard.

We had never had a colt born on our farm until the spring of 1983, when we had two lovely colts. This summer the bay colt had its shoulder broken and had to be destroyed. Also in 44 years we have only had one set of twin calves and even at that, one was born dead.

The spring of 1980 was very hot and dry. A fire burning a scrub pile south of us got out of control and into the spruce. For two weeks steady, many people were here fighting fire. Twice we had the Roblin Fire Department out to save our buildings.

Ed Lenderbeck, who was watering the cedar shingles on our house, slipped and came to the ground, landing on his feet. He injured his ankles and still has problems from the incident. There were four caterpillar tractors and a skidder working in our spruce, trying to stop the fire and salvage what logs they could. Howard hated to see any spruce trees destroyed but we lost many that year.

When Howard was alive, we applied for a grant to put new shingles and siding on our house. We made an error on the form and it was returned to us. Now it was fall so we decided not to bother and by spring Howard was ill. In 1982 I decided I would try for the grant again and this time I succeeded, but when they pulled the old stucco off the original part of the house, it was rotten and had to be torn down. Again our relatives and neighbours were here to help. After two months and lots of work we had a very nice modern home. I often think it was a good job our first grant was turned down as I'm sure Howard could not have stood the hassle we went through.

This is another first. It's August 30th, 1984 and I am writing this while trucking grain in the barley field on our north farm (five miles from home), which will one day belong to Carl. We have combined 400 acres and, except for 20 acres, of oats to swath and combine, we are finished harvest for this year. We combined nonstop as far as rain was concerned. Due to the dry, very hot summer the crops matured quickly. We have not had a bumper crop as it had looked to be earlier, but it is very good.

Jack and Ethel Radford by Ethel Radford

I am a member of a large family; there were twelve of us, ten girls and two boys. My Father and Mother, Thomas Charles Burrell and Grace Myrtle Greenizan, respectively, came west from Ontario around 1907. They lived in Killarney for awhile. My sister, Margaret, was born there (the third child), while I was born in Strathclair Municipality on a farm near Neeland, Manitoba.

When I was two years old, we came to Togo, Saskatchewan with many more people from Killarney. Among them were: the William McMurray's (farmers near Togo), Fred Cowans, and Brock and Jack Greenizan (my Mother's brothers) who ran a livery barn in Togo and dug wells, and also ran a delivery service with horses (buggy and cutter), Fred Allen, Sid Rogers, A. J. Griffet, and many more.

We moved to Manitoba into Shell River Municipality in 1914 on to a homestead N.W. sec. 35-28-29 which my Dad managed to obtain by sleeping between the screen door and the main door of the land agent's office in Grandview to be the

first inside when the office opened. The land cost \$10.00 if you developed it by clearing some land and building on it within the first year.

To get to Roblin, which was hardly on the map then, it took three days to go by horses; we stopped at Seem Hates overnight coming and going. I believe this land belongs to Verna LaLiberte now.

We went to Walker School, a log building, very cold in winter. As we were the only Protestant children at the time in school, we were not welcome; much discord and unhappiness was endured by both adults and children.

We were forced to pay taxes to Roblin Consolidated School as well as Walker School district because our land was in the Municipality of Shell River, but our nearest school was in the unorganized territory. Grade 8 was the extent of our schooling at Walker.

In 1932, I married a neighbor boy, Jack, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Radford, and we moved onto the east side of our home section, where we raised a family of eleven children.

George married Marion Peters of Binscarth. They had three children: Patricia, Les and Christopher. They live at Rossburn, where George has been foreman for Mr. Harold Clement on his ranch, the Bar C, for 26 years.

Eleanor died in 1947.

William married Martha Ramstead of Pleasant Valley, Saskatchewan. They had two children, Laurie and Debbie, and live at Rocky Mountain House, Alberta.

Catherine married Walter McFadden of Endcliffe, Manitoba. They have four children: Callen, Trevor, Andrew, and Linda. They live in Weyburn, Saskatchewan. Wally runs a Grain Growers elevator at Yellowgrass. He has worked with U.G.G. for 26 years.

John married Doreen Martin of Inglis, Manitoba and they have three children: Merril, Barbara and Shawn. They live in Bonnyville, Alberta, where John has an auto parts shop.

Carol married Ralph Daniluck of Swan River and they have four children: Warren, Kimberley, Jackolyn and Daniel. Ralph is a heavy-duty mechanic, buildings dams in Revelstoke, B.C. He also worked at Grand Rapids, Manitoba.

Bernice married Steven Labuick of Neepawa. They have two girls, Stephanie and Tanya. Steve worked for the C.P. Railroad and lives in Brandon.

Allen married Karen Espetivedt of Ardmore, Alberta. They have two children, Lisa and Chance. He is living at Morinville, Alberta and works with Oliver Farm Implements.

Cliff is a licensed heavy-duty mechanic. He works for Kenworth Trucks.

Terry married Dorothy Lindner of Sherwood

Park. They have two children, Cameron and Sandra. He is foreman in the auto parts department of Kenworth Trucks.

Reg married Lauralyn Inieson of Edmonton. They have three girls: Erin, Jamie and Ashley. He works with Billy in the auto parts shop at Rocky Mountain House, Alberta.

This is my family. Jack, my husband, died in 1974. I sold the farm and lived in Roblin for six years and am now living in Edmonton, Alberta.

The years were hard, but we were blessed with good neighbors and friends, ready to help out when help was needed, and many a good ball game or water fight was enjoyed. Because of the goodly number of sisters and relatives in our corner, we called it "The Aunt Hill". The Grand Narrows Hall was our church, and Togo ministers came out to hold services. Jack and I were married there by Mr. Connell in 1932.

Many good times were had in that old hall. It used to be the Boggy Creek School house; the community moved it for three miles with horses and tractors on to Mr. Tom Dixon's land. He had donated a few acres of his place.

Mrs. Jane Walsh was our Sunday school teacher. She was Adam Sangster's sister, and we loved her.

Mr. Cyril McKnight was our Sunday school superintendent for many years.

Threshing time was always a big time for everyone. Mr. LaChance had a big steam engine. He came and there were up to twenty men in his gang. If it snowed, the men would stay. I remember my Mother thinking it would never end. In later years, Mr. Maguire and my Dad did a good bit of the threshing. Then gas tractors came, making it much easier.

William Radford Family by Marie Radford

William is the son of John and Lilleith Radford of the Grand Narrows district. William, (better known as Bill), was born in the Makaroff district where he took part of his schooling, and then with his parents, brothers and sisters moved to the Walker district. His parents farmed and Bill finished his schooling. He worked for different farmers around the Grand Narrows district; then in the winter of 1939 he went to Fort Frances, Ont., where he worked in a logging camp.

In February 1941, he joined the army and he was with the Winnipeg Grenadiers until May 1944. Then he transferred to the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders with which regiment he served overseas in Europe until the end of the war. He returned home in December 1945, then he farmed in the Cromarty district until 1953. Bill then worked for the Depart-

ment of Highways for 30 years and moved to Roblin in July, 1967.

With his wife, Marie (daughter of Wilfred and Emma Gardner), whom he married on January 13, 1944, they raised 12 children and educated them in Roblin.

Sharon married Ken Grundy on July 17, 1963, and they farm in the Makaroff district. They have 2 children: Brenda, who is a legal secretary, and works for a lawyer in Yorkton, Sask., and Brent who is still in school.

Wayne of Dauphin Manitoba, married Marion Orr of Grandview, Man., on August 14, 1971. Wayne works for the Dept. of Highways and Marion, who is a teacher, taught in several rural schools, and in Roblin. For the last ten years she has taught at Ochre River, Man. Wayne and Marion have one daughter, Tamara, who is in Grade 1 this year (1984).

Garry, who has served 14 years with the R.C.M.P., is presently corporal of the detachment at Vauxhall, Alberta. He married Noreen Roland of Mariapolis, Man., on August 17, 1972. Noreen is a school teacher who taught in Roblin, Neepawa and Spruce Grove, Stoney Plain, Picture Butte in Alberta and is now at Vauxhall. They have one son, James, who is in public school.

Robert works at the mine at Leaf Rapids, Man. He married Shirley Robertson, who is an R.N. on May 21, 1971. She nursed in Winnipeg and presently at Leaf Rapids. They have 2 children, Sheri and Christopher and they are both in public school.

Dianne of Thunder Bay Ontario, married Robert Prouse of Brantford, Ont., on July 31, 1971. Bob was with the R.C.M.P. for 12 years but quit the forces three years ago and works as a security guard in Thunder Bay, Ontario. They have two boys, Jeff and John, who are both still in school.

Glen of Hillcrest, Alberta, works in the coal mine at Fernie, B.C. He married Lynn Spencer of Sparwood, B.C., on Feb. 28, 1976. They have 2 children, Steven and Bobi-Nicole. Steven is in school and Bobi is 4 years old.

Deborah of Riverton, Man., married Dennis Hlady of Tholsberg, Man., on July 10, 1973. Dennis is a park ranger at Hecla Island. He has been with the Parks Dept. for 10 years. They have 2 girls: Tandy-Lee and Terri-Lynn. The girls are both in public school.

Jeannette lives in the Calder, Sask., district. She married Brian Becker on Sept. 10, 1971, who farms on his own and with his dad and brothers. They have two boys, Toby and Jason, who are both in public school.

Randy farms in the Roblin district and still lives at home.

Gregory of Olds, Alberta, who has worked on

the oil rigs for 6 years, is moving back to Brandon where he is going to go back to school and take up a mechanic's course. Greg, married Kimberly Ungrin of Russell, Man. on May 22, 1982. Kim is a dentist assistant. She has worked for dentists in Winnipeg and Calgary.

Calvin is a carpenter and works in the millwright dept. for Logan-Stevens Construction in Yorkton, Sask. He married Laurie Dreger in Nov. 1981. They have one son, Justin, who is 2 years old.

Kevin, who is the youngest, lives at home. Kevin just graduated from Grade XII this year (1984) and is presently employed at Eli Cox's grocery store.

Robert Rae by Gladys

Robert Rae was one of the earliest settlers in the Roblin district, homesteading on the SE 1/4 of 24-26-29-W1 in the spring of 1902. This land is 2 miles west and 2 miles north of the present town of Roblin.

Robert was born in Dumfries, Scotland on May 5, 1867, the eldest son of John and Sarah Rae. He spent part of his boyhood in London, England and immigrated to Winnipeg, Canada in 1885. At first he worked on a farm near Pipestone, Manitoba for a man named Robert Forke, who later became a Senator. In 1891 he returned to Winnipeg and finally worked with the Winnipeg Electric, later transferred to the Power House and worked as a fireman.

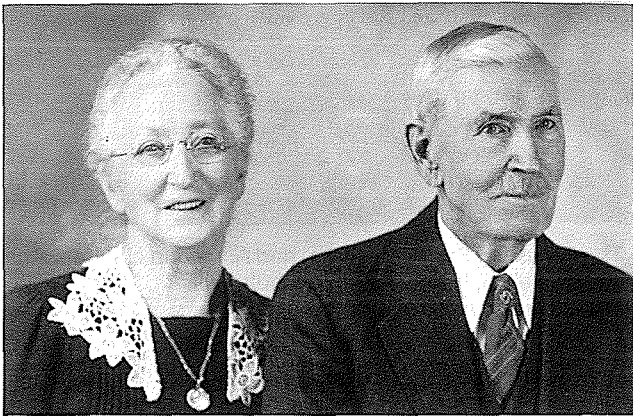
In 1898 he married Elizabeth Pomeroy, a young

the Carronbrook and Cromarty districts. Their neighborliness was exemplified by many acts of helpfulness to the early residents of the district and down through the years contributed much to the development of the community. Mrs. Rae baked bread 6 days of the week for the bachelor neighbours.

Robert became a councillor for Ward 6 in the Municipality of Shell River, which marked the beginning of a lifetime of public service. For the first 4 years he made regular trips to Asessippi to attend the Council meetings. This required three days away from home as he had to go by buggy or cutter. Later, he served for several terms as Reeve of the Municipality, and for many more years was a Justice of the Peace.

In 1923 the Raes bought a home on 3rd. Avenue that had been owned by a Mr. Gibson who had been killed in World War I. The Raes had two children, Wilfred John and Gladys. Wilfred won the first Governor General's Medal in Roblin. After graduating from the Agricultural College in Winnipeg he joined the faculty of Saskatoon Agricultural College where they lived for several years. The Rae home was always open to friends. He married Margie McDonald from Manitoulin Island and they had 2 sons: John, now a mechanical engineer and Lorne an investment councillor in Vancouver. Wilfred passed away in February, 1979. The University of Manitoba hung a bronze plaque in the Agricultural College building as a memorial to Wilfred.

Margie Rae was a very interesting person who collected antiques for many years and had many lovely pieces of furniture which she spent hours restoring and cleaning. She has traced her ancestry back to the United Empire Loyalists, who had a bicentennial celebration in 1983. Marge designed a quilt which the professional needlewomen of Upper Canada Village will construct. Before this her eyesight was becoming a problem and now in 1984 she writes letters using a black plastic gadget slotted to guide one down the page. She moved into a Senior



Robert and Elizabeth Rae in 1947.

English girl from Bridport, England. Robert became ill and could not do any hard work so the doctor advised him to live in the country. He went to Grandview where his in-laws had settled and finally came to Roblin.

The Rae home was a "home away from home" for the settlers coming from Ontario and settling in



Gladys Rae.

Citizen's Home in Vancouver a couple of years ago. In 1981 she made a lengthy trip to New Zealand and Australia.

The daughter, Gladys Rae taught school in Roblin for a number of years, and then went to Ottawa in 1942 and worked in the Department of Finance. She is now living in Victoria, B.C. and is very active in IODE work and the Victoria Citizenship Court. Being politically minded like her father, she is involved in the Victoria Women's P.C. Association.

Mrs. Robert Rae passed away in May, 1947 and Robert in November, 1951. They were both proud of their new country and proud to be called Canadians.

Other Settlers of The Carronbrook District

Atkinson: James and his wife with 4 children — William, Ruth, Esther and Dorothy lived just south of the Raes. Mr. Atkinson was a North West Rebellion veteran and lived at Bagot, Manitoba before moving to the Shell River area.

Ingleton: Charles, a brother of Mrs. Atkinson, lived on the NW 1/4 of section 13. They had one daughter, Millie who married Walter Payne.

Carleton: James and his wife, Maggie Nobbs homesteaded on the NE 1/4 of 24-26-29. James was a solid hard-working man from Ontario. He died in 1912.

Pomeroy: James, a brother of Mrs. Rae was born in Bridport, England and came to Canada with his parents, Wm. and Harriet Pomeroy in 1891, and settled in the Grandview area. They moved to the Carronbrook area on the NW 1/4 of 24-26-29 along the banks of the Boggy Creek. He married Irene Holmes of Vankleek Hill, Ontario. They had 3 children: Douglas, Kenneth and Wendall. The boys are now dead and Wendall lives in Ottawa. Emily Pomeroy, a sister of James married Robert Miller.

Forfars: Mr. and Mrs. Arv. Forfar lived on the SW 1/4 of 24-26-29. They had three boys: Carl, Ernie and Hubert and one daughter, Nellie. Mr. Forfar died in 1906 and was the first person to be buried in the newly created Roblin Cemetery, just north of Roblin. Mrs. Forfar later became the Postmistress in the Village of Roblin.

Other early settlers of the Carronbrook District.

John Maclaren, Jack Cronin, Jim Collins, John Honey, Matt Brandon, Mike Rolston, Schneiders, Dunlops, Grahams and Hendrys.

The George Ratushny Family by Mrs. Nellie Zibresky

George Ratushny (b. 1866), wife Anna (b. 1869) and daughter Olena (Helen, b. 1897) immigrated to Canada from the Ukraine in 1901. They settled at

Sifton, Manitoba, and during their time there, a son, Metro, was born in 1902 and a daughter, Mary, was born in 1904.

A few years later, the family moved to the Postup district, 12 miles north of Roblin. The rest of their children were born there: Nicholas was born in 1905, William was born in 1908, Anna was born in 1910, and Anastasia (Nellie) was born on December 24, 1911. The children all attended the Postup School.

Upon their arrival in the Postup district, the family lived in a small clay-sided house. They later built a new, wooden house in the same yard (about 1910). George worked on the railroad, and he would walk to Neepawa or Dauphin to work. On his return home, he would carry groceries and supplies (such as flour) on his back. Times were unbelievably hard, and families struggled just to put food on the table. Getting a team of horses was a major investment; George acquired a good team eventually, but he paid about \$500 for it and that was quite a high price at that time!

Around 1920, people were leading their cattle behind their wagons to sales at Roblin. Good cattle sold for about \$10 per head, not very much money by today's standard and yet, at that time, a person could buy quite a few groceries for that money.

George Ratushny passed away on January 20, 1925. His wife, Anna, passed away on December 18, 1946. Their children all married:



The Ratushny Family: George, and Anna and children, Anastasia (Nellie), Helen, Mike Boychuk, William, Metro, Nicholas, Mary and Anna (1918).

Helen married Mike Boychuk in 1915. He passed away in 1945, and Helen passed away in 1949.

Metro married Tillie Small in 1928. Metro passed away in 1978, and Tillie presently lives in Kamsack.

Mary married John Tuga. John passed away in 1961, and Mary remarried in 1970 to John Slipchenko, who passed away in 1972. Mary now lives in Winnipeg.

Nicholas married Caroline Baranowski in 1930. Caroline passed away in 1965 and Nick passed away in January, 1979.

William married Helen Peteleski in 1942. William passed away on August 30, 1983. Helen still lives on the farm in the Postup district.

Anna married Nicholas Motyka in 1928. They are presently living in Maple Ridge, B.C.

Anastasia (Nellie) married Michael Zibresky (b. 1902) in November, 1935. They settled on a farm in the Postup district. Michael passed away in 1945. Nellie and Michael had 3 children: Stephen was born on Sept. 3, 1936; Stella was born on Nov. 1, 1940; and Shirley was born on Oct. 29, 1943.

Stephen Zibresky married Barbara Wieland in 1962. They have 2 daughters, Christine and Donna. Stephen works with the City of Calgary Planning Department, as a senior plumber and gas inspector.

Stella Zibresky married William Symbalsky in 1958. They are farming in the Grandview area. They have a daughter, Brenda May, who married Brian Hall. Brenda and Brian have one son, Brinton, and they live at Ottho, Sask., where Brian owns an auto body shop.

Shirley Zibresky married Stanley King in February, 1964. They have two sons, Steven and Michael, and they presently live in Agincourt, Ontario. Shirley, blind since birth, studied at the C.N.I.B. in Brantford, Ont. for 12 years. She studied dictaphone typing and worked for Gulf Oil of Canada for 3 months. Now, after taking computer training, she works for a trust company in Toronto. Each day she travels to work with the aid of her seeing-eye dog. Her husband, Stanley, works out of their home, using a computer to locate and place people in appropriate jobs. He does this employment service for various companies. A hobby of the whole family is skiing and Shirley and Stan have skied for quite a few years, often going to different countries to ski with their sons. They've won quite a few medals in ski racing.

Nellie Zibresky is now living in Roblin. After working at Skinner's Nursery for a short time, she sold the farm and moved to Roblin in 1959. Here she worked as a cook for various restaurants in town and then went up north in 1970, to work for the C.N., as a cook for a B & B gang. In 1971 she returned to Roblin and continued in restaurant work until her retirement in 1976.

Nellie now enjoys membership with the Keystone Pioneer Museum, and the Roblin Fifty and Over Club. She also visits hospital patients and residents of the nursing home.

George Walter and Fanny May Rawlings by Beatrice Cameron and Gladys Craig

Our father was born in Somerset, England in 1874. He came to Canada, to Strathclair, Manitoba in the late 1890's.



Mr. and Mrs. George Rawlings.

He met and married Fanny May Wilson in 1901; they were married in Newdale.

Their first home was in Rossland, B.C. George Walter Sr. worked in the gold mine. Their first child, a son, was born in 1902 (Walter). Mother had poor health, so they had to come back to Strathclair. Their first daughter, Lillian, was born in 1905 and during the spring of that year, they came north to the municipality of Shell River and took up a homestead in the Grainsby district.

Their social life consisted of house parties, dancing and playing cards. Transportation was by horse and buggy. Shellmouth was their nearest town. They attended the United Church, which was held in either homes or the school house.

In 1908, their second daughter was born, (Beatrice). After three or four years, they moved to a farm near MacNutt, Saskatchewan. Their third daughter, Gladys, was born there in 1911, and the fourth daughter, Hazel arrived in 1913. They farmed at MacNutt for quite a few years.

In 1916, they returned to the farm of Mr. John Bernie. In November 1916, their son, William was born. In 1920, they moved again and farmed one mile west of the village of Dropmore. Our father passed away in January of 1927, at the age of fifty two.

Mother and family then moved into Dropmore, where she kept boarders and the student ministers, for a number of years.

Walter served in World War II for four years. After his return, he married Elizabeth Hunt in 1946.

He worked for Imperial Oil for fifty years. They have one daughter, Elizabeth Ann, who married Dean Johnson, and they have three children: Robyn, Wendy and Dale. They reside at Chilliwack, B.C.

Lillian married Bertrum Hunt of the Grainsby district. They moved to Vancouver and U.S.A. for awhile then came back to Grainsby district to farm for a number of years. They retired in Dropmore, where Bertrum passed away in 1976. Lillian still lives in Dropmore.

Beatrice married Roger Cameron of the Rochedale district where they farmed for three years. They moved to Castleavery and then to the village of Dropmore. They had three sons: Roger, Burke and Garry. Roger B. married Shirley Williams of Brantford, Ontario; they have two daughters. They reside in Winnipeg, as also does Roger and Shirley. W. Burke married Delores Sanders of Roblin. They have a son and a daughter. They reside in Comox, B.C. Garry married Thelma Yerema of Roblin. They have five daughters and reside at The Pas, Manitoba.

Gladys married William Craig of the Rochedale district. They are still farming on the same farm which has been in operation for fifty years. They have a son, Roy, who married Doris Edwards. Doris and Roy have three children: Valerie, Kevin and Colyn. Roy farms with his father and resides in Roblin.

Hazel married Joe Herbert of Shellmouth. Joe served in the Navy during World War II. They have one daughter, Maxine, who married Charles Thomas. Maxine and Charles have two daughters, Megan and Jody, who reside in Ottawa. Joe passed away in November 1962. Hazel resides in Victoria, B.C.

William (Jack) served in World War II for four years. He married Mildred Ferris of Dropmore in 1970. They have one daughter, Sherry, who attends school in Roblin. Jack worked for Pool Elevators, doing carpentry work for a number of years. He now resides in Dropmore.

Mother finally moved into the Russell Personal Care Home, as she was in poor health and she was there for seven years. She passed away in April, 1980 at the age of ninety-five (95).

Charlie Reader Family by Mrs. Alice (Reader) Derrah

Charlie Reader came to Shell River, Manitoba, from Leeds, England, in the year 1903, and settled on his homestead. His wife, Lydia (Jackson) Reader, and their daughter, Elsie, 2 years old, arrived in April, 1904. William Reader, his wife and family also came at the same time. They came from Leeds, England.

Charlie cleared land on his homestead. He worked with oxen and helped make trails and roads in that area. He was an engineer and used to run steam engines for threshing outfits in the fall. Both Readers cut logs to build their own homes.

Charles' family was as follows: Elsie, born Dec. 1st, 1902, Leeds, England and died April 24th, 1943; Alice, born January 27th, 1905, in Shell River Municipality, Manitoba; Hazel, born April 18th, 1907 (died on May 15th, 1909, in Shell River and is buried in Roblin Cemetery); Gladys, born Sept. 23rd, 1909, in Shell River Municipality, Manitoba, and Edward, born March 24th, 1912, also in the Shell River Municipality, Manitoba.

They lived in Shell River about seven years, then moved into Roblin. They bought some land beside the road going west, where they built a small house and barn. There they lived for about five years. In April 1917, they moved from Roblin to New Brunswick, where the parents resided until their death.

Ready Family by the family

James Duncan Ready was born in Reston, Manitoba on January 1st, 1890 and Elizabeth Jeffrey Kilkenny was born in Broomhill, Manitoba on December 4, 1896. They were married on December 9, 1914 and farmed in the Broomhill area until the dry years came. The mighty dust storms and clouds of grasshoppers drove them out, along with many of their neighbours. Jim had done many odd jobs such as making cement culverts and working on roads, to make ends meet. Bessie had gone to many homes to help out when babies were born or sickness struck.

In May of 1932, Jim loaded what machinery he had onto a hayrack drawn by his outfit of horses and came north to the Bield area where conditions looked a little better. He bought a quarter section of land in the Jack Fish Lake area and sowed some crop. In July of the same year he returned to Broomhill for the family and furniture.

The hard struggle certainly didn't end with the move. Many of the cattle and horses which people had brought from the prairie to the hills didn't survive the move too well, so those that could had to rebuild their herds.

Their family consisted of 2 sons and 6 daughters: Isabel, Irene, Mae, Mary, Wilma, John, James and Margaret. Margaret was born after the move to Bield.

Isabel married Allan Johnstone of Bield. They had three sons and 3 daughters: Isabel, Bill, Ken, Gordon, Elaine and Donna. Allan passed away in January, 1983.

Irene married Norman Johnstone of Bield.

They had one son, Edward. Norman passed away in October, 1969. She later married Joe Pederson, who died in July, 1984.

Mae married Bart Angus of Bield and they have 3 sons and 2 daughters: Donna, Bill, Len, Betty and Barry. Mae died in August of 1956.

Mary married Alfred Rice of Bield. They have 3 sons and 5 daughters, Eleanor, Gary, Joyce, Fred, Marlene, Sharon, Ken and Kathy.

Wilma married John Belcher of Bield. They have 2 sons and 3 daughters, Evelyn, Irene, Bob, Linda and David.

John married Helena Melrose of Collingwood, Ontario. They have 3 sons and one daughter, David, John, Jim and Barbara. John (Jock) died on June 9, 1984.

Jim Jr. married Mavis Charles of Roblin. They have 2 daughters, Kimberley and Beverley.

Margaret married Lyle Schneider of Roblin and they have 1 son, Wilfred. Lyle died in November, 1968. She later married J. D. Davis of Roblin. They also have 1 son, Jim.

James Sr. died on January 27, 1979 at the age of 89 years. Bessie died on February 5, 1979 at the age of 83 years. Both were residing in St. Paul's Nursing Home in Dauphin, Manitoba, at the time of their deaths. They had spent their 64th wedding anniversary together.

Edward and Alice Reed Family by the Family

Edward Reed was born in Dudley, county of Stafford, England. Alice Nock was born in Birmingham, England. They were married before 1900 in England. Dad worked at odd jobs and at a tin-smithing shop there.

In 1909 he came to Canada to the Morden area. Mother, May, Mary and Dick came in 1910 to Morden. They didn't stay here very long, and soon moved to a farm at Birtle, Bill Preston's place. We had many moves from farm to town and finally to the Inglis and Tummel districts, then to Roblin and then to Bield.

There were 14 children born of this union. Three died in England and one in Birtle. The children attended school in Tummel, Inglis, Bield and Roblin.

May, born in 1901 in England, married Harry Cowan and they had no family. They lived at Oak Lake, Man. Harry passed away as a result of a car accident. May lives in Winnipeg at the present time.

Mary was born in England and came to Canada with her mother and father. She married Herb May and they had 2 girls and 1 boy. Herb and Mary have since passed away.

Dick was born in England, came to Canada and

received his schooling at many different schools. He worked as a labourer at many jobs and finally worked for Manitoba Hydro for over twenty years. He was single and died several years ago.

Joyce was born in Manitoba. She married Jack Munn and they had a family of five — 4 girls and 1 boy. They have both passed away.

Eva married Pete McInnis and they lived in Shellmouth, Man. They had no family. They later moved to Victoria, B.C. Pete died in 1980 and Eva lives at Victoria.

Lena married Ivan Vansickle and they had 6 children — 3 girls and 3 boys. They were divorced and she married Arlie Pierce, and they live in Kelowna, B.C.

Bill married Bessie Zibreski and they had 2 children, 1 boy and 1 girl. Bill and Bessie are retired and live in Roblin.

Allan is single, and he worked at different jobs, in mills and farm work. He has now retired and lives in Roblin.

Jean, Violet and Edith were triplets and were born in Birtle, Man. Edith died when she was a few weeks old. Jean married Ed Robb and they had 7 children; 2 died in infancy, and they have 2 boys and 3 girls living. Ed passed away, and Jean married Joe Eihorn. He also died and Jean now lives at Biggar, Saskatchewan.

Violet married Arthur McIntyre in 1947 and they had 4 children: Linda, Wilfred, Gail and Ivy. They lost Wilfred in a car accident in 1974. Linda married and was divorced. They had a daughter, Kim. She later married Bill Armitage and they live at Thompson, Man. with Kim. Gail married Allen Bailey and they have a son, Nathon. They live in Winnipeg. Ivy, single, works in Winnipeg.

Arthur and Violet are very busy in Museum work. Art has been the president of the Keystone Pioneer Museum for the past 10 years. Also they are both members of the 50 and Over Club. Art has worked in sawmills in the Duck Mountains and drove a truck for C.C.I.L. for the past nine years.

Violet is active in Museum Ladies' Auxiliary and helps out with the Deepdale Ladies' Aid. They are semi-retired and live north of Roblin on the farm.

Alfred and Mary Rice Family by Eleanor Davis

Alfred Burnett Rice and Mary Elizabeth Ready were married in 1941. They farmed in the Bield district and then moved to Roblin and took up painting in 1971. Many homes and buildings in Roblin and district have been painted by Alf and Mary.

They have a family of eight children: Eleanor,

Garry, Joyce, Fred, Marlene, Sharon, Ken and Kathy.

I, Eleanor, married Bruce Davis from Cromarty district in Roblin on April 7, 1962 and we have three boys: Leslie graduated and is taking 2nd year engineering in Winnipeg at the University of Manitoba; Jeffery graduated in 1984 and is now working in Alberta; Douglas is taking grade 9. Bruce worked at Yeo Bros'. Garage, then for Beaver Lumber in Roblin. He was transferred to Brandon and also managed the yards at Inglis and Reston. We moved to the Clement farm in 1970. We sold the farm and now have the Davis Bearing and Agrimotive Supplies Ltd. along with the "Bumper to Bumper" in Roblin. We now reside on his mom's farm.

Garry married Korean Klyne in Roblin in 1970. He worked in Thompson for a short time then took over the family farm in Bield. They have four children; Sandra (14), Sherry (13), Sue Ann (9), Gordon (7). They are all attending schools in Roblin.

Joyce married Leroy Peats in 1970. They resided in Roblin, Lynn Lake, and are now in Turner Valley, Alberta, where they own an acreage. Leroy works for Universal Oil Company and Joyce works for the Treasury Branch Bank. They have three children: Scott (11), Kelly (9) and Clinton (8).

Fred married Patricia Poyser in 1969. They have 2 children, Joycelyn (10) and Wesley (8). Fred works in Alberta oil fields.

Marlene married Bob Larocque in 1970. Bob drives his own truck for Klesen's Trucking. They lived in Roblin until 1983, then they moved to Esterhazy. They have three children: Stacey (13), Keith (12) and Brian (5).

Sharon married Reg Evans in 1974, at Roblin. Reg farms in the Cromarty district on the Evans' home farm. They have 3 children: Greg (10), Janis (6) and baby Crystal (4 months).

Ken married Debbie Fluckenstein in Medicine Hat in 1980. Ken works in the oil fields near Medicine Hat. They have a little girl, Jinney, aged 1½ years.

Kathy (not married) worked at the Roblin Co-op Office, then moved to Calgary.

Fred and Blanche Rice and Family by Eleanor Davis

In 1933 the Rice family moved from Arcola, Sask., moving onto the farm which is now the Herb Poyser farm. They later moved to the Johnstone farm north of Bield, Manitoba. They had many moves and moved again to the Jack McDuffe (Lairds) farm, later to the Prokopchuk farm and then to the town of Roblin. They lived along the 83 highway where Stan Yakimishyn lives now, but the house they lived in was burned. In 1942 they moved to Toronto.

Fred and Blanche had six children: Glen, Frank, Alfred, Gordon, Marie and Allan.

Glen, Frank, Alfred and Gordon joined the forces during the Second World War.

Glen married Rita Jardine of Brandon in 1947 and they had no family.

Frank married Irene Nixon of Roblin in 1942 and they had two girls, Marion and Gail.

Alfred married Mary Ready of Roblin in 1941 and they have five girls and three boys: Eleanor, Garry, Joyce, Frederick, Marlene, Sharon, Ken and Kathleen.

Gordon married Jean Scott of Roblin in 1942 and they have one boy, Robert and a girl, Judy.

Marie married Pete Smith of Virden in 1947 and they have three children: Diane, Barry and Marlene.

Allan married Marion of Wabaskis, Ontario in 1958 and they have three girls and 1 boy: Nancy, Darwin, Nadine and Denise.

Fred died in 1968 and Blanche lives in a care home in Staynor, Ontario.

Glen stayed in the Airforce and retired in B.C. in 1982. Frank worked in Cross Town Motors, moved to Alberta and worked in Estevan for a short time, and presently lives in Edmonton; he retired in 1983. He lives in the U.S.A. for the winter months.

Alf farmed in the Bield district and then moved to Roblin and took up painting in 1971, retiring in 1984.

Gordon lived in Brandon and then moved to Ontario where he died in 1966. His wife and family still reside in Toronto.

Marie lived in Wasaga Beach, Ontario where they had a Realty Business; they are now retired and live in Ontario for six months and spend six months in Arizona during the winter.

Allan lived in Georgetown where he had a drafting business, then moved to Texas.

Anton Ricker by Minnie Mack



Anton and Elizabeth Ricker Sr. in 1935.

Our father, namely Anton Ricker, was born July 29th, 1863 in Ugerstahl, Leizirk, Austria. The family consisted of two brothers and one sister. Their mother passed away when the children were young. The father, George Wilhelm Ricker, married again. He was financially well-to-do and had servants all year 'round. As a result, the newly acquired step-mother regarded herself as superior to Wilhelm's children. This was clearly evident when the children were treated as second-class citizens by forcing them to eat with their hired help, where they were served inferior meals. In sharp contrast Wilhelm and his new spouse were served first-class meals in superior surroundings. This injustice used to irk my mother who exclaimed years later, "That was some father you had! How could he swallow his food when his own flesh and blood were compelled to eat inferior meals?"

Our Dad used to relate how very hungry he used to get when he was herding cattle in the old country. Many a time he'd return home to find that supper wasn't ready and while waiting for a meal, his body was overcome with drowsiness. Frequently he fell asleep and missed his supper altogether — such as it was. He was also required to sleep alone in the hayloft during the summer months. He was afraid of the dark, so usually one of the servants took pity on him and stayed with him until he was settled down for the night. Anton would close his eyes, thus shutting out his fear of the dark and then the servant was dismissed. On a few occasions Mother had seen Anton as a young lad. He looked pale and of course, she never dreamt that this shy lad would claim her one day to be his bride.

Marriages were arranged in the old country by the parents. It was usually the amount of property that was involved, on which the marriage hinged. This custom was also used as a guiding measurement in Canada in the early days by those of Austrian-German origin. Tough luck if a son or daughter had an interest in someone else of their own choice! Their wishes were disregarded. Divorce was unheard of. When a couple married, it was for keeps. The wedding vows were forever.

The night prior to Mother's wedding, she climbed into the hay loft to cry her eyes out. Sobbing bitterly, she was discovered by her father who tried to cheer her up, pointing out that she would not be required to leave home. Arrangements had been made between her parents and Anton Ricker's guardians (his father had passed away) that after the wedding, Anton was to reside with the Kullman family. For this arrangement Mother's parents had provided a satisfactory contribution for their upkeep. On October 14th, 1887 in Ugerstahl, Austria, our parents were united in marriage. Mother

wore a black wedding dress, which was a customary color at the time.

Our Mother, Elizabeth Kullman, was born January 28th, 1870 in Swika, Kalusch, Austria, the second youngest daughter of Jacob Kullman and his spouse, Karolina Adams. Anton and Elizabeth had a family of 12 children — 7 sons and 5 daughters. Two children, Christopher and Eleonora Ricker, lie buried in an Austrian cemetery which has been under the control of West Ukraine, Evangel Pfaramt, since the second World War.

All three of Mother's sisters, with their families, had emigrated to Canada by the turn of the century. It was the compulsory three-year military training for 16-year-olds that triggered them off to come to Canada. Val, Anton's oldest son, was on the verge of 16 years of age. Right on his heels was Jack. It would have split up the family had they been drawn into the military. This was the biggest decision of their lives. It was now or never!



The Anton Ricker Family: Back row, L to R. Anton Ricker (father), Val, Elizabeth. 2nd row: Caroline (Lena), Grandpa and Grandma Kullman, Elizabeth Ricker (mother), Mary. 1st row: George, and Anton Jr.

In 1904, Anton and Elizabeth Ricker left for Canada with Val, Jack, Lizzie, Mary and Caroline, together with the Kullmans. They sailed the Atlantic on the ship "Assyria" and landed at Halifax on June 30th, 1904. Their final destination was the Hoffental district north of Langenburg where Mother's relatives were old-timers, having lived in Canada for 13 years.

Upon their arrival, the axe fell when their brother-in-law, George Phillips informed them that all the land had been taken up in that area and therefore no homesteads were available. All he could suggest was that there were still certain homesteads 'up for grabs' in the Zorra area which was located 20 miles north of the Hoffental district in the North-west Territories.

Anton purchased a team of oxen, wagon and essential tools such as an axe, hammer and saw, plus some absolute essentials of food. They loaded up the family and took off on the long, tedious ride to the Zorra homestead. Their first introduction to sec. 24-25-30 was one of utter dismay and disbelief. They were greeted by a mass of bush and scrub with scarcely space to park their wagon. There were millions of mosquitoes buzzing around to torture the new pioneers at night.

The first night some of the family slept in the wagon, as well as below the wagon, with no shelter but the sky above them. Confronting them on the first day was the formidable task of providing some shelter for the family which could be called 'home'. A hole was dug into the ground where the pioneers at first were obliged to live like moles. The isolation, plus the howling of coyotes at night aggravated the loneliness. It was a bitter pill to swallow. Anton and his father-in-law were so disgusted at this wilderness and utter rawness of the new land that if they'd had the price of a return ticket to Austria they'd have gone promptly. This so-called land of "milk and honey" described by land agents was a shocking jolt, to say the least.

Later, a two room house, with a clay floor, was erected on that sandy quarter of land. The only boards on the floor were the trap door that opened into the cellar. Aunt Mary Becker, with neighbour Conrad Fuhr, used to dance the seven step on that trap door. Pioneers had to rely on their own entertainment. They used to dance to a tune made by a comb covered with a tissue paper or a mouth organ while gathering together in some friend's or neighbor's home.

Pioneer weddings were a special attraction in those early days. Baking and preparations for this major event went on for weeks in advance of the magical date. Full course meals were supplied for dinner as well as supper. It wasn't unusual for some of the guests to be around for breakfast as well. Kegs of beer and homebrew were the accepted beverages served at these pioneer weddings. There was a drink for the men and a special drink for the ladies. The most spacious room in the house was cleared out and there the wedding dance was held. Accordion or violin players provided the music. The bride's shoe would be auctioned off and the money raised went to the young couple. Likewise, there was a special bride's dance, with each individual person giving the bride a donation for the privilege of dancing with her. For extra good luck someone would stand on a chair in the middle of the room and crash a plate on the floor which broke into smithereens.

In those days it was customary for a friend of the family to drive by team from farm to farm to

personally invite the guests to the wedding. He carried a long cane. Our uncle, Fred Becker was usually appointed for the job. In accepting the invitation, each family tied a colored ribbon to the cane, until it was covered with a variety of ribbons which produced a lovely display.

Like all of the early pioneers, our folks had to work with oxen until they were eventually replaced by horses. Oxen worked when they were in the mood. If they decided to kick their traces and run into a slough, no one could do anything about it. They had a mind of their own. It must have been mighty frustrating to their masters to have them act so ornery. Horse-power was required to turn the sod and work the land, so naturally there was a demand for horses. At one period there was a lot of horse trading going on and many a time people were taken in. It stands to reason that a good animal would hardly be traded off. Swamp fever used to claim a lot of horses during a time when horses were selling for a high price. This disease struck the Ricker's animals as well.

Pioneer women and their children usually helped to supplement the family income by digging seneca roots and either selling them by the pound for cash, or trading them off for goods and groceries in the local store. My Dad was a blacksmith in the old country so he had no difficulty to design this special spade. We'd tie a bag around our waists and often walk miles on the prairie, searching for seneca roots. They had 4 or 5 stems with white tapered flowers. The procedure was to exert your weight on the bar and dig down and lift the root. The flowers were twisted off, while the root was placed into the bag. The roots had to be washed in several waters, rinsed and placed in the sun to dry. The roots had to dry properly, otherwise a price deduction would result when they were brought to market.

Five of us were born to the Ricker-Kullman family in Canada, making us truly Canadian. George, Anton (Jr.), Willie, Fred and myself, Minnie. I used to feel gypped at school for not having a second name when everyone else had at least two names. When you have the distinction of being born last in a family of 12, all the names are used up and therefore my parents had to scrape the barrel to draw out a name for their final offspring!

The Ricker family are noted for their carefree attitude. They seldom worried about tomorrow even during the bitter depression when it was a challenge to keep body and soul together. In spite of the hard times we could still smile and laugh. We were a jolly bunch who viewed the bright side of life — even when eggs sold at 5 cents a dozen, which was an insult to the intelligence of the laying hens. Cream in a 5 gallon can brought a couple of dollars if it was "table" and the butterfat test was good.



Ed and Minnie Mack, August 25, 1946.

Yard goods and other merchandise, on the other hand, were rotting on the shelves, waiting to be sold and no one having the purchasing power to buy them.

Our lives were enriched with music in our home. George played the banjo while Fred was good at playing the guitar. If we felt frustrated and out-of-sorts we'd get together and sing the blues away. We formed our own orchestra with Ernest Maudsley at the piano or organ. Occasionally we were joined by Jack Haberstock on the violin and we played at numerous dances. The Rickers were requested to entertain with singing at various concerts, socials and numerous get-togethers. George had the privilege of singing on a radio station from Regina at one time or another, back in the 1930's.

"School-marms" were particularly popular at all the school dances we attended. There were pie and box socials for variety which added spice to the evenings. Secret admirers would be wondering what pie or box of goodies belonged to whom. The gent who purchased our treats had the privilege of being our escort for lunch at these dances for that particular evening.

Our chief pleasure was in driving to Roblin on Saturday night—shopping for groceries, seeing the occasional movie or simply browsing around. A cone of ice cream cost a whole nickel, while a special chocolate bar could be obtained for a dime. One storekeeper (Nowosad) always tucked a bag of candies in among the groceries, which was a real treat, plus a drawing card during the depression.

In 1979, we had a Ricker reunion with a chicken supper at MacNutt which is centrally located, followed by a dance at Melville with Ray Schweitzer providing the music. The following day we gathered for a picnic at the Zorra school which some of us attended a long time ago. It was a great time for rejoicing in fellowship with these descendents of Anton and Elizabeth Ricker and it has left us with some beautiful memories, for which we are grateful indeed.

Valentine married Emilie Burkart and their children are: John, Tony, Edwin, Albert, Violet and Lennard.

Jack married Rita Hoar and their children are Lorraine and Alice.

Christopher and Eleanora died when young children.

Elizabeth married John Schmidt and their children are: Alma, Bill, Johnny, Mary, Lena, Ella, Otto, Doreen and Betty.

Maria married Jacob Mundt and their children are: Phyllis and Jackie.

Caroline married Louis Mundt and their children are: Rose, George and Ellen.

George Ricker married Beth Haberstock, and their children are: Betty, Rose Marie, Wayne and Jeanette.

Anton Ricker Jr. passed away. He was never married.

Willie married Edith Hartz (nee McNichol) and their children are: Rose Marie and Isabel.

Fred Ricker remains a bachelor.

Minnie married Fred Koch, then Ed Mack, and their children are Eunice, Marietta, Ira, Kenneth and Sheila. Eunice's children are Gregory, Trevor and Timothy Korsrud. Marietta's children are Kimberly, Corine and Dale Schappert. Ira's children are Julie and Errin Mack. Kenneth's child is Desiree Mack. Sheila's children are Amber and Tylor McKay. On this May 2, 1984 four of the Rickers are still left: Caroline, George, Fred and Minnie.

Gone but never forgotten are Val, Jack, Christopher, Eleanora, Elizabeth, Maria, Anton Jr., and Willie.

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow.

George and Elizabeth Ricker

by George and Elizabeth

George Ricker was born on July 11, 1905, to Anton and Elizabeth (Kullman) Ricker in the district of Zorra, Sask., which was then part of the



The George Ricker Family at the Ricker reunion in July, 1979.

North West Territories. After he grew up he worked with his father and brothers at breaking land and farming. He loved music and during his spare time he learned to play the banjo.

In 1934 he married Elizabeth Haberstock, the eldest daughter of Phillip and Katherine (Bauming) Haberstock. In the summer of 1934 George teamed up with another musician, Fred Wagner, of Kelvington, Sask. They called themselves 'The Hawaiians' and travelled through Sask. playing at various town and city halls for dances and concerts.

During the winter of 1935 George and Elizabeth lived with George's parents. In the summer of 1935 George had an orchestra of four and they travelled through Sask. playing for dances.

In 1937 they built a two-room house in the Assiniboine Valley, across the road from the Valley View Store. Their buildings were built beside a nice spring so they never had to worry about water for cows, chickens or turkeys. George did custom blacksmithing and some trapping in the spring and fall.

In 1939 he bought a new John Deere threshing outfit for \$2,830.00, a model D tractor and a 28" separator, and threshed for the whole community in the Zorra district and even some in the Cromarty area. He sold the threshing outfit in 1944 for \$3000.00 when the combines came in, and bought a 2½ ton International truck on which he built a grain box. Then he hauled grain for the farmers to MacNutt, Calder, Togo, Wroxton, Roblin and Shellmouth.

For recreation, they enjoyed swimming in the river during the summer. Many times on a summer Sunday afternoon, they would pack a lunch and take the family either up or down the river. They would often catch a few fish and have a picnic lunch. Usually, some friend would be sure to find them, so they'd send the kids back home for another loaf or two of bread and a sealer or two of canned chicken or sausage. There were no fridges in those days, so everything had to be canned in sealers.

In winter, the neighbours used to come down to the river, clean the snow off the ice and then everyone would skate or have a game or two of hockey.

Later on in the winter, the men would come to the river with their teams and sleigh boxes. With large ice saws they would cut the ice into blocks about 2' x 3'. Then, with their ice tongs, they would load these blocks of ice into their sleigh boxes and take them home to put into their ice wells. When the ice wells were full of ice, they would pack sawdust on top and put a cover on the well to keep the ice from melting. When the weather warmed up, this was where they kept the cream and anything

else that they wanted to keep cool. Sometimes the ice would last until fall.

The Rickers had four children — Betty, born Oct. 23, 1934; Rose Marie, Born March 6, 1936 (passed away Dec. 8, 1936); Wayne, born July 4, 1937; and Jeanette, born Dec. 6, 1939.

In 1941 Betty had to get to school and the family was living in the Cupar School district but the distance from school was too far to go. Anyone living on the west side of the river couldn't go to Roblin School as the river was their boundary. (This was changed in a few years). So she boarded at her Aunt Caroline Mundt's home and went to Cupar School for her first year. During the second year she went to Zorra School (Sask.) and boarded at her Uncle Fred Bauming's. She took grade three by correspondence course at home.

In April of 1944 they bought Bill Thompson Sr.'s land on the east side of the river, and because they now held land on the east side of the river, the children were allowed to go to Roblin School.

In the fall, Wayne was old enough to go to school, but he and Betty had to walk about a mile to meet the school van on the east side of the river. In the summer the trip was made by team and wagon and in winter the van was put onto a sleigh. In winter the parents would light the lantern for the children in the morning and they would walk to meet the van. For coming home the van driver, Bill Thompson Jr., would light the lantern for them to walk back. So they didn't see much daylight at home during the winter.

In 1945 the Rickers built their new house on the east side of the river and moved into it in March 1946, so they had to make a new yard and garden and start all over again. The school van now came right to the gate.

George was still hauling grain as the land was rented out; but later on he bought a tractor and machinery and farmed it himself. He raised cattle so a lot of hay was put up each summer and usually some was in crop also. They raised chickens and turkeys to sell and pigs for their own use, and milked from nine to eleven cows and sold cream.

George always played with different orchestras for quite a few years, the Halldorsons' being the one he played with the longest.

In 1948 George and Sam Fitkowski built a dance hall — The Riverside Pavilion. It was the only country dance hall around for many miles and it attracted many people. There were two or three dances a week and usually wonderful crowds in attendance. Some of the orchestras that played in The Riverside Pavilion were — The Six Fat Dutchmen, Frankie Yankovick, Stan Holden and His Cowboy Kings, Gene Deloughie, and many more.

In April, 1959 Sam bought George's share in the hall, moved it to his place, renamed it 'Sam's Dance Spot', and continued to have dances there until 1967. That year the Department of Highways bought the hall and moved it to Roblin for a machine shop.

The Rickers farmed and raised cattle, but there was many a spring when the river flooded all of the cultivated land. If crop could be put in after the flood receded, it would be very late. One year on the 18th of June the crops were up when the flood came, so there were occasional years when there were no crops at all. At that time there was no such thing as government help. All in all, it was a beautiful valley with the river and the nice big maple trees.

They had a boat and motor and spent many pleasant afternoons with the family "cruising down the river." Sometimes they would do a bit of fishing, but at other times would just float along quietly and look at the scenery and watch the muskrats or the ducks as they skimmed along in the water. Usually a thermos of coffee and some lunch would be enjoyed in a shady spot under the maples. There are a lot of good memories.

In 1958 George and Wayne built a motor toboggan — the first one around here. Wayne still has it and probably, with a bit of a tune up, it would still run in 1984.

In the spring of 1964 the Manitoba government sent out agents to buy all of the valley land from Shellmouth to Kamsack, Sask. as cheaply as possible. They wanted to build a dam at Shellmouth and make this area into a big lake for irrigation and flood control for Brandon and Winnipeg. Ofttimes the ice was still on the river here when they were already flooded at Brandon and Winnipeg.

There was no choice but to sell. The government certainly took some good land out of production, for the valley land was the best. You never had to summerfallow it and there were no stones to pick. All of the good hay meadows would also be flooded.

In the spring of 1965 the big machines moved in and bulldozed everything. All of the trees and fences went down so that the cattle could then roam as far as Dropmore or farther. So in May, the Rickers held an auction sale and the cattle and all of the machinery were sold.

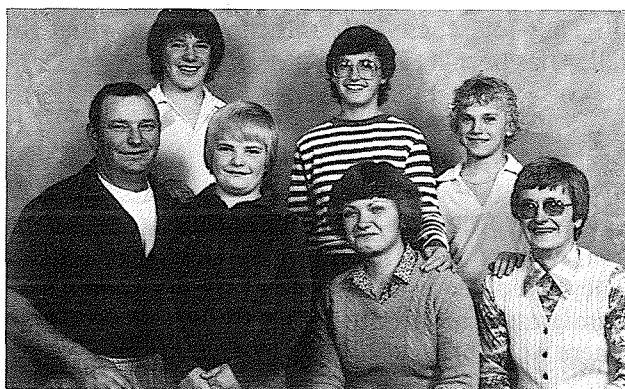
In 1967 the house was bought back from the government and in October it was moved higher up on a hill. This meant another start to make a new yard, plant trees, and settle on a new spot. In 1971 the valley was flooded.

Now, in 1984, Rickers' home overlooks the Lake of the Prairies — the lake that's approximately fifty miles long, and was created by the Shellmouth Dam.



Bill and Betty Wileman and family: L to R. Valerie, Colleen and Richard.

The family — Betty took her teacher's training in Winnipeg after graduating from Goose Lake Collegiate. She taught three years and in October, 1957 married Bill Wileman from Russell. They farm in the Endcliffe district. They have three children. Colleen is now in Toronto taking music. Richard is at home helping on the farm. He hopes to take a mechanic's course in Brandon next fall. Valerie is at home and will graduate from Major Pratt Collegiate (in Russell) in June/84. Wayne worked for the Department of Highways from 1958-1970. In July, 1963 he married Sylvia Hauser, a teacher from Wal-



Wayne and Sylvia Ricker and family, in 1981.

dron, Sask. In 1971 he started his own business of cleaning cattle sheds. He lives in the valley and operates The Lakeside Inn, a snack bar and convenience store. He also operates a camping resort for seasonal campers. He has a workshop where he repairs and sells snowmobiles and chain saws.

Wayne and Sylvia have five children. Diane is at present employed in Roblin. Gary is driving a truck. Sherry will graduate from Goose Lake Collegiate, June/84. Rodney and Robert are both going to school in Roblin. Jeanette married Keith Chase of Bield in September 1955. They live S.E. of Roblin. She works in the Personal Care Home in Roblin. Keith does carpentry work. They have three children. Cheryl married Ray Jerome of Grand Nar-



The Keith Chase Family: Standing: Gwen and Greg. Sitting: L to R. Ray, Cheryl (Chase) and Carrisa Jerome, Jeanette (Ricker) and Keith Chase.

rows in March/79. They live in Yorkton, Sask. where Cheryl nurses in the Yorkton Hospital. They have a daughter, Carrisa. Greg teaches piano and organ in Roblin and Yorkton. Gwen is attending college in Moose Jaw.

George and Elizabeth celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in March, 1984. They have lived in the valley for 47 years. Many changes have taken place in those years, but they survived them all. They love these hills and can truly say that the valley has been THEIR HOME.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ritchie by Mary Halpin

James Ritchie and his wife, Mary (nee Robinson) were born in Ireland in the vicinity of Belfast. They lived there until the fall of 1883 when they immigrated to Toronto, Ontario with five children. There were three more born in Toronto.



The James Ritchie Family, 1880's: Back row: L to R. Jack, James, Gibson. Middle row: Mr. James Ritchie, Alex, Isabelle (Belle), Mrs. Ritchie. Front row: Margaret, May.

They left Toronto for Clearwater, Manitoba where they farmed for some time, thence to Roblin. Their farm was two miles south of Roblin. They were among the original settlers, and remained there for the rest of their lives.

The children were James, John, Meg, Gibson, Mary, Alex, Belle, and William who died in infancy.

James married Caroline Tummons and they had no family.

John married Dorothy Mitchell and they had four children: Betty, George, Walter and Royden.

Meg married Richard Bale and they had six children: Robin, Ralph, Royden, Richard, Mary and Merle.

Gibson married Christina Kelso and they had three children: Margaret, Elizabeth and Ethel.

May married Fred Stratford and they had eight children: Irvin, Fred, Mary, Floyd, Jim, Myrtle, Gibson and Margaret.

Alex married Helen Arnott and they had six children: Jennie, Mary, James, Charlie, Logan and Ralph.

Belle married John Arnott and they had seven children: Mary, Agnes and Janet (twins), Janet died in infancy; Bruce, Ronald, Jean and Patricia.

The Ritchie Family by Mrs. John Ritchie

The Ritchies came from Belfast in Ireland about the year 1883 or '84, to make their home in Canada. They settled in Toronto.

In Belfast Mr. Ritchie used to preach on the streets which is where he met his wife. They had four children born in Belfast and three born in Toronto.

He was a market gardener in Toronto but when the family got older Mr. Ritchie wanted to have a farm. They moved to Elrose, Sask. where he farmed for some years but they had no rain and everything dried up.

Mr. Ritchie then took his family and settled in Clearwater in southern Manitoba, where they farmed for some years. There the crops were also very poor and it was hard to make a living.

The second son, John came to Roblin and filed on homesteads for his three brothers, his father and himself. Here they all settled and the children married and raised their families except for two of the girls. One of them married and lived in Petterpiece and the other one married and lived in Selkirk.

John was a carpenter so he built a big house on his father's farm. John lived with his mother and father to care for them. He had a shop just on the outskirts of Roblin on the north road. He used to walk two miles to work every day and back at night.

John built several school vans and did repair work on houses, including some at Skinner's Nursery.

He used to walk to town every Sunday to teach his class of boys. He would let the teenage boys come after school to make things for themselves out of pieces of wood he couldn't use in the shop.

I, Dorothy (Mitchell) met John and we were married in 1926. We had five children. One died while just a baby. The other four are all married and have families of their own.

On Halloween, when John was building a van outside the shop, I used to say that he would find it in the gravel pit, but he would say "They won't touch it," and they never did.

The young people thought a lot of John and he trusted them. He was a kind man and would help anyone.

He fell and hurt himself and could no longer work, so we sold our house and moved to Selkirk. He died in 1963. I still live in Selkirk.

Gibson Ritchie Family **by Margaret Atkin**

Gibson Ritchie, son of James Ritchie and Mary (Robinson) Ritchie, was born in Belfast, Ireland in 1881. He moved with his family to Toronto in 1883 and later to Clearwater, Manitoba. In 1903, Gibson took out a homestead (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 36-25-29) at Roblin. A few years later he bought land (W $\frac{1}{2}$ 19-25-28 and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ & W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 30-25-28) in the Tummel district where he farmed for the rest of his life.

In 1915 Gibson married Christina Kelso, second daughter of Wilson Kelso and Margaret (Johnston) Kelso of Tummel. Prior to her marriage Christina had taught in the Fife and Brooksgrove schools and was the first principal of the Tummel consolidated school.

The Ritchie family consisted of three daughters; Margaret (Mrs. Percy Atkin), Elizabeth (Mrs. John Glavin), and Ethel (Mrs. William Perchaluk). Margaret, who is a teacher, is living in Winnipeg with her husband, Percy, and children Kathy and Fred. Elizabeth, also a teacher, lives in North Vancouver, British Columbia with her husband, John and children Christine, Gibson and James. Ethel teaches in

St. James where she lives with her husband, Bill and son, James.

Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie put a great deal of pride and effort into establishing their family farm. In doing so they set an example of the higher ideals of agriculture as a vocation and as a wholesome and dignified way of rural life. They were active in community affairs and were faithful members of the Tummel United Church. Mrs. Ritchie's father and grandfather were two of the founders of the Tummel church and Mrs. Ritchie was the first baby to be christened there in 1887. Mr. Ritchie was an elder in the church for many years.

In recognition of their notable achievement as a farm family and their success in farming, home-



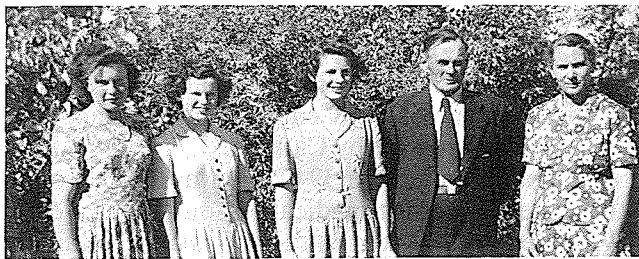
Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie receiving the 1957 Chamber of Commerce Agricultural Award from Mr. Peter Nowosad, Chamber President, and Mr. T. H. Taylor, donor of the award.

making and citizenship, the Roblin Chamber of Commerce presented the Gibson Ritchie family with the first Agricultural Award in 1957. At the same time, the Tummel district honoured the Ritchie family by erecting the name place "Ritchiefield Farm" at the entrance gate of the farm.

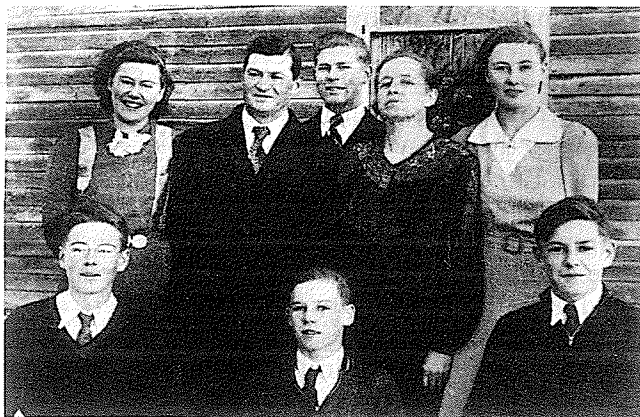
Mr. Ritchie died at Roblin in 1960. Mrs. Ritchie died a few months later in the same year.

Alexander Ritchie **by Mrs. Albert (Jenny) Miller**

Born in Toronto in 1887, Alexander Ritchie was the youngest son of James and Mary Ritchie. Alexander had three brothers: John, James and Gibson, and three sisters: Mary (Mrs. Jack Stratford), Margaret (Mrs. Richard Bale) and Isabel (Mrs. John Arnott). The family lived in Toronto for some years before moving to Clearwater, Manitoba. Sometime around 1905, the Ritchie family moved to the Roblin



The Gibson Ritchie Family: L to R. Margaret, Elizabeth, Ethel, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson Ritchie.



The Alex Ritchie Family, in 1937: Back row: L to R. Mary, Mr. Alex Ritchie, Jim, Nellie Ritchie, Jenny. Front row: Logan, Ralph, and Charlie.

area and lived on a farm 2 miles south of town. Mr. Ritchie Sr. used to keep bees and sell honey.

Alex took up a homestead in what is now known as the Grainfield district. He broke some land and later sold the homestead to Mr. Kroll; some of the Kroll family still live there. In 1915, Alex married Helen Catherine Arnott (Nellie) who was born in Kinross-shire, Scotland in December, 1891. She had come to Canada in 1907 and completed her education here. At that time, she and some of the McNeil family had to go to Russell to write their entrance exams. She helped at home and worked for a time in the Post Office.

Alex and Nellie lived on the farm of Andrew Arnott, in the Tummel district for nearly 2 years. In 1916, Janet Young (Jenny) was born. The following year, Alex built a house on land he had bought nearer to Roblin (W. 1/2 1-26-28). His brother John built the house in the summer of 1917 and they moved in. Then, in September, another daughter, Mary Robinson was born. In the next six years, four sons were born: John James in 1919, Charles Alexander in 1921, Andrew Logan in 1922, and William Ralph in 1924.

At that time the land was opened up by hard work, chopping trees, grubbing out roots and finally breaking the soil with a breaking plow (powered by horses). Like most farms at that time, they kept a few cows, pigs, chickens and other poultry, as well as the work horses.

They grew a garden and there was canning and preserving of vegetables and fruit to feed the family over the winter, until the next crop year. Wild strawberries, raspberries, cranberries, black currants, and occasionally saskatoons, as well as pinchberries and chokecherries, were all preserved for winter use.

There were many good, close neighbors at that time, usually 2 and 3 families on a section of land.

There were the Wenners to the south, Bill Rutledge to the southeast, Joe Baptiste to the east, Wes Rutledge to the northeast, George Souters to the north, Dave Jones to the northwest and Henry Gamey to the west of where the Ritchie home was situated. All these neighbors were within a mile radius.

The family all attended the Roblin schools, travelling most of the time in a van drawn by a team of horses. Dave Bowley drove that route for many years, also Mel Bowley and their uncle, Harry Callin.

In the late 1920's and 30's, money was tight and in the 30's some years the crops were not so good because of drought and rust. There was a lot of unemployment all across the west. Everyone had to make the best of what they had. The community had their own entertainment by having house parties. The dance area in some homes wasn't too large and in some places the floor wasn't smooth, but everyone enjoyed themselves. Some of the older members played cards in another room and small children played wherever they could. Usually by the time everyone was ready to go home, the small ones would be curled up on a bed among the coats and blankets, sound asleep. At the end of the evening a hat was passed around to collect something for the "fiddler"; often it was Mr. Jack Andrews or Mr. Bill Waggoner, or the ever present musical Wenner boys.

Jenny finished school in 1933 — there were 14 pupils in the grade 12 class that year. She worked out at farm homes, when work was available. The going wage was \$10.00 a month plus room and board. In 1937, Jenny married Albert Miller, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Miller. The Millers lived on a farm nearby (3-26-28) and so they were neighbors.

Mary graduated in 1935, and worked at housework until she went to the Dauphin Hospital where she trained as a nurse.

Jim graduated in 1937, and worked at the Roblin Creamery until 1941, when he joined the R.C.A.F.

Charlie graduated in 1939 and also joined the R.C.A.F., taking his training in Canada, mainly in Alberta. He went overseas and saw service in England and in Egypt, and Italy. In March of 1944, Charlie received his commission as Pilot Officer. Later that month, the Thunderbird squadron left England for a bombing raid over Stuttgart in Germany. Charlie's plane did not return. He is buried in the Durnbach War Cemetery in Germany; this cemetery is cared for by Canada.

Logan graduated in 1940. He was unable to join the armed forces for medical reasons, so he went to Winnipeg and worked in the shops at Air Canada, beginning a lifetime career as a mechanic.

Ralph graduated from grade 12 in 1942. He

attempted to join the R.C.A.F. but was rejected for medical reasons, so he enlisted in the army in the spring of 1943.

R. Mary Ritchie **by Mary Ritchie**

Mary Ritchie graduated as a Registered Nurse from Dauphin General Hospital in 1942 and went to work in Yorkton Hospital. While there, she contracted tuberculosis and was hospitalized for nine years. She was very fortunate in regaining her health, as this happened at a time before the discovery of modern medication for treatment.

She returned to nursing and was active in her profession for 25 years, the last position being a Personnel Officer in the Administration Department of Saskatoon University Hospital. She retired from work in 1980.

After leaving the sanatorium, Mary was married to Ernest Spani, who died three years later. In 1960, she married Andrew Walker, a registered nurse from Scotland. He, too, worked at the University Hospital and also retired in 1980.

Apart from three years in Wolseley, Saskatchewan where they worked with the Geriatric Centre, they have made Saskatoon their home. Mary remains interested in activities such as carpet and lawn bowling, church work and senior citizen organizations. Politically, she has been a staunch Progressive Conservative and served on local and provincial executives.

Mary and Andy own their own home and enjoy caring for a large yard where they often do their entertaining.

John James Ritchie **by John James Ritchie**

The eldest son in the Alex Ritchie family, John James Ritchie, was born in 1919 in the farm home on the SW¹/₄ of 1-26-28.

He attended the Roblin schools, beginning in 1925 and graduating in 1937. He worked in the Roblin Creamery until he joined the R.C.A.F. in 1941. He was a Flight Lieutenant with 161 Bomber Reconnaissance squadron at Dartmouth, Nova Scotia and then with 162 B.R. squadron from Iceland to Wick in Scotland.

In 1943 he married Merle Doreen Howe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Howe of the Tummel district. After returning home from overseas, he attended university and in 1949, he received his B.S.A. at the University of Manitoba. He was a lecturer and Assistant Professor at the University of Manitoba from 1949 to 1957. He received his Master's degree in Science at Pennsylvania State Uni-

versity in 1962. There, also, he got a teaching fellowship. He got his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1967 and there he got a research fellowship and did industrial research in the foods of the Pillsbury Company and International Multi-foods in Minnesota, and Robin Hood Multifoods in Toronto.

John retired in April of 1984. They presently reside in Mississauga, Ontario, but they hope to make their future home in Manitoba.

Andrew Logan Ritchie **by A. Logan Ritchie**

Andrew Logan Ritchie was born on March 30, 1922 to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Ritchie. He received his schooling through to grade XII at Roblin, graduating in 1940. In 1942, he left for Winnipeg and worked there in the shops at Air Canada, beginning a lifetime career as a mechanic.

On June 9, 1945, he married Evelyn Wolfe of Winnipeg. Evelyn had been born in Portage la Prairie, on September 10, 1925. They had two sons born to them in Winnipeg: Norman Earl was born on April 7, 1949 and Ronald Alexander was born on November 8, 1950.

In 1952, the family moved to Long Beach, California and they lived there until 1961, when they moved on to Portland, Oregon. They presently live in a home in Milwaukee, a suburb of Portland.

The boys were educated through high school in Milwaukee. Norman attended Oregon State University, obtaining his degree in mechanical engineering in 1972 and he has since been employed at Freightliner Corporation, a truck manufacturer. Ronald took up landscape work and is a superintendent of the campus and grounds at Portland State University.

Norman married Joli Miller of Portland in 1971. They have two sons, Brian and Daniel. Ronald married Ruth Dickie in 1970. They have a son, Raymond, and a daughter, Robyn.

Wm. Ralph Ritchie **by Wm. Ralph Ritchie**

William Ralph Ritchie was born in March, 1924 in the Shell River Municipality. He was educated in the Roblin schools, graduating from grade XII in 1942. An attempt at enlisting in the R.C.A.F. proved unsuccessful due to medical reasons. Instead, he enlisted in the army in the spring of 1943. He was part of the Royal Canadian Artillery, and was stationed at Brandon and Shilo. Following V.E. Day, he joined the 6th Division and trained in Petawawa until the end of hostilities and demobilization in 1946, then returned to the farm in Roblin.

Through the Veterans' Land Act, he was able to

obtain the home quarter (S.W. 1-26-28) in 1947 and he farmed the west 1/2 until the fall of 1959.

In July of 1953, Ralph married Liz Saunders, a nurse from London, England, who had immigrated to Roblin in 1952. Ralph and Liz had four children, born from 1954 to 1957: Brian, Ernie, Gail and Colin. Ralph drove a school van during 1958 and 1959, having to tender for both horses and truck. In the fall of 1959, Ralph went to Teacher's College at Brandon University, graduating in 1960. He then began his teaching career at Goose Lake Consolidated School and for the first two years, he taught grade VI classes. In 1961-62, he was in the same classroom with the same desks that he himself had attended and used as a student in 1936. In 1962, he moved to the High School and taught grades IX and X for the next seven years. He returned to teaching in the new Elementary School for the next five years. Then in 1974 and 1975, he again returned to the high school when the intermediate grades were moved there. After all that, he is perhaps the only teacher to have taught regular classes in all 4 Roblin schools.

Ralph retired from teaching in 1975 and has lived in Roblin ever since. The farm was sold in 1982.

Liz Ritchie worked as an R.N. at the local hospital from 1958 until 1967, when she then moved over to the Manitoba Public Health Department and served the local districts as well as Grandview.

Brian Ritchie, born in 1954, graduated from high school in 1972. He trained in Edmonton as a registered industrial accountant and works for Thorn Ridell Co. He married Joanne Legge of Edmonton in July, 1975. They have two daughters, Shannon, born in October, 1980 and Kelly, born in December, 1981.

Ernest Ritchie, born in 1955, graduated from high school in 1973. Ernie now works as an accountant at the Holiday Inn in Winnipeg.

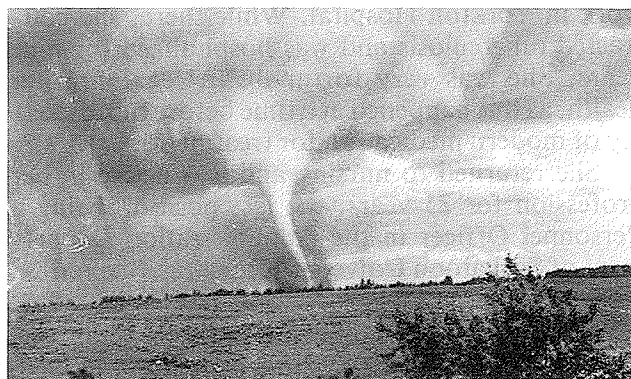
Gail Ritchie, born in 1956, graduated from high school in 1974. Gail attended the University of Manitoba, graduating in 1979 with a degree in Social Work. She has since been employed with Children's Aid at Portage la Prairie. In July of 1983, she married Dennis Langevin of the R.C.A.F. stationed at C.F.B. Portage.

Colin Ritchie, born in 1957, graduated from high school in 1975. He then attended the University of Manitoba, graduating in 1978 with a Bachelor of Physical Education degree. Colin spent the next year with Champion Sports of Winnipeg. He then returned to University and obtained his teaching certificate in 1980. He has since taught for three years at Sprague, Manitoba and is presently vice-principal at Ross C. Grey School.

Dan Roberts

R. Review 1922 and 1927

Mr. Dan Roberts was an early resident of the Roblin district. He was a bachelor and lived near the bridge just north and east of Roblin. He built the bridge across the Shell River and his house was the first house built on the east side of the river.



Cyclone passing just northeast of Roblin on July 7, 1927.

In 1921 his house was destroyed by fire. He suffered a heart attack and was taken to Dauphin Hospital in December 1922. He returned and built another cabin to live in.

In 1925 he assisted with building a bridge near Shevlin, across the Shell River. In the spring of 1927 he was seriously injured and his jaw and ribs were broken when a cyclone lifted his house with him in it. He died later that year.

Hugh A. Roberts Story

by David Roberts

My father was born at Shellmouth, Manitoba on July 10, 1891. My mother was born at Langenburg, N.W.T. on April 8, 1904. They grew up in their respective areas, attending school and working. It seems that in those days heavy emphasis was placed on work, work and more work and sometimes there was precious little time to attend school.

Dad started working for Canadian National Railways in 1922. It was then known as the Grand Trunk Railroad.

In July 1925, Dad and Mom were married in the United Church in Shellmouth. Three sons were born to them while living there; David (Bud), Reg. and Nelson. Another son, Bryan was born at Demaine, Sask.

Presently Reg (married to Norma) is manager of the T.D. Bank at Vernon, B.C.; Nelson (married to Claire) is a C.N. agent at Three Hills, Alberta, (expecting a move); Bryan (married to Helen) is secretary to the board of a Worker's Compensation Board, at Yellowknife, N.W.T.; and I, David

(married to Ethel) am retired from the Federal Department of Communications and living in Grande Prairie, Alberta.

In 1934 we moved to Dropmore, Manitoba and lived there until December of 1942. It was during this period that I spent my formative years (growing up years) — from 8½ to 16½ (one's youth)! I have many, many fond memories from this period, of which I'll try and list a few.

While attending school there, I had the following teachers: Mr. Clifford Wood, Mr. Douglas Pomeroy, Miss Beatrice Wood and Miss Belle Patterson. Clearly the teacher I remember the best or the one who had the biggest influence on my life of all the teachers I had was Miss Wood. I still remember some of her teachings — especially in the grammar department, such as 'do not use double negatives' and 'watch the syntax'. I've tried to hand this down as I was raising my family and now, even to the grandchildren.

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of *David Roberts*

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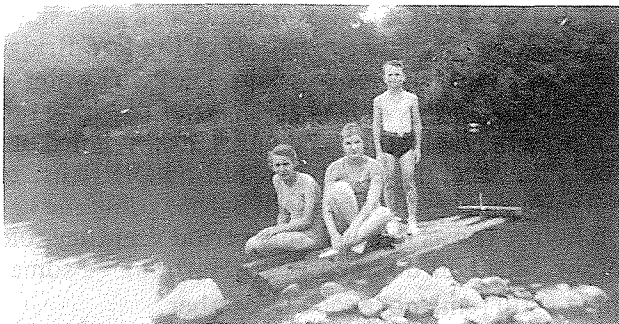
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School report card for David Roberts Grade II in Dropmore School 1934-35.

I still have my grades 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Dropmore school report cards.

As kids, during the summer months, I remember: playing ball in front of Lewis' store; playing hide and seek; horseshoes at Alex's blacksmith shop; rolling our tires around town; riding stick horses; playing cowboys and Indians; and in the fall, travelling around the country with Walter Rawlings, hauling grain and even having a trip to Gilbert Plains or Grandview with Walter. I think a Pool elevator agent moved there from Dropmore. We used to go to the swimming hole at Goodbuns on the weekends. Other incidents recalled were: going for the town cattle each evening; Mr. and Mrs. Larsen playing crib each evening; Jean Birnie riding to school on her spirited horse; taking long walks along the railroad tracks. Once or twice a year

we would see a movie in the hall, sponsored by the Pool and if our luck held, we would see one or two movies in Russell. There were occasional trips to Roblin, Inglis and MacNutt as well as Shellmouth, and when we went we had big money to spend (a big 5¢ piece). I remember going to school picnics at Grainsby and Castleavery. (In those days we were a little older and the spending allotment went up to 25¢.)



Swimming fun at Goodbuns': L to R. Florence Gilhooly, Margaret Gilhooly and Nelson Roberts.

When the summer holidays came we spent more time at the swimming hole at Goodbuns, (one of our favourite haunts) and they were so good to all of us.

In the winter I remember spending most of the leisure time on the open air rink and some tobogganing on the hill north of town, on the way to Birnies. I remember the excitement of the Christmas season with old fashioned Christmas concerts, and the country kids driving to school in their heated vans.

Some of the events that happened in those days were fairly earthshaking: the death of King George V in 1936; the abdication of Edward VIII; and the eventual crowning of George VI, were a few. I also remember those strange sounding overseas broadcasts, covering these events and rarely, the deranged screaming of Adolph. In 1938, I remember the



The Goodbun's swimming hole attracted many young people in the summer.

gravel trains, a very exciting time for a young boy. The rides we had on those trains to the pit in Shellmouth on the empty train and the hop onto a fully loaded train and back home again was fun. The train crews were very nice and were very tolerant. In 1939, the King and Queen came to Canada and we went to Brandon to see them (again a ride in Walter's truck). Then in September came the War. I was 13 then, and its full implications were not fully absorbed nor fully understood at that time.

On December 7, 1941, some of us had gone skating that day. We had started off at the Red Bridge and skated down river to where Dietrichs watered their cattle (a long, long skate!). After reaching this point we hurriedly removed our skates, donned our boots and scampered up the hill to Dietrichs, to warm up and catch our breath before going the last lap home. It was through this period that they told us the Japs had bombed Pearl Harbour — something I still remember each December.

Some other recollections were of the distant radio stations we could pick up, such as WLW — Cincinnati, Ohio; WLS — Chicago, Illinois (Barn Dance on Saturday night featuring Lulu Belle and Scotty), WHO — Des Moines, Iowa; KOA — Denver, Colorado; KSTP — Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota; and I think there was a station from Oshkosh — either Nebraska or Wisconsin but I cannot recall the call letters, and XERF — Reynosa, Mexico at the high end of the dial. This was a powerful station with high powered advertising that in part went something like this — tear off the carton top and mail it to Peruna (or Purina) care of XERF Reynosa, Mexico.

Locally we listened to Lux Radio Theatre, Jack Benny, Fred Allen, George and Gracie Burns, Fibber McGee and Molly, Henry Aldrich to name a few. The adventurous programs that fascinated kids (and adults) were: The Lone Ranger, The Shadow, Tarzan, The Green Hornet and others.

In July of 1942, Bryan was born and by Christmas time we were in Demaine, Sask. I finished school there and during that period I learned the morse code at the railway station.

In September, 1944, I left for Grande Prairie, Alta., where I had my first job as an operator/agent for the Government Telegraph Service.

In November, of 1944, my folks moved to Hoosier, Sask. and remained there until Dad's retirement in 1956. In July, 1956 the folks moved to Manning, Alberta. From 1957-61 Dad worked as towerman for the Alberta Forest Service at Naylor Hills Tower.

In September of 1972, Dad and Mom sold their home in Manning and purchased a home in Rose-town, Sask., and lived there until Dad's death in

July 1981. In 1982, Mom came to Grande Prairie to live in a senior citizen's apartment.

I worked for the Government Telegraph Service from 1944-58 at various places in Northern Alberta and N.E. B.C.

In December, 1947 Ethel Cook and I were married. We lost our first born D'Arcy David, and have Wendy, who is Mrs. Gordon McLean. She lives in Beaverlodge, Alberta, with her two children, David 12½, Shellie almost 10 and her husband, Gordon.

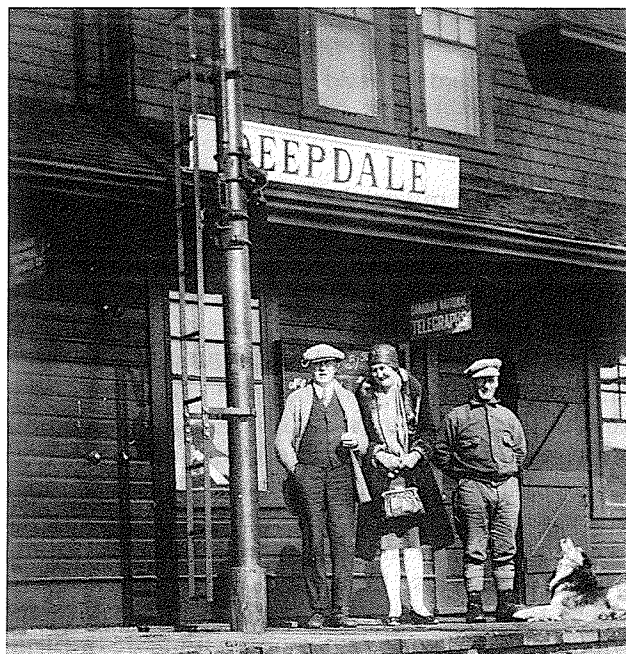
From 1958-66 I was with the Department of Transport Air Services at many northern postings. From 1966-82 I was with the Department of Communications for two years at Fort Smith, N.W.T., and from 1968-82 was in Grande Prairie. I retired on December 30, 1982.

Ethel is still working as Matron of a senior citizen's lodge and I spend a lot of time with Wendy and her family and do some amateur radio work, I got back into it after I retired.

Thomas Roberts Family

by Corwena Wilson

Thomas Roberts was born in Corwen North Wales. A Veteran of the Boer War, he came to Canada in 1912. He lived in Gilbert Plains, Manitoba, and Tisdale, Saskatchewan. He served with the Royal Canadian Engineers before coming to Deepdale as its first Station Agent in 1921. He was agent until his retirement in 1943. When the Station was closed as a telegraph station two years later, he



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Roberts and Mr. John Powell Sr. at the Deepdale Train Station in 1930.

remained as caretaker for some time because mail, freight and cream shipments were still handled by the daily trains through this point.

In 1930 he married Minnie Gardner, of the pioneer Gardner family.

Mr. Roberts is remembered for his musical and penmanship contributions. All coming events in the area were heralded by "Tom Roberts" posters and several Honour Rolls of the two World Wars to be found in the surrounding district, are his works. Mrs. Roberts was also very active in community affairs. She served on the local Church Board for many years and was Treasurer of the Deepdale Ladies' Aid for 25 consecutive years.

Mr. Roberts died in 1958, and Mrs. Roberts in 1981.

They had one daughter Corwena, who married Lloyd Wilson formerly of Gilbert Plains.

Lloyd came to Roblin in 1955. He operated Central Bakery in partnership with Bob Agar until 1963, and as sole owner until 1965, when Central Bakery and Don's Bakery amalgamated to become Parkland Bakery of Roblin. He remained in the bakery business until 1977.

The Wilsons reside in Roblin. They have 2 children, Cathy (Mrs. Colin Bambridge) of Coulter, Manitoba and Tom of Roblin, and one grandson, Reid Bambridge.

Harry and Elizabeth (Kelso) Robertson

by R. Alexander

Harry Robertson married Elizabeth Kelso, daughter of Wilson and Margaret (Johnston) Kelso and sister of Christina (Mrs. Gibson Ritchie) and Wilson Kelso (married Mabel Kelly). Harry and Elizabeth lived in Cromarty until Harry died in 1967. Liz then moved to Roblin.

Harry and Liz had five boys and one girl. During World War II four of the boys were in the air force. Chris was in the army.

Chris and Nellie were married and had two sons, Donald and Brian.

Nelson, a teacher, taught in Bield. After the war he became resident engineer for hydro development. He died with an ulcer en route by plane to Winnipeg. Harry married Isabel Mitchell and had one daughter, Beverly, (Mrs. Jack Lane). Beverly has two sons. Harry was killed in an air crash in Calgary during the war.

Twins Ronald and Donald: Ronald, a farmer, was the Liberal M.L.A. for Roblin area in the 50's. He and Ida lived in Roblin before going to Alberta. They had five children: Patty, Bonnie, Betty, Harry and Jim.

Donald married Jean B. Mitchell. They lived in Tummel until Donald joined the air force. He was accidentally killed.

Margaret, the youngest, was a teacher. She married a teacher and lived in Alberta. Margaret died suddenly of cancer shortly after her husband had died. Harry and Elizabeth and four of their boys are buried in Tummel Cemetery. Ronald is still living and is in Edmonton.

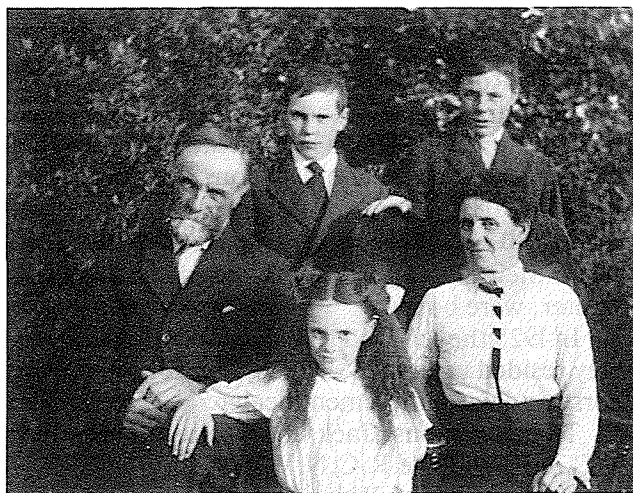
John Robertson Family by the family

John Robertson came to Canada from Edinburgh, Scotland in 1883 and took up a homestead on the N.W. 1/4 of 18-25-29.



Mrs. ? Robertson.

In 1884, his mother, brother and sister came out. He met them in Brandon, travelling by ox team. In 1889, he sold his homestead and moved to the N.E. 1/4 of 1-24-29 in the valley. In June, 1900 he married Ann Skinner. They had three children: James M. born in May, 1901, John S. born in October 1902 and Clementina born in September of 1904.



The John Robertson Sr. Family: John Sr., John S. Jr., James M., Clem and Ann.

In 1902, John Robertson took a second homestead on the S.E. 1/4 of 2-24-29. The railway came through to Dropmore in 1910. A school was built in 1911 and the family moved out of the valley in 1912 onto the S.E. 1/4 2-24-29, to be closer to school. John Robertson was Sec. Treas. of the school board for many years.

James M. married Florence Bassil in 1936. They



Reg Bassil, Florence Bassil, Dimps Lougheed, Winnie Bassil, and Violet Bassil, 1922.

had five children: Murray, William, Reginald, Elaine and Shirley. They farmed 3/4 of 11-24-29. They retired to Roblin in 1978.

John S. married Violet Bassil in 1942. They had four children: Ann, Irene, Joan and Allan. They farmed and lived on the old Robertson farm.

Clementina never married and lived in Winnipeg for twenty years, then retired to Roblin in the spring of 1982.

John Robertson's mother lived with him and his family until 1911, when she passed away. Mary, his sister, married Harry Allbright of Shellmouth. His brother, Walter, married Ellen McIntyre from Scotland. They farmed in the Castleberry district.

Tom and Eliza Robertson Family by W. J. Robertson

My parents, Tom and Eliza Robertson moved from Lenore, Man., to a homestead in the Deepdale district in 1906. Their oldest son, Lorne was born there in 1908.

In 1911 they moved a half mile east of Roblin, where their daughter, Christina and sons, Jack and Walter, were born.

In 1925 they moved to the town of Roblin where they resided until 1942. During that time Tom was a horse and used implement dealer.

Their two sons, Jack and Walter, served in the R.C.A.F. and the R.C.N.V.R. respectively during the second World War. Jack returned to Roblin after the war and owned and operated Robertson's Groceteria from 1954 to 1966.

Lorne and Laura had 2 children: Jacqueline Wilma and William Thomas.

Christina and Alastair had one son: Roderick Laughlin.

Jack and Eleanor had 3 children: John Wayne, Joseph Brian and Sherry Patricia.

Walter and Doris had 2 children: Iris Selena and Thomas Albert.

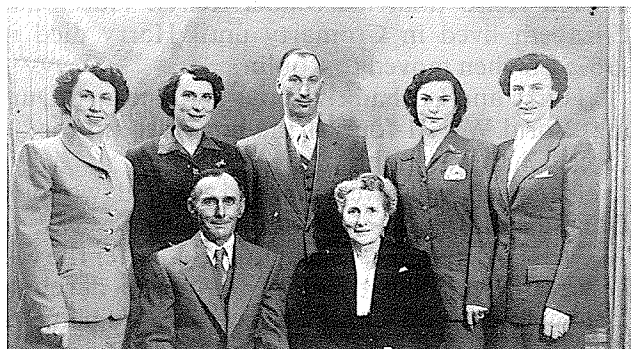
Walter is the only surviving member of this family as Lorne, Christina and Jack as well as the parents have all passed away.

The Clarence Robin Family by the Family

Clarence Ogier Robin was born on October 20, 1890 (one of twins) into a farm family in Guernsey (Channel Islands). He was educated at a boarding school in Jersey where he was active in sports, particularly swimming, and soccer which he played for the Guernsey team. He continued to play for Rochedale until the late 1920's.

He came to Canada with his brother, Amice, in the spring of 1910, to the farm of Daniel Martel, of Assessippi, who had worked with his father in Guernsey. In 1914 he joined the Royal Winnipeg Rifles (Little Black Devils) and was sent overseas with the First Canadian Expeditionary Force to France. By the fall of 1917, he had been severely wounded three times and was suffering from shell shock. He was honourably discharged and after hospital treatment in England and Quebec, he returned to Manitoba in November, 1917.

On February 7, 1918, he married Harriet Ber-



The Robin Family: L to R. Muriel, Mary, Michael, Betty, Doris. Seated: Clarence and Harriet Robin.

rington of Assessippi. Harriet was born on September 9, 1895 at Rose Cottage, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, Wales. She came to Canada with her parents, William and Mary Berrington, and infant sister, Victoria (Mrs. J. H. Gillies) in 1898, to the Russell area. They lived near Assessippi where she attended school. She was apprenticed to dress-making to Miss Rachel and Miss Agnes Walker who

had a shop above Smellie's store in Russell. When her father joined up in 1914, she returned to the farm at Assessippi to help her mother and 15 year old brother, Mont.

The Robins moved to the Shell Valley northeast of Skinner's Nursery when their eldest child, Mary, was two months old in June, 1919, where they had built a new house on the homestead. Muriel, Doris and Michael were born in the valley. Betty, the youngest, was born when they lived in Tummel.

Harriet Robin took an interest in the community and was a founding member of Rochedale W.I. She became a member of Tummel W.I. when they moved in 1930. During the war years she and Mrs. Joe Brooks cut yards of fabric for refugee clothing which was bundled up, with directions for others to sew. In the summer of 1943, when Clarence was in Deer Lodge Hospital for months, she and Michael (then only fifteen) did all the harvesting.

Clarence was always interested in new developments in seeds and crops and visited the "Rust Lab" at the University of Manitoba, whenever he was in hospital in Winnipeg.

When they lived in the Shell Valley, they used to order their staple groceries from a mail-order firm in Winnipeg and in the fall, a large shipment would arrive consisting of tea, coffee, sugar, macaroni, rice, tapioca, crackers and skim milk cheese. These and a grist of flour, along with their garden produce, meat and poultry, kept them supplied for months.

Clarence died in 1961. For several years after his death, Harriet continued living on the family farm in her little home adjacent to her son's house. When the "Roblin Personal Care Home" was opened, Harriet was one of the original residents. She died in 1980, at the age of 85.

Harriet and Clarence had five children: Mary, Muriel, Doris, Michael and Elizabeth.

Their eldest child, Mary Helene, was born April 4, 1919. She was past seven when she started to go to school as she had to stay away from home due to the great distance. She attended Rochdale School from 1926 to 1930 when the family moved to Tummel. She took her Grade XI in 1936. From 1936 to 1938 she worked in Winnipeg and took a course in dress-making and design, attaining her certificate on February 1, 1941.

In the autumn of 1941 she joined the R.C.A.F. (W.D.) and, after training, was stationed mainly in Eastern Canada. Her overseas posting turned out to be in Newfoundland, where she was promoted to Corporal, in charge of the parachute section. The most exciting part of the job was the dropping of supplies from a "Norseman" with one side panel removed, to downed aircraft or salvage crews isolated by storms or deep snow, in the interior. On

one occasion, medical kits, bread, bacon and other groceries were dropped safely and a final circuit was made to drop a large bag of beans. Down it went, the chute opened and the bag broke loose. When it hit the ground, the bag burst open and up came the beans that scattered like hail over the clearing. Do navy beans grow wild in a remote area of Newfoundland?

In the fall of 1945 she enrolled at the University of Manitoba, graduating May 18, 1949 with a B.Sc. (H.Ec.) and winning the Singer Prize. She was appointed as a Home Economist to the Department of Agriculture, Prince Edward Island, and for over six years, travelled all over that delightful province on her work with Women's Institutes, Agricultural Societies and 4-H Clubs. In 1955 she left to study at the University of London, winning the Princess Alice Scholarship in 1956. As she was the first Canadian woman to study in Britain under this scholarship, she was invited to tea with Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, at Kensington Palace. In February, 1957, she was a delegate to U.N.E.S.C.O. in Paris. Although busy with her studies, she managed to see a good deal of southern England and made several trips to the Channel Islands, her father's birthplace. She received an M.Sc. on January 1, 1958.

In the autumn of 1958 she received an appointment at the University of Saskatchewan. The next twenty years were spent in conducting classes all over Saskatchewan where she experimented with television classes which ran successfully over four years on three stations and failed on one station where sequence was not considered.

In 1960 she married Arthur Hull of Saskatoon, who had served as a Canadian in the R.A.F. for six years, mainly in North Africa, Malta and Italy with the 137th Bomber Squadron as a flight mechanic. Arthur ran a printing service. Together they joined the R.C.A.F. Association and participated as time-keepers on small car rallies, particularly the Trans-Canada, for several years. Arthur died in November, 1981.

Mary retired as an Associate Professor June 30, 1979 and lives in her little house in Sutherland (a suburb of Saskatoon) with her cat. She enjoys gardening and teaches handicrafts for Sutherland Recreation Association in the winter months.

Muriel Margaret, the second daughter of Harriet and Clarence Robin, was born in Inglis January 8, 1921. She was educated at Rochedale and Tummel schools. She is a registered nurse, a graduate of St. Boniface School of Nursing in 1947 and has worked as a Public Health Nurse in the Swan River Valley. She taught student nurses in Edmonton, Alberta; Brandon, Manitoba; and Kingston, Ontario. She

received a Bachelor of Nursing Degree from McGill University in 1965.

On November 25, 1974, Muriel married Douglas Alfred Dale of Kingston, Ont. They were married at St. James Anglican Church, Neepawa, Manitoba. They reside in Kingston where Douglas is a Federal Government employee. They are members of "The Cathedral Church of St. George", "Domina Theatre Association" and attend "Theatre 5".

Douglas joined the "Princess of Wales Own Regiment" (P.W.O.R.) in 1944. He is active in the Masonic order of Knights Templar and every summer, the Dales travel to a different city in Canada to a large Masonic convention. They have also travelled in Britain, U.S.A. and Switzerland.

Muriel retired from nursing when she married and is active in volunteer work and several nursing organizations. Her main hobby is gardening.

The Dales are looking forward to Douglas' retirement in several years' time when they will be free to visit relatives in Britain, South Africa and Australia.

Doris de Moulpied Cole, (nee Robin) was the third daughter of Clarence and Harriet Robin. She was born August 27, 1922 at home in the Shell River Valley. She was educated at Rochedale and Tummel, and took Grade 12 at Goose Lake Collegiate. After graduating, she attended Winnipeg Normal School and taught at Stratford School District from 1942 to 1944. In 1944 she joined the C.W.A.C. and served in the Canadian Army for two years, obtaining the rank of sergeant. On discharge in 1946, she attended the University of Toronto from 1946 to 1949, graduating as an occupational therapist and completing her internship at Deer Lodge Hospital in Winnipeg. In 1950 she rejoined the Canadian Army as a lieutenant, serving in Shilo, Rivers, Churchill and Toronto.

In 1954 she married Lieutenant N. A. Cole, an officer in the Canadian army. They have two daughters — Diane who is a graduate social worker and Joan (Mrs. Philip Sylvain) who is a Registered Nurse. Both girls are living and working in Ottawa. Through the years, Doris kept up her profession and when both daughters were grown, she went back to work as an occupational therapist with geriatric patients.

After 30 years of military service, Doris and her husband are now retired. Norman's postings have taken them from the Yukon to Newfoundland in Canada, and to England, Europe, the Middle East, and southern Africa, and although they have thoroughly enjoyed military life, they felt it was time to settle down. They now live in Oxford Mills, a small town south of Ottawa, where they are presently completing their retirement home, spending the summers working in their garden and orchard, and

the winters enjoying their hobbies and community activities, which proves that you can take the girl out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the girl!

Clarence Michael Robin, fourth child, and only son of Clarence and Harriet Robin, was born in Boulton municipality on April 12, 1928. He received his education in Tummel Consolidated school. During his childhood, Michael's main interest was the farm. He recalls trying to persuade his father to let him stay home from school to attend local farm sales. Much to his joy, permission was sometimes granted. Michael remembers the sorrow that accompanied the selling of farms in the 1930's.

At 15, he decided to quit school and follow his main interest in life — farming. Because of his father's poor health, the responsibility of the family farm gradually fell on Michael's shoulders. He began a herd of polled Hereford cattle, purchasing his first registered cow from Watson Dunn of Russell. Today, he and his sons have a large herd of Herefords, both registered and grade. He receives many compliments from people when they see the sleek red and white animals.

In 1961, Michael married Elizabeth Hardy of Inglis. They have three children — Thomas Clarence, born on January 9, 1963; Timothy George, born on April 11, 1965 and Jennifer Anne born on May 31, 1972. They attended Roblin Elementary and Goose Lake High schools. Jennifer is beginning her grade seven this fall (1984). The boys hope to follow in their father's and grandfather's footsteps and to be the third generation of Robins to farm the land.

Michael and Betty take an active interest in the church and community of Tummel.

Elizabeth Dorothy Robin (Betty), the youngest daughter, was born in Russell Hospital on November 17, 1935. She received her education in Tummel Consolidated School. She married Walter James Ritchie of Roblin on July 21, 1955 in the Tummel church.

They lived in Roblin, Grandview and Dauphin, then moved to Neepawa in 1962 where Walter worked for "Bob's TV & Radio". Walter bought the business in 1969 and has owned "Richie's TV & Radio" for the past fifteen years.

Walter and Betty have three children — Sheila Elise, born September 5, 1956; Kerry Leigh, May 25, 1959 and Donald James, August 15, 1964. Their family received their education in Neepawa's Hazel M. Kellington Elementary and N.A.C.I. Collegiate.

Sheila Elise married Cst. Bruce F. Bremner on September 27, 1975. They have three children — Nancy Elise, born December 13, 1976, Shawn Bruce, March 16, 1979 and Colin Michael, March 12, 1983.

Bruce left the R.C.M.P. after six years service to

buy his grandfather's farm where they built a new home in the Mentmore district, eleven miles from Neepawa.

Sheila teaches singing to all the Sunday school classes in the Neepawa United Church.

Kerry Leigh is a registered nurse. She married Murray G. Parrott July 3, 1982. They have a son, Ronald Murray, born April 23, 1983. They're building a new home in the Franklin district, eleven miles from Neepawa.

Kerry nurses at Neepawa and Minnedosa hospitals. Murray teaches at Hazel M. Kellington school in Neepawa, as well as farming their land at Franklin.

Donald James is taking a course in zoology at Brandon University. He helps his dad at their TV store in Neepawa as well as working for the Safeway Co. during the summer months.

Betty and Walter enjoy golfing and fishing in the summer and cross-country skiing in the winter.

Walter's hobbies include building and flying radio controlled planes. He belongs to the Brandon R/C Flying Club and has received several trophies for the planes he has built.

Betty enjoys oil painting and has been asked to display her work in several Neepawa businesses and has sold a number of her paintings.

Neepawa has won many awards for being the most beautiful town in Manitoba. Walter and Betty enjoy its friendliness as well as its beauty.

Clem and Dorothy Robinson

by Vivian Black

My dad, William Clement Robinson, the third son of Isaac Robinson of Belleville, Ontario, was born in 1888, and received his education there.

At an early age he decided to have a look at the

west. He worked for the C.N.R. on construction with Harry Ross in Winnipeg, in the Roblin Hotel and also on farms.

In 1915 he married Dorothy Curle, who came from the Minnedosa, Manitoba area with her parents, John and Helen Curle, six brothers and two sisters, in 1905.

Dad had bought a farm about a mile north of Roblin where three of their children were born. Their close neighbours were the Jimmy Hunters, Wright family, and the Littles, to name a few. In the fall of 1918 they sold out to Mr. McCutcheon and bought land in the Makaroff district, on 10-27-29 which is presently owned by Jack and Annie Pound.

They built all the buildings and planted over one thousand trees including fruit trees and shrubs.

The people in Makaroff were very neighbourly, just like one big happy family, and everyone worked together and took an interest in all social events which our family also joined in. Dad served on the School Board, the Church board, and was a member of the Roblin Masonic Lodge. Mother joined the Women's Institute and Ladies' Aid (now the U.C.W.). She was a lover of animals and liked chickens especially.

In March 1921 another brother was born.

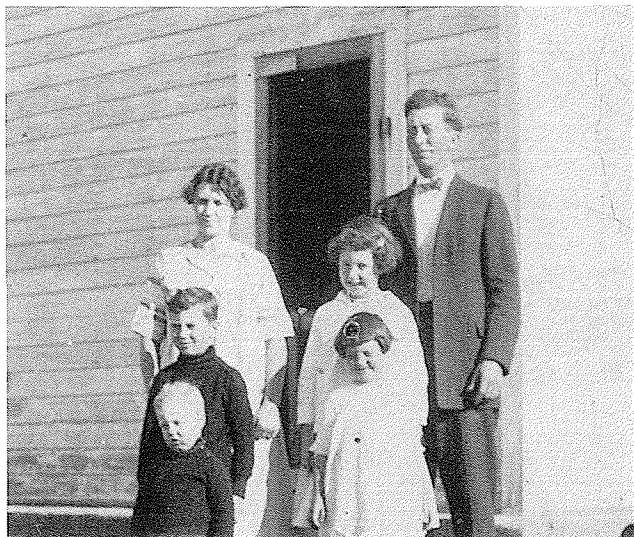
In the fall of 1929, this land was sold to Mr. W. Pound, and we settled on the farm owned then by Mr. E. Fletcher (now owned by Robin Watson) in the Cromarty district. We kids finished our schooling in Roblin, and enjoyed many good times in the district. The Cromarty picnic and Christmas concert were two events we always looked forward to.

The four children were: Verda, Harry, Vivian and Alton. Verda, deceased in 1928, was laid to rest in the Makaroff cemetery.



L to R. Alton, Vivian, Harry, Dorothy and Clem Robinson.

Harry married Georgie Smith of Rapid City. They have one daughter, Denise. Harry was Post master in Rapid City for about 31 years. He served in the 8th Provost Corps in the second World War. He and his wife are now retired and living in Winnipeg.



Clem and Dorothy Robinson in 1924 with the family.

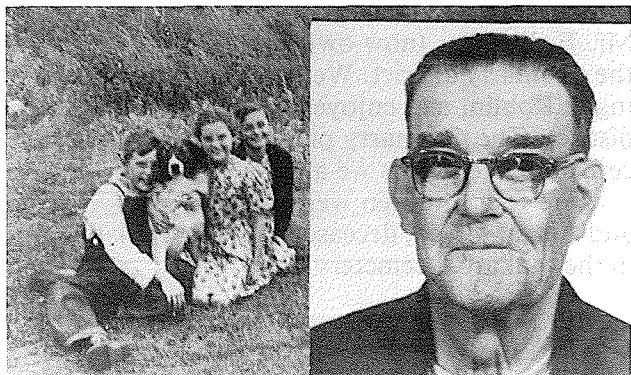
Vivian married Don Black. We had an infant son (now resting in Roblin cemetery) and two daughters, Helen and Barbara. We are now retired and living in Roblin.

Alton married Jean Elder of Makaroff. They had three children: Douglas, deceased in August, 1984 and two daughters, Gay and Marilyn. Alton served in the R.C.A.F. in World War II. He and his wife are now retired in Winnipeg after Alton's retirement from his job as a conductor for the C.N.R. for approximately 38 years.

Our parents are both deceased and were laid to rest in the Makaroff cemetery. Dad passed away in January, 1965 and Mother in January, 1980.

The Robinson Family by Myrtle McKay

Albert Edward (Bert) Robinson was born in London, England on Aug. 27th, 1907, to Harry James and Amy (née Rose) Robinson. He was one of four children: Kathrine, Frances, Albert and Florence. In 1911, when Bert was only 2½ years old, his family came to Canada and settled in Kingston, Ontario. Harry Robinson worked for the C.P.R. Grand Trunk Railway. Amy passed away in 1912 and Harry returned to England leaving the children



Amy, Muriel, David and Bert Robinson.

behind. He remarried and sent for his family. A boy, Harry, was born of the second marriage.

Bert received his education in England at Red Coat Boys' School. After several odd jobs, he landed a job on a sailing ship, under Captain Davis in Greenwich, England. After making several crossings to Canada, he decided to take up residence here. Bert rode the freight trains from coast to coast, and finally settled in the Roblin area. His first jobs included working for farmers in the Deepdale and Makaroff districts for \$5 per month. In 1934, he met and married Louise Langan, a daughter of Frank Langan and Genevieve (née Laforaine) of St. John, North Dakota. They have five children: Myrtle, James, Amy, Muriel and

David. Louise's family moved to Canada and homesteaded in the Boggy Creek Area, and they raised a family of 12 (seven girls and five boys).

During the hungry thirties, Bert cut, piled and burnt scrub for \$85 per mile and life was very difficult. Grandmother Kate Collins in England would never have condoned such treatment, but things in Canada were not as she had visualized them at that time. Bert served in Manitoba 32nd Horse Militia, from 1929-31 at Camp Shilo. He worked for Geo. Aitken's dairy for about 3½ years at \$5 per week and then went to Wpg. and worked for the Frank Chapman Dairy for a time. During the war, he worked for an airplane factory in Fort William, for Canada Car as a spray painter. After that stint, he returned to Roblin and took on a job at Gleiser's Hotel until it was sold. Bert still continued to work as a night man for 27 years, retiring in 1972 due to illness. He returned to England for a visit in 1952 and found many changes.

Bert was often heard playing his bagpipes and his beloved violin. He could also play the mouth organ, ukelele and trumpet, so music was a very important part of his family life. Wood carving and violin making were also Bert's hobbies.

Louise also led a very active life, raising the family and doing house work for Mrs. Spud Cock-erill and Mrs. Labousire and also working for Mr. R. F. Standish for 20 years, cleaning and often helping in the morgue. She dug seneca root and also snared rabbits to help put food on the table. Once, I remember that she found a skunk on the road, skinned it and sold the pelt for \$3.50. The children spent their summer holidays walking miles to pick berries and then sold them for 10¢ a gallon.



Mrs. Bert Robinson, Amy, James and Myrtle, 1944.

Their family consisted of Myrtle, James, Amy, Muriel and David.

Myrtle married Ernie McKay and they have four children: Amy, Ray, Judi and Kathrine (Cassie).

James joined the Air Force and served 3 years in England and Germany. He married Betty and they had one son, Freddie; then he married Norma and they had 6 children: Jamie, Michel and Michele (twins), David, Marlene and Charlene (twins). Then he married Gwen and they had 2 children: Tracey and Kimberly.

Jim is now married to Doris.

Amy joined the air force and served for 3 years, then married Robert Thomson and they have two children, Brent and Julie.

Muriel worked in the Roblin hospital and then married Norman Ferris and they have four children, Brian, Brenda, Patti and Kevin.

David married Anna Brockelhurst and they have three children: Heather, Sandra and Scott.

There are 8 great-grandchildren to date.

George Roe Family by the Roe family

Our father, Harry George Roe was born and educated in Andover, Hampshire, England. He worked as a draftsman at Taskers before coming to Canada, in 1906, at the age of 18. He was the only one of the Roe family to immigrate. He worked around Toronto for some years but the West was calling, so he came to Portage, then to the Castleavery district where he bought a farm (S.E. 1/4 of



Harry and Olive Roe (nee Ferriss) on their wedding day, October 18, 1922.

20-24-29). He batched for seven years before marrying Olive Ferriss in 1922. Olive lived in the same district. Her mother and father, Harland and Bessie Ferriss moved to the Castleavery district from Burnside, Manitoba, around 1901, when Olive was a small child. She attended Castleavery school when

she could, but being an older daughter of a large family and her mother not well, she too often was needed at home.

Harry and Olive raised a family of six: Eva, Jim, Ilene, Grace, George and Mabel. They worked very hard, as everyone did in those days, paying their debts and adding more land to their farm. The depression and dry years, during the 1930's were rough but somehow they managed. During this time Harry's health failed, and it was Dr. Brownlee in Russell that found he had diabetes. Eva and Jim helped their parents farm. In wartime, Eva joined the air force; Jim could not be spared as he was needed at home, as the younger children were still in school.

For many years Harry was one of the school trustees along with James Shearer and Arthur Nichols. He got back to England only once to see his folks. He and Percy Jennings made the trip the winter of 1928-29. Harry lived on the farm, until he passed away in 1959.

Olive continued to live on the farm for a number of years after her husband's death. In 1965 she bought a small house in Roblin. Olive enjoyed gardening. She spent many happy hours with her house plants and flowers and shrubs in her garden. She passed away in the spring of 1973.



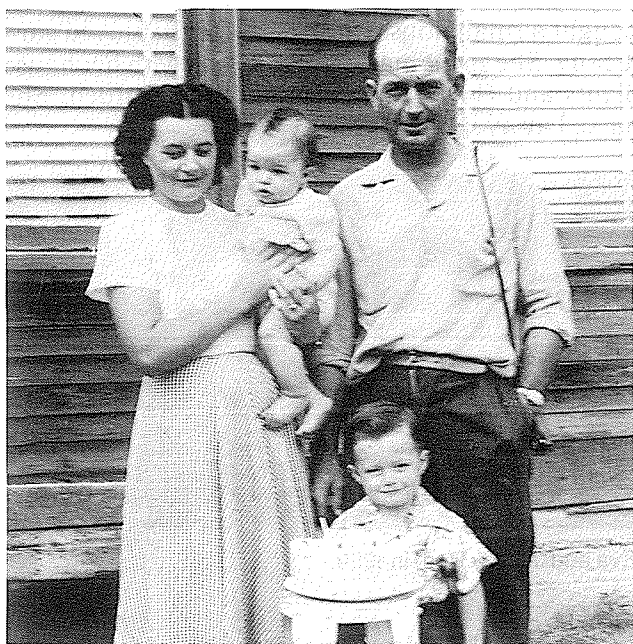
Eva and Jeffrey Roe, in 1959.

Eva was the eldest daughter. She joined the Air Force in 1943, where she trained as a cook. After she left the Air Force she continued her occupation as a cook until she moved to Sarnia, Ontario where she worked in the Prestolite factory until her death in 1972. She had one son, Jeffery.

Jim continued to farm his father's farm. In 1956 he married Elizabeth Taylor of MacNutt, Sask. Elizabeth has taught school for many years and continues to teach in Calder, Sask. Jim raised beef cattle as well as grain farming. They had three children: Marilyn, Leyton and Murray. Marilyn has her B.G.S. Degree from Brandon University. She taught school until December 1983 and is now taking University classes toward a Bachelor of Educa-

tion degree. Leyton is a chemical technologist, working for the Whiteshell Nuclear Research Station, at Pinawa, Manitoba. Murray is a Constable in the Regina Police Service. All three children were members of the Beef Club at Castleberry.

Ilene married Albert McFayden from Tummel in 1948. They farmed in the Tummel area until 1982, when they moved to Roblin. Albert rented his land out. Ilene works as a Nurse's Aid in the Personal Care Home. They have three children. Rodney is a Park Ranger. He married Jacqueline Precort from St. Francois Xavier in September 1974. They have three boys; Marc, Shawn, and Kyle. They are now living at Turtle Mountain Park. Lynn works for Manitoba Hydro at Brandon. He is Power Electrician. Shelley is a Registered Nurse. She trained at Grace Hospital in Winnipeg and continued to work there for three years before moving to Victoria, B.C. Rodney and Lynn belonged to the Tummel 4-H Garden Club and Shelley was a member of the Roblin Happy Homemakers.



Frank and Grace Zimmer (nee Roe), with Dean and Delano, 1955.

Grace married Frank Zimmer from Dropmore in 1951. They lived in Winnipeg for awhile, then in the Portage la Prairie area, MacGregor and Riding Mountain. They are now retired in Neepawa. They have five children: Delano is on Vancouver Island; Dean at Winnipeg; Isabelle at Haines Junction Yukon; Angela at Okotoks, Alberta; and Rodene is presently at Neepawa.

George married Ruby Kolstad from Roblin. They farmed at Bowsman, Man., later selling and moving to North Battleford, Sask., where George

worked in a lumber yard. He continued this line of work and was manager of several yards. Ruby taught school for many years, and continues to teach. They have two children. Janet has her Masters of Geography and Art. She married Doug Kinley from Winnipeg where they now live. Tim is still in school.



The Harry Roe Family: Back row: L to R. James and Elizabeth Roe, George and Ruby, Ilene and Albert McFayden, Mabel and Bill Cranwell. Front row: Lynn McFayden, Janet Row, Mr. Harry Roe, Marilyn Roe, Rodney McFayden, Donna Cranwell and Mrs. Harry (Olive) Roe.

In 1956 Mabel married William Cranwell, who was born and educated at Roblin. After leaving school he worked for the cymagraph crew around Roblin, Melville and Esterhazy, Sask. Then he worked at Lynn Lake, driving a truck which was helping to put in footings for the railroad. The only means of transportation to and from Lynn Lake at that time was by plane. In 1955 he started working for the Department of Highways on the maintenance crew at Roblin and worked there for eleven years. He drove school bus to Tummel and then to Roblin schools. He quit driving bus in 1975. During the time he drove school bus, he also worked at Brade's Hatchery during hatching season. Bill and Mabel lived in the Riverbend district for a few years, then moved to the Tummel district where they bought a farm. In 1971 they purchased some Holstein cows and started selling milk. For the first few months the milk was delivered to Pilot Mound, then they changed milk plants and sold their milk to the Manco plant at Rosburn. The dairy was a family operation, and every one of the five children did their share of the work. They sold their dairy cows in 1981. Donna married Malcolm Fletcher from Swan River in 1977. They both attended Assiniboine Community College. Donna is a Certified General Accountant and is employed with Berken and McGimpsey accounting firm at Swan River. Malcolm is manager and draftsman for a general construction firm, Delaurier Bros. Ltd. They have one daughter, Kayla Dawn. David was

employed as a Meat Manager at Gilbert Plains Co-op, Hamiota Co-op, and Batemans I.G.A. Stores in Edmonton, Alberta. He travelled for Frybe Sausage Co. for a year and then decided he liked cutting meat better than travelling so he went back to being employed again at I.G.A. in Edmonton. In May 1984, he married Christal Woodard at Grande Prairie, Alberta where they are both now employed with the Grande Prairie Co-op Store. Denise was employed as secretary at the Holiday Inn in Yorkton until she married Ian Mackay from Bredenbury, Sask., in 1982. They moved to Swift Current, Sask., where she was employed as a salesperson at the Radio Station C.K.S.W. They are now living at Lloydminster, Sask. where Ian drives a truck for an Oil Drilling Co. Doug was employed at Parkland Bakery during his last year of high school and continued to work there until he obtained work at Cox's Store where he is now employed. Danette being the youngest, was the last to leave home. She was employed at Swan River for a short time and now is working at Angela's Restaurant in Yorkton, Sask.

4-H was an important part of our family life with everything from cooking and sewing to gun safety, fixing electrical appliances, and making dune buggies. There were 4-H exchanges from Illinois, U.S.A., Newfoundland, British Columbia, Ontario and many other places.

James Rogers Family by Grace Bangle

During the summer of 1901, Mr. James Rogers and his three eldest sons (one married) decided to homestead near McLean siding, known now as



The late Percy Rogers dancing with a bear belonging to the hotel keeper — M. Hartford about 1911.

Makaroff. Mr. Rogers had built a log house on Sec. 16-27-29 by the month of August. In the same year, the rest of the family, consisting of Mrs. Rogers, two daughters, a daughter-in-law, and three younger sons, also came to the homestead. Along with Mrs. Rogers and her family, came Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rogers. They had no house, so they lived under a wagon box, until one was built. They brought with them three horses, two cows, one pig, a few chickens and two geese. The nearest neighbor at the time was James Johnson and family, who lived to the south along the Boggy Creek.

With the railway coming by so near to them, they were soon followed by other homesteaders.

Mr. Rogers, failing in health, said one day that he would like to be laid to rest in the corner of the north quarter of one of his sons' homestead, near a tree he had planted (a spruce), as there was no nearby cemetery at the time. In May of 1907, he died and was laid to rest there, and was soon followed by Mr. and Mrs. G. Sloan's daughter Una, and later by Mr. Rogers' eldest son, Fred, who was gassed in his own well, early in 1909. On March 10th, 1909, one acre of this land on N.E. 1/4 of 16-27-29 was donated for a cemetery, which is now known as the Makaroff Community Cemetery.

Grace, a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Rogers, married Elmer Bangle. They had 2 daughters: Happie and Sandra. Sandra married Brian Heinz and they have 2 daughters: Robin and Alison. They live in Saskatoon. Happie married Peter Timmerman and they have one son, Russell. This family is presently residing in Winnipeg.

James Rogers Family by May Curle

In 1897 James Rogers, his wife and family of six sons and two daughters immigrated to Canada from the Isle of Wight, England.

After three years on a rented farm in the Silver Creek district (Silverton), Father and his three eldest sons filed on a section of land (16-27-29) thus becoming the first settlers to homestead land in what is now the Makaroff district. A granddaughter, Grace Bangle and her husband, Elmer still own and operate half of the original section.

Other early homesteaders were the Sloans, Collins, Gardners, T. Cranes, and Finchems.

Dan McLean opened a store in a tent, and the place was for a time (after the coming of the railroad) known as "McLean Siding", finally being named "Makaroff" by the C.N.R. in 1904.

Mr. Rogers did all the ground work in organizing the school district and was invited to become the first Sec-treas. Poor health prevented him from accepting and his eldest son was appointed instead. Mr. Rogers was then given the privilege of naming

the school and he named it "Northwood" after the school his family had attended in England.

Mr. Fincham was the first teacher and for a time classes were held in his home on the banks of Boggy Creek, north of Makaroff. The pupils sat around the kitchen table in place of desks and used slates.

The first church services held in Makaroff were in the J. Rogers home in 1902, and were conducted by Rev. Bartlett who drove from Russell with horse and buggy.

Of the first original family settling in the Makaroff district, four sons were in active service in the First World War, two of them making the supreme sacrifice. Another son served his community as Reeve for 26 years, and as M.L.A. for eight months.

Submitted by May Curle, the only survivor of the first family to live in the Makaroff district.

Cecil Rogers Family History

by Alice Nieman

Cecil Rogers was born in Stellerton, Nova Scotia in 1902, the second son of James and Mary Rogers. He can trace his father's family back five generations. In 1919, he came west with the harvest excursion to Roblin, Man., where he worked for Tom Denny. After harvest he remained in the Roblin area.

Three years later he went to Swan River to cut wood near Fishtown, which was near where Birch River is now. He married Doris Nash in 1926. The



Cecil and Doris Rogers.

next ten years saw them blessed with six children: Gwendolyn, Edna, Donalda, Alice, Walter, and Richard. Three of these children were born in Roblin (Gwen, Edna and Alice); the other three were born in the Swan River area. These children

were all raised on a farm two miles north of Mafeking, Man.

Gwendolyn married Harvey Campbell, and they live in Birch River and have two girls and two boys.

Edna married George Thompson of Gladstone, Man. He was employed by Canadian Breeders' Association. He was accidentally killed in 1965. Edna moved to Flin Flon, Man. where she now lives near her family of two boys and two girls.

Donalda married Laurie Graham of Minitonas and they have four children, three boys and one girl. They now reside in Thompson, Man.

Alice married William Nieman of Swan River. They have two daughters, Wilma and Muriel.

Walter married Vivian Hays of Winnipeg, Man.

Richard married Marilyn McMillan of Birch River.

Cecil Rogers worked in the fishing industry from 1931 until 1947. For a few years he fished on his own and sold to Booth Fisheries or to Armstrong Fisheries.

In 1948 he became foreman for Meikljohn. When Meikljohn passed away, Cecil started on his own in bushwork. He took out logs to build twenty miles of corduroy road in the Porcupine Mountains, which is still in use (1978). Hunters, fishermen and blueberry pickers still use this road. The Government of Manitoba erected a sign naming it "The Rogers' Pass (1980)".

His wife, Doris worked very hard in the church and Sunday School in Mafeking, from 1931 to 1954 when she passed away. Some time later, Cecil married Hazel Bradberry and they lived on the farm north of Mafeking, until she passed away in 1979.

Cecil is still active, and enjoys coming to the Roblin area to visit with relatives and friends.

Charles Rogers Family

by Edna Rogers

Charles Edwin Rogers was born on the Isle of Wight, England, on March 1, 1891. He was the youngest son of the late James Rogers and came to Canada with his parents, six brothers and two sisters.

They settled in the Silver Creek district and in 1901 they moved to the Makaroff district, coming over the old "Pelly Trail" with a team and wagon. They were the first settlers in the Makaroff district. All of their supplies had to be brought from Russell with a team and wagon. This was a three-day trip. If the wagons were kept moving (in the winter) the supplies, such as potatoes, would not freeze, but as soon as they stopped they would freeze solid.

Charlie received his education in Makaroff, attending the Northwood School and later the Makaroff Consolidated School.

In August, 1914, at the outbreak of World War I, he enlisted with the 1st C.M.R.'s, going overseas in September of the same year. After two years of active service in France, he was taken prisoner of war by the Germans at Sanctuary Woods, later being interned for six months in Holland. He returned to Canada in 1919, and was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

In 1920 he married Mary Edna McKnight and resided in the Makaroff district for most of his life. They were blessed with two sons and seven daughters: Christina, Mae, Marie, Jeanne, Lucille, James, Isabel, Marlene and Raymond.

Charlie was the town blacksmith for several years. He took over the shop from Art Sharpe. Everyone knew him as "dirty-face-Rogers". Charlie also worked on the railway when it was being built. On Saturday mornings the men would come to the shop and take turns cutting each other's hair.

Charlie was always active in community work. He was secretary of the Makaroff Church for several years and was also secretary of the Makaroff Consolidated School. He took over the Post Office when Joe Grundy retired in 1944 and was the Postmaster until he retired in 1959. He was a member of the Canadian Order of Forresters, the Masonic Lodge and other organizations.

Edna was a member of the W.I. and the Ladies' Aid and was always active in church and community work. Both were ardent curlers. They moved to the Roblin Residences in 1963.

Charles passed away in 1967 and was laid to rest in the Makaroff Cemetery. Edna still lives at the Residence.

Christina (Chrissie) married Thomas Beck and lives at Makaroff. They have six sons and six daughters: Arlene, Doris, Evelyn, Dale, Doug, Garry, Brian, Lawrence, Ann, Terry, Bev and Dennis.

Arlene Beck married Eric Giest from Togo, Saskatchewan. They live at Calgary, Alberta. Arlene has worked for Safeway for 17 years.

Doris Beck married Carl Slugoski from Preceville, Saskatchewan. They have a daughter, Shauna and four sons. Carl works in the mine at Flin Flon, Manitoba. Doris works in the liquor store in Creighton, Saskatchewan.

Evelyn Beck married Harry Hart of Flin Flon. Harry works in the mine and Evelyn works for the Health Unit. They have one son, Kevin and one daughter, Kim.

Dale Beck married Betty Bannick and they live in Calgary. They have one daughter and two sons.

Doug Beck married Linda Barber of Lloyd-minister, Saskatchewan. They have one daughter and live in Calgary, Alberta.

Garry Beck married Bonnie Hanson of Calgary. Garry is a painter and Bonnie works for Safeway. They have two daughters.

Brian Beck lives in Calgary and is a painter. He married Debbie Tarr of Oyen, Alberta. They have two sons.

Lawrence Beck works in the mine at Flin Flon. He married Sandra Davey of Makaroff. She works in Woolworths in Flin Flon. They have one son and one daughter.

Ann Beck married Fidele Carriere of San Clara. They live at Port Coquitlam, B.C. Fidele works on steel. They have two daughters.

Terry Beck married Maurice Carriere of San Clara and they live in Calgary. Maurice is a carpenter and Terry works in a Personal Care Home. They have one daughter and two sons.

Beverly married Terry Carriere of San Clara. They live at Medicine Hat, Alberta. Terry works on the oil rigs. They have one son and one daughter.

Dennis Beck married Debbie Styba of Roblin. He operates a motor grader for the Municipality of Shell River. They have one daughter.

Edna Mae Rogers married Jack Strachan who was serving in the Canadian Air Force. Jack and Mae were stationed in France from 1959 to 1963. They now live in Edmonton and have two daughters, Donna and Charlene. Donna married Mathew Mushynski of Pelly, Saskatchewan and they had 1 son and 1 daughter. Donna later married Ken Telotti and they live in California. Charlene married Brian Nitz and they live at Edmonton, Alberta. They have 1 son and 1 daughter.

Marie Agnes Rogers married Harold Harvey while they were both serving in the Canadian Air Force. They have 1 daughter and 5 sons and reside in Trenton, Ontario. Their family is as follows: Beatrice, Blair, Blain, Eldon, Robert and Douglas.

Jeanne Alexandra Rogers married James Loomis. They have 2 sons and 1 daughter and they reside at Calgary, Alberta. Ronald is married to Marlene Wallace of Calgary. They live at Saskatoon, Sask. and have 1 daughter and 1 son. Sherry married Robert Lloyd of Calgary. They reside in Calgary and have 2 daughters. Kenneth married Wanda of Calgary and they live in Calgary.

Lucille Catherine Rogers married Alvin Bach. They have 4 sons and 3 daughters and reside at Brooks, Alberta. Alvin was in partnership with his brother Ed in the Roblin Transfer business. He later operated Parkside Auto-body with Ray Taylor and purchased the land and laid out the Roblin Golf Course in 1960 with a lot of volunteer help from neighbours, such as Ross Misener and George Schmaltz.

Thelma Bach married Delbert Lattery of Calgary and resides there. Rita Bach married Leonard

Fenez of St. Lazare and lives at Medicine Hat, Alberta. They have 1 daughter and 2 sons. David Bach married Patricia Semen of Stockholm, Saskatchewan. They have 1 son and 1 daughter and they live at Cranbrook, B.C. Eric Bach married Fay Trippe and they have 1 daughter. He is with the Armed Forces in Ottawa. Donald Bach married Kim Wilson of Gilbert Plains; they had 2 daughters. He later married Betty Frieze of Russell. They have 1 son and live at Tilley, Alberta. Shirlee Bach married Bill Tucker of Roblin. They live at Duchess, Alberta and have 1 son and 2 daughters. Bryan Bach recently married Leona Daniels of Calgary and they live in Calgary.

James Cecil Rogers served for five years in the Royal Canadian Navy. He married Claire Traup and they lived at Bridgetown, Nova Scotia, Calgary and Prince George, B.C. In 1967 Jim drowned in the Fraser River and is resting in the Makaroff Cemetery.

Isabel Ethel Rogers married George Ashby of Roblin. They have 3 daughters and reside in Roblin. Patricia completed school in Roblin and went on to Kelsey College in Saskatoon. Gina and Colleen attend high school in Roblin.

Marlene Elaine Rogers married Alexander (Sandy) Rankin, who was a Sgt. in the Canadian Air Force. They spent 4 years in France from July 1958 to July 1962, and 3 years in Germany from 1966 to 1969. They are now living at Brooks, Alberta where Sandy is employed by Eastern Irrigation. They have 2 daughters, Diane and Laura-Lee. Diane married Chris Matthews of Calgary in 1983 and resides in Calgary. Laura is with the Canadian Air Force and is presently stationed at Trenton, Ontario.

Raymond Beverley Rogers married Noreen Young. They have a son, Miles and a daughter, Beverley. Miles lives at Thompson, Manitoba. Beverley is married and also resides at Thompson. Raymond later married Audrey and they have 1 son, Brent. They live at Calgary, Alberta.

Conrad Ronellenfitch Family by Carl F. Ronellenfitch

John George Ronellenfitch, born in 1660, married Marie Eva and they had 6 children.

John Sebastian Ronellenfitch, born in 1690, married Anna Dover and they had 7 children.

John George Ronellenfitch, born in 1717, married Magdoline Brokenmeyer and they had 4 children.

Joseph Ronellenfitch, born in 1754, married Frances Johnmeider and they had 6 children.

Nikolaus Ronellenfitch, born in 1787, had 7 children.

George Joseph Ronellenfitch, born in 1816, married Theresia M. Rusfelder and they had 9 chil-

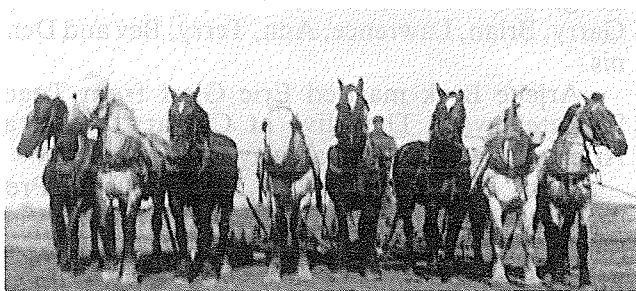
dren. Ignaz Ronellenfitch, born in 1848, married Johamia Hauser. The above were all born in Blazfeld, Baden, Germany. Ignaz moved to the U.S.A. in 1884 with his family. They had 13 children. Conrad Ronellenfitch was at the age of two when they arrived in U.S.A. In 1903 Conrad moved to Canada and took up a homestead in St. Benedict SEC 28 TP 41 rge 24 W2nd. In 1909 he married Mary Youngwirth, born in Appleton, Wisconsin U.S.A.



Conrad Ronellenfitch and Mary Jungwirth's wedding picture in 1909 January 19th.

1892. They had 8 children: Conrad, born March 10, 1910, died March 17, 1910; Johanna, born April 1, 1911; Herman, born December 3, 1912, died in 1962; Mary, born September 4, 1914, died December 1941; Charles, born September 29, 1916; Cecilia, October 15, 1918, died March 15, 1977; Elenore, born December 14, 1920; Bernard born March 22, 1923 in the Cudworth district; Albert, born February 12, 1926 in the Bremen district.

My parents moved from St. Benedict in 1920. They rented the land where Ed Kauk lives now, for 3 years. My dad had to open up the raw land which was a half section he bought in the Bremen district. They lived in three granaries for the summer. Dur-



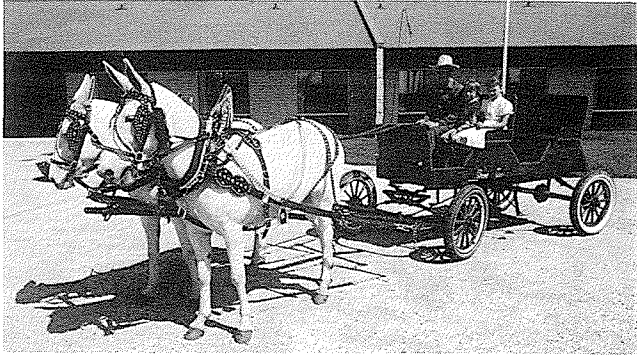
Carl Ronellenfitch with his farm horses.

ing this time Dad dug a cellar and put a house on it before winter. Albert was born here. In the fall of 1941 they sold their land to Peter Trieschuk and moved to Creston, B.C., where they bought an orchard. In 1948, they moved to Calgary. Dad had a stroke and a little later he died on May 23, 1951. Mother died July 30, 1974. They are both buried in

St. Mary's Cemetery in Calgary. Mother was a member of the Catholic Womens League and the Christian Mothers League.

Charles F. Ronellenfitch Family **by Carl Ronellenfitch**

In the fall of 1941 when Dad sold out and moved to Creston, B.C., Cecilla, Eleanor, Ben and Albert went with Dad and Mom. With wheat at 42¢ a bushel, I meant to keep on farming, but with rented land, not enough equipment and no money to buy any I couldn't.



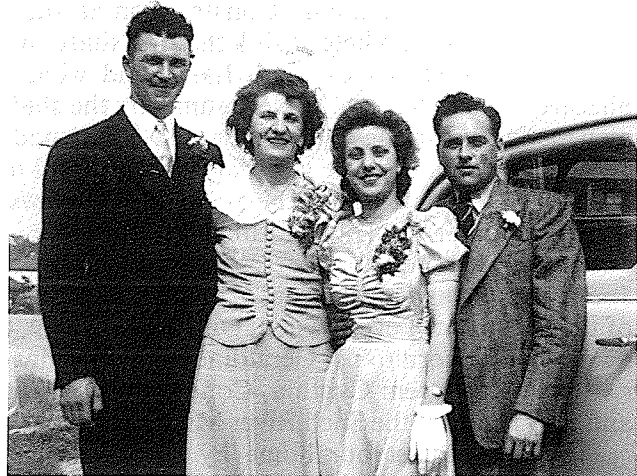
Carl Ronellenfitch and his team of mules.

As my sister had just passed away, my brother-in-law, Joe Peichel, and myself decided to go to Ontario and work in the bush to cut pulpwood. In Jan. 1943 I sold my horses and few head of cattle, and with his model 29 Chev, we motored to Port Arthur and Fort William. I recall so well that there was only about 2 inches of snow, until we got to the Lake Head. There we had old friends from Saskatchewan, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Walerius, and we stayed with them for a few days. There was work to be had in all directions but knowing only farming, we were greenhorns at other work. Companies of all sorts offered to pay transportation to get men under contract, but Mr. Walerius advised us to pay our own. That way we could quit if we pleased.

We hired on for bush work, myself as teamster and Joe Peichel as a helper. We arrived at the camp at night. The next morning I took one look at the team I was to drive and we walked out of camp. Luckily, we had paid our transportation. Greenhorns as we were, we did not take a lunch from the cook and walked through snow up over our knees 20 miles to the train depot. About ten miles from camp, we met the supply team, and we picked up our suitcases. Now the going was much worse; we had a weight to carry. We had breakfast at 7 o'clock and by 4 o'clock we struck a work camp, dead tired and starved. I had Joe stand guard. I went to see if I could steal some food. All I found in the lunch buckets was 2 small pieces of cake, which we

shared. We walked on, then heard the train whistle. This gave us the extra strength to carry on. We arrived at the depot, about 5 minutes ahead of the train. I believe we would have frozen to death, had we missed that train.

Joe Peichel had had enough of Ontario and the bush work so when we got back to Port Arthur, we split directions. He took his car and went back to Saskatchewan and I went east to Sudbury, Ontario. I hired on with Inco at 63¢ an hour. On March 3rd, 1942, I put in my first shift underground. I started off on the Banjo (meaning shovel) and shoveled muck in the mine in the same way that we shoveled grain on the farm, only it was harder work. I worked in the Frood mine, and got involved in the Union. I got caught at it and Inco transferred me and about 30 other miners from surrounding mines to Levack mine, in Jan., 1943. At Levack I met several girls and one of them is my wife today, so by May, 1944 I requested a transfer to the Garson mine and Inco granted it. On June 27, 1944, Doris Baron and myself were united in marriage.



Charles and Doris Ronellenfitch (nee Baron) on their wedding day, June 27, 1944.

There were lots of gold miners working at Inco, telling great stories of big money made in the gold mines. Come July 1945, Inco started a lay-off of miners and I had a desire to go to the gold fields. Doris was pregnant at that time and did not want to move, so I asked the time keeper to give me a lay-off slip but he refused. I remember as well as if it was yesterday. I came home and Doris had a wonderful supper waiting for me: steak and mushrooms, and raisin pie (my favourite). I begged her to move to Timmins, Ontario to the gold mines and she agreed. I went right back to the mine and quit, came home, and then ate my supper.

I went to Timmins and hired on at the McIntyre

mine at \$6.00 a day. On Sept. 6, I started working. On October 10, 1945 Ronald R. was born in Timmins, Ontario. Today he is married and has two children, Lori Ann and Ray Charles (the only grandson to carry on the name). He and his family live in the Hillsburg Municipality.

After working in the gold mine for 10 months and not missing a shift, I had 50 dollars less than when I had arrived at Timmins. I said to Doris, "Let's pack and leave while we still have the money to get out". So in August 1946 we arrived in Roblin, Man. Ronald was just 10 months old. I went harvesting for Cliff Coleman, and stooking for Phillip Hanson. In the fall of 1946 I bought the S.W. 1/4 of 35-26-28 from Norman Paul for \$900.00, and now again I was broke. In the winter of '46-'47 I had to go back to Ontario to work in the bush. I made \$1300.00 and never missed a day. I was hired on as a teamster. Abatibi had good horses. Many unbroken horses arrived and the foreman had me break them to harness. I surely enjoyed my work.

That winter we bought two cows, but there still was not enough money to move onto the farm. In 1947, I left Doris and son, Ron in Dauphin, Man. I hired on with Howe Sound Construction at Snow Lake, Manitoba and helped sink the first shaft. We went in by truck across Herb Lake, and what a blizzard it was, that night! Next summer, the shaft men made good money. We were paid 90¢ but made \$1.10 an hour bonus. We allowed Norman Paul to live at the farm, and he had the use of our two cows.

On October 10, 1947 Norman had his sale. I bought my first team of horses in Manitoba from Joe Ward. It was a lovely team of roans and was one of the best teams I ever owned. On April 17, 1949, a daughter was born to us, Geraldine M. She is married with 3 children: Cynthia, Conrad and Warren and they reside in the Shell River Municipality.

In 1957 we lost our home by fire. With not enough insurance, and no money to rebuild and furnish, we sold our livestock, except one team of horses which Clem Fisher looked after. I was forced to go to work again. I hired on with Utah Construction Co. at Esterhazy, Sask. There were 3 shifts. Sam Fitkowski ran the shift on which I worked and Sam's crew put in the first set of steel in the shaft. Due to the shaft flooding, Utah Construction Co. had to give up, and due to union activity, the German Co. did not rehire me.

From Esterhazy, Sask., I went to Thompson, Man. There I worked for Pat Harrison and was lead hand with a timber crew. When Inco took over the mine, I hired on again with Inco. I did not make enough money though, so in 1961 (the dry year) we again returned to the farm. I cut whatever hay was possible. Then I bought 6 registered head of cattle. I always enjoyed wheeling and dealing with horses.

In 1965, a dream came true and hit home, as a great business had hit western Canada—the P.M.U. I applied and received a contract for 50 mares and I had the first P.M.U. Operation in the Shell River Municipality. In February, 1975 we sold the operation with 1/2 section of land (the west half of sec. 35-26-28) to Jim Leflar of Roblin, who is still in full operation.



With their trophies won for mule pulling are: L to R. Fred Taylor, Carl Ronellenfitch and Ron Rothwell.

Doris and I kept 7.65 acres on the N.W. 1/4 of 35-26-28, on which we presently reside. Our enjoyment now is going out with our white mules. With them, we have won many prizes and trophies. At one time I held the Canadian mule team pulling championship, for 1979-80-81, but lost it in 1982, as they did not compete. At the present, we own 8 mules. I credit my 1981 win to Fred Taylor of Roblin and Ron Rothwell of Calgary, Alberta.

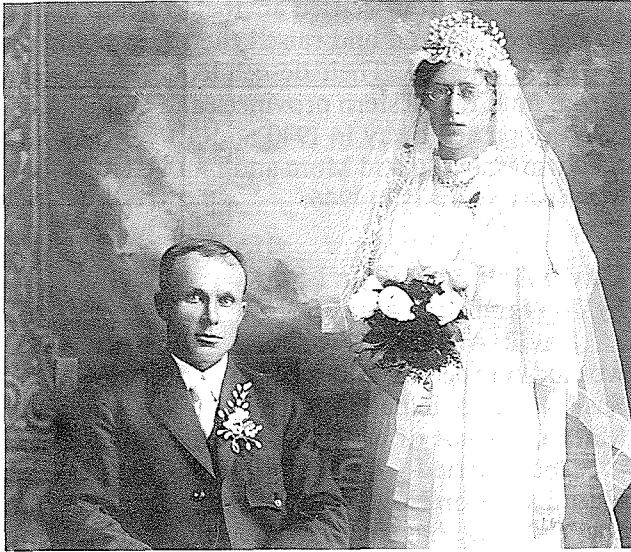
Due to my knee injury in the winter of 1977 I cannot have outdoor activity so as a hobby I began show harness-making. The harness for our mules is all handmade.

Rowan Family by Cedric E. Rowan

Harry A. Rowan was born in Glamis, Ontario on Dec. 19, 1879, of Irish ancestry. In 1899, he moved west to Manitoba, where he was introduced to farming western style.

His first job was on a threshing gang, where he fired a portable steam engine for 66 days. After spending 2 years farming in the Brandon area, he moved to a homestead near MacNutt, Sask.

Times were hard on the homestead, with a total crop failure the first year due to frost. This prompted him to work in a lumber camp at Shortdale for the winter. He told of his return home in the

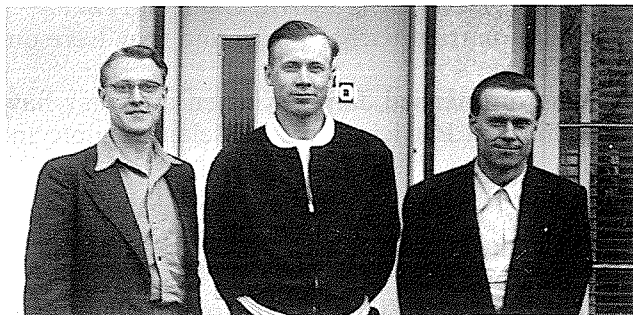


Harry and Sadie Rowan, August 18, 1914.

spring and of walking all the way to the Assiniboine River. At this point, he found the water already knee-deep on the ice. There was no bridge or boat for miles around and due to the lateness of the hour and his need for shelter, he walked through the water and continued another 2 miles to Happy Jack Smith's home, where he spent the night. He also told of hauling grain with a team and wagon, 20 miles to Langenburg, with only trails to follow. Today we would call that "roughing it"!

In 1911, he purchased John Shearer's farm in Castleavery. After building a new house in 1914, he married Sarah (Sadie) Longden. She was born on Dec. 30, 1888, at McGregor, Manitoba, and had moved with her parents, Joseph and Mary Longden, to the district in 1903. Prior to her marriage, she taught school for several years at various locations, including Castleavery.

They were blessed with three sons; Cedric, born



Orland, Durard, and Cedric Rowan, about 1957.

in April 1916; Durward, born in June, 1922 (during a hail storm, they gained a son and lost a crop) and Orland born in May, 1929. In 1936, they adopted daughter, Marise, who now lives in B.C.

Each of the family received his or her formal education at Castleavery School, however Cedric furthered his schooling at Shellmouth and later Orland did so at Roblin, where he boarded with Mrs. Bill Cranwell.

The social life of the district centred around the Castleavery School, but the Bridge Club travelled from home to home. Members of the club took the game of bridge seriously, with keen competition in evidence.

During the years, Harry Rowan served as a Municipal Councillor for the Castleavery-Dropmore district. In 1937, Cedric, who had been developing his skills at the piano, joined the Dropmore Orchestra, which had been organized by Reg. Lewis and Jesse Wardle. Durward joined later and played the violin.

In 1947, as a result of a family decision, the farm was sold to Maurice Digby (who still farms there) and the entire family moved to Vancouver. True to his word, when he left Manitoba, Cedric has remained a bachelor. During his years in B.C., he has developed a successful accounting business, which he still operates.

Durward joined the Vancouver Police Department in 1948 and retired in 1979, with the rank of Police Inspector. He now lives at Armstrong, B.C., and is involved in the insurance business. During the years, he married Margaret Pinkerton, who was originally from Treherne, Manitoba and they have 4 sons.

In June, 1949, Harry Rowan (father of the three boys) passed away suddenly from a heart attack. This event caused Orland to seriously contemplate the future. Shortly thereafter, he committed his life to Christ and proceeded to Bible College in preparation for the foreign mission field. Before leaving, his missionary efforts at home resulted in the conversion of both Cedric and Durward. Orland married Phyllis Erickson from Indiana, U.S.A. and, with their 3 sons who were born in Brazil are still in that country working as missionaries.

Sarah (Sadie Rowan mother of the boys) also became involved in Christian activity in both teaching and music. She passed away in 1968.

Cedric in his spare time, ministers in music and bible preaching in the "skid-row" area of Vancouver, to the derelicts and those whose lives are broken from various causes.

Durward as a Lay Minister, is active in sharing the gospel message in many of the churches in B.C. and Alberta.

The Rowan family agree that the experience gained from farm life in Manitoba has proven invaluable and they would not have missed it for anything.

John Nelson Rowan Family **by the family and Elizabeth Rowan Waite**

John Nelson Rowan was born and raised in Glomis, Ont. and came to the Castleavery district in 1902, and homesteaded on Sec. 14-24-30.

He purchased a team of horses, "Mike and Skip", and a plow. He married Elsie Barry of Palgrave, Ont. on Dec. 23, 1903 and on Dec. 25th they papered their log cabin with newspapers to keep out the cold winter winds of the prairies. Their log cabin was along the old Pelly trail and many a weary traveller would stop for the night to feed their horses and rest. No one was ever turned away. Their sons, Arthur, George, Edward and Harold were born in the little log cabin.

About 1912 the family moved to the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec. 22-24-30 W.1 so that the boys would be near school. Dad was named to the committee to organize a school district. The first school opened in 1913, Arthur, George and Edward attended at this time.

More land was needed to feed the family so Dad bought land from the C.N.R. (the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 5-25-29 W.1), along the Assiniboine River which was seven miles from the home place, and during spring seeding, haying and harvest, Mom used to pack enough food for one week and Dad and Art would work and batch on the C.N. land and come home week-ends for clean clothes and more food. Mother, George, Ed and Harold looked after the home place. At threshing time Mom was up at 4 a.m. making pies, cakes, etc. for the threshing crew. She milked six or seven cows, cleaned up the house, then hitched a horse to the buggy with kids in tow and drove seven miles, made dinner for twelve to fifteen men, and at three or four in the afternoon took lunch into the field. Then she set the table and had supper ready for the men to serve themselves. At 5 p.m., she would be on the road again to do the chores at home and bake again for the next day. A day was from daylight to darkness.

Dad used to pick up cream from the neighbours and take it to the Russell Creamery, about twenty or thirty miles round trip. Many a time the cream was so sour that the lids of the cream cans would pop off.

Mail was picked up at the Dugan farm in Castleavery; shopping was done in Shellmouth, Langenburg, Sask., Roblin and Russell. These trips generally took two days, and of course there was always the Eaton's catalogue.

Grain was taken in before Christmas to the grist mill in Roblin to be made into flour. This was a yearly trip. Dad used to dress up as Santa Claus every Christmas and go around to the different schools in the district. It was years before some of his own sons knew their father was Santa Claus.

Dad and Mom settled in the McNutt district where they worked and raised their family of four boys and one girl. Their descendents are scattered throughout the western provinces and Ontario.

Dad passed away in 1940 and a few years later the farm was sold and Mom and I moved to Roblin. Mom passed away in 1946.

David Arthur Rowan Family **by The family**

David Arthur Rowan was born in 1904. He worked on the railroad when it came to MacNutt, Sask. He also helped build many of the buldings in MacNutt, some of which are still there.

Dad married Elizabeth Gladys Curle of MacNutt district on November 16, 1930. They farmed on Sec. 6-25-29. Late in the winter of 1938 they built a log house and barn on the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 5-25-29, which he had purchased in 1943. In 1930 he put on a team to help build municipal roads so he would have money and also to pay the taxes.

He built a sawmill for sawing lumber in 1945 and sawed for many people in and around the district. He sawed most of the lumber for the Castleavery Curling rink and also had a planer.

They raised four sons, Edwin, Jack, Ross and Don and three daughters, Ellen, Betty and Sharon. Ross still farms the home place (the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 5-25-29) and Jack farms the land on sec. 31-24-29 in Shellmouth Municipality. Edwin farms the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of 6-25-29. Dad (Arthur) passed away in Sept. 1967 and Mother (Gladys) passed away in May, 1984.

Edwin married Susan Edel and they have one son and a daughter, Keith and Joanne.

Jack and Ross are not married.

Don married Jeanette Fron and they have two sons, and two daughters: Jaret, Mark, Jennifer and Crissy.

Ellen married Matt Deneka and they have six children, three girls and three boys, David, Catherine, Deborah, Carolyn, Colin and Dale.

Betty married Richard Edel and they have one son, Terry.

Sharon married James Klassen and they have five children: Patricia, Teresa, Melanie, Jamie and Jody.

George and Edith Rowan **by Ivan Rowan**

George, one of the five children of Nelson and Ester Rowan, was born in Mac Nutt, Sask. on May 18, 1906.

Edith Ferriss, one of the eight children of Harland and Elizabeth Ferriss, was born Aug. 31, 1906, in the Castleavery district.

George and Edith were married on Dec. 25,

1928. They took up farming at MacNutt, Sask. for the first few years of their married life. Two children were born while they were living at MacNutt; Anne and Ivan.

The family moved to the Dropmore district in 1935 and continued to farm there. George also operated a motor grader for the R.M. of Shellmouth, from 1949 until his death in June, 1975. Edith remained on the farm until 1976, then moved to Inglis, Man., living there until her death on March 18, 1980.

William Rubeniuk

by Peter Rubeniuk

William was born in 1890, son of Peter and Mary Rubeniuk, in the village of Ewanko in the Western Ukraine, where his parents were farmers.

The family immigrated to the Angusville district in Manitoba, in 1905. The family farmed here, and Dad worked out as a hired hand for 10 years.



Peter Rubeniuk Family.

In 1915, William married Teenie, daughter of Elko and Dora Konyk. After they were married, they moved to Russell, Manitoba where they started a shoemaker and harness shop. Three children were born there: Helen, Peter and Zella. We lived there for fifteen years.

In 1929, Dad procured a homestead on the S.E. 1/4 of 20-25-26 in the Shortdale area. At this time there was no school in the area, so Dad cut logs and built a house, but we stayed in Russell for one more year.

In 1930, the Gilbert school was built so we all moved to the homestead.

I remember having to carry the cans of cream almost two miles to No. 5 highway. It was then picked up by the cream truck driver, Mr. Prier and hauled to the Dauphin Creamery. We received 90¢ for our three gallons of cream.

Dad bought a hay rake for \$27.00 and we chil-

dren picked wild raspberries on the N.E. 1/4 of 29-25-26 (the school section) and took them out to highway No. 5 E and sold them for 10¢ a quart if they weren't too mushy. The money was used to pay for the rake. Dad once hauled a calf to Roblin to sell, and with what he received, he had to add \$1.00 to the sum to be able to buy a water kettle. We hauled pole wood to Roblin (17-18 miles) and received \$1.75 a load. While in Roblin, Dad paid 25¢ for the use of the livery stable.

Two more children were born here on the homestead — Terrace and Eva.

Helen (born in 1922) married Mike Yellowaga. They have two children, Dwight and Patricia and live in Sarnia, Ontario.

Peter, born in 1924, married Mary, daughter of Steve and Annie Chawrun, in 1947 at the St. Vladimir's Greek Catholic Church in Roblin. Peter and Mary lived on the William Rubeniuk homestead.

Zella, born in 1926, married Steve Krywa. They have three children, Mervin, Sherry and Karen. Steve passed away in 1968. Zella lives at Dauphin, Manitoba.

Terrace, born in 1930, married Mary Dubek. They have two daughters, Pamela and Terry and live at Windsor, Ontario.

Eva, born in 1932, married John Puchalio. They have 2 daughters, Marilyn and Caroline and live at Windsor, Ontario.

Mom and Dad moved to Grandview in 1947, where they farmed until 1954.

Mary and I, Peter, have five children: Henry Wayne, Patricia, Kenneth, Christine, and Leonard.

Henry Wayne, born in 1948, graduated from Grandview Collegiate in 1965. Henry then left on a visit to Windsor, Ontario where several of his relatives live. While in Windsor he obtained a job with Bendix Automotive and began working on his automotive licence. He then obtained a second job with Community Refrigeration and began working towards his air-conditioning and refrigeration licence. By 1971 he had obtained both licences.

In 1972 Henry married Paula Wesley, a legal secretary. While in Windsor they both took courses at St. Clair Community College in business administration. In 1975 Henry and Paula moved back to Grandview to farm and Henry to begin a partnership in H.L.K. Enterprises. Henry had also attended Gilbert school. They have two children, Felicia and Lindsay.

Patricia, born in 1949, married Jim Boyda of Swan River. They have 2 children, Glen and Cindy. They live at Richmond, B.C. Pat attended Gilbert school until 1960. She then went to the Gilbert Plains High school and graduated. Pat is an R.N. graduate from Misericordia Hospital in Winnipeg.

Kenneth, born in 1950, married Betty Pollack. They have two sons, Cory and Craig. Ken attended Gilbert school and Grandview Collegiate. He worked for Chrysler Co. in Windsor, Ontario. Then after his marriage he worked for Crystal-Pak in Winnipeg. In 1975 he returned to Grandview to farm and he is now part owner of H.L.K. Texaco at Grandview.

Christine, born in 1954 is still single. She started school at the Gilbert school, then transferred to the Duck Mountain school and Grandview Collegiate from which she graduated. She worked at the Grace Hospital as an advisor in research for the mentally retarded. She now lives at Vancouver, B.C. where she works for the Federal Government.

Leonard, born in 1957, attended Duck Mountain school and Grandview Collegiate. He played hockey with the Dauphin Kings and the Grandview Comets. He is a part owner of H.L.K. Texaco. Len resides on the family farm at Grandview.

In 1960, Mary and I sold the homestead to Tony Lichkowski, and we moved to the Duck Mountain district near Grandview, S.E. 1/4 31-25-24. We farmed here until 1982 when we purchased a home in the town of Grandview where we now live and farm from there.

Dad and Mom retired from farming in 1954, and moved to Windsor, Ontario. Dad passed away in 1959 and is buried at Windsor, Ontario. In 1961, Mother married Joe Bohonas and they presently reside in Windsor, Ontario.

Mrs. Lena Rurak **by Lena**

I was born in the Calder, Sask. area in the year of 1902, where I attended the Chernowka School.

While working in the Russell, Man. area, I met and married Mike Rurak in 1921. We moved to the R.M. of Boulton, 1/2 mile from the Shell Vale School which was 11 miles S.E. of Roblin, and where we



The Rurak Family: Back row: R to L. Nick and Olga Rurak, Bill and Pearl Rurak, George and Kay Rurak. Front row: Marj Brumwell, Mrs. Lena Rurak, Eileen Hicks

farmed for 16 years. Our children Peter, Nick, Bill, Marjorie, and Eileen were all born here.

In 1937 my husband passed away. At this time my children and I moved to the town of Roblin, where the children received their education.

For many years I decorated wedding cakes for people in and around the Roblin area.

My two oldest sons, Peter and Nick, served in the Canadian Armed Forces.

At the age of 81, I am a life member of the Royal Canadian Legion Auxiliary #24 and an honorary life member of the Roblin Curling Club.

I still live in my own home where I enjoy my garden and flowers.

Nick married Olga Pawluk of Shortdale, Man. and they have two children: Billy and Debbie. They now reside in Windsor, Ontario.

Bill married Pearl Sichewshi of Elphinstone, Man. They are now in Kelowna, B.C.

Marjorie married Grant Brumwell of Tummel and they have one daughter, Naomi. They now reside in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

George married Kay Dufour of Windsor, Ont. They had two children: Kevin and Arlene, and are now residing in Salmon Arm, B.C.

Eileen married Pat Hicks of Detroit, Mich., U.S.A. They had two children: Jimmy and Barbara. They are presently living in Roblin, Manitoba.

I have seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Gordon Russett Family **by Edna Russett**

It is when we think about our past that we should most appreciate our country, Canada.

Gordie's father, who, as a young man, worked in the shanties along the Ottawa River, came to Manitoba first on harvest excursions. He later came from Queyon, Quebec with his bride, whose home was in Arnprior, to farm in the Birtle area.

My father, Louis Wardell, was born in Manitoba, but before he was very old, he moved to Saskatchewan where his parents took up a homestead. As he grew up, he began to farm and ranch on his own and worked on the northern lakes in winter for commercial fishermen.

He married a school teacher who had come from Isabella, Manitoba, to teach in Portreeve, Saskatchewan. Two brothers and I were born there, and later, after a move to Manitoba, 2 more children were born. Dad was one of those "dried out" ranchers of the '30's who took advantage of the pasture offered to them in the Carberry area by the Manitoba government.

While teaching in Birtle, I met and married Gordon Russett. We moved to the Boggy Creek

area when Gordie and his partner, Don Dearle, found work for their road building equipment on the first Child's Lake road from the west side. This was in 1955 and that year they also found work with the school districts that made up the unorganized territory of the local Government District of Park (N).

These were the school districts of Nova Zora, Grand Prairie, Happy Lake, Clemenceau, Walker and Grand Narrows. This work continued, supplemented by road building, earth-moving and land clearing in areas from Shoal Lake to the Manitoba side of the Hudson Bay Junction road. Winter work took him as far north as Cedar Lake where he built bush roads for Billie Kozak. But most winters were spent logging in the Duck Mountain for Billie and/or the Roblin Forest Products.

In 1963 we had purchased farm land from Willie Lamontagne and later from Reg Mortemore, and so in 1977 we decided to sell the "cat" and farm full time. We have since made it into a mixed operation by adding milk cows, stock cows and pigs.

Our family was born and raised here in the Boggy Creek area. All started school at Grand Prairie School, not a quarter mile from home. Later, as the school closed, they attended Roblin schools.

Carol started school in September, 1962, and at Christmas time, the old building burned down. From then until the new school was ready in 1964, the children and their 3 teachers went to school in the old Boggy Creek Hall which we had purchased and moved to our yard. In the spring of '64, after the children moved to their new school, we went on with the original plan of changing the hall into a workshop. With the formation of the Intermountain School Division, Gordie served as a school trustee from 1967 until 1973.

Carol is married to John O'Connor of Boston, Mass. They live in Fort McMurray with their children, Timothy, Kerry and Erin.

Gaye married Don Lenderbeck. They farm in the San Clara district with their 2 sons, Sheldon and Craig.

Jamie is a licenced mechanic. He and his wife, Val, live in Brandon.

Rob presently lives with us.

Edith worked for a number of years in Ft. McMurray, but now resides in Cold Lake.

Richard farms with us. He married Vera Asanasiev on August 11, 1984 and they have taken up residence near Gordie and me.

All in all, our 3-generation story has seen family members being fortunate enough to move to areas where and when better opportunities presented themselves.

Edward Leroy (Roy) Rutledge and Connie (Cave) Rutledge

by Gladys House and Muriel Hampson

Edward Leroy (Roy) Rutledge was born on October 10, 1897 at Burnside, Manitoba. Constance (Connie) Cave was born on June 26, 1906 in Leicester, England. They came to Canada on August 4, 1914. They were married in Roblin at the United Church on August 4, 1925.

After their marriage they lived on Roy's farm, 5 miles east of Roblin. Their daughter, Muriel was born on June 30, 1926. In 1928 they sold the farm and moved to their homestead, 25 miles south of Shevlin at a place called Blue Wing Muskeg. Daughter Nellie was born on January 29, 1928.

In 1929 Roy took his family west to Calgary, Alberta to look for work. He worked for Imperial Oil for the summer. Roy and Connie returned to the homestead at Blue Wing Muskeg in the fall with their two daughters and their son, Tom who was born in Calgary on June 2, 1929. In 1930 daughter, Jean was born on August 12 while they were still living on the homestead.

The nearest school to the homestead was at Inglis which was 10 to 15 miles away. This made school for the girls out of the question as the only transportation was by horses. Muriel was now 7 years old and Roy and Connie felt that they should think of selling the homestead to ensure their children an education. After much thought, Roy and Connie sold their homestead. Their daughter, Joyce was born at Shortdale on August 12, 1933. They moved to Dauphin on August 22, 1933 when Joyce was ten days old. Roy found work with the Town of Dauphin Public Works crew.

Daughter Gladys was born on October 17, 1937. Roy worked for the town until his death on March 31, 1959. At this time (July 30, 1984) Roy and Connie have 27 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. Connie Rutledge is still living in Dauphin, Manitoba.

Some of Roy and Connie Rutledge's friends and neighbors in Roblin district were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lewis, Minnie and Jack Robertson, Jim and Flor-



Roy and Connie Rutledge and children: Jean, Gladys, Joyce, Tom, Nellie, Muriel, Dad and Mother.

ence Fowler, Harry and Jack Lawson (Harry often babysat for Mom and Dad), Mrs. Shiner and George Ballard.

Roy and Connie Rutledge's children:

Muriel Rutledge married Harry Hampson on June 30, 1949 and they have 4 children.

Nellie Rutledge married Walter Church on March 17, 1949 and they have 4 children.

Thomas (Tom) Rutledge married Joan Watson on February 5, 1954 and they have 3 children.

Jean Rutledge married Murray Coulter on November 21, 1953 and they have 6 children.

Joyce Rutledge married Benjamin Kolson on August 31, and they have 6 children.

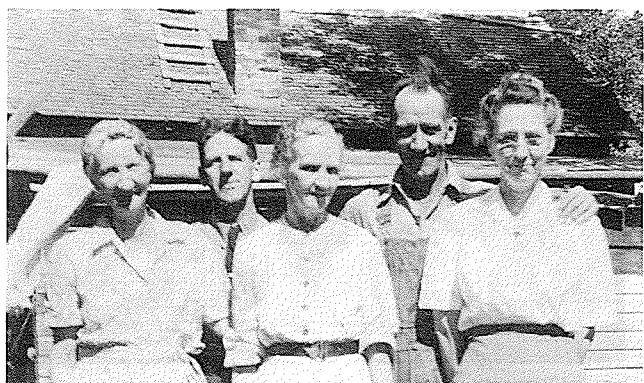
Gladys Rutledge married William (Bill) House on February 14, 1958 and they have 4 children.

The following is a list of Roy Rutledge's broth-



Clarisa Rutledge (Fawcett) at age 80 in 1941.

ers and sisters including their place of birth and date of birth, and beginning with his mother and father. William Rutledge, born in Liverpool, England in September 1849. Clarisa (Fawcett) Rutledge, born in Howick, Ontario on March 5, 1861. The ten children of William and Clarisa Rutledge are: Charles Fredrick Rutledge, born on Feb. 28, 1881 at Burnside, Manitoba; Susannah Rutledge, born on Feb. 22, 1883, at Burnside, Man; John Thomas, born at Souris, Plumcreek, Man. on April 28, 1885; Isabella, born on June 9, 1887 at Souris, Plumcreek,



L to R. Susie, Wes, Belle, Roy and Mary Rutledge.

Man; Jonathon Troop, born at Burnside on Jan. 10, 1890; William Gordon, born at Burnside on May 9, 1892; Wesley, born at Bell Plaine, on March 10, 1895; Edward Leroy (Roy) born at Burnside, Man. on October 10, 1897; Mary Edna, born at Burnside on March 28, 1900; and Robert John Clifford, born at Fox on January 20, 1904.

The following was written by Muriel Hampson.

I, the eldest daughter of Roy and Connie Rutledge, wish to submit what I can remember of our life while homesteading in the Roblin district. I was born in Shortdale, Manitoba in 1926. Mom and Dad had six children: Muriel, Nellie, Tom, Jean, Joyce and Gladys. We are all married and have children and grandchildren.

Roy and Connie Rutledge moved to their homestead in the Roblin district in 1928, bringing with them their children, Muriel and Nellie. Three more children were born to them before they left the homestead and moved to Dauphin, where their children could attend school. My Dad worked for the town of Dauphin from 1933 until his death in 1959. His wife, Connie lives in the Dauphin Seniors' Lodge and is enjoying fair health. I can't recall too many dates but thought I would submit a few "I remembers".

I remember my Dad and Mother working together in the fields. All the land had to be cleared of trees and then cultivated. In those days they had only single furrow plows drawn by horses, which meant Dad walked all day behind the plow, keeping the plow in position and driving the horses. It was hard work planting a crop and all the family helped.

I remember carrying a drink of water to my Dad in the fields. He had to stop awhile to rest himself and his horses. The horses were always well cared for because without the horses you couldn't work the fields and therefore couldn't survive. And as Dad rested he would point out different wild animals at the edge of the fields. Sometimes a fox, a nest of birds, even a deer and we all enjoyed the wildlife of the homestead.

I also remember the time the cattle got into the muskeg. A muskeg is a shallow body of water that grows lush grass but it is bottomless like quicksand. The cattle wandered into this muskeg and sank into it. My Mom saw the cattle going into the muskeg area and she told us (my sister and I) to stay in the house while she went for Dad. She rode one of the horses to the field and soon she and Dad came back on the gallop for ropes and the stoneboat. (A stoneboat is a flat platform that is dragged over the ground). It was used for taking stones off the fields, hauling feed, etc. To get a cow out of the muskeg they would rope her and the horses would pull her out onto safe ground; but some cattle were so weak from struggling that Mom and Dad had to drag

them onto the stoneboat and then haul them to safety. You'll wonder why Dad, Mom or the horses didn't sink—well they had to be very careful not to step into any of these holes. Actually they were risking their lives to save the cattle. We children sat on the table by the window and watched. This was our spot to stay when there was any trouble. Finally Dad and Mom came to the house exhausted, but glad they had lost only one cow.

On the homestead you are always prepared for trouble and I also remember the time our house caught on fire. The fire was on the roof section and again when Mom discovered the fire she ordered us onto the table in front of the window and she started to carry water to put out the fire. Dad was working in the field and luckily he saw the fire and came to help Mom. Together they put the fire out and we were all happy to have a house left to live in; although they tell of how one of we children scolded Dad because he spilled some water on Mom's bedspread when putting out the fire! We children couldn't help our parents at these times as we would be only 4 and 5 years old.

There were many hard times on the homestead but we had good times too. I remember a Christmas when I was about 4 or 5 years old and it was my parents' turn to have the neighbours in for Christmas Eve and the Christmas concert. We and the neighbours prepared for this evening for many weeks. There was a grey blanket hung across one corner of the room and that was the stage. I remember the excitement of the preparation of our verses, songs and food. The day finally arrived. All of we children were scrubbed until we really shone and our hair was done up in ribbons. I remember singing the hymn "You in your small corner and I in Mine". This seemed very appropriate as I stood on the stage in the corner holding a lighted candle. And then after the concert and the applause stopped, there was the ring of bells and Ho! Ho! Ho!. Santa was coming! And all the children rushed to that table in front of the window and there was Santa, in a sleigh pulled by horses and he was dressed in red. It was really Santa! We opened the door and in he came, greeting us all and he even gave each of us a gift. I will always remember that gift! It was a handsewn apron and I was so pleased to receive it. Then we children watched and sometimes joined in as the parents square danced. All too soon our neighbours were saying good night and left for their homes. Soon we were in bed but it was a long time before I fell asleep as it had been such an exciting time.

And I would like to offer a "tribute of thanks" to our parents and all the parents who worked so hard under difficult conditions to cultivate the land

and raise a family. My parents raised 6 children who are all married and have children.

I have a copy of a writeup in the Parkland paper dated July 3, 1981, and both Mr. and Mrs. Lewis were living then; Bert 100 years and Martha 103. They were in the Russell Home. I have a picture painted by Bert Lewis. He gave it to my parents in 1935.

Fred and Mary Sadowick Family by Anne Worbeck, daughter

Fred Sadowick was born in 1885 in the District of Horodenka, Ukraine. At the age of nine he came to this country with his parents, Danylo and Dokia (nee Danyluk). They had a family of five children when they immigrated to Canada in 1894.

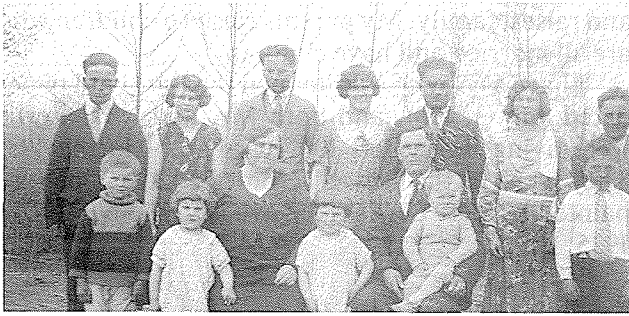
The family settled on a homestead in the Pleasant Home area near Gimli, Manitoba on Sec. 3-19-3 E. where they lived for ten years. On the 23 of December, 1904, Fred's father received his naturalization certificate and the family became Canadian citizens.



Painting by Ann Worbeck (Father's homestead).

In 1905, the Sadowick family moved north of Roblin and settled in the Shell River Municipality. It was then that Fred decided to strike out on his own and apply for a homestead. August 6th, Fred applied for a homestead and was allotted the S.E. 1/4 of 32-28-27.

That fall Fred married Mary Sawersowany in Roblin, Manitoba. She was sixteen years old and had come to Canada with her parents on July 7th, 1906 from the village of Burdakiwci, District Borschiw, Ukraine. They built temporary shelters for themselves and stock but little did they realize how temporary these buildings would be. After living on this land for two years, it became evident that a mistake had been made in the Land Titles Office; and he was given land which had already been allotted to another couple. Early in 1909 he filed an application and was granted the S.E. 1/4 of 24-28-28 W. in the Shell River Municipality. The government



Fred and Mary Sadowick family.

paid him ten dollars (!!) for the buildings on the first quarter.

Here they erected a house and other buildings in a very pleasant setting. It was a small valley near a big pond with hills in the background and within walking distance of the Shell River. The house was a log mud-plaster building with black tar paper covered roof. All the furnishings in this room were hand made.

Fred was his own carpenter, mechanic, blacksmith, and even a veterinarian when it came to look after sick animals. His wife, Mary, was a good cook and homemaker and a loving mother. They had twelve children: Doris, Harry, Anne, Slawko (Russell), Fredinand, Edna, Jimmie, David, Theodore, twins Victoria and Helen, and the youngest, Victor.

As time went by, Fred acquired two quarter sections of land. One he lost during the great depression in the "dirty thirties" and one was willed to son, Russell.

Fred Sadowick believed in modern farming. He tried to own the best farm machinery available on the market at the time, such as a Case threshing machine outfit, which he shared with all his neighbors in the district. This gave him extra income to improve his farming. He also owned a heavy team of purebred Clydesdale horses to haul the huge water tank which carried water supply for the big engine. For transportation he owned a Model-T Ford. Every fall during harvest he employed many farmers with their teams to help with the threshing.

This couple were active in the community, were popular neighbors and had many friends. Fred was a school trustee on the Hillcrest School Board for many years. He helped build the Zelena Community Hall. Also, he was one of the first members who helped organize and build the first Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the community which goes under the name of St. Peter and St. Paul in the Zelena District.

They raised a big family and managed well. The oldest son, Harry, and daughter, Doris, were sent to Winnipeg to learn trades before they left home to be

on their own. Doris took a dressmaking course and Harry chose a barber's trade.

Fred died at the early age of 53 on May 28th, 1939, leaving his widow in charge of the farm and family. By then son, Harry, was married and on his own, doing mixed farming and helping his wife (who was also named, Mary) to manage the Zelena Post Office. Harry's farm was the S.E. 1/4 of 15-28-28 in the Shell River Municipality.

Mother sold the farm to her younger son, Russell, who was also married, so the farm and stock would be well looked after. She purchased a house in Roblin and took the rest of the children with her. Later she moved to Dauphin, Manitoba, because there was more opportunity for the children to get part-time work and go to school. Three of her sons Jimmy, David and Theodore all served in the Armed Forces. Harry and Russell continued farming in the Shell River Municipality until their retirement when they bought homes in Roblin.

My mother died February 15th, 1974.

Doris Yarema of Dauphin died April 7th, 1971.

Russell died April 12, 1973.

Harry died July 24th, 1979.

The rest of the family chose city life and are all living away from Roblin. Ferdinand is in Dauphin, David is in Winnipeg, Edna Pawlik, Helen Sadler Olynyk, Jimmie and Victor all reside in Toronto. Ann Worbeck is in Kelowna as is her brother Theodore. Victoria Pushka makes her home in Vancouver.

Stanley Safronetz Family by Evelyn and Anne

Stan and Anne moved to Roblin from the Sifton district in 1956. Although none of their five children were born here, they all grew up and were educated in this community and consider it as "home". Velda, Gertrude and Marilyn continued their education by joining the nursing profession. Velda, her husband John Murphy, and their two sons live in Edmonton. Gertrude, who lives in Evansburg, Alberta, is the mother of three sons. Marilyn and her husband, Don Westacott reside in Calgary. Evelyn teaches in Saskatoon. Mervin has worked with his father since 1973 and has now taken over the fuel business. The family were deeply saddened by the loss of Stan on June 11, 1985.

Sage Family by Alice Sage

In 1961 Cliff and Alice Sage (then living in Russell) bought Leo Christoff's farm in the Tummel district. There wasn't much land cleared on it then, but we could see its possibilities. We moved here in 1963 and spent a lot of time over the next several years, clearing land and picking rocks by hand with



The Sage Family when they first moved to Roblin: Audrey, Cliff, Alice and David.

a team and stone boat. Picking rocks here was easy; you didn't have to look for them!

The first family to welcome us to the district was the Bill Leflar's; we still treasure our memories of them. Also, little did Evelyn McCrea and I (Alice) think, when we were room-mates in Russell Hospital having our babies, Garry and David, that we'd end up as neighbours.

In 1968 the community surprised us with a twenty-fifth wedding anniversary party. As we hadn't been here very long and still weren't acquainted with all the neighbours, it was a double surprise!

In May of 1970 we went down into the States with a harvesting crew. It was a real experience to go from the wet snow conditions here to ripe fields of grain in Texas, in about four days. We combined our way north, following the harvest, getting back to Manitoba about mid-September.

After four years at the University of Manitoba, David, our son, taught high school in Erickson for four years, then worked at Leaf Rapids for a number of years as a mine mill controller. He is now back home operating the farm.

Audrey has also been a school teacher, in Roblin, Winnipeg, Leaf Rapids and Snow Lake,

and is now making her living as a professional artist. She is married to Fred Casey, formerly of Brandon, who is also a teacher. In addition to the places mentioned they have also lived in Mexico City and in San Diego, California, where Fred studied music and guitar building. They have recently built a house here on the farm at Tummel and hope to return to live here soon.

Editor's Note: Cliff passed away on November 25th, 1984 at the Roblin District Health Centre.

Grandmother Sanders "Special"

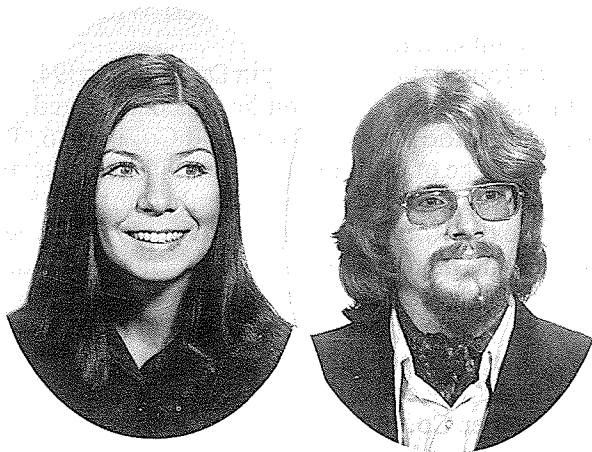
by Roxanne Jones and Mike Hussey

Annie Roxanna O'Fallon was the only daughter born of Patrick O'Fallon and Mary O'Fallon. She was born in New York State, in 1855. She married Edwin Winslow Sanders who predeceased her in 1905. She was the mother of 8 sons and 2 daughters. She had 56 grandchildren and over 100 great-grandchildren.



Granny Sanders (Mrs. E. W. Sanders).

Her memory went back to civil war times. She recalled an Indian uprising in which she and her mother and small brother narrowly escaped death at the hands of the warring Indians. Most of the men at the fort were serving in the civil war and they were left short-handed to defend a crude fort. This near-tragedy took place at Fort Hutchinson and the attack was perpetrated by the Sioux tribe. She often recalled how the braves rushed the fort in their war paint, screaming and yelling and waving their bows and arrows and tomahawks. Some of the arrows struck the logs near them and they made a quivering sound as they thudded into the walls. Fortunately, the Indians had few guns and the older men of the fort were able to repulse them. Some of the settlers who were captured by the Indians were able to threaten them with serious reprisals from the fort and thus the day was won.



Fred and Audrey Casey (nee Sage).

In 1892, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sanders came to Canada, settling for 2 years in Portage la Prairie, then moving to Ethelbert, Manitoba, where Mr. Ed. Sanders died in 1905. A son, born in 1885, was killed in Dick Keay's sawmill at Madge Lake, in 1907.

As Mrs. Sanders moved her family about the country she was kept busy keeping track of her 8 sons. One time she left without one and the conductor had to back up the train to pick up one of her brood, — "Jack".

From Ethelbert she moved to Canora, Sask. and lived with her son, Levi. Levi moved to Herbert, Saskatchewan, from Ethelbert where he was in business. His wife died in 1918, leaving 6 children. Granny looked after the children for some time but later on they stayed with Roseanne and Kelly Cockerill.

When daughter Roseanne and Kelly Cockerill were married in 1919, she made her home with them in Merridale. Two of the sons, Ted and Jack, married sisters Ruth and Vera Cockerill.

Granny Sanders spent many happy and productive years at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Rose and Kelly Cockerill. She spent her years working on the farm and in Kelly's sawmill in the Duck Mountains.

She lovingly raised numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren each of whom was her "special." This was secretly confided to all of us and we never betrayed her "secrets".

She looked forward to the train trips to visit her eldest daughter and one son in Calgary (Maryanne and Henry). So much could be written about the happiness she brought to those who knew and loved her. Her many descendants are spread out over the country and their family roots go back to her children — Edwin, Levi, George, John, Henry, Francis, Mike, Mary, Sylvester and Roseanne. She passed away at Roblin, Manitoba, in 1953 and was laid to rest at the Ashville Cemetery beside her husband and son, Michael.

Levi William Sanders Family 1880-1964 by Ted Sanders and Sheldon Jones

Levi William Sanders was born in Hutchinson, Minnesota. He came to Canada in 1892 and settled in High Bluff, Manitoba for 2 years. He then moved to Ethelbert, Manitoba. He married Emma Rhodes in 1903. The Rhodes family also lived in the Ethelbert area. Four children were born there: John in 1904, Levi (Ted) in 1907, George in 1909 and Edna in 1911. Levi was a Forest Ranger and was also in the lumber business. Levi's parents, Edwin and Roxanne, (Anna) and family also lived in the same area. Edwin died there in 1905 and is buried in the Ashville cemetery, north of town on Highway #10. Roxanne,

who died in 1953, and son, Michael are also buried there.

Levi Sr. and family remained in Ethelbert until 1912 when they moved to Herbert, Saskatchewan, where he went into business until his wife died in 1918, leaving 6 children. Two children were born in Herbert: Donald in 1917 and Emma in 1918.

The family then returned to Manitoba temporarily. Levi went into the lumber business with his brother-in-law, Kelly Cockerill, for a time. He later married Myrtle Hogue of the Roblin area. They had 2 children, Percy and Wilson. They settled for a time in Canora, Saskatchewan where Levi was in the butcher business.

The family later moved to Fort Frances, Ontario, where Levi was an engineer for the Border Lumber Co. and he worked there until he retired. His wife, Myrtle, died in Fort Frances in 1933. He remained in Fort Frances for 8 years after his wife died, but returned to Roblin later where he lived with his son, Levi (Ted).

Levi Sr. died in 1964 while visiting his son and daughter in Atikokan, Ontario and is buried there.

Levi Seymour (Ted) Sanders and Family by Sheldon Jones and Ted Sanders

Ted was born in Ethelbert, Manitoba on August 28th, 1907, son of Levi and Emma Sanders. He lived in Ethelbert until 5 years of age and the family then moved to Herbert, Saskatchewan until 1918, when his mother died. They then moved to Merridale in 1918 to live with his Uncle and Aunt, Kelly and Rosanne Cockerill. He went to school at Merridale and Roblin. After finishing school he was a sawyer in Kelly Cockerill's sawmill until 1941.

In 1930 he married Ruth Cockerill, daughter of Herbert and Annie Cockerill and lived in Merridale until 1941. They had four of a family: Louise Annie, born on October 29th, 1931, Donald Emma, born on December 12th, 1933, LeRoy Theodore, born on July 28th, 1938, and Gerald Herbert William, born on September 15th, 1947.

Ted joined the R.C.A.F. in Dauphin, in 1941 and lived there until 1945, when he was discharged. He then joined the R.F. Cockerill and Co. in 1946. Ted was in charge of both farming and landclearing and also hauling and delivering of lumber until 1958. At this time the Roblin Forest Products Company was formed and he was President and General Manager of it for 15 years. The company consisted of a sawmill, planer, post peeler, lath mill and pressure treating equipment for posts by using the Boeliden treatment. The company was sold to North American Lumber Co. in 1973. Ted stayed on as manager for one year and served as director for another year. Then he and Ruth retired in Roblin and spent their

winters in Florida and summers in Roblin. They have travelled extensively since then.

Louise married Oswald Andres, and they have 3 children, Lynette Denise, Levi Phillip and Aleta.

Donalda married Vernon Andres and they have four children: Dianne Ruth, Vernelle Julian, Darcy and Deborah.

LeRoy married MaryAnne Ratushny, and they have 3 children: Marilee, Berton, and Kirkland.

Gerald married Betty Hiebert and they have 3 children, Natalie, Dawn, and Skip.

Sylvester Sanders Family

by Nettie Sanders

In 1915 Annette (Nettie) Cockerill married Sylvester (Spud) Sanders in Kamsack, Sask. Annette and Spud farmed in Canora, Sask. in the summer and logged in the Duck Mountains in the winter. Spud worked at the mill near McBride's Lake for Charles (Blue) Cockerill and Frank Sanders. In 1924, Nettie and Spud moved to Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A. in search of employment. Three of their seven children were born before they left for the States — Ada in 1918, Len in 1920 and Herb in 1922.



Sylvester (Spud) and Nettie Sanders.

They stayed in Detroit for ten years and were blessed with three more children; Earl in 1924, Lenore in 1926 and Bill in 1931. In 1934 they all returned to Merridale and lived on the Cunniff place which was originally homesteaded by Woodhouses and Kettles. After being there a year, Nettie and Spud moved to a small house on the homestead (N.E. 1/4 of 28-27-27). During their time on the homestead, Nettie and Spud had another daughter, Delores, in 1936. They lived there until 1944 when they bought the Hartmier place (14-26-28). This was in the R.M. of Shell River and Spud served on the Shell River council from 1945 to 1959. Spud also had a saw mill at Timberton from 1939 to 1942 for Continental Lumber Co. They lived on the

Hartmier place until Spud passed away in 1959 and after that Nettie spent a great deal of time travelling around visiting friends and relatives. In 1966, Nettie bought a trailer and moved it onto her daughter and son-in-law's farm (Ada and Ralph Tucker's) on the N.E. 4-26-29. From then on Nettie spent her time knitting and crocheting and doing whatever craft caught her fancy at the time. Nettie thoroughly enjoys people and loves visiting.

Ada, born in 1918, married Ralph Tucker of the Cromarty district in 1950. They have 3 children: Sylvester born in 1951, Bill in 1952 and Judith Ann in 1954. They all attended Roblin schools. Sylvester married Lorraine Steciuk of Roblin. They have 4 children: David, Curtis, Randy and Jennifer Dawn. Bill married Shirley Bach and they have 3 children: Keith Kenneth, Tabatha and Cindy Rae. Bill works at the Irrigation office in Duchess, Alberta. Judith married William Ash and they live at Picton, Ontario. They have 3 children: Kellie-Ann, Michael and Christie Lynn.

Len born in 1920, attended school in the U.S.A. He joined the engineers in the second World War. He married Witta Van-Pelt, a Dutch war bride. They have 2 daughters, Gretta Arden, and Gilda. Gretta married Ron Bileski and they have 2 girls, Kemly and Shanny. Gilda married Theodore Greenland and they have a daughter, Selvey.

Herb, born in 1922, married Megen Baker, and they had 7 children: Michael, Gail, Charlie, Derry-Ann, Penny, Timmy and Kevin. Michael married Verna Ratushny and they live in the Merridale district. They have 2 girls: Kim and Shelley. Gail married Ernest Yellowaga and they have 3 children: Chris, Cheryl and Curtis. Charlie married Peggy Arnott and they have 4 children: Shannon, Kerry, Marty and Michael.

Derry-Ann married Bob Coleman and they have 2 children: Tracey and Donnie. Pennie married Ronnie Edel. They have 3 sons, Dwayne, Bradley and Devron. Timmy married but he and his wife separated. They had 2 sons, Danny and Jamie. Kevin is not married. Herb passed away on May 4th, 1970. Megen lives in Osoyoos, B.C.

Earl born in 1924, married Gladys Douse and they had 4 children: Durrell, Douglas, Lenny and Angela. Durrell married Sandra Wheeler. They have no family and live in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Douglas married Barbara Wheeler and they live in Winnipeg with their family of 4 children, Anita, Rene, Douglas and David. Lenny married Mavis Paul and they have 3 children: Bradley, Lisa, and Len. They live near Roblin. Angela has two daughters, Tina-Marie and Lee-Ann and they live in Roblin. After Gladys died Earl married Elsie Meloshinsky and they have a daughter, Michelle. They live at Hinton, Alberta.

Lenore, born in 1926, married Larry Tucker and they have 6 children: Terry, Shirley, Joe, Leslie, Delada and Kathy. Terry married Paula Gagne^o, and they have 2 children, Troy and Lisa. Shirley married Charlie Bork (deceased) they had 2 children, Chris and Shayne. Joe married Susan Bergson and they have 2 children, Kyla and Tyro. Delada married David Borchardt and they are separated. Leslie lives at Snow Lake and has 2 children, Mia and Jacob. Kathy lives at home. She completed her schooling at Roblin.

Bill completed his schooling in Roblin and married Eleanor Wildeman and they live at Medicine Hat, Alberta. They have 6 children: Bonnie, who has 2 boys and lives in Lethbridge, Alberta, (Jason and Jarrett). Connie, not married, lives in Dallas, Texas. Donnie, not married, lives at Medicine Hat, Alberta. Rhonda married Graham Smale and they live at Medicine Hat. They have no family. Shawn, living at home, is not married yet. Lonnie lives at home.

Delores married (Red) Walter Cameron and they live at Comox, B.C. They have 2 children, Curtis and Corene.

Sangster, 1903-1984

by Gladys Owen, Art and Ian Sangster

The first of the Sangsters, from Fyvie, Scotland, to come to Canada in 1903 was Adam, who worked for a German family on a farm in the Northwest Territories (now Saskatchewan). In the fall of the same year he returned to Scotland. In January of 1904 he was accompanied back to Canada by his two brothers, Alex and William.

The three brothers — Alex, who was a steam engineer, William, a carriage builder, and Adam, a stone mason, worked at various jobs in what was then the Northwest Territories. William helped build the first railroad bridge over the Old Man River at what is now McGrath, Alberta.

Returning to Manitoba in 1906, Adam homesteaded the S.E. 1/4 of 33-28-29 in the R.M. of Shell River, in the Grand Narrows District, where all three brothers worked to clear the land, using oxen.

In 1906 Alex (1871-1950) married Violet Phillip (1878-1971) of Glasgow, Scotland. All three brothers worked at Maguire's sawmill in the Shell River Valley that winter with Violet Sangster as the cook. This was always remembered as the year that the black poplar beams in the cook shack broke out in leaf on Christmas day.

The Sangster brothers and the Sinclairs owned one of the first steam threshing outfits in the district. Instead of field pitchers for loading stooks, a stook loader was used to load stooks on to the hay rack. This machine was drawn by four horses.

Alex and Violet Sangster left the district in 1909

to homestead south of Davidson, Sask., where they farmed until they retired to Vancouver Island in 1944. They had a daughter, Gladys, who was born in Togo, Sask. in 1907. She married Stan Owen from Victoria, B.C. They now reside at Ladysmith, B.C.

In 1911 Mrs. Jane Walsh (1869-1947), the only sister, who had lost her husband and three sons in an epidemic in Brighton, England, came to Canada to keep house for her two brothers. In 1912 she returned to Scotland and then returned again to Canada, bringing their mother, Mrs. Margaret Sangster (1843-1923), with her to live on the homestead.

In 1912 William (1879-1955) homesteaded S.E. 1/4 of 23-29-29 in the unorganized territory. In 1914 he married Eliza Jane Bannerman (1884-1953) from Aberdeen, Scotland. Five of their six children were born on the homestead.

Adam (1882-1961) married Mary Cameron (1890-1966) in 1917. They lived on the homestead until 1930 when they moved to the N 1/2 of 11-28-29 in the Silverwood district where they farmed until they retired to Roblin in 1945. They had no family.

In 1925 William sold the homestead and purchased the Robert Pearson homestead (S.E. 1/4 of 14-28-29) in the Silverwood district. The farm is still owned and operated by his son, Ian. The youngest of the children, a son (Alfred) was born on the farm.

William, the eldest of the family, first attended the Grand Narrows school, staying with an aunt and uncle in the district. When the Clemenceau school was built, William and Arthur attended this school which was one mile north of the homestead. The first teacher was Grant Knight, their cousin. All six children attended the Silverwood school which was one mile east of the present farm.

In 1942, Bill Jr. (Cpl. R.C.A.F.) married Joan Hamilton of Lethbridge, Alberta and farmed in the Taber district for forty years. They retired from the farm to the town of Taber, Alberta in 1981. Bill is still the foreman of the Shipwheel Cattle feeders. They have five children: two boys and three girls. All of the family are married with the exception of one daughter who is a nurse. All the family live in or around the Taber district.

Art (Sgt. W.W. II) married Elizabeth Welson (Cpl. R.C.A.F. W.D.) of Maidstone, Sask. in 1949. After several years in the automotive trade, Art joined the Dept. of Indian Affairs and retired in 1977 as construction and maintenance supervisor. They retired to the village of Bowsman, Man. where Art is the present mayor. They have one daughter and one son, both married and living in The Pas, Man.

Isobel, the only daughter, married Charles Dixon (formerly of the Cromarty district) in 1945

and they lived at Dagmar, Ont. Charlie passed away in 1979. They had one son and one daughter who live close to Isobel at Dagmar, Ont.

Ian (Act. Sgt. P.P.C.L.I.) is the only one of the family who is not married. He still owns and operates the family farm in Silverwood. He holds the Military Medal and was Mentioned In Dispatches awarded for bravery and leadership in Italy and Holland. He was decorated by Field Marshal Viscount Alexander on the parade square of Fort Osborne barracks in Winnipeg.

Alexander (Red) married Mary Rezanoff from Togo, Sask. in 1945. After farming for several years "Red" went to work for the mines at Snow Lake, Flin Flon, and Thompson, Man. When he first arrived in Thompson he lived in a tent. Over the years he has been active in sports and he has done much to bring hockey and baseball to the north country. He was one of the original organizers of the northern hockey and baseball leagues. He represents Carling O'Keefe in northern Manitoba. They have three daughters and one son. The three girls are married and two of them live in Thompson. Barbara, the youngest of the twins, lives at Regina, Sask. She competed in the "Miss Canada" pageant as "Miss Manitoba". She placed fifth in a field of ten.

The only son (Jack) is the present coach of the Brandon Wheat Kings hockey club.

Alfred married Mary Oleksyn of Wakaw, Sask. in 1950. They have two boys (both at home). They reside in Winnipeg where Alf has worked for the Carter Frostshield Co. (now Tremco) for thirty-five years. He is very active in sports, especially hockey and community clubs.

Sargenia Family **by Sylvia Mative**

Maria Michaela Chillis came from Petragalla,



Stone fence made by Mr. Sargenia.

Italy to Canada in 1908. She and her two daughters, Lucy (9) and Louise (11), arrived in Winnipeg to meet her, as yet unseen, husband-to-be, Lorenzo Sargenia. She had lost her first husband some time previously when he died of a heart attack while returning from Argentina, to get his wife and family, so they could emigrate there.

As time passed and she realized she would like to marry again, and to provide a better life for her daughters than the peasant one which they lived, friends and relatives told her about Lorenzo. Lorenzo was an aging bachelor who had travelled extensively and worked all over Europe, and now lived in Canada. Now he was also thinking of marrying if a suitable woman could be found. After discussion with mutual friends and relatives on both sides of the ocean, and some letters, they decided to take a chance on one another. Lorenzo was willing to accept the children and to try to make a home for them. He sent the tickets; and so they came to Winnipeg and finally met.

Maria was attractive and full of life and fun. Everyone loved her and soon Lorenzo discovered he had competition. As a result, he offered to let her forget their bargain. But Maria had given her word and so they were married. City life did not always go so well for them. There was plenty of work but sometimes too much play, so they decided it would be best for their marriage and family life if they were to look for a homestead. Through Lorenzo's friend, Alex Duthy, they came to Bield in 1910 or 1911.

The first years were very hard, as they were for all the other pioneers in the area. Even the children worked hard. The year they were building their home, winter came too fast. The door was not yet made, and for some time, they had only a blanket over the door to try to keep the cold out. Lucy tells us that at night they could only poke their noses out of the blankets for air, and that the bedclothes were covered with frost. They were all happy and relieved when the door was finally made and in place. They slept on straw ticks, and generally 'roughed it'.

One of the main chores for the girls was a never ending one. They were to find, knock down and drag home all the dead poplars they could find for firewood. This was difficult work for two small girls. Another chore which Lucy remembers well, was tending the muskrat traps. One winter she hadn't noticed the hole in the ice because the snow had swirled around it, and she fell in. Her skirts were all wet and frozen and weighed her down. The cold and exhaustion were more than she could stand. Somehow Louise managed to drag her home but she was ill for some time as a result. There were many similarly harrowing experiences, some with very long lasting effects.

Maria and Lorenzo had their first child, Joseph on December 2nd, 1909. George was born on Feb. 11th, 1912, Peter followed on Oct. 6th, 1915, and lastly Mae on December 29th, 1919.

Lucy and Louise both married at a young age to local fellows. Lucy married Carl Hesselgrave and they had four daughters. He was killed while the children were still very young. Later Lucy married Mervin Plant and they are still living near Naniamo, B.C. where they have been for many years.

Louise married Herbert Scrimshaw. They raised 13 children and lived near Winnipeg for many years. Louise died in 1968. Herbert Jr., we believe, is still living somewhere in the Vancouver area.

During their growing years, the children found little time for fun, because there were so many chores to do. They walked to and from the Bield school (which was a mile away) in all kinds of weather. However, in winter there was more time for fun. The most frequent fun was going sleighriding on the hills. Here, the whole community would gather in the evenings. They'd light a huge bonfire in the centre of the hill for both light to see to sleigh ride and also a place to warm up. Many good times were had! There were also community dances, and the Sargenias were always there if they could possibly make it. They loved dancing and music, and enjoyed making music at home too. Lorenzo liked to play the harmonica in the evenings before going to bed.

The old Sargenia homestead was only a mile from Bield and was on a hillside overlooking the railway track. There was always plenty of thick bush there, and so the hobos always used to get off the train there. Summer and winter they came — lonely, hungry, dirty, tired, and often half-frozen. They all came to Lorenzo and Maria's home. Many spent the night. All were fed and sent on their way with a loaf or two of Maria's freshly-baked bread, etc. In the summer, many would pilfer carrots and other vegetables from Lorenzo's bountiful terraced gardens. The engineers and trainmen also looked forward to occasional stops and visits, and always waved and tooted the whistle as they passed by.

Lorenzo and Maria were poor — but there was always food from their bountiful garden, and their animals. There were plenty of wild fruits from the grafted trees which Lorenzo tended so carefully. There was always a glass of refreshing, cold, home-made wine, sometimes, dandelion, chokecherry, etc. Lorenzo was an expert gardener and an outstanding stone mason. Most of the stone walls he built, and even the stone mangers made for his barn are still remarkably well preserved in spite of many years of neglect, and the fact that not a drop of mortar was used to build them. Maria was a superb cook and a meticulous housekeeper. Besides this,

she was a local midwife and undertaker. She could be depended on in all kinds of emergencies. The only thing I've ever heard of that frightened her was a thunderstorm.

Occasionally there were bands of gypsies who came to camp by the little stream at the bottom of the hill. They were welcome visitors, although Mae was a little frightened of them because the boys used to tease her by saying that the gypsies might take her away with them.

By the time Peter was 12, he had to take over most of the responsibility of the farm as both Joe and George had left home to look for employment, and Lorenzo was getting too old to be able to do much anymore. Lorenzo died in 1936 at 93 yrs, after a short illness. He is buried in the Bield cemetery. Soon after this, the remaining 3 Sargenias, Maria, Peter and Mae left Bield and went to the Okanagan. Maria lived for many years with Lucy and Mervin in Naniamo, and later lived with Lucy's daughter, Elsie until her death in 1965. She was then 96 yrs. old and was in good health and of sound mind until shortly before she died.

Joe went first to the Okanagan where he married Leona and had three children, one boy and two girls. When later this marriage failed, he married his present wife, Rose and they have lived in Sacramento, Calif. for many years. Joe still keeps in touch with many old timer teachers who were in Bield and Family (including those still in Italy, as there are some members still alive). The numbers of course are diminishing. He has dedicated his life to keeping in touch and to helping others.

George joined the R.C.A.F. and saw action in World War II. Later he continued to rise in rank until he ultimately became a Group Captain and a Base Commander. His hobby was ham radios and he also had an electronics shop in Calgary for many years. He lived in Calgary most of his adult life with his wife, Dorothy and their two children, a boy and a girl. Their children are both married and still living in Calgary. George died of cancer in 1970.

Peter went to the Okanagan first and later ended up in Vancouver where he has lived for many years. Although he was married and is now a widower, he never had a family. He worked for the city of Vancouver in several different positions for over 30 years. He is presently retired and enjoying his friends. His first love now is golf and he often travels to tournaments in Canada and parts of the States.

Mae went from the Okanagan to Moose Jaw where she met her husband, Paul Garratt. For about 12 years Paul was a minister with the Free Methodist church. His postings and summer camps often brought them and their family, a girl and a boy back to Bield, and their family beginnings. For



Paul and Mae Garrett (nee Sargenia) with their children Sylvia and Billy viewing the ruins of the Sargenia home near Bield.

the past 23 years Mae and Paul have made their home in Moose Jaw. They still make periodic trips back to Bield to see and reminisce at the old home-
stead.

Frank and Mary (Wiens) Sawatzky by Irene Gibson and Therese Wheeler

Frank was born on Jan. 4th, 1899 at Rosenfeld, Man., the fourth in a family of twelve children of Henry and Anna (Rempel) Sawatzky. His mother had a handicap, having had one hand cut off at the wrist in a grain-cleaning mill before she was married. It must have made things quite busy for the older members of the family despite the fact that she was very industrious. Proof of her knitting and crocheting ability is still in the family. She was also a capable artist. Dad started school in a German school, which was where the Mennonite children



Grandma Wiens, Frank and Mary Sawatzky and grandchildren Mary Ann and Wayne Gibson.

went, then switched to an English speaking school and obtained a grade three education.

Mom's parents, Peter and Annie Wiens, also farmed at Rosenfeld, and she always spoke lovingly of the four years of schooling she got in Rosenfeld, where her Dad owned and operated a butcher shop from 1908-1912. She always talked of how all the school children marched down to the train station with them when they moved to Chaplin, Sask., in 1913. The pupils sang "Till We Meet Again", and it left an indelible imprint of many pleasures with her. She was the second in a family of eight children.

These families always knew one another. They originated from Mennonites who emigrated in 1874 from Russia but were of Dutch and German descent. The Mennonites moved from one country to another as they did not believe in taking up arms against their fellowman even if the country went to war. They were allowed to farm on marginal land and had to prove that they could prosper on it thus showing the "natives" of that country that it could be done. They were to be an example to those countrymen. Nothing was let go to waste.

Grandpa Henry Sawatzky was born in Russia. Our other three grandparents were born in Canada. The language used at home was "Low German", or "Mennonite Dutch".

Dad's family must have moved to Chaplin about the same time as those of Mom's. This was a barren land of very poor soil, where the house and the barn had a rope attached from one to the other so the people would not get lost going out to do their chores in sand storms or snow storms. After snow storms they had to dig out their doors (completely out of sight in huge drifts) by climbing onto the drifts from upstairs windows, then working their way down with shovels. The houses were mostly of sod, often without a floor other than the soil. Their fuel was cow chips gathered on the hills. Much of the field work was done with oxen and horses. There was a strong community life here and the young people drove for miles to dances with horse and buggy. There was visiting and evenings of card games. The people moved to Chaplin because they could get "homesteads" for very little money. The young people worked out at an early age and their earnings were turned over to their folks to help sustain the farms and large families.

In 1917 Frank went to Urbana College in Ohio, a church school, where he worked his way through three years of university. Starting with a grade three or four education, he upgraded his schooling in this school by special permission and extra help. He ended up with a wide understanding of languages, having studied Latin to a large extent and also German. He could tell us from what Latin word many of our English words came. He always corre-

sponded with his folks in German, as they could not write in English.

Frank was a real scholar. He worked for wealthy families in Urbana at odd jobs, earning room and board, clothing, and a bit of pocket money. This was and still is a "Church of the New Jerusalem" college, and Frank obtained a good understanding of religion, as some of the classes were in it. Both Frank and Mary's parents left the Mennonite faith in their early married years and joined the Church of the New Jerusalem.

In 1920 Mary also went to Urbana to study and to be near Frank to whom she was engaged by this time. This was a wealthy new church community where people preferred to hire these Canadians who had worked out a lot, and learned how to do good work, excelling by far the better-off Americans. Frank worked for two spinsters, Miss Alice Sturges and Miss Amanda Bond, benefactors of Urbana College, during summer holidays on Catawba Island, in Ohio. They had an estate, grew grapes, and corn, etc. Frank could have remained there indefinitely.



Frank and Mary Sawatzky in 1921.

Frank and Mary were married on September 29, 1921, and they lived in a house on the estate for a year until August of 1922, when they came north to Canada to go homesteading. They were married by Dr. King in Lakewood, Ohio. (This minister wore a white wig) They left for Canada by boat via Lake Michigan — a wonderful trip they talked of through all their years together. They went to Mary's oldest sister and her husband, Dave and Annie Friesen, in

the Shell River valley near North Cliff school. Here Frank worked as a harvester, priding himself on his ability to set up stooks, and on threshing crews. Their first child, Irene, was born here on November 2, 1922. Frank worked at the sawmill during the winter months.

For \$10.00, a homestead was acquired in the Happy Lake district north of the Boggy Creek store and Post Office in 1924. By this time they had a second tiny girl, Dorothy, and were with Grandma and Grandpa Wiens at Makaroff. Dorothy was born on May 20, 1924. Dad continued to work out as a hired hand on farms through the summer months and at the sawmills in the winters. They moved onto their wooded 1/4 section (S.E. of 27-30-28) in 1926, having "proved" up on it, which consisted of building an abode and clearing and breaking ten acres of land on it. The house was constructed of peeled logs hewn from the abundant poplar groves. It had logs trimmed to a flat face on the inside wall, made so by the wielding of a mighty axe in an adept hand. This is one homestead house that is still standing in the Boggy Creek area. The Wilgenbusch family live in it now. It proved warm and comfortable in winter and cool in summer.

My mother's ability to keep a clean, comfortable house on very little did not go unnoticed. One of my first memories of it is of lying on a clean, scrubbed, bare, wooden floor with some crayons and paper, with the cheery crackle of the fire from the airtight tin heater, and thinking what a lovely home we had. The tall spruce, poplar, birch and tamarac, together with a small lake — Birch Lake, on one part of the quarter, made it a beauty spot of which to be proud. Frank's ability to keep a neat, clean yard with a great abundance of the best firewood in good supply, seasoned and split green poplar, neatly piled around the yard fence gave a feeling of permanence and steadfastness. For a few years Frank still worked out during the summers for farmers, one being Tony Walker, between Togo and Makaroff. I remember once of him bringing home a mule from there as payment for his work, to use with his own horses in breaking some more land. We had never seen such a strange creature before.

He spent most winters working in the sawmill for R. McBride, though I think he worked for Cockerills too, as a sawyer for some years. I can also see him fashioning a square measuring stick about four feet long which he calibrated by his own adept figuring to show the number of board feet in a tree of a certain height and with a given circumference at the foot of it. He used it to give an estimate of the amount of lumber in a timber stand, and the mill owners gave him wages for this valuable information, when buying timber stands from

the government. He also worked as a sawyer at Uncle Dave Friesen's mill, when he started one up. It was only a mile away, and then he came home every night, which made it much nicer. While working at the others, he went for a week and came home Saturday night, leaving Sunday afternoon by horse team. In those days there was always work for the horses there too.

All this time, horses and cattle and a few pigs were added as he could pay for them. Mom raised chickens and had a beautiful garden while she stayed home with her little family, milking cows and canning the wild fruits which were plentiful in supply for the long winter months. I can remember her selling eggs at five cents a dozen along with butter for twenty cents a pound and pails of cucumbers and tomatoes for fifty cents each at the store, in return for the necessary staples, such as salt, sugar, flour, tea and coffee, rolled oats, etc. A pig was butchered (usually on my birthday, Nov. 2nd.) and the meat was cured, sausages made and the rest frozen stayed safely in a granary. Dad was a keen hunter and his deer licence was always filled.

On December 28th, 1926, their first son, Manly (a sick baby) was born. Frank walked to Togo, 25 miles, for medication. On the following day, when he arrived home, their little son had died, and he had to return to Togo for a death certificate from the doctor. This time a neighbor lent him a horse to ride — but, oh! such a heavy load to bear! Dorothy and I had been sent home with Grandma and Grandpa Wiens before the baby was born. I remember Dad bringing the baby in a tiny coffin, thoughtfully fashioned by Julius Hiebert Sr., to Grandma and Grandpa's and Dad said for me to kiss the baby, who seemed to me like an Eaton's Beauty doll. They went out and buried our little brother on the hill overlooking the Wien's yard, with some singing, a little service of their own, and tears.

Years later, Dorothy and I often ended up at Grandma Wien's on our evening chores of hunting down the cattle, which ran wild in this mostly unfenced country. The miles we walked after cattle



Irene and Dorothy Sawatzky 1926.

no one can count. The folks were too busy with other work, Dad with field work and Mom with her chores and little children again. Therese was born on July 25, 1933. We remember this day well. We came home from school that day and Mom had a 5 pound syrup pail full of fresh blueberries she had picked on the Hudson Bay land adjoining ours to the east. That night Grandma Hiebert, the district midwife, had to be summoned. Frank Sturges was born on June 15th, 1935. It rained so much that June! Llewellyn John was born on April 5th, 1938. Mom did get to the hospital for this birth but just made it to Dauphin by train. Dorothy and I were left in charge of Therese and Sturges and chores while Dad drove by team to Togo to get Mom and Llewellyn from the train in Togo. We prided ourselves on keeping things going and looking after the little ones but sort of left things for Mom to "boss" when she was home again.

All through these years and many more, a very bright spot at Christmas was a large parcel that always arrived in the mail before Christmas. It was always hidden from us children while we were small, if at all possible. It contained a gift for each member of the family, together with some Christmas decorations each year — all from the two loving "old maids" in Ohio on Catawba Island. How those ladies must have appreciated Dad's honest hard work, to carry this on through all those years until they passed away! Miss Alice Sturgis passed away first and the gifts came as money after that, with a card and most welcome letter, as Miss Bond could not go out shopping any longer. How we looked forward to Christmas, when Dad brought in a beautiful tree from the bush and Mom and the children decorated it! The coloured wax candles were lit on the tree and we all had to watch closely to see no flame touched the tree's needles. Friends or relatives sometimes stayed for an evening and there was singing of Christmas carols while the candles softly flickered and the kerosene lamp was turned down low. Mom and Dad were both good singers and were always called upon to sing some songs themselves. Dad sang tenor beautifully, or he would take the lead and Mom sang alto. On other occasions, it was the old time songs they sang such as "Jaunita", "Down by the Old Mill Stream" and other goodies.

Lorne was born on June 2nd, 1942. That made three girls and three boys in our family.

The chores were getting more numerous and the folks were a little better off. Dad could stay home and look after the animals instead of always working away all week and being home only for Sundays. Though he still often got a permit to take out several thousand feet of lumber a winter. This meant going back into the bush, cutting logs, skidding them out,

loading them up and hauling them to the mill and having them sawed and planed there.

When they were milking more cows the cream was hauled by the canful with a horse and cart, six miles to the store, to catch the cream truck.

For social life, there were neighbors visiting back and forth for card games or just visits, also house parties. Uncle Pete Wiens played the violin beautifully and Uncle Ed chorded on his guitar. Ed was not home as much and Herschell Nowlin or Johnny who played the guitar. They provided the music for these house parties for years and we had such good times! A few years later, when people had progressed to having linoleum on their floors, there wasn't as much dancing as there had been on the bare wooden floors. Families gathered in one house or another for these events. You went with your folks and came back with them — it was good, clean fun. There was no liquor at these "dos".

Dad was superintendant of the Sunday school for years and read the sermon, as a Minister came only about twice a year. These services were held sometimes in the school and sometimes the homes took turns having them. This was through the summer months when we could all walk. The horses needed a rest on Sundays. Dad's reading was a sermon from The New Jerusalem Church, sent for just such a purpose. Mrs. Glen Lester or Evelyn Hiebert played the organ at the school, which helped the singing along greatly.

Mom and the tiny children stayed home when the walk was a long one, and she must have felt quite left out. Picnics were much enjoyed. One Sunday School picnic in particular was held in our yard. Dad fashioned a canopy of young green trees stuck into the ground, with a roof of young green trees complete with branches all laid across the top. Under this he nailed up a rough table of planks (a product of the local mills); planks on firewood blocks did for seating, and the whole community sat "in style" to enjoy their picnic dinner in the shade. The older folks carried on their visiting there and made ice cream, while ball games and races filled the day for the younger folk. We felt we had a grand time. Mom was always ready with food and drink as were all the other mothers of the district. This was about 1938.

Until then, school at Happy Lake had been run from May 1st, to the end of October, and we were expected to make a grade in six months. The heat in that school house during July and August, often without adequate blinds on that row of west windows, was something else! We took grade nine and ten by correspondence and I remember clearly having to take my Christmas and Easter exams in Grande Prairie school, under the supervision of the teacher there. It meant staying at Grandma Wiens'

and walking the two miles to and from the school during exams. We had been lucky, only a mile to walk to school at Happy Lake, and less in the winter, when we could cut across the lake. Grande Prairie had a much larger enrollment than did Happy Lake and I got to know more children. As you can see we had a very isolated life.

I learned at the age of 12 to cut and sew my own clothes, and did more sewing for the younger ones than Mom, who preferred to do chores and have me do the sewing. For a number of years mom spun her own wool from the sheep they raised on the farm. She was very adept at knitting and we all grew up with homespun socks and mitts.

In 1944 Frank and Mary bought the Herman Gottlieb farm (the N.W. 1/4 of 19-30-28) on the west edge of the Happy Lake district. The Gottliebs bought a farm at Roblin. Frank sold the homestead to Uncle Pete Wiens. The Sawatzkys lived here until they moved to Roblin, buying a lot of almost an acre on the northern outskirts of the town. They sold their farm to Llewellyn and Peggy in 1964. During their stay on this farm they changed to tractor farming. He owned his own threshing machine and had a threshing circuit as well; men worked with their teams on his outfit, to cut down or pay altogether for their threshing bill. (This was not a steam engine as was the one Uncle Dave Friesen used to thresh with around the district. You could hear the old steam engine whistle for miles and could usually guess at which neighbor's place they were threshing). The gas-driven tractor outfit made a lot less work: no one had to haul wood or water to it. They acquired more cattle and milked more cows. The cream truck now came into the yard to pick up the cream. The children drove to school (which was now three miles), with a horse and cart or in winter, a cutter. They boarded their horse at Sandy Wheeler's which was just across the road from the school. They acquired motor-driven vehicles, Dad got his first car (an old Model T) while still on the homestead. They were able to go shopping in town or at least to the store, instead of relying completely on the Eaton's and Simpson's catalogue for necessary items of clothing.

I took grade eleven in Makaroff, working for my room and board. Dorothy and Therese took grade eleven in Roblin; Sturges took grade nine only; Llewellyn took some "tech" classes instead, such as electricity and plumbing. Lorne rode horseback two miles out to Jake Funk's and boarded his horse there to catch the bus to Makaroff for grade eleven and to Roblin for grade twelve. (His grade nine and ten were taken by correspondence at Happy Lake).

In 1965, Frank found jobs setting up machinery for dealers in Roblin. He had a wood lathe and did

much work on it, fashioning furniture and lawn ornaments which he sold far too cheaply. He was not a greedy man, rather making sure the other person got more than his value. His outstanding lifelong feature was honesty.

Mom had, throughout the years, sold much garden produce at the stores at Boggy Creek — peas and beans by the pail full as well as cucumbers and tomatoes, later cabbage, carrots and potatoes. Now she settled down to enjoying her garden for themselves and built up a lovely yard, together with Dad. They also did much renovating and adding on to that little house they had bought. What had been a litter-strewn hopeless looking area became a home of trees, shrubs, garden, and lawn with a proudly painted home and garage. The truck loads of debris they hauled off that yard are not to be counted. The trees they planted came from back home at Boggy Creek. Large spruce, pine and birch graced a once barren spot, together with some Boughen Nursery shrubbery. Mom's mother, Annie Wiens, came to live with them and stayed with them for years, until 1973, after which she moved to Aunt Sara's at Grand Centre.

Throughout the years the Sawatzkys were staunch members of "The Church of the New Jerusalem". The Minister was always welcome in their home and after they moved to town he always stayed with them on his monthly trip from Saskatoon, when he held services at Cromarty school, just out of Roblin.

Their family is scattered but keep in close touch. Irene, the oldest married Jim Gibson in June, 1946. They have three children: Judy, Wayne and Mary Ann. Judy, born in July, 1947, lives in the Crowsnest Pass in Alberta with her husband Ray Walker and children Darryl and Lori. Ray is a heavy-duty mechanic at the Byron Creek Collieries. Judy is very busy with girl guides and church activities. Wayne (born in June 1950), who lives on the next quarter to his Dad's, farms with his wife, Carol (Morgan). They have three children: Angela, born in November, 1968; Tina, born in July, 1972; and Clinton, born in October, 1975. Mary Ann, born in June, 1955, married Don Irvine in May, 1973. They now live in Lloydminster, Alberta. They have 3 children: Cory, born on November 27, 1973; Irene, born on February 19, 1976; and Katrina, born on May 13, 1978. Don drives a Purolator Courier truck. Mary Ann works with handicapped children and does social work. Irene and Jim are semi-retired on the farm at Saltcoats, Sask.

Dorothy married Nick Germain of Inglis on Jan. 21, 1944. They farmed until 1982, then retired to Inglis. Their children are Evelyn, Nancy and Frank. Evelyn, born on February 15, 1946, married Walter Salamonowicz in October, 1961. Cindy, born in July

1962, married Randy Karrol in July 1983. Wally is a building contractor in construction. Nancy, born on May 16, 1950, married Orland Pitz of Gerald, Sask. on Sept. 21st. 1968. Orland farms and works at I.M.C. Esterhazy. They have one daughter, Melissa, born on February 10, 1976. Frank was born on Sept. 1st, 1955. He married Cindy Gee of The Pas. They have two boys, Nickolas, born on May 3rd, 1982 and Joel, born on December 28, 1983. Frank has the Rupert House, a hotel in The Pas.

Therese married Tom Wheeler on March 29, 1952. They have lived in Creighton and Flin Flon all their married lives, although Tom grew up in the Boggy Creek area too. Tom has worked for H.B.M. and S., first cutting lines for a few years, and for many years now, in the smelter. Therese is administrator for the Town of Creighton, after working there as a secretary to the administrator, and also worked in the Creighton Post Office for years. Their children are John, Lawrence, Lyle and Sandra. John, born on July 1st, 1952, married Beverly Cadas on August 28th, 1971. They have a daughter, Jennifer, born on Jan. 17, 1972. They live in Brandon where John is manager of the Sportsplex and Bev works also. Lawrence, born on Feb. 8, 1956, married Cindy Young of Flin Flon, on Sept. 9, 1978. Lawrie also works for H.B.M. & S. Co. They have two daughters — Kelly, born on Jan. 22nd, 1980 and Cari on March 16, 1982. Lyle Thomas was born on June 24, 1968. Sandra Dawn, a chosen daughter, was born on July 9, 1970.

Frank Sturges married Lucille Desjarais of Lac La Biche, Alberta. They had three daughters: Roxanne, born on March 16, 1968; Candace, born on August 8, 1970; and Jennifer, born on Sept. 7, 1972. Sturges was snatched from his lovely little family by an accident at work not too far from Clinton Creek in the Yukon. One of his men came to tell him he could not get his machine turned around, having driven it too close to the edge of the mountain. (They were taking overburden off a new asbestos mine). Sturges said he would get it off for him (he was working another man's shift at the time). During the manoeuvring of the machine it overturned and fell down the mountainside. Sturges did not have time to jump. He died instantly in October, 1973, a short month after his youngest daughter was a year old. His wife and family reside in Calgary after trying to live for one year in Whitehorse, where he is buried. I am sure, were he here today, he would be as proud as ever of his family who meant such a great deal to him. He had worked for the same people for fourteen years and was as safety conscious as anyone, they said. It was the second last day of work for the season. In the winters he helped his father-in-law on his trapline at Lac La Biche.

Llewellyn John married Peggy Short of San Clara on July 6th, 1960. They farm on the Boggy Creek farm and have progressed to a major dairy operation together with their son, James, (June 18, 1961) who was married to Donna Lee of Brandon on July 11, 1980. They have one daughter, born on Sept. 21st. 1980, Twyla Dawn. Eugene Frank, born on Aug. 21st, 1963, is living at home and working for the family and for neighbors during seeding and harvest. Myrna Lynn was born on Nov. 14, 1973. She travels to school by bus into Roblin (a 45 mile trip morning and night) which makes a long day for her. The Sawatzkys purchased the Happy Lake school and teacherage and moved them to the yard, where they are put to use.

Lorne married Patricia Benes of Chicago on August 7, 1967, having been in Chicago for some years while going to University. He is an expert in the computer world, travelling to many countries in his job for his own company, together with another person. They have three sons: Steven, born Dec. 2nd. 1971; Kevin, born on June 3, 1973; and Ryan, born on June 11, 1979. During his pre-school years, Lorne was often allowed to go with Dad, partly to keep him out of mischief, when Dad went for repairs or to the store. Generally speaking when asked what he would like to take home for a treat for the family his answer was "Amenges" and six was the magic number. He never forgot anyone, there were the four children and Mom and Dad at home then.

A family treat for the youngsters, during the Gottlieb farm years after chores, was going to the hill for sliding during the long moonlit winter evenings.

Sturges once rode "Old Prince" for cattle and whistled for his dog. While coming around a willow clump he was confronted by a black bear standing up on his hind legs. Startled out of its apathy, and striking out with his fore paws, the bear caught the horse on the shoulder. The horse bolted and Sturges somehow managed to stay on board even though he was riding bareback for about the first time. He came home a worried boy, but how well he had done under the circumstances! I remember being in the farm yard and taking the shaking horse from his shaking hands and sending him up to the house while I put the horse in the barn and fed him and quietened him down. This was during the summer holidays after I had been teaching.

It seemed ironic that the Rev. Henry Reddekopp, who had been making the residence of Frank and Mary Sawatzky his home while in Roblin, had just retired one month or so, when Frank passed away in Dec. of '76 of a massive coronary. The Rev. Reddekopp came from Saskatoon one last time to perform the resurrection ser-

vice for his old friend. Frank is buried in Roblin cemetery, a good Father, a true and honest man. Mary passed away one and a half years later in May, 1978. The will to live was gone, sickness took over and she died of cancer. She was a loving and caring wife and Mother.

They had made many new friends while living in Roblin and enjoyed the 50 and Over Club very much.

There are nineteen grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren as well as the five of their six children to remember and care.

Jacob Schmollinger

by Frieda Gaber

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schmollinger were both born in Russia. Jacob was born Feb. 7, 1888 and Ernestine Wagner in 1880. Jacob and Ernestine were married in 1908.

They moved to Winnipeg in 1913 and both



Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schmollinger and family: Fred, Emil, Charlie, Jack, Adolph, Frieda, Nellie, Marie, Elsie, and Bertha.

worked there until 1917. Mr. and Mrs. Schmollinger then moved to the R.M. of Shellmouth, where they farmed until their retirement in 1950. In 1973 they moved to Roblin, Man.

They had 12 children, 6 boys and 6 girls; one boy and one girl passed away in Russia. There are ten children now living: Jack and his wife, Molly of Winnipeg; Fred and Hertha of Roblin; Charlie and Florence of Roblin; Emil and Hertha of Roblin; Adolf and Frieda of Edmonton; Nellie and Adolf Andres of Roblin; Marie and Bill Zimmer of Shevlin; Frieda and Jim Gaber of Roblin; Elsie and Fred Bauming of Roblin; Bertha and John Watson of Kelowna, B.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schmollinger had 50 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Schmollinger were married for 71 years. Ernestine passed away May 2, 1979 and Jacob died on Dec. 24, 1982.

Schneider Family

by Bruce Davis

Mr. Joseph Schneider had the distinction of being the only pioneer in Cromarty to still live on his



Sawing wood: Orton Stauffer, Ed Waggoner, Joe and Lyle Schneider and Ralph De La Mare.

homestead. It was farmed by his sons, Joe Jr. and Lyle. Lyle married Margaret Ready in 1953 and they had one son, Wilfred, born in 1967. Joe Jr. married Claudia Andres on August 4th, 1963.

Mamie married Don Davis on November 23rd, 1938 and farmed the Dave Munro farm. They had one son, Bruce, born on November 18th, 1940. They moved to the farm in 1944 and lived there all of Don's life. Mamie lived on the farm until 1978, then moved to town where she still resides. Bruce married Eleanor Rice and lives on his mother's farm.

Marguerite passed away with cancer and she is buried in the family plot in the Roblin Cemetery. She had no family.

In 1967 Mr. Schneider died at the age of 88. In 1968 Lyle became ill and passed away. Margaret moved to town and worked until she married J. D. Davis. They had one child, a son, Jim, in 1970. J. D. and Margaret moved to the old homestead and still reside there.

Joe and Claudia sold their part of the farm in 1979 and moved to town.

Ray and Olive moved to Churchbridge in 1967. They had 4 children: Barry, Diane, Wayne and Terry. Ray has worked at the potash mine in Esterhazy, Sask. since they moved there several years ago. Barry married Vivian Radorne and they have 3 children and live in Langenburg, Sask. Diane married Leon Laveque and they have 2 children and live at Regina, Sask. Wayne married Sheila Adam and they have 2 children and live in Edmonton, Alberta. Terry still lives with his parents in Churchbridge, Sask.

Alfred Scrimshaw Family

by Fanny Pettit

Alfred Scrimshaw was born in England in 1866,



The Srimshaw family upon their arrival at Roblin, 1908. Alfred, Alice, Alfred Jr., Ernest, Herbert, Mabel and Tom.

receiving his education in England. He learned his butcher trade there. In 1881 he married Miss Fanny Hooton.

In 1903, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Scrimshaw came to Canada along with 5 children: Alfred, Ernest Herbert, Mabel, Tom and Annie. They settled in the Brandon district. Shortly after their arrival in Brandon, Mrs. Scrimshaw passed away.

In 1908, Alfred married Alice Mary Marshal and moved to a farm east of Roblin. Alfred was very proud of his garden. It was something to see! He always had lots of flowers blooming in the home.

In the early days, the Scrimshaw home had many happy gatherings — neighbor and family get-togethers.

In 1933, his wife Alice passed away. He continued to live on the farm until 1944 when he moved to Makinak with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Labuke.

Alfred was a past master of the Orange Lodge and a veteran of the Egyptian Campaign.

His son, Tom Scrimshaw, joined the Canadian Army during the war of 1914-1918, was wounded in action, and died overseas in 1918.

W. R. Scott Family

by Tom Scott

W. R. (Bill) Scott was born in Scotland in 1881. He came to the Beulah district in the early 1900's, where he worked as a farm hand. In 1903 he homesteaded in the Zorra district. In 1912 he came to the Roblin area and farmed the West ½ of Sec. 8-26-28. This is the ½ section to the west of the town of Roblin. The original house was destroyed, a new home was built in 1926. It is now the residence of Murray Cameron and family.

Mr. Scott was very active in the community. Many of his interests centered around agricultural activities. He was secretary of the Deepdale United Grain Growers for 42 years. He was a founding



Bill and Muriel Scott.

member of the Shell River Agricultural Society and worked for many years as secretary-manager.

After retiring from farming in 1926, he devoted his life to administrative activities within the community. He was known by a great many new Canadians for his work with the Manitoba Farm Loans Board.

He was an active member of the Oddfellows Lodge.

In the early 1920's he married nurse, Robertha Livingstone, and they had one child, Jean. Jean married Gordon Rice and they had 2 children, Judy and Robert, who are married and live in the Toronto area.

Mrs. Robertha Scott passed away in 1928 and Bill married Muriel Hume of Grandview in 1929. They had three children: Ewart, who married Joyce Adam from Roblin and they have three children, Bill, Sheila and Heather.

Tom, married Elaine Speers of Alexander and they have four children, Glenn, Lynn, Joanne and Karen.

Ellen married James Cotter from Kitchener and they have two children, James and Jane.

Ewart and Joyce now reside in Swift Current. Tom and Elaine are in Winnipeg and Ellen and Jim live in Ottawa.

Bill passed away in 1968 just a few days before his 87th birthday. Muriel resides in the Roblin Senior Citizens Residence and celebrated her 90th birthday in 1984.

Shafransky Family

by Anton and Helen Shafransky

In 1938 Anton Shafransky immigrated to Canada with his parents, Wasyl and Katerina, his sister, Helen and younger brother, Harry. They came from Western Central Ukraine, the Town of Horohow, Province of Volyn.

We, the sons and our sons are the only Shafranskys in Canada to the best of our knowledge.



Shafransky Family in 1945.

Katerina's father, Gregory Karasiukevich, traded a house in Detroit for a farm in Merridale owned by A. Yanechko. Grandfather struck a very bad deal but for the purpose of emigration, he had to have a farm. Via the farm and Grandfather's age, Grandfather sponsored the Shafransky family and his only son, Fred Karasiukevich to emigrate to Canada, to the wealth and luxury that was thought to be there by the emigrants and others who couldn't emigrate.

Shafranskys and Uncle Fred Karasiukevich departed from Horohow in mid September, 1938. After a journey of over a month we arrived in Merridale on October 25, 1938, all well. Our travel route was by train from Horohow to Warsaw and Gaynia; then by ship by way of the Baltic Sea, Keil Canal and the North Sea to London, England. We again travelled by train from London to Liverpool where we went aboard a large ship, the "Dutchess of Bedford", which became famous during the war as a troop carrier. It sank a German U-boat, damaged and drove off two others with her deck guns, as was written up in the *Prairie Farmer*. We came across the Atlantic Ocean and up the St. Lawrence to Montreal; from Montreal we travelled by train to Winnipeg and on to Roblin.

I remember Shafranskys had a large orchard in the Ukraine and of course they loaded a truck full of green pears packed in hay. They were to ripen in transit. However, upon arrival at Roblin CN station, when all belongings were unloaded, the pears were over-ripened and all rotted. Mother Katerina cried as Uncle Fred and Father carried the truck away discreetly and abandoned it.

The first person Father encountered early that morning spoke Ukrainian. He was John Hawrychuk, whom Father hired to take us out to Merridale. There was rejoicing with the adults in the reunion with Grandfather and Step-grandmother, who had remodelled a two-roomed log house and awaited our arrival.

That year I distinctly remember the last of October and November was very hot. Brownny (Ben)

Klemetski was plowing a stubble field with a 2-furrowed walking plow and he would make one round and stop the horses to rest. The horses would be all wet and panting.

To make a living, Father and Uncle cut wood for some neighbours or Father worked in the Duck Mountain log-cutting in the lumber mills all winter; come spring, the lumber mill owner would tell the workers, "I'm broke" (bankrupt), and Father would bring no money home.

We kids, Helen (14), I, Anton (11) and Harry (8) started school in November, 1938. Our first teacher was Gordon Fines. He was a very nice man, understanding and patient. We learned and moved ahead from then. We made friends, learned to eat frozen chokecherries from along the fence and snared rabbits. In the spring we drowned out gophers by carrying pails of water, from melted snow in low places, with our lunch pails. One gopher tail was worth 1¢. Then I progressed to stealing two eggs a day from the cow mangers and when friend, Pete Shulhan and I would have a dozen each we would take them to Merridale store to trade for a package of Pilot cigarettes, but Mrs. Syko would not want to believe us that the cigarettes were for my father, so we had to quit. I couldn't figure out how my mother knew when there was one or two eggs missing during the day.

Friends that Shafranskys socialized with were



Sykos, Midzains, Cherneskis at Wasyl and Katerina Shafransky's home.

Shulhans, Midzains, Sykos, Cherneckis, and a few others. Nearly every quarter section farm had a family living on it then. There were around eighty students going to school in grade one to grade nine and every Friday an additional eighty students would come to write their correspondence tests. All of us were in one classroom with two box stove heaters inside.

The social evenings, the box socials, the whist drives, and dances held in Merridale school remain

a most wonderful memory. Sadly, our children and grandchildren will never know the pleasures that were ours; they are now lost to them.

However, there were hardships and many of them. The distances to school, from ½ mile to 5½ miles for some friends, were made every morning and back at night, no matter what the weather. There were some pitiful lunches at school—frozen sandwiches with almost nothing inside. Sometimes there were frozen faces, feet, and hands; socks frozen to rubber boots until thawed out. I remember that I and almost all my friends were always hungry. As we grew older there were lots of chores to do — woodcutting, sawing, splitting, hay and straw hauling, logging, and for a few farmers, driving cattle over a mile to a watering hole, and so on.

The Second World War broke out and was raging. I, Anton, had learned a bit of English and therefore I was required to translate that news of the war for my father. Young men were joining the army or were drafted. It seemed so exciting to see a soldier; however we were either too young or too old.

In 1942 we had an addition to our family. A sister was born, and was delivered by a midwife, Mrs. Worbeck (Tony Worbeck's mother). Raisa, our sister was named and she became the star attraction for us and our friends.

Following is an account of the status of the family as of March, 1985. Father — Wasyl died in 1961 at the age of 63 years. Mother — Katerina died in 1973, at the age of 71 years. Helen married Lorne Jasper of Winnipeg. They separated. They had two sons — Lorne Jr. and Gerald. Lorne Jr. is married to Katie Davey, originally of San Clara. They have three children: a daughter, Kyla and two sons, Jeremy and Sean. They all live in Hinton, Alberta. Gerald, who is still single, lives in Leaf Rapids, Manitoba. Helen still lives on the original farm with John Fedeniuk.

I, Anton, married Helen Syko, daughter of the



Great Grandpa and Grandma Futyna. They arrived with John Syko in Roblin in 1908.

storekeepers, Sam and Helen Syko of Merridale. We had the Merridale store for eleven years and now live in Leaf Rapids. We have three sons: Daniel, Eugene and William Sam. Daniel married Lois Dixon, daughter of Lillian and Gordon Dixon, formerly of Grand Narrows. They have two children, a son, Stephan and a daughter, Dana. They live in Logan Lake, B.C. Eugene married Debra Rempel of Landmark, Manitoba. They have a daughter, Kriston and a son, Eric Anton. They live in Winnipeg, Manitoba. William Sam, who is still single, is a radio announcer in Weyburn, Saskatchewan.

Harry became a teacher and then an N.D.P. Member of Legislative Assembly from 1969 to 1977. He married Doreen Hodgkinson of Winnipeg. They have three children: a daughter, Kathy, who is single and lives in Winnipeg; a son, Gregory, a sea diver, is single and lives in Vancouver, B.C.; another daughter, Tamara, is single and lives in Winnipeg.

Raisa, who married Jerry Davies, lives in Winnipeg. They have two sons, Scott and Christopher, who are still attending high school in Winnipeg.

The Shafransky family is slowly growing and spreading. We keep in touch with our home nest in Merridale; enjoy checking Merridale schoolhouse, and renewing old friendships there and in Roblin.

Helen and I wish to thank the Roblin Historical Society for giving us an opportunity to be one of the contributors to this historical book.

William John Sharpen (Will, Bill) 1877-1959

by Lela Lietz

Born and educated at Molesworth, Ont., William married Isabella Dunlop of Molesworth, Ont. on July 2nd, 1902.

In 1904 they moved to the Roblin district where they remained a few years. Then they filed on a homestead 15 miles N.E. of Roblin (N.E. 1/4 28-28-28). This land is now owned by Mr. Peter Styba.

Borden, Oral and Lela went to Hillcrest School for a few years. The school was 2 miles from their home. There were no school vans or buses at that time. Walking was rough and the road seemed long and hard for three small children. At that time there were 3 children under school age.

In the spring of March 1918, they decided to move closer to Roblin. They moved to the west half of 6-26-28 owned by Dr. R. A. Dunlop of Toronto, Ont., who was Mrs. Sharpen's brother. They lived here and farmed until 1927. They then moved to the town of Roblin. Mr. Sharpen did construction work until he retired in 1945. The farm (6-26-28) is now owned by Floyd Chase.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharpen raised a family of seven. All attended school in Roblin.

Borden, a World War II veteran, joined the army in 1940. He was at Camp Shilo for awhile, then went to Camp Debert, N.S. He came back to Winnipeg early in 1941 and was at Fort Osborne Barracks until Sept. 1947 when he was discharged. He and his wife, Orise, are retired and live at Abbotsford, B.C.

Oral Bergh and husband live at Simmie, Sask. and are also retired.

Lela Lietz and husband, Lawrence retired and live in Roblin.

Helen Du Pré and husband. Gordon retired in Toronto, Ont.

Merle Quinn and husband, George retired and they also live in Toronto, Ont.

Melville (Dunnie), a World War II veteran, joined the army in 1940. He spent awhile at Camp Shilo, Man., then moved to camp Petawawa, Ont. From there he went overseas where he spent 5 years. When the war ended he returned to Toronto, Ont. He is now retired.

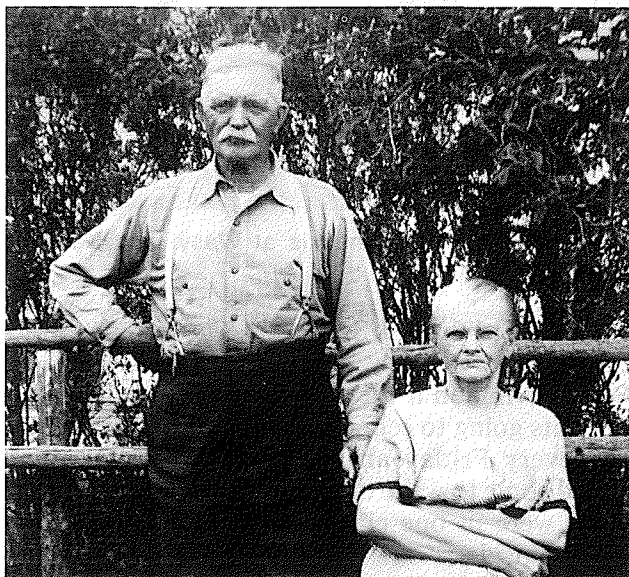
Bill is a World War II veteran. He and his wife are now living in Erickson, Man.

W. J. Sharpen passed away Dec. 25, 1959. Mrs. Sharpen passed away Aug. 8, 1969. One son, Wilbert John died in Jan. 1919 and an infant son (Bill's twin) died March 23, 1922. All are buried in the Roblin District Cemetery.

The Shearer Families

by the family

The Shearer families immigrated from the Orkney Islands in Scotland between 1888 and 1890,



John George M. Shearer and Barbara Jane Shearer.

and settled in the Cut Arm District near Bredenbury, Saskatchewan. Saltcoats was the closest town at that time. Our parents, John George and Barbara Jane Shearer were married there and the five eldest of their family were born there. In 1901 they moved to the Castleavery district to a farm south of the present Pyott picnic area. Later, they moved to section 22, now the Maurice Digby farm, and then to the west half of section 20-24-29, just one mile from the Saskatchewan boundary.

The first Castleavery School was located on the farm where we grew up, but was no longer in use when our family moved to that farm. We drove two and a half miles to section 28 where the school is now. This school was closed in 1965 when the children of the area were bussed to Roblin. Our family all remained in the area. All were married except for John and Barbara who lived on the home place until 1984.

Our neighbors were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Roe who both lived on the same section as us. Other residents of the Castleavery District at that time were: Mr. and Mrs. W. Nichols and Arthur, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rowan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ferris and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Ferris and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Farncombe and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Dugan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Anderson and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Case and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Hunter and family, and to the west of us, the Langley and Peppler families.

Our mother's parents had come to Canada also and are both buried at Saltcoats. Mother had one sister who married Joe Horner and lived in the district for a while before moving to MacLeod, Alberta. She also had a brother who farmed near Bredenbury, Saskatchewan. Our father's family remained in the Orkney's except for one brother, Robert, who came to Canada and was killed in 1916 in the first World War.

Our family consisted of four boys and six girls.

Albert, born April 10, 1892, married Dagmar Lauritsen; James, born April 11, 1894, married Isabel McFadyen; Margaret, born April 19, 1896, married Arthur Nichols; Tomina, born July 12, 1898, married Joseph Ferris; Robert, born April 19, 1901, married Vera Gorlick; Elizabeth, born 1905, died June 1914 of ruptured appendix; Mary Isabella, born April 6, 1908, married John McFadyen; John Ernest, born December 11, 1911, is not married; Laura Anne, born December 9, 1913, married Wilbert Morrison; Barbara Jane, born November 7, 1915, never married.

Robert died March 1973 and is buried in Castleavery cemetery. His widow, Vera, married Arnold George Ferris on May 6, 1974.

John and Barbara remained single and stayed on the home farm. Barbara passed away in September, 1984.

The histories of the other family members are included separately in this book.

Albert Shearer and Dagmar Lauritsen by Irma McFayden

Albert Shearer, the eldest son of John George and Barbara Jane Shearer, was born April 10, 1892 at Bredenbury, Saskatchewan. In 1902 the family moved to the Castleavery District to the Birnie Bridge, later called the Pyott bridge and is now known as Pyott's Wayside Park on the west side of the water.

In 1914, Albert moved to MacNutt, taking over and operating the livery barn business for a couple of years. Here, he met Dagmar Lauritsen, who had come with her brother, Louie Lauritsen, from Clinton, Iowa, U.S.A. to a farm east of MacNutt.

In 1916, Albert bought the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 22-24-29 and started farming and on Dec. 9, 1916, Albert and Dagmar were married in Clinton, Iowa. They farmed until 1946 when they sold this farm and bought the W. $\frac{1}{2}$ of 16-24-29 and farmed there until they retired to Roblin in the fall of 1962.

A 50th wedding anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shearer was held Dec. 9, 1966 at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Irma and Archie McFayden of Roblin, Manitoba with a "Come-and-go-tea".

Albert was always the handy-man and did a lot of work repairing broken windows, or whatever needed fixing, for the Castleavery School.

He was a member of the Manitoba Pool Elevators and as a senior member, received a scroll commemorating the Pool's 50th Anniversary, April, 1975.

Albert and Dagmar had two daughters, Irma Agnes born July 25, 1918 and Isabel Marie, born October 29, 1922.

Irma married Archie McFayden and lives in Roblin, Manitoba and Isabel married John Todd and lives in Parksville, British Columbia.

Albert passed away in the Grandview Personal Care Home, November 24, 1975, after a lengthy illness.

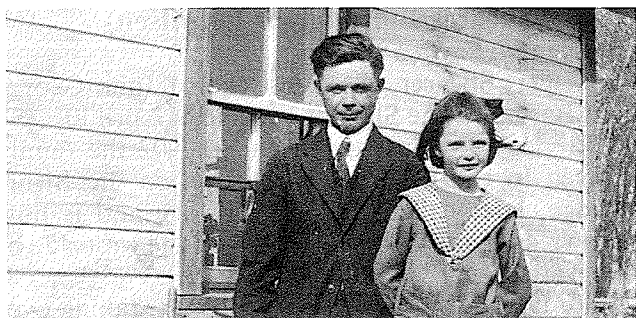
Dagmar lived in the Roblin Residence for about three years until failing health forced her to move to the Roblin Personal Care Home and she passed away in the Roblin Hospital September 5, 1983.

James Shearer Family

James Shearer was born April 11, 1894 at Bredenbury, N.W.T. He married Isabel McFayden, born August 8, 1903 in Shellmouth. James and

Isabel were married at the bride's home in Shellmouth on November 19, 1924. They settled on Jim's farm in the Castleavery District on S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 29-24-29 where they raised their family of three boys — Donald, Murray and Lloyd.

James and Isabel were active in community



James Shearer and sister Barbara at home.

activities, Jim acting as trustee on the school board for many years. They enjoyed curling in the local rink, and Isabel, an active member of the ladies club, loved to quilt and sew. Each June, the annual school picnic was held on their farm, complete with ice cream, ball games and races for the younger folk. Supper was served in the implement shed which with neighbourly help, was emptied out for use prior to the big event.

Jim and Isabel's farming years took place during the transition from horses to tractors and later from threshing machines to combines. For many years Jim travelled around the area and neighbouring districts, sawing wood with the sawing outfit he had built. The original 6-horse Fairbanks-Morse motor that he used to run this outfit is on display in the Roblin Museum. He also built and operated one of the first small sawmills in the district and often helped a neighbour out by sawing the lumber for whatever building the neighbour was constructing. Fall months found him again travelling the area with his threshing machine and Titan tractor and a crew of threshers.

In later years, with three sons starting their farming careers at home, newer methods were quickly adopted by the family but the older ways were still appreciated as necessary steps in progress.

His sons took their places in the community in their younger years, operating the first snowplows when winter car roads came into being, doing welding, grain cleaning, spraying and custom grain hauling for neighbours who welcomed the help in their expanding farm operations. Cattle were always an important part of the farm operation, the hay from the valley being harvested to winter the cattle without taking acres out of grain production. The boys used the knowledge they had gained in

Agricultural School, introducing new ideas into the farming practice to make the farm more productive. All of them, encouraged by their father to be inventive, used their hands and tools to fix, repair, build and modify equipment and facilities to suit their needs.

Donald Allen was born May 8, 1927, attended school in Castleavery and Tummel, and earned a diploma in Agriculture at the University of Manitoba. He married Gladys Mickelson, a secretary, and they have two daughters — Allison and Brenda. Allison is attending University and Brenda is attending school in Roblin. Don and Gladys farmed at Castleavery for a few years before moving to Tummel where they now farm.

Murray George was born March 27, 1929, attended school in Castleavery and Tummel, and the University of Manitoba, also earning a diploma



James Shearer's first house on the prairie.

in Agriculture. He married Jessie Pyott, a secretary, and they farmed in the Castleavery District N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 14-24-29, the Bill Case farm, where their three children — Kathy, Grant and David were born. In 1968 they moved to Swan River where they continue to farm. Kathy attended Red River College where she took secretarial training and drafting, and she presently lives in Winnipeg, working in the drafting field. Grant trained as a mechanic and works in Swan River and David attends high school in Swan River.

Lloyd Alvin was born October 9, 1934, attended school in Castleavery and MacNutt and remained in the Castleavery District to farm first on the N.W. 32-23-29, the former farm of Joe Ferris and presently on S.W. 29-24-29, the home farm of Jim and Isabel. He married Marlene Laliberte, who was a teacher at Castleavery School. Lloyd and Marlene have five children — three girls and two boys.

The oldest, Terry Lynn, attended University of Manitoba where she earned a Bachelor of Home

Economics and Teacher's Certificate. She married Lee Andres, son of Oswald and Louise Andres, and they have a daughter, Lindsay Dyan. Terry teaches Home Economics in Russell and Lee is owner-manager of a grocery store.

Diane obtained her Social Work Degree at University of Manitoba in 1981 and has since been employed in Calgary by the Alberta government in the Income Security Program. She married Brian, son of Doyick and Muriel Titanich of Roblin. Brian is a physical education teacher near Calgary.

Tannis graduated from Social Work at the University of Manitoba in 1984 and is employed by the Government of Manitoba, in the field of Mental Retardation. She lives in Winnipeg.

Kevin and Bruce are at home attending Goose Lake High School in Roblin.

Isabel and Jim retired to Roblin in 1966 when Lloyd and Marlene took over the home place. Jim died in 1978 and is buried in Castleavery cemetery. Isabel is residing in the Senior Citizens Residence in Roblin.

Joseph Shenderewich Family **by Frank Shenderewich**

Joseph Shenderewich was born on March 19th, 1888, in Dubiwka, a small village in Poland. His parents were John Shenderewich and Agnes Gryba. There were 7 children in the family: John, Joseph, Caroline, Martin, Frank, Rosie and Steve.

Joseph was 20 years old when he arrived in Canada on April 10, 1908. He came with his youngest brother, Steve to the Roblin area. The rest of the family stayed in Poland.

He stayed with friends that had come over from the Ukraine. He remembers he had no money, and before you could come to Canada, you had to have \$15.00. He remembers passing money from one to the other, so they could all come into Canada. He cut scrub and cleared land for \$1.75 a month, and his board and room. Later, he made more at 50¢ a day, which was considered not bad wages in those days. He went around working in the district with a threshing gang, making money the hard way.

He finally got a job at Strevel (Timberton) working on an extra gang on the CNR for 5 years. He worked for Brig Ward, who was Sec. foreman in the Deepdale area.

In 1913, he married Tillie Kappie, who was born in Bordakowitz, Ukraine. She had come to Canada when she was 4 years old. Joseph was baptised in St. Michael's Church, in the Greek Catholic religion before he came to Canada.

They had 3 children: Stella, born in 1914, Frank, born in 1917, and Olga, born in 1925.

In 1916, he bought a homestead on S.E. 30-28-28 and lived there for many years, until he

quit farming in 1952 and moved with his wife to the Town of Roblin. He worked very hard, raising cows, pigs, and chickens. This land is now owned by Frank, his son.

Joseph and Tillie celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1963. After this, Mrs. Shenderewich was quite ill and passed away on April 1, 1965, in Regina, and is buried in the Roblin cemetery.

Stella attended school at Hillcrest and Roblin and then married Nick Glutek. They farmed in the area and had a store on the N.W. ¼ 21-28-28 for several years, until the store burned down and from here they moved to Wilcox, Sask. and farmed for 6 years, before moving to Salmon Arm, B.C. They have 2 daughters: Marjorie and Ruth. Nick died in 1982 and Stella lives at Salmon Arm, B.C.

Frank received his education in Hillcrest and Roblin, also attending normal school in Winnipeg. He taught school in Gleneden in 1940. He was Secretary-Treasurer of Hillcrest school district for 32 years, and a Trustee of Intermountain School Division for 11 years. In 1945, he married Ann Glutek and together they raised a family of 3 children: Joe, born in 1948, Bill, born in 1950 and Ruth, born in 1954. Joe is not married and lives at home on the farm and works there. He is a Councillor for Ward 3 of the R.M. of Shell River. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus, Farmers Union and Tween Valley Sno-Mobile Club. Bill received his education in Hillcrest and Roblin, and attended the University of Winnipeg, for five years where he received his B.Sc. (Bachelor of Science) degree. He has been a Manager for K-Mart for 5 years. He married Linda Gel and they have 1 daughter. They live in Winnipeg, and Bill owns the Hotel in St. Adolphe. Ruth also received her education in Hillcrest and Roblin. She married Richard Bazilewick. She has worked for the Red Cross for 7 years.

Olga attended school in Hillcrest and Roblin. She married Mike Malashewsky and they have 3 boys: Dennis, Bobby, and Michael. Mike was the manager of the Co-op store at Salmon Arm. Mike died in a fishing accident near Salmon Arm, in May 1977. He had retired from the Manager's position and a retirement party had been held for him shortly before the accident occurred.

Some neighbours who lived near Mr. Shenderewich's place were the Sutherlands, Welechenko's, Bob McBrides, Vickers, Glutyk, Maguires, Tom Adams, Ed. Charbonneaus, Jack Bells, Biluks, Rosevears, Archie King, Comries, Stewarts, Allens, Sharpens, Hartmeirs, Bill Cox, Ted Cox, Irvines, Gameys, Baileys, Shersons, Penas, Livingstones, Funks and Geregass.

He recalled a fishing trip to Child's Lake when a terrible wind came up. Ed Charbonneau and Tom Adams were out on the lake and disappeared from

sight. He said he was on the shore with Ed Charbonneau's father, Tom, and they couldn't do a thing but wait and hope that Tom and Ed would be safe. All night they stayed there, on the shore, because they could not sleep, while waiting, hoping and praying. The old row boat leaked badly, so between rowing and dipping it was a full time job. In the morning, the wind subsided and very soon Ed and Tom appeared with the old boat. A very happy sight it was for Tom Charbonneau and Joe Shenderewich indeed, as they had feared these two had been drowned in the lake.

Robert E. Shepherd

by Bob

Resumé of my time spent in Roblin —

I arrived in Roblin August 16, 1960 on a transfer from Minnedosa, Manitoba, to become District-man for the Manitoba Telephone System for the Roblin area.

My wife, Iris, son Robert and daughters Marilyn and Shelley arrived September 16, 1960 from Minnedosa, Manitoba. We took up residence on Rose Street in a home owned by Norman and Mary Cockerill, which at that time was in the Municipality of Shell River.

We were welcomed by Chief Operator, Ordella (Payne) Henderson, and introduced to the staff. My association with these fellow employees was superb and rewarding.

The second welcoming committee came from the Royal Canadian Legion #24. We were asked to transfer from #138 at Minnedosa (which we did) and became involved in their sponsored activities of the



Robert Shepherd Family: L to R. Marilyn Mae, Shelley Norreen, Robert Edward, Iris Muriel and Robert E. Shepherd.

Legion and Ladies' Auxiliary. Mayor Fred Newton also gave a welcome to us. I (R.E.) became a member of Roblin Masonic Lodge #122 AF AND AM on May 8, 1961 with Ross Misener as Master.

Iris became a member of the Order of the Eastern Star #42 on June 6, 1961.

We also became members of the Roblin Knox United Church during the tenure of Rev. Ross Williams. (The actual date evades me.)

We both became golfers of a sort and helped to improve and maintain the golf course when it became the Roblin Golf and Country Club on purchase from Alvin Bach.

I (Bob) served as Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce in 1963 and helped with the organizing of Roblin's 50th Anniversary. I hope to be present for the 75th.

I served with The Roblin Volunteer Fire Department under Chief Brade. We had fun at the Curling Rink and remember the work when installing artificial ice, etc. ("Never a dull moment.")

My wife, Iris Muriel A. (née Pope) passed away July 10, 1967 and now rests in Roblin and District Cemetery.

On March 4, 1968, I was transferred to Brandon to the Repair Service Department on a trial basis. On September 16, 1968 I moved to Brandon to 733-17th Street. This was eight years to the day from the time my family had arrived in Roblin.

I have since retired from the Manitoba Telephone System as of the end of May, 1980. My service with Manitoba Telephone System was from 1947 to 1980.

My son, Robert now resides in Lethbridge, Alberta while working for Alberta Utilities as a Relay Technician.

My daughter, Marilyn is now Mrs. Mizinchuk and resides in Edmonton, Alberta.

My daughter, Shelley is now Mrs. Borchawa and resides in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

I now reside in Minnedosa, Manitoba with my wife, Eleanor, whom I married in August of 1973.

Of my thoughts about Roblin and area I can only say that I was glad I was given the opportunity of serving the people during my career with the Manitoba Telephone System, and after hours as well and would do it again.

I arrived broke and left badly bent, but rich in friends and memories; who could ask for more?

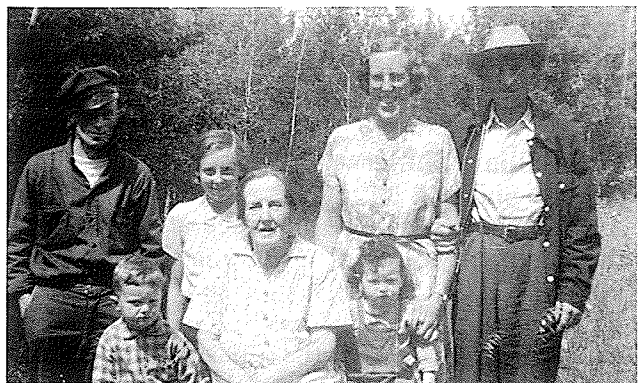
They say it is never too late to say Thank you . . . So . . . Thanks to you, the people of Roblin and Area for eight wonderful years which are mine to treasure.

Sherson Family

by Mary Livingstone, Hazel Livingstone and Ethel Sherson

James and Mary Anne Sherson were early pioneers in the Roblin District. James was born in Ireland and came to Canada with his parents when he was a child. They settled in Gray County, Ontario where he was brought up. When he was a young man he came to McGregor, Manitoba with

time before marrying James McGregor. They left Brandon in 1980 with their two children, Heather and Gavin and are now living on Vancouver Island. Hazel worked at the Roblin Credit Union for fifteen years and is now retired and still lives in Roblin.



Walter, Sharon, Hazel, Gavin and David Livingstone, Mrs. Sherson, Barbara Livingstone in 1958.

his sister, Marie, who later returned to Ontario and is still living at age one hundred and five.

In the early nineteen-hundreds, James homesteaded twelve miles north of Roblin in the Hillcrest district. He built a house and improved the land. He was one of the first trustees of Hillcrest school. He married Mary Anne McMullen a few years later. She was also born in Ireland, and had come to this country as a young woman. She spent a few years in Toronto and Chicago before her marriage. They moved to the Sunny Slope district in 1918, to a farm formerly owned by John Black. James lived there until his death in 1934. His wife died in 1958.

There were three daughters born to this union: Mary, Ethel and Hazel. Mary taught school for a number of years. She married Alex Livingstone and they farmed north of Roblin, on the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 21-27-28W1. They had one son, Edwin, who received his education at Gleneden school and Roblin Collegiate. He married Merle Bonazeau and they are presently living at Grand Cache, Alberta. They have two children, Dwaine and Stacey. Alex and Mary are living in Roblin at the present time.

Ethel taught school for many years and is now retired and living in Roblin.

Hazel worked in the Civil Service for a short time during the war and later married Gavin Livingstone. They farmed near Deepdale and had one daughter, Sharon. She attended Deepdale school, Roblin Collegiate and Brandon College. Gavin was killed in a highway accident in 1958. Hazel and Sharon then moved to Roblin. Sharon finished her education and worked in Brandon for a

Albert Edward Shiner Family **by Myrtle Bailey**

Albert Edward Shiner was born in 1871 in Dorsetshire, England. He came to Ontario about 1910. Somewhere he met Lou Hill and Jimmy Stevens and they decided to come west. They came by train and I think maybe got as far as Shevlin and their money ran out. Wellers ran a store in Shevlin and later my grandfather was showing the men some land they could homestead. My father homesteaded on the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 15-26-27 in the Hillsburg Municipality. Jimmy Stevens homesteaded the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the same section. There is a lake on these quarters named the 'Stevens Lake' because Jimmy was killed on a breaking plow as he was breaking his land. I believe these men knew very little about farming at that time. I know my father didn't as he had lived in Edinburgh, Scotland after he grew up.

Lou Hill homesteaded the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 15-26-27 and it was very hilly. I always thought (as a child) they called it the "Hill" place because of the hills.

Through the store in Shevlin Dad met my Mother, Elizabeth Weller. They were married in 1913. They had six children: Myrtle, Bill, Elsie, Harold, Eldon and Earl.

Myrtle married J. W. (Jack) Bailey and they lived in the Deepdale district. They had three children: Ruth, John and Vester. The boys farm in the Shell River Municipality and Ruth lives in B.C.

Bill Shiner married Ruth Chase and they farmed in the Bield district for many years and have now retired to the town of Roblin. They had three daughters, Wilma, Olive and Alice. Wilma lives and farms with her husband at Eyebrow, Saskatchewan. Olive lives in Seattle and Alice lives in Regina.

Elsie Shiner married Harold Chase and they had ten children: Gary, Wayne, Wesley, Ken, Sharon, Beryl, Gloria, Byron, Dale and Dean (twins). Gary lives at Arlington Beach, Saskatchewan. Wayne and Wesley live at Port Alberni, B.C. Ken farms in Bield. Sharon lives in Carlyle, Saskatchewan. Beryl farms with her husband at Benito. Gloria and Byron live in Calgary. Dale and Dean live at Roblin.

Harold Shiner married Millie Chase and they have five children. Judith lives in Roblin, David farms in the Shell River Municipality, Raymond farms at Bield, Karen and Leslie live in Roblin.

Eldon Shiner married Lorna Halvorson from Erickson. They live in Port Alberni, B.C. They have two daughters. Debra lives in Victoria and Diane

lives in Vancouver, B.C. Eldon joined the army in November, 1943 and served overseas.

Earl Shiner married Margaret Souter and they have three children: Gerald, George and Shirley, who all live at Port Alberni, B.C.

We always attended the Free Methodist Church in Bield and I am very proud of my religious background. We had Sunday School Church picnics and played ball. We had a very active young people's group also.

We all went to Bield school and in our day it was consolidated. In the summer we were driven in a wagon covered van and in the winter a sleigh but it was closed in. We had lots of fun going and coming to school but sometimes the van upset in the snow-banks.



Albert Shiner with team.

I had a visit with a lady this summer who went to school in the old school house between Lou Hill's homestead and my Dad's. We always had a good well on our farm and she remembered hauling water from our well for drinking. Her name is Lucy Plant. She was Mrs. Sargenia's oldest child. She later married Carl Hesselgrave and moved to Kelowna; she now lives on Cedar Road just outside of Nanaimo, B.C. I think some of the stones or cement may still be found where the old rural school stood. But when it was consolidated, they moved the school to Bield.

We had a very pleasant home life. We were taught to read, we slid down the hill, played ball and swam in Steven's Lake and on rare occasions we went fishing in Jack Fish Lake or Bench Lake which was on the next quarter west of us.

I remember in 1927 we went to visit neighbours. We took the horse and buggy. We looked over to the northwest and saw a funnel-shaped cloud in the sky and it was following a ravine along the Shell River. My mother drove the team very fast as my grandmother lived just at the end of the ravine, right in the cyclone's path. However, it lifted at the

end of the ravine and we were all so happy, although it took a barn off the farm we called Macleods and blew some of Dan Roberts' buildings down. I also believe Dan was blown a few yards, too.

My parents bought a Model A touring car in 1928 and we were so happy to have such a convenient way to get around. Then times became tough and they could not licence it for a year. It seemed terrible to go back to the horse and buggy, but my mother loved horses. My dad was a very quiet man and we had a good home life.

The William Shiners by Ruth Shiner

The Shiners were born, raised and educated in the community of Bield, Manitoba.

William E. Shiner, eldest son of Albert and Elizabeth Shiner, and Ruth A. Chase, second daughter of Leroy and Ethel Chase, were united in a double wedding ceremony in 1936, by Rev. A. Summers. Harold and Elsie Chase (ne^oe Shiner) was the other couple.



William Shiner Family.

The day following we moved to a ranch south of Bield by horse-drawn vehicles. Two consecutive moves followed before we purchased our first home north of Bield, a log shanty with a lean-to.

Our social life thru the years has consisted mainly of involvement with family, friends and the families of the Free Methodist Church.

Excepting for 3½ years spent in Winfield, British Columbia, our lives have been lived in this area.

Our three daughters, Olive, Wilma and Alice, have married and blessed our lives with eight grandchildren. One little grand-daughter has already gone on before us.

Over the years we ranched and farmed as a unit. Bill worked his way into the cattle business.

Moving to Roblin in 1970 Bill became manager of the Weiller and Williams Auction Mart and held this position for eleven years.

Retirement years are upon us. In retrospect God has been good to us. May God give us the courage to grow old gracefully.

H. H. Simpson Family by Norene and Islay Simpson

Halley Huntington Simpson was the eldest son of Samuel Stewart and Mary Jane Simpson. They came to Meadowlea, Manitoba from Carlton Place, Ont. in 1874. They moved to Brandon in 1882.



Mr. and Mrs. Halley Simpson.

Halley and his wife, Helen Anna (McMillan), were married in 1900 and lived in Brandon where Lisle, Stewart and Mary were born. The family moved to Roblin in the spring of 1920, settling on Mr. Bennie's farm which is now owned by Ed Mohr Jr. It took 3 days to get from Brandon to Roblin (via Portage la Prairie by C.P.R. and then C.N.R. from Portage to Roblin) in a boxcar with the livestock and machinery.

There were snowbanks 7 feet high when they arrived and the whole family felt they had indeed come a long way north.

Mr. Simpson rented as much as 1700 acres at one time. In harvest time he operated two threshing machines and at times had as many as 27 men on his payroll. You can see Mrs. Simpson was a very busy woman, but she always had time to lend a helping hand to any sick or bereaved neighbour. No concert in Cromarty was complete without Lisle singing a solo.

Mr. Simpson was local cattle buyer and shipper in partnership with Messers, Spigelman and Lichter for many years. Mrs. Simpson passed away in August 1939. Mr. Simpson married Ina Mumby of Brandon in October 1942 and lived in Roblin during his later years. He passed away in May 1956.



Ina Simpson, in 1943.

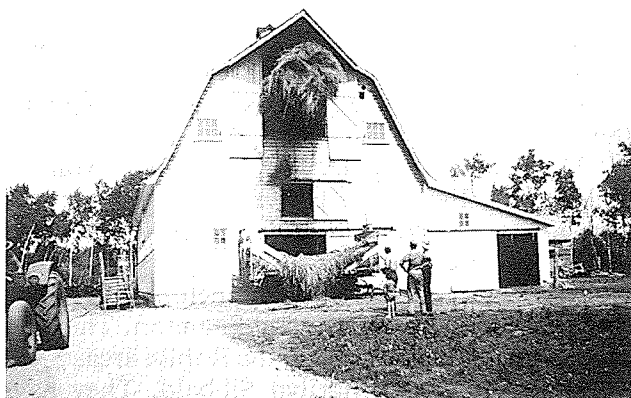
Lisle married Norene Fletcher in 1932 and took up residence on the Jack Chapman farm south of Roblin. They have 2 sons and 2 daughters.

Stewart married Islay Holloway of Balmoral, Manitoba in 1939 and moved to the farm across the lake (N.W. 1/4 of 34-25-29) in 1943, where he cleared land and erected the buildings on their new farmstead. They had 2 sons, Gordon and Dale.

Gordon lives in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario with his wife Caroline (nee Eslinger). When they married in 1964, they moved to Sault Ste. Marie, where Gordon works for Algoma Steel. They have 2 children, Glenn and Karen.

Dale married Lynn Cowburn of Winnipeg in 1972. After living in Edmonton for 3 years, they returned to live on the family farm at Roblin. Lynn now works as a Public Health Nurse in the area. They have 3 daughters: Trisha, Joanne, and Karleen.

Stewart Simpson operated a grain and cattle farm for many years. He passed away in March 1972 (the day the Roblin School burned down). His wife, Islay, moved to Roblin and became active with piano class teaching from her own home.



Putting hay in the loft, 1947.

Mary entered the teaching profession and later married Stewart Inglis. For many years they resided on the Inglis farm in the Tummel district. Later, in their retiring years, they moved to Vernon, B.C., where they enjoyed their lovely home and garden.

Lisle Simpson Family **by Norene Simpson**

Lisle attended Goose Lake Consolidated school after coming to Roblin. He then farmed with his father. In 1929 Lisle bought the NW 1/4 of 9-25-28. On Dec. 24, 1932 he married Norene Fletcher.



Mr. and Mrs. Lisle Simpson and family: Harvey, Mrs. Norene Simpson, Marilyn, Lisle Simpson, Elinor and Earle.

In addition to farming, Lisle graded the highway from Roblin to a point 10 miles south, from 1931 until 1943. He graded with 4 horses for 52¢ an hour. During the first year he worked 6 days a week 10 hours a day. Then the maintenance engineer cut the hours to 9 a day, 5 days a week. The job finally became a 4-day week when the depression cut into the maintenance funds.

Lisle has been chairman of the San Clara — Cote Community Pasture Board. He was a member of the Goose Lake School Board and Chairman of the United Church Board. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and sings with the United Church Choir.

Norene was a member of Tummel W.A. and later joined the Roblin Knox United Church Evening Guild which became the U.C.W. She was a charter member of the Eastern Star. She now is a member of the Horticultural Society and Roblin Hospital Auxiliary.

Lisle and Norene enjoyed square dancing with the "Do-Si-Dos."

They have 4 children: Earle, Harvey, Marilyn and Elinor. Earle and Harvey were born in the house, now owned by John Norman, which was a nursing home at the time.

Earle married Beatrice Middleton. They have three children: Rick, Ken, and Shannon. They live in Roblin and Earle farms in the Roblin area.

Harvey married Marilyn Sibbald. They have two children, Marc and Lisa. They live on the farm

formerly owned by Lisle and Norene. Marilyn is a laboratory technologist at the Roblin Lab and X-Ray Unit. Harvey farms in the Roblin area.

Marilyn is married to Michael Basaraba of Laurier, Manitoba where she works at St. Christopher's Home.

Elinor is married to Allan Dietrich. They farm near MacNutt, Sask. They have 4 children: Hali, Kristin, James and Michael.

Mary Simpson (Inglis) **by Helen Inglis**

Mary Simpson graduated from high school in



Mary and Stewart Inglis' wedding.

Roblin and after teaching for six months at Clemenceau, she attended Normal School in Winnipeg (1929-1930).

Mary started teaching at the Tummel School in 1930. During her first year she took three cuts in salary. During 1933-34 she taught at Roblin. Then, in 1934, she was appointed principal of Tummel School; a position she held until her marriage in 1940.

Mary married Stewart Inglis, son of Andrew and Janet Inglis, and went to live on the Tummel family farm. The couple had two daughters, Helen and Janet.

In 1957, she resumed teaching at Roblin Collegiate. Then, in 1963, she was asked to join Mike Yakimyshyn's staff at Inglis Collegiate where she taught until 1967.

In 1967 Stewart and Mary retired to Vernon, British Columbia where Mary still lives.

Helen and Janet grew up in the Tummel District, attending Tummel School and taking an active part in the 4-H club. They graduated from Roblin Collegiate in 1961 and 1966 and went on to obtain their Bachelor of Arts degrees from Brandon University.

Helen obtained her certificate of Education and started her teaching career at Wawanesa, Man-

itoba. After a year at Portage la Prairie she moved to Vernon, her present home.

Janet became an Occupational Therapist, graduating from the University of Puget Sound at Tacoma, Washington. Since 1972 she has lived in Calgary, Alberta.

Dan Sinclair and Sons

by J. M. Stewart

Dan Sinclair with his sons, Alex and Johnny, came from a hotel business at Mine Centre, Ontario, to the homestead where Mrs. George Murray now lives. They accumulated other farms in the area and also the section of land surrounding Togo. Everything was done in a big way. There was always a report of a large number of horses working in Sinclair's field or of a record number of binders harvesting. Joe Laliberte, one of the workmen on the Sinclair Farms once took his kid brother, Paul Laliberte, down the alleyway of Sinclair's barn, to show him the horses. There were twenty work horses on each side and a driving team at the door — a great sight for a young lad to see!

Moses Laliberte also gives a report of seeing twelve binders working in the field.

Donald Stewart frequently had conversations with Dan Sinclair in Gaelic (a language of the Scots). They also had other operations in addition to farming. Alex contracted building of some of the railroad for the C.N.R. in the summer, and hauling fish on northern lakes during the winter with a large number of horses.

Inflation around 1920, sent Sinclairs into bankruptcy. One report was that of purchasing two carloads of cattle at Winnipeg and shipping them to Togo. These cattle were fattened for the winter months, then shipped back to Winnipeg and sold for the same amount as purchased.

Alex left for a career with C.P.R. as a land supervisor.

Johnny left for a successful career with Manitoba Farm Loans. Dan Sinclair continued to farm on a small scale until his retirement.

The Alex Shwaykowski Family

by Peter Shwaykowski

Alex Shwaykowski was born in 1884, in the village of Sersantsew, country of Sokol, in the western Ukraine. He married a girl from his village, Anne Kotsuba (born in 1884).

In 1911, Alex came to Canada to the Selkirk, Manitoba area. He stayed for 2 years before returning to the Ukraine. In May, 1914 he brought his wife, Anne and his 2 daughters, Tillie (age 6), and Mary (age 4), to Selkirk. They took up a homestead at

Molsen, Manitoba (near Selkirk). A son, Peter was born in 1914.

Alex and family came to the Merridale district in 1915, and settled on the S.E. 1/4 4-28-27. They lived there for 4 years and during that time a daughter, Jennie was born in 1916. The family moved again in 1918, to the MacNutt, Sask. area, where they stayed for 2 years.

They returned to Merridale in 1920 and settled on S.E. 1/4 of 1-27-28, where they lived for 5 years. A daughter, Helen, was born here in 1924. In 1925, they moved to N.E. 1/4 3-28-27. Then in 1926, Alex took a homestead at Shortdale, Manitoba on the N.E. 1/4 of 17-25-26 and moved there in 1928.

In 1933, he donated 2 acres of land on the S.E. 1/4 17-25-26 to be used for a Greek Orthodox Cemetery.

In 1930-31, his son, Peter helped cut logs which were later used in the construction of Winona School. Peter worked on the construction as well.

For entertainment in the early days, the young people would walk 7-10 miles to dances at the Shortdale Hall. They also attended box socials, pie socials and whist drives at Shortdale, Gilbert and Winona Schools. Ball games and picnics were great fun too. At any social function in those days, the only way to 'wet your whistle' was with good old homebrew, as there were no liquor stores nearby.

In time, all the Shwaykowski children were married: in 1923 Tillie married Dan Gulenchyn; in 1924 Mary married Nick Yakubowski; in 1934 Pete married Pauline Chawrun; in 1934 Jennie married Steve Hawryluk; and in 1952 Helen married Charles Filewich.

Alex and Anne Shwaykowski sold their farm to Tony Lichkowski in 1947 and they retired in Roblin. Alex passed away in 1956, and Anne passed away in 1974.

Pete Shwaykowski and Pauline Chawrun were married at Reverend Horbay's Greek Orthodox Rectory, in Roblin in 1934. They lived for one year with Pauline's parents, Steve and Anne Chawrun. Then, in 1945, Pete and Pauline purchased the S.W. 1/4 14-25-26 which included a house from Ira Fleming for \$1,700.00. They still reside in that house.

Pete and Pauline have 3 children: Ernie (born in 1946); Lucy (born in 1948); Sylvia (born in 1954). All three attended Winona School.

In May, 1969, Lucy married Brian Cobb and they have a daughter, Tammy, and a son, Tyler. They reside at Carlisle, Sask.

In July, 1969, Ernie married Bernice Sorochnik and they have 4 daughters: Debby, Pamela, Stephanie and Sherry. They farm the N.E. 1/4 23-25-26 at Shortdale.

In 1982, Sylvia married Earl Nash and they reside at Regina, Sask.

Mike and Nettie Shymkiw

by B. Taylor

Mike Shymkiw and Nettie Navitski were married in Kamsack on January 21, 1921. They lived in the Norquay and Kamsack areas, before moving to the Makaroff area, on Sec. 22-27-29 in 1927. When they arrived at their new home, there was only a granary on the property. They lived there for a short time with their three small children. Within a year, he had built a house, a large barn and several other buildings as well as clearing most of the land. He built a "shop" in which he made most of his own tools, horseshoes plus numerous other things. Even though work on the land took up most of his time, he took great pride in growing trees, especially apple, crabapple and plum. He bought few, as he grafted new varieties onto the ones he already had.

They raised five children:

Mary was educated in Makaroff School and after completing her education she went to work as a waitress in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. Here she met and married Richard Grier. They lived in Hamilton for several years before moving to Prince George, B.C., where they still reside. They have six children: Marilyn, Jane, Vernon, Allan, Ernie and Elaine; twenty-five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Anthony received his education in Makaroff and after completing his education, joined the army and went overseas. Here he was killed in action while serving his country in Holland. This happened a short time after he arrived.

Annie also received her education in Makaroff. She helped on the farm until she married Frank Bileski on June 15, 1947 at the Greek Catholic Church in Roblin. In 1957, they bought a farm in the Makaroff area (N.W. 32-27-29) and are still there, operating a mixed farm. Besides raising four children: Bernice, Ronald, Janette and Marie, Annie enjoys gardening and flowers. They also have seven grandchildren.

Frank received his education in Makaroff. Once he finished it, he went to Edmonton and took a course in diesel engineering. Upon completion, he worked in the Great Slave Lake area. He moved a short while later to Redwater, Alberta and began work on the pipe line. Here he remained, until 1974, when he was transferred to Loreburn, Sask. While in Redwater, he married Alma Bileski on June 15, 1961. After living in Loreburn for eight years, he was transferred to Kerrobert, Sask., where he now lives. They have two children: Patricia and David.

Ben received his education in Makaroff and Roblin. Upon graduating, he went to M.I.T. in Winnipeg and took a course in mechanical engineering, graduating in 1966. He worked several years for Templeton Engineering. He later worked

for Morris Rodweeder Co. in Yorkton. In 1971, he took over the operation of his father's farm and also bought land next to him. On June 26, 1976, he married Mary Brandt in Winnipeg. They have two children, Tonya and DeeAnna. They now reside in Winnipeg.

Mike and Nettie celebrated their Golden Wed-



Mike and Nettie Shymkiw 50th, in 1971.

ding Anniversary in 1971. They left the farm in 1971 and moved to Roblin. Mike died in April of 1972.

Nettie still takes an active part in farm life, by putting in a large garden and taking care of the apple, crabapple and plum trees as well as strawberries, raspberries and flowers.

They raised five children, have fourteen grandchildren, thirty two great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Angus Shymko

by Ernie Shymko

John Shymko was born in 1870; Tekla Komfolio was born in 1876, in the town of Borszczuw, Poland.

In 1897 John married Tekla, daughter of John and Maria Komfolio in Borszczuw, Poland. One year later a son, Angus was born, and in 1900 a second son, Andrew.

In 1902 John and Tekla, sons, Angus and Andrew, and Tekla's parents, John and Maria Komfolio, immigrated to Dauphin, Man.

From here they moved to Garland, Manitoba. They lived here for 2 years. One son, Metro, was born here (died 1954).

In 1904, John and Tekla purchased a homestead S.E. 1/4 5-26-20 in Valley River, where the remainder of their children were born.

Katherine (1904) married Harry Malanchuk. Their children: Bill and Mary.

Bill (1906) married Rose Kucher. 1 daughter: Sylvia.

Frank (1909) married Caroline Sepach. 2 sons: Arnold and Arthur.

Josephine (1915) married Mathew Presunka. 1 son: Ray.

Mike (1915) married Elsie Bayduza. 6 children: MaryAnne, Tom, John, Bob, David and Theresa.

Helen (1918) married Joe Tischinski. 3 children: Alfred, Albin and Marlene.

Andrew married Mary Gunchoski. 2 children: Virginia and Ralph.

John and Tekla resided on their homestead until their deaths, John in 1942, and Tekla in 1956.

Angus along with his brothers and sisters helped clear land on his parents' farm. In 1919 they purchased their first threshing outfit, an International Titan engine and 28 inch Case thresher. Three years later it was traded in on a 25-50 H.P. Case steam engine, 36 inch Case thresher. This outfit was used in the Valley River District for many years.



Angus Shymko Family: L to R. Bill and Rose Bazylewski, Angus and Mary Shymko, Ernie and Cathy Shymko.

On May 7, 1921 Angus married Mary Sytnick in Valley River, Manitoba. They continued to live on his parents farm where two daughters were born: Rose on May 7, 1922, and Edna on April 21, 1923.

In 1926 Dad purchased his first threshing outfit which was an 18-32 H.P. Case cross mount engine, and a 28 inch Case all steel threshing machine, and in the summer of 1927 he moved to the village of Shortdale where they resided until 1930.

While living at Shortdale Dad worked at numerous jobs: C.N.R., logging and any other jobs that were available at the time. At harvest time he would return to Valley River to help with threshing.

While living at Shortdale, he was looking for available land for farming in Twp. 25, Rge. 26, south of Shortdale.

On June 6, 1929 a son, Ernie was born in the village of Shortdale.

Rose and Edna attended school at Shortdale from 1928-30.

In 1930 Dad purchased S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 32-25-26 from Ernie Strike for \$500.00. There Dad built a log house and the family moved to the farm.

There was no school in the area in 1930, and he helped build Gilbert School (No. 2210) where the children attended.

For many years the grub hoe and axe were the only tools used to clear land. Somehow through all the hardships of homesteading, Dad bought a land breaking plow and together with the 18-32 Case tractor, a little land was cleared and broken each year.

For many years Dad did the threshing among the neighbors. Many of the homesteaders will recall the hard work and meagre wages (\$2.00 a day for man, wagon and stook team).

But after surviving the dirty 30's: 19¢ bu wheat, 10¢ oats, 15¢ barley, 5¢ a dozen for eggs, 90¢ for 3 gallon cans of cream and \$5.00 cows this was considered a better living.

But all in all the people managed to enjoy themselves by going to picnics, dances, concerts and harvest wind-up parties.

In 1937 Edna passed away.

In 1943 Rose married Bill Bazylewski (now deceased). They have 4 children: Bill Jr., Patrick, Bob and Gerald. Rose resides in Flin Flon, Manitoba.

Life continued on the family farm with the good years and bad years. In 1971 Mom and Dad celebrated their 50th. Anniversary, and in September of the same year Dad died. Mother passed away in 1976. Both are buried in the Parish cemetery in Roblin.



Ernie Shymko Family: Anne (Ondo), Ernie, Cathy, Lawrence and Jim.

On August 23rd. 1957 I married Catherine, daughter of Elgin and Nora (nee Bowen) Hill of Scotland, Ontario. Nora later married Bill Cross and moved to Roblin.

In 1951, I purchased the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 29-25-26, and when we married, we moved here.

Two sons were born here: Lawrence, July 5th,

1958 and James, September 7th, 1967. Lawrence attended Gilbert and Roblin schools. Lawrence married Anne, daughter of Steve and Anne Onde of Innerkip, Ontario, in 1982. They reside at Woodstock, Ontario.

Jim is still living at home and presently attends Goose Lake High in Roblin.

Frank Leith Skinner Family by Helen Skinner.

Frank Leith Skinner was born in Rosehearty, Aberdeenshire in 1882, on the rocky, north-east coast of Scotland. His father, John Skinner, was a fish merchant in the nearby town of Fraserborough.



Skinner Family: Back row: Hugh, John, Leith. Front: Isabel, Heather, Helen and Gladys.

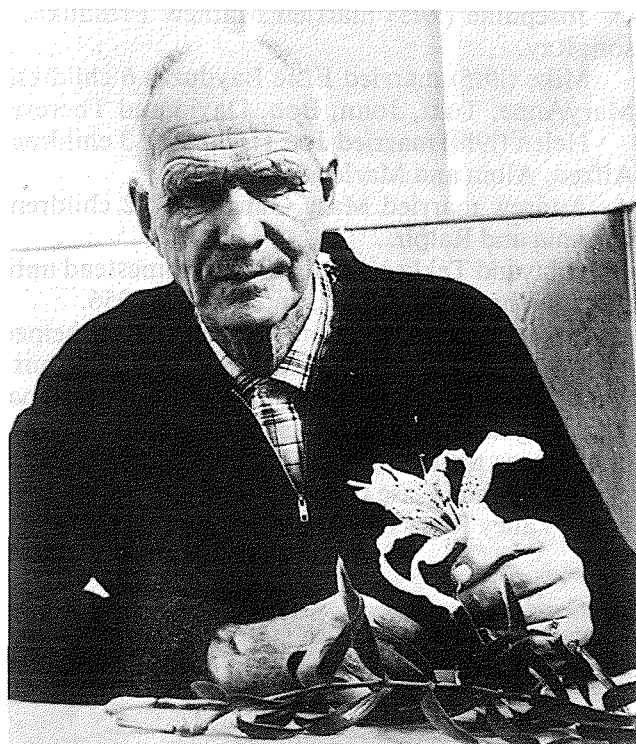
A very good herring season brought a glut on the fish markets with shiploads of fish in European ports remaining unsold. The family's livelihood disappeared and they began to work and save to come to Canada.

Frank's mother's family were gardeners and Frank showed a very early love of growing things. When he was five years old he was given a geranium slip in a pot. He proceeded to turn it out of the pot, check it, put it back again, and then announced, "It will grow". In the eighty-five years of his life he never lost that love of growing plants.

He was thirteen years old when he came to Canada in 1895. His family first settled in the Castleavery district near Pyott's bridge. John Birnie, a half-brother, lived in this area at the time. He had been in Canada since 1883.

A short time later they moved into an area east of the Shell River. Then Frank, his father, and his brother, William took up homesteads in the Rochedale district. (S.E. 1/4 of 4-24-28 and N.W. 1/4 of 32-23-28). Eventually they had a large herd of cattle and several sections of land in grain.

Frank kept his interest in growing perennials, shrubs and trees, but to his sorrow, he found that the roses etc. which he had seen and loved in Scotland would not survive the severe winters in Western Canada. Thus began his search for hardy



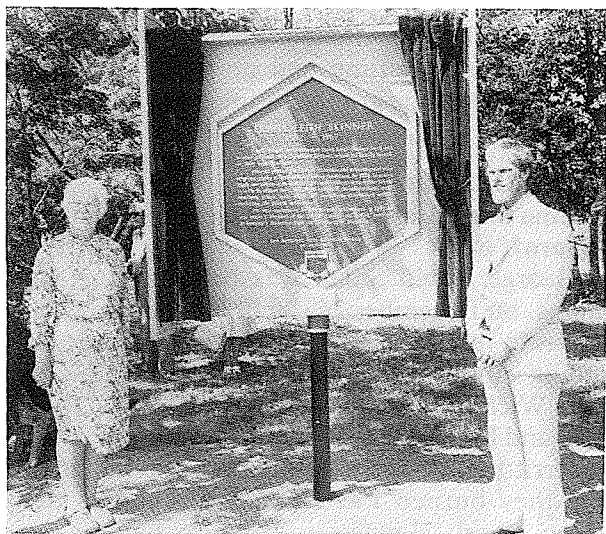
Dr. Frank Skinner with his lilies in 1962.

material. It led him to correspond and visit with plantsmen all over the northern hemisphere, to plant-hunt over the prairies and in the mountains of British Columbia, to travel to Ottawa, Boston, Washington, D.C. and to Europe. He never managed to reach Asia, but it wasn't because he didn't want to look for hardy material in the North Islands of Japan, Manchuria and Mongolia. He did receive many interesting introductions from this area—the Manchurian elm, Korean lilac, Siberian pine and *Fruitscosa* cherry from Mongolia, to mention a few.

Besides being a plant collector he was a plant breeder. He used hardy species with less hardy, more spectacular species in his plant breeding experiments. His success in many genera led to his recognition as an outstanding plant breeder among his colleagues in Canada, United States and around the world.

He received many honors. In 1933 he was awarded the Cory Cup by the Royal Horticultural society for his Maxwell Lily. In 1935 he was the first recipient of the Stevenson Memorial Gold Medal for "Conspicuous achievement in Horticulture". In 1937 he was awarded a bronze medal by the Minnesota Horticulture Society. In 1943 he was made a member of the British Empire in King George VI's birthday honors. In 1947 he received an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from the University of Manitoba. In 1956 he was given a special citation by the Roblin Chamber of Commerce. In

1963 he was awarded a Silver Medal from the International Horticulture Exhibition in Hamburg, Germany for a display of lilies. He was also given the E. H. Wilson Award by the American Lily Society for his work with lilies. In 1964 he received a citation from the American Horticulture Society. In the same year he was presented with the Golden Boy's



Mrs. Helen Skinner and Mr. Hugh Skinner unveiled the plaque commemorating Mr. Skinner. The inscription on the plaque reads: Frank Leith Skinner, 1882 - 1967. A self-taught horticulturist, Frank Leith Skinner lived and worked in Manitoba's Dropmore District where his family moved in 1885 from Scotland. Here he studied the flora of Manitoba and experimented with adapting plants to Manitoba's growing conditions. By 1924 Skinner's hardy new strains of ornamental fruit trees, a fast growing poplar hybrid suitable for shelter belts, and a wide variety of chrysanthemums, early blooming lilacs, roses and lilies were being distributed widely, enriching the prairie landscape. He was recognized by horticultural colleagues. In 1943 he was made a member of the British Empire and in 1947 received an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Manitoba — The Historic Sites Advisory Board of Manitoba.

Helen Skinner and Hugh Skinner in front of plaque at the Nursery.

Good Citizen Award in Manitoba and in December Shellmouth Municipality awarded him a plaque. In 1967 he was presented with the "Order of the Buffalo" by the Manitoba Government.

After his death on August 27th, 1967, the Manitoba Horticulture Association established a Memorial library in the Agricultural Library of the University of Manitoba to perpetuate his memory.

His picture hangs in the Agricultural Hall of Fame in the C.N.E. in Toronto and in the Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame in the Keystone Centre in Brandon.

Frank and I were married in 1947. The difference in our ages was bridged by common interests. I had been raised in a family of naturalist and horticulturists. My father, Hugh Duncan Cumming, a teacher, was an ardent naturalist and my brother, Dr. W. A. Cumming was head of ornamentals at Morden, Manitoba research station.

We had five children: F. Leith Skinner, at pre-

sent a corporal with the R.C.M.P. at Hope, B.C.; Hugh William Skinner, B.S.A. 1972, who owns and runs Skinner's Nursery; Helen Isabel Wendell, whose husband, Tim Wendell is a beekeeper in our area; Heather Ann Loeppky M.S.A. 1984, who, with her husband, Tim has joined Hugh in the nursery business; John Cumming Skinner (B.A. 1984) who is teaching in Japan at present.

I have retired from the nursing profession after working for a number of years in the Roblin Hospital.

The Family of Michael and Cassia Skomorowski by Michael

I Michael, was born on May 15, 1906 to parents; Matthew Skomorowski and Mary Kuzenko. Raised in the Rural Municipality of Rosburn, I received my grade school education in Chmelnyski S.D. #1494. Cassia was born December 17, 1909 to parents; Harry Sotas and Hannah Babee. Cassia received her education in Valley School in Rosburn Municipality.



Cassia and Michael Skomorowski 50th Anniversary.

Being one of twelve children in the family, I decided to migrate to Chicago in February, 1926 at the age of twenty. That is where I met Cassia. We were married on June 14, 1929 (the year before the World Depression.)

Failing to find suitable employment there, we decided to move back to Canada in the fall of 1931. We stayed that winter with my older brother, William, in the R.M. of Rosburn. In May of 1932 we came to Hillsburg Municipality and purchased 80 acres of land (N 1/2 of SW 1/4 of 1-26-26). Most of

it was virgin land. It was in Shortdale School District.

Financially, we were broke. We had no money after making the down payment on the land, and no horses or machinery. Nevertheless we started to build up a farm. At first we thought we would not stay on the farm for more than a year or two. Oats sold for around twenty-five cents or less a bushel. Eggs were six cents a dozen. Dairy butter was six cents a pound. When the price of eggs went up by one cent, our neighbour's wife came running over to tell us the good news.

Starting on a "shoe string", it was sometimes next to a miracle to make a go of it, to say nothing of raising a family. We had no alternative but to try to farm. At least we were not starving on the farm.

After clearing and breaking most of the 80 acres, we purchased another 80 acres of the same quarter section in 1943. Later on we purchased two more quarters, one from a neighbour and another from my brother, making our farm 480 acres.

All this land was worked with horses until we purchased our first tractor, a Circa 1946. Most of the farm build-up took place during the "dirty thirties", and World War II. During World War II most of the necessities of life were rationed and a price ceiling was set on many commodities. Some of the food items were also rationed — items such as foods containing sugar. We decided to go into beekeeping to supplement the sugar rations. We started with three colonies and ended up with over one hundred. We did not become wealthy from beekeeping as there was a ceiling price on honey too, but nevertheless it was of some financial help.

By this time we were raising a family of two. Both of our children received their grade school education in Shortdale School. Another hardship of the above era, was the great educational disparity between farm and town populations. There was no provision made for higher education for rural students. Beyond Grade 8, farm students had to be either transported to town every day or else acquire room and board in town, all at the expense of the parents.

Hired help was very scarce. Most of the young men and women were in the armed forces.

Many farmers nowadays grow crops with zero tillage. We started with zero means and farmed for twenty-five years, building up a modest farm and home.

In the intervening years, I served two years on the Shortdale School Board as Chairman and served four years on the Hillsburg Municipal Council as Reeve (1947-1950).

In 1958 we sold the farm to the next generation of Skomorowskis. The farm has since been sold to a person who is not of our family.

Now we are proud of our grandchildren. Our daughter, Iona married Carl Semchuk in 1955. They are residing in Dauphin and are raising five daughters. Our son Nelson married Grace Burrell in 1963. They reside in Roblin and are raising a daughter and a son.

Cassia and I have been retired from any gainful occupation for a decade. We live in the Town of Grandview.

I have taken up Amateur Radio for a hobby and Cassia is busy knitting and doing other types of needlework for the grandchildren.

George D. Sloan Family

**by Mina Snell, Earl Boyce and George Sloan Jr.
Makaroff Book**

George David Sloan was born in Coatsburg, Illinois, on December 26, 1860. He went to western Kansas in 1881, where he freighted with mule train, hauling supplies for the government to the soldiers from Wichita, Dodge City and Caldwell to Fort Reno and Fort Sill in the Indian territory. He was in the territory during an outbreak of the Indians, the time they burned Pat Hennessey chained to his wagon wheel. Hennessey was also hauling sugar and other supplies to the soldiers.

After the railroad went through to El. Reno, George went to Stanton County, Kansas, taking up a homestead and was elected Sherriff of Stanton County three times.

He was married to Alma, ninth daughter of Frances and Charlotte Galway of Jerome, Indiana, on April 4, 1888. To this union were born two children: Una Aster and George Arthur.

They moved to the Indian territory when the strip was thrown open for settlement. They lived at Byron, Oklahoma for several years. Being fond of frontier life, he followed the call to Manitoba, Canada in 1902, where they resided to the end of their lives.

They moved and settled in the Makaroff district in the spring of 1902, having to cross the Shell River with the Jolliffe family who settled in the Deepdale



Mr. and Mrs. George Sloan Sr.

district. The river was in flood condition, too high to ford, so the men found a small boat and fastened logs on either side to form a raft. They drove the heavy loads on it and thus crossed safely. The livestock swam over guided by the men on both shores with ropes tied to the heads and tails to keep them from being swept away.

George served as commissioner of the municipality for several years, and was ready to help the building of the community, always helping in time of trouble, never turning down a friend in need or hungry.

George Jr. his Mother and sister came after the log house was partly built. The only people around were the James Rogers family, who lived on the quarter section that the cemetery is on, and "Boggy Johnson" (Darcy's father) and his family who lived where the Boggy Creek empties into the Assiniboine River.

The folks had to go to Russell to get their food and provisions for the first year. The railroad came through in 1903 but only a few trains ran that fall, and no trains in the winter of 1903 and 1904.

Mrs. Sloan taught Sunday School when they had church in the old Northwood School, which was on the corner of their homestead. One of the preachers' names was McDonald.

George often heard his dad tell about an incident in 1907 and the hard times. There were several people who came to board at Sloan's house while they built the first road across the Boggy. Mrs. Sloan cried because all they had to eat was bread and potatoes, but at 7 A.M. the next morning Dad stood at the kitchen doorway and shot a deer!

Daughter, Una Sloan passed away in 1909; Mr. Sloan in 1931. They are laid to rest in the Makaroff Cemetery.

Lillian, a foster daughter, married a teacher by the name of Donald Clark, who taught at Makaroff. George Jr. married Anita Grundy. They raised a family of three sons and three daughters: Arthur, Ray, Dwayne, Alma, Blanch and Dorothy.

Mrs. Sloan married a Mr. Foster. They left Makaroff to live in the States, where she passed away a few years later.

The Sloans, Mills, Fannons, Curreys and the Tony Walkers were all related.

Roman Slusar Family **by Ed Motyka**

Roman Slusar came to Roblin in the year of 1906 and took a homestead nine miles north of Roblin on S.E. 5-28-28 in the Shell River municipality. Roman brought his wife, Anastasia and four children, Pearl (Mrs. Midzain), Julia (Mrs. Pawlek), Peter (drowned in 1914 coming from school) and Harry, only six months old. They all came from the

Western Ukraine. Nadia, the only one who was born in Canada, became Mrs. Ed Motyka.

Harry attended high school in Roblin, and so did Nadia. Harry taught Ukrainian School in Transcona, Man., Calgary, Alberta, and Hamilton, Ont., He enlisted with the R.H.L.I. in Hamilton. Harry was killed in Dieppe on August 19, 1942.

Pte. Harry Slusar **by Ed Motyka**

Pte. Harry Slusar was born of peasant stock. His father was a shoemaker. His mother came from



Harry Slusar and wife.

a home where tailoring was the means of earning a livelihood. They came to Canada in 1906, with their five children: Pearl, Peter, Julia, Harry, and Nadia.

After leaving school, Harry enlisted in the service during the Second World War. He was married in St. Chad's Church on November 29, 1941. He and his wife, Camille lived in Hastings where they spent six months together before Harry was sent into action. He was killed at Dieppe on August 19th, 1942. His wife, Camille received the Memorial Cross and a card on behalf of the Canadian Government and its people, in memory of one who died in the service of his country.

Alex Smigelsky **by Alex and Irene**

On March 22nd, 1925, Alexander Stanley was born to Rosie and Kost Smigelsky at Cranberry Portage, Manitoba, where, at the time, Kost was working as a section foreman.

Seven years later, after most of the Village of Cranberry Portage burned to the ground, Rosie and her children moved to MacNutt, Sask., while Kost remained a little longer to work on the railway.

In MacNutt, Rosie's parents turned over one quarter section of land to her, which she and the



Alex, Irene, Wesley, Judy, Darcy, Tracy, Perry Smigelski.

children farmed themselves. The two oldest, Dora and Alex attended Homeland school for two years.

Meanwhile Kost returned home, but they separated in a few months, and Kost took Dora and Alec to his homestead in Shell Valley, Man.

I, Alex attended school in Shell-Valley, Man. for 2 years, after which I was placed with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mudman in Cracknell, Man. and at the age of eleven, I worked on the farm seven days a week for only \$5.00 a month.

During this time my mother, Rosie died of a heart attack at 32 years of age. My father left for Hamilton, Ont. and was never heard from again! I worked for the Mudmans for the next six years and then joined the army in 1942 at the age of seventeen, because the pay was \$45.00 a month (a lot more than I made on the farm). On Dec. 15th, 1942 I joined up at Fort Garry and took my basic training at Camp Shilo. In March of 1943 I departed for England where I continued my training as a private in the infantry as a machine gun operator. I was then sent to France to join the Second Division in Caen. My first sign of action on the front lines was when we entered Falaise, and after reaching Holland I was trained for the signal corps as a dispatch rider between Company and Regiment. The night the Division crossed the Rhine River into Germany we encountered the enemy at Essen where I was wounded and then taken to a Belgian hospital. When peace was declared, I was still in hospital but when I was released I joined the 4th, Division in Hengelo, Holland. I was then returned to England for training in the Provost Corps, and served there until my discharge in 1945.

After serving 3½ years overseas I returned to Roblin in 1946 where I purchased a quarter of land north of town through the V.L.A. for \$3,200. To help pay for the farm I dug seneca root in the Riding Mountain, where I met my future wife, Irene Wawryk who was also digging seneca root to make a few pennies.

On July 17, 1949 we were married and settled on the farm. The next year I began working for the R.M. of Shell River as a cat-operator building roads and remained in their employ for thirty years.



Wesley, Judy, Darcy, Tracy and Perry Smigelski.

Irene and I have five children: Wesley, Judy, Darcy, Tracy and Perry. Wesley married Louise Prokopetz and they reside in Roblin. They have two sons, Christopher and Corey. Judy married Jim Knox and they reside in Gilbert Plains, Man. They have one son, Colin. Darcy married Terri Packard and they live in Medicine Hat, Alberta. They have two children, Kristin and Mitchell. Tracy and Perry reside in Medicine Hat, Alberta.

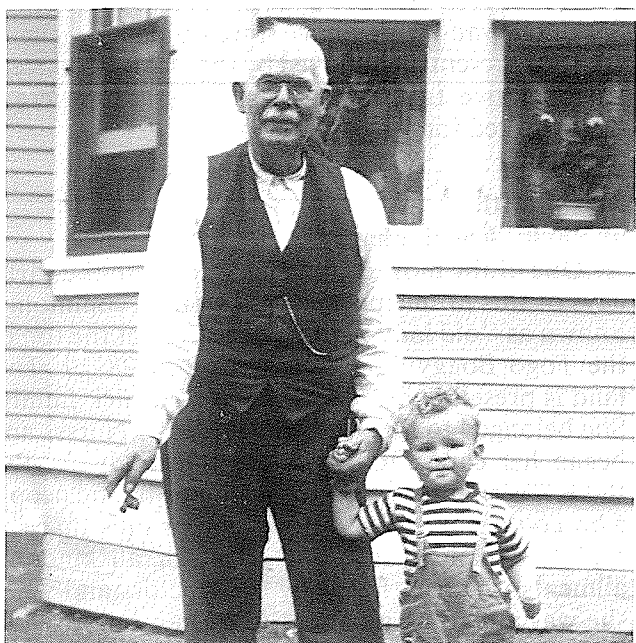
Meanwhile, Irene and the children worked the farm and helped make it what it is today. Now, thinking of retirement, Irene and I both enjoy such outdoor activities as fishing, hunting and curling.

Smith Family History

by Joan Chase

William Arnold Smith and his wife, Rose Anne Smith (née Keyte) came from Liverpool, England with their seven children. They arrived in Russell, Manitoba in September, 1903. From Russell it took 2 days to come to Roblin by horse and wagon. Half way to Roblin was a stopping-house, operated by people by the name of Brooks. The Smiths stayed there overnight before continuing on to Roblin, where they were to settle a mile west of the present town of Roblin.

The land a mile west of Roblin had belonged to a cousin of Mr. Smith's. When this cousin died, the property was willed to another cousin in England.



W. A. Smith, with grandson Jim Austin in 1940.



Grandma Smith, (Rose Anne).

This cousin however, was not interested in coming out to farm in Canada, and William Smith said he would come out to farm it. However while they were on the ship on the way to Canada, the house on the cousin's land burned down. They had to stay with a widow by the name of Mrs. Colby, until they could get a new house built that fall. On September 12, 1903, there was a foot of snow on the ground, and this was shortly after the Smiths had arrived near Roblin, and they noted how early it had snowed, even though the snow did disappear before winter set in. The lumber for their new house had to come either from Russell or Asessippi. They lived on prairie chickens and rabbits that first winter, as a good portion of the money they brought with them was spent building their new house.

After a few years, William Smith borrowed money to dig a well on the above property. The money was borrowed over the strength of this land. However he couldn't pay the money back, the well never worked, and the Smith family lost the above property.

Then came a succession of moves. First the family moved 3 miles east of Roblin and stayed 2 or 3 months. They then stayed one winter in town where Mrs. Alvin Kines now lives. They then lived a summer and winter on what is now Henry Gamey's farm. They then lived one summer on the Struthers farm, and the following winter on the farm where Bill Dayson now lives. They then stayed a few years where Gordon Ashby now lives. Once again they moved to Roblin and lived in the Forfar house right north of the present theatre. Mrs. Smith had a store in this house and she sold small supplies, such as

pencils, to school children. They stayed in this house until 1926 when they moved into a new home that they had built for themselves in Roblin. William and Rose Anne Smith remained in the above house until their deaths. William died in 1950 at the age of 89. Rose Anne died in 1955 at the age of 85. Their daughter, Eva Rose, remained in the Smith town house until her death in 1961. Since then the town house has been rented out.

William Smith was a Portage Mutual Fire Insurance agent from the time he arrived in this country, and a lot of people knew him because of this.

When the Smiths arrived in Roblin from England, they already had 7 children. Here are their names from the eldest down to the youngest: Frederick Arnold, Aubrey William, Hilda Theodoska, Richard Henry, Mary Elizabeth, Lucy Millicent, and Katie Lillian.

Three more children were born on the site a mile west of Roblin. They were: Muriel Gertrude, Eva and Eva Rose.

William Smith and his wife, Rose, completed their high school training in England, and their education proved to be a great asset to them out here. Frederick, Aubrey, Hilda, and Richard also started their schooling in England. They continued their schooling in Roblin, as did the younger children in the family. Charles Brydon was their first teacher in Roblin.

The Smith children were brought up in the Anglican religion of their parents.

For enjoyment, the Smith children played cricket a lot in the summer, especially with the

McNeill boys. They skated in the winter and their parents often played cards.

Frederick and Aubrey enlisted in 1914. Fred became a sniper and was reported missing in action in France in August, 1917. Aubrey enlisted in 1915 in the 107th Battalion. He returned, wounded, in 1918 with shrapnel in one foot.

Aubrey married Phyllis Skinner of Selkirk in 1921 and to that union were born 5 children. After Phyllis' death, Aubrey married Dorothy Gordon and she passed away on August 17, 1980. Aubrey passed away in Colonel Belcher Veterans' Hospital in Calgary on August 25th, 1983, at the age of 89.

Hilda (Dolly) married Leonard Pick of Melville and to that union 7 children were born. After Leonard's death, Dolly married Albert Ard, formerly of Roblin. After Albert's death, Dolly married a third time, to Bill Paulson. Dolly died in Saskatoon on November 11, 1974, at the age of 77.

Richard (Dick) married Dorothy Redman of San Clara on April 5, 1942, and to that union one daughter, Anne, was born. Dick and Dorothy currently reside in Roblin.

Mary Elizabeth (Molly) married Harry Soulsby in December, 1920, and 2 children were born to that union. Molly died in Penticton, B.C. on December 1, 1982 at the age of 82.

Lucy married Albert Lavalley of Boggy Creek in 1931 and died less than a year later on September 11, 1932 at the age of 30.

Katie married Floyd Chase of Bield on December 18, 1928 and one son, Duncan Leroy was born of that union. Katie and Floyd still live and farm 2 miles west of Roblin. Duncan married Joan Walker of Winnipeg and Duncan and Joan currently reside and farm 4½ miles west of Roblin, on what was the Lawrence Lietz farm.

Muriel (Mooney) married Eric Austin on August 5, 1937 and 3 children were born from this union. Mooney and Eric now reside in Delta, B.C.

A baby, Eva, died in infancy and is buried in the Tumell Cemetery.

Eva Rose never married but cared for her parents in the town house until their respective deaths. Eva then continued to live in the town house until her death at the age of 51, on January 23, 1961.

Carley Smith, Teacher 1954-56

My name is Carley Smith and I was born in Shoal Lake, Manitoba and attended Normal School in Winnipeg. From 1954 to 1956 I was employed to teach grade 5 and 6 by the Roblin School Board. I had a light-housekeeping room at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Percy MacMurray.

In 1956 I moved to Flin Flon, Man. where I was employed by the North of 53 Co-operative as an

office clerk. In 1958 I moved to Regina, Saskatchewan where I have since resided.

I am presently employed by the Dairy Producers Co-operative Ltd. as an offset operator where I have worked for the past 26 years.

Mrs. Smith

by Phyllis Framingham

One of the most colorful characters in the early days of this Municipality was a woman commonly known as "old lady Smith". She lived at the top of the Togo Boggy Creek on section 16-28-29. This land is presently owned by the W. Melnick family. She belonged to the Victorian Order of Nurses and began her career in our midst as a midwife. But there was so much need for a Doctor by the people who could not afford to pay doctor bills that she rapidly expanded into a Doctor for all kinds of ailments. She was hated by the Doctors and when she was attending a patient, the Doctor refused to enter the house until she left. If, in her opinion, she was not going to save the patient; or the case was beyond her helping, she told the family to get a Doctor and left.

She was noted for growing a beautiful garden with rows every which way. She said "My vegetables don't care if they grow in a straight row or a crooked one".

David Byers Smith Family

by W. L. Ferguson

David Byers Smith was born September, 1850 in Dumfriesshire, Scotland. He married Catherine McCormick at Smith Falls, U.S.A.

Mr. Smith was a blacksmith by trade and continued with this work as well as homesteading the N.W. ¼ 31-27-28. He moved to the Roblin district in 1904. They had one son, Andrew, born in 1888



Mr. and Mrs. Smith, with his sisters from Ont., in front of the log house, in 1912.

and he was killed by a cyclone in the U.S.A. at 3 years of age.

A daughter, Mary Herona (Minnie) was born December 12, 1881. She married Albert John Allen in 1912. They had 3 children — Annie, David and John. They homesteaded on 17-28-29.

A daughter, Ella Gordon, was born April 12, 1883. Ella took care of her parents until their death and never married. She died in November, 1976.

A daughter, Mabel Stewart, was born November 17, 1885, and married William Thomas Ferguson in 1905. There were 8 children born to this union. Bessie Lavina, John David, William Leslie, Robert Smith, Gordon Stewart, Catherine Isabella, James Wesley, Jessie Ellen. Mabel died in 1940.

L. G. (Dick) and Mary Smith

by L. G. Smith

The Dick Smith family moved into the Makaroff district in December, 1946. This was our first real home.

Dick was in the Air Force from 1940 to the end of the war, and then spent a year working with his dad while looking around for suitable land to buy. The farm we bought through the V.L.A. was from John Matheson. It was the east 1/2 of 10-28-29. The S.W. 1/4 was homesteaded by G. H. Lewis in 1907 and the N.E. 1/4 was homesteaded by Mr. D. Law in 1907.

My father, Gordon Smith, came out from the Isle of Wight, England about 1900.

After staying in the Russell area, he came up the Pelly trail and took up a homestead (S.E. 1/4 28-27-30) in the N.W.T. (about 5 miles straight west of Makaroff) where he farmed all his life.

My mother's family, the Mapletons, came from England about 1890 and went to Saltcoats, Sask. After a short time in the Saltcoats area, the family settled on land which is 7 miles north of Calder, Sask. beside a lake which was then known as Mapleton Lake. They started a cattle ranch.

Years later, when settlers came in, they were in charge of the Post Office. The mail was hauled from Togo and later from Calder. The name of the Post Office was "Shillingthorp".

Mary Smith's folks, the Carruthers, also came to Canada in their youth, from Scotland. They homesteaded in the Alva School district, S.E. of Togo. They later moved to a farm south of Runnymede, where they spent most of their lives.

Richard, the oldest of our two children, got his education in Makaroff and his grade 12 in Roblin. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture in 1968 from the University of Manitoba. He is still at the University working in plant science. He married Diane Greve in Winnipeg in 1969.

Judy, our daughter, received her R.N. diploma

from St. Boniface Hospital in 1967. She then spent a year nursing at St. John's, New Brunswick. She spent 2 1/2 years at Grace Hospital in Winnipeg. In 1971 she took a course at the University Hospital in Edmonton.

Judy married Jim Pettefer and they have 2 boys and a girl. They live in Richmond, B.C. Jim is a pilot and is employed by an American Oil Company in Libya. He works 5 weeks at a time, then is home for 3 weeks.

Roy and Bertha Smith

by Bertha

Roy Smith and his wife, Bertha, came to live in the Tummel district in July, 1927. Roy had worked for both Ray Chase and Roy Chase on their farms at Bield, Man.

We, the Smiths, had good neighbors: Ben Alexander and Clarence McNeiland and family, Mack Cameron and family, Fred Jory and family and the McEwens, whose land joined ours on the south. Roy planted spruce trees around the house before I arrived and later built a very nice log house for our Barred Rock hens. My husband had also worked for Frank Skinner, when his dear mother lived with him. Chester and Betty Cooke were good friends.

Roy hauled his grain mostly to the Dropmore elevators.

We came to know Bob Switzer and family and often drove our team as far as their home, then put the horses into their barn and went with their family to church (Free Methodist) in Roblin. This was always a happy outing for us.

We enjoyed the wild crocuses on the hills around and picked black currants on the river banks. We also picked high bush cranberries. We did our shopping in Roblin. One storekeeper was W. Nowosad. We would take eggs in and trade them for groceries. We never had much money and had only bare floors and never had the upstairs of our house finished.

Roy worked with four horses on the highway for \$5 a day and bought a new suit from his pay.

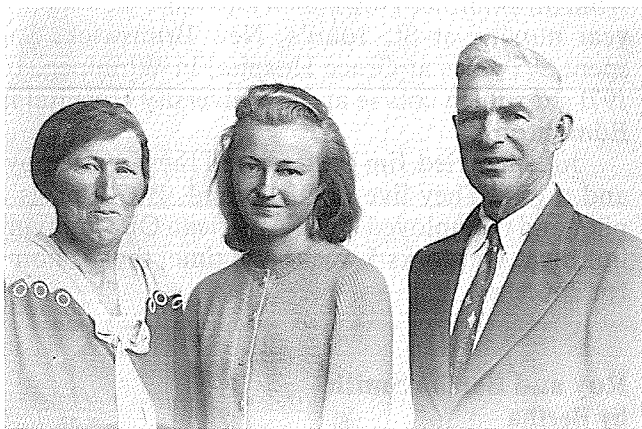
We always had a garden and God was good to us.

Joseph Sokoloski Family

by Helen Tischinski and Pauline Pichlyk

Joseph Sokoloski was born October 10th, 1894 in the village of Berezanka, Austria. In 1909, when he was 15 years of age, he immigrated to Fort William, Ontario. He worked at the sawmill there until 1914 when he came to Shorthdale and worked at the sawmill operated by John Livingston.

On June 12, 1917 Joseph married Antonia, daughter of John and Helen Biolkowski, at



Antonia, Olga and Joe Sokoloski.

Antonia's home residence. Father Joseph Solski, of the Sifton Roman Catholic Parish, officiated.

In 1917 Mom and Dad purchased N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 15-26-26 from William Favell. When they purchased this farm, there were 12 cultivated acres and a small house on it. Each year a few more acres were scrubbed, broken and put into production. This was all done by hand.

Four surviving children were born here; Helen (1918), Roy (1917), twins Walter and Frank (1922), died as infants, Pauline (1924) and Olga (1926). The children all walked to the Shortdale School.

Helen married Stanley Tischinski (now deceased) in 1933. They have six children: Edward, Frank, Victoria, Philip, Lawrence and Rose. Edward (1934) married Mary Swidinzski. They have six children; Phyllis, Ted, Thomas, Patricia, Bob and Karen. They farm at Shortdale, Manitoba N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 34-25-26. Frank (1937) is single and lives at Roblin. Victoria (1941) married Barry Donald. They have two children; Ingrid and Garth. They farm at Rossendale, Manitoba. Philip (1943) married Marie Chalanchuk. They have four children; Laurie, Michael, Lonnie and Kevin. They farm at Sandy Lake, Manitoba. Lawrence (1945) died in infancy. Rose (1951) married Roger Arndt. They have two daughters; Rhonda and Nichole. They live at Roblin, Manitoba.

Roy married Mary Yurkiw of Grandview, Manitoba in 1945. He worked at several places for the CNR. There are five children; Elaine, Pat, Dennis, Linda and Thomas. Elaine (1946) married and has one daughter. She teaches school at Edmonton, Alberta. Pat (1947) married Harvey Hyshka of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Dennis (1949) is single and lives at Calgary, Alberta. Linda (1950) married Dave Longpre. They have two children. Thomas (1956) is single and lives at Edmonton, Alberta. Roy died suddenly while at work at Buchanan, Saskatchewan.

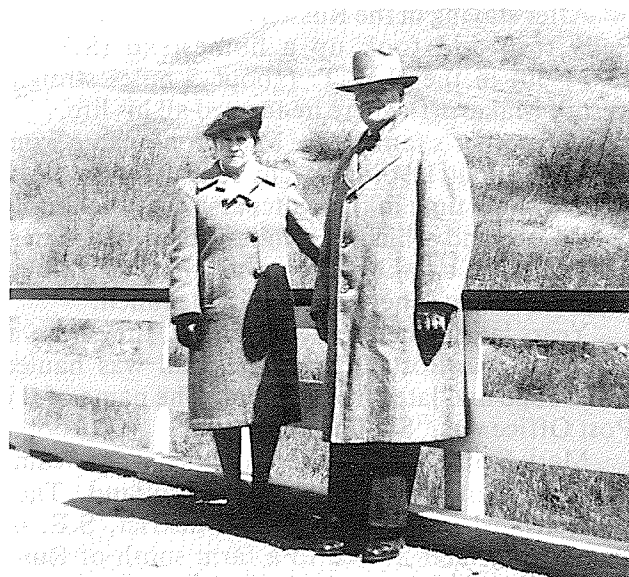
Pauline married Mike Pichlyk in 1945. They

have four children; Marie Ann, Helen, John and Mervyn. Marie Ann (1946) married Albert Todosichuk of Yorkton, Saskatchewan. She attended Gilbert, Grandview and Dauphin Schools. They have three children; Peter, Mike and Paulette. They live at Oak Bank, Manitoba. Helen (1951) married Lawrence Hyska of Gilbert Plains, Manitoba. They have three children; Annette, Paul and Kristen. She attended Gilbert and Dauphin Schools. They live at Dauphin, Manitoba. John (1956) is single. He attended Dauphin and Winnipeg Schools. He also attended St. Vlad's College at Roblin, Manitoba. He lives in Edmonton. Mervyn (1958) is single. He attended Dauphin and Winnipeg schools. He also attended St. Vlad's College at Roblin. He lives in Winnipeg.

The Sorbo Family by Margaret Sorbo

C. H. Sorbo farmed in the Roblin district for many years. He came to Canada from North Dakota, U.S.A. in 1910, and settled on a farm about 6 miles east of Roblin. This land was advertised as free to anyone who would come and settle in Manitoba. The land which Mr. Sorbo took up wasn't what one would call good, fertile land. It was mostly gravel, sand and hills.

Before coming to Manitoba, he owned a hotel in Grygla, Minnesota where he met his Norwegian-



Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sorbo.

born wife. At the age of 9 years, she had come with her family to the U.S.A. The Sorbos had two children born in the U.S.A. — Madeline and Alton. Both children contracted spinal meningitis from a visiting family. Madeline, who was born in 1905,

died in March, 1909 at the age of 3 years and 3 months. She is buried in Grygla. Alton recovered but was to remain deaf permanently. After this the hotel was sold, and in January, 1910 Mr. Sorbo came to Manitoba to claim some of this "free" land and begin farming. Mrs. Sorbo followed sooner than was expected and got off the train in Shevlin, not knowing where she was. Kind people in Shevlin, the Doerings, looked after her and the baby, Alton, until Mr. Sorbo could be notified. This was in February, 1910, and the weather was customarily bitterly cold.

The second son, Harvey, was born two months after Mrs. Sorbo's arrival in Manitoba. Now with two babies, Mr. and Mrs. Sorbo proceeded to make a home. They lived on a hill in a crude dwelling, and hauling water and chopping wood were the big chores, in addition to preparing the land for planting. They worked very hard and it wasn't very long before Mr. Sorbo was able to buy a threshing machine, obtain more land, and build a proper home for his family on a more suitable, flatter piece of land.

They had three more children — Walter, Verna and Irene. By this time they were settled in their new house, and they had also built a barn.

Over the years, Mr. Sorbo was able to buy more land and an even better threshing machine. They



A once-common threshing scene, here on the Sorbo farm.

had better access to water and were able to put waterworks in the house and barn. He was also able to set up his own generator to produce power for electricity in their house and barn. The generator was set up in the basement and once a week he would have to re-charge the batteries that produced the power for electricity. It took about six hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Sorbo also took a very active part in community affairs in Roblin and in Hillsburg Municipality where they lived. Mr. Sorbo was Reeve of the Hillsburg Municipality for many years. He was also a member of the Roblin School Board and of the United Church Session. He also played trombone in the Roblin Band until a cancer sore on the lip forced him to give up the instrument.

Then he played the drums and acted as leader when Mr. McMurray from Dauphin was unable to attend.

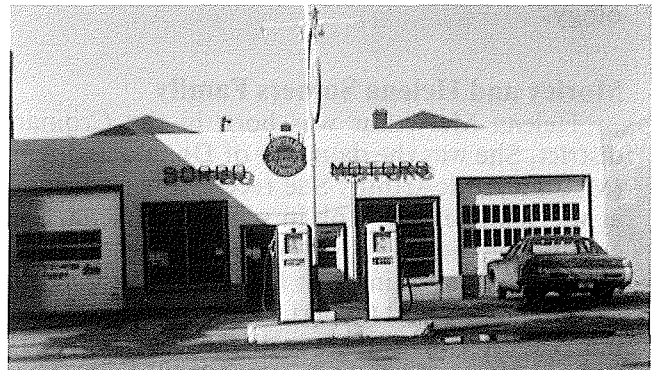
Mrs. Sorbo was also very active, as a member of the Ladies' Aid, and Missionary Society. She acted as midwife and nursed many sick people on neighbouring farms, as well as helping the doctor deliver new babies.

The Sorbos had the only telephone in the area for quite awhile and that too was a lot of extra work in the delivering of messages, but they enjoyed everything they did. When they decided to retire in 1941 and buy a house in town, Walter and his wife, Margaret, bought the farm. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sorbo remained active until their deaths. Mr. Sorbo died in June 1956, at age 77, and Mrs. Sorbo in October, 1958 at age 77.

Their first son, Alton, unable to attend the local school, received his education at the school for the deaf in Winnipeg. When he completed this, he worked on the farm with his father until he married Albina, a girl whom he had met in school. She was from Milden, Sask. Mr. Sorbo bought them a farm about 5 miles east of Roblin. When they became of retirement age, they sold the farm and bought a house in Winnipeg. At this date, they are enjoying their retirement.

Harvey, the second son was educated in Roblin. He married Sarah McNeil. During his days in Roblin he had played trumpet in the local band and the violin in a dance orchestra. In 1934 he joined the R.C.M.P. and was stationed in the North Bay and Kirkland Lake, Ontario area. He left the forces in 1947 and later worked for Ontario Hydro until 1970 when he retired, and with his wife, bought a house in Cobalt, Ontario. He lived there until his death in May, 1983.

Walter, the third son, was educated in Roblin. He took a very keen interest in community affairs and served on the school board for many years. In 1952, he sold his farm and bought a garage business, known as Sorbo Motors, in Roblin. He was a member of the town council for one term, and it was



Sorbo Motors, Roblin.

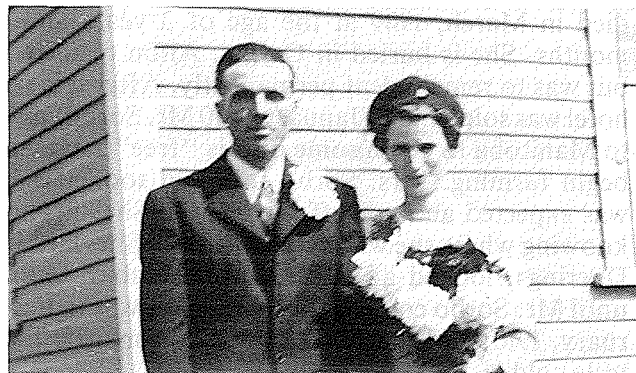
during this time that the waterworks was brought into Roblin. He took a keen interest in lodge work and was a Past Master and Past District Deputy of the Roblin Masonic Lodge. He was also a member of the Shriners and a past Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge. He was a life member of the Roblin Curling Club and had a general interest in sports. He was also a member of the Knox United Church. Walter married Margaret Vance of Grandview and they had two children, Rodney and Heather. Rodney married Arlene Storm and they now live in Edmonton, Alberta. They have two children, David and Laura. Rod is employed by the Moreguard Commercial Bank. He received his Bachelor of Commerce degree at the Univeristy of Manitoba. Heather received her teacher's degree at Winnipeg Teachers College, and was a teacher in Flin Flon and in Roblin until she married Vince Lachance. They have two children, Christopher and Marc. They are living in Edmonton, where Vince has his own lumber business known as Trendwood. Walter passed away on April 19th, 1981. Margaret still lives in Roblin at the present time.

Verna married Sig Anderson in 1940, and they had one son, Wayne. Wayne is a Professor at State Univeristy in Buffalo, New York and is also Director of Research. He received his Bachelors and Masters degrees at the University of Manitoba, and his PhD in Madison, Wisconsin. He is married and has 3 children. Verna is now retired and living in Winnipeg. She does volunteer work with senior citizens' groups and is a member of Knox United Church.

Irene took her training as a nurse in Winnipeg General Hospital. She worked there after she graduated and later moved to Roblin and worked in the local hospital. She married Frank Hampson of Togo, Sask. They are now retired and live in Burnaby, B.C. Their son, Richard, received most of his education in Togo and completed his university in B.C., obtaining a degree in x-ray and laboratory technology. He is now living in Mission City, B.C. with his wife and 2 children. Richard is with the Mission City Hospital, and is in-charge of radiology.

Morley and Helena Somers Family

Helena McArthur was born in the Cromarty district. She was the daughter of Donald and Anna (McClarty) McArthur. She received her education at the Tummel and Roblin schools. Helena, after completing her high school education took her Normal school training at Dauphin. She taught in the Grandview and Gilbert Plains area. In 1942 she married Morley Somers and they farmed in the Gilbert Plains district. They had 2 children: Donna and Blake.



Morley and Helena Somers 1942.

Teachers were scarce in the rural areas at this time and thus Helena went back to teaching in the home school, taking Donna and Blake with her each day. This proved to be a busy, exciting and sometimes hectic life, especially at harvest time.

In 1971 Helena retired from teaching. They sold their farm and moved to Grandview. In November they moved into a new home. Happiness, however, was short lived for them as Morley passed away suddenly in July, 1972.

Donna married Donald Grasby. They farm in the Grandview district. They have 2 daughters, Debbie and Deneen. Debbie worked in Winnipeg for 4 years. In 1980 she married Jim Winfield of Grandview. They have a year-old daughter, Kyra. Deneen has just completed her nurse's training in the St. Boniface Hospital and graduated in June 1984.

Blake, after graduating from school went to Edmonton. He married Faye Hipkens of Sherwood Park. They had 2 sons, Jeffrey and Vance. Blake died of a heart attack in 1980. Faye and the boys now live in Calgary.

Helena still lives in Grandview. She keeps busy with her community activities and travelling.

George Gordon Souter and Family

George Gordon Souter was born in 1906 in Aberdeenshire, Scotland. He was one of ten children born to William and Margaret Souter.

On September 6, 1926, George married Margaret James, the eldest daughter of John and Jane-Ann James of Morayshire Scotland. George and Margaret Souter lived on a farm in Scotland where George was a foreman in charge of several men. Their home was a five-room house on the farm.

In 1927 the entire James family came to Canada, settling on a farm in the Roblin, Manitoba area. They were followed in the spring of 1928 by George and Margaret Souter, who also settled on a farm three miles east of Roblin. It was the Soldiers' Settlement Board which enabled the Souters to come to



Mr. and Mrs. John James, in 1951.

Canada and begin farming. The Board, as a means of encouraging settlement in Western Canada, started off the immigrant family with five cows, four horses, two pigs, 100 chickens and a half-section of land.

On their new farm, George and Margaret found a three-room house or as Margaret recalls, "a shack" which shocked her. Together the Souters cleared trees and broke the land, while at the same time raising a family of fourteen children: Jane Ann (born 1924), Margaret Jane (1927), Helen (1928), Bill (1930), Georgina (1931), Isabelle (1932), Gordon George (1935), John (1937), Walter (1940), Verna (1942), Alexander (1944, d. 1953), Marilyn (1947), Lawrence (1948), and Barbara Jean (1949).



George and Margaret Souter and family, 1976: Back row, L to R. Walter, Verna, Helen, John, Marilyn, Isabelle, Lawrence. Front row: Margaret, Gordon Jr., Margaret and George Souter, Bill and Georgina.

In 1928 George worked on the construction of #5 highway, replacing the original wagon trails. In 1929 he was able to farm full-time, working the land with horse and plough from dawn till dusk. Grain prices were then generally under 10¢ per bushel and George supplemented the farm's earnings by hauling wood to town and selling it to the school for \$1.25 per load. He also worked on the threshing gang for \$1.00 per day (\$1.25 with a team of horses) and for several years he drove the school van.

There were no conveniences for these pioneer farmers when the 1930's came along. Trips to town

were usually only once a month. Phones, running water, and hydro electricity in the homes would still take a long time to come. Even farm implements were minimal, with a horse and a stoneboat substituting for tractor and wagon. Family allowance cheques began arriving in 1944. Margaret was then raising her children as well as helping with farm chores of all sorts. She found this role quite different from the customary one played by women in Scotland. There men did all the heavy outdoor work including the planting of gardens. Farmers would hire women to milk cows.

The climate was terrifically different on the Canadian prairies than what George and Margaret were accustomed to. As George laughingly describes it, "the summers in Canada were okay but the winters were severe. In winter I'd just as soon go back to Scotland."

The Depression that hit Canada in the 1930's took its toll on the western farmers. When the dust started to blow in Saskatchewan many farmers began moving east to Manitoba, in search of water and pasture for their livestock. Thinking back to that time George shudders. "If those days were ever to come back again I don't know what people would do. It would be terribly."

In 1942 George joined the army and while he was away Margaret did all the farm work while the oldest girls took care of the children. In 1943 George was discharged from the army because he was pronounced physically unfit for overseas duty. When he returned to Roblin he and Margaret wanted to buy the land from the government that they had been farming, but they were denied purchase rights because George was not an overseas veteran. Extremely disappointed at this fact, George and Margaret sold all their livestock and their war bonds and moved to Roblin in 1946, 19 years after they had settled on the farm.

In 1947 George took on the job of caretaker in Roblin School and he held that position for 24 years until his retirement in 1971. Only four months later a tragic fire levelled the school.

The Town of Roblin has changed tremendously since the Souters first arrived here in 1928. What began as only a pioneer settlement community at the centre of which was a tiny post office, a bakeshop, and three or four stores, has since grown to be a well populated area served by a variety of commercial and industrial businesses.

In 1972 George and Margaret sold their house to their son and moved into the Roblin Senior Citizen's Residence where they presently reside. Also in 1972 George and Margaret went for a visit back to Scotland where they visited George's brothers. On September 6, 1976 they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Today their large family includes



George and Margaret Souter and their grandchildren.

42 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Family members can be found living across most of Western Canada, from B.C. well into Northern Manitoba.

Both George and Margaret are known for their many volunteer activities and their community involvement. George has been involved in local sports as both a player (soccer, curling) and as a coach (hockey, baseball). Upon his retirement from the Intermountain School Division in 1971 he was honored with a silver tray and a certificate. Margaret too has been and continues to be active in numerous organizations including: The Red Cross, Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, the Women's Institute, the Roblin Hospital Board, the Roblin Hospital Auxiliary, the Rebekah Lodge, the United Church Women's Group, the Roblin Curling Club, the Keystone Pioneer Museum. She has served as the co-ordinator of the "Meals on Wheels" program as well as a former caretaker of the Roblin Residences. One of her favorite hobbies is collecting salt and pepper shakers. She now has over 400 sets displayed in her home.

Both George and Margaret Souter share a keen interest in their community and can truly be called pioneers of the Roblin district.

Gordon and Lorraine Souter by Lorraine Souter

Gordon Souter was born on June 21st, 1935 in Roblin, Manitoba, one of the thirteen children of George and Margaret Souter. Gordon received all of his education in Roblin. He was always very active in sports, starting in high school and continuing on in later years. He played hockey as well as coached, first a high school hockey team, and later on teams within the Minor Hockey system. Over the years Gordie played with the 'Roblin Totems' and later the 'Inglis Imperials'. When winter sports were finished Gordie moved right on to baseball, where he pitched and played second base for the Roblin team.

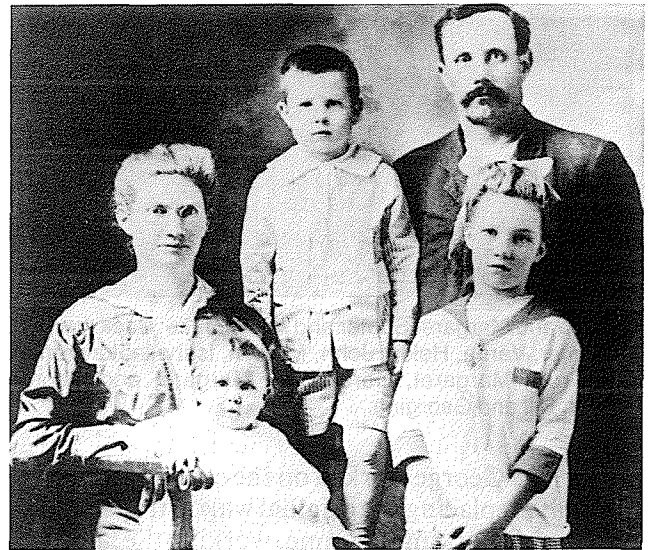
After high school Gordon was employed on the farm of his brother-in-law, Earl Shiner, and then went on to drive a gravel truck for Peteleski Construction. From there he hired on with the Roblin Truck Service, first as a driver and then as an office clerk.

On September 24, 1965 he married Lorraine Kruger in the United Church in Roblin. They were blessed with two children: Cheryl Marie on July 11, 1967 and Grant Leslie on December 27, 1968. Both children are very active in school activities and 4-H. Sports highlight their lives — hockey in the winter and baseball in the summer. They are also very active in school sports. At present, they are both completing their high school education in Goose Lake High School.

Gordon and Lorraine are both active in the Minor Hockey system, minor baseball, 4-H, Brownies and attend Church and Sunday school in the Roblin United Church.

Herman and Frieda Spiess by Ernie Spiess

On January 19, 1908, Herman Spiess married Frieda Augusta Fieseler. They lived in Langenburg, Sask. for a short time and moved to the Dropmore district in 1910. They farmed there for a short time and then moved into town for five years, where



The Herman Spiess Family, about 1918: L to R. Frieda, Ted, Herman, Lena, Bertha Spiess.

Herman did carpentry work. They lived in an old store and he built a pool hall next door. Later, he built a two-story house down the street at Bl-Lot 20. To get to the upstairs, you had to go through a trap door. It also had a pump in the kitchen to pump

water from the cistern. Everybody got their cooking and house water from the town well.

Herman owned three houses in town and one was an old store in which the German population around the district used to hold church services on Sunday. The minister came from Landestreu Immanuel Church.

Herman and Frieda moved to a farm (NE 1/4 of 26-28-29) half a mile northeast of town. In the 1930's he had a steam engine and separator. The steam engine was used to pull stumps and break land.

Herman and Frieda had seven children. Daisy was born on July 19, 1910 and died on July 20, 1910.



L to R. Lena, Mrs. Frieda Spiess, Lillie, Ernie, Ted, Alice and Mr. Herman Spiess, in 1939.

Bertha Anne Helene was born in 1912. She married Jack Kitch and they had two children, Ernest and Karen, who are both married. Karen has a daughter, Dee Ann. They all live in Vancouver, B.C. Theodore Herman was born in 1914. Ted joined the army in 1942 and served in Europe. He was wounded in France in 1944. After the war, he farmed in Dauphin for a short time. Ted is single and now lives in Victoria, B.C. Gladys Helena (Lena) was born in 1918. She married John Hegel in 1939. Lena died in 1978. They lived at Dauphin, Medicine Hat and Penticton, B.C. Lena and John had five children: Leona Beverly is single; William John, also single; Constance Frieda is married to Ken Houldon and they have two children, Jason and Danielle; Frederick James married Lynn Wood and they have two children, Jeanne and Dayna; Barrie Wayne married Alice Ralph and they have four children: Barrie Jr., James, Veronica and Joseph (twins). Lillian Emilie was born in 1920. She remains single and goes by the name of Alannah Caverhill and lives in Vancouver. Ernest Mervyn was born in 1925. He joined the army in 1943 and was in action in Holland and Germany. He also

served in Germany for a year after the war. In 1951 he married Helen Fisher and they lived in Thunder Bay for 20 years. In Brandon they operated a corner store for several years. Ernie is a handy man and builds furniture as a hobby. Ernie and Helen have three children: Shirley Dianne who married Leonard Howell and they have two children, Charlene and Christopher; Connie Lynn married Manfred (Fred) Augustin and they also have two children, Cornelia and Jerry; Glen Mervyn is still single. Alyce Muriel was born in 1926. Alyce married George Mitrou and they have lived in Brandon, Medicine Hat and Victoria, B.C., where they now



Pulling stumps in the early 1930's.

operate a dress shop. They have two children. Susan Rae is single and Gregory David is married and lives in Victoria, B.C.

Herman and Frieda moved out of the Dropmore area in 1938 and lived in Ochre River for a short time. Herman died on March 4, 1950 and Frieda makes her home at Fairview Home in Brandon. She was 93 years old in 1983.

Daniel Staple (1837-1885) and Priscilla McKelvey (1841-1927)

by Ruby Alexander

Daniel Staple was born in Cornwall, England and married Priscilla McKelvey in Norland, Ontario in 1863. They had eight children, William who married Emma Keeler; George; Sarah who married George Morton; Georgina who married Robert Kerr; Albert married Isabella Mickelson; Arthur married Matilda Kerr; Carrie married Newton Gostlin; Herbert married Mabel Staples. Daniel died at age 48 of cancer leaving a young family.

All but Sarah and Carrie migrated west in the 1890's and spent some time in the Tummel area. Herb and Arthur helped build the American House Hotel in Roblin. Later they both moved to Sceptre, Saskatchewan. Priscilla divided her time among her children in Norland, Roblin and Sceptre and helped care for her grandson, Gordon.

Gordon (1899-1982) married Jennie Coulter (1899-1985).

Albert Staple (1873–1960) and Isabella Mickelson (1879–1964)

by Ruby Alexander and Linda Dyck

Albert Staple married Minnie Simson, who died leaving a young son, Gordon (1899–1982). Albert came to the Roblin area from Ontario and worked with logging crews on the Shell River. He acquired his homestead 5½ miles south and a mile east of Roblin (S.W. 10–25–28), in 1903. In 1908 he married



Albert, Elsie, Isabelle, Dorothy, and Mildred Staple.

Isabelle Mickelson (1879–1964), a dressmaker. They farmed successfully until 1941 when they retired to Roblin. They lived across from the old skating rink, now the curling rink, for their final years. Albert served as councillor and as a school trustee for many years.

Albert and Isabelle had 2 sons — Durrell (1909–1974) and McKelvey (1911–1924) and 3 daughters Elsie (1912), Dorothy (1915–1976) and Mildred (1922).



Durrell and Sadie Staple.

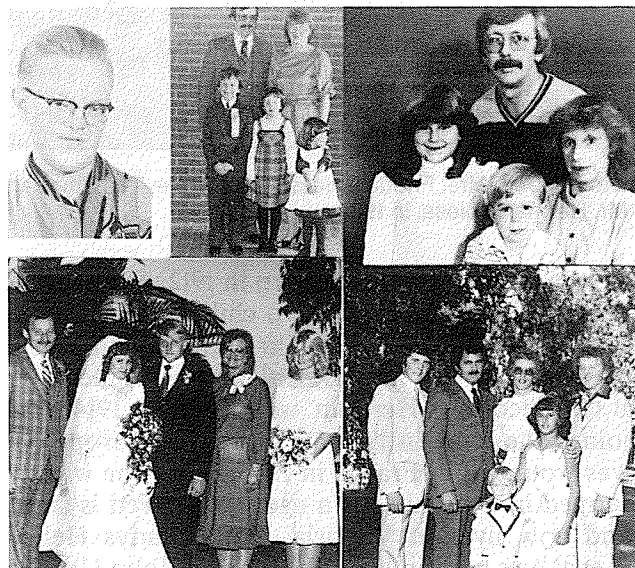
Durrell married Sadie Twa and they raised their family of 5 children (Linda, Earl, Janice, Brian and Patricia) in the Roblin area on the original Staple homestead. Durrell farmed the home place and later on also ran the Massey Ferguson dealership in Roblin. After retiring from farming, Durrell and Sadie moved into the town of Roblin where they lived until his death in 1974. Sadie Staple still lives in Roblin at Maple Manor.

Their oldest son, Earl, now lives on 1st Avenue in Roblin and works as a bookkeeper at Man-Sask Discount Sales in Roblin.

Janice married Eugene Artemenko and they have 4 children; Barry, Dino, Lori and Jeffrey. They live at Calder, Saskatchewan and own the Man-Sask. Discount Sales at Roblin.

Linda married Ed. Dyck and they have 2 children, Ian and Karen. Ian married Sandra Lambkin and they have a daughter, Lisa Marie. Linda and Ed. live in Winnipeg.

Brian married Rosalind Smith and they have 2 children, Cheri and Wayne. Brian works with the hydro and lives in Winnipeg.



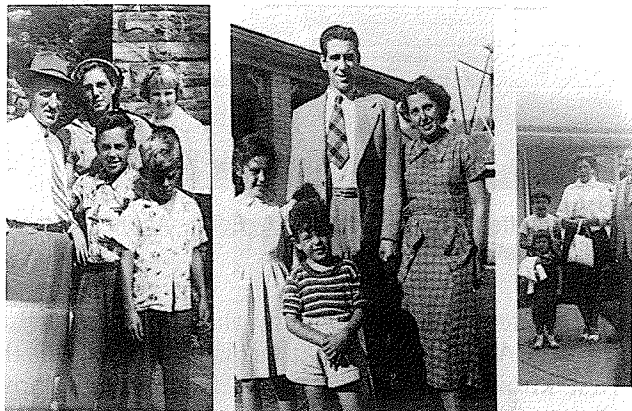
Earl Staple, Terry, Patricia, Marc, Marya, Michelle Stychyshyn, Brian, Rosalind, Cheri and Wayne Staple, Ed, Lisa, Ian, Linda, Karen Dyck, Barry, Eugene, Janice, Dino, Jeffrey and Lori Artemenko.

Patricia married Terry Stychyshyn and they have 3 children; Mark, Michelle and Marya and they live in Calgary, Alberta.

Elsie, born in 1912, married Thomas Lambkin (1903–1972). Tommy was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lambkin and grew up in Roblin. They lived in Toronto and had 3 children; Iris, Leigh and Kenneth. Iris married Jack Graydon. They live in Oakville, Ontario and have 5 children: Jim, Linda,

Judy, Phillip and Ian. Leigh married Joyce Kilgour and they live in Toronto and have one daughter Dayna. Ken lives in Winnipeg.

After raising her family, Elsie took a secretarial course, learned to drive a car and worked for many years. She now makes her home in Lindsay, Ontario and Florida.



Tommy, Elsie, Leigh, and Ken Lambkin, Iris Graydon, Dorothy Alsop, Reginald, Dorothy and Jim Neville, Karen, Kathy, Nelson, Mildred and Ernest Buss.

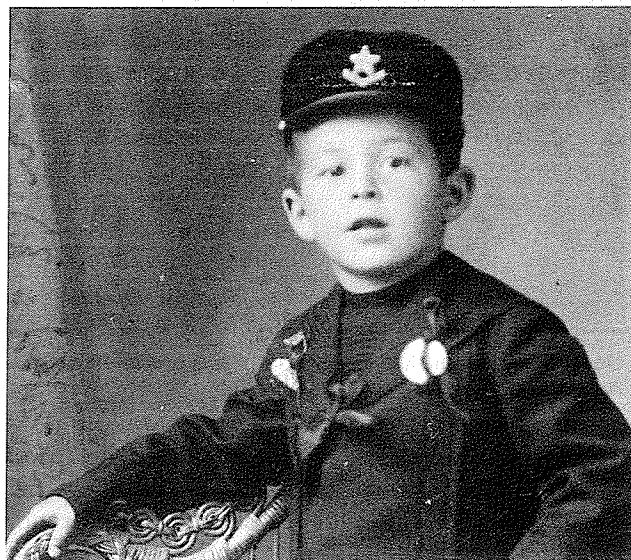
Dorothy (1915–1976) married Reginald Neville. During the 30's Reg lived north of Roblin with his uncle and aunt, Jack and Eileen Coey. He was a soldier in W. W. II. After the war Dorothy and Reg lived in Roblin until they moved to Winnipeg and built a house in St. Boniface. Reg worked for the C.N. Railways. They had 2 children: Dorothy Anne and Jim. Dorothy Anne, married David Alsop and lives in Vancouver and has 2 girls Meredith and Erin. Jim and Elizabeth and lives at Falcon Lake and they have 3 children; Leanne, Lorna and Jason.

Mildren (1922), a secretary, married Gordon Nelson (1920–1957). They lived in Winnipeg and had two girls, Karen and Cathy. They have 3 grandsons; Sean, Kevin and Scott. Mildred is now married to Ernest Buss and they live in B.C.

The Staples were a typical farming family of the time; they attended the United Church, and all received their grade school education in Roblin. They belonged to all the various 4-H and other young people's groups available at the time. They enjoyed family visiting on a Sunday afternoon and summers at Madge Lake. Growing up in Roblin has given the family many happy memories and great stories to tell their children and grandchildren. It is a place still fondly referred to as "Home".

The Staple Family History by the family

Gordon Staple was born on June 7th, 1899 in Norland, Ontario. Jennie Coulter was born on



Gordon Staple.

November 27th, 1899 in Wawanesa. She lived in Grandview until she married Gordon on November 26th, 1924 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They lived in Keewatin, Ontario, until 1926, when they purchased the south half of 32–24–28 in the Tummel area from George Ford. Gordon was a very active member of the community and was a school trustee at the Tummel school for a number of years.

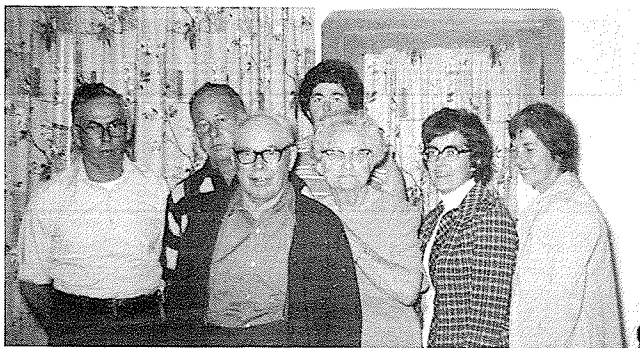
They contributed five children to the population. The oldest, Albert, was born in Keewatin, Ontario in 1926. Robert, the next oldest, was born on the farm in Tummel in 1928. Vivian, the oldest daughter, was born in 1929, also on the farm. Agnes, too was born on the farm in 1930. The youngest, Dorothy, was born in 1937 in Roblin. They all attended the Tummel School for their education.

Albert married Alice Schwalm from Endcliffe in 1951 and lived in Russell for four years. They then moved to Keewatin, Ontario where they still reside. They had five children: Gordon, Susan, Donna, William and Allen. Susan has one daughter, Corbie, and Gordie has two children, Candice and Johnathon.

Robert married Gwen Pocock in 1957 in The Pas, Manitoba. They lived first in Creighton, Saskatchewan, then in Roblin and now reside in The Pas. They had four children: Robert, Wayne, Donald and Wallace. Donald passed away in 1974 and Wayne died in 1978. Robert Jr. has two children, Amber and Brodie.

Vivian married William Walls in 1953 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They have always resided in Russell, Manitoba. They have two children, Beverly and Brian. Beverly has two children, Robert and Trisha.

Agnes married Lloyd Schaan in 1950 in the



Gordon and Jennie Staples and family: Albert, Bob, Dorothy, Agnes and Vivian.

Tummel Church. They lived in Winnipeg, Manitoba and then moved to Calgary, Alberta, where they still reside. They have five children: Brenda, Debborah, Richard, Corrine, and Jeffery. Brenda has two children, Jason and Melissa.

Dorothy married Kenneth Bauer in 1959 in Roblin. They lived in The Pas, Manitoba, then moved to Pine Falls, Manitoba, went on to Beausejour, Manitoba, then later to Winnipeg, Manitoba. After that they moved back to The Pas and then back to Roblin, where they still reside. They have four children: Dwayne, Jo Anne, Melinda, and David. They are all still at home at the present time.

Gordon and Jennie moved to Roblin in 1956 and rented a house from Harold Andres until the summer of 1965, when they built their own house on Fourth Ave. Gordon worked at the Roblin Forest Products Plant until the fall of 1968.

They celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in 1976, at the home of Ken and Dorothy Bauer. The children were all able to make it home but not all of the grandchildren were there.

In 1977, Gordon moved into the Roblin Personal Care Home, where he resided until December 29th, 1982, when he passed away. The house was sold in 1981, and Jennie moved into the Roblin Maple Manor Residence, where she lived until October of 1983. She then moved out to Ken and Dorothy's home, where she still resides.

Earl and Hazel Stauffer Family by Hazel

The Stauffer history, though sketchy, goes back to 827 A.D. in Switzerland. Descendants of these early families came to Pennsylvania, U.S.A. in 1738. Then in 1804, some of the families came to Waterloo Township in Upper Canada.

Joel Stauffer, his wife, Edith, and their two sons, William and Earl, came west from Lucknow, Ontario, to Roblin, Manitoba in September, 1913. They had two daughters, Abbie and Della, who were already in Roblin.

They were of Pennsylvanian-Dutch descent.



Joel Stauffer Family: Joel, Earl, Edith, Abbie (Watson), William, Della (De La Mare).

Their ancestors had come on the "Mayflower" to the U.S.A. Joel's grandfather, Eli Stauffer, was the first known white man to set foot on Lucknow, Ont. soil in 1850. He operated the first sawmill in 1856 and a street was named after him.

Joel Stauffer had very little schooling, but the new land that was available to new settlers in Manitoba looked very encouraging, and his lack of education did not hinder him from clearing the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 33-25-28 and putting the land into production for growing grain, pasture, hay and garden produce. The much-needed buildings were erected. He was a good carpenter from having worked 14 years in a sawmill. First came the house, a barn for horses and cattle, and a chicken house. Their living came from the land. Horses were used for working the land and transportation was by wagon or sleigh. Cattle were the source of milk, cream, butter and meat, and chickens were raised for their eggs and meat.

Joel Stauffer enjoyed gardening and specialized in growing strawberries for sale. He loved trees and planted many surrounding the buildings.

Joel Stauffer passed away in April 1930, at age 69 years, just 6 months short of his first Old Age Pension cheque, of which he said, "\$20.00 a month will be plenty to keep us". Edith Stauffer continued to live on the farm after her husband's death, until a few months before her death on September 7th, 1954, at the age of 89 years. She did not find life easy, having come from a city in Ontario, out to the farm. She had many grandchildren and great-grandchildren to remember her.

Their son, Earl helped on the farm until he enlisted in Winnipeg in 1916 with the 251st Battalion. He returned to the farm after his discharge in 1918. On March 26, 1924, he married Hazel De La Mare, daughter of the late Wm. and Lucy De Le Mare.

Wm. and Lucy De La Mare had come to Canada from the United States in 1900. They first settled in the Shoal Lake district with their two sons, James and George and daughter, Charlotte. In 1903, they came to the Roblin area and took out three quarter sections of land for homesteads. The family settled on my father's (William's) homestead and started clearing land on all three quarters.

In 1905 another daughter, Hazel was born to Wm. and Lucy. Wm. was a Singer Sewing machine agent and was the first one in the area from Morden to Kamsack and Canora, Sask. He also was a tailor and market gardener. Lucy was active in the church, belonging to the Willing Workers Institute (W.W.I.) in 1915, Lucy passed away at the early age of 52 years, and her husband, Wm., in 1919, during the year of the flu epidemic, at the age of 61. The De La Mare family tree dates back to 1650, to Guernsey Island, one of the Channel Islands off the coast of France.



Earl and Hazel Stauffer's Family in 1984: Buryle Doole, Orton Stauffer, Marjorie Doole, Hugh Stauffer, Calvin Stauffer.

Earl and Hazel had 5 children, 3 boys and 2 girls: Buryle, Orton, Marjorie, Hugh and Calvin. All the children were educated in the Roblin schools and travelled in a horse-drawn school van.

Buryle Patricia was born on March 17, 1925 in Roblin. She married Bill Doole on June 5, 1946 and they had 3 children: Leslie, Verne and Hazel.

Leslie Earl, born on February 13, 1949, married Pamela Joan Fraser, born on June 25, 1950. They have 3 children: Douglas James (June 4, 1970), Michelle Diane (born on November 20, 1972) and Earl William (born on March 4, 1979).

Verne William, born on June 16, 1953, married Barbara Jean Dyer, (born on Jan. 23, 1957) on June 26, 1976. They have 5 children: Sheila Ann (born Dec. 12th, 1976), Kerry Lynne (born Feb. 22nd, 1979); Jereme Michael (born April 9, 1982) and twin sons, Toney Lee and Jodey Ray (born on Jan. 2, 1984).

Hazel is still single.

Orton Earl was born on October 18, 1926 at Roblin. He married Elizabeth Mae Bruce on Febru-

ary 23, 1973. Liz has 3 daughters: Bonnie, Connie and Barbara.

Marjorie Della was born on September 5, 1928 at Roblin. She married Ron Vaudry (born on Sept. 29, 1924) on April 7, 1947. They had 4 children: Gwenda, Howard, Rhonda and Merrill.

Gwenda, born on June 17, 1949, married Dennis John Norrie on October 19, 1968. They have 2 children, Cheryl May (born on August 20, 1967) and Ryan Adrien (born on Jan. 14, 1975).

Howard Rolland (born on August 16, 1950) married Margaret Patricia (Peggy) Morton on October 12, 1974.

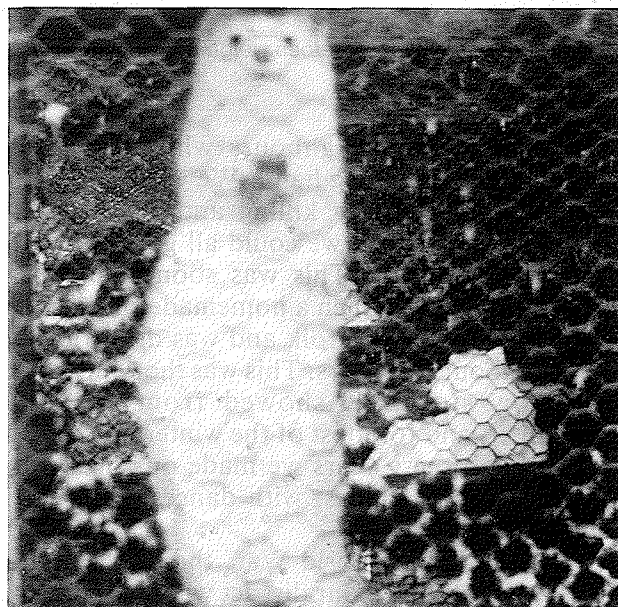
Rhonda Gaye was born on August 2, 1952.

Merrill Lucille was born on December 31, 1953. She married Walter Visser on Dec. 5, 1970. She divorced him and married Bryan Kaspick on March 29, 1975. They have 3 children: Rhiana Delee (born on May 17, 1977), Ashlee Lynn (born on February 13, 1979) and Justin Henry (born on July 9, 1983).

Marjorie Della married Jim Doole of Nanton, Alberta on June 4, 1980.

Hugh Gordon was born on July 8, 1930 at Roblin. He married Sibyl Rankine on November 8, 1968. Sibyl has 2 children from a previous marriage.

Calvin Joel was born on November 14, 1941 at Roblin. He married Katie Klassen (born on July 16, 1945) on August 30, 1969. They had 3 children: Sean Allan (born on Oct. 25, 1971), Mark Dean (born on July 6, 1973) and Heather Dawn (born on July 16, 1975).

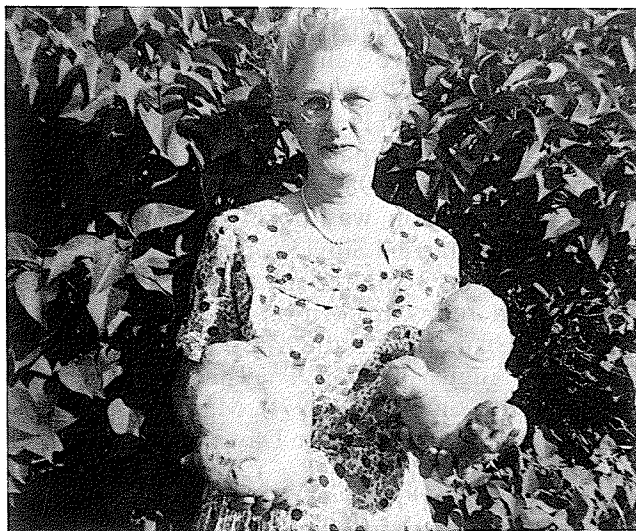


White mink on the ranch of Earl Stauffer.

In 1928, a second house was built on the farm to accommodate our growing family, and another addition was added in 1945, to make it the present size.

We were blessed with plenty of good well water, and have made use of it in many ways: for household use, livestock, and for the mink ranch (which we had for 30 years). In the year 1961, another well was dug by hand, to provide water for the house. Hydro was installed in 1950 and water on tap, electric iron, toaster, refrigerator and deep freeze were added to the household.

With the advance of machinery and enough money saved, our first tractor was bought in 1947, which saved time and labour for Earl and his sons, Orton and Hugh. Another joy was our first truck in 1952 and better still was our Pontiac car in 1960. We had a mixed farming operation.



Hazel Stauffer with her potatoes weighing 4 lbs. 6 oz. and 5 lbs. 3 oz.

We had good neighbours who were always ready to lend a helping hand. We worked together wood sawing, poultry killing and shovelling the snow off the road so we could all get to town for groceries and mail. This was soon changed the winter of 1955-56, when a homemade snow plough was made by our menfolk and was drawn by 3 of our neighbour's tractors. This was the winter of the big snow storm. It snowed from the 1st of November, and for most of the winter.

Through these years we made our own entertainment in our homes, with dances, card parties and quilting.

In the Second World War, there were quite a few young people in our district who had joined up and were overseas. This was when the Riverbend Community Club was formed and home baking was sent in parcels overseas, especially at Christmas time.

With the coming of hydro, a big help on the farm was an electric welder. If our men wanted a

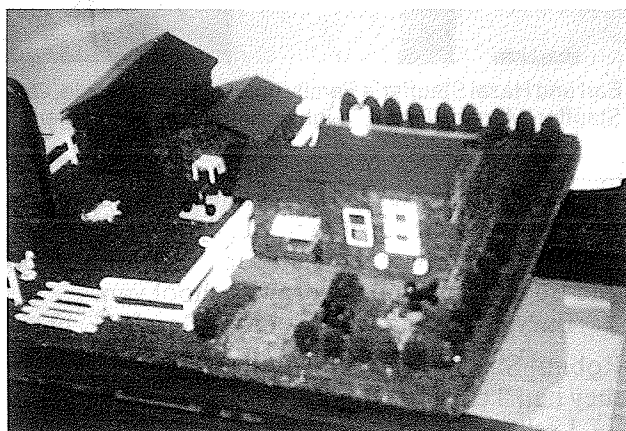
certain piece of machinery and didn't have the money to buy it, they would weld the necessary pieces of angle iron together. A stooker (for 15 square bales) for haying time was made, along with a 3-wheeled motorized cart, and also large farm gates, and the only homemade power toboggan around Roblin (powered by a 16 H.P. air-cooled motor).

The men did custom hay and straw baling, dug many post holes and built loose housing sheds for cattle, to bring in a few extra dollars.

On March 24, 1974, we (Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stauffer) celebrated our 50th, Wedding Anniversary at a "Come and Go" tea. In attendance was Hazel's bridesmaid, Mrs. Alpha Miller, as well as many members of the family, and friends.

In January 1981, when "Maple Manor Residence" was built in Roblin, we retired from the farm to make our home there. The Manor is situated on the same grounds as was the consolidated school at which Mrs. Stauffer received her education. As time moves on, we are getting more accustomed to the change from farm life to town life, but we still miss the farm and our old neighbours.

Our son, Orton, and his wife, Liz, are living on the home farm which was started by his grandfather, Joel Stauffer, in 1916.



After some 100 hours of work this miniature farm scene done by Earl Stauffer was completed. Realistic features included glass windows, spruce cone shrubs and sea-shell flowers.

After Earl retired from the farm, some of his time was spent in craftwork, putting together articles (with a glue gun) of sea shells and cones that were gathered in Florida, while on holidays.

On March 26th, 1984, we had been married 60 years, but due to Earl's illness and his being in the Brandon Hospital at the time, the family all gathered in the waiting room for greetings and a short get-together. We were honoured at a "Come and Go" tea for our 60th Wedding Anniversary by our

family in the lounge at Maple Manor on Sunday, July 15th, 1984. Family members present were our daughters, Mrs. Wm. Doole (Buryle) of Dropmore, Mrs. Jim Doole (Marjorie) of Nanton, Alberta, and our sons Orton of Roblin and Hugh of Calgary, Alta. Calvin was unable to attend. Also present were several people who had attended a miscellaneous shower for us 60 years ago: Mabel (Wright) Cunniffe from Ireland; Dave, Clarence and John Wright from Ontario and Winnipeg; Mrs. Jim Martin and Chris Tummon from Roblin. At that same event (in 1924) a young bride and groom, Beatrice Watson (now Wenner) and John Wright, suitably attired for the occasion, had pulled in a decorated wagon loaded with gifts. About 80 people had attended this shower, which was the first of its kind around Roblin.

The guest book was looked after by Earl and Hazel's grandson and his wife, Howard and Peggy Vaudry of Calgary, Alberta, where 158 signed. The tea tables were very nicely set and decorated for the occasion. Later a picnic supper and get-together for the family and relatives was held at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Orton and Liz Stauffer. This will be a day that we will always remember.

Joseph and Sarah Steffler Family by Barbara and Eva Steffler

In 1904 Joseph and Sarah Steffler came from Mildmay, Ontario which was in the county of Bruce. They were on their way to a homestead, 16 miles north of Roblin, Manitoba, which they had taken up, sight unseen. It was the folders showing golden wheat and oats, houses, buildings and cattle, that had attracted them. These pictures were breathtaking, with each page more wonderful than the first one and all this was for a small fee of \$10.00.

Joseph came as far as Brandon, Manitoba in March, 1904. He had only 25¢ in his pocket at that time. He cut, split or bucked wood for his meals and bed for awhile, until he found a job on a farm with McGee in Kemnay, near Brandon.

A few months later his wife and son, George, age 3, also arrived. They worked for the McGee family until fall. They lived in Brandon for the winter, where father worked in a slaughter house. Mother got a few things ready for their next move to the homestead.

In July 1905, Joseph Jr. was born. A few months later, they came to Roblin, this being the end of the railroad and then onto their homestead. When they arrived there was no house, and only trees. They put up a log shack with a sod roof, and a pole bed was constructed and a tick filled with slough hay was added.

That winter, Father worked at Burrows Mill

near Gilbert Plains. Mother and the 2 boys lived in a house quite a few miles from the mill. Father came home only once a month to bring groceries for Mother and the children.

In early February, the house where she lived caught on fire and a large part of the roof was burned off. Mother and the boys stayed with a bachelor until the end of April. They then moved back to the homestead. In 1906, they plastered the log shack. Mother said every time she saw a black cloud coming up, she would pile all their clothing, bedding and belongings on top of the bed and put an oilcloth over them to keep them dry. Then when the sun came out she would carry them all outside, because the sod roof dripped for 3 days after the rain had stopped. Mother had saved photos and things from Brandon, some of which were also treasures from Ontario.

In the winter of 1906, they worked for Bob McBride in the sawmill, Father in the mill and Mother was the cook. She cooked for 20 men, three meals a day and served a midnight supper for the night shift. Mother had a very young girl to help her in the camp. One day she made pies and asked the girl to put them in the oven to bake. Awhile later she looked for the pies and found that she had put all 15 pies into the oven one on top of the other. What a sticky mess that was!

During the next summer, land was broken for a garden and a few oats. Father then had a yoke of oxen, which they had both earned in wages for working at the mill. Each winter, they worked in the McBride sawmill and during the summers worked on the land, breaking up the sod for larger crop areas.

Their food was fish, deer, garden vegetables and wild fruit. Many times they did not know what they were going to eat. At one of these times, Father walked to the river. Mother heard him calling for her, so she ran to meet him. He had caught a fish and had it hanging over his shoulder. The tail was dragging on the ground. They salted the fish as it was the only way to keep it until it was eaten.

The flour, sugar and oatmeal bags were used to make pillow cases. Four bags sewn together made a sheet. Dish towels, aprons and underwear were also made. Salt bags were used to make handkerchiefs.

Then Tom Reed and Bill Sharpen came to their homesteads and became close neighbours. They also had to build houses and break land for crops and gardens, and later on more people came to their homesteads. They were: Frank Penas, Jack Hartmier, Jim Sherson, Isaac Clark, Dave Wallace, Bob Aldersay, Sam Hess, Hughie Sutherland and the Coxes.

A lumber roof was put on our house, and this lumber was the wage for having worked in the mill

in the winter. Apple boxes were used as furniture — washstands, water pail stands and cupboards for dishes. Table and chairs were usually made from lumber.

Father then bought a team of horses. They were a great help in breaking up the land. The oxen, on a hot summer day, would often just take a look at the plow and go into the slough and stay there until the sun was set. When they came out to eat, they would be put to work for awhile. Father and mother would cut and pile scrub and trees while they waited for the oxen to come out on land.

The boys, George and Joe, went to Hillcrest school in summer, a walk of over 2 miles across country. In winter, the family all went back to the sawmill.

In October, 1913, Barbara was born. Mrs. Cox was the midwife. The boys were sent to Bill Sharpen's in the middle of the night and father went for Mrs. Cox. A couple of days later, Mrs. Cox had eaten dried apples and was very sick. So father mixed up a dose of horse colic medicine and gave it to her. She was relieved of the stomach pains very quickly. Mother had begged father not to give it to her, but he made her drink it.

Barbara started school in Roblin in 1920 in the United Church basement. Miss Coppinger was her first teacher, and Miss Jessie Russell became her grade 2 teacher.

Times kept getting better with larger crops and more land being broken each year. This was one of the terms of taking up a homestead. Ten acres of land had to be broken each year for three years.

In July 1916, Eva was born, with Mrs. Cox again as midwife. This time the boys were sent into the woods to look for deer. Eva started school in 1922 in Roblin. Miss Burke was her first teacher.

In 1919, Father and Mother sold their homestead and moved into Roblin to a house, later known as Loves Beauty Parlor. Father bought a butcher shop

between the Co-op Pharmacy and Jakeman's Insurance Agency. The Cardeager Body Shop is now on the spot where the butcher shop was located at that time. Wes Rye was a partner in the shop. While father was out buying animals up north, during the winter, one time, a drunk came along and was fighting in their house. Father pushed him out the door and the drunk picked up a broad axe and chopped father in the back. He was helped into the cutter and driven home. A large amount of blood from the wound became frozen onto the bottom of the cutter. Father could not talk and had to be helped into the house. Dr. Grant was called and immediately he removed a kidney. This was done in the house in Roblin.

In 1922, two more payments were to be made on that shop when a fire occurred and completely destroyed the butcher shop. A watch repair and barber shop were also destroyed in the same building.

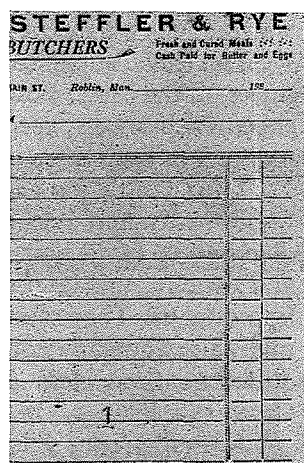
During the following winter, Father, Wes Rye, George and Joe went up into the Duck Mountains and trapped until spring.

In 1924, Father and Mother moved onto a farm in the Shell River area. George was now married to Annie Barry and living in Roblin. Joe helped on the farm, and Barbara and Eva had 4½ miles to walk to Shell Valley school. Leo Fisher was the school teacher and his wife was the teacher at the Shell River school.

Everyone was kept busy with stones to pick, bush to cut, land to break, and cattle and horses to look after. There were chickens, geese, turkeys and ducks for food. We had a large garden every year. Some of the fresh garden vegetables were taken to the Roblin Hotel and stores for sale. Wild berries also were picked for sale and seneca root was dug for extra spending money. Joe was married and lived on a farm nearby.

The 1930's were tough years. There was plenty to eat, but all prices were low and produce sales were at a stand still. In the late 30's, there were very strange things taking place. A prairie fire came over the hill when Father and the men were all away. It was around 7 p.m. when the fire came toward the buildings. Barbara and Eva went to fight the fire. Later, Joe, who was married to Mytle Penas and living on a farm nearby, came to help. The smoke was terrible. Mother stayed at the buildings. Then we saw more help coming but still kept on fighting and the fire was soon completely out. There were also three other people who came to fight the fire and to this day we have never found out who they were. We called it "A Miracle".

There was some sickness. Mother had to have an operation one time for gallstones and father had typhoid fever in the 1930's. There were many ups



A store bill from Steffler's Meat Shop, 1920.

and downs throughout the years. In 1945 Father and Mother sold the farm and moved into Roblin. Joseph and Sarah Steffler celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 1949, and their 55th Wedding Anniversary in 1954. These celebrations were both held on their true wedding date of October 2nd.

Father passed away in April of 1955 at the age of 77 and Mother died in July, 1962 at the age of 80 years. Joe passed away in December of 1977 at age 72. George is still living at 83 years old and Barbara and Eva are residing in Roblin at the present time.

Note — George passed away March 18th, 1985.

Joseph Steffler Family

by Mabel Kelso

Myrtle Penas married Joseph Steffler in Roblin. They lived on a farm in the Rochedale district. They lived there for quite a few years. The eldest girl, Ruby, was born on the farm.

Myrtle and Joey moved to Roblin and Joey worked at the International shop as a mechanic. Ruby received some of her education here and the rest in the schools at Dauphin.

Grace was born at Roblin but before she started school they moved to Dauphin where Joey was employed at the International shop. He worked there until the war broke out and he enlisted in the Air Force. After he was discharged he worked for the Town of Dauphin, becoming foreman. He held this job until ill health forced him to retire.

Grace received her education at Dauphin and when she graduated she worked as a secretary for Allard Motors. She married Peter Stewart and they lived in Dauphin. Grace began working at Traders Finance and held this job quite awhile until they moved to Brandon. She transferred to Brandon and now lives there.

Ruby, after graduation, worked at Andy Newton's store. She married Pat Harrigan and they have one daughter, Pamela.

Brian was born at Dauphin and he received all his education there. He was an active member of the Air Cadets and received numerous trophies. He married Beverley Matachuk from Swan River. They have 2 children, Kristen and Daniel. Brian works in the liquor store and Bev works as a telephone operator.

Joe Steffler passed away in 1977. Myrtle still lives in Dauphin, Manitoba.

Wm. Stevens Family

by Mrs. Mary McIntyre

The Stevens family homesteaded on the N.E. ¼ of 20-27-28 in the Deepdale district. They had a family of five daughters: Gertie, Irene, Bertha,

Edith and Jean. They farmed here for several years and the children attended Roblin school.

James Stevenson

by James Johnson

James came from Scotland in 1877, settling in St. Catherines, Ontario where he worked on the police force. In 1884, he sailed from Winnipeg to Treherne on the paddle river boats which carried passengers along the Assiniboine River as far as Snarts Landing. He homesteaded at Treherne and farmed there until 1905.

His next move was to Togo, Sask. where he bought the hotel and operated it for a few years, before moving to Dauphin, Man. where he ran a rooming-house.

James' son, Duncan, had a homestead on N.W. 21-28-29, and James returned there. He drove a school bus to Makaroff for several years, as well as serving as a councillor in Shell River Municipality. He was an auctioneer too, for some time.

James Johnson, a grandson of James Stevenson, moved to Togo in 1920 and farmed S.W. 36-28-29 for about 20 years. He married Margaret Burrelle in 1928, and they had 3 children: James Thomas, born in 1928; Shirley, born in 1933; and Neil, born in 1936. The family moved to Treherne in 1941.

Stevenson, Harvey, Taylor Families

by Eileen and Edith Traub

George Edward Harvey was born on March 17, 1866 in Cornwall, England. He was the son of James and Laura Harvey. James Harvey was a farmer and a seaman who sailed between England and Jersey, Channel Islands. As a young man, George was employed by Lord and Lady Hamilton as foreman and head gardener on their large dairy farm at Les Quartiers, St. Sampson, Guernsey, in the Channel Islands.

While in Guernsey, George met Harriet Agnes Davis Gardner Stevenson. Harriet was the daughter of William Stevenson, a bailiff-overseer on a large farm. She was born on January 28, 1879 in Kirkwall in the Orkney Islands of Scotland. Harriet attended school until the age of fourteen after which she went out into the work world. She had one brother, William Jr. and a younger sister, Edith. William Jr. came to the Russell, Man. area as a young man and farmed. He remained in Canada only a few years before returning to Great Britain where he died shortly of sun stroke. Harriet's sister, Edith married William Comlequay and had one daughter, Olga. William C. was a ship's captain. He died at noon on March 22, 1933, on board his ship while sailing between Mexico and Philadelphia. He was

buried at sea. Edith and Olga lived with her father on the Stevenson farm "Mushoha" at Gonferth Sch. House, Voe-Shetland. Olga is the only remaining direct Scottish relative.

A couple of years after leaving school, Harriet was hired by Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Bell as a nurse for their three children. She went with the Bells from England to Glenwood Conlanchez, Guernsey, where the Bells had a greenhouse business. While working for the Bells, Harriet met Emily Lepoidvin (McDonald Martel). Emily's brother, Charles was also employed by the Bells. Both girls were about eighteen and it was the beginning of a friendship which was to unite them for the rest of their lives. Emily was later to become "Aunt" to Harriet's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was indeed "family".

Harriet met George Harvey while working for the Bells in Guernsey. They were married by his employer Lord Arthur C. Baillie Hamilton, M.A. March 2, 1905, in the local St. John's Anglican Church, parish of St. John's. The wedding ceremony was witnessed by Alexander Dirom Bell and Joseph Henry Sherriff. The Bells' wedding present to Harriet was a large family Bible inscribed "To Harriet Stevenson on her marriage from Mrs. Bell and the children, March 2, 1905, in memory of nearly ten years of faithful and devoted service."

The Harveys moved into "Eastbank", a house owned by Emily and Alfred Lepoidevin. At Eastbank, in Ramée, parish of St. Peter's Port, the Harveys' two older children were born: George William (Dec. 7, 1905), and Edith Gardner Stevenson Harvey (June 25, 1907). Mr. Harvey later left the Hamiltons' employ and opened a store. An employee was Florie Dukeman whose family was also to emigrate to Canada. A second son, Archibald James, was born to the Harveys on June 2, 1909.

Harriet's brother, William Stevenson Jr. had gone to Canada to the Russell, Man. area. After receiving beckoning work from him, the Harveys also decided to try the "new land". George came out first, in 1910 and found employment with Mr. Doig at Binscarth, Man. Harriet had Cliff Dukeman got the tickets and she and her three children sailed on the "Victorian" Friday, May 12, 1911, from Liverpool, England. They arrived at the Port of Quebec on May 19. They came to join George Harvey at Doigs in Binscarth. The family shortly moved to the Atwood farm north of Russell on highway #83. About 1913, the Harveys moved to the Calder area along the Assiniboine River, southwest of Togo. Here Mr. and Mrs. Harvey were employed as a married couple by Jay Watson. The children attended Gartmore school. The Harveys' next door neighbours were the Charles Traub family.

When Mr. Watson was married in 1916, Mr. Harvey was hired by Charles Traub to work on his farm north of Makaroff. The Harvey family moved into the newly completed house on the Traub farm in 1917. On March 11, 1918, a third son, Albert Clifford, was born. Little Albert died at home of scarlet fever, on Feb. 11, 1920. Rev. Thackeray of Togo conducted his funeral service. Pallbearers were George and Wilfred Beattie, George Pillen and Dave Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey left the Traub farm in 1922. After working for Mervin Evans for a short time (1923), the Harveys moved into what had been A. B. Johnson's hardware store (now Pete Becks) at Makaroff. They took in boarders, amongst whom were Jack Bradford, the station agent, Irene Clark, a teacher, and Wincie Thompson, a student. The Harveys then moved into the school cottage where Mrs. Harvey again took in boarders (Edith Deacon Arnott and Jean Blackburn). Mr. and Mrs. Harvey's last home was in the little house they purchased from Sloans in the east end of Makaroff. On the evening of election day November 18, 1930, after returning from driving the school van, Mr. Harvey died of a heart attack in Joe Grundy's store. Mrs. Harvey was acting as midwife for Mrs. Charles Rogers at the time of his death. George Harvey is buried in Makaroff cemetery.

After George's death, Harriet Harvey went to Deepdale to keep house for Mr. Henry Bodtcher. While here Mrs. Harvey met Mr. Alexander Taylor, a farmer and carpenter. They were married by Rev.



Alex and Harriet Taylor in 1944.

Stanley R. McLeod, on July 21, 1934. Mrs. Emily E. McDonald witnessed the marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor then lived on his farm near Deepdale. After selling the farm, the Taylors moved to the Harvey house in Makaroff (about 1944).

Mr. Taylor was a skilled carpenter. Several examples of his work in the area are: Bert Traub's home on the Payne farm, Darcy Johnson's (later Giles') house in Cromarty, the Ed. Charbonneau

home in Sunny Slope, the Fred Austin and George Holliday homes near Togo, and the aluminum machine shed of Lawrence Traub (something new to the area).

Alex Taylor was born on July 25, 1872 in Ontario, and had come to Manitoba in 1907. Mr. Taylor had three children: Dorothea (Mrs. C. McKenzie), Deepdale, Vernon and Fred (Westbank, B.C.) and also a stepdaughter, Violet (Mrs. Len Curle, Roblin) by a previous marriage. Alex died at home in Makaroff, on May 11, 1961. Honorary pallbearers were Clem Robinson, A. Laird, J. C. Arnott, Horace Ayer, Whitney McIntyre and Ernest Ward. Pallbearers were W. Boyce, George Beattie, Tom Beck, George Charman, Leon Jolliffe and Walter Dunlop. Mr. Ted Blezzard of Togo United Church officiated and interment was in Makaroff Cemetery.

Mrs. Harriet Taylor, now in failing health, went into Roblin to spend the cold months with her daughter, Edith Traub. In early January she entered Roblin Hospital for her first-ever stay in a hospital. Here on January 28th, she had her eighty-third birthday. Several friends who called her that day were the Ike Beatties, Ron Wilsons, Bill Pound and Ross McBain. "Time" and cancer rapidly taking their toll, Harriet Harvey Taylor passed away on March 22, 1962. Her funeral was conducted by Rev. Ross Williams of Roblin United Church and Mr. Norman Sheets of the Makaroff United Church, in the Makaroff Hall on March 24. Pallbearers were John Beattie, Jack Pound, Lloyd Elder, Pete Beck, J. Kerswell and Walter Ward. Honorary pallbearers were H. Ayer, W. McIntyre, T. Boyce, Charles Rogers, Fred Parmentier, and George Beattie. Harriet was interred between the graves of her two husbands, George Harvey and Alex Taylor, in Makaroff Cemetery.

The Harvey offspring had left home for the work world while their parents George and Harriet were living at the Traub farm. The eldest, George Jr. played his violin for dances in the various communities where he worked. One of his first employers was Ross McBain. George took up barbering and worked at Weyburn, Sask., and Ashern, Manitoba. While here he met and married Eileen Diamond of Winnipeg who was teaching in the community. George and Eileen moved to Winnipeg where George was employed by the Carter Motor Co. Ltd.

The George Harvey home was at 345 Kingston Cres., St. Vital, right on the banks of the Red River. The flooding of the river was often a threat to their homelife. During the flood of 1950 Eileen and children abandoned ship and went to Makaroff to stay with George's Mother, Harriet. George was an active member of the Shrine Lodge. The family

enjoyed the summer weather at their cottage at Gimli on Lake Winnipeg. George William was sales manager of Carter Motors' Truck Division at the time of his death due to lung cancer, March 29, 1957. His funeral service was conducted by Rev. G. F. Dyker in Crescent Fort Rouge United Church. Interment was in Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens, Winnipeg. Shortly after George's death Eileen underwent surgery for cancer. After recovering from her operation she was employed by the main library at the University of Manitoba. She is now retired, has sold her home and resides in an apartment in Winnipeg.

George and Eileen Harvey had two sons, Lorne George and Garth Ernest. Lorne married Annetta Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin J. Howlett in Crescent Fort Rouge United Church on September 20, 1952. They had four daughters: Shannon Ann (1953), Colleen Joy (1955), Sandra Lorene (1959), and Dana Hazel. Lorne and Ann reside in Winnipeg where Lorne is a salesman for Bathurst Consolidated Ltd. Garth and his wife, Catherine Marie have two daughters, Shawn and Heather. They also reside in Winnipeg where Garth is salesmanager for the western region for Thomas Rathwell, Ltd.

George and Harriet Harvey's only daughter, Edith, worked at the home of the Kerswell family south of Makaroff when she left home. She remembers being alone with the children when the barn burnt and having the children help carry water to fight the blaze. She also remembers staying with Mrs. Bill (Maude) Pound when their daughter, Mary was born. Edith also worked for Mr. Harry Trickett of Deepdale. On August 25, 1926, Edith Harvey married Bert Traub, a farmer from the Makaroff-Silverwood district and a close neighbour of the family since the Harveys' earliest days in Canada. (See the Bert Traub section of the Traub history). Bert and Edith had five children: Harvie Lawrence, Edith Lorene, George Edward, Alan Herbert and Eileen Lyne. Edith, Lorene, and Eileen are still living. Bert Traub was killed in August, 1948. Edith left the farm at Makaroff in August 1961 and moved into Roblin. She has been an active member of the United Church Women, the Roblin Hospital Auxiliary and the Roblin Horticultural Society.

The second son of Mr. and Mrs. George Harvey was Archie. He worked and lived in the Makaroff area for several years. He married Alice Nastrom and they had one son, Derek. Derek resides in Winnipeg and has two children, Scott and Tammy. Archie and Alice were divorced and Alice later married Albert Traub. Archie worked in the mines and at carpentry in Sudbury, Ontario, and also in Churchill, Manitoba. He married his second wife, Rae of

Winnipeg and later moved to Duncan, B.C. where they were employed at Moose Lodge for many years. They are now retired and live in Duncan, B.C.

Donald Stewart

by J. M. Stewart

Donald Stewart was born in the County of Gray, at Dornoch near Durham, Ontario. The language was Gaelic and my father did not speak English until he attended school.



Homesteader Donald Stewart (left) and Cyrus Bailey, a rancher north of Roblin in 1931.

His parents were Gaelic-speaking Scots from the Isle of Coll, Scotland. He left Ontario in the year 1898 and came west to Brandon, Man. to do harvest work. During that harvest period, the drinking water was taken from an unused well and Donald caught typhoid fever and spent some time in Brandon Hospital. Later he returned to Ontario.

He came back to Manitoba in 1899 to Dauphin and worked at various jobs for a short period of time. Then he went with a work crew to the so-called "end of steel" to cut "right of way" for the railway where the town of Swan River is now situated. His crew later included a person known as Art Williamson, who later became known as the famous Auctioneer of Roblin.

They lived and slept in tents for the entire winter and kept moving as the work progressed, ending at Hudson Bay Junction. They erected the first building at Hudson Bay, which was the log building used for supplies. Then they walked back to "end of steel".

These two men frequently reminisced that winter. In the year 1900, my father arrived in Grandview. That was a year before the railroad came and all the place consisted of then was Alex Low's blacksmith shop on the bank of the river. Alex Low moved to Togo later. Mrs. Wilfred Beattie of Roblin is his daughter.

Donald Stewart was late in arriving to obtain a good homestead, so he purchased two quarters

south-west of Grandview, where he built a house and proceeded to put the farm into production. Mountain Gap School was situated on his farm.

He spent the winters returning to Ontario and bringing carloads of horses to Grandview. Later he brought horses to Togo for sale and also freighted supplies to Hanbury's Logging Camp in the Roblin area of the Duck Mountains. The supplies usually consisted of oats to feed the horses, but one sleigh box was full of frozen potatoes for the men. The trip from Grandview and back again was a three day journey — one day to go to Burrows' Camp, the next day to Hanbury's Camp and return again to Burrows'. The third day he returned to Grandview.

Burrows' logs were put in the Valley River for the springtime river drive to the sawmill at Grandview. Hanbury's logs were put into the Shell River and floated to the Assiniboine River and then on to Brandon. I think this was done for the two years of 1901 and 1902.

The men on the river drive arrived at Brandon in time for the harvest work. After harvest, they returned to the Duck Mountain for another winter of work at Hanbury's logging camp. It was situated one mile north from the eleven mile corner of Highway 83, and then east to the Shell River.

In the spring of the year of 1903, when my father was shipping horses from Ontario to Grandview, a cousin named Duncan Livingstone came with him to file on a homestead. They secured a homestead number from the Land Titles Office and set out with a team and wagon to find it in the unsurveyed area east of Range 29. It was one of the best in the area.

Duncan Livingstone returned to Grandview with my father and obtained a yoke of oxen with other necessary items including lumber to build a house. The remarkable accomplishment of this homesteader was that in the three following years he broke and backset forty acres each year (a total of one hundred and twenty acres). This was terrific considering he used a yoke of oxen.

That same spring of the year 1903 a large number of homesteaders were at Grandview waiting for the water in the Valley River to become lower for crossing. The water at Dan Robert's crossing would then be lower as well. They came to this country in large numbers at that time.

One of the group was a young man from a Grandview family and he had a homestead entry on the N.W. ¼ of 12-28-29A, next to the cousin of my father. A short time later this young man returned because he was very sick. Without any health care at that time, there was always a dreaded fear of a contagious disease, particularly with children. So my father, a bachelor, took the young man into his house and, with the assistance of another bachelor,

they cared for this ill homesteader. The only defence they had for contagious disease was a good chew of tobacco in their mouths at all times.

This young man died a few days later. They proceeded with the making of a coffin and buried him as the fear of a contagious disease existed. His parents gave the homestead entry to my Dad. He knew the place and moved to it. He broke twenty acres on this farm in the year 1903.

Dad's younger brother, Malcolm, came from Ontario and farmed the Grandview farm until it was sold in the year 1906. The odd numbers on the survey were then available as homesteads in our area in the year 1907, so Malcolm Stewart filed on a homestead across the road from my Dad.

Without a survey east of Range 29, they had to measure from Range 29. The homesteaders were not aware of a correction strip of approximately seventy rods. The new survey allowed for four rod roads in place of six rod roads and crossroads were to occur every two miles. Many of the settlers got somewhat on the wrong quarter. Consequently Duncan Livingstone broke twelve acres and built a house on Dad's land. Bob McBride broke forty acres on Billy Law's land. The survey was done in the year of 1904 and the confusion was over. I would like to mention that the S.E. and S.W. part of this section were already occupied by homesteaders at that time.

This information was given to me by Professor Wilford Rae, a son of one of the early homesteaders, Robert Rae. "Homestead S.E. 1/4 12-28-29A. was occupied by Colonel Lyman Knapp on the 17th of May, 1902. He secured his patent on the 15th of March, 1906." (The above was stated by Wilford Rae as the earliest homestead filed.)

The two Knapps came from U.S.A. before they homesteaded and returned to U.S.A. after completing the three years it took to obtain title to the homestead.

My father moved from Grandview to the homestead via C.N.R. to Makaroff on March 29th, 1905. These same people had forty acres of wheat seeded on the S.W. 12-28-29A and this is the earliest report of seeding I can ever remember.

About this time my father obtained a gasoline threshing outfit. It had a hand-fed separator and a portable engine. Gasoline was used very little as that was even before cars came on the market. The gasoline was ordered and shipped to Togo. Before threshing Dad went to Togo with two teams of horses and wagons for the supplies to thresh. The gasoline came in wooden barrels and some of the barrels were not full because they leaked.

Many of the farmers stacked their crops (for threshing later) which made threshing operations

continue well on into the winter. Some years they didn't finish until February. It was very difficult starting the engines in cold weather. Two men worked on the fly wheels, and on the igniter with many torches.

The homesteaders were busy during those years with breaking the virgin soil, building homes and shelter for livestock, producing a living, also fencing their farms. Most of the tamarack fence posts came from the bluff known as "Keay's Bluff" and also the lumber and rails for building. I was informed the name came from Wm. Keay's father, Dick Keay, who lived a considerable distance south of Roblin. He moved his steam engine to the bluff for several winters of lumber sawing. The bluff is a short distance along the west side of Highway 83, towards San Clara.

In 1906, my father built a house and barn. In 1907 and 1908, frost came in August, depleting the area of seed grain. Seed grain was shipped into the area with black oats in it. The farmers knew that, from where they came in Ontario, a variety of black oats was grown. They were unaware that they were seeding and establishing our wild oat plague.

Donald Stewart married Isobel McKinnon from Paisley, Port Elgin, Ontario in 1911. They had two sons, Hector and James, who attended public school at Sunny Slope and high school at Makaroff. They both spent a few years on the farm. Then Hector attended United College, obtaining his B.A. degree. At the University of Manitoba he obtained his B.Ed degree and later his Master's degree in Education. He was in the teaching profession for a few years, ending that up in Virden, Man.

He spent most of his career as a school inspector at Killarney and Winnipeg. He married Mary Lea of Wawanesa and they have one son, James, who married Maryanne. They have two daughters, Keely and Maryanne.



The Jim Stewart family: Jim, Norman, Neil and Isobel, 1956.

I, James, stayed on the farm for all my working years. In 1942, I married Isobel Reid from Durban, Man. (a former school teacher at Sunny Slope). Prior to our marriage she was employed at the Department of Finance in Ottawa.

We have two sons, Norman and Neil, who attended Sunny Slope School. Norman worked with us on the farm. He has an adjacent farm but lives with us in Roblin, where we have lived since 1977.

Neil completed high school at Roblin, attended University in Winnipeg, and also worked in Northern mines. He returned later, and assisted by Norman, operates the farm that his grandfather, Donald Stewart, homesteaded in 1903.

Neil married Anna Kruse of Winnipeg in June, 1984. She was active in Public Relations with Wordsnorth Communications.

During his life, Donald Stewart served in several public positions such as trustee for Sunny Slope School District, councillor for Shell River Municipality, in Silverwood United Church as elder and board member, and was also active with the Liberal Party. The Manitoba Farm Loans and Rural Credit had a northern subdivision board with central board and office in Roblin. Donald Stewart served on this board and was representative from it to the central board.

The place of office and residence of the manager was the present residence of the Jack Ashby family. The manager was Mr. Sirrett. When he moved, the position was taken by Johnny Sinclair of Grand Narrows and Togo. After a period of time, the office in Roblin was discontinued and Johnny Sinclair moved to head office in Winnipeg. Fred W. Allen, a farmer from the northern area, became division-supervisor and W. R. Scott assumed the work in the Roblin area.

Donald Stewart and Henry Thompson were mainly responsible for establishing the Silverwood (Mountview) Cemetery in the year 1923 (where they are both buried). Mr. Robert Cox was the first to be buried in this cemetery.

Anton and Ingelborg Stokke by Margaret Schaefer

My Dad, Anton Stokke, was born in Stavanger, Norway. He was an only child.

In his twenties he immigrated to North Dakota, U.S.A in the early 1900's. He worked in logging camps where he learned the blacksmith trade. Dad was very adept at this and there was a great call for the trade as horses had to be shod continually.

Mother, Ingelborg Hawkiness, was born in Hardanger, Norway, one of a family of eight children. She immigrated to North Dakota at the age of seventeen where she had a married sister living.

Mother worked at different places doing housework and helping her sister who was on the farm with a small family. During this time Dad and Mother met and were married at her sister's home. They lived in North Dakota, and Dad worked at different jobs. Tom and Albert were born in North Dakota.

Stories of Canada and its opportunities prompted them to try the new land. Dad came first and I believe he got a job working for a cattle rancher. There was a house of sorts available so he sent for Mother. She and the two little boys arrived, bringing along whatever possessions she could. I can imagine it must have been very frightening to arrive in a new country knowing that only your husband and you had to take care of your little family. Anyway they stayed in Shevlin for a time. Selmer was born in Shevlin. He was on the board of directors for the Bield Co-operative Association from 1948 to 1953 inclusive.

Dad decided he had enough of working out and wanted to go farming so they moved to the Roblin area, where they first farmed. Tom and Albert started to go to school in Roblin.

Dad's feet got itchy again. This farm was sold and the family moved to a farm north of Bield. They resided on this farm for some time. It was very hilly. In those times most farmers did mixed farming — growing grain and raising cattle, hogs and chickens. Margaret, the youngest daughter, was born in this farm.

Finally the last move was into the town of Bield, where again Dad took up his old trade of blacksmithing. This took them into the depression years. Finally, after some good years Dad had to fold up his business, as people were nearly all in the same situation: repairs were needed but money was very scarce, and he just couldn't carry on. I believe Dad built the last school van which is still in use for reunions and parades in the Hillsburg area.

After giving up blacksmithing, Dad was a mail carrier for several years. He would pick up the mail bags from the midnight train and the early morning train and would deliver them to the Post Office.

In order to help out, Mother took in boarders. That was very hard work. Now, as I recall those days, I don't know how she managed to do all the work, especially with no conveniences. We each had our jobs to do. Mother was a very good cook.

In the winter months Mother boarded the farmers from Merridale; they would haul their grain to Bield elevator and would always have dinner at our place. I can remember the big pot of homemade soup she would have ready for them.

Dad and the boys took care of the horses.

As I remember back, there were also the good times. People didn't have much money but they still

had great get-togethers. Ladies supplied lunch. Music at parties and dances was all voluntary and I can say we had lots of good times dancing to the music of a violin and piano or organ, with such dances as waltzes, two-steps, four steps, French minuets and quadrilles. Through those years we made lasting friendships.

Church played a big part in our lives. Sunday School was a very important time for the younger people. This teaching helped shape our lives in the growing-up years, reminding us that God is ever near with his love for us all. We attended United Church and Free Methodist in Bield.

Mother passed away at the age of 83 in Gilbert Plains Hospitals on April 3rd, 1967. Dad died at the age of 96 in Roblin Hospital on July 22nd, 1970. Thomas (oldest son) passed away at age 69 in Brandon Hospital on July 10, 1975. Selmer passed away in Dauphin Hospital at the age of 72 on August 22nd, 1982.

Selmer, during his lifetime in Bield, fixed numerous threshing machines, tractors and cars for his neighbours and often gave them advice concerning mechanical problems.

Albert was also a good mechanic and spent most of his life working at this profession in numerous places in Manitoba, one being Neepawa. He later retired and is living in New Westminster, B.C.

Tom went to school in Bield and worked for many years on their farm north of Bield and on their last farm, the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1-26-27 and the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1-26-27.

Both Albert and Selmer played the violin. Mr. Anton Stokke carried on his blacksmithing business, providing a good service to the surrounding district. He retired from this business in the early 1940's and sold it to Ignace Lichkowski.

Anton Stokke filed for a homestead on N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 18-25-26 but he never lived on this land.

Margaret Stokke married Allan Carnegie and they had two children. Allan passed away and Margaret then married Eldon Schaefer and they live at Gilbert Plains, Manitoba.

The Steve (Stefan) Storozynsky Family by Rose and Bohdon Storozynsky

Steve (Stefan) Storozynsky was born in 1889 at Kiev, western Ukraine. In 1909 he married Maria Shak (born 1889), also of Kiev.

Steve was a harness-maker by trade. Some of the tools brought from the old country can now be seen at the Winnipeg Museum. Steve immigrated to Canada in 1912, to find a place to live. Then, later in 1912, his wife Maria and 2 daughters, Anne (2 years old) and Olga (6 months), Steve's parents, (Thomas and Alexandria), Steve's sister Fiona (now Mrs. Harry Bugera), and a nephew (John Storozynsky),



Four generations of the Steve Storozynsky Family, 1972: Back row: Anne Pashnik, Steve and Maria Storozynsky, Victor Pashnik. Front row: Nadine and Stephanie Pashnik.

all immigrated to Brandon, Manitoba. Another girl, Alexandria, was later born to Maria and Steve in Brandon.

In 1917, the family moved to Timber (Merridale) district and settled on the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 16-27-27, which was the same $\frac{1}{4}$ section as Philip Storozynsky then occupied. Daughters Sophie and Martha were both born there. In 1926, they applied for a homestead on the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 17-25-26. Three children were born here: Taras, Nestor, and Nadia.



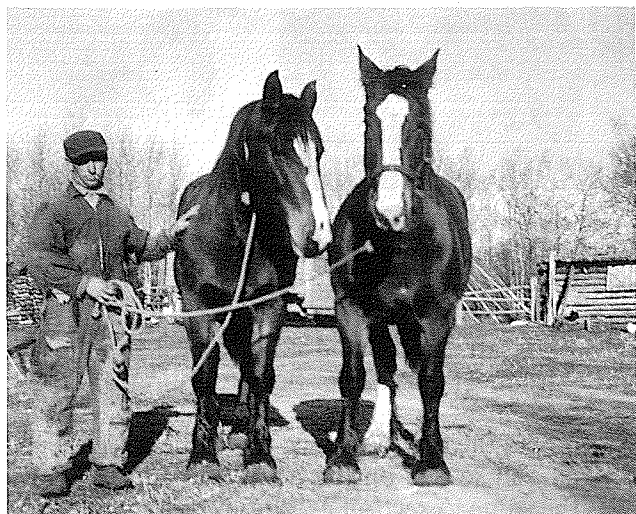
Steve Storozynsky stooking.

Anne, Olga and Alexandria attended the Timber and Shortdale Schools. Bohdon attended Shortdale and Winona Schools, and Taras, Nestor and Nadia attended Winona School. Bohdon served for 18 months in the army during W.W. II. After his discharge, he married and turned to farming.

Anne Storozynsky married Kornel Pasnik and they live in B.C. They have a son, Victor, who is now married. They also have two daughters, Stephanie and Nadine.

Olga Storozynsky married Nick Wiwcharuk and they live in Windsor, Ontario where they operate a grocery store. They have two daughters, Helen and Lydia, who are both married. Helen has one son, and Lydia had a daughter and two sons.

Alexandria Storozynsky married Maurice LaLiberte and they had a daughter, Mary Anne, who is married to Russell Myslichuk. Mary Anne and Russell have five children: Russell Jr.; Lovey; Laverne; Troy and Penny. Lovey is married to Earl Marshall and they have son, Jordan.



1957: Last team of horses owned by Bohdon Storozynsky.

Bohdon Storozynsky married Rose Bialkoski of The Pas. They live at Shortdale, on the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 4-25-26 where they still farm. They have nine children as follows: Linda, Gloria, Roy, Mary Anne, Christine, Gaylene, Esther, Helen and Mervin. Linda married Nick Lushney and they have one daughter, Susan, and one son, Kevin. Gloria married David Furkalo and they have one son, Daryle, and two daughters, Delores and Rhonda. They are farming at Grandview. Roy is single and farms with his dad. Mary Anne married Merle Habershtock and they have one daughter, Brandi. They reside in Fort MacMurray, Alberta. Christine married Jerry Pitrie. They live in Thompson, Manitoba. Gaylene married Mervin Cherowka and they have two sons, Jason and Jerry, and one daughter, Jennifer. This family is farming at Inglis. Esther married Rick Kichuk and they have three daughters: Rosemary, Stephanie and Tracy. They farm in the Pleasant Valley District. Helen is single and works in Roblin. Mervin is still at home, and attending school in Dauphin.

Sophie Storozynsky married Mike Lesack and they live at Atikokan, Ontario. They have three sons: Nelson, Alexander and Justin, and two daughters, Donna and Sylvia. All, except Justin, are married.

Taras (Terrace) Storozynsky married Tessie Gara and they live in Roblin. They have nine children: Terry, Debbie, Brian, Douglas, Roxanne, Jackie, Randy, Connie and Rocky.

Nestor Storozynsky married Eleanor Ewanyshen and they had one daughter, Brenda. Nestor and Brenda are both deceased.

Nadia Storozynsky married Richard Giesbrecht and they live in Winnipeg. They had two daughters, Judy and Sheila, and two sons, Richard and David.

Steve and Maria Storozynsky retired to Roblin in 1963. In December, 1975 they moved to the Grandview Personal Care Home, until Steve's death in January, 1976. Maria then moved to the Roblin Personal Care Home, where she still resides at the age of 95. She has 30 grandchildren (2 deceased), 28 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson.

John Storozynsky

by John Storozynsky

I, John Storozynsky, came to Brandon, Manitoba with my grandparents, Thomas and Alexandra Storozynsky and their daughter, Fiona, from the Western Ukraine in 1913, when I was 3 years of age. We lived at Brandon for 2 years.

In 1915 we moved to Merridale to the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 16-27-27 where we lived for 11 years. I attended the Merridale School.

In 1926 the family moved to Shortdale (S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 17-26-26.)

Also in 1926, I filed for, and purchased a homestead (the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 7-25-26) which was south of Shortdale. I walked 8 miles from home to the homestead to clear the bush and scrub, to be able to build a house.

I helped Wm. Maluta build his general store in Shortdale in 1927.

In 1928 I married Alice Grozick at her parents', Mike and Mary's home. There was no Greek Orthodox Church at that time.

Later, when the church was built, the family either walked or drove the team of horses and wagon 8 miles, to be able to attend church services.

I remember carrying a 3-gallon can of cream to the main road (Highway 5 E.) There it was picked up by the cream truck, driven by Mr. George Prier, and taken to Dauphin Creamery. For this can of cream, we received ninety cents.

I cut birch cordwood which I sold for \$2.50 a cord and dry poplar sold for \$1.00 a cord.

I worked on the threshing gang, hauling and pitching sheaves for \$1.00 a day. If you had a team of horses and wagon, the pay was \$1.50.

I hauled lumber from Matthew Parrot's (N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 24-25-26) and John Prokopetz's (S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 4-25-26) saw mills to build granaries.

R. G. Machan had a shingle mill on N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 3-25-26, from which I hauled shingles to put on my roofs when I could afford it.

I remember when the price of wheat was 19¢ a

bushel, barley 15¢ a bushel and oats 10¢ a bushel. Eggs were 3¢ a dozen.

I, John, and Alice have 1 son, Ernest, and 2 daughters, Mildred and Mabel.

The 3 children walked to Winona School to get their education.

Ernest married Elsie Slobozian and they farm at Shortdale on the S.E. ¼ 8-25-26. They had 6 daughters and 1 son: Diana, Anne, Jayne (deceased), Sharon, Lori, Wanda and David.

Mildred married Ed Babiuk and resides in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They have 4 daughters and 1 son: Darlene, Terry, Jackie, Darcie and Jim.

Mable married Frank Paczkowski and resides in Roblin. They have 3 daughters and 4 sons: Iris, Marg, Delores, Lyle, Tom, Philip and Peter. There are also 7 great grandchildren.

John and Alice still live on and farm the homestead.

Strike Family History

by Doris Andrews

Ernest and Elizabeth Strike came to Canada from England in 1909, and settled in the Lenore-Virden district. After remaining there for a short



Ernest and Elizabeth Strike.

time, they then moved to the Shortdale area and took up a homestead. They brought with them, five of their six children, leaving their oldest son, Jack, who was serving in the Imperial Army in England. After Jack had finished his stint in the army, he then served in the Second World War. By this time he had married Bertha Craw and they had one daughter, Irene, born in 1918.

Jack and Bertha Strike came to Canada in 1920.



Jack and Bertha Strike.

They arrived in Shortdale and lived with Jack's parents on the homestead for a while. Doris was then born in 1921 and as there were no doctors close by, one had to go to Dauphin to a hospital. Jack and Bertha remained in Dauphin for three years, with Jack working in the round-house of the C.N.R. and later caretaking at the Smith-Jackson school. Jack Jr. was born in 1924 in Dauphin and, in 1925, they moved to a homestead of their own, between Bield and Shortdale. The homestead was nothing but bush when Jack and his family moved there. After clearing enough space for a house, they started out with a few chickens and a couple of cows. Bertha, being a city girl from England, was scared stiff of a chicken. Every time she went out to feed them, and they came towards her, she thought they were chasing her.

Joan was born on the homestead in 1927 and as there was not time to go for the doctor, Jack had to deliver his own child. While waiting for her to arrive he made seven pots of tea while he read "How to go about it" in the medical book. Needless to say, there were no more children in the Jack Strike family!

As the homestead was still in the Shortdale township, we the children were not allowed to go to Bield school, which was closer. Our dad fought for, and finally won the right to have the van come one quarter of a mile into the farm to pick us up.

Life on the farm during the depression was very simple, but we always had a warm home, plenty to

eat and we always made our own fun. Mom made all our clothes and bedding, and every fall there was a large order from the Eaton's Catalogue, consisting of warm underclothing and footwear.

Threshing time was always very memorable and it was not unusual for us kids to wake up to find Mom had 20 to 25 pies already made to feed the threshing crew for the day.

Irene (deceased in 1984) had gone to Wpg. and married Raymond Anderson of Elfros, Sask. in 1939. They raised two daughters.

Doris married Carl Eide of Kenora, Ont. in 1940, and raised seven children. Now living in Roblin, Doris is married to Don Andrews.

Jack Strike Jr. (deceased in 1977) married Helen Patkaw of Winnipeg and they raised six children, all of whom are living in Winnipeg.

Joan married Ray Poolie of Wpg. and raised five children, who are all also living in Winnipeg.

Edwin Strunk Family

by Edith Yellowaga

Edwin Strunk was born in Russia on September 7, 1896, where he lived for a few years. On October 30, 1921, Edwin married Mina Machmiiller in Germany. Mina was born on September 28, 1904 in Germany.

In 1925 Mom and Dad immigrated to Canada with their two small children, Kurt and Hildegard. They landed in Quebec on November 7, 1925. From here they worked their way across Canada to the Boulton Municipality where Dad and Mom started farming. They later moved to the Rural Municipality of Hillsburg. As the years went by Dad gave up his own farm and worked as a labourer until ill health forced him to retire.

Three daughters were born in Canada: Ruth, Edith and Hanna.

Kurt was born in 1922, is single and lives in Langenburg, Saskatchewan.

Hildegard was born in 1924 and married Alton Schultz (now deceased). They had 3 children: Wilfred, Caroline, and Darlene. Hilda lives at Langenburg, Saskatchewan.

Ruth was born in 1930 (now deceased) and married Emil Liske. They had 5 children: Wilbert, Janet, Edwin, Gustave and Brenda.

Edith was born in 1934 and married Steve Yellowaga (now deceased). They had 2 children: Reginald and Darcie. Edith lives at Shortdale, Manitoba.

Hanna, who was born in 1937, married Edward Liske. They have 2 children: Darlene and Richard. Hanna lives at Roblin, Manitoba.

Edwin passed away on August 9th, 1950, Mina on October 27, 1957, and their daughter, Ruth on

April 15, 1980. They are all buried in the Lutheran Shevlin cemetery.

Andrew and Anna Styba Family

by Ethel Styba

On July 15, 1896, Andrew Styba was born in Sokol, Ukraine. He was the son of Harry Styba and Julianna Mumchur. In 1901 they immigrated to Canada and settled at Ethelbert, Manitoba for three years following which they moved to a homestead north of Roblin (5-28-28).

Pioneer life proved to be very hard, indeed. Harry became father of John, Annie, Steve, Mary, Sonia, Walter and Pauline. After Harry's death, Andrew, being the oldest in the family, took over the "reins" of farming.

In 1917 Andrew married Anna Ewusiak, daughter of Simen and Mary of Ethelbert. They made their home on the family homestead. Together they had twelve children: Betty, Eva, Peter, Emily, Michael, Dmetro, Love, Mervin, Mary, Larry, and Shirley. Theresa died at 5 days of age.

Betty married Mervin Yakimishyn, (deceased) of Roblin, Manitoba. They had 5 children Marie, Myron, Ron, Angela and Greg. Marie married Reginald Edwards of Roblin who is now deceased. They had 4 children: Debbie; Shelley, who has a son Jeremia; Theresa who married Rick Fortier and they have a son Shaun; and Elizabeth. They all live in Calgary, Alberta. Myron lives on the farm with his mother, Betty. Ron is married to Rosemary Cockerill and they have a daughter, Rhea and a son, Brant. They also live on the farm. Angela is Betty's second daughter. She works with computers in Calgary. Greg is the youngest in the family. He works with computers in Calgary as well.

Eva married Dan Bissonette of New Westminster, B.C. They have two sons, Danny and Ricky. Danny and his wife, Helen, who have a daughter Michele, live in Surrey, B.C.

Peter married Annie Slusar of Roblin. They farm north of Roblin. Peter was a councillor for Ward 3 in the R.M. of Shell River for a number of years. They have a son, Gordon and he and his wife, Lorraine, along with his step-sons, Jerry and Brian, reside on his Grandpa Andrew's farm near Roblin. Audrey married Dan Weir and they have a baby daughter, Stephanie. They reside at Lucky Lake, Sask. where they both teach school.

Emily married Peter Mysko (deceased) of Roblin. She lives north-west of Roblin on the same farm as her son, Dennis and his wife, Paulette (Worbeck) Mysko. Her daughter, Karen works in Winnipeg and Peter, her youngest son, is attending the U. of M. and is enrolled in Agriculture.

Michael married Ethel Matechuk of Roblin. Michael teaches at the Goose Lake High school and Ethel is Librarian at St. Vladimirs College. They have three children. Loretta (married to Dr. Daniel Martin) is studying Speech Therapy in Minnesota, U.S.A.; Anita is a 4-H Specialist in Thompson, Manitoba; Terrence is presently studying medicine at the Health Science Centre in Winnipeg.

Dmetro Styba married Elizabeth Flynn of Toronto. Dmetro served 25 years with the Armed Forces and since retiring works at Sears. Liz is a secretary. Their sons, Gary and Garth, are both university graduates.

Love married William Bugera of Shortdale, Man. They are semi-retired and live in Roblin. Their three children are: Danny, Wesley and Barry. Danny, his wife, Doris and their son, Todd live in Chatham, Ontario. Wesley and his wife, Iris live in Winnipeg. Barry lives in Saskatoon, Sask.

Mervin married Wilna Nykolaishyn of Roblin. Mervin teaches at the G.G.H. School while Wilna is a Nurses' Aide at the Roblin Health Centre. Their children are Lyndon, Shanna and Brian. Lyndon and his wife, Kerri live in Brandon where he has a Triangle Music business. Shanna and her husband, Mel Nemetchuk live in Edmonton where he is employed with the oil industry. Brian is a grade 12 student at the G.L.H.

Mary married Ross Hurley of Red Deer, Alberta. Ross is in the Armed Forces there. They have two daughters, Beverley and Cheryl.

Larry married Marilyn Pitt of Meadows, B.C. Larry is a janitor in a nearby school while Marilyn is and aide in a Mental Hospital. Their son, Jamie, is in grade ten.

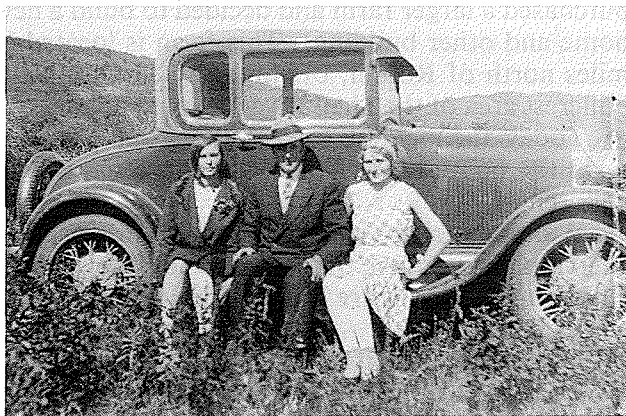
Shirley married Stanley Radwanski of Roblin. Stanley teaches at the Roblin Elementary school. Shirley is a housewife. Their daughter, Sharon is a Graphic Artist in Toronto. Timothy is studying at Assiniboine College in Brandon.

Anna Styba passed away in 1965 and Andrew Styba passed away in 1984.

Steve S. Styba Family by Olga Cybuchowski

Steve (Tall) S. Styba as he was often called, was born on August 11, 1898 in the Western Ukraine. His parents, Sam and Annie Styba, immigrated to Canada in 1903 and settled in Garland, Manitoba. In 1920, Steve ventured to the Roblin district looking for work and a place to call "home". While in Roblin, he met Annie Tkatchuk, who was a young lady working at the Roblin Hotel.

Annie Tkatchuk is the daughter of Anthony and Mary Tkatchuk who were farming in the Merridale district.

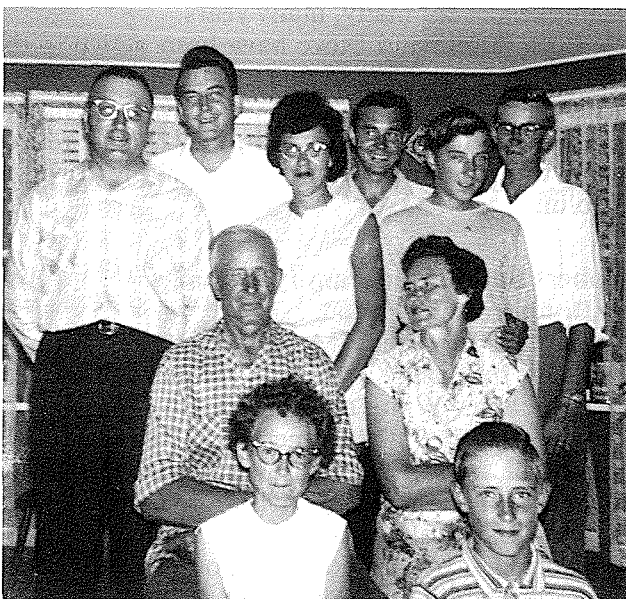


Courting days, Annie Tkatchuk, Steve S. Styba, Emily (Ruby) Styba.



Steve S. Styba, Linda, Annie, Mary Tkatchuk, Dave Styba, and Tillie Fedeniuk.

After Steve and Annie were married they purchased a small farm north of Roblin on highway 83, approximately 12 miles north of Roblin. Later, they



Steve S. Styba Family: Walter, Tony, Olga, Dave, Al, Russell, Steve, Annie, Linda and Frank.

purchased a larger farm and decided to build a new home and other buildings. This farm is located 14 miles north of Roblin, off highway 83 and in the Hillcrest area of the Shell River Municipality.

Today their eldest son, Walter, and his sons farm the home land. Annie and Steve have eight children.

Walter married Victoria Rozenuk. They farm in Merridale and have five sons and five grandchildren. Their sons are Tom, Terry, Ernie, Eugene and John.

Tony married Anne Peterson and they live in Vancouver, B.C. They have four children: Norris, Catherine, Steven (deceased) and Michelle.

Olga married Alec Cybuchowski and they live in Toronto, Ontario. They have three children: Barry, Larry and Juanita.

David was married to Ruth Bonazew and later divorced and they have two children, Angel and Robin. David later married Mary Green who has one daughter, Tracy.

Russell married Marie and lives in Vancouver. They have two children, Michael and Shelly.

Adelard married Anne McFayden and lives in Snow Lake, Manitoba. They have three children: Tracey, Larry and Sherri.

Frank was married to Joan Prokopetz and later divorced. They have one son Steven. Frank resides in Calgary, Alberta.

Linda is single and lives in Vancouver.

Steve was often called "Tall" Steve as there was a cousin in Roblin called "Short" Steve.

Steve served on the Shell River Council as a councillor, he was a school trustee of Hillcrest, worked on the construction of highway 83 when there were slow days on the farm, and was also the poundkeeper for many, many years.

Both Annie and Steve have been active in the church and local community activities for many years.

Steve died on January 16th, 1972. Annie retired from the farm and now resides in the town of Roblin.

Robert Sutherland Family by Bruce Larsen

My mother Stella Marie White was born on October 2nd, 1895, at Souris, Manitoba and her father, James White died in Brandon on May 10, 1897. Her Mother, the former Sarah Reddick, (born Kemptville, Ont., on February 15, 1873) married Robert Sutherland (born Arnprior, Ont., in 1872) on June 8, 1904 at Grandview, Manitoba.

Notes left by my mother's mother read: "They went to Roblin (Goose Lake) to homestead at Deepdale (MacLean Siding)". And the farm I visited at Deepdale was the farm they started in 1904. I

always suspected Grandpa Sutherland didn't really enjoy farming but he put the long hours into it that all farmers had to. He had left Arnprior in 1881 with his parents and they lived at Charleswood for a short while and his father homesteaded at Souris in 1882. Grandpa Sutherland worked for the CNR before starting his homestead at Deepdale in 1904. He retired from farming in 1942, lived in Roblin for some time and later moved to Winnipeg. He died in Winnipeg on July 3, 1960.

My mother had one brother Edgar J. White who was born in Brandon on March 11, 1897. By coincidence he moved to Sycamore, Illinois, after army service in the First World War. He died in Sycamore a few years ago. And Grandma Sutherland had one other child, Bella Merle Sutherland was born at Deepdale on March 12, 1905. She is now widowed (Mrs. George McRae) and lives in Vancouver, B.C.

Grandma Sutherland had come to Manitoba in the early 1890's with her widowed mother and an older sister, Elizabeth (Born March 14, 1868, at Kemptville, Ont.) This sister later married Alex Donaldson and they farmed north of Deepdale at Silverwood. She died on June 3, 1932.

My parents' marriage certificate was dated July 6, 1921, and the wedding was at 12-27-29, Deepdale, Man., (the family farm).

And, for a young boy, this also was an exciting summer visit. Grandpa Sutherland let me tag along on all his field work. Usually he worked with four-horse hitches and his horses were always well schooled and strong. Horses, he liked more than regular farming. I can remember being shooed away when men would come from such places as Roblin, Russell and Dauphin to ask Grandpa to show his horses at their fairs. He seldom did because it was a long break from farm work that he could not afford.

Weekend shopping was an adventure here. At first it was with Grandma Sutherland by horse and buggy to Deepdale. Later it was by car to Roblin.

There were always new foals and calves at the Sutherland farm and a vivid memory is the birth of a huge litter of piglets in the main barn. Grandpa was there and answered every question as the births progressed. I didn't see the last few as my mother stormed in, led me away by the ear, while Grandma spoke the only harsh words I ever heard her say to Grandpa. He snorted, hitched up a team, and went to field work without me.

My best memories of the homes and farms of the Larsens of Dropmore and the Sutherlands of Deepdale were in the period 1928-1936. I saw them a few times in the next 14 years before moving to the west coast in 1950.

We went back for a look in 1978. Of course the grandparents are gone (the Larsens buried at Drop-

more: the Sutherlands at Roblin) but the buildings are still there. The Larsen home in Dropmore had decayed and was sad, it obviously had been used years after my grandparents' time for a granary and later as a chicken house. The Sutherland home has been tended with loving care. Its present owners have it well painted and the whole farmyard is trim and impressive. If we ever pass again this way I hope I make myself knock on the door, introduce myself, and ask if I can look inside. It'll blow my mind if there's bread in the oven, a copy of the Free Press Prairie Farmer on the couch, and a plug of tobacco on the window sill above the couch. If they are there I'll expect to hear a voice from the back quarter beller, "Now June!" because June was the best wheelhorse Grandpa ever had in his hitches.

(For more information on the Larsen family (Grandparents) see Lars C. Larsen history).

F. W. Sutton and Family by Velma Sutton

It all began Jan 3, 1968, when Wil got a notification of a transfer to Roblin. He had to report for work at the Royal Bank in the town of Roblin on Jan 29th.

We sold our house in Winnipeg in the month of Feb. and Marc, our son (who was then 10 years old), Michelle, our daughter (who was 8 years old) and I (Velma) moved to Roblin at Easter, Apr. 14, 1968. We made our residence in the old house (next to the R.C.M.P. quarters) belonging to the bank.

After having had the children attend the city schools, we found these schools quite shocking, but found the teachers very helpful. Marc had to attend school in 'huts' because of shortage of space, but he found the wood stove in the centre of the hut very intriguing. Michelle didn't think much of the smelly oil floors of the old school, and soon discovered you didn't wear dresses in this school, if you wanted to be one of the gang. Soon after, they moved into a beautiful school building. Both continued with their piano lessons, with Mrs. Burland as their teacher.

Marc became very active in sports (mainly hockey), plus Cubs and was altar boy at the church. His dad, in turn, became president of minor hockey for 2 years, and also became 'Akela' in Cubs from 1968-71, and was very active in church work. At this time, I became active in golfing, curling and in church work. I did some volunteer work in the library of the old school, then started working at the medical clinic on Aug 10, 1971. I worked there for 8 years and later worked as sec. to the Chamber of Commerce for 1 year.

In April of 1974, both children started taking organ lessons, which meant a trip to Dauphin every Sat. A.M. for the next 3 years.

Marc finished with his grade 8 piano and 4 theory, and level 7 in organ. Michelle finished her grade 7 piano and some theory. She was the organist at the church until she graduated from grade 12 and moved to Winnipeg. She joined the Royal Bank and was transferred to Russell and later to Brandon and married Allan Lusegnan on Sept 8, 1979. They made their home at Okotoks, Alta., where they are now living and have 2 beautiful daughters, Louise, 3½ years old and Alana 1½ years old.

Marc graduated from grade 12 in 1975 and spent the next 4 years at the U. of Manitoba in Winnipeg, getting a degree in education. He taught school in Brochet, Man. for 1 year and was 2 years at Norway House. He is now teaching at The Pas.

Wil served as mayor from Oct. 1976 to Jan 24, 1979. He is now on the church council, on the executive for Roblin Residences Inc. and is now past president of the Lions Club. He is chairman of the Interpark West Development Committee, but also finds time to go golfing whenever possible.

We built and moved into our new home in Dec., 1979 and our plans at the present time are to retire and continue to make our home in Roblin. It is now home to us.

Robert Newton Switzer Family by Raymond and Ola Switzer

According to a family tree dating back to the mid 1300's, my father was of Swiss descent. His ancestors migrated from Switzerland to Ireland in the 1700's, and in 1820 they migrated to Ontario.

Robert Newton, "Bob" as he was known, was born in Fergus, Ontario in 1880 to Henry and Eliza (nee Cotton) Switzer. They had 5 children: Robert, John, William, Lottie and Sarah. Due to the death of his Mother, Bob was obliged to shift for himself at an early age. He worked with a carpenter constructing houses and barns in Guelph, Ontario. From there he worked in the ship yards in Collingwood, Ontario, where he learned pipefitting.

Around the age of 23, he and his brother, William came west to Grandview. They worked for some time putting in the railroad. Then Bob worked for T. A. Burrows' Lumber Co. in Grandview. The first winter he filed saws and spent many hours into the night studying correspondence courses on millwright engineering. After completing his course he was employed by T. A. Burrows' sawmill.

Later Bob, along with his brother, William, filed for a homestead at Goose Lake (Roblin). They walked from Grandview to Goose Lake as the railway ended at Grandview. They each took a ¼ section approximately 7 miles south and 1 mile east of Goose Lake or Roblin.

In 1908 Bob was united in marriage to Helen

Mickelson, daughter of Michael and Mary Mickelson (nee Tolefson) who were both of Norwegian descent. Helen came to Canada with her parents in 1906, along with 4 sisters and 3 brothers.



Robert Switzer Family: L to R. Ethel, Helen, Raymond, Matthew, Alta, Margaret, Robert and Helen (the parents).

Bob and Helen had a double ring ceremony on March 4, 1908, along with Albert Staple and Helen's sister, Isabelle Mickelson.

Bob often told of their experience when he and Albert Staple drove to Russell, a distance of 30 miles, by team and sleigh to get their wedding suits, rings, etc. They arrived late and booked into a hotel, each in separate rooms. Things seemed great until the lights were blown out and they got into bed. Then the bedbugs started falling like hail from the ceiling and crawling on the walls. (That's what bedbugs do when the lights are turned out). Bob got up and lit the coal oil lamp and started killing them with his boot. Staple, hearing the thumps, came over, rapped on the door and said "Hey! What's going on in there?" Bob said, "I'm murdering bedbugs, the rotten stinking things." They then went back to Staple's room and found the same situation. By the time they finished, Staple's room had polka dot blood spots on the walls too. Staple said "We're liable to get into trouble in the morning and have to pay for a new paint job." Bob said, "No doubt, but I'll ask for wages for managing a slaughter house."

Bob sold the homestead and moved to Roblin and built houses. Some are still standing today. He also sold Massey Harris Machinery with Pete Mickelson as a partner.

In 1912 Bob bought some land 4 miles south of Roblin, the N.E. ¼ of 16-25-28 from Lou Fox. He built a house in 1913, constructed from B.C. fir and cedar siding bought from T. Eaton Co. He built a barn in 1914. Both buildings are standing today in good shape. He also built a number of homes and barns in the rural area.

Bob filed his first income tax in 1919. His gross income was \$2,180.00. (Raymond still has the records). He worked hard, breaking the land with a



Switzers' home on the farm.

small breaking plow. Trees and stumps had to be cleared by hand. Early frost was a hazard, so the first number of years, oats were the main crop. If they froze they still made good cattle feed. Bob and Helen also raised cattle and poultry. Helen sold butter and eggs to her many customers in Roblin.

Helen Mickelson (1887-1971) and Robert Switzer (1880-1969) were married in 1908 and had 6 children. Alta Evelyn May Switzer (1908-1969) was a talented seamstress.

Ethel (1910) married Cyril Nash (1905). They farmed north of Roblin until Cyril joined the army. They lived in Roblin with Mary Mickelson until about 1947 when they moved to Kelowna. They have five children: Eunice (1941) married George Mitchell, son of Lawrence Mitchell and Edith Bingham, formerly of Roblin. They have three children; Daniel, Gregory, and Melanie. Victor (1942) married Evelyn Sommerville (father Del Sommerville formerly of Roblin) and they have two girls, Rhea and Teena. Robert (1947) married Cathy Charlton and they have two children, Jilian and Jeffrey. Ruth (1948) married Gary Reiger and they have two children, Michael and Heather. Esther (1949) married Michael Clausen, and they have three children; Kimberly, Shane and Aaron.

Raymond (1911) married Ola De La Mare and



Ola, Raymond, Harvey and Iona Switzer.

they have two children, Iona who married Denis Johnston and Harvey who married Lillian Pogue.

Matthew (1914) married Georgena De La Mare in 1939. They have two children, Joyce and Dale and three grandchildren, Christopher, Stephen and Sherri.

Margaret (1920) moved to Kelowna with her parents in 1946. She married James Nicholas. They have one son, David, a teacher and two girls, Claudia and Sharon and six grandchildren: Justin, (twins) Sheralyn and Rhonda, Nathan, Natasha and Jason. They are now living in Abbotsford, B.C. and have a hardware store.

Helen (1931) married Wallace Spies in 1956. Wallace builds houses. They have two children, Colleen (a nurse married with a son, Ryan Matthew Isaac) and Dwayne.

Matthew and Georgena, Ola and Raymond also had a double wedding ring ceremony. They were married at the George De La Mare residence on the farm on June 21, 1939. Rev. McKillop officiated.

Bob and Helen moved to Roblin in 1939 where Bob operated a garage and sold bulk gas and oil. They retired and moved to Kelowna in 1946. Bob passed away in 1969 and Helen in 1971. Raymond and Ola operated the family farm and Matthew and Georgena farmed 6 miles south of Roblin. In 1956 Matthew sold the farm and moved to Kelowna, where he took a position with the city in the engineering and water department until his retirement in 1982.



Harvey Switzer Family: Cori, Lillian, Harvey, Lori, Connie, Lorne, Cheryl, Camilla.

Raymond and Ola have two children: Harvey, the eldest, is married to Lillian Pogue, and they have 6 children: Lori, Cori, Camilla, Connie, Cheryl and Lorne.

Iona is married to Denis Johnston and they have seven children: Karen, Colleen, Carla, Kelly, Curtis, Kenton and Carolyne.

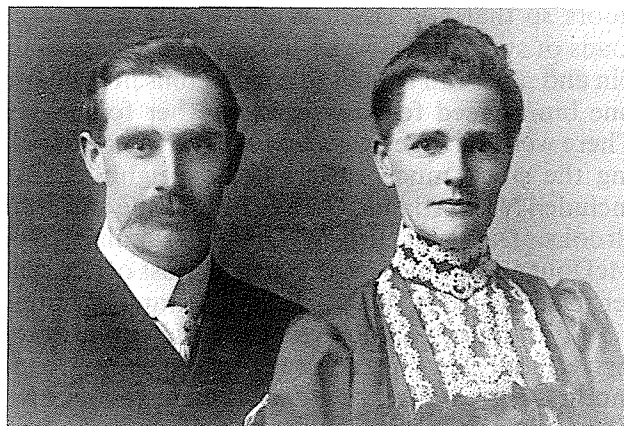
Ray and Ola have a happy life together. One of the highlights of the family was growing registered seed grain. They sold seed for many years. It was

hard work cleaning, bagging, etc., but they loved every minute of it.

William Henry Switzer Family

by Mrs. C. (Alice) Tummon

My father, William Henry Switzer and his brother, Robert, came from Fergus, Ontario in 1901 and searched for homesteads in the Shell River dis-



William and Matilda Switzer's wedding day in 1905. Matilda's finely detailed dress is still kept by the family and has been used on special occasions.

trict. They worked that summer, then returned to Ontario. In 1902 they returned and took up homesteads on the Shell River hills. Dad's farm was the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 34-24-28, and Robert's farm was the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 16-25-28. They built a log house on Robert's homestead and lived there. (This farm still remains in the Switzer family.)

In 1905, William Switzer returned to Fergus, Ontario and was united in marriage to Matilda Quarrie. They rented Morris Thomas' farm and worked Dad's homestead. Their close neighbors included William Kelly, Ernie Austin, Mrs. Alexander and son, Cecil, and Mr. Robert Kerr.

Dad was very skilled with his hands. He built a table and a cupboard for dishes. The cupboard had two drawers in it, made from Royal Crown soap boxes. This furniture is still in the family. The farm life was very lonely at first, but friends and neighbors soon became known. Weary travellers going to Asessippi and Russell often dropped in to rest their tired horses. In winter, on cold and stormy days, these travellers sought shelter from the storm, feed for their horses, and enjoyed a welcome meal for themselves until the storm passed over.

In 1907, Mrs. Robert Kerr, a neighbor, attended my mother, Matilda, at the birth of her baby daughter, Edith. The doctor was difficult to reach as telephones were few at that time. In 1908, Henry Switzer of Fergus, Ontario, came to visit his two

sons, William and Robert. Within a few months he took a very severe stroke, passed away, and was laid to rest in the Tummel cemetery, among the early pioneers.

In 1911, Dad rented the John Watson farm (N.W. ¼ of 31-24-28) in Tummel. There was a nice home on the farm, with a log kitchen built on to the south end of it. The barn was an Ontario-style building with stone part way up and a spacious loft. There was an approach on the west side, with large doors so that you could drive right in with large loads of sheaves and straw. There was a large grain bin and pipes ran from it to smaller bins in the barn, one bin of feed for cows and another for horses. There were passage-ways up to it and it made feeding the stock much easier. Close neighbors then included Nath Adams, George Fords, Joe and John Brooks, Dan and Jim McDougall families. Dan McDougall's home was the district post office center. Dad helped in the building of Tummel Church.

Edith started school in 1913, riding in one of the first school vans in the area. In 1914, my grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Quarrie, came to make her home with us and to help out with farm chores. Mother and Dad now had a family of four children: Edith, Alice, Lottie and Alfred.



The Switzer children: Alice, Alfred, Lottie and Edith, in 1916.

Dad worked the homestead from here. Mother took her part on the farm by growing a large garden, raising chickens and milking cows. Mother would churn fresh butter, which required her to set milk out in tin pans in a cool place, and she skimmed off the cream until there was enough to make a churning. As time went on, they were able to get a cream separator.

Washing laundry was done with homemade soap, tub and washboard. A wash boiler was used to warm water on the woodstove. White clothes

were first washed, then boiled, then rinsed, and put through a bluing rinse before they reached the line.

As their season came, wild fruits were abundant. Wild strawberries, raspberries, saskatoons and pincherries were picked by the pailful and cranberries by the flour-sack full. The fruits were canned; some were made into lovely jams and jellies, and these lined the cellar shelves. Weekly, there was a large batch of bread, buns, biscuits and cookies baked, and on weekends there was always a special treat — a cake with icing.

The harvest was an especially busy time. Mother



Mr. Switzer riding his horse-drawn binder.

took her part in the field, sometimes riding the binder, drawn by three horses. The rust and dust from the grain bothered Dad, who had developed asthma at a very early age. The young girls enjoyed helping stook the sheaves. Preparations were then made to slaughter an animal so that there would be lots of meat on hand. The large batches of bread, etc. were made when the steam engine and separator pulled in to thresh the grain, with gangs of twenty or more men to prepare meals for. The men slept in a caboose that went with the threshing outfit. I often think of the large pots of potatoes and vegetables, roasts of meat, pies, etc., and the lunches that had to be taken to the fields. It took a lot of grain to feed the horses as well. Every farmer wished for sunshine at that time.

Once threshing was over, large ticks would be taken out and filled with nice fresh straw for the children's beds. We'd always hoped that a Canada thistle hadn't found its way into the straw. Flour sacks were never discarded. They took their place in the home for many things including tea towels, sheets, pillow cases, and a lot of our clothing. Curtains were draped around apple boxes and orange crates which served as household cupboards. In winter months, hobbies included making quilts, as well as rugs for the floors, which were mostly bare boards that had to be scrubbed. Socks and mittens



Mrs. Matilda Switzer with her mother, Mrs. Quarrie, and Matilda's daughters; Alice, Lottie and Edith.

were also made. My mother and grandmother both did a lot of work for the Red Cross.

In 1917, William and Matilda bought the Charlie Glover farm, the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 14-25-29 (now belonging to William and Margaret Eckert). There were many lovely neighbors there including: the Cranwells, McGraths, Kelsos, Clarence Kines, Grandma Edwards, Hornsbys and McFaydens. The Stirling School had been situated on the N.W. corner of the S.W. quarter, but it was moved to the Tummel site.

The Edward's quarter east of there was the scene of a lot of activity; a lot of young folk at that time gathered there to play ball; the Tummel Picnic and Sports Day was an annual event for young and old. Dad rented this quarter when Louis Hornsby enlisted and went overseas. This farm is now owned by William and Mabel Cranwell.

In winter, Christmas tree concerts were planned by teachers and pupils and were held at the Tummel Church. The annual event drew a large crowd of parents. The Boys' and Girls' Club fair brought a lot of interest to parents and teachers. Our teachers taught us how to sew by hand, patch, darn, embroider and knit. School work also made a large display. Chickens, pigs, calves, and vegetables were exhibited. All the children worked hard for their prizes in those days, as 25¢ was something to have to spend. These fairs were well attended by parents. These clubs did so much to prepare young people in how to do things for themselves once they left home.

The Roblin Agricultural Fair was looked forward to as the whole family was then usually able to go to town (for most of the children, it was their one annual trip). The children were really disappointed if it happened to rain that day. Travel was all done by a team of horses and a wagon, later by democrat. Every week a trip was made to town, where we sold butter and eggs to storekeepers and customers. But-

ter sold for 25¢ a pound and eggs were sometimes 5¢ a dozen.

Dances and card parties were held in homes and music supplied by local talent. Parents took their children along and by the end of the evening the bed was laden with coats and sleeping children. Everyone enjoyed these gatherings. Friendships with friends and neighbors were so close. Everyone was working and striving to keep those home fires burning, but one always had time for a friendly handshake and time to chat. When a family was plagued by sickness, neighbors helped ease the burden by hauling feed in for the animals.

Dad sold his homestead in 1925. His brother, John Switzer of Collingwood, came to spend his last years with Dad. John had had a stroke, but he was still able to do a lot of chores around the farm. He spent a few years with us and then another stroke claimed him in 1922. He was laid to rest in Tummel Cemetery.

Dad used to repair a lot of his own machinery. We knew he was having a better day when we could hear the ring of his big hammer on the anvil, pounding out a plow shear, or replacing a bent rod, etc. His workshop was an interesting place; he enjoyed many hours repairing all sorts of odd things around the yard.

Grandmother was now in poor health. She had been receiving her Old Age Pension for only a short time when she passed away in 1934. Dad's health was also failing, and he needed help to do his farming. Asthma made it hard for him to get around. The children were leaving home to start setting up homes of their own.



William and Matilda Switzer Family: Edith, Alfred, Alice, Lottie.

Edith married Clemial Fisher. They had 8 children.

Alice married Arthur Cranwell. They had 4 children.

Lottie married Oswald Anderson. They had one son.

Alfred married Florence Hayden, of Ontario. They had a son and a daughter.

Dad passed away in 1937. Mother sold the farm, as Alfred was not yet old enough to take over farm

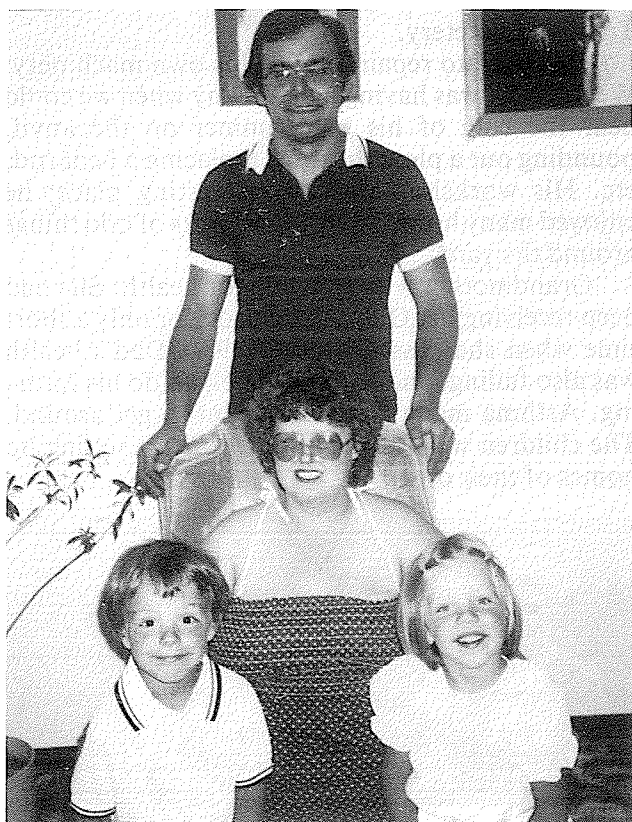
duties. She returned to Ontario to spend her latter days with cousins and friends she had known in her youth. Lottie moved to Ontario too, and spent this time with her mother. In 1956, Mother passed away and was laid to rest in Tummel Cemetery.

The Tanchak Family

by Ralph Tanchak

I originally came from the Fisher Branch area. I was born there in 1957 and was raised on a mixed farm. We raised cattle, hogs and grain.

I started school in a one room school-house and went there until I completed Grade II. I continued my education at the Fisher Branch School until I completed Grade XII in 1975. On November 19, 1975, I began my occupation as manager's assistant with Manitoba Pool Elevators.



The Tanchak Family: Ralph, Pat, Jonathan and Larissa.

My wife Pat (nee Arnason), is originally from Lundar, Manitoba. Pat was born in Eriksdale, Man. on April 18, 1959. She was the sixth child of a family of seven. Pat grew up on a farm and later moved with the family to the town of Lundar. She received her Grade XII and graduated from the Lundar Collegiate.

We first met in 1974 at Fisher Branch at her cousin's wedding. We dated until we were married

on April 8, 1978. We lived at Fisher Branch until April of 1979. From there we moved to Netley.

Our son, Jonathan, was born on April 6, 1979 at the Women's Centre of the Health Science Centre in Winnipeg. He was born just the day before we moved into Netley. I worked there as the manager of the elevator.

On April 30, 1980 our daughter, Larissa was born. She was born at the Selkirk Hospital. That was the fastest trip I ever made to the hospital and the fastest delivery I had seen yet!

In 1981, on May 13 we moved to Roblin. I operate the Pool "C" elevator at Roblin. We enjoy camping and skating and I enjoy hunting, curling and hockey with the commercial hockey league in Roblin.

I am a member of the Kinsmen Club and Pat is a member of the Kinette Club.

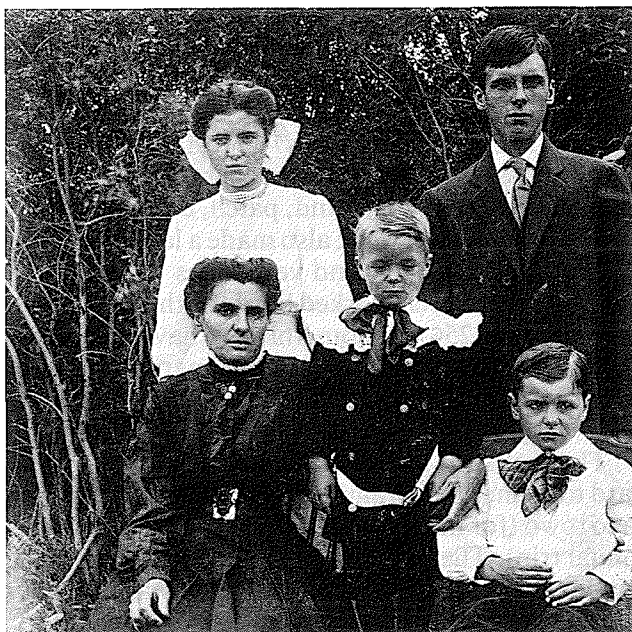
I have been appointed the elevator manager at Headingly, effective August 1, 1984. We will be moving out shortly.

We won't forget the friendly smiles and faces here in Roblin. We enjoyed the sound of laughter and the joy in everyone's heart. It isn't every day that you come across a community such as Roblin which has so much to offer. Though we are saddened by leaving friends behind, we find that we must move on.

Alex Taylor Family

by Mrs. Charles McKenzie

My parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Taylor, with their three children, Frederic, aged 11 years; Dor-



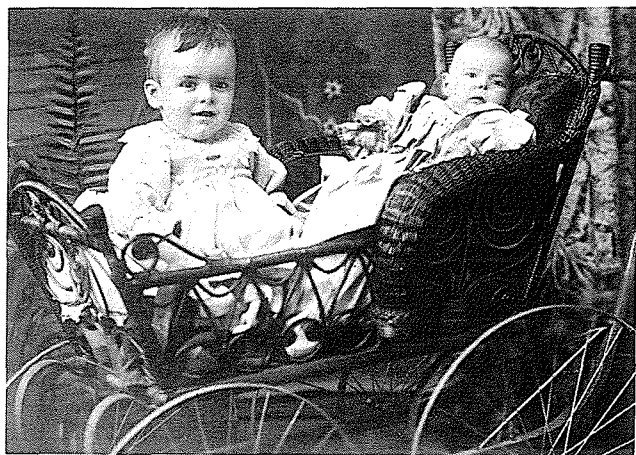
The Taylor Family: Dora (upper left), Fred, Mrs. Taylor, Vernon and Walter, in 1912.

othea (myself), aged 9; and Walter, aged 15 months, came to Manitoba from Palmerston, Ontario. They arrived in Roblin, March 8th, 1907.

The land which they chose to homestead was the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 19-27-28 W1 in the Deepdale district. The odd numbers of sections were not then open for homesteading so the family "squatted" on their chosen farms. It was not until two years later that they were permitted to file on the land and not until three years after that that they received the title to the land from the Land's Office in Dauphin.

Their first home was a frame house — 12 x 20, made of rough lumber and covered on the roof and outside wall with tar paper held on by rough slabs.

As the furniture which had been shipped from Palmerston failed to arrive for more than three months, Dad made, from the same rough lumber, a table, chairs and beds.



Fred Taylor at 18 months and Dora Taylor at 6 weeks.

Dad was a licenced carpenter and building contractor and continued at his trade as soon as he had a home established for his family. Those were poverty years so his wages were needed for food, clothing and to buy a milk cow and a few head of young cattle. Of necessity, Dad had to be away from early spring until late fall so Fred, my eldest brother, had to quit school to help Mother with the farm work. He was just 13 when he quit school.

The school was situated one mile south of our home. At the time there were no roads or fences, just a prairie trail that wound in and out among sloughs and bluffs of trees, so it made the way to school nearly two miles. I was one of a merry gang of girls and boys who trod that road. There, in the old Wyndham schoolhouse, I attended classes until 1910 and I had passed my entrance exams. So for three years my education stopped until Wyndham School district joined in consolidation with Goose Lake in 1913. Dad started driving a school van to Roblin and I went back and entered high school.

Meanwhile Fred had carried on with the farm work — breaking the land with a single furrow 12-inch plow drawn by oxen (a painfully slow procedure, especially for a young boy).



Ice-milk house on the Taylor farm in 1910.

The first team of horses, Prince and Jim were purchased in 1912. But to go back to those first years, . . . I have mentioned the cow. She was a wonderful milker. Mother churned 15 lbs. of butter a week from the cream she produced. This butter, at 20¢ a pound, found a ready market in the little store in Deepdale and was traded in for groceries. We had no hens, so eggs were bought at 3 dozen for 25¢, Crown Brand syrup was 75¢ for a 10 lb. pail, flour (2nd. grade) \$2.00 a cwt. and so on.

We had a small garden of vegetables and potatoes. There was an abundance of wild strawberries and Fred trapped quite a number of muskrats in the winter which sold for only 15¢ a pelt. This helped considerably in buying shoes, etc. We gathered "lamb's quarters" which cooked up into delicious greens which were rich in iron for our bodies. So we lived and grew, happy and healthy.

My youngest brother, Vernon, was born in September, 1908. We moved from the homestead shack in 1909 to a nice new log house, 16 x 24, with shingled roof and walls chinked and plastered. The floor was of rough white poplar boards, unpainted. After a few years of vigorous scrubbing, the floor was smooth and white and worn thin except where the knots protruded.

Church and Sunday School services were held in Wyndham School with Methodist and Presbyterian ministers from Roblin taking alternate Sundays.

Always at Christmas a great Christmas tree concert would be held in the school with a large tree loaded with gifts for everyone, and prizes for the Sunday School students. The building would be full as many more families had come to homestead in the district. House parties were a weekly event. Each home was visited in turn. Everyone attended,

children and adults, even babies, who usually slept through the evening. The women supplied the lunch — sandwiches, cakes and pies. Music for dancing was freely supplied by Mr. W. McIntyre, Mr. Harry Ward and others, and was thoroughly enjoyed.

Walter and Vernon attended school until, in 1917, Vernon was stricken with a nervous ailment. He was only 9 years old. Walter's death from diphtheria in December, 1917 served in its shocking suddenness to completely shatter Vernon's nerves. He never attended school again, but studied and did his lessons at home under my supervision. He grew to be one of the most educated persons I ever knew, as he never ceased learning all his adult life.

In 1920, the old log house was replaced by a 1½ storey cottage with linoleum on the floors and an organ in the parlour.

From this home I was married to Charles McKenzie on November 21st, 1923. Fred continued the farm work until 1940 when he married Irene Collis of Makaroff. He moved to B.C. in 1941. He and Irene had three children, two sons and a daughter. Fred died of a massive heart attack on August 5th, 1976.

Vernon never married. He homesteaded at Bjorkdale, Sask. for a few years and later moved to B.C. He moved back to Deepdale in 1973 and built himself a house on the same farm where he was born.. He died suddenly on November 24th, 1976.

Dad died at the age of 89 in August, 1961; Mother lived to be 92 years old and died in July, 1967.

So I am the last of my family. Since 1925, my husband and I and our family of 4 sons and 3 daughters have made our home on the quarter section adjoining Dad's homestead.

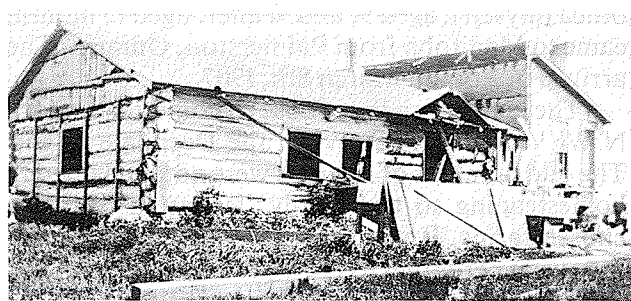
Our eldest son, Kenneth, passed away suddenly on August 31st, 1974. The eldest daughter, Alma, lives at Westbank, B.C. Alan lives in Kingston, Ontario. Carlyle lives with us and works on the farm. Shirley lives in Roblin. Garth farms 3 miles west of us, and Heather also lives close by.

There is so much more I could have told about the early years, but it would have filled a book in itself.

Ed. Note: Mrs. C. McKenzie passed away in July 1984.

William Taylor Family by Mrs. C. McKenzie

Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor and children: Frank, Lindsay, John, Dorothea and Sidney came from Ontario to Manitoba in 1904. They homesteaded on S.E. ¼ sec 12-27-29 W1. When the Wyndham School was built in 1904 on the northeast corner of their land, the farm became known as "Wyndham Farm." William Taylor was the first



Getting ready to move Taylor's first log house (built in 1907).

sec-treasurer and a trustee of the Wyndham School board. The two boys, Lindsay and John, were hired for a few cents a week to build the fires, sweep the floors, etc.

Their first house was made of logs to which an addition, also of logs, was later built. For several years the land was worked by oxen-drawn machinery, and oxen were also used for transportation.

Mrs. Taylor was a hard worker and kept the household well provided for by raising flocks of chickens, ducks and geese. She also worked in the hay and grainfields alongside of her husband until the boys were old enough to share the work. She was a wonderful cook and housekeeper and grew a large garden every year.

Frank the eldest, after completing his Grade 9 education, earned money trapping — mostly muskrats which were very plentiful in those early years.

When World War I broke out he enlisted as a sniper and went overseas in 1915. He was seriously wounded by shrapnel which shattered his left wrist. Blood-poisoning set in and the arm was amputated above the elbow. He was discharged and sent home in 1917. He was given the position of signal tower operator in Winnipeg, and held this position for many years. He married Ethel Hammel of Mikado, Sask. and they have 4 children. After Ethel's death in 1959 he went to Toronto where he died at the age of 71.

His father, William, continued to live on his homestead though the sons, Lindsay and John,



Old Log barn on the Taylor farm.

took over the work. Mrs. Taylor died in January, 1928 at the age of 58 years. Her husband followed her in 1931. He was 71 years old.

Lindsay married a Scottish girl, Helen James, in 1927 and continued to live in the old farm home until 1941. They then moved to a farm in the valley. They had a family of eight (3 girls and 5 boys). When they retired, they moved to Deepdale, making their home in what had originally been the post office, built by Mr. Embleton. Lindsay passed away on January 23, 1978.

John became a school teacher and taught school. His longest teaching stay was at Waterhen, Manitoba, where he and his wife Ethel (Dane) raised two sons and two daughters. He retired from teaching after more than 50 years as schoolmaster. He and Ethel lived in Dauphin, Manitoba for several years and he died on December 3rd, 1977.

Dorothea, his sister, married George Brown in 1921, but she died on February 12th, at the early age of 21.

Sidney, the youngest member of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor's family, married Jean McCrea in 1928. He and Jean and their family of 2 daughters and 2 sons continued to farm in Deepdale valley until 1961. Then they moved to Waterford, Ontario, where Sidney worked in a shop in Brantford until 1964. He died of emphysema in 1966.

Two years before the William Taylors moved to Manitoba, they were preceded here by William's two brothers, Andrew and David Taylor.

Andrew and his wife, Alathea (Coleman) homesteaded on the S.E. 1/4 of 36-26-29, where they built a 1 1/2 storey cottage. They sold the farm to Mr. Tom Robertson in 1910 and moved to the Silverwood district, where he took a homestead. They lived there for several years. After the death of Mrs. Taylor in 1923, he moved to Edmonton, Alberta. Andrew had been a school teacher at Wyndham and Sunnyslope school in earlier years. He later moved back to Ontario where he died at London, at the age of 89 years.

His brother, David, homesteaded the N.E. 1/4 of 36-26-29 W1 adjoining Andrew's homestead to the north. He had brought a team of horses with him from Ontario and so was able to take his neighbors to town — a distance of 7 miles. He also built a 1 1/2 storey house and a barn where he kept a few milk cows. His heart was still in Ontario however so he sold his farm, horses, cattle and machinery for a very small figure to Mr. Tom Robertson. He then returned to Ontario, where he later married. David died at Stratford at the age of 90 years.

Lindsay and Helen Taylor Family by Helen Taylor



Lindsay and Helen Taylor (on November 28th, 1977).

Lindsay Taylor was born in Holland County, Ontario (a son of William Taylor and Lavina Kirschbaum) on February 14th, 1896. He married Helen James, a daughter of John Andrew James and Jane Ann Cameron, on November 28th, 1927. Helen's parents had come to Canada from Scotland in June of that same year. The James family consisted of father, John Andrew, Mother, Jane, and three children: Margaret, Jessie and George.

Lindsay and Helen farmed near Deepdale for many years, finally retiring to the hamlet of Deepdale. They had 8 children: Irene, born on Feb. 1st, 1929; Bill, born on June 24th, 1930; John, born on May 8th, 1934; Eugene and George (twins), born on November 3rd, 1937; Iris, born on November 22nd, 1938; Linda, born on November 27th, 1946; and Neil, born on January 31st, 1948.

Irene married Russell Corrigan of Winnipeg in 1949, and they have 4 children: Garry, Teresa, Cindy and Rocky. They live and work in Winnipeg.

Bill, not married, lives in the hamlet of Deepdale, MB.

John, not married, lives in Nipawin, Sask. He was in the armed services for a few years.

Eugene married Thelma Mourriseau, and they have 2 children: Tammy and Bobby. They live in Winnipeg.

George married Elaine Bach and they have 2 children: Kathy and George. They live in Winnipeg.

Iris married Gerald Harper, and they have 3 children: Myrna, Gerald and Shannon. They live in Yarbo, Sask.

Linda married Lawrence Zimmer, and they have 2 daughters: Lorna and Johann. They live in Deepdale.

Neil married Bernice Bileski of Roblin, in 1969, and they have 4 sons: Dennis, Michael, Keith and Trevor. They live in Deepdale.

Lindsay and I celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary in 1977. After this, Lindsay was in poor health and he passed away on January 23rd, 1978.

I am now residing in the Maple Manor in Roblin. I am a member of the 'Fifty and Over Club', the Deepdale Ladies' Aid and the Museum Ladies' Club.

I have 17 grandchildren and 5 great-grand-children.

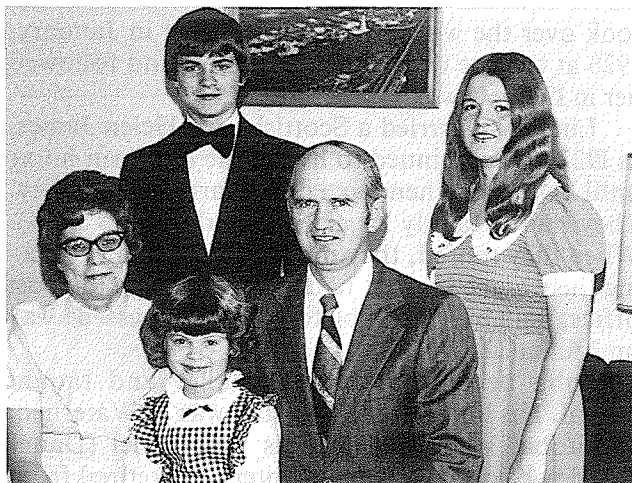
Keith Taylor Family

by B. Joan Taylor

Our family moved to the Roblin community in August 1968, where Keith became the pastor of the Free Methodist church which is situated on the west side of town. For thirteen years, first in a little residence on Main St. across from the MacLeod store, and later on Park St., Roblin was home for us. Our three children — Beth, Cameron and Marilou were ages 9, 7 and 3 months when we arrived.

School experiences were both varied and exciting. The fire which destroyed the school Beth attended, forced her Grade 4 class to be temporarily located in the town hall. A highlight was the dedication of the new intermediate school which became home to all three of the children, Marilou completing all of her primary education there. School was a happy experience where many lifelong friends were made, both among the students and the teachers. The excellent learning environment created by the teaching staff of the schools in Roblin was commendable. The days I spent substitute teaching, and also one full year of teaching at the Grade 3 level, as well as various times at the high school, contributed toward making my life interesting and challenging. Both Beth and Cam graduated from Goose Lake High school in 1977 and 1978 respectively. There were many learning experiences in extra-curricular activities, Cam in track and field, and Beth in drama and Student Body affairs. The hockey team for which Cam played goalie went on to achieve some exciting, well-earned awards.

Music played a big part in our lives with our family's participation in the annual Music Festival, where we learned to be good winners as well as losers. The festival stands out as a fine example of community involvement with the full support of the schools, parents and businesses. The Goose Lake choir was a great experience with the annual trip being a highlight. Beth was one of the promoters of adding a male section to the choir and Cam was among those first few brave souls who joined. We appreciated the piano teachers who dedicated their time to our children's music career. Beth has gone



Joan, Keith, Cameron, Beth and Marilou Taylor.

on to complete her Associate with the Western Board. Marilou began at age four at Marilyn Hooper's pre-school class to take an interest in the piano — a happy beginning. I, also, was involved in piano instruction when teachers were at a premium.

Keith, left his trademark in many homes in the area with his carpentry skills or his paint brush.

We have a deep appreciation for the years we lived in the Roblin area. Our ministry to a very loyal, supportive congregation was satisfying. We valued those who joined our church family while we were there and watched them grow spiritually with a parental-like pride. We rejoiced when new babies were lovingly dedicated to the Lord or young couples were joined in marriage, and we sorrowed when we met to say 'farewell' to those whose lives had been taken in death. We are thankful for the part we played in the spiritual development of the children through the C.Y.C., Sunday School, children's church and children's choir. We felt a sense of real kinship with those we regularly met with to pray, study the Bible or worship. They will always have a special place in our hearts.

We were also appreciative of the development of the 'Friendship Bible Coffees' and the opportunity it gave to have fellowship with ladies of different backgrounds. Those times in Bible study with neighbours and friends were memorable and heart-warming experiences.

We went to Roblin not knowing anybody and left in 1981 with many friends and acquaintances. I conclude with Jesus' words of commendation: "I was a stranger and you took me in . . ."

Thomas Taylor

by Elizabeth Taylor

Mr. Thomas Taylor was born on December 28, 1891 in Crangleford, Norwich, England. He was one of a large family of nine brothers and sisters. Mr.



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Taylor, owners of Taylors' Hardware in Roblin for over 20 years. Mr. Taylor was also one of the first directors and on the board of the Roblin Forest Products Ltd.

Taylor and one of his brothers came to Canada and arrived in Humbolt, Saskatchewan in 1913. Until 1918, Mr. Taylor was involved in the contracting-hardware business.

Elizabeth, her parents Katherine and Frank Dennis, and sister, Frances came to Canada from Bryant, Iowa in 1913. They also settled in Humbolt, Saskatchewan.

Thomas and Elizabeth were married on April 26, 1916 in Humboldt, and moved to a farm near Leroy, Saskatchewan in 1918. Their farm was used as a demonstration farm by the University of Saskatchewan in such areas as seed, poultry and purebred hogs. Professors sometimes delivered lectures on their farm. The Taylors had the first approved flock of poultry in Saskatchewan.

The Taylors moved to Roblin in 1936 and ran a hardware store for about twenty years. During this time, both Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were very involved in community life. Thomas was a councillor for many years, and also served as Mayor. He belonged to the Masons, the Eastern Star, and was a lifetime member of the Roblin Chamber of Commerce, as well as being an active member of the United Church. Mr. Taylor was also involved in many town projects, including the rink, hall and hospital.

Mrs. Taylor is active in the Eastern Star, the Rebekahs and the U.C.W. She also has involvement in charity organizations.

After selling the hardware business, Mr. Taylor became a financial backer for the forest treating operation in Roblin, in 1958.

He passed away on November 26, 1968. He always was considered to have been an outstanding member of the community of Roblin and vicinity.

William (Bill) and Agnes (Ward) Taylor by Ray Taylor and Earl Ward

Agnes Ward was born in 1894, the second child of Brig and Bessie Ward. She lived in Deepdale with her parents and attended school there. In 1917 she met and married William Taylor who was visiting relatives near Deepdale. After their marriage they moved to Dauphin where Will was employed with the town of Dauphin for many years. They lived at the Dauphin airport for several years.

Will and Agnes had five children: George, Raymond, Brigham, Edna and Vincent.

George Charles was born in 1920, attended school and later joined the R.C.A.S.C. After the war he worked in Transcona for the C.N.R. for a number of years. In 1943 he married Leah Robson. They have six children: Carol, Katherine, Mary, Edna, Charles and Gordon. They live at Transcona and have always been active in the Salvation Army Church.

Raymond Ward Taylor was born in 1922, took his schooling and then joined the P.P.C.L.I., but later transferred to the Regina Rifles and spent time overseas with them. After the war he married Patricia McGroarty. They have three children: Sharon, Cameron and Bernard. Ray had an auto-body shop in Roblin and lived here for a number of years. They now reside in Winnipeg.

Brigham John was born in 1923, received some schooling and joined the R.C.A.F. in the Second World War. When he returned home he married Clare Pendergast from Newfoundland. They have two children, Evelyn and Grant.

Edna Pearle was born in 1925 and took her schooling in Dauphin. In 1942 she married John Carr in Dauphin. They have two daughters, Shirley and Agnes. They live at Warner, Alberta.

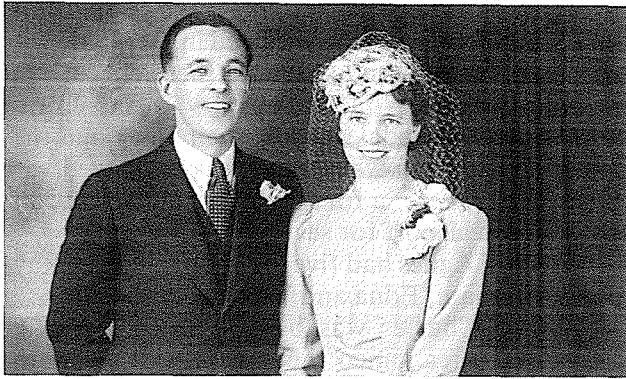
Vincent Norman was born in 1928. He attended school in Dauphin and was employed there also. In 1951 he married Lorna Robson. They later moved to Flin Flon where they still reside.

William and Agnes have both passed away and are buried at Dauphin.

James Thom by Alice

James McClacherty Thom, the son of Agnes (Buie) and Charles Thom, was born in Russell, Manitoba on August 31st, 1909. The Buie and Thom families were well known pioneers in that district. Jim had his schooling in Russell but turned from the academic life to apprentice in the office of the 'Russell Banner' under the tutelage of Mr. Joe McIntyre. Finding the printing business interesting, he worked in that office from 1928 to 1937, mastering the various aspects of getting out a weekly newspaper.

In 1937, encouraged and sponsored by an uncle, Dr. John Thom (some senior citizens may



Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thom in 1941.

remember Dr. Thom as having taught school for several years at Shellmouth), Jim purchased the 'Roblin Review' from Mr. H. J. Bowley, who founded the paper in 1912.

The difficulty of getting a new business on its feet in the first few years was softened by the support given him by his mother who set up a home in the old Glover house on Railway Avenue. He became more firmly a part of Roblin community when he married Miss Alice Lundy, in 1941. Their happiness was interrupted — but briefly — when Jim joined the Canadian Ordinance Corps in 1943. He was discharged the same year for health reasons. Returning to the 'Review', he eventually deepened his roots in Roblin by purchasing the Roblin Theatre from Mr. Dow in 1949. Away from the 'Review' for a year, Jim came back to the paper, proving the old adage that he had "printer's ink in his veins". He continued to publish the 'Review' until his death in November, 1952.

No account of Roblin's paper would be complete if no mention were made of the many years of service given to that paper both under Mr. Bowley and Mr. Thom by John Jones, who was, in more ways than one, the heart of the 'Review' until his death in 1954. In that same year the 'Review' passed into the hands of Mr. Harry Oliphant of Dauphin, who continues to publish this weekly newspaper.

Henry T. Thompson by J. M. Stewart

In 1910, Oscar Svenson from Minnesota purchased section 1-28-29W, where Delmar Mann lives today. He came to this farm with his nephew Henry Thompson. He brought a number of horses and they did considerable amount of breaking on the farm. He returned to Minnesota and Henry went to Northern Ontario to do bush work. Henry returned in the spring with the horses and a carload of cedar fence posts, to fence and cross-fence the section.

He married a Minnesota girl. They had two daughters, Wincie and Irene. In 1914 he built excel-

lent farm buildings with fir lumber from B.C. These are still standing today.

Mrs. Thompson died about this time and his brother, Lennard, and sister, Mrs. Samuelson with her family, came from Minnesota and were also involved in farming. Lennard married Rella Pearson of Silverwood and later returned to Minnesota. Mrs. Samuelson and family also returned to Minnesota. Henry Thompson then married Maud Bailey and they raised a number of children. Henry was always very interested in farming, family, and community activities.

The History of Mr. Jessie Thompson, Mrs. Hannah Hayes and Mr. Albert Holland by Vivian Johnson Holland

Jessie Thompson came from Newmarket, Ontario to the Silverwood, Manitoba area at the age of 18 years. He enlisted in the Army of World War I and left Andy Addis and his father as caretakers of his place. They had just come from England and were looking for a place to stay. When Jessie returned from overseas he continued working on the farm and Andy and his father located in the Makaroff district.

In 1918, Mrs. Hayes and her nephew, Albert Holland, came from Middlesbrough, England, on the ship "Milita", to live with her daughter, Jennie Barnett. In the spring of 1919, Albert started school, at the age of six, at Walkerburn. The Indian boys would meet Albert and carry him across the creeks.

1918-19 was a long, cold, snowy winter. Jessie Thompson then moved to a new house which was built by Billie McBride, so he hired Mrs. Hannah Hayes to keep house for him. Thereafter, Albert went to the Makaroff school. It was five miles away but he only had to walk 1/2 mile to catch the van. He had some great experiences in the van — singing English songs, kissing the girls, sitting on the driver's watch. Sometimes he got put off and had to walk home. Albert always had a hearing problem so found school, at times, long and boring. He often had to borrow paper and books with which to work. As he grew older he started helping Jessie with the farm work, walking behind the harrows in his bare feet. He led a horse that was sold to Mr. Jim Martin, to Roblin (a distance of twenty miles).

As the winters were long, he started a trap line and walked on snowshoes. One year he caught twelve coyotes. Jessie used to say, "The boy makes more money than I do."

Jessie and the neighbours formed a bee and built the Silverwood Hall. For years Jessie was the secretary. Mrs. Russell Boyce brought the piano in the sleigh each time they had a dance. Mrs. Hayes was noted for her participation in these local events and

everyone wanted a piece of her cake with that great icing. Mrs. Hayes passed away at the age of seventy years and is buried in Silverwood Cemetery.

Jessie sold the farm in 1962 and moved to Calgary, Alberta. He married Mary Warren of Bassano, Alberta. Jessie passed away in 1965. He is buried in the War Veterans' Cemetery in Calgary, Alberta.

Albert retired from Canadian Natural Gas Co. in 1971 and married Vivian Johnson of Calgary. She had retired from the Calgary General Hospital in 1967 and moved to Summerland B.C. They were married in Summerland in 1971. They both enjoy the Okanagan Valley very much.

William Thompson **by Mrs. B. Thompson**

John Thompson and Elizabeth Kipling were married in Yorkshire, England and came to Canada with their family around 1880. Mr. Thompson died of pneumonia in 1890 and Mrs. E. Thompson and her family moved to Portage La Prairie. A few years later son, William (Billy) was born in 1870, came west to the Cromarty district. He filed for homestead rights on the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 3-26-29, in 1901.



Mr. William Thompson.

Then in 1902 Mrs. E. Thompson filed on N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 34-25-29 and Fred on the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 9-26-29.

William or Billy, as he was known, as a "jack-of-all-trades" and was good at them all. He worked on the rail-road at Brandon and on road construction (often as foreman). He also was a logger and worked for a mill that sent logs down the Shell River to Assensippi, then on to the Assiniboine River and on to Brandon.

He tried farming but in 1907 an early frost killed all the crops, so Billy decided he would try ranching. He sold his homestead to Mr. John Dixon and he and his wife moved to S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 8-26-29 at the top of the 'Assiniboine Hills'. Here he farmed a bit, but

mostly ranched, running as many as 200 or 300 head of cattle in the valley.

He was very interested in politics, and was a councillor for many years. He was instrumental in starting the practice of each farmer doing "statute labour" — each land owner used a team and wagon and gravelled a certain length of road, or did so many days of work. This was called "statute" labour but also called "stupid labour", as it was hot, dirty and hard work. It did, however, help the land owners pay at least part of their taxes.

In 1906 Billy married Lena Philleo. They had no children but there were always young people at their house — many nieces and nephews and neighbor children. When Bill (W. F.) was very small, his mother became ill, and they took over the care of him. Eventually their place became his home. The Wm. Thompsons lived in Cromarty until 1946 when they sold their land and moved to Chilliwack, B.C. They were never really content there and made several visits back to Cromarty, spending the summers with Bill and his wife.

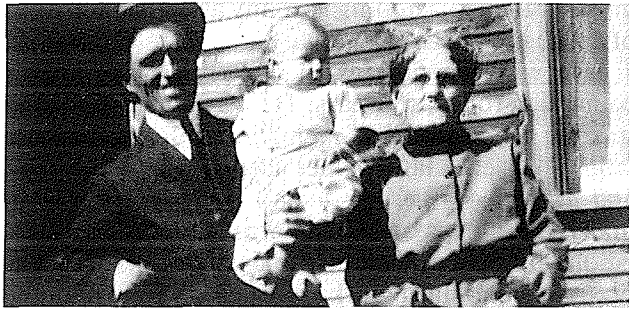
Mr. Thompson died in 1954 at the age of 85 and Mrs. Thompson moved back to Cromarty — living with Bill, then later in Roblin for a few years, and then back to Bill's again. She died at the age of 87 in 1973.

Mr. Thompson always went whole-heartedly into whatever interested him. He was forceful and domineering, often making people angry, but he was a very good and dependable friend and neighbor and would give anyone in need a helping hand. He kept up with the times, through his papers and radio, and took his first plane ride on his 80th birthday.

He had a favourite poem: "Let me live in a house, by the side of the road, and be a friend to man". This was really his motto and many a traveller in the "hungry thirties" got a bed and a meal at his house as well as feed for their hungry cattle or horses.

Fred Thompson **by Betty Thompson**

Fred Thompson was born in 1880, the seventh child of John and Elizabeth Thompson. They came from Yorkshire, England when Fred was 9 months old and settled in Ontario. In 1890, John Thompson died, and soon after, Mrs. E. Thompson and her family of 9 children moved to Portage La Prairie. At the early age of 14, Fred began work in a flour mill where he worked until 1904, when he moved to Cromarty. He filed for homestead rights on the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 9-26-29. This was to be his home for many years, batching until 1910 when he married Daisy Philleo. She was a sister of William Thompson's wife.



Fred Thompson, Duane, and Mrs. E. Thompson.

Fred, unlike his brother, Billy, was a gentle, soft-spoken man and very easy going. His chief interests were his family and friends and a quiet home life. The Fred Thompsons had 7 children: Duane, Bill, Harry and Jack, as well as two daughters, but they both died in infancy. Then finally another daughter, Eunice, came to bless their home and Dad and the boys really adored her. All those boys and finally a little girl to love!

In 1932, after farming for many years, Mr. and Mrs. F. Thompson started a small confectionary and gas station on the west side of the Assiniboine River. They called this store Valley View. They ran the store and a dance pavillion until 1936 when they decided to leave Cromarty and move to Chilliwack, B.C., where they took up dairy farming. W. F. (Bill) Thompson rented the farm and after his marriage to Betty Edwards, they lived there for four years. The farm was later sold and Bill and Betty bought N.E. 1/4 5-26-29, where they still live.

The youngest son, Jack, finished his schooling in Chilliwack and immediately joined the R.C.A.F., becoming a flying instructor. He was killed overseas. The rest of the family still live in B.C.

Mr. Thompson died in 1962 at the age of 75, and Mrs. Thompson died in 1959 at age 62.

Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, mother of Billy and Fred, moved to Cromarty from Portage La Prairie in 1904. She lived with Billy until his marriage to Lena Philleo, and then with Fred until his marriage to Daisy Philleo. She then moved back to Portage where her son John lived. Mrs. John Thompson died in 1911 and left behind a 10-day old baby girl, Elma, and a son, Lawrence. Mrs. Thompson brought Elma back to Cromarty where she and Elma lived in a little house in the Billy Thompson yard. When Elma was 18, she moved to Chilliwack to be with her dad and brother. Mrs. E. Thompson died peacefully in 1926, at age 85, at the home of Fred Thompson.

W. F. Thompson by Mrs. B. Thompson

William F. (Bill) Thompson, second son of Fred and Daisy Thompson, and S. E. (Betty) Edwards were married in November, 1938. They were married at the bride's home by the Rev. Conly, who walked the 2 1/2 miles from Roblin to perform the ceremony.

Bill and Betty lived on and farmed Fred Thompson's farm for four years and then bought N.W. 1/4 5-26-29 and moved to their own place, where they have lived for the last 45 years. There were no buildings so everything, including the house, had to be moved in or built.

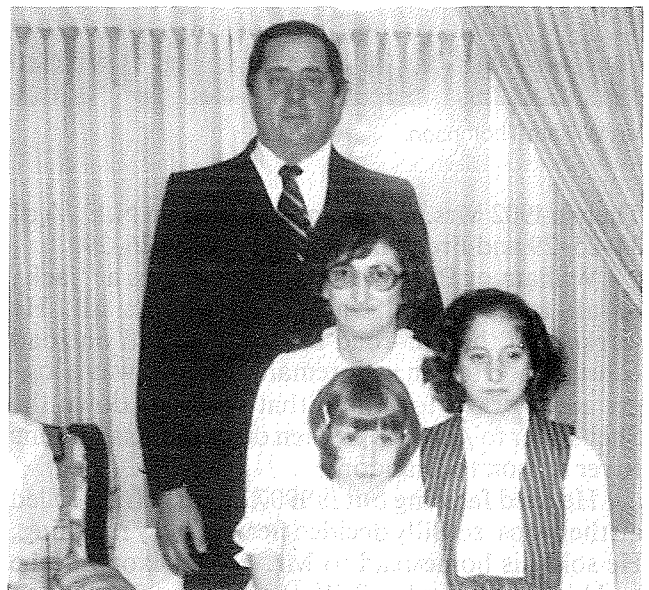
They had four children. Linda, the oldest, worked in the phone office, is married and lives in Courtenay, B.C. (Mrs. T. Dodd). Fred is a carpenter and lives at The Pas, Manitoba. Margaret (Mrs. B. Spear) works at the Stylerite store in Roblin and lives on part of 5-26-29. Jim is at home. He farms and does carpentry work.

The Bill Thompsons have always had a great interest in the community and for quite a few years the Cromarty Picnic was held on the W. F. Thompson farm. Bill, for quite a few years, coached the Cromarty boys' ball team and Betty always belonged to the W.I. and was a 4-H leader for a number of years. Bill drove the school van, first with horses and later by car. He was also the local "vet" for many years.

Bill has always been a farmer, growing grain and raising cattle, hogs, and, for some years, sheep. He is more or less retired now and his son, Jim does most of the farming.

Donald Timoruski Family by Gladys Timoruski

Donald Timoruski was born in 1940 to Mike and



Donald Timoruski and family.

Eva (Surkan) Timoruski at Springside, Sask. In 1957, the farm was sold and the family moved to Melville, Sask. Don was employed with Swift Canadian Co. until 1968 when the plant was destroyed by fire and closed down.

On July 19, 1968, he married Gladys, a daughter of Louie and Lillie (Thomas) Issel, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Melville, Sask.

We moved to Dauphin, Man., in August of 1968 where he was employed with Dauphin Tire and Vulcanizing and Gladys was later employed at Murdoch Chev. olds. In October, 1971, Don was employed with United Grain Growers Ltd. at Dauphin as an assistant. In September, 1973, Don was appointed manager at Shortdale, Man., where we have made our home ever since. On March 16, 1975, our first daughter was born, Karen Lillie, and on September 23, 1977, our second daughter, Gail Marie arrived.

Michael Tischinski (Tyszczyński) by Cassie Tischinski and son, Will

The Tischinski family traces its roots to Krzyucze, Poland, a village which in the early 1900's



The Tischinskis: Helen, Stanley, Michael, Anna, Frank, Victoria, and Edward, in 1942.

had a population of 700. The adjacent larger town was Borszczuw with a population of 5000. With the boundary movement after W.W. II, this area has now been placed into Russian territory.

During the immigration wave of the early 1900's three Tischinski brothers immigrated to Manitoba. The oldest brother, Michael, eventually settled in Shortdale; Stanley settled in Dauphin, Man.; Tony settled in the Merridale area.

This history will trace the lineage of Michael, (born in 1887), had 2 brothers and 1 sister) whose parents were farm tenants for a landlord in Krzyucze. The landlord owned half of the land in the area, and the populace owned the other half.

The Tischinski family owned 1 hectare of land and tilled an equal amount for the landlord. All the farm folk lived in the village.

With a vision of finding a better life in a new world, Michael immigrated to Canada alone in 1902, with a view to earning and saving money to transport his family to Canada.

He was a blacksmith by trade in Poland, but in Canada he spent most of his initial years (1902-1907) working on a section gang building railroads and driving a 16-horse outfit on a grader, constructing roads in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

In 1907 Michael returned to his homeland. He remained there until 1910 when he immigrated to Canada for the second and final time. Unexpectedly, during this period W.W. I broke out and his family was forced to endure the war without him in Poland.



Walter Tischinski and family, in 1946: L to R. Ted, Walter, Cassie, Walter Jr., and Will.

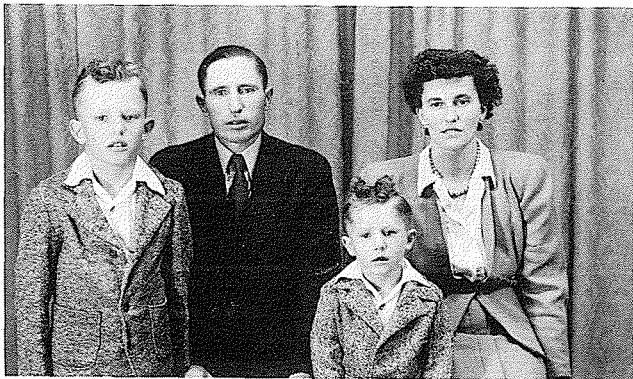
After having saved the required funds for transportation costs, Michael's wife, Anna and their 3 sons; Walter (born in 1901), Stanley (1908) and Joe (1909) arrived in Canada in 1922.

The eldest child, a daughter, Antonia, who had married Michael Czarnecki in 1919, remained in Poland until 1927. In 1925 Michael Czarnecki immigrated to Canada. Two years later Antonia arrived with their two young sons. The customary itinerary for the trek to Canada was travelling from Gdansk to London by ship, by rail from London to Liverpool, and by ship again from Liverpool to Quebec City. The group settled initially in the Valley River area of Manitoba. Being from a farming back-

ground, they continued with this occupation in the new country, renting land or working as hired hands in the summer, and at lumber camps in the winter. Bowsman and Mafeking bush camps were popular work places for these people. (See more of Antonia's history under Michael Czarnecki in the book).

In 1928 Michael Tischinski purchased the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 10-26-26 on the eastern edge of Shortdale where he continued his blacksmithing trade part-time as well as farming. In 1928 Michael Czarnecki, Antonia's husband, acquired a homestead, S.E. of 28-25-26. The Czarneckis had 3 children: Mitchell (1923), William (1925) and Victoria (1929).

Stanley Tischinski, married Helen Sokoloski in 1933 and farmed the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 10-26-26. They have 5 surviving children: Edward (1934) married Mary Swidzinski and farms at Shortdale. Frank (1937) is at Roblin adapting to a new lifestyle after winning 1 half a million dollars in the Western Canada Lottery in 1982. Phillip (1942) married Marie Chalanchuk and is farming at Sandy Lake, Man. Victoria (1941) married Barry Donald and farms near Portage la Prairie. Rose (1951) married Roger Arndt and is living in Roblin.



Joe Tischinski and family, in 1946: Alfred, Joe, Benny and Helen.

Joe Tischinski married Helen Shymko in 1937 and carried on farming on the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 21-25-26. They had 3 children. Alfred (1938) married Pat MacDonagh and lives in Vancouver, B.C. Albin (Benney) 1942 married Marie Onofriechuk and is living in Winnipeg. Marlene (1951) married Bruno Stranges (now deceased) from Thunder Bay. Marlene and her 3 children now reside in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Walter Tischinski married Cassie Paczkowski from Shortdale in 1928 and they lived at Valley River for 3 years, where they rented land. In 1931 Walter and Cassie purchased the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 4-26-26 at Shortdale, at today's standards a bargain price of \$600.00 — (\$300 down, with payments of \$50.00 a

year plus interest.) At the height of the depression even a seemingly small amount created considerable hardship but with sacrifices and hard manual labor, the debt was paid within 3 years. The land was covered with heavy poplars and clearing was done by hand with the assistance of a team of horses to pull out the larger trees, after the main roots were severed by an axe. In the first year, Walter and 3 hired scrubbers cleared 20 acres in approximately 1 month. This exercise was followed by breaking and additional tillage to prepare the soil for seeding the following spring. The new sod produced a bumper crop of wheat; 60 bushel/acre, which sold for the whopping price of 19¢ a bushel. The pioneer days certainly could be discouraging and taxed the strength and courage of these hardy people. Walter and Cassie had 4 sons: Frank (1929) who died as an infant at Ashville, Man., Ted (1932), Wilhelm (1934) and Walter Jr. (1945). They also raised 1 foster daughter, Joan Kropelnicki (1958). In 1948 Walter and family sold his farm to his brother, Stanley and relocated to the Tummel district, south of Roblin.

In 1957, while in the R.C.A.F., Ted was tragically killed in a plane crash at Claresholm, Alta. Wilhelm attended the U. of M. graduating with a Master's and Electrical Engineering degree. In 1958 he married Mavis Dunster from Gainsborough, Sask. They live in Winnipeg and have raised 2 sons, Ted and Tom. Walter Jr. (Wally) is an electrical technologist. He married Jane Holovach of Shell Valley in 1971. They are currently living in Starbuck with their 2 daughters, Tiffany and Allison. Joan Kropelnicki is a parish worker at St. Paul's Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Winnipeg.

Onufrey Tytenick (Fred Titanich) by Annie Titanich, Lena Charney and Marion Titanich

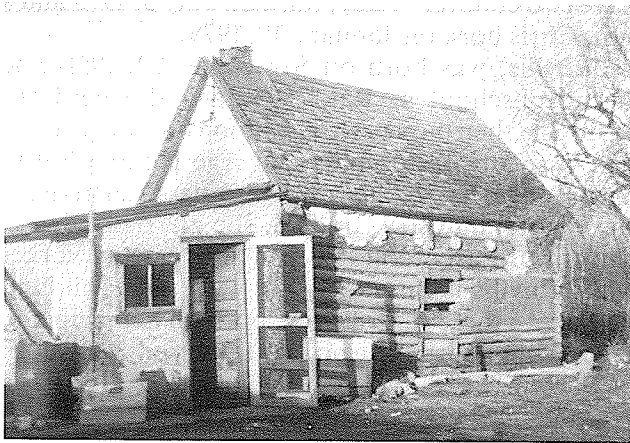
Fred Titanich married Mary Romanchuk and first lived in Kryzywenkie, Husiatyn, Austria. Their two sons, Harry and Mike were born there. In 1910,



Fred and Mary Titanich.

the family came to Canada. (Fred worked for the railroad when the railway was being built through Rhein, Sask.) Mary stayed with her sister, Albina Angelski, at Kamsack during this time.

In 1919, they moved to their homestead on S.E.



The old Titanich homestead, on S.E. 36-26-28.

¼ 36-26-28, near the Shell River, living in a plastered log home, which they had built. They started out with a team of horses and small machinery.

After their arrival in Canada, the rest of their family were born; Frank, Alice, Lena, Stanley, Walter, Doyick and Tony. All the brothers, except Tony, drove the school vans to Bield or Roblin and for a period, all six did so at the same time.

After his father's death, Stanley took over the farm. From 1958, Frank farmed it until 1973. Then Fred's grandson, Fred, spent two years there. So, after 56 years, the farm was finally sold to someone outside of the family.

Fred died in July 1940, as a result of injuries sustained when his horse bolted with the buggy near the Roblin Creamery. He was 59 years old. Mary, who had lived in Roblin after her husband's death, died in June, 1962, at 76 years of age.

Harry and Nellie (Kozak) Titanich Family by Gladys Ludwig

My father, Harry was born in Austria on February 12, 1907 and came to Canada with his family in 1910. He attended school to the fourth grade then helped on the family farm. Later he worked out on other farms.

Nellie Kozak was born on July 13, 1903 in Ponta Grossa, Brazil and immigrated to Canada with her parents in 1908. They settled on the S.E. ¼ of 27-27-28. She went to Gleneden school to the sixth grade, then remained on the family farm to help her parents. On November 28, 1928 she married Harry Titanich and they raised a family of seven children: Olga, Fred, Gladys, Alice, Russell, John and

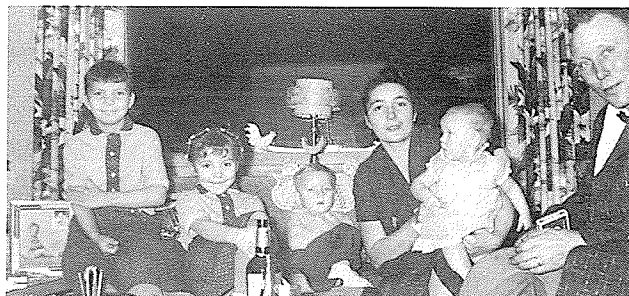


Harry and Nellie Titanich on their wedding day, in 1928.

Edward. Twins, Ernest and Mary died shortly after their birth in 1934.

The grass always looked greener elsewhere, consequently they struggled along on various farms in the Bield and Roblin districts, having moved about a dozen times. Harry drove the school van to Bield and Roblin for several years.

Due to ill health, my parents retired to Roblin in 1965. My father died on January 31, 1967. Because of failing eyesight and poor health, my mother has lived with her two daughters in Merridale since 1982.



Mike and Olga Remenda with children Minota, Phyllis, David and Linda.

Olga was born as "Tilly Titanich" on September 3, 1929. Grandma didn't like the name Tilly, so she re-named her Olga. Olga attended school in Roblin and Bield until the seventh grade. She then went to work on the farm of Alfred Carlson. At this point she decided to go to Saskatchewan and arrived there by train in 1947. She went to her Aunt Lena Charney's in Vonda, Saskatchewan. During her stay in Vonda, she met Mike Remenda. They were married on August 8, 1948 and resided on the homestead 4½ miles north of Vonda with Mike's parents. Throughout their 24 years of marriage, they were always kept busy with cattle, hogs, and land work.



Lyle and Minota Frederick with children Lacey and Chris.

They raised four children: Minota, Phyllis, David and Linda. Olga was always active in church and community affairs. She was serving as a councillor for the R.M. of Grant in Vonda at the time of her death due to cancer in 1972.

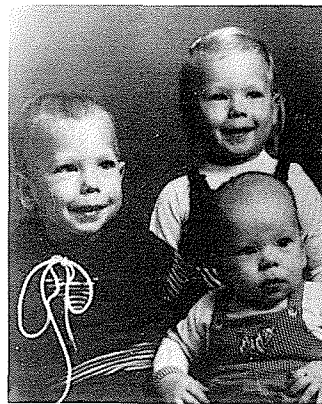
Minota, Olga's daughter, was born in Saskatoon, on October 20, 1949. She attended Vonda Elementary school and completed high school at Aberdeen Composite High. Before her marriage she worked at St. Joseph's Old Age Nursing Home in Saskatoon. On May 8, 1971, she married Lyle



Ed and Phyllis, Darcy, Kelly and Corey Kurysh.

Frederick and they lived in Saskatoon, then Red Deer, Alberta, and presently reside at Calgary, Alberta. After her marriage she worked as a geological technician with Chevron Standard Oil Co., but now stays at home with their two children. Lyle is an electrical engineer with Spartan controls. They have two children: Lacey, born on July 3, 1975 and a son, Chris born on January 30, 1979.

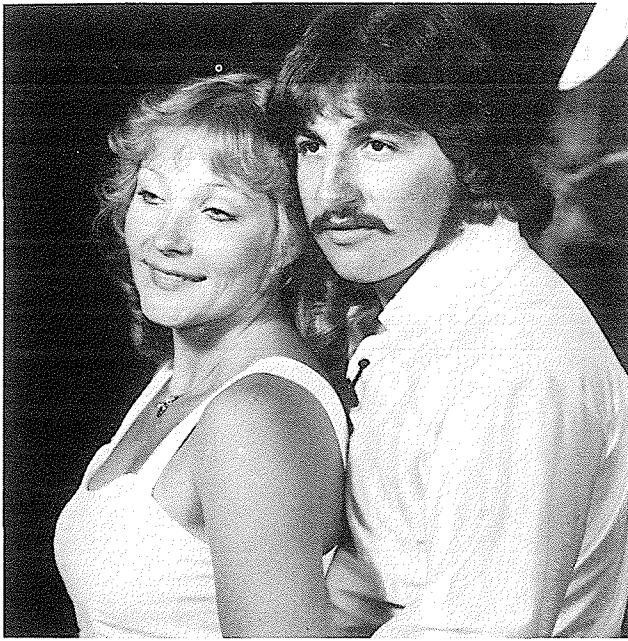
Phyllis, was born on September 22, 1951. She attended school at Rak, Vonda and Aberdeen, Sask. She then moved to Saskatoon and worked for two years at St. Joseph's Old Age Home. Still in Saskatoon she worked at Harding Industries, a sheet metal industry. In 1973, she married Edward Kurysh of Saskatoon. Ed is a sheet metal worker while Phyllis is busy at home with their children. They have three sons: Darcy, born on September 6, 1975; Corey born on April 18, 1978; and Kelly born on September 29, 1981.



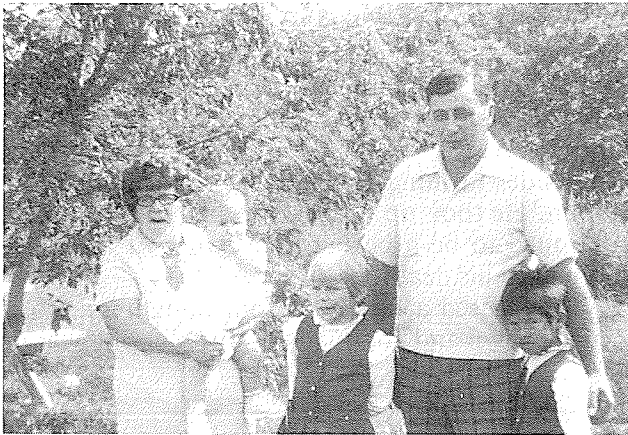
David and Evelyn Remenda and children: David Jr., Hollie Ann and Michael.

David was born on March 2nd, 1955 and attended school in Vonda and Aberdeen, Saskatchewan. He then began farming with his father and still continues to do so. He married Evelyn Prytula of Saskatoon on June 24, 1978. They still reside on the homestead 4½ miles north of Vonda and have three children: Hollie Ann, born on September 1, 1980; David Jr. born on February 3, 1982 and Michael born on August 15, 1983. By the time this book is published they will have another child.

Linda was born on November 4, 1956. She attended school in Vonda and Aberdeen, Saskatchewan. She worked for a jewellery warehouse in Saskatoon for two years, then married Guy Denis of Vonda on August 8, 1975. They reside on a farm one mile east of Vonda and farm with Guy's parents. Linda keeps busy with farm work and enjoys painting pictures and wall murals as a hobby.



Guy and Linda Denis.



Fred, Isabel, Janet, Lucy and Valerie Titanich.

Fred was born on August 10, 1931 and attended school in Bield and Roblin to the ninth grade. He then worked out at farm work, bush work in the Duck Mountains, construction in Saskatchewan, and then turned to mining. He was a miner for the remainder of his life at mines in Lynn Lake, Leaf Rapids and Snow Lake, with the exception of three years of farming. On April 9, 1965 he married Isabel Dunn of Lynn Lake. They raised three daughters: Valerie, born on February 15, 1969; Janet, born on September 29, 1975; and a foster daughter, Lucy, born on November 1, 1970. A daughter, Karen died at 1½ years and a son died at birth. While living in Snow Lake a heart attack took Fred's life in March of 1980. To be near her family, Isabel and children then moved to Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta where she lives and is a bank employee there. Fred is buried in the Roblin cemetery.

I, Gladys, was born on August 23, 1937 on the S.E. ¼ of 26-26-28 and attended schools in Bield and Roblin and graduated from Goose Lake High in 1956. That fall I taught school on a permit at Sunrise S.D. near McCreary, Manitoba. The next year I enrolled at the Manitoba Teachers' College. For the next three years I taught at Shortdale and Grand Narrows. In the summer of 1960, I met Calvin Ludwig and on August 4, the following summer we were married. We have four sons: Warren, Barry, Greg and Wesley. (For stories and pictures see Pete Ludwig family).

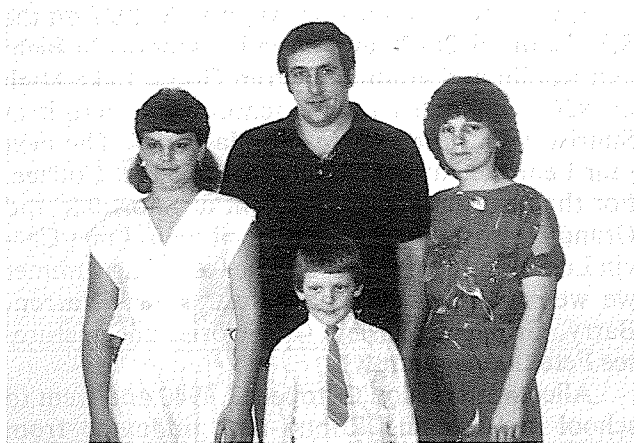
Alice was born on October 13, 1940 and went to school in Bield and Roblin and graduated from Goose Lake High in 1958. She then attended the University of Manitoba and Teachers' College. She taught school for three years at Renwer, Northcliffe and Timber. In May of 1965 she married Lyle Ludwig and they have a family of two daughters, Shannon and Melanie. (For story and pictures see Pete Ludwig family.)



Russell, Bella, Kevin and Owen Titanich.

Russell was born at Grandview on May 11, 1945. He attended school in Roblin to the ninth grade, then worked on construction in Clear Lake and Cartwright for one year. In 1963 he began working in the mines in Lynn Lake. In April 1966 he married Bella Peats of Roblin. They spent some time dairy farming and Russell worked for three years at Roblin Forest Products. In 1973 he began work at Esterhazy mines and in 1979 they moved to Churchbridge, Saskatchewan where they have lived ever since. They have two sons; Owen, born on April 25, 1967 and Kevin, born on August 18, 1972. Bella died in November 1983 with cancer.

John was born on November 25, 1946. He attended school in Roblin and completed grade XI. At 18 he went to Thompson to work in the mines for Inco. After 1½ years here he went to Lynn Lake and worked in the mines there for 2 years. He then moved to Snow Lake in 1968, where he continued to



John and Sandra Titanich, Terri and Scott.

work as a miner. In 1970 he married Sandra Ward of Roblin. They have two children: a daughter Terri, born on May 19, 1972 and a son, Scott, born on December 15, 1979.



Edward, Leslie, Mia and Jacob Titanich.

Edward was born in Grandview on July 22, 1949. He completed grade X in the Roblin schools, then worked out in various places at various jobs, from cherry picking to building construction. He turned to mining and spent 1½ years at it in Lynn Lake. Then from 1969–1976 he mined first at Snow Lake, then for the next two years was at Flin Flon and later went back to Snow Lake where he has worked ever since. In 1971 he married Margaret Paul and seven years later was divorced. He then chose Leslie Tucker of Roblin for his life's partner and they have a family of two — Mia, born on January 6, 1979 and Jacob born on March 22, 1982.

Mike Titanich Family by Rose Pongoski

Mike was born in Austria in Nov. 1908. He married Nellie Byrko of Shortdale in Roblin, in Oct., 1939. They lived on N.W. 18–26–27, until 1954,

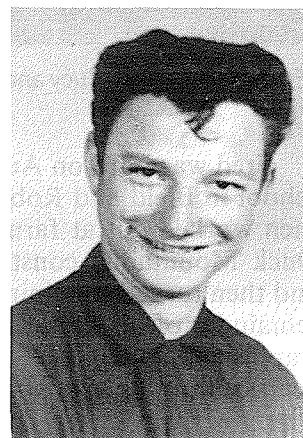


Mike and Nellie Titanich in October, 1939.

then moved to Roblin, until 1956, when they moved to Rapid City, Man. Mike died in 1959. Nellie moved to Kelowna, B.C., in 1972, and then to Winnipeg in 1982.

Besides farming, Mike drove the school van to Roblin. He took up barbering when in Roblin and continued to be a barber and owner of a billiard room until his death.

They raised a family of four daughters: Rose, Zena, Evelyn and Joan; and a son, Mervin. Mervin



Mervin Titanich.

attended school at Roblin and Rapid City and in 1975, at 26 years of age, he died. He was a truck driver at the time of his death.

I was born in Roblin in 1940 and went to school there and in Rapid City. In 1962, I married Melvin Hales of Rapid City and was later divorced. In 1971, I married Roger Pongoski from Portage La Prairie



Roger and Rose Pongoski with their children, Kent and Kyla.

and have lived in Portage ever since. Roger has his own business, "R.P. Auto Body". He has been in the auto-body repair trade for 20 years. From 1960-64, I worked as a hairdresser, then worked in Woolworth's office for 10 years. At present, I am

bookkeeping for my husband. We have two children; a daughter, Kyla, born in 1974 and a son, Kent, born in 1972.

Zena was born in Aug. 1942. She married Gerald Campbell of Rapid City in 1964. They have a son, Randy born in 1964 and Angela was born in 1967. They lived in Brandon until 1967, then for the next two years in Portage La Prairie. Later they moved to B.C., but moved back to Manitoba in 1981, to reside in Winnipeg. Gerald is an electrician and Zena works for Great West Life Insurance.



The Boaks: Evelyn, Don, Bruce and Kim.

Evelyn was born in Sept. 1943. She married Don Boak of Edwin, Man., in 1964. Their son, Bruce, was born in 1965 and their daughter, Kim, in 1973. They live on a farm in Edwin and both work in Portage La Prairie; Don as a mechanic and Evelyn at the Credit Union.



The Campbells: Zena, Gerald, Randy and Angie.



The Heudeboroucks: Joan, Jim and Deenah.

Joan was born in Sept. 1944 and received most of her education at Rapid City. In 1965, she married Lewis Stanich and later was divorced. In 1969, she married Jim Heudeborouck of Brandon. Their only child, Deenah, was born in 1971. Jim drives a truck for Arnold Bros. and Joan has a hairdressing business in her home. They live in Winnipeg.

Frank Titanich Family by Annie Titanich

Frank was born on Oct. 19, 1910. He married me, Anne Bazylewski in Postup in 1937. We first lived



Frank and Annie Titanich, in 1937.

on N.W. 1/4 31-26-27 near the Shell River, then moved to the Bield district. In 1958, we moved to the old homestead on S.E. 1/4 36-26-28. Besides farming, Frank also drove the school van to Bield and then to Roblin. In 1973, we retired to Roblin and in 1975, Frank passed away. I now reside in "Maple Manor" in Roblin.



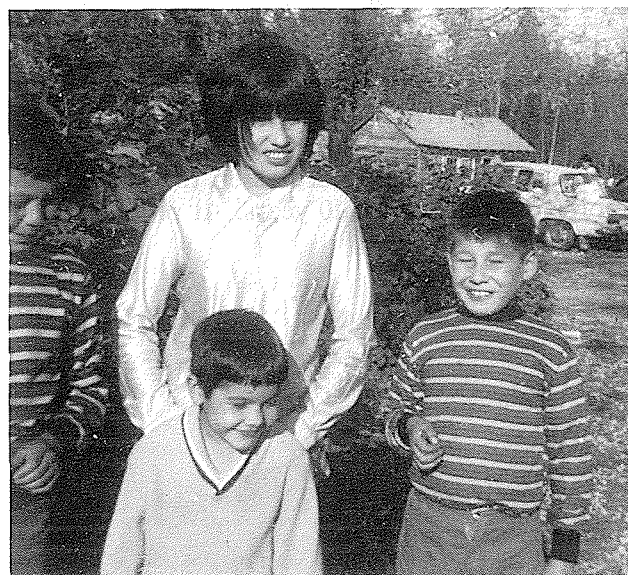
Roy, Bill and Harold Titanich, in 1975.

We raised a family of three sons; Bill, Roy and Harold. Our daughter, Stella, was killed in a train-school van collision near Bield in 1946, when she was eight years of age. Two other daughters, Marie and Rose died in infancy. We also raised two foster children; Maurice Guiboche and Patrick Chartrand.

Bill was born on Oct. 24, 1939. He went to



Stella Titanich at age two, sitting on top of her father's school van.



Maurice Guiboche (left) and Patrick Chartrand (right).

school in Bield. His first job was working with a farmer. He then worked for a time at Gabers in Roblin and then in the mines near Saskatoon. He is still employed there as manager of a car-wash.

Roy was born on Feb. 9, 1946 and also went to school in Bield and Roblin. On Nov. 30, 1968, he married Cheryl Middleton of Grand Narrows. Their daughter, Corinne, was born on July 22, 1970. They live and work in Winnipeg; Roy at the



Roy and Cheryl Titanich, and Corrine.

McDonn Versatile Co. and Cheryl in the Bank of Commerce.

Harold was born on Nov. 23, 1950 and attended school in Roblin. He began his work with Manitoba Hydro at The Pas and other northern centres, then worked his way up to an office position in the Safety Division in Winnipeg. Both Roy and Harold commit a great deal of their time assisting in "little league" baseball.

Stanley Titanich Family by Gladys Ludwig



Stanley, Lillian, Dennis, Stan Jr., Ruby and Vernon Titanich.

Stanley Titanich was born at Roblin around 1916. On January 31st, 1943 he married Lillian Taylor of Roblin and lived on his father's homestead which he took over when his father died. He drove the school van to Roblin and Lillian worked for a time in the Roblin Bakery.

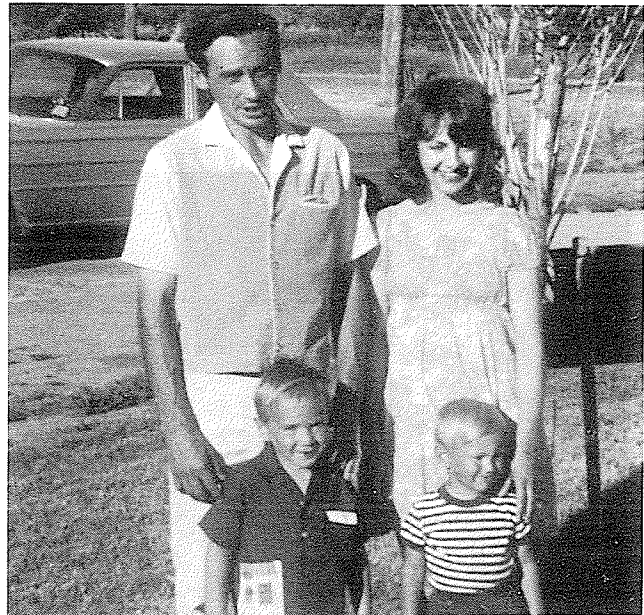
They moved to Kelowna, B.C. in 1957 where he and his sons worked as house-movers and Lillian continued to work out as a waitress.

They raised six children: Vernon, Ruby, Stanley Jr., Dennis and Keith who were born in Roblin and attended school there. Debbie was born in Kelowna, B.C.

Stanley died in 1980, and the rest of the family still reside in or around Kelowna.

All of the children, excepting Debbie, are involved in the logging business.

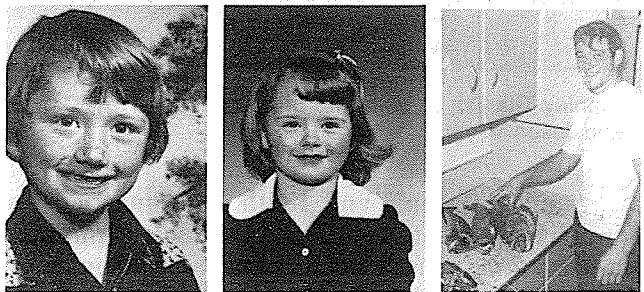
Vernon married Doreen Vogel in April, 1965.



Vernon and Doreen Titanich, Dean and Neil.

They have four children: Dean, Neil, Cory and Daryle.

Ruby married Phil Belenger in July, 1967 and

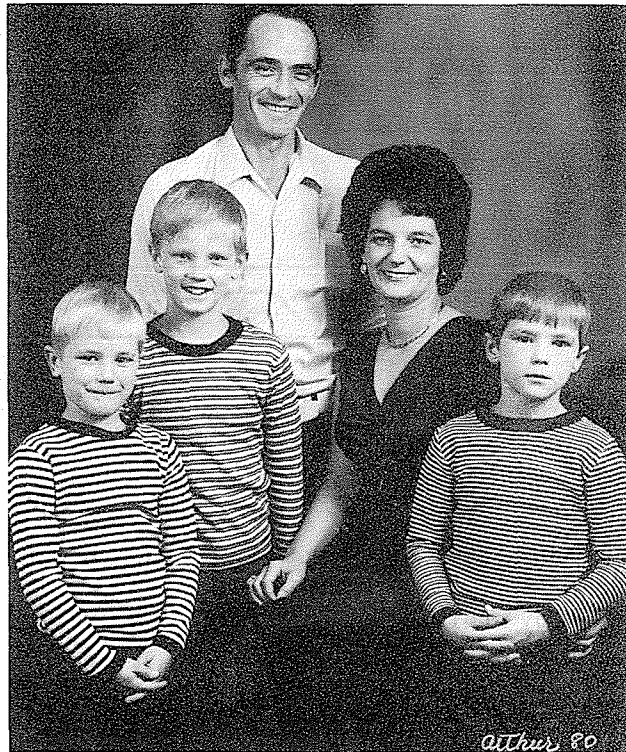


Craig, Patrice, and Dennis Titanich.



Phil and Ruby (Titanich) Roslyne and Shawn.

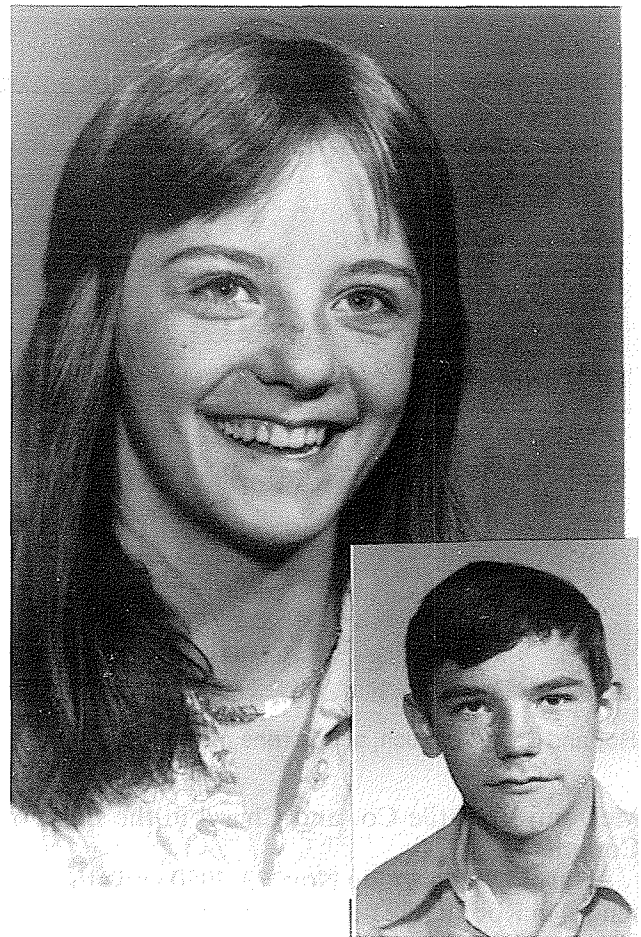
they have two children: Roslyne and Shawn. Ruby also is a waitress.



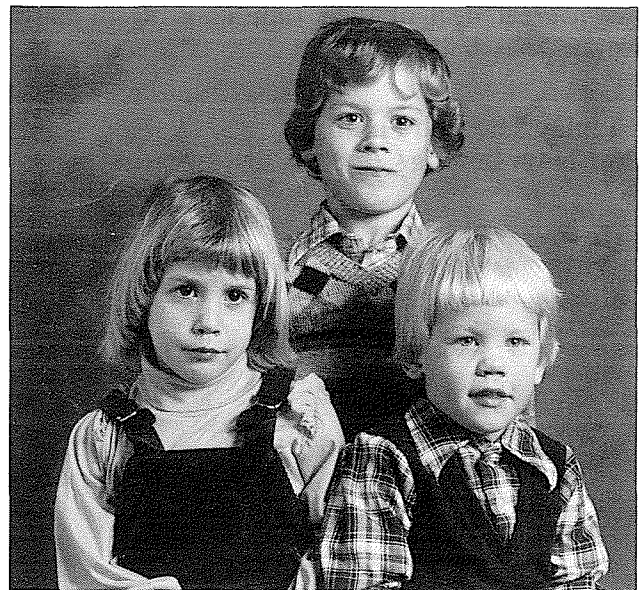
Stanley Titanich Jr. with wife Sally and sons Troy, Clayton, and Jason.

Stanley, Dennis and Keith have married but since have separated or divorced. Stanley remarried and has three sons: Troy, Clayton and Jason.

Debbie Titanich lives in Kelowna and has two daughters: Tera and April.



Debbie and Keith Titanich.



Jason, Brandy and Dennis Titanich (Keith's family).

Walter and Esther Titanich Family by Gladys Ludwig

Walter was born in August 1919 and attended



Walter Titanich and son David.

school in Roblin. He joined the Army and saw countries such as England and Jamaica.

He married Esther Windecker and they lived on a farm 4½ miles west and south of Roblin. For many years Walter drove a school van to Roblin and farmed as well.

They had a family of five children: David, (in wrestling circles is known as "Chris Pepper"), Joyce, Wally, Grace and Terry. All are now married except Terry. The children all received their education in Roblin schools.

When Walter died, Esther and family moved to Winnipeg where her married daughter, Joyce (Mrs. George McGinnis) lives. There she met and married Ed. Shanoski.

Doyick Titanich by Muriel Titanich

Doyick was born April 1st, 1921 and went to school in Roblin to grade eight. He worked for J. A. Carlson for a time. On Aug. 24th, 1951, he married Muriel Becker and settled four and one-half miles southeast of Roblin. He farmed and drove the school van to Roblin for 22 years.

Their first son, Edward, was born May 22nd, 1952. He completed high school in Roblin, then went to college at The Pas, where he took a course



L to R. Doyick Titanich, Karen (Coverly) Titanich and Edward Titanich, Muriel Titanich, and Brian.



Brian and Diane Titanich.

to become a surveyor. On Aug. 3rd, 1974, Edward married Karen Coverly from Courtice, Ont. They lived in Hamilton, Ont. for two years, then moved to Grand Prairie, Alta. where they lived for four years. They are presently living in Edmonton, Alta.

A second son, Brian, was born on July 4th, 1959. He also completed high school in Roblin, then went to the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg where he took Physical Education for three years. He has been teaching for two years in Cluny, Alta. Brian married Diane Shearer on August 4th, 1984.

Tony and Marion Titanich and Family by Marion Titanich

Tony was born in Roblin on June 12th, 1924, and attended school there. On November 8th, 1947 he married Marion Balaski, of Wadena, Saskatchewan. They have lived in Winnipeg, Wadena, and since 1974 in Esterhazy, Saskatchewan, where Tony worked at the mines.

We have a family of four. Sandra was born in Winnipeg in 1949. She married Erwin Doerper in 1972 and they live in Saskatoon, Sask. They have two sons: Timothy and Anthony. The rest of our



The Tony Titanich Family in 1980: Back row: L to R. Erwin Doerper, David Liebel, Timothy Doerper, Frederick Titanich. Front row: (Baby) Max Pedley, Carol Liebel, Angela Pedley, Anthony Doerper, Sandra Doerper, Marion Titanich, and Tony Titanich.

children were born in Wadena. Angela arrived in 1954. In 1973 she married Frank Pedley and they have a son, Max. They live in Moosomin, Sask.

Carol, born in 1957, married David Liebel in 1980, and they live in Princeton, Newfoundland.

Frederick was born in 1961 and is still single. He lives and works in Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

Anthony and Mary Tkachuk Family

by Olga Werbowski

Anthony Tkachuk was born in 1872 at Luczyce Sokol, East Galicia, in the Ukraine. He died on July 31st, 1926, at Dauphin, Manitoba.

Mary (Maiden name was Becka) Tkachuk was born on January 6, 1878 in Luczyce, Sokol, East Galicia, Ukraine, and died on December 18, 1966 at Dauphin, Manitoba.

Anthony and Mary Tkachuk and their two little girls, Pauline and Tillie, came to Canada on June 2nd, 1907 on the vessel "Mount Temple". The trip across took 3 weeks. They docked in Montreal, Quebec. Mary wanted to remain in Montreal but Anthony wanted to go to the "Promised Land" of Manitoba. The land in Manitoba was rock and bush and a lot of hard work went into making a home for them all. Anthony and Mary had one son, Michael who died in the Ukraine at the age of 6. They also had 8 daughters: Pauline, Tillie, Kate, Lena, Ann, Sophie, Olga and Vicky.

Olga Tkachuk was born on October 21st, 1916 in Zelena, Manitoba. Olga went to Timber school, north of Roblin, then attended Goose Lake School in Roblin. She began school at the age of 7, but because of hard times she left school at the age of 13 and milked cows for a family named Kelly. Then in the summer she went north of Roblin to dig for seneca roots which were used for medicine. She then worked in Roblin as a housekeeper for the Hemings. Olga married Tom Werbowski on October 12, 1933. Tom was from Calder, Sask. They farmed in the Roblin area for several years. Tom and Olga worked for McBride's lumber mill for a few years.

They moved to Welland, Ontario in 1942, then to Toronto in 1944. Tom and Olga's children were: Tony Werbowski, born in Roblin and married to Sophie Mast; Sophie died in October, 1977; Tony works for Ontario Hydro, and has two children; Donald aged 19; Lisa, aged 15; Stella, born in Roblin married Joseph Ratuszniak from Ashville, Manitoba. They have two children, Stacy age 14 and Mark, age 11. Alexander, born in Toronto married Val Brytak, Alex works as a sales executive and has two daughters, Vanessa age 10, and Nicole age 8.

Anton and Marie Tkatchuk

by Tillie Fedeniuk

Anton Tkatchuk and his wife, Maria came to



Anton and Maria Tkatchuk with their daughters, Tillie and Olga.

Canada from Western Ukraine, village of Luckitse, Povet Sokalic with 2 daughters; Paraska and Tekla. They came over in 1907, when the children were only 6 years and 2½ years old.

Anton and Marie farmed in the Timber area for 15 years. They did not have many neighbours at that time. Three other families came with them and we all lived together for awhile until the other families could get their homesteads and prepare the land for gardens.

In Canada six more children were born: Katie, Paulena, Annie, Sophie, Olga and Victoria. The family worked very hard clearing the homestead, picking stones and roots and growing enough food to feed a large family. They dug seneca root and sold it in Roblin to obtain flour and other groceries.

Mr. Tkatchuk worked on a farm between Portage and Neepawa and when he came home it was by foot — walking, as they had no money for rides. He had a cheque for working but he could not cash it — not even for a loaf of bread, so therefore when he arrived home he was tired, hungry and exhausted.

Anton Tkatchuk died in July, 1926, and Maria moved to Roblin to live with her daughter. Mary Tkatchuk was well known for her many skills which included being a midwife to many women and delivered many of their children.

She was a regular Catholic Church member and helped in the Women's League. After she broke her hip she spent about 2 years in the Dauphin hospital. She died on December 18th, 1966 at the age of 89 years.

Anton and Maria have 3 daughters living in Roblin. They are Mrs. Tillie Fedeniuk, Mrs. Katie Hachkowsky and Mrs. Anne Styba. Four daughters live in Mississauga, Ontario, (Toronto): Mrs. Lena

Korbut, Mrs. Sophie Werbowski, Mrs. Olga Werbowski, and Mrs. Victoria Hawrychuk. One daughter, Polly Cherwinski of Welland, Ontario died in 1981. They had many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Ted and Sandy Tobler Family

by Ted and Sandy

Theodor Willi Tobler was born as the 4th, child to his parents Willi and Elizabeth in Bauma, Switzerland on October 23, 1949. They lived in Sterenberg until March, 1962 when they moved further east to Harenwilen where his parents farmed on 25 acres. In 1972 Ted bought his parents' dairy farm and soon changed to beef cattle, and corn which he used to make silage for his steers. He used to buy feeder steers and 'finished' them. Usually he had about 60 head in the barn. Besides that, he had a few sows. When the weanling pigs were about 8 weeks old he sold them to a nearby farmer to finish.

In June, 1977 he met me, Alexandra Renggli. I still lived at my parents' house in Uzwil. I was born in Frauenfeld on February 26, 1959, the first of two girls. My father, Alexander, was a teacher in a professional school. He had his diploma as an engineer. My mom was a housewife. At the time I met Ted, I was working as a secretary.

On Christmas Day 1977, Ted and I were engaged to be married in June 1978. Unfortunately my dad died in an avalanche in January, 1978, so we postponed the wedding for another year.

Since we already had our "honeymoon" to Canada booked, we flew by the end of July, 1978 to Toronto, where my father's sister, Annemarie Gerriets, had lived since 1958. We rented a car and travelled around Ontario and looked at some farms, but we didn't like this area very much. We wanted a grain farm.

We came back to Switzerland and were reading every note we could find about Canada and farming there. But then, as we mentioned, our dreams to our moms (both widows) they didn't like that idea at all, and they sort of talked us out of moving to Canada.

On June 23, 1979, Ted and I were married. Soon we found out that it was impossible to make a decent living on our 25 acre farm. Ted was out working from 6 o'clock in the morning until late at night, and I was also working as a bookkeeper in an office.

So, we took a great risk and bought a restaurant. We had to take a big mortgage from the bank so that we could buy it. Soon we were able to pay some back and we made a good profit.

On June 27, 1980 our first girl, Daniela Franziska was born. Soon we found out that it was almost impossible to have a family life and work in

the restaurant for 16 hours a day. Something had to happen! We were not happy at all.

We closed our restaurant for one month. On April 27, 1981 we flew again to Toronto. In our suitcase was a cheque for \$10,000. We rented a mobile home and went west. As we came to Winnipeg we started to look around. Everything was so flat; there were no trees and no life, so we decided we would drive to Benito where we knew a Swiss family who had just moved there. As we passed the Shell River valley and saw all those nice hills and trees, we liked it. We came to Roblin and fell in love with this little friendly town. Then we started to look for a real estate agent and found Ken Jake-man's office. He showed us around some of the farms, and told us that another Swiss man was living here, Andy Mosimann. Certainly we went to visit him. He had a girl friend at that time. Her father, Jack McDuffe was renting Bruce and Eleanor Davis' farm. This farm was for sale. Donna showed us around. Wasn't it a beautiful place! We liked it right away. We were thinking about it and trying to figure out how we could afford to buy 5 quarters. On May 10, 1981 we signed the contract and made our \$10,000.00 down payment. Now we had to go back to Switzerland. The most difficult year for us was that of waiting. First we had to apply for the Immigration Visa. The Canadian Embassy in Berne wanted to know everything. We had to provide financial statements and budgets and birth certificates; and we had to go to a doctor to have our health examinations. There were many other things that they wanted to know. Then we waited for the visa. In the meantime, we started to search for buyers for our belongings. Finally on December 24, 1981 we found our visas in the mail. That was the nicest Christmas present that we ever received.

In February, 1982, we sold the restaurant and a few days later, the farm.

March 14, 1982 was the big day. All of our relatives came to the airport to wish us farewell and good luck. Lots of tears were shed among our relatives. Ted and I were so happy — a dream had come true. On March 14, 1982 we landed in Toronto where we had to go over some office work. Now we were permanent residents of Canada. We stayed a few days at my aunt's place. In Toronto we bought a car. A three-day journey took us to Winnipeg where we had to get our container released from customs.

On Tuesday, March 23rd, 1982 we finally moved into our new home. Bruce Davis helped us to unload the big container. Soon our furniture was in place and we had our new home.

Now it is more than two years later and we have never regretted the big step we took. In the meantime our family grew. Shortly after we came here on

May 20, 1982, our son, Alexander William was born and now two years later on April 4, 1984 our second son, Theodor Benjamin Edward was born. They were both born in Roblin. Our home is on the S.E. ¼ of 21-25-29, in the R.M. of Shell River.

The Townes Family

by Jennie Mortemore

Allie Townes, as he was known by everyone around, lived one half mile from his neighbor, Bob Henderson. He built a large house by the lake which has always been known as the Townes' Lake, and still is to this day.

All the young people for miles around spent their Sundays swimming in Townes' Lake.

Allie was married and had a family of five: two boys and three girls who were all born and educated in the Sunny Slope district.

Bill, the eldest, stayed on the farm and married Vida Jewell. They had a family of two: one boy and one girl.

Allie passed away about 1914 or 1915 at the farm, and Bill and his family moved away.

Jack Townsend — Cote-San Clara

by Jack

I was raised at Cypress River, Manitoba. Dad and Mom farmed there and raised Hackney horses



Jack Townsend with his ponies and buggy.

and Angus cattle.

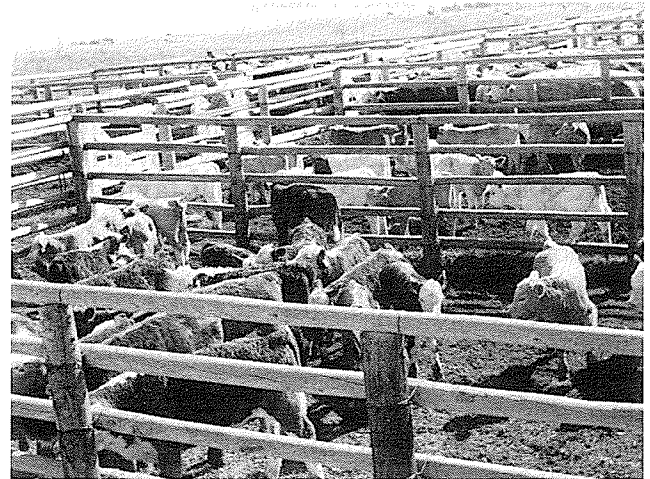
Dad showed horses throughout that part of the country and being the only one in the family I went with him. At that time it seemed as if every town had a fair and only one day apart. We would walk the horses at night when it was cool in order to show them again the next day.

In 1941 we moved to Roseisle, west of Carman. We lived there for nine years. In the fall of 1959 we sold the place and bought land at Eriksdale, Manitoba, in the Interlake country.

I was married in 1954 to Ruth Larson, who was raised at Eriksdale. That same year, 1954, Lake Manitoba water levels were very high and many of the ranchers were forced to move their cattle further

inland. I was approached to herd them. It was almost an impossible task, due to flies, foot rot, and water everywhere, but that is another story.

A P.F.R.A. Find Crew moved in that summer and built the outside fence of a 16,000 acre pasture which is known today as the Mulvihill Community



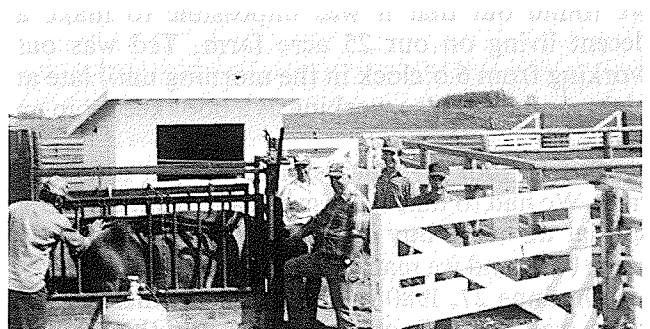
Cattle in the pens at the P.F.R.A. pasture.

Pasture. I was hired as the manager in the spring of 1955. Also, that same year our first son, Glen, was born.

We had five of a family: Glen, Dale, Wanda, John and another daughter. We lost Glen in 1974 in a car accident. Dale has two daughters, Tracy and Michelle, and is manager of a Saan Store in Rose-town, Sask. Wanda is married to Hubert Carriere, and is living in Roblin. They have three children; Jacelyn, Jordan and Chad. Hubert and Wanda operate Cardeager Ford Mercury Sales in Roblin. John is still single and is presently working in Regina, Sask. We lost our youngest daughter.

We moved from Mulvihill pasture at Eriksdale to the Cote-San Clara pasture north of Togo, Sask., in 1973.

The Cote-San Clara pasture was fenced in 1959. Moses Laliberte was the first manager of this pasture until his retirement in 1970. Murray Tripp took



Workers at the Community pasture.

over after Moses' retirement and was there until 1973 and then I took over from Murray.

Leonard Jerome was rider for all three of us until his retirement in 1983. Our pasture handles around 2,600 head of cattle every year.

We have really enjoyed our years here at Cote-San Clara Pasture. It is beautiful country and there are a lot of great people who live here. Our patrons who bring cattle to the pasture are second to none. Our neighbours have made us welcome right from the first.

In closing, I would like to say "Thank You" to the people who are putting this history book together. They are a real credit to the community that they serve.

The Townsin and Syko Family

by Anne Syko

Albert George Townsin was born in Berkshire, England, September 30, 1886. He was the oldest son of William and Mary Townsin. At the age of 18, he immigrated to Canada. For four years he worked as a farm laborer at Austin and Miami, Manitoba. In the spring of 1908, he came to the Merridale district and homesteaded the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 33-27-27. With the help of neighbors, he had a log house and a barn built before winter set in. In 1911, he was joined by his brother, Sidney, who bought the adjoining $\frac{1}{4}$ section of land. From that time, the two brothers lived and worked together.

In 1916, Albert married Elizabeth Boucher. Sidney joined the Cameron 43rd battalion in Winnipeg and went overseas that same year. He landed at Diligate, near Folkstone in England. After two months, he was sent to France, landing at Bologne and training at Etaples. He fought at Vimy Ridge, Hill 70, Passchendaele in Belgium, Battle of Amiens and was gassed there in August, 1918. Later he came back to Cambria Rd. Dorias Plains, east to Valencia, where he happened to be on November 11, 1918. In February, 1919, he returned to his family in England. In March of 1919, he returned to Canada and again took up farming and residence with his brother and sister-in-law.

In 1927, Mrs. Townsin passed away suddenly, leaving her husband with two small daughters to raise. This he did successfully, with the help of kind friends, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Calver. Anne, the elder daughter, quit school at the age of 14. She then kept house for her father, uncle and sister, Evelyn. Evelyn was able to continue her schooling at Merridale and by correspondence courses. She graduated from the Winnipeg Normal School in 1943. After several years of teaching school, she decided to take up nursing. She graduated from the Winnipeg General Hospital in 1952 as a registered nurse. She moved then to Denver, Colorado, U.S.A.,

where she nursed for several years. After moving to Missouri in 1966, she graduated from North West Missouri State University, Maryville with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Education. In 1969, she graduated from the University of Minnesota, with a degree of Master of Arts in Education. She returned to Canada in 1972, and has since lived in Winnipeg, where she teaches high school at the Prince Charles School.

The year 1939 saw several changes. Two new homes were built on the farm. Albert Townsin sold his farm to Mickey Syko and he and Anne Townsin were married and moved into one new home. Albert and Sidney moved into the other new home and once again became bachelors. Anne continued to do their laundry, breadbaking and so on.

Mickey joined the Army in 1944, C. Company of the 43rd Battalion in Winnipeg. Three months later, after a knee injury, he was transferred to the Medical Corps and sent to Camp Borden in Ontario for basic training. He then worked as a nursing orderly in Brandon Military Hospital until his discharge in October, 1945.

Anne and Mickey returned to Merridale at that time and again took up farming. Mickey bought Sidney's farm in 1951. From that time on, they took an active part in the community. Both hold 5-year 4-H diplomas. Mickey was a school trustee for several years, and a stub route school bus driver for two years. Anne was the school secretary for seven years. Their two children, Murray and Joan, were raised on the farm and attended Merridale school and Roblin Collegiate. Murray is now married to Joyce Edel and lives west of Roblin. He is a dry-waller and painter. Joan is married to Alexander Horne and lives in Roblin. She is a L.P.N. and nurses at the local hospital.

Sidney moved into Roblin in 1974 and still lives in his own home. He grows a garden, cooks his own meals and enjoys good health at the age of 91.

Albert Townsin will long be remembered by his family. He was a good father, a man of great compassion and well liked by all. During his lifetime, he was postmaster, school secretary, road commissioner and councillor. Also, he was the first president of the first Merridale Community Club, formed in 1934. He worked three years at the Brandon Experimental Farms as a gardener. He was a quiet man who enjoyed reading and gardening. His flowers were a joy to see. He passed away quietly at his home in 1970.

After Joan and Murray completed high school and left home in 1971, Anne and Mickey continued to farm until 1976. At that time they sold their farm and moved into their new home in Roblin. They have spent eight very happy years of retirement.

Traub Family

by Edith and Eileen Traub

Charles Traub was born on May 14, 1864 at Schmellenhof, County of Weinsburg, Kingdom of



Mr. Charles and Mrs. Anna Traub.

Wurttenbert (Germany). He was a son of Carl Traub and Godlieben Schmidt, and had at least three brothers, Godfried, Henry and Paul, and perhaps one sister. Charles came with his family to Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., September 21, 1879. He and one brother became farmers, renting land in the Huntley-Elgin area of Illinois, while the other brothers became involved in the bakery business.

Charles' first marriage to Rosie Rupp produced three children; Minnie, Charles Jr. (born in December 1887), and Rose (born on Sept. 1st. 1889). In 1896 Charles married Anna Pederson Bore, born on September 30, 1870 in Copenhagen, Denmark. The Pederson family had come to the Illinois, U.S.A. area when Anna was a young child. She had a sister, Mary and a brother, Charles. Anna's father, Mr. Pederson Sr. worked in a metal foundry until his later years. He made a couple of trips as an elderly man in his eighties to visit the Charles Traub family in Canada. Anna Pederson Bore had three children by her first marriage—George (born Dec. 14, 1891), Fred (born on March 14, 1894), and Ethel (born on April 15, 1895). Anna was widowed when Mr. Bore was killed by a train while hauling a load of milk.

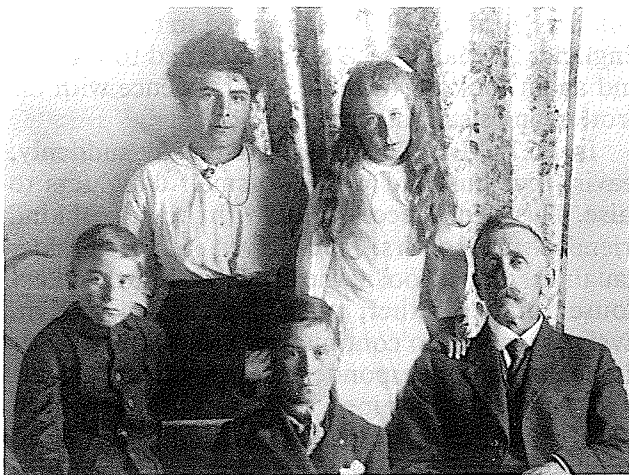
Thus, when Charles and Anna married, they became a household with six children. Together they added nine more children through their own union: Anne (born 1897), Bert (born March 21, 1899), Albert (born Oct. 1, 1900), Frances Louise (born April 24, 1902), Clarence (born March, 7, 1905), Violet Mary (born Feb. 2, 1907), Tessie Edna (born Sept. 4, 1908), Lawrence William (born Nov. 24, 1910), and Mabel Blanche (born Sept. 30, 1913).

The first seven of these children were born while Charles and Anna were still farming in the Huntley

Ill. area. Mr. Traub's one arm was severed at the wrist by a corn husker. The lure of cheap land to the north brought Charles to Canada in 1909. He took up the homestead ten miles S.W. of Togo, Saskatchewan, on the west bank of the Assiniboine River in Calder Municipality (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 34-26-30 and the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of 27-26-30). After starting the building of the house he returned to the U.S. for the winter.

On March 1, 1910, Charles and Anna and family moved to Canada. With them came three freight cars of animals (Holstein cattle, pigs, chickens and horses), machinery and other belongings. The first spring, twenty acres were broken with the help of three mules and a horse. The children started to attend Gartmore school. The frame house, firm and with not a creak in the stairs or floors, was still standing until 1973. The original barns, root cellar, and smoke house built of logs with clay roofs, were still standing in the mid-seventies, half-hidden by tall grass and encroaching trees. This land is now part of a government community pasture. The last of Charles' children, Lawrence and Mabel were born in the homestead house.

In 1913 Charles Traub bought his first half section (E $\frac{1}{2}$ of 34-27-29) in the Makaroff area of Shell River Municipality. The Peters and Livingstone families had previously lived on this land. The broken acreage, the Truabs rented to Mr. Charles Pilen Sr., while they went between here and the Calder farm breaking new acreage. On September 4, 1913 Charles Traub became a naturalized British subject, and thereby a Canadian citizen, in the court at Yorkton, Sask. In 1914 Charles bought the west half of section thirty-six in Cote Municipality, one and one half miles south of Togo, from J. H. Abercrombie. Sons Bert and Albert took off the first harvest (oats). In 1918 Charles bought about twelve acres right on the western edge of Togo, from the



The Harvey Family: Archie, Harriet, George Jr., Edith, George Sr.

railroad tracks to where the road turns south. About this time he sold his homestead west of the Assiniboine in Calder, and also the farm just south of Togo.

In the meantime breaking continued on the Makaroff farm, the Traub sons batching in a granary. In 1916 a new house was started on the Makaroff farm, on the foundation of a previous one. George and Harriet Harvey were hired to operate this new Traub home and they and their family of four children George, Edith, Archie and Albert Clifford moved into the newly completed house in 1917. Albert Clifford died here of scarlet fever in 1920. During this time the house yard was built up. Rows of tiny spruce trees were planted. These are now tall and stately, a landmark visible for miles around. The older Traub sons were now working out as well as on the Traub land. Mr. and Mrs. Traub and the younger children were at present living in the Togo house.

The Harveys left the Makaroff Traub farm about 1922 and the Traubs moved in. The Traub family now occupied the Togo and Makaroff homes. Son Bert had taken out homestead papers on neighbouring land Feb. 25, 1918. This was the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 34-27-29 W1, approximately two and a half miles north of Makaroff. On October 24, 1918, Albert homesteaded the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 34-27-29. Charles Sr. had purchased section 35-27-29, across the road from the original Makaroff half section, from Howard Winkler in 1920. An additional sixty acres adjoining section 35, and across from what was later Art Pillen's was also purchased.

On May 31, 1923, in the Makaroff house, daughter Violet Marie died of complications following an appendix operation. Mrs. Anna Traub died of pneumonia here in 1932. Shortly after this the Togo house burned down and the Traub family moved completely to the Makaroff farm. Mr. C. Traub died on November 4, 1937 of a perforated ulcer.

The eldest of Charles Traub's family, Minnie only visited briefly in Canada. She returned to the U.S., married John Minder and had two children. John and Minnie had a jewellery store in Peoria, Illinois. Here they were severely beaten when their store was robbed and neither completely recovered. Minnie died in 1959.

Charles Traub Jr. (born in 1887), the eldest of Charles' sons, came to Canada in 1910 with the family and remained. He homesteaded one and a half miles west and one half mile north of his father's homestead in the Calder area, west of the Assiniboine River and south-west of Togo, Sask. Then in 1920 he rented the farm of George Ross just west of Togo. He also was engaged in road building

and lumber contracting. Later he purchased his last farm, this one in the Silverwood-Makaroff area, just north of that of his father and brothers. Charles Jr.'s land, purchased from Robert McBride, ran mostly along the Togo road across from the farm of Dick Smith. Charles died on January 11, 1954 of cancer (leukemia). His funeral service was in Togo, conducted by Rev. Louis Furtake. Pallbearers were Lloyd Elder, Robert McBride, Lee Lindsay, Bill Dickie, Paul Laliberte, and Dick Smith. Charles Jr. was buried in Togo Cemetery, beside his parents, Charles and Anna Traub, and his sister, Violet.

The Traub's third child, a daughter, Rose, (born on Sept. 1, 1889) came to Canada for a short time with the family but she, like Minnie, returned to Illinois. She married Ernst Gilomen, a supervisor and inspector for the Elgin Watch Company. Rose and Ernst had four children: Walter John (born 8/12/1915), Dorothy Jane (born 9/10/1919), Ernest Otto died in 1959, and Robert Elroy (born 10/6/25 and died in 1972). Ernst Gilomen died in 1944 and Rose on May 27, 1960.

George Bore Traub was born on December 14, 1891. He came to Canada with his family and farmed west of Togo and in the Makaroff area for some years. On December 28, 1921 he married Virginia Carlene Wager (born 1899). George and Virgie had eight children: Effie Lorena (Sept. 30, 1922), Olive Isabelle (born Nov. 1, 1923), Marjorie Vivian (born Feb. 13, 1925), Wilbert Charles (born Dec. 22, 1927), Hubert Wesley (1929), Edward Harvie (Jan. 10, 1931), Lawrence Alfred (born Oct. 24, 1933), and Alvin Willard (born Oct. 28, 1935). About 1928 George Traub left the Silverwood-Makaroff area and took his family to Choiceland, Saskatchewan, where he farmed until his later years. His wife, Virgie died in 1947 and in 1951 he married Isabella Vickberg (born May 30, 1911). George and Isabella had one son, Harry Leonard (July 14, 1952). By the time of his death in 1973, George had thirty-six grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

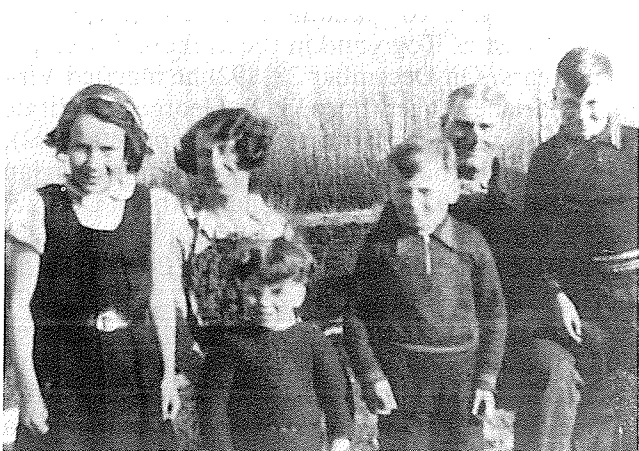
Fred Traub, (born on March 14, 1894) came only briefly to Canada with the family before returning to Illinois. He farmed in the Harmony-Belvidere area. On July 27, 1918 he married Edith V. Petersen (born June 14, 1894). Fred and Edith had two daughters: Gladys Marie (born Jan. 10, 1920, died October 17, 1971) and Helen Elizabeth (born Jan. 24, 1922). In their later years Fred and Edith resided in Woodstock, Illinois. Here Fred passed away on February 14, 1958 and Edith on Feb. 26, 1967.

Ethel Estel Traub born on April 15, 1895, also came only to Canada for visits with her family. She married Charles Kemp (born Oct. 10, 1891) of Dundee, Ill., on August 15, 1916. Charles worked for a tile factory in Capron, Illinois, until the depression. He and Ethel farmed in the Caledonia-Hunter area

for thirteen years. They ran rooming houses in Garden Prairie and De Kelb for several years before retiring to Belvidere. Charles passed away on June 6, 1968, and Ethel on January 24, 1982. They had no children.

The eldest child of Charles and Anna Traub was Anne, born in 1897. She was given the chance of an education. She attended Teachers' College in Saskatoon, Sask., then taught school in Kamsack and later Stenen, Sask. Here she married Sid Hollier. They later moved to New Kensington, Pennsylvania. Anne and Sid Hollier had several children.

Bert Traub, born on March 21, 1899 in Huntley, Illinois, came to the Traub homestead west of the Assiniboine with his parents in 1910. After his father, Charles Traub Sr. purchased the first portion of his Makaroff farm in 1913, Bert spent most of his time in that area. On February 25, 1918, he homesteaded the first of his own land, the SW 1/4 of 34-27-29, two and a half miles north of Makaroff in Ward 4 of Shell River Municipality. On August 25, 1926, Rev. Smith performed the marriage cere-



Bert Traub Family: L to R. Lorene, Edith, Alan, George, Bert, Harvie.

mony of Bert and Edith Gardner Stevenson Harvey (born on June 25, 1907) in the United Church Manse in Makaroff. Witnesses were Frances Traub, the groom's sister, and George Harvey Jr., brother of the bride. Bert and Edith's first home was a small house on 35-27-29, in a field across the road from the main Charles Traub family home. Their first child, Harvie Lawrence was born here on June 11, 1927. From here Bert and Edith moved to a farm two miles north-west of Makaroff on the Makaroff-Togo road. This farm was later owned by Mr. George Shearer for many years and now by Ernie Davis. While living here three more children were born to Bert and Edith: Edith Lorene on June 15, 1929, George Edward on February 10, 1932, and Alan Herbert on November 24, 1934. From this

location Bert moved his family to the Payne land, a half section next to that of Tom (Walter) Boyce, and just north-east of Makaroff. Bert and Edith's stepfather, Alex Taylor, had built a new house here while camping in a caboose.

On July 25, 1939, Bert and Edith lost a baby girl at birth. Besides farming Bert worked as a foreman on road construction for Shell River Municipality in the Makaroff-Silverwood area. On October 17, 1946, Bert's son, Harvie was killed while taking lunch down the Boggy hill to his dad's road gang working in the valley just north of Bert's farm. Rev. C. Simpson conducted Harvie's funeral service in Makaroff. Pallbearers were Jim McGregor, Glen Arnott, Dave Lindsay, Ivan Boyce, Steve Beck and Herb Henderson. Interment was in Makaroff cemetery.

Later that autumn, Bert purchased his family's last farm home just to the northwest. This land had previously belonged to the Shermans, Albert Boyce, and Charles Elder Sr. Bert and Edith's last farm consisted of three quarter sections plus the original 1918 homestead quarter. It was a mixed grain farm where they also raised Hereford and other cattle, pigs, horses and chickens.

Their youngest child, Eileen Lyne was born on December 13, 1947 in the Russell hospital. Edith and the new baby were brought home the day of the Christmas concert by Bert and Ike Beattie in Ike's new '47 Studebaker. All Bert's children attended Makaroff consolidated school. Bert served on the Makaroff School Board for many years. He also served on the Pool Elevator and Makaroff United Church boards. He enjoyed curling in the winter months, locally and several times in Winnipeg. On Monday, August 9, 1948 Bert was killed on the hilly road north of Boggy Creek, while he and Tom Beck were hauling lumber for the new Makaroff curling rink that the district men were building. His funeral service was held on a rainy August 12, in the Makaroff Hall, with Rev. C. Simpson officiating. He was interred in the Makaroff cemetery. Pallbearers were Wm. Pound, Tom Boyce, Lee Lindsay, Sandy Elder, Ike Beattie and John Beattie. Honorary bearers were H. Boyce, W. Beattie and George Beattie; ushers C. Rogers and P. MacRae. The Makaroff curling rink is now gone and a plaque has been placed in Bert's memory in the Makaroff Hall.

Bert and Edith's daughter, Lorene attended Manitoba Normal School in Winnipeg and taught in Norway House and Gillam, Manitoba. On November 4, 1950 she married Henry Aban Lyle (born on Feb. 22, 1926) of Dryden, Ontario. After Hank returned from the Korean conflict he and Lorene made their home in Dryden where Hank worked for the town board of works for many

years. They had three children: Jewell Ann born Oct. 29, 1953; Garry Alan born Sept. 22, 1955; and Douglas Henry born October 14, 1959. Hank and Lorene moved to Calgary in July 1969 where Hank worked for GalliliConmac Construction company. They now reside in Abbotsford, B.C.

Bert and Edith's second son, George, worked on his parent's farm after leaving school. In 1950 he went to Pine Falls and worked as the rodman on the survey crews and later on the construction of the Pine Falls power dam. Here he married Aurore Beatrice (Bonnie) Coutu (born Nov. 12, 1932) in 1951. They moved to Dryden, Ontario where George worked in the pulp and paper mill. From here they went to Winnipeg and in the fall of 1961 they came back and lived in the Bert Traub home while George worked for his uncle, Lawrence Traub. George and Bonnie had seven children: Diana (born May 4, 1952), Joann (born June 11, 1953), Sharlene Edith (born May 19, 1955), Barry George Bert (born Sept. 23, 1957), Gail Eileen (born Dec. 31, 1958), Lynn Lorene (born Sept. 4, 1963) and Alan Lawrence (born Nov. 1, 1965). Lynn and Alan were born in the Roblin Hospital. The children all attended Makaroff and Roblin schools. All are now married except Lynn and Alan. George and Bonnie had twelve grandchildren. In August 1975 George and Bonnie moved to the boom city of Calgary. Here they opened a "secondhand store" and George worked for Conmac Construction before starting his own general contracting business (Deer Ridge Concrete and General Contracting Ltd.). In the spring of 1983 George and Bonnie moved back to Winnipeg, where George operated his business, Deer Ridge Contracting. George died accidentally in Winnipeg on May 20th, 1985.

Bert and Edith Traub's youngest son, Alan helped run the home farm while finishing high school in Makaroff. He drove a van for Makaroff School Board and then trained briefly with Mac-Leod Stores. He was a member of the Makaroff United Church and the Canadian Order of Foresters. In 1954 Edith rented the farm land and cattle to Ted Saunders who farmed the adjoining land to the south. Alan joined the R.C.A.F. and trained with the NATO forces at London, Ontario and Moose Jaw, Sask., as a pilot. He was killed Thursday May 5, 1955 in the crash of his Harvard aircraft sixteen miles south of Moose Jaw. Alan was given a military funeral service in the Makaroff hall on Tuesday May 10, 1955. The service was conducted by Padre Cox of the R.C.A.F. Winnipeg base, and Rev. A. Ireland of Makaroff-Togo United Church. The interment was in Makaroff cemetery. Pallbearers were former school friends — Earl Beattie, Lloyd Hilderman, Richard Nabe, George Shearer Jr., Gerald Wilson and Vernon Murray.

Now that the farm and cattle were rented out, Edith started working in the Roblin District Hospital in 1957, driving back and forth daily. Many a dark winter morning she was the first to 'break trail' on the Makaroff-Roblin roads. In August of 1961 Edith and Eileen moved into Roblin. This brought Edith closer to her workplace and Eileen, about to enter grade nine, closer to the newly opened Roblin Collegiate Institute. They rented an apartment in the home of Annie and Andrew Arnott for two years. Then in 1963 Edith purchased her present home at the corner of Hospital and Windsor. Edith had been an active supporter of the Makaroff United Church Ladies' Aid and of the Makaroff Women's Institute. She also belonged to the Roblin Hospital Auxiliary. Upon moving to Roblin she became a member of the Roblin Horticultural Society and the Roblin United Church Women. In 1983 Edith was honored to be made a life member of both the Hospital Auxiliary and the United Church Women. She retired from her job at the hospital in 1968 and sold the Makaroff farm to Ted Saunders. It is now owned by Harold Andres.

Eileen, youngest of Bert and Edith's children, graduated from Roblin Collegiate, then attended United College (University of Winnipeg) for two years. During the summer months of this period she worked at tourist camps in northwestern Ontario. In 1968-69 she was employed by the Dryden, Ontario High School as an assistant librarian. In September 1969 she moved to Brandon, Manitoba for courses at Brandon University. She has made her home in Brandon since then and is employed in the retail florist business.

Albert Traub, second eldest son of Charles and Anna, was born on October 1st, 1900 in Huntley, Ill., and came to Canada in 1910 with his parents. While working with his father and brothers, Albert homesteaded the N.W. 1/4 of 34-27-29 (October 24, 1918) north of Makaroff. He worked at farming in the Makaroff area until 1940 when he moved to Winnipeg. He married Alice (Nastrom) Harvey (approximately 1945). Albert was employed by Westman Steel Co. for twenty-five years until his retirement in 1965. He and Alice rented out rooms in their large home on Spence St. Albert passed away on Sept. 13, 1983, after a long fight with cancer. He is survived by his wife, Alice, son, Derek Harvey and grandchildren, Scott and Tammy Harvey. He is interred in Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens, Winnipeg.

Charles' and Anna's daughter, Frances Louise, born on April 24, 1902 in Huntley, was eight years old when the Traub family came to Canada. She went to grade five at Gartmore School. Frances worked in the homes of Ed Furtney and her sister, Annie Hollier. Frances first went to Winnipeg to

work in 1921, in the Winkler home on Dorchester Street. She returned home for her sister Violet's surgery and after Violet's death, returned to Winnipeg. She was employed by Moore's Restaurant. On November 2, 1929 she married Fred Paterson (born on Feb. 2, 1897). Fred was a widower with two children, Kathleen and Rod. A journeyman electrician, Fred worked for Star Electric. Fred and Frances had eight children: Beatrice (born on June 24, 1930), Viola (born on August 8, 1931), Dorothy (born on December 23, 1932), Patricia (born on August 16, 1934), James Deason (born on April 23, 1936), Diane Deason (born on July 23, 1939), Frederick Barry (Billy, born on October 1, 1943), and Hugh Richard (born on July 16, 1947). Fred Paterson died on August 10, 1960 and Frances now resides on Garwood St., Winnipeg, with her children Billy and Pat.

Clarence Traub, born on March 7, 1905, was only five when the Traub family came to Canada. He worked on the family farm as he grew up and generally farmed in the Silverwood-Makaroff district. On November 19, 1931 he married Ena Donaldson (born on April 8, 1911). They moved to Togo, Sask. Clarence was employed in road construction for Cote and Hillsburg municipalities until his retirement in 1980. Clarence and Ena had seven children: Marcia (born on March 27, 1932), Raymond (born on June 25, 1933), Vivian (born on December 27, 1936), Clifford (born on October 25, 1940), Clinton (born on August 16, 1944), Wendy (born on March 21, 1950), and Gary (born on May 13, 1954). On May 22, 1984, Clarence died in Kamsack Union Hospital of lung cancer. His funeral service in Roblin Memorial Chapel was followed by cremation.

Tessie Edna Traub, (born September 4, 1908) a baby when the Charles Traub family immigrated to Canada, attended Gartmore and Togo schools. As a young woman she worked in Winnipeg, and then the Clanwilliam, Manitoba, area, where her sister, Mabel had settled. Here she worked for the Averill and Oman families.

On November 25, 1942 she married Arthur Averill (born November 16, 1912). Arthur and Tessie farmed near Clanwilliam and have just recently retired. They still reside in their farm home. Tessie and Arthur had three sons: Reginald (born October 14, 1943), Harold (born May 28, 1945), and Stewart (born on April 17, 1946). Stewart and his wife bought the Averill farm in the fall of 1983.

The first of Charles' and Anna Traub's family to be born in Canada was Lawrence William, born on November 24, 1910, in the new homestead house on the banks of the Assiniboine west of Togo. He went to Togo school until midway through his grade nine. As a young man he worked on the Makaroff

home farm and then went west to Alberta. He was going to emigrate to Australia but instead returned to the Traub home farm. During the winter months he worked in the mines at Sudbury, Ontario, sharpening drills.

After the death of his father, Charles Sr. in 1937, Lawrence bought the Makaroff farm. He later gave his father's first combine (a 1930 Nichols and Shephard) to the Manitoba Agricultural Museum at Austin, Manitoba. Lawrence started to build up a prize herd of purebred Hereford cattle, having bred registered cows by 1939. He became closely associated with Thorpe Herefords from the United States. Lawrence showed his cattle for several years at the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair in Brandon. In the following years an average of one hundred and thirty Herefords would bear the ELT brand. Lawrence became a lifetime member of the Canadian Hereford Association.

In the late '40's Lawrence joined the Togo Masonic Lodge. He belonged to the Pioneer and Pool elevator associations. Lawrence was an active member of the Makaroff Curling Club and was also keen on golfing, often going for a summer golfing weekend at Clear Lake with friends. Lawrence was also a councillor of Ward 4 for Shell River Municipality for several years.

In 1958 Lawrence purchased the Donaldson farm (NE 1/4 of 2-28-29) and in 1965 the Sangster farm (SE 1/4 of 2-28-29). In addition, for twenty-four years he rented Jack Rule's half section, across from the Art Pillen home, excepting the sixty acres already purchased in 1920 by Charles Traub. This rented land was sold to Jim Stewart in 1965.

On April 21, 1952 Katherine Laura Murray Lalonde (born on May 24, 1925) had come with her two children, William Edward (December 21, 1946) and Caroline Joan (December 21, 1947), from the Bredenbury, Sask. area to be a housekeeper for Lawrence. Bill and Carol attended the Makaroff Consolidated School. Kaye became a member of the United Church Women and of the Roblin Hospital Auxiliary.

Though Lawrence sold his cattle and rented his land to a friend and neighbour, Lloyd Elder, in 1967, he continued to live in the home farm house. On March 21, 1972, he and Kaye Lalonde were married in Roblin's Christ Church (Anglican) by Rev. Keith Taylor. Lawrence sold the farm to Bruce Elder and in 1975 he and Kaye moved to a lovely new home in Calgary, Alberta. However they continued coming home to Makaroff for the summer months, borrowing back the farm house.

On June 6, 1983, Lawrence died at his Calgary home following years of battling Parkinson's disease and more recently having suffered strokes. He is survived by wife, Kaye, stepchildren, Carol

(Lalonde) Clark and Bill Lalonde, as well as four grandchildren. Lawrence is interred in Rockyview Garden of Peace Cemetery outside of Calgary.

Making his home with Lawrence Traub for over thirty years, was Alexander Herd (Sandy) Elder. He was born in July, 1887. He had come from Scotland to the Waskada area of Manitoba at the age of nineteen. In the 1920's he and his brother, Charles Elder Sr. came to the Makaroff-Silverwood area of Shell River Municipality. He farmed in this area for the rest of his working years. Briefly, about 1937-1940, he rented the farm of Charles Chapman (Sec. 15-26-29), four miles west of Roblin on Highway #5 and about two miles north. However these were poor crop years and he returned to the Makaroff area. He was greatly interested in horses and was especially known for his Percheron Stallion. Sandy worked and made his home with Lawrence Traub from 1940-1973 and was considered family by the Traubs — "Uncle" to all the Traub nieces and nephews. When his health failed Uncle Sandy lived for several years in the International Nursing Home, then the Assiniboine Centre in Brandon. When the new Roblin Personal Care Home opened he returned home to this area for his remaining years. Sandy passed away in September of 1981, and is interred in Makaroff Cemetery.

Mabel Blanche Traub, born on September 30, 1913, at the Calder homestead, was the youngest of Charles' and Anna's family. She attended school in Togo. In 1935 she left home to work for Mrs. John Crawley in the Clanwilliam, Manitoba area. On December 8, 1938, Mabel married John Henry (Jack) Lane (born December 12, 1912). Jack and Mabel farmed near Clanwilliam. They had three children: Tessie Eileen (born November 11, 1941, Robert John (born March 25, 1942), and Kenneth (born January 28, 1947). Mabel died as the result of a brain tumor on June 3, 1961. Jack is now married to Beatrice Paterson and has retired from the farm to live in Minnedosa, Manitoba.

Although Frances and Tessie are the only surviving children of Charles and Anna Traub, there are many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren scattered throughout North America. Bert Traub's widow, Edith is presently the only one of the family still residing within the overall boundaries of Shell River Municipality. Clarence's widow, Ena still resides in neighbouring Togo, Saskatchewan.

Lawrence Traub Family

by Kaye Traub.

"The Farmer"

In the early part of the 1930's Lawrence took over the operations of the Traub farm on Sec.

35-27-29 in the R.M. of Shell River, and other adjoining parts.

The way of operating was large machinery and horses for power, even to pulling the large threshing machine with a twelve-tandem hitch. Lawrence was very exacting and thorough in his farming activities. As time went on, he was ready to obtain and use the most modern facilities available, even to installing electricity from a wind charger, propane stove etc. many years before Manitoba Hydro came in.



Lawrence Traub with the first combine in the Silverwood district.

During the period of time from about 1940 to the late 1950's the only road snowplowed was Highway #83 north. Lawrence gave great service to the area of Makaroff and Togo, Sask. in winter by keeping the roads open for cars. Sometimes this involved constant work with his tractor and snow plow. He was not only plowing the roads but also ridging and raising the ridges in the open fields.

During his farming operations he established a herd of high quality purebred Hereford cattle. This was a great asset for the Roblin area to be able to obtain quality breeding stock. Many came from other areas to obtain stock. Lawrence attended cattle sales in the U.S.A. and Alberta, returning with more quality animals.

Lawrence also served in public office as councillor for Ward 4, R.M. of Shell River, for several years. He was Master of Togo Masonic Lodge, and was very active with curling in the winter and golfing in the summer.

Lawrence married Katherine Lalonde in 1972. The farm was sold to Bruce Elder in 1974 when Lawrence and Kaye retired to Calgary. They always returned to the farm for many summers. Lawrence passed away in June, 1983. Kaye makes her home in Calgary, but still comes "home" for the summer months.

The Trickett Family

by Alice Pearson

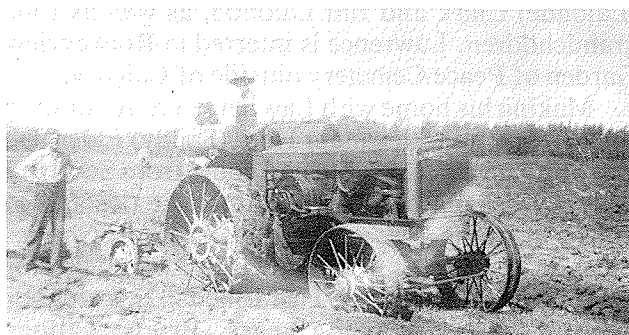
The Trickett family arrived from England in 1904, making their way to a homestead in the Roblin area, three miles south and three miles east of the village. There were 4 children: Fred, Harry, Emma and Herbert. Jonathon and Hannah homesteaded in this area for about 8 years, then moved to a farm 5½ miles south of Roblin. From this home, the children left, Fred and Herbert to join the Army, Emma to marry Dave Munro, and Harry, with a medical that declared him unable to join up, stayed with the farm. Grandpa and Grandma Trickett, as they were known there after, moved to Deepdale.

In 1919, Harry and Maud Hayward, from Roblin, were married and spent the remainder of their lives in the area. They lived on the farm 5½ miles from Roblin for 11 years, then moved to the "M. Fox" or "Fraser" farm ½ mile further south and lived there 9 years. Then they moved to a farm 1 mile south of the Tummel Church (known as the "Tommy Watson" farm) where they lived for 22 years.



Turkey plucking time: Mrs. C. Howe, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. J. Kines, Mrs. A. Staple and Mrs. H. Trickett.

Many busy, happy and sad times filled those years. Harry and Maud appreciated their neighbors very much, resulting in many long friendships. They were always interested in the community, church and school life. Harry was a trustee of the School Board, a member on the Church Board, drove a school van and while living near the highway, taxied the minister from the highway to the church through the winters. He loved mechanical problems, so kept many machines running smoothly. Also for his own satisfaction, he con-



Harry, Pat Lambert, W. J. Muirhead.

structed a large Case, out of 2 old ones and was able to make it run. Maud was a member of the W.A., and president for a term. She baked numerous 25th anniversary cakes, helped with sewing quilts for "Quilting Bees", baked for the Fowl Suppers and was a Past Noble Grand of the Rebekahs.

Three children were born of this union, a girl, Irene and a boy, Elmer, were both deceased in infancy, and a girl, Alice, who survived. Grandma and Grandpa Trickett, Grandma Hayward, a sister, Luella Bowes, Anne Bugera and Jack Madden were added to their family circle. Throughout the years, teachers of the Tummel School and students from other areas stayed with the family.

Maud passed away in 1956 and Harry in 1963. They are survived by a daughter, Alice, son-in-law, James Pearson, granddaughters, Elizabeth and Helen, grandsons, Michael and Darren, sisters-in-law Sarah and Hazel, 5 nieces and 5 nephews.

Kostyn and Rose Truffyn

by Edith Cheropita

My parents, Kostyn and Rose Truffyn, came to Canada from the Ukraine. Dad came as a young man and Mother came with her parents and a brother and sister. She was about 8 years old. Her parents (the Prokopetz) settled in the MacNutt, Sask. area.

After Dad and Mother married, they lived in the

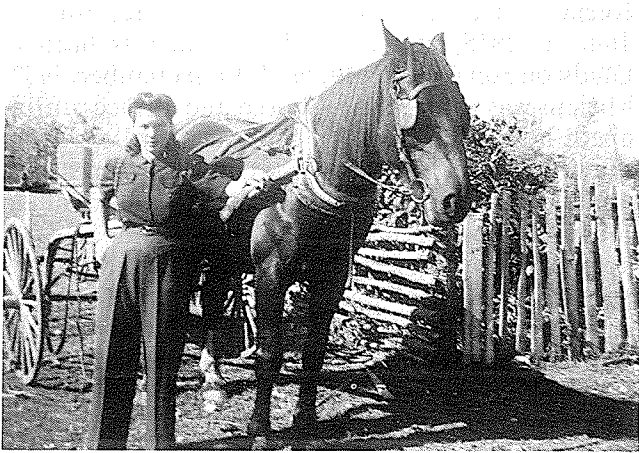


Threshing on the Truffyn farm.

Boggy Creek area for a while and then moved to the Tummel district, where I was born and educated. We attended the Greek Orthodox church in Shell Valley. We were a large family: Mary (Perry), Verna (Brighter), Bill, Edith (Cheropita), Ruby (Keens), John (deceased), Helena (Kines), Kathleen (Topham) and Shirley (Paulenko).

Dad was a mixed farmer and kept sheep. Mother made use of the wool by carding, spinning, and making mitts and socks. Dad also drove the Tummel School van at times.

We did a lot of walking in those days to visit with friends and neighbors, and also in going to church and dances. For shopping in Roblin, it was the good old horse and buggy, and in winter we had a small van with a stove in it. This trip was usually an all day affair, there and back. My brother, Bill, still farms the home place and it's always nice to visit the place and remember some of the good and bad times we went through.



Edith (Truffyn) Cheropita.

I, Edith, married Eli Cheropita of the Inglis district in 1944. He did mechanic work for Parkside Motors and also for Bill and Harry Cross. In 1959 we bought the John Arnott farm 1½ miles south of Roblin and Eli went into carpentry with Pete Chyz of Yorkton, Sask, who did a lot of work in Roblin including: the MacLeod's Store, and also The Mission and the Roman Catholic church.

I was a member of the Riverbend Ladies' Club. We met once a month and I enjoyed the meetings.

We have two girls, Marlene and Judi, who were born in Russell, as there was no hospital in Roblin at the time. During their education in Roblin they both had their Aunt Helena (Kines) teaching them a commercial course (typing, etc.). They are both doing well in Vancouver, B.C. Marlene is an office manager with the Crown Counsel in the Attorney General's dept. and Judi is on her own with investment securities.

My brother, Bill, bought our farm in 1966 when we left Roblin for B.C. We now reside in East Selkirk, Man.

Dorothy Eileen (Pohl) Tufford and family by Dorothy

About the beginning of July, 1926, I, Dorothy Eileen, moved with my adoptive parents, Rev. Hubert Thomas Smith and his wife, Rose 'Queenie' from York, P.E.I., to Makaroff, by train. I was seven years old at the time. We lived in the manse right next to the United Church. The church was still there when I visited Makaroff in 1970. The school was about to be demolished that same year. I had gone to that school for the three years that we lived in Makaroff. Tom Crane was the Sunday School superintendent then. For school teachers, I had Miss Jean Blackburn and Miss Bessie (Edith) Bonner. Jim Cameron was the principal. I recall that one Christmas season, we were in a cantata (something to do with Santa being sick with the flu). Everyone in the school was in it except for the grade 7's and 8's. My mother was one of the organizers of the show. It must have taken an awful lot of work to get all the different parts working. If my memory serves me correctly, I was one of the 'Sunbeams'. Each group had a song to sing. All of the costumes were handmade by the mothers. I think that they were made mostly of crepe paper.

Father bought his first car shortly after we moved to Makaroff, and I'm trying to remember if he backed into, or drove into the fence that was beside the garage.

One event that stands out in my mind happened when I was 8 or 9 years old. I had gone out to Johnson's to help Letitia celebrate her birthday. She and Jack Stinson, her brother, decided that I should learn to milk a cow. This was after supper when the evening chores were being done. As it had been raining, the place where the cows were being milked was quite muddy, so I went back to the house to get some rubber boots. Their collie dog was on the back step. As I was about to pick up the boots, the dog suddenly jumped up and bit me near my right eye. In fact, there was a claw mark as close to the eye as possible without injuring the eye. Mrs. Johnson came running from the henhouse when she heard my screams, and quickly wrapped my face in towels, got the horse hitched up to the buggy and took me home as fast as the horse would go. I remember her stopping at Camerons, which was across the road from where we lived. She wanted Mrs. Cameron to go with her to tell my mother what had happened. As Dad was at a conference and our Model T. was at home, Mother got Charlie Rogers and another gentleman, whom I don't recall, to drive us to Roblin. We started off at 9 P.M. on our

17 mile trip over muddy roads. We hadn't gone far when one of the tires went flat. The men put on the spare tire and we were able to go a few more miles before two more tires went flat. While the men were trying to do something with the tires, a closed-in car came by and stopped. Mr. Schrieber took Mother and me into Roblin. While we were on our way, our Model T. caught up to us, but I guess Mr. Schrieber must have told them that he would take care of us, so the men went home. Mr. Schrieber took us to Dr. Gilhooly's place, and after four stitches were put in my cheek, we were driven to a hotel where we spent the night. That must have been about one A.M. In the morning we went back home by train. It took 2 hours to go that 17 miles. Mr. Schrieber had a general store in Roblin. I still have a scar under my right eye.

In 1927 or 1928, a number of children from the Makaroff School were taken to a school in Roblin, (the high school I think). The school had been turned into a clinic where Drs. Gilhooly and Guinn from Dauphin removed our tonsils and adenoids. The mothers helped with looking after us. We were asked to suck pieces of ice wrapped in cloth, and were given icecream.

Mom and Dad both learned to curl in Makaroff and I learned to skate. When I was there in 1970, Mrs. Chas. Rogers gave me a silver dish, like one that Mom had won at a bonspiel. I still have it, although it is quite tarnished.

Dad, Mother and I moved to MacDonald in the summer of 1929. We drove there in the Model T. Shortly after our move we drove into Winnipeg and traded the Model T. in on a Model B. coupe. On April 24, 1931, Mother gave birth to their first child. They had adopted me in N.B. in November 1919, when I was just over six months old. We moved to McCreary in July, 1931, where we stayed for six years. My parents had two more children, a girl in a private hospital in McCreary, on August 3, 1932, and a boy in Neepawa, on October 5, 1933. We next moved to a small place in the Gladstone area called Helston in July, 1937. I had finished school just before we left McCreary. The school only went up to grade XI, and as I had missed a lot of classes in the last term, I received what they termed a high-school-leaving, which meant that the Inspector corrected the exam papers instead of the Dept. of Education. This was good for five years. I didn't make use of it until 39 years later after I came out to B.C. I spent the next couple of years at home, helping to look after the young Smith children. In January, 1939, I was married to a farm worker, Dave Pohl. We lived in various places in the Gladstone area, until we bought a quarter section that bordered the south side of the highway, five miles west of Gladstone. Meanwhile, the Smiths moved

to Franklin, Brookdale, Birtle and Holland. Mother died in September, 1958, and Dad in September, 1970. Both are buried in Bethel Cemetery (between Holland and Treherne). Geoffrey, their eldest, is married and has been teaching up at The Pas for over 20 years. They have three children, one of whom graduated from highschool last year. Betty became an R.N. She married a lab. technician and has two children. They live in St. James. David, the youngest, married a girl from Birtle. They and their two boys live in Birtle. Dave has his own T.V. repair shop. Prior to that, he was with the airforce.

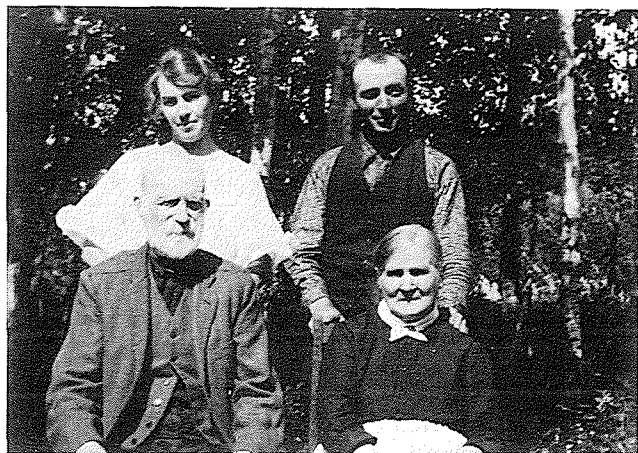
As for me, Dorothy, just before I was to be married, I suddenly heard who I really was, and my maiden name of 'Robinson' hadn't been legally changed to 'Smith'. Dave and I were married right there in the manse in Helston, with Dad performing the ceremony, and Mom and Dave's brother as witnesses. Of this union, Miriam Cora was born August 18, 1939, in Neepawa hospital. Gordon David Leon was born on March 28, 1944, also in Neepawa. Dennis George was born in Gladstone on June 19, 1955, and Lewis Robinson was born in Gladstone on October 19, 1957. In September, 1953, Miriam was in the King George and Princess Elizabeth hospitals for polio. She was paralyzed from the waist down, but through plenty of grim determination and therapy, she was able to walk again in the seven months that she was in hospital. She was able to train as a psychiatric nurse in Selkirk, and is now working at the Regional Psychiatric Centre, a super-maximum-security prison, in Abbotsford. She has been married twice and divorced the first husband in 1966. She married the second one ten years ago. Miriam has one daughter, Kim, who is a mother to a 3½ year old son, Cory. Kim isn't married. Our son, Gordon has also been married twice. He has children from both unions, two of them are with his first wife in Ile Des Chenes, while Gordon and his second wife live in Whitemouth with her two children from her previous husband. Gordon and wife Veronica have one girl. Gordon is a trained carpenter and is busy all the time. Dennis is married to Diane Hancox and lives in St. Adolph, south of Winnipeg. They have a two year old daughter, Cora. Lewis and his wife, Donna live in Brookdale and have two daughters. Lewis works for Dr. Bill Bridges, a veterinarian in Neepawa.

I left my husband after 35 years of marriage and came out to my daughter's in October, 1973, here in Abbotsford, B.C., where I started a new life. I worked for a Homemaker's Association for most of seven years. During that time, I took a two year course in Human Services in our local Fraser Valley College. I took such subjects as English, Social Studies, Psychology, Geography and Anthropology. Although I didn't get the kind of

job I thought I would qualify for, I don't regret having taken the course. I had to quit the Homemakers (due to back problems) in November, 1980 and have been involved in a lot of volunteer work ever since. I was divorced in December, 1978 and married Lawrence Tufford on December 28, 1981. Lawrence is from Portage la Prairie. I have three sons in Manitoba and Lawrence has four brothers there. We travel back there at least once a year.

The Tummon and Jim Ritchie Families by Mr. Chris Tummon

Mathew Tummon Sr. was born in 1847, in Cornwall, England. He was one of six children (four boys and two girls). In 1874, Mathew married



Caroline (Mrs. Jim Ritchie) and Matt with Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Tummon Sr.

Mary Fuge, of ETevese, and they had two children, Caroline and Mathew Jr.

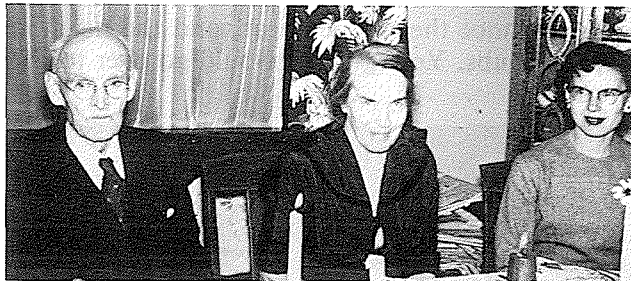
In 1887, Mathew and Mary Tummon and their children immigrated to Canada, and settled in the Clearwater district of southern Manitoba. In 1902, Caroline gave birth to a son Christian (Chris) Tummon. While they were living in the Clearwater area, Mathew Sr. and Mary attended the local parish. Friends warmly nicknamed Mathew Sr. as 'Noah', because of his active role in the parish, where he often took up the preaching duties when the minister was absent.

Mathew Sr. and his son filed on two homesteads in the Roblin district in 1904. The homesteads were the S.W. 1/4 24-25-28 and the N.E. 1/4 14-25-28. Meanwhile, the Tummon family remained in Clearwater, and in 1905 Mathew Jr. came to the homestead and put up a shack and a barn, and fenced a pasture for the horses. In the spring of 1906, he returned again and broke 5 acres of land on the new homestead.

Soon after, Caroline and her son, Chris, travelled by train from Clearwater to Roblin. They had

breakfast at Forfar's Restaurant in Roblin, and dinner was at the Ritchie home-place. Jim Ritchie then accompanied Caroline and Chris until they had safely crossed the Shell River via a footbridge. (The only bridge crossing the Shell at that time was at Shevlin).

That fall, Mathew Tummon Sr. and wife, Mary, travelled by train to Roblin. With them they brought a railcar loaded with settlers' effects consisting of: 2 horses, 3 cows, binder, mower, plow, etc., as well as some household effects.



Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ritchie and Margaret, in 1955.

Caroline Tummon married Jim Ritchie in 1912. Meanwhile, Caroline's parents were living on a farm until 1917, when Mathew Sr. built a cottage on Jim Ritchie's land. The elder Tummons moved to the cottage when their son, Mathew Jr., married Elva Russell of Shoal Lake. Mathew Sr. and Mary Tummon lived-out their lives in the cottage on Caroline and Jim Ritchie's land. On a nice day, Mathew Sr. would walk to Roblin, two miles away. Mathew Tummon Sr. passed away in 1930 and Mary Tummon passed away in 1932.



Matt and Elva Tummon.

Mathew Jr. and Elva had five children, and Mathew continued to farm until 1922, when he and his nephew, Chris, went off to work on the railroad

grade coming into Inglis, Manitoba. Then in 1923, Mathew Jr. and Chris returned to Roblin and worked on a dray that summer. In 1924, Mathew Jr. returned to his farm, until finally he sold out in 1928 and moved to Saskatoon. After a few years in Saskatchewan, Mathew Jr. moved to Winnipeg before he finally returned to Ochre River. There, he passed away in 1957.

Chris Tummon and his "Uncle Matt" were especially close. Chris still recalls going trapping with his uncle. When Chris was five years old, he got some unusual playmates . . . a neighbor came across a bear and her cubs. Uncle Matt was called over to shoot the mother bear, and the neighbor kept the cubs. Young Chris would go over to visit



Taken East of Roblin at Diamond Lake with their catch: L to R. Matt Tummon, Jas. Ritchie, Mr. Tummons Sr., George De La Mare, and Mr. Joel Stauffer.

and play with the cubs. Says Chris, "There aren't many kids that can say they actually rode around on a bear's back! There were never two dogs that were ever as much fun as those two bears." After 2 years, the bears were given away, one going to the hotel keeper in Roblin, and the other going to the city park at Winnipeg.

Chris also describes how Uncle Matt and Chris' step-father, Jim Ritchie, helped build the steel bridge, located three miles south of Roblin. He said, "Of all the rivets in that bridge, there were only 32 that Uncle Matt and Dad didn't rivet." (The first 32 were put in by the man who had shown them how it was done.)

Born in 1902, at Clearwater, and coming to Roblin in 1906 with his mother, Chris Tummon spent several years living with his grandparents, Mathew and Mary Tummon. Chris received his education in Roblin. After that, he spent many years working for local farmers. In the summer of 1929, he drove a truck for the contractor, J. B. Woods of Winnipeg, who was gravelling the #5 Highway to the Manitoba-Saskatchewan border. That fall, Chris returned to Winnipeg. Returning to

the local area, Chris spent the next 10 years working for various farmers, before going north in 1939, where he freighted with canoe, worked for a surveyor, and during the war, took on the job of caretaking, what was then, the Diamond Drill property (now Snow Lake property). Soon after, he received a letter from his step-father, Jim Ritchie, asking him to return home and to take over his step-father's farm.



Chris and Alice Tummon.

Chris returned to the farm near Roblin in 1943. In 1953, he married Alice Cranwell (nee Switzer) of Roblin. Chris and Alice have a family of four children from her previous marriage to Arthur Cranwell, who had passed away due to illness, in 1942. Chris and Alice settled into the cottage which Chris' grandparents had once lived in, and together they worked the farm. After Jim Ritchie's death in 1956, they took over the Ritchie farm and worked it until 1968, when he and Alice sold the farm and retired in Roblin.

Chris has many fond memories of his step-father, Jim Ritchie. In the winter of 1907, "Dad" had been walking along when he spotted a hole in the snow. Thinking he'd find water there, Dad put his face up to the hole and looked in, only to find a pair of eyes looking right back at him, . . . it was a bear! Uncle Matt was there and he said that he'd never seen Jim Ritchie move so quickly in his life! They shot the bear and Chris came to watch, as, with a team of horses, they pulled the bear out of its den. Chris still has the robe, and plans to give it to the local museum.

In the early days, recalls Chris, "Dad and uncle Matt, along with two neighbors, were known as the best dove-tailed log house builders around". Their expertise as a team often meant that, when the neighbors pitched in, the roof could be put on a barn in one day, because this team were experts at

setting the corners of the log building 'so that everything fit just right'.

James (Jim) Patrick Ritchie was born in Pollee, Ireland. He had three brothers: Jack, Gibson and Alex, and two sisters. He had come to Toronto, Ont. with his parents in 1885, and there he received his education. In 1905, he came to the Roblin area and took up a homestead. In 1912, Jim married Caroline Tummon, Chris' mother.

Jim did a lot of the early road-building in the Shell River district. He was a member of the Co-op, and of the Pool Elevator (his name being one of the first two names on the initial Pool membership list). Caroline Ritchie kept honey-bees and also belonged to the Co-op, as well as to the Red Cross and the Riverbend Ladies Club. Her life was one of dedication as a volunteer, and her and Jime Ritchie's home was 'the best place to go if anyone was in trouble, sick, or needed help, etc.'

Farming was Jim's occupation in his younger years and he lived on the farm until his passing on March 30, 1956, at the age of 81 years. His wife, Caroline, remained on the farm until her passing in 1977.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Turta

by Don Turta

Tony and Stella moved to Dropmore in 1942 from Smiley, Saskatchewan. They lived in Dropmore for twenty years and had to move to Barbours, Saskatchewan as he got bumped by a foreman by the name of Yagalashek from around Dauphin.



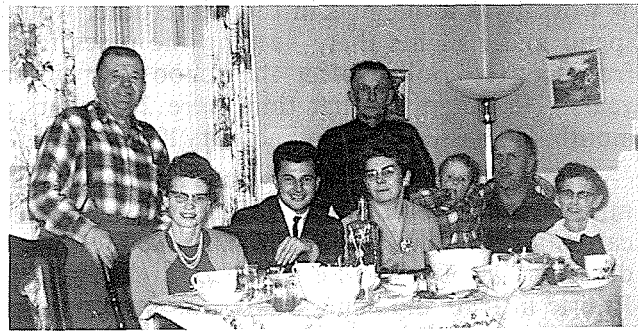
Tony and Stella Turta.

This man passed away and Dad moved back to Dropmore. We liked Dropmore as it was a kind place and everyone was your friend.

For entertainment they had picnics, dances, fowl suppers and curling.

My dad, Tony, took a lot of pride in his job as section foreman for the Canadian National Railway.

There are three boys and two girls in the family. Elsie lives in Sarnia, Ontario and is now retired.



Back row: George Baranet, Tony Turta (section men). Sitting: Wilma Nielson, Herman Wagner (teacher), Helen Baranet, Eldon Nielson, Bill Nielson (pool Elevator agent), Stella Turta.

Pauline lives in Saskatoon, Mike lives in Edmonton and is Supervisor for Canada Post. Andy lives in Regina and is with Canadian Pacific Railway. And I, Donnie, live in Saskatoon and have followed in my dad's footsteps and have been with the Canadian National Railways since September 17, 1953. My first job was as a telegraph messenger.

In 1963 Tony Turta retired from the Canadian National Railway and moved to Saskatoon.

My dad, Tony, passed away March 1, 1980. My mother, Stella, lives in Saskatoon and still embroiders, quilts and loves her garden and flowers.

There are twenty-four grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

I was back to Dropmore this year in May and it is different without the elevators, station, store and gas station.

When I was a boy I used to go fishing in the Assiniboine River, and now they have the valley flooded and have a beautiful resort.

To sum this up, the best people still live at Dropmore and surrounding district. I mean this from the bottom of my heart because you can go anywhere and are treated with kindness.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Henry Twa and Family **by Linda and Sadie**

Joseph Twa came to this district from Orillia, Ontario. He first worked as a logger in Sinnott Logging camp. At that time, they floated the logs down the Shell River to the Asessippi Lumber Mill.

He then went to work for Arthur Williamson, where he drove livery for some years. They also took loads of wild horses down to New Market, Ontario to sell them. His next job was for Mr. Whittam, who farmed west of Roblin across from the Cromarty school. He then moved back to town and drove the school van until he started to caretake for Goose Lake Collegiate. In those days it wasn't an easy job, because the furnace burned all cordwood, which the janitor had to handle. He would be

at work by 6 a.m., and in the wintertime, would spend many nights there keeping the pipes from freezing. He looked after the school for eleven years. His wages at that time were 29 dollars a month. He passed away in February 1942.

Janet (McNicol) Twa was born and raised nine miles west of Roblin. Her dad, John McNicol, was a carpenter and her mother, Christina Stewart, a dressmaker. They were married in Portage la Prairie in 1870 and came by ox team and covered wagon to the Assiniboine Valley, nine miles west of Roblin. The closest town at that time was Moosomin, Sask., where they went once a year for their supplies. They had eight children, but one little boy, Walter Stewart, died accidentally at the age of two. His was the first grave in Deer Park Cemetery at Tummel. The other seven were raised and all started school on the same day, when Cromarty School opened. Beforehand they had received their education from their parents. They traded items with the Indians quite often. They never knew what it was to have shoes, and went barefoot in the summertime and wore Indian moccasins in the winter.

Mr. McNicol had a raft across the river with a bell on each side. When travellers came, they would ring the bell and he would bring them across.

Janet lost two brothers, Stewart and Peter, in the First World War. In later years she worked at the Roblin Hotel where she met Joseph Twa. They were married in 1915. She did nursing and travelled with the doctors to the homes. When babies were born, she would look after them in their own homes. Later she ran a nursing home at three different locations in Roblin. There were over one hundred babies born in these nursing homes. She looked after all kinds of cases for the doctors and helped her husband to caretake the school when necessary. After her husband's death, she nursed for five years at the Portage la Prairie Indian School and for one year in Vancouver.

She was a member of the Free Methodist Church in her early years. She later joined the United Church, where she became the superintendent of the Sunday School for a few years. She was a great worker for both her church and the Rebekah Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Twa had one daughter, Sadie. She was born, raised and received her education in Roblin. She married Durrell Staple in 1938. They farmed south of Roblin for some years, and they had five children: Earl, Linda, Janice, Brian and Patricia.

Earl Albert Staple received his education in Roblin and then went on to be an accountant. He worked for Delco in Winnipeg, and later for the Manitoba Hydro. For the last three years he has

been working at Man.-Sask. Distributors in Roblin.

Linda Dianne received her education in Roblin and continued on to be a secretary. She worked for James Richardson Grain Exchange in Winnipeg until she married Edward Dyck. They had two children, Ian and Karen. Ian Edward received his education in Winnipeg, Kingston, and at the University of Winnipeg. He works for H.F.C. now. He married Sandra Lambkin in 1973. Karen Michelle received her education in Winnipeg and now has gone out into the business world.

Janice Isabella Staple took her education in Roblin and then went into St. Boniface Hospital and took nurses' training. She married Eugene Artemenko. They first lived in Canora, Sask., where Eugene worked in the Robinson Store. Later they farmed in the Calder district, and now have the company Manitoba-Saskatchewan Distributors Ltd. They have four children: Barry, Dino, Lori Lynn and Jeffrey. Barry Dean received his education in Calder and Yorkton, Sask. He now works in his father's business. Dino Gene went to school in Calder and Yorkton, Sask., and is now attending the University of Saskatoon. Lori Lynn and Jeffrey are both attending school in Calder.

Brian Joseph Staple received his education in Roblin and at the University of Manitoba. He worked for P.F.R.A. and then for Manitoba Hydro, where he is still employed. Brian married Rosiland Mickalyshyn. They have two children: Cheri, who is seven and Wayne, who is two years old.

Patricia Alice Staple received her education in Roblin, then trained at the Winnipeg General Hospital for an R.N. and achieved her goal in 1972. She married Taras Stychyshyn of the Erin district in 1972. Taras worked for Chevron Oil in Virden, and then in Brooks, Alberta. They now live in Calgary, where Taras works for Merland Exploration Ltd. Patricia is working for the Victorian Order of Nurses in Calgary. They have three children: Marc, who is nine years old; Marya, who is seven; and Michelle, who is four years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Staple moved into Roblin from the farm. Mr. Staple had the Massey-Ferguson and Versatile Implement business in Roblin, until ill health made them move to Winnipeg, where Durrell passed away in 1973.

Sadie moved back to Roblin, where she lived in her home until the new residence, "Maple Manor", opened. She still lives in this residence.

Twerdun Family

narrated by Tillie Twerdun

written by Sylvia Funk and Tony Twerdun

Our grandfather, Prokop Twerdun, immigrated to Canada in 1900 from the Ukraine and homesteaded at Seech, Manitoba. He purchased a quarter section of land for \$10.00. Several years after homesteading, he married Anne Olyniuk and their son, Joseph was born in 1907. They farmed in this area for the remainder of their lives.

Joseph married Tillie Matiowski, daughter of Samuel and Katherine Matiowski who also immigrated from the Ukraine. The couple were married in Olha church in 1929 and lived in the area with Joseph doing odd jobs in and around the area. Their son, Walter Joseph was born in 1931. In 1934, the young family moved to Shortdale, Manitoba where Joseph and Tillie rented a house and shop from Mr. Cooper and began the first blacksmith shop in that area. Times were poor but the farmers desperately needed his services and he was able to purchase their first car (a model T Ford) in 1934. Their second son, Anthony (Tony) William was born in 1935 in their home in Shortdale with Mrs. Klapowschuk as midwife.

Their daughter, Sylvia Ann was born in 1940. In the fall of 1941, they moved to a farm south of Grandview where they lived for that winter and part of the following spring. In the spring the farmers of the Shortdale district asked him to come back to their village and continue his blacksmithing business. After much persuasion, he agreed to return on the condition that the property which they had originally rented could be purchased. Mr. Cooper agreed to the sale of the property and they moved back to Shortdale. After three years in the business, Joseph could not continue because of his health and purchased the Balawicz farm where they farmed for one year.

In 1946, they moved to Dauphin, Manitoba where Joseph did odd jobs and in the spring of 1947 they moved to Shoal Lake, Manitoba where he again tried to blacksmith.

In the fall of 1947, they moved to Solsgirth, Manitoba where they purchased a farm and built a new home with lumber that was cut and hauled from the Seech area with horses. They farmed with horses for several years before purchasing their first tractor (a John Deere with steel wheels).

Their second daughter, Delores Kathleen was born in 1948. In the spring of 1952 they decided to sell their property and move. They purchased the Holstein farm in the Tummel District.

In 1954, Lorne Peter was born in the Roblin Hospital.

The young family attended church at the Greek Catholic Church in Roblin and the children attended Tummel School.

Their social life consisted of going to town on Saturday night, playing cards at the Christoff's and

Habermans, Tischinskis and Walter Clements on Friday evenings and going to church on Sunday. Joseph drove the school van for several years with horses.

Tony farmed with his Dad for several years after leaving school. He purchased the Smigelski farm while still at home.

Sylvia finished school in Tummel, which at that time only provided Grade 11, and went on to Goose Lake High to take her Grade 12 and then attended Little's Business College in Dauphin. In 1959, she began working for the Royal Bank of Canada as a stenographer and the manager at the time was Alex Wilson. She married George Funk, eldest son of Isaac and Margaret Funk. George worked for Durrel Staples in the Massey Harris shop for several years. Their son, Duane George was born in 1961 while they were living in a trailer in Clarence Bilous' yard, just east of Roblin. In 1962, they moved to the Jakeman farm a little further east where George continued to work in town. In 1963, they purchased the former Haberman farm from Sylvia's Dad. It was here that their son, Anthony (Tony) Henry was born. In 1965 their third son, Rodney David was born. In 1967, they sold their property in Tummel and bought the Fred Ward place north of Roblin and are still farming there today with their three sons and their daughter, Cora Lynn who was born in 1972.

In the Fall of 1952, Joseph and Tillie's eldest son, Walter married Ruth Choptiuk, daughter of John and Nell Choptiuk of Solsgirth. They moved to Winnipeg where Walter was employed with Borger Bros. They have three children, David, Pamela and Cara Dawn. They have more recently moved to Calgary, Alberta where they now reside.

In 1961, Tony married Leona Korzenowski whom he met in Roblin when she was employed with the Manitoba Telephone System. Leona is the daughter of John and Ann Korzenowski. They farmed in the Tummel area for several years before leaving for points west. While in Kelowna, B.C., their son, Robert was born in 1963 and their daughter, Deborah was born in Calgary in 1967. They returned to Manitoba in 1974 and settled in Gilbert Plains, Manitoba where they still reside. Tony is employed with the Department of Highways.

In 1965, Joseph and Tillie sold their farm to Robert and Liz Zimmer and moved to Dauphin where Delores and Lorne continued their education.

Delores, who was working at the hospital in Dauphin, met Robert Cardiff and they were married in 1967. Bob is an electrician by trade and he worked in the Dauphin area. Their son, Bradley was born in 1967; their second son, Joseph in 1969; and

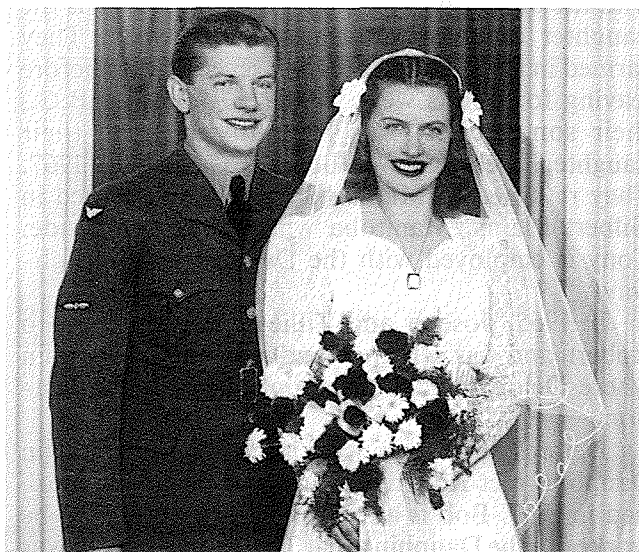
their daughters, Kathy and Coral were born in 1971 and 1973 respectively. In 1974, the young family moved to Norway House and then to Thompson, Manitoba where they reside at the present time.

Lorne spent several of his growing up years in the Roblin area with his sister and brother-in-law, George and Sylvia, because he enjoyed farm life and horseback riding. In 1975, he married Laurie Boughen and moved to Brandon where he purchased a business known as Assiniboine Transmission. Their daughter, Kyla was born in 1979 and the young couple and their daughter are presently residing in the Brandon area and still in the same business. Lorne and Laurie are quite active in the rodeo business and Lorne is a proud holder of a silver buckle, given to him by the Manitoba Rodeo Association for the Champion Team Roper.

Joe and Tillie are enjoying reasonably good health and are very fortunate to have their families nearby with the exception of Walter. They are the proud grandparents of fourteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Anthony (Andy) and Delores (Del) Ulrich by Delores Ulrich

Andy Ulrich was born May 10, 1924 at Salvador, Saskatchewan. His parents, Jacob and Elizabeth Ulrich, had immigrated to Canada from Russia in 1906. They had 10 children and farmed in the Unity district in Saskatchewan. In 1935, Andy and his parents moved to a small farm at Comox, Vancouver Island, B.C. Andy received the rest of his schooling at Comox. After finishing high school, he joined the R.C.A.F. On September 9, 1944, he was sent overseas on the "Isle de France". He was in Belgium, Holland and Germany during the war. On



Andy and Delores Ulrich, 1946.

June 17, 1946, he flew back to Canada. He spent a lot of time in hospitals in Vancouver and Calgary.

In April, 1947, he was posted to Centralia, Ontario. He became ill again, so was sent to the Veteran's Hospital in London, Ontario. He remained in hospital until they sent him to Vancouver for a medical discharge from the Air Force in September, 1947.

I, Delores Kolstad, was born at "Sunnyside Farm", 7½ miles south of Togo, Sask. on February 24, 1923. My parents were Carl and Selma Kolstad. I received my education at Gartmore School in Saskatchewan.

After Andy and I were married in Vancouver on November 30, 1946, we moved to Roblin in 1950 and built a V.L.A. home. We sold our home in 1966 and bought a home across the highway. We had no family.

After a lengthy illness, Andy passed away in Deere Lodge Hospital in Winnipeg on May 12, 1971. He is buried in the Legion plot at the Roblin Cemetery.

I am still living in our home in Roblin.

J. H. van der Maaten Family by Hazel H. van der Maaten

Justinus and Marie van der Maaten and family immigrated to Canada from Rotterdam, Holland. They settled at Roblin around 1906, taking up a homestead north and east of Roblin. Later they moved into the village where they operated a laundry at the south-west corner of what is now Main Street. Some years later, about 1918, they sold the business. The building was sold to Bob Miller. After selling the laundry business, Mrs. van der Maaten went into dressmaking for the villagers.

Mr. and Mrs. van der Maaten had a family of eleven: Jacques, (remained in Holland), Jack, Peter, Nicholas (Klaas), Leo, Justinus, Marie, Minnie, Clara, Augusta and Mary. They all lived in Roblin at one time.



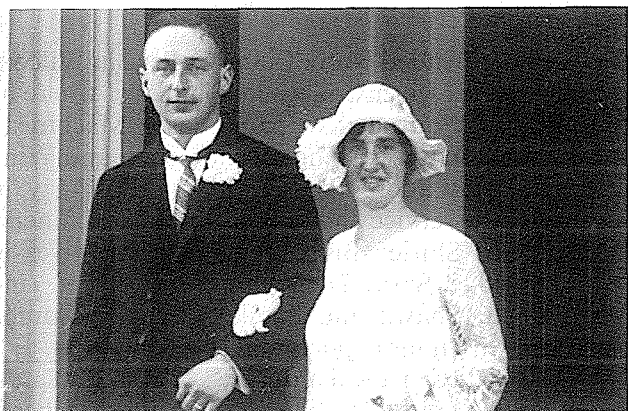
J. H. and Maria Elizabeth Van der Maaten (nee Meulenkaamp) on their 40th wedding anniversary on May 5th, 1937.

Two sons, Jack and Peter, served in World War I. Peter was killed and his name is on the monument in the church yard, but as "Peter Martin" — why the error, I can't say. Jack was taken prisoner of war on the 25th day of August, 1917. Both Jack and Justinus Jr. served in the 2nd World War.

Mr. and Mrs. van der Maaten moved to Winnipeg and lived there until their deaths. They are survived by two sons: Nicholas of Cumberland, B.C. and Justinus of Winnipeg; and two daughters, Mrs. M. Beal of Victoria, B.C. and Mrs. M. Venton of Morden, Manitoba; and also several grandchildren.

Van Drecht Family by Jean Van Drecht

Gerardus and Johanna Van Drecht, better known as Gerald and Jean (or Van and Mrs. Van) came to the Makaroff district on April 15, 1930, settling on section 7-27-29 which they bought from Albert Ader.



Gerald and Jean Van Drecht (1929).

Gerald was born in the Hague and Jean in Amsterdam, Netherlands. Both received most of their education in the Hague. Gerald later put in a year's volunteer farm work (no wages and paying for board and room) near Utrecht, where he also took several agriculture-related courses at the University. In 1927 he emigrated to Canada, working on farms near Chater, Man., in the summers and attending the University of Man. (old M.A.C.) in the winter.

Jean, in the meantime, had been taking special accountancy and commercial English correspondence courses while employed first by the Royal Shell Co. and later by an automobile importing company. This Co. supplied the Royal family and all embassies, and Jean, besides bookkeeping did translating and interpreter work. It was fun going to demonstration trips and trying to sell a Cadillac or Mercedes using various languages.

Gerald returned to Holland in April, 1929 and in July married Johanna de Klerk. They travelled via Holland-American Line from Rotterdam to Halifax, N.S. and then by train to Brandon. The winter was again spent in Winnipeg, Gerald graduating in Agriculture and Jean taking (much needed) courses in Home Economics.

The farm was bought, "lock-stock and barrel". The Aders simply packed their best clothes and dishes and drove away. Included in the deal were more than 20 horses, many of them running loose on the prairie. Two of them were never located. Both Gerald and Jean had grown up in a large city with all modern conveniences, so living on a farm and trying to keep house without running water, electricity, etc. was a rather rude awakening. However, being young, they soon adjusted and besides being engaged in mixed farming they became involved in community activities.

In the 1930's Makaroff had 2 tennis courts and a very active club. Van was a regular player and together with George White (school principal) travelled to many tournaments in the Parkland area. As there were few structured youth activities, he organized the first grain club under the Dept. of Agriculture Extension Service boys and girls club system. Orville Wilson and Harvey McMurray were among the early members. The trips to Dauphin, etc. were the first journeys in their lives for many of the boys.

In the late 1940's Jean organized the first Garden Club under the same system, which later became the 4-H movement. The present Grand Narrows 4-H Club is directly traceable to these two clubs.

Gerald was a member of the Man. Pool Elevator Association from 1930 on, serving as director for many years and holding the president's office for several terms.



Joan, Reg, Mrs. Jean Van Drecht, Sonja, Cedric and Audrey.

Both Gerald and Jean curled for many years, first in the old rink, then in the new Memorial Rink, which was built while Gerald was president of the Makaroff Curling Club. To expedite matters Gerald and Phil McRae (then sec. of the club) had gone to Roblin and bought the lots on which the rink was to be built. It was not until the 1970's that the red tape was unravelled and the title to the rink was transferred to the Curling Club.

Jean joined the Makaroff Women's Institute in 1930. She has held all local and district offices and served on the Provincial W.I. Board for 5 years in the 1950's. In 1972 she organized the first out-of-province W.I. trip for Manitoba, when 16 members of the Roblin-Russell district toured New Brunswick.

From 1940-45 Van served in the Princess Irene Brigade of the Dutch Army, training in Stratford, Ontario, then being stationed in Wolverhampton, England. The last two years of the war he was on loan to the Dept. of Agriculture of the Refugee Dutch Government in London. As assistant minister he attended UNRA and SHAEF meetings in preparation of the postwar recovery program for the Netherlands Agriculture and Fisheries. On the recommendation of the Dutch Govt. he was awarded a degree *Honoris Causa* in recognition of his work. He returned to Canada in November 1945 in a bomber plane, converted for passenger use, with bucket seats. They flew through a storm, which made even the liner Queen Mary return to port. It was no pleasure trip. Gerald's favorite hobby since childhood was horticulture and after the war he concentrated mainly on gladioli. People came from far and wide to the annual "Glad Sunday" when thousands of blooms provided a colourful array.

After Gerald's accidental death in 1954, Jean continued to farm for several years until she and the youngest son, Reg moved to Roblin. She was employed by Roblin Forest Products Ltd. as office manager and retired in 1973.

Gerald had the opportunity to revisit his homeland and relatives in 1945 and Jean travelled throughout Europe on a number of occasions, a few times accompanied by Reg.

Gerald was a member of the Order of Foresters, while Jean is a lifemember of Man. Women's Institute, Past Noble Grand of Evangeline Rebekah Lodge, Charter member of the Roblin Horticultural Society and one of the founding members of the Roblin '50 and Over' Club.

The second generation of the Van Drechts are as follows.

Joan Q. H., after 1 year at the U. of Man. in Agriculture, switched to teaching. She taught at Kenville, Thunder Creek, Winnipeg, Bield, Gold

River and Abbotsford, B.C. In 1958 she married Hank Giesbrecht. He was involved in the heavy trucking industry. After moving around considerably in B.C. they now live in Clearbrook. They have 3 sons; Dennis, Randal and Gary.

Sonja M. E. took Home Economics at Brandon, and worked as an instructor for Singer Sewing Co., then as telephone operator in Rapid City and Oak River. In 1956 she married Wm. Ramsay. They farmed at Cardale until injuries received in a car accident forced him into semi-retirement. They now live in Rivers and have a family of 5: Grant, Dallas, Donna, Kathy and Scott. Sonja spends a lot of time working with ceramics and other handicrafts.

Gerald (Jerry) passed away at age 12.

Frances Audrey took Home Economics and secretarial courses in Brandon. She worked in a real estate office in Brandon and later at Brandon and Rivers Airports. In 1962 she married James Ashton. They farmed until 1980 near Rivers and are still residing on the farm. They have 2 sons, Kent and Douglas.

Cedric attended Notre Dame College in Wilcox, Sask. and Red River College in Winnipeg, where he obtained his journeyman papers as a Machinist-Millwright. After working in Thompson and Winnipeg he is now a foreman at I.M.C. in Esterhazy, in charge of the service and repair of mine machinery. He married Shirley Belcourt in 1962 and lives in Churchbridge, Sask. Their four children are: Vincent, Glen, Shawn and Shelley. Cedric is much involved with minor sports and skeet shooting.

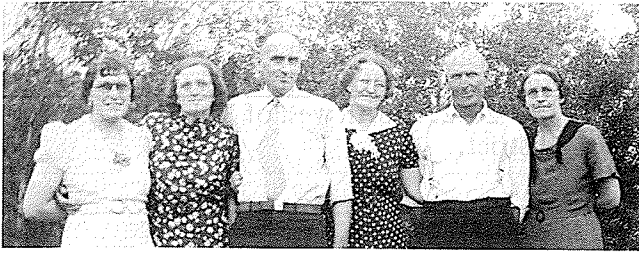
Dennis died at age 6 months.

Reginald graduated from University of Alberta with B.Phys.Ed. and from University of New Brunswick with B.Ed. degree. He is teaching in a Fredericton, N.B. high school and has started a second career in graphics and silkscreening. A good athlete, he took part in Track and Field for many years and is still playing and coaching volley ball. He married Sheila McParland in 1982. They live in Fredericton, N.B. Reg. loves travelling and twice he spent a year in Germany, playing volley ball and travelling extensively on the continent.

The Waggoners by Bertha Rutledge

Our forefathers came from England and Scotland in the 1700's. They came to Canada by sailboat and settled in Ontario, then later in Manitoba. The Waggoners were from England and our Mother's people were from Scotland.

Our father, William Edward Waggoner met and married our Mother, Sarah Leticia Wallace in 1888 in or near Brandon, Manitoba. There were three children. In the late fall of 1894, father took up a



The Waggoner Family: L to R. Grace Mitchell, Minnie Allingham, Archie Waggoner, Bertha Rutledge, Bill Waggoner, Pearle Curle. Missing: Blanche Glennie of Gilbert Plains.

homestead at Gilbert Plains. At that date there were no railroads or highways. It was necessary to move when the rivers were low as they had to ford two of them on the way. Mother drove one team and father drove the other. The farm was three and a half miles east of where the town was to be. In 1901 the C.N.R. came through Gilbert Plains. Before this Father had to get supplies from Russell as the C.P.R. went through there. One very cold winter day he went into Gilbert Plains for supplies and mother asked him to bring a flask of brandy. At that time they gave a spoonful of brandy in hot water with sugar for the common cold. Father asked the druggist to give him a mouthful to warm him up. He did, and within an hour, Father went back and said to the druggist "Whatever it was you gave me has made me very sick". In a few minutes he was dead. It was aconite he had put in the bottle and had given my father by mistake. One thing this shows us is that we are guided. Had father not asked for that mouthful we could have all been dead except for our three-week baby, as mother would not have given her brandy.

By this time there were seven children: Blanch, Pearl, William, Bertha, Archie, Minnie and Grace.

Father's farm was very sandy. All I can say is that Mother kept us and sent those of school age to school which was about a mile away. Blanch was the exception. Mother took her to town to a lady who kept her and gave her an education until she was married.

In 1906 homesteads opened up in Saskatchewan and Mother took up a homestead near Runnymede. Times had changed and we took two boxcars and went by train. We took horses, cattle and everything to start life in a new place. The land was good and school was only a mile and a half away. Mother had arranged for everything. We stayed with a neighbour the first night. The next day men gathered together and put up a log house. The floor was partly laid and this was where we slept for that night. Mother gave a neighbour two cows to break fifty acres of new land. My brother, Bill worked away from home most of the time. Everything fit

into place. Mother sold butter to get groceries. The land gave us good gardens.

In 1911 Pearl married Fred Curle from Roblin. Their farm was north and east of Roblin. They had three daughters: two of them died very young. Wreatha married Ron Allan and she still lives in Winnipeg. Ronnie passed away.

Blanch married George Glennie of Gilbert Plains in 1912. They had two daughters: Hazel and Pearl.

Bertha married Tom Rutledge in 1912. They had two sons: Tom and R.J., who are now deceased. Tom Sr. also passed away and this left Mother without enough help to run the farm. There happened to be a boarding house for sale in Roblin at that time so Mother bought it and moved to Roblin in the spring of 1913. The boarding house was quite a success.

In 1914 Bill married Geneva Currey. They farmed two miles north of Roblin. In 1924 they moved to town. They had eight children: Ed, Reigh,



William Waggoner Family: L to R. Wally, Ed., Mrs. Waggoner, Wm. Waggoner, Reigh, Charlotte, Joan, Lloyd, Rita and Marjorie.

Lloyd, Joan, Charlotte, Marjorie, Wallace and Reta.

Ed married Erma De La Mare and they live on a farm near Roblin. They have one son and two daughters. Reigh married Marie Bunny and they live in Winnipeg. They have four daughters and one son. Lloyd married Mary Cowan and they are living in Winnipeg. They have one son and one daughter. Joan married Evan De La Mare and they are living in Nanton, Alberta. They have five sons. Charlotte married John Culver, who is now deceased, and she lives in Winnipeg. They had one daughter. Marjorie married John Bogle. They had three daughters. Marjorie passed away; John is married again and is living in Calgary. Wallace married Pearl Todorovich and they are living in Roblin. They have two sons and one daughter. Wally has just retired after working twenty years for the Roblin

District Hospital as a maintenance man. Reta married Ernest Johnson and are at White Rock, B.C. They have one son and one daughter.

Archie Waggoner married Mary Knight, who was raised by Mr. and Mrs. Craig. They had one son and three daughters.

Minnie married Mervin Allingham and they had one son and one daughter.

Grace married Cam Mitchell and they had three daughters.

This is the story of the Waggoners who came to live in the Roblin area with no regrets I am sure. Submitted by Bertha (Waggoner) Rutledge, who was born on March 6th, 1895; the only one left of this generation.

William Edward Waggoner

by Erma

William Edward Waggoner Jr. son of William James Leslie (Bill) and Geneva May (Currey) Waggoner married Erma L. De La Mare, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo H. De La Mare, on Dec. 16th,



Waggoner Family: L to R. Arla, Verla, Erma, Edward and Leigh.

1942. They had three children: William Leigh, born Aug. 28, 1947 in Russell, Man.; Verla May, born Sept. 13, 1952 in Roblin Hospital; and Arla Lucille, born Sept. 20, 1958, in Roblin Hospital.

Leigh married Debra Rolson on July 26th, 1975, and was divorced on Jan. 20th, 1983. He has the two children: Ronda Miranda, born April 28th, 1976 in Regina, Sask. Hospital, and Blair Nathan, born on Oct. 23, 1978, in Regina Hospital.

Verla May married Daniel Brian Kostick on May 19, 1973. They have one daughter, Coral Dawn, born in Kamsack, Sask. on Sept. 30, 1978.

Arla Lucille married Ian Livingston on Aug. 1st, 1981. They have one daughter, Kyna Michelle, born on May 11th, 1983 in Roblin Hospital.

Ed received his education in Roblin. In the spring of 1938, he left town and went farming. He still farms three quarters and eighty acres on the S.E. 1/4 23-26-29, north west of Roblin, in the Cromarty district.

Mary Warbeck and Family

by Helen McEwen

This is being written as a tribute to my mother, a courageous, resourceful and hard-working pioneer of Roblin and district.

Mary Urbanski was born in Poland on September 16, 1883. With her father, mother, brothers and sisters she emigrated to Canada in 1892. My mother repeatedly told me that the grandparents did not emigrate because of religious oppression or political persecution or financial necessity. In fact, grandfather Urbanski was a master builder (carpenter), a reeve of his municipality and a well-to-do, respected man. He was also a well-read man and predicated that the future of Europe would be a continuous series of wars; Europe being divided into so many little countries, each crying out for extra land, wealth or prestige. In my opinion, my grandfather had a greater reason than persecution and poverty for choosing to come to Canada to raise a family. He emigrated to this country because it was not divided and it promised to be a haven from wars. Only recently has his vision of a united country become tarnished by separatist undercurrents.

When they left Poland, the country was part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire under Franz Joseph. During the Austro-Hungarian wars, World War I and World War II, their small corner of Poland was repeatedly, totally destroyed. Finally Russia annexed it and it is now a part of the Ukraine.

Mary arrived in Winnipeg with her family. Three of her sisters left to settle in the United States. To the best of my knowledge, the Urbanski family lived around Dauphin and Ethelbert before settling on homesteads 25 miles north of Roblin. Mary was working in a bakery in Dauphin when her parents arranged a marriage between her and William Worobetz.

William was born in Poland in the same locality as the Urbanskis. He lived near Ethelbert with his parents. The young couple were married in Ethelbert and their first son, Anthony (Tony) was born there.

Later they bought a farm 25 miles north of Roblin in the Shell River district. The approximate date would be 1904. It was here, that Mary and William raised their family of eight children.

My father went into breeding and raising horses

by importing carloads of broncos from Alberta. It was apparently a very profitable enterprise at that time. My father was able to holiday in Vancouver during the winters leaving the farm work in the capable hands of my mother.

There were absolutely no schools in the area. So Tony and Fred, ages 8 and 6, were sent to a private Catholic School in Sifton—miles away. Mother was desolate. Finally Northcliffe School was built and the boys could stay home.

Unfortunately the school was 4 to 5 miles away, so their daily walk of 9 miles would be almost unbearable during the cold winter days. Tony, Fred, Julius, Jean and Jack all attended. They have many amusing tales to tell. One of their teachers was a totally illiterate English farm boy whom the trustees abducted as he came off the train at Roblin.

My father was a brutal man and the marriage was a disaster. To save her children from being beaten, my mother took her family and moved in 1927 into the village of Roblin. This, in my opinion, was a very brave move, especially in the twenties when women were still considered to be chattels with no human rights.

Tony and Fred were now working at the lumber mills in Fort Frances. Jean was at the Spears' home in Roblin while Jack worked at Jakemans' farm, two miles east of Roblin.

With the help of Mrs. Spears, mother moved into a small cottage. Julius worked for Mr. Kirschmier at the Roblin Flour Mill. Jean was sent to San Antonio, Texas to live with Aunt Vivian and hopefully to further her education. Jack began clerking at the Roblin Trading Co. and Emil and Ethel were sent to a convent school in Yorkton, Sask.

My mother began earning her own money by doing housework for the more affluent families of Roblin. She saved and the boys helped and she finally bought our permanent home on the hill between the Greenaway and Martin properties.

There was no hospital at Roblin in the thirties, so the doctor convinced Mother to open a nursing home for obstetric cases. Mother absolutely loved nursing. There were hundreds of babies born, mostly to families from the farming communities north of Roblin. In the 16 years she managed the nursing home mother did not lose a baby nor a mother. The Zeleny twins were born while the doctor was away in the country on calls. It was a breach birth—both children and mother were in danger. Somehow mother was successful in saving all three.

Tony, the eldest, was born in 1903 and died in 1971. He married Gloria Yakimishyn in 1933 and they had seven children (six living). Jean, their eldest, married Walter Rozenuk and they live on a farm north of Roblin. They have 3 children.

Andrew and his wife and family live in White River, Ontario. Margie married Bill Nykolaishyn and they also live on a farm north of Roblin and they have two children. Joe and his family live in Regina, Sask. Paulette married Dennis Mysko: they live on a farm north of Roblin. Paulette's twin brother died shortly after birth. Thomas and his family live in Edmonton, Alberta.

Tony supported his family by running a trapline in or near the Duck Mountain Forest Reserve. His knowledge of nature was amazing and his tales of adventure in the northern woods were fascinating. It was a hard life for Gloria, she would be alone with the little ones for weeks at a time. She tended the livestock and ran the homestead, often terrified for fear something would happen to her, leaving the children defenceless. In spite of these hardships, theirs was a happy home.

Fred was born in 1905. He worked for numerous auto manufactures in Detroit, beginning as a test driver and retiring as a designer—draftsman. He is survived by his third wife, Betty, his three children; Judy, David and Alaine and their families.

Julius was born in 1908. He married Anne Sadowick, the girl he met at Northcliffe School! Anne is a dressmaker and designer. They both worked hard, built a home in Roblin and have one son, Mark. Mark and Judy have two children and live in Vancouver. Julius and Anne are retired in Kelowna, B.C.

Jean was born in 1910. While living in San Antonio, Texas, she met and married Captain Harry L. Williams. They have three children; Donna Lee, Vernon and Theresa. Harry died and Jean is now living in Redding, California.

Jack was born in 1912. He married Nellie Kosinski. They moved to Toronto. They had two sons, Edward and Alan. Jack died in 1946.

Emil was born in 1914. He attended school in a convent in Yorkton. Then he went to Goose Lake Collegiate. He later went to Toronto, attended night school, became an electrical engineer and worked for Frigidaire until his retirement. He is married and has one daughter, Marlene. He now lives in Scarborough. His daughter was a very lucky girl, being able to go to Europe and study languages at Frankfurt and the Sorbonne in Paris.

Ethel was born in 1917. She studied at the convent in Yorkton, Sask., then attended Roblin Junior High and finally Stonewall Collegiate. She has been married twice and, surviving her last husband, is now living in St. Catharines, Ontario.

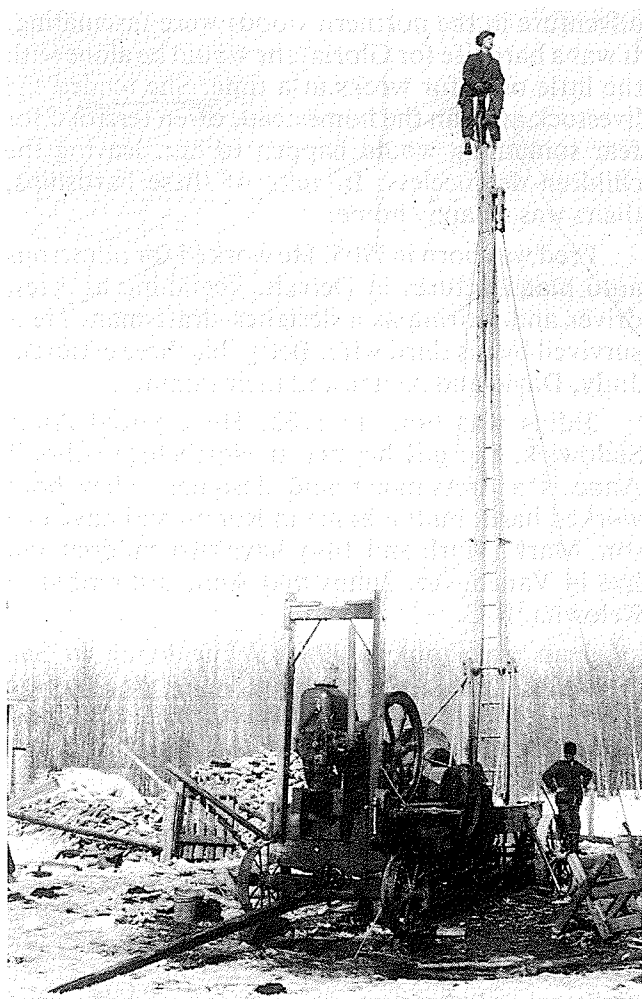
I, Helen, was born in 1923. I attended Grades I to XII in Roblin. In 1946 I married Keith McEwen of Glengarry County, Ontario. He was an officer in the R.C.M.P. We have three children, Mary Linda,

Roderick, Gwenyth and grandson Christopher. We are now retired and live west of Eden, Manitoba.

The name Worobetz has been changed to numerous different spellings and pronunciations. My mother, Jean, Ethel and I use Warbeck.

The B. H. Waters Family by Doris Waters

In the fall of 1918, Mr. Burton Harvey Waters, a water-well driller, operating two drill rigs out of

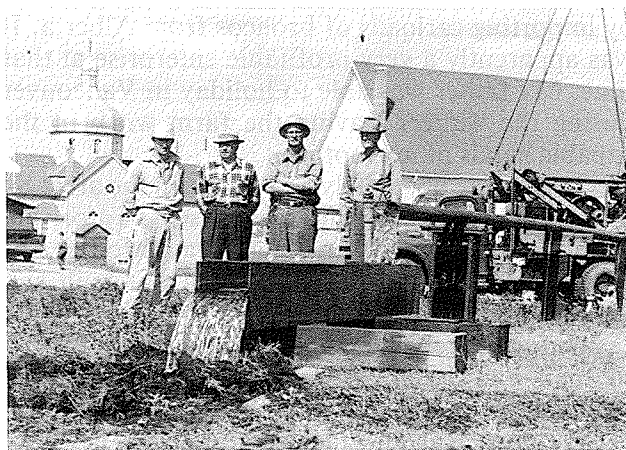


Burt Waters' drilling outfit at Leo Christoff's about 1919.

Oxbow Sask, along with his helper, Stan Hardy, came to drill a well at Gib Ritchie's farm, two miles south of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Waters returned to Roblin in the summer of 1919, with their four sons: Donald, Milton, Leverne and Leroy. After living in town for a short time, the family settled on the N.W. ¼ of 12-26-28, approximately four and a half miles north-east of Roblin, on the Jack Fish Lake road.

The four boys attended local schools, including Goose Lake Consolidated School. While the boys



Drilling the town of Roblin's well, in 1958: The engineer (name not known), Fred Newton, Roy Waters and Burton Waters.

were in school, they all, in their turn, drove the horse-drawn school van.

As time went by, the three older boys left home to establish their own lives. Donald went to Chisholm Minnesota, U.S.A. as a power line-man. Milton left for Winnipeg to become a Police Officer. Leverne farmed and bought grain for the National Grain Company, at Shevlin and Fork River, Manitoba, and later on owned the MacLeods store at Carberry, Man. Leroy (Roy) remained at home, to go into partnership with his father — "B. H. Waters and Son, Well Drillers." They worked together until 1958, when they drilled the first town well. In 1959, Burt Waters retired, leaving Roy to carry on the company, drilling wells all over Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Roy was married in 1943, to Doris Marshall of Calgary. They raised a daughter, Linda, and a son, Lee, who after completing his education, joined his father, Roy, in the drilling business, still operating under the name of "Waters Drilling Company Limited".

Linda graduated from Goose Lake Collegiate, later taking teacher's training. Now Linda (Mrs. Ken Wood) is raising a daughter, Heather and a son, Ian, in Winnipeg.

Lee along with his wife, Gladys and sons, Joey and Jason, are still active in the community.

In 1944, Mr. and Mrs. Burt Waters sold their farm and retired to town, and lived in a comfortable little home on Highway 83.

During the Second World War, Milton, Leverne and Leroy, all served in the Canadian Armed Forces. Leroy's wife, Doris, also served in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Burton Harvey and Emma Josephine Waters along with Roy and Doris' infant daughter, rest in the family plot in the Roblin and District Cemetery.

Leaving to treasure their memory are three sons, their wives, twelve grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Harold Henderson Watson

by Cathy Shymko

Harold Henderson Watson was born on October 23, 1895 in Scotland. He was the son of William and Sarah Anne (Phipps) Watson.

At an early age Harold and his parents immigrated to Canada to the Brandon, Manitoba area.

When World War I broke out in 1914, Harold joined the Canadian Army and went overseas until 1918. When he returned home and received his discharge, he started out for the Shortdale area, where he had filed on a homestead, the N.E. 1/4 of 32-25-26. Here he scrubbed and broke some of the land. He farmed this land until his passing on April 30, 1968.

John D. Watson Family

by John Watson

I (John) was born to Annie and Leonard Watson, Feb. 7, 1922, on a cold winter morning. Mrs. E. Harrop assisted as midwife, with Dr. Drach the attending doctor. My sisters, Florence, Olive and Gladys welcomed their first brother.

I started going to school in Roblin, then Grainfields, and then took correspondence courses. My marks at school were always high. Life in my childhood was sometimes dull, as the things I wanted to do were not available. However, I grew up and developed other interests. I knew somehow that I must leave the Roblin area, and when war was declared, saw the chance to move. I joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1942 and received my basic and advanced training in Portage la Prairie and Camp Borden. I embarked for the United Kingdom war zone on December 12, 1942, on the Queen Elizabeth, in company with 2,800 other men. It was sad leaving my family, not knowing if I would return, especially when the military band was playing "O Canada". I served in the United Kingdom, Central Mediterranean area and Continental Europe. I was wounded twice and hospitalized for 6 weeks. I was discharged on April 3, 1946, returning to civilian life, which at the beginning was boring, as I missed the army comradeship.

When I returned to the old farm we had new neighbors, the Schmollinger family. I came to know the youngest girl, Bertha (Beth) and one Sunday afternoon got up enough courage to ask Mother and Dad Schmollinger for her hand in marriage. I was well received by all of my sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law. I felt very comfortable with this wonderful family. After our marriage we bought

the Adam Andres farm and it was there that our first daughter, Marilyn was born. She died shortly after birth. After our crops were frozen out, hailed out and dried out we sold to Adolph Schmollinger and moved to Flin Flon, Man. I was employed by Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting and furthered my education as Power Engineer Employment officer, Industrial Relations officer, and Human Relations Training officer. At Flin Flon we raised two fine daughters: Maureen, now Mrs. Richard Lyons with a family of four; and Twyla, now Mrs. Bill Hayes, expecting her first child in July, 1984.

I was active in the church in various official capacities, as well as in local and provincial education and provincial and federal politics.

We left Flin Flon in June, 1982 and now reside in Kelowna, B.C.

Helping me and loving me all the way was, and is, my wife, Bertha (Beth).

Robert A. Watson Family

by Laura Watson

Robert Watson married Janet B. Arnott in January of 1895 and they lived in the southern part of Tummel district for several years. Mr. Watson was



The Watson boys: Tommy, David, Bob, George, Henry and Willie, about 1915.

a carpenter and this is how he kept his family in the early years. The first two boys were born in the Tummel district (Thomas J. A. in March, 1896 and David S. in Oct. of 1899). Around 1900 they moved to Pelly, Sask. This area was then known as N.W. Territories, as Saskatchewan was not a province at this time. Here the third son, Robert J. was born in February of 1902. In April of that year they moved back to the Tummel district and homesteaded in the northern part.

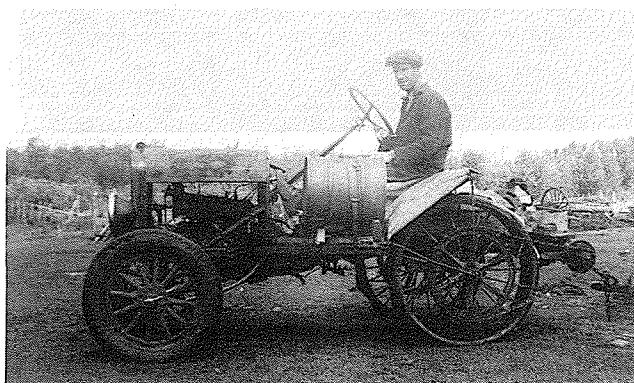
Here they lived, fulfilling their homestead duties while Mr. Watson left his family on the farm and went out doing carpenter work. The three older boys attended Sterling School. In 1908 the fourth boy, George F. A., was born, followed by Henry A. in January of 1910 and William L. in 1914. The three younger sons attended Tummel Consolidated School, as the three country schools (Sterling, Brooksgrove, and Fife) had consolidated into Tummel School District in 1915. Mr. Watson still kept up his carpentering (whenever necessary) in the Roblin and Tummel areas. Mr. Watson had the first threshing machine in the area. It was driven by horse power. For several years during the first war years, he also ran a steam threshing outfit for Morley Button of Deepdale. Mr. Watson died suddenly in October of 1932.

Mrs. Watson lived on the farm with Henry until 1938, when they moved to the Cromarty district where they also farmed. Mrs. Watson later moved into the town of Roblin in 1942, where she remained until her death in November of 1957.

She was a member of Tummel United Church and was active in community work, especially that of the Tummel W.I.

Tom joined the Armed Forces in the First World War, and returned home in 1919 to the Tummel district to farm. He married Hattie Nastrom in 1922. They farmed in the Tummel and Roblin areas until retiring to the town of Roblin in 1968. He died in January of 1982.

David worked with his father during the war years but in 1920 he took up driving a Tummel school van for four years. Then in 1924 he left the Roblin area for Penticton, B.C. to work in the mines. He married a girl from Manville, Alberta. They settled on a fruit farm, where they lived until his passing in August of 1969.



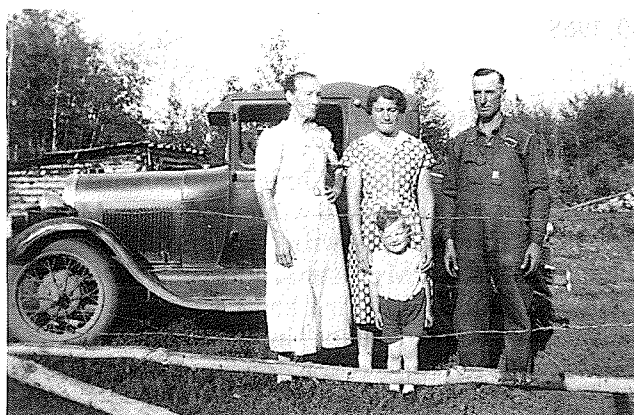
George Watson's homemade tractor with car wheels in front and 2 binder wheels in the back end.

George left the Tummel area in 1937. He went to Dauphin to work on farms there. He married Myr-

tle Pocket of Gilbert Plains in October, 1938. They farmed in Gilbert Plains area until his death in October of 1964.

Henry married Hilda Nott in 1942. They farmed in the Cromarty district. She died in 1950. In 1954, he married Elsie Davis of Roblin. They moved to Binscarth to operate a restaurant business, then later moved to The Pas to carry on the same type of business. He passed away in November, 1965.

William, after completing his school in Roblin and Russell districts, went out working for farmers, until he joined the army in the Second World War. He returned home in 1945 and went to Chicago, Illinois where he worked in the plumbing business. He married Mary Stonehouse of Elkhorn, Man. After retiring, he returned to Elkhorn where he died in August of 1974.



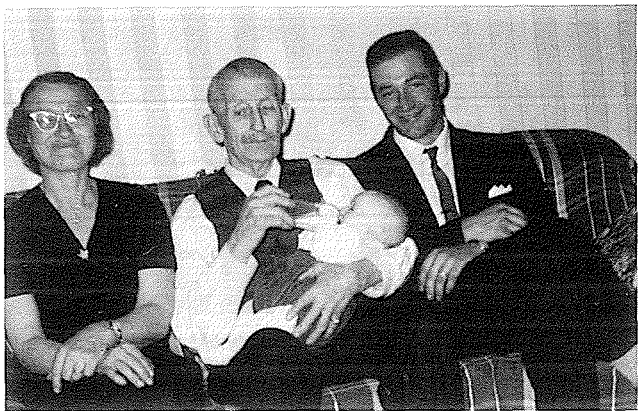
Mrs. Watson, Laura, and Bob Watson and son Arthur, in 1940.

Robert J. remained at home until 1925, when he started out farming in Tummel area and batched until December, 1936 when he married Laura Clement. They farmed in Cromarty until November, 1939. Then he moved north-east of Roblin and bought a half section from the Hudson Bay Co. This land was good for raising cattle as there was plenty of wild hay; the rest was bush country. It was hard work clearing and breaking land by hand in those days.

The spring of 1953 was an exciting time as one of the herd of milk cows gave birth to a two-headed calf. The heads were perfectly formed to the shoulders with only four legs and one complete body. This was a natural birth with the help of a neighbor, Walter Mitchell. The parents were both of Short-horn breeding.

There were five children in the family; one son, Arthur and four daughters: Hazel, Helen, Louise, and Irene. They all attended Goose Lake schools in Roblin.

Arthur was born in July, 1938. He left home in



Four generations, 1962: Laura Watson, Wm. G. Clement, Curtis and Art Watson.

January, 1956 and worked in Thompson in northern Manitoba until 1960. In 1961, he married Gwen Irvine of Silverwood and moved to Lynn Lake, Man. where he apprenticed for an electrician in the Sherritt Gordon mines. Then in 1971, he sold his electrical business and moved to Kamloops, B.C. and now has his own construction business there.

Hazel, born in April, 1942, after finishing her schooling, married Walter Arndt of Roblin in October, 1960. He worked at Grand Rapids and Dauphin, Man. In 1966, they moved to The Pas. Hazel raised Saint Bernard dogs and Walter worked at the Manfor Complex. They bought a farm in the Carrot River Valley, later returning to the family farm in Tummel in 1974, where they are still farming.

Helen, born in November, 1944, went to Killarney after her schooling. She worked there and married Walter Lamb in November, 1962. They are still farming there and have dairy cattle.

Louise, born in March, 1948, went to Lynn Lake as a stenographer after finishing her schooling in 1966. She worked for the Sherritt Gordon mines and married Brian Wilkins in July, 1967. They lived in Edmonton, Alta. and also in Cornwall and Ottawa, Ont. and Mahone Bay, N.S. She is now living in Halifax, N.S. working for Can. Con. Ocean Co.

Irene, born in July, 1950, took a commercial course at Success Business College after finishing high school in 1968. Then in August, 1969, she married Russel Sinclair and in 1974 moved to Brandon, Man. where she is still living.

In December of 1961, Bob and Laura Watson celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Hazel and Walter Arndt.

Bob Watson farmed his land until 1971. Due to ill health, he retired to the town of Roblin and sold his land to Herb Poyser in 1972. He died in October, 1973 after a lengthy illness.

Laura Watson still lives in her home in Roblin

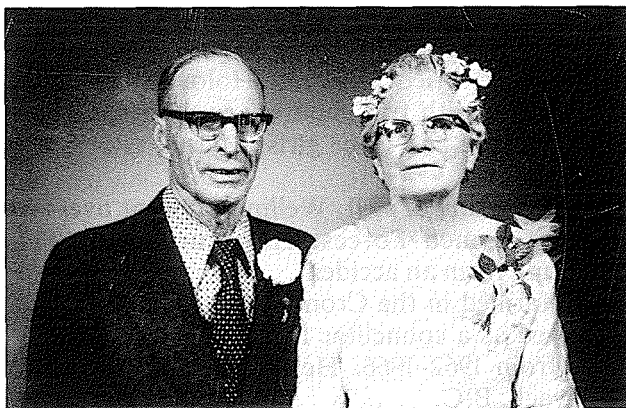
and is quite active in the U.C.W. of the Knox United Church.

Thomas John Alexander Watson and Family by Gladys

Robert Alexander Watson married Janet Arnott and they had six sons.

Thomas John Alexander, the eldest, was born in March 1896 and died in 1980. He married Hattie Louise Nastrom at the Nastrom farm home on Dec. 27, 1922. Hattie was born in Menahga, Minnesota and immigrated to Roblin with her parents, Jacob and Greta Nastrom, when she was 7 years old.

Tom was born at Turmbull and lived with his parents in the Tummel district. He could remember travelling to Russell for supplies and mail and of resting the horses at Asessippi. He drove the Tummel school van for over 10 years. His route went as far south-east as the Truffyn farm, where he stayed



Thomas and Hattie Watson's 50th Anniversary.

overnight. Tom and Hattie first lived on the homestead, south of Tummel Church in the house which he and his father built before Tom was married.

During construction of the Tummel school in 1929-30, they boarded most of the construction crew. It was nothing for Hattie, sometimes with the help of a sister or two, to serve three complete sets of meals to each construction crew and thresher crews in one day. Tom would ride horseback every day in search of meat.

They moved from this homestead to the Geo. Watson farm, beside the Tummel school. Hattie was caretaker of the school for many years, carrying or hauling water everyday from their own well.

From here they moved to the old Forsyth farm 3 miles west of Roblin, in 1943, and kept farming until moving to Roblin in 1968. In the Cromarty district also, they had people staying with them. Hattie loved cooking and gardening.

In the early days, Tom played hardball for the Tummel team as catcher, until about the time he

lost one eye fixing a motor. He was quite a good mechanic and also a lover of horses. He joined the army in the first world war. In the 1950's he took up curling, which he thoroughly enjoyed, until ill health set in.

Their daughter, Gladys and husband Cliff Dingle farmed for a time in the Cromarty district, where their oldest son, Wayne, was born. They operated a Drive-In Restaurant and Diner in Killarney for 17 years as well as the Errick Willis Pavilion in the Peace Gardens. Brian was born in Killarney and is now married and living in Brandon, Manitoba. Wayne is in the R.C.M.P. in Sask. Gladys and Cliff are currently doing ceramics as a hobby in Killarney.

James Wellington Watson and Family by Margaret Watson

James Wellington Watson was born on the S.W. 1/4 of 16-24-28 in Shellmouth Municipality on Nov. 12th, 1914.

He lived in Roblin, where he got his education. In 1940 he married Margaret Holovach and they were blessed with five children: two boys, George and Cameron; and three girls, Myrna, Gloria and Martha.

In the spring of 1941, Wellington went overseas with the Armed Forces. He returned in 1944, recovering from an accident.

He farmed in the Cromarty district until 1967. He served as a councillor for Shell River Municipality from 1962-1966. He retired and moved to Chilliwack, B.C.

Robert Henry Watson Family by the family

Robert (Bob) was born in Paisley or Cargill vicinity in Bruce County, Ontario in Feb. 1882. There were 4 in the family, a brother William (eldest), and two sisters, younger, Jennie and Martha. They lost both parents at a young age.

Bob worked on the boats which travelled from



Robert and Abbie Watson, 1953.



The R. H. Watson Family: Back row: Marge, Robert and Abbie Watson, Harold. Front row: Edith, Lorna, Lyla, Beatrice, in 1927.

Alpena on Lake Huron to Buffalo on Lake Erie. Later he worked at draying in Lucknow.

He married Abigail Stauffer of Riversdale, Ont. They were married in Wingham, May 3, 1910.

On Aug. 16, 1910, they left Ontario on a harvest excursion for Underhill, Manitoba. There they helped with the harvest, then came on to Grandview to Bob's brother's home in Nov. 1910. They stayed until spring and got a house and garden plot. Bob worked in a sawmill in winter and with a farmer by the name of Mr. Whitham for haying and harvest. Marjorie was born Sept. 10, 1911 in Grandview.

In March, 1912, Mr. Whitham bought a farm 3 1/2 miles west of Roblin, now known as the McDuffe farm. Bob was hired by Mr. Whitham and went to Roblin; Marjorie and her mother arrived on April 3, 1912. Harold, Edith and Beatrice were born in Cromarty. Bob then bought a farm, 3 1/2 miles south east of Roblin, and Abbie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Stauffer, Della, Will, and Earl lived there until they had their home built on the farm Orton Stauffer now owns. Bob moved his family to the farm on March 15, 1917. Lyla and Lorna were born on this farm (S.E. 1/4 of 34-25-28), now owned by Ronald De La Mare.

Bob built a house on the corner of the farm in 1944, then sold the farm in 1948 to J. M. Kines.

Bob passed away on June 20, 1957, and Abbie on Sept. 11, 1969.

Bob was a firm believer in the Co-ops, both elevator and store.

Their children and grandchildren are as follows — Marjorie married J. C. Brook of Boissevain, Man. They had 2 children: Arlene and Gerald.

Harold married Elva Arnott of Tummel, Man. They had 3 girls: Patricia, Lorna, and Donna.

Edith married Raymond Hodgson of Underhill, Man. They have 4 children: Maurice, Donald, Flora, and Sandra.

Beatrice married Harold Wenner of Roblin, Man. They had 2 boys, Wayne and Dale.

Lyla married William De La Mare of Roblin, Man. They have 2 children; Ronald and Gail.

Lorna married Ovilla Mireau of Harris, Sask. They have 2 children; Marilyn and Lorne.

Robin Watson Family

by Reita Watson

Robin Watson was born in Kola, Manitoba in 1915 to Tom and Pearl Watson. In 1943 he married Reita Cotton, daughter of Fred and Barbara Cotton, of Brandon Hills.

In 1945 Robin and Reita moved to the Cromarty district near Roblin, Manitoba and purchased the S.E. ¼ of Sec. 22-26-29. They resided on the S.E. ¼ of 15-26-29 which they purchased later from H. H. Simpson.

They have two sons: Terry, born in 1949, married Carmel Loder of St. Lawrence, Newfoundland in 1975. They live in Winnipeg and have one son, Terry Robin.

Brian, born in 1953, married Betty Joel, of Glenboro, Manitoba. They live in Edmonton and have two sons: Shawn Michael and Garrett Patrick.

Through the years the family has been very active in Cromarty 4-H Club, Sunday School, Roblin Youth Band and the Roblin United Church, as well as many school activities.

Getting started in the farming business was not easy. In 1963 Reita returned to her teaching career and joined the Roblin school staff where she taught for seventeen years until retiring in 1980.

After thirty-eight years of active farming and a lot of water under the bridge, they intend to retire and rent the farm.

Their farmstead had been a gathering spot for many social activities through the years: 4-H Achievement days, Teachers and Lions' wind-up parties, as well as many family gatherings.

Their present plans are to remain on the farm and continue to make it their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Watson and Family by the Family

Leonard was born on March 21st, 1880 in St. Meots, England, the only son of John and Martha Watson. He received his education in St. Meots and helped in his father's tannery as a boy. Later he served an apprenticeship in carpentry work until the outbreak of the Boer War. He was young, courageous and wished to serve his country in active combat, but time and time again they refused him because of his poor eyesight. Disappointed, he had to settle for being a Home Volunteer.

His thoughts then turned to adventure, and Canada, to Leonard, seemed to be the most exciting prospect with its dense forests, open plains, great lakes and abundant wildlife. So, one evening as the family sat around the supper table, Leonard broke



John Watson, Annie and Leonard Watson.

the news to his parents and to his three sisters, May, Olive and Hilda, that he had made up his mind to go and start a new life in Canada. When hearing this Leonard's Mother broke down in tears and begged him to stay, but to no avail.

In 1903 Leonard boarded a ship for 'The Promised Land' — Canada. The ship was crowded with adventurous people just like himself. They were of many different nationalities and he could not understand their language. After a three-week voyage it was good to set foot on land again.

The first thing Leonard did when he got off the ship was to head for the employment office. The only work available was bush work. One could not be too choosy in those days, if one wanted to stay alive. Bush work was hard. It was 'out at daylight and in at dusk'. You got a dollar a day with meals and lodgings. The first two years Leonard worked in lumbering camps in Ontario and Manitoba.

In 1905 he took up a homestead where Bield is now situated. When spring breakup came to the lumber camps, Leonard then turned to making improvements on his homestead. He bought a couple of two-year old steers from a rancher. They were wild. They had never been handled like backyard pets, and they had never felt a rope or the pat of a child's hand. It wasn't easy breaking in two wild steers to pull a sleigh and draw a plough. It may sound funny to read about oxen running away, but it happened one cold winter's day while coming home from Roblin. Leonard got out of the sleigh to walk and warm up a bit and while going down a slight decline in the road the oxen took off, leaving Leonard further and further behind. When Leonard finally reached home the oxen were stuck in the doorway of the stable. In order to get one in and one out, Leonard had to get down on his hands and knees and crawl under their stomachs to get into the stable.

After spending a few years in Canada, Leonard went back to England for a visit and he took his people some Indian souvenirs including beaded moccasins, beaded gauntlets, and an assortment of spearheads and (for his mother) an Indian woolen blanket.



Leonard Watson Family: Bill Arnott and wife Florence, Bob Arnott and wife Olive, Frank Atkinson and wife Gladys, taken around 1930.

When he returned to Canada, he got a job on the railroad at two dollars a day, and boarded himself. Leonard established his claim on his homestead by breaking five acres of land and building a two-roomed log cabin. He then received his title to one hundred and sixty acres, all for the low sum of ten dollars. After a few years he sold his homestead because he didn't have the means or the money to run it properly. He rented a small shack in Shevlin alongside the railway tracks and continued to work on the railroad and the telephone lines.

After saving enough money Leonard once more went back to England for a visit during the winter months. On his return to Canada in 1909, he met Miss Annie Logan Nevay and later on that year they were married in Winnipeg.

Leonard did not have much of a house to take his new bride to, only a shack alongside the railway tracks. For a young lady, having come from Glasgow, Scotland (where she was used to the finer things in her parents' home), it must have taken some adjusting, but Annie had the determination to make the best of what little they had.

In 1916 they bought a farm from C. McNeelands in the Grainfield district. It was here that they raised their four children while taking an active part in school, community and Anglican Church activities. While Annie quietly and lovingly tended home and family, when Leonard had time, he would sketch and water-colour, or often mused over his military souvenirs. He also took time to write several short stories of his impressions of pioneer life in the west, particularly how nature's animals (especially the moose) saw the coming of the whiteman's civilization.

Mr. Watson never owned a car or drove one, but took pride in his horses, all decked out in chrome studded harness, hitched to a two-seated democrat. Leonard had very poor eyesight and in all the thirty years of working with his horses and breaking in the young colts, he was never kicked. He spoke quietly and moved about them slowly.

In 1946 Leonard and Annie retired to Roblin. They moved into a little cottage, which Leonard had built, overlooking Goose Lake in the southeast end of the town. Annie passed away in 1965 and Leonard in 1972.

They had four of a family: Gladys, born in November, 1910 (married Frank Atkinson); Olive, born in July 1912 (m. Robert Arnott); Florence, born in June, 1914 (m. Wm. Young Arnott); and John David, born in February 1922 (m. Beth Schmollinger). They also had another daughter, Ellen, who died in infancy in February, 1930.

John Crosby (Cross) Ward Family

by Earl Ward

Cross Ward was born in Yorkshire, England in 1863. He was the first born to John and Jane Ward. He came to Canada with his parents in 1883, then he took a homestead at Rolla, North Dakota where he lived for a few years.



J. C. Ward and son at Deepdale, in 1912.

One day during a severe electrical storm, he had the sole of his shoe blown off by a bolt of lightning when it struck the stove.

He married Jane Barbour, a teacher from Pilot Mound, Manitoba, who was visiting relatives at Rolla. They had four children: George, Norman, Olive and Roy. Jane predeceased Cross in 1908, and later he married Maude Ayer, a teacher at Deepdale. They had a family of nine children: Claudine, Horace, Gerald, Cecil, Lloyd, Annabelle, Everett, Lillian and Dorothy.

Cross was a storekeeper in Deepdale for a number of years where the family all attended school. They then moved to Vancouver where Cross drowned in 1924.

Olive May, born in Rolla in 1894 had also migrated to Deepdale, with her parents when she was five years of age. She married Norman Booth in

1912 and they had four children: Muriel, Clifford, Victor and Emily. In 1918 she moved to Victoria while Norman was overseas, but after he returned from the first World War they moved back to Deepdale. In 1924 she suffered ill health and they returned to Victoria. She died in Victoria in 1949 and is buried there.

George, born in 1897, lived only a few months.

Norman Clifford was born at Ethelbert, Manitoba in 1900. He took his schooling at Wyndam and Roblin, and later worked at Wood's Dairy at Swift Current, Saskatchewan. He never married and lives at Victoria.

Roy Crosby, was born in 1904, at Deepdale. He grew up and took his schooling at Roblin. When war broke out in 1939, he joined the Royal Canadian Engineers, where he became Sargeant. He travelled with the troops and was wounded during the invasion of Europe. He married Leona Krauchi. They had one son, Allen.

Claudine, was born in 1911 and lived only a few hours.

Horace, born in 1912 lived only six months.

Gerald Maxwell, was born in 1913 in Dauphin, Manitoba. He spent a few years at Deepdale and then moved to B.C. with his parents. Gerald graduated from the University of B.C. with his B.A. in 1936. He completed his Master of Theology degree at Southwestern Baptist Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas. In 1937 he married Velma Blodgett in Oklahoma. He then returned to Canada and served as a Baptist Minister in many churches across Canada. They had two children, Sandra and Howard. Gerald and Velma now live at Lethbridge, Alberta.

Cecil Randolph, was born in 1915 at Dauphin, Manitoba. He spent his childhood days around Deepdale, later moving to B.C. with his parents. He was killed in a motorcycle accident in 1933.

Lloyd Holmes, was born in Deepdale in 1917. He spent his early childhood there and later moved to B.C. He married Beryl Oliver and they had ten children: Barry, Ruth, Ronald, Lorne, Arlene, Phillip, Kelvin, Corrine, Susan, and Roger. Lloyd and Beryl live in Surrey, B.C.

Annabelle Bernice, born in 1917 lived only a few days and died.

Everett Gregory was born in 1919 at Dauphin, Manitoba. He also lived at Deepdale before moving to B.C. He received his B.A. and B.D. in McMaster University in Ontario and his M.A. at Columbia University in New York. In 1942 he married Doreen Peters of Vancouver. They have four children: Lois, Linda, Robert and Sharon. Everett became a Baptist Church Minister also.

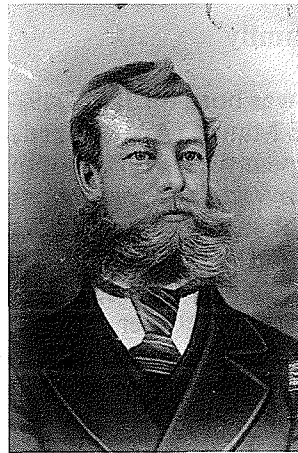
Lillian Irene, was born in 1920 at Dauphin and attended school in B.C., after leaving Deepdale. She is presently a Missionary in Lima, Peru.

Dorothy Evelyn, was born in 1921 and attended schools in Victoria. She worked as a stenographer. In 1943 she married Eoghan Duncan and they have three children: John, David and Mary. They live near Vancouver, B.C.

Gerald and Velma Ward by Earl and Gerald Ward

The third child of Cross and Maude Ward was a son whom they called Gerald Maxwell. He was born in 1913. He spent his childhood years in Deepdale, later moving to B.C. with his parents.

He graduated from the U. of B.C., with a B.A. in 1936. He completed his Southwestern Baptist Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, in which he completed his degree in Master of Theology.



John Ward, in 1890.

In the summer of 1936, Gerald swung his leg over the seat of a one-speed bicycle in Vancouver, and headed for the Seminary, 2,500 miles away.

He travelled there in just 19 days. He slept beside the road, cooked his own meals and spent \$10.52 on the trip. He remembers the trip as though it was just a recent journey. He kept the letter of the law which at the time required him to have \$300.00 to enter the States. That meant that in depression days, he had to find \$200.00 more than he planned. A friend gave him the money temporarily. His sister rode across the border with him and when they crossed, he gave her the \$200.00 to return to his friend.

He had valued his bicycle at \$45.00. But when customs learned he would be in the States for six months, they required a 40% duty. When he pleaded the situation before customs, the agent stepped outside to look at the bike and told him with a wink, "That bike can't be worth more than \$5.00". So Gerald paid him \$2.00 duty and went on his way.

Though he came with no spare tire or parts, he had no trouble until he got into Texas. He awoke the first morning to find both tires flat and riddled

with goathead thorns. He used all his tire patch and had to pump up the tires every three hours during his last 500 miles. It was quite a trip, but he did obtain his Master of Theology, and returned to Canada to preach in many Baptist churches across Canada.

In 1937 he married Velma Blodgett and they had two children, Howard and Sandra.

Sandra Gail, born in 1942, married Bert Martin and they have two children, Michelle Amber and Geoffrey Ward.

Howard Roger, born in 1945, married Jean Harlowe and they have two children, Natalie Harlowe and Nicole Lynn.

Gerald has now retired from the Ministry but helps out when ever he is needed. They live at Lethbridge, Alberta.

Lloyd and Beryl Ward Family by Lloyd Ward

I, Lloyd Holmes Ward was born on Jan. 1, 1917, the fifth child of Cross and Maude (Ayer) Ward. I was born in Deepdale and spent the early part of my childhood there. I moved to Victoria with my parents where I grew up and took my schooling. In 1942 I married Beryl Oliver in South Burnaby. We had ten children: Barry, Ruth, Ronald, Lorne, Arlene, Philip, Kelvin, Corrine, Susan and Roger.

During the second World War, I served with the R.C.A.F. and after the war I continued to work for MCMB Ltd. as a shipper and desk salesman until 1980 when I retired. My present address is 9567-164th St. Surrey, B.C.

The first child of Lloyd and Beryl was Barry Gordon, born in 1942. He attended High School and university in Vancouver and graduated as an accountant. He married Shirley Stewart in Montreal in 1967 and is presently Assistant Comptroller at Westminister Credit Union. They have two children: Suzanne, born in 1969 is attending Como Lake high school, and Michelle, born in 1972, is presently attending Ranch Park school in Coquitlam. Barry's address is 3120 Beacon St., Port Coquitlam.

The second child born was Ruth Elaine (1944). She took her schooling in Vancouver and worked as a filing clerk for Auto Marine and Electric. Ruth married Gary Burt in 1963 and they moved to Oregon. Ruth is at present a bookkeeper for a Doctor's clinic. They have three children. Christopher, born in 1966, is now attending Mazama High School in Klamath Falls. Steven and Stanley (twins) were born in 1968. They also attend Mazama High School. Their present address is 4009 Homedale Road, Klamath Falls, Oregon, U.S.A.

Ronald Lloyd Ward was born in 1946. He grew up in Vancouver and New Westminster and

attended Como Lake High School. After graduation he worked for 12 years with Mutual Life and is presently employed as a commercial fisherman.

Lorne Douglas was born in 1948 and took his schooling in Burnaby and Coquitlam. After high school he took a helicopter mechanics course. A few years later he became a pilot and flew for Viking Helicopters. At present he is building a house for his brother, Kelvin. In 1979 he married Carol Ballard from Newfoundland. They have two children, Jason and Carrie Anne.

Arlene Beryl was born in Vancouver in 1948, but spent only a short time here. She died in 1953.

Philip James was born on September 2, 1951. He grew up in Burnaby and Coquitlam where he took his schooling. At present he is a truck driver for Purdy's chocolates. He resides in Clearbrook, B.C. Kelvin married Linda Zwar in 1979. At present he is in management with B.C. Telephones. He and his wife reside in Surrey, B.C.

Corrine Grace was born in New Westminster, B.C. in 1957, and grew up there. She worked in Coquitlam and Vancouver and is presently employed at Merit Kitchen Cabinets as an order clerk. In 1982 she married Ron Funk of Clearbrook, B.C. where they now live.

Susan Joy was born in 1960 at New Westminster and took her schooling there. After graduation she worked for a brokerage firm in Vancouver but is presently employed by Ambassador Inc. in Surrey, B.C.

Roger Allen was born in 1963, at New Westminster. He took his schooling in Surrey and Coquitlam and graduated from high school. He is presently unemployed.

Everett and Doreen Ward by Earl Ward

The seventh child born to Cross and Maude Ward of Deepdale was a son, Everett, born in Dauphin, in 1919. He spent part of his childhood in Deepdale, then moved to the west coast with his family.

After two years at the U. of B.C., he transferred to McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. Upon graduation, he attended the Divinity School there. He has served in several churches in Canada and the U.S.A. For the past 16 years he has been an area Minister, most recently in Kansas.

In 1942 he married Doreen Dorothy Peters, and they had four children: Lois, Linda, Robert and Sharon.

Lois Doreen, born in 1943, married Anthony Tysseling and they have three children: Leslie Ann, Kelly Angela and Amy Rebecca.

Linda Corrine, born in 1946, married Thomas A. Case, and they have four children, Christianne,

Gregory Thomas, Holly Amber and Thomas Jacob.

Robert Gregory, born in 1953 is not married and works for Northwestern Transportation Co. in Chicago.

Sharon Elizabeth, born in 1956, married Roger Spinks, and they have a daughter, Stephanie Dawn.

Everett and Doreen reside in Hutchinson, Kansas, U.S.A.

George Ward Family by Vivian Ward

George Ward was the second son of twelve children born to John and Jane Ward. He was born in Yorkshire, England, in a small town called Frodingham, within sight of the city of York.



Four Ward Brothers: Joe, Ernest, Brigham and George.

He migrated to Canada in 1880 with the family when he was 16 years old, coming to Ingersol, Ontario, where he worked in an iron foundry for 2 years. Leaving for Rolla, North Dakota, they decided to take a stab at farming. He homesteaded near Rolla, where he married Annie McCullough. To this union 4 children were born in the United States.

After 7 years in North Dakota, in 1900, they left and moved to Canada, settling on the Ethelbert ridge, north of Dauphin. This was not to their liking, so after 2 years the family moved on to Roblin, Manitoba, in 1902, before the land was surveyed. The first winter they were here the railroad was just at Deepdale.

In the next span of years, 6 more children were born, the last one dying at birth. The family now consisted of: Fred, Elizabeth, Frank, Robert, Walter, Jim, Tom, John and Edith.

Fred farmed in the Shell River Valley, north of Roblin. He married Agnes Neilson of Deepdale.

Elizabeth married Alfred Matthews who was a blacksmith at Deepdale.

Frank remained on the farm with his father.

Robert taught school all his life. He married Doris Davies of the Silverwood district.

Walter and Jim farmed in partnership on their father's farm after their folks' retirement, specializing in purebred livestock and registered seed. Walter married Vivian Argent of Deepdale. Jim married Alice Anderson of Balmoral, Manitoba.

Tom taught for some years and then until his retirement, was involved with the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada in Flin Flon, and later with the Unemployment Insurance of Canada in Ottawa. He married Bernice Paynter of Tantallon, Sask.

John taught for a few years, later serving in the Air Force during the war years. After the war, he attended Guelph Veterinary College and served as Health of Animals Veterinarian until his death. He married Margaret Fotheringham of Portage la Prairie.

Edith married Roy Sanders, who at one time worked as a lab. analyst at the mine in Flin Flon; he later became involved in the hardware business at Swan River until his death. Edith has been a doctor's receptionist for many years.

The Ward family was one of four pioneering families, settling on Section 18-27-28, which later became the Deepdale district. They watched the progress of development of the district, always being interested in church, school and community affairs.

The Family of Fred and Agnes Ward by Lois Nastrom

Fred Ward was the eldest son of George and Annie Ward. He was born in Rolla, North Dakota in 1894 and came to Canada with his family in 1902.

For a short time he went to Wyndham school at Deepdale, Manitoba. He spent the rest of his growing-up years helping on his Dad's farm at Deepdale. He loved the farm and particularly horses.



Fred Ward Family: L to R. Elaine, Helen, Kenneth, Bernice, Lorne, Ruth, Lois, Donald, Agnes and Fred.

In 1915 he acquired a homestead in the Shell River Valley. Many a time we heard Dad tell us about the trip to Dauphin, Man., to get his homestead. He spent the night at the front door of the courthouse so he would be in line for a homestead.



Fred Ward with a van load of children, about 1940.

He and his brother, Frank, broke up the necessary amount of land required to hold his homestead. He related that many a night he would hear the coyotes howling close to his shack. He was always very proud of his land and loved the valley.

In 1919 on December 30, he married Agnes Neilson, who was the 2nd daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Neilson. They were old-time residents of Deepdale. The day that Agnes and Fred were married, Lizzie Matthews and Bob Ward accompanied them to town in an open sleigh and Mom still relates how cold the trip to Roblin was.

Many a time we heard the story of the day Mom and Dad were married when they hitched up their team to the sleigh, and with a freshly slaughtered pork, a barrel of groceries, and a crate of Leghorn laying hens in the sleigh, with 2 milk cows tied behind, they headed down to the valley to start their married life. Earlier in the year Grandpa Ward and Dad had built a small 1-room frame house. Just previously to their being married Agnes and Will Taylor, Lizzie and Alf Matthews, and Mom and Dad had spent a day preparing the new home. The men had scrubbed the floors and the women had washed the dishes. Mom said that Agnes Taylor had even crocheted tie backs for the curtains.

Fred and Agnes had 8 children: Bernice, Kenneth, Lorne, Helen, Lois, Elaine, Ruth and Donald.

Their oldest daughter, Bernice, was born in October of 1921. She took most of her schooling at Deepdale. In 1941 she married Philip Beerman, the youngest son of another one of Deepdale's old-time residents, Charles and Mary Beerman. They had 2 children: Joan and Doug. Joan married George Watson in Dauphin on July 17, 1962. They have 2 children, Debbie and Cathy. Doug married Annette Padwainy in Dauphin in 1969. They have 2 children, Lynette and David.

On July 18, 1923 Fred and Agnes were blessed with their first son, Kenneth. He attended Deepdale school and joined the airforce at the age of 18. He was stationed at Uculet, B.C., then was posted to England for 4 years. When he returned from the

airforce he got the old Brig Ward farm through the V.L.A. In 1948 he married Judy Zimmer and they had 4 children: Christine, Sherry, Debbie and Tim. He went back into the airforce in approximately 1952. He was discharged in approx. 1965 and settled in Dauphin and later moved to Duncan, B.C. where he worked for the school board and later for Crofton pulp mill. He passed away in his sleep on Sept. 15, 1977 at a very early age of 53. Christine, Kenneth's and Judy's daughter married Lance Compton and their daughter is Lisa. Sherry married Bob Wellington and they have one son, David. Debbie married Earl Kent and they have 2 boys: Brian and Darren. Tim is a single parent with one son, Ryan.

Lorne, born on July 17, 1925, like his Dad, loved the farm and horses. He remained with his parents all his life and first moved to Dauphin and from thence, on to Vernon, B.C. where he lived until his untimely death at Vancouver General Hospital at the age of 53, after a long hard battle with renal failure. He died on February 21, 1979.

Helen, Fred's second daughter, married Howard Keats at Dauphin, and now lives in Vernon, B.C. Howard is deceased.

Lois, the third daughter of Fred and Agnes, was born on October 15, 1930 at Deepdale. She married Raymond Nastrom, only son of another of Roblin's oldest homesteaders (Alvin and Velma Nastrom) on October 18, 1949. Ray and Lois lived on the old Nastrom farm where they farmed during the summer and ran the sawmill during the winter. Their mill provided employment for many of the neighbours. In 1961, after being hailed out, frozen out and dried out, Ray and Lois moved to Lynn Lake, Man., then on to Duncan, B.C. and are now residing at Logan Lake, B.C. Ray is a millwright at Highmont Mines and Lois works on call at Ashcroft Hospital. They had 4 children: Janice, Jim, Ken and Kevin. Janice married Bill Lawson and they have 2 children, Shannon and Jason. She is loans officer at the Bank of Commerce at Logan Lake, B.C. Jim married Sally Ann Stark. They have 2 children, David and Jennifer. He is a mechanical superintendent at MacKenzie, B.C. Ken is a single parent with Sasha Lynne and Shane. He is a heavy duty equipment operator. Kevin Ward Nastrom passed away shortly after birth on August 14, 1968.

Three years later came another daughter, Elaine, who married Raymond Fisher at Dauphin, Manitoba in December of 1949. He worked for Rodger's Wholesale at Dauphin and travelled as a salesman throughout the Roblin area. In 1963 they moved to Lynn Lake, Man., then on to Duncan, and are presently living at Vanderhoof, B.C. They have 5 children: Barbara, Jim, Shelley, Brenda and Leanne. Barbara married Bob Wilson, who has

made a career in the Armed Services. They have 2 children, Michael and Sarah. Jim married Pat Hunt and they have 3 boys, Jason, Darren and Steven. Jim is the financial administrator at Prince George Hospital. Shelley is a single parent with a daughter Nicole. Brenda married Arnie Federiuk. They have 1 son, Matthew. Leanne married Mitch Miller.

The second youngest child of Fred and Agnes is Ruth, who married Kenneth McKenzie and they have 2 children, Alison and Ross. Alison married Earl Wallace and they have 2 children, Gary and Pamela. Ross is unmarried and lives at Vernon, B.C. Kenneth passed away a few years ago, and Ruth lives at Vernon, B.C.

Donald is the youngest child of Fred and Agnes. He is unmarried and lives at Kamloops, B.C.

Life on the homestead was a mixture of hard times and happy times. Mom was very gifted, with the ability to make meals out of supplies acquired from the farm. The Manitoba winters were a hardship as we walked 3½ miles to Gleneden school. To this day I can remember the beauty of a crisp, cold moonlight night with the Northern Lights beautifying the rural countryside.

I have done my best to compile the information as Mom has given it to me. Mom is now 81 years old, and still living in her own home at Vernon, B.C. She cooks for 2 boarders and still drives her own car.

James and Alice Ward Family **by James Ward**

Our parents migrated from the British Isles — father from Yorkshire, England and mother from Wales. They came to Ontario, Canada, then on to Rolla, North Dakota, where they met and were married. Dad homesteaded there. After the first four of our family were born they decided to come to Canada where Dad homesteaded again in the Roblin district in the year 1902. Then there were five more children born to the Ward family.

I, Jim, was the fifth to be born in 1905. The land survey in 1902 had only come as far as where the Town of Roblin now stands. My parents' homestead was seven miles north of town. The C.N. railway was just approaching Roblin in that year, 1902.

They survived the first few years by supplying feed for the horses and mules while building the railroad grades.

Now was the time for a settlement to start. That district was settled rapidly. Schools, stores and homes were the first items. At this time my uncle Crosby started a store in the village of Deepdale. Having nine children to feed and clothe was no small task. My parents had brought with them several cattle and horses so with lots of livestock and

feed available, they managed to even stay out of debt.

Our first school was in a neighbour's house. Then in a few years a school house was built, by brothers, Bill and Alex Taylor, and was named after their home town in Ontario called Wyndham.

This school accommodated the district for a number of years at which time we united with the Goose Lake district, "Roblin", where most of our family got our schooling. I, Jim, decided in grade ten to stop school and help dad on the farm. At that time Deepdale decided they needed a school of their own so they left Roblin and built a school in Deepdale. The first teacher was Alice Anderson, who later became my wife. We were married on July 4, 1935. By then Mother and Dad were ready to leave the farm and my brother, Walter and I took over and farmed together for some forty years. We added to Dad's farm until we had 1000 acres. We raised registered seed, purebred Shorthorns and Yorkshire hogs. In 1964 we decided to leave the farm as our families were through school and we thought we could find a better, easier life.

Walter and Vivian moved to Roblin; Alice and I planned to see more of the country. The first stop was Tacoma, Washington, where my oldest sister lived. We decided to go to work again. We worked here for six years. During that time we spent time in Mexico and Florida. We were on seasonal work in Tacoma and could be off for the winter months on visas while in Washington.

My wife and I were still Canadian citizens and came back to Winnipeg where our daughter Judy was a teacher. The sad part of our life started there. Judy, our daughter took sick and passed away that winter. Her two children Sharon Marie and David still reside in Winnipeg. Our other child, William James, lives in Ottawa where he works for the government in Northern Affairs. He has three children: Jim, Jane and Mark. Alice and I have five wonderful grandchildren. We decided to visit Alice's sister in Grimsby, Ontario and we then settled there. We now have our home and will spend the rest of our time at Grimsby. We enjoy it here and have made many friends. We do a lot of church work and golf and bowl. We also belong to the Senior Citizens' group and the Friendship Group at the church.

Brigham and Elizabeth Ward Family **by Earl Ward**

Brigham Ward was born in Yorkshire, England in 1866. The family moved to Canada in 1883. As a young man he cut oak wood for seventy-five cents a cord.

In 1890 he met and married Elizabeth McCulloch, and they had eight children: Rachel, Agnes, Charles, Hugh, Beatrice, Stanley, Evelyn and



Mr. and Mrs. Brig Ward with Rosalie and Sarah Harrington, August 1934.

Pearle. He took out a homestead on the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 20-27-28. He farmed and then started to work on the railroad as a section foreman. He stayed with the C.N.R. for 19 years, then he returned to his farm. He later quit the farm and retired to Deepdale for several years. He lived to be 92. He and Elizabeth celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary in Dauphin, where they lived out the last remaining years of life. They are both buried in the Roblin Cemetery.

Rachel, was born in Rolla, North Dakota, in 1892 and took her schooling at Deepdale where she grew up. In 1915 she married Robert Mushrow and they farmed near Deepdale for a number of years. Later they moved to The Pas, where Bob did carpentry work. They had a family of five children: Hugh, Beatrice, Harvey, Gwen and Orville. Rachel passed away in 1954 and Bob a few years later. Both are buried in the Roblin Cemetery.

Agnes, born in 1894 at Rolla, also attended school in Deepdale. In 1917, she met and married William Taylor who was visiting in Deepdale. After their marriage they moved to Dauphin, where her husband, Bill, was employed by The Town of Dauphin at the airport for a number of years. They had five children: George, Raymond, Brigham, Edna and Vincent.

Charles, born in Rolla in 1896, also attended school in Wyndham (elementary) and Roblin High school. Later he went to Yorkton for teacher's training. He spent many years teaching in Saskatchewan. He met and married Verna Scott of Dauphin in 1930. They had two children, June and Elizabeth. After his marriage he moved to Flin Flon where he taught school. During the first World War he joined the airforce and became a pilot. He

returned from England after the war and taught school again, retiring in 1960. Charles and Verna are both deceased.

Hugh was born in 1897 at Rolla and attended school at Wyndham and Roblin. He farmed for awhile near the Shell River and decided to quit farming and moved to the west coast, where he worked for a few years. He met and married Frances Press in California, and they had two children, Wanda-Lee and Archie. He built a motel which they operated in the States for a few years. He died in 1960 and is buried in Minnesota.

Beatrice was born in 1898 at Dauphin and died of pneumonia shortly after birth.

Stanley was born in 1900, while Brig was working on the railroad at Ethelbert. He lived only a week and is buried at Ethelbert.

Evelyn was born in 1902 at Ethelbert. She came to Deepdale with her parents and attended public school in Roblin. She helped out at home and worked out for awhile. When the flu epidemic struck the district after the first World War, she contracted it and died in the Roblin school, which had been converted into a hospital for emergency use during the epidemic. She is buried in the Roblin Cemetery.

Pearle was born in 1905 at Deepdale, where she spent her childhood. She attended school in Roblin. In 1927 she married Stanley McMaster. They lived on a farm near Roblin for a number of years. They had four children: Yvonne, Garry (deceased), Murray and Beverley. In 1960, Stanley passed away and Pearle married Frank Limb of Roblin. Frank passed away and Pearle is presently living at Maple Manor in Roblin.

Murray passed away in November 1984.

Thomas Henry Ward History by Elva Ward

Thomas Henry or (Harry), as he was better known, was born in Yorkshire, England in 1873. He came with his family to Canada in 1883, first to Ingersoll, Ontario. He moved to Rolla, N.D., but



Wilfred, Amy (Ward) Gardner and family.

after spending some years in the U.S.A. he decided to immigrate with his two brothers to Canada, as land was then opening up for homesteads. Imagine 160 acres of land for \$10! After working at several jobs such as on the railroad at Mafeking, and as a grain buyer at Golden Stream, he decided to move to his homestead at Roblin. He went back to England and married his school girl sweetheart. They came back and moved onto the farm. Farming turned out to be their lifetime work.

Harry, being an accomplished old-time fiddler (along with Whit McIntyre) played for a number of years for dances around the neighborhood.

They had four children: Bert, Wilf, Les and Amy. All helped on the farm for a number of years, while attending school. They all attended Goose Lake Consolidated School at Roblin. The Goose Lake Consolidated School started in 1912. The van from this district, being No. 1, was driven by Matt Hogue.

Bert worked at anything from Ont. to Alberta and as wages were low, they had to ride the freights (free) or the fare would have used up all that they earned.

In 1934, Bert married Loyal Watson of Winnipeg, formerly of Tummel, Manitoba. They had 3 sons: Nelson, Lee and Gene. The family moved to Ontario in 1940 where Bert worked as a Forest Ranger and at various other jobs. He passed away in 1977, at the age of 74.

Wilf lived at home for several years, and helped with the farm work. One day he decided to buy a farm of his own, and in 1937, he married Elva Payne of Roblin. They lived and farmed near Roblin for 32 years. They had 7 children: 6 of whom are living; 4 girls and 2 boys: Gloria, Wayne, Diane, Debbie, Cheryl and Gary.

Wilf and Elva held barn dances every Friday night, during the summer, for 5 years, which they really enjoyed. In 1969, having had enough of farming, etc., they moved to Kelowna, B.C. where they presently reside. After moving to Kelowna, Elva worked at Sun Rye for 14 years, but has since retired.

Leslie, after leaving school, worked at various jobs around the farm, and also worked on the railroad. In 1936, he married Sadie Poyser and shortly afterwards they moved to Winnipeg. He took on a job as a street car driver and bus driver.

In 1979, he retired, after driving for 30 years. They had two children: Clarence and Dolores. Clarence passed away in 1969, Sadie in 1979 and Les died in 1980.

Amy, the only girl, worked around home and at various jobs and in 1935, married Wilfred Gardner of Estevan, Sask. They now reside at Hemet, California. They have four children: 2 boys and 2 girls;

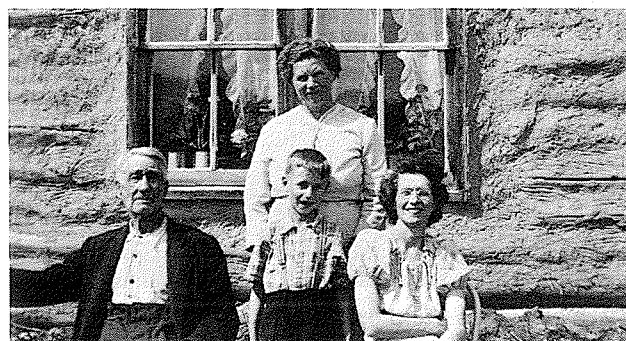
Sharon, Marlene, Garth and Darwin all of California.

The Wilf Ward family is employed as follows: Gloria has one daughter, Rhonda. Gloria is employed at the Credit Union in Kelowna. Wayne is married to Shirley Sukaroff of Brandon and they have 2 children: Craig and Jennifer. Wayne is employed by Aeroquip and travels in B.C. and Alberta. He farms 180 acres for a hobby at High River, Alberta. Diane has 2 children: Todd and Tammy, and is employed at B.C. Telephone. Debbie is married to David Edel of Roblin, and is employed at Okanagan Insurance. They have one daughter; Sheri. Cheryl is married to Alan Ferguson and works as a Homemaker in Kelowna. Gary is employed at the Forest Industry in Kelowna.

Les and Sadie Ward and Family

by Dolores Usipiuk (daughter)

My mother, Sadie Poyser, was born in 1916 and raised in the Merridale district. One of her greatest enjoyments was dancing. She met my dad at one of the many dances she attended.



Four generations of the Pugsley Family: Mr. Pugsley, Mrs. Poyser, Sadie Ward and Clarence Ward.

My father was born in 1909 and raised in the Roblin district. Dad started to drive the Roblin school bus when he was 16 years old.

My parents were married in 1935. They bought a farm in Deepdale. My dad did some farming as well as continuing to drive the school bus. A short time after they were married, my Mom found out that she had Multiple Sclerosis.

My brother Clarence was born in 1940 at the Roblin Cottage Hospital. He married Sheila Viczina and they had one son. Clarence died of cancer on May 18, 1970 at the age of 30. I was born in Winnipeg in 1944. I, Dolores, married Sam Usipiuk and we have two sons, Calvin and Cory.

Not long after Clarence was born, they sold the farm and moved to Winnipeg in 1941. Dad worked at the Cordite Plant until 1943. He started driving

street cars in August of 1943 and drove until he retired in July of 1974. He always said he had been in transportation most of his life.

My parents were in the 1950 flood in Winnipeg. After the flood they sold their house and my dad built their home on Sydney Avenue where they lived for the rest of their lives.



Leslie and Sadie Ward on their 40th Wedding Anniversary (1975).

Dad was very special to the Ward Clan. It was he who started the Ward Family Tree and then started the family reunions which took place every four or five years. These reunions meant that there was better relations between all the branches of the Ward families and through them we all got to meet members of the family who otherwise would not have met. Another hobby that Leslie (dad) had was his large collection of bottle openers.

Mom died on December 12, 1979 at the age of 63 and is buried at Brookside Cemetery in Winnipeg right near my brother, Clarence. She was one of the few people to have had M.S. and lived such a long life. She was a very strong and determined woman. My dad died shortly afterwards on April 16, 1980 at the age of 71.

• My parents spent a great deal of time visiting friends and relatives in Roblin over the years, especially after his retirement.

Ernest Ward Family

by Earl K. Ward

Ernest Ward was born in 1877 in Yorkshire, England, the ninth child of John and Jane Ward. At the age of 6 he left England with his parents, to make the journey to Canada and then to North Dakota. Still a young man, he decided to leave North Dakota with three of his brothers and come to Canada. He cut cord wood for awhile and then got a job as Section Foreman at Steep Rock, Manitoba. While on the Section he met and married Margaret Crowder of Ethlebert, Manitoba. They had twelve children: Cynthia, Lorna, Joseph, Beatrice and Maud (twins), Arthur, Sidney, Henry, Hazel, Earl, Stephenson and Merton.

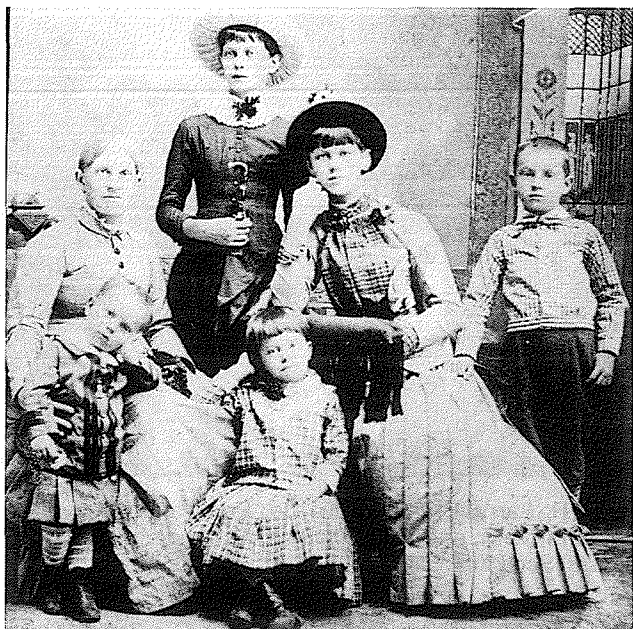
When the homestead sites opened up in Shell River in 1903, Ernie took a homestead on the hills above the Shell River (S.E 16-27-28). He cleared the land and built a small home on the site. He farmed and worked on the farm to obtain his right as a homesteader. He did a lot of trapping for many years. Times were tough and prices were poor and he had a large family to feed. They endured all the hardships of any other pioneer family. Every quarter section had a family living on it and they usually had a large family of children as well. They milked cows, fed pigs, had their own meat, milk, eggs and always had an abundance of wild fruit to pick and preserve for the winter. There were no modern facilities so each winter, ice was put into an ice well and covered with sawdust. Cream, milk and meat were kept there. The ice remained all summer in the well and often until the ice was on the lakes and rivers again. They made all their own butter, bread, clothes and whatever else was needed for the family. They always grew a large garden with plenty of vegetables for the winter. All the children were born at home on the farm with the help of a neighbour woman as midwife. All entertainment was amongst the neighbours and they usually had house parties and visited each other quite often.

Ernest's wife, Margaret died in 1944. At the end of the Second World War he turned the farm over to his youngest son, Earl, and retired to the Town of Roblin. In 1962 Ernest moved to B.C. to live. He died in 1964 and is buried at New Westminster, B.C.

Cynthia, Ernest's and Margaret's first child, was born in 1903 and also died in 1903.

Lorna, the second child was born in 1904, she attended school in Roblin and Teachers' College in Yorkton. She taught school in Saskatchewan and met and married John Cromarty. She passed away in 1927.

Joseph was born in 1906. He attended school in Roblin, worked in Nastrom's Mill in the winter and farmed in the summer. He joined the Engineers and served overseas until the end of the War. When he



Mrs. Ward, Bessie, Annie, Ernest, Agnes and Joe Ward, at Ingersol, Ont. in 1885.

returned, he married Irene Bercier of San Clara, Manitoba. They had five children: Flora, Clayton, Albert, Valerie and Henry. Later they moved to Winnipeg, sold the V.L.A. farm and worked in Winnipeg. Joe died in 1980. His wife still lives there.

Beatrice and Maud (twins) were born in 1907. They attended school in Roblin and worked at home and at other jobs that they could find near home. Maud died in 1921. Beatrice worked for many people in the Roblin and Deepdale area. She married Henry Bodtcher of Deepdale, Manitoba. He was a widower with five girls: Beryl, Marie, Alice, Kay and Olice. They moved to B.C. Henry and Beatrice had three children: Arlene, Roger and



Working on the railroad: Bob, Ernest and Harry Ward.

Fred. Henry died in 1983 and Beatrice still lives in New Westminster, B.C.

Arthur, born in 1909, died in 1913.

Sidney, born in 1911, attended school in Roblin. He farmed and worked out as much as he could. He did a lot of trapping in his younger days. He moved to Roblin where he lived for a number of years, then moved to Brandon where he still lives.

Henry, born in 1912 at Roblin, attended school in Roblin, then farmed for a few years. When war was declared, he joined the Regina Rifles and was sent to England. In 1942 he married an English girl by the name of Gladys Hockley. They had two children: Sheila and Allan. In 1944 he landed on the beaches of Normandy on D. Day. Three days later he was struck by enemy fire and wounded. He was found too late and died of his wounds on June 9th, 1944. His widow and two children still live in England.

Hazel, born in 1914, grew up on the farm, took her schooling in Roblin, worked at home, and in 1936 married Albert McCulloch and moved to Maidstone, Saskatchewan. They had two children: Marguerite and Donald. Hazel died in 1971. Albert still lives in Maidstone, Sask.



Ernest and Marjorie Ward and baby Cynthia.

Earl, born in 1916, attended school in Roblin, worked on the farm and at what ever jobs he could find. In 1940 he joined the Royal Canadian Artillery and was stationed in England. Shortly after D. Day they landed in France and hauled ammunition in Belgium, Holland and Germany. He returned after five years in the Army and bought and settled on a V.L.A. farm (N.W. 1/4 20-27-28) in the R.M. of Shell River, and began farming. He also drove a school van into Roblin for years. In 1948 he married

Lorene Nastrom and they had four children: Larry, Sandra, Brian and Randy. After living in town for twenty years, they returned to the farm and still live there.

Stephenson was born in 1918 and died in 1919.

Merton was born in 1919 and took some schooling in Roblin. He died in 1928, at the age of eight years.

The Joseph Ward Family by Albert Ward

Joseph Ward was born at Roblin, Manitoba in January, 1906 to Ernest and Marjorie (née Crowder) Ward. He attended school in Roblin where he was active in sports. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and trapping. He worked at home on the farm and in various logging camps in the Duck Mountains. When war broke out, he enlisted and served his country in Europe from 1940-1945, as a member of the Royal Canadian Engineers.

Upon his return from overseas, he purchased a farm through the Veteran's Land Act. For several years he farmed north of Roblin on S.W. 1/4 21-27-28.

Joseph married Irene Helen Bercier and they had five children. Flora married Harold Duffy and they live in Gerald, Saskatchewan. They have three children: Katherine, Harold (II) and Angela (Mrs. Harvey Herperger) and they have two children, Crissy and Chase.

Albert and Linda live in Winnipeg and they have two children, Catherine and Kirsten.

Clayton and Shirley live in Yorkton and their children are: Dennis, Christopher and Jamie.

Valerie married Raymond Bercier and they live in Winnipeg and have two children, Michelle and Terri.

Henry is living in Vancouver, B.C.

In 1964 Joseph retired from farming and he and his family moved to Winnipeg. Joseph took a membership in the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #1 in Winnipeg, where he was active and enjoyed the pool games and bingo. He enjoyed many long walks in the Assiniboine Park. He also enjoyed the fast action at the football stadium, where he watched the Winnipeg Blue Bombers play, but Joseph's favorite pastime was attending the many hockey games at the arena.

Joseph passed away on September 30th, 1980 at the age of 74 and is buried in the Military Section of Brookside Cemetery in Winnipeg. He had 5 children, 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Earl Ward Family by Lorene Ward

Earl Ward was born in 1916, the third youngest son of Ernest and Marjorie Ward, who were



L to R. Larry, Brenda, Billie-Jo, Brian and Randy Ward, Sandra, Terri, and John Titanich, Earl, Lorene, and Nicole Ward, Scott Titanich, Tara Ward.

pioneer homesteaders in the R.M. of Shell River. He received his education in Roblin, and worked on the farm and at any jobs he could get. He was an avid sportsman and enjoyed baseball and also curling. He coached many different baseball teams in Roblin and district. He is a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Roblin Branch. He was President for 9 years and Treasurer for 5 years. He is also a member of the Pioneer Museum, and has served in the Roblin Fire Department and on the Roblin Recreation Commission.

In 1939, when the second World War broke out, he enlisted for overseas service. He was an ammunition truck driver. He trained in England, and then for 5 years was stationed in several places, including France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. He had many close-calls in the line of duty. He was discharged after the war, in December, 1945.

Upon returning from the army, he purchased a V.L.A. farm, the N.W. 1/4 of 20-27-28, in the R.M. of Shell River, and farmed part time. He also drove a school van to Roblin.

In 1948 he married Lorene Nastrom, a daughter of Alvin and Velma Nastrom, pioneer homesteaders in the area. Together they farmed and raised a family of 4 children: Larry, Sandra, Brian and Randy.

Farming was not very remunerative during those years, and with mounting bills and farm payments, as well as several crop failures, they were forced to move to the town of Roblin to work. There were no modern conveniences on the farm. There was no telephone and no running water, and the hydro came to that area three years before they left the farm. Earl worked for Parkway Co-operative, driving a fuel truck part time and also drove a school van part time. He drove the van for 23 years.

He also worked as a school custodian for 4 years, at the local Primary school, until it closed.

Lorene worked in the Roblin Bakery for 5 years, in the Shell River office for 3 years, and in the Town office for 13 years. They returned to the farm in 1978, where they plan to retire. Lorene was President of the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary for 2 years, and is now its Secretary. She is also a member of the Deepdale Ladies' Aid, the Merridale Community Club, and the Hospital Auxiliary. She was also Secretary of the Cubs and Scouts for several years. She has recently joined Rebekahs. Both Earl and Lorene do volunteer work at the Personal Care Home in Roblin.

Larry, their son married Brenda Wheeler of Winnipeg, and they have 3 girls, Billie-Jo, Nicole and Tara, all attending school in Winnipeg. Larry works for the post office and Brenda works for the Manitoba Housing and Renewal Corporation.

Sandra married John Titanich of Roblin and they have 2 children, Terri and Scott, who are attending school in Snow Lake, Manitoba. John works as a shift boss at the mine there.

Brian and Randy live at home and are both attending high school in Roblin.

Wardle Family by the family

William Wardle was born in Grimsby, England on February 5, 1866. He immigrated to Canada at an early age. He lived in Ontario for a short period before moving to Bagot, Manitoba and then to Melita, Manitoba. In 1903 he moved to the Grainsby District where he homesteaded.

He built a small log house which was the Wardle home for many years. In August 1918 the original Grainsby School burnt down. The big bell was the

only thing that was saved. It was badly damaged, but remained on the Wardle farm for many years. The Wardles had built a new house by the time the school burnt down, and school was then held in the old log house.

In 1909 William Wardle married Edith Grace Goss who was born in Devonshire, England on the 14th of June, 1886.

William and Edith had one son, Jesse John, and twin daughters, Mary Eunice and Lucy Edith.

William and Edith farmed in the Grainsby District until William's death in 1941.

In 1958, Edith married Tom Garnett of Inglis. He predeceased her in 1962. Edith moved to Roblin where she remained until her death on July 2nd, 1964.

Jesse, the eldest of the three children was born on April 16th, 1910. He remained at home until World War II when he worked in Transcona and Dauphin on wartime construction. He took over the family farm after his father death.

On November 25th, 1943, he married Ellen Lucie Brooks, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brooks of Glenboro, Manitoba. Lucie came to the Grainsby District to teach school and boarded at the Wardle home.

Jesse and Lucie had one daughter, Sandra Mae who was born on July 16th, 1945. Sandra lives in Vancouver, B.C.

In the spring of 1960, Jesse and Lucie sold the farm and moved to Roblin where Jesse did electrical work until he retired. Jesse and Lucie wintered in Texas for several years during their retirement. During this period Jesse took up his fiddle playing again and has won many old time fiddling contests in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. He has also developed an interest in Indian Artifacts and has an extensive collection.

Lucy and Mary, twin daughters of William and Edith Wardle were born at Grainsby on June 8th, 1911. They remained at home until their marriages.

Lucy married Mac Gillies, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gillies of Lenore, Manitoba on August 13th, 1938. Mac taught school at Grainsby for several years and boarded at the Wardles'. They resided in Transcona for nineteen years after their marriage. They moved to The Pas, Manitoba and then to Carman, Manitoba. Mac was a School Inspector in both areas. Since their retirement they reside in Winnipeg in the summer and in Texas during the winter months.

Lucy and Mac had two sons Kenneth and Donald. Kenneth Malcolm was born August 27th, 1941 and died January 13th, 1953. The second son, Donald Boyd was born January 19th, 1946. Boyd married Emily Ferguson, second daughter of Grace and Victor Ferguson of Russell on October 9th, 1971. They reside in Swan River, Manitoba and have two



Mr. and Mrs. William Wardle, with son Jesse (middle) and the twins Mary and Lucy.

adopted children, David Andrew born July 8th, 1976 and Erin Marie, born July 22nd, 1979.

Mary married Leon Ross Jolliffe, of Deepdale, Manitoba on September 24th, 1938. Mary and Leon met while Leon was visiting at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Allan Grundy. Allan was the grain buyer in Dropmore at that time. They farmed in the Deepdale District until their retirement in 1967, when they moved to Roblin. Leon passed away on March 13th, 1971.

Mary and Leon had two children, Marney Edith born June 11th, 1940 and Eunice Lynn born October 14th, 1953.

Marney married Ed Scribner, son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Scribner of Gimili, Manitoba on August 29th, 1971. They live in Winnipeg and have two children, Lisa (adopted), born June 5th, 1976 and Karen, born November 6th, 1978.

Eunice married Jim Ferguson, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Ferguson of Melfort, Saskatchewan on May 19th, 1984. They reside in Regina.

Joseph and Dora Wawryk Family by the Family

Joseph Wawryk was born on July 25, 1900 in Gladstone, Manitoba. His parents, John and Barbara (nee Yahohnitsky) moved from Gladstone to Yorkton, Sask., in 1902, when Joe was three years old. In 1904 Joseph's parents bought a farm near Wroxtton, Sask. for \$10.00. There Joseph attended school for three years, and helped his parents farm. When he was eleven years old his father, John died of an accident from horses running away.

His uncle Peter took over the farm, Joseph helped his mother and uncle clear the land. When he was 16 years of age he went to work for other people.



Joe Wawryk Family: Nestor, Richard, Walter, Adam, Andrew, (Mildred missing), Annie, Stella, Irene, Marcella, Dora, Joe.

His uncle died when he was twenty years old. Joseph then continued farming with his mother. He used to go and visit his married sister, who was farming twenty-two miles out of Roblin in the Timber district.

In 1921 he married Dora Malayny, who was born in the village of Yablonieu, district of Husiatyn, Austria. In June of 1902, Dora, with her Mom and Dad, sailed from Hamburg, Germany, arriving sixteen days later at Halifax. From here they travelled by train to Winnipeg, Man., where they waited four days for a train to Saltcoats, Sask. A drayman gave them shelter. Saltcoats had one station and one store, which also had the post office. In the station, which was heated with a big stove, one could fix a pot of soup or warm water up to wash clothes.

A relative of Dora's bought a quarter section of land for \$10.00 in Saltcoats, Sask. Dora's dad went to work for 50¢ a day. His hours were from sunup to sundown, seven days a week. They stayed there for a little while, but Dora's dad wanted a piece of land for himself and heard the government would let you own homesteads. In 1904 they moved to Roblin, Man. They obtained a homestead twenty-two miles from Roblin for \$10.00. Her parents, the rest of the family and Dora began clearing the land and started to farm.

Due to Dora's mother's ill health Dora could only attend a few days of school in two years.

Growing up here, she met Joseph and in 1921 they were married at Zelena Greek Catholic Church. They continued to farm near Wroxtton, Sask. for five years. The farm was very poor and they decided to move back to Dora's parents place, where she stayed and Joseph went to work in the Sudbury mines. He worked there for two years, sending the money to Dora and she bought a quarter section of land from her parents for \$1,700.00. When Joseph returned home with one horse and an axe they proceeded to clear this land. Later he had some land to plow and only had two horses and he needed four to work with, so he used to hire a horse from his sister for 75¢ a day.

Life was tough and pennies were hard to get as there were no jobs available. Many a seneca root was dug by Joseph and Dora in order to buy a little salt, sugar, etc. They continued to struggle along even during the "Dirty Thirties". With four children by now, there were months when the meals consisted of bread, oatmeal, potatoes, and cottage cheese. The few cows, chickens, and pigs they now owned could not be killed for food as this was their only means of income for sugar, flour and clothes for the family. Once in awhile, to supplement this diet, Joseph would go hunting for deer or moose. There were welfare benefits one could get (\$5.00 a month) but Joseph refused to lower himself to this

state of affairs. He preferred eating potatoes and cottage cheese.

Things slowly started to look better and in 1932 he bought a second hand Model T Ford car for \$75.00. Due to Joe's slaving from dawn to dusk and with Dora and the children's help they were able to put more food on the table and Joseph was the very proud owner of a Ford car. Whenever he went to Roblin with the Ford there were always neighbors who would give a little money for gas so they could go and get their shopping done. It used to take four hours to get to Roblin by horse and buggy but he could now get there in one hour.

In 1937 he bought a half ton Ford, and in 1939 a threshing machine. Every fall he would go from farmer to farmer and thresh their grain for 8¢ a bushel. He ran the threshing machine himself, and had four teams with hayracks and one team with a wagon to haul the grain from the threshing machine to the granaries. One extra man called a field pitcher would go from team to team to help load the racks with sheaves to keep the threshing machine running. If anything went wrong with the machine, Joe would fix it himself. He sometimes got up at four A.M. to keep his threshing machine running smoothly. Wheat was selling then for 10¢ a bushel in the depression years.

In 1940, Joseph purchased a John Deere tractor on steel wheels for \$900.00. Farming was a little easier now. This tractor can still be seen eleven miles north of Roblin at his daughter, Irene's place, where the nephews turned the motor over in the fall of 1983.

Sons and daughters, one by one, were leaving home, looking for greener pastures. Joseph had purchased another quarter section for \$800.00, making it half a section to work by himself. In 1961 he bought a combine. Joseph was again first with progress. He farmed for another six years, selling out in 1967 and retiring to Roblin. He could now do his favourite things like fishing and hunting.

It would take pages to tell all the stories Joseph could tell one about his hunting trips to Blue Lake, Laurie Lake or all the places in the Duck Mountain area that he hunted. Many a night he would come home at midnight, or leave at four A.M. to hunt, always on foot.

Joseph and Dora were surprised at how pleasant retirement could be. Every so often one of their nine children would come home for a visit. They could now visit without the pressures of farming to bother them. Had they anticipated retirement so pleasant they would have retired sooner. Instead of fixing tractors, Joe now fixes his grandchildren's broken wagons, trucks etc. This was Joe's pleasure, next to hunting and fishing — his grandchildren. His spare

time found him downtown reminiscing with the old-timers.

Joseph died on July 13, 1971. He was pre-deceased by three sons and one daughter. Dora, now over eighty years old is in fair health, able to get around and living by herself.

Joe and Dora's thirteen children:

Annie married Walter Matewish. They have four children: Joseph, Frank, Betty and Marcella. Annie is now deceased. Nestor married Kay Ostrowka and lives in Thunder Bay, Ontario. They have two children, Dulcie and Dodd. Stella married Art Perlin and lives in Sioux Lookout, Ont. They had seven children: Barry, Donnie, Cheryl, Ricky, Arthur, Lori and Linda (who is deceased).

Richard married Olga Baron and they have three children; Ricky, Marilyn and Laurie. Richard and Olga reside in Burnaby, B.C.

Mildred married Mike Yaciuk and lives in Roblin. They have two children, Michael and Eileen.

Irene married Alex Smigelsky and they live north of Roblin. They have five children: Wesley, Judy, Darcy, Tracy and Perry.

Walter married Verna Stasko and they live at Victoria, B.C. They have two sons, Wayne and Daryl.

Peter married Sylvia Zbtyniuk. A month after they were married he passed away in 1959.

Adam married Caroline Ottenbreit and they live in Kamloops, B.C. They have three children; Brenda, Blair and Blaine.

Andrew married Olga Strilchuk and they reside at Lake Simcoe, Ont., and have three children; Lynnie, Stephen and Brian.

Freddie and Victor died as infants.

Marcella married Jerry Berube, and they reside in Thunder Bay, Ont. They have two daughters, Nicole and Danielle.

Webb Family

by J. M. Stewart

Mr. and Mrs. Webb and their large family were early homesteaders, a mile east of Sunny Slope school. The girls, who left the district, were for the most part engaged in some kind of professional work. The sons all left except Ross, who married a Miss Snedden and raised two sons. He played the violin and had his own family orchestra.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb remained on the farm until Mrs. Webb died in 1940. Mr. Webb later moved into Makaroff.

Lloyd and Irene Weeres Family

by Irene Weeres

In the fall of 1968 Lloyd and Irene and family

moved to Roblin, from Marsden, Saskatchewan. Lloyd was the General Manager of the Roblin and District Credit Union until 1983, at which time he decided to take on the job as Loans Manager.

Irene has operated a Beauty Shop business from her home since 1970.

They had four children when they moved to Roblin, ranging from five to twelve years. Kevin, who was in grade 6 at the time, completed his high school in Roblin and went on to the University of Manitoba, majoring in Computer Science. He then went on to work for Great West Life. Kevin passed away in 1982.

Brenda, who was in grade 4 when we arrived, also completed her schooling in Roblin before going on to take her training in Medical Radiological Technology at Red River College in Winnipeg. She was employed at the Dauphin Hospital, then later at the Medicine Hat Hospital. Brenda then took an overseas trip in 1983-84.

Brian, who was in grade 3, completed his grade XII in Roblin, then went on to take computer science at the Red River Community College, in Winnipeg. Since then he has been working in the computer field in Winnipeg, first with Richardson and Sons and now with Inter City Gas.

Arlene was 5 years old when they moved to Roblin. She took all her schooling here, then went to Red River College where she took a Legal Secretary course. She has been working for a firm of lawyers in Winnipeg since her graduation.

Lloyd and Irene take an active part in the community, including sports organizations, clubs, and church groups. Lloyd has been a volunteer Ambulance driver for several years.

Emil Weir Family

by Mrs. Mary Weir

Emil Weir was born in Russia in 1909. His parents were John Weir and Emily Noskie. He moved with his parents to Germany and later to Canada in 1925.

Mary Bauer was born in 1913 in North Battleford, Saskatchewan, to Henry and Louisa Bauer. In 1935 Emil married Mary Bauer at Shevlin, Manitoba. Emil and Mary farmed in the Shevlin district until they retired in 1967 and moved to the Town of Roblin. They had a family of 4 children: Pearl, Robert, Wilfred and Paul. Pearl taught school in Inglis and in Winnipeg for 5 years. She married Frank La Plante of San Clara, Manitoba in 1959, in Shevlin. They had 4 children; Garth, Evelyn, Grant and Laurie. Pearl died in 1978. Frank and family live in Winnipeg.

Robert lived at home until 1977. He is in poor health now and lives in the Roblin Personal Care Home.

Wilfred married Lenore McBean of Winnipeg in 1967 and they have 3 children: Mark, Andrew and Cindy.

Paul died at the age of two months.

Emil Weir died in 1977. I am still living in my own home in Roblin. I am a member of St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Lutheran Ladies' Aid, and the Ministerial League of Roblin, as well as a member of the Hospital Auxiliary. I do volunteer work at the Personal Care Home in Roblin.

Arthur Weller Sr.

by Fanny Pettit

Arthur Weller was born in London, England in 1865. He came to Canada in 1884. His two brothers went to Australia and one sister remained in England.

Arthur came over on a boat and looked after his sick companions and tried to comfort them along the way to Canada. He read a lot from the Bible to them. It gave them courage to make the journey across the ocean which in those days took around ten days or more.

In 1885 he went to Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan to freight for the Reil Rebellion. In 1886 he came to Manitoba, worked for farmers, pioneers and the Canadian National Railway.

In Brandon he found an Ontario girl, Ellen McKay, to take for his wife in 1890. They went to live at Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan to ranch and



Arthur Weller Sr. and Eleanor Weller.

farm. A little girl was born to them on November 4, 1892, Elizabeth Weller.

The area was too dry and water was scarce so they moved back to Two Creeks, Manitoba where a son came to bless their home, on March 8, 1896, Arthur Thomas Weller.

In 1900 they all moved to Shevlin and started a store business. They also managed the post office.

Arthur was a Justice of the Peace, a councillor and trustee of the church and school. Later they moved into the Bield district and went into cattle ranching. His lovely Hereford herd with big long horns were a picture to see on the range. He helped to build the United Church at Bield. He worked very hard for the Church.

Not a Sunday would go by that you wouldn't see Ellen and Arthur Weller going to church with horse and buggy. If the preacher was not there, Arthur was able to take over the service.

He lived a good life and a busy one, always ready to help someone. He passed away in December, 1942.

Eleanor (McKay) Weller **by Fanny Pettit**

Eleanor McKay was born in Wingham, Ontario to Elizabeth and Joel McKay of Huron County. They came to Selkirk, Manitoba in 1879, and to the Brandon hills to farm. She attended school in Ontario and Brandon and worked in a restaurant in Brandon. In 1890 she met Arthur Weller and they were married the same year.

They moved out to the Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan area and lived there for awhile. On November 4, 1892, a daughter, named Elizabeth was born to them. They then moved back to Two Creeks, Manitoba, and in 1896 on March 8, a son arrived, Arthur Weller Jr.

In 1900 they moved to Shevlin, Manitoba and started a business, a store and post office. They also took up ranching there.

Eleanor was a friend to everyone who knew her. She helped the sick and needy whenever she could. She enjoyed going to her church and composed many beautiful poems. She enjoyed visiting with her neighbors and with her family. Her philosophy of life was "smile and the world smiles with you".

To The Memory of Arthur Weller, (formerly of Bield)

composed by his loving wife, Eleanor

In the city of London, England, Arthur Weller was born in 1865.

Went to Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask.,
Where many came before.

In the Louis Riel Rebellion,
Feather headdress and warpaint,
Carts, guns and ammunition,
Made many people faint.

He freighted for the battle, in 1885,
Working in the danger zone,
But he came back alive.

He came to Manitoba, in 1886,
Working for the pioneers,

And building with sod bricks.

He worked on the C.N.R.,
With ties and iron rails,
And for the grain and cattle farmers,
With all their milk and pails.

In Brandon, in 1890,
He found himself a wife,
The Ontario Huronite,
To bless his future life.

Arthur and Ellen's children,
Wee Bessie and young Art,
Were a very happy family,
And seldom found apart.

A new township he had surveyed
Through government command,
Which many people homesteaded
And settled on the land.

Eight years he was a postmaster
And kept a little store,
With groceries, dry goods and
Other things galore.

He was J.P. and councillor,
Trustee of church and school,
And always gave a helping hand,
Which was his golden rule.

To Albert Edward Shiner,
He gave his daughter, Bess.
They had six healthy children,
Which came that home to bless.

His son, Thomas Arthur,
Married pretty Mabel.

Tom and Fanny came along,
To sit around their table.

He lived a very useful life
And died in forty-two.

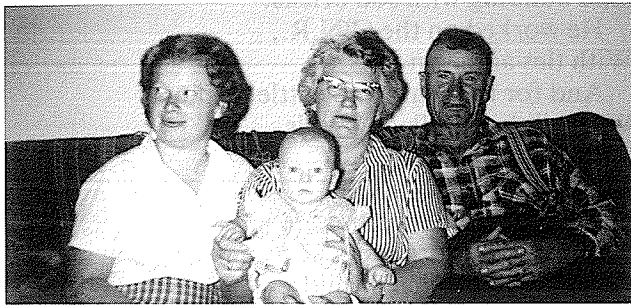
By his family he is missed;
And friends and neighbours, too.

Mr. Weller came to Canada in 1884. There are still many interesting items of Bield still to record. 1940 marks the 50th Anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Weller. In addition to the arduous life of homesteading and ranching, Mrs. Weller has composed many beautiful poems. This one, chosen not because it is the best, but for the sentiments expressed and moral involved.

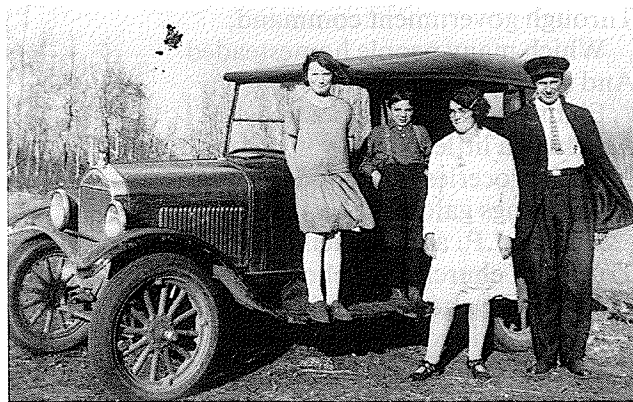
Arthur (Arty) Thomas Weller Junior

Arthur Weller Jr. was born at Two Creeks, Manitoba on March 8, 1896. His father, Arthur Weller, had come to Canada from London, England and gone into the farming and ranching business.

Arthur Jr. bought a threshing outfit and went out and did custom work from dawn until midnight. As a young man he both worked for the railway and also did threshing for the farmers as requested and if free to do so.



Four generations: Elaine Stengrin, Fanny Pettit, Arthur Weller, and baby Ruth Stengrin.



Weller Family: Arty, Mabel, Fanny and Tom with their model T.

In 1917 on November 28, he married Mabel Scrimshaw and in 1918 on November 4th, a girl named Fannie Elizabeth Weller was born. On May 9, 1920 a boy, Thomas Arthur Weller was born.

Arty helped with the building of the United Church at Bield.

In 1937 he moved to Ste. Rose du Lac and went into cattle ranching until he retired. He spent his last four years with his daughter, Fannie at The Pas, Manitoba until his passing on February 8, 1978.

Mabel Weller (Scrimshaw) by Fanny Pettit

Mabel Scrimshaw was born in Melton, Mowbray, England to Alfred and Fanny Scrimshaw. She came with her parents to Canada and lived at Brandon. After the passing of her mother, her father and family moved to Roblin in 1908.

She had around three or four miles to walk across country to where the Bield school used to be before it was moved to the village of Bield. Miss Josie Pettit (Mrs. Andy Dunlop) and Miss Tyndal (Mrs. Oscar Carlson) were two of the teachers.

In 1917 Mabel Scrimshaw married Arty Weller and they went into ranching and farming. They then moved to St. Rose Du Lac. In 1954 Mabel moved to



Fanny Pettit, Ada Scrimshaw, Alfred Scrimshaw Jr., Mabel Weller, Alfred Scrimshaw Sr., and Elaine Pettit, in 1942.

London, Ontario where she still lives. To this marriage a daughter, Fanny was born in 1918 and a son, Tom in 1920.

Fanny (Weller) Pettit by Fanny Pettit

Fanny Weller was born in Bield, Manitoba in November 1918, to Mable and Arthur Weller. I, Fanny went to school in Bield, Man., and I worked at different homes and also for my parents.



Pettit Family: George, Fanny, Elaine, Mabel, Gladys.

We had the best time roaming the hills, picking crocus, buttercups, cowslips and three flowered anemones. My memories of going for the cows and milking morning and night will never be forgotten.

In 1936 I met George Pettit of Roblin, son of the late George and Emma Carlson Pettit. We were married the same year. In the spring of 1938 we went to Sudbury, Ontario and a daughter was born to us in December, 1938. In the spring of 1939 we went to Listowel, Ontario. In October 1943 another daughter, Mabel, was born to us and also in 1945 a daughter, Gladys was born.

In the spring of 1946 we moved back to Manitoba and settled in the north country of The Pas. We have lived here ever since.

Thomas Weller

by Thomas

I was born on May 9th, 1920 to Arthur and Mabel (nee Scrimshaw) Weller in Bield, Manitoba. I have one sister, Fanny Pettit of The Pas, Manitoba. We later moved to Ste. Rose Du Lac, Man-



Tom and June Weller (1941).

itoba. In 1939 I went east to Listowel, Ontario, where my sister lived. I worked on a farm there until I joined the Canadian Army. On June 12, 1940 I was stationed in London, Ontario and there I met June Lukings who became my wife on March 1st, 1941. I was stationed in Toronto, Ontario, then I moved to Valcatri camp. From there I moved to Sussex, New Brunswick, then on to Quebec and then back to Sussex, New Brunswick. From there I went to Debert, Nova Scotia. I went through an overseas medical examination which I failed, so I was sent back to London.

In November of 1942 our son, Thomas Arthur, was born. I was in the army until late 1945. From 1946 to 1950 I drove a taxi cab. We then moved to Arkona, Ontario and I worked for Imperial Oil in Sarnia, Ontario. In 1952 we moved to Lucan, Ontario, where we adopted 2 children, a boy, David, and a girl, Nancy. While in Lucan we owned our own restaurant for 9 years and I also built my own home. In 1969, we moved back to London,

Ontario where we now live, and I work at Livingston Industries where I am an inspector for car parts going overseas.

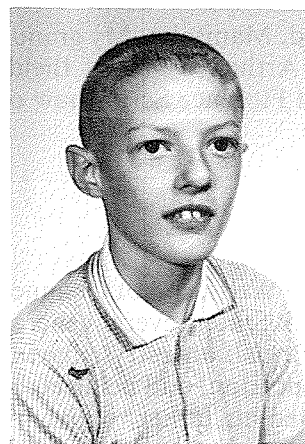
Our son, Thomas married Dorothy Rynen.



Dorothy and Tom Weller, Darren and Tracy.

They have a daughter, Tracey (16) and a son, Darrin (13). They are on a small farm near the town of Thamesford, Ontario. They have 2 horses, 2 white-faced herefords and 4 rabbits. He has his own business, "Tonda Construction".

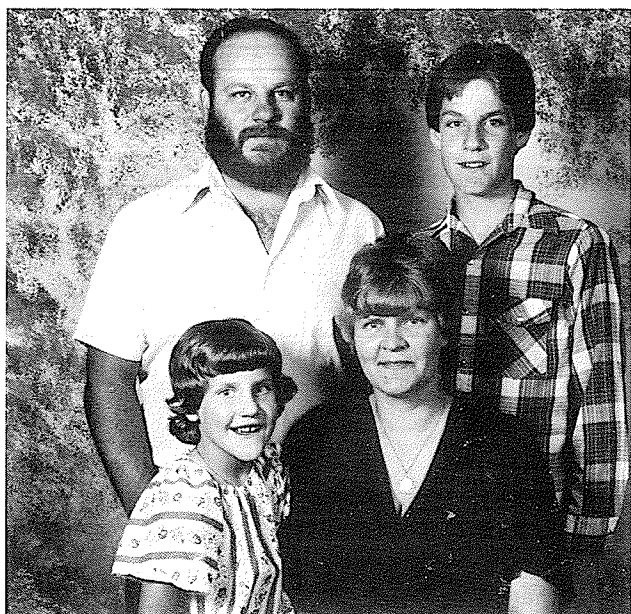
Our second son, David, is single and has his own apartment in London.



David Weller.

Our daughter married Bill Bieber. They have a son, Bill (14) and a daughter Tammy (9). They live in Lucan, Ontario where Nancy was raised.

We have four grandchildren. We have been back a number of times visiting in the west. My father, Arthur Weller, died in February, 1978 in The Pas, Manitoba. My mother married my father-in-law, Jack Lukings, in 1972. He passed away in January, 1977. My mother came to live with us for almost 2 years and then had to go into a nursing home because of ill health and she will be 86 on May 23rd, 1984. She is the only one left of her brothers



Bill Bieber Family: Bill Bieber Sr., Bill Jr., Tammy and Nancy.

and sisters in the Scrimshaw family. She has one sister-in-law, Daisy Scrimshaw in Roblin, Manitoba.

My sister, Fanny and her husband Ted Pettit of The Pas, Manitoba presented me with 3 nieces. First came Elaine, then Mabel and Gladys. They are all married with children of their own.

I went to school in Bield, Manitoba. My grandparents were Eleanor and Arthur Weller of Bield, Manitoba, also Alfred and Florence Scrimshaw of Roblin, Manitoba.

Lewis Wells by Verna Sole

My father, Lewis Centre Wells, son of Chauncy Wells of Mooers, New York State (several generations in America and of British ancestry), having finished his preliminary education, and being eighteen years of age, persuaded his father to give his blessing so that he could go west in about 1898. Enroute by train he met and travelled with Edward



Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Wells family home built at Bield in 1917-18.

Miller (Ed) who was going to his uncle Van Norman's family placed in Hamiota, Manitoba. They became fast friends and Ed and his uncle's family persuaded young Lewis to stay. Ed went to work for his uncle, and Lewis for another relation, the Alexander family, also of Hamiota area, and both were farmers. That year, or somewhat later, Ed and Lewis went to Minnedosa, Manitoba and filed on homesteads near Roblin, in a district called Tummel. Lewis' quarter section was on 23-25-29. Having received their interim homestead rights from Dominion Lands, they both went to "prove up" their respective homesteads and establish residences; this they did, by April 18, 1905.



Lewis and Lula Wells in 1907.

By 1906, Lewis sent for his one and only girlfriend whom he had left behind in Montreal, Quebec-Lulu Moss Whitaker. They were married in Christ Church in Winnipeg on August 28, 1906; witnesses were Charlie and Helen Williamson of Roblin. My mother's father was from England; her mother was born in Quebec, in Barrington, twenty miles from Montreal. She was of Irish-Scottish descent, and a third generation Canadian.

After a period of clearing and breaking the land by axe, oxen and horses and successful farming (with the spirit that was the very fibre of our early settlers), my father sold his farm (which was by then much improved) to Ed. Miller, his long-time friend. He altered his course and went into a lumber business, moved into the town of Roblin and built a home there.

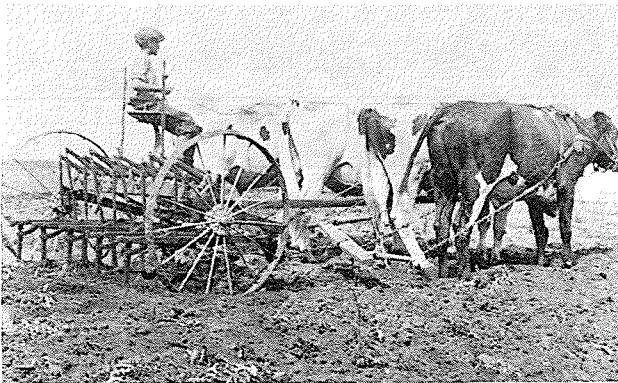
There were five girls born during these early years of their marriage; Lucille, Doris, Ruth, Verna and Marjorie. Business was booming and more people were coming into the country which was opening up and encompassing a large area of trade. Daddy became worried at the high risk of credit buying because he had a family to raise. He sold out his business to T. A. Burrows, who was well-known in Manitoba Government circles and in lumbering.



Threshing at the Wells farm in 1928: Lewis, Marjorie, Clarence Merrell.

My father, by then, had purchased land in the hamlet of Bield and established himself there in 1917. He started a small business in their residence. The prospective store would have put too large a burden on him, along with raising a family and not much help available, so there was a compromise made. As the family home was large enough to accommodate both the business and the living quarters, the proposed store became a warehouse and multi-purpose building and it worked out very well.

More land was acquired and my father was soon



John R. and Lewis Wells trained oxen at Bield, Manitoba.

back into farming again. He built barns for cattle and operated the Massey-Harris business as well as the post office. During the next few years, John Rolland, Ralph Lewis and Helen Elizabeth were born.

A grain elevator soon became necessary, and as the railway was already nearby, Mr. Wells contacted the Northern Elevator Co., requesting their consideration in the construction of an elevator. They sent a man to Bield whose name was Mr. Tormey (as I remember). They had a brief exchange of conversation, and the elder gentleman asked

Daddy where he came from. He was amazed to hear that he had come from his own home town of Mooers, New York and he said to my father, "Do you know that my mother just loved your old grandfather?" There was an instant bonding and before he left he said "Mr. Wells, you will get your elevator", and so it was — The Northern Elevator was then built. Some years later, the Pool Elevator came into being and bought out the Northern Elevator Co.

Rev. Andrew Chisholm, was our first minister. He was Presbyterian and came from Scotland, where he was educated. He was a man with a wealth of knowledge. When he looked at the area where he chose to spend the rest of his life, he called it Bield, which interpreted means "a cozy sheltered spot". One of the poets of the day wrote "Thy bield shall be my bosom".

Services were conducted in the school house on Sundays. Mr. Chisholm was assisted by his wife, Leah, who was also an accomplished person. She played the organ and helped in many ways, including giving singing lessons for those attending. She was an opera singer, who had worked on the stage in various parts of the country. She had given benefit performances in Cuba during the First World War, and also in various cities in Canada, including Winnipeg. She had performed at private women's clubs, and also at the old "Walker Theatre". She had trained in Paris after having received a scholarship from Sir Wilfred Laurier. We had a great appreciation for these people, and the feeling was mutual.

Later, we had a series of student ministers who served us well. The United Church came into being in 1925 when the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches joined together. There was a segment however, who became known as "Free Methodists", who withdrew from the union. The first brave effort to build a church for all remained there (basement and footings) for some years, until the municipality undertook to complete it for high school use and church meetings.

In the earlier years my father served as Sec.-treasurer for the school. We had many fine teachers; one whom most will recall was Caroline Cummings. We had our local fairs at the school house, and picnics also. This was our main outside entertainment. Chatauqua came later and was sponsored by interested people.

From our own family beginnings, here in Canada, there now are in total sixty-two children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who are all scattered from east to west, from Bridgewater, Nova Scotia to Vancouver Island in British Columbia, and north to Flin Flon, Thompson and Snow Lake in Manitoba. There have been many changes throughout the country and no doubt it's just the

beginning — and to borrow from an old proverb, “The years teach much which the days never know”.

The Wells Family of Bield, Manitoba by George Lowe

The most prominent family in Bield for many years was the family Lewis and Lulu (Whittier) Wells. Lewis Wells was born near Boston, 100 years ago. As a boy he moved to New York State, near the Quebec border, where he met Lulu Whittier at Hemmingford, P.Q. They were married in Quebec and immediately left there to homestead their farm in Bield, Manitoba.

Lewis Wells was a very hardworking ambitious man. He was known for his quick temper and impatient manner. Lulu Wells was equally as well known for her kind, loving and patient manners. Together they raised a fine family of six girls and two boys. As well as operating a large farm, they ran the local general store and post office.

Former Methodists, they worked diligently to bring about the union which formed the United Church in Bield. Lewis was always a critic of the many Liberal governments, so much so, that many of his friends would not have known that he was always a Liberal supporter at the polls.

The Wells home was large and accommodated the family and sometimes the hired help and frequent visitors. Lulu and Lewis Wells supported the school and always saw that there was ample reading material in their home. A ‘must’ was always the Winnipeg Free Press daily and weekly. The family always seemed to have time from their many chores to discuss the issues of the day.

The eight children are now spread across the country from Quebec to British Columbia. Each one was married and their offspring have spread even farther. The children and grandchildren have all done well, making good lives for themselves and making a contribution to their country in peacetime and in wartime.

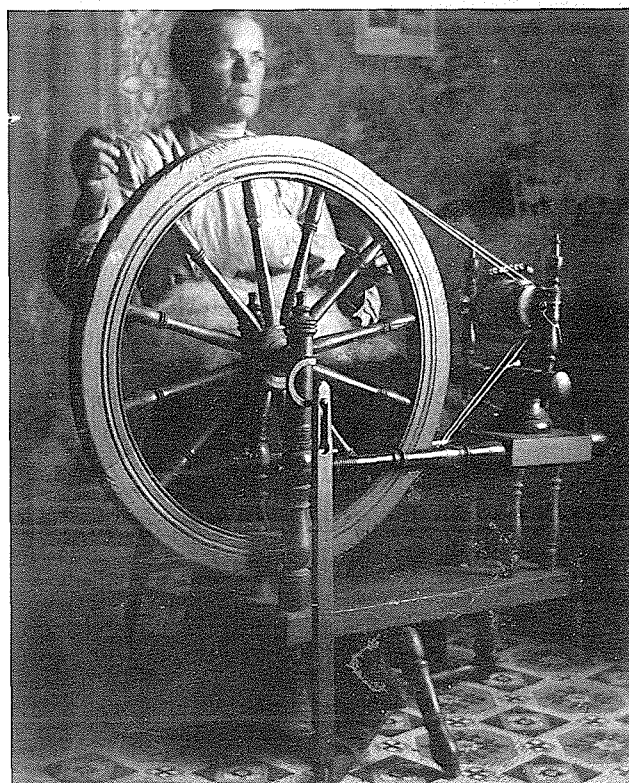
An interesting side note — Marjory Wells, the fifth child, married the man who was mainly responsible for the building of the Empire State Building in New York City, and the “new” wing of the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa. His name was Joseph Caine of Montreal.

Lorin Merrell and Louie (Nash) Lowe were both widowed while young and both had small families. They married and moved to Bield where Mr. Merrell taught school. Mrs. Lowe had come to Canada from their native Ireland with their four boys: Victor, Nathaniel, Stephen and William. Mrs. Lowe’s brother, Samuel Nash was an Anglican Minister in many parts of Manitoba.

The Merrell children were Robert, Clarence and a girl whose name I have forgotten.

The Wenner Family by Harold Wenner

I, Harold, in my 65th year (1982), being the youngest member of the family of the late Rudolph and Marie Wenner (née Jaasund), will attempt to relate our family origin.

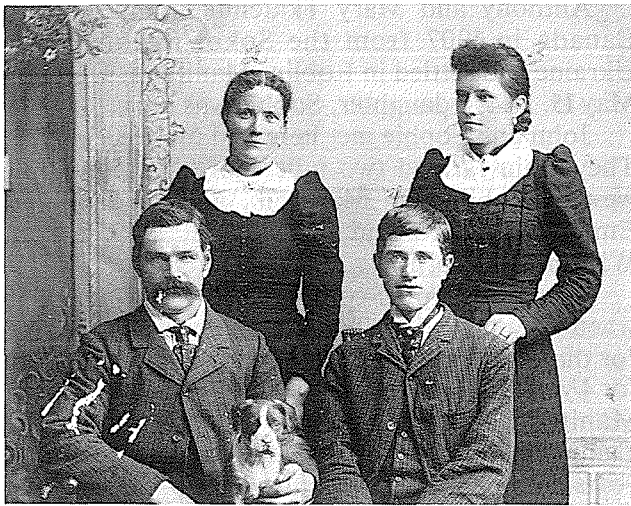


Mrs. Anton Wenner at her spinning wheel.

The family name was originally Venner (meaning ‘friends’ in English). The name was misspelled at the immigration office when Rudolph entered the U.S.A. Therefore, the name Wenner has remained to the present time.

I can relate back to my great-grandparents, Rasmus and Olena Wenner (Venner). Rasmus was born in Norway in 1825, and married in 1847. After his wife’s death, he immigrated to the U.S.A. and then came into Canada. He died in 1909 and was buried in Deer Park Cemetery (Tummel).

Rasmus had a family of three children. The one son, Anton (my grandfather) immigrated to the U.S.A. from Oslo, Norway with his wife, Bergette, a 2 year old daughter, Anna and a 4 year old son, Rudolph (my father) in 1880. The journey from Norway to the U.S.A. took seventy-two days by sailboat, in which cattle were transported in the lower section, and the passengers occupied the



Bergette Wenner, Anton Wenner and children Anna and Rudolph.

upper area. The final journey from New York was made by train.

Arriving in Lake Park, Minnesota with forty dollars in their pockets, Anton and family settled on farm land and built a sod house for shelter. As years progressed, they built their farm buildings with lumber. Their son, Rudolph, and daughter, Anna were educated at a small rural school, and were confirmed at the Atlanta Lutheran Church, which is still in use at the present time.

Rudolph (my father) married Marie Jaasund at Lake Park, Minnesota in 1903. Their daughter, Alpha was born in 1904 and a son, Orville in 1906



Rudolph and Marie Wenner on their wedding day, in 1903.

(both in the U.S.A.).

The Canadian government was offering cheap farm land in its natural state, so the Wenner family moved to Canada in 1907. The government allowed

three railway cars (free) to each family to bring their livestock, machinery, lumber, and household effects from the U.S.A.

A 160 acre homestead could be obtained for \$10.00. The agreement was that the homesteader had to clear ten acres and get it into production within three years. This being done, he would receive the ownership title to the land.

The first winter was spent living in a tent along the Shell River, four miles east and two miles south of Roblin. As they arrived late in the fall, it was difficult to obtain feed for their livestock, but they were fortunate in getting frozen grain from the Mickelson family, who had arrived a few years earlier.

My parents often stated that money in those days was almost non-existent and much of their survival depended on wild game for meat. Wild fruit was also abundant. My father was an excellent trapper, so furs were traded for groceries, clothing and ammunition. As a young boy, I remember eggs selling for 7¢ a dozen. Energy costs were 25¢ per week for 1-gallon of coal oil for the lamps and lanterns.

My brother, Mondred was born on the homestead in 1912, and he spent his life on the farm. He passed away in 1950. I also was born on the homestead, where my family lives at the present time.

Alpha married William Miller in 1927. Their



Wenner Family: Rudolph, Mondred, Orville, Alpha, Harold.

son, Daryl resides in Roblin. Alpha passed away in 1976.

There were neighbors on nearly every quarter section so we didn't have to travel far for our entertainment. In winter, we had house parties (dances) and card parties quite regularly. In summer, there were ball games and picnics in the neighborhood.

In the early 'thirties, Bus Brook came up to the Riverbend area from southern Manitoba, and as there were very few phones or radios in the district, he got the farmers interested in the installation of barbed wire phones. They were quite common in the south.

At one time, there were twenty-two families on

the double lines in Riverbend. The Wenners operated their radio over the lines but found it rather costly as the batteries lasted only two evenings. They remedied that by making their own batteries.

My brothers, Orville and Mondred joined the Roblin Band in the late 1920's and I joined in the early '30's. We performed at several local events such as the 1st of July celebrations, parades and agricultural fairs. Music was a very enjoyable part of our lives. Orville and I played with several dance orchestras in the surrounding area. Orville left Roblin in 1936 with a travelling orchestra. He later married and went to Prince Rupert where he worked in the shipyards (wiring).

In the early 'forties, he moved to Nanaimo, B.C. and worked as an electrician. He raised a family of four boys and one girl. As time went on, all four boys went to work with their father. Orville passed away in 1982, and the four sons still carry on with their father's business.

I remained on the farm and in 1940, married Beatrice Watson, a neighbor girl. We raised two boys, Wayne and Dale. Wayne married Betty Aitken, a school teacher from Grandview.

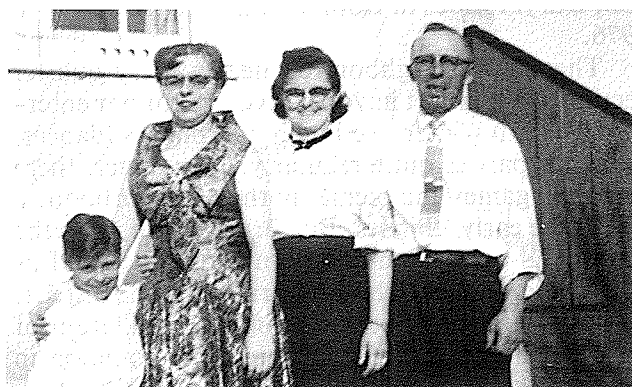
Over the years, I became involved with the Dairy and Poultry Pool, Manitoba Pool Elevators, and Parkland Co-op. I also served on the Agricultural Board along with my wife. I became very interested in the Pioneer Museum and spend many hours restoring old engines, etc.

My son, Wayne and his wife, Betty, remain on the farm with us and Dale works at Yorkton T.V. at the present time.

*Note: Harold passed away on March 2, 1983.

Werbowski Family by Mrs. Emily Martin

Anthony and Mary Werbowski immigrated to Canada from the Ukraine and settled in Calder, Saskatchewan where they grain farmed. Here, a son John, one of five children was born on March 2, 1914.



Sophie and John Werbowski and family, 1957.

Anthony and Mary Tkatchuk immigrated to Canada in 1907 from the Sokol region in the Ukraine and settled in Roblin, Manitoba. Here, on May 15, 1914, a daughter, Sophie was born.

John and Sophie met here and married in 1937. They grain farmed two miles north and one mile west of Roblin. On March 10, 1939, a daughter, Emily, was born and on May 18, 1949, a son, William, was born.

John and Sophie continued to farm until 1956 when they moved to Toronto where John worked for the Campbell Soup Company. They lived there for 4 years. They then moved to Portage La Prairie, Manitoba where John was transferred by the Campbell Soup Company and lived there for 10 years. John passed away June 8, 1970. Sophie then moved back to Toronto 1½ years later, to be closer to her family, where she still resides.

Daughter Emily moved to Toronto in October,



Emily and Jim Martin and family.

1955 where she worked for the Toronto Dominion Bank for 15 years. Here she met, and later married, James Martin on July 6, 1968 at Trinity United Church in Toronto. They then moved to Windsor, Ont. Here on December 10, 1970, a daughter, Michelle Lee, was born and on January 27/75, a son, Christopher Allan, was born.

Son William moved from Portage La Prairie to Prince Rupert, B.C. in 1970 and worked for approximately 1½ years for C.P. Airlines. He was transferred to Hawaii for 6 months and then to Toronto, where he still resides. On November 1, 1980, he married Dorothy McCarville at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Milton, Ontario. On



William and Dorothy Werbowski and family.

October 15, 1982, their daughter, Denise Elizabeth, was born.

The Westwood Family by Fred Westwood

William James Westwood was born near Rapid City, Manitoba in 1887, son of Frederick Thomas Westwood and Sarah Westwood.

He attended Brandon College and then entered the Union Bank of Canada (later to become The Royal Bank of Canada) where he served as accountant and manager at Humboldt, Saskatchewan and Roblin.



Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Westwood.

At Roblin he met Carrie Marie Hartford, who was born at Neepawa in 1890, a daughter of Samuel Hartford and Rose Hartford. They were married in

Edmonton, Alberta on Dec. 25, 1912 and lived in Roblin where the Hartfords had operated the Roblin Hotel for several years. Samuel Hartford died at Roblin in 1915. Rose Hartford died in 1941 at Roblin, where for many years she had resided with the Westwood family.

In 1917 Bill Westwood left the bank to enter politics and was elected as M.L.A. for the constituency of Roblin as an Independent. He again represented the constituency of Roblin from 1932 to 1936 as a Liberal Progressive under the Premiership of The Hon. John Bracken.

In 1920 he was appointed Secretary-Treasurer of the Municipality of Shell River, a position he served diligently until 1946. During that time he served as Secretary of the Roblin Pool Elevator Association for many years and was very proud of the fact that this was the first Pool Elevator built in the Province of Manitoba, Pool Elevator #1.

During the Second World War he served as Mayor of Roblin for four years and always maintained a keen interest in community activities and provincial and federal politics.

Carrie Westwood, in addition to raising three sons, was an active member of the Roblin Brass Band, took great pride in her piano playing, assisted her husband at the office and took an active part in community activities.

In 1946 the family purchased a hardware business in Russell, Man. from the Doig Estate and Bill Westwood was active in that business until two years prior to his death at Russell in 1962. Carrie Westwood died at Winnipeg in December of 1974.

Bill and Carrie Westwood had three sons: Fred, presently residing in Morden, Manitoba; Bill, who died in Winnipeg in 1973; and Harold presently residing in Fort Macleod, Alberta; all three were born in Roblin and attended school there.

Fred attended the University of Winnipeg and Manitoba Law School, served four years in the Canadian army in Canada and overseas and has practised law in Morden since 1947. He married Aileen Warren of Rapid City, Manitoba and they have two children, Jim and Marjorie, and three grandchildren.

Bill married Sheila Yeats in Winnipeg and they had six children; Terry, Tim, Tricia, Trevor, Trent and Todd (all of whom live in Winnipeg) and 5 grandchildren. In addition to his involvement in the operation of the hardware store at Russell, Bill was employed by Trans Canada Airlines, Prudential Insurance Company of America and Investors Syndicate. He was an avid curler and an enthusiastic member of the Elks Lodge, serving as pianist for 20 years.

Harold married Dolly Goddard at Russell and they have two sons, Bob and Tom, and four grand-

children. He spent several years in Russell in the operation of the hardware store with his Dad and brother, Bill. He operated a general store at Spy Hill, Sask., then moved to Rosetown, Sask., and then to Fort Mcleod, Alberta where he is presently employed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Thomas Wheeler Family

by The Family

Thomas Wheeler came from England in the early 1900's. He married Rose Larocque in 1912. During this time they farmed in the Boggy Creek area and also operated the Post Office for 18 years. They retired to San Clara, on the Larocque home-
stead, where they lived for many years.

They had one son, Alexander, born in 1913. He also farmed and had a lumber mill in the Duck Mountain area.

Mr. Wheeler will always be remembered for his kindness to neighbours and was always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need. He used to sing, recite poetry and tell many jokes to his friends.

Mrs. Wheeler was a very religious, hard working person. She always had a lovely garden and cooked and baked. She did a lot of fancy work, knitting, crocheting, making quilts, rugs and many other handicraft items.

They were both kept very busy entertaining their many friends and relatives.

Mr. Wheeler passed away in 1972 and Mrs. Wheeler in 1969. Both are buried at San Clara, Manitoba.

Alexander Wheeler Family

by Brenda Ward

Alexander (Sandy) Wheeler was born in 1913, the son of Thomas and Rose Wheeler of Boggy Creek, Manitoba. He farmed in the area and operated a lumber camp in the Duck Mountain area.



The Alexander (Sandy) Wheeler family: L to R. Verna, Sandra, Barbara, Brenda, Timmy, Charlie, Tommy, Beatrice and Sandy.

Sandy married Beatrice Lafournaise of Boggy Creek. They have seven children: Thomas, Verna, Charles, Sandra, Barbara, Brenda and Timothy.

Thomas married Teresa Sawatzky and they live in Flin Flon, Manitoba. They have 4 children: John, Laurie, Lyle and Sandra.

Verna married Orville (Red) Brown and they own and operate a dairy farm at Boggy Creek, Manitoba.

Charles married Rovina Paul, and they have 3 girls: Rhonda, Terri and Sheila.

Sandra married Durrelle Sanders, and they live in Winnipeg, with Sandy Wheeler. Durrelle has his own painting business and Sandra is an R.N. at the Health Science Centre.

Barbara married Douglas Sanders and they live in Winnipeg. They have 4 children: Anita, Douglas, René and David.

Brenda married Larry Ward and they live in Winnipeg. They have 3 girls: Billie-Jo, Nicole and Tara.

Timothy lives in Calgary, Alberta and is still single.

Mrs. Wheeler passed away in April, 1981. Alexander still resides in Winnipeg and is semi-retired.

Annie (Scrimshaw) Whittaker

by Fanny Pettit

Annie Scrimshaw was born in Melton, Mowbray, England to Alfred and Fanny Scrimshaw. She was married to William Masson who was killed in the 1914-1918 war. They had one child who passed away early in life in England. Annie came to Canada to live. She met and married Samuel Whittaker. They lived beside the Shevlin road on the side of a hill. They had two children, Tom and Gladys.

Gladys lives in Victoria, British Columbia. Tom passed away at Victoria, also, his son, Henry. Annie passed away at an early age.

Peter Wiens and Annie (Letkeman) Wiens Family

by Lilly Marshall, assisted by Sara Sawatzky

Grandpa Jacob Wiens came from Russia to Canada in June of 1875, but claimed Dutch origin. While in Russia, he married Mary Hepner and they had two daughters born in Russia. One died while still in Russia and the other died and was buried on an island in the Atlantic on their journey to Canada.

Jacob was a tinsmith by trade, and a part-time teacher.

Peter a son was born on December 1, 1875. He had two brothers, one born in 1877 and one in 1879. In 1881 a diphtheria epidemic struck. All children were victims of this illness and Peter was the only



Peter and Annie (Letskeman) Wiens.

one to survive. Later that year, Grandma (Mrs. Jacob Wiens) gave birth to a daughter. They both passed away (mother and daughter). This was four deaths in one year and Jacob and his son, Peter were left on their own, and so it remained for several years.

During this period they moved around considerably. On one occasion when they were on the move, they were caught in a rain storm. Upon passing a deserted cabin they decided to take shelter inside. Jacob's prized possession was his violin and, as the roof of the cabin was leaking, he put the violin in the oven of a stove that had been left in the cabin. There were also a couple of chairs and a table. They were just nicely inside and seeking out the driest places when a lady and her son, about the same age as Peter, also came in out of the rain. As the driest place was under the table, the two boys sat there. The lady had an umbrella so she opened it and sat on one of the chairs while Grandpa sat on the other, and so waited out the storm.

After about four years as a widower, Grandpa married Elizabeth Harder. He had four more children by this marriage: Cornelius, born in 1886; Jacob, Elizabeth and John, who were born later.

At age 16 our Dad, Pete suffered a severe bout of typhoid fever from which the family and doctors thought he would never recover. However after a long illness, he was very weak and thin, but he survived.

Putting it mildly, his step-mother was not very considerate of him so he went to work for a Mr. Spenset, who insisted on giving him time to recuperate. He stayed there until he regained some strength before starting to work.

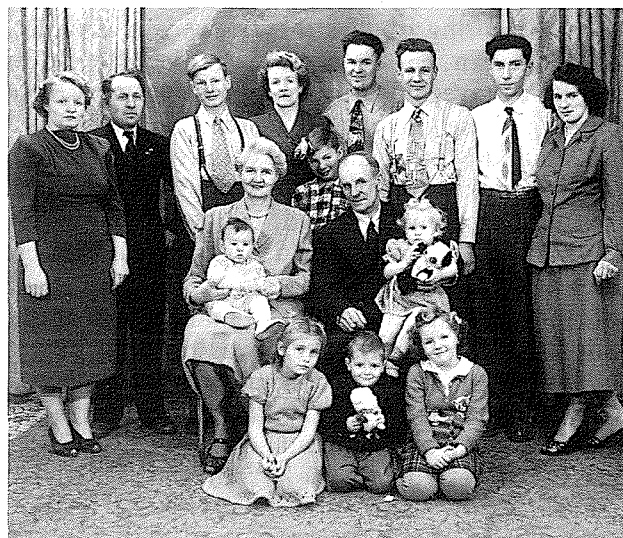
At one time, before his illness, he had left home and stayed with a Negro family for some time.

After working for Mr. Spenset he worked for various people, mostly as a farmhand until 1897 when he married Annie Letskeman, daughter of Jacob and Annie Letskeman (nee Wiebe).

Jacob Letskeman was a wheelwright by trade, but farmed. His wife (my grandma), a seamstress, sewed men's suits by hand, building up the shoul-

ders with a certain type of straw and canvas and horse hair from horses' tails. Grandpa also grafted trees (mostly apples) in those days.

Mother and Dad lived with Grandpa and Grandma Letskeman while Dad did some breaking on a farm. He had made arrangements to buy the farm and had also built the house. This land later reverted to its original owner. The farm was located in the Letellier, Man. district.



Back row: L to R. Dorothy and Nick Germain, Llewellym Sawatzky, Irene and Jim Gibson, Sturges Sawatzky, Tom and Therese Wheeler. Centre row: Mary Sawatzky, Johnny Wheeler on her lap, Lorne Sawatzky, Frank Sawatzky with Nancy Germain on his lap. Front: Evelyn Germain, Wayne and Judy Gibson.

Their children are as follows: Annie, born November 14, 1897 (Mrs. David Friesen); Mary, born August 21, 1900 (Mrs. Frank Sawatzky); Elizabeth, born September 24, 1902 (Mrs. James Horan); Sara, born March 9, 1905 (Mrs. John Sawatzky); Peter, born September 4, 1908, married Mavis Lenderbeck; Edward, born June 5, 1911, married Elsa Anderson; Lilly, born June 17, 1914 (Mrs. John Barwick from January 29, 1935-1949), divorced and married Everett Marshall February 2, 1957; Harold Jacob, born September 7, 1921, married Thelma Swanson.

Dad continued to farm and rented land until approximately 1908 when he started a butcher shop in Rosenfeld, Manitoba and lived in that town.

Mother and Dad had both been raised as Menonites. Dad was born on the East Reserve and Mother on the West Reserve, which were on the east and west sides of the Red River.

Grandpa Letskeman was often in conflict with the elders of the church and was excommunicated from time to time.

It was while they were living in Rosenfeld that

mother and dad left the Mennonite church and joined The Church of New Jerusalem, which follows Swedenborg's translation of the Bible.

While Dad had the butcher shop he also bought and sold cattle, shipping them by carload lots to Winnipeg by railroad.

At one time Dad and a friend bought up a carload of fully grown steers to be used as oxen for field work and shipped them to Brock, Saskatchewan, which at the time was the end of the railway; that was in about 1911.

In the spring of 1913 they moved to Chaplin, Saskatchewan. Upon arrival Annie, the eldest daughter, stayed in town and went to work in a boarding house known as the Green Goose.

Dad and Mother and five children moved into Jimmie Cookson's shack (about 10 feet square). They found room for a bed, cupboard, table and chairs and a trunk which held most of their clothes. The stove was set up outdoors, the table and chairs were moved outside at night to make a bed on the floor for the children. There was no door on the place and a robe made of cowhide was hung over the doorway. This is the way the family lived while dad built a house on a homestead he had filed on (Sec. 3 tp 18, Rge. 5 — W3). He broke some of the land that first summer.

They moved into their new house on June 14, 1913. Dad also filed on a pre-emption on which there was water for stock and in 1915, the breaking dad had done the previous year produced a good crop of oats.

They bought their first cow with money that sister Annie had earned while working at the rooming and boarding house.

After their first crop, a dry spell hit and the crops were dried out. Year after year, as cattle did well on prairie wool, every effort was made to establish a milk herd and cream was shipped or butter made and sold in town. Annie had a steady job; Mary was helping at home but shortly after, she also went out working; Elizabeth, Sara and Peter went to school in Chaplin and later to Val-jean.

I was born on the Saskatchewan homestead. My sister, Mary was fourteen that fall, and while Mother was in bed during childbirth, Mary baked her first batch of bread which turned out very well and she had reason to be very proud.

Dad sold the homestead in 1917 and moved onto a rented farm about two and a half or three miles from the Bothwell School where my brother, Edward and I spent our first years in school. I remember my first day of school when my sister, Elizabeth went to collect some wages she had earned and had to pass the schoolhouse so she dropped me off at the school. When she was on her way home at

recess time, I was sitting at the corner of the schoolhouse hoping she would take me back home but she didn't stop and later she asked me what the little pink spot at the corner of the schoolhouse had been.

That fall of 1920, sisters Mary and Elizabeth left for Urbana, Ohio, U.S.A. to improve their education. As Annie was already married, Sara, the eldest child was left at home. Sara, Peter and Edward helped with the milking. I was sent on ahead to school so that the older members of the family would be able to go faster, in case they might be late. On the way to school we crossed a pasture and there was always a bull in that pasture, so I would go that far and wait until I saw the others coming, then slip under the fence and continue on my way. I just didn't like crossing that pasture alone.

Education was never a priority in our household but we were always expected to come up with the right answers in math, if Dad was doing some figuring, and we were expected to write his business letters.

Mother was always busy making our clothes, knitting socks and mittens and was thankful when she had material with which to make them.

Mother worked hard in her garden and I remember having cantaloupe and watermelon. I also remember the smell of scorching grain when the rains failed to come, and the sound of crunching sand beneath the buggy wheels.

Brother Peter was a born musician and at age fourteen he played the violin at dances with the Conrad family. I don't believe he used the money he earned; I believe it went for family essentials.

As children, Edward and I were very close and we used to play with laths for horses. We decided we needed a new supply (Edward was probably eight years old and I five) and the upstairs in the homestead house had been lathed but never plastered, so this is from where we would replenish our "herd". Mother had turned out some freshly baked buns and was hoeing in the garden, we got her permission, and each took a bun (well-buttered), then told Mother we were going to the old homestead. Mother, thinking we were playing games, said "Goodbye", and we were on our way. We both had an armfull of laths when we heard a tractor, and thinking it was the owner, we dropped our laths and ran down the road as fast as we could, but not toward home. We ran into the yard of a neighbor who was a bachelor and a friend of ours. He decided to take us home, so we rode home in style, perched on the buggy seat beside our friend Peter Gerbrandt. When we arrived home Dad was just hitching up to come to look for us.

Regardless of crop failures, with a thrifty wife, Dad managed to accumulate a good herd of cattle

and some very fine horses, one of which had won a red ribbon, of which he was very proud.

In the year of 1921 Dad had a good crop and, with their eldest two daughters now living in Manitoba, and with some persuasion from them, he decided to follow suit, so in March of 1922 we left Chaplin. The crocuses were in bloom and the spring birds were arriving.

When we reached our destination — Togo, Saskatchewan on the Manitoba border, there were still some high snowdrifts.

Dad and the boys had gone on the cattle car with our household belongings. As there were only two people allowed passage, to feed the cattle, Edward had gone as a stowaway and had to hide when any railroad employees were around.

Mother, Sara, Harold and I took the passenger train and arrived in Togo before the men, very late at night. Luck was with us! Mr. Painter, who was Post Master in Togo, met the train to pick up the mail bags and we, being strangers in town, he took us to a rooming house where we could spend the night. Next morning our brother-in-law, David Friesen, and his brother, Jake picked us up and kept us until the men and our household effects arrived.

Dad rented a farm from Harvey Craven in the Makaroff School District. These moves were hard on our education, being transferred from one school to another near the end of the term. Peter went back to school for a short time. Sara, who had a lot of eye trouble and had missed a lot of school days because of it, now went out to work, first for Eisners and Fred Curles and then for Tony Walkers.

While we were at Makaroff, Mr. Bill Craven was our van driver.

In that second summer Mary, Frank and their first two children moved in with us.

One memorable event was a visit from our sister, Elizabeth who had remained in the U.S.A. I shall always remember that winter when she was at home with us; she had made some clothes for me when I was quite small and for some unknown reason I felt very close to her. She married at a later age than the rest of us and had only one adopted daughter.

When I was not yet eleven years of age I asked Dad if I could have a hat for the school picnic. I was told he had no money but there were seneca roots on the road allowance and he would see to it that I would get a little spade and maybe I could dig enough roots to buy a hat. I understand that it was my brother-in-law, David Friesen who made the spade and Mother made a bag to tie around my waist to hold the roots, and sure enough, by picnic time I had a new hat as well as canvas sandals and a bit of spending money. My sister, Sara made me a

dress out of a bit of voile from some remnants Mother had; how fortunate I was to have older sisters! After I got that little spade I pretty well earned my own clothes and learned to buy my own materials at a very young age.

In March of 1926, Dad had acquired a home-
stead in the Boggy Creek, Manitoba Postal division and also arranged to buy the Steve Burwash farm, which was in the Grand Prairie school district. This time Dad moved Mother, Sara, Peter, Edward, Harold and me (Lilly) into a one-room shack, 16×24 feet, with rough 2"×4" studding on the inside. Mother and Sara were not impressed.

A couple of years later he made some kind of a deal with Prosper Henry for a log house with a semi-upstairs and pulled the other place up to it to be used as a kitchen and dining area. The log house was pulled in by horses.

In moving to Boggy Creek we started off very early one morning in March for the Burwash farm, Dad on the lead with a load of household belongings and Sara as the teamster of the second load. I do not remember where Mother, Harold and I were sitting but Sara's load had chickens in the bottom of the load, with small farm machinery on top, making the load top-heavy. The trip went well until we rounded a corner at the creek, on which later became the Bell property. Dad, being in a hurry to get to our destination before dark, was going a bit too fast, and Sara, not knowing the road and wanting to keep up, also rounded the corner too fast. The top of the load slid off and almost capsized the whole load. Dad and Sara took the front load to our new home and returned for the chickens. The machinery was retrieved the next morning.

In the meantime, Peter and Edward were chasing the cattle but had to go slower. It had been previously arranged to leave the cattle overnight at a farmer's straw stack, along the way and so they arrived the following day.

This was indeed a new experience; there was no herd and many sections of undeveloped land plus lots of wild life all around us. Joe Bercier was our closest neighbor living on a quarter just east of us, and Pat Langan and family whose land touched our northwest corner was also nearby.

That spring Dad, sister Sara and brother Peter, with our best horses, went to work for Tony Walker to help with his spring work. Dad and Peter returned home to put in what land had been previously broken on the Burwash place. Sara remained at Makaroff with sister Annie and David Friesen and took care of Annie when Gladys was born. She was home for a brief visit, then went back to Tony Walker's and was cooking for threshers. Dad and Peter also went back for the fall work.

Mother, Edward, Harold and I were left in our

new surroundings to hold the fort. Edward and I attended the Grande Prairie school as we soon became accustomed to our new surroundings. We could travel for miles to the north of us, especially to the northeast, where there was a lake and lots of undeveloped land rich in wild fruit such as pincherries, chokecherries, raspberries, strawberries, moss cranberries, highbush cranberries, blueberries, huckleberries, and saskatoons. While in Saskatchewan we were lucky to get a few saskatoons and chokecherries.

Edward and I went to school in Grande Prairie. Mr. Lamond was our first teacher. The big events of the year were the box socials to raise money for the Christmas Concert. My first dancing partners were my teacher, Mr. Kitchen and a neighbor, Laurier Henry, both very tall men. The Christmas concert was always special as was the school picnic. While I was there the Grande Prairie and Happy Lake schools always had a joint picnic. Everyone was involved: ladies bringing salads, sandwiches and pies, people helping in the booths, making lemon and orangeade with juice squeezed from fresh fruit, men sitting in the shade of some poplar trees turning an ice cream freezer by hand, some men organizing races and there was always a baseball competition.

I usually went to Grande Prairie school but sometimes Dad demanded that I go to Happy Lake, so I was unbiased and cheered whenever someone made a good hit or a good run.

We had many good neighbors and many good times. The dances would start early in the evening and last until the not-so-early hours of the morning. I remember getting home at six o'clock A.M. and my brother, Peter fed the horses while I made breakfast, then he went out to work in the field while I started the chores and, of course, by this time Mother was also up. We worked all day and wondered why we were tired by nighttime. At our house Dad set the rules and if you could dance all night, you could also work all day.

We didn't get to town very often but we sure studied the Eaton's and Simpson's catalogues. My main source of income was money earned by digging seneca roots after helping with the chores.

We went through a very sad period when our horses began to die of swamp fever. Old Molly, the mother of several dapple greys and a beauty of a horse (belonging to my brother Peter) survived.

In the year of 1926, my sister Sara spent very little time at home. During the winter John Sawatzky visited his brother, our "brother-in-law and sister", and John and Sara became engaged. Sara worked again for most of 1927 and left home that fall in November to marry John.

In the spring of 1928, my brother Edward went west to get a job. He was accompanied by Frank

Sawatzky. He never wrote and Mother and Dad worried a great deal until he returned in the fall. He wasn't home much after that but when he came home he usually brought something for Mother, like some yardage for a dress or a pair of warm shoes for the winter or he would give her a ten dollar bill and watch her make an order from one of the catalogues. He said he never knew anyone who could buy so much for ten dollars. He had many hard jobs. During the winter of 1934-35 he hauled fish across Lake Winnipegosis. I remember him coming home with his face, hands and feet all frost-bitten.

Peter did go out to work for a year during the 30's and rode the rails looking for work and spent the winter of 1930-31 with Sara and John. He set out in March, working wherever he could, and returned home in the fall. That summer, Edward had stayed at home and helped with the farm work but after that he worked out while Peter stayed at home and helped with the farm work.

One of the highlights of growing up in the Boggy Creek area was when Mother and I would go across country in the summer on a Sunday afternoon to visit my sister Mary and brother-in-law Frank Sawatzky. Frank was an industrious man and he had built an icehouse and cream was usually available, so if we had time we could make ice cream or walk by the lake with their daughters, Irene and Dorothy, and listen to the loons.

I didn't know the cross-country road to my sister Annie's as well, so we had to wait until Dad would drive us to visit sister Annie and brother-in-law David Friesen. They always had a lot of musical instruments around, including a big baby grand piano.

For many years during the late 1920's and '30's, Dad was in poor health and I can only imagine what it would have been like had it not been for Mother's stamina and good management.

The fall of 1932 I went to work for the C. D. Bates family in Dauphin, Manitoba. I returned home for a month in the fall of 1933 and again in November of 1934. I was married on January 29, 1935 in the United Church Manse in Roblin, Manitoba.

Peter was married in March of 1935 and stayed with Mother and Dad for a short time then moved into Pete Remple's cabin. Later he made arrangements with Dad and moved onto the homestead, selling that to buy Frank Sawatzky's farm and later selling that and moving to Creighton, Saskatchewan to become a sanitation engineer. He remained there until he passed away in January of 1971.

In October, 1938 Edward married Elsa Anderson and farmed in partnership with his father-in-

law at Togo, Saskatchewan. They sold out there and took up land at The Pas, Manitoba where he farmed, as well as working full time on the railroad in the roundhouse.

Edward had a great fondness for horses and after retiring he spent a few years caring for and showing his horses which he loved so much. When rheumatoid arthritis disabled him, he gave up his hobby and they moved to Armstrong, B.C. He passed away on April 12, 1984.

After Peter married and Dad was left to do his own work, Harold quit school to take over the farm duties. After several years of that, he went out to work and when he returned home he had joined the Army and World War II had begun.

Mother and Dad continued to farm, hiring neighbors during the busy season and their granddaughters helped cook for the threshers.

Mother was clinically blind but she still cooked, went for cattle, did her own housework and picked berries. Mother has told me that whenever they had one of those days when everything went wrong they would drop into bed and hope that the next day would be better.

When Harold was injured overseas, my daughter Carol and I went to stay with Mother and Dad until they received word that he was over his crisis, which was three months later. We lived in Victoria at that time. Shortly after Harold returned home, the farm was sold to Joseph Bercier and Mother and Dad moved in with our brother, Peter, and his wife, Mavis, and family.

That fall they stayed in the teacherage and Mother cooked for the teacher. There was a barn in the school yard and Dad still had one cow to milk and take care of. After that they moved into Julius Hiebert's house.

Dad was always complaining about the cold Manitoba winters and saying that they would move to B.C. In the fall of 1947, Mother started urging him to move. Harold and Thelma were married December 1, 1947 and after the wedding, Mother and Dad came to live in our two-room log cabin, twelve miles out of Victoria at Langford, B.C. Not long after Harold was married he bought a house in Penticton where he worked as a storeclerk and later bought an orchard in Summerland. During the cold winter of 1949-50 the Okanagan Lake froze over from Summerland to Naramata and many of the orchards suffered extensive damage.

Harold went to work in the mill for the Summerland Box Factory and when the mill closed down in the sixties, he went to work at Gormans Mill near Westbank and later he worked for the Summerland M.D. where he is still employed. He is building a new house on the property he bought in 1948 or 1949.

When I went to live and work in Summerland in December of 1949 and bought a house the spring of 1951, Mother and Dad also moved to Summerland and they moved in with my daughter, Carol and I. It wasn't long before they bought a house of their own. They loved B.C. with no cold winters and lots of fresh fruit. There was a small chickenhouse in Mother and Dad's back yard so Dad got a few chickens and he had a small patch of strawberries and a row of raspberries.

In 1937 I had taken Mother to Winnipeg to see if anything could be done for her eyes. At that time the vision on her best eye was eleven inches and all the doctor did was to prescribe glasses for her which gave her a headache and upset her stomach. It wasn't until the summer of 1955 that arrangements were made with the C.N.I.B. to have a cataract removed from her worst eye. It was a great success even before the shield was removed from her eye. She kept saying "that eye always wants to peek" and the shield was loose enough to allow for that. Everett and I took her on a trip from Summerland to Oliver to visit the Harders (old friends of Mother and Dad's from Saskatchewan) and it was a pleasure to hear her comments as she could not remember ever being able to see so well.

When she had that operation, it was the first time Mother had ever been in the hospital as a patient.

Dad's health began to fail in the spring of 1955. His problem was hardening of the arteries and as it was too much for Mother to look after Dad as well as doing the other work around the house and yard, they moved in with Harold and Thelma. Dad spent his last two weeks in the Summerland hospital and passed away on October 25, 1956 and was buried in the Lake Shore cemetery in Summerland, B.C.

After Dad passed away Mother decided to stay with my daughter, Carol and me.

On February 2, 1957 Everett Marshall and I were married in the United Church Manse. Everett and Mother got along very well so she remained with us.

In November of 1959 we decided to move to Brookmere, B.C. as Everett had work there. It was then that Mother decided to spend a year visiting the rest of the children. She had been gone longer than a year when she returned to us in the spring of 1961. We had purchased the village store in Brookmere.

In September, 1965 we sold our store in Brookmere and bought another one in Kamloops, B.C. It was then that Mother decided to go to stay with my sister, Mary and brother-in-law, Frank Sawatzky at Roblin, Manitoba. While there she also spent some time with her other children, Elsa and Edward, Mavis and Peter and Sara and John.

In August of 1971, Mother was still very bright and related a great amount of family history to

sister Mary and myself which we wrote down then. By July of 1972 her health was failing in the Roblin Hospital. Everett and I went to pick her up, intending to take her home to Kamloops and as it was a very long trip, Sara suggested that we leave her in Grand Centre, Alta. where she and John were living. So, for a year they took care of her until July of 1973, when we had her for a month.

Then we sold the store in Kamloops and moved to a farm twenty miles northwest of Westlock, Alberta. After that Sara and I took turns looking after Mother in our own homes until March of 1975 when I had a heart attack and the full responsibility fell on Sara.

Mother spent her last couple of weeks in the Bonnierville Home and she passed away on August 5, 1975. Her remains were sent to Summerland where she was put to rest beside Dad.

When Mother passed away she left seven children, thirty-nine grandchildren, one hundred and thirty great-grandchildren and twenty-five great-great-grandchildren. To me, she was all a Mother could ever be, and she certainly had a great sense of humor.

Robert and Mary Wildeman 1907-1984

by Mary

Robert was born at Inglis, the youngest son of Lou Wildeman and wife Pauline Zimmer in 1907. His parents passed away at a very young age, so Robert grew up with his brother, John, and sister, Dorothy, who later married Herman Doering. At the age of 15 Robert was then out on his own. He received very little schooling, as the school was a 5 mile walk from home.

He worked for room and board in his early days. His first venture was to Ont. by boxcar to get a job at a lumber mill, cutting logs for \$26.00 per month. He arrived at the camp with 50¢ in his pocket.

But once on the job you did not need money. You had food and lodging; one never went to town in those days. He worked all winter and came out in the spring. He had all his wages saved, so he bought



Robert and Mary Wildeman, William and Mary Bauer, taking pigs to market, 1938.

clothes and got a job with a young couple at Roseisle where the farmers were looking for hired help. Wages were \$35.00 per month. When fall came his job was over, so he went to Lipton, Sask. and there farmers were paid \$5.00 a month by the government to hire people. The hired help also received \$5.00, so most farmers, if they had good results from their help, gave them their own \$5.00 too, so it was actually \$10.00 per month all winter.

When spring arrived he went to work for his brother-in-law, Herman Doering at Shevlin, Man. It was a hard job walking behind the plow and harrows all day. After supper it was off to the pasture to get the cows. He would milk 10 cows, feed calves and bring in water and wood.

By eleven o'clock the day's work was over and Robert was ready for bed. There was no time to get bored in those days.

Here he met Mary Bauer. Then his social life began. He visited the Bauer home on Sunday after the church service, which most people attended. Everyone waited for Sunday, with no phone or radios or cars.

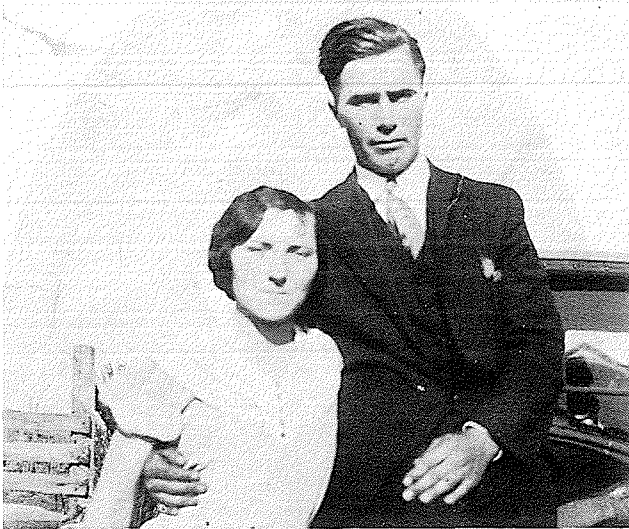
We attended church service to be inspired by God's Word and the good Hymn singing, and met and visited with all the relatives and friends for awhile after the service.

We drove home 3 miles from church and always had someone come along for dinner in the afternoon. We would all sit around and sing. Everyone brought his or her little pocket size hymnal along. Sunday was the Lord's day and we all spent it that way.

When Robert and Mary's courting days began they would see each other twice a week. If it rained, Robert could not work in the field. The Doerings lived one mile from the Bauer home, by cutting across the field to get there.

Robert bought a farm next to Bauers (the Harry Deel place).

Robert and Mary were married in 1932 at St. John's Lutheran church at Shevlin at 11 o'clock A.M. after church service. There was no special service since most people had transportation by horse and wagon only. With no electric lights the celebrations were held in day light. After the wedding, Robert and Mary settled on their own farm. Robert had two horses and two cows, a walking plow which he received from his father's estate. Mary was given two horses and two cows so the farming operation began. Wedding gifts in those days were calves, chickens, pigs, bedding, dishes, etc. The first winter Robert hauled wood to town for \$1.50 a load and this bought the coal oil, sugar and tea. Once a week we would shop. The labours of our hands were blessed in many ways. We always had time for the Lord's work. We helped build three



Robert and Mary Wildeman during their 'Courting Days'.

churches. The Lord's work still comes first in our lives today.

We were blessed with one daughter, Doris, who became a nurse. She married Dal Donner from North Dakota. They live in Dallas, Texas. They have a family of 4. Daughter Charlotte is a social worker in Houston, Texas. Paul is a pilot. Brad is in College training for a lawyer. Linda is in high school. Doris' husband, Dal, is a salesman.

Our daughter, Eleanor married Bill Sanders and they live in Medicine Hat, Alta. They operated a very successful pipe fitting and plumbing business. Their son, Donald and Shawn now carry on the business.

Daughter, Ronda, married Graham Smails. They are both employed in Medicine Hat. Connie is employed in Dallas, Texas. Bonnie attends college at Lethbridge, studying to become a social worker. Lonnie attended high school at Ladysmith, B.C. All of the Wildeman children attended Grainfield school and finished their education at the Lutheran College in Edmonton.

Eugene married Kay Bennett from Drumheller. They live in Calgary where Eugene is employed with an oil company. They have two children: Adrienne, age 12 and Perry, age 8.

Robert and Mary left the farm in 1958 due to health reasons. They managed the Route 83 Motel in Roblin for 6 years. They enjoyed the business so well that they went out and bought a motel at Carberry, (The 4 Way) between Brandon and Portage on No. 1 Highway. They sold this to Bob Jones in 1971, and returned to Roblin to take care of Mary's dear parents, who were sick and aging. They built a home next to Wm. Bauer, a lot which father had saved. He said "when you were young, we took care of you, now we are old, you take care of us."

We also raised Pearl Edel. At the age of 9 she came to live at our home as her parents were very poor and far from school. She made her home with us for 9 years, then went to work in Winnipeg where she married Albert Pokrant. They have a very successful farming operation which their son, Alvin, now takes care of. Their daughter Darlene married a Mr. Hoffman. They live in Winnipeg.

John (Jack) and Nell Williams by Cathy Shymko



Mrs. Ellen Williams.

John Williams was born in Woodford Green, near London, England. Jack was in the Royal Marines.

Sometime around the turn of the century Jack married Nell, who was the Royal Marine Band leader's daughter. Nell was born in 1876.

In 1905, Jack and Nell immigrated to Canada. They took up residence on the N.E. 1/4 of 30-26-27 in the R.M. of Hillsburg (which was Boulton Municipality at the time). There they homesteaded until some time around the early 1940's. At this time they moved to the town of Roblin. While they lived in Roblin Jack looked after the sawdust piles at the mill, as a lot of people came to buy sawdust at 25¢ a load for insulation. He also helped Tom Kelso, the local butcher, in the slaughter house on slaughter days. He also was the flag man at the railway crossing for the school vans.

Jack passed away in 1947 and Nell in 1961.

Edgar and Hannah Williamson by A. E. Williamson

Edgar (Ed) and Hannah Williamson were born near Vandorf, Ontario. Edgar was a brother of Art Williamson who was an auctioneer at Roblin, Manitoba. He married and homesteaded near Togo, Sask. They resided there until the year 1916 and then moved to Roblin, Manitoba. They lived in Roblin for approximately six years. Ed was involved in

many different ventures among them was the restaurant business.

He moved to Tummel and farmed on part of section 18. The farm was next to John McEwan's. He moved from there to a farm referred to as the Kelso farm. In 1927 he moved with his family to Newmarket, Ontario where he purchased the Newmarket Dairy and Creamery and was involved with that until his death in 1952. Mrs. Williamson predeceased him in 1940.

Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Williamson, four in Sask., four in Manitoba, and one in Ontario. Of the nine, 5 are deceased; Howard, Frank, Ruth, Margaret, and Norman. Norman is buried in Roblin Cemetery. Ted and Una live in Newmarket, Ontario, Agnes in Barrie, Ontario, and Mary is in Simcoe, Ontario.

Harry Wilson Family of the Grand Narrows District by Orville

John Harrison, or "Harry" as he was known, was born in Uxbridge, Ontario, in 1870, and was only eight years of age when his father died. His Mother had a large family with two children younger than Harry, so he was taken into the home of his eldest sister and her husband, who raised him as their own. When he was sixteen he started out as an apprentice carpenter. Work at this trade took him to Toronto, Ontario, and from there southward to Chicago, where he worked on the buildings being constructed for the World's Columbian Exposition which was held in 1893. From there he moved west, finally reaching Jamestown, North Dakota, and then north to Dauphin, Manitoba, about the year 1900. Here he was engaged in freighting supplies to lumber camps. In 1904 the railway was extended through Togo, Sask., and he built a livery barn at this place which he sold the year after to William Appel, for \$3,000.00 in gold. This same year he took up a homestead on S.E. 1/4 of 34-28-29-W1 in the Shell River Municipality and later acquired the S.W. 1/4 of 34-28-29-W1 from his nephew, Stewart Taylor. On this land he and his wife built up their farmstead.

His wife was the former Gertrude Burnett, who was born in Waterloo County, Ontario in 1881. Her family moved from Ontario to Portage La Prairie, and from there to the Drifting River, north of Grandview, Manitoba. Harry and Gertrude lived on their farm for 37 years in the Grand Narrows district, until 1944, when they retired to B.C.

Their family of seven, six of whom survived, were all born on the farm. They received a good education and the whole family took part in the activities of the district; such as the United Farmers of Manitoba, and the Boys and Girls clubs.



Harry and Gertrude (Burnett) Wilson on their wedding day Oct. 23, 1907.

Their eldest son, Fredrick Howard, Reeve of Shell River Municipality for a number of years, married Donelda Basso and they live on a farm near Togo, Saskatchewan.

Verna Belle, a former schoolteacher, is married to Paul Laliberte a retired farmer and they live in Roblin, Manitoba.

Orville Everett married Elaine Appel, of Togo, Saskatchewan. Note: (Orville passed away in 1984, Elaine still resides on the family farm).

Muriel Lorainne, a former schoolteacher, is married to George Ellet Stephen, a farmer in the Bowsman, Manitoba Community.

Vivian Luella is married to Maxwell George Hector Hofford, a retired farmer and they live in Winnipeg.

Thelma Violet, another former schoolteacher, lives in Chase, B.C. after having lived most of her mature life in B.C.

Mildred Smith, aged 9, came to stay for a two-week holiday from a Dauphin Home, and she stayed at the Wilson farm until she was eighteen. She is now living in Toronto and has worked for Birks Jewellers for twelve years.

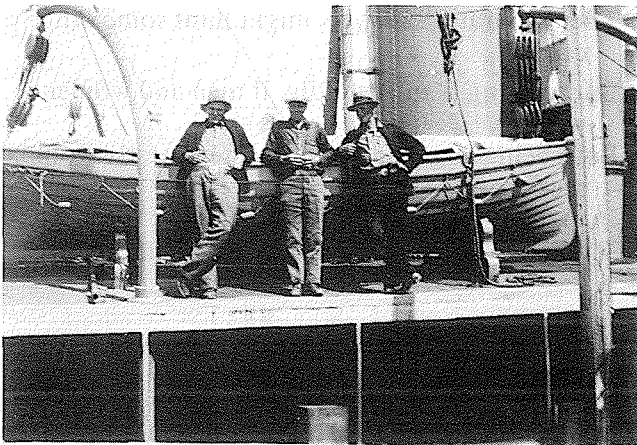
Harry Wilson passed away on March 26th, 1954 at the age of 83, and his wife Gertrude passed away on January 2nd., 1979 at the grand age of 97 years. They are buried in Royal Oak Cemetery in Victoria, B.C.



A pedlar, Mr. Hussein, owned this vehicle, stayed at Wilson's one weekend.



Mabel Weller and Mrs. Whittaker. See Family page 1178.



Walter Ward, Howard Wilson and ? working at Churchill.

Roblin Review August 3, 1933

Slow but sure! From Duck Mountain, Man. to Regina by ox cart in one week. Five from our area Bob McBride, Bob McBride, Jr., Tom McNeill, Bert Williams and "Stonewall" Jackson are the people who made the trip. A trip down the race track and back by ox cart with its occupants was the grandstand feature.

It Don't Take Much

It don't take much to make men glad.
 To cheer folks up when folks git sad.
 When crops look poor, and things go wrong.
 It don't take much, it don't take long.
 Whoever any fellah is.
 To slip your arm inside of his
 And let him know a friend he's got
 Who's still a friend, no matter what.
 He'll chirp right up at just a touch
 Of friendliness — it don't take much.
 It don't take much to set men right.
 One candle's bigger than the night.
 If someone sees it who's astray
 And finds the right and proper way
 You don't need scold, you don't need preach.
 Just all you need to do is reach
 Your hand and find some fellah's hand
 And help him back to solid land.
 A friendly hand, a kindly touch.
 That's all they need — it don't take much.

Ten Commandments For Good Living

- (1) **Speak to People** — there is nothing so nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
- (2) **Smile at People** — it takes 72 muscles to frown, and only 14 to smile.
- (3) **Call People** — the sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his own name.
- (4) **Be Friendly and Helpful** — if you would have friends, be a good friend.
- (5) **Be Cordial** — speak and act as if everything you do is a genuine pleasure.
- (6) **Be Genuinely Interested in People** — you can like almost everybody if you try.
- (7) **Be Generous** — with praise, caution and criticism.
- (8) **Be Considerate** — with the feelings of others, there are usually three sides to a controversy: yours, the other fellow's, and the right side.
- (9) **Be Alert** — to give service — what counts most in life is what we do for other people.
- (10) **Add To This** — a good sense of humour, a big dose of patience and a dash of humility, and you will be rewarded manyfold.

It Is Later Than You Think

Everything is farther than it used to be. It's twice as far to the station for instance, and they have added a hill, I've noticed. I've given up running for my train . . . it leaves faster than it used to.

Seems to me they are making staircases steeper than they used to make them in the old days. And have you noticed the small print they are using? Newspapers are getting farther and farther away when I hold them, and I have to squint to make out the news. No sense in asking to have them read aloud. Everyone speaks in such a low voice that I can hardly hear them.

The barber doesn't hold a mirror behind me any more so that I can see the back of my head. The material in my suits is always too skimpy around the waist, and in the seat. And shoe laces are so short they are all but impossible to reach.

Even the people are changing. They are so much younger than they used to be when I was their age. On the other hand, people my age are so much older than I am. I ran into an old classmate the other night, and he had aged so he didn't recognize me. I got to thinking about the poor fellow while I was shaving this morning. While doing so, I glanced at my own reflection in the mirror. They don't even use the same kind of glass in mirrors any more!!!

Simple Remedy

1925 Roblin Review

If men would wash the dishes and cook and bake
and sweep,
And keep the fires replenished and put the kids to
sleep,
And at the family washtub would labor like a
horse,
There wouldn't be so many sad cases of divorce.
If men would help their honeys throughout the live
long year,
Their pay without extracting the price of a small
beer.
Would come home in the evening and by the
fireside sit,
For want of paying business-divorce courts all
might quit.
If women never scolded or said "I told you so",
Or asked their darling husbands to take them to a
show;
And smiled 'til only sunshine could live about the
place,
Then separation lawyers might hunt some other
case.

But, putting it more mildly, if men and women
weak
Both being largely human, most earnestly would
seek
In great and little troubles to bear and forbear,
The cases of divorce would be a heap more rare.

Did You Know

Taken from Roblin Review Feb. 8th, 1926

That Roblin Bakery bread sold for 13 loaves for
\$1.00 in 1926?

Roblin Review September 13, 1928

To Pay old Age Pensions This Month

It has been reported that payment of old age
pensions to those whose claims have been accepted
will commence about the end of this month.
Cheques will be mailed direct to the pensioners.
Over 2,000 Manitoba oldtimers are reported to
have qualified for pensions and about 1,000
applications remain to be dealt with. Many of
these latter have failed to comply with the
regulations requiring that documentary proofs of
age and nationality be furnished in addition to the
signed applications.

These payments, though small, will come as a
God-send to many deserving people.

The Howard Wilson Family

by Verna Laliberte

Frederick Howard, or Howard as he was more commonly called was the first child of Harry and Gertrude Wilson dealt with elsewhere in this book. He grew up and has remained in this area for his entire life except for a few months while working at Churchill helping in dock construction in a timber yard.

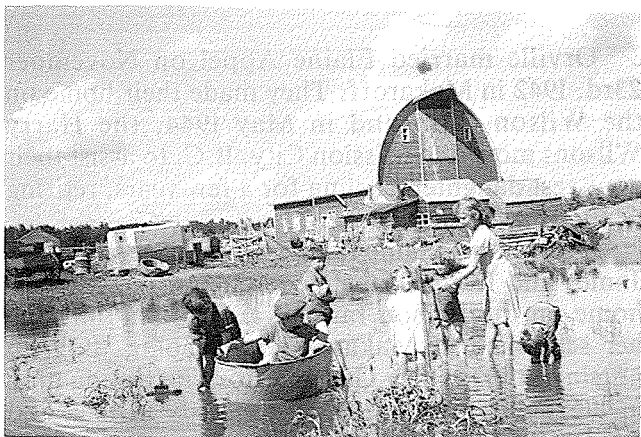
His mother, the former Gertrude Burnett, had come to Manitoba from Ontario to the Portage la Prairie area, and from thence on to the Drifting River north-west of Dauphin. His father (Harry) had also arrived at the Drifting to visit his sister, Mrs. Comely Lundy, whose family had taken up a homestead there. This was the same sister who had practically raised Harry from childhood.

Howard's father and mother were married at Gilbert Plains in 1907 and by this time Harry had already procured his homestead on Sec. 34-28-29, to which he brought his new bride.

Their first son (Howard) was born on this homestead in the Shell River Municipality in 1908, as were the rest of his brothers and sisters, but it is mainly the story of Howard and family which concern us here.

Howard was always a very community-minded individual, beginning from years ago when he first became very involved with "Boys and Girls Club Fairs", and this trend has carried on throughout his whole life. He attended the Grand Narrows S.D. #1402 to obtain his elementary education and obtained High School at Makaroff consolidated School District #1238, under the guidance and tutorship of one of the most capable teachers, Mr. James H. Cameron.

Howard continued to work on the family farm during all of his schooling years and for some time



Howard Wilson's farmyard in 1947.

afterwards, except for the few months he spent at Churchill in 1931.

Following this absence he arrived home on October 16th, 1931 and on January 4, 1933 he married Donaldda Basso, a nearby neighbour. Howard had procured and taken up residence by this time on the S.E. 1/4 of 18-28-29, W1, and it is at this location where he and Donaldda have lived out their years up until the present time. This land had previously been owned by his father but had a \$1000.00 mortgage against it, which was cleared as soon as circumstances would permit and farming went on as usual while the family of nine children gradually arrived.

Their first son, Howard Raymond, was born on November 6, 1933 and after he grew up was with the R.C.M.P. for 22 years. After a great many moves he resigned the force and is presently employed with a petroleum company in Calgary. He married the former Eleanor Shearer of Togo, and they have two girls, Leanne and Karen.

Gerald Stanley, was born on March 26th, 1935 and is presently with the Mid West Mining Co. at Flin Flon. He married Sharon Parker, also of Flin Flon and this couple have two boys and a girl, Dale, Eddy and Sherry.

Joy Lorraine, born on April 18th, 1937 is presently residing at Hudson Bay Junction. Saskatchewan and working for a lumber company. She married Emil Branconnier and their family consisted of Howard, Lorrie and Patrick. After divorce and remarriage a fourth child, Ronnie West became a part of the family.

Floyd Harrison was born on December 9, 1939. He graduated from the University of Manitoba with a B.Sc. in Agriculture and M.Sc. in Soils. He married Audrey Marshall of Ninga, Man. and they have three children, Duane, Marla and Brenda.

Kenneth Douglas has received his B.E.S. degree and mastered in Architecture at the same university as Floyd. He was born on November 14, 1942. He married Margaret Anne Ruse of Flin Flon and two girls, Barbara and Donna, were born to this union.

Ronald Ellwyn born on March 28, 1944 is presently residing at Morrisburg, Ontario. He holds a P. Ag. degree. He is employed by Agriculture Canada as a crop production officer, and also does a bit of farming there as well. He married Dorothy Jones of Ottawa and they have two sons, Matthew and Jonathan.

Owen Garth, born on December 27, 1946 is married to Maura Salter of Diligent River, Nova Scotia and this couple have four children; Shannon,

Andrea, Janis and Ryan. Owen holds the following degrees in Education, B.P.Ed. and B.Ed. obtained at the U. of M. but is presently farming near his father's home and renting his dad's land as well.

Fariel and Fenton, (twins) were born on September 17, 1949. Fariel is married to Al Nanka who works for the Forestry Branch. They have one daughter, Shantala and reside in Edmonton.

Fenton, (Fariel's twin brother) has also graduated from the U. of M. with a B.S. Degree. He remains single at present, is living in Saskatoon and works for an Agricultural Chemical Co. as well as carrying on a certain amount of farming in the same area.

During the time of Howard's family's "growing-up-years", and since, the family has always been engaged in many activities. Besides carrying on his farming career, Howard has been engaged in electrical work from 1947 on, doing a lot of wiring for the entire community after he received his journeyman's licence for both Manitoba and Saskatchewan work which was plentiful enough after the Hydro came into our area.

He became Reeve of the R.M. of Shell River in 1956 and remained so until 1983. He served on the Roblin Health Centre Board from 1958 until 1983 and was a member of the Makaroff School Board from 1936 until 1956. He was a director of the Parkway Co-op Association for 12 years and also 4-H Club leader at Togo, Sask. for some time, as well as serving on the Parkland Regional Development Inc. from the year 1973 to 1984.

Howard, though semi retired now, still continues to be active and very much alive as to the community's needs, helping out wherever he can. He has leased out his farm to his son, Owen who

lives nearby and continues to farm his own, as well as Howard's land, while Howard himself is still kept quite busy at electrical work particularly during the winter months when furnaces are bound to need that extra attention.

Howard and Donald (alone now) still reside on their first home farm near the Sask. boundary and the village of Togo, although they are residents of the province of Manitoba.

Their plans are to remain there for as long as possible and may their good health continue and allow them to make the most of their sunset years.

The Orville Wilson Family

by Elaine Wilson

Orville Everett Wilson was born in the Grand Narrows district in Shell River Municipality on March 27th, 1912. He was the second son of Harry and Gertrude Wilson and their third child. Orville attended Grand Narrows school to grade VIII, then continued on to Makaroff school. He had a happy childhood growing up and playing with his four sisters, Verna, Muriel, Vivian and Thelma, and one brother, Howard. He then stayed on the farm to help his parents with all their busy activities. Much time and effort went into making the farm what a comfortable home it is today.

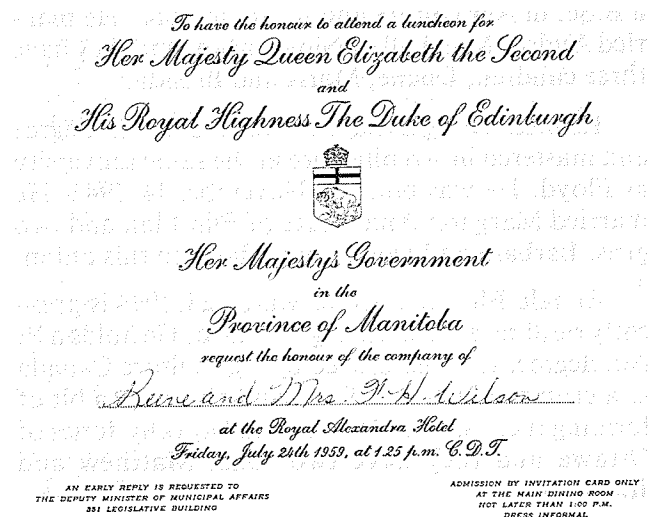


The Orville Wilson Family ready for a trip to town.

Orville married Elaine Appel on November 23rd, 1942 in Makaroff. They made their home on the Wilson farm and in May 1944, the Harry Wilsons moved to Mission City, B.C. to assist their youngest daughter Thelma for a few years, retiring to Victoria, B.C. later on.

Orville and Elaine raised two children, Everett James and Karen Isabel. Everett has remained at home on the Wilson farm. Karen, after finishing her schooling at Makaroff and Roblin, took up nursing at Winnipeg General Hospital, graduating in 1967. She married Garry Kennedy in 1969 and resides at Swan River, Manitoba.

Orville passed away fairly suddenly on July



Invitation to Reeve and Mrs. F. H. Wilson to a luncheon for Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh in 1959.

30th, 1984 in his 73rd year. Everett and his mother have continued to live and operate the Wilson farm.

William Winn Family

by Elizabeth Pinchin

William Louis Alexander Winn was born in the county of East Northumberland in Brighton, Ontario, in the year of 1876. His father was killed in the Boer War, and his mother died when he was very young. At the age of nine William went to live with a British family, where he worked to earn his board and lodging. No time for school was allowed, but he was taught how to make things grow on the land and what hard work was all about. He learned some old Scottish songs which he sang periodically. Later, he purchased one of the first Victrola gramophones which played cylinder records. He enjoyed listening to the music and sang along. Dad (William), and his brother, Joseph came west to Manitoba during the 1900's looking for the "promised land", as many others were doing at that time. They lived on a homestead 2 miles from Roblin, Manitoba. Until they were able to acquire a homestead of their own, Dad made a living at his butcher shop in town. On January 30, 1905, Joseph obtained the S.E. 1/4 of 19-27-28-W1 and on July 19, 1905, Dad got the adjoining S.W. 1/4 of 19-27-28-W1 for their homesteads which were approximately 4 miles from Deepdale, Manitoba.

Mary Elizabeth Bremner was born in St. Eustache, Manitoba, in 1888. She was nineteen years old when she married William Winn in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, on October 3rd, 1907. They lived on the homestead and farmed the land. They had nine children altogether, including a set of twins. As there was no immunization in those days, six of the children died at an early age from diphtheria, scarlet fever or dysentery. Three of us survived, my two brothers, John of Levack, Ontario, Harvey of Sudbury, Ontario, and I, Ruby, of Winnipeg. My mother passed away when I was young and I do not recall her presence.

Time passed on and eventually Dad married

Mary Tilly Rose Morrisseau. They lived on the homestead and Dad purchased more land in the area. Our family was getting bigger. There were six more children born, which made nine of us, including another set of twins. Dad built a big two-storey house on top of the hill and there was a lake at the bottom of the hill. Now don't tell me it was just a little slope and a slough, because when I was learning to drive, I had such a time getting up the hill. When I tried to change gears, the car started to roll back down the hill. All the kids jumped out to hold the car while someone blocked the wheels with stones. Only then could I make it to the top!

We all went to Sunny Slope School for the first years of our education. In the winter, we hitched up a horse to the toboggan and filled it with hay for the horse. We all climbed in, picked up the neighbours' kids on the way and off we went to school. It was only a mile to school, so in the summertime we walked.

Dad was better known to everyone in the Roblin, Deepdale and surrounding areas as 'Ole Billy Winn'. He was a steady, hard worker and managed to obtain a couple of sections of mixed farmland with lots of pasture for beef cattle and milk cows. There was no need to go hungry during the 'dirty thirties', but there were tough times anyway. Dad was self-educated. He read the newspapers and acquired his business knowledge from law, medical and veterinary books. I'm not sure which one of the books he used for us. He was active during elections to help his party get elected. In his business deals he drove a hard bargain. During the war, it was impossible to obtain workers to help on the farm and when George joined the armed services, there was too much work for Dad, even if the girls helped. He sold the farm and moved to Kelwood, Manitoba, where he purchased a half section of land. They lived there, farming, as he was used to doing, until he died in April, 1956. Mother remained on the farm for awhile longer. She married Ernie Gower, son of a pioneer family, from Kelwood. They eventually moved into town where they live at present. She will be 84 years old in December, 1984.

As we children grew up, we left home to earn a living. John and Harvey went east to work in the mines. I came to Winnipeg and married Louis H. Pinchin. We have four children; a daughter, Dorothy Anne, of Calgary; and sons, William Arthur (Bill), married to Francis (née Hendy) and their son William Louis (Willy) of Grosse Isle; Robert Louis of Trenton, and children Vicki Lee and Timothy Louis; and Kenneth Wayne of Winnipeg married to Lorraine Sourisseau and their children; Marc Louis Christian, Rachel Renée Robin and Eric Paul André.



Mr. and Mrs. William Winn.



Ruby Pinchin and family, in 1943: Dorothy, Bill and Robert.

Louis and I now live in St. James and Louis has been retired for ten years.

Harvey Leonard Winn was born on June 16th, 1922 at Roblin, Man. He married Eileen at Sudbury, Ontario. They had twelve children: Richard Leslie Leonard, born on October 25th, 1944 at Sudbury, Ont.; Ronald Earl, born on April 18, 1946; David George, born on May 8th, 1948; Beverly Ann, born on February 1st, 1950; Reginald William, born on May 10, 1951; Denton Edward, born on July 28th, 1952; Patricia Shirley, born on November 7, 1954; Michael Henry, born on Jan. 30th, 1956; Harvey Andrew and Howard Roger (twins), born on March 10, 1957; Wendy Barbara, born on May 28, 1958; Clayton Robert, born on July 13, 1960.

Pearl Marie Winn was born on October 7, 1927 at Roblin, Man. She married Anthony (Tony) Muzyka who was born on October 24th, 1934, at Glencairn, Man. They had eight children: Brenda Lee, born on September 23, 1954, married Alexander Norquay on April 10, 1982, at Williams Lake, B.C.; Mark Anthony, born on November 10, 1955, married Wanita in Winnipeg and they have two children; David Wayne, born on December 24, 1956 at Glencairn, Man.; Dale Alexander, born on April 9, 1958 at Glencairn; Jeffery Allen, born on May 11, 1959 at Glencairn; Glen Arthur born on October 17, 1960 at Glencairn, Man.; Cindy Lou born on March 9, 1963 at Glencairn, married Myles William Deserre on July 3, 1982 and they have a son, Jerek Alphons, born on May 11, 1984; Darrell Bruce, born on April 2, 1964 at Glencairn.

John Henry Leo Winn was born on September

24, 1917 in the R.M. of Shell River at Roblin and now lives in Levack, Ontario. He married Marie Noella Bois, who was born on December 18, 1923 at Espanola, Ont. They had seven children: John, Lawrence, Charon, Clifford, Keith, Gary and Deborah.

John Napoleon Winn (who lives at Fort McMurray, Alberta) was born on August 31, 1942 at Espanola, Ontario. He married Susan Beauchamp from Ottawa, Ontario.

Lawrence William Winn was born on October 17, 1946 at Espanola, Ontario. He married Nancy Graham of Windsor Ontario. They have two children, David John and Laura.

Charon Rose Winn was born on February 20, 1949, at Espanola, Ont. She married Eugene Lipinski, M.D. from Poland.

Clifford David Winn was born on August 6, 1950 at Sudbury, Ontario. He married Louise Nowicki and they have two children, Shelly Dawn and Bruce Marc.

Keith Alexander Winn, who lives at Onaping, Ontario, was born on December 10, 1951 at Sudbury, Ontario. He married Susan Atkinson from Onaping, Ont. They have two children, Kevin and Kristopher.

Gary Shawn Winn, who lives at Levack, Ontario, was born on April 27, 1953 at Sudbury, Ont. He married Patricia Humphreys of Espanola, Ont. They have two children, Neil Shawn and Curtis John.

Deborah Ann Winn was born December 31, 1957 at Sudbury, Ontario.

Pat Winn, one of the youngest Winn daughters, married John Bais and has lived in Winnipeg since 1953. They have four children: Jan age 31, Jim age 28, Tim age 25 and Trudy age 22. Jan is married to Jack McKinnon of Russell and lives in Winnipeg; Jim and his common law wife, Maryann Serbyniuk also live in Winnipeg and have a bundle of joy by the name of Leslie age six. Tim and Trudy are still single and also live in Winnipeg.

Violet (Vi) Hendrikson (nee Winn) was the fifth daughter and twin sister to Pansy (Pat), born on the farm, to Mr. and Mrs. William Louis Alexander Winn of Deepdale, Manitoba. She went to Sunnyslope school and Roblin Collegiate, and moved with her family to Kelwood, Manitoba in the winter of 1948-1949. She continued her education there until she went to Winnipeg in 1952. She took typing at night school and worked at several jobs before and after her marriage to Charles (Charlie) Hendrikson of Winnipeg, in 1955. They have one son, Thomas (Tom) who is employed, single, and living at home in Windsor Park in Winnipeg.

They are involved in witnessing to people in the community about Jehovah God's Kingdom. They

feel that they are really living in exciting times, as some folks will live to see the end of this old system and the ushering in of the new one.

George C. Winn by George

George Winn was born in Deepdale, Manitoba in 1923. He lived in the Sunny Slope district and attended school there.

George joined the P.P.C.L.I. (Infantry Corps) in 1943 and served for 14 months.

In 1945 he married Elena Martel of Fort Garry, Manitoba. They lived in Kelwood, Man. for 10 years, from 1950-1960. They are now residing in Winnipeg, Man.

George and Elena have 4 children: 2 daughters living in Winnipeg, 1 daughter in Dallas, Texas, U.S.A., and 1 son living in Stonewall, Man. They have seven grandchildren.

John and Lillian Ficek Family by Lil

Lillian (Lil) Winn married John Ficek of Brandon, Manitoba, on July 14, 1956, in Brandon, Manitoba. They have lived in Winnipeg since then. John is working for the C.P.R. and has been employed there for 42 years as an engineman. They have two children, Kathleen and Paul. Kathy, the eldest, trained and worked as a medical secretary and has since been employed as a clerk-cashier at Dominion for about ten years. Recently, she has started working for Safeway.



Wearing costumes of the 'old days': Lil and John Ficek, Kathleen and Paul, 1979.

Paul was awarded a scholarship to attend Herz-ing Institutes here in Winnipeg. After graduating with a Computer Programming diploma he worked in Alberta for three years. Presently, Paul has just completed the two year Business Administration course at Red River Community College.

Both Lil and John enjoy fishing, dancing, and bowling. This past year Lil won the Ladies High Single award at the Village Inn Bowling Lanes. John loves to make wine and passes the time out in his garden. Lil and John are members of A.M.I.C.A. — a musical association and have owned a player piano since 1965. They are also very interested in antiques. They own several old pieces of furniture. Lil is a collector of miniature limoges and works part-time in a jewellery store. She also does furniture refinishing.

Kathy loves to travel and does petit point as a hobby. Paul loves to swim, play golf, and play tennis as recreation.

Edna (Miller) Wittenberg by Edna Wittenberg

My parents were Bob and Emily Miller who used to live in Roblin.

In the early 1900's my father had a woodworking shop in Roblin. I was born in Roblin in September 1908. I took all my schooling in Roblin and graduated in 1924. I remember Mr. Everall and Miss Blackman as two of my teachers.

I had two brothers, Arthur and Cameron. Arthur is now deceased, but Cameron and his family live in Victoria, B.C.

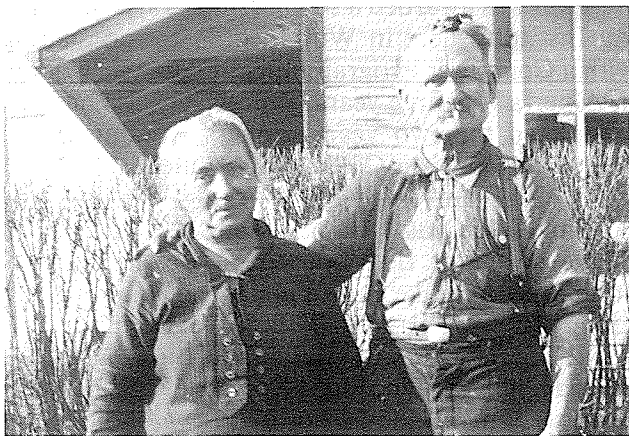
I left Roblin in the late 1920's and went to Winnipeg where I worked in Eaton's mail order for many years. I met my husband Dave Wittenberg in Winnipeg and we were married in August 1937. We moved to Vancouver where he was a 'Safeway' manager until 1970, when he retired and we moved to Summerland, B.C. We have been married for 47 years.

We have three children, two sons and one daughter. One son and one daughter are married and living in Vancouver and a son is married and living in Calgary.

Gladys Rae, my cousin, lives in Victoria, and her brother's wife (Marge Rae) lives in Vancouver. Wilfred Rae has been working on a detailed history of Roblin and the R.M. of Shell River for this Centennial History Book.

John William Woodhouse by J. Wm. Woodhouse

This is the William Woodhouse history from the time he left England in the year 1906. My father and mother felt the urge to migrate to Canada and a life in a new country. There were four of us: Father,



Mr. and Mrs. Woodhouse (Bill's parents) in 1922.

Mother, my sister, Pat, and myself, John "Bill" Woodhouse. My father's first job in Canada was in Brandon, Manitoba where he worked for the city Parks Board for three years, then he took out his homestead in the Merridale district, in 1909, on the S.E. 1/4 of 35-27-27W1. He built a house, which at first was only a one-room shack. He built two log stables, plowed three acres of land and later obtained his title to the quarter, for the sum of ten dollars.

He started with a team of oxen, Barney and Bright, and a twelve-inch walking plough, clearing the land of trees and scrub, with a grub hoe, an axe and a shovel; it was slow work.

I walked about 2³/₄ miles to school from my homesite which was known then as Sec. 28, but there was no school in the wintertime. Mr. Patton was the first teacher. I think there were about 25 of us attending.

There was no church of our faith any closer than Roblin, which was 20 miles away, so we did not get to church, as the only way to get there was by team and wagon or sleighs. We had no books and only the paper which came by mail once a week.

Mother made butter, which was sold at Roblin, or else at the sawmill at Dark Lake. The price was from 9 to 11 cents a pound, if sold in Roblin and you took trade, as you had no money.

Our heating system was a box stove and a small cook stove. At nine years of age I trapped muskrats and weasels. Rats were about 10 to 25 cents each. Weasels might sell for about 50 cents to \$1.00, which of course was a lot of money then. Our parties were mostly in the wintertime at home or at the neighbours for Christmas. We played games such as Musical Chairs, Blind Man's Bluff or any other that might come to mind. The older people joined in more with the children then than they do now, so life was quite acceptable and interesting.

Now for a little about sports! Merridale had a

No. 19665

DOMINION LANDS.

INTERIM RECEIPT.

No. 0555

Agency,

I hereby Certify that William Woodhouse has, in accordance with the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act, applied in the form of A supported by affidavit in the form of B3 as therein provided, for entry for the SE Quarter-section of Section 35 in Township 27 Range 27 of the 1 Meridian.

I hereby Acknowledge the Receipt from the said W. Woodhouse of the sum of TEN Dollars (\$10.00), being the office fee payable with such application.

And I hereby Certify that the said application has been allowed by me, and that entry has been granted to the said W. Woodhouse for the said Quarter-section as a Set, and that in virtue thereof the said W. Woodhouse is hereby vested in respect of such 6.00 with the rights conferred by the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act respecting Set.

Local Agent.

NOTE.—This Entry is granted under and subject to the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act governing Entries for Dominion Lands.

William Woodhouse: receipt for his land on April 22nd, 1909 for \$10.00 for the S.E. 1/4 of 35-27-27.

baseball team. I think it was formed in 1909. The uniform was brown, with Merridale in white letters across the chest in a semicircle. Of course I was much too young to play then, but later on we boys had two teams called the Pins and the Stouts, but only one uniform for each. The uniforms were all homemade but at any rate we always had a good time, and to think of it brings back memories of the times and events that happened in early Merridale life.

Peter Woytiuk by John Woytiuk

On Sept. 29th, 1938, Peter and Annie Woytiuk (nee Onyschuk) with their family (Olga, John, Helen and Matthew), came to Canada from Western Ukraine and settled on a farm in the Bield District.

While living here the two daughters, Olga and Helen, married Nicholas and Paul Tokar, and moved to the Keld District.

Olga had two daughters: Lydia and Sophie, and a son, Steve.

Helen had one son Allan.

In the fall of 1948, Peter and Annie and younger son, Matthew moved to Vernon, B.C.

John, who served in the Army in Poland before coming to Canada, started working for the C.N.R. in 1951. In Dauphin on Oct. 1st, 1956 John married Olga, a daughter of the late Nicholas and Mary Stasiuk (nee Basaraba, one of the first settlers in Ashville, Man.). John and Olga lived in the town of Roblin where John continued working for the



Peter Woytiuk and family arrived in Canada in 1938: Annie and Peter Woytiuk, sons John and Matthew, daughters Olga and Helen.

C.N.R. until 1980, when they retired to Dauphin, Man.

In 1957 Matthew married Marion Cunningham and they settled in New Westminster, B.C. They have 2 daughters; Margaret and Bernice.

Robert and Janet Wright Family by Dave Wright

Robert Wright, whose ancestors came originally from the Isle of Skye, was born in Ontario, lived in Hamiota, Manitoba, and moved to a homestead one and a half miles north of Roblin in 1904. He married Janet Whyte in 1906. They have five children: Margaret, Mabel, David, Clarence and John.

Bob Wright was a councillor for his area. He was also very interested in people, helping the immigrants to understand what their rights were. He was killed in a threshing accident in 1915. Janet Wright took her five children, aged from two to eight, to Hamiota for two years, but decided to return to Roblin after that time. There, all the fam-



L to R. Mrs. Abbie Watson, Beatrice Wenner and Mrs. Wright.

ily worked as hard as they could to earn a living on the farm.

In looking back, all of us who remain realize we had lived like kings. We had what we called a "stopping house", where the Calvert and Cockerill families of Merridale stayed from Friday afternoon until Sunday morning while making a shopping expedition to Roblin on Saturday. What fun we had visiting and playing games in the evenings!

In return for the accommodations, they kept us supplied with moose, elk and deer meat, wild ducks and fish. Mother would cut up the meat and pack it in snow for the winter and 'can' it for the summer supply. She would also can about 100 quarts of wild strawberries, 100 of wild raspberries and quantities of saskatoons. She also made pincherry, choke-cherry and wild cranberry jelly and wild currant jam. We always had a good supply.

We had cows, pigs, sheep, geese, turkeys and hens as well. We planted a very large garden. Andy Brydon had us bring our seed potatoes, and along with his family of boys we planted and picked a great supply for the winter. We thought it was great fun to throw potatoes at the passing trains.

My mother didn't believe in having milk cows and not using the cream, so we had cream in the summer as well as home-made ice cream. As a result of all this fine food, the five of us grew up quite a healthy lot!

We went to school in Roblin under the guidance of Harry Everall as principal, and his staff, so we had every opportunity of receiving a good education. To us, school was fun, as we had so much manual labour to do at home. For example, when the pump broke in the winter we had to take the cattle half a mile to the lake and chop a hole in the ice to water them. Then we would put down feed from the loft for them, milk them, separate the milk, feed the calves and be ready for school at 20 minutes past 8. In the evening we would use the buck-saw to cut the wood for the next day. Clarence helped in the house and John, at the age of six, carried in the kindling.

There was great excitement watching Mother make new shelf paper. The boys were all good baseball players.

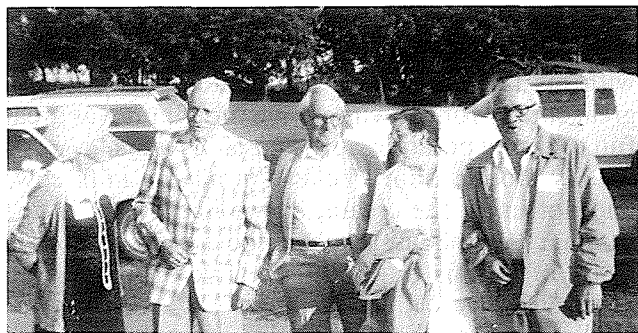
Margaret left school and went to Hamiota to look after an old Scottish couple and Dave looked after the farm. Clarence took a business course and John and Mabel trained as teachers. By this time we were in the mid 1930's and jobs and money were very scarce. People had their phones taken out to save money. The boys in our area, by using radio ear phones and the barbed wire fences linked 40 families in the "barbed wire phone system".

The milling companies printed the flour bags in patterns so that a woman could buy two bags of

flour and make a dress for a girl. Boys' shirts and underwear were made from white sacks, as were sheets, table cloths and tea towels. By using the string from the bag, an embroidered cloth could be made. A prize was given for the best article made from used material. The winner had made a suit from gunny sacks and lined it with old curtains.

Social life was simple and enjoyable. In the summer we had fishing and swimming. Summers and winters we would dance in each other's homes. In the winter we would skate, snow-shoe and sometimes ski (very amateur). Adults would come with their children and visit or play cards. Everyone brought some food to share.

Transportation in the earliest days was by oxen, then by horse and buggy and then by cars and the Bennett Buggies.



Wright Family: L to R. Mabel, Dave, Clarence, Erma (John's wife) and John.

Then the war came. Dave and Clarence joined the Air Force. Dave was a Pilot Instructor and Clarence was a Navigator. John wasn't allowed to leave, as he was principal of a school. During this time Margaret married Erwin Castle and she died in 1936 while giving birth to their only child, Elaine.

Mabel cared for Elaine, then she taught in St. John's College School until she married Tom Cuniffe, in Ireland. They had three daughters: Janice and twins, Elaine and Betty.

Dave married Emma Sanders of Fort Frances, and they had five children: Richard, Susan, Robert, Theresa and David.

Clarence married Eileen Fisher from Roblin and they had three children: Shirley, Loretta and Keith.

John married Irma Van Camp of Winnipeg.

This family from Roblin, Manitoba, brought five children into this world. In time they were the grandparents of twelve, and this generation has made them the great grandparents for twenty-five. We are all proud to have our "roots" in Roblin. The children, grandchildren, and the great grandchildren all "feel" the magic of the stories from the "good old days."

Paul Yaciuk by Mary Dobranski

Lazarko Yaciuk was born in Galicia, Austria. He married in 1878. He and his wife, Anne, had three sons; Peter, Paul, and John. In 1897, Lazarko and Anne and their three sons immigrated to Canada and settled in the Holecz district north of Ashville, Manitoba.

In 1908, Paul Yaciuk married Wasylena Tanasichuk. Wasylena and her parents, Peter and Warwara, had also immigrated to Canada during the same year as the Yaciuk family.

Paul and Wasylena Yaciuk farmed in the Trembola district where they raised a family of nine children; Anne, Bill, Nellie, Mary, Walter, Olga, Helen, Andrew and Harry.

In 1927, Paul and Wasylena and their family moved to a homestead farm in the Shortdale area and settled on N.E. 1/4 34-25-26. Their two youngest children, Mike and Ruby, were born at Shortdale.

The Yaciuk family was composed of eleven children — six daughters and five sons.

Anne married Peter Yakubowski (both deceased). They had two children, Joe and Margaret (now deceased). Anne and Pete lived in Port Colborne, Ontario.

Bill married Dora Wozney. Bill is now deceased. They had four children; Gordon (deceased), Russell, Jo-anne, and Johnny.

They farmed in Shortdale but now reside in Dauphin, Man.

Nellie married Bill Yarosh (now deceased).



Yaciuk Family at Olga's wedding.

They had no children. Nellie resides in Welland, Ontario.

Mary married Albert Dobranski. They reside on a farm at Bield. They have four children; Janice, Eleanor, Margaret and Richard.

Walter is single and resides in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Olga married Fred Yercha. They reside in Surrey, British Columbia, and have one daughter, Yvonne.

Helen married Walter Lutka in Welland,

Ontario. Helen is now deceased. They have three children: Sharon, Sandra and William.

Andrew is single and resides in Surrey, British Columbia.

Harry is deceased.

Mike married Mildred Wawryk. They reside in Roblin. They have two children, Michael and Eileen. They farmed the home farm in Shortdale, N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 34-25-26.

Ruby married Ray Hladu. They reside in Seven Sisters Falls, Manitoba. They have four daughters: Shelley, Sherry, Bonnie and April.

Paul and Wasylena had a total of twenty grandchildren and thirty-three great-grandchildren. Paul died July 22, 1955. Wasylena died November 1st, 1977.

Panko Yakimishyn Family by W. P. Yakimishyn

In the Western Ukraine, province of Galicia then under Austrian rule, the late Panko Yakimishyn and family, being very poor peasants, lost all their property of two morgues (about 2 acres) on account of drinking and spending too much time in a local pub. In this family there were three sons and one daughter. The eldest son, Nicholas, got married and immigrated to Brazil, South America. The two younger sons, Peter and Wasyl, worked for the local landlord, looking after stock and cleaning barns for a very small wage (15¢ to 20¢) a day. There was no future for them at all.

When immigration to Canada opened, Peter (my Dad) was picked up by his Uncle, Alex Yakimishyn, and brought to Canada on his own fare. He came to Canada in 1897 as a young lad of 17 years. He worked for the farmers in summer time and in the winter he sawed wood in Winnipeg by buck saw, trying to earn a few dollars. He worked for three years, paid back the fare and saved a little money and bought part of a quarter section (80 acres of land) just north of the Town of Ethelbert. He broke part of the land and built a skeleton log shack. He married Pearl (Paraska) Kulyk in the year 1900.

Panko Yakimishyn sold the house in the old country. He had a contract with an American firm to work in the sugar cane fields, so he took the rest of the family of Wasyl and Annie (Hanuska) to work the sugar cane fields on the Hawaiian Islands. They travelled around the Cape of Good Hope for a fare of one cent a mile. About a year and a half later this family landed in San Francisco, U.S.A. and by working at odd jobs they saved their earnings. The following summer Panko my grandfather, joined his son in Ethelbert, Manitoba right at haying time. The next year the whole family was reunited in

Ethelbert. In a year or so Wasyl got married and they all lived in that one house. They bought a couple of steers to work the land. In 1903 they sowed 10 acres of wheat which was cut with a reaper and bound by hand. This was threshed by a hand-fed thresher owned by Sanders Bros., who did custom work.

Ethelbert was marshy land at that time. Peter, my Dad, heard of higher land in the Goose Lake district and sold his land to the partner who owned the other $\frac{1}{2}$ of the quarter. In 1904 the three Ukrainian families of Yakimishyns, Kulyks and Stybas moved with all their stock and their belongings to Goose Lake.

There were no roads at that time, only a trail running north and north-east through Ward Bros. yard and on to Eiphrem Dunlop's place and just north-east of that my Dad picked his homestead. My Dad settled on the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 32-27-28, my Grandpa Kulyk on the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the same Sec. My Uncle, Wasyl Yakimishyn settled on the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the same location. Andrew Styba picked his half a mile north of us on the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 5-28-28.

In 1906 my Uncle Nicholas Yakimishyn came to Canada from Brazil, South America and took up homesteading on the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 31-27-28. More settlers of Ukrainian descent came to this community. Because my father knew a little bit of English, he had a job with surveyors, cutting lines and showing these new settlers which sections of land were available for homesteads.

On the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 31-27-28, the Government granted 10 acres of land for church purposes; and on this land in 1907 the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church of St. Michael was built of logs. In 1935 a larger, more modern Church, which still stands, was built on the same place.

Around 1910, a school district by the name of Gleneden was organized and a public school built on the Shell River flats near Pugsleys. This school was situated about three miles from our place. Classes opened up around 1912. Being six years of age, I started to attend. We walked in summer and in winter my Mother or Dad drove us. My first school teacher was Mr. Emil Michayluk.

In the meantime other school districts were organized like Goose Lake Consolidated and Meridale Consolidated. Around the year 1914 the Gleneden school was moved to a more centralized place in our district, about two miles north-west of where it was. About that time an important event happened. Our Goose Lake Village was renamed Roblin in the year 1912 in honor of the Premier of Manitoba.

Another point of interest at that time was the small village just west of us by the name of Deepdale. It had three grain elevators, C.N. station, two

stores, a lumber yard, Municipal Office of Shell River, a blacksmith shop, a pool room and a dance hall. It had everything and it was busy at that time. As soon as Highway 83 was built in 1935, through Roblin, it started to die out and now there are only two families living there.

I went to school until the 8th grade. In the year 1921 my Dad, Peter Yakimishyn, died and I had to take over the farm at 14 years of age. Mother was left with seven small children so it wasn't easy and after that the hard times came but we managed.

The railways and the two highways that bisect Roblin brought great improvements to our town. In time it grew to where it is now.

William P. Yakimishyn Family **by W. P. Yakimishyn**

I was born on March 7th, 1907, and I started going to Gleneden School at the age of six years, accompanied by my older sister, Annie, (now deceased). The school was situated in the Shell River valley, a distance of over three miles away. In the summer we took a short cut through fields and prairies, and in winter, our parents drove us back and forth with a team and sleigh.

My dad, the eldest son of Peter and Pearl (ne^e Paraska) was in poor health and died in 1921 at the age of 42 years. At the age of 14 years, I passed my grade 8 with good marks. That was the fall my dad passed away and I had to take care of the farm. My dad homesteaded on N.E. 32-27-28W1, in Shell River Municipality. With a family of 7 to look after, it was tough for my mother and me, but we managed.

At the age of 25 years, in 1932, I married Anne Fedeniuk, daughter of Metro and Kalyna Fedeniuk. During our marriage we had three sons: Peter, Metro (Max) and Boris.

Peter, the eldest, left home at the age of 17 years.



William and Annie Yakimishyn on their 50th Wedding Anniversary (1982).

He worked at Burns in Winnipeg for awhile and then went to Calgary and worked for the C.N.R. in the warehouse. He put in an application for a fireman's job in the Calgary Fire Brigade. In time he was accepted. The wages were low at that time (50¢ an hour), but he stayed on. He married a girl from Regina, Doris Popescul. Peter has been with the Calgary Fire Brigade for 28 years and is now a Captain. They raised three children, 2 girls and a boy. My grandson, Bryan, is 23 years old and has a Bachelor's Degree in Education. He also won two scholarships in the last couple of years and is now working towards his Master's Degree.

Our granddaughter, Brenda, was married last year and is working for an oil company as an accountant.

The youngest in the family, Beverly, has a good job in one of the Calgary hospitals as a lab. technician.

My second son, Max, took his grade 12 in Roblin High School and made up his mind to take a dentist's course. As there was no course of that kind available in Manitoba, he made an application to the Alberta Technical Institute and he was accepted. He took the course in Alberta for 2 years and passed with high marks. He worked for 2 dentists in Calgary for 7 or 8 years and then decided to open up his own business. He leased a two-room space in the C.P.R. Husky Tower, Calgary and with my help and a loan from the Alberta government, he started his own lab. by the name of Mar, Max Lab.

He progressed favourably, and as an investment he bought himself a ranch of 107 acres on the outskirts of Calgary. Besides his work in the lab, he also raises race horses. He calls his ranch "Standard Bred Ranch Farm". He married Beth Beach of Red Deer, and they have two children. Lara is 6 years old and goes to school, while Travis is in a Day Care Centre part-time. Beth is kept busy with caring for the children as well as looking after the horses on the farm, and doing the bookwork for both the Lab and the farm. She is a great asset to Max.

My third son, Boris, took over my farm. I am happy that the farm has stayed in the hands of the same family for over 80 years. I still go out to the farm once in awhile and help Boris as much as I can.

Boris married Velda Bulbuck of Inglis, the daughter of Ted Bulbuck. They have two boys, Jamie (11 years) and Rickie (8 years). They both go to school in Roblin. Velda works part-time in a store in town.

John L. Yakimishyn Family **by Sophie Nykyforak and Ann Leskiw**

John Levi Yakimishyn came to Canada on



John L. and Mary Yakimishyn (1950).

March 17, 1913 at the age of 18 from Koshev, Austria, Ukraine.

Mary Szytyka arrived in Canada from Tarnopol, Kolusia, Ukraine on May 19, 1927 at the age of 20 years.

Both John and Mary came to start a new life in a new land. Mary stayed for about two months in Winnipeg and then came to Roblin to do house work for a storekeeper. During her youth she had a difficult time as the country was ravaged by European wars. Therefore she sought a new and better life for herself. She crossed the Atlantic Ocean in what was then considered a modern boat but it was hazardous. When John arrived he travelled around Canada more, spending time in different districts. He finally settled 6 miles north of Roblin with his new wife, Mary.

This union produced seven children: William (Bill), Ogest, Sophie, Annie, Elizabeth, Fred and Paul. It was quite important for the family name to be upheld, so with four sons to carry on the family name they were very proud.



Bill Yakimishyn, John L. and Fred Yakimishyn.

William (Bill) was the first son born. He married Victoria Nykolaishyn and they have lived in Toronto for 26 years. They have three daughters: MaryAnne, Barbara and Colleen and one son, Kevin. Presently Bill and Vicky have four grandchildren: two boys, Darryl and Geoffrey, and two girls, Kristin and Taryn. They have remained young because their youngest children (twins) are 14 years old.

Ogest, the second son lives near Roblin. He has worked for Manitoba Hydro for 23 years as well as farming. He married late in life to the former Leona Cockerill on January 25, 1980, and they have one daughter, Kyla.

Sophie married William Nykyforak. (History recorded under Nykyforak), and they have two sons, Ted and Garry.

Annie grew up on the farm and attended Roblin schools. She was the middle one of the family, and married William Leskiw of Winnipeg. He is now deceased (in 1982). They had three sons: Nickolais, John and William, (Bill). Annie is a grandmother to four grandchildren (2 boys and 2 girls): John, Christopher, Natasha and Maricka. Annie returned to school late in life and completed high school and became a registered nurse. She has obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Manitoba and received her Public Health Degree in July, 1984. Annie nurses in the North West Territories, presently at Fort Simpson and has worked in remote areas such as Tuktoyaktuk, Inuvik, Spence Bay, Fort McPherson and also Churchill, Manitoba.

Elizabeth was the third daughter and she married Ray Fogg, who has been employed with Manitoba Hydro for 27 years. Elizabeth has worked as a secretary for Tee and Purse Company for 26 years. This company is well known across Canada. Elizabeth and Ray have no family and they reside in Winnipeg.

Fred was the third son. He married Ruth Korman of Roblin. They have lived in Toronto for 23 years. This union produced 3 sons; Randy, Craig, and Kenny. Fred and Ruth are both very busy in their newly acquired business. Ruth returned to college and obtained a diploma in Business Administration, which is extremely helpful in their business.

Paul, the youngest son and seventh child, married Jane Payjack of Winnipeg. They settled in Roblin and have two sons, Brian and Shawn. Paul is active in the construction business (M & P Construction) in the Roblin area. The other partner in this business is Mervin Nykyforak.

Although Mary passed away on June 12, 1959, John L. Yakimishyn remains in Roblin as a senior citizen. He is now 89 years young. His health has

given him some problems over the years but he remains quite alert and active. Mary's immediate family in Canada consists of one brother, Mike Sztyka. He lives in Toronto and, despite the fact that he is past retirement age, he chooses to still work for the C.N.R.

Memories recalled by the family regarding life on the farm in 1930-1959 are harsh. Farming had its many set backs due to weather conditions, animal productivity and survival rates; availability of jobs and changes in farming due to modern methods and technology. Many farmers were self sufficient but remained poor due to unpredictable conditions. Jobs were scarce and to obtain a job one had to travel many miles. Recollection of clothing can be described as all handmade. The sewing was done by hand and many articles were knitted. Lighting in the homes was poor. Coal oil lamps provided some light, but eyesight became a problem in later years. School work (homework) had to be done while there was still daylight. Farms existed with the availability of sons' and daughters' help. The larger the family, the more productivity on the farm and the more wealthy that particular family became. With the advent of bigger and better machinery, a decline in the services of each family member was accepted.

Many new Canadians felt obliged to send home (material) clothes and money to the family members who remained in Europe because these new Canadians prospered in this new country.

As many Ukrainians know, the expertise our parents brought to Canada helped Canada to prosper. Many customs remain as their culture and these people are still proud of their costumes, dances, songs, religions and foods. Foods like garlic sausage, sauerkraut, perogies, cabbage rolls and nalyсныky are very popular and have been adopted as foods which are filling and cheaper to make for many other Canadians. Christmas and Easter are traditionally celebrated as they were in the early days, with much the same foods, such as the twelve meatless dishes representing the Last Supper. Paska, Kutau and painted eggs are well known today. These customs were followed by our parents rather strictly.

Our neighbours were mostly of Anglo-Saxon descent but our parents were respected and liked by those who knew them even though they spoke very little English. As a European family, we were lucky because we were able to attend a school in Roblin, as we only lived five and one half miles from Roblin. We remember going to school in a van made from lumber and a tiny stove in it that burned wood. We had to change places on wooden benches in order to compete with each other for warmth. This van was pulled by two horses. The driver had a

sliding glass window in order to see where the team was going; to whip the team if they were too slow; and also to speak to them if they needed it. The van was mounted on a sleigh or wheels, depending on the season. It took an hour to complete the trip to school in good weather (one way). There were many snow storms to contend with during those trips. The highways were not cleared and ploughed as they are today. There were no phones, so when a storm occurred during the night, we knew we had to leave at least a half hour or so sooner in the morning to be there by 9 a.m. Sometimes we left home at 7:30 a.m. At times we were late, despite our early start. At times the driver had to get out of the van to guide the horses. There were times when the van tipped over and the horses ran away, leaving us stranded in the cold. The hot coals from the stove could perhaps have caused our van to burn, leaving us with no transportation. The possibility of serious injuries in such situations was possible and some children were in fact seriously injured.

There are many such stories that could be written and probably will be in other histories. This has been only a small part of life on the farm. John and Mary farmed near Roblin for 32 years on the S.E. ¼ of 17-27-28 in the R.M. of Shell River. To write everything would require many pages or perhaps even a book. While farming, John was a cattle shipper for many years. He worked with Alex Moore, Bill Melnyk and Wm. Pound.

John and Mary belonged to the St. John's Greek Orthodox Church.

Andrew Yakubowski Family

by Joe Yakubowski and Jessie Bancarz

Andrew Yakubowski was born in Poland on November 30, 1888. He came to Canada in 1909, to his brother's (Stanley Yakubowski's), farm in the



Andrew and Albina Yakubowski in 1959.

Merridale district. From here he worked as a farm hand and a railroad section man.

Albina Buchinski was also born in Poland on May 10th, 1892. She came to Canada in 1911, to her sister's place (Josfa Adamoski) in the Merridale district.

Andrew and Albina were married in the Unkrainian Catholic Church at Zelena, Manitoba on January 7, 1913. They were blessed with 12 children: Ann, Stella, Eddie, Joe, Helen, Albert, Jessie, Mary, Jean, Emily, Frances and Julia. Stella passed away in 1950 and Eddie died when only 6 months old.

Dad and Mother farmed in the Postup district and we attended school at Postup and later in 1935, moved to the Silverwood district to farm, and received some of our education there.

When I was a young boy going to school at Postup I (Joe) helped my father cut logs to build the first Merridale store for Mr. Zmusky.



Back row: Hector Bouvier, Helen and Bjnare Gullbrandson, Margaret and Joe Yakubowski, Julia and Joe Proskie. Front row: Cynthia Gullbrandson, Leona Bouvier, May Gullbrandson, Albina Yakubowski, Tracee Bouvier and Terrie Proskie.

With a large family to support and hard times prevalent in the early years, most of us left home to seek work, so now we are scattered in every province of Canada.

My dad and mother were of the Roman Catholic faith, and my father taught Ukrainian and Polish languages.

In 1948 Dad bought the poolroom in San Clara, and had a business which he enjoyed. He was a tradesman in Poland before coming to Canada.

Ann married Adam Ostrowski, and they had 2 children: Olga and Peter, and they live in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Joe married Margaret Sawchuk and they have 2 children: Mervyn and Joe. They live near Roblin, Manitoba.

Helen married Bjarne Gulbrandson and they

had 4 children: Bjorne, May, Cynthia and Tove and they live in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Albert was in the Army from 1941 to 1945. He was not well when he returned home and passed away in 1951.



Albert Yakubowski with the early "Horse Power" on the farm.

Jessie married James Grose, and had one son, James A. Grose. He spent 14 years in the Navy and while on vacation this spring (1984) he was killed in an accident. Jessie's husband died several years ago and she is now married to John Bancarz, and they live in Roblin, Manitoba.

Mary married John Plut and they had one son, Bill. They live at Mount Currie, B.C.

Jean married Joe Hawryluk and they had 6 children: Bobby, Rose, Diane, Susan, Jim and Jerry. They live at Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Emily married Ed Friesen and they had 9 children: Shirley, Victor, Edell, Joan, Randall, Donna, Cindy and Sandra, (twins) and Patsy, and they live at Silver Valley, Alberta.

Frances married Dave Friesen and they had 9 children: Louella, Gerald, Karen, Robert, Alvin, Bert and Blair, (twins), Tammy and Andrew, and they live at Silver Valley, Alberta.

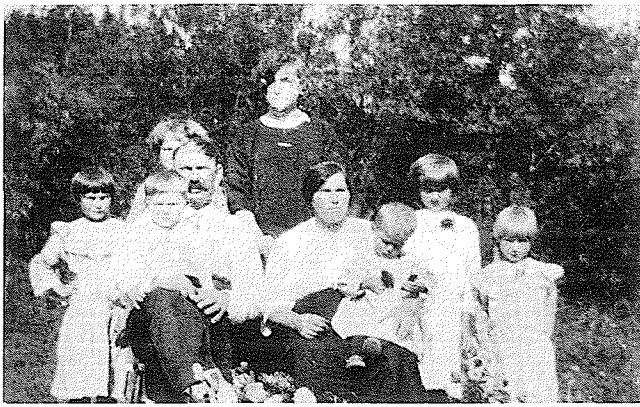
Julia married Hector Bouvier, and they had 4 children: Sylvio, Randy, Leona and Tracee. Sylvio has been in the army for 13 years. They live at Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Dad and Mother had their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 1962. Dad passed away in 1964. Mother then moved from San Clara to Roblin where she passed away in 1978.

Mr. Prokop Yasinsky Family by Mrs. Walter Rosolowski

Prokop Yasinsky was born in Austria, Ukraine, a selo called Bushton, Povit called Luchostay on July 3, 1882.

He came to Canada on a boat called Palanza on February 4, 1907 at the age of twenty-five. It took



Yasinsky Family: Back row: Edna and Lena, Kathryn, Mr. Yaskinsky with Emil on his knee, Mrs. Yasinsky with Peter on her knee, Marian and Adalia (Adeline).

them six days and six nights to sail from Amsterdam to Halifax.

His father's name was Gregory Yasinsky and his mother's name was Maria Rogatyska.

He came to Saskatchewan to a place which now is called Wroxton. He worked for a farmer by the name of Mr. Oliphant, clearing the bush on his land. The work was hard because all the bush cutting was done by axe and grub hoe.

At that time there was no town of Wroxton. Wroxton town came into being in 1910. A church was built in that town on Mr. Lusky's farm.

Father was a quiet man. He could not read or write and could not even sign his own name. He worked very hard for what he had. It was a very tough life for him as he had to get someone to help him when he was buying horses or machinery to explain the transaction to him. Later on he learned to speak a little of the English language.

In 1909 father went to Roblin searching for land for himself. That year he purchased a quarter section of land twenty-two miles north-east of Roblin. He purchased the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 32-28-27 W1 in the Timber district on April 2, 1909. His first payment on that land was forty dollars.

Land that no one had previously owned was called a homestead and could be bought for ten dollars. The land that father purchased was previously owned by a man named Mr. Zawolichny. This land had already some improvement done on it. There was a small house and barn built on it. So father had to pay one hundred and sixty dollars for the farm. He now had two oxen to work with.

Anne Wawryk (my mother) came to Canada with her parents in 1900 at the age of three years. She was born July 25, 1899 in a selo called Bushton, Povit, Borschiv. They settled in Gladstone, Man. There mom's brother, Joe Wawryk was born. Mother also had a brother, Peter. Her mother's name was Warwara Yabolnitsky, and her father's

name was Yasko Wawryk. Mom could not read or write.

In 1904 they moved to Wroxton, Sask. There mom worked and helped her parents on the farm.

Prokop Yasinsky and Anne Wawryk were married in St. Gerard's Roman Catholic Church in Yorkton, Sask., on the ninth day of Nov. in 1911. Reverend A. Delaere performed the ceremony.

They then went to live on their farm at Roblin. Mom's parents gave her one horse so now they had two oxen and one horse to work with. They came to the one-room log house that was there already. Later they built a bigger, two-room log house.

They cleared more bush off their land so they could have more land to put more crop in. Dad already had a Massey Harris No. 14 plow which he bought on April 29, 1911 for twenty-three dollars. On July 29, 1912 he bought an International Harvester Hamilton wagon for forty-four dollars.

On March 21, 1912, they bought a bay horse from Paul Wandy at Calder Sask. for one hundred dollars.

They bought their first cows, a two-year-old and six-year-old, on January 12, 1915.

On April 5th, 1917 a four-section set of harrows with a draw-bar was bought for twenty dollars and fifty cents, and in May they bought a 14 Marker McCormick Shoe Drill for sixty-four dollars.

Then on March 13, 1916 they bought one bay mare in foal, named Doll, for one hundred and fifty dollars. They also bought another heifer for forty-five dollars. From the cows they had their own milk, and could make their own cottage cheese. There were no refrigerators then so the milk was kept in a container and, with a long rope, lowered into a well with water to keep it cold. Cream would settle on top of the milk and you would very carefully (with a cup) skim the cream off the milk. Mom would make some butter by putting the cream in a jar or sealer and shake it until it turned to butter. This would take as long as an hour sometimes when the cream was thin. There were no cream separators at that time.

Mom sewed clothes for the children. Later on when they had some sheep, they sheared the wool off the sheep, mom washed it, made yarn and knitted mitts and socks for dad and the children. When the children were growing up they learned to knit too. Mom also made quilts out of wool.

Father kept a bill from Dauphin hospital when sister Kathryn was in for a ruptured appendix. That was on Nov. 20, 1933. She was in for twenty-four days, at a dollar and fifty cents per day (\$36.00). The use of the operating room cost seven dollars.

Father and mother had eleven children: Lena, Edna, Marian, Kathryn, Adalia, (Adeline), Emil, Peter, Nellie, Anne, August (Gus), and Victoria.

They attended a Catholic Church which was about nine miles away. They went by wagon and horses. All the children attended Timber school. It was a one-room school with a big box stove in the middle of it to keep the school heated on the cold days of winter. They used sticks of wood three to four feet long to burn in the stove.

There were eight grades in our school from grades one to eight, and one teacher for the thirty or thirty-two children.

In our district at that time people were all Ukrainian. The parents and all the children spoke that language at home. During the years I went to school we had Ukrainian speaking teachers twice; first Mr. Bill Kozak, and in grade VI and VII my teacher was Miss Victoria Nowosad. Both taught us to read and write in Ukrainian after school hours.

Every year before Christmas break the teacher prepared the children for a Christmas concert. All the children sang Christmas carols. Some had to recite while others had skits or plays to perform. If we had a Ukrainian teacher we learned to sing Ukrainian carols. All the children enjoyed the concert very much because we loved the chance to perform in front of our parents who came to watch us. We received presents which the teacher bought for us from the money which the district allowed.

In the summer we played baseball and football in the winter. Sometimes father would take us to school with horses and sleigh in the winter when it was very cold but most of the time we would walk.

Father would haul grain to Roblin (some twenty-two miles away) with horses and sleigh. The money he received had to pay taxes, buy shoes, flour, sugar etc.

Lena was the oldest of the family and she married Harry Bogusky. They farmed in the Merridale district and had seven children. Roy, Mike, Mildred and Anne (Anne lives in Winnipeg). Elizabeth and Elsie live in Roblin. Iris (Orisia) lives in Gilbert Plains in the Venlaw district.

Edna married John Bewcyk and lived in Roblin for a few years, then moved to Winnipeg. They have ten children. Reatha and Harold live in B.C.; Sylvia, Oliver, Dianna, Larry, and Allan live in Winnipeg; Margaret lives in Sask., and Emily is in Calgary, Alberta.

Marian married Peter Gryba and they farmed in Grandview district. They have nine children. Mervin lives in Quesnel, B.C.; Emil lives in Alberta and Wayne lives in Grandview; Evelyn and Angeline are in Vancouver B.C.; Phyllis and Elsie are living in Winnipeg; and Janice resides in Gilbert Plains.

Kathryn married William Buguski. They farmed in Shortdale district and have two children: Ruby of Fort White, Man., and Robert (Billy) of The Pas.



Gerry, Roselyn, Joyce, Henry, and Walter Rosolowski. Front row: Sylvia, Adalia, Walter and Morris.

Adeline (Adalia) married Walter Rosolowski, and they farmed north of Gilbert Plains. They retired in 1977 and moved to Dauphin. They have seven children: Morris, Joyce and Henry of Winnipeg; Sylvia of Kenora, Ont.; Roselyn of Portage la Prairie; Walter and Gerry reside in Calgary, Alberta.

Emil married Betty Niegel in Winnipeg and they made their home in that city. They have two children: Sharon in Winnipeg, and Gary in Wasa, B.C.

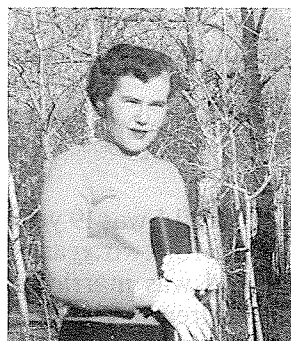
Peter married Anna Klym. They live on the family farm.

Nellie married Gunnar Gregerson in Vancouver, B.C. They have two children, Damon and Arnold. They live in Delta, B.C.

Anne married Magnus Anderson in Vancouver, B.C. They now live in Burnaby, B.C. and have four children: Pamela and Arnold are in Burnaby; Glenn is playing hockey with the Edmonton Oilers and makes his home in Edmonton, Alberta. (The Edmonton Oilers won the Stanley Cup in 1984); David is taking his fourth year at University in Denver, Colorado.

August (Gus) married Lenora. They live in Westminster, B.C. and have two children: Valerie in Las Vegas and Steven at home.

Victoria married John Byrko. They live in Sud-



Vicki Yasinsky.

bury, Ont. They have four children: Stanley, Debbie, David and Danny.

This history of Mr. and Mrs. Prokop Yasinsky and their family was compiled by their daughter (Adalia) Adeline. Adeline married Walter Rosolowski.

Peter Yasinsky Family by Peter Yasinsky

Times have changed since my Mother and Dad (Anna and Prokop) came to Canada in 1882 from Austria, in the Ukraine.



Peter and Anne Yasinsky.

They farmed on the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 32-28-27, with oxen for several years until they were able to purchase horses. Then they farmed this land with six horses.

In 1949 we purchased a 30 Massey and farming continued with Dad until he was getting too ill to farm. A transaction was made in March, 1957, and I purchased this land from my parents. In April, 1957, Dad passed away. I continued to farm by myself. In 1967 I purchased the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 32-28-27. Mom continued to live at the farm for several years, going to Vancouver to visit her daughters and son for several months of each year.

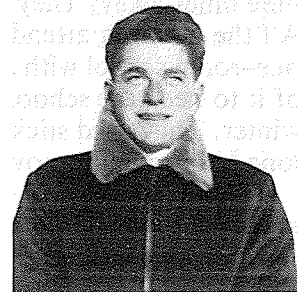
In July, 1969, Mom remarried and settled in Vancouver until her death in February, 1980. I continued to farm and milked a few cows. I improved my farming abilities by purchasing larger and more modern machinery.

In October, 1969, I married Anne Klym of Calder, Saskatchewan and we continue to farm on these two quarters.

Gus Yasinsky by Gus

I worked on my Dad's farm until I was 19 years old. Then I worked in Winnipeg for two years. I moved to Vancouver in 1953 and was married in 1956 to Lenore. We had two children: a girl, Valerie, who is married and lives in Hawaii and Steven, our son, who is working and living in Surrey, B.C. I also reside in Surrey, B.C.

Ogest Yasinsky.



Jack Yaworsky Family by Justine Yaworsky

Anthony Yaworsky came to Canada as a Ukrainian immigrant from Austria at the turn of the century. On July 25th, 1910 he homesteaded near the town of Roblin, on N.W. 16-27-27. For \$10.00 he received 160 acres and was then ready to send for his wife, Annie, and his 3 daughters, Mary, Jessie and Blanche, who still waited in Europe.

In 1911, Annie and the children arrived in Canada and the family took up residence in a very basic sod hut on the homestead. Also in 1911, a son, Jack, was born. Anthony and Annie set to work on their farm, and soon their children were attending the Postup school.

Mary Yaworsky married Tom Lupichuk and settled locally. Jessie married Fred Welechanko, also settling locally. Blanche married and lives in the United States. She and her husband would come by car to visit her family on the farm, and the only highway from Winnipeg to Roblin was gravel at that time. Needless to say, "dust, dust and more dust" would mark their trip.

In 1938, Jack Yaworsky married Justine Motyka, the daughter of Dan and Anastasia Motyka, who were also local pioneers. Jack and Justine farmed for 6 years before moving into the town of Roblin in 1945, where they worked for many years. Jack helped with draying, worked as a waiter at the old Gordon Hotel and eventually went into partnership with his brother-in-law, Peter, and established a butcher shop. When Jack retired in 1967, Peter took over the shop. Justine worked for some 25 years as a cook in local restaurants including the old Gordon Hotel, the Ivanhoe Restaurant and the Roblin Motor Inn.

Jack and Justine have 3 children: Marianne, married Larry Wasylyshen and now live in Coaldale, Alberta. They have 2 girls, Sandra and Sheila.

Tony married Gloria Hilderman and they now live in Dauphin, Manitoba. They have 3 children: Natalie, Greg and David.

Roy, married Sherry Robertson and they now

live in Fort Saskatchewan. They have 2 children, Blair and Lynne.

Jack Yaworsky was pre-deceased by his father, Anthony, on February 14, 1967, and by his mother, Annie on September 13, 1951. Jack passed away on November 11, 1973. Justine Yaworsky is now retired and lives in Roblin.

Thoughts

Some people will believe anything if it is whispered to them.

Use what talents you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best.

The biggest step you can take is the one you take when you meet the other person halfway.

Never trust a man who is Dr. Jekyll to those above him and Mr. Hyde to those under him, advised Charles Brower, former president of BBDO. If you take pleasure in criticism, it's time to hold your tongue.

Be like a duck—keep calm and unruffled on the surface but paddle like the devil underneath.

We are not primarily put on this earth to see through one another, but to see one another through. Peter De Vries.

Gratitude is something of which none of us can give too much. For on smiles, the thanks we give, our little gestures of appreciation, our neighbours build up their philosophy of life. A. J. Cronin.

People may fail many times, but they become failures only when they begin to blame someone else.

If all your misfortunes were laid in one common heap, whence everyone must take an equal portion, most people would be contented to take their own and depart.

Show us a home with young children and we'll show you a home where every pack of cards counts out at between 37 and 51.

Lord, when we are wrong, make us willing to change. And when we are right, make us easy to live with.

You can tell when you're on the right track — it's usually uphill.

When a supermarket clerk handed a customer the long cash register tape itemizing her many purchases, she looked it over casually and said, "Yes, that's about right, I usually pay around \$50.00 a foot for groceries.

Did You Know? Roblin Review 1906, Provincial Archives.

That in 1906 the Roblin Review was called the Messenger and Shell River News. With A. G. Graham Prop. and Thos. H. Keays, Manager.

Did You Know: Roblin Review 1922

The Goose Lake School District was the largest Consolidated School District in the world.

Did You Know: Roblin Review June 22, 1922

A gang of railroad men were in Roblin last week taking down the C.N.R. water tank. Roblin must be going dry.

John S. Yellowaga Family by the family

Steve Yellowaga was born and educated in Austria. He immigrated to Canada in 1902 to the Valley River district. The family lived under the shelter of a spruce tree and cooked their meals on a stone camp-fire until they built themselves a house.

In 1909 Steve married Annie Hrynychuk in Ashville, Manitoba, where they farmed for a number of years. There were five children born in Ashville: Bill, Harry, Doris, John and Katie. A few years later they moved to the Hillsburg Municipality where they homesteaded the S.W. 1/4 of 36-26-27. Jacob was born there.

It was a struggle to keep food on the table for the family during these hard times. The strength of family unity was pronounced. Everyone had to learn to make do without any luxuries (that we now think are necessities). They learned to work hard and to appreciate any return they received for their labours. Whether the contribution was by the shooting of a rabbit for food or keeping the geese out of the crop, everyone had their own contributions to make. They also learned to make their own entertainment, the most popular of which was riding the farm animals (the animals sometimes didn't co-operate).

In 1927 the family moved to Winnipeg where Steve began working in the engineering department for the City of Winnipeg, where he worked for 30 years.

Steve died in 1964 and Annie, at the age of 92, passed away in Winnipeg in 1984.

Bill, born in 1910, married Doris Zibresky in 1931. They had 6 children: Millie, Paul, Olga, Martha and Daniel. Millie and Daniel died as infants. They farmed in the Bield district until Bill's death in 1962.

Harry, born in 1911, married Mary Petro in 1935.

They farmed in the Shortdale district where they raised three children: Annie, Harris and Randy. Upon retirement they moved to the village of Bield, Man. Harry passed away in 1982. Mary lives in Bield.

Doris, born in 1913, married John Findlay in 1932. They lived and have retired in Winnipeg.

Katie, born in 1922, married Syd Constantine in 1939. They live in Minneapolis, Minnesota. They have two children: Charles and Katherine.

Jacob, born in 1926, married Zella Stewart in 1948. They have a family of three: Don, Jacqueline and Bethany. They make their home in Charlot-tetown, P.E.I. Zella passed away in December of 1983.

John, born in 1916, lived in Winnipeg's tough north end with his family until the age of 14. During this time he had various part-time jobs to help with the family finances. He picked potatoes by hand for 50¢ a day and hauled wood in his wagon for 5 cents per load. John decided school was not for him, so he caught a ride out of Winnipeg on a freight train. He rode the freight through Manitoba and Saskatchewan, landing a job here and there. He worked on many farms, doing various jobs, from grooming show horses to working on threshing gangs. After a long and hard day of work the men would bed down in a barn. John returned to his adventures across the prairies to take up the chal-lenge of farming the relatively untamed land near his family's homestead.

John met Annie, a daughter of Nick and Annie Zibresky, in the late '30's. For entertainment as young people, they would walk miles to attend a country dance; dance the night away and then walk back home again, arriving just in time to milk the cows in the morning.

John and Annie were married on October 28, 1939. They farmed the N.W. ¼ of 36-26-27, then they moved to the S.W. ¼ of 36-26-37. In 1951 they moved to their present farm the N.W. ¼ of 24-26-27 (all in the R.M. of Hillsburg), where they raised their family of five daughters: Isobel, Myrtle, Ethel, Alice and Gail.

Isobel, born in 1942, married Albert Watson in 1962. They farm in the Bield district and live on the N.W. ¼ of 13-26-27.

Myrtle, born in 1946, married Gerald Horbay in 1968. They and their two children, Orysia and Michael, live in Winnipeg.

Ethel, born in 1949, married Walter Misko in 1967. Ethel, Walter and their son, Robert, farm in the Shortdale district and live on the S.E. ¼ of 4-26-26.

Alice, born in 1951, married Mike Shenderevich in 1973. They have three sons; Mark, Alan and

Stephen. They farm in the R.M. of Shell River and live on the S.W. ¼ of 34-27-28.

Gail, born in 1958, married Dean Chescu in 1979. Gail, Dean and their son, Daniel, live on the N.W. ¼ of 34-26-27 where they farm.

John and Annie still reside in the Bield district where they enjoy good health and John still farms.

Bill and Doris Yellowega by the family

Bill Yellowega was born in Ashville, Manitoba on March 10, 1909. His parents, Steve Yellowega and Annie (Hrynychuk) Yellowega and their family came to Bield to homestead on the S.E. ¼ of 36-26-27. Steve and Annie farmed until 1930. On October 6, 1931, Bill married Doris Zibreski and they ran the family farm. Bill worked as a grader man for the Forestry for seventeen years. He was injured working and later died in August, 1962 at the age of 52.

Bill and Doris had six children: Annie, Olga, Paul, Marie, Martha and Danny. Annie died as an infant.

Olga married Milton Pfiefer of Winnipeg and they have three boys: Jeffery, Gordon and Leslie.

Paul Russell Yellowega, his wife Bev, and two boys, Kevin and Darren live in Lethbridge, Alberta.

Marie married Norman Miller and they have three children: Connie, Debbie and Joyce. They all live in Winnipeg.

Martha married Jerry Darbyshire. They have one son Ernest and they live at Port Moody, B.C.

Danny Raymond died in infancy.

Doris married Edward Johnstone on April 30, 1971. She is very active in community affairs, Museum Ladies, Bield Church, Shortdale Ladies' Aid, Orthodox Church, and the 50 and Over Club. Doris grows a large garden each year and helps out at many events such as weddings, etc. Each year she bakes the bread in the clay oven at the Museum grounds on their show days.

Peter Yellowaga Family by Edith Yellowaga

Peter Yellowaga was born on July 5, 1891 in the Ukraine. In 1906, at the young age of 15, Peter immigrated to Canada, to Winnipeg, Manitoba. He worked at odd jobs to make his living in the best way possible. As the years went by, Peter came to the Shortdale, Manitoba area where he procured a homestead. Peter made this place his permanent home.

In 1916, Peter married Alice Petro, who was born on April 1, 1896. They continued farming until his retirement in 1963.

There were 8 children. Mike, born in 1917 mar-

ried Helen Rubeniuk and they have 2 children, Dwight and Patricia. They live at Sarnia, Ontario.

Helen, born in 1918, married Mike Perchaluk and they have 2 children, Roy and Margaret. They live at Dauphin, Manitoba.

Ann, born in 1919, married Mike Kowalchuk, and they had one daughter, Donna. They reside at Vancouver, B.C.

Max, born in 1920, married Mary Melanchuk. They have 2 children, Linda and Larry. They live at Surrey, B.C.

John, born in 1923, married Mary Bomak. They had 3 sons: Ronald, Kenneth and Peter. John lives at Shortdale.

Lena, born in 1924, married Metro Prepleta. They live at Sifton, Manitoba.

Steve, born in 1928, married Edith Strunk. They have 2 children, Reginald and Darcie. Steve is now deceased.

Russell, born in 1931, married Marie Yurkowich. They have 3 daughters: Dena-Rae, Gaylene and Sharon. They live at Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Peter Sr. passed away in September, 1969 and Alice in October, 1974. They are both buried in the Shortdale Orthodox cemetery.

Steve passed away in June, 1982. Peter Jr. passed away in June, 1978. Both are buried at the Roblin Parish cemetery.

The Yeo Family by the family

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Albert Yeo were married in Holland, Manitoba on June 25th, 1902. Mrs. Yeo was formerly Annie May Yates, daughter of James Yates and his wife, Isabella (Morran). Tom was the eldest son of Samuel Yeo and his wife, Jane (Hambley) of Swan Lake, Man., a nearby village. Both families had come to Manitoba from Ontario.

Annie's father was a carpenter in Holland, Man. and Tom's father was a farmer who lived two or three miles from Swan Lake, Man. Tom became a barber and moved to Holland. It was here that he met Annie, they were married, had their first home, and their first child, a son, Harvey.

When the baby was about a year old they moved to Grandview, Man. Tom worked in a hardware store as a tinsmith. A few years later he was in charge of the 'Pump House' on the river bank, and the huge engine that pumped the river water for the village water supply.

Annie was gifted in many ways. She was a good cook and often baked beautiful layer cakes, for sale to ladies for their 'teas' dinners and 'at homes'. She was a great seamstress and a wonderful Mother, God had given her a voice to sing, and she sang for her Church, the community, the I.O.D.E., and as

many have recalled, she sang to the troops as they waited for the train to take them away to the first Great War of 1914-1918.

While they lived in Grandview there were two more sons born, Jack and Truman, and a wee girl, Marjorie who lived only 20 months. She died following whooping cough and bronchial pneumonia. Three months after her death a second girl, Mona was born, and two years later Annie had her fourth son, Arnold.

This was quite a large family to feed and clothe. Tom shared in this responsibility by keeping the family shoes in repair. He spent many hours at a small iron 'last', mending and polishing the little shoes and even fitting them with new soles.

In the summer of 1917, they moved to Roblin with their family of five; Harvey (14 years), Jack (12 years), Truman (10 years), Mona, the only girl (6 years) and Arnold only 4 years old. Their new home was in the living quarters over Burrows Lumber office. It was not very spacious but Burrows soon built an additional sleeping room for the boys and they lived there for three years.

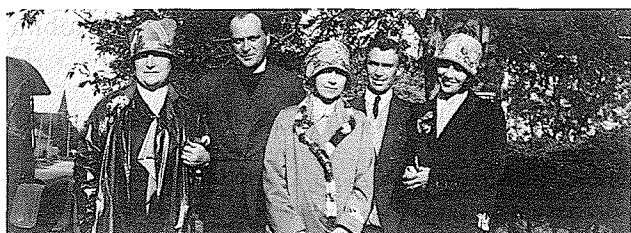
During this time World War I came to an end and 'Peace' was declared on November 11th, 1918. That same day their second little girl, Vivian was born — such an added joy! After the Armistice and the men had returned from war, then followed the terrible flu epidemic. Schools and churches were closed. It seemed that every family had the 'flu' and there were many, many deaths. The horse-drawn hearse was a very familiar sight as it carried the victims to the cemetery, day after day, right by the Yeo home. Sometimes two burials were made in one day. The Yeos were fortunate as everyone of them had the 'flu' and survived.

In 1920 (Mona remembers) they moved into a home on 1st Ave. There was a lawn, and trees and four bedrooms. It was in this house that Doreen, the third daughter was born. Here we had electric lights, a cement cistern in the basement and a bathroom was installed. We also had an electric washing machine and an electric iron. Life was great! (from a ten year old's point of view).

Our family was a big one. We had plenty of ups and downs but also lots of fun. The boys were in the Roblin Band, Mona played piano and everybody sang. Mother was in the United Church Choir and was leader of their Junior Choir. I remember, they used to often practise at our home. Mother also enjoyed her work with the Women's Institute and was a faithful member of the Evangeline Rebekah Lodge, serving as their Assembly President in 1937. There was never a dull moment!

Dad loved curling (the louder the better) with his rink of four grain buyers called the 'Dusties'. They had many trophies to show for their efforts. Bridge

was another pastime Mother and Dad enjoyed. Then there was skating, hockey, dances and always lots of work to do: washing, ironing, cooking, baking, splitting and piling wood, carrying wood into the house and the ashes out. It was never ending! We all helped. The boys took turns with the dishes and Dad got into the act on Sunday morning, when he was chief cook. His specialty was scrambled eggs, sliced onions and always a few leftovers from Saturday, all mixed thoroughly in one big frying pan. A pile of toast completed the menu. Sunday dinner at 5 p.m. was always 'Special' too, but Mother took care of that, with the good dishes, silverware, and an extra special dessert.



L to R. Mrs. T. Yeo, Canon Cousins, Mrs. D. Fisher, Rev. George and Mrs. Phillips. (First rector of Christ Church Anglican, Roblin).

When we came to Roblin there was no Anglican Church, so we all went to the United Church and took part in the Sunday school and usual activities until our own church was built in 1928. From then on, our main church interest was Anglican.

Some may remember, the boys had a tin shop on the south side of Main street East, just at the bottom of the hill. In later years they operated 'Yeo Brothers' Garage' on Main Street on the corner where the Royal Bank now stands.

Harvey married Florence Ferguson of Gilbert Plains. They had two sons. Harvey died in 1958, and Florence is still in Dauphin.

Jack married Irene Dickie of Minnedosa, and



The Tom Yeo family, 1942, Back row: L to R. Harvey, Jack, Tom and Annie Yeo, Truman, Arnold. Front row: Vivian, Mona and Doreen.

they had one son. Jack died in 1965 and Irene died in 1976.

Truman worked in the garage with Jack. He and Marj (Lewis) had no children. They lived in Roblin until Truman's death in 1951.

Mona married Joe Cross in 1934 and they live in Russell. They have two daughters and four sons, all married.

Arnold married Emily (Lee) Eymundson. They had two daughters and one son, all of whom are married and living in The Pas. Arnold died in 1977. Lee is living in Brandon.

Vivian married Lloyd Hembroff of Russell. They live in Roblin. They have one son (married) and one granddaughter.

Doreen (who became a nurse) married Andy Bogle. They have four sons and three daughters. They have lived in Brandon and Winnipeg but now reside in Calgary.

Mother and Dad are both gone. Mother died on June 10th, 1943. Dad died on his birthday, seven years later, Feb. 17th, 1950.

The three daughters — Mona, Vivian, and Doreen and their husbands have many happy times together, sharing memories of Roblin and home.

Rosemarie and Dale Yeo and Family by Dale

Rosemarie and Dale Yeo, along with infant son David, arrived in Roblin in August of 1962. All of the family belongings fitted quite easily into the back of a half-ton truck driven by a Roblinite who was returning from a family wedding in Winnipeg.

Having graduated from United College (now the University of Winnipeg) in May, Dale arrived fresh from a twelve-week summer teacher-training course at the University of Manitoba. It should perhaps be explained that the demand for teachers at that time was so great (in rural areas especially) that this "crash" teacher training program had been created to help satisfy the need.

What this meant, in fact, was that Dale walked into his first class at Roblin that fall without ever having faced students before from the teacher's side of the desk. That still ranks as a memorable experience!

For both Rosemarie and Dale, the move from Winnipeg to the Roblin area was something of a return to family roots. Rosemarie's parents had farmed not far away, near Dauphin, since 1950. The family of Dale's mother had been among the first people to settle in the Strathclair district back in 1874.

Dale's teaching career began on September 4th of 1962 when he joined the fifteen-teacher staff of the school then called the Roblin Collegiate Institute. Not much older than some of the students



Dale Yeo Family: Douglas, David, Robert, Donna, Rosemarie, Dale and Allan.

he taught (one girl was overheard to say that he looked "like a boy dressed up in a man's suit"), Dale nonetheless found teaching both satisfying and challenging from the very start.

The starting wages for a degree teacher in those days are worth noting: \$4,200 per year — with a \$300 extra allowance if the teacher was married, and \$100 for each child to a limit of two. (An early effort at family planning?)

If so, it didn't work. The next years were busy ones with teaching and sports coaching; returning to university summer after summer for more teacher training; and the addition of two more sons — Douglas, born in 1963, and Robert, in 1964. If life was busy at school, it was busy at home for Rosemarie, too, with three young and very energetic boys. Her time was shared, as well, with a vital role in church work, especially in Sunday school teaching.

In 1969, Dale was appointed Vice-Principal of the Collegiate and held this position until June of 1981. Education took on a rather different perspective thereafter. That same year, 1969, saw the arrival of another son, Allen. He was joined by sister, Donna in 1970. At last, a daughter for Rosemarie!

In 1976, with the children now all in school, Rosemarie both filled a void in her life and satisfied an urge to continue being with younger children, by becoming a teacher at the Roblin Nursery School. Within a year, she had become Director of the three-morning per week school and has remained in that role right to the time this history is being written up.

Dale also began a new interest in life in 1977 when he was elected to the Board of Directors of the Roblin Credit Union. Serving as Vice-President for the next four years, he was then elected President from 1981 to the present. Joining the Roblin and District Lions' Club in 1981 added another dimension of good fellowship and community service work that has come to mean much to Dale.

The three oldest boys were by now developing into three young men, all with a strong interest in

sports. David graduated as class valedictorian from the Roblin high school in 1979, and went on to Political Science studies at the University of Winnipeg. After completing his B.A. (Honours) degree in May of 1983, he continued his graduate studies at the University of Calgary.

Second son, Douglas graduated from Goose Lake High in 1981 and also went on to the University of Winnipeg. After receiving his Bachelor's degree, and winning the Gold Medal in statistics in May of 1984, he enrolled for post-graduate work at the University of Manitoba.

Robert, a keen sports enthusiast, finished up his high school studies in Roblin as Goose Lake High's "Athlete of the Year" in 1982, and then enrolled in the School of Physical Education at the University of Manitoba where he is still a student as this is being written.

Allen and Donna, the two "youngsters" in the family, are just reaching high school age at this point.

It will remain the task of the **next** history book to record where all of these educational endeavours have led each of them.

The friendliness and helpful co-operation of the Roblin community have meant much to the Yeo family since their arrival in 1962. It has been a wonderful place to raise a young family. How astonishing to realize that nearly a quarter century has slipped by since Roblin became our new home!

Ervin K. Young and Family by Viola Young

Ervin and I were both born in Moose Jaw, Sask. Erv grew up in the Stoney Beach district and I in the city of Moose Jaw.

Erv joined the R.C.A.F. as an aircraft mechanic in the summer of 1940. In the fall of 1941 we were married, and stationed in Fort Macleod for two years. We then moved to Gimli, Manitoba, being among the first personnel to live there. Most of us, therefore, lived in private homes, which was very difficult so I decided to go back to Moose Jaw to live.

Erv was sent overseas in Oct. 1944. He was stationed in the south of England until he was discharged in October, 1945.

He then decided to go farming in the Caron district, which was easier for me, as two uncles were close by. They all knew my parents, as my dad had been born north of Caron.

As a city person, I found farming anything but easy. After many mistakes and tears, I managed to learn and enjoy the country.

We ran a dairy farm at Caron from 1947-1965 when we decided that the dairy business was getting to be a real hardship. As there was no land in the

area to rent or buy, we decided to sell and look elsewhere. We looked as far as B.C. for another farm but finally settled in Dropmore, Man., on a farm formerly owned by Archie McFadyen.

When we moved to the Dropmore district in Sept. of 1965, the weather turned very miserable and the ground turned white with snow. Most of the crops were not harvested yet and it made moving very unpleasant.

Erv had to return to Moose Jaw for another load of furniture the day after we arrived and my children and I were left to look after the farm.

The children caught the school bus at George Hunter's corner for school at Tummel. At that time, the road in front of our house wasn't paved, so our good neighbors across the road, Earl and Jean Morrison, were very helpful.

The Morrisons took us to most of the social events that winter. They introduced us not only to neighbors, but also to a lot of merchants in Roblin, which made us feel like a part of the community. The Morrisons sold their farm in the spring and moved to Brandon and we missed them very much.

I was surprised to learn that Teresa Pope and family were living on the next farm. I had known Teresa when she was going to Normal School in Moose Jaw.

George and Flo Hunter invited us one New Year's to their home. Since we had been close to family and relations at Caron, they certainly made a very happy day for us all.

Although it was hard to leave the Caron community and all of our friends, we've been very happy in the Dropmore district. Although our community is small, there is none more active, friendly or helpful in time of need.

Erv and I have three children. Our eldest son, Brent, wife Bea and two girls are presently at Medicine Hat, where Brent is a land assessor.

Our daughter Leah, her husband Edward Lagar, their two girls and one son live at Warman, Sask. Ed works up north at Rabbit Lake, Sask.

Glen, our youngest son, is at home, farming.

Yourchek Family **by Stella Perchaluk**

William Yourchek arrived in Canada from the Ukraine with his parents, Nick and Tekla (née — Welechenko) in 1904. They settled on a homestead north of Roblin. In 1906 he married Annie Glutek, daughter of Andrew and Katherine (née — Prokopovitch). At this time there were no churches in the district. They were obliged to drive with horses and sleigh to Kamsack where a French priest called periodically and performed the marriage.

The beginnings on a homestead were difficult. Mr. Yourchek and his neighbors, John Welechenko



Mr. and Mrs. Yourchek and Family on their 50th in 1958.

and George Kappey, each owned a share in one set of farm implements which they used alternately. Horses replaced oxen as time went on.

Some of the other close neighbors were Shenderevichs, Geregass and Payjacks. Mr. and Mrs. Yourchek picked up a bit of English from their English speaking neighbors who were: Bob McBrides, Mrs. Rogers, Comries, Stewarts, Shearsons and Sharpens.

Mrs. Yourchek, like other mothers in the district, hand-sewed clothing for the children. Yourcheks had a family of ten, seven of whom attended Hillcrest School. For several weeks in the winter Mr. Yourchek would drive his own and his neighbor's children to school. Eventually the horses became so accustomed to the routine that they made the trip when the only driver was the old dog, who directed the team home in the morning and back to the school at four. Later on when the older children completed grade eight, they attended high school at Makaroff; boarded with friends during the week and came home on weekends.

When the bank foreclosed on his mortgage in approximately 1924, Mr. Yourchek gave up farming and obtained a job with the C.N. at Makaroff and Togo. However, he did not give up raising a family; his two youngest children were born in Makaroff. This was a period when hundreds of men were riding freight trains in search of work. West-bound trains travelled at low speed through Makaroff on account of the hills. On some occasions these men would get off the box cars and ask for food. Yourcheks shared with them as much as they could.

About this time, Yourchek's two eldest sons, Joe and Walter, went to Vancouver to seek jobs. They were followed a few years later by the two eldest daughters, Stella and Elma.

When Mr. Yourchek approached retirement age, the family moved again, this time to the Town of Roblin where the three youngest children attended school.

In 1933 Stella, the eldest daughter returned from Vancouver. She had participated in a marathon dancing contest and won! One of her prizes was a course in Hairdressing and Cosmetology. This enabled her to set up a Beauty Parlor in Roblin, which she operated for thirty-five years.

Joseph, the eldest of the Yourchek children now lives in Vancouver, British Columbia. He married Lucy Patsula. They have two children, Walter and Ernie.

Walter married Flossie Leply. They have two children, Walter Jr. and Raymond. They live at Stockton, California.

Stella married Russell Perchaluk. They have six children: Silvery, Marika, Paul, Sally, Donna and Susie. They live in Brandon, Manitoba.

Elma married Bill Repka. They have three children: Gary, Starlet and Levina. They live at Stockton, California.

George married Stella Bilesky. They have three children: Marshia, George and Theresa. They live at Summerland, British Columbia.

Mary married Jim Boychuk. They had one son, Ronnie, who lives at Calgary, Alberta.

Susan married Michael Lysy. They have eight children: Helen, Eugene, Iris, Michael, Natalia, Anne, Mary and Catherine. They live at Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Love married John Chernesky. They have four children: Veronica, John, Bill and Terry. They live at Penticton, B.C.

Verna married Paul Welechenko. They have three children: Carole Ann, Rosemarie and Bill. They live in Stockton, California.

William married Georgina Paulenko. They have three children: Liza, Leanne and Jennifer. They live at Winnipeg, Manitoba.

History of the Yunkovich Family by Lovie Bangle

Nicholas Yunkovich and Juliana Yurkowski were wed in January 1909, in the little village of "Opoill", situated on a strip of land which changed hands several times between Russia and Poland in the last century. Poor living conditions was the reason my father wished to go to America. In 1915, with that in mind and also because of the first World War situation, my father left for U.S.A. where he stayed for five years working in the Pennsylvania coal mines. He returned to Poland in 1920 for his family, but because of his ailing father could not emigrate. It was not until 1929 that the move to America was possible. By that time emigration to the U.S.A. was restricted, so Canada became our destination. During those nine years in Poland three children were born: Prokophy, Mike and myself, Lovie.

The voyage was made aboard "The Red Star", docking at Liverpool for a while and then on to Montreal. We crossed Canada by train. We knew no one in Canada and had no relatives here. We disembarked in Manitoba. A payment on a quarter section of land near Alonsa took most of the money



Nick Yunkovich and son Mike, taken near Shortdale in the early thirties.

we had. We spent one winter there but by that time, my father realized that the soil was extremely poor so he bought a homestead near Shortdale in the Winona district. This land consisted of heavy bush and sloughs. My parents worked very hard during the depression. Progress was slow. Father worked the land with a large team of oxen named "Billy" and "Charlie".

Our education came from a log school house, "Winona". Prokophy and Mike finished their eighth grades before seeking work. Those were the days of riding box cars from one place to another. I, Lovie, continued my education by taking my grades IX and X by correspondence and then finished high school in Roblin and Bowsman. I went on to do some teaching.

Prokophy joined the army during the war and saw action in Europe as a "lorry" driver. Mike was conscripted into the army and spent some time in Canada.

In the fall of 1958 my father and mother left the farm and spent the next two and a half years between Mike's home at Grandview and Prokophy's home at Abbotsford. In 1961 they bought a house in the north end of Roblin and remained there until the end of their lives.

Lovie married Leo Bangle in 1948 and resided in the San Clara area where four daughters, Wanda, Ruth, Debbie and Connie, and one son, Grant, were born to them.

Mike remained a bachelor.

Prokophy married a widow with a family of two girls and two boys, who lived in California. (Eva had been raised in Saskatchewan). They were married in December of 1960. Two daughters, Julie and Kathy were born to them.

My parents both passed away in 1975, my father in April, followed by my mother in late September.

They were in their 84th and 85th years. Their deaths ended a marriage of sixty-six years.

To date, my four daughters have all entered the nursing profession and are employed at Winnipeg and Brandon.

Wanda married Donald Cramer, a prison guard, and they have two children; Sara and Jeffrey.

Ruth married Earl Gray and is employed in a hospital lab. They also have two children; Kisten and Robert.

Debbie and Connie are still single, as is Grant who works as a medical technologist.

Prokophy's daughter Julie has been employed in office work in Vancouver. Kathy has tried several things and has returned to college.

It is comforting to know that all seven grandchildren came to know and will remember the kind and courageous couple who were their grandparents.

Michael (Mike) and Tekla Zbytnuik Family by Stephanie Luzny

Mike was born in 1890 and educated in the Western Ukraine. He came to the Zelena district in 1912 with his brother, Danello (Dan).

Jobs were scarce in the Roblin area, so the following year he ventured to Winnipeg and Fort William (Thunder Bay). After working at various short term jobs in Ft. William, he decided to return to Winnipeg. He walked from Ft. William to Winnipeg looking for work and seeking food and shelter along the way, from the settlers.

From Winnipeg he returned to Roblin where he clerked in a store for a short period. Mike married Tekla Mucha in Runnymede, Sask. in 1918, then obtained his homestead next to his brother, Dan, one mile north of North Cliff school, along the Shell River.

After a few years, his enterprising nature took him from the farm, to start the first store in the Zelena district. The store was located across the road from the Zelena hall (currently Norman Kosinski's place).

From Zelena, the family, with his brother, Dan, moved to a farm in Insinger, Sask. Within a year or so, the family moved to Norquay, Sask., where Mike got a job in the creamery and worked there until 1944. Then he moved to Kamsack, Sask. In Kamsack he clerked in a store for a year, then started his own second-hand furniture store and stayed in business until a year before his death in May, 1964.

Mike and Tekla had three children, Tony, Joe and Ollie, and five grandchildren.

The eldest son, Tony, was born on May 7, 1920 in the Zelena district; attended school in Norquay,

Sask.; joined the R.C.A.F. in 1940; and married Stephanie Meanzul in 1943 at Zelena, Man. Their son, Jerry, was born in 1944. Tony, a Pilot Officer, served with the R.C.A.F. overseas, and lost his life on a mission over Germany in 1944, when his son was only two months old.

A second son, Joe, was born on Jan. 6th, 1923 at Zelena, Man.; attended school in Norquay, Sask.; and was also with the R.C.A.F. After the war he obtained a degree in engineering. Joe currently is working and living in Toronto with his wife, Mavis and children, Gary and Wendy.

Their daughter, Ollie, was born on April 22, 1929 in Norquay, Sask., and is currently living in Enderby, B.C. with husband, Peter Gilowski, sons, Donald and Brian, his wife Susan, and grandchildren Jamie and Megan.

Tekla Zbytnuik is currently living in Enderby, B.C.

Mike, a fiery man, was never afraid of a challenge. He and his wife were very active members of the Catholic church.

A characteristic feature of the Zbytnuik family was not only their openness and kindness to friends and family, but their accommodation of their family.

Nick and Annie Zibreski by Nellie Zibreski

Nick and Annie (Chawrun) Zibreski were married in Galicia, West Ukraine.

They came to Canada with their son, Pete, on March 15, 1899 and settled at Sifton, Manitoba.

In 1905, they moved to Roblin and homesteaded on the S.W. 1/4 18-27-27. Nick farmed with oxen, and bought his first team of horses in 1912. He also bought a hayrake and McCormick mower in 1913 and a single furrow plow.

Nick and Annie had eight children: Pete, Mike, Metro, Minnie, Mary, Nellie, Doris and Annie.

Annie Zibreski died at the age of 52 in 1940.

Nick farmed until 1963. He died at the age of 82, at his daughter, Nellie's home.

Dmetro Zibresky Family by Donna Kosack

Nick and Anne Zibresky came to Canada on March 15th, 1899, with their son, Peter. They took up residence in Sifton. Then in 1905 they moved to the Postup district. They had 7 more children: Mike, Dmetro, Molly, Mary, Nellie, Dora and Anne.

Dmetro was born in 1904, received his grade 8 education in the Postup school. Later he helped his dad farm and worked for various farmers in the Roblin area.

On October 28, 1928 he was united in marriage

to Mary Kosinski. They farmed in the Postup district, and were blessed with 3 children: Olga, born in 1929, Anne born in 1930, and Nick in 1932. They moved to the Gleneden district in 1942, to raw land and set up farming. In 1952 they were blessed with another daughter, Donna. In 1967 they purchased the Gleneden teacherage where they semi-retired. Mr. Zibresky is an avid reader of historical and religious data. Mrs. Zibresky predeceased him in March, 1984, due to a lengthy fight with diabetes.

Olga married Harold Casey and they reside in Severn Bridge, Ontario, they had 4 children: Monica, Gordon, Glen and Dennis. They have 2 married children and 2 grandchildren.

Anne married Wally Pedlubney of Toronto. Wally passed away in 1978. They had 2 children, Robert and Linda, both married. She has 1 grandson.

Nick married Ella Matis of Winnipeg. They had 2 boys, Larry and Jimmy, Larry is married.

Donna married Andrew Kosack of Winnipeg. They reside in Makaroff, and have 2 sons Christopher and Brent.

Ferdinand and Agnes Zorn **submitted by Geraldine Edel**

Ferdinand and Agnes Zorn (née Nerbas) were both born in Landestrew, Saskatchewan.

Their ancestors came to Canada in the late 1800's from Austria.



Gladys, Geraldine, Elaine, Raymond, Dennis, Ferdinand, and Agnes Zorn.

They were married in the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Landestrew on April 17, 1936. In the spring of 1939, they left Saskatchewan and moved to Manitoba to the Tummel District. In 1941, they moved 6½ miles west of Roblin, rented a farm from Mr. Bill Thompson, Sr., and farmed there for three years. While they lived there they travelled to the Zorra Church with horse and bennett wagon. In 1943, Dad bought a 1927 Chevy for \$75, which made

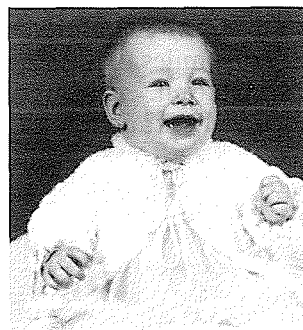
travelling faster and easier. In August 1944, they bought a quarter section of land from Mr. Burt Waters, 1 mile north and 3½ miles east of Roblin. This was home for 20 memorable years, with no conveniences, but still enjoyable.

Ferdinand and Agnes have a family of five children: Gladys, Geraldine, Elaine, Raymond and Dennis; also 14 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter, Emilie Jan Whitson.



Duane, Helen, Gladys, Charmaine, Robert Otke, Daphne, Y. Whitson.

Gladys is married to Robert Otke. They live in Dauphin and manage the "Rodeway Inn Motel". Gladys and Robert have a family of three: Duane, and his wife Helen live in Edmonton, Alta. Duane drives a truck for Sears and Helen works for the Department of Social Service. Daphne and her hus-



Emilie Jane Whitson.

band, Gary Whitson and daughter, Emilie Jane, live in Sarnia, Ont. Gary is a carpenter foreman for Chalmers' Construction. Charmaine lives at home and graduated from the DRCSS. on June 23, 1984.

Geraldine is married to Edwin Edel. They live in Roblin, where Edwin has his own business, "Roblin Refrigeration and Appliance Service." Edwin and Geraldine have four children: Keith works for D. & R. Meat Processors in Roblin, and also for Eli Cox & Sons at Roblin and Russell, where he is training as a meat cutter; Barry works for his dad; Janet and Cathy are both still attending school.

Elaine is married to Wesley Vanstone. They live at Miami, Man. where they farm. Elaine nurses



Todd, Shelli, Keri, Wes, Elaine, and Tammy Vanstone.

part-time at Carman Hospital. Wes and Elaine have four children: Keri lives at Taber, Alberta; Shelli works at Morris, Man., twins Tammy and Todd at home, helping on the farm and going to school.

Raymond lives at home in Dauphin.

Dennis is married to Shelly Jones. They live in Snow Lake, Man. Dennis is employed as a welder and Shelly as a teacher's aid. Dennis and Shelly have three children: Vanessa, Lexy and Shawn, all attending school.

In 1964, Dad and Mom sold their farm and moved to Roblin and lived there for three years. In 1967, they moved to Dauphin and reside at 28 Ash St.

While living in Roblin, Dad was employed at Roblin Forest Products and at the Roblin Arena. At Dauphin, he worked at the Dauphin Skating and Curling Arena until he retired.

Dad and Mom's lives have always centered around the church. Before there was a Lutheran Church in Roblin, they travelled 14 miles to Shevlin to attend St. John's Lutheran Church. In winter, the trip was made by van or open cutter and horses.

Dad was a church elder for many years and Mom taught Sunday School. Today they are members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Dauphin.

Dad drove a school van for many years. He had two beautiful, big, brown work horses, Prince and May, which he bought from Mr. Russell Jakeman. They were a faithful team which Dad used for school-van driving and many chores. Many of my school mates asked who owned that nice team of horses and Mr. Sam Wright, the principal, commented on their beauty when we gave him a ride, one frosty morning.

On one occasion when Dad was going to town by team, he came upon Mrs. Russell Jakeman walking to town. He offered her a ride and she said she would only accept if those weren't the wild horses that Dad had bought from her husband. Dad assured her it was another team. Little did she know that one of the horses Dad was driving that day, "Frisk," was even wilder than Prince and May!

In regard to school days, I would like to mention two people: Mrs. Jessie Kines (Miss Kelso) who taught my sisters, brothers and myself in Gr. I. She gave us all the good start we needed for our education: also Mr. George Souter, caretaker of the High School for many years. He was a soft-spoken man and always had a friendly smile for everyone.

Another dear, patient person was Mrs. Marguerite Fisher, who taught Gladys, Elaine and myself music lessons for a few years.

To conclude, I would like to say that Dad and Mom had many kind neighbors when they lived on the farm. They always helped each other, when they could. One family still pay Dad, Mom and Ray a visit every year, "the Norman Douses", and they really appreciate that.

Recipe for Baby's Bath

Ingredients:

One tender infant, slightly soiled
Several quarts lukewarm water
One cake mild soap
One soft wash cloth
One large soft towel
Diaper and shirt
Two or three hugs
Baby oil and powder
Smiles to taste

Method:

Have enough water in pan or tub to half cover infant. Test with elbow thermometer. Peel infant thoroughly until pink skin shows all over. Lift peeled infant gently into tub. Soap lightly all over. Don't weigh or measure your smiles but use them freely, as they improve flavour. Rinse with clean water. Lift from water and drain briefly on soft towel. Pat dry. Baste lightly with oil or sprinkle lightly with powder, according to preference. Arrange tastefully in crib, with simple garment or diaper and shirt.

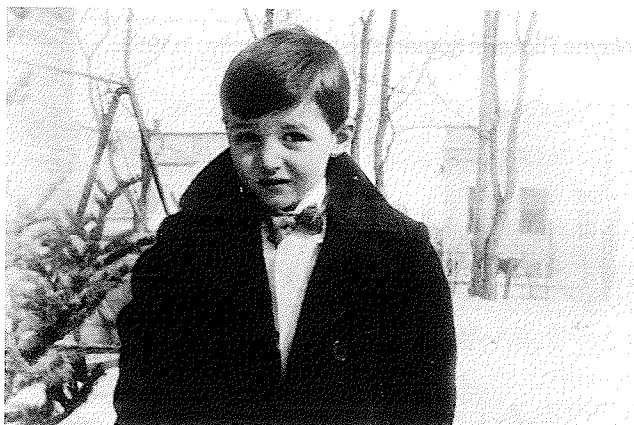
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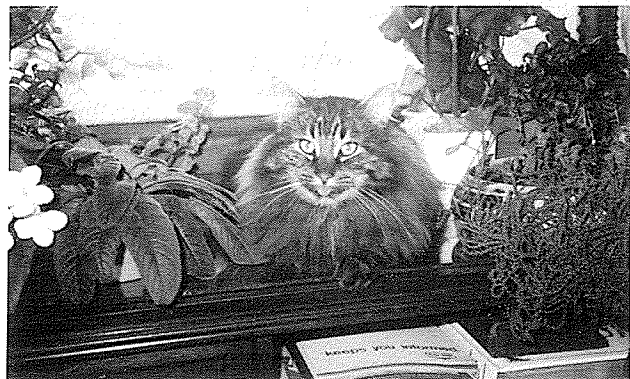
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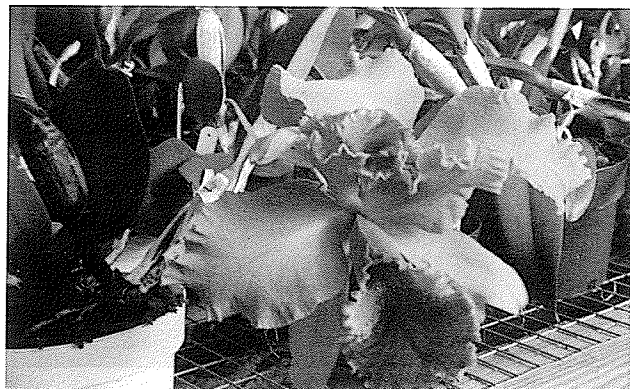
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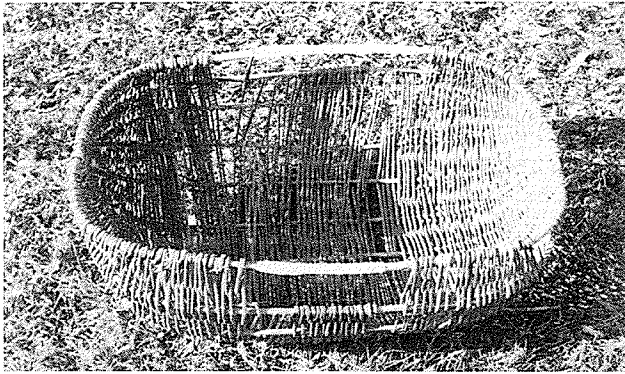
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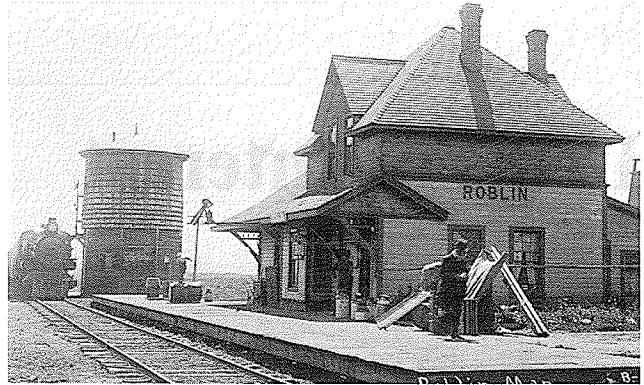
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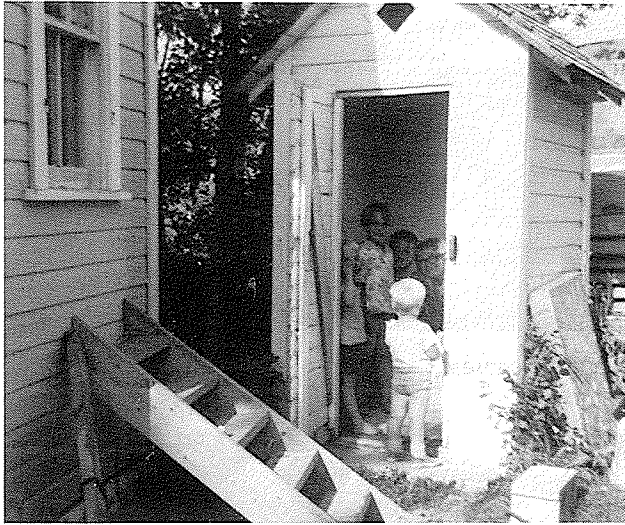
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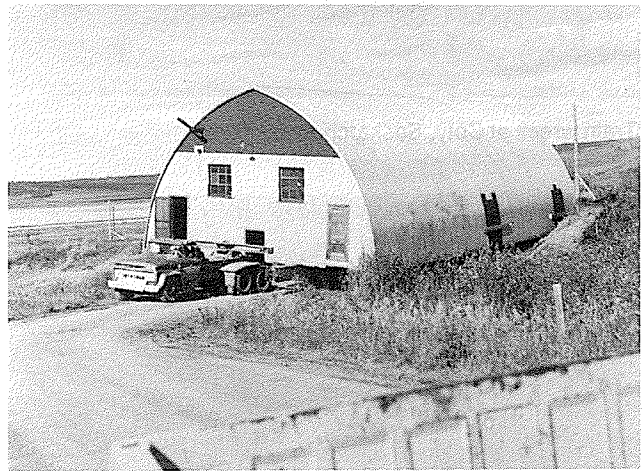
Wicker clothes basket made by gypsies.



A steam engine train takes on water from the water tower beside the CNR station at Roblin — 1920's.



The "Community Centre": Wayne Ricker's children, in 1972.



Moving the Riverside Pavilion to Roblin in 1968.



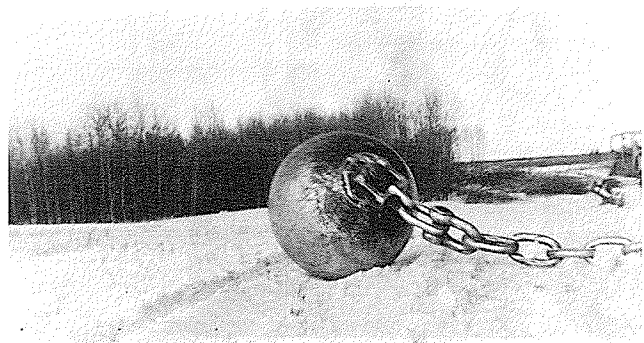
A gas truck burned on the Assiniboine bridge in winter, 1974.



Wayne Ricker's homemade snow mobile, in 1958.



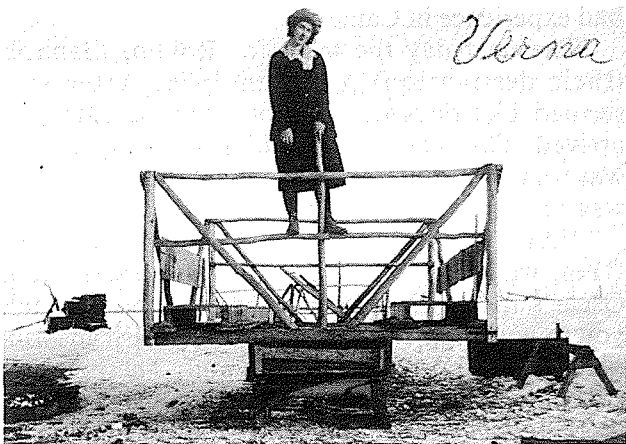
Trees full of Blue Herons' nests, along the Assiniboine Valley west of Roblin.



Ball and chain clearing the bush at the community pasture.



Cutting ice on the Harry Roe farm in 1940: John Peppler, Henry Peppler, Fred Peppler.



Verna (Thorner) Carmichael.

Balkwill Hall by Elsie Mitchell

About 1938-39 a community hall was built on the north-west corner of the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 11-26-28, $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles north-east of Roblin, in the municipality of Shell River. It was built to fill a need of the people of the surrounding district during the trying times of drought and depression.

Mr. Silas Balkwill, a resident farmer of this



Sunday School children at Balkwill Hall in 1940's: Annie Dayson, Edith Hay, Frances Curle, Edna Dayson, Gladys Ashby.

district, generously donated a substantial sum of money for this purpose, and subsequently the hall was named after him.

Mr. John Hartmeir, a local farmer and building contractor erected this hall with the aid of neighbouring farmers, who volunteered their labour.

The hall was used for dances, with local musicians supplying the music. It was used too for card parties, brown suppers, fowl suppers etc. Sunday school classes were also held there for some years, and children either walked or were taken by their parents in horse-drawn vehicles. (Mr. I. L. Mitchell acted as the S.S. superintendent).



Sunday School children at Balkwill Hall in the 1940's: William Hartmeir, Velma Andrews, Bessie Dayson, George Mitchell, Joyce Mitchell, Archie Cameron, Eveline Nash.

The newly formed Shell River Women's Institute often held their meetings in the hall, and did all they could to patronize it to keep it financially viable. They organized fowl suppers and put on Christmas concerts with their families participating. They also raised the sum of \$70.00 (a magnificent sum in those days) to purchase a used piano for the hall.

Eventually however, the hall had to be sold due to financial difficulties and also attendance was falling off because so many of the husbands and sons were away to war. Mr. E. Scrimshaw purchased it sometime during the 1940's and built a house and barn out of the lumber. At least the hall was put to good use and doesn't stand derelict as so many old, unused buildings do. Many people still have pleasant memories of times spent in the Balkwill Hall.

Wm. Scott — Bailiff North by J. M. Stewart

Wm. Scott of Roblin, serving as bailiff and for other agencies connected with farming, made many

overnight stops at Donald Stewart's home so he could continue work the next day. He was reluctant to drive over fourteen miles of muddy roads to Roblin.

Sometimes he was accompanied by some other person or official. One morning I was somewhat startled when the other person was a policeman in uniform.

A Bitter Land

by Jim Mickelson Grade 9 student Goose Lake High School

My grandfather has often told me about his home in America. He has also told me about how they dragged him up here to this land. In his words, "I'll never forget that my dad brought me to this terrible place".

Oscar Mickelson was a happy child in the United States. He came from a family of eight children, of which he was the youngest. They lived in the small town of Foxhome, Minnesota. He was happy going to school there and working on the family farm. Then one day his father decided to make a move to Canada!

Oscar's dad went to Canada in the spring of 1906 to see if that would be a good place to relocate his family. He was a travelling man by nature and he had itchy feet.

The family really didn't want to move up there. Three of them (his father, oldest sister, and oldest brother) came to Canada in the spring. The rest of the family really didn't want to leave Minnesota, especially Oscar.

Oscar's father sent word for the family to come to Canada because he had purchased the land. He said it was located in a river valley just five miles from a small town. When this was heard, Oscar, who was thirteen, said to his mother, "Do we have to go to Canada? I like it here." "Yes, I'm afraid that we have to go. We have to obey your father," his mother replied. "But when we moved from Forrest City I thought we wouldn't have to move anymore," he pleaded. "I can't do anything about it, we have to go" his mother explained.

You see, Oscar's family had already made one move. They moved from Forrest City, Iowa, to their present location of Foxhome. This would be a totally different move. This would be a move into a harsh climate and into a "behind the times" way of life. All Oscar knew about Canada was that it was a strange, cold country to the north. That was what he dreaded.

That summer went by very quickly—too quickly for Oscar. Before he knew it, it was moving time. He said "Good-bye" to his friends at Foxhome.

"Why can't you stay?" Why would anybody want to go to Canada?" one of his friends asked.

"I don't want to go, but I gotta go," he said, "Good-bye". He knew he could do nothing about it. He had to go.

So on a day in early October, the family readied itself for the trip. They went to Fergus Falls to get on the train. Machinery, livestock, and family were all loaded there. This was it!

The train went to Minneapolis where there was a stopover. The next train went right from Minneapolis to Winnipeg. In the Winnipeg train depot they had to wait for a day. Oscar found that he was rather tired and fell asleep on one of the benches. He was rudely awakened a little later when he was grabbed by the collar and pulled up. "This ain't no place to sleep"! a man growled. So went his first bad experience in Canada.

The next day the train for Roblin, Manitoba (their destination) left Winnipeg. After what seemed like days of the slow, bumpy ride, they arrived. This was at eleven o'clock at night and it was very dark out. There, to meet the six of them, was a man named Russell Jakeman.

"Are you the Mickelson gang?" he asked. "Yes, we're here but we wish we weren't!" came Oscar's mother's answer. "I'm supposed to take you to your home tomorrow. Tonight I'll get you a place at the hotel," Jakeman said. The hotel was called the American House. Oscar had a good sleep there and was ready to go the next morning. They headed out early that day to their new home.

All that was awaiting them was a small log house and the rest of the family. There to meet them were Belle, an older sister, Peter and Henry, older brothers, and their father.

"Hello family!" the father said jovially, while hugging them. A subdued response came from the new arrivals. "This is it! our new home! What do you think?" asked father. "It's simple enough, that's for sure!" the mother replied. It was getting towards the end of the harvest season but there were still a few hired men around to finish up; therefore, Oscar's mother was put to work the very day she arrived on the farm. She had to start cooking very quickly.

The farm was located in a narrow valley with a small river running through it. There were many trees and stones and the land wasn't that good. This was the Shell River valley.

One of the things that surprised Oscar the most was the use of oxen. Many of the families had started using horses but some still used oxen. In Minnesota, where he came from, everyone used horses, which was a more advanced way of farming.

Another thing that shocked him was the school he had to go to. The name was Fife School. It was a one-room school which differed a lot from the one he attended in Foxhome, Minnesota. The one in

Foxhome was a three-storey, multi-roomed school.

He started to school after Christmas and was very unhappy. He didn't want to go but his sister, Belle made him. During that school year the kids were rather mean to him. They teased him about being an American and not belonging to the British Empire. Another act they committed was calling Oscar a Yankee. They would dance around singing Yankee Doodle Dandee and all around humiliated the poor kid. Oscar finally quit school when he was seventeen.

In 1907, Oscar's youngest sister, Amanda died. She was only eighteen and died of a heart ailment. This was only one year after she had come to Canada. In 1916, Oscar's father died of pneumonia. He caught a bad cold on a very cold day in the winter while spreading manure off a pile. A doctor was called from town and it took him a long time to show up. When he finally arrived he was drunk. This was no help. Eventually it developed into pneumonia and he died.

In 1919 Oscar married Gladys Kerr and moved out of the valley. In the 1960's she got jaundice, diabetes, cancer, and finally took a stroke and died.

In 1922 Oscar's sister, Josie died of appendicitis. She may have lived if there had been a doctor in Roblin, but the nearest doctor was in Russell and they couldn't get her there in time to save her.

Well, my grandfather had a pretty rough life since he moved to Canada. He has always complained about the bitter cold, the trees, and the stones. To this day he says he can't forget that his dad brought him here to this terrible land. Over the years he has grown to love Canada and the Roblin district and has made many friends, who also moved here from other parts of the world to home-
stead; but he often wonders what life would have been like had he remained in Foxhome, Minnesota, the land he loved.

Rev. Earl McIntyre Awarded Honorary Degree

(from the Sentinel Courier — Pilot Mound, MB)

Rev. Earl McIntyre was presented with an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree at the 33rd. convocation of the University of Winnipeg, held in the Manitoba Centennial Concert Hall on Sunday, October 17, 1982.

Earl Daniel McIntyre was born at Roblin, Manitoba on Dec. 3rd, 1916. He received the first ten years of his education at Roblin. Following that, he helped on the family farm during the summers and worked at lumber camps during the winters. He still found time to participate in his favorite summer sport — baseball.

In 1942, he enlisted with the Royal Winnipeg

Rifles Regt. and on D-Day, June 6, 1944, he waded ashore with the first wave of infantry on the Normandy beach. He was wounded in action Sept. 6, 1944 and spent the next 2½ years in hospitals in France, England and Deer Lodge, Man., where he was finally discharged after a leg amputation.

While in hospital in England, he met a fellow Manitoban, Anne Hall of the R.C.A.F. Women's Division, who had come to the hospital to visit the soldier in the next bed. A year and some months later they were married at St. Paul's United Church, Winnipeg, with Earl still on crutches.

Upon discharge from the Army and Air Force respectively, Earl and Anne farmed at Roblin for seven years, and there the first four of their five children were born — Don is presently the United Church minister at Souris; Pat received her B.A. at the University of Winnipeg, and now lives in Truro, N.S.; Margaret died accidentally in a horseback-riding accident at Preeceville, Sask.; and Jack is presently in oil explorations in Nevada, U.S.A. Susan was born in Pilot Mound Hospital after Earl and Anne left the farm and Earl had become a Student Minister at La Rivière. Susan is presently employed with Citadel Assurance Co. in Winnipeg.

At 39 years of age, Earl accepted a call to the ministry, sold his farm at Roblin and for 2 years was postmaster at a small post office at Deepdale. While there, Anne took over the duties at the post office while Earl drove eight miles each day to the nearest high school, at Makaroff, to receive a Grade XI certificate.

The following year the church officials put him to work as a Student Lay Supply Minister at Grandview, where he preached 3 times on each Sunday, superintended the Sunday School, conducted 13 funerals during the year, met with a Young People's group in the manse on Sunday evenings and attended Grade XII classes during the week.

After receiving his Grade XII certificate, he began a four year course at United College. During this four-year term he spent one year at La Rivière and three years at Elm Creek as a Student Lay Supply Minister.

Earl was ordained in 1962 and placed as an Ordinand at Treherne, Manitoba, where he ministered for five years. He then accepted a call to Preeceville, Sask. where he ministered for six years until he accepted a call to Russell, MB where he ministered for five years. He then moved to Pilot Mound where he has ministered for the last four years. He retired on June 30, 1982, to Morden, Manitoba.

The summers of 1963, 1965, 1967 and 1968 were used towards working for a B.Th. degree, which he received from the U. of Winnipeg on May 28, 1968 (being one of the first to receive a B.Th. degree at the U. of W.).

In 1975-76 Earl took a sabbatical in St. Andrew's University in Scotland to pursue his chief interest of study — the Old Testament. He has taken numerous other shorter courses — mostly of a more practical nature, at the U. of W., Explorations, P.C.T.C. and a course in Bio-Ethics at the Centre for Bio-Ethics in Montreal.

Earl has always tried to maintain a high standard of churchmanship. He has been chairman of each presbytery in which he has served — Carman, Yorkton and Birtle. At one time or another, he has served on each Presbytery Committee, six years on Manitoba Conference Executive, five years as Manitoba Conference Stewardship Convenor and was nominated for Manitoba Conference President but did not win the election.

Looking over the places the McIntyres have called "home", a definite pattern emerges. As the year finished at Grandview, they left with the congregation making plans to build a new church. At La Rivière the church interest was sufficient to want to call an ordained minister for the year after their move. A new manse was purchased.

After three years in Elm Creek, a new church was built and a new manse bought. When they had arrived there, there were only a very few interested people attending church. The church treasurer, upon meeting Earl at the door the first Sunday asked him, "What's the LEAST you'll work for?"

They have often been told that the Legion Lodge in Treherne is considered to be Earl's Memorial. He spent many hours of work and dedication, to convince certain people that it could be done!

Preeceville also showed a big renovation to the church there. All the donations at the time of their daughter's death went into the building fund. At their last "home" — at Pilot Mound, they spent a busy time planning and building a C.E. wing, which when dedicated, was fully paid for!

During his time in the ministry, Earl conducted 242 marriages, 253 baptisms and 338 burials.

Because Earl is an amputee, he has always made a special effort to help other amputees. On several occasions he has taken time to travel to hospitals to visit these patients and convince them that they should never dwell on the fact that they have lost a limb, but concentrate on what they have left, to use and work with.

Reflecting on his time in the church, Earl says, "I cannot think of anything that I would rather have been doing, or that maybe I shouldn't have answered the call. I have never doubted that we live in God's world or that my church, with all its

imperfections, is the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ. I leave the active ministry with the certainty that the 'Church of Jesus, constant will remain!'

William J. McMurray Celebrated One Hundredth Birthday

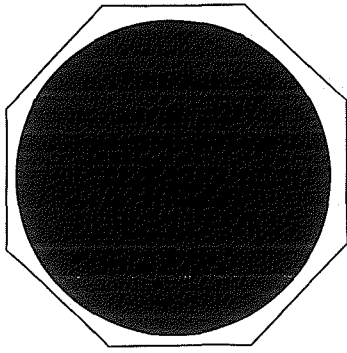
Roblin Review, December, 1981

Family and friends of Mr. William J. McMurray gathered at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Hall on Saturday, December 6, 1981 to celebrate "Grandpa" McMurray's 100th Birthday.

Mr. McMurray was born in Bellville, Hastings County, Ontario on December 8th, 1880. He married Ella Maria Eggleton in Killarney, Manitoba on December 16, 1908. They raised six children: Percy (deceased); Arnold of Killarney, Man.; Donald (deceased); Marjorie (Mrs. Lorne Kempthorne) of Boissevain, Man.; Mabel (Mrs. George Peters) of Fort Saskatchewan, Alta; and Harvey of Roblin, Manitoba. The family spent some time at Togo, Sask., before moving to the Shell River Municipality where they farmed until they retired to Roblin in the 1950's. "Grandma" was laid to rest in Roblin in February of 1960. Mr. McMurray has lived in the Roblin Personal Care Home for the past four years. He actively participates in the life of the home and loves friends and family to visit him there.

Saturday's celebration started with a program organized by Mrs. Evelyn Kosinsky, Program Co-ordinator of the Roblin Personal Care Home. Mr. Allan McMurray (Percy's son and oldest grandchild of Mr. McMurray) of Burnaby, B.C. was Master of Ceremonies. The program began with a musical tribute by the Evangelical Mission Church Youth Band directed by Mr. Dave Weisner. This was followed by two solos sung by Mrs. Marge Danyluk accompanied by Mrs. Vivian Ward. Mrs. Evelyn Kosinsky and Mrs. Joan Taylor sang duets accompanied by guitar. During the next part of the proceedings several presentations were made. Mrs. Evelyn Kosinsky made presentations on behalf of the Hospital Administration and the Personal Care Home staff. Mr. Wally McKenzie, MLA, made a presentation on behalf of Roblin Constituency and Mayor Lorne Boguski presented a gift on behalf of the Town of Roblin. The band closed the program. Pictures were taken of Mr. McMurray and his four surviving children, Mabel, Marge, Arnold and Harvey. Following this a delicious luncheon was served along with birthday cake.

Mr. McMurray passed away on January 11th, 1984 at the Roblin Personal Care Home.



A. A. Plender

CANADA.

DEPUTY GOVERNOR.

George the Fifth, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas KING, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

To all to whom these Presents shall come—GREETING:

Whereas the Lands hereinafter described are Dominion Lands within the meaning of the Dominion Lands Act.

And Whereas Charles Arthur Nastrom of Township Twenty-seven, Range Twenty-eight,

West of the Principal Meridian, in the Province of Manitoba, in Our Dominion of Canada, Farmer,

hereinafter called the grantee—has applied for a grant of the said lands and after due investigation has been found entitled to such grant in the terms herein embodied.

Now Know Ye, that by these Presents We do grant unto the grantee—all that Parcel, or Tract, of Land, situate, lying and being in the Twenty-seventh Township, in the

Twenty-eighth Range West of the Principal Meridian in the Province of Manitoba. In Our Dominion of Canada, and being composed of

the South East quarter of Section Twenty-one of the said Township.

containing by admeasurement One hundred and eighty acres, or more or less;

Saving and Reserving, nevertheless, unto Us, Our Successors and Assigns, the free use, passage and enjoyment of, in, over and upon all navigable waters that now are or may hereafter be found on or under, or flowing through or upon any part of the said Parcel, or Tract, of Land; also reserving all mines and minerals, whether solid, liquid or gaseous, which may be found to exist within, upon or under such lands, together with full power to work the same and for other purposes to enter upon, use and occupy the said lands or so much thereof and to such extent as may be necessary for the effectual working and extracting of the said minerals; and also reserving thereout and therefrom all rights of fishery and fishing and occupation in connection therewith upon, around and adjacent to the said lands, and also the privilege of landing from and mooring boats and vessels upon any part of the said lands and using the said lands in connection with the rights of fishery and fishing hereby reserved, so far as may be reasonably necessary to the exercise of such rights.

To have and to hold the same unto the grantee—in fee simple.

Provided, and it is hereby declared, that these presents shall not vest in the grantee—any exclusive or other property or interest in or any exclusive right or privilege with respect to any lake, river, spring, stream or other body of water, within or bordering on or passing through the aforesaid lands, or in, or with respect to the water contained or flowing therein, or the land forming the bed or shore thereof.

GIVEN under the Great Seal of Canada:—Witness, Arthur French bladen, Esquire, Companion of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George

Deputy of Our Most Dear and Entirely Beloved Uncle and Most Faithful Counsellor, Field Marshal His Royal Highness Prince Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and of Strathearn, Earl of Sussex (in the Peerage of the United Kingdom) Prince of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Duke of Saxony, Prince of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha; Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter; Knight of Our Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle; Knight of Our Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick; One of Our Most Honourable Privy Council; Grand Master and Principal Knight of the Grand Cross of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath; Knight Grand Commander of Our Most Exalted Order of the Star of India; Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Knight Grand Commander of Our Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire; Knight Grand Cross of Our Royal Victorian Order; Our Personal Aide-de-Camp, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Our Dominion of Canada.

At OTTAWA, this fifteenth day of November in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen and to the sixth year of Our Heirs.

BY COMMAND,

Arthur French
Assistant, Under-Secretary of State.

W. P. Cole
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

Official Land Grant to Charles A. Nastrom (S.E. 1/4 21-27-28), 1915.



A Christmas card sent in 1886.

FORM 1 THIS CERTIFICATE IS NOT TRANSFERABLE—SEE SECTION 7 SUB-SECTION (4) THE CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD ACT, 1925

Producer's Permit
No. _____ THE CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD
Producer's Certificate—1939 Crop No. 941034 B

NAME OF PRODUCER Lee Lu Huan Bros. DATE 7 Sept 19 38

P.O. ADDRESS Winnipeg PROVINCE Man

NET BUSHELS ON WEIGHT nine hundred and thirty BUSHELS 930 LBS.

GRADE 1 PRICE 57 1/2 CASH TICKET No. 2784 CAR No. _____

NOTE:—THIS CERTIFICATE SHOULD BE CAREFULLY PRESERVED FOR SURRENDER TO THE BOARD WHEN REQUIRED.

Canadian Wheat Board, Producer's Certificate 1939.

CANADA REGISTRATION BOARD

This certificate must always be carried upon the person of the registrant

NUMBER 175 60 13

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

R. H. Keay
residing at Dorchester

was duly registered for the national purposes of Canada this 22 day of June 1918

Arch. Gilchrist
Deputy Registrar

1918 Registration for 1st World War.

This document is related to
the Old Age Pensions Branch, Winnipeg
in support of File No. 106759
in support of File No. 106759

106759



Im Namen Seiner Maj
FRANZ JOSEPH I.
Kaiser von Oesterreich, Königs von Böhmen
Apostolischen Königs von Ungarn.
W imieniu Najjaśniejszego
FRANCISZKA JÓZEFA I.
Cesarza Austrii, Króla Czech i t. d. i Apostolfskiego
Króla Węgier.

Reise-Pass - Passport

für: *Ed Maluta*
Sta: *Landmann*
Charakter: *Landmann*
Beschäftigung: *Guertynsk*
Bekanntmachung: *Borowacz*
wohnschaft zu: *Galizien*
in Besitze: *Galizien*
w powiecie: *Galizien*
Kantonland: *Galizien*
hitz koronny: *Galizien*

Passport of Maluta Family.

Personbeschreibung des Inhabers
Opisanie osoby właściciela.

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Notiz (für die Polizei):
Note (for the police):

Namen und Vornamen Names and Surnames	Charakter Character	Fähigkeit Ability	Alter Age	Stand Status	sonstige and other
<i>Ed Maluta</i>	<i>Landmann</i>	<i>Guertynsk</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Landmann</i>	<i>Galizien</i>
<i>Franciszek Józef</i>	<i>Landmann</i>	<i>Guertynsk</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>Landmann</i>	<i>Galizien</i>
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<i>Franciszek Józef</i>	<i>Landmann</i>	<i>Guertynsk</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Landmann</i>	<i>Galizien</i>

ROBLIN CREAMERY SMELLIE BROS. & COMPANY, PROPS. ROBLIN, MAN.

PATRON'S CREAM STATEMENT

July 14 1919

GRADE	LBS. CREAM	TEST %	LBS. BUTTER FAT	PRICE	AMOUNT
TABLE	47	34	16	40	640
SPECIAL					
This payment includes Dominion Govt. No. 1 subsidy of 8¢ per lb. butterfat.					
No. 2					
DEDUCTIONS					
TICKET.....					640

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1919

DOMINION OF CANADA INCOME TAX

1919

RETURN OF INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1919

All returns should be prepared in triplicate. One copy should be retained by the taxpayer and two copies must be delivered to the Inspector of Taxation, 504 Trust and Loan Building, WINNIPEG, Man., on or before 30th April, 1920.

Name: *Robert Owen Smith*
(Surname first)

P. O. address of present residence: *Roblin*

State length of residence in Canada: *4.9* (Years)

Section or Lot	Township	R. or C.	Total acreage
<i>9.11.14</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>28</i>

Do you own or rent the farm or ranch? *Own*

Place of residence during 1918: *Roblin*

Did you make a Dominion Income Tax Return for 1918? *Yes*

State whether married or unmarried, widow or widower: *Married*

State number and ages of children under the age of 18 years dependent on you for support: *4 children 11, 10, 8, 5*

If supporting dependent brothers or sisters under the age of 18 years or a dependent parent or parents, grandparent or grandparents, give particulars:

If a widow or widower state number and ages of dependent children, if any, under the age of 21 years or over 21 years of age and dependent on you for support on account of physical or mental incapacity:

I hereby certify that the return embodied herein, the supplementary statements and additional schedules attached, if any, contains a true and complete statement of my Gross Income and Deductions claimed for the year 1919.

Date: *Jan 13 1920* Telephone address: *Roblin 5-9, 2-1* Signature: *Robt. O. Smith*

N.B.—It is essential that taxpayers notify the Inspector of Taxation to whom this return is made of any subsequent change of address.

INSTRUCTIONS.—Fill in carefully the answers to the above questions and the particulars required on pages 2, 3 and 4 of this form. It is important to give all the information asked for, as otherwise the amount of the exemption and the tax assessable if any, cannot be determined by the assessing officer without further inquiry. In filling in proceeds of live stock sold during 1919 on page 2, the taxpayer is entitled to deduct the value as of 1st January, 1917, of any of these animals which he or she owned on that date.

PENALTY.—The Income Tax Act, 1917, as amended, provides that every person required to make a return under Sub-Sec. 1 of Sec. 7 of the Act, who fails to make a return within the time limited therefor, shall be subject to a penalty of twenty-five per centum of the amount of the tax payable.

Any person, whether taxable or otherwise, who fails to make a return or provide information duly required according to the provisions of Sec. 8 of the Act, shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of \$100 for each day during which the default continues. Also that any person making a false statement in any return or in any information required by the Minister, shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty not exceeding \$10,000, or to six months imprisonment or to both fine and imprisonment.

Income tax 1919 (First).

No. 85295

DOMINION



LANDS.

INTERIM HOMESTEAD RECEIPT.

No. 12184

Marmora Agency,

June 8th 1903

That I have received from Michael Mickelson

the sum of 88 Dollars, being the office fee for Homestead Entry for

Quarter Section 10 Township 25 Range 28

West of 1st Meridian, and that the said Michael Mickelson

is, in consequence of such entry and payment, vested with the rights conferred in such cases by the provisions of "The Dominion Lands Act," respecting Homestead Rights.

John Hleaher

Local Agent.

NOTE.—This Entry is granted under and subject to the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act and its amendments, governing Homestead Entry for Dominion Lands.

\$ 70⁰⁰

Robbie Maw Nov. 29th 1915

(Town) (Prov.) (Date)

On or before the first day of March 1916 for value received

I promise to pay to the International Harvester Company of Canada, Limited

(A Corporation organized under the laws of the Province of Ontario)

or order, the sum of Seventy and 00/100 DOLLAR

with the interest from the date hereof until maturity at SEVEN per cent. per annum and;—at 10 per cent. per annum after maturity until paid.

Payable at

(Town)

(Prov.)

Given on account of price of one Prairie Plover with Top & Pale

The property in and title to said goods, which I hereby agree to buy, shall remain in the said company until the purchase price and all notes or other obligations given therefor have been paid in full in cash. If I make default in the payment of this note or any other obligation in favor of said company, or if I commit a breach of, or make default in, any of the covenants contained in the written order, if any, given by me for said goods, a copy of which I have heretofore received, or if I abscond, or if I have made or shall make any false statement to induce said Company to accept said order or deliver said goods on credit, then the entire purchase price and all notes given therefor shall be the option of the company and without notice to me become at once due and payable, and the said company may also retake possession of said goods with or without process of law, repair, and sell same for cash or on credit at public or private sale, with leave to the company to bid at any such public sale, the proceeds of sale when realized in cash, less the proper expenses of retaking, repairing, and sale, to be applied on the balance of said purchase price. Such sale or right of sale shall not affect said company's right to sue or my liability for any balance remaining unpaid, nor shall its right to retake possession of and sell said goods be merged in any judgment it may recover on this or any other note given for the purchase price of said goods or on any security therefor. Subject to these provisions I am to have possession and use of said goods at my own risk of damage or destruction from any cause whatever.

I represent that I own or lease the following real estate and am living on the same:

Sec. No. 6-16-16 Twp. No. 25 Rge. No. 25 W. 1st P.M. in the Province of Manitoba

(Insert what part of section)

Post Office

(Town)

(Province)

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED in the presence of:

Joseph Stenhouse

If name is foreign or illegible, or if the initial only of the first name is given, write out full name plainly in margin.

Fill out all blank spaces except Number (Witness to Signature) All Signatures must be witnessed.

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF SHELL RIVER

STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1922

No. on Roll 154 } Persons living in the United States will please remit by Express or P.O. Money Order as United States Drafts are discounted here. If this land has been sold please forward to present address

No. N.E. Block 29 Village 25 Rge 28 Total Assessment \$ 276.00

General Municipal.....at 11 mills on \$		
Municipal Commissioner....3 mills on \$	18 mills	49 68
General School.....at 3 mills on \$		
General Debenture.....at 1 mill on \$		44 16
Special School.....Tax.....at 16 mills on \$		93 84
Total for 1922.....\$		
Sold for Taxes.....19.....Arrears.....		
Amount required to redeem.....Total.....		

Taxes are payable 10% discount if paid on or before Dec. 15th, 1922 they remain at par up to and on Feb. 25th, and 7% penalty on all arrears is added on March 1st, 1923.

Cheques must be payable at par at Union Bank, Roblin, or will be returned.

DEEPALE, Man. J. J. POWELL, Sec.-Treas.

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

"Notice of a Birth must be sent forthwith to the Division Registrar by the attending physician or midwife. Births must be registered by the father or mother, or in case of their death or inability, by the guardian or by the occupier of the house in which the child was born, within ten days from the date of birth.

"Clergymen must register marriage at which they officiate within fifteen days thereafter.

"Deaths must be registered by the occupant of the house in which they occur, or by every person present at the death where it occurs other than in a house, and the cause of death must be certified to by the physician last in attendance before the body is buried.

"Clergymen performing services over body without receiving certificate that the death has been registered must secure on the prescribed form all the particulars relating to such death, together with the medical certificate over the signature of the proper informant, and transmit it immediately after the service to the proper Division Registrar.

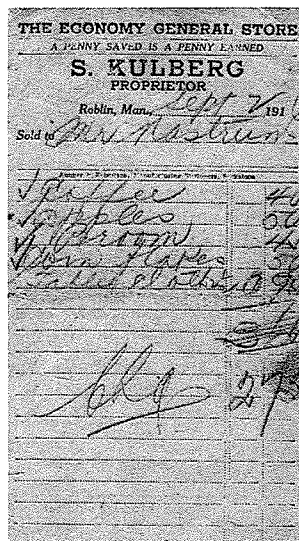
"Refusal or neglect to make these reports within a specified time will subject defaulters to a penalty of twenty-five dollars and costs.

"Forms on which to enter particulars for registration can be obtained free from all Municipal Clerks and Post Masters. After being filled up they will be conveyed to any Division Registrar free of charge."

THE WESTERN MUNICIPAL NEWS, WINNIPEG

Please bring this Card when paying.

An R.M. of Shell River post card, posted at Deepdale, Man. in 1922.



Customer bill from Sam Kulberg's store in Roblin 1916.

CANADIAN NATIONAL LIVE STOCK RECORDS

CANADIAN PERCHERON ASSOCIATION.

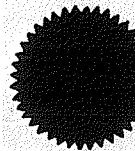
Incorporated under the Live Stock Pedigree Act at the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, Canada.

CERTIFIED COPY OF PEDIGREE RECORDED IN THE CANADIAN PERCHERON STUD BOOK.
If a change of ownership occurs, this pedigree with application for transfer and transfer fee should immediately be forwarded to Record Office.

SUNSHINE LILY [17490] Female

Black, stripe, little white on off hind foot, born June 8th, 1930, bred by Philipp Haberstock, MacNutt, Sask.

SIRE Queen's Ideal [11449]
DAM Sunshine [8996]
SIRE OF SIRE Queen's Own [8491]
DAM OF SIRE Liza [4035] (103228)
SIRE OF DAM Lizon [2829] (82103) 84895
DAM OF DAM Kassolette [3226] (91167)



Typed by DH 468450
FEE \$2.50

OTTAWA, CANADA July 31st, 1934.

The above pedigree is on record in the Canadian Percheron Stud Book.

APPROVED

St. Camer
For Minister of Agriculture.

J. A. Roblin
President.

PERCHERON R. R. SHIPPING VOUCHER No. 1. Age.....
Name of Animal..... Record No.....
Signature of Shipper..... P.O.....

PERCHERON R. R. SHIPPING VOUCHER No. 2. Age.....
Name of Animal..... Record No.....
Signature of Shipper..... P.O.....

PERCHERON R. R. SHIPPING VOUCHER No. 1. Age.....
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Wesley Maguire Deputy Registrar

Registration for Wesley Maguire in 1940.

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Rural Beef Ring by Gordon Jory.

Fresh beef during the summer months was a luxury for most small-town and rural families. Electricity and freezers were not available. A diet of salt-cured pork, game, poultry and eggs was tiresome.

The desire for a regular supply of fresh beef encouraged people to organize beef rings. A beef ring was an association of families who took weekly turns bringing an animal to be butchered. It was cut up and shared among them.

To organize a beef ring, a public meeting was called. The number of members varied from 20 to 40. A board consisting of a president, vice-president, secretary and a committee of two or three was elected by parliamentary rules.

The board arranged a "bee" to build a slaughter house at a central place in the district. All members came and worked. An 8 by 10 foot rectangular corral of heavy posts and rails was built to keep the live animal in before slaughter. Concrete was mixed with shovels for a 10 by 10 foot killing floor. The floor was sloped to drain off blood and water. 12-foot-high posts at the edges of the concrete floor supported a roof and a hoist. The hoist was a 6-foot wooden wheel on an 8-inch wooden axle. A rope was wound around the axle on each side of the wheel. A hook on each rope could be hooked into the tendons of the rear legs. A rope on the circumference of the wheel could be pulled down by the butcher. As the wheel and axle rotated, the beef carcass could be pulled up. A 10 by 12 foot wooden building was built at the end of the concrete floor. It was used to hang the beef overnight. A table along one side was used for cutting up the meat.

The board hired a butcher who was usually a local person. His pay was agreed on at the annual meeting. In 1921, the pay was \$7 to kill in the evening and to cut up and bag the meat the next morning. In the 1930's it was \$5. This increased to \$10 in the 1950's. The owner of the animal paid the butcher. If

it was not paid promptly a penalty of \$1 was added on.

The meat was cut into 60 pieces. There were 20 roasts of the better parts of beef. There were 20 steaks. The 20 rib, leg and neck cuts were called boils. A full share member received one of each per week and a half share member received a roast one week and a steak and a boil the alternate week. Half share members were usually smaller families. They supplied an animal every other year. The hide, tongue, heart, liver and tail were given to the owner of the animal. Members provided clean white flour or sugar bags (with their names stitched on in black) to put their meat in. All the cuts were numbered. The meat was divided so that each member received his share in rotation. Occasionally members reported that they had brought an animal with four legs but had received 5 shank soup bones during the season. No one brought the 5 leg bones as evidence. The dressed weight of the meat was credited to the owner. The number of pounds he received was charged to him. The member who supplied a light animal paid into a fund. The member who supplied a heavy animal was paid for the pounds he gave greater than the pounds he received. The price was set in advance by a members' vote at the annual meeting. The meat was valued at 10¢ per lb. in 1922. The price varied from 8 to 14¢ during the 1920's. It was 5¢ in the 1930's. In the 1940's and 50's it was higher. The average weight was usually over 500 lbs. dressed.

The membership fee was \$1 per year. The cattle were brought to the corral Thursday evening or Friday morning. They were killed and dressed Friday evening. The meat was cut up and the members came for it Saturday morning. The program started in early June and ran for 20 weeks.

A members' meeting was held after harvest. They settled up their accounts for the meat received. The butcher's pay was discussed and moved and voted on. The price per lb. for the next year for average or light weight was decided by a vote. The butcher usually received \$1.50 for making the chart. The secretary was sometimes paid \$5.00 per year.

The beef ring was a classic example of rural people needing each other and neighboring in an organized way. It filled a need for many families. Fresh beef improved their diet. The cost was very little more than that of having their own beef. Many families bought electric home freezers in the 1950's. Most beef rings were discontinued before 1960. They had served their members well and deserve a place in the history of rural Canada.

Wells, A Mystery by W. A. S. Beattie

In about 1912, a spring running water to the

Boggy Creek on the S.E. 1/4 of 14-27-29 turned 'inky' looking. There were Government drillers in the district at that time. They came and looked at the water, took a sample of it and decided that the colour was due to the water coming through a coal bed.

Later on that summer we had a horse that didn't come home with the others so we went looking around for him and found him in a fissure, the horse could raise only his head above the ground. The fissure was about three feet wide and ten or fifteen rods long. This fissure was about thirty rods from the inky water. About ten years later the water started to become clear again. There had been an earth tremor in this area around this time and it had been felt within a radius of ten miles.

I was pasturing this area in the 40's and at the end of June, I found a mound of ice arched over the creek. There had been an artesian breakthrough in the winter in a small hay meadow where I had cut hay. It turned the meadow into a regular bog. I stuck a stick into it about eight feet down and it was just like putting it into soup. A rusty yellow ochre stuck to the stick when I pulled it out. This was about half a mile S.E. from where the inky water was noticed.

In about the year 1911, a town well was dug by hand, 137 feet deep. I have seen the water frozen over on the bottom of the well and the pump pipes frozen right to the bottom of the well when the well was sucking cold air in from the top. A few days later it started to blow out and it thawed the pipes and even the snow on top of the well while it was still zero weather.

In 1914, I helped to dig a well 114 feet deep, on section 15-27-29. After we had dug down 50 feet by hand and hit hard-pan we couldn't make any time with the pick so we drilled a two-inch in diameter, three feet, six-inch deep hole and put in a powder blast to shatter the earth for around a fifty-foot depth. After the powder and fuse were put in the hole and tamped full, it would blow a match out. At times it would even suck the flame of a match out and we would have to use a much longer fuse, but this wasn't always successful either. Some days we couldn't work at the well at all on account of this gas. A lantern would go out when put down four feet from the top of the well. The water never did rise in the well, but there was always good drinking water. After the well started to dry up, the water became unfit for use and the well filled up in about ten years. I have seen it both blow and thaw the snow, over the spot where the well used to be.

In the early '20's I have seen around 40 head of cattle go to a snow drift and get water which rose up out of their foot prints in the snow.

I made a small dugout in 1928 and it held water

like a trough, some years. During the odd year, it would flood after it froze up in the winter and I have seen the water disappear from under the ice at the rate of six inches a day. My neighbour had a slough that would act like my dugout at the same time even though they were a mile and a half apart.

I once cut hay in a small meadow, raked and baled the hay, and came back two or three days later to lift the bales, only to find four inches of water in the low part of the meadow.

Back in the late '40's or '50's there was a drilling rig went through this area and the operators drilled a hole around four inches in diameter and about 80 feet deep. They put an explosive charge into the hole and took a recording of it. After this test, there were a couple of companies who bought up mineral rights in the area, but dropped them several years later. I have listened to the old-timers discussing their water situation. They thought they had lots of water in their wells if it was high tide and east winds. I have heard that if wells blew and sucked in air that it was a sign of gas. I was asked to write of these little incidents, and I am still curious about them and available for questions.

Provincial Archives, 1927

Wind Storm Does Considerable Damage

Dan Roberts, a pioneer of this district who resides six miles north-east of Roblin, was taken to Dauphin hospital on Friday night suffering from severe injuries he sustained from a storm which passed over the district on Thursday. A windstorm of cyclonic proportions passed through part of the district between 5:30 and 6 p.m. Mr. Roberts' farm was in the direct path of the storm, and from details at hand it is said that when he went into the house to prepare his evening meal, the building was lifted up by the wind and smashed to pieces. It appears as though Mr. Roberts fell on his head fracturing his jaw, breaking several ribs and sustaining other injuries. Other buildings on his farm were also



Cyclone at Roblin in 1913, on the S.E. 1/4 of 35-25-28.

smashed to pieces and three threshing machine separators were totally demolished and parts of them were carried away for miles. Wagons, binders, plows, and seeders were also practically destroyed.

Provincial Archives July 8, 1909

An Ad in the Messenger:

Farmer wants a wife:

Mr. Leonard received the following letter from a man last week who is badly in need of a wife.

Mr. Leonard, Polise Majistraigh, Roblin.

Deer Ser —

i am a farmer—own a gode farm an buildings. my wife dide 4 year agoe. Can yew git me a new one, buy advertisen. hav kattel an hors, and rumatizim, wich is hard two kare for them. She muss kook good an kan be youg ore ole. i pay yew annie expanse. pepul say gode fish in thee see. maybe i kech one.

yewers trule

Mr. Leonard respectfully referred him to the Fisheries Department in Ottawa.

Wood Pile

by J. M. Stewart

Most farmers had a wood sawing bee each year, usually towards spring when the days were longer. They generally hauled about fifteen to twenty loads of poles and logs to their yards for their next season's wood supply. They usually engaged a custom



Wood splitting.



Farmers' Union at Silverwood Hall 1930.

wood sawing outfit and at this time about six neighbours would be invited to help. This was called a "wood-sawing bee". Each farmer would return the work when his neighbours were having their wood sawing bees. This was the method used to create the wood pile. Half or more of the wood blocks had to be split into "cook stove size". The remaining blocks were used for the box stove, heater or furnace, only a few homes had a furnace.

The Last of the Hardy Breed

by Winnipeg Tribune April 5, 1980 and Justin and Nordeth Larocque

Justin Larocque speaks four languages. But when this story reaches him in San Clara, Manitoba, Nordeth, his wife, will have to read it to him. He never learned to read or write. "I never saw the inside of a school. I don't know how to write my name", says the great-grandfather who still hunts moose at 83. "but it didn't bother me much. You see, I didn't need it for my living."

Larocque spent most of his life farming a small homestead in the Duck Mountains. It was a never-ending struggle. There wasn't time for frills. Reading and writing didn't help you to grow wheat or cut timber.

On the other hand, fluency in English, French, Cree and Saulteaux (Ojibway) was essential if you wanted to do business with the region's hodgepodge of cultures.

The only time Larocque wished for literacy was when he came into Winnipeg. But that wasn't very often. The first time was during the First World War. "I learned the letter 'A' because that was my company. And I learned the letter 'D' because that was the streetcar that went down town."

Recently he returned to the city to be with his wife, while she was in Misericordia Hospital. He stayed with relatives and found his way to the hospital each day by simply following the Assiniboine River. He doesn't like Winnipeg much. "Too busy a place. You need to have schooling to live there," he says. "Otherwise people are liable to take you for a fool."

Justin Larocque is the last of a hardy group of settlers who homesteaded in the Duck Mountains at the turn of the century. He was five when his parents headed north from North Dakota. His father died on the road, near Portage la Prairie, his mother died shortly after. He was left with his grandparents who continued on past Roblin to the mountains, as locals call them. The first years were hard. His grandparents were too old to homestead. The first two winters were severe and frost seemed to strike every month in summer. "There were no pensions in those days. We dug seneca roots and hunted in summer and trapped in winter to scratch a living."

When he reached 18, Justin took out his own homestead. In the early years he lived with his wife and their young children in a log granary with a sod roof. Apart from his army service in Winnipeg during the war, Justin spent his entire life on the homestead. Each year he cleared a little more land using a team of oxen. "I had a very hard time all my life, but we were very happy. There was always enough to eat. Meat was plentiful. We had fish, rabbit, deer, and bear."

Occasionally he found odd logging jobs. It brought home a little cash.

Political pork-barrelling also brought work. "Everytime there was an election, the government would come in to build some roads or something like that. It didn't matter who was in, there was always a little money before the election, for bridges."

Justin was a natural athlete but never had time for sports. "I had so much work to feed my family. But I said to myself when I quit farming I'm going to put my name in for curling." At 65 he retired from Boggy Creek farm to San Clara, a small hamlet down the road, and entered the local curling league. He had never seen the game. In fact, he thought at first it was played on the local skating rink. But that didn't matter. Before long he was cleaning up in his league.

"I was pretty good at horseshoe pitching too (he was the local horseshoe pitching champion at age 70). I figured curling had to be something like it".

He and Nordeth, his wife of 61 years, still live in their San Clara home. She is bothered by arthritis, and he too admits he is slowing down. He shot a moose last year, but doesn't trap anymore. No need to, he says, now that there is the pension.

Their twelve children have married and are scattered all over Canada. But their small living room is filled with snapshots of 55 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

When Justin's grandparents settled near Boggy Creek, there were only 13 families in the whole of Duck Mountain region. Today, Larocque is the only original settler left. "They're all gone," he says. "There are no old people like us here anymore. I'm the last First World War veteran in the Legion in San Clara."

Justin spends his time these days splitting wood for the stove and watching television. Both he and Nordeth detest the idea of moving one day to the nursing home in Roblin. "I guess if we go crazy or something, but as long as we can tough it out, we'll stay here," he says with a smile.

Justin and Nordeth celebrated their 66th, wedding anniversary on Monday March 4, 1985 at San Clara, Manitoba.

Municipal Haying Operations at the Pas in 1961

Roblin Review Sept. 14, 1961

Due to the extremely dry weather, this area was seriously struck with a shortage of livestock feed and the Provincial Government came to the



F. H. Wilson and Joe Perchaluk in front of the long stacks of hay at The Pas in 1961.

assistance of the farmers in six municipalities: Hillsburg, Shell River, Boulton, Shellmouth, Swan River and Minitonas, giving them the right to cut and bale hay on Crown Lands at The Pas, Manitoba.

Before the wheels in the haying operation were turned, three meetings of Reeves (two at Roblin and one at Swan River) were held, plus additional council meetings. The Agricultural Representatives and their secretaries at Roblin and Swan River deserve a big vote of thanks for all they did in organizing these meetings and setting the haying operation into motion. They were always on hand when touchy problems arose.

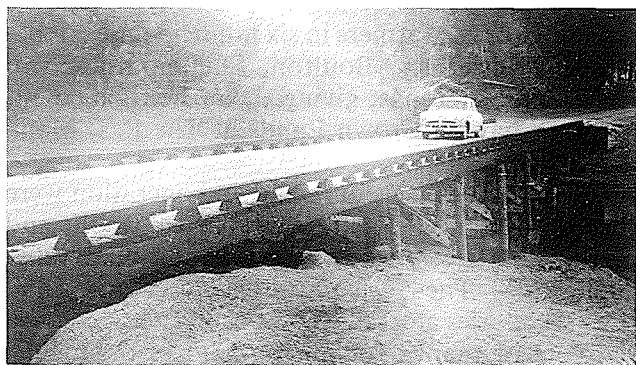
The man in charge at The Pas is Mr. Eric Batchelar, who has co-operated in every possible way to outline the areas where the municipalities were to obtain hay. He has co-operated to the extent of making himself available on Sundays when problems arise or at any other time of day or night. Our local communities are greatly indebted to Mr. Batchelar for his excellent co-operation and assistance given to the municipalities as well as to individuals.

The municipalities appointed their own supervisors in charge of hay-making operations as follows: Shell River — Mr. Joe Perchaluk; Hillsburg — Mr. Mike Filewich; Shellmouth — Mr. Harold Moster; and Boulton — Mr. Bob Klieven. Swan River and Minitonas municipalities worked in co-operation with our local groups.

The first hay-making team to arrive at The Pas to start operations was the Albert Kelemetski-Sam Kozak crew. They moved two tractors, one baler, rakes and mowers across the Carrot River on a raft built of logs and planks and supported by four gas barrels (one at each corner of the raft) as there was no bridge over the river at that time.

The army was contacted to see if they could put up a temporary pontoon bridge so machinery could move across and trucks loaded with hay move back, but they deemed it unfeasible. The municipalities were contacted for permission and material for Joe Perchaluk to build a larger raft. He and six other men started work on the raft at 5 A.M. Monday July 17th, and it continued to grow until it stretched from bank to bank. By Tuesday, July 18th, at 12 noon they had a complete floating bridge over which machinery could move with ease.

On July 21st, municipal representatives made a trip to Winnipeg to interview the Minister of Agriculture, the Hon. George Hutton, in regards to the construction of more permanent bridges over the Carrot and Saskeram Rivers to provide access to the hay meadows. Excellent co-operation was received



This bridge was built to the hay meadow in 1961 and replaced the floating bridge that was a temporary one to the hay meadow, across the Carrot River.

and within a month's time two bridges were constructed — an earth filled one with culverts over the Saskeram River and a pile bridge over the Carrot — providing for movement of large truck loads of hay and removal of equipment back across these rivers.

Until these bridges were provided the Minister made available the government barge for moving hay and equipment across the water, under the direction of Mr. Batchelar.

The hay meadows are 180 miles due north of Roblin and are as flat as a table. Hillsburg and Shell River crews were cutting the meadow, 15 miles long and averaging 2 to 3 miles wide, between the Carrot and Saskeram rivers, while Boulton, Shellmouth, Swan River and Minitonas crews were busy in the meadow, 15 miles long and 3 to 4 miles wide, between the Saskeram and Saskatchewan rivers.

Over 100 tractors and 30 balers plus hay rakes and mowers were all working in the area at one time during the peak haying period.

Albert Klemetski and Sam Kozak, who are acting as clean-up crew for Shell River (moving into the area on July 8th, and still there) informed us

that their crew's two balers baled a total of 40,000 bales of hay, using a total of 80 bales of twine and they never had to sharpen the knives on the baler at any time. The only sharpening the mower knives received was at the commencement of the haying operation. They also stated that mowing was accomplished at speed of 7 to 10 miles per hour, with one outfit travelling at a high speed of 11 miles per hour while mowing.

To date in this area, over 550,000 bales of hay have been put up. Shell River has 115,000; Hillsburg 71,000; Boulton 94,000; Shellmouth 122,000; Swan River 53,600. Minitonas and a few individual farmers cut and baled hay for their own use.



Loading hay at The Pas in 1961.

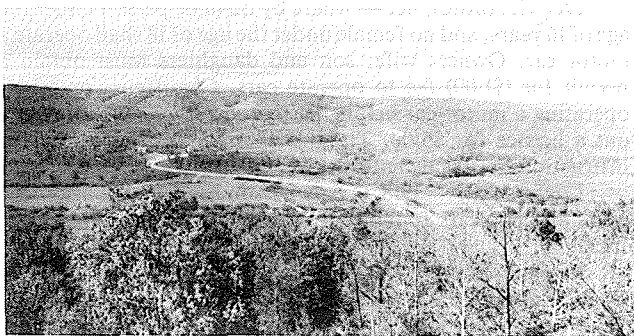
Some of the hay is lying in the meadows in single bales, more is in slipes of approximately 30 bales and also in many stacks of 5,000 or 6,000 bales each. The hay is being moved off the meadows as quickly as possible as winter is fast approaching. Some hay is being loaded on trucks (which carry anywhere from 350 to 900 bales at one time) and hauled home to different farmers purchasing hay from the municipalities, while still more is trucked to The Pas where it is loaded on C.N.R. boxcars for transportation home. Hauling of hay will no doubt continue until freeze-up as there are still tons and tons still in the meadows.

This program has also meant numerous extra meetings for the Reeves and Councillors of all municipalities involved, developing policy and working out kinks to provide hay for their ratepayers at the most economical rates. This project — possibly one of largest of its kind ever undertaken — shows what men and machinery can accomplish in time of need with hard work and co-operation.

My Prairie Valley

**by Irene Sullivan (nee Johnston) Roblin Review
April 1951**

Pacific rains are forgotten as a prairie girl looks home.



The now famous Assiniboine Valley scene in 1930.

It was a rainy day, a hideous horrible hag of a day. My three-year-old son lay at my feet cutting his third molar by banging his heels on the floor and screaming. The baby, suffering from a cold in the head, howled in concert. A pan of dishes with the suds dead lay before me in the sink.

That was the picture: grey dripping skies, grey greasy dishwater and the air filled with sounds of honest anguish. I was suddenly so filled with nostalgia for sunny prairie skies and the happy irresponsible days of my girlhood that I fled back fifteen years in time and a thousand miles in space.

It is morning and I am home again on the farm. The cool morning breeze and the bright sun awaken me. I toss off the woolen comforter, dress quickly in slacks and shirt and hurry along the hall and down the stairs. The blinds are already pulled in the living room in anticipation of a hot day and the room is cool and dark.

In the warm, disordered kitchen Ma is washing the cream separator and the milk pails stand around on the floor. Over the hot coals in the old black Home Comfort, I toast a substantial piece of home-made bread. I spread it generously with real butter and into my coffee I pour liverthick rich cream.

This is my day to spend as I wish and I shall go to the valley. I stuff my pockets with lunch, paper and pencil and a couple of books. I choose Whitman to read this lusty summer morning and my small copy of the "Rubaiyat" for the drowsy afternoon when I plan to rest on the cool shaded banks of the creek. I cannot go without my cane, an old and weathered root of a cherry tree which I have rubbed and polished and which feels like the hand of a friend in mine as I walk. And Rover, will you come with me? You will warm the shadowy world of memory and longing through which I move with your warm and loving doggy heart.

Now I am ready. I can go by the road or by the prairie. The road stretches invitingly, tree lined and cool; but this very special morning I shall go by the prairie. I shall come home by the road at dusk as I have come so many times, slowly towards the lights of home. Now I wish to see the pliant green grass

moving and restless as it bends to the sweep of the wind. With Rover at my heels we are soon at the edge of the plain. I stand awhile and the peace of the lonely vista is good to me.

When I am somewhat sated and somewhat chilled by the morning breeze, I move to the north towards the valley crest. I joy in every step I take on the rough hard sod. This land is mine this morning because I love it and because I walk upon it free and alone.

I am over the prairie and among the trees. This path was always a favourite of mine. The sunlight dapples its green freshness. I wander slowly now and linger here and there to touch a tree or to listen to the wind in the leaves. I remember how I used to walk here when young, dreaming of Indians and how my heart would jump when a distant partridge drummed!

When I reach the edge of the valley, I sit down on the grass to view the familiar and beloved scene before me. On the north side of the creek the hills are thickly wooded; on the south side they rise stark and bare. These are the hills I see when the psalmist sings: "I shall lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."

When I am hungry, I slip down the hill to eat my lunch beside the stream, in a little grove of black poplars where the grass is thick and soft. The sun filters through the leaves and the waters murmur softly. The quiet and solitude is complete heaven. A hawk soars in the sky above to delight me with his effortless grace. I read and rest here for some time. During the long hours of the afternoon I ramble through the valley, visiting many well loved haunts. There is a tiny valley filled with ferns and velvet grass, a glade of slim white poplars, a stretch of lively waterfalls and the beckoning well-trodden cow paths through the woods. There is magic in the little paths, a promise of adventure to the tamest spirit.

I stand again at the top of the hill. The sun sets clearly in the west behind the hills. There are no clouds, no flaming colors. There is only light which surrounds, entrances and finally blinds until all self is lost. Suddenly the light is gone. The hills grow bare. I am conscious of lonely night sounds and I am more than a little lonely myself.

It was good then to return to the realities of my small kitchen. The boys had forgotten their woes and were playing happily together. The dishes were done. The rain? Well, this is Vancouver. It was still raining, but it seemed to me now that it held the promise of spring.

Roblin Review February 23rd. 1928 Riding Mountain as National Park

The committee furthering the interests of Rid-

ing Mountain as a National park has issued a well-written pamphlet for that purpose, a copy of which has been received at this office from the secretary, Mr. J. N. McFadden, Dauphin. Among other points in favor of this beauty spot as a national park, the pamphlet points out that the location and area of this proposed playground makes it entirely suitable for the purpose. The Reserve is over 50 miles in length from east to west and from 12 to 24 miles in width, and contains about 800 square miles of territory. It is approximately 2,000 feet above sea level. It is within a day's drive by auto from any settled parts of Manitoba. Roads lead into it from all directions. It is said that no area in Western Canada east of the Rocky Mountains surpasses this Reserve for grandeur or beauty of scenery. The eastern portion is a very rough, mountainous country, cut by deep gorges and covered with dense spruce, jackpine and poplar forests. Along the whole eastern and northern borders the mountains rise quite abruptly from the plains. Further south and west the country becomes more of a plateau in nature, though still rolling and hilly; many of the valleys contain lakes of varying size, but all of wonderful beauty. There is almost a total absence of muskeg. There are delightful spots for summer homes. Wildlife abounds; moose, deer, bear and other animals make their domicile there. It is shown that this area has every natural advantage for a National Park in Manitoba and the institution of such a park in this province would provide a national need as well as a valuable heritage for generations to come.

Canada's first national park was established in 1885 at Banff, Alberta. Today there are national parks in every province and territory. To help mark the National Parks' Centennial, Veterans Affairs, Canada will unveil a memorial in one park in each province and territory. This will take place on July 1st, at Clear Lake, Manitoba and other parks across Canada. The wording on the plaque reads: "They will never know the beauty of this place, see the seasons change, enjoy nature's chorus. All we enjoy we owe to men and women, who lie buried in the earth of foreign lands and in the seven seas. Dedicated to the memory of Canadians who died overseas in the service of their country and so preserved our heritage."

Did You Know?

Items of Interest

Togo News and Roblin Review

Editor: Mr. Herb Bowley

Research: W. de Groot

April 20, 1917 — Military Service Act was passed. Every male person within the description of class one had to carry a document claiming why they were exempt from the Army (Active Service).

1917 The Motor Act — where by no male person under the age of 16 years, and no female under the age of 18 shall operate a motor car. Owners wife, son and daughters must obtain a permit for (\$1.00) fee to operate cars. Chauffeurs or others operating a motor car belonging to another person must take out a licence for \$5.00. The provincial police have received instructions to strictly enforce the Act.

Loafers Law — 1918 — Any person between the ages of 16 years and 60 years found loafing without cause, will be duly fined.

Committies Active during the First World War: The Red Cross Society, Roblin win the War Workers, Silverwood Willing Workers, The Field Comforts Society, Roblin — The Busy Bees, Sunnyslope and Silverwood — Patriotic Society, Deepdale, Roblin, Tummel, Silverwood, Makaroff, Bield, Shell River and Merridale. These are some of the societies working as District Red Cross Auxiliaries and were very active in sending parcels and funds overseas to the soldiers during the 1914-1918 war.

Dec. 1918 — A new War decoration, the "1914 Star", has been approved and will be issued to all officers and other ranks of the Army, Navy, and Air Force who served in any theatre of the War prior to December 31st. 1914. Thus those who bore the first brunt of the attack in France and Flanders will receive a special mark of recognition.

1918 — C. H. Burns unloaded the first Fordson tractor to be seen in Roblin district.

Dec. 19, 1918 — Roblin Goose Lake School has been cleared of influenza patients and is undergoing a thorough cleaning and fumigating. It has been used as a hospital for several people suffering with the Spanish Influenza. Many people died.

Nov. 21, 1918 — There were approximately 100 homes in Roblin. The population was 474.

Jan. 10, 1918 — Fred A. Smith was the Forest Supervisor.

April 24, 1919 Fowler Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Graham, was the first child born in Merridale.

April 1919 — Mr. Law was one of the first settlers in Sunnyslope. He arrived in the district in 1904.

1917-1919 — The Flu, an epidemic which caused the death of many people in Roblin, and districts was called The Spanish Influenza.

Aug. 5, 1919 — The Merchants Bank of Canada opened a branch office in the Newton Block.

April 11, 1920 — Mrs. Gill resigned her position as postmistress of Roblin. Alvin Kines has taken over the office.

May 1920 — With the recent floods over the Shell River. The bridge built by Mr. Dan Roberts some twenty years ago, was the only one passable, a credit to the ingenuity and ability of its builder.

Aug. 8, 1920 — The tablet on which the names of the fallen heroes are inscribed, and which has been placed in Merridale School was unveiled by Rev. C. S. Elsey, on Sunday.

April 28, 1921 — 346 pupils attending school in Roblin, of which 200 travel in vans.

Oct. 13, 1921 — The Roblin Review office has been moved to larger premises and is now located on 1st Avenue.

Jan. 26, 1922 — The front page changed from Togo News to The Roblin Review.

Feb. 1922 — Parcels and contributions were sent to the famine-stricken Volga, Province of Russia.

March 16, 1922 — The first Roblin Tennis Club was successfully organized.

April 7, 1921 — Dan Roberts' house was destroyed by fire this week. It was one of the first buildings erected on the east side of the Shell River, six miles northeast of Roblin.

July 9, 1922 — The Brethren of the Roblin Loyal Orange Lodge, No. 2221, and the Sisters of Trinity Lodge No. 454, Ladies Benevolence Association, attended Divine Service at the Union Church.

Nov. 4, 1926 — A New Church at Deepdale was opened.
 Dec. 16, 1926 — New power plant and electric lights installed in Roblin.
 Jan. 30, 1927 — First Draft of Confederation Pact — 50 years 1867-1927.
 July 21, 1927 — Fishing in Goose Lake (Lake stocked).
 Nov. 3, 1927 — Salvation Army Hall erected on Main Street.
 Sept. 13, 1928 — Beginning of old age pension. The amount paid was \$10.00, with a means test.
 Feb. 23, 1928 — Riding Mountain area first started as a National Park. The Roblin Union youth camp was situated in the area where the town is, for several years.
 July 12, 1928 — Tenders for the new Telephone Building.
 Oct. 4, 1928 — Old Age Pension cheques sent out after a means test.
 Sept. 12, 1929 — Beginning of Hunter's Golf Course.
 Jan. 17, 1929 — Roblin Board of Trade reorganization meeting.
 Dec., 1932 Newly formed District Red Cross Society.
 Oct. 6, 1932 — Telephone System awarded a shield.
 March 30, 1933 — Union Church Trail Rangers Club organized.
 Oct. 12, 1933 — Telephone Staff honoured.
 Nov. 31, 1933 — Tenders for the Roblin Creamery.
 Jan. 26, 1933 — Roblin Girls' Hockey Team was very active.
 Jan. 11, 1934 — Tenders for supplies for bridge over Assiniboine River west of town.
 June 28, 1934 — Great improvements in the Roblin Cemetery grounds.
 Aug. 15, 1935 — Cornerstone layed for the Ukrainian Church.
 Jan. 29, 1935 — Employment and Social Insurance Bill to inaugurate under Employment Insurance in Canada was brought into the House of Commons Tuesday.

Did You Know

Roblin Review Feb. 2, 1939

That coffee (Red Rose) sold for 39¢ a pound at the Roblin Trading?
 Horsehide Mitts (Mens) sold for 39¢ a pair at the Roblin Trading?
 3 cakes of P and G Soap, 1 large Package of Chipso, 2 cakes Kirk's Castile soap and 1 queen Anne Porcelain Dish pan all sold for the bargain price of 79¢?
 At Newtons's Store Men's 3-piece suits sold for \$13.95?
 That there was a Birch's Meat Market in Roblin in 1939?
 That in 1914 Model T. Fords sold for \$650.00, and that the agent in Roblin was C. H. Burns?
 That a New Community Hall was erected by the Shell River Young Men's Club five miles east of Roblin on the road to Jack Fish Lake. The building was 36 feet by 18 feet and will provide an ideal community centre. Posters were out for the first dance in the new hall in February 1939. This hall was called Balkwill Hall.

July 24, 1935 — The 23rd Annual Bonspiel of the Roblin Curling Club was held this year.

July 18, 1935 — The site selected for the New Public Building, The Roblin Post Office.

May 9, 1935 — The salary of a grade six teacher was \$50.00 per month.

May 2, 1935 — Mr. J. H. Poyser published his first book "Songs, Poems and Essays of the West".

May 23, 1935 — The annual Legion sports day will be held in Roblin on July 1st.

Dec. 19, 1937 — Under the heading of "The days of long ago, 30 years" — 1907 Annual meeting of the Goose Lake School District.

Dec. 6, 1937 — Roblin Post Office official opening held.

July 22, 1937 — Coronation Celebrations.

May 13, 1937 — Local Coronation Day Programme.

Dec., 1937 — Mr. Jack Howell a Roblin pioneer celebrated his 71st birthday. Mr. Howell was the Gate Keeper at the first agricultural fair held in Roblin.

Sept., 1938 — 35 years ago the town site of Roblin had been surveyed and sale of lots was taking place on Sept. 23, 1903.

Feb. 2, 1939 — New Community Hall built on highway 83 north. (St. Michael's)

July 7, 1943 — Dieppi

July 18, 19409 — St. John's Lutheran Church built.

Nov. 4, 1943 — The Roblin Bakery has been taken over by the Department of Military Defence and will be under the supervision of the local veterans.

Nov. 22, 1945 — There were 537 people signed their names for Victory Bonds purchasing the Ninth Victory Loan Bond in the amount of \$219,450.00.

Nov. 28, 1946 — Two buildings were bought and moved from the Dauphin air port and moved into Roblin.

Jan. 24, 1946 — Registration for the Family Allowance starts.

March 22, 1946 — Family Allowance starts. \$5.00 per child.

Recipe for Friendship

You take a bit of sunshine, and you mix it with a smile
 Add human understanding, as you travel every mile.
 And then you add some loyalty, which mingles in so well —
 And blend it with a voice that has some cheery news to tell.
 And don't forget some sympathy — for other people's woes
 And lots of human nature, everywhere a person goes.
 Plus love for ordinary folks who have a wealth to give
 And dignity with which all men, have got the right to live.
 Then add to these a hand clasp strong, and measure out some truth
 And willingness to help the old, plus time for eager youth.
 Now stir them all together, and your task is at an end
 For all these combinations make life's greatest gift — a friend.

Contributed From Silverwood

by J. M. Stewart, written by Alex Donaldson

When people meet at Silverwood
To join in sacred song
They think not of their number plate
Till Riley comes along.
And it's on Sunday
The 13th day of May, year 1929.
He motors on to Roblin
To see his friend, Bob Rae.
And on that Sunday afternoon
To those who to church did go,
Bob said he'd let them off with costs
Because they were so slow.
But what about our genial cop?
Who comes upon church grounds
To hunt around our motor cars
To see what can be found.
But then Bob made it easy,
Three twenty for expense —
All excepting Henry,
And he paid forty cents.
So when you reach the pearly gates
Above the golden stairs,
Think not of your number plates,
For Riley won't be there.

How to Keep From Growing Old 1930 Roblin Review

- (1) Always drive fast out of alleys.
- (2) Always race with locomotives to crossings.
Engineers like it: it breaks the monotony of their jobs.
- (3) Always pass the car ahead on curves or turns
and don't use your horn; it may unnerve the
other fellow and cause him to turn out too far.
- (4) Demand half the road—the middle half. Insist
on your rights.
- (5) Always speed; it shows people you are a man of
pep even though an amateur driver.
- (6) Drive confidently, just as though there were not
eighteen million other cars in service.
- (7) Always pass cars on hills. It shows you have
more power; and you can turn out if you meet a
car at the top.
- (8) In sloppy weather drive close to pedestrians—
dry cleaners appreciate it.
- (9) Never look around when you back up. There is
never anything behind you.
- (10) Never drive with your lights on after dark; it's
hard on the battery, and the moon is out most
nights.

Miss Fargarity's Christmas Cake

As I sat at my window last evening
A letter man brought unto me
A little gilt-edged invitation
Saying "Gillholly" come over to tea.
I knew that Fargarity sent it
So I went out of old friendship's sake
And the first thing they gave me to tackle
Was a piece of Miss Fargarity's cake.
There were plums, prunes and cherries,
Citrons and raisins and cinnamon too;
There was nutmeg, cloves and berries
And the crust it was nailed on with glue.
There were carraway seeds in abundance
That would build up a find stomachache;
'T would kill a man twice, after eating a slice,
Of Miss Fargarity's Christmas Cake.
Miss Mulligan wanted to taste it
But really it was of no use,
For she worked at it more than an hour
But couldn't get none of it loose.
Till Fargarity came with a hatchet
And Kelly came in with a saw.
That cake was the worst by the powers
To paralyze any man's jaw.

Hooligan took with the colic,
McNulty complained of his head,
McFadden lay down on the sofa
And swore that he wished he was dead.
Miss Daily was took with hysterics
And began for to wiggle and shake,
All the men swore they were poisoned
After eating Miss Fargarity's Christmas Cake.

Who Is A Millionaire:

Someone who possesses lots of money, wins a
lottery, wears a shirt, suit, bow tie and who has a
large bank account — and debts all paid but too
high and mighty to be bothered with people, or one
who has a small bank account, debts paid as he goes
along, hundreds of friends and lives a happy cheer-
ful life and gives thanks to God for what has been
given him.

Pictures of Interest



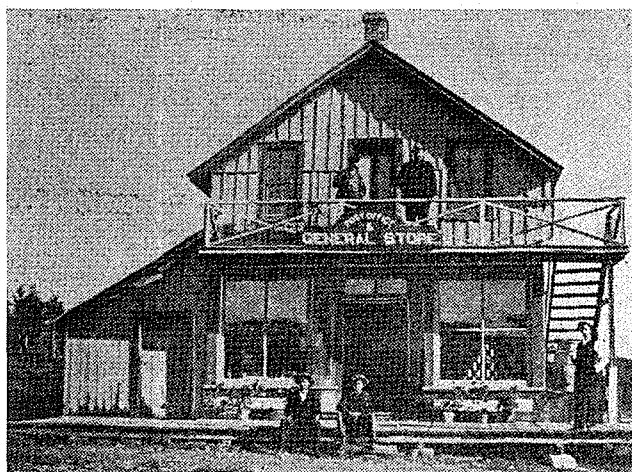
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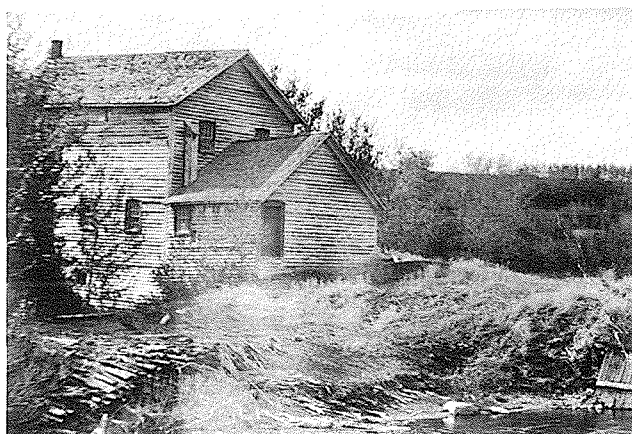
Asessippi bridge in the early 1880's, and abandoned town buildings (taken in 1963).



Asessippi Hotel built in the 1880's on the Pelly Trail.



Post Office and General Store at Asessippi — early 1880 — on the old Pelly Trail.



The old grist mill at Asessippi early 1880's.



The Lewis home at Dropmore.



The John Bailey Sr. home in the Sunny Slope district.



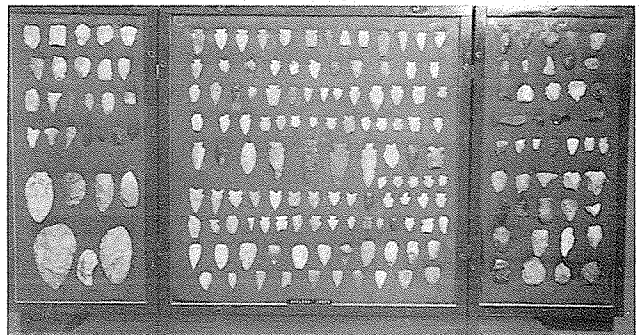
Homestead house of the Homeniuk family.



Pioneer home built by W. Angus in the early 1900's — Mer-ridale — Kelly Cockerill home N.W. 35-27-27.



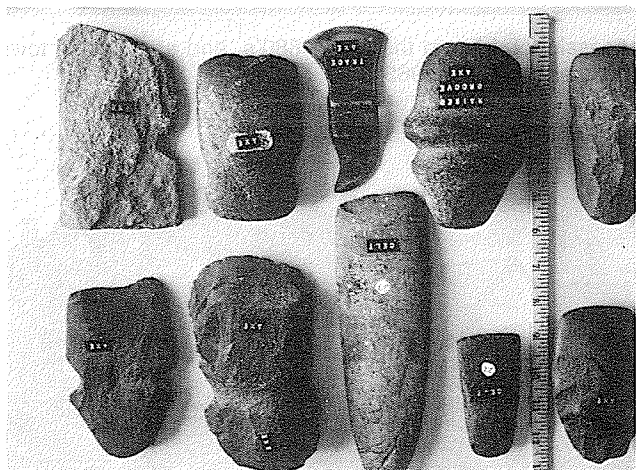
Wm. Cranwell Sr.'s homestead.



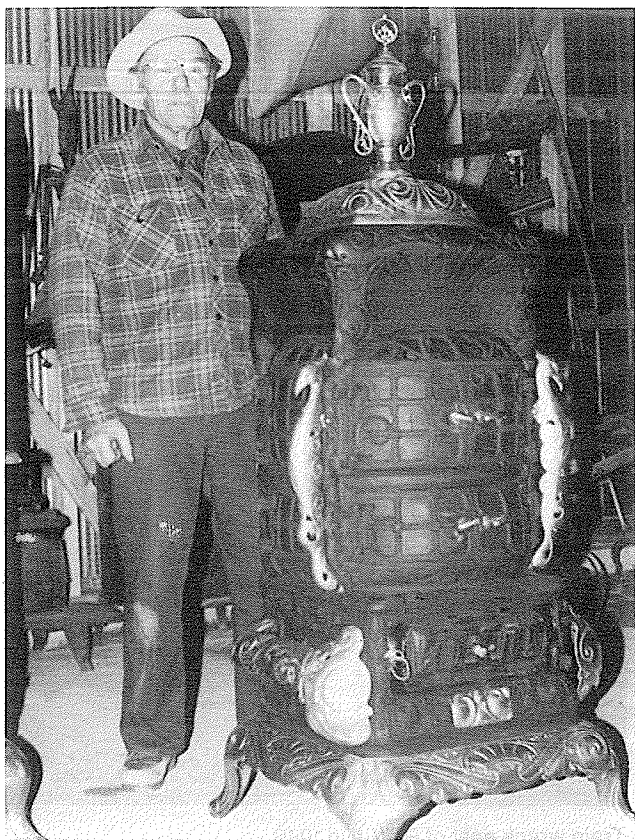
Sheldon Jones' collection of Indian Artifacts.



Indian houses near Angling Lakes — 1887.



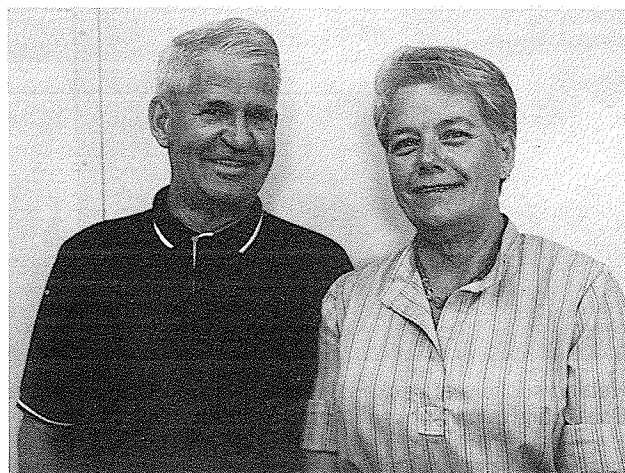
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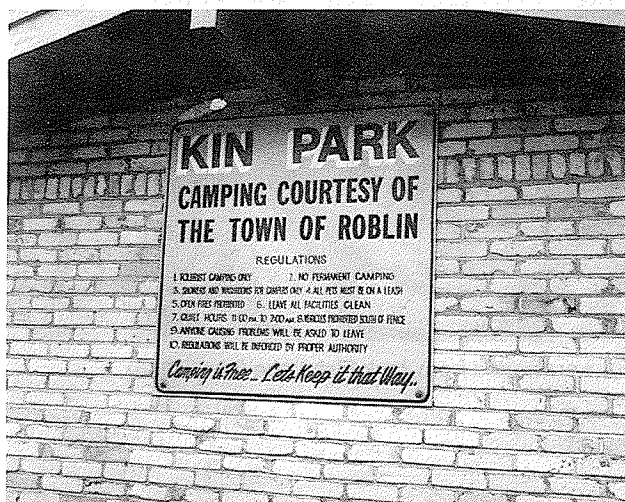
Sam Fitkowski with a most unusual stove that he donated to the Keystone Pioneer Museum.



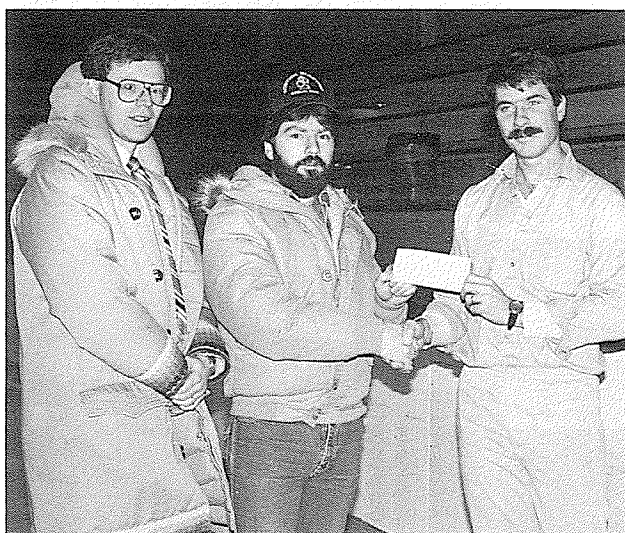
Unloading 2-year-old rainbow trout in Goose Lake. Kevin Dyck says specimens are small but will grow fast in "food-rich" Goose Lake.



Harry and Margaret Oliphant (Owners and Editors of the Roblin Review) who supplied articles and many pictures for our History Book.



Kin Park — The Town of Roblin allows free parking at the Lake.



Kinsmen President Claire Stroud (centre) and treasurer Vern Brown present a \$10,000.00 cheque to Recreation Director Robert McIvor (right) to help pay for installation of plexi-glass in the arena.



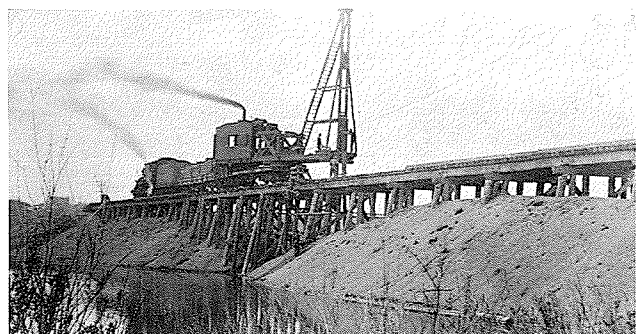
Netting suckers at Jack Fish Lake. L. to R.: Orton Stauffer, Bob Agar, Ralph Cockerill, Hugh Stauffer (May, 1965).



Suckers netted from Jack Fish Lake (May, 1965).



The cyclone of 1927 levelled this log stable.



Filling in the Bridge — "The Booms" where the railway crosses Goose Lake.



Bill De La Mare standing beside the train wreck east of Roblin.



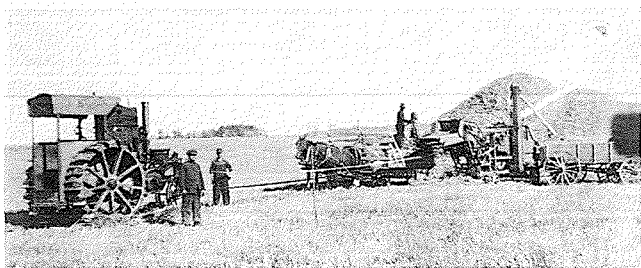
Train wreck east of Roblin in 1949.



Fred Framingham stooking in 1937.



Stacking the sheaves at Simpsons in 1942.



Threshing in the early days.



John Robertson and the old house in the valley.



Roblin Pioneers taking a break from work.



James Christie on his way to town.



Travelling to Cromarty picnic.



Frank Atkinson on his sorrel, Sandy, in 1935.



Conrad, Caroline and Leo Mann going to church.



L. to R.: Alice, Herman and Bertha Spiess, in 1939.



Felix and Cassie Geryluk's log house in 1927. Felix (seated), Cassie and Nick Geryluk.



1942 — Clemmie McGinnis milking a cow.



Spring 1912: Dora Taylor, Katie Kirschbaum, Mrs. Alex Taylor, Vernon Taylor, Fred Taylor and Walter Taylor.



Fred Taylor inspects a muskrat house in the 1920's.



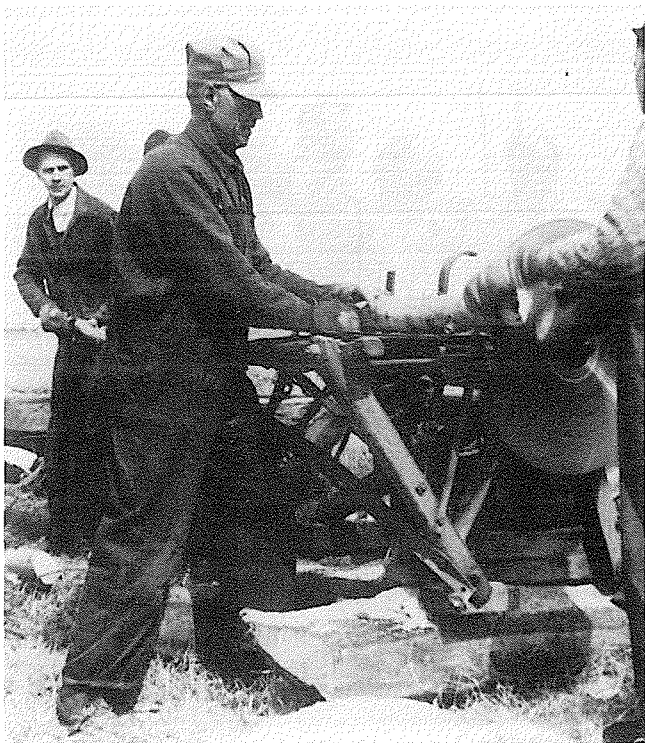
Adeline, Myrtle and Adella Jaasund (Ted is missing).



John S. Robertson and James M. Robertson.



Mrs. N. J. Kerswell with Alma Kerswell, Enid Kerswell and Ray McInnes.



Jim Fowler's woodsawing outfit, 1940's. Russell Perchaluk on poles.



Elizabeth Halvorson at the old well on the Lintons' home farm.



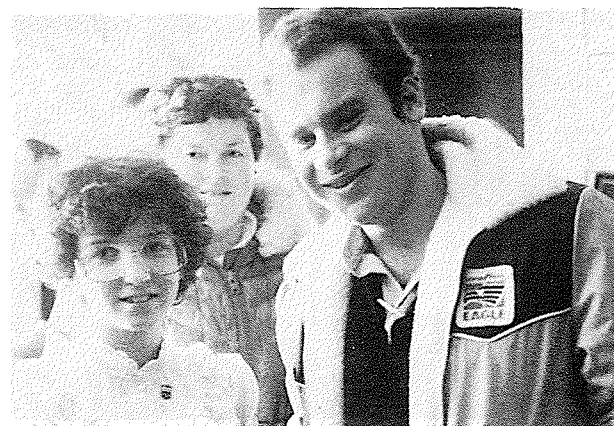
St. Vladimir College students Bandurist Ensemble. L. to R.: Guy Zeaton, Terence Waychyshyn, Patrick Kalita, Clarence Shwaluk, Robert Malowany, Kevin Hnatiuk.



Memorial unveiled August 10th, 1985 — Dedicated to the pioneers of Postup District.



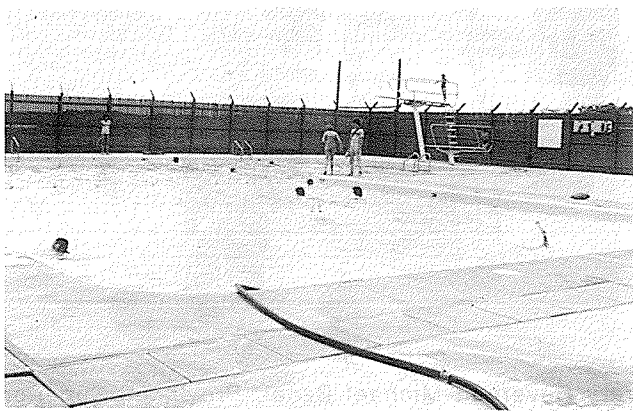
Very Reverend Michael Bzdel, Provincial Superior Redemptorist Fathers (left) with MLA Leonard Harapiak — turning the sod to mark the start of a million dollar addition to St. Vladimirs College, May 1986.



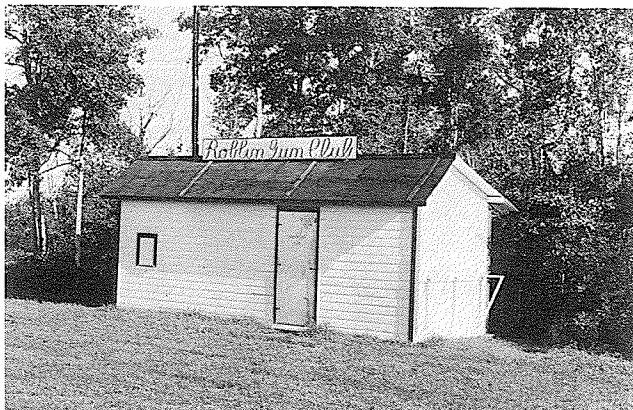
Camilla Switzer (left) with Steve Fonyo in special presentation at Cancer Society Office in Dauphin (1985).



A sod turning ceremony May 10th, 1986. L. to R.: Glen Boychuk, G.N.B. Construction; Marie Carlson, Community Relations Officer Manitoba Jobs Fund; Jim Mitchell, Chairman Roblin Curling Club fund raising committee; Roblin Mayor, Lorne Boguski and Connie Keast, Trustee of Intermountain School Board.



Roblin's Pool built by the Kinsmen in 1979 and turned over to the Recreation Commission.



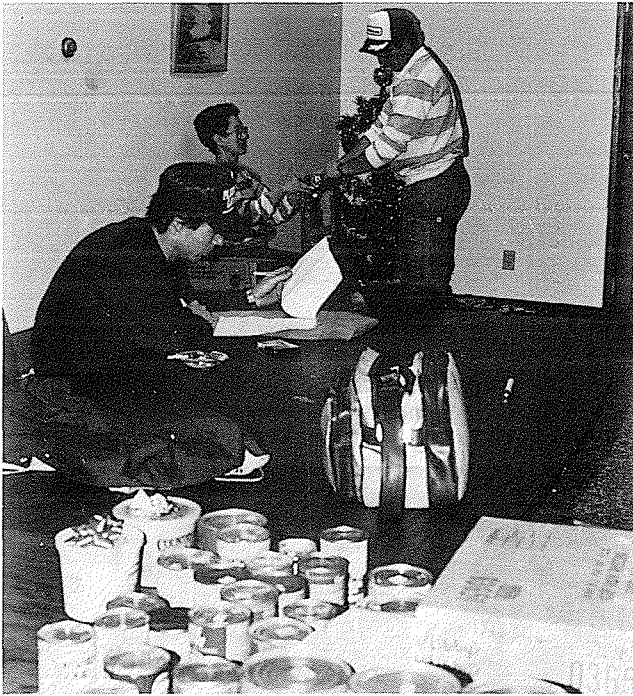
Roblin Gun Club House.



Mrs. Bella Pitz, 88, dances with Hertha Schmollinger at the Roblin Personal Care Home, May 9th, 1986 during the observance of Canada Health Day.



Lady curlers received life memberships in 1977. L. to R.: Vera Dillin, Lena Rurak, Mabel Craig, Barbara Steffler, Margaret Sorbo, Maggie Cameron, Florence Fowler, Agnes Peterson, Delia Bowley, Margaret Souter.



Dick Harvey checks list as wife Bonnie and Mervin Safronetz begin preparing for gift distribution to needy families on behalf of the Roblin Fire Department.



Post Office staff — when Hugh Kines retired as Postmaster, June 1, 1984. L. to R.: Arnold Smith, Eugene Brumwell, Hugh Kines, Isabel Ashby, Mabel Brade, Bessie Charman, Gordon McArthur, Mavis Ready, Larry Kines.



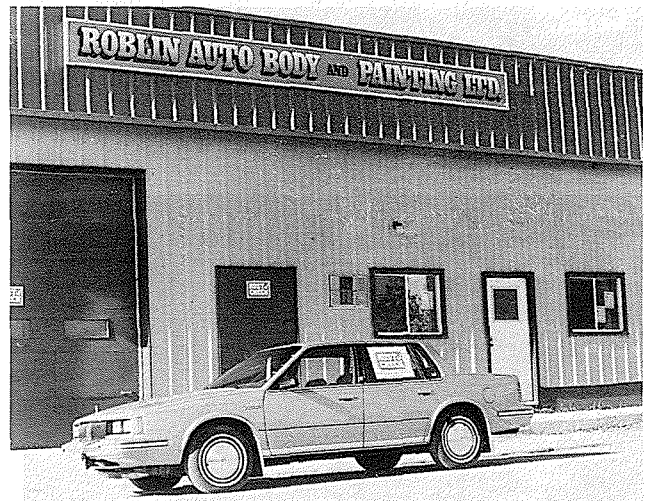
Roblin Auction Mart 2½ miles north of Roblin on Highway #83.



Walter Nabe, and son Raymond hold on to triplet calves as "mom" looks on.



Flea market during Moonshine Daze in 1984.



Roblin Auto Body Shop.



Keast's Garage 1930–1985.



Halloween party held in the 50 and Over Club on October 30th, 1985. Club members in costume.



Merridale Float in the Santa Claus Parade.



Past President of Toastmasters Club Jim Short with new President Cheryl Cockerill. Stu Cowie looks on.



Roblin Concrete Float — winning the best comedy trophy.



Roblin Teaching staff at Carol Festival in 1985. Back Row: Linda Boguski, Irene Buytendorp, Myrna Kucherhan, Ernie Schiman, Dave Mack, Dan Friesen, Wayne Densmore, Rosemarie Yeo, Ivy Campbell, Betty Paley, Loretta Dixon. Middle Row: Heather Hart, Sharon McMillan, John Stolarchuk, Helmer Kirychuk, Orest Ziolkowski, Jeanine Landry, ?, Marlene Kirychuk. Front: Susanne Christianson, Gaylene Ziprick, Rita Mack, Dale Yeo, Ron Landry, Karol Kozmeniuk, Mildred Galatiuk, Dale Gaumond. Director Jack Ziprick, Pianist (now shown) Betty Wenner.



L. to R.: Henry Makinson, Al Bernard and Winnie De Groot, with the plaque showing the cubs and scouts badges. (This plaque is now at the Keystone Pioneer Museum.)



Roblin Fire Hall with Ambulance and Rescue Unit in front.

Closing our Book

Our stories all have ended
We hope you liked the tales,
Of many of our pioneers
Who blazed the hard, first trails.

They came by horse and buggy
And opened up the land
With oxen, horses and will power
They took a long hard stand.

They gambled and they worked hard,
Some did not last to tell
Of all the heartache and the troubles
They encountered all too well.

One hundred years of progress
Has changed our style of life
But still we struggle to carry on;
There still is lots of strife.

We dedicate this book to those
Great pioneers of our land
Who carried on when times were tough.
They had no great demands.

We have to close this ledger
On those who came before.
With faith and hope we'll carry on
And accept what is in store.



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