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We apologize for the following errors or omissions that have been brought to our attention in "Rossendale Through the Years".

- Page 22 — Fred Towle - W.W.II veteran
James Dickson - Korean veteran
- Page 28 — Hartford school was omitted from schools joining consolidation in 1964.
- Page 74 — Robert Armstrong history should read: Alma, with her husband Frank Dankesreiter, resides in Brandon.
- Page 245 — For the John Alexander Nicoll history read pages 245 & 247.
For the Thomas Nicoll history read pages 246 & 248.
For the William John Nicoll history read pages 248 & 250.
- Page 280 — John Rintoul history: Vivian married Harley Henry in 1961 and in 1963 transferred to Winnipeg.
- Page 311 — Abe Suderman history should read: Abe and Faye have five children.
- Page 282 — The following paragraphs were omitted from the Alvin Robinson family history.
- Page 323 — Harold Towle's name was inadvertently missed.

ALVIN ROBINSON HISTORY

Marilyn Joyce was born December 13, 1944. She completed her high school in Portage la Prairie winning a scholarship for the highest marks awarded to a student entering the nursing profession. In 1965 she graduated as a registered nurse from the Brandon General Hospital. After graduation she worked in the medical ward and later with the Victorian Order of Nurses. She married Neil Downey of Brandon in 1969 and they now live in Red Deer, Alberta where Marilyn worked in the hospital for some time. At present she is a full time housewife as the Downeys have three children, Andrew, Charla and Nathan. In Red Deer Marilyn has been very active with the Kinettes and was on the executive as bulletin editor for the club. She enjoys gardening, outdoor work and sewing for her family.

Linda Bernice was born October 21st, 1946. After graduating from the Portage Collegiate she attended the University of Alberta receiving a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics in 1967. She returned to Portage la Prairie and worked for the Children's Aid Society, then taught at the Portage Collegiate and Yellowquill schools. In 1968 she met and married Jurgen Peterat from Quebec who was stationed at Southport with the R.C.A.F. at the time. They now reside at Spruce Grove, Alberta where she has taught for five years. In 1979 she graduated with a Master of Education and worked as instructor in the Dept. of Secondary Education for one year. Linda is presently completing a Doctor of Philosophy Degree at the University of Alberta.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

It has been our endeavor to complete a history of Rossendale district. While it has been a labor of love it has also been a difficult and time consuming task.

It is unfortunate that so much of our history is lost forever and we regret any omissions that may have been made. Our work would have been less difficult 25 years ago and we apologize if there is any misinformation.

We wish to thank the many people who submitted material for our book, and all those who helped us "remember" the past or co-operated in making contact with former residents.

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PREFACE

James Robinson, Frobisher, Sask.

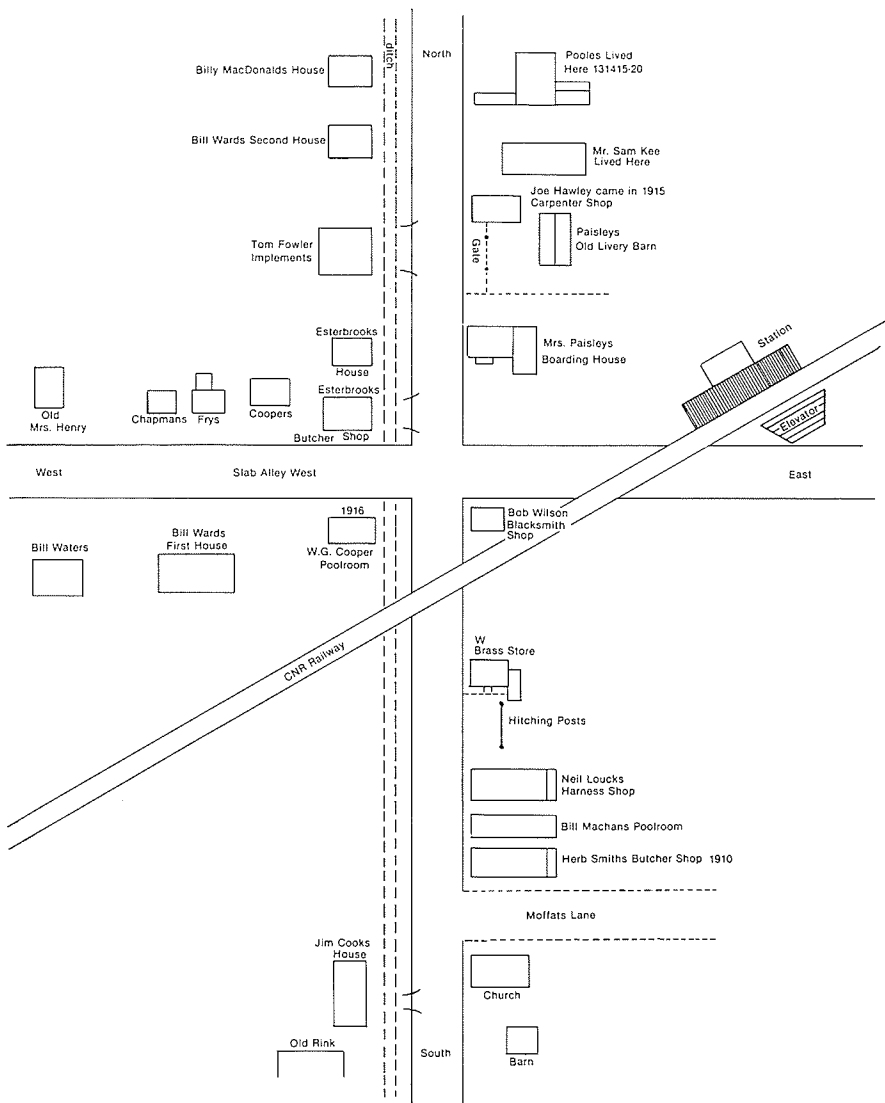
This history book is compiled to portray to future generations the changes in and around Rossendale during the last 100 years. Highways and faster travelling have caused busy little towns to die away.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the pioneers who blazed the trails and opened up this country using oxen, horses, axes and saws. We think of their hopes, dreams and the hardships they endured. Today our radios, color televisions, cars, comfortable homes and labour-saving equipment are a far cry from the log houses, schools, churches and coal oil lamps.

On my visits back home I marvel at the changes that have taken place. What used to be bushland, with logging camps and saw mills nestled in little clearings, is now a wide expanse of cultivated fields. Homes that once had natural windbreaks are now surrounded by carefully planted rows of trees. I think of all the wonders of the world; the autumn colours in late September, the crocuses in springtime, the singing of the birds, and thank God I'm alive.

As I reminisce, I think of the many people who have touched my life but have passed on like ships at sea. I often wonder where a lot of these people disappear. Seems like everything is for nothing. It's hard to know the right thing to do — it is all a chance.

James Robinson



ROSSENDALE

In the early 1890's a little village was growing in the foothills about five miles north of the Assiniboine River. It was surrounded by forest and the pioneers settling in the area spent their time cutting trees and clearing the land.

A large family by the name of Love moved into the district which for a short time became known as Loveville. Later, as settlers came from Ross township, Renfrew County, Ontario, Loveville was changed to Rossendale. The post office was established in 1896 and operated by J.C. Glover about 1 ¾ miles south and 1 mile west of Rossendale. Mr. Glover made weekly trips to Bagot to collect the mail.

Rossendale at this time was a thriving little community. The village was composed of three stores, two boarding houses, a bank, a blacksmith shop, seventeen dwellings and a population of 87. A log house was used for the first school and also served the settlers as a church for alternate Sundays by Presbyterian and Methodist students.

Saw mills and logging camps began springing up all around. Three known mill owners were; Bob McDermott, Bob Stewart and Bob MacIntosh. A son and daughter of Bob MacIntosh, Andy MacIntosh and Nell Bogue still live in the Portage area at the present time. Some cordwood camp owners we have heard of were; Stephens, Snyder, Ferriss, Richardson and Culbert. Wood was sold at \$1.00 a cord and hauled to Bagot with horses until the coming of the railroad.

Construction of the Canadian Northern Railway (later known as Canadian National) reached Rossendale in 1903 and service was made available to the settlers on April 2, 1905. C.P. Wright was the contractor to lay the railroad and Mr. Bickle was the first station agent.

Two elevators were built at this time — the Lake of the Woods and the United Grain Growers, Bill Poole and Stewart Adair being the first agents. The Lake of the Woods elevator burned down in the spring of 1928 and the United Grain Growers elevator was demolished in 1976 and the annex moved to the Baker Hutterite colony by Jack Anderson.

Bill Chapman, one of the early pioneers could remember the railway coming in and was still living when the rails were lifted in 1979. Passenger train service terminated for Rossendale on October 27, 1962. Walter Bieganski bought the Station and moved it to his farm ½ mile west of Rossendale.

With the coming of the railway the village greatly increased in size and by the year 1916, stores and businesses were abounding. Some of these were; a new general store, church, harness shop, two pool rooms, a carpenters shop, several blacksmiths, an ice cream parlour, several butchers and meat peddlars, a movie house along with bootleggers, too numerous to be counted. A brick yard

owned and operated by Albert Dykeman provided employment for many residents of this area. The telephone was a great boon to the early settlers when the line was installed in 1906.

The village was comprised of two roads crossing one another, the road running east and west known as Slab Alley. Houses and stores lined both streets with wooden sidewalks along both sides. The community even boasted a town cop and a lamp lighter. How welcome the hydro was when it was installed in 1951-52 and the village became a part of the modern world in which we now live.

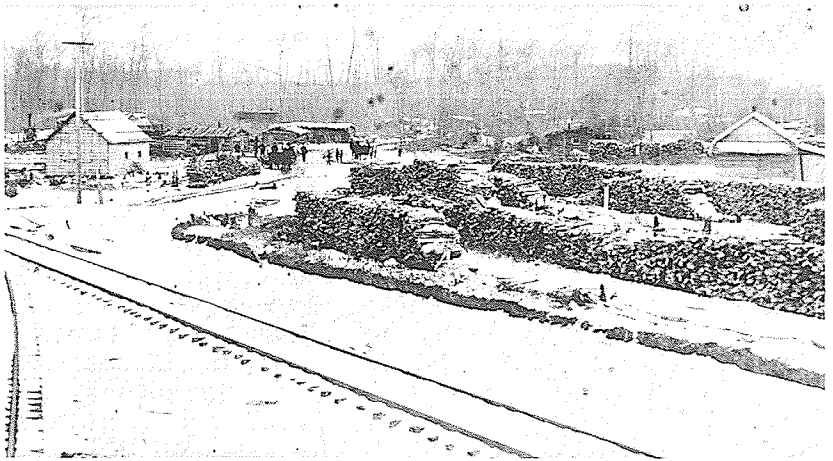
Quite a problem arose with travellers getting back and forth across the Assiniboine River. Johnson Henry built a ferry which he operated for many years. A ferry was in existence until a bridge was built in 1962.

During the years 1954 to 1964 three new schools were built in Rossendale.

In 1980, a large grain drying plant was built in Rossendale adjacent to the former United Grain Growers grounds.

A bush trail to Bagot in those early years became a dirt road until 1967 when a gravelled Provincial Trunk Road, No. 242, was built. Traffic on this road increased drastically and in 1981 a new paved road was finally completed linking Rossendale to No. 1 Highway. As we drive down this long awaited, paved road our thoughts go back to all those who blazed the first trail and wish somehow that they could know the convenience and pleasure people derive from it today.

"Rossendale Through the Years" would not be complete if we did not admit that Rossendale "proper" has declined in size and has been reduced from a thriving village which boasted of a gathering of 200 on a Saturday evening to a tiny hamlet of 21 residents in eight dwellings. The surrounding farms have also undergone a change. A section of land that once supported four families now supports only one. Consequently, our district is struggling to hold its own against the larger centers.



HISTORY OF THE ROSSENDALE UNITED CHURCH

Previous to the building of the present church, worship was held in a little log schoolhouse, where the present Muir buildings are situated; one mile north, and one-half east of the present village, then named Loveville. Presbyterian and Methodist students held services on alternate Sundays.

The desire for a church building was fulfilled. The lot was donated by Mr. William Moffat, grandfather of Robert Moffat, who resides two miles north of Rossendale. The builder was William Ward. The official opening and dedication was held on the last Sunday in June, 1907, with Professor D. Hart (Presbyterian) of Manitoba College in charge of the services. Serving the field at this time were Rev. D. R. Lowry (Presbyterian), and Mr. Abegglen (Methodist).

Areas within the boundaries at first were Bagot, Edwin, Southend and Rossendale. Then the boundaries changed with services at Rossendale, Lavenham, Rosehill and Hartford, the latter two points alternating Sundays. Hartford closed in 1954, Rosehill in 1964, Lavenham chose to be on its own in 1972, leaving Rossendale to be served from MacGregor.

Following the services of the last ordained minister in 1946, Mr. T.N. Ferguson, retiring from farming, became a lay minister, and served here for short periods, and returning from his charge on the Long Plain Reserve to take services on occasion. Invited lay persons took the occasional service. Mr. Ferguson then became full-time lay minister at Rossburn. We are proud of the contributions Mr. Ferguson has made to church work.

Since 1954, many students have served this field, and knowing that most of them continued to full-time ministry, we are proud to be part of their chosen work. Rev. William Hickerson, the first student, who came here as his first field, is now (1982) president of Manitoba Conference. Since 1974 we have been served by the Rev. Nelson Hutchison of MacGregor on a Sunday basis.

The first organist for the church was Miss Elizabeth Culbert (Mrs Jack Harmon) to be followed by Mrs. T.A. Sloane, Mr. Louis Ford, Mrs.T.N. Ferguson, and since 1946, Mrs. Margaret Watson.

The first secretary-treasurer was Mr. R.C. Culbert, followed by Mr.A.B. Culbert, who received a gold watch for 47 years of service. Then Mr. James Culbert was secretary with Mr. Marb Ward as treasurer, followed by Mr. Carl McGregor, and presently Mrs. Margaret Woodward.

Elders and Stewards on this charge over the years have been; Mr. David Jeffery, Mr. William Moffat, Mr. Albert Perkins, Mr. John Nicoll, Mr. T.N. Ferguson, Mr. A.B. Culbert, Mr. Harry McGregor, Mr. John Fisher, Mr. Nelson Basler, Mr. Ken Crocker, Mr. Jim Culbert and Mrs. Bertha Watson.

The present board is: Mr. H. McGregor (honorary elder), Mr. Robert Moffat, Mr. Reuben Frizzley, Mr. Carl McGregor, Mrs. Margaret Watson, Mr. Don Lamont, Mr. Ronnie Perchak, Mrs. Margaret Culbert, Mrs. Enid Thompson, Mrs. Maxine Schroeder

with Mrs. Margaret Woodward as treasurer and Mrs. Margaret Watson as secretary.

The first child baptised in the church was Grace Hetherington (Mrs. Johnson). The first wedding, performed by Rev. McRae, united in marriage Louis Borger and Jeannie Bell.

Many children have been baptised, many weddings performed, and several funerals held in the church over the years.

Several lasting memorials have been made to the church...

- a pulpit chair, in memory of James Johnson

- a pulpit drape, by Mr. A.B. Culbert and family, in memory of their wife and mother, Mrs. A.B. Culbert, and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Culbert.

- an organ, a baptism font and stand, by Mr. T.N. Ferguson, in memory of his wife, Mrs. Ferguson.

- a pulpit lamp, by Mr. and Mrs. J. Fisher and Mr. Roger Lowe, a gift to the church.

- a communion table by many members in memory of loved ones, a gift to the church on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

- hymn books, by Mrs. Margaret Watson, in memory of her husband, James Watson.

- a picture, "The Gleaners," by Mrs. E. Orton, in memory of her daughter, Mrs. Bertha Watson.

- a picture of Jesus, by Mrs. Valerie Pogue.

- a picture was received from the Bagot congregation when they chose to close their doors.

- pews replaced the chairs that had been used for many years, and were dedicated in 1964.

- a communion cloth and serviettes, purchased by the W.A. in 1907, are still in use.

- a communion set from the Edwin congregation.

- a floral arrangement by the Moffat families, in memory of loved ones.

- a fern by Mrs. Jean Crocker.

- a spruce tree, planted by Mr. A.B. Culbert, stands a stately guard by the church.

- zippered leather hymn book case, by Treva Charlton, Louise Stanley and Sylvia MacKenzie, in memory of Mrs. Crosbie.

- Lord's prayer picture.

- Vase, Eva Watson.

- Flowers, Hugh McDermott.

- On the occasion of the 75th anniversary, a chair, donated by the Moffat, McVety and Finnie families, in memory of their grandparents and parents, William and Helen Moffat, William and Violet Moffat and their sister, Mrs. Anne Finnie.

- "In Memoriam" donations by Mr. and Mrs. K. Crocker and family, in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Crocker and Mrs. and Mrs. A.B. Culbert; Mr. James Culbert in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Culbert; by Mrs. Min Basler and family, in memory of her husband, Nelson Basler and her grandson, Blake Basler.

— flowers by the Nicoll families, in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Nicoll.

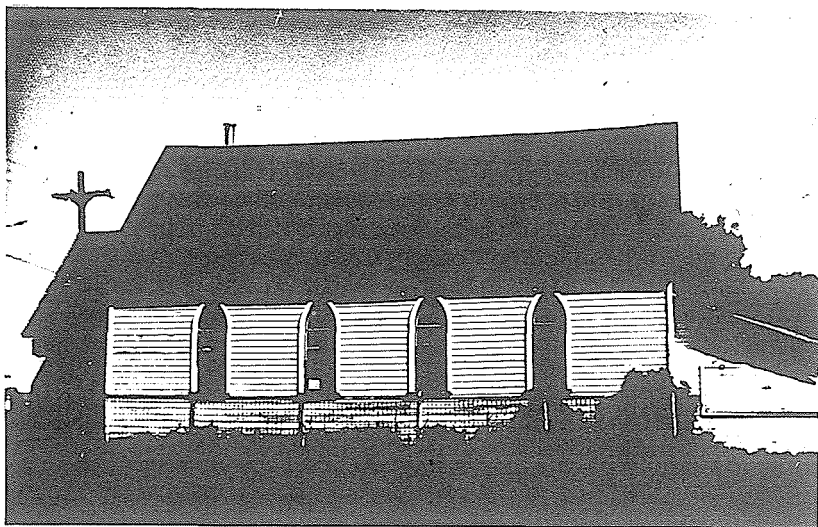
— a plant, given by the Watson families, in memory of Mrs. Bella Hird, John and Bertha Watson, Charlie, Frank and James Watson.

— congratulatory wishes in flowers from the Bieganski families.

An original wood stove was replaced by an oil stove. Electricity was installed in 1951. A piano was purchased. An original porch was removed, with an outer one built. Panel board replaced the original "tin" that was on walls and ceiling. A fence, built in the early 60's was removed when it was badly in need of repair. A new sidewalk was laid in 1982.

A special day in the life of this little church was the celebration of its 75th anniversary, on June 27, 1982. Many former members, friends and ministers joined the congregation on this happy occasion. The MacGregor choir, under the direction of Mrs. Isabelle Wright, added much to the day with their music. Linda Dickson, accompanying herself on guitar, sang "One Day at a Time." Guest speaker was Rev. Ian Harland, former student, with greetings from Conference by Rev. William Hickerson. Rev. G.H. Hambley, minister in 1925, represented former ordained ministers. Other former ministers brought greetings. Robert Moffat, elder of the church, and member of one of the original families, welcomed all to the service. A social hour was enjoyed in the rec centre, to visit and renew acquaintances and to enjoy lunch provided by the U.C.W.

We are proud of our little church "By the Side of the Road," and we thank God for the men and women of the past and present, who by their dedication have kept this church alive. We look forward to the future, asking God's blessing on this church and its congregation.



MINISTERS

REV. MRS. MARGARET ERREY

It is now nineteen years since I served as a summer student on the Lavenham charge. I can vouch for it being the "year of the beaver." wherein many of Manitoba's secondary roads were flooded due to an overabundant population of beavers. Yours truly, along with several local farmers, found themselves grounded after some particularly heavy rains!

I remember too, that some of those gumbo roads almost proved the undoing of three teenagers from Winnipeg who came out, paid by Presbytery, to do a survey of the Field and to be volunteer summer Vacation Bible School leaders — they were called Caravaners in those days. Still, despite roads and loneliness, they hung in and gave fine leadership to a three-week school with record attendance.

I remember hearing at the end of the summer, the earlier fears of having an Easterner as student minister, and a woman at that! However, local folk were warm and appreciative as the season closed.

I remember that in retrospect, it was one of those memorable summers which one always wanted to bring alive by a return visit, but which other commitments always seemed to interfere with.

Another memory I have was during the time the Winnipeg trio was serving with us, that my youngest son, then 17, and my mother stayed a week with me. One day that week, one of the girls, my son, my mother and myself, set out to fill in some of the gaps of people related to the Rossendale appointment. It was a particularly hot day and the roads were very dusty. We had made several attempts to find an older man whose name escapes me.

Passing the spot several times, I eventually noticed that the high grass showed slight marks of a vehicle passing through. Following the faint trail about a mile from the road at a snail's pace, we came eventually to a small clearing.

Several oil drums, some rain-covered, all surrounded by brush and debris, were close to what appeared to be the entrance of some kind of dwelling. The flap of the blanket serving as a door was folded back and several kittens and cats, of various sizes and ages, wandered in and out.

Knocking at the entrance post and calling the name of the gentleman we were searching for, we did indeed have a man come out to meet us. With Scottish burr, an erect mein, his white hair flying in the breeze, we held a meeting? a visit? a communications?

It turned out he'd been twice burned out of his belongings, his wife and farm animals lost. His increasing age had segregated him from neighbors who were long lost to him socially. He had in years gone by, taught Sunday School and been on a church board.

Now, alone, undershirts being top shirts, jagged and faded, unable to drive to town for groceries and other necessities, two "down the road" bachelors came by at various times to try and pick up supplies in town to meet his needs.

In his mid-80's, having survived fire by hiding in the well, survived his house loss by living in the side of a cave, survived loneliness by his still great faith, we four knew we'd met a fine gentleman. Talking at some length, we closed our visit with a prayer — the sky above being the arches of our church chancel, the oil drums being the pulpit and the communion rail, we pronounced the Amen.

I looked up — there were tears in the old man's eyes. My mother, my son and the young Winnipeg teenager, all had tears coursing their faces.

The church had at last remembered one of its sons, and later, the promise was made that it would no longer forget one of its servants.

This memory is one that gives great insight to me in what the church ought to stand for.

BILL HICKERSON

In the month of May, 1954, I moved to Lavenham from Winnipeg, arriving late one evening at a very dark station. I knew no-one, and none knew me. This was to be my home and workplace for about four months that summer. The Superintendent of Home Missions, Dr. C.H. Best, had assigned me to this summer student field. This was to fulfill the requirement that a student in training for ministry serve for two summers on mission fields. It was a first for me, and likewise a first for Lavenham and Rossendale and Rosehill. That seemed fair.

As I remember, these churches had been served by a succession of ministers until the early forties, when Tom Ferguson, a Rossendale area farmer and church elder, was appointed "Lay Supply." After he had served here for some time, he was moved to Edwin-Long Plain, where he was still working when I came to Rossendale. For several years after Tom Ferguson left, there were no regular services at Lavenham and Rossendale. There was a women's group in each village and they maintained Sunday School.

I remember very well the anniversary service that summer at Rossendale. We invited the Rev. Bob McLean of Trinity Church, Portage la Prairie, to preach and the choir of that church came with him. What a sound in our little church! We had communion, and ran out of glasses.

I remember too the vacation church schools. We had two weeks at Rossendale. And there was the boys' camp at Delta to which some of the Rossendale boys went and I was a leader. It was a wet summer, and the lake water was high. There were frogs everywhere — in the kitchen, in the beds.

I remember too, visiting in the homes, mostly on farms. A town/city boy grew to love the rural way. I was greatly impressed by the broad fields of corn south of Rossendale. Though corn fields are not hard to find in Manitoba in the present, they were very rare in the 50's.

It was a good summer for me. I felt confirmed in my call to



Bill Hickerson

ministry. I made many friends, especially among the young people. And being the first student minister was certainly a privileged position; no-one had set the example, no precedents were established. One could only be a winner.

REV. NELSON A. HUTCHESON

My first introduction to the Rossendale congregation was in September of 1973, following the departure of the last summer student, Peter Mitchell, who is presently serving Trinity-St. Stephens United Church in Amherst, Nova Scotia in a team ministry. His wife Karen is one of the members of the team.

First impressions are often misleading and can give one some rather mixed feelings. The first impression was that once more I have found a small, very warm, friendly congregation of women. As the year progressed and the harvest was over, we found that there were also men in the community. We also found out something else, the friendliness was still very much there, but on some mornings the warmth was certainly lacking. If the fire went out, the little church by the side of the road could be very cold. On such occasions one asked himself, "How did the early members of this church ever hold services before the days of oil heat?" Our forefathers must have been a hardy lot of people. Then again one other thought comes to mind, perhaps the early ministers produced a lot more "heat" than the present day ministers.

Prior to 1973 the student and the minister of MacGregor worked as a team during the summer. But with the rising cost of a student and the dwindling supporters of the Rossendale Church some changes had to be made if the church was to remain open. Arrangements were made with MacGregor to allow the minister to serve Rossendale from Easter to Christmas. This has worked very well, it has allowed the church to remain active and up until a few

years ago, have one of the best Sunday Schools in the whole district. But when health problems forced me to cancel services at Rossendale for one year, the Sunday School has fallen victim of the times.

A few memorable events over the past nine years are worthy of note. I shall always remember during one service, when the door was opened to let the breeze pass through, one of the biggest dogs I had ever seen walked in, looked around and walked out. He did not like what he saw or heard, I am not sure which. He never came back. The membership class of 1977 was a real experience and joy, 16 joined the Church from that class and five of the sixteen comprised one family. In 1981 we held a membership class and at that time ten more joined the Church. A special Baptismal service held in 1981 was unique in that the parents themselves originated the idea and called the parents with children for Baptism. Nine children were baptised at that service. As long as the Sunday School was in operation, one would think that we were back in the 20's or 30's. Every Rally Day, White Gift Sunday or Mother's Day, the entire Sunday School participated. What a joy it was to have this tradition carried on. Many more humorous and outstanding events could be mentioned, and many more will be retold and revived by those who have been involved with the church for the last 75 years, as the history is recalled by many.



Rev. Nelson Hutcheson

In the last nine years we have seen changes in our life style and in the Church as a whole. The changes here have been gradual, so gradual that one would hardly realize changes have taken place. If one was to go back 75 years, the changes that have taken place would be too numerous to count, not only in the form of worship, but also in the emphasis put upon worship and the place the church has in our life. Despite all the changes that have taken place in "The Church By The Side Of The Road," the basic purpose of the entire Church remains the same. A place for all, who so ever will, to worship God, to come together in Christian fellowship. To bring their children for baptism, then for those children to come forth and declare their own personal faith in Jesus Christ and be admitted to full membership in the Church. The Church is there to serve those same children when they embark on the road to marriage, to give guidance and serve them. The Church is still there when loved ones are called Home, to offer comfort, to share the sorrow and to give service in this time of greatest need.

This has been the role of the Church in the past, and we hope and pray it will long be continued in the Little Church by the Side of the Road.

HERB JONES

In early May of 1967 I headed west from my home in northern Ontario to take up duties on my first summer mission field. The 61 beige Dodge that my father had leased for me for the summer added to my sense of independence and adventure. Who were these people to whom I was to minister during the coming four months? Would they like me and what I had to offer? The names MacGregor, Rossendale and Lavenham were unknown places, dots on the map that I kept close at hand.

Earle Armistead, my supervising pastor, had agreed to take me in to meet the folks on the two-point charge. Everything had gone smoothly until we turned off No.1 Highway and hit GUMBO COUNTRY! Never before had I seen soil that turned to grease and glue at the same time. The wheel wells of the Dodge were packed solid within two hundred yards of the pavement. Were it not for Rev. Armistead to show me the way I doubt I would have made it to Rossendale, let alone to Lavenham.

HARRIET W. MARTIN

When I received your letter back in March, my mind started churning — I remembered the 75 mile trip early in the morning. I am a morning person so the hour did not bother me, it was a time of "seeing." Seeing birds migrating in the fall, the power of the wind-driven snow, the rough "Holy" road from Bagot south. I remembered the kindness of the people, especially the Crockers, the Watsons and the W. Bieganskis, and the many meals they provided. I can never repay them for it was the "acceptance," and time to re-organize myself that was so great.

You know, I went to a special cupboard and dug out my sermons; Well!!! I remember being late for my very last service at Lavenham. That was because the hospitality of Rossendale was so great I forgot the time. But Lavenham was waiting with a full church, two young girls prepared to sing a duet, and asked for no explanation. Thank you, Lavenham.

The Laurie Perkins family formed my basis there, and I owe them an eternal debt. Thank you, folks. We have been in touch periodically over the years. Where are you now? There is also Mrs. N. Johnson who sent me my cheque, and I often wondered if it was from her own pocket. I felt you people were all my people and hated my year to end. I hated to have to say no to the many invitations to young people events, but seventy-five miles after farm chores, two trips to school (no buses then) plus an evening event and then another seventy-five miles, seemed a little much. One valuable lesson I learned was; a person needs to be close to her work. I do believe my experience in trying to serve my Lord in this capacity, laid the foundation for my God-given trip to the World Christian Education and Sunday School Convention in Japan. That is a long and exciting story, and I learned that if God gives you a green light, He will take you all the way. Thanks be to God.

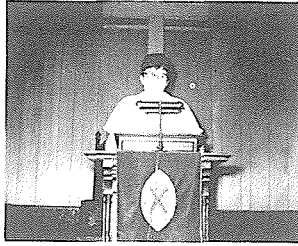
When Christ says "go" to anyone
He expects you to up and go.
If there is a barrier in the road,
just ask, He'll take it away.
If you haven't a cent or a thing to wear,
just work and reach a bit —
The puzzling pieces will fit and
soon you'll be on your way.

When Christ says wait, He expects you to wait,
He has something else you must do:
He has chosen just a few
to carry His message abroad.
When He gave His life 'twas not for a day
or a generation or so,
He surely wants you to know 'twas for always,
to point you to God.
God bless your history-book efforts.

ALDEEN MARJORIE McKAY

I, Aldeen Marjorie McKay, served as student minister of the Lavenham-Rossendale Pastoral Charge during the summers of 1970 and 1971.

The first summer the manse was still available at Lavenham. On Thursday evening, May 8th, 1970, the late Rev. Douglas Rupp escorted me out to the charge and with all the twisting and turning I wondered if I'd ever find my way out again! There, a few ladies from



Aldeen McKay

Lavenham were awaiting my arrival with home-made buns, jam, cheese and tea. It was snowy and cold and with only the kettle and an electric heater plugged in, they blew a fuse. I was glad it turned out to be a beautiful, hot summer. In fact, I recall heading home on many a hot summer afternoon, after spending the day visiting, to that "cool" old manse. It felt so good!

That Sunday was Mother's Day, but the Colleges and the National Church were trying to stress Christian Family Sunday, saying we have enough artificial division of the important. When I read through all my notes for that Sunday, I recall thinking, they'll sure think I'm long-winded. I finished the service at 11:40 and it began at 11 a.m.! I apologized to the Treasurer for it "being so short, but after all it was my 'first ever' service." He replied: "Nothing wrong with it, if you can't say something in ten or fifteen minutes, you're not going to say anything more in twenty or thirty minutes!." Talk about insecurity! But ten years later, I know he was right!

The evening before my final service and farewell, the area suffered a terrific hail storm. I felt sad having to say "good bye," but it was obvious everyone else felt worse, and in a different way. There were no sun flowers smiling at me along the road and no faces smiling at me in the pews.

The second summer I spent weekends living with the Robert Moffat family and week days in Winnipeg visiting nursing homes. That summer I also experienced conducting my first funeral service and wound up with three in about ten days — Mrs. Ogelvie Thompson, Mrs. Alma McCulloch and Mrs. Lillian Giesbrecht. I never felt more like a minister, and it was the experiences and warmth I received those summers that convinced me that the pastoral ministry was for me.

I accepted a call back to my home province of Alberta, the Vauxhall-Hays Pastoral Charge, where I served the next five years. The Milk River Pastoral Charge then called me and during the next three years, I was able to complete my Arts courses required for ordination. I then went to Saskatoon to complete my Theology studies for ordination, which took place on June 1st, 1980. Since that time, I have been serving the Redcliff Pastoral Charge.

The Lavenham-Rossendale Pastoral Charge proved to be a good starting ground — with willing and friendly people around — who provided me with encouragement, faith, confidence, and many good times and meals. It was a period of my life for which I thank God and a place and time I will always treasure.

BARRY THOMAS

Thank you for your note soliciting information about my and my family's experiences at Rossendale. We were there during the summer of 1965, a young married couple with an 8-month old baby. I remember our excitement and the anticipation with which we set out for Rossendale and Lavenham in a Beetle packed so tightly that we drove with items under our legs. It was a long but very enjoyable trip. We went via Toronto because my predecessor had a number of items to give us.

When we arrived, one of the first people to meet us was Davy Hird, who proved to be a great asset. He guided me on my first Sunday driving and also offered to help keep the grass cut. A goat proved to be a novel grass cutting machine for a boy from the city.

I remember trying to use the phone on a rainy day. A mistake, as it was well-occupied — others used rainy days as an opportunity to keep up on the gossip in the communal conference call. A second mistake was to decide to drive and visit. The roads around Rossendale and Lavenham were of two types — clay or sand. Clay roads are for dry weather and sand for wet. I didn't know that and managed to have difficulties on the wet weather roads in dry weather and vice versa. Clay hills were especially treacherous if not plain ornery when wet. I learned many lessons the hard way.

While we were often told that church attendance was not the important factor in our work as clergyman, we were also expected to keep detailed records which the hierarchy in the church we suspected used to judge our suitability for ministry. Rossendale could easily give a young student ulcers. One Sunday 50 people and the next 10 would be in attendance. My supervising minister, the Rev. Earl Armistead, relieved some of the pressure from me. He reported to me on one occasion when we exchanged pulpits that there were so many people that they could hardly find enough chairs to handle the overflow. Another Sunday, he was afraid to say "dearly beloved" because it might be interpreted as a proposal.

It took me a while to realize that the major cause of varying attendance was not my great or terrible sermons but where and what time the local ball games were. Several baptisms were enough to bring nearly everybody to church — a real community celebration. A good ball tournament could out-draw the very best service.

The people of Rossendale will always be cherished.

MINISTERS THROUGH THE YEARS

Other ministers through the years have been: Peter Mitchell, Howard Fraser, Jack White, Roger Lowe, Ian Harland, William Lord, Gerry Buhr, George Hambly, Malcolm Fife, Donald Nash, Frazer Muldrew.

ROSSENDALE SUNDAY SCHOOL

The history of the Sunday School begins with that of the church being held in the old log school house one mile north and ½ mile east of Rossendale.

The first superintendent was Mr. Thomas Ferguson who was followed for a short while by Mr. R. Wilson. Mr. Ferguson then returned as superintendent and taught the bible class until Sunday School closed in 1934. Mrs. W. Love was organist for this period as well as a teacher. Other teachers were Mrs. R. Wilson, Mr. Harold Andrews, Mrs. C. Fawcett (Dorothy Love), Mrs. William Fry (Rose Egan), Mrs. William Chapman (Ellen Parker), Mrs. W. Smith (Ruby Stanley), Mr. Louis Ford and Mrs. Fred Paisley. Organists helping were Reita Splan and Lorna Sloane.

The Sunday School re-opened in 1951 with Mrs. Ed. Tomchuk as superintendent followed in 1953 by Mrs. Ken Crocker who acted in this capacity for 15 years. Mrs. Ray McCulloch took over for a time followed by Mrs. Roy Thompson who, along with Mrs. Robert Moffat, taught Sunday School for 18 consecutive years with Mrs. William Pilkington acting as Sec.-Treas. for 22 years. Mrs. Jim Dickson was superintendent for a few years followed by Mrs. Jack Anderson with Mrs. Robert Moffat as the present Sec.-Treas. Others giving their time as teachers or organists during the years were; Mrs. Dave Gourley, Mrs. Jean McCulloch, Mrs. John Lyall, Mrs. Tom Rintoul, Mrs. Walter Anderson, Craig Frizzley, Clare Basler, Joan Robinson (Mrs. Hugh McKay), Donna Robinson (Mrs. Colin Stout), Elaine Boak (Mrs. Herb Donald), Val Boak (Mrs. Curtis Pogue), Mrs. John Watson, Mrs. Warren Murray, Mary Lynn Moffat, Susan Nicoll (Mrs. A. Cooke), Judy Culbert (Mrs. Dennis Burch), Sandra Lamont, Lynda Dickson, Judy Watson (Mrs. Ed Turner), Mrs. Wayne Anderson, Mrs. Barry Nichol (Lorraine Watson), Debbie Lamont and Margaret Lamont (Mrs. Randy James).

During the 50's and 60's there was an excellent attendance with an enrolment of about 60 pupils. As the enrolment decreased and the church closed for one summer, Sunday School also closed and at the time of this writing has not re-opened.



Sunday School Class

Front L-R - Margaret Ferguson, Jean Kane, Mary Patsack,
Minnie Moffat, May Patsack

Middle - Isabelle Ferguson, Sarah Ferguson, Ethel Nicoll,
Donna Paisley, Lorna Sloane, Margaret Paisley

Back Row - Teacher - Mrs. Eva Ferguson, Lona McMillan, Clarice Kane

ROSSENDALE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Rossendale United Church Children's Choir was founded in the spring of 1966 by Mrs. Ruth Ward. She sold cards and nuts to make money to buy the fabric for the choir gowns. Various mothers and ladies in the community made these gowns. The choir was under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Watson for the first few months.

Mrs. Betty Dromun became choir director in the fall of 1966. They met in the school auditorium each Thursday after school for choir practise.

The choir began from membership by United church children only but in time became more of a community choir, taking in other denominations and became known as "Rossendale's Young Choristers". In the two years (1966-68) of existence, membership ranged between 15 and 25 young people. They sang as many times as possible in Rossendale United Church but then branched out to doing special Christmas and Easter programs for the community. They took part in several talent competitions and the Music Festival in Portage la Prairie. They were also guest choir in McKenzie United Church in Portage on April 30, 1967.

All in all, though short lived, it was a rewarding adventure into the beautiful world of music.



*Back Row L-R - Lois MacIntosh, Judy Culbert, Roberta Henry, Leona Ostopowich,
Rod Culbert, Mary Lynn Moffat and Phylis Giesbrecht
2nd Row - Linda Nelson, Gay Schroeder, Susan Nicoll, Patty Painter,
Kathy Schroder, Margaret Lamont, Charlyn Culbert
1st Row - Cheryl Giesbrecht, Sylvia Lyall, Tammy Rintoul, Dean Bieganski,
Dean Doerfler, Barbara Henry, Sherry Perkins*

ROSSENDALE U.C.W.

PRESBYTERIAN AID - 1907

The women of this church gathered together for their first meeting in August of 1907 in the Rossendale church, with 17 members present, calling themselves the Presbyterian Aid.

President — Mrs J. Johnson

Vice President — Mrs J. Bell

Secretary Treasurer — Mrs J. Cook

Through the years, the name has been changed to Ladies' Aid, Womens' Auxiliary and presently United Church Women. We owe much to the early pioneers, as the main objective, then as now, was to give support to the church, both spiritually and financially.

Earlier meetings were not unlike those of today, but from records, we read that money on hand at times was very minimal. In 1931, the date of the regular meeting was set as the third Wednesday of each month and has remained so through the years.

The first sale of work in 1907 netted \$128.00, with such forgotten articles as knitted stockings, night caps and dust caps being sold.

The first fowl supper was held in 1924 with the admission - Adults - 35 cents, children - 20 cents (including program). Many lawn socials were held at the home of Mr and Mrs John Nicoll.

In 1918 a trunk for storage, a communion cloth and napkins were purchased and are still in use.



Rossendale W.A. about 1950

Standing - Mrs. McGregor, Mrs. Goodwin, Bertha Watson, Kae Frizzley, Pat Rintoul, Edna Kane, Mrs. Crosbie, Mrs. Donald, Min Basler, Mrs. McCulloch, Mrs. Nicoll, ?, Jean Crocker, Mrs. Tomchuk, Vera Culbert, Mrs. Buchholz, Marion Nelson, Lee Tomchuk, Treva Charlton, Hazel Nicoll

Front Row - Grace Anderson, Mary Kushner, Rose Robinson, Marg Watson, Dorothy Perkins, Marg Culbert and Ella Kane



Rossendale Ladies Aid about 1926

Back Row L-R - Mrs. T. Ferguson, ?, Mrs. Albert Perkins, Mrs. G. Kane, Bella Watson, Mrs. T. Sloane, Mrs. F. Hinds, Mrs. W. Moffat

Front Row - Mrs. M. Shewchuk, Mrs. W. Love, Mrs. R.C. Culbert, the Sloane twins, Alvin and Arthur

Quotes from earlier records:

"In 1930, a painter painted the platform for \$1.00"

"Found on the floor five cents" "Balance on the books at one point during the depression times - 75 cents" "Thread - 15 cents, tea - 5 cents a pound, bread - 5 cents a loaf, broadcloth and unbleached cotton - 14 cents a yard"

Through the years the women's groups helped with the finances of the church. In 1936 the W.A. helped pay off the church debts. They were also responsible for a new front porch, shingling and painting the church, part of the ministers' salaries, contributed to furnishings in the manse, carpet, chairs, stage curtains and hymn books for the church, and have given monetary help to the Sunday School and the Community Ladies Curling Club at times.

Mr. T.N. Ferguson presented a baptism font and stand to the church in memory of his wife, and Mr A.B. Culbert presented a pulpit drape in memory of his wife. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Culbert were members of the original Presbyterian Aid.

Mrs. J. Nicoll was a member of these groups for 54 years, 25 years of which she held the office of president. In 1954, she was presented with a life membership pin for her outstanding service. Life membership pins were presented to 4 members in 1957, to Mrs N. Basler when she left our district in 1964, and to 6 members in 1981.

In 1932, these groups celebrated their 25th Anniversary with a dinner - admission 35 cents and 20 cents.

In 1957 the 50th Anniversary (then W.A.) was celebrated by a special afternoon, to which former members, friends and neighboring ladies' groups were invited. Two of the original members, Mrs. E. Harmon of Regina, and Mrs E. McConnell of Portage, were present to pour tea, and Mrs. Nicoll, long time member and honorary president, had the honour of cutting an anniversary cake. The last member of the original group, Mrs. McConnell, passed away in 1980.

Over the years money making projects have been many and varied - fowl suppers, bazaars, lunches at auction sales, catering, Irish suppers (followed by program), penny money, birthday boxes, sale of church calendars, and donations.

When there was a high school at Rossendale, a bursary was presented to grade eleven students, pins were presented to graduating classes, and a student was sponsored to attend the United Nations seminar.

This group has hosted the Portage Presbytery and the annual U.C.W. rally. A special project recently is the sponsoring of a refugee child.

The general upkeep of the church is a responsibility and a helping hand is always there for the sick and bereaved of the community, and when disaster strikes.

In recent years, no meetings are held in July and August. To complete the first part of the year, places of interest in Portage have been toured and a social time enjoyed afterwards. At Christmas, all



Rossendale Women's Auxillary, 1943

Front Row L-R - Mrs. J. Crosbie, Mrs. W. Love, Mrs. Buchholz, Margaret Watson, Bertha Watson, Mrs. Ross Jardine, Mrs. Nicoll, Alice Watson, Mrs. Homenick
Standing L-R - Mrs. R. McCulloch, Mrs. H. McGregor, Mrs. T. Ferguson, Min. Basler, Mr. Nixon, Lou Jardine, Mrs. Patsack, Treva Charlton, Ann Helston, Mrs. W. Moffat, Mrs. Clarence Henry, Mary Charlton, Edna Lamb, Dorothy Perkins, Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Bird



Installation of first United Church Women Officers, 1962

L-R - Freda Moffat, Lee Tomchuk, installing officer, Mrs. H. Martin, Min. Basler, Norah Nicoll, Jean Crocker, Dorothy Perkins, Treva Charlton

ladies of the district are entertained at a pot luck supper in appreciation of the generous help and support during the year. Candy bags are packed for the Sunday School, and gifts are exchanged, revealing unknown friends of the year.

To commemorate the 75th Anniverary of these groups a history book of Rossendale and district is being prepared. A special U.C.W. meeting was held at the Rossendale Church on June 16th, 1982. Former members and friends were invited guests.

A luncheon followed at the Rossendale Community Centre with approximately fifty in attendance.



Rossendale W.A.

Standing L-R - Jean Fisher, Nora Nicoll, Mary Sylvester, Jean Crocker
 Elsie Hounscome, Kae Frizzley, Laura Lyall, Freda Moffat, Mrs. Rintoul
Seated - Marg Culbert, Dorothy Perkins, Maxine Schroeder.
 Rose Robinson, Alma Henry, Frances Boak



50th Anniversary celebration, 1957
 Mr. E. McConnell and Mrs. E. Harmon pouring tea
 Mrs. J. Nicoll cutting cake

CURRIE SEWING CIRCLE

The Currie Sewing Circle was organized in the early 1950's and at that time was known as the Women's Missionary Society. This was changed a few years later and renamed the Currie Sewing Circle, a non-denominational group. It has filled a need that most rural communities have, in keeping a spirit of neighborliness alive.

The group donates to several worthwhile charities, making yearly contributions to the MacGregor hospital, organizing bridal showers, and helps out at weddings and funerals as the need arises.

For the last few years a "Currie Picnic" has been an event of mid July. We have been pleased to welcome several former pupils on these occasions.

Quilting bees and whist parties are frequent winter pastimes, as well as being a source of revenue. The Currie ladies group is one of the few rural organizations still in existence. We hope it will continue to be of service to this small farming community.



Back Row L-R - Marion Frank, Jean MacIntosh, Sadie Stewart, Enid Thompson and Mary MacDougall

2nd Row L-R - Mary Larson, Maryanne Thompson, Vera Dickson and Betty Bueckert

Front Row L-R - Marion MacDougall, Enid MacDonald and Bertha Bueckert

ROSSENDALE CEMETERY

The Rossendale Cemetery, formerly known as the South Rossendale Cemetery after the school district in which it is located, was started in 1898 by Mathew Vennard, who donated one acre of SW 28-9-9 for that purpose.

This acre was divided down the centre by a ten-foot cement driveway into Sections A and B. It was surveyed into eight grave plots sixteen feet by sixteen feet, with a six-foot walk running north and south and a four-foot walk running east and west.

The cemetery was enlarged when Andrew Aikens donated an adjoining acre of NW 28-9-9. To date this portion is not surveyed.

The cemetery serves the needs of the districts of Lavenham and Rossendale, plus the former school districts of Arbroath, South Rossendale, Lavenham, Elmwood, Allandale and Ladysmith.

It is located beside Provincial road 242 on the crest of a small hill which makes it an ideal spot, and it has received many compliments from visitors for its cleanliness and neatness.

A miniature church, donated by Mr. Jaye Friesen, houses a guest book donated by Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Blagden. This book has signatures from every province in Canada, plus many places in the U.S.A.

The earliest internment on record is that of Wilson Latimer, son of William and Caroline Latimer, who passed away August 15, 1898, followed in 1899 by Elizabeth V. Vennard on April 8, and Roy Latimer, June 19. All three were infants.

WAR VETERANS

During the World Wars, the district was well represented by enrollment in the Armed Forces.

[World War I]

Jim Cleaver	Scobie Smith
George Cleaver - Killed	Ernie Mason
Jim Kee	Frank Upward
Matt Kee	Geo Bedford
Art Weidenhamer	Bill Case
Dave Goodall	Buffalo Bill Henry
Dave Lyall	Tom Parsons
Art Cooper	Charlie Carter
Johnson Cooper	Tom Chapman
Ross Jardine	Jack Fry
Jack Rintoul	Bill McIvor
Jack Walker	John Holroyd
Wes Henry Sr.	Tom McNaught

[World War II]

Wes Henry
Doug Henry
Glen Rintoul
Elmer Ross
Kivil Woodward - Killed
Stanley Woodward
Hartley Woodward
Willie Woodward
Ken Crocker
Herb McDonald
Allan McIntosh
Pete Tatafyn
Cecil Nelson
Steve Kushner
Jim Sinclair
Douglas Sinclair
Richard Fowler
Jim Lyall
Mary Patsack
Sandy Sinclair
Bill Sylvester
Norman Collins
Allan Collins
Dave From
John Fisher
Pete Fisher
David Gourley
Jack McCulloch

Albert Neufeld
Arthur Dodgson - Killed
Peter Ostopowich
David Mason
Douglas Moffat
Frank Upward
Mervin Sawyer
Keith Mason
Harry Mason
Bill Mason
Jim Dickson
Bert Cleaver
Ben Marks
Mel Marks
Duke Marks
Bert Marks
Gordon Marks
Gordon Henry
Mark Ward
Stan Wojtowich
Earl Charlton
Bill Kushner
Ed Neufeld - Killed
Stan Shields
Art Sloane
Alvin Sloane
Jim Neufeld
Kay McCulloch

Boer War
Mongol Sinclair

We sincerely apologize if any names
were inadvertently omitted from these lists.

ROSSENDALE SCHOOL

First classes were held in a private house, built by Mr. Bill Ray, located where Jack Charlton's house now stands. John Jeffrey, John Jardine and George Love were the first trustees.

The oldest register was dated March 24, 1896. The teacher for that year, Miss Rose Egan, taught in a log constructed school known as Loveville situated one mile north and one half mile east of the village of Rossendale.

Miss Egan's salary in 1896 was \$402.00 but was reduced to \$372.00 the following year. She married Mr. Wm. Fry, who was one of the trustees. A daughter of this union, Mrs. Milton Robinson, is living in the Ferriss district. Mrs. Wm. Love taught for a time following Miss Egan's resignation.



*Back Row L-R - Jim Love, Milton Robinson, Greg Anderson,
Alvin Robinson, Fred Harvey, Cecil Poole
Front Row L-R - Dallas Pritchard, Russell Love, Harry Anderson,
? Smith, 1916*

The following pupils were enrolled in 1896; Ella and Carrie Love; Emma, Louise and Thomas Jardine; Charles Buchanan; Ethel, Edith, Willie and John Jeffrey.

In 1900, the name of the school was change to Elmwood. A new brick school was built on its present location in 1908, costing approximately \$2800.00. Miss Annie Richmond was the first teacher but at two periods 1914-15 and 1926-27, Elmwood school had four different teachers in a school year.

Mr. E.K. Marshall, who had been president of the Manitoba Teachers Society in 1921-22, served part of the year 1924-25 at Elmwood school. Allan Fallis had the honour of the longest term of service (5 years) at Elmwood.



Elmwood School, 1944

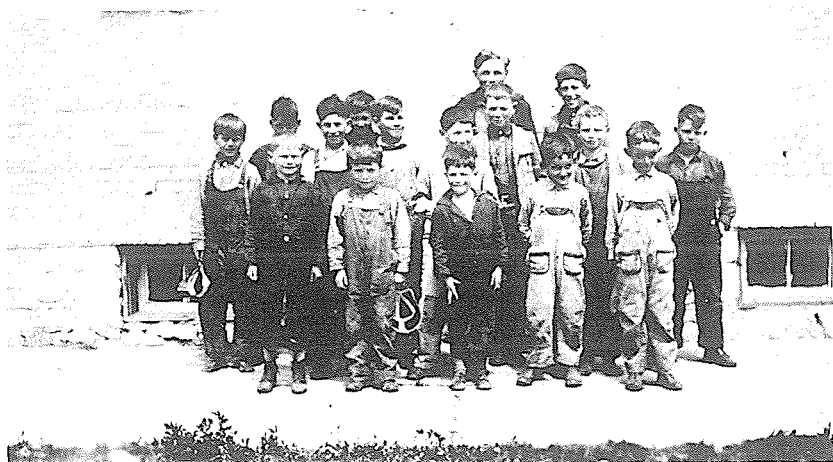
Many will recall hitching the horses in the barn, smoke from the old furnace, running to Love's for water, the poky library and cloak room on each side of the front porch and the snakes in the schoolyard.

Dances held in the old school with LIVE music and benches lining the walls will long be remembered by residents and non-residents of this area.

The brick school with bell tower and porches was completely destroyed by fire on September 17, 1957. A temporary classroom was established in the Rossendale United Church until the completion of a modern school and teacherage, which was opened in January, 1958 with Miss Mary Kaminsky as teacher. This Elmwood school building is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hepner.



Girls Class of Elmwood School, 1929



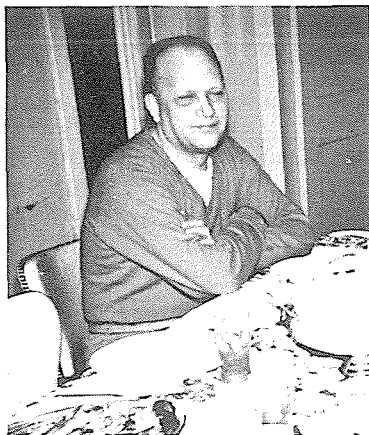
Boys Class of Elmwood School, 1929

Serving on the school board for the new school were Reuben Frizzley, Walter Neufeld and Robert Moffat. Mr. H.N. Basler was Secretary-Treasurer and compiled a history of the school at that time.

Three generations of the Moffat family have served this school district beginning with Mr. Wm. Moffat in the early 1900's. His son, Mr. Wm. Moffat spent 32 years on the board and grandson, Robert Moffat served on the board from 1957 until the formation of the new Pine Creek School Division in 1968.

Teachers before consolidation were: Rose Egan, Mary Love, Jennie Irwine, G.R. Prowse, Annie Richmond, Harold Rogers, Alice I. Sexsmith, Loa Oliver, L. Kellett, Grace Crowe, Miss Irwin, Mrs. G.A. Amyott, Ellen E. Stewart (Finnegan), L. Brookler, Montague Shore, Vida G. Smith (McCutcheon), Del Belyea, Ruth Ames (English), E.K. Marshall, Mary Pitchell (Zimmerman), Elizabeth MacLean, Jean Hall, Hilda Sparrow, Kay Hadden, Hattie Sair, Olive Jenner, Sara M. Armstrong, Gertrude Steiss (Russell), Harold Middlemass, Allan Fallis, Ethel Moffat (McVety), Lillian G. Wylie, Lillian Howe (Pickell), Florence Aitken, Eleanor Glass, Lillian Glass, Betty MacIntosh (Oliver), Phyllis Sloik, Doris Gunness (Restall), Doris Boak (Smith), Leona Miller (Tomchuk), Julie Manchur (Scott), Hattie Dobbin, Gregorine Sloik, Ann Manchur (Schaldemose), Katie Goosen (Kathler) Phyllis Maxfield (Meseyton), Mary Kaminsky (Berthalet), Ann Pallister, Lynn Switzer, Belle Sole.

Rossendale High School was born in 1957 with Mr. Wm. Domitrack, the one and only teacher. Mr. Domitrack's trailer was a very available residence at the back of the school which was composed of a classroom, library and laboratory. Although a small high school, the students received a good education and enjoyed graduation ceremonies with awards from the U.C.W. Valiant efforts were made to maintain the high school at Rossendale but the doors closed on June 30, 1968.



Bill Domitrak - only High School teacher in Rossendale



Mary Kaminsky and pupils in new Elmwood School in 1958

In 1964, Elmwood S.D. was joined by six other schools, Allandale, Clairmont, Currie, Ferriss, Lavenham and South Rossendale to form the Rossendale Consolidated School in the present school buildings. Some children from Long Plain Reserve joined our classes at that time.

The teachers started the school term of 1964 in the small one room schools but everyone moved into the new five classroom school with gym after the Christmas break.

Janice Kelly was the first principal with a staff of Nel Henry, Belle Sole, Lee Tomchuk and Margaret Woodward.

School board members for the Consolidated School were Robert Moffat (chairman), Thos. Nicoll, Harold Patsack, Andrew Gourley and Delmer Dobbin, who was later replaced by Helmut Schroeder.

Mrs. Margaret Watson was a most capable Secretary-Treasurer during the construction and growth of Rossendale Consolidated School. She also assisted in 1968 to make the smooth transition into Pine Creek School Division.

Since the formation of Pine Creek S.D. #30 Rossendale trustees have been James Culbert, Dave Doerfler and the present board chairman, James Dickson.

Mrs. Doris Dobbin became the school secretary while her husband was at the helm as principal. When Doris was forced by illness to leave her desk, Katherine Anderson became Secretary-Librarian. Classroom libraries were centralized and much work was



Opening of Consolidated School in Rossendale, 1964
 L-R - Robert Moffat (Chairman), Margaret Watson (Secretary),
 Andrew Gourley, Tom Nicoll, Delmer Dobbin

done to catalogue the books under the Dewey Decimal System.

When principals and teachers ran in with last minute reports or tests, Kathy was like an extra pair of hands to complete that work. Students found her always ready to find the right book for that certain assignment. "PLEASE bring back the books you have borrowed" might well have been Kathy's theme song.

Jack and Treva Charlton became the first custodians of the Consolidated School followed by Harvey and Joan Watson who are still serving our community in this capacity.

Custodians were always counted as "friends" to Rossendale students. They wiped tears, mended softballs, brought water for ice sculptures, loaned tools for great projects like forts and all this was done beyond the duties of their position.

The first Rossendale Kindergarten with Mrs. Freda Moffat as teacher was held in the old Elmwood School in 1969-70. The children from that first kindergarten class were part of the graduating class from MacGregor Collegiate on June 29, 1982.

Rossendale Field Day and Picnic has become a legend with students competing in Track and Field events as well as in ball games. School and community have worked together to produce days to remember and students of which we can be proud. The highlight of each Field Day was the presentation of the following awards — Keith Murray Memorial plaque for Athletics and Sportsmanship, Diane Maloney Memorial plaque for Scholarship and the Alphonse Gheysens Memorial Trophy for School Spirit.



First Staff of Rossendale Consolidated School
L-R - Margaret Woodward, Belle Sole, Janice Kelly,
Leona Tomchuk, Nellie Henry

Music and French classes as well as Outdoor Education excursions have added interest to the academic life of the students over the years. The most recent addition to our school program has been the formation of the Rossendale School Band under Mr. Oreste Pestyk. Past and present concerts have been well performed by students and well supported and received by the community.

We look back, with pride, on the Rossendale students in MacGregor Collegiate. As well as performing well academically, our students have been the backbone of athletic endeavours, performers in musicals and drama, and representatives on the Student Council.

Rossendale graduates can be found in professions, businesses, trades and agriculture.

Rossendale school has been fortunate in its growth from the small one room school to the present Rossendale Elementary School. We have been served by well qualified, concerned staffs who have set our children on the right path of learning and prepared them to take their places in life. The traditions of the past will stand them well in the future.

Staff members after consolidation:

Teaching Principals: Janice Kelly, Delmer Dobbin, Malcolm Burt, Frank Froese, Jim Hardy, Adrian DeRuyck, Edward MacGregor, Arlene Day.

Teachers: Nel Henry, Belle Sole, Margaret Woodward, Leona Tomchuk, Eunice Donald, Victoria Donald, Rosalie Cox (Bieganski), Frances Marginet, Bruce Stephens, Dale and Judy Zimmer, Gisele Bernardin (Corriodal), Eunice Pratt, Irene Prefontaine (Maclean), Sharon Bystrom, Wendall Keeler, Donna Moore, Carol Zacharias, Freda Moffat, Lois McDougald (Evenson), Marilyn Perchak.

ROSALIE BIEGANSKI (nee Cox)



I have been trying to find in my memories some special memories of Rossendale but all my memories were special. I found everyone so friendly and had so many good times. As you know after I left Rossendale I married Wally Bieganski and have two boys, Jeffrey and Andrew. We live in Justice and own the Justice General Store.

LOIS EVENSON (nee McDougald)

My teaching year at Rossendale goes back to the term 1970-71 so most of my pupils are now in Grade XI, the one I have especially watched progress has been my sister Norma. She found it very difficult that year to know what to call me. Finally she settled on "Teacher," which she called me at home as well.

One of the funniest incidents that I recall was getting a visit from the School Trustee wanting to know what I was doing allowing the kids to ride a horse at school. It turned out that one of my pupils with a very vivid imagination went home at night telling stories of riding a horse at school. He made his pretend horse sound so real to his parents, they had complained to the school board.

Don and I have been living in Neepawa since we got married at Easter break of that year. We have two children, Bradley - six, and Tracey - two.

MRS. HARRY HACKMAN (OLIVE JENNER)

To say I was surprised when I received your letter would be an understatement. I had not been in touch with any Rossendale folks for years and I presumed that they had forgotten I existed. After all, it was 1928 when I taught at Elmwood and a lot of water has gone under the bridge since then.

As I recall, I boarded at the Gordon Kane home, which was a lively household with Clarice, Jean, Harvey and Eileen. They were all so kind to me and Clarice used to be the driver of the temperamental horse that hauled us to school. Net, I believe her name was.

Enrolment was 42 that year. Detta Henry was taking her grade nine correspondence course. She, along with the other students in grades six, seven and eight, was a big help to me, especially preparing for our Christmas concert.

Crocker's store and the skating rink were the gathering places. What fun we had skating around the curlers. Also, the dances that were held in the school house were happy occasions.

Mr. Dow, chairman of the school board, lived directly across from the school and was a tower of strength to me whenever I had a problem.

After teaching in Elmwood, I returned to Elkhorn and taught the home school "Parkland" until 1936. My younger sister and brother were two of my pupils.

In July 1936 I married Harry Hackman, a farmer in Rocanville, Sask. He developed asthma soon after and we had to quit farming. His health did not improve living in town, so after deep consideration, we pulled up roots and left his birthplace and came to the Okanagan in 1947, a move we've never regretted. With proper care and medical help the asthma left him after fifteen years in this wonderful arid valley.



Olive Jenner

I returned to teaching after being away for sixteen years. What a change! By attending Victoria University and taking summer school courses I obtained a B.C. teaching certificate and taught for fifteen years, altogether twenty-six years, retiring in 1971.

We moved to Summerland in 1950.

Our family consists of two children. Gary, a chartered accountant in Edmonton, and Carole, a teacher in near-by Kelowna. We have four granddaughters and one grandson.

We lead a very active life; curling, golfing and swimming. We are active members in the United Church and the Seniors Centre.

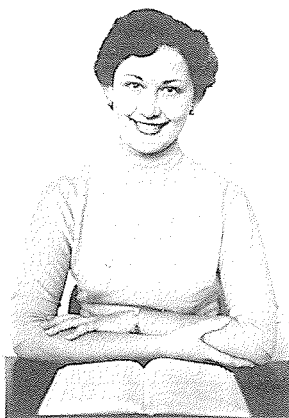
We were honored this January when Harry was chosen as Summerland's good citizen for 1981. He very graciously said he couldn't have won it without my untiring support. We are most thankful for health which permits us to help others who are not so fortunate.

KAY KATHLER (GOOSEN)

I appreciate being asked to share some memories, but find it is difficult to put into words what I do recall, although I often think back to the year I spent in Rossendale and remember some of the names on your committee.

We moved to Kelowna in 1967. We have three children Donna, Eric and Dorothy.

My husband Rudy is in the Building Construction business and I operate a Day Care Centre in my home which I have been doing for eight years.



Kay Goosen

WENDALL KEELER

Thanks for the opportunity to contribute to the history of Rossendale. Although not a resident of the community I taught at the school for a year, and especially enjoyed the children's participation in sports events. Being able to see the growth of the older students by their participation in soccer and football with other schools in the fall was enjoyable. Later on volleyball and curling was enjoyed by the groups, and of course, ball in the spring was a favourite. The community sports day involving baseball, track and field, and other activities was a wrap-up for the school year. The school program was an opportunity for these people to learn to work and play together in the community.

I plan to get married July 31st, this summer and continue working at the Agassiz Centre for Youth in Portage as a teacher.

JANICE KELLY (DUNCAN)

Janice taught school at Poplar Bluff, Edwin, South End, Rossendale and at present at MacGregor. She spent 17 years at Rossendale Consolidated School, being principal when it first opened.

Janice coached both girls and boys baseball teams, curled and helped in 4-H work.

MRS. VIDA McCUTCHEN (nee Smith)

by daughter Margaret Whiting

My mother taught school in Rossendale sixty years ago, and although she has mentioned many times how much she enjoyed her short stay there, she feels she doesn't really remember anything that would be a contribution to your book.

We wish you much success and thank you for remembering her.

MRS. W.M. McVETY (nee Ethel Moffat)

When I became the teacher of Elmwood School No. 864, a dream came true. As a little girl attending Elmwood, I dreamed of becoming a teacher and of teaching in that school. While attending Normal School I did my practice teaching under the supervision of Allan Fallis, who taught at Rossendale in 1932 - 37. Later I had the pleasure of supervising Mary Frizzley's practice teaching.

My time of service was a happy time for me. I had good classes - grades one to nine, and the physical plant and supplies were excellent with perhaps two exceptions; namely the washrooms and the piano. The washrooms were like a deep freeze in winter — really "deep." The piano belonged to the Community Club and was padlocked into a huge wooden box. The piano was only available to us when preparing for the Christmas Concert.



Back Row - Audrey Paisley, Alvin Sloane, Ethel Moffat, Helen Moffat, Stan Procowicz
Third Row - Duke Marks, Richard Marks, Evelyn Chapman,
Polly Prystanski, Annie Prosowicz
Second Row - Alex Moffat, Jackie Charlton, Mona Samoleski, Jean Chapman,
Annie Prystanski, Dorothy Luycz, Johnson Marks
Front Row - Alex Marks, Margaret Chatterley, Elsie Marks
Henry Procowicz, Helmut Schroeder

We coached ball teams, went on hikes and tobogganed down the "big hill." We prepared and presented three-act plays and always with the full co-operation of the parents.

Of course, we had a few low times, too. One boy broke a tooth, another cut his lip badly when he wound a stick in the fence, then let go. The well, which was such a blessing, also presented a problem with boys throwing water on each other. The health officer from MacGregor was called in an attempt to eradicate pediculosis.

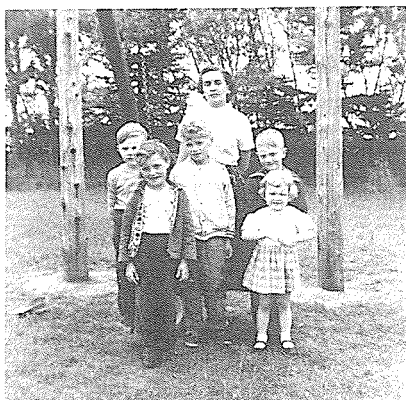
One morning, I went out to the barn to investigate a quarrel and asked what was wrong and one of the combatants told me where to go. I told him to stay after four. All day I pondered about what I should do and in my "great wisdom," I decided to strap him. I gave him one on each hand, then dismissed him. As he went under my window he said, "You can still go to" What he really needed was a hug. I taught for twenty-two years, but I never used the strap again.

I really enjoyed and will always treasure my memories of Elmwood School.

PHYLLIS MESEYTON (MAXFIELD)

August 1955 - How well I remember watching Mom and Dad driving away and leaving me alone and afraid and in the midst of strangers. Not only was I among strangers but the next day I was to walk into a school room and face twenty six students, grades one to eight and, hopefully, guide them through their studies. I remember lying in bed that night and wishing morning would never come but come it did and I was to spend the next two years enjoying not only my job but also the friendship of the people who lived in and around Rossendale.

Such wonderful memories I have of those two years! I boarded with Mary and Leo Bieganski and because of their warmth and friendliness I soon felt I was part of their family. It was here that I first experienced the delights of perogies and cabbage rolls that were previously unknown to me. Along with fish fries at midnight and homemade buns it is no wonder I managed to gain 15 pounds the first four months I lived there.



L-R - Wally Bieganski, ? Wright, Wayne Anderson, Bill Moffat,
Mary-Lynn Moffat with Phyllis Maxfield

I remember so many other families who welcomed me into their homes; the Frizzleys, the Baslers, the Crockers, the Moffats, the Tait and many more. I remember the cribbage games with Pearl Cooper and the quiet visits with Mr. Charlton. Then there were the Saturday nights when everyone gathered around the T.V. set at Bieganskis or Crockers to watch the wrestling.

And of course each winter brought the dreaded Christmas concert which brought fear to the heart of any young teacher. In spite of all the worry the students always came through and one could sit back proudly and relax when it was all done.

Another place with many fond memories was the curling rink where I spent numerous hours every winter.

In June of 1957 I left Rossendale and moved to Portage where I taught until 1963. That summer I married Jim Meseyton and it was to be many years before I resumed my teaching career. Our oldest son Jack was born in 1964, a daughter Karen in 1965, another daughter Susan in 1967 and our youngest son Paul in 1971. Those were busy years and it wasn't until the fall of 1976 that I returned to the classroom but only as a substitute teacher. As my family grew I was able to take on more substituting and in the fall of 1979 I returned permanently teaching junior high classes in Yellow Quill School.

I have enjoyed my years in Portage but the two years spent in Rossendale will always be very special to me.

IRENE McLEAN (nee Prefontaine)

I was pretty excited as I was walking to work on that cool September morning back in '78. You see, it was my first teaching job and I was overflowing with enthusiasm. The anticipation of what I was to experience as a teacher in Rossendale was bubbling inside me.

When I think back to that year I think of snow (lots of it!), and nice folks. The first semester of that year was spent in a teacherage situated approximately one kilometre from school. My apartment was a conversion of a one-room schoolhouse. It was small, but the lot on which it rested was landscaped with tall pine trees and bushy shrubs. I will always remember moving into the teacherage and finding a family of mice nicely settled into the oven!

My assignment at the school was that of grades three and four (combined), grades five to eight French, and grades one to eight Physical Education. It was a busy schedule, and I am certain that my homework tripled that of my students' that year. Rossendale, being a small community, also had a small school. This, I felt, was to my advantage, as it permitted me to get to know the school staff quite well. They were a great bunch!

I can't recall a winter that has been so cold nor that has had as much snow as the one that I spent in Rossendale. It was much to my dismay to return to my apartment following the Christmas holidays to find that the furnace had failed to function and that my apartment more or less resembled a snow hut. I was forced to move. This was when the Dicksons from Rossendale came to my rescue. They offered me temporary room and board until I could find another apartment. As it turned out, I enjoyed the family atmosphere so much at the Dicksons' that I decided to stay with them to the end of the school year. These people became very dear to me. I'll always remember early morning coffees with Vera, Jim's tow-truck service (I had to battle snow and mud that year!), and Joanne and Michael's friendship.

Yes, the chapter of my life spent at Rossendale is already written, but it is always available to be re-read.

FREDA MOFFAT

I felt very privileged to be asked to teach the first Kindergarten class in Rossendale in 1969-70. I had 12 pupils: Bonnie Schroeder, Sally Sylvester, Lori MacDougall, Debbie Kruetzer, Pam Letkeman, Scott Watson, Wade Anderson, Kirby Tunski, Kevin Donald, Jules Tomchuk, Larry Rodgers and Jimmy Neufeld.

It was most rewarding to teach a class of little ones who were so eager and willing to learn - and what better way to learn than by asking questions! After my second year of teaching Kindergarten in 1971-72, I had grown quite accustomed to answering to the name of "Mrs Muffet."

A trip to the zoo in Winnipeg with twelve five year olds was a never-to-be-forgotten experience.

This year my first Kindergarten class will graduate from Grade XII. I hope their memories of their first year at school are as pleasant as mine.

Through the years, I have enjoyed keeping in touch with the children as I substituted in Elmwood, Rossendale Consolidated and Baker Colony.



Freda Moffat with Kindergarten class

ANNE PALLISTER

Impressions of Rossendale, 1958-1959

May 1958 was a memorable time for me. I had just come home from hospital after a bout with Asiatic flu when I received acceptance from my application as teacher at Elmwood School #864 at Rossendale.

Not being a local product, my knowledge of the Rossendale people and district was minimal - the destruction by fire of the school two years previous; an evening ride axle-deep in mud, to a succulent fowl supper; and an occasional visit to my husband's Uncle Jim and Aunt Jessie's tiny home in the village.

In June Mr. W.R. Moffat, chairman, and Mr. Jack Charlton, Secretary, arrived with the contract which every teacher must sign, and qualified teachers were scarce in 1958. My salary was \$290 per month. There were twenty-one pupils enrolled - one beginner, Albert Bieganski; II Wayne Anderson; III Billy Moffat and Walter Bieganski; IV Normie Tait, Darlene Nehaj and Stanley Neufeld; V Caroline Maloney, Beverley Nehaj, Maxine Neufeld, Linda Whalen and Lynn Crocker; VI Betty Bieganski, Billy Maloney and Gerald Neufeld; VII Lorraine Watson, Gerald Frizzley and Gary Nehaj; VIII Mary Anne Bieganski and Mervin Tait, Larry Cooper (who left before the end of the first term). Namely, twelve boys and nine girls to bring along from where they left off last year with Mary Kaminsky. We had the advantages - a clean, new school with running water, co-operative parents and an alert, caring school-board.

It was delightful to have pupils like Mary Anne Bieganski who helped with the youngsters, Gerald Frizzley who knew so much about sports and Math and had never missed a day of school, and 6 foot Gerald Neufeld who cheerfully lifted the heavy loads. We quickly attained a busy routine.

Shortly after a two-day teacher's convention in Minnedosa we held the customary Hallowe'en party. Mothers brought preschoolers and lunch. With our Senior Citizens, Mrs. Crosbie, Mrs. Paisley and Mrs. Love judging the costumes, total participation was observed.

We competed in the Annual Pine Creek Spelling Competition at Gladstone. Mary Anne ranked second, going down on the word jewellery.

What a warm dry fall we had! The ball diamonds were busy. Then just after the annual Bazaar and Fowl Supper on November 17th, down came the snow, seventeen inches on one weekend - and much, much more to follow. To make matters worse an afternoon rainstorm in December left treacherous slippery driving conditions until later winter. How fortunate to have a teacherage for overnight accommodation. Television was popular that winter, particularly Gunsmoke.

After Christmas exams we launched into practicing for that institution in rural communities for generations, reputed to be able to make or break a teacher - the annual Christmas Concert,

marching down to the new hall for rehearsals. It was also when Mr. Cecil Diehl, our school inspector paid his semi-annual visit.

Almost anything can happen at a Christmas concert. Our trouble started early. At two o'clock in the morning the furnace in the school went out. Then a slight explosion spread greasy soot all over everything. Precious rehearsal time was spent by pupils and trustees cleaning up. That afternoon it snowed heavily. Miraculously everyone made it to the Big Event, even though the Bieganski and Moffat cars had to be pulled through the yea-high snowbanks. Mr. Domitrak, the High school teacher, acted as M.C. Clair Basler and Jimmy Koldyk were on lighting and props. Faye Crocker played the piano for marches, the girls' Star Drill, the boys' Backward Drill and the Indian War Dance, and of course Lynn Crocker sang Christmas in Killarney by special request of Uncle Jim Crosbie. With the arrival of Santa, gifts and cards were exchanged, the pre-schoolers got bags of candy and whispered their wishes. After lunch, the capacity crowd poured out of the hot steamy hall into the ice-cold reality of a Manitoba blizzard.



Anne Pallister with pupils

Next morning clean up, report cards and everyone home for Christmas.

Winter struck with a vengeance in January with frequent heavy snow. Playing on a high drift was a common pastime although curling was taught at the local rink by Reuben and Craig Frizzley. On Valentine's Day a horse-drawn sleigh took the class to the Big Hill for an afternoon of sliding. The Irish Stew evening featured such local talent as Joan Robinson, pianist, and Betty Dromun. With the local bonspiel in March came the long awaited thaw, uncovering the pansies which had remained unfrozen in Mrs. Charlton's garden, due to that heavy snow of Autumn.

By spring I was now knowledgeable about the village of Rossendale, the elevator, blacksmith shop, local stores, its two bachelors and several retired residents as well as the surrounding locale and the various potholes into which my blue and dark topped '52 Ford occasionally blundered.

With Spring came the local ball games - friendly visits to and from Hartford, Ferriss and Lavenham. The children especially favored Currie where the Cruikshank twins had painted their only softball yellow. Next came the picnics.

The final event of the school year was the Inter-School Competition between Hartford, Ferriss and Rossendale. We were fortunate to win it by two points. The event had to be postponed for two days due to the death of Mr. Paisley.

Thus ended my career as teacher at Elmwood School but friendships cultivated at this time have endured. In November I became the mother of a baby girl and entered into a different world. I will always look back with fond memories of this year at Elmwood and treasure my farewell gift - *jewelry*.

MARILYN PERCHAK

I started part time teaching at Rossendale Elementary in September of 1968 for Mr. Dobbin, principal at that time. He was allowed a half day a week off and I taught Grade 7 and 8 Health and Art. Each year this administration time differed. After the first four years the principals were allotted more time. Some got two and then three afternoons off in a 6 day cycle at which times I had Grades 4 to 8 Health and Art. This allotted time was terminated in June of 1977. I still continue to substitute at Rossendale. I enjoyed the Health and Art classes throughout the nine years I was there. There were many creative children in my art classes and we did many crafts that I hope the children enjoyed as much as I enjoyed teaching them.

DORIS RESTALL (GUNNESS)

Late in August, 1944, I, Doris Gunness, arrived in Rossendale by train excited about my new assignment as the teacher for Elmwood, S.D. A young girl stepped off the train ahead of me and was immediately whisked away into a car. The train pulled out of the station, and I was alone with my luggage on the platform. I can still see the red lights of the train going west up the track. Across the track was a team of horses and a wagon. A huge man came over and asked if I was the teacher for Allandale. I informed him who I was and while we were talking the car came back. The men laughingly exchanged words and realized their mistake. Teachers were interchanged, and I was whisked away in the car. Thank goodness. I stayed with Jack and Treva Charlton that first year and enjoyed many laughs about my arrival and other incidents.

I walked to school every day and accepted rides on anything with wheels from horse and buggy to a hay rack or a car - even a tractor! If the weather was bad, Jack would take me by car. Both Treva and Jack looked after me well.

The school house was heated and the caretaker kept it clean. The only drawback was outdoor plumbing and no water. Water was

carried from Love's farm next to the school by the older children. There were no discipline problems. A few ground rules were set and by the end of September we had established a good working relationship.

The children had walked a long way each day, so during the winter we worked over the noon hour. After lunch and clean up, the little ones played games and the older ones helped work on costumes and stage settings for the Christmas concert. The health nurse came once a month, unless called for in an emergency. Educational films were shown at Bagot and if transportation was available we went about twice a year.

Dances were held at the school and that meant clearing the room on Fridays and arriving early on Mondays to put everything back in place.

Jean and Ken Crocker's store was a focal point of the town - a great meeting place. It was a coke and chocolate bar stop and a Post Office. I met many of my pupils' parents there, and our topic of conversation was about their children. I met Frank Restall at the store, and he gave me a ride home to the Charltons. That was a turning point in my life.

During the following year at Rossendale, I boarded with Lou Jardine and began to know the townspeople better. Curling was the main interest that winter. The pupils had a jam pail curling rink set up at the school where they played at noon hour. They lugged the water from Love's farm and inked in the rings. Had a great time! They tried the big rocks when the adults finished their bonspiel at the town rink.

After a curling banquet in Portage la Prairie, we ran into a blizzard on the way home. The men had to shovel from Rintouls across the field to the road near Moffats and move the cars forward one at a time. Curlers will do anything for a good time! This is certainly one incident I remember well!

Baseball was another sport to get people together. The schools interchanged games during the spring. We walked to South Rossendale many times, played ball and walked back. The kids still had to go home and do chores. No time for mischief! I played with the Rossendale ladies' team, and we entered the tournament at the MacGregor fair.

My third year was rather confusing. I boarded with Lou Jardine until Christmas. In January, I boarded with Neufelds, across from the blacksmith shop. He was transferred to Portage la Prairie and said I could stay in the house until the new owner took over at Easter. I batched and was not too happy. After Easter, I boarded with Jack and Jean Fisher. A one and one-half mile walk to school every day was a long hike. Although I enjoyed being on a farm again, I left Rossendale in June.

Frank and I were married in Flin Flon on December 23, 1948. We returned to Rossendale in the spring of '49 to help Frank's parents on the farm. I learned a lot about farming that year - stacked hay,

planted trees and garden, and fenced the north quarter. We left that fall for Winnipeg.

Fourteen years later, I came back to Rossendale with our three girls to look after the farm while the Restalls went south for a visit. Frank had been accidentally killed in 1961. The girls loved to visit their grandparents and their relatives on the farm. Their favorite past time was to cut across the fields or ride their bikes to Charltons. Eunice and Frank Bennett kept their eye on the farm as they were not sure of my farming abilities. The Restalls retired to Portage, and I still kept in touch with them while they were both living.

I retired from teaching and even with all our years of wandering to B.C., New Zealand, and Northern Manitoba, I still enjoy travelling.

At the present time, Kathleen, our eldest, lives near Argyle, Manitoba, with her husband Lynn. She commutes forty miles daily to Winnipeg where she is a hairdresser. Norma teaches Adult Business Education at Red River Community College. Debra is an Interpreter for the Deaf at Red River Community College.

I was out to visit Treva Charlton in Portage la Prairie last fall, and we took a drive out to Rossendale. There have been many changes, but memories are still there. Time goes on.

MRS. FRANK RUSSELL (nee Gertrude Steiss)

I was surprised to receive your request for a contribution to your Centennial Book. As you know, it is over 50 years since I taught at Elmwood School (1930 - 31) and anything I might have to offer would make rather dull reading.

We have just celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary on May 3rd, and are in reasonably good health for our ages. We have one son and two grandsons who live on the farm fifteen miles from here.

We reside in Neepawa and would be pleased to have any of my "old" pupils drop in and say "hello." Our kettle is always on. Thank you for remembering my short stay in your area.

ANN SCHOLDEMOSE (Manchur)

I could never express how moved I was to receive your letter. It brought back the many warm feelings I have for Rossendale and all its very friendly people.

My family is just fine. There is just myself and my fourteen year old daughter Lisa. My husband passed away thirteen years ago with cancer. I work at accounting and secretarial work and enjoy it. I am always interested in hearing from and about Rossendale.

Many incidents came to mind but I think the most outstanding thought would have to be, and I quote:

"For a young person starting her teaching career, a very important time of her life; a person shy, uncertain and afraid, Rossendale was the ideal community to come to. Here were people who accepted her with their warm, friendly hospitality. Such a wonderful beginning, never to be forgotten. People of Rossendale, you have much to be proud of."

JULIE SCOTT (MANCHUR)

I was employed as a schoolteacher during the year 1950-51. I was seventeen years old and it was my first time away from home.

I have many memories of Rossendale, the fondest of which was my friendship with Ken and Jean Crocker with whom I resided. Ken and Jean were a fun couple and made my stay in Rossendale most pleasant. My most vivid recollection involved the gathering of an Indian Chief and his tribe from a nearby reservation to purchase their monthly food supplies from Ken's General Store. This provided some drama for the local residents. The highlight of the year, however, was the annual Curling Tournament. The athletic skills of the community were put to the test and the atmosphere was one of fun and comraderie.

As a schoolteacher, the most dramatic incident for me was during the Christmas season. In addition to trying to educate 30 children (Grades 1-8) and coping with the difficulties of the classroom, I was informed I had to organize a Christmas Concert. I was terrified! Having no experience in drama or singing (I am tone-deaf) somehow the children and I managed to put together a program. The night of the performance everything went wrong, with one disaster following another. First, in the Nativity scene, one of the shepherd's candles caught on fire but we managed to extinguish it with a bucket of water. Next, my star pupil went mute during his recitation, and during my favorite vignette of the "Ten Little Indians" the majority of the children forgot their headdress at home and the effect was lost. To top it off, the choir had to flounder on its own (my voice deserted me during the course of the evening). At that point I was beginning to feel rather giddy and out of control, but fortunately Santa came riding in with his reindeer and rescued me before I expired. The gifts were handed out and all was forgiven and forgotten.

I now live in the Sherman Oaks area of the San Fernando Valley. I came to the U.S. in 1957. I am happily married to a native Californian, Tom Scott, and have three children; Dana (22), Bryan (19), both attending UCLA, and Sara (13) in Junior High. My interests include tennis, jogging and part-time secretarial work.



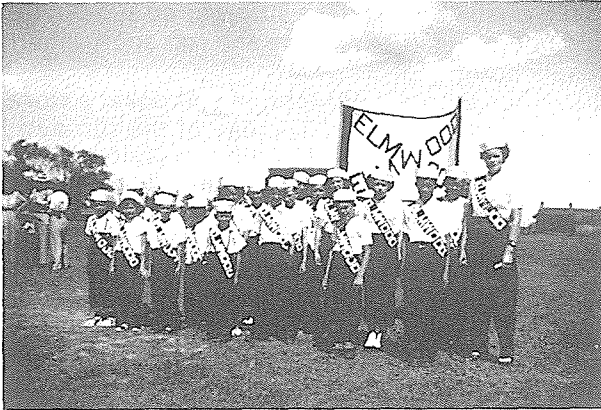
Julie and Tom Scott

GREGORINE SLOIK (nee Walley)

I, Gregorine Walley of Greenway, Manitoba, was assigned my first teaching position at the Allandale School Division in the years 1943-1944. There were seven students attending at the time.

So many happy memories there were in that "Little Red School House."

Lots of hard dedicated work but a lot of laughter amongst it all.



Gregorine Sloik and class

One thing that still amuses me to this day. There were two Allandale young, handsome men, who would shoot a gun while the teacher was courting.

Remember

In the year 1951-1952 I, now Gregorine Sloik, taught in the Elmwood School, which was located in the village of Rossendale.

There were twenty-five students attending classes at that time.

Again, so very many happy memories. I found teaching one of hard work and challenging but ever so rewarding. 'Efforts Are Never in Vain.' How true.

PHYLLIS SLOIK (nee Phyllis Troop)

MEMORIES

After teaching for three years at Ferriss School (1940-1943), I thought I was through teaching. A knock on our door and a visit from the late Jack Charlton soon changed those thoughts. In Rossendale district known as Elmwood School there was no teacher for the fall term which was to begin in a few weeks. I agreed to go back to my chosen profession for one year.

As we had no car Milton and I quickly had to scurry around and buy a horse for me to drive to school. With the help of the late Joe Lyall we found a dandy as I thought - complete with a white star on her forehead. She was called Flash. She was well named. I believe she went a mile with a buggy in about three minutes. Flash could make those wheels rattle!

One day we arrived at school in record time. It was during the winter with our homemade cutter. By the way, the winter road was along the south edge of the railway track. It seemed much shorter than going past the late Norman and Mary Charlton's home. I was at the end of the lane on the top of the hill when a car unexpectedly came from the hill just south of us. Flash was frightened. She went into a gallop! All the way to school I had no control of her. We went over the railway tracks at top speed. About fifty feet past the school gate, she put on the brakes. The stop was so sudden the robe and I hit the dashboard. Flash backed up and was soon unharnessed with my heart still pounding.

Each day after school, I dropped into Crocker's store to pick up the mail and a few groceries. The day of the run-away the men gathered in the store in the morning, wondered if a train was approaching the crossing at the same time. I was too frightened to think of trains.

During the war you will remember some things were in short supply. Ellis Bird was most helpful. He would see that we had our share of raisins, coconut and lamp chimneys. I still have a token that was required for meat. Sugar, coffee and tea also were rationed.

Those were busy days as I had almost thirty students and all grades. During my first year of teaching at Ferriss School I had thirty-three students. Since joining Portage la Prairie's staff I have had 35-37 students but they were all in the same grade. Our garden had to be attended to as well as the school. I remember one day two girls coming home from school with me to help take corn off the cob for me to can. Preparing the Christmas Concert was always a busy time. Margaret Watson loaned me some material as what I had was all used at Ferriss School.

The days couldn't have been too hectic because I am still trying to manage our home and teach. At present I'm on Crescentview staff teaching grade six. I found time to raise three sons, Brian (who was born while we were at Rossendale), Garry and Kenneth. Our boys are married and we have four grandchildren of which we are very proud.

Before closing may I give an opinion of mine. The relationship today between teachers and trustees bothers me. Hassels over salaries and working conditions are yearly events. We need more liaison.

As far as I know there was a good relationship with all my early trustees. As these gentlemen are all deceased, this point can't be verified. My first school board consisted of Mr. Ray McCullough, Mr. James Crosbie and Mr. Jim Lyall. The Elmwood board was Mr. William Moffat, Mr. Fred Paisley and Mr. Jack Charlton.

When the day of my retirement will arrive, I am not absolutely sure. I am still enjoying teaching but it is getting harder to recognize and remember former students. When any of you meet me, give me a smile even though I can't remember your name.

MRS LESLIE I. SMITH (nee Doris Boak)

I taught at Elmwood School, Rossendale in the year 1947-1948. It was the first year of my teaching career and I was placed there on a permit after Grade XI.

My memories of Rossendale were all pleasant and happy ones. It was indeed a most interesting and rewarding experience for me as I enjoyed working with each and every child who attended Elmwood.

My teaching career has now come to an end after completing 25 years. I retired last year because of ill health.

I am enjoying retirement on the farm north of Portage where our family of two children have been raised. Patty is an R.N. at the Health Sciences Center and Gary is working on the family farm on the Portage Plains.

THOUGHTS OF ELMWOOD CONSOLIDATED

by Lynn Switzer

The years 1959-61 are significant to me as I am sure they are to many of the students and parents of the Rossendale area. To me it was the start of my career as a teacher, and some pretty fond memories of a one room school.



Lynn Switzer with pupils

My job interview took place out in the field. Reuben Frizzley took me out to meet Bob Moffat, who was sowing wheat at the time. They agreed to give a young, inexperienced somewhat enthusiastic teacher a chance to work with their children, and live in the teacherage. If you were wondering what a beginning teacher earned in 1959 you might be somewhat surprised that it amounted to \$199.96 a month take home with a small bonus at the end of the second year.

I remember the first day of school very well. The lessons had been carefully planned for eight different grades and everything was going great until the morning recess. As the older boys and girls were going out for recess an accidental swing of the bat hit Alan Wright on the head, and he had to be taken to the hospital in

MacGregor. Faye Crocker was called to substitute, while I drove Alan to the hospital in my 1952 Ford with one door that wouldn't open and the other that wouldn't shut. Mostly I had a rope tied across to each door.

There were lots of incidents that I can recall. Some of the most memorable were the day Doug Neufeld in Grade I began to read his reader as if he knew how to read all along, but was too shy to try it. One day when I had shrimp for lunch Larry Schroeder thought they were worms. Then there was the day Wally Bieganski and Billy Moffat got the same mark on their arithmetic paper.

The three hour marathon Christmas concerts with Bill Domitrak as M.C. and Mrs Pilkington on the piano has some fond memories for many of us. The five school field day held in Rossendale had something for everyone, marching, school yells, track and field, with ball games. It was a pretty exciting time for the children.

Some out of school tales might be interesting to some. I wonder if Mrs. Charlton remembers the Monday morning when she was watering her flowers and I drove by the farm on my way to school. She remarked later in the day that I must have been up early to be going to work at that time of the morning. Well, I am sorry Mrs. Charlton but I was just going to bed.

Then there was the dentist appointment in Portage when Freda Moffat had to be called in to substitute, and you can imagine her surprise when it was later reported in the paper that I had a fine to pay.

In closing, I would like to extend my best wishes to the Rossendale area on their centennial history project, and thank the Elmwood School Division for the opportunity to have been a part of their lives during those unforgettable years of one room schools in the late fifties. I was always impressed with the positive and progressive attitude of the Rossendale district and wish them continued success.

LEONA TOMCHUK (MILLER) 1948-50 1964-1982

When I arrived by train at Rossendale in 1947, I was a green girl from Winnipeg. I had been sent by the United Church to organize Vacation Bible Schools at Rossendale, Lavenham, Ferriss and Allandale. Mr. T.N. Ferguson, lay minister at the time, helped me get organized at each place. I laid my head at the Crocker residence and enjoyed the hospitality of many households at meals. Mrs. Grace Anderson chauffeured me (without a license, I recently learned) in her 1922 model auto. While wearing, what I considered, my stylish new blue and white striped dress, Mrs. Edith Clarke asked if I had to wear *that uniform* all the time. It was a most interesting summer and a wealth of experience was gained by a teenaged, inexperienced city gal in the joys of country living.

My teacher training was taken at the Provincial Normal School



Lee Tomchuk

in Winnipeg but a letter from H.N. Basler, Sec.-Treas. of Elmwood S.D. #864, found me returning to Rossendale in the fall of 1948 for a salary of \$1200. I didn't know what I'd do with all that money but I saved some.

My boarding place with Ken and Jean Crocker became second home to me. It was great to be part of that family! I needed them since I spent most of that first year crying about one thing or another. Winnipeg schools and teacher training had *not* prepared me for all those kids in *eight* different grades.

Early in my teaching career, I had kept Shirley Tomchuk in after school and I was threatened by one of the other students, "You'd better let her go 'cause Edwin's waiting to take her home." Not knowing the dreaded Edwin, I kept Shirley and her big brother left her to walk home. Two years later, I married the big brother and made Rossendale my permanent home.

I taught two years at Elmwood, took a year off teaching to raise chickens but returned to South Rossendale in 1951. I took students from Elmwood to increase the enrollment at South Rossendale allowing that school to reopen.

After several years of employment for Ed in Alberta and B.C. we returned to Rossendale and I went back to South Rossendale School in 1961. When Consolidation took place in 1964, I became the Grade one teacher at Rossendale Consolidated School.

What a move that was for everyone! Books and supplies moving from seven different schools into that one building. The library consisted of seven copies of each book since we had all been sent the same library order from the Department.

When our enrollment increased, I had my primary class in the old high school where we felt quite exclusive. As enrollment declined again in 1981 we moved back into the main building.

To watch the passage of children through our school system and to try the changes in programs has been most challenging. I've watched generations in my classroom. Like Harvey Watson who was in my first Grade two class at Elmwood and all three of his children started in my Grade one class and have now all

graduated from Grade twelve at MacGregor.

Someone asked me if I did not become bored staying in the Primary Level in the same district for all these years. How could you become bored when each year brought you a whole new class with each child different?

I've watched CHANGE. Changes of children, changes of schools, changes of program, changes of staff and hopefully, changes in me.

MARGARET WOODWARD

I started teaching in the Rossendale area in the fall of 1964 when I became the last teacher at Hartford School. January of 1965 began with students and teacher alike joining many others in the new Rossendale Consolidated School. I was the grade two and three teacher.

One of my most vivid memories of the next ten years involves snow forts. I believe Rule #1 for any aspiring fort builder must be: "Make it as inaccessible as possible for all teachers. If one should loom on the horizon invite her to come in. She just might get stuck in the tunnel." I always thought these forts generated the most fun and knew they caused the most arguments of any student activity.

The most enjoyable part of the years I spent teaching in Rossendale was getting to know all of the students and being able to follow their progress through school.

LILLIAN WYLIE

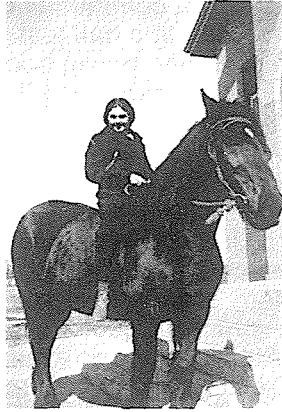
I arrived in Rossendale in February, 1939 where I taught Elmwood school until June, boarding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Paisley.

Forty-two years is quite a span to go back in memory, however I do recall several interesting incidents.

I believe at that time all school districts had their Friday evening dances. The night I remember most was a Box Lunch dance. Mrs. Paisley explained that we put all kinds of goodies in a box and then decorated it as beautifully or funny as we liked, and then the boxes were auctioned off. The men bid on the boxes. I was afraid that I would end up eating my own lunch by myself - but someone did bid for mine and I had a lovely evening. I have forgotten the name of that kind gentleman.

I had my first experience of riding bareback on a horse. I was afraid of slipping off but I believe the secret was to grip the sides of the horse with your feet. I did manage to ride around a bit.

Another experience I had was the Royal Visit when King George VI and Queen Elizabeth came to Canada in 1939. The train was going to stop at Portage la Prairie and all stations where children were assembled. We all had our places to stand and wait for the Royal train to come. I believe Mr. Paisley drove the truck to Portage la Prairie. It was quite an experience for me getting into the back of a



Lillian Wylie, 1939

truck wearing a suit with a tight, short skirt! I flopped on the straw with the children. Now, I would wish that slacks and pant suits were the style in those days.

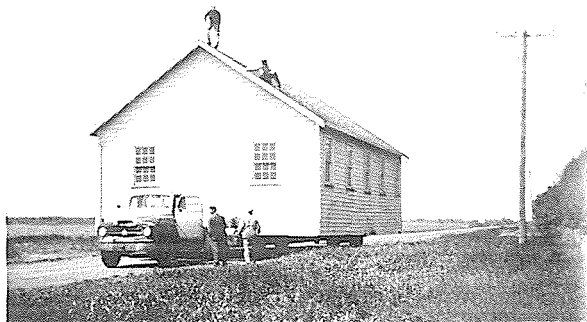
Well, on arrival in Portage we got out of the truck, lined up in our places and I straightened out my clothes and brushed the straw off as best I could wondering all the time, "Is this what teaching is all about? Yes, that is what teaching is all about - a learning experience for everyone."

I retired after 35 wonderful teaching years, teaching Grades I - VIII, I - IV, Grade III, Grade II, Kindergarten and as an Elementary school Librarian.

COMMUNITY CLUB

It is not known when the first community club was formed, but dances were known to be held in a hall just south of the present store. When this building burned down, social events were held in the Elmwood school house. A hardwood floor was installed, and dances held on a regular basis, of one every two weeks, with a case being built to protect the piano during school hours. These dances were so well attended that the barn was hard put to accomodate all the horses. The whole family attended and the younger members put to sleep on every available desk. Elmwood school was completely destroyed by fire on September 17th, 1957, and owing to the modern structure of the new school, it was necessary to purchase a hall for social events.

The church annex at MacGregor was available at that time and it was moved to a location south of the church. In order to finance the new building, a raffle was held for a new car. Many thanks are due to the hard working members of the community club at that time. The car was won by Mr. Harold Finnie, of Oakland. The ticket, was an anniversary gift, given to him by his sister-in-law, Freda Moffat.



Reuben Frizzley moving new hall to Rossendale in 1959

The club did so well financially, they completely paid for the hall, and made an addition of a new kitchen. This hall was used not only for dances, but teas, concerts, showers, fowl suppers, Irish suppers, as well as card parties and Bingo.

After 15 years of use, this building was sold, when the new community centre was built in 1974.

Since 1974, the new hall has been the centre for showers, many dances and socials. Also it is the main centre for bonspiels, poker derbys and bingos. Every fall a dance is held where the ice area is used for seating. A meal is served and there is a draw for prizes of \$1000.00 and every tenth ticket drawn receives \$75.00.

The community centre provides a meeting place for all members of the district, old or young, and many happy hours are spent there.

ROSSENDALE CURLING CLUB

The first skating rink in Rossendale was built in 1905 with poles and straw and was situated across the road from the church. This rink was burned in a prairie fire after only a few years of use.

Construction for a new curling and skating rink began in January, 1912 and was ready for use in the fall of that year. This was financed by a sale of shares under the name of the Rossendale Rink Co. Ltd.

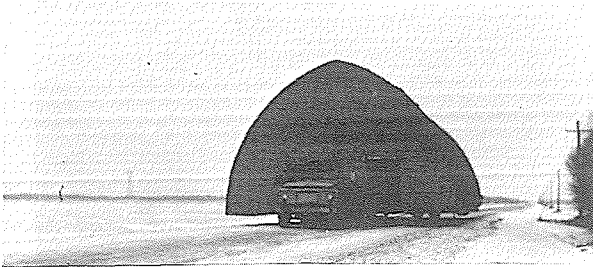
The building was erected with the curling sheet in the centre, the surrounding ice being used for skating. When it came time for the annual bonspiel the skating area was flooded to make three sheets of curling ice. On Wednesday and Saturday nights a familiar sight to see was mother and dad curling while the children skated.

Carnivals were an annual event in the early years with costume judging, barrel jumping, fancy and speed skating.

Gas lamps were used to light the rink, being replaced later by a delco lighting plant until the hydro came in 1950.

Competitions were held for the McPherson and Garland cups and the Henry trophy. Many times when Rossendale was in possession of the cup, rinks from Oakville would come up on the night train, challenge the Rossendale rink, and return home on the morning train.

The rink was the hub of activity during the winter. In 1970, the Bagot curling rink was moved in and the two rinks were in operation until 1974 when the original building was torn down and a new community centre erected combining a skating and curling rink and a social area.



Reuben Frizzley & Jack Anderson moving Bagot rink to Rossendale, 1970

Curling is still a main activity in the Rossendale rink. In 1977, Mrs. Margaret Watson donated a trophy in honor of her late husband James. This trophy is presented to the top rink in the club schedule.

Also, in 1980, Mrs. Helen Henry and family donated a trophy to be presented to the top rink in our annual bonspiel. This trophy is in honor of our oldest curler, Simon Henry, who curled in Rossendale until his death at the age of 92 years.

The elementary school children also have a bonspiel each winter, so the curling rink is enjoyed by young and old alike.



L-R - Dave Moffat, Louis Bedford, Bill Chapman & Jack Harvey



Darren Frizzley and Uncle Simon Henry.
The youngest and oldest curlers in the 1972-73 bonspiel.

THE ROSSENDALE LADIES CURLING CLUB

Submitted by Grace Anderson

I was unable to find any documented fact as to when the curling club was organized. If there wasn't a club before 1948, I know there were many ladies curling. Some of them were Mrs. Roy Charlton, Ida Charlton, Mrs. A.J. Sloane, Lorna Sloane, Mrs. Fred Paisley, Mrs. Dave Moffat Sr., Jean Culbert, Ethel Nicoll, Mary Crosbie, Margaret Paisley and Donna Paisley.

In 1948 the Ladies Curling Club we have now was organized. There were twenty-four members. Grace Charlton was president, Mary Crocker vice-president and Grace Anderson secretary-treasurer.

Our first bonspiel fees were \$2.00 a rink and regular curlers paid 25¢ a game. One of our first bonspiels was a novelty bonspiel, we had five rinks. One was dressed as old ladies in hoop skirts and old gentlemen in swallow-tail coats. There were rinks of negroes, bums, clowns and pirates.

We made money by selling lunches and meals at the bonspiels, whist drives and dances. We still have our regular curling with fees of \$1.50 per game and bonspiel fees of \$24.00 a rink.

Through the years Min Basler, Grace Anderson, Margaret Tait, Bertha Henry and Freda Tomchuk have served as presidents. Vice-presidents were: Mary Crocker, Margaret Tait, Kae Frizzley, Bertha Henry, Mary Bieganski, Mary Sylvester, and Margaret Woodward. Secretary-treasurers were Mary Kushner, Vera Culbert, Min Basler, Hazel Nicoll and Germaine Orton.

The officers now serving are Grace Anderson, President; Marg Woodward, vice-president; Dianne Watson, secretary-treasurer.

We have tried to keep the roaring game going and carry on with our bonspiels. Many of the ladies have attended bonspiels around the area in places such as Rathwell, Treherne, MacGregor, Portage, Edwin and Bagot.



Ladies Novelty Bonspiel

BASEBALL

Rossendale has been in the ball field for a good number of years. In the early years the only history we have is mostly of men's ball teams. They apparently were well known for miles around. This sport is still enjoyed by many of our younger set and some not so young. In more recent years some of our school teachers as well as a number of local adults have taken a very active part in coaching and managing our younger teams.

Some of these boy's and girl's teams have played league ball and have been very successful.



*Front Row L-R - Ray Sawyer, Roy Charlton, Roy English and Tom Jardine
Back Row L-R - Cliff McDonald, Gus Bedford, Earl Sawyer, Jim Love, Ross Jardine*



Ladies softball team in the early 1900's

ROSSENDALE 4-H HISTORY

Submitted by Fred & Sandra Tait

The first 4-H Club in Rossendale was a Garden Club, formed in 1953, by Margaret Tait under the direction of the then Ag. Rep., Vern McNair. Some of the members of this club were; Harvey Basler, Faye Crocker, Wes Henry, Harvey Watson, Percy Buscholz, Fred Tait, and possibly Louise Kane, Lorne Neufeld and Lexie MacIntosh.

The motto of the 4-H Club, "Learn to do by doing", is perhaps an understatement when we look at the effect on the agricultural development in our province. The new ideas are often best received by the young, testing and learning much about grading and storing vegetables through the Garden Club; which have proved valuable to these youths as consumers and home gardeners.

In the Sheep Club, North Country Cheviot (heavy wool producers) were imported from Alberta to cross with Suffolk sheep (primarily good meat producers), resulting in increased wool production by over 50% while still maintaining meat production.

Sheep are no longer practical on our high priced land, but this was an excellent demonstration of how crossbreeding can effect dramatic economic benefit.

The clubs over the years have included: Garden, Sheep, Clothing, Auto and Mechanics, Beef, Self-determined, Light Horse, Crafts, Cooking, Electrical, Hunter Safety and Conservation, Horticulture, Woodworking, Adopt-a-Grandparent and Public Speaking.

At one time or another almost every family in the district has been involved in 4-H with the adults as leaders and the children as members and junior leaders. Some long time residents have graduated as members to take over as leaders.

Margaret Tait continued as a leader in the Garden and Sheep Clubs for 10 years, handing over the reins to Fay McLennon. Mrs. McLennon also led clubs for 10 years, including the Sewing Club. Other leaders and assistants were Laura Lyall, Jean McCulloch, Jean Fisher and Bertha Watson.

The Sheep Club was organized in 1959 running through 1964, led by George Thompson and Norman Tait.

Bob Moffat organized the first Beef Club in Rossendale in 1964, carrying on till 1968. Harry Muir helped in this club from 1965 and took over as leader from 1969 - 73.

Norah Nicoll assisted in the Beef Club from 1968 - 72 and led Public Speaking in 1972 - 73. Allie Rintoul also helped in the Beef Club from 1968 - 70. Don Lamont and Hartley Woodward lent their assistance to the Beef Club from 1971 - 73.

Leona Painter assumed the position as head leader in 1972 - 74 with Mary Sylvester taking over until 1976; Margaret Woodward going in till 1978 with Mary resuming the post. Mary also continued to lead clubs during this time until 1980. She served on the 4-H Council from 1975 - 76 and on the Executive from 1978 - 79.



Olive Tunski started as a leader in 1975, becoming head leader in 1979 - 81 with Wendy Murray taking over.

John Watson resurrected the Beef Club in 1976, assisted by Tom Tunski from 1978 - 81, with John still leading the club today.

Marion Nelson has led Sewing and Cooking Clubs in various years.

Kathy Anderson started a Light Horse Club from 1973 - 76.

Tina Giesbrecht started teaching a Sewing Club in 1972, continuing with crafts until 1977 and adding woodworking until 1979.

Extending his life-long interest in hunting, guns, and conservation; and continuing his instructing started under the Wildlife Federation, Fred Tait taught Hunter Safety from 1977 - 81, adding Conservation the last year.

Amelia Hrabliuk taught Crafts in 1978, Sewing the next year and was assistant head leader the next year.

Ron Painter taught Mechanics from 1976 - 79.

4-H provides a learning ground for developing skills, finishing projects within a time limit, competing, fun and companionship such as on Camp trips. All these things build character and provide experience for job references.

Enrolment has varied from a necessary 8 to start to a high of 55 in 1975, with leaders ranging from 1 to 14 in 1976.

Long term members have been: 10 years - Fred Tait, 8 years - Craig Frizzley, Lindsay Lyall, Sandra Lamont, Mervin Tait, Terry McLennon; 7 years - Kathy Woodward, Joanna Wojtowich, Lisa Sylvester, Judy Halliday, Gerald Frizzley, Bill Lyall; 6 years - Kivil Woodward, Don Nicoll, Debbie Lamont, Diane Painter.

All with 5 or more years: Barbara and Joyce Cruikshank, Bernice and Bruce McLennan, Wally Henry, Randy Henry, Bill Moffat, John Fisher, Roberta Henry, Mary Lynn Moffat, Larry Schroeder, Ivan Nicoll, Norm Tait, Garry Muir, Sherry Perkins, Penny Schroeder, Gail Nelson, Debbie Ostopowich, Jerry Voesenek, Lorie MacDougall, Darcy Watson, Lyle Kelly, Kirby Tunski, Michael Watson, Sheri MacDougall and Kevin Anderson.

Highlights:

Fred Tait - Champion Sheep 1959; 1960 Reserve Champion
Terry McLennon - Champion Sheep Showmanship 1961; 1963 - 2 Reserve Champion Sheep

Bernice McLennon - Reserve Champion Sheep 1961; 1963 Reserve Champion Sheep; 1966 - took part in Leadership Week in Winnipeg
Bruce McLennon - attended a Leadership Conference in Brandon and in 1969 participated in Seed Project Championships

Larry Larson - took 5th place in a Driving Contest at the Brandon Provincial Exhibition in 1964

Lindsay Lyall - captured 1st place in a Demonstration and judging achievement in 1962 - 63

Mary Lynn Moffat had the Grand Champion Angus in 1965 and in 1968 the Grand Champion Hereford as well as the best groomed calf.

Terry Perkins - had the Champion Beef in 1966

Wayne Ostopowich - had the Champion Hereford in 1967; Reserve Champion and 3rd best home-sired calf in 1968; Second best groomed calf in 1969 and in 1970, captured Second Senior Showman and Best Groomed

Leona Ostopowich - had the Reserve Champion in 1967; Second in the Sectional Competition in 1969; and took part in a Leadership Conference at Brandon in 1970

Ivan Nicoll - won second in the Stall Card Competition in 1968; had the Champion calf in 1969; and Reserve in 1970; he also took part in a Leadership Conference and was a guest at the Royal Centennial Picnic.

Lois MacIntosh - was the Champion Senior Showman in 1970; and took 3rd place in the Inter-Club Showman Competition; in 1977 Lois got 3rd in Grooming and the Stall Card Competition

Kathy Woodward - and members of the Westbourne Handiworkers represented Portage area in the Central Regional Community Festival in May. In 1978 - 79 Rossendale won the Open Tug-O-War Competition and brought home "Billy Beavers" as the trophy

Darcy Watson - won the A.I. Competition and the Inter-Club Heifer Competition for Cross-breds; at the Fat Stock Sale held July 11, 1979 the Weights Av. 1129 lb. bringing the Av. price of 89¢

Bobbi-Jo Smith - captured 2nd place in the Clothing A. competition in 1979 - 80

Michael Watson - won the Inter-Club Heifer Competition and had the Reserve Champion in the Cross-bred class;

Michael Watson - won the championship in the Inter-Club continuation class

Darcy Watson - captured the Championship in the Continuation class; at the Fat Stock Sale the animals Av. \$1.01 a lb.; Rossendale again won the Open Tug-O-War Contest in 80 - 81

4-H Beef Clubs and their achievement days have set a standard watched closely by all to see which desired characteristics bring ribbons and can be duplicated in home herds. Standards are also set by the other 4-H Clubs which can be observed and copied at home in all areas of everyday living.

BEEF RING

In the early years a number of farmers, approximately 16, belonged to beef rings. Every week a farmer would supply a beef to be slaughtered and cut up. In the course of a season, the four months, each farmer would receive a whole beef. As there was no means of keeping meat during the hot weather, the beef ring provided fresh meat weekly to each family.

BELLES AND BEAUX

Interested senior citizens, with the help of Mr. A.J. Moore, of Oakville, Mr. Jim Evanchuk and other members of the Department of Health and Social Development, and other local groups, organized in October 1975, a group to be known as the Rossendale Belles and Beaux.

The first chairman was John Lyall, and the first secretary was Mrs. Lorna Rintoul. Meetings were held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, with a membership fee of one dollar per person. Following business meetings, cards and other games were enjoyed, and slides have been shown on occasion. Draws were made on a quilt and a lamp.

The group has purchased a piano, a record player and records, chairs, small games and a carpet bowling set, tiles for flooring, materials for the men to build tables and cupboards for storing goods, and paid rent to the rec centre.

Groups entertained have been the Treherne Seniors, the Portage Senior choir, the MacGregor seniors, the Central Plains executive, and a "fun" night was held to interest new members.

For outings, this group has attended the Goldenagers show in Winnipeg, the Central Plains picnic and parade in Portage, the Austin Museum, the Treherne museum, the Austin pot luck supper, the annual Christmas dinner sponsored by the MacGregor Lion's Club, Rathwell senior's meeting, Central Plains council meetings, one day trips to Souris, the Peace Gardens and Killarney, to Selkirk and Lower Fort Garry and the Corn and Apple Festival at Morden.

Donations have been made to the Cancer fund, and the Diabetic Society.

At Christmas, members have been guests of the young ladies of the district, to a delicious turkey dinner, followed by the exchange of gifts and entertainment.

A disappointment to the club, was the break-in to the hall and the loss of many of their possessions.

Due to several deaths, and members leaving the district, this group has become very small in number. No meetings have been held recently and no outings have been planned, but it is hoped that the Belles and Beaux will soon re-organize and enjoy the social get-together of the past few years.

HUMOR

Jim Robinson

William Gronenchild was a pretty stout fellow. He smoked a big pipe with a spark arrestor and a juice catcher at the bottom, for condensation, I guess. He was sawing wood at Bill Kelly's and was pouring water in the engine. The camshaft caught his overalls and smock, so he just braced himself against the water jacket. It stripped him naked — all but socks and gum rubbers. He jumped up and headed for the bunk house, but passed out they said, from shock.

Jim Robinson

In 1913 the U.G.G. elevator was built and Stewart Adair ran it. Stewart had a keg of apple cider behind the door. Art Kee and I saw it and Art had a folding tumbler, so we helped ourselves to a couple of glasses full each. We made a few trips from school at noon across Love's field and had a few swigs. The last time the keg was empty, so, no use going back again. We were lucky we didn't get caught, we were 12 years old at the time.

Jim Robinson

A farmer was taking a can of cream to the station to ship. As he was nearing Rossendale he realized the train had pulled out. Quickly thinking, he jumped out of his buggy and ran to the tracks where he flagged the train to a stop.

A bewildered and astonished engineer watched as the man calmly put the can of cream on the train, walked back to his rig and drove away.

Jim Robinson

The story is told of a bachelor in this area who spent many evenings visiting the neighbors for a game of cards. The lady of the house complained to her husband that the store of oats for the chickens was disappearing faster than usual. The husband was sure it was her imagination until springtime rolled around and he noticed a strip of green oats growing from the granary to the neighbor's door.

The moral of this story is; Be sure there is no hole in the bag when you steal oats!

Jim Robinson

I remember George Cook trying to drive past the old log school with his oxen while we kids were playing in the yard at recess. The oxen stopped and refused to move until the children were called back into school.

Bill Case

We also had a local butcher who occasionally took a nip or two. One night he tried to make his frozen pigs walk up the stairs.

Jim Robinson

The story is told of a local farmer building a log house. One log was too short so he put a horse on each end of it and stretched it to the proper length.

Jim Robinson

Another farmer was hauling cordwood south of Portage on a spring day. We're told the snow was melting so fast they had to keep the horses on the gallop to keep the front bobs on the snow.

Annie Smith

Believe it or not but Rossendale at one time boasted a policeman, around 1912. One gentleman whose name was James Brown Lee Dow liked his little drink pretty well so he had a keg of beer shipped in to James Brown Lee. The policeman did not know James Brown Lee, so he went and sat on the keg until he came to pick it up. Quite a few others knew who it was so some of them went to the station and kept the policeman occupied while others went under the platform with a brace and bit, and drilled a hole in the keg, draining all the liquor into containers.

Margaret Armstrong

Many humorous happenings took place in the village and surrounding districts. One Hallowe'en nite a number of young men decided to have some fun. They stole several cans of steam cylinder oil from a local threshing outfit, and used it to grease the rails west of the village, on the reverse curve. It was a very cold night and the

oil stuck very effectively. The first train was the west bound passenger. As soon as it hit the oil, the train came to a sudden stop. The wheels spun, sparks flew, and black smoke billowed from the smoke stack. The trainmen suspected a hold up, so quickly put out all the lights in the coaches and locked all the doors. After realizing what was going on, all the sand in the dome was used up, but to no avail. Help was then called in. Several trains were delayed between Portage and Brandon Junction. The Hallowe'en pranksters hid in the bush to watch the excitement, and when things got quite interesting they decided to leave. It is reported some ran several miles.

Jim Robinson

Bill Love told about himself and Mr. Blackford helping George Cook dig a well. They turned the windlass with a crank on each end sending the bucket on a rope to haul the mud up. At noon, George got in the bucket, and while cranking him up one handle came off and the other slipped out of his hand with the extra load, and down went George! He always wore whiskers like Santa Claus. They heard George swearing and he yelled up, "What the hell's going on up there?" Anyway, George got in the bucket and they started up again — it was the only way out. When George got to the top, I'm not sure, but they dropped him a second time. He was plastered with blue clay mud, hair, whiskers and all. I'm not sure how deep the well was when George was dropped, but the completed well measured 54 - 56 feet deep.

Family Histories

ART ALLEN HISTORY

My father, Arthur Albert, was born March 17, 1879 in Barnaby, Suffolk, England. He came to Canada with his family at the age of 13 to a farm in the Lake Francis District. In 1895 he took a job with the Stewart Machine Company as engineer and helped take machinery up Lake Manitoba on a barge. He also delivered mail by stage coach at that time.

In 1907 he married Caroline Weidenhammer at her farm home which is known as the Hounscome farm in the Hartford district. They lived in Winnipeg for a few years before moving back to farm in 1914.

He rented the Thomas Bedford homestead in the Rossendale area before moving to the Currie district to the Ballard & McKay farms.

Between the years of 1909 & 1929 they had several children; Carrie Arris, Bagot; Doris Clifton, Kenora, Ont.; Mabel Palmer (me), MacGregor; Thomas (Bert), Calgary; Margaret, deceased; Alice O'Bertis, Edmonton; Muriel Warren, Winnipeg. They all attended school in the Rossendale & Currie districts.

Part of their farming years were in the 30's with the depression prices very low. A good beef animal brought \$9, eggs 10¢ a dozen, butter 20¢ a pound. In 1941 they moved back to Winnipeg where Dad worked for Co-Op Implements. He retired in 1953 at the age of 76. They bought a home in Transcona where they lived until he passed away in 1961. Mother continued to live in her home until 1972 when she moved to the Rotary Senior home in Portage la Prairie where she lived until she passed away in 1974.

W.F. ANDERSON

Submitted by Grace Anderson

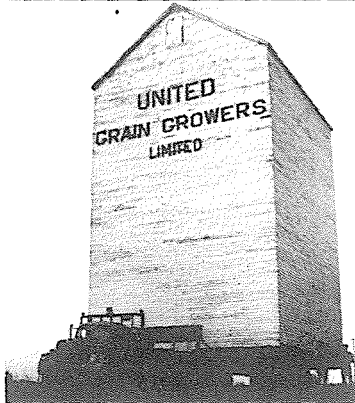
Walter is the eldest son of Albert Anderson and Letitia Brydges. They were born and raised in Portage. They lived there all their lives except when Ab was overseas 1940-45 with the 37th Fld. Btry. He was in the European war zone. After the war he worked at the armoury until he retired. Ab passed away in 1970, Letitia passed away in 1979.



Back Row
Keith, Wayne,
Jack, Ken
Middle Row
Chris, Heather,
Sharon, Kathy
Front Row
Walter, Cathy,
David, Shawn,
Grace

Walter was born in 1922 in Portage. He went to school at the Victoria school. In 1940 he came to work for Ray McCulloch at Rossendale. We were married in October of that year. Walter stayed on with my dad. We lived in our own little house there.

Walter Kenneth was born in 1941, followed by John Brian in 1943. In 1949 Walter went to work at Shilo as a brick layer. In 1950 we moved across the road to S.W. 1/4 of 13-10-9. Wayne Allan was born while we lived there in 1950.



Jack Anderson
moving Rossendale
grain elevator
1976.

Ken and Jack went to school at Ferriss. They had to look after the livestock; pigs, cattle, and a horse. They were only 11 and 9 years old. In 1952 we moved back to our house at Dad's. David Robert was born in 1954 and Keith Brent in 1956. Walter worked at the MacDonald airport until it closed, then he went to Gimli for a while, then he was transferred to the Southport at Portage where he worked until 1974. In 1956 we bought the S.W. ¼ of 10-10-9 from Mary Crocker. In 1957 we got Reuben Frizzley to move our house from Dad's. Since then we added more onto it.

Ken and Jack rode a pony of my brothers to school. One winter day they came home from school with a dazed coyote on the horse in front of them. They were quite proud of themselves for rescuing it from a snare. They were lucky it didn't recover on the way home.

They had a little black shetland pony that they bought from Allen MacIntosh. We called him Smokie, and he was a dandy. We had him for 18 years. As the boys grew up they all had a turn at riding him.

When Wayne was three, Walter took him in the car to check the cows which were pastured on N.E. ¼ 12-10-9. It was solid bush at that time. He left Wayne waiting in the car while he looked at the cows. Wayne was tired of waiting so he walked home. I gave him his supper and put him to bed. He was soon sound asleep. In the meantime his dad, Grandma, Grandpa and all the rest of the family were combing the bush looking for him. I only learned by accident about this when I went to use the phone and heard neighbors organizing a search.

When Ferriss school burned down in 1957, Ken and Jack went to Elmwood, then finished at Rossendale High. Wayne started to school at Elmwood, David and Keith went to Elmwood and then the Rossendale Consolidated. Wayne finished at Tiger Hills and David and Keith at MacGregor High.

Ken and Jack worked for Bob Culbert and then the Maple Leaf Construction. Ken worked there till 1971.

In 1971 he married Phyllis Huckle of Portage. She was married before and had a family of three. Colleen, the oldest, has a little boy, Jeff. She lives in Nova Scotia. Robert is at home, Kim is taking Grade 9 this year. Ken bought a house on 5th St. N.W. in Portage. He worked at TECZA Mercury, worked with J.B. Enterprises and is now head mechanic at Romy and Roys in Portage.

Jack married Katherine Douglas from MacGregor. They have three sons, Wade, Kevin and Shawn. They bought the land in Rossendale from Don McCulloch and moved their house on to it, Jack had J.B. Enterprises then and Wayne and Keith worked for him.

They bought the McCulloch home place S.E. ¼ 14-10-9 and moved there. They sold their place in Rossendale to Keith. Ken and

David went to work with Jack too. They specialized in moving buildings, lowering barns and had a trucking business.

They moved the elevator from Rossendale across a bog and up a steep hill to the Baker Colony. They moved Wayne's house from MacGregor, a large 3-story house, to Rossendale. They moved a house for David from Baldur.

Kathy and Jack were always interested in Arabian horses and have raised quite a few.

When they moved to the farm they tore down Dad's house and built a 2-story log house. They also built a large shed and pump house. Wade and Kevin went to school at the Rossendale Consolidated School and the MacGregor High. Wade won a trophy at Rossendale. Kevin is taking his grade 11 this year. Shawn is going to Rossendale taking his grade 5. Kevin and Shawn have been in the 4H calf club for a few years. Kevin has won a few wrestling awards. The boys are all good in sports. Wade is employed at McCain's in Portage. Kathy works for the Pine Creek School Division as Secretary and Librarian. She is also Treasurer of the Rossendale Community Club.

Wayne and David also worked for the Maple Leaf for several years. Wayne married Sharon Sheshka from Sclater. They bought a mobile home which they had on his dad's land. Later they bought some land from his dad and moved a house from MacGregor. They have three children; Tracy, Andy and Blair. Tracy is in grade 5 and Andy in grade 2. Tracy is in the 4H this year and Sharon is a 4H leader. Wayne works for Gillis Trucking.

David married Cathy Chesla from Portage. They have two little girls, Jennifer and Kristin. Cathy worked at the Co-Op Bakery where she learned cake decorating. David and Cathy bought some land from his dad and moved their house on to it. David works at Romyn and Roy now.

David had a freak accident in 1968. He was helping his dad in the field riding on a steel wheeled drill. They were trying to finish seeding when a storm came up. There came a large clap of thunder, Walter looked around to see David lying in the field. He had been struck with lightning. His dad had to carry him a quarter of a mile. He was unconscious for an hour and hospitalized for a week.

Wayne had a bad accident when he was riding his motorcycle. A carload of drunks ran into the three boys who were cycling together; Wayne, Raymond Perchak and Norman Tait. They had all their bikes smashed, Raymond was in the hospital in Winnipeg for months, Wayne was in Portage for 2 months, and Norman wasn't hurt very much.

Keith has always been fond of horses. He is a good rider and trainer. He had a blue roan who loved to run. He raced her at St. Claude and Langruth fairs. Keith married Heather New. They live

across from the school and have two children; Tamara and Steven. Heather is a 4H leader. Keith had a bad accident in 1980. They were hauling a load of timbers. When they came loose, Keith went to reach under them for the chain and they fell at that moment, pinning his right arm. Those steel timbers weigh tons. He has been on compensation over a year and is very lucky to still have his hand and arm. Ken and Wade were with him and Ken had to lift the timbers off him to get him out. They had the loader with them and this saved time. Keith is working for Gillis Trucking now.

Chris, our youngest, was born in 1966. He is in Grade 9 this year at MacGregor. He won a trophy for curling in 1980. He won a trophy playing ball in the Mosquito League one year.

I was a member of the U.C.W. and curling club and taught Sunday School at Rossendale for five years.

Walter and I would like to say what a privilege it has been to have had a part in the history of Rossendale; we would like to extend our congratulations on the 75th anniversary of our church and to trust that our community will continue to prosper with the future generations.

HARRY & KATE ANDERSON

Harry Gregory Anderson born at Scarborough, England, and his wife, Kate Dales Anderson, born at Bridlington, Yorkshire, England, came to Canada in 1905 bringing their daughter Dorothy Mary, a small girl at that time.

They worked for a farmer near Brunkild, Man. for a time and later moved to the Rossendale district where they again worked for a time. It was while living in the Rossendale district that Harry and Kate Anderson negotiated for the homestead "The Round Plain" about 1910, in what became the Allandale school district in 1919.

"The Round Plain" was originally just a plain, or clearing one would arrive at after travelling the Yellow Quill trail from Portage la Prairie through heavy bush land and also swampy willow land just before you got to the "Hog's Back" (a high ridge that angled down to the Assiniboine River to the river crossing, on what is now the Jim Watson place).

It ran to the top of the big bank leading down to the Assiniboine river and was covered with Ground Cedar and in early spring Crocuses. Standing on the top of this bank one could look South and see the "Tiger Hills" south of Rathwell some 13 miles away. Not only did it give a good view, but it was a nice place to camp and rest before tackling the river crossing. The Indians as well as some



Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson

whites were glad to arrive here after the long pull, many times through deep mud from the "Long Plain". Travellers of the early days, going from Portage to Indian Ford and on to Treherne and points south used "The Yellow Quill Trail". The trail passed the water tower and Old Fort following the course of the river, as to winds and bends, coming to "Nichol Plain" where Mr. Nichol had a stopping place at one time. Then the next open land was "The Long Plain" (Indian Reserve) where Peter Prince once had a stopping place for weary travellers. Then came "The Round Plain" a stopping place where you did the providing.

If you were going to Rathwell, you turned south off the Yellowquill trail just before you got to the Round Plain, and went past the place where in later years the Allandale school stood, to the Turner crossing on Sec 20-9-8 and then climbed the Mulholland Hill to level country once more.

A pleasure ride for the Andersons while on the homestead, was a ride with a horse and buggy to Portage, some 23 miles. On this route, through mud and mosquitoes, at times almost unbearable, Mrs. Kate Anderson, with daughter Dorothy, took this pleasure trip on different occasions.

Harry Anderson plowed a good part of this "plain" homestead with horses and a walking plow (that was its first plowing or breaking up) and that which had a lot of scrub oak, he got the Turners to break with their big Flower City tractor and a jumbo breaking plow. Sid Turner ran the engine for the job. He had some nice crops of wheat and oats off this new land at that time, which later became sandy, dry and unproductive.

Their first son, Gregory Dales Anderson was born while in the Rossendale district (before they got the homestead) in February 1908. He took his schooling at South Rossendale, Plumas and after finishing school in Winnipeg he served an apprenticeship in printing at Wallingford Press Ltd. He married while living in Winnipeg, Ruby Gray, a registered nurse (now deceased). Their family was a girl, Ruby Doreen (now Mrs. Glen J. Ravensborg) of Brooks, Alberta. They have three children, a son Brian and two daughters, Kathy Lynn and Lori Gene. Glenn has an executive position with Lakeside Feeders Ltd. of Brooks, Alberta.

Greg and Ruby's son, David Harry G. Anderson was also born in Winnipeg. He is now living on a little ranch in the Parkland Area near Lacombe, Alta. The ranch is stocked with a number of good registered Herefords and some range cows. He is supervisor with Impact Industries (West) Ltd., and President of Mid-West Aviation Ltd. He also is a pilot of twin engine aircraft. David is not married and Greg, now retired, lives part-time with him at the ranch, a restful and healthy place, close to nature.

A second son was born to Harry and Kate Anderson while on the homestead, Harry Thomas James Anderson. He also took schooling at Rossendale and Plumas and after finishing in Winnipeg he worked for a time at the Free Press newspaper. He received his pilot's license at the Winnipeg Flying Club and then joined the R.A.F. in England. After three years training there he returned to Canada and joined T.C.A as a co-pilot. When war broke out he was called back to his Squadron in England. He was a Flight-Lieutenant, and later squadron leader. He was later shot down during the blitz over France, near Lille, I believe it is called, and is laid to rest there.

Dorothy, Harry and Kate's daughter, who came from England as a child with her father and mother, was married, after they all moved to Winnipeg to live, to Harry George Veitch, president of

the Wallingford Press Ltd., Winnipeg. They had three children: James A. (deceased) whose family resides in Winnipeg. Dale (Mrs. C.H. Cook) lives in Vancouver, B.C. with her husband Chuck, M.P. for Burnaby and North Vancouver, as well as their daughter and two sons. Mr. Cook is an attorney-at-law and executive in various concerns at Calgary and in B.C. also. Harry and Dorothy Veitch's second son Robert G. Veitch lives in Calgary, Bob is not married.

Harry and Kate Anderson decided to leave the homestead after a few years of that very tiring life, with small returns financially. They, with their family, Dorothy, Gregory and Harry Jr. moved to the village of Rossendale where they operated the boarding house and had a barn to put up horses for travellers, as it was all horse travel in those days. After a few years of that they all moved to Plumas and again operated a boarding house for a time, later moving to Winnipeg where they lived for their remaining years, and were both laid to rest there some years ago. While living in Winnipeg they never forgot the old homestead friends of former years, and loved to get back to the old district to renew acquaintances of past years and to tell and re-tell happenings, pleasant and not so pleasant, of the pioneering days of the district called Rossendale.

This about covers to date the development of the family: children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Harry G. and Kate Dales Anderson.

The compiler of these notes would be remiss if some mention was not made of our closest neighbors of the homestead days and also of at least one amusing instance which comes to my mind at this time.

Dan and Percy Henry's land bordered ours to the north west and Will Adair's to the north east. The Allandale school was later built in the south east corner of what had been the Adair place and bordered our north east line. Wilmot Turner and wife with his son Harry and wife and their children, Clayton and Allan, and for a few years Wilmot's two sons, Sidmer and Johnny, were our neighbours to the south east. The John Waston place was to the south west, with his wife and family, Bella, Johnny, Charlie, Frank, Jimmy and Mary at that time. The Turner and Watson places were in the river valley, a big horseshoe bend and our place was between them on the hill with an unbroken flat directly south across the river from us.

Horses were the mode of travel those days and many people had a blood driving horse. Mr. Wilmot Turner drove into our yard one day with a very spirited team of these hitched to a buggy or cutter. My father, Harry Anderson was a bit concerned that a man of Mr. Turner's age might not be capable of controlling them. He asked, "Are you not afraid Mr. Turner, that a team like that might run away with you? I think you should be very careful at your age." Wilmot looked Dad in the eye and said, "If they want to run, Harry, let them run. I can ride as fast as they can run any day."

These reminiscent notes were compiled by Gregory D. Anderson, Lacombe, Alberta.

ALEXANDER ARMSTRONG

Born in Ontario, 1866, moved with parents to MacDonald, Manitoba, when quite small. He grew up and started farming at MacDonald. Bought land at Edwin, Manitoba. He sold the farm he lived on to James McConochie and Dan Boak.

In the beginning of the 20th Century he bought land east of Rossendale-places known as the Frank Hinds, Stanley, Waterman, McLean, and Dare farms. Some of this land was bought for 35¢ an acre, some for \$4.00 an acre, and sold for about \$12.00 an acre when some of the land was broken. 2¼ miles east and ¼ mile north of Rossendale there was a saw mill. A well and dugout in a slough supplied the water for the steam engine. Billy MacDonald drove the steam engine for some of the breaking, pulling two large plows. A very large barn burned on this place(Sec 11, T. 10, R. 9) in 1908 and was replaced.

Alex lost his first wife (Anna Olson) August 17, 1911 and married again soon after to Alice Biberdorf. He rented his farm in 1914 to Hugh McDougall and moved up north, buying land in the Amaranth and Leifur Districts. He moved to Portage in 1916 and back to Rossendale in 1917. He bought one of the first in kerosene power, a Waterloo Boy engine, using this engine for breaking and threshing.

Alex was always buying horses from Eaton's in Winnipeg and selling them when the right buyer came along.

Duke Chapman worked for Alex and always said he never knew what he was going to drive next.

Alex Armstrong passed away December 27, 1918 at the age of 52. He had sawed wood that day and threw blocks from the machine sawing the wood; that night his heart refused to continue. Family left were Harold, age 7, Hester, age 5, Elizabeth, age 3, and John, age 1, and his widow Alice (Biberdorf). The farm was rented to people by the name of Watson and the family moved to Portage in the fall of 1919.

The family returned in 1926 to the farm(Sec. 11 and 12, T. 10, R. 9) two miles east of Rossendale. Wellington Armstrong came and stayed in order to assist in getting started in farming the holdings there.

The barn on the place burned in 1928 and was not replaced this time.

The family all left Rossendale by 1939. Harold farmed at Edwin district until 1956, moving to Portage, and worked for several years for the Province of Manitoba. He is now retired and lives in Portage. Hester taught school for a few years, then leaving that profession she worked for the Bank of Montreal until retirement, and now lives at Nanaimo, B.C. Elizabeth worked for Eaton's, office work at

Stevenson Field, Winnipeg, married and moved to U.S.A., is now living in Santa Rosa, California. John worked at the Winnipeg Bus Depot, joined the R.C.M.P., and is now retired and living at Sidney, B.C.

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

Robert married Grace Caughell and they lived east of Rossendale.

During the five years they were here they had three children, Jim, Elmer, and Ella. They later moved to Amaranth where two more daughters and a son were born, Alma, Dorothy, and Wilbert.

Dorothy, Mrs. Walter Neufeld, Wilbert, and Elmer are buried in the Rossendale cemetery.

Alma, Mrs. Frank Dankesreiter, now a widow, resides in Brandon.

THE RICHMOND BAKER FAMILY - by Reg Graham

Richmond and Ellen Baker came to Canada from Portsmouth, England in 1904 with their children, Albert age 11, and May, age 8.

They spent a short sojourn in Winnipeg before reaching farther west; the Bakers came to till the soil and since an urge to challenge long odds was part of them, they settled on N.E. ¼ of Sec. 25-10-9, next to the Dodgson holdings near Rossendale.

Ellen Baker christened her house "Ivy Cot", Cot for Cottage and the ivy vines she trained to creep up an outside wall in summer.

Albert (Bert) farmed with his father until 1920 when he went to St. Paul, Minnesota; while in the U.S. he married Nellie Clough - formerly from Winnipeg, returning later to the farm at Rossendale where he and Nellie lived until 1924, when they moved back to St. Paul.



*Back Row - Bert
Front Row
Richmond, May, Nellie*

Among other pursuits, Bert was in the truck and auto spring business for many years in the States.

Bert had an inventive mind; a lightweight lawn-mower, running on two sets of steel cogs was near patent stage when his drawings were stolen; an idea later patented, built, and sold by an eastern U.S. firm.

Another was a concoction of oils, turpentine, and parafin wax he used for cleaning cars, tools, and machinery; since it wouldn't mix short of exact measures of each ingredient, it was never successfully duplicated.

As proof of miracles the stuff could clean was the original paint on Bert's Plymouth (circa 1936) still factory-fresh in 1951.

Another was a riding device to hitch to a walking plow but this too went missing, or turned up as a harrow cart!

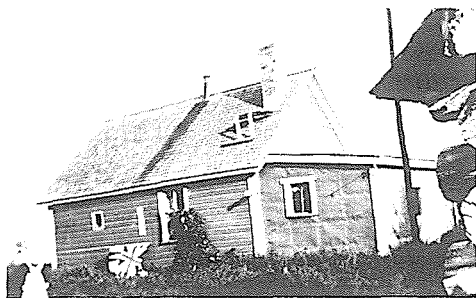
Possessed of some musical talent, Bert played the mandolin and sang at some concerts in the Rossendale area in early years.

Bert was a comedian of sorts and not averse to revel in a joke, if at the expense of his own race.

One such ditty concerned a certain Englishman living on the Isle of Wight reputed to be less than of sound mind. In this case, he found a calf caught by the head between wooden fence rails. Instead of an axe to cut the rail and free the calf, he grabbed a knife and cut its head off.

Bert was active on the labor scene in the U.S. and served for a time as Business Agent of a St. Paul Teamsters Local.

He was divorced, later remarried. He had no children.



'Ivy-Cot'

May Baker worked at housework in Portage La Prairie where she met Jim Graham, a Police Constable there.

Big Jim was from Lucknow, Ontario and went on the Portage force in 1916 under Chief Charlie Ogilvie. Prior to this he had worked for a farmer near Pilot Mound who engaged him to cut and haul wood in the winter of 1912; in 1913 he worked the harvest fields in the Pratt and Lavenham area before entering Railroad service in a Portage roundhouse.

Thus it was, Jim and I had that in common before we met, both former roundhouse serfs-he in 1913-16, me later in the late '40's. Woe unto those old coal-fired locomotives!

Jim and May were married in Portage La Prairie on June 5, 1917. From May's well preserved diary, one line, "What better words to say, than "Our Wedding Day".

To Jim, it seems. the best reason for a day off wasn't just reason since his line to the chief was 'time off for important business', his wedding. Unknown to Mr. Ogilvie until the knot had been tied for 24 hours and avoiding a possible shiverree.

The Grahams had six children - three survive.

Nellie was born in Portage in 1918; Harold in 1920; Jean in 1921 at which time Jim had quit the force and moved his family to Ivy Cot. A fourth child died there in infancy in 1925.

Nellie attended Ferriss school for a time before Jim moved to a farm near McCreary in 1926.

Rich and Ellen Baker had left Ivy Cot and gone to live in St. Paul in 1925; Rich died there in 1926 and May entrained from Layland station (via Canadian Northern way-freight) to connect for St. Paul and her father's funeral.

In 1927, May and Jim's fifth child died in infancy at McCreary in a year when the roof continued to fall in on Jim. That fall, the adage "paying for a dead horse" was reality when one of a team he had bought broke its leg while working on the roads.

Jim, being Jim, backed a note for another farmer, the guy walked out, big-hearted Jim was stuck.

Nellie and Harold went to a country school near McCreary until 1929 when Jim returned to the life he loved best - Police work in Dauphin on a steady night shift of 12 hours (6 pm to 6 am).

Big Jim was- and still is, acclaimed by all who knew him as one of the very best in the business of law enforcement; charity and humanity were his watchwords.

Jim was a member of the Masonic order from his early years in Ontario to his death.

He could bear the cross, case in point: Portage, 1915, when he sweat through the removal of four teeth without benefit of freezing; a soothing sequel to that harsh ordeal occurred years later when a young Doctor, scratching for a lead to the cause of Jim's asthma attacks, suggested bad teeth.

Seconds later, the Medic's theory was in ashes when Jim removed two sets of dentures.

Grandma Baker lived with May and Jim until 1928 when she returned to St. Paul. She died there in 1930.

The youngest of the Graham family-Leonard, was born in Dauphin in 1931.

In 1943, the Dauphin police were replaced by the R.C.M.P. and the Grahams moved to Vancouver, B.C.

Harold, an R.C.A.F. pilot in W.W.II was lost in a bombing mission over Turin, Italy in July of that year.

In 1950, Nellie married me, Reg Graham (no relation) from Wadena, Saskatchewan; as she often remarks "A good Scotch name is worth holding on to." We have one daughter, Linda.

Jean married Emil Rich of Williams Lake, B.C. in 1951; they have three sons - Allan, Brian, and Wayne.

Leonard married Bev Griffiths of Vancouver in 1958.

The great humanitarian, Jim Graham - 6'4" of warmth and affection, died in 1960; his devoted wife, May followed him three years later.

During those lonely years when we visited Jim's resting place, May and I pondered that which was imponderable- the inscription on the stone 'Someday We Will Understand'.

May did not understand, nor did I, nor do I yet fathom why he was forced to suffer such agony for so long before death claimed him.

Neither do I understand why my Mother-in-law, one of heaven's noble gifts, left us so suddenly in 1963.

To ponder what might not have been makes my blood run cold; Jim was caught in that ghastly Flu epidemic in 1918 and quarantined in a Portage Hospital ward with twenty other men. Two survived! Jim was lucky.

I first met my wife's Uncle Bert in later years in St. Paul; a salt of the earth gentleman in every sense of the word. Uncle Bert died in retirement there in 1964.

To expound upon the benevolence of Grandma Baker, one case in point says it all, a time in McCreary when she left her wedding ring at the Post Office as security against the cost of postage that Jim could mail his application for position of constable in Dauphin.

Grampa Baker didn't have to give up the farm in Rossendale in 1925, yet of his own volition he chose to pass part of his fruits of his labor on to May and Jim.

A colourful fragment of Ivy Cot history enhances our garden-a lilac bush started from a rootlet of Ellen Baker's original, carefully nurtered and given to my wife by Gladys Dodgson(McCuaig) in 1976 - a school mate 50 years earlier at Ferriss school.

Nellie's transportation to school was Dodgson's horse and buggy - or cutter, depending on season, driven by Gladys.

It seems the lives of the Dodgsons, Bakers, and Grahams were quite closely linked in these years.

In 1976 the house called Ivy Cot still stood, though weathered with time; the remnants of a log cabin where Bert slept remains as does a shanty where he and Nellie lived.

Down the lane stood the skeleton of a cottage, the residence of Jim's sister for a time in the early 1920's.

It is certain those who knew the Bakers and Grahams would never forget them as they would surely be an integral part of Rossendale

history in those early years.

The older ones are gone from our world but as long as goodness, morality, and nobility of heart endure they will never die.

MR. AND MRS. GUSTAVE BARRAULT

Gustave and Clotilda came to Canada from France in 1902 with their eldest son, Albert Gustave, who was two years old at the time. They landed in Quebec and from there went to St. Claude, Rathwell and Hood settlement before settling in Rossendale around 1923 where he worked on the railroad until he retired in 1947 and moved to Edgewater, B.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Barrault both worked at the Air Base in Portage during the Second World War, where they were known as Ma and Pa Barrault to the airmen and staff. Marcel, their youngest son, also worked there.

Mr. and Mrs. Barrault had seven children. Twins died at birth.

Marcel is married and living in Salmon Arm, B.C. They have four boys. Marcel is a retired cook of a logging camp.

Andrea married Art Cooper. They have three boys and three girls.

Andrea is deceased. Art lives in Portage la Prairie.

Louis married and had one son and three daughters. He is now deceased.

Harry had one boy and one girl. He is deceased.

Albert married Ethel Ward. They had a family of six boys and one girl. Ethel has a foster daughter living in Vancouver.

Albert and Ethel moved to the village of Rossendale in the year 1946 from the Portage district. They lived in a house owned by Albert's father Gustave.

Their family consisted of one daughter Connie and six sons Kenneth, George, Jerry, Calvin, Gary, and Daryl. All the children attended the Elmwood school and participated in all school activities such as baseball and curling. Ethel was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary in Rossendale.

After Albert died in 1947, the family all moved to Portage in 1951 with the exception of George who continued to remain in Rossendale district until 1954.

Connie, the eldest in the family, is married to Walter Hickman and is living in Portage. They have a family of four girls. Kenneth died as a result of an accident in 1974. George married Ruth Gregg in 1961 and have three girls and one boy. They reside in Portage.

Jerry married Dodie Brooks and had two girls. He died in an automobile accident in 1962.

Calvin married Clara Lavelle and they have a family of one boy and one girl. They reside in Portage.

Gary married Ann Vivier and they now live in Portage. They have a family of two boys. Darryl and Rhonda (nee Fehr) have a family of two boys and one girl and live in Roblin.

THE BASLERS

Nelson and I, Minn Waldon, were married July 7th, 1932 in Brandon, Manitoba.

Our first home and place of business was Griffin, Sask. Nelson was employed as agent of The United Grain Growers.

We were transferred to Rossendale, Manitoba. Nelson went April 1st, 1934 and I moved there July 1st, 1934. We remained there until Nelson retired August 1st, 1964, moving to Rapid City, Man.

We rented and lived in the United Grain Growers Cottage.

We have two sons; Harvey, born March 31st, 1940, and Clare, born May 25th, 1944.

Harvey attended Elmwood school, South Rossendale school, Rapid City High School for Grade IX, Edwin High School for Grade X and Rossendale High School for Grade XI.

Clare attended Elmwood, South Rossendale, and Rossendale High School for Grades IX, X, and XI. He started his accounting course in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.



Nelson and Minn Basler



Back Row - Harv, Carol, Nelson, Claudia, Clare
Front Row - Kerwin, Clare Ryan

Nelson was Secretary Treasurer for Elmwood School, Elder of the United Church, leader of the 4H Garden Club, President of the Rossendale Curling Club, and a very ardent curler.

I was active in U.C.W. and curling.

Harvey married Carol Rumak from Hudson Bay, Sask. They had three children; Blake, born January 29, 1963, who passed away Sept. 3rd, 1969 and is buried in the Rapid City Cemetery, Donelda, born Sept. 4th, 1965, and Kerwin, born Sept. 26th, 1972.

Harv, Carol and family live in Morden, Manitoba. Harv is employed with the Manitoba Telephone System.

Clare married Claudia Woodward of Rossendale, Manitoba. They have two boys, Charles Lee (Chuck), born Sept 28th, 1969, and Clare Ryan (Bo), born Sept 22nd, 1973. Clare, Claudia, and the boys live in Burlington, Ont. Clare is employed with C.I.L. in Burlington.

Nelson passed away January 27th, 1981 and is buried in the Rapid City Cemetery.

JAMES BEDFORD

Mr and Mrs. James Bedford(nee Hoenadel), married in Guelph, Ont., Oct. 27th, 1885, settled in the Rossendale district on a homestead 1 mile south and 1 mile west of the village of Rossendale in the fall of 1886 with their eldest son James. Jim, who was born in Guelph, Ont. August 30, 1886, lived all his life in the Rossendale district. He died Dec. 21, 1943, never being married.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bedford lived on the homestead until 1898, moving to a location 2 miles south and 1½ miles west of Rossendale, now owned by Harley Henry. The family of twelve were born in the family home with two dying in infancy. Born at the homestead were two boys and two girls, Veronica (Fronie) was born in 1888 and lived her early life in Rossendale district. She married George Schmidth January 11th, 1910, moving to Humbolt, Sask., and raising a large family of five boys and three girls, George, Joe, Louis, James, Ralph, Francis, Cecilia and Agnes. She died in 1945.

Born on Oct. 17, 1890, was a boy, Louis, who lived all his life in Rossendale district, farming the family farms until his death. He was a councillor in the North Norfolk Municipality for some time. He died August 20, 1962, never married. Mike was born Nov. 13, 1892, living his early life in the district. He married a girl from the Edwin area, Helen Norton, Sept 29, 1926. They moved to Winnipeg where they raised a family of three girls, Beryl, Alice, and Mavis. He died May 4, 1966.

Theresa was the last to be born at the homestead on January 9, 1895, moving away at an early age. She took up nursing in Winnipeg later, marrying Dan MacDonald August 20, 1925. They moved to Marion, Ohio, where they raised a family of 2 boys and a girl, Dan, Jim, and Margaret. Theresa and her husband live in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Joseph was the first of the family to be born in the new house at the new location about one mile from the homestead. He was born August 18, 1898, living all his life in the Rossendale and Lavenham districts. He married Mrytle Porteous on Dec. 12, 1947 and raised a family of three boys and two girls, Douglas, Thomas, John, Beverly, and Barbara. In Sept. of 1949 he moved from the farm to Lavenham



*Back Row - Louis, Mena, George, Teresa, Mike, Fronie, Joe
Front Row - Edward, Alice, Gus, Eleanor, James*

where he operated a grocery store until moving to Portage la Prairie just one year before his death on Oct. 10, 1962. His family still lives in Portage la Prairie.

Douglas married Betty Boak of Edwin, raising two girls, Cynthia-Ann, and Pamela

Thomas married and raised one daughter, Tammy.

John married Gabriel Scharf of Vancouver, B.C. and had one daughter, Jill.

Beverly married John Asham and raised three boys, Faron, Ferlin, and Farrol.

Barbara with one daughter, Kristy.

George was born April 23rd, 1900. He married Francis Debusschere. He had no family and lived and farmed all his life in the district, dying on Sept. 16th, 1964 at the family farm.

Philemena(Mena) was born June 5th, 1901, and lived all her life with her family and her brother Louis with the exception of the last couple of years when she lived in Portage. She died August 18, 1967.

Augustus(Gus) was born August 24, 1902, and lived his early life in the district, moving to Winnipeg where he lived the balance of his life. He married Alice Greaves on February 26, 1938. They had no family. Gus died April 16, 1972.

Edward was born March 13, 1910, moving away at an early age. He married Mary Stuffer August 29, 1936, moving to Cleveland, Ohio and raising a family of two boys and two girls, Edward, Robert, Jean, and Lynn. He is still living in Cleveland with his family.

In addition to his farming, Mr. James Bedford took up blacksmithing. A. Perkins was one of his customers. Mr. Bedford did a lot of work on his buggy; 65¢ for fixing the tongue, 35¢ for welding a brace, and \$1.00 for fixing the tongue irons. He also sharpened his plow shears at 20¢, coulters at the same price and drilled holes in iron for 10¢ each.

Mr. Bedford shoed horses at 5¢ a nail, fixed whiffletree irons for 20¢, straightened shears for 35¢, and ringed or repaired chains for 10¢.

The largest payment on the books is \$2.00 for fixing a saw mill.

Other customers were A. Smith, R. Culbert, William Graham, George Price, George Jones, William Latimer, S. Rands, D. Jonston, W.G. Henry, William Henry (perhaps the same), William Perkins, David Henry, and Robert Henry.

Mr. Bedford's notations are specific and to the point. When a customer paid it states so and when the customer did not it states "no good".

Mr. James Bedford was born in 1857 and died in 1910.

Mrs. James Bedford was born in 1865 and died in 1941.

Before leaving the blacksmithing here is a year's account for one customer--William Henry for the year 1898:

BLACKSMITHING DONE 1898

William Henry	One Harrow Tooth	.25
	One Drill Hoe Weld	.35
	Two Shears	.50
	One Coulter	.25
	One Shears and Coulter	.50
	One Shear	.25
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		\$2.10
Five and half Bushels		
Potatoes at 35 cents		\$1.92
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		\$4.02

In closing, there follows some of the items purchased during the period by Mr. Bedford and recorded in the account book:

1895	1897
One Broom25	Overalls.....\$1.25
One Pail50	Shoes.....\$1.75
One Dish.....85	Two Pairs Mitts.....\$1.85
Screen50	Tobacco50
One Keg nails.....\$4.00	Whiskey.....\$1.32
One Pair Hinges.....25	
30 lbs cut Nails 2½\$1.50	1898
15 lbs tea\$2.50	Three Pairs Socks30
Washing Soda.....25	One Pair Pants\$1.25
One Can Mustard.....20	Shirt50
One bottle Lemon Extract.....25	Overshoes\$1.25
Soap.....\$1.00	Underclothes.....\$1.00

FRANK BENNETT

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bennett arrived in the Rossendale district in 1936. The location of their farm home which had been purchased from the Great West Co., was on Section 34 SW, Township 10, Range 9. They also aquired the former Sinclair farm.

Besides grain farming, they kept a fine herd of black Angus cattle.

Mrs. Bennett was very proud of her lovely home, flowers, and garden. For many years she assisted the local 4H Calf Club.

Richard, their only child, was born in 1944 and received his education at Rossendale and MacGregor. Richard and his wife live at St. Albert, Alberta.

Mrs. Bennett died of cancer on October 23, 1966. Mr. Bennett then sold his farm to John Geisbrecht and retired to Portage la Prairie to live on 8th St. N.W.

After a spell of ill health, Mr. Bennett decided to move to the Portage Manor where he died December 8, 1976.

GUS BIBERDORF FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Biberdorf and family arrived from Frobisher, Saskatchewan in 1937 and settled on 18-10-9 where they farmed for six years. In 1943, they bought 31-10-8 where the family still resides.

There were three boys and two girls in the family.

Harold married Olga Eilmes and they reside in Transcona.

Esther married Ernie Tyler and they had one daughter, Carol. Ernie is deceased. Esther and Carol live in Vancouver.

Helen married Jack Goodey and they also live in Vancouver with their two sons, Daryl and Bob.

Edwin married Jean Scott. They have four sons, Cameron, Ernie, Barry, and John.

Elmer remained single.

Edwin and Elmer attended Ferriss school. The family were all involved in local sports.

At the Provincial Playoffs in Winnipeg for the Beaver ball teams, Cameron was chosen as one of the top players to attend a tournament in Kentucky. Due to rain, the tournament was cancelled, but the boys played in Exhibition games around Chicago.

Mr. Gus Biberdorf passed away March 7, 1969.

LEO AND MARY BIEGANSKI

Leo was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba on November 30th, 1914. He is the youngest son of Mary and Joseph Bieganski. He had one sister, Jessie and six brothers, Jack, Bill, Walter, Abe, Mike, and Brownie.

When he was 2 years old they moved to Vivian, Manitoba where Leo attended the Uppingham School. In 1933, Leo moved to Montreal where he was employed in a mechanical garage for 2 years. He returned to Vivian, Manitoba in 1936. At that time he met Mary Lodon of Rossdale, Manitoba. They were married April 4, 1938 in Winnipeg, Manitoba and resided in Vivian, Manitoba.

Mary was born in St. Andrews, Manitoba on October 5th, 1919. Mary was the second youngest daughter of William and Agnes Lodon. She had two brothers, Mike and Bernie and three sisters, Tillie, Anne and Jean. Mary attended school in Rossdale, Manitoba and was then employed in Sioux Lookout, Ontario. Later she returned to Winnipeg and was employed there until she met and married Leo.



Leo and Mary Bieganski

Mary and Leo farmed in the Anola district until 1946 when they built a house and mechanical garage in the village of Anola. They operated their garage until 1952 when they sold their business in Anola and moved to Rossendale, Manitoba. They bought some property from Walter Neufeld and bought the Parker house from Jim Watson and moved it onto their property at 9-10-9. Many hours of hard work were spent remodelling their home. They own a construction business which they are still operating.

Mary and Leo boarded two school teachers, Kay Goosen in 1955-56 and Phyllis Maxfield in 1956-57 and 1957-58.

Mary was the custodian at the new Rossendale High School for two years.

Mary and Leo have no children of their own but have spent many happy times with their nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

WALTER BIEGANSKI

Walter and Irene Bieganski (nee Gourke) moved from Marquette, Manitoba to Rossendale in May of 1951. They had three children at that time, Mary Ann, Betty, and Wally. They bought the S½ 16-10-9 from Alex Walker.



*Standing L-R - Judy, Dean, Wally, Bud
Seated L-R - Betty, Debbie, Irene, Walter, Cindy, Mary-Anne*

During the years their family increased to eight children.

Mary Ann attended Rossendale elementary and Rossendale High schools, graduating in 1961. She worked at the Manitoba School for the Mentally Retarded and later trained as a Psychiatric Nurse, graduating in 1966. Mary Ann married a widower, Ray Gates, who had three sons, Jamie, Mark, and Steve. They have a daughter Rae Lynn. Tragedy struck when Mark was killed in a truck accident. The family now resides in Calgary.

Betty attended school in Rossendale from Grade I to Grade X. She married Doug Pennel of MacGregor. They have two children, Nyle and Dawn, and live on a farm south of MacGregor.

Wally attended school at Rossendale and graduated from MacGregor Collegiate in 1968. He went to Red River Community College and finished a course in telecommunications. Wally worked for the Manitoba Telephone Systems for a number of years. He married Rosalie Cox, a former teacher of Rossendale. They have two sons, Geoffrey, and Andrew, and operate a general store at Justice, Manitoba.

Albert(Bud) attended school at Rossendale and completed Grade X at MacGregor Collegiate. He married Shelly Brown. They live in MacGregor where he is employed with MacDonald construction. They have a daughter, Bonnie Marie.

Judy attended Rossendale school from Grade I to X completing her Grade XII at MacGregor Collegiate. She took a course at the Health Science Center and graduated as an X-Ray Technician. Judy married Don Crabbe of Neepawa and they reside in Calgary.

Debbie, who was born in 1955, a "special" child could not attend regular school. She later attended a workshop for the handicapped of Austin, which is now called Sprucedale Workshop, where she is still a student.

Dean attended Rossendale Elementary and MacGregor High schools. He is employed in MacGregor.

Cindy was the only one of the children who was not of school age during their life at Rossendale. She took her entire schooling at MacGregor, graduating from Grade XII in 1981. Cindy has just finished her first year in Brandon University and hopes to continue.

Due to Walter's poor health, the Bieganski's left the farm in the 1960's moving to MacGregor where Irene is employed at the MacGregor Hospital.

HARRY BIRD

Harry Bird was born in Belleville, Ontario, August 24, 1895, and he moved with his parents, sisters, and brothers to Melita, Manitoba. He received his education there and later joined the Infantry in the First World War 1914-1918. When he returned to Melita he met his wife Muriel Lawley. They were married June 15, 1921. They farmed at Elva, Manitoba, for four years. Then in the spring of 1930, they moved to the Ferriss district. They rented the farm of John Sloik.

They farmed it for two years, then moved to South Rossendale district to the Archie Culbert farm 27-9-9. They lived in the house and Harry worked for Hugh Culbert for a number of years. When the last war was on 1939-1945, both Harry and Muriel worked at the Southport Airport for five years. Harry fueled the airplanes and Muriel was a cook in the mess hall. When the war was over Harry had a city dray drawn by horses for two years. Then he had a cream truck for ten years. Harry and Muriel had the concession at the Curling Rink in the winter and the concession at the Island Park in the summer until the time of Harry's death September, 1959.

When the war was over Muriel went to the Portage la Prairie General Hospital where she was the Cook for four years. After that she took in boarders and did baking for different people for special occasions and parties. She did this in her home until the time of her death April, 1976. She was noted for her good cooking and delicious baking.

They had two children, Shirley and Ellis, both born in Elva, Manitoba.



*Back Row - Shirley, Ellis
Front Row - Muriel, Harry*

Shirley married William(Bill) Green, July 31, 1946. He farms on the Green home farm. He also checked gravel for the R.M. of Portage for thirty-two years. Shirley remained at home and raised a family of three girls and two boys. She also was a foster mother to fifty-seven children whom she loved very much.

Pat, their oldest daughter, married William(Bill) Milburn. He is a Physiatic Nurse and she is a Medical Secretary. They have two children Scott, four years and Lori, one year. They live in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

Donna, the second daughter, married John Kirkbride. He is an accountant and she is a Registered Nurse. They both work for Alcan in Kemano, B.C. They have two children, Michelle, ten and David, eight.

Gordon, the oldest son, is a butcher by trade. In the summer he works for a neighbor and in the winter he does butchering.

Linda, the third daughter, is a secretary, and lives west of Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

Rick, the youngest son is in his 4th year of Science at the University of Manitoba.

Ellis worked for W.H. Crocker for four years, then he went to Dauphin with Safeway for four years. He then started to drive a cream truck, the same as his father for three years. He has driven a Weston's Bread truck for twenty-seven years. He is also the proprietor of the Yellow Head Cafe at the Junction of Highways 1 and 16. He married Verla Bell September 20, 1952. Verla is an Adult Education Teacher. They have three children, two girls and one boy.

Lisa, their oldest daughter, married Bruce Sneesby. He is a farmer at Westbourne, Manitoba. They have three children, two boys and one girl, Sheldon seven years, Marshall four years, and Lawana two months.

Shauna is the secretary for Portage Community Cablevision. Cameron works for Can-Do Construction Company based out of Brandon, Manitoba.

Shirley and Ellis had Ethel McVety(Moffat) and cousin Lillian Howe for teachers when they went to Rossendale School. They also had Allan Fallis. They had their education at Ferriss, Rossendale and South Rossendale Schools.

Their teacher at South Rossendale for five years was Mrs. Jim Watson(Margaret McCallister). In the winter they moved from the Culbert farm into Rossendale to the Alex Walker house while Harry and Alex went to the bush to cut cord wood.

Shirley left school to do housework for the neighbors. Her first place was Edna Lamb(Mrs. Roy Carrol). Edna taught Shirley how to bath babies and a lot of other things. Later she went to Norman English's. His wife Hilda was recuperating from an operation. One day Norman asked Shirley to go to Rossendale for the mail, as they were expecting a letter from their son, Mervin. Norman gave Shirley a pregnant horse that was due in two weeks. She started down the Lavenham hill and the hill was slippery. She thought maybe the horse would fall so she got out and led it down the hill. When she got to Rossendale there was no letter. When she arrived back and told Norman what she had done, he laughed and teased her for years.

The first people in Rossendale that met them and made them feel welcome were Mr. and Mrs. Dave Moffat. From that day on Mrs. Moffat was their second mother. They enjoyed all the school picnics, Christmas Concerts, or parties. One Christmas Concert at Allandale, John Watson put his horses on a sleigh and wagon box and collected all the neighbors. They all sang songs and pushed each other off the sleigh. On the way home everyone was very quiet and cuddled under their quilts. They were all pretty tired. But they all went to school the next day.

Our memories of Rossendale are fond and very happy times, but at the same time we saw hard times.

We remember the first day we started South Rossendale School, June 3, 1935. It had snowed about six inches. We went to school with the Frizzley children, Joe, Reuben, George, Mary, Philomena, Ann, and Jean. On the way home the boys upset the sleigh.

Thanks for giving us the opportunity to relate our memoirs of Rossendale and Districts.

Shirley Green
Ellis Bird

GEORGE BOAK FAMILY

George is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. David Boak (the former Isabelle Jardine).

Dave and Isabelle came from Ontario and farmed on the present Pete Maloney farm, later to move to the Edwin district.

George married the former Frances McDermott of Grandview, Manitoba, on October 16, 1938.

In the spring of 1946, George moved his family to the present farm location of 30-10-8 bought from James Porter.

At this time they had two boys, Duane Clifford born July 25, 1939, and Donald George, born May 13, 1942. They also had a daughter, Elaine Marion born February 15, 1946. Three years later on February 25, 1949, Valerie Faye was born.

All the children attended the Ferriss School with the girls going to Rossendale High when it was built.

Frances is a long time member of the Rossendale U.C.W. with George a supporter of the curling rink.

Elaine and Val both taught Sunday School at Rossendale for several years

Duane is not married and lives and farms the home farm.

Don married Evelyn Titanich of Rapid City on May 9, 1964. He is presently employed with Blights International in Portage. He also farms 80 acres of the home farm. They have two children, Bruce 17 and Kim 8.

Elaine married Herb Donald March 2, 1963. Elaine lives in the former Ferriss School. She is employed at McCains while Herb is working at the Manitoba School. They have three children, Kevin 18, Terry 16, and Leanne 14.

Val married Curtis Pogue on April 16, 1966. They farm north of Bagot. Val is employed at the Personal Care Home in MacGregor while Curtis drives a School Bus for the Pine Creek School Division. They have two girls; Rhonda 15, and Lisa 12.

WALTER BRASS - *submitted by Marion Nelson*

My father was born on August 10, 1881 at Shildon County, Durham, England. In 1902 he and his younger brother Isaac came to Canada with the "Barr Colonists". For anyone unfamiliar with this, these were a group of British Pioneers recruited by Rev. Isaac Barr to come to Canada and settle in Sask. The Colonists met many hardships during the journey and the prospects of success were so slim that the two brothers decided to leave the expedition in Winnipeg and seek their fortunes in Manitoba.

My father worked in the Pilot Mound area for a short while then clerked in the store at Burnside, near Portage. He then built a store at Edwin and his sister Esther came out from England to help him run it. About 1910 my father went to the Rossendale store which

he had in partnership with Mr. Pritchard. He later took this store over himself and sold the store at Edwin as his sister wished to return to England.

He homesteaded land in the Rossendale area taking the west half of Sec. 25-10-9 and the south half of Sec. 26-10-9. After he fulfilled the terms of the homestead act he rented the land to various farmers in the area, two of them being Phil Chapman and Fred Hampson.

In 1917 my father returned to England and married my mother Mildred Hodgson of Etherley, County Durham, and they returned to Canada to live on the farm at S.E. 26-10-9. During the 4 or 5 years they were here 3 girls were born, namely Elsie, Winnie, and Edna. The farm was then rented to Mr. Hampson and the family moved back to the store at Rossendale.

One story I remember my father telling us about this time was that word was received by telegraph that a man with Leprosy had escaped from somewhere (I can't remember where) and was walking the track going west. If seen, he was to be detained until authorities could pick him up, but when he walked through Rossendale everyone was afraid to go near him so he was allowed to walk on.

Another story happened on a Sunday morning after church when my 3 sisters Elsie, Winnie and Edna decided to go for a walk on the railroad track. At the time all three were under five years old and none of the girls noticed a freight train moving slowly from the east so when someone yelled at the girls to get off the track Elsie and Winnie ran leaving Edna to look after herself. A tragedy was averted when a man by the name of Jim Cleaver pulled her to safety just as the train went by.

The family stayed in the store until 1925 and then moved back to the farm where a new house had been built. Mr. Harold Crocker bought the store at this time. Four more children were added to the Brass family, namely Marion, Lillian, Sidney and Tom. Elsie attended the school at Rossendale for a short while then she and the rest of the children attended Ferriss School. My father was a trustee on the School Board and audited the books during the early years. In 1925 he bought a new Ford car from McNeilly's Garage in MacGregor. This car had side curtains that could be domed on in case of rain or bad weather. A trip to Portage was quite an adventure in those days. Needless to say the car was put up on blocks for the winter as there were never any roads passable around here to use it. We always had a large herd of Holstein cattle and when cropping the land and looking after the cattle got too much of a job my father rented out the land, first to Milton Robinson in 1932 and to Mr. Mike Sloik from then on. The cows presented a lot of work and at milking time everyone was expected to help. Since Elsie was sent to England when she was 16 to live with our Grandmother and keep her company, Winnie and Edna had to take the place of a hired man in doing chores and putting up the hay in the summer. We also had a large raspberry patch and it was a big job picking berries to sell or preserve.

But life wasn't all work and everyone looked forward to the Christmas Concert. At that time there was no electricity so when the gas lantern was lit on the big night the brightly decorated Christmas tree was a sight to remember. Another big event was the School Picnic when all the surrounding districts came and competed in the ball games and races. Parents had a chance to visit with friends and neighbours whom they probably hadn't seen in quite a while. Everyone took sandwiches and cakes which was passed around at supper time.

In 1949 my father retired from the farm and sold the land to Cecil Nelson(my husband). My mother and father moved to Vancouver, B.C. then returned to Portage and bought a house on Dufferin St. He passed away on April 8, 1956 and my mother returned to the warmer climate of B.C. She passed away in Carberry Hospital June 20, 1972 at the age of 84. All seven children survive their parents. They are:

Elsie-Mrs. Harry Gardiner, Nanoose, B.C. They have one girl and two boys.

Winnie- Mrs. Roly Wood, Victoria, B.C. They have two boys and one girl.

Edna-Mrs. Ralph Thomas, Carberry, Man. They have two girls.

Marion- Mrs. Cecil Nelson, Rossendale, Man. They have three girls and one boy.

Lillian- Mrs David Hlady, Cochenour, Ontario. They have two girls and one boy.

Sidney and his wife Marlene live in Creston, B.C. They have two boys and one girl.

Tom and his wife Hazel live in Winterburn, Alberta and they have one boy.

MEMORIES

Walking to Ferriss School across John Sloik's field. It was quite a long walk for 6 and 7 year olds. especially in winter.

The excitement of having the stage put up, in preparation for the Christmas Concert. We were all pretty nervous on the big night and so afraid of forgetting our lines.

The year wild strawberries were so plentiful. I think we picked and our mother canned 85 qts.

Trapping gophers for the Bounty paid on each one. The legs were cut off and tied in bundles of four, then taken to Mr. Jas. Dow who was authorized to pay us. What a calamity the day the cat ate up all the profit!

Hurrying home from school in the Fall, when the threshing gang moved onto our farm.

School picnics in which all the surrounding districts joined in playing ball and racing. Parents had a chance to visit friendly neighbors they probably had not seen in quite a while.

Our large raspberry patch that seemed to yield endless pails of berries every summer.

ISAAC AND MARGARET BRAUN

Isaac and Margaret Braun bought the farm 2-10-9 and 12-10-9 from Bob and Louis Ford in the spring of 1965. They lived on this farm until Dec. 27, 1979 when they moved to Plum Coulee, Manitoba.

Isaac and Margaret had five children; Barry, born April 18, 1956, Karen, born July 27, 1957, Marvin, born February 14, 1961, Leona, born January 30, 1962, and Melvin, born December 3, 1967.

CARMEN BUCHANAN

Carman and Eva Buchanan farmed in the Rossendale district in 1937 and 38. Carmen passed away in May of 1938. They had four daughters, Isabell, Mrs James Lamont of Bagot, Doreen and Betty Buchanan of Portage la Prairie and Joyce, Mrs Alex Makerchuk, who resides south of Portage.

THE EMIL BUCHHOLZ FAMILY

Emil Buchholz was born in May 1893 in the Township of Alice, near Pembroke, Ont. In his early twenties he headed west. He had a few cousins living at Windthorst, Sask., and there he began farming. I, Ella E. J. Mahlitz of Ladysmith, Quebec, married Emil in August 1926, at Windthorst.

Frances was born in July, 1927 and Allan was born in November, 1929. Both children were born at home. The neighbors were good to us and helped in many ways. Our church was our social life.

Then the dry summers of 1930 and 31 forced us to sell the farm. Emil had seen an advertisement in the paper for the farm in Rossendale. He visited it and decided right away that this was where he wanted to live. Sask. had been a bald-headed prairie and here there were trees!

It was March, 1932, when I boarded the train with my two children. Emil was in a freight car with our belongings: two cows, two little pigs, a dozen hens and a rooster, a goose and a gander. There was also my prized possession, a sewing machine, plus a few pieces of household furniture and some tools.

People by the name of Sawchuck lived on the farm, however the land was owned by the Walsh Land Limited. The land was known as the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 35-9, west of 9, Municipal District of South Norfolk. There were four horses that went with the farm, as well as harness, a seeder, a plow, a buggy, and a wagon. And so we started our mixed farm operation. Emil worked hard and always was available to give a hand.



L-R - Percy, Ella, Emil, Allen, Frances, Kent

Archie Culbert and Dave were our neighbors to the west, and John Nicoll lived south of us. They were the best neighbors one could have. In fact, when there was a job like wood cutting or threshing to be done, neighbors from miles around would come and help.

Frances and Allan attended South Rossendale School. Miss Good was their first teacher. Margaret Watson, then McCallister, was also one of their teachers. Kent was born in June 1938 and Percy was born in July 1944. Kent started school at South Rossendale, however the school closed after one year's attendance, and he then went to Rossendale School. Percy attended the Rossendale School. Both boys were active in the 4-H Club.

I remember when we got our first car. It was a little English car called the Prefect. Emil didn't know how to drive. He got our neighbor, Archie Culbert to teach him. Emil was behind the wheel, going down the road real slow, with Archie beside him, telling him what to do. Then he started going faster. Before he knew it the car was heading for the ditch; Well, Emil drove through the ditch, and up the other side, into the Culbert vegetable garden. Archie was shouting "Put on the brake!", and Emil was pulling back on the steering wheel, shouting "Whoa, Whoa!".

I used to sell cream; Charlie Watson was the truck driver for Portage Creamery. He would call once a week. I kept the cream in the well suspended on a long chain. The well was very cold and I always had table cream. In those days cream was bought by the creamery for 30 cents a pound! I used to sell chickens and eggs, too, to help with the farm income. Prices then are a laugh now. Eggs, 10¢ a dozen, and chickens, ready for the oven, 25¢ a bird! I belonged to the Ladies Aid and we used to meet once a month at the United Church in Rossendale. Sometimes the meetings were held at the homes of members. Those were good times.

Frances trained as a nurse and worked at Morden and Ninette before moving to Calgary. There she took a stenographic course and worked in a law office. She married Fred Chapman and has two children, Neil and Carol. She is still living in Calgary.

Allan went west with Jim Fulton and worked for Pat Burns at one time. Then he went into the oil patch, after the Leduc discovery. He married Judy Myer in 1962 and has three children, Cindy, Michelle and Craig. He is still working in the petroleum industry and lives in Calgary.

Kent joined the Air Force and was in for five years. He was stationed at South Airport. While he was there he helped us build a new house. He wired it and we finally had electricity in 1955. Kent married June Leipke in 1961 and has two children, Daryl and Kim. He is now living in Elk Grove Village, a suburb on the west side of Chicago. He works for United Air Lines. He remarried to Bechy Ripley. Now he's the father to four red-headed girls.

Percy headed west to Calgary and there he apprenticed as a plumber. He married Linda Long in 1971 and has one child, Brian.

He is now living in Kelowna, B.C. and has his own business as a gas pipe fitter.

Emil and I celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary in 1966. The community had a wonderful social for us. It was a summer's night and the weather couldn't have been nicer. About that time Emil got sick and spent some time in the hospital.

Finally we decided to sell the farm and move to Calgary. Johnny Nicol bought the place. In June 1968, we loaded a truck and with Maurice Hrabluik driving, we headed west. Allan had a place for us and we joined three of our children in Calgary. We had lived thirty-five years in Rossendale, and left many, many wonderful friends behind.

Emil passed away just four months after we arrived in Calgary. Since then I've been back to visit friends in Rossendale, and they have come to visit me in Calgary. The farm was a wonderful life but I am enjoying my life in Calgary with all the conveniences that I didn't have when I lived on the farm.

FRANCES CHAPMAN (BUCHHOLZ)

Taken from the Calgary Herald Nov. 19, 1981

Calgary artist Frances Chapman spent the past summer haunting dance studios, poring over photographs of dancers and taking in televised dance performance.

The result is an exhibition of 45 watercolors and ink drawings of dance — ballet, interpretative and social dance — and its performers, on display at the Muttart Gallery until Dec.6, 1981.

The 54-year old artist, who is president of Centennial Gallery, says that her own dance experience has been limited to social dancing. "But I'm fascinated by the way people move — especially to music," Chapman said earlier at the opening of her show.

"I'm fascinated by occupations that demand great physical exertion," Chapman added. Her previous one-person show, *Looking for Oil*, depicted men working in the Alberta oil fields.

"In the dance works, I attempted to capture the tension before a performance. Dancers, like athletes, compete against themselves, continually trying to do better than the last time."

"That's how I feel about my art," she added. "I'm always striving to go further than I did in the previous work."

The majority of works in the exhibition are watercolors, a medium Chapman says gives her a greater freedom than oils to capture the delicate nuances of dance as well as its strong, dramatic movements.

"Control and discipline are at the root of all art — dance, as well as the visual arts," she added.

GEORGE CADY FAMILY

Jean and George Cady purchased the Fred and Sadie Stewart farm in 1962. They resided there until 1968 when they moved to Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

There were nine children in the family, six boys: Brian, Bill, Danny, David, Leslie, and Terry, the youngest. There were three girls: Diana, Debbie, and Norma.

The children all attended school at Currie and when consolidation came in 1965 they attended Rossendale schools. Being avid baseball players, they all played ball and are still baseball fans.

When the boys were old enough for driver's licenses, one could always be found stalled along the road to town on a Friday or Saturday night.

Up to date the family are in Winnipeg, Alberta, and British Columbia.

JAMES RICHARD CANN

James Cann, my father, was born at Owen Sound, Ontario. He was employed at the Lakehead before coming to Treherne, Manitoba where he worked for a Mr. Harland and met and married Irene Cooper.

Mother was the eldest daughter of a family of nine born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cooper (the former Margaret Jane Henry).

Their first daughter, Clara, was born in the Rossendale district in 1914 - Great Grandmother Henry being the midwife.

Mother, Dad, and Clara moved to Carnduff, Sask. where I, Louise, was born in 1916. We moved further west to Melaval, Sask., where a son Ray was born in 1918. My mother being lonely for her family, we moved back to the Bill Henry farm west of Rossendale where brother George was born. It was at this place that George fell out of the upstairs window into a sand pit when he was about one year old.

I can remember Dad cutting wood and hauling it a long distance. We attended Rossendale school at this time.

We moved to La Fleche, Sask., in 1926 where Mildred Margaret was born. Here we had a distance of three miles to walk to school.

By 1928 the depression had hit so Dad decided to move to a place called Coronach, Sask. There was supposed to be a gold strike there but it was never found. My brother Larry was born there in 1930.

We saw Dad move once more when mother was not very well. We settled this time in Assiniboia, Sask. where my baby brother R.J. Cann was born in 1937 when my mother was 41 years old. My poor mother was not well for a number of years and passed away in Feb. 1947 at the age of 51 years, worn out from the Depression and children. My dad lived to be 81 years and passed away in Feb. 1971.

Clara married Cecil Elder of Coronach, Sask. They had a family of three children and have resided at Owen Sound, Ont. for almost 50 years.



Jim, Irene,
Clara, Louise

I, Louise, lived in Regina for a few years and then moved to Calgary with the oil company in 1960 and am now retired. I have one daughter Diane in Calgary.

Ray was married to June Peterson of Congress, Sask. They had one son. Ray passed away in October 1980 at 62 years of age.

George served in World War II overseas. He married an English war bride. George died at the age of 41 years as the result of an accident at Merrett, B.C.

Larry served in the Air Force in Canada and Germany. He married a girl from Exeter, Ont. and has two daughters. They are retired and living at Kalso, B.C.

My youngest brother, Richard J., named after my father, is married and lives at Medicine Hat, Alberta. He also served in the Navy.

Mildred, by her first marriage was Mrs. Frostad. They had six children when her husband passed away. Times were very difficult for Mildred and her children. She re-married and is now Mrs. Keith Bishop. The children are all married except two who are attending university.

Grampa Harry Cooper used to operate the old ferry across the river. I can recall my dad fording the river one time with horse and buggy as we had lost baby clothes off the ferry and they were floating down the river.

THE CARSON FAMILY

Clarence Carson, son of Robert and Margaret Carson, was born at Neepawa, Manitoba. He moved to the Allandale district, along with his wife, the former Alice Cooper of Amaranth, and their small son, William Clarence(Bill) in Dec. 1921. Prior to moving they had lived in the Amaranth area. They settled on 34-9-8 in the Assiniboine River Valley. Later they had two daughters, Irene Margaret(Irene) and Alice Lillian(Lillian).

Upon their arrival there was only about 60 acres broken, the remainder of the flat was heavy bush. Today the entire flat is under cultivation.

On one occasion, a brown bear came to the door and drank from a pail that was sitting on the step. He was a most unwelcome visitor as Mrs. Carson was at home alone with the three children. He left peacefully after snooping around the yard for awhile.

Two weeks later, a black bear wandered into the farmyard. He also disappeared into the heavy bush after Clarence had fired a shot.

Bill married Jessie Ferguson in 1944 and lived in the Allandale district, SW 28-9-8 for five years. Edward (Ted) and Lynn, their two oldest children, were born during those five years. Bill and Jessie now reside in Portage la Prairie. Bill is a physiatric charge nurse at the Manitoba School for Retardates. Jessie is employed at Lo-Cost Drugs in the Portage Mall. They have three sons and four daughters.

Irene married William Indridson in 1944 and they reside in Selkirk. Irene is in Real Estate with her husband and son-in-law. They have three daughters and one son.

Lillian married Andrew Gourley in 1945 and they reside on the Gourley family farm, SE 12-11-9, R.M. of N. Norfolk. Lillian is employed as a clerk with the Department of National Defense at CFB Portage la Prairie. They have two children, Allan Murray and Brenda Elaine. Murray and Brenda attended school at Rossendale. Murray married Maureen Sawyer in 1968 and they have two children, Allana and Darren. Allana and Darren attend Rossendale school at the present time. Murray is employed with the Trans Canada Pipeline and works at their Pumping Station at Edwin. Murray also farms with his father. They reside on SW 12-11-9.

Brenda married Jack Duke in 1979 and resides in Vancouver. Brenda is employed as Office Manager with MCW Consultants Ltd. at their head office in Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson were active in the community. Alice was president of the Ladies Aid for 8 years. Clarence served as trustee on the school board. He played the violin and mandolin, at times helping out with music at social gatherings. At one period of time the enrollment at Allandale school was so low that for the annual school picnic, which was one of the major events, it was necessary for students from neighboring school districts to join Allandale in order to make up the baseball team.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson retired and took up residence in Portage in 1967. They were among the few who were fortunate enough to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary in Dec. 1969. Clarence passed away in Oct. 1975.

Robert James, known as R.J., and his eldest son Robert(Rob) moved to the Rossendale district in the early 1920's, not too long after his son, Clarence had moved to the area. Prior to moving to Rossendale they had farmed in the Ryantin, now known as Marcus district.

They were unique in their farming operation. Unlike their neighbors they farmed with mules instead of horses. They had three teams.

In 1937 they moved to the Overhill district. After his father's death in 1940, Rob made his home with either of his brothers, Charles or Clarence. He farmed W80 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 28-9-8. Rob liked to step dance and was called upon quite frequently at the dances held in the school. Rob retired to Portage in the early 60's, remaining there until his death in May 1967.

Charles Carson, son of Robert and Margaret Carson was also born at Neepawa, Manitoba. He is a brother of Rob and Clarence. Charles, known as Charlie, moved to the Allandale district in 1925. He farmed SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 4-10-8. In 1927 he married Lily Cooper of Amaranth. Lily is a sister to Clarence's wife, Alice. They had two children, Edith Audrey (Audrey) and Evelyn Martha (Evelyn).

Audrey and Evelyn attended Allandale school.

Audrey married Les Burrows. They have two children, Shawn and Lisa. Les passed away in 1967. Audrey is employed in the office of Roto-Rooter in Winnipeg.

Evelyn married Jack Ferguson. They live at Edwin. They have one son, Rick, who married Audrey Gray in 1979. Audrey and Rick live in Portage.

Charlie and Lil took an interest in community projects. Lil was a faithful knitter for the Red Cross during War years. She was also active in the Ladies Aid. Charlie enjoyed sports, listening to sports programs on the radio and in later years he enjoyed them on the T.V.

Charlie and Lil farmed until Charlie's death in March 1959. Lil then went to live in Portage.

Later she married Henry Murray and went to live in Missoula, Montana. She lived there until Henry's death in 1963. Lil returned to Portage where she has made her home. She has just recently taken up residence at the Lions Prairie Manor.

During the years 1920-1960 many changes took place for the well being of the farmer. Farming was originally done with horses, or in some cases, mules and oxen. These were later replaced by tractors, small tractors to start with but to-day most of the farming is done with big tractors and big equipment. In the earlier years crops grown were wheat, barley, oats and some flax. Later new crops were introduced and now include rye, peas, mustard, rape, corn, sunflowers, buckwheat, lentils, sugarbeets and potatoes. Charlie

and Clarence had their crops taken off for several years with the threshing outfit, which included a separator driven by a steam engine, owned by Robert McDermott of Edwin. This outfit required from 20-24 men. Alex Walker operated the steam engine, Clarence was separator man and Andy McDermott drove the water tank.

Later Clarence purchased a small outfit which involved 6-8 men. In the mid-forties combines began replacing the old threshing outfits. It brought welcome relief to the busy housewives. Most families didn't have to depend on hired help as they were able to complete the harvest alone. This made a tremendous saving on wages and also on the grocery bills.

Telephone lines were not extended into the Eastern part of Allandale until the late 40's. In 1950 the hydro was installed. This was a welcome step in the progress of country living. It saved many hours of hard work for both the women as well as the men.

The Carson families have fond memories of the years when they were a part of the Allandale district.

JOSEPH CASE FAMILY

by Frank Case(Grandson)

Joseph Case was believed to be the first of his family to come to Manitoba from Ontario. He arrived in the early 1880's with Uncle Frank Wooley who was bringing a shipment of horses to Manitoba. Joseph would be about 10 years old and worked for his Uncle Jim English in the Treherne area and also worked at building the railroad before taking up farming. He was followed by his brothers and father. His mother had died in Ontario.

Joseph, later in the 1890's, married Lucy Harriet Western, whose parents had immigrated from England to Old Fort Garry. They farmed first at Elsmith where Will was born. When the barn burned down they moved to a farm in the Hartford district and about three years later to Rossendale where they bought the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 33-10-9 from Bill Charlton.

Joseph helped build the railway bed for the side track in Rossendale. The main source of income seems to have been selling wood.

The population of the town fluctuated between summer and winter. People would move to town for the winter and back to the farm for the summer.

Joseph and Lucy had seven children: William, Pearl, Elizabeth, Stanley, Violet, Richard, and Frank. Will and Stan are the only surviving family.

The family later moved to Salem where Joseph died of pneumonia in 1914.

Will Case has supplied much of the information on the Case family and although he is in his late eighties his memory is quite vivid. He went to school at Hartford from 1901-1904 and at Rossendale from 1904-1908. He mentioned some teachers names

as Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. White, Mr. Prowse and Miss Paisley.

The first money that Will ever made was lighting the fire to warm the Rossendale United Church for Sunday services. He said Bill Moffat paid him 10¢ a Sunday which he spent on candy, making him very popular with his friends.

Will and my father, Stan, seemed to share one humorous incident. It seems they were going somewhere in either a sleigh or wagon box with their sister Pearl. Somewhere along the trail, Pearl fell out the back of the box. The boys did not tell their father who was driving and needless to say father was not happy when he did find out.

Will said another incident that he remembered well is when a team of horses he was driving on a hay rake started to run and he could not hold them. They ended up at the blacksmith's shop in Rossendale pushing the end of the rake tongue through the shop wall.

Will served in the 1914-18 war with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles and on his return married Jenny Blair. They farmed in the Petersfield area for many years and raised a family. Jenny now lives in MacGregor and Will at Matlock.

Will Case received the Distinguished Conduct Medal during the war. It was presented by the Prince of Wales at a ceremony in Portage la Prairie after the war. The medal was for bravery in the field of battle. He was one of ten volunteers who survived the destroying of a machine gun nest. Will was also the recipient of the M.M. and Bar.

Pearl married Dan McVicar(Both are deceased). They lived in Portage la Prairie. Their family is scattered from coast to coast.

Liz married Will Cooper. They lived in Portage la Prairie. Both are deceased. Their family is living in Winnipeg and the U.S.A.

Stan married Ruth Shilling and they farmed in the Salem and Kelvin districts until 1980 when Stan suffered a stroke. Stan is now in the Lions Manor and Ruth is living in Portage. Their family is in Portage, the Pas and Edmonton.

Violet married Sherman Ross and they lived for many years in Portage. Both are deceased. Their family is scattered from British Columbia to Nova Scotia.

Richard, who is deceased, never married. He worked on farms and construction work and passed away at the Municipal Home.

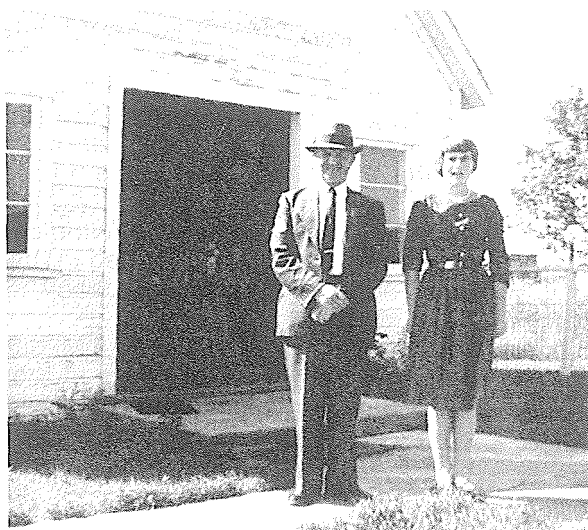
Frank, while in his teens, drowned trying to cross Crescent Lake.

Joseph Case had three brothers, Frank, Nate and Russell at Rossendale.

Frank moved to the Salem district where he married Anna McDonald. They have two sons: Russell, who lives on the home farm, and Albert who lives in Winnipeg. Frank and Anna are deceased.

Nate Case left Rossendale and went homesteading in Sask. He later returned to Portage where he passed away.

Russell worked with Mr. Ferriss grading up the railway beds. He then moved to Montana where his sister lived. Here he married and raised his family. They returned to Manitoba in the late 1930's and bought a home in the Gainsborough district where he lived until his death. His wife is also deceased. Some of their family, Jim, Joe and Mrs. Hugh McClaren still live in the Portage area.



William James with daughter Fay

BILL CAUGHELL

Bill Caughell married Annie Henry, daughter of Bill and Jane Henry. They had a family of three, two sons and a daughter, Clifford, Jenny and Lance.

When Annie died, Bill and Jane Henry cared for the two youngest children, Lance and Jenny. Lance, being adopted, became Lance Henry, but Jenny remained a Caughell.

Bill married Liza Ross and they had three children. Clifford also lived with them.

Jenny married Stan McCartney Nov. 10, 1926. They have a family of two daughters and two sons.

A landmark in the Rossendale area, half a mile north of the village is the frame house built by Bill Caughell.

THE FAMILY OF PHILIP NEAL AND MATILDA ANN CHAPMAN

Philip and Matilda Chapman came from Ontario and arrived in Bagot in 1899. Later they moved to Rossendale and resided for a time with Matilda's mother and father- the late Mr. and Mrs. John Buchanan. Philip farmed for a time at Rossendale and later worked for several farmers in the district. They had seven children- William, Thomas, Charles (known to everyone as Duke), May, James, Annie and Hester.

Matilda and Philip continued to reside in the Rossendale district where all the children except Hester attended Ferriss school. Later all the children attended the Elmwood school in Rossendale.

Matilda and Philip continued to live in Rossendale until Philip's death, then she and Hester moved to Portage where Matilda resided until her death. Since the death of her mother Hester now lives in Portage. Hester and Clara (Tom Chapman's wife) are the only surviving members of that generation of the Chapman family. The old log house still stands in Rossendale where Matilda, Philip and Hester resided.

William Chapman worked for the C.N.R. and resided in Rossendale most of his life seeing the railway come through in 1903 and go out in 1962. He married Ellen Parker from the South Rossendale district and they have two children, Jean and Robert. Robert married the former Jean Adams and they have three children.

After serving for a while in the War 1914-1918, Thomas worked for several farmers in the Rossendale area and also ran the curling and skating rink during the winter. He married Clara Smith from Edwin district and they had two children- Evelyn and Melvin. They later moved to Portage where Tom worked at the Manitoba School for many years. Evelyn married Russell Hannah from Poplar Point and they have one daughter Catherine. Catherine, her husband and daughter live in Portage.

Melvin married Gwen Sproxton of Flin Flon. They have four children, Gail, Sandra, Diane and Byron. Sandra and Diane are married. Mel and Gwen have three grandchildren. All of Mel's family live in Edmonton, Alberta.

May married Reg Marks and they lived for many years in Rossendale where Reg was the town blacksmith. They later moved to Portage where he carried on the same trade. They had nine children.

The Marks family is being compiled by Les Marks.

Duke worked for many farmers in the district and later made his home on the farm with Mr. and Mrs. James Crosbie. After Mr. Crosbie's death, Mrs. Crosbie moved to Portage, and Duke continued to live in the Rossendale district until the time of his death.

James married Lois Cummings of Rossburn. His railroad work took him to many areas of Manitoba- mainly Rossburn and Winnipeg. They had one boy Kenneth. Kenneth and his wife

Annette have three children Roberta, James, and Paul Jon. They reside in Winnipeg.

Annie married Robert Barber from the Katrimie District. They farmed for many years till they retired in MacGregor. They had six boys.

Harold married Joyce Saunders of the MacGregor district. They live in Winnipeg and have three children- Brian, Darryl and Beverly. They also have three grandchildren.

Don Barber married Marion Borton of the MacGregor district. They have four children, Gerald, Garry, Michelle and Diane. They also have one grandchild.

Douglas Barber married Bev Kelly and they have two children Nicole and Noelle. They reside in Portage la Prairie. Roy Barber passed away in his teenage years.

Barry Barber married Donna Stratton and they have no children. They reside in Gladstone.

Dallas Barber married Bev Woods and they have a little girl Crystal Ann. They live in MacGregor.

Many people will recall that Matilda Chapman was available day or night especially if there was trouble and if anyone wished to have help at the birth of their babies - she was there.

THE GEORGE ROUTLEDGE CHARLTON FAMILY

George was born in Strathroy, Ontario in 1874. In 1898 he married Annie Eva Oliver. Annie was born in 1875 at Ingersoll, Ontario.

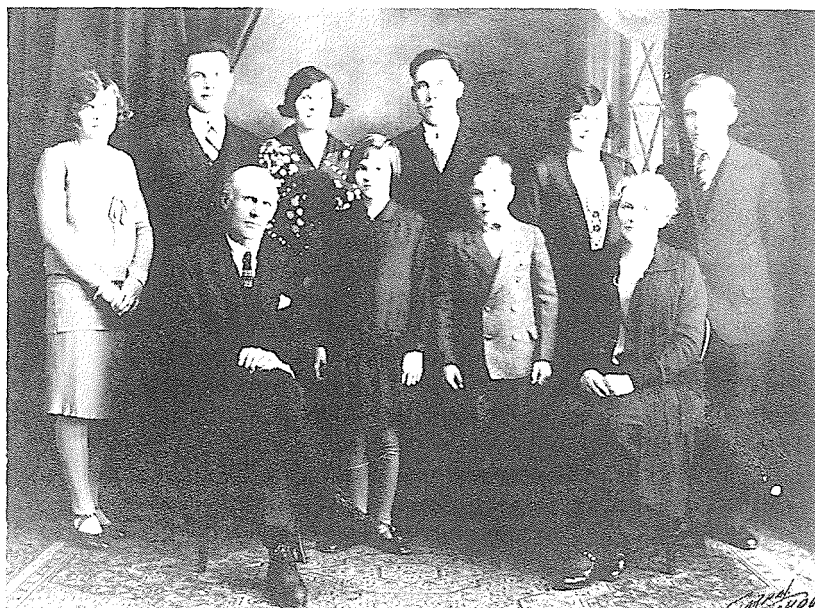
The early part of their married life they lived in the municipality of North Norfolk. George was a horse buyer as well as a farmer. As a horse buyer at the turn of the century he made many trips to Montana where he bought broncos, had them shipped to Portage where they were broke and sold to the "Homesteaders".

George was one of the early shareholders in the Rossendale Rink Co. Ltd., having purchased certificate number 22 on April 20, 1912. He also took an active part in all community activities.

G.R., as he was known by most, bought an early new Model T and drove to Rossendale to show it off to his friends at the blacksmith shop. They were all slightly annoyed at him for just waving as he drove past. The truth was he had forgotten how to stop the damned thing

Annie was a member of the U.C.W. and a very active Church member. A true lady and loved by all.

Annie and George moved to Rossendale after retirement where George was known as "Grandpa" to all the wee tots. Annie passed away in 1945, George in 1965 and both are buried at Hillside Cemetery.



*Front Row - George R. Charlton, Edith, Norman, Mrs. Charlton
Back Row - Alice, Jack, Annie, Cliff, Mary, Bob*

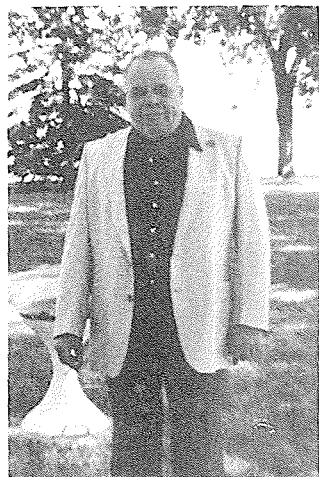
George and Annie raised eight children. They are as follows. William Clifford was born in 1899 and attended Hartford School. He married Grace Crealock and they resided in the Currie District. For three years Cliff was a councillor for the municipality of North Norfolk. He was also an agent for the Portage Mutual Insurance Company. Cliff and Grace had no children. They moved to Treherne where they lived for several years until Cliff passed away in 1959 and Grace in 1964.

Mary Jane was born in 1901 attending Hartford School. She married Clifford McDonald whose father was an early pioneer in this area. Mary and Cliff had three children- Norma, Shirley and Robert. Mary passed away in 1960. Cliff resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

John Barnes (known as Jack) was born in 1903. In 1927 he married Treva Angeline Stanley. Jack and Treva arrived in the Rossendale area SE 21-10-9 in 1930 with their one year old son John Norman. They had two other children, a baby boy, deceased, and Gerald, a baby of a few weeks, deceased. Jack was a school trustee and secretary for the school board for 25 years as well as secretary for the curling club for many years. He very much enjoyed all sports especially curling with his good pals Norman English and Harold Armstrong. Treva was president of the Rossendale United Church Women for three years and active in all community activities. She was also an avid gardener and her efforts have certainly been enjoyed by all who either visited or passed by. Both Jack and Treva were active members of the Rossendale United Church. In 1976



Jack, Treva



Jack Jr.

Jack passed away. Treva now resides in the "Oddfellows Towers" in Portage la Prairie.

John Norman (Jackie) received his elementary education at Rossendale. He worked on construction for 25 years. He, like his Dad and Grandfather, very much enjoyed children and has been known to many tots as "The Bear". Jackie now resides on the farmsite where his parents brought him 52 years ago.

Annie Pearl was born in 1904. She married George Smith. For more information on Annie, see the George Smith story.

Alice Edna was born in 1910 and attended Hartford School. She married Joe Bembridge who was a sergeant in the R.C.M.P. Alice and Joe had one son, Barry, now residing in Toronto, Ontario. Joe passed away in 1956 and Alice resides in Edmonton, Alberta.

Robert Joseph (Bob) was born in 1912 and attended Hartford, Currie and Rossendale schools. He married Mabel Wood in 1939. Bob and Mabel have four children- Constance of Edmonton, Carol Anne of Weyburn, Sask., Terry of Treherne, Manitoba and Bill of Edmonton, Alberta. Bob and Mabel now reside in Portage la Prairie where Bob is semi-retired and Mabel is employed by StyleRite Stores.

Edith Irene was born in 1916 and received her education at both Currie and Rossendale Schools. She married Peter G. Clarke. Edith lived with her father in Rossendale while Peter was overseas in the Air Force. Edith and Peter have four children; Peter, Margaret, Pamela and Kelly and now reside in Calgary, Alberta.

Norman Thomas was born in 1918, he attended schools at Hartford, Currie and Rossendale. He enjoyed baseball very much and played with the Rossendale team for some time. Norman married Mary Edna Crosbie and they farmed south of Rossendale. They had two children Norma Dawn and George. Mary passed away in 1963. Norman later married Lyla Vivian Bratt and they had two children, Lesley and David. Norman passed away in 1968.

WESLEY CHATTERLEY 1880-1957

Born in Ontario, Wes moved to Manitoba as a young man and settled in Oakville, Manitoba, where he established a blacksmith shop and lived until 1924, when he moved to Portage la Prairie.

In 1927 he married Ella Montpetit of Quill Lake, Sask. and in April 1930 with baby daughter Gladys, they moved to Rossendale.

In the next fifteen years they had six children and made Rossendale their home. They lived in various homes in the village, some of which were the "Kelly House", "Stoppel House" at the bottom of the hill and the last residence being between Chapmans and the Church.

Wes worked at the blacksmith shop and at his home repairing harnesses, etc. In the later years he also worked for various farmers in the area. He also bought and sold and traded animals, hides, etc.

The last two years he commuted to Portage by train to work for Gray's Blacksmith and Welding Shop. In 1945 the Chatterleys moved to Portage la Prairie. Wes passed away in 1957 and Ella resides with her daughter, Margaret Spriggs.

Their daughter, Gladys, died in 1937 at the age of eight years.

Their daughter Isabel married Albert McDonald who is the Fire Chief at Portage. They live at 101 8th Street N.W., Portage la Prairie, Manitoba. They have two children, Karen and Brent.

George Chatterley married Nellie Mudray. They live at 2183 Arrowcourt in Burlington, Ontario with their three children Kim, Bryan, and Lea.

Margaret Chatterley married Don Spriggs who died in 1979. She lives at 41 10th Street N.W. in Portage la Prairie. They have four children Cathy, Sandra, Don and Bob. In the summer months, Margaret operates "Second Tyme Around" antique shop with H. Wright- 13 miles west of Portage.

Albert Chatterley married Mickey Baranowski and live at 23 Barker Blvd., Winnipeg, Manitoba with their three children Dwight, Derek and Colleen.

Edna married John Hilts and they have four children Shane, Bonnie, Shelly and Craig. They live at 1125 Tower Crescent, Williams Lake, British Columbia.

Wesley Chatterley married Carole Richardson (Welder) and live on 26th Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta with their two children, Jason and Josh.



Standing L-R - Edna, Margaret, Isabel, George, Albert Seated - Ella with Wesley, Jr.



Wesley Chatterley

WHEN I THINK OF ROSSENDALE

by Isabel (Chatterley) McDonald

When I think of Rossendale:-

-I remember the pastime of going hand over hand across the bars in the barn without falling into the horse dung.

Portage.

-I remember building snow forts in the school yard, using the stove wood, which eventually all had to be cleaned and piled again.

-I remember our teacher, Mrs. Milton Sloik, coming by with her horse and buggy to pick up my brother Albert, he didn't like going to school.

-I remember playing on the "big hill" south of town with whatever kind of sleigh, cardboard, etc. we could find.

-I remember going over to Mrs. Schroeder's after supper to watch her milk the cows, she did it so fast you could hardly see her doing it.

-I remember a teacher (Miss Aikens, I think) who ate crackers and jelly for breakfast, until then we thought everyone ate porridge.

-I remember the school group going to Bagot to play ball, riding in the back of an open truck, eating dust all the way, but we had fun.

-I remember the recess pastime of going hand over hand across the bars in the barn without falling into the horse dung.

-I remember catching a ride to school on a big flat sleigh, (we called it a stone boat), I think it was owned by Tomchuks.

-I remember looking forward to the Christmas Concerts, making lots of paper flowers and decorations, we don't have concerts like that anymore.

-I remember picking wild tiger lillies along the road every spring and berries every fall.

-I remember my dad always buying, trading or selling something.

-I remember going to Love's farm well for school water with my brother George and getting stuck to the electric fence.

-but most of all I remember the happy times shared by one and all.

JAMES CLEAVER SR.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cleaver (nee Emma Hooper) arrived in the Rossendale area in 1910 from Gladstone, Man. Prior to Gladstone they had lived in England. They lived in Rossendale renting property from Mr. Poole.

James and Emma Cleaver had three sons and two daughters who all attended Rossendale school.

James married Flossie Marks. James is deceased and his wife lives in Lacombe, Alberta.

George never married and was killed in World War I.

Bert married Martha Marks and he lives in Swan River, Manitoba.

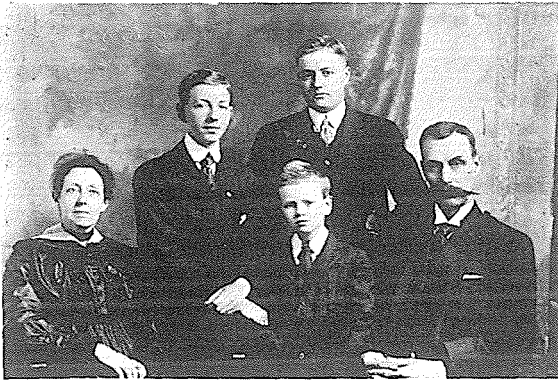
Helena married Edgar Bauder. She is deceased. Edgar lives at Birch River, Manitoba.

Mary married Raymond Bauder and she lives in Calgary, Alberta.

Mr. Cleaver worked for the C.N.R. and cut wood in the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleaver are both deceased.

JAMES COOK HISTORY



*L-R - Mrs. Cook, Bob, Jim, Mr. Cook
Standing - Jack*

James Cook arrived in Rossendale in 1902 from Edinburgh, Scotland. Mrs. Cook, the former Katherine McAlpine with sons James and Robert arrived in 1904. They resided in the village of Rossendale where James had a general store on the NW corner of the William Moffat farm.

Another son Jack was born in Rossendale on April 29, 1909.

The boys attended Rossendale, Victoria and Portage Collegiate schools.

In 1913 the Cook family left Rossendale and moved to Portage la Prairie.

James married Martha Vint of Oakville, Manitoba. They have one

son, Clare, and three grandsons. Jim was employed in the post office in Portage for 47 years, the last 7 as postmaster. They reside at 45, 18th Street W. in Portage.

Robert clerked for many years in men's clothing stores in Portage. He remained single and passed away in 1955.

Jack started work with the C.P.R. telegraph at the age of 15. Following this he worked in hardware stores for several years before he began his apprenticeship under Lud Gabel for 9 years to learn the watchmaking trade. Jack worked in jewelry shops in Swift Current and Whitewood, Sask. until he joined the instrument section of the R.C.A.F. in 1941. He spent 4½ years overseas during the war. Following his discharge from the Air force, Jack married Ella Earls, a teacher of Portage. They returned to Whitewood for the next ten years. In 1958 Jack bought the Cole's Jewelry business in Portage which he operated until retiring in 1979.

Ella is an accomplished violinist and competes throughout the country in fiddling contests. Her display of lovely trophies is proof of her musical talent.

Jack and Ella reside in Portage. They have two girls, Judy and Kathy and four grandchildren.

ERNEST COLLINS HISTORY

Ernie,(Ernest Allan), Collins was born in Seaford, Sussex, England on May 15, 1878. He emigrated to Canada in 1897, at the age of nineteen and made his way by working in logging camps in the Duck Mountain area of Manitoba. Later, he moved to Minnedosa where he started to farm. There he met his future bride, recently arrived from England.

She was Betsy Edith Reeves, born in Farnham, Surrey, England on November 8, 1892. Ernie began to call her Eileen, by which she was always known after this time. They were married in St. John's Cathedral, Winnipeg on December 27, 1915 and returned to Minnedosa and their farm.

Ernie and Eileen had two sons born in Minnedosa who died at birth; Thomas Henry, born August 12, 1916, died August 17, 1916 and another who was unnamed, born September 20, 1917, and died the same day. The also had two living sons there, the first was Ernest Allan, born October 10, 1918, and the second Norman Andrew, born April 23, 1921. Shortly after Norman's birth they moved to a farm in Dubuc, Saskatchewan. Their third son, Sydney Gerald James was born on August 17, 1925. Their sixth and last child was a daughter Gwendolyn Gertrude, born on February 15, 1929.

Later that year the family moved to Winnipeg, where they remained until the early years of the depression.

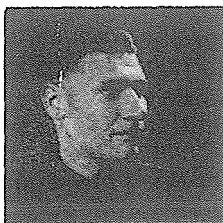
In May of 1933 they moved to the Allandale district. They farmed for eight years on one farm SW 28-9-8 and then moved to a farm purchased from Mac McCuaig. Here they had the only telephone in the district for some years.



Ernest, Gwen, Eileen



Sydney, Allan



Norman

The annual school picnic was held at the family farm. Friends and neighbors arrived early in the morning to make ice cream and sandwiches. The men made the baseball diamonds and put up nets for both softball and hardball. They had the concession stand for soft drinks, ice cream, chocolate bars and other treats at the front of the house, outside under the Virginian Creepers to keep everything cool. Ernie Collins initiated the first Coconut Sky, where people paid so much to throw balls at the coconuts lined up and got to keep any that they were able to knock over.

Ernie served some years on the Allandale school board and Eileen, his wife, also served for a period of time. Eileen began one of the first Sunday Schools for children and young adults in the district. In affiliation with the United Church, she also distributed The Bible to all the young people. The door to the Collins' home was always open and all were welcome. The family also became well known to many of the native people of the Long Plains Reserve and their house was called the "tall house" by their friends from the Reserve.

Ernie Collins died in May of 1946 and the loss was felt by all in the community.

Eileen remained on the farm for a short period and then lived with her daughter, Gwen, until her death in September of 1959.

Allan and Norman both enlisted in the Army in the Second World War; Allan in the Provost Corps and Norman in the Signal Corps. Allan was part of the Invasion Force that hit the beaches of

Normandy on D. Day. He remained in Europe throughout the war and served in the Army of Occupation in Holland until he returned home in 1946 on the death of his father.

Norman served for about three weeks shortly after the invasion on D. Day and was killed in action in Caen, Normandy, France in July 1944. His mother Eileen received his war medals.

Allan remained in the district as a farmer for some years, marrying Anna LeRoux of St. Claude, Manitoba, then a teacher at Hood School. They had one daughter Marie. He later moved to Winnipeg where he became a guard at Headingly Jail where he remained employed until his death in July of 1973.

Sidney, too young to enlist, remained on the farm. He helped his father and mother and remained there until it's sale after the death of his father. Syd then went to Winnipeg and joined the Royal Canadian Air Force. He received his training in Ontario and later in Gimli, Manitoba. He married Verna Scaife in Winnipeg in 1951. They had three children, Christopher, Sheilagh and Darryl. In later years he remarried and now resides in Vancouver, B.C. with his wife Myrna.

Ernie and Eileen's daughter Gwen was noted for her love of horses and sometimes her crazy escapades with the same. She went north to Camper in 1945 after having attended United College (now University of Winnipeg) and taught school for one year. She later worked in Portage la Prairie as a telephone operator and then moved to Winnipeg and worked for the Royal Bank. She married Victor Hansen in June 1950 at the farm of Allan Collins in Allandale, where all the old friends and neighbors were able to attend. They had two daughters Lynda and Laurie. Both girls are now married and Gwen is the proud grandmother of six, Lynda's four children, Gwendolen Anne, Allan, Matthew and Michelle and Laurie's two children, Michael and Rebecca. Gwen now lives in Winnipeg.

I have had the pleasure of writing this family story for the Rossendale book. I can say sincerely that the best and happiest years of my life were spent in the Allandale-Rossendale District.

Gwen Collins

ART COOPER

Arthur Cooper was born two miles south of Rossendale Oct 10, 1899. He was the third youngest child of nine children born to Harry and Margaret (Marg) Cooper (nee Henry), who was the youngest daughter of Johnson and Elizabeth Henry. Grandpa Cooper died around 1921 or 22 and Grandma died July 4th, 1950 - she was over ninety.

Arthur married Andrea Barrault Feb. 8th, 1921. Andrea was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Barrault of Hood Settlement. There were four Barrault boys.

Arthur and Andrea farmed for many years around Rossendale and Ferriss districts before moving to Portage in 1939 where Art

served in the Army and worked as a butcher at Eaton's.

The Henrys and the Coopers came from South Western Ontario and Midland, Michigan.

The Barrault family came from France, then from St. Claude where Mom was born Sept 15th 1903 and died Dec 25th 1976 at Portage. I, Jean, attended school at Rossendale and Ferriss schools. I married Harry Judd of Portage in 1940. We lived for 25 years at Flin Flon. We now live 5 miles north of Selkirk. We have three children - one boy, two girls and seven grandchildren.

Fern attended Rossendale, Ferriss and Portage schools. She married Fred Haag in 1945, who was a pilot. They have lived in Calgary since the war. They have two children - a girl married in Toronto and a boy living single in Calgary. Fern and Fred have 2 grandchildren.

Donald attended school at Rossendale, Ferriss and Portage. He married Joyce Patterson July 4th, 1950. They have lived in Flin Flon since 1950. They have two girls, both married, and one grandchild.

Vera attended school at Portage and has lived in Calgary since 1950. She married Charlie Stunzi in 1954 and they have a boy and a girl both living at home.

Jack attended school at Portage. He married Mary Prest of Nova Scotia in 1959. They have three children, one girl and two boys, all living at home in Winnipeg.

Gary, the youngest boy, attended school at Portage. He married Pat Donnelly in 1963. They have two boys at home in Saskatoon.

Dad lives at 117-4th Street NW in Portage and has lived there since 1940.

JAMES CROSBIE

James(my Dad) was born in Glasgow, Scotland in 1876. He came to Canada as a young man, and had many jobs in bush camps and on the railroad. He then settled in the Ferriss district around 1908 on the School SE ¼ 24-10-9. In 1913 he bought the land across from the School, NE ¼ 13-10-9 that belonged to Tom Charlton.

My mother, Jessie Pallister, was born in the Edwin district. She received her education there and went on to Normal School in Portage and graduated in 1911, then coming to Ferriss to teach.

Dad and Mother were married on January 21st, 1914 at the home of her parents. There wasn't any snow so friends came to the wedding in democrats.

Dad was a School Trustee for many years.

We were born in the Ferriss district and received our schooling there - Mary, Clifford and Bernice (me).

Mary, born March 11th, 1916, went on to Edwin High School. She belonged to the Young Peoples Group at Rossendale and also curled and skated. She married Norman Charlton in 1939. They lived ¾ of a mile south of Rossendale SW ¼ 10-10-9 from about 1939 until 1945, then moved to Swan Lake. They had two children -

Norma Dawn married Bryon Johnson and lives in Brandon, and George who married Lisa Buck and lives in Calgary. Mary died on March 10, 1962 and Norman on August 7th, 1968.

Clifford, born May 28, 1918, passed away as a result of a car accident in 1936.

I, Bernice, went to Ferriss school, but by this time we had moved and had three and a half miles to go, and had to be driven with horse and cutter to McCulloch's and then walked with their children. If it was very cold, Dad drove us all the way. In later years we rode on horse back. I really enjoyed skating at the Rossendale rink every Saturday night and the horse races on the way home.

I married Allan MacIntosh in 1946 when he returned home from overseas. We live in Portage and have three daughters, Alana married to John Mellen, Leta, who is married to Ron Owens and both live in Portage, and Sally, who is married to David Town and is living in Brandon. There are also three grandchildren.

Then there was Duke (Charles Chapman) who lived with us as long as I can remember. We told him our secrets and our problems. He helped my Dad in so many ways. He enjoyed our children coming out for holidays and they thought he was just great. He passed away in 1969.

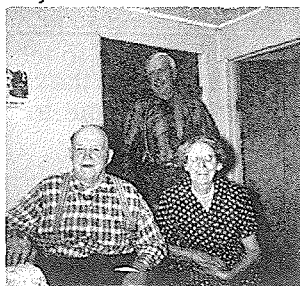
Dad was handicapped by a stiff leg, but it didn't seem to deprive him of anything. He used to drive to Portage, first in the Model T, and then the Model A. He paid no attention to stop signs, drove right through them as it was difficult to change gears or stop because of his leg (he never did get a ticket for violating).

Mother was quite active in the U.C.W. She was secretary for a time and was a life member, and also was a member of the United Church.

The community surprised them with a lovely fortieth anniversary party and we had a tea for their 50th.

They retired to Rossendale village in 1959 and sold the farm to Jim and Margaret Watson. After Dad passed away in 1964, Mother moved to Portage and resided there till her death in 1978.

Mom, Dad and Clifford are all buried at Burnside Cemetery, and Mary and Norman at Hillside Cemetery in Portage.



*Sitting - Mr. and Mrs. J. Crosbie
Standing - Duke Chapman*



*Mary, Mr. and Mrs. Crosbie,
Clifford, Bernice*

CROCKER FAMILY

The W.H. Crocker family arrived in Rossendale April 1, 1925 from Winthorst Sask. where W.H. had been in partnership with Joe Kappell in the general store business.

He purchased the store in Rossendale from W. Brass.

Their family consisted of one girl and one boy- Gladys and Ken. They attended Elmwood school for their elementary education and Gladys went to Portage Collegiate and then to business college in Winnipeg. Ken took his grade ten at South Rossendale and then worked for his father in the store.

Ken's father was known to friends far and wide as W.H. He was very fond of any sport as is Ken. They built their own tennis court behind the church barn, where they could safely play while church was on, or so they thought! But one Sunday Rev. Hinds saw them; and invited them to church. Needless to say that was the end of playing at that time.

Curling was a very keen sport for the whole family and Ken still enjoys it very much. He also played ball with the Rossendale team as catcher for a number of years.

Gladys married Cletis McDole in 1938 in the Rossendale church and the reception was held at the Basler residence as the new store was being built.

They have one daughter, Marilyn, and she married Russell Hunt and now resides in Oakville, Ontario. They have three children, Kenzie Lynn, Cletis and Kyle. Gladys and Cletis live in Winnipeg and spend most of the summer at their cottage at Winnipeg Beach. Marilyn and her family spend their holidays there as well.

Mrs. Crocker passed away in Aug of 1942. Ken and Jean Crocker(nee Culbert), who were married in 1940, moved into the store residence with his father W.H.

In 1943 Ken joined the Air Force with the Postal Corps and received his discharge in 1945. He then went into partnership with his father and carried on their partnership until W.H.'s death in 1953.

Jean and Ken have two girls Faye and Lynn. Their schooling in elementary was in Rossendale and high school for Lynn was in MacGregor. Faye attended United College in Winnipeg and then Health Sciences Center for her R.N.

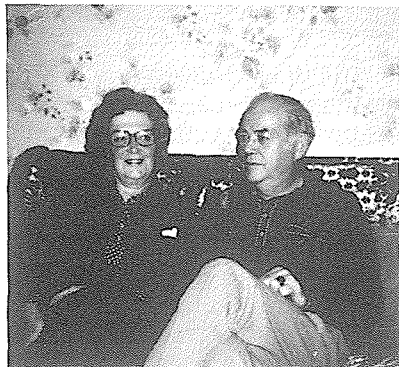
Lynn also trained for her R.N. in the Winnipeg General, or Health Sciences Center, as it is known now. She also took her Nurse Practitioner course at McMasters. She worked for Frontier School Division for three years and public health as well. But as of now is in Real Estate.

Faye married Bob Welch in 1964 and now resides in Vancouver. They have three sons, Kurt, Todd and Paul.

Ken and Jean sold the Rossendale store in 1973 and bought their home in Portage la Prairie, where Ken has worked for "Rogers and Son" and now "Hudson Bay Wholesale" in the office and enjoying it.



Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Crocker



Jean, Ken

ROBERT CRAWFORD CULBERT (1847-1915)

Mr. R.C. Culbert came to Portage la Prairie from Glasgow, Scotland in 1882. A short time later his wife, the former Jane Russell Dow, and his family, Margaret (Peggy), David, Agnes and Jane joined him. Three more children were born in Portage, Hugh, Archie and Elizabeth.

While in Portage Mr. Culbert operated a butcher business. His son, David, told of delivering meat by mule team to Burnside and other districts around Portage.

In 1893 the family moved to the Rossendale district to farm on section 33-9-9. This land was purchased from William Byers who had bought it from the C.P.R.

In 1910 they bought section 27-9-9, the former David Johnson farm.

Their first home was a log house on NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 33-9-9. The children received their education in the old log school house on 29-9-9, the farm presently owned by Hartley Woodward. When they bought 27-9-9 they moved to that house. In 1917 they built a new home which is still in use at this time.

The Culberts used a steam engine to break land and to thresh for themselves and their neighbors. The story is told that Mr. Culbert used to drive around the threshing outfit with his ponies and buckboard to see that everyone was working. One day he noticed the stook wagons weren't coming in fast enough to keep the threshing machine going. On inquiring what was wrong, the men complained they had to pitch on the load themselves as they couldn't find the extra pitchers in the field. They were sleeping under the stooks. Mr. Culbert watched for awhile till he saw a pitcher crawl under a stook. He drove his ponies at a full gallop, straddled the stook, flipped it over and out rolled the man.

"What are you trying to do, kill me?" asked the startled pitcher.

"Oh!" said Mr. Culbert, "How was I to know you were under there?"

Mr. Culbert was a staunch supporter of the Rossendale United Church and often led the Hymn singing at the services.

DAVID ROBERT CULBERT (1876-1955)

Dave, the oldest of the R.C. Culbert family, lived on 27-9-9 and farmed with his father who died in 1915. It was when his mother died in 1934, that Archie and his family came to live with Dave.

MARGARET(PEGGY) BROWNLEE CULBERT

Peggy married Glover Lloyd and they lived in Seattle, Washington.

AGNES CRAWFORD CULBERT

Agnes married E.K. Marshall who taught school at Arbroath and in the old log school in South Rossendale. One winter to augment his salary of \$35 a month, he did chores at his boarding place at Jim Hird's, while Mr. and Mrs. Hird took a trip back to Scotland. The Marshalls had four children, Culbert, Jean, Margaret and David.

JANE RUSSELL CULBERT

Jane married Thomas M. Ward who was a station agent for the C.P.R. at Rathwell and later in Winnipeg. They had three sons. Jack, who married Elva Bentley, is retired in Vancouver. Robert married Frances Delaney and lives in Winnipeg. They had a family of four; Robert, Thomas, Frances and Rosemary. Marbrow married Ruth Meshoe and lived in Portage. They had a daughter, Patricia and a son, John. Marbrow died in 1981.

HUGH CRAWFORD CULBERT (1885-1945)

Hugh farmed on section 33-9-9. He married Alice Sawyer in 1916. They had a son Robert. In 1919 Alice died as a result of burns received in a fire in their home. Hugh married Grace Sawyer in 1922.

They had two daughters; Evelyn (Mrs. William Marx) of Detroit, Michigan, had a family of five, Sharon, Dianne, James, Debora and William. Marion (Mrs. Gerard Frank) of Denver, Colorado, had two daughters, Magdalene and Dagmar.



Robert Crawford



Hugh Crawford



Robert Frank



Gary



L-R - Dennis Burch, Judy Burch, Robert, Margaret, Gary



Mrs. Archie Culbert



Archie and Jean

ROBERT FRANK CULBERT

Robert continued on the home farm after the death of his father in 1945. He married Margaret Nicoll in 1946. They have two children Gary and Judy.

Robert was involved in community activities and enjoyed sports such as baseball and curling. He was president of the Community Club for a time, a trustee of South Rossendale School and a board member of the United Grain Growers until the removal of the C.N.R. from Rossendale. From 1950-1962 he served as councillor in the Rural Municipality of South Norfolk. He was elected reeve in 1963, a position he still holds.

Margaret has been involved in church work as a member of the board and as a member of the U.C.W. for over thirty years.

Gary is the fourth generation to farm the Culbert land. He received his elementary education at South Rossendale and high school at Treherne. While attending school he belonged to the Rossendale 4-H Beef Club. His hobbies are hunting, fishing, curling, golf and trap shooting.

During her school years, Judy belonged to the 4-H sewing club at Treherne. She attended elementary school at South Rossendale and Rossendale Consolidated, MacGregor High School and Brandon University. She enjoys sports of all kinds including baseball, volleyball, field hockey, curling, golf, swimming and skiing. She married Dennis Burch of Bagot in 1976 and is presently living and teaching in Portage. They have one daughter, Kelly Dawn.

ARCHIBALD BROWNLEE CULBERT (1886-1962)

Archie married Ethel Hart who taught school at Ferriss, Arbroath and South Rossendale.

Their first home was on the N.E. ¼ of 21-9-9 and then they moved to the S.W. ¼ of 27-9-9. This is where their family was born, Jean, Jim and Lillian. Lillian and her mother died in a fire accident in April, 1925. Jim was burned and hospitalized for a month. Archie raised his family with the help of the odd housekeeper while the children attended school at South Rossendale.

Jean married Ken Crocker and they lived in Rossendale. They had two daughters, Faye and Lynn.

Jim farmed with his father after finishing school. He married Vera Aikens in 1946 and they lived on the home farm with his father. They had two children, Rodney and Charlyn, who attended school at South Rossendale, Rossendale Consolidated and MacGregor. Vera passed away in December 1959 and Jim raised his family.

Rodney was married in 1980 to Sarah Morrow and resides in Portage. They have a daughter, Robyn, and a son, David.

Charlyn at this time is attending Herzing College in Winnipeg.

Jim sold his farm in 1973 and moved to Portage. In 1980 he married Pat Rintoul. They reside on 18th St. S., Portage. Jim played ball in the Liniment League for a while and also enjoys bowling, curling and golfing.

ELIZABETH CRAWFORD CULBERT (1888-1979)

Elizabeth, the youngest of the R.C. Culbert family, helped at home until her marriage to Jack Harmon, a grain buyer for the Lake of the Woods Company at Rossendale. They lived in Regina and had two sons, John and Douglas. Before her marriage Elizabeth was the first Organist in the Rossendale United Church.

HARVEY CRUIKSHANK FAMILY

Harvey and Muriel arrived in MacGregor area from Souris in 1958. They moved from there to SW¼ 29-10-9 known as the Cliff Charlton farm.

The family consists of twin boys Ron and Don, and two girls, Joyce and Barbara. They attended Currie and Rossendale High Schools.

Harvey and the family were involved in fast ball, 4H and curling.

Ron and Don joined the Army in 1961. Don is still in the Army stationed at Oromocto, New Brunswick and has been sent overseas on various missions. Don was married in 1966 to Terry De Kelter of Victoria, B.C. They have three children.

Ron married Linda Moffat of Carrol in 1966. They have two children. They have since been divorced and Ron is now married to Donna Davidson of Glenbora and lives in Hinton, Alberta.

Joyce married Pete Swidnicki in 1966. They have four children and reside in Portage la Prairie.

Barbara married Marty Groombridge from Alberta. Marty is in the Air Force and they are at present in Germany. They will be returning to Moose Jaw in August.

Muriel lives in Stavely, Alberta. Harvey passed away in 1962.

WINSTON CURTIS FAMILY

We, Winston and Georgina Curtis, arrived in Rossendale in August 1964 from Herschel, Sask. and resided in the United Grain Growers house until Feb. 1967. It was rented from U.G.G.

We have a family of three: Lila, who was out working at the time, is an accredited Records Technician at the Mental Health Center in Brandon and has her own home.



*Back - Bob, Garry
Middle - Winston, Georgina
Front - Lila*

Garry is married to Elaine Westaway from Strathclair, and they have three children, Greg, Perry and Deanna.

They are now living in Morden, Man. where Garry is a weed supervisor. While in Rossendale Garry attended MacGregor High School.

Bob is a helper with the Manitoba Pool elevators at Alexander, Man. He is to be married this month to Debbie Hutton from Minnedosa who has a little boy Bartley from a previous marriage. Bob was only five when we left Rossendale so he had not attended school.

We are now living in Brandon and Winston works for Manitoba Pool out of the city.

MARY DAVIES

I came to Rossendale to help in Crocker's store during the last war. Harold Crocker and I were married and lived south of Rossendale on the Welly MacDonald farm.

After Harold's death I went to Carberry where I worked in the Fred Switzer store. I worked there until I married Gordon Davies in 1956. He was then station agent at Minitonas. Prior to this he was agent at Rossendale. We lived in Minitonas until Gordon's retirement in 1960, when we moved to Swan River where we made our home until Gordon's death in 1972. I sold our home and returned to Lavenham to live with brother Ray and my mother who was in ill health.

We moved to Glenboro in 1974. Mother passed away in 1976. Ray and I still reside in Glenboro.

ALLAN DICKSON

I was born and raised at Greenridge, Man. I went to school there, later taking my normal in Brandon. My first teaching positions were at Gypsumville and Tyndall before going to Saskatchewan. On my return to Manitoba I taught at Ladysmith, Tales and Currie Schools.

I met my wife, Merle English, while teaching at Ladysmith and we were married in 1931. We have two children James and Beverley.

The highlight of my teaching career was in 1938 when I taught Ideal school in the Interlake area, earning the fabulous sum of \$45.00 a month!

After several years teaching I decided to try my luck at farming, renting the Vic Rand's farm north of Lavenham. While there, the children attended Lavenham School. In 1946 we purchased the NE¼ 24-10-10, the former Frank Upward farm. Later we purchased the SE 24-10-10 from Ambrose Mason where in 1951 we built our home.

After completing Grade VIII Jim attended Portage Collegiate and joined the R.C.N. in 1953. While stationed in Esquimalt in 1958, he

married Vera Maloney of Oakville, Manitoba, a former Currie teacher. In 1966, he left the navy and returned home to assist and finally take over the mixed farming operation. Jim and Vera have a family of three children: Lynda, employed by Simpson Sears in Winnipeg, Joanne, attending St. Boniface School of Nursing and graduating in 1982, and Michael attended MacGregor Collegiate and graduated in 1982.

Vera is teaching at Long Plains Indian Reserve, a position she has held for several years.

Beverley graduated from MacGregor Collegiate in 1953 and entered the school of nursing in the Children's Hospital in Winnipeg, later joining the staff there. In 1960 she married Kelvin Stewart and continued her nursing career in London, Ontario, later returning to Winnipeg to nurse again at the Children's Hospital.

Their family consists of twin sons, Kent and Keith, who are entering high school this year. They reside in St. Vital.

Merle passed away in 1976 and I still reside on the farm.

THE DODGSON FAMILY

by Gladys McCuaig(Dodgson)

John Atkinson Dodgson and Ivy Pilkington were born and raised in England where they met and were later married on May 10, 1905. To them five children were born. Charles John and Phyllis Evelyn were born in England. Three more children were born in Canada, Gladys Janey, Arthur Maurice, and Edward Glen.

In 1912 they decided to come out to Canada where three of Mother's sisters and one brother were. They came by boat. It was quite a scary trip at times because of rough seas and icebergs. They made the trip two weeks after the Titanic had sunk.

Dad, Mother, and the two children arrived in Rossendale May 10, 1912. They stayed about two months with Mother's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Lyon before Dad obtained work on a farm to learn the ways of farming in Canada. Dad worked for Mr. Walter Brass until fall. Mother did the cooking because Mr. Brass was a bachelor.

Dad bought the NW¼ of 25-10-9 from Mr. Brass that fall. Before Christmas he had built a house and barn, and they moved into their new home. They bought a team of horses and a cow from Mr. James Robinson Sr. They had a coal oil lamp for light and a wood stove for warmth. They then settled down to a Manitoba winter.

The quarter section of land Dad had bought was all bush. It was a lot of hard work clearing the land. Dad cut the big trees down with an axe and broke the land with three horses on a breaking plow. When the plow ran into a stump the horses would stop, Dad would cut some of the root with his axe, then holler, "Get-up". The horses would all jump at once and out would come the root. Then the roots were picked up and piled by hand, dried and burned in the fall. It was hot, dusty work.



*Back Row L-R - Charlie, Glen, Gladys
Front - Phyllis, Ivy, John
Inset - Arthur*

As time went on they got more horses, cows and sheep; also hens and geese. We always had our own milk, butter, eggs and meat. Mother always grew a large garden. Wild fruit which grew in abundance was canned for winter use. The crops grown were wheat, oats, barley and buckwheat.

The threshing was done with a steam outfit in those days. It took 22 men to keep an outfit going. The engineer had a different whistle for each team he needed. One whistle for 'ready to start', one for 'stook teams', one for 'grain teams', one for the 'tank man', who brought water for the engine and one for 'time to quit'. The men all knew the whistles which sounded for miles. They cleared off a quarter section of stooks in a day.

In those days all the men ate at the house. It took a lot of work and a lot of food to feed 22 men and the family. When it was getting dark and the men couldn't see to thresh anymore the teams came in for supper. Mother told my sister Phyllis and I to stand at the kitchen door and listen for the teams so she could have the meal on the table when they got in. We could always tell when the young fellows were coming because they used to race their teams to see who could unhitch, feed their horses and get to the table first.

The CN railroad went by our farm. There was a small station house located between Rossendale and Edwin called Leland. It was known as a flag station. There was no station agent. If you wanted a ride on a passenger train you used a flag in daylight and a storm lantern at night to stop the train. The flag and lantern were kept in the station for everyone to use. While waiting for the train, which was sometimes late, passengers could light the coal stove in the station to keep warm. Because there was no agent at Leland, passengers bought their tickets on the train.

In threshing time the C.N. left railroad cars on the switch for farmers to load their grain into instead of hauling their grain many miles by team and wagon to an elevator. The farmers had to 'spot cars' as it was called. Spotting a boxcar meant claiming a boxcar for your grain. A gallon of grain in a grain bag left in a boxcar was the

method used to claim or 'spot' a car. Some boxcars were in a better location than others for loading. The best location was at the top of the loading platform. There were no grain augers in those days and all the grain had to be shovelled by hand so a well located boxcar was important.

The steam engines could be heard for miles when they were shunting the boxcars onto the switch. When the shunting was heard some of the boys used to jump on horseback with their grain sacks and race for Lelant. It was very exciting to see who would get there first. My brother Charlie was one of the boys. The older men went by horse drawn vehicle to spot a car.

Just before a load of grain was to be put in the boxcar a man was sent to sweep out the car. His job was to sweep out the car and stay there until the first load of grain arrived and was loaded. If you didn't you could lose your car to someone else because nothing was in it and it wasn't marked.

We children had to go three miles to Ferriss School. We went by horse and buggy or cutter but sometimes we had to walk. Ferriss was a one room country school with a furnace in the corner of the room that burned coal or wood. When I went to school there were over 30 pupils in grades 1-8. In later years the school burned down and was replaced with a new one.

In summer the big day was the school picnic. It meant the end of school for six weeks. In winter a big event was the Christmas Concert. At the end of the Concert Santa always came. After Christmas Dad and Mother used to take us to house parties or Ferriss or Allandale Schools on Friday night to dance and visit.

When we went to parties on Friday nights we would all bundle up in the sleigh pulled by a team of young horses. The sleigh box had straw in the bottom and we sat on the straw and covered with robes. One night coming home from a party the road was very icy. The team crowded too close to the ditch and we were all dumped into the ditch, 17 of us. Some were neighbors.

Dad was a school trustee at Ferriss for a number of years. He was also pathmaster for the roads for a few years. The pathmaster had to see that the farmers put in the statute labour on the roads. Each farmer had to put in so many hours a year working on the roads with horses, plowing, grading, etc. They were allowed a deduction on their taxes instead of wages for this work.

Since Dad was a plasterer by trade in England he lathed and plastered many houses in the country. One summer he worked in Sask. plastering station houses for the railroad. He also built brick chimneys and bricked wells for some of the neighbors.

In later years Charlie married Evelyn Kirkwood. After working at different jobs Charlie and Evelyn moved to Portage where he was an electrician. They have two sons Duane and William. Duane is a radio announcer. William and his wife and family reside in Portage.

Charlie passed away Aug. 22, 1968 and is laid to rest in Hillside Cemetery. His wife Evelyn still resides in Portage.

Phyllis married Ken Nichol. They moved to Port Arthur, now called Thunder Bay, Ont. Ken spent the war years in the Air Force. They have five daughters Phyllis, Marjorie, Joyce, Kathleen and Mary. They are all married. Phyllis lives in B.C. where her husband is a miner. Marjorie lives in California. The rest are all in N.W. Ont. Phyllis passed away June 22, 1972 and is laid to rest in Thunder Bay. Ken still resides in Ontario.

Gladys married Allan McCuaig. We moved to the NW 240 acres of section 31-9-8 in the Allandale School District. Our post office was Rossendale. We have two children Ivy and Leslie, both married.

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Arthur married Mable Kirkwood. They moved to Portage where Arthur worked until World War II. In October 1943 he enlisted in Winnipeg with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles and trained at Shilo and Winnipeg. Following that he took a mechanics course at Woodstock and London, Ontario. He went overseas in 1944. He was wounded in action in Holland, Feb. 28, 1945. He passed away April 6, 1945 in England. He is laid to rest in the soldiers plot in Surrey, England.

Arthur and Mabel have two sons, James and Gary. James joined the Navy, and Gary works in a hospital in Winnipeg. They are both married. Mabel still resides in Portage.

Glen grew up on the farm. As Dad grew older Glen took over the farm work. They acquired more modern machinery, hydro, etc. and the work became easier. They raised purebred Hereford cattle and no longer milked cows by hand. They added the NE quarter of section 26-10-9.

Glen stayed on the farm with our parents until Mother passed away April 7, 1957. Two years later Dad passed away Dec. 25, 1959. They are both laid to rest in Hillside Cemetery in Portage la Prairie.

Glen stayed on the farm for a few years then sold out. He moved to Ontario where he worked in the pulp wood industry for a number of years. Glen passed away Nov. 2, 1981 and is laid to rest in a Kenora Cemetery.

The past brings back many memories, some happy and some sad. At the present time the living descendants of John and Ivy Dodgson consist of one daughter, eleven grandchildren, twenty-four great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

JAMES DONALD FAMILY

by Annie B. Donald(nee Annie Ferriss)

James and I were married March 9, 1927 and moved to my Grandfather's farm at Treherne. In the seventeen years we were at Treherne we had hard times but many good times as we raised our family of eight- Gordon, Walter, Audrey, Laurie, George, Freda, Herb and Marilyn. We had few idle hours and we met the "much-talked-about" depression with the strength and optimism of youth. In 1943 we sold the Treherne farm and returned to Rossendale. We needed more room for our sons to settle down. Once again the old farm house rang with laughter. Many changes had come to the district but the same fine good-hearted people were there. By this time the old Case thresher was obsolete and combines were everywhere. How lonely for me not to hear the old Case whistle for teams, water, dinner, etc.! However, times were changing and we cannot stand in the way of progress. Our son, Barrie, arrived in 1944 and another daughter, Doreen, in 1946 to complete a family of ten.

By the time Gordon was eighteen, he took over the farming operation with the help of his younger brothers. With so much manpower, Jim went to work in Portage la Prairie at the Manitoba School. We moved to town with the younger children and gave them the opportunities available in a bigger centre. After the younger ones grew up and left home, my heart still yearned for the old home place. Jim bought the old Ferriss School in 1965 which was no longer in use and remodelled it as our home. He named it "Ferriss Manor" in my honour. Jim took a great interest in gardens and tree planting and made the yard a veritable showplace. We lived there seven years. Jim wanted to be nearer his work so we moved back to town.

When we left the farm at Ferriss, a new generation of youth took over. Our sons, Gordon, Laurie, George and Herb, worked together and continued to keep up with the times. Eventually Gordon, due to ill health, left the farm and went to Edmonton where the climate was kinder to his breathing problem. He worked there for many years and is now retired with his wife, Mary and their two sons, Cameron and Brian, both in school. Our second eldest son, Walter, died in 1949 of spinal meningitis.

My dream of becoming a teacher was not to be but I decided one of my girls would have that opportunity. We sent Audrey to High School in Winnipeg and she became a teacher. She taught at Austin(Springbrook), Allandale, Burnside and Portage before moving to the Peace River country in Alberta. There she married Mike Henituik and the family now lives at Winterburn, Alberta near Edmonton. Of their family of four, Dawn the youngest, is the only one in school. Jay and Valerie both work in Edmonton and Tracie is married to Norman Troock and lives in Spruce Grove, Alberta. They have one daughter, Jessica and a son, Tyler.

Our second eldest daughter, Freda, is married to Mel Burton and lives in Portage la Prairie. Of their family, Susan and Wayne still live at home and Keith has his own home in Portage. Our daughter, Marilyn, was raised at Rossendale and Portage and became a stenographer. She married Dave Sauder and lived in Winnipeg for several years before her death in 1972. Doreen, the youngest, was born at Rossendale, took her schooling in Portage and she, too, became a teacher. She taught in Portage. Doreen married Robert Douglas and subsequently moved to Edmonton, Alberta and then to Belleville, Ontario. Their two children are David and Pamelyn, both at home. Doreen passed away suddenly in 1979.



*Front L-R - Doreen, Mr. Donald, Mrs. Donald, Mike
Middle Row - Vicki, Elaine, Freda, Eunice, Audrey, Mary
Back Row - Barrie, Herbie, Mel, Laurie, Gordon*

The three boys, Laurie, George and Herb, continued to farm until George's death in 1963. Herb married Elaine Boak and later struck out on his own. He bought Ferriss Manor from us. He and his family spent a short time at Manning, Alberta, then at Manitou, Manitoba before finally settling at Ferriss. He and Elaine both commute to Portage la Prairie to work. Their family of three all live at home: Kevin and Leanne are both in school and Terry works in Portage.

Laurie married Eunice Maloney and lived on the old farmstead, sharing the house my father built, first with Herb and then with our youngest son, Barrie. In 1975 Laurie and Eunice bought land south of Ferriss (35-9-9) and moved there with their three boys. Again with families growing, it was necessary for expansion.

Barrie went to school at Ferriss and completed his schooling in Portage. After a time of working out in Manitoba and Alberta he decided to become a part of Donald Brother's Farms. He married

Vickie Tyschinske and they live on the old farmstead at Ferriss with a daughter, Ingrid, and a son, Garth. The old house Father built has been retired to another yard now while a modern home serves Barrie and his family. The yard has changed somewhat but the maples that my mother planted still stand in the front yard. In the last twenty-five years our sons have become a part of a new generation established in the Rossendale community. Their stories will probably be told in some future history of the district.

Throughout my life music has been on my list of priorities. In my youth I was surrounded by music through my mother and her family. Grandpa Buchbach continued throughout his lifetime to keep his orchestra alive and he ensured that his son and four daughters all played instruments. Mother played the organ and sang many an evening. I learned to play and in true 'Buchbach' style, I passed whatever knowledge I had on to others. Fortunately my husband, too, was a musician. He played violin and even today we pass many a musical hour. In the last few years Jim has been active in Portage singing in choirs and being soloist on many occasions. This love for music has certainly been passed down to our children. I have always enjoyed the young people I have helped along a musical pathway. Even when the children were young I managed to devote some time to this hobby. At Rossendale I taught many children and carried on the lessons after moving to town. I enjoyed all the pupils immensely and I still feel the thrill of their company as I think of each individual. Now almost all are married with families. Except for that association I would not likely have known many of them.

As long as I live I shall remember those days with pleasure. My grown family and my grandchildren (and now two great grandchildren) have all brightened my days. These Rossendale thoughts leave very pleasant memories....such wonderful co-operators! It was a pleasure to have shared their lives and memories.

LAURIE FERRISS DONALD FAMILY - by Eunice Donald

Laurie, third eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. James Donald was born in Treherne, Manitoba and at the age of ten moved to Rossendale. He attended school at Louise and later at Ferriss.

He started farming at an early age.

Laurie met and later in 1956 married me, Eunice Maloney of Oakville who had previously taught at Ferriss school. We lived and farmed the home farm 18-10-8 for eighteen years.

We have three sons, Brent, born in 1960, Darren in 1962 and Kent in 1973. Brent and Darren attended school at Rossendale and high school in MacGregor. The boys love sports - mainly wrestling and were both honoured to represent Manitoba as Provincial Champions. Kent attends school at Rossendale.

In 1981 Brent married Kathy MacDonald of MacGregor and they are now living in Winnipeg. Darren works in Portage.

In 1974 we moved from the original home farm to 35-9-9 where we continue to farm.

Our good neighbours and all our friends make Rossendale a community we are proud to be living in.

JAMES BROWNLEE DOW(1869-1956)

James B. Dow, a brother of Mrs. R.C. Culbert, came from Glasgow, Scotland to farm. He first bought land in the Arbroath district where Dick Head now lives. He was referred to as a "Gentleman Farmer", since he did no farming himself but rented out his land. He sold that farm and bought the S.E. ¼ of 16-10-9 in the Rossendale area. This he also rented out.

When his home here burned, he walked across the road to Russell Love's with all that he saved from the fire, his fur coat and a tennis racket. He then made his home in the village of Rossendale.

His last years were spent in the Municipal Farm Home south of Portage. Here he enjoyed the good food, the companionship of others and particularly the weekly entertainment for which he led the singing.

CHARLES AND MARY DROMUN HISTORY

Charles Dromun was born in Poland in March 1896, arrived in Canada in 1907 and settled in Portage la Prairie along with his family. He received his education in Portage.

Mary Dromun, the former Mary Peloski was born in Austria in August 1896. She came to Canada when only a year old in 1897. Along with her family they settled in Dauphin, Manitoba. She came to Portage la Prairie in 1916 to work. Here she met and married Charles Dromun on 22 July, 1919. They celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary in July, 1979.

They had a family of one son Albert and three daughters Helen, Elsie and Kathleen(Kay).

Charles Dromun worked as a sectionman with the C.N. Railways for over twenty years, being stationed in Portage, Alonsa and Rossendale. They bought a farm SE¼ 2-10-9 from the Soldiers Settlement Board, so they started to farm in the Rossendale district in 1939. In 1945 they bought another ¼ section SE 11-10-9 from Mrs. I. Balmer. Dromuns were one of the last farmers in the area to discontinue harvesting grain with the old threshing machines. They did custom harvesting for several other farmers.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dromun now live in Portage la Prairie in The Stephen Apartments.

Albert Dromun was born in Portage la Prairie in May 1920. He received his education in Portage and Alonsa, Man. He came to Rossendale in 1939 with his parents where he carried on a mixed farming operation. Albert is very talented in mechanics and is noted in the area for the best collection of old parts and junk for cars and farm equipment. He owns a saw mill and has sawed many many feet of lumber from logs hauled in by neighbors. Many buildings in the area have been built from lumber sawn at this mill. He sawed most of the lumber for the buildings on his farm including the present house. Albert is married to the former Betty Beam of Portage la Prairie. They were married in October 1956. They have no family. They continue to live on and operate the farm. Betty is a musician, besides being a concert singer she teaches piano and singing.



*Back - Garth, Kay, Betty, Albert, Helen, Elsie, Fred
Seated - Mary, Charles*

Helen McFadden, the former Helen Dromun, was born in Portage la Prairie in October 1921, receiving her education in Portage and Alonsa. She married Ralph McFadden in 1950. They lived in Portage and were the parents of two sons, Robert and Alexander and two daughters, Linda and Marilyn. Ralph passed away in July 1960. Linda is married to Jacob Martens and they live in Portage. Marilyn is married to Donald Bachalo, they have two daughters, Angie and Gabriel, they also live in Portage. Robert (Bob) works and lives in B.C. Alexander also works and lives near Edmonton, Alta. Helen spends many hours a month doing volunteer work with the Army and Navy Ladies Auxilary in Portage la Prairie.

Elsie Maddex, the former Elsie Dromun, was born in Dauphin, Man. in 1924 and received her education in Portage and at Ferriss school (1939-42) in the Rossendale district. She is married to Fred Maddex of Islay, Alta. They now live in Lumsden, Sask. where they are retired. They had four sons, Brian, Danny and Allen (twins) and Lyle and one daughter Cloy.

Brian is married to Betty Matychuk of Yorkton, Sask. and they have one son, Mark. Brian is with the Canadian Armed Forces and at present lives in Courtney, B.C.

Danny is married to Patrica Hoffman of Vancouver, B.C. They have two sons, Joseph and Mitchell. Danny works on the oil rigs and they live in Swift Current, Sask.

Allen is married to Debora Carlsten of Saskatoon, Sask. They have one daughter, Crystal. Allen works with a Building Elevator Co. and they live in Saskatoon. Allen is a very talented artist, his pictures have a very realistic touch.

Lyle still lives at home with his parents. He works when work is available, but Lyle is handicapped so types of work are very limited to him.

Cloy is married to Douglas Gould of Regina and they have three daughters, Michell, Shantelle, and Samantha. Doug is a Draughtsman in Regina, at present they live in Swift Current but will be moving to Lumsden in June 1982. Cloy is a hairdresser and has had her own shop in Swift Current.

Dwain Maddex is a son from Fred's previous marriage. He has been brought up with this family. He is married to Diane Ross of Clinton, Ontario. They have two sons, Tony and Stephen and one daughter Teresa. Dwain is with the Canadian Armed Forces and at present lives in St. Louis, Missouri.

Brian and Dwain attended school at Ferriss in 1953.

Kathleen (Kay) Ramsay, the former Kathleen Dromun, was born in October 1926 in Alonsa, Man. She received her education in Portage and Ferriss School (1939-44). She is married to Garth Ramsay of Waskada, Man. and they own a farm in the same area. They had one daughter, Theresa, who is married to Richard Zarn of Reston, Man. They have three daughters, Valeria, Sonja and Colleen (twins) and one son Darcey. Theresa and Richard farm in the Reston area.

Kay plays piano and violin and together with Albert on the guitar they played at social gatherings and dances in both Portage and Rossendale.

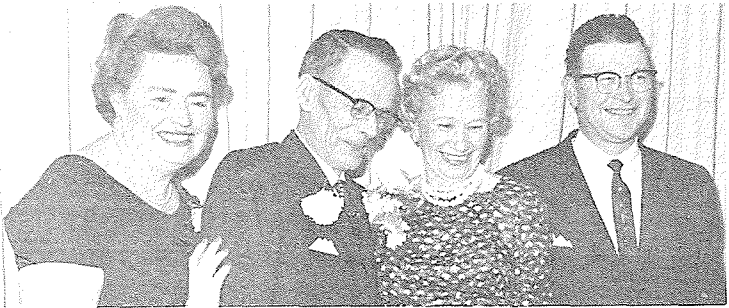
NORMA AND HILDA ENGLISH

Norman English was born in Lavenham, Manitoba. He married Hilda Lloyd who was born in Seaforth, Ontario, and they had one son, Mervin. They farmed in the Rossendale-Lavenham area until moving to Portage where they managed the Mayfair Motel for a number of years. Due to ill health they left the motel and moved to Winnipeg to retire.

Norman passed away in Dec. 1970. Hilda is a resident of a Nursing Home in Winnipeg.

Mervin married Joy Ellis in Winnipeg in 1945. They have three sons; Craig married Leslie Jennion and has two boys Shaun and Ryan. Douglas married Gail Chemenicha. They have one daughter Nadene. Robert married Moira MacDonnon.

Mervin, Craig and Douglas live in Winnipeg. Robert lives in New Brunswick.



Joy, Norman, Hilda, Mervin

HISTORY OF ALBERT FAWCETT

Albert Hadwin Fawcett married Eva Allen. They lived at Canora, Sask. for some time. They had 7 children, 3 boys and 4 girls. Albert became sick and the family moved back to Manitoba. Albert was hospitalized in Portage General Hospital and later passed away. Eva and the children lived in the village of Rossendale. Eva's brother farmed the Jack Adams farm near Bagot, better known back then as the Samson Farm. The names of the children were Charlie Hadwin, Pearl, Albert Wesley, Myrtle, Eva, Gladys and Frank. All the children attended Rossendale school.

The family were involved in district sports such as baseball, hunting, etc. Charlie married Dorothy Love of Rossendale and resided in Winnipeg. They had three children.

Pearl married Lyle Kelly (mine worker) and resided in Flin Flon. They had seven children, four boys and three girls (one boy died).

Albert married Verna Thompson in 1932 and farmed in the Currie district. They had five children.

Myrtle married Ken Lee, a Blacksmith, and resided in Portage la Prairie. They had two sons.

Eva married George Ioandis, a restaurant owner and resided in Portage la Prairie. They had three children, two girls and one boy.

Gladys married Clif Livsey, a musician, and resided in Fort William, Ontario. They had five children, two boys and three girls.

Frank married Velma Benndis. They resided in Portage la Prairie. They had no children.

All brothers and sisters have passed away except Pearl Kelly who now resides at Birch River.

Albert Wesley Fawcett married Verna Irene Thompson at Portage la Prairie in 1932. They resided in the Currie District and also MacGregor, Manitoba. They had five children, four girls and one boy, Eva Isabel, Margaret Irene, Lillian Francis, Sandra Ann and Lloyd Thompson. The children attended Currie, MacGregor Elementary, MacGregor Collegiate, Winnipeg and Brandon Agri Schools. All the children were involved in sports in the district, such as baseball, curling, skating, hunting, etc.

Eva married Nelson Hulme Jr. and farmed in the MacGregor District. They had two girls. Eva divorced and later married Robert Hulme and lives at Libau, Manitoba.

Margaret married Wesley Nowosad (Music Store Owner) and resided in Winnipeg. They had one girl. She was divorced and later married Bill Veldkamp and lives in Winnipeg.

Lillian married Gordon J. Streick (Inspector at Campbell Soup Co.) and resides in Portage la Prairie. They have two children, one boy and one girl.

Sandra married Lawrence Crowe (Machine Operator-Pulp and Paper Mill) and resides in Castlegar, B.C. They have adopted two children.

Lloyd married and lives in MacGregor. They have three children, one girl and two boys.

JOHN FEDECHKO

John Fedechko, his wife, and daughter, Mary, arrived in Toronto from Poland in 1926. Their son Walter was born in 1930.

After six years in Toronto they moved to Glenella where they farmed for ten years.

The Fedechko family left Glenella in 1942 and moved to N $\frac{1}{2}$ 34-10-9 in the Rossendale area. They farmed here until they sold their farm in 1962 and in 1963 they moved into Portage.

Mrs. Fedechko died January 18, 1979.

Mary, now Mrs. Hleck lives in Winnipeg and has four boys and one girl.

Walter has two boys and one girl and lives in New Jersey.

ANDREW FERGUSON

Andrew Ferguson and his brother Thomas came from Scotland to Portage la Prairie in 1903. The first two years they were in the country they were employed in the Portage Plains area. Andrew worked for Wm. F. Hinds, then for John Metcalf, both of the MacDonald district. In 1905 he bought the SW¼ of 12-10-9 from John Metcalf and settled down to farm at Rossendale.

In June 1906, Jean Ford, accompanied by her sister Margaret, came from Scotland to Portage la Prairie. Jean and Andrew were married on June 6th from the W.F. Hinds home in Portage. Their honeymoon was to the groom's farm at Rossendale where they farmed until 1930.

They had a family of five daughters

Marion(May) who married Fred Thomson of Portage la Prairie, where they reside. They have two sons.

Isobel died at the age of 2½ years. Her grave is in the Rossendale cemetery.

Jean married Roy Shortridge(deceased) of Portage la Prairie. They had three sons and a daughter. The family now resides in Richmond, B.C.

Anne married Gordon Robinson of Portage la Prairie. They are both deceased. They had two sons and a daughter.

Sarah (Sally) married Wm. K. Wilton of Portage la Prairie. They now reside in Brandon, Manitoba and have five sons.

The family received their education at Ferriss School, where Andrew served as a trustee. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson were interested in community affairs. Andrew helped build the Rossendale church, where the family attended both church and Sunday School. He served on the board of management from time to time and was also Superintendent of the Sunday School. Mrs. Ferguson worked in the Ladies Aid of the church.

Andrew also helped build the Rossendale Rink, where the family skated, and where he was an enthusiastic curler.

In 1930 the family moved from Rossendale to West Prospect, where they farmed for one year, then retired to Portage la Prairie. Mr. Ferguson died in 1951 and Mrs. Ferguson in 1957.

TOM FERGUSON

Thomas Naismith Ferguson came from Bargeddie (Glasgow), Scotland in 1903, along with his older brother, Andrew.

He worked on the Portage Plains for the Yuill and Dow families, coming to the Rossendale area in 1905, along with his brother.

He homesteaded on the quarter section SW 7-10-8, three miles east and one-half mile south of the Rossendale village. He broke the land with oxen Blucher, Bluenose, Pat, and Bright.



Thomas Ferguson



*Back - Isabel, Jack, Margaret
Front - Eva, Tom, Jessie*

On November 25, 1914, he married Eva Pallister of the Edwin district. They had a family of four, one boy and three girls.

Jack married Evelyn Carson of Allandale and they live at Edwin. Jack is a carpenter. They have one son, Ricky.

Isabel married Cliff Matthews of the Rignold district. They now reside in Portage la Prairie. They have a family of four sons.

Margaret married Harry Semrick and they reside in Portage la Prairie. They have a family of two daughters and one son.

Jessie married Bill Carson of the Allandale district. They reside in Portage la Prairie and have a family of three sons and four daughters.

All four of the family attended the Ferriss School.

Both Tom and Eva Ferguson were involved with the Rossendale church. Tom was Sunday School Superintendent for many years and Eva taught Sunday School but was also remembered for the many years she played the church organ. Eva was always involved with the ladies church groups. Her cream rolls were a specialty at all the dinners.

Tom spent many years on the school board of Ferriss school district.

He loved to curl so was involved with the curling and skating rink.

Eva Ferguson passed away in August, 1946 and Tom left the farm and the Rossendale area in November 1946.

In the spring of 1947, Tom went to the Rossendale-Lavenham charge as lay preacher, continuing in this work until his retirement, filling charges at Long Plain, Swan Lake, and Rosssburn.

Tom passed away in May 1966.

FRED FERRISS FAMILY

by Annie B. Donald(née Annie Ferriss)

The Ferriss family forefathers, coming from Ireland, had originally settled in the United States. When various settlers decided to come to Canada to remain under British rule, they, too, headed for Upper Canada(Ontario). They chose to settle at Colchester, Ontario, along the western end of Lake Erie which boasted a good climate and a fruit belt. In a covered wagon, it must have been a long enduring trip. My grandparents, Matthew and Eliza Ferriss as well as my father, Fred and his brothers and sisters were all born in Essex County, Colchester.

Matthew was born in 1817- the sixth generation of Ferrisses to be born in the Americas(United Empire Loyalists through and through). After raising most of his family in Ontario, he and his wife decided to go to Manitoba. The two oldest girls had already married and stayed in Windsor and Colchester. The reports about the west were optimistic and he felt that there would be many opportunities for the younger members of his family. He arrived in Manitoba in 1870 with his wife, Eliza, his two youngest sons, Fred age 6 and Walter, age three, as well as his daughter Emma, age sixteen who had just finished her teacher training at Toronto. Uncle Albert with his wife, three sons and a daughter came too and settled at Burnside. Uncle Angus and his family had come along with Matthew but his family did not like the prospects of hard times and soon returned to Ontario. While they had not been rich, still their life there had provided many amenities not to be seen in this new land for some time. The hardships of cold weather, day-to-day living, lack of good fruit and access to supplies were not acceptable. If our depression of the thirties was hard, think what these stalwart pioneers had to face!

Matthew brought with him four or five teams of horses, wagons, implements, cows, sheep, poultry, etc. Transport was by steamer to Duluth, train to Moorehead and by road to Fort Garry and Burnside, where the family took up about five quarter sections of land and got right down to the business of farming. As soon as a small house had been built, Aunt Emma organized a school in the home where she taught children of other settlers and her brothers until better arrangements could be made. Among the names on the first council for the municipality of Portage la Prairie appears that of Matthew Ferriss. He took a keen interest in the affairs of the district, whether social, educational, municipal, religious, or agricultural. He served as school trustee for many years. The family, along with others, took part in building the first Methodist Church at Burnside.

The first year they broke the prairie land along "now" Highway No. 1 across from Faurschau's. Time passed and my father grew up and his homestead was the land where Faurschau's are today. Being adventuresome and single, the call of the Klondike Gold Rush in 1898 beckoned. He sold his land and with six other men went via Edmonton overland to the Yukon. It was a monstrous trip and turned out badly. The horses died one by one, but the men did get there after a time. Returning home with a small amount of gold, the boat capsized on the Peace River

and they felt lucky to escape with their lives. All the men succumbed to scurvy and would have died except for the kind treatment of some Indians. They were treated with herbs and when my Dad was ready to leave he promised that as long as his life lasted, he would help the Indian people wherever he went. This was a promise well-kept. There are still a few on Long Plain who remember his kindness to them.

After his return, Father bought a quarter of "stones" in the Treherne Tiger Hills. There he met my mother, May Buchbach, which he always said was the smartest thing he ever did. They were married July 16, 1902. The first year of their married lives was spent at Burnside taking care of his younger brother's farm to allow them to go "home" to Grimsby, Ontario for a year. (Walter's wife did not like Manitoba winters and the continual hardships of the west and they never did return permanently.) While they were gone Father bought 480 acres at \$10.00 per acre from Judge Ryan and Michael Blake who had purchased large tracts of land for taxes—nothing broken, no buildings, fences, or roads. This was the property at 18-10-8 in the Ferriss District. During this period, Father had large trees made into lumber at Alex Armstrong's saw mill and continued to prepare for moving when his brother returned from Grimsby. I was born at Burnside and in the fall of 1904 we moved to 18-10-8. My brother, Mac, was born that December 28th in the new log house and Walter arrived in the fall of 1906. Father built a new house to the northeast of the section and my youngest brother, Clarence, was born there in 1911.

The land was flooded to the east by water drained by the creek in North Norfolk. The road were only trails and any time you could be stuck in the mud. My Dad bought a team of little mules- Jennie and Brownie. They travelled well but did not like the mud and would lie down and rest in the ponds. He also had a "blood" driver called Kilburn who hauled the 'democrat' to Rossendale for groceries. Mother went her rounds to welcome newcomers, treat the sick, assist with entertainment both in our district as well as in Rossendale. This was her life and Father provided a hired girl to help with the children to enable her to fulfill her desire to help others. This type of sacrifice brings one many friends and she was called often as there were no cars and Doctors were few and far away. Mrs. Philip Chapman also carried on the roll of district nurse giving free nursing care to young mothers, sick children, etc. While Mother had a good buggy and driver, Mrs. Chapman walked many a mile.

One of Mother's special friends was Mrs. Moffat (Robert's grandmother). A trip to Rossendale usually meant a cup of tea and a good cheerup with this fine lady. Other friends, the "well" ones, Paisleys, Mrs. Fry (an old school friend and teacher), the Kanes, Meda and Gertie, gave her encouragement and much pleasure.

All the heavy horses contracted 'swamp fever' and died. Thus the change to mules and oxen. When Dad was breaking I used to run behind the plow in the sodden earth. He held the lines under his arms and with an axe to cut the roots, called in a large voice: "Gee! Haw!" to the obedient and faithful beasts. He picked the roots and put me on the stone-boat where I thought I was driving the oxen. The pile grew to be mountainous.

Neighbours soon came: Splans across the road with five girls and Stanleys to the east with eight children. The Splans had arrived in 1907 from Cypress River. They were a clever musical family. I always take pride in remembering Treva as she was the first graduate of Ferriss School to go to Portage Collegiate in 1915. Rita, Sylvia, Treva, Betty and Ethel were all good school friends. The family left the district in 1917. The Stanleys came in the spring of 1909. Their family of eight and later, Cora and Hazel, lived in a nice frame house with a creek running by. They were kindly people and good neighbours.

With increasing numbers of neighbourhood children and his own children getting close to school age, Father called on Inspector McGuire and Judge Ryan for help and direction in getting a school built. A carpenter, Mr. Simmons, plus many hours of volunteer work resulted in a new building. With Thomas Ferguson as Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Splan as Chairman and Father as Trustee, the new school was ready and opened in 1908. Jessie Innis was the first teacher. Inspector McGuire christened it "Ferriss School" in honour of my Dad's many hours of labor and planning.

About 1912, lightning struck the school. I remember the morning afterwards as I ran to school, Mr. Crosbie called: "Where do you think you're going? No school today, Lassie.". He showed me the riddled floor and the chimney on the ground. I ran home fast with the news. However, the school was repaired and many teachers and students passed through its doors in the ensuing years. Many years later (in 1953) Eunice Maloney was the teacher at Ferriss. This was the period of electric wiring and one night she looked up from correcting books and saw smoke coming from every corner. Miss Maloney ran for help but only the piano and desks were saved before the school burned to the ground. Temporary quarters were arranged at Bill Painter's house and the school was rebuilt.

My Dad's next venture was canvassing for the rural telephone in 1910. Workmen boarded with us and anywhere there was room. Roads also were greatly improved in a very short time and my old 'pontoon' bridge at Alex Armstrong's was discarded. I had found it fun when the logs bumped up and down as Kilburn went across, sometimes sinking to the wheel hubs of the buggy. Mother found it nerve-wracking on her weekly trips to Rossendale for mail and groceries. Thank goodness there would be no more free baths for her and Kilburn.

We had many good store keepers at Rossendale including Walter Brass. Going for groceries was quite an outing for us as Mr. Brass always had a treat of sweetheart candy for the boys. Mother exchanged butter and eggs for groceries.

Once the railroad was finished, transportation was simplified. Dad and Sid Brass both worked on the railroad in off seasons until its completion. Sid was Walter Brass' brother and spent the winters with us.

Years passed and in 1922 we lost our wonderful mother. My brothers and I ranged in age from 10 to 18 years. I took over the home. My love of music continued but my dream of becoming a school teacher vanished. Life seemed to be a disaster but with faith and trust, our heavenly Father gives us power to overcome all things. My father was lost and lonely but he was always kind and good to us.

It was about 1923 when I met my future husband, James Donald. He had come from Alyth, Scotland to see the much-advertised "160 acres of free land" and was a bit shocked at the trees that needed to be cleared and the heavy labor in store for him. He took farm work for two years at High Bluff and later at James Crosbie's and then went to work on the Great Lakes' ships for several years. By careful saving he acquired a small stake and came back to Manitoba in 1926. We were married March 9, 1927 and moved to my Grandfather's farm at Treherne which Jim had bought. Thus my contacts with the dear old home at Rossendale ended for a time as we began a new era of life.

My father and my three brothers had sold out and moved to the Peace River country to get a fresh start on a new frontier. My father lived out his life there and was buried at Burnside after his death in 1951. Mac and Walter passed away early in 1981. Mac left a wife and three sons and a daughter as well as several grandchildren. Walter's wife had predeceased him and they left no family. Clare and his wife, Helen, live in Edmonton now and close by are their two daughters and their families.

FERRIS

Gary Ferris was born in 1900 in Rossendale. His mother was Lizzie Kelly and his father, Blake Ferris. He had a twin brother Robert, an older brother Stanley and a younger brother Harry. His sister's names were Alice, Laura and Lilly. He is a cousin to John McLeod.

The Ferris's lived right across the road from where John McLeod was raised. The Ferris family drifted away from Rossendale when McLeods left. They went in together and got several horses to build and grade roads, taking their families with them. They spent six years doing road work. They went to Prince Albert, Saskatchewan to work on the Canwood Road to Big River. From Prince Albert all the boys joined the army. After the war they settled in B.C.

Garry lives in Edmonton today. He was married twice and has children.

The Ferris's lived on the next quarter to the Elmwood school. They bought the land from Hagg's.

The Ferris, Chapman, McLeod and Kelly families all farmed on adjoining quarters and they were all related.

MAC AND ANN FIERBACH

My husband, Mac, myself and young son Ronald, arrived in Rossendale in May 1939 from Moosehorn. We were made very welcome and our close friends were the Jack Henrys and Henry Masons. They were wonderful people, and without them I don't think we would have been able to stay.

In the four years we lived there we had two more children, a son Ivan and a daughter Marlene.

Although none of us had much to live on we had happy times together and enjoyed the fellowship of the neighbours.

We left Rossendale in 1943 to make our home in Red Lake where Mac worked in the mines. I shall never forget how lonely I was and longed to be back in Rossendale many times. After 9 years in Red Lake we moved back to Moosehorn where we farmed for nine years.

Our children grew up and were married and gave us wonderful grandchildren.

In 1961 we started a cafe and bakery which we ran for 17 years, until Mac's death in 1978.

I stayed on here at Moosehorn taking care of folks that needed nursing care in their own homes. A Senior Citizen's Home was built in 1980 and I was asked to take on the job of being house co-ordinator, which I enjoy very much. I see that everyone is O.K. and take them shopping or to the doctor, etc.

We have returned to Rossendale once and spent an enjoyable time with Kae and Reuben Frizzley.

JOHN FISHER AND FAMILY

The John Fisher family consisted of John and his wife Wyentje, five sons and one daughter. John came to Canada from Holland by himself in 1923. He sent for his wife and family a year later after he found work running the Stevens dairy farm in Portage la Prairie. They worked there for several years, and then decided to farm on their own. At this time, they rented land at Warren, Man. They farmed there till the spring of 1929 when they purchased the Archie Hastings farm south of Rossendale on 28-9-9 bordering along the north side of the Assiniboine River. Here is where the Fisher family roots began in Canada.

They farmed, expanding their acreage and trying their luck at various crops including some market gardening. Many tomato plants were sold in the spring and then the tomatoes in the fall to the stores and privately in but found them too time consuming. A large herd of cattle was raised for beef and of course all farms did their share of dairy duties. and of course all farms did their share of dairy duties.

The family of five boys and one daughter were all born in Holland. Albert, the oldest son of the family, was educated in Holland. He married Lea(nee Titaryn). He served in the armed forces during World War II. After returning home Al and Lea moved to Vancouver, B.C. Peter married Jean(nee Sissons). They had two children, Brian, deceased and Cheryle. Pete also served in the armed forces. After the war he started working for Modern Dairies. Their children were educated in Winnipeg, and daughter Cheryle is married to Barry Haywood, and they live in Burlington, Ontario with their three daughters, Susan, Jacqueline and Lea Ann.

Jack and Jean(nee Schroeder) farmed south of Rossendale on Sec. 32-9-9 till 1975 when they moved to Portage. Their livelihood was derived from raising cattle(beef and dairy), and the last ten years on the farm they

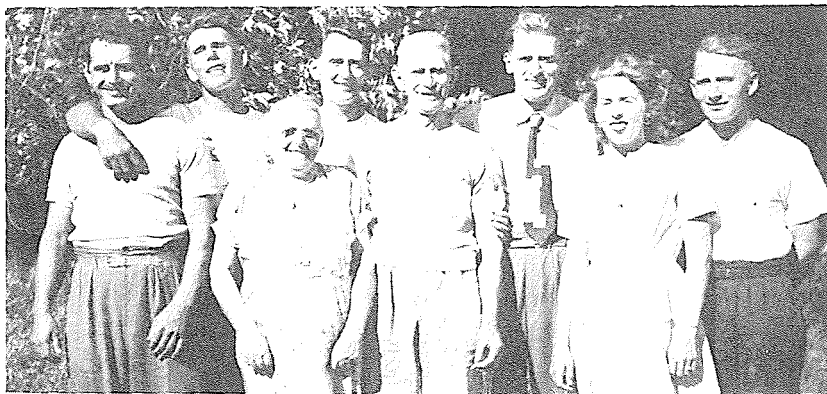
also drove the school bus for Pine Creek Division. They have one daughter, Jacqueline, who was educated in South Rossendale school for elementary grades and then Rossendale High and Treherne High. Jacqueline married Gordon Urie from Treherne. They have two daughters, Tracy and Christa and reside on Gibraltar Bay in Winnipeg.

Leonard and Eliza(nee Dezag) farmed the home farm on Sec. 28-9-9, growing grain crops and beef cattle. In 1969 they sold their farm operation and moved to St. Thomas, Ont. Their family consists of two boys and three girls. The oldest daughter Linda and boys John and Leslie were educated at South Rossendale and Treherne. The boys finished their education in Ontario. Daughters Maureen and Michelle were educated in St. Thomas. Linda and family live in Winnipeg and the rest of the family make their home in and near the St. Thomas area.

John and Ruby(nee Ethridge) live in Winnipeg. John works as a mechanic and automobile parts manager, and Ruby in an upholstery factory. They have three daughters. Gail married Ken Sinclair. They have two sons Wayne and Jim. All live in Winnipeg. Sally married Murry Naugler and they have one adopted son Eddie. They live at Richmond, B.C. The youngest daughter Heather is living at home and pursuing a career in nursing.

Bertha married Wesley Henry. They have four sons and one daughter. Wes served in the army on overseas duty. On his return home after war, they bought the Henry family home farm. In 1966 they moved to Winnipeg. Their daughter Jan was born in Winnipeg. The boys were all born in Portage, educated in Rossendale and MacGregor. The oldest son Wesley and wife Joyce have two children, a boy Christopher and a girl Crystal. Wally and wife Ginny have two children, a girl and a boy, Don and Debbie. They live at Madison, Wisc. Randy and wife Cindy have one boy, Wade. They live in London, Ont. Patrick and wife live in Toronto, Ont. Daughter Jan lives at home and is finishing her education.

The senior Fishers, John and Wyentje remained active throughout their lives, helping with chores and garden and having many family gatherings with their children and grandchildren. Grandma Fisher passed away in 1959, and Grandpa Fisher passed away in 1967. They rest at the Rossendale cemetery which is located on the family farm.



*Back Row L-R - Jack, Len, Albert, John, Pete
Front Row - Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, Bertha*

ROY FITZSIMMONS FAMILY

Roy and Angeline Fitzsimmons and family moved to Rossendale in 1946 from Knox Station, Brandon North. He was CNR section foreman and they, with their five children, lived in the section house.

Ivan was born in 1933. He married Caroline Rush from Amaranth in 1958. They have two children, Robbie and Ellen Rose. Ivan and Caroline now reside in Suite 101, 421 Kennedy St., Winnipeg, Man.

Irene, born in 1935, married Robert Garrioch in 1953. They had seven children, Ivan, Sharon, Wayne, Douglas, Murray, Sandra and Sonny. Irene is now divorced and living at 647 Lilac Ave., Kamloops, B.C.

Shirley was born in 1936. She married Robert McLeod from Alonsa in 1954. They had two children, Jacqueline and Cindy Lou. Shirley, a teacher, is now divorced and resides at No. 8-461 North Ospika Blvd., Prince George, B.C.

Ronald, born in 1939, married Gloria Kjartanson in 1959. They have three children, Marty, Bradley and Deborah and live at Edrans, Man.

Phyllis, born in 1940, married Gary Mitchell. They had three children, Ronald, Colin and Brenda. Phyllis was divorced and married Karl Topnik in 1978. They live at Chetwynd, B.C. Phyllis is nursing at the present time.

Roy curled regularly and the older children curled and skated with the school children on a regular basis. Irene and Shirley were members of the C.G.I.T. Organization. Ivan and the girls played baseball.

The family attended the United Church and Sunday School.

During the five years they lived in Rossendale, Roy's hearty laugh echoed through the rink. Roy passed away April 22, 1982.

PETER FORBES

Peter and Jeanie Forbes arrived in Canada from Peterhead, Scotland, in 1912, with their eight children; Peter, Maggie, Nellie, Joan, Bessie, Ruth, George and Alfred. They rented a house in Rossendale, owned by the Pritchards, then by the Fred Paisleys. They also lived on the McCulloch farm SE 14-10-9.

George and Alfred attended school at Rossendale. The family then moved from Rossendale to Gypsumville, Manitoba.

Ruth and George returned later to work at harvest time. Ruth worked at the Joe Bedford farm and George worked for the Patsack and Crosbie families.

Ruth, George, Joan and Bessie reside in Winnipeg, and Alfred resides in Victoria, B.C.

ALEXANDER FORD FAMILY

Alexander Ford and his wife Marion came from Uddingston, Scotland, to Rossendale in 1911. They settled on the N.E. ¼ of 2-10-9. They were accompanied by a daughter Sarah, and two sons Robert and Louis.

Sarah had apprenticed as a dressmaker in the old country and carried on her trade, sewing for family and friends. As well as her sewing, she made beautiful artificial flowers, helping with the carnations for mothers day, as well as other occasions.

Robert was a butcher by trade, and Louis worked in Ready-To-Wear in Eatons. They worked for one year in Winnipeg then came to their parents farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford were very quiet living people and rarely left the farm. Mrs. Ford died at her home in 1921 and Mr. Ford died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Andrew Ferguson, in Portage la Prairie, in 1935.

Robert and Louis continued to farm. Bob was the butcher for the Beef Ring for a number of years. Louis played the organ in Rossendale church, and on leaving was presented with a music cabinet, which he greatly prized.

Sarah retired to Portage the last few years of her life and passed away in 1974.

Robert and Louis sold the farm in 1964 and retired to Portage. Robert died in 1965 and Louis in 1974.

THE FORZLEY FAMILY

Simon Forzley was born in Karoun, Lebanon in 1875. He came to Canada in 1902. He had three brothers, Jacob, Dave and Elie. They came to Canada later. He also had two sisters who remained in the old country.

Simon came to Manitoba in 1903. He carried a packsack on his back and sold merchandise from one farm to the other. He went as far north as Plumas and as far south as the United States border.

He took up farming in 1905 in the Allandale district on SE¼ of 31-9-8 which was all bush and had to be broken. His main interest was mixed farming.

Mrs. Simon Forzley, the former Misadie Forzley of Karoun, Lebanon came to the United States and settled around Boston for a year. She then came to Winnipeg, Canada in 1907. She also carried a packsack and sold merchandise around Winnipeg. She met Simon in 1909 and they were married in 1910.

In 1911 Simon sold the farm and bought the E ½ of 6-10-8. It was all solid bush and had to be broken. He farmed it until 1919 and sold it to Jim McConnie. He then bought SW ¼ and the S ½ of the NW ¼ of 6-10-8. He remained there for the rest of his life.

They had five sons and one daughter. They all went to Ferriss School for their education.

Abraham was born January, 1911 and resides in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Philip was born July, 1912 and now farms in the Rossendale district. Betty was born November, 1913 and is a resident of Winnipeg.

Joe was born March, 1915 and is a resident of Winnipeg. He was married May 21, 1947 to the former Marge Aimoe of Carman, Manitoba. They had two children, Joanne and Richard. Richard is deceased. Joanne is married, has a baby girl and lives in Calgary.

Leslie was born March, 1918 and farms in the Rossendale district.

Charlie was born March, 1920 and was married in July, 1959 to the former Jackie Sallowin of Beruit, Lebanon. For the short time Jackie has been in Canada she has gained a wide circle of friends who greatly admire her pleasant personality. She also takes an active interest in the social life of the community. They have three children Sharleen, Derrick and Roger.

Charlie farmed with his brothers Philip and Leslie on 6-10-8. They operated a stock and grain farm.

Charlie passed away April 26, 1973 after a short illness. His wife carries on with the brothers on the family farm.

The Forzleys are very popular in the surrounding districts as welders and good mechanics and this is passed on to the younger generation of the Forzley family.

They also took an active part in a wide range of sports. They were noted and well known for their great ability to play baseball as are the younger generations of the Forzley family.



Simon, Misadie Forzley

WILLIAM FOWLER

William Fowler and his family came from Ontario and set up a homestead in the Rossendale district on SE 16-10-9. His son Charles married Alice Rowland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Rowland. They raised two sons and a daughter.

Richard and Harold attended the Elmwood school. Richard served overseas in the army. Upon his return he made his home at Assiniboia, Sask., where he still resides. He married Llewelin Parsons and they raised two sons.

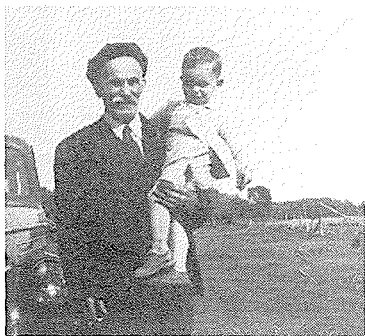
Harold married Dorothy Thompson and raised five children and resides at Williams Lake, B.C.

Jean married Clifford Martin. They raised two sons and reside at Grants Pass, Oregon.

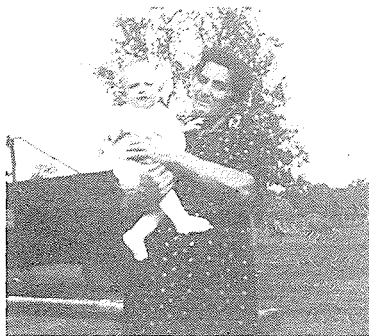
JACOB FRIZZLEY FAMILY

Jacob Frizzley was born in Oran, Syria, now Lebanon, in 1871 and came to Canada in 1892 at the age of 21 years. He was involved in business as a peddler, carrying goods for sale from place to place. Jacob took up farming on the SW¼ of 25-9-9 and farmed with oxen at this time. He often said that three horses could not pull what one oxen could.

Mrs. Frizzley, the former Jessie Haddad, came to the U.S. about 1901 where she worked on a ranch in Montana prior to coming to Canada. In 1906 she met Jacob Frizzley and they were married in Dec. 1907 in Brandon. They then took up residence in the Allandale district living on what was known as the old McCuaig farm 31-9-8 NE. This was mostly bushland that had to be broken up before grain could be grown or livestock raised. They farmed there for a few years, then moved to another farm in the same district where they lived until 1920 when they moved to the village of Rossendale.



Jacob Frizzley with Craig



Jessie Frizzley with Gerald



Back Row L-R - Reuben, Kae, Darren, Amanda, Myrna, Gerald
Seated - Janet, Craig, Kyle, Devin, Jill

In Rossendale, Mr. Frizzley operated a general store, and when it burned down the family then moved back to the farm in the Allandale district in 1926. In 1927 they moved to the farm in the South Rossendale district 21-9-9.

Mr. and Mrs. Frizzley retired in Portage in 1938 where they lived for several years before moving to Atikokan, Ontario where several members of their family resided. There in 1948 Jacob passed away. Later in 1951, Jessie passed away in the Portage Hospital. Today they both rest in the Rossendale Cemetery.

They were blessed with eight children.

Reuben, born June 18, 1912, married the former Kathleen Henry on July 31, 1943. They have three sons, Craig, Gerald and Darren. Craig was a truck driver for fifteen years and at the present time he is Sales Manager at Wilton Ford in Winnipeg. In 1975 Craig bought the NW 18-10-9 farm from Uncle Simon. Craig married Janet Carter of Moncton, N.B. in 1980 and they have one daughter Amanda Kae. Gerald is a Chartered Accountant and worked at Pinawa, Manitoba for some time, then moved to Red Deer, Alta. He and Myrna Frank were married in 1970. They have three children, Kyle, Jill and Devin. Darren graduated from MacGregor High School in 1980. He worked in Portage la Prairie at tire shops until recently when he went to Red Deer, Alta. and is now working in a tire shop there.

Reuben owns the SW¼ of 18-10-9 having purchased it from Bill Andruszkow in 1950. He was also a B.A. oil distributor and later a Gulf oil distributor from 1950 till 1978 when the distributing point at Rossendale was closed and the area served from Portage. Reuben is an avid curler and has curled in many bonspiels around the area. He was caretaker of the Rossendale Curling Rink for a number of years. Reuben also served on the Elmwood School Board for some time and was an elder of the United Church for a few years. His wife Kae is active in the U.C.W. group and was presented with a life membership pin for 35 years of membership in 1981. Reuben and Kae are both supporters of all district activities.

Joseph, born November 13, 1913, married Doreen Tucker of Portage on December 3, 1944. They made their home in Treherne where Joe operated the P.S.V. Transfer for a number of years before selling out. He then worked for Metcalfe's garage for a short time before he opened his own tire shop and filling station. They had three children.

Lynn (Mrs. Wayne Clark) who had a family of six, Stephanie, Shannon, Christopher, Mark, Gerard and Elizabeth. Mark is deceased. They live in Treherne.

Bill, who married Jean Handford, has three sons, Joe, Jamie and Jaycee. They live in Holland.

Sharon (Mrs. Ron Whalen) has three sons and one daughter, Troy, Trent, Christie, and Curtis. They live in Lethbridge, Alberta.

Joe and Doreen died in July and August of 1971 as a result of a car accident in South Dakota.

Mary, born April 14, 1918, married Harold Simpson on July 19, 1946. Mary taught school at Lavenham, Ladysmith, Camille, Salem and in Portage. They had three daughters, Joy, Nancy (Mrs. Ronald Hill, who has a daughter Meredith) and Anne-Marie (Mrs. Scott Grey). Mary

passed away in November 1981.

Anne, born April 11, 1920, married Michael Yasinski on August 22, 1942. They resided in Portage till moving to Atikokan in 1945. They moved to Campbell River in 1951 where they now reside. Mike is employed with B.C. paper mills. They have three children, Harold, Maureen and Marilyn who are now all married and living around or near Campbell River. Anne and Mike are frequent visitors to Manitoba.

Philomena, born March 1, 1922, married Tim Trembley in 1948. They lived in Atikokan for a few years before moving to B.C., where they now reside on Gabriola Island. They have a family of four children, Alfred, Larry, Monty, and Janet. Phil and Tim have a foster son, Shawn.

Harold, born September 1923 is deceased.

George, born November 3, 1924, lived at Atikokan before going to B.C. He married Marjorie Brecken and they have two sons, Ronald and Joseph. They all live in Campbell River, B.C.

Jean, born September 1, 1928, married Gerald Tait. They reside in Courtenay, B.C. They have six daughters and one son, Mavis, Marsha, Iris, Laurie, Deanne, Tanis and Byron.

The Frizzley family as a whole were very sports minded. Reuben, Joe, Anne, and Philomena especially were noted for being ball players in their younger days. The younger generation has continued their love of this sport as well as being active in others.

FRANK FROESE

Frank and Verna Froese came to Rossendale from MacGregor, with their three children, Randy, Gary, and Debra in 1973. They rent a house from Bob Culbert on the former Jim Culbert farm.

Frank was born on a collective farm in the Ukraine. Verna was born at Lowe Farm. They were married in Winnipeg in 1965.

Frank was principal of Rossendale school from 1973 to 1977 and has taught at the same school since then. He has been teaching school for 24 years. When coming to Rossendale school the enrollment was 160, now it is 60.

Verna was a parent volunteer at the school for three years helping in kindergarten.

Randy and Gary play in the school band and participate in various school sports.

The family enjoys camping at Spruce Woods, White Shell, etc., as well as tennis, bowling, and swimming, and are very active in their church.

DAVE FROM

In May 1946 Dave From, along with his wife Pauline and daughter Lorraine, moved into the Allandale district about ten miles from Rossendale, where they got their mail. It was a long drive for the mail and groceries at Ken Crocker's store in the winter by horse and cutter.

The land they had was in the valley. Most of it had to be cleared and broken. it took a lot of hard work, but they would not have changed those years.

They had many good times and had very good neighbors and friends who were always ready to give a helping hand.

In 1949 Lorraine married Jim Henderson and lives in the Rathwell district. They have three children, Linda, James and David.

In 1950 another daughter, Colleen, was born to Dave and Pauline. She was quite a surprise to everyone as there are twenty years between the two girls. Colleen married Jim Crewson, and they have two daughters Penny and Pattie. They live at Poplar Point.

Thinking of the long drive they would have to take Colleen to school, Dave and Pauline sold to Faurschou's in 1955. They moved to Portage where Dave worked as a Commissionaire all week, and on Sundays went out as a lay preacher.

They moved several times after that, but always turned up back at Portage.

Dave and Pauline are retired now and live in Rotary Manor, Portage la Prairie.



Colleen, Lorraine, Pauline, David

WILLIAM AND MARTHA ROSEANNA FRY

My father, William Fry, known to all his friends as Billy, was born March 3rd, 1868 in Bruce County, Ontario. As a young man he and his brother Charlie emigrated west to a homestead near Rossendale. On their way a railroad strike developed and at each stop the settlers had to rush out to stand on coupling pins to keep the train connected as the strikers paid five cents for each stolen pin.

Dad was a great violinist. He and the two Waterman brothers, Billy and Charlie, with their banjo and guitar, supplied the music for dances near and far.

In July 1898, Dad married my mother, Martha Roseanna Egan, called Rose, of Springfield, Manitoba. She was the local school teacher. The next year Charlie left for a homestead at Dauphin and mother's sister Charlotte Egan came as a substitute teacher.

Mother was very active in church and Sunday School work. She took part in debates, concerts, Christmas programs and Box Socials—a must in the fall to raise Church funds.

Coyotes were a great enemy to fowl. One noon one of the boys ran to the house calling, "Dad, Dad, a coyote is off with our big black rooster." Dad quickly grabbed the rifle and was successful at shooting the wolf as it snapped off the rooster's head. When returning to the house for dinner they noticed the wolf's mate sneaking in from the corral so dad got it too. We enjoyed chicken and dumplings that night for supper.

Dad farmed for several years but due to poor crops gave up farming and moved into Rossendale where he operated a butcher shop for a few years. Then he worked as helper in both elevators for several years. He was also the lamp-lighter. A gas lamp was situated at the SW corner of Mrs. Paisleys. It was lighted every night at dark. While working in the Lake of the Woods elevator with Arthur Jackson he used to get the children to sweep out the empty grain cars. They took the grain home for the chickens as their only pay. Arthur Jackson had two ducks and a drake feeding on the spilled grain. He told Iva she could have a setting of eggs if she would chase the ducks in off a nearby slough and close the gate. This she did, getting two settings of eggs before they stopped laying. How excited we were when the little ones hatched. We kept ducks from then on as long as we farmed.

I can remember the children gathering a basket of coal along the railroad track, bringing it home to see if it would really burn and smell like the train smoke. Many children came the night Mother built a wood fire in an outdoor stove, then placed the basket of coal on the wood. We sat back and watched it turn to red coals. Later on we toasted bread which we enjoyed with butter and brown sugar - a real treat!

While living on the farm we attended Ferriss School. We had a well tramped path through the bush to the school. Lunches in tin pails would be frozen. These pails were hung around the jacket of a big Waterbury stove in one corner of the school. Teachers were Miss Innis, Miss Hearne and Miss Sexsmith.

In Rossendale we attended Elmwood school. Dad worked in the elevators in summer and the pool room in winter. He was caretaker of the skating and curling rink.

In the spring of 1915, Billie Pritchard was moving to Nottingham, Sask. to farm. Dad had helped with the loading of his cars. All was ready to leave in the morning and Arthur Keys was to accompany the stock car but at nighttime he was stricken with appendicitis, so Dad was persuaded to go in his place. Shortly after their arrival, they drove to Carnduff, a town about fifteen miles southwest of Nottingham for supplies. There Dad learned that a Mr. A.A. Johnson was looking for someone to manage a farm ten miles north of Carnduff in the Oakley district just one-half mile from Oakley School. Being well satisfied with the offer, Dad returned to Rossendale and made arrangements for the family to move.

June 6, 1915 we awoke to see a heavy snow storm. We, our luggage and a crate of hens were loaded into a wagon protected by a canvass, said good-bye to Rossendale and left for Saskatchewan. Bill Kelly took us to Bagot to board the morning train, Mother carrying a milk pail of packed eggs. We changed trains at Brandon and arrived in Carnduff at 6 pm. Dad met us with a team, wagon, and blankets for the ten mile drive to the country. The boys were up bright and early next morning ready to go snaring gophers, by the sounds there were plenty close by. Mr. Johnson had promised the boys a cent for each gopher tail when he came out to the farm. To his surprise they had over five hundred dried for him. Mother decided to put in a big garden. Dad had planted potatoes and with the good supply of moisture and nice weather, we had an abundant supply of vegetables.

Mother had been given a purse of money as a farewell gift. Since she had sold our cow before we left she immediately began to inquire for a good milk cow. Mother was fortunate in finding a large good milking roan shorthorn which kept us in milk, butter and cottage cheese.

Crops were very good but a September snowstorm flattened the oats which had to be cut in one direction. Some years wheat was stacked and threshed in late fall and winter. After several years of hail, grasshoppers and drought, we moved to a farm west of Carnduff where the children attending high school could be at home.

Dad and Mother were active in community life. Dad, being a popular violinist, played for dances in the surrounding districts and in Nottingham and Alida. Mother was a friendly neighbor, always ready to lend a helping hand in time of need. She, being a practical nurse, devoted a great deal of her time to attending the sick and dying. As a midwife she delivered over forty babies, most of them without the aid of a doctor. She devoted most of her time during the Flu Epidemic to attending to the needs of her neighbors. Mother took great interest in debates and plays held in the district in those years. She assisted with many Christmas programs, frequently directing them and taking part in them as well.

The family attended the Oakley Anglican Church services and Sunday School. They also attended services that were held at Rosebank school near Nottingham during the summer. Mother was a member of the Rosebank Ladies Aid. Her home was always open to friends, young people and neighbors. Their home being half-way between Alida and

Carnduff, travellers often stopped for tea on a chilly day. She always prepared a Halloween party for the young people of the district. Her home provided shelter for many young men who came west on harvest excursions.

The busy and happy life of the Fry family was altered on October 31, 1931 when Dad passed away as the result of a sudden stroke.

The family moved to Kamsack, Sask. late in December 1932. Mother came in August of 1933. She was active in church work, Ladies Aid and Homemakers. She was a motherly lady whose 'kindly ways made her a friend to all who knew her. She was residing with the youngest of her family when she passed away December, 1954. The large attendance at her funeral in Oxbow was an indication of the love of many for this lady. Both Dad and Mother are buried in the Oxbow Cemetery.

John Richard, called Nelson in his youth, better known now as Jack, was my eldest brother. During World War I he enlisted at Dauphin, Manitoba in the 181st Regiment, went overseas and saw action at Vimy Ridge and Ypres, France where he was both gassed and taken prisoner by the enemy. When he escaped and returned to England it became known he was under age and so spent the remainder of the war as a member of the Police Force. Upon his return to Canada he took up farming at Shergrove, Manitoba and later at Dauphin, where he married Fern Pipher in 1932. They will celebrate their 50th Anniversary with a come and go Tea, May 1st, 1982. They have one son and four daughters. Rodney is married, has two sons and is living in Winnipeg. Muriel, Mrs. Lawrence Durston and Emily, Mrs. Robert Scrase, are both living in Dauphin, Manitoba. Carol, Mrs. Lylick of Winnipeg and Helen of Edmonton, Alta. are the other two daughters.

Jack and Fern are retired and living in Dauphin. Jack was also active in the Second World War and is now a Legion member and a member of the Home Guards.

Sarah Fry, better known as Sadie, married Ernie Hodgson of Carnduff on December 28, 1927. They farmed north west of Carnduff until retiring to Carnduff in 1965. Sadie suffered a stroke the following spring which left her practically an invalid until her death December 6, 1971. Ernie had passed away nearly two months before her on Sept. 18, 1971. They had no family. Both are buried in the Carnduff Cemetery.

I, Iva Fry, took my high school education at Carnduff, attended Normal school at Estevan and later in Regina. I taught several schools in Oxbow Unit before moving with the family to Kamsack in 1932. I never married and continued teaching until superannuated in 1961. I taught again and retired in 1965 and now reside in Kamsack, spending my summers in my cottage at beautiful Madge Lake where I have a yearly family reunion the second Sunday in July. The families and grandchildren come and enjoy all the fresh fried pickerel they can eat. Lena and Jay are ardent fishermen.

Charles Herbert Fry, known as Charlie to his Rossendale friends, farmed at Carnduff, Oxbow and Kamsack. On October 9, 1940, he married Pauline Filipchuk. They have one son, Philip, who after attending University and working several years in the bank, joined the R.C.M.P. in Regina. Herb passed away in January of 1960 after six years of illness and

is buried at Kamsack.

Carl Fry went through high school in Carnduff and pre-med in Winnipeg. After entering Medical School he changed his vocation and decided to teach. After taking his teacher training in Regina, he taught at Kipling and Kamsack prior to joining the Armed Forces in 1942. While stationed in B.C. he married Ruth Arn of Kinistino who was employed in the Department of Agriculture, Legislative Building in Regina. After his return from the forces in 1946 he took up farming at Kinistino where he was active in school and church work. Carl is a Past Master of the Carrot River Masonic Lodge. They have two children, Margaret and Billy.

Launce Fry, who was an electrician, served in the Air Force. He married Hilda Greening of Wolseley, Sask. They lived in Kamsack for ten years prior to moving to Cloverdale, B.C. They have one son, Ross, and two daughters Grace and Mavis. In B.C. Launce owned a mink ranch and also worked in a factory. He developed cancer and after a few months of illness passed away in Surrey Hospital March 17, 1975. Hilda resides in Surrey, B.C.

Rose Fry married Milton Robinson of Rossendale in July 1940. They have two sons, George and Billy and a daughter, Dorothy, Mrs. Ken McLennan of Balgonie, Sask. Rose and Milton still farm at Rossendale.

Jay Fry received his education at Kamsack before entering the armed forces. Following his discharge he worked for a number of years for the C.N.R. at Kamsack, the Pas, and Transcona. In 1960, he married Lena Trafimenkoff of Runnymede, Sask. They have two children Robert and Cathy, both of whom live in Saskatoon. Jay works for the town of Kamsack and Lena in the MacLeods Store.

I remember the long rows of cordwood piled just north of the track and west for ¼ of a mile in winter and our rides on hand sleighs behind the wood sleighs.

I remember Billy Love or his hired man with their manure spreader cleaning up the hamlet barn yards - then we knew spring was near.

I remember picking large bouquets of big pink and white lady slippers and selling them to the dining car conductor.

I remember walking down the railroad track to the hills to pick saskatoons and watch out for bears!

JIM AND ENA FULTON

by Dora(Fulton) Fidler

Jim Fulton came to Canada from Scotland in 1913. He worked on a dairy farm and in the pulp industry in Ontario before coming west to Portage la Prairie in 1914. Jim found employment with Mac McCuaig in the Oakland area. He later moved to Allandale district with the McCuaig's in 1918.

Ena Mitchell was born in England, came to Canada in 1915, living with her sister, Mrs. George Addaway in Winnipeg. Ena then went with her small son Clarence to Allandale district where she was employed as housekeeper for Jim. They were later married in March of 1923.



L-R - Hazel, Bob, Dora, Jean, Ena



L-R Back Row - Jean, Jim Hazel
Front Row - Dora, Bob

They continued farming there for a few years, then moved to Portage where Jim was self employed. Later he moved to Hartford and worked for Scotty McKay for several years.

In the fall of 1938 we moved to Rossendale with all the family, six of us by now; Margaret, born January 1924, James born August 1926, Jean born November 1928, Hazel born March 1930, Robert born April 1933, and Dora born April 1936

At first, and for a number of years, we lived one mile south of the village on a quarter section rented from Alex Shirriff. This quarter was ninety nine percent bush. Dad had cattle, pigs, horses and chickens. He worked out for other farmers and mom and the older kids took care of the chores. We lived in a log house, grew a big garden and enjoyed a happy life. Even though we were told some of the finer things had escaped us, we never missed them.

All of us kids attended South Rossendale school. We went to school with horse and cutter in winter and the horse and democrat in summer. I don't think any of us will forget the wonderful times we had at school with the Perkins, the McKeens, Buchholz, Woodward's, Culberts, etc. My first day of school was marked with disaster as I was instructed to go to the bathroom before the bell rang and proceeded to lock the door on myself, so I stood there and bawled till Hazel missed me and she and Idelle Perkins came to my rescue.

We had to keep the furnace burning during the day in winter, with coal and we hauled our water, winter and summer from Hugh Culbert's about a quarter of a mile away. We mostly enjoyed doing this as it got us out of the classroom. We also skied in winter behind the barn on a hill owned by Mr. Culbert and often skied home behind the cutter when the weather was decent. I can't remember all of my teachers but some were: Mrs. Bowles, Mr. Dick Mineker, Bill Rusk and Lee Tomchuk.

We had some great Christmas Concerts there. One year we even put the stage up ourselves. We started practising around the 10th of November, hoping to have it down pat by Christmas but somebody always goofed up that night. What fun we had going and coming home from the concert. Dad would put the wagon box on the sleigh with lots of straw in it, heaps of quilts on us, and the whole family was off to the concert, singing Christmas songs. It got pretty quiet on the way home as most of us kids would fall asleep.

Then of course there was our picnic. They were fantastic, everybody got to play ball, Moms, Dads, little kids, and even grandparents and everybody got to go in the races, whether you were fast or slow. There were nickels and dimes for the fast ones and all the little kids got a nickel or a ticket for a free ice cream cone. There was always a huge picnic lunch towards the end and a ball game after. We had many a fierce game of softball with outside schools. We also went to their picnics, like Allandale, Lavenham and Rathwell.

However later on and after Bob quit, our little school closed for lack of pupils and we had to go to Rossendale school. By this time we had also moved to a farm a mile east that Dad had bought from Jim Bedford. Jim Jr. then bought the home place from Sheriff. We had more open land here so raised more stock and fowl. We still pastured the cattle on the other place as it was all fenced. The cattle used to break out occasionally and we would find them across the ditch in Bedford's crops, which would make them crusty. Didn't do much for us either, just meant another fence to mend.

In April 1948, Dad passed away leaving mother with the farm and Bob and I at home. Bob quit school that June to help Mom. We continued on with the farm, Bob working out at Tom Nicoll's in the summer except for haying time at home, then spending winters at home to look after the cattle. With only me in school, it was either horseback or bicycle until transferring to Rossendale where I had to walk in winter as it was too cold for the horse by himself in the barn. Bob and I would walk to the rink in winter every Wednesday and Saturday night, skate all evening, then walk the two miles home. Did some school curling there too. Alvin Sloane used to try and teach us kids how to throw a rock. I don't think we ever had much skill in those days, and must have been exasperating to our instructors but quite a few of us have had some success and a great deal of enjoyment out of the game in our adult years.

Rossendale school was much larger and had around forty students in grades one to eight and some on correspondence. Julie Manchur and Lee (Miller) Tomchuk were my two teachers. After a couple of years, with the help of some imports from Rossendale, South Rossendale resumed studies

with Lee Tomchuk as teacher for a few years.

Mom and Bob farmed until 1957, at which time they sold to Gordon McKeen and moved to Calgary. They bought a house in Bowness, in the outskirts of Calgary. Mother took up babysitting and Bob was a truck driver for Ashdown Hardware until the untimely fatal car accident on July 1st 1962. Mother continued working until her health failed, at which time she sold the house and moved to Brandon where Hazel was. She is now in a nursing home there.

Margaret married Lawrence Dellow in 1942. They had two children Barbara and James, who are both married now. She lives in Toronto.

James married Leila Geikie in Calgary in 1949. They had four children Heather, Robert, Gail and Terry. They are all married now. Jim was divorced and remarried to Louise Klashinski. They have one daughter, Carol Ann, attending high school in Swan Hills, Alta. where they now reside.

Jean married Art Piper in 1947 in Portage. They have two children, James and Kathy. They later moved to Calgary where Jean died in 1955. James is married and in steel construction. Kathy is married and lives in B.C.

Hazel married Art Wood in 1948 in Portage. They have two children Lorne and Bonnie. Lorne was a butcher, but due to arthritis has changed jobs and is now in the mines at Red Lake, Ontario. He is married and has two daughters and a son. Bonnie is a nurse in training at St. Boniface. She was formerly employed by the government in Winnipeg. Art and Hazel reside in Oak Lake, Manitoba.

I married Bud Fidler in 1955 in Portage. We have two sons Robert and Richard. Robert is an electrician for the Government (Parks Dept.) in Valleyview, Alta. He is married and has three sons, Andrew, Aaron and Jason. Richard is a cabinet maker in Sherwood Park, Alta. Bud and I reside in Valleyview, Alta.

ANDY GEMMIL

Mr. Andy Gemmil lived on W 80 of NW¼ of 35-9-9 for a few years. He had one son Vince who now lives in Winnipeg. Mr. Gemmil moved from here to a farm close to Austin where he only lived for a short time before he died.

HISTORY OF THE JOHN GIESBRECHT FAMILY

It just so happened in the summer of 1966 when the twins, Walter and Wesley, were born into our family, when John started looking for more "pasture". Of course the pasture on the other side always looks greener, so he happened to find the Frank Bennett farm. Mrs. Bennett wasn't too well at that time, but when she saw the twins, she knew these were the people that should buy their farm. The sale was made before she passed away.

We came from the little town of Horndean, Manitoba, a place we dearly loved and found hard to leave. But it was a novelty to move to a house with running water and a flush toilet.

We have six children, three boys and three girls. They all attended Rossendale Elementary School, taking part in school activities such as baseball and curling. Later they attended high school in MacGregor. Bev and Cheryl both graduated there. Robert is married to Eva Knelson. They have three children, Melissa, Chadwick and Ryan. They farm in the Edwin district. Phyllis is married to Alvin Hiebert. They have four children. They farm in the Katrime district. Beverley works for the Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic in Winnipeg. Cheryl is also single and works for the Western Underwriters Insurance Company in Winnipeg. The twins are still in school attending the P.C.A. in Portage.

At present we are living in the new home we built four years ago, right across the creek from the main yard. As a family we enjoy skating, baseball, swimming and different activities at home or with our neighbors. Our church activities are centered around the Bagot Community Chapel.



The John Giesbrecht Family

THE JOHN C. GLOVER FAMILY(1855 to 1982)

John C. Glover was born at Kemp Road, Quebec on the 23rd of March, 1855; he was the 14th child of Walter and Anne Glover, Scottish immigrants. Until his marriage, he lived with his parents and helped them operate their farm- this was the duty of the youngest son.

John married Emma E. Miller, also of Kempt Road, about 1889, and he applied for a homestead in Manitoba: SW¼ Sec. 4-10-9. Entry to the land was granted on the 18th of June, 1890- and a house was built immediately. Letters Patent were issued on March 3rd, 1896- his mailing address at the time was Rosehill, Manitoba. Each year he had to show the progress achieved on his homestead, some interesting entries were: the house had a main body of 16 X 21 feet and a kitchen, 10 X 10 feet; the two log stables had sod roofs and they measured 15 X 20 feet, and 18 X 22 feet; the milk house and hen house were each valued at \$15. The land had to be cleared, planted, fenced and cared for; the animals had to be bred and raised- there was little time for leisure. John was a hard worker, he hired out to his neighbours in the fall, in exchange for money or goods.

The family of John and Emma were born in Rossendale. They were; Alan in 1890, Ernest in 1892, Gordon in 1893, Lottie in 1895, Everett in 1898, and Vina in 1903. In July of 1905, Emma died suddenly. It was a great shock to the Glover family. John struggled on by himself- with the aid of his family of youngsters. As the boys grew older, they took on more responsibility in running the farm, and John moved into town so the younger children could go to school. He owned the first Post Office and General Store from January 1st, 1896 to December 1st, 1905.

About this time, John was getting itchy feet. The Nechako Valley in British Columbia was advertising virgin land, all anyone could hope for! A land of milk and honey, so the Settlement Board said! So John moved his possessions, and the four younger children to Vanderhoof, B.C. He built another house, grubbed out another farm, and established himself in the new community. The British Columbia Directory, for the year 1919, lists John Glover as the secretary of the Nechako School District. There were still the family ties to Rossendale, so there were frequent comings and goings. Everett, the youngest son, served in the 1914-1918 war, but he returned to Vanderhoof and the farm. The other family members gradually drifted to Vancouver, and John visited them periodically. John continued farming in Vanderhoof until he had an accident and suffered from frostbite to his feet in the winter of 1935. He died in Vancouver in November of 1936, surrounded by his family.

Allen Joshua, the oldest son married Isabella Lyons of the Allandale district on August 1, 1918. They had four children, 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Isabella, beloved wife of Allen passed away suddenly April 14, 1948 at age 49. Allen remained alone for the remainder of his years and passed away peacefully in July of 1975 at the age of 85. He now lies beside his wife in Hillside Cemetery at Portage la Prairie, Man. The children (four) all married and have families.

Ernest Glover married Mildred W.A. Webster in The Pas in 1930. He was interested in the minerals and mining of that area; he operated an early diamond drill, used to obtain ore samples for testing. They moved to Vancouver in the 1930's and after a few years, found that the town of Duncan was the place for them. A daughter Joy and a son Garth were born to them in the 1940's, but Mildred did not live much longer - and Ernest was left with two youngsters to raise. He married again, about 1965, and he and Anne lived happily for a few years, until his health failed. Ernest had to enter an extended care hospital about 1975. He lived there until December, 1981 - a few months short of his 90th birthday. His wife, children and grandchildren still live on Vancouver Island.

Gordon Glover married Bessie B. Layton in Vancouver in 1919. They met in Vanderhoof, and then farmed in Rossendale (NE¹/₄ Sec. 34-10-9) until 1925. Three of their children were born there, and the fourth in Vancouver. The children were: John, who married F Claire Ryan- they have four children and seven grandchildren, Kenneth, who married Lucille E. Balshaw- they have two children, Gertrude(Trudy), who married Harold G. Tetlock- no children, and Gordon, who married Violet MacKenzie- they have eight children and one grandchild. Bessie died in 1927, so Gordon (Sr.) had a rough time with four babies and little available work. He managed to raise the children, and worked in various industries until his health gave out; he died in 1973.

Lottie Glover cared for her father, and her younger brother and sister for many years. Then she moved to Vancouver and helped Gordon rear his children. She met Jack Hanlon in Vancouver, and married him in 1944, they had almost 30 years together before his death in 1972. Lottie moved to Victoria so that she could be near Gordon's children as she had a close bond with them. After a short illness, she died in 1979.

Everett Glover married Vera Larson in 1925, they had a farm in Vanderhoof. When they found that the farm was too much for them, they sold it and bought a rooming house in town. They had a daughter, Doreen, who married Ernie Micks- they have one daughter and a son, Clifford- the family statistics unknown. Everett and Vera celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 1975. They invited the other pioneers of the Nechako Valley to join in the celebration with them- it was a huge success! Vera suffered a stroke and died in 1978; Everett was lost without her and died in 1979.

Vina Glover attended school in Rossendale and in Vanderhoof, and then went to Vancouver to join her brother and sister. She met and married a widower, Jay Parkhurst, about 1930 and helped him rear his three children. In the 1940's they had a family: a son, Ralph, who married and has four children, and a daughter, Gayle, now Mrs. Norman Lewis, no children. Vina was widowed in 1964, but married again about 1970 to C. William Oliver of Burnaby. They were able to enjoy some travels together, particularly their cruise down the west coast of the United States and Central America, through the Panama Canal and around the Caribbean Sea. Vina's health has failed, and she now needs nursing care; but Bill has found accomodation nearby, and he visits her every day. Today, she is

unable to write about the Glover Family for the "Pioneers of Rossendale", but years ago she wrote the attached stories of her memories.



Old Post Office run by John Glover

A TRIBUTE TO FATHER

by Vina Parkhurst (nee Glover)

In 1889, Mamma and Daddy were married in Green Bay, Wisconsin, and they decided to settle in the west, as it was then. They went to Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, and homesteaded about twenty miles to the westward. The railway had been built to Portage, but the branch line to Brandon had not been built. Daddy had the Post Office for years, and built a store in connection with the farmhouse, where he sold groceries and farm supplies of all kinds to neighbouring farmers. Daddy made trips each week to the railhead for groceries and the mail. He had a wee black dog called Watch. He was a very faithful little fellow and Daddy said regardless of rain or snow, Watch was always waiting for him when he returned from one of these jaunts. In the winter, it was indeed, a heartwarming sight to see the little dot far ahead on the snow, waiting to escort him that last mile of the homeward journey.

In the years that followed, our parents prospered, they bought an additional quarter section of land, and built a new home. Their family grew to four boys and two girls, I being the youngest of their six children. This seems quite a large family today, but when we remember that Daddy was the youngest of a family of sixteen, and Mother the oldest of fourteen children, a family of six seems small by comparison.

Mamma was said to be a wonderful homemaker. Her cooking was always in great demand at the suppers and socials given from time to time. One year when Mamma had prepared for threshers, and they had been delayed, neighbours had their crew come unexpectedly, so the other lady suggested that she use Mother's baking and replace it with some of her own when our threshing crew finally put in an appearance. This was done, and I have been told how much Mamma's delicious cooking was appreciated by the other family.

I have often heard Daddy speak of the many lovely outfits Mother had at the time of their wedding. In the following years, these were cut up to make suits, coats and dresses for the children. My sister tells of a story

about one party dress which Mamma had made for her, trimmed with ribbon and lace, as was the style in those days. At a party held after a neighbourhood wedding, one of the young boys was amusing himself by pulling the little girls' pigtails, or ringlets, as the case might be. When he attempted to pull the lace off my sister's dress, she gave him a quick push and sent him sprawling under a rocking chair. Her years of defending herself against three older brothers had not been in vain.

The entertainment at that time consisted chiefly of socials and parties. One must remember there were no automobiles, movies, radios or television, and people had to depend on their own ingenuity for amusement. Taffy-pulling parties helped to pass the time. The taffy would be made in a large pot, and when it had reached the proper consistency, it was removed from the stove and partially cooled. Then it was pulled - which meant just that! Two people pulled the taffy, or one person could do it, using both hands. It was then doubled and pulled again. It eventually turned quite white and creamy and had a different texture and flavour from ordinary taffy.

My parents were a very devoted couple, and were prospering nicely when Mamma became ill, and when I was fourteen months old, we lost her. Daddy's life was desolated. He seldom mentioned her, and although as I grew older, I would have liked to know more about my wonderful Mother, I respected his silence and grief, and asked few questions. Having lost my mother at such an early age, I have no recollection of her whatsoever, but her death must have been a sad blow to the older children, especially to my lovely sister who was ten years old at the time.

Life must go on, so Daddy picked up the pieces of his existence and lived only for his family. How kind he was; always making the best of every situation for the common family welfare. As I grew older, I realized what an ordeal it must have been for him.

One of my fondest memories of my childhood has always been of the evenings when the older children would go to a party or the skating rink, and Daddy would help me to get ready for bed, and on a cold winter night, would wrap me in a warm blanket, then, sitting in a big rocking chair before the glowing heater, he would sing to me or tell me a story. My favourite story was about a small pig which had been given to Grandma and Grandpa many years before, and which was to have provided their winter supply of pork. One night after they had retired, they heard the wee pig squealing frantically, so they jumped out of bed and ran to the pen, only to find him gone. By this time, they could hear the poor little piglet some distance away, and realized that he was being carried away by a bear. Grandma and Grandpa were soon in hot pursuit, as the moonlight, filtering through the trees, afforded sufficient light to proceed by. Owing to the weight of his burden, the bear could not make much headway, and finally dropped the little fellow. He was so glad to escape from his captor that he ran directly to Grandpa who soon returned him to his pen.

When I was about three years old, we acquired that most wonderful of all inventions to date - the gramophone! How well I remember the little square box with its large horn and the picture of the doggie listening to "His Master's Voice!". This music box was a source of constant delight

to everyone. One day several ladies had dropped in for their mail, and all were listening in spellbound wonder to several selections including "My Merry Oldsmobile", and "Asleep In the Deep". They were all remarking on which was their favourite song. I sat quietly rocking in my little chair, and when "Lazy Moon" was played, much to the delight of all present, including Daddy, I remarked "That's my flavour". It was several years before I lived down that slip of the tongue.

Around this time, the older children had made a raft of poles fastened together with wire or rope. They pushed this makeshift craft around by means of a pole on a pond which we call "The Slough". I was completely fascinated by the ease with which this seemed to be accomplished, and begged to be taken on the next expedition. Against their better judgement, they took me along, but almost as soon as we left shore, I fell in, head first and fully clothed. There was no danger of drowning, but my pride and spirits were sorely dampened. After a severe scolding from Daddy, I decided to leave the rafting to the older members of the family, for the time being.

When I became of school age, Daddy moved to the village, as I had five miles to walk to and from school and Daddy considered this to be too far for a six year old to walk. He bought a store with living quarters at the rear and upstairs. I began attending the village school and made a host of new friends. My sister joined a basketball team, and I spent many happy hours watching the older girls play.

It was at this time that I sang at my first concert. I remember the song which was called "What Would You Take For Me, Papa?". The most memorable part of any concert where I performed was the figure of my tall, handsome father, standing near the back of the hall, beaming his encouragement and approval.

My eldest brother had been left to care for the farm during the winter months. One morning while carrying water to the stock, he saw smoke coming from the roof of the house. All he managed to save was some clothing, including his racoon skin coat. Both he and Daddy had "coon" coats, which were very fashionable at the time.

The house burned down, but we had most of the furniture with us in the village, so actually apart from my brother's clothing and the old house, we lost very little. When the fire was getting underway, a friend who was known to have the fastest team of "drivers" in the neighbourhood was passing by. He urged the team on, and had soon driven the five miles and had Daddy back at the scene of the fire. Daddy said that the strangest thing about the fire was the way my old wooden cradle seemed to hang in mid-air and rock until the house was completely destroyed. The cradle had been hanging over a rafter in an unfinished upstairs room, and Daddy said it was uncanny how it clung there, hanging by its rockers, the draft created by the fire keeping it rocking gently backwards and forwards until the house was completely gone.

Soon after this Daddy built a new cottage to replace the old two-storey house, and when it was finished, we moved back to the farm. I remember the chocolate brown, trimmed with cream exterior, and the nice veranda to sit on in the cool of the evenings; the heavy tapestry curtains with tassels

at both ends, which covered all the bedroom doors. Also, the depth of ecru lace which trimmed the living room blinds. These may seem like small things today, but at that time, they made our cottage just a little bit special.

I began life at the country school, walking five miles each day, which was quite a feat for a seven year old. When asked what I would like to be when I grew up, I would always answer, "A teacher". I was so emphatic about this that I was frequently referred to as the little school marm.

As a little girl, I had a great fear of Indians. As I was returning from a neighbour's home one morning, a wagonload of Indians passed by. I had hidden behind a small box in some hay beside the road, not realizing that I could be plainly seen from the height of the wagon seat. They were tremendously amused, and were laughing among themselves until they were out of sight. Daddy said Mamma had been frightened of Indians also, and one day when a particularly rough looking crowd came along for supplies, she told them to go away as we had smallpox. Since they lived in dread of this disease, they made a hasty retreat, much to Mother's relief.

There were many rabbits in Manitoba at that time. The small cotton-tails and the huge jack rabbits, as they were called. They were both a brownish-gray in summer and turned white in winter time. This propensity for blending with the landscape and their fleetness of foot were their only protection against larger predatory animals. One afternoon, my sister and Daddy and I happened to be outside when something startled a deer and a jack rabbit. They began running across a field near our home. Much to our surprise, they went over the fence separating two fields at precisely the same moment, which meant that the rabbit could run as quickly as the deer, although much smaller in size.

One fall evening, a neighbour presented me with a tiny puppy. I remember taking him home and awakening Daddy to show him the lovely black and white ball of fluff. I am sure he appreciated neither the rude awakening nor the prospect of having such a tiny animal for the approaching winter, but bright and early next morning, he was making a cozy doghouse for the wee fellow. I called him Dandy, and he was my constant companion for fourteen years; something of my very own, to romp with and to love.

Daddy had been brought up to respect his elders, and to believe that to spare the rod was to spoil the child. But as far as we children were concerned we needed very little correction, as a raised eyebrow always let us know that we were getting out of hand, and when that eyebrow reached a certain peak, we knew that we had gone far enough. He liked to be called Father, never Dad, but my sister and I always called him Daddy, as Father seemed such a ponderous word to little girls.

During these early years there seemed to be an abundance of everything. Daddy was a good provider, and he and my sister always grew a fine garden. There were great quantities of wild fruit to be had, such as raspberries, saskatoons, cranberries, wild plums, as well as several different varieties of small wild cherries. I remember the abundance of meat on the farm, hanging up, frozen in the winter, fresh or in an icehouse in the summertime. Liver and heart which cost so much at the stores today were given away free with an order of groceries or meat of any kind. We had

a very deep well, from which the water was always cold, and in those days when there was no pop and very little ice cream to be had, the icy water was a real treat on a hot summer's day.

The one thing lacking during the winter months was fresh fruit. Daddy overcame this deficiency by always having a barrel of apples in the cellar - there were no cement basements at that time. When the evening meal was cleared away, Daddy would take a bowl to the cellar and bring up a juicy red apple for each person present. This nutritious fruit came from the Annapolis Valley in Nova Scotia, and looking back, I feel they were instrumental in keeping our family healthy and strong. I still remember the appetizing aroma of those apples when Daddy opened the cellar door. At the present time when one can buy almost any kind of fruit at the market at any time of the year, it is difficult to understand such a scarcity of fresh fruit. In the summertime when the neighbourhood picnics were held in the different communities, how very much the fruit was appreciated. These picnics were much as they are today, the chief difference being the fact that for many farm children, the few times during the year when they could have such things as bananas, oranges, apples, ice cream and popcorn, would be at these picnics.

Daddy usually hired a couple to work on the farm, the man to work in the fields, and the woman to do the housekeeping. Some of these women were excellent cooks, and I can still remember the fragrance of fresh pies and homemade bread which emanated from our kitchen. Sometimes these folks would have a family, and I liked that as it meant a companion for me.

Then, wonder of wonders, we got a piano! The first one in the neighbourhood. I learned to play quite well by ear in a short time. Since we were a family that liked to sing, I was soon able to accompany my sister and brothers as they sang the old songs and hymns. Daddy had a good voice, and he often sang many of the Eastern songs which few people west of the Maritimes seemed to have heard.

Threshing time was always an exciting time for the farmers, and not without humorous incidents to break the monotony of farm life. Daddy told an amusing tale of a time when a large crew of men were obliged to stay at a farm overnight, as they had been unable to finish the threshing before darkness set in. The men agreed to sleep in the hayloft, and when asked for some extra bedding, the lady of the house came out with one pillow and one blanket which did not go very far towards providing bedding for sixteen men.

At one time a lovely girl from the village was helping the cook and my sister in the preparation of meals for the threshers. My sister had gone outside for water and the young lady was in the kitchen by herself. Hearing a loud knock at the door, and thinking my sister was playing a joke, she called out, "Come in if your nose is clean!". Much to her dismay, the door opened and a huge, very black negro gentleman walked in. I believe that he was the first negro I had ever seen. He had come looking for a pail with which to carry water to the men in the field.

There was a dour old Scotsman in the village whom I shall call Jimmie. He had never married, because, as the story went, his sweetheart had died on the eve of their wedding. He was said to be a meticulous housekeeper,

but over the years had become quite ill-tempered, so he was the butt of many neighbourhood pranks. One evening my eldest brother and my sister had made some taffy, and when they were passing the threshing machine, my brother put a large piece of taffy on the handle of the water tank. In the morning when Jimmie took hold of the handle, the rising sun had melted the taffy slightly, and his hand stuck fast. Of course, he was furious and as is often the case, blamed it on the wrong person.

As there was always land to be cleared, stumps to be grubbed or blasted out, Daddy kept a crew of men on the farm a great deal of the time. They were all Europeans of some sort, but were commonly referred to as Galatians. Most of them were good workers, and fine people, anxious to make good in a new country. I feel that it was my early association with them which is partly responsible for my feeling of good fellowship toward all worthy people, regardless of colour or creed.

Daddy was a very kind hearted man. At times I have known him to postpone the cutting of grain, for a day or two, thereby taking a chance on inclement weather, to give little birds in a nest in the twine-box on the binder time to strengthen their tiny wings, thus enabling them to cope more efficiently with the world outside their tiny twine-box home. I have also known Daddy or the boys to leave a small piece of ground when mowing hay or breaking up land until a mother bird could get her nestlings out of the way. Even the gopher colonies were left to their own devices when it was at all possible and the pretty chipmunks with their striped backs were purposely avoided. These qualities in the older members of a family are inclined to make an impression on the younger ones, and to this day, I prefer to deposit a spider outside, or refrain from stepping on a beetle when I possibly can.

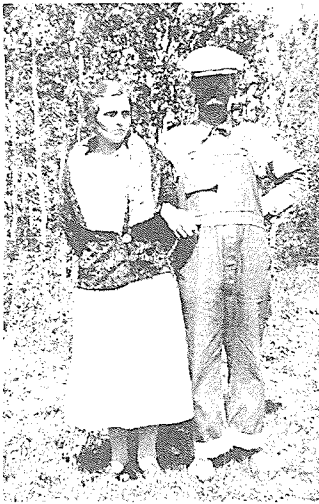
There were no movies, except in the large cities, but people seemed to amuse themselves. On Saturday nights, everybody went to "town" and at train time, the entire community crowded onto the station platform to see the train come in. I still remember the time 10:20 p.m. One usually saw somebody one knew returning from Portage or leaving on a short trip to the westward. This was all very exciting to a young girl.

About this time, Daddy began to get the urge to move, and we knew by the way he was writing here and there for information as to the price of land in different places, that he would soon uproot the household and leave for far horizons. I was boarding in the village at this time, in order that I might attend school regularly, as the frequent blizzards often kept pupils out of school for weeks at a time. Finally Dad decided on a spot in Northern British Columbia, in a valley which he had been talking about for some time and in April 1917, we set out on our journey to the new home.

We took a boxcar full of implements and furniture, including the piano. Of course, my little friend, Dandy, went along. We travelled by Grand Trunk Pacific, as it was then, and it was a wonderful trip for us as we had seen so few mountains and lakes. We crossed Saskatchewan and Alberta and finally came to the picturesque mountains of British Columbia. Apart from my sister and I both having German measles, and a mud slide which held us up for thirteen hours, the journey proved quite uneventful, and eventually we arrived at our new home.

THE ALLAN JOSHUA GLOVER FAMILY (1890-1982)

Allan Joshua Glover was born in the Rossendale District on June 7, 1890. Allan was raised here with his three brothers and two sisters. At the age of 14, he lost his mother (July of 1905). He farmed with his father and helped in the raising of his younger brothers and sisters until his marriage to Isabella Lyons of the Allandale District in 1918 on August 1st. (Note: Isabella (Ella) and her family came over from Liverpool, England when she was ten years old) After the marriage, they farmed in the same area and three of their six children were born here. Ellen (Nellie) in 1919, Frances (Minnie) in 1920, and David in 1923. In 1927, they moved to Rathwell, where Jean (died in infancy) was born, then Allan Jr. in 1929, then Joey (also died in infancy).



Ella, Allan Glover



Allan Glover Family

Allan spent approximately seven years in Rathwell, where he became sought after for custom field work due to his knowledge of horses and farming. In the late thirties, he and his family moved to the St. Claude District where they farmed on their own. The three youngest grew up in this vicinity. Here, Isabella, who is remembered for her kindness and her reputation as a midwife, passed away at the age of 49 in 1948.

After his wife's death, Allan retired from farming and moved to Elm Creek, Man. to live near his eldest daughter, Nellie, who with her family, now resides there. He spent several years at Elm Creek, later returning to St. Claude where he lived among his other three children, entering Holiday Retreat at Portage la Prairie, Man. when his health failed in 1969. He remained there until his death in July of 1975. He now rests beside his beloved wife, Isabella, in Hillside Cemetery at Portage.

Allan's eldest daughter, Ellen (Nellie) married Wes McKay in 1938. They were blessed with four sons and three daughters. Two sons passed away in infancy. They farmed for a few years, then moved to Elm Creek, where

Wes worked on construction and then settled to working for the C.N.R. They raised their children there. Claire married Brian Shields and they had two children, Noel and Sherry. Dale married John Thompson and lived in Germany for five years. They gave birth to a boy, John and a girl, Christine. Rodney married Yvonne Viallet of Haywood. They were blessed with a son James, and a set of twins, Kelly and Kathy (a boy and a girl). With their two youngest children, Ellen and Wes moved to Prince George, B.C. where Wes continued to work with the C.N.R. Here, Lynn married Terry Thompson of Killarney, Manitoba. Ellen passed away suddenly in Prince George in 1972 at the age of fifty-three. She now lies in Elm Creek Cemetery beside one son, Joey. Allen, the youngest son, married Hughette Bernard from Haywood, Manitoba. There are no children. Today, Claire lives in Fort Nelson, B.C. with her second husband, Ernie Copp. Dale, Lynn, and Allan all reside close to their father and his second wife, Anne, in Prince George. Rodney makes his home in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Frances (Minnie) married Eleuthere (John) Dujardin of St. Claude. They have one daughter, Lorette, who married Brian Lee of Treherne, Man. They live in the Pas, Man. with their daughter, Lory. They have a son, Rene, who married Darlene Hird of Treherne and only recently welcomed Jennifer, their first child, into the world. For the first twenty-eight years of their marriage, John and Minnie farmed across the river from Rossendale, where she was born. Throughout the years, Minnie has often been heard to refer to their years as children in the Rossendale district. The couple, with their son, operate a trucking business.

David married Evelyn Dubois of St. Claude and they had three children. Dave raised sheep at Bagot for a few years, then worked at the airport, drove a cattle truck and finally began truck driving for Manitoba Hydro, which he has been doing for twenty years. He has one year left before he is eligible for retirement. D'Arcy, his eldest son married Frances Bodner of Treherne. They have one son, Ross (infant) and reside in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Their only daughter Laurel, married Raymond du Bourg of St. Claude. They have two sons, Roger and Guy. Neil, the youngest of the three, lives in Winnipeg, and operates heavy machinery for the C.N.R. Around 1967, Dave married Darlene Schlamp of Gladstone. They have two sons, Timothy and Bradley. He now makes his home in Winnipeg with his present wife, Dorothy (nee Shirtliff) formerly of Starbuck.

Allan, the youngest son, married Lorraine Gagnon of Carman. An electrician, he worked for a few years at Southport, outside of Portage la Prairie. He then bought his father's farm and has spent the last many years raising cattle, grain, and pigs. They have one son John, who, like Minnie's children, will be raised so very close to where his grandfather was born.

It is very interesting to note that, although it is quite a distance if travelling by car, both Minnie and Allan and their families have spent their whole lives very close to their father's birthplace, only a short distance across the river.

GUILLUME (BILL) GRONENSCHILD FAMILY

by Yvonne Coindet

My parents, Bill and Augustine, and their two children, Gustane and I, Yvonne, arrived in Canada from Belgium in 1905. My father bought a quarter section from a Mr. McLeod.

Gustave and I attended Ferriss school about 1906. It was a log structure with an earth floor about ½ mile from our farm. A very old gent with a long white beard was the teacher. His name was Mr. Prowse.

Gustave married Dorothy Hunter from Treherne. They have four children; Delores, Joyce, Hubert and Elsie, all living in and around Winnipeg.

My husband, William Coindet came to Canada in 1923 from Switzerland. We were married in 1930 and live in Winnipeg. We have no children.



The Gronenschild Family

DAVE GOODALL

Dave Goodall came to live in the area which was to become the Currie district following World War I. He settled on the NW¼ 19-10-9 on land purchased from the Soldiers Settlement Board.

He had come to Canada from Scotland following the war. He was one who was very concerned for the welfare of children and was always present at the spirited meetings which were held for the formation of Currie School District in 1919. He was an avid soccer player and is well remembered for his singing of "When You and I Were Young, Maggie".

In 1966 Dave sold his farm to Jack Frank and in 1967, was one of the first residents in the Norfolk Manor in MacGregor. He died in 1972.

DR. GORDON

Dr. Gordon owned land on SE 7-10-8. He never lived on it but his three sons did and farmed it for a few years. Their sister Mary spent some time during summers with her brothers.

DAVID GOURLEY FAMILY

On his return from active duty overseas, David Gourley, with his wife Mary and son Robert, moved to the Allandale district in the spring of 1947. They settled on NW¼ 27-9-8 in the Assiniboine River Valley. Robert attended school at Allandale. Mary and David had two more children, Marlyne and Harold, who were born while they farmed in that district.

In 1952 he accepted the position of Indian Agent at the Long Plain Indian Reserve. At that time Robert and Marlyne went to Ferriss School. In 1958, David was transferred to the Indian Office in Portage. Their third son, Jeffrey, was born while they lived in Portage. In 1965 they were transferred to Sydney, Cape Breton. David has also served with the Indian Dept. at Amherst, N.S., Woodstock, N.B., and Fredrickton, N.B.

Robert and Marlyne and their families make their home in Calgary. At the present time Harold is employed in New Guinea and Jeffrey resides in Edmonton.

David has just retired from the Indian Dept. after 30 years with the Federal Government. Mary and David make their home at Fredrickton, N.B.

THE HALLIDAY FAMILY

The Halliday family, Cameron, Teresa, Jean, Jim, Arthur and Judy, moved to Rossendale from Vista, Manitoba in February of 1967. The family moved into the United Grain Growers cottage while Cam took over management of the elevator.

The children attended school in Rossendale, Treherne, MacGregor, Portage and Winnipeg, taking part in assorted sports and community activities.

When the United Grain Growers decided to close the elevator, Cam and Tess bought the general store and went into business on their own in the spring of 1975.

Jean married Herb Nash in August, 1974 and now lives in St. Norbert, Winnipeg. They have two sons, Cameron and James.

Jim married Joanne Harper of Calgary and now resides in Medicine Hat, Alberta with a family of three children, Jennifer, Jacolyn and Joel.

At the present time Arthur lives in Wainwright, Alberta and Judy lives in Portage la Prairie.

THE HANCOCK FAMILY

Accompanied by my wife Betty and our two children Roy, aged six and Sheila, aged three, I came to the Rossendale area from Winnipeg in September of 1937. We settled on a somewhat "run-down" farm located one mile north of Lelant, the legal description of which I fail to recall, but to the best of my knowledge had reverted to the Municipality for unpaid taxes.

We were joined later by my Father, George Hancock and my younger brother Ronald, both of whom worked with me to improve the house and buildings.

Our son Roy was attending Ferriss public school until we left the district in January of 1941. He subsequently attended schools in Edmonton, Winnipeg, St. Charles and St. James Collegiate. He married Ellen Macnamare, a girl from Nova Scotia and is the father of two sons and a daughter and has one grandson. He is employed in Winnipeg, by Marconi Canada, as district manager and resides in Stony Mountain, Manitoba.

Our daughter Sheila attended the same schools (Ferriss excepted). She married Ross Sutherland of Stony Mountain, they have one son, two daughters, and three grandchildren. They have lived in the United States for the past seventeen years and are at present living in Fresno, California.

My brother Ronald and I both served in the R.C.A.F. during the war. In April 1942 his plane failed to return from a mission and he was presumed dead. I served as an Instructor at a number of stations in Canada prior to going overseas.

My father passed away in England in the early fifties and my beloved wife, Betty, died on November 10th, 1976.

I am now retired and living in Stony Mountain.

Walter J. Hancock

PETER HARVEY FAMILY

by Sadie Effler

Peter and Fannie Harvey and four children, Edward, Sarah, Peter and Irene arrived in Rossendale in 1905 from Michawaka, Indiana. They settled on the farm SE 21-10-9 north of the village. Two more children, Fredrick and Walter were born here.

We attended a small log school in the country and later attended a new school about ¼ mile north of the village.

A year after we moved to Canada tragedy struck our family. I was six years old and my brother Peter was five. We were playing on some machinery over in the Moffat yard and then we wandered down to the creek. Peter and I waded in. The water was deep, so I went back to shore. Petie didn't follow and when I looked back for him I had the feeling he couldn't get out. I shouted to him, "Swim to the other side.". He sank and then came up to the surface, then sank a second time. When he didn't re-appear I ran home for Mother. She grabbed my two year old sister and ran across the road to the creek. She screamed and Mr. W. Moffat and his son who were working on their land heard the screaming and came to help. Mr. W. Moffat Jr. found the body. I was only six at the time but I remember the accident as if it happened only yesterday.

When I was 17 years old we left Rossendale and moved to Elm Creek where my mother and my father both passed away.

Edward married Bessie Bell of Portage la Prairie. He died just before his 45th birthday.

I, Sarah, married Herman Effler of Grandview, Manitoba. We had seven children, Garnet, Wiline, Elsie, Ralph, Marshall, Barry and Marion.

Herman is deceased and I live in Winnipeg now.

Irene married Jack Tessier of St. Jean. They had two children, Jack and Elaine. Irene's husband is deceased and she lives in Winnipeg.

Fred married Peggy Lang of Elm Creek. They had three children, two boys and one girl. Fred is now living in Dauphin.

Walter never married. He lived in Exshaw, Alberta and died there at the age of 59 years.

PETER HAYWARD

Peter came to Rossendale from Salisbury, England in February, 1952. He worked at the Crocker's General Store until October, 1955. One of his jobs was to meet the train at ten p.m. or six a.m. to pick up the mail. Both times created problems, especially if there had been a dance — which happened nearly every week.

The year Peter arrived coincided with the arrival of electricity throughout the country. With that came new fridges, stoves and radios, many of which were sold from the store. These were exciting times, because shortly after the power, came television.

Crocker's were the first to get television, which was on display in the store. With wrestling being the big issue on Saturday night T.V. the store remained open until the show was over.

Peter's first car was a model "T", purchased from Alex Walker for \$150.00. This was the fun car for the many kids at Rossendale who rode around in the rumble seat.

The winters at Rossendale were fun — curling most evenings, and when not curling he played Crib with Nelson Basler (Elevator Manager) and Ken Crocker. Both Ken and Nelson complained over Peter's luck at this new game which is said to have kept him in "Coke" money all winter.

Peter always waited for the new teachers to arrive — this happened even after he left the store and ventured to the oil fields of Alberta. One fall on his return for a visit with his many friends he met Bonnie-Dee Thomson. The romance started and they were happily married two years later.

Peter and Bonnie have three girls. Danielle is now a teacher, Karen will be completing her B.A. Honours at University this year, and Heather is entering Grade twelve.

GEORGE HELSTON

My wife and I arrived in Rossendale in 1936 from Stratton, Ontario.

We lived in the C.N.R. station house where I was agent for nine years.

During our stay in Rossendale our two boys were born. George Craig, the oldest, married Ann Lewelyn and lives in Hudson Bay, Sask. where he works for the C.N.R. They have four children, Rodger, Jacqueline, Robert and Jennifer.

John Bruce married Heather McDole and lives in Winnipeg working for the Manitoba Telephone Systems. They have one son, Richard.

After leaving Rossendale in August 1945, we were stationed at Ninette, McCreary, Sanford, Elma and Portage la Prairie where I eventually retired.

I enjoyed many curling games in the Rossendale rink. Ann was involved in helping the ladies prepare food for the hungry curlers.

Ann, being a registered nurse was kept very busy helping out in times of sickness or any emergency.

We found Rossendale to be the most friendly location we ever lived in, and enjoyed every minute of it.

JOHN MARK HENRY *by Winnie Briscoe*

John Henry (Jack), son of James Henry was born in Clinton, Ontario Christmas Day 1879. He came west at an early age with his parents. In 1906 he married the former Catherine Robinson. They farmed in the Currie School District on 18-10-9 most of their lives and at retirement moved to the village of Lavenham. Mother passed away in 1965 and Dad in 1973. They had three children.

Winnifred Mae was born in 1914 and attended Lavenham, Clairmont and Currie Schools. I later married Hugh Briscoe of MacGregor who was a mechanic in MacGregor and also spent four years in the Air Force as an Aero-Mechanic. During this time we lived in Winnipeg. We had three sons. Allan married Sharleen Coughlin of Moncton, N.B. He was in Radio Communications in the Navy for 20 years, after this time getting his release. He is now employed in Edmonton. They have two children-

David and Angela. Robert is a sports reporter for the Vancouver Sun. He has always been very active in all spheres of sports having also been reporter for MacGregor Herald, Portage Leader, and the Regina Leader Post. He married the former Wendi Parkinson of Fort Coquitlam, B.C. Christopher, son of Wendi by a previous marriage makes his home with them. Clinton has also spent about 18 years in the Navy in Communications and is still active in the Armed Forces having been stationed at outposts such as Bermuda, Inuvik and Alert and other inland posts and is now stationed at Ottawa. He married the former Sandra Hill of MacGregor. They have two sons, Todd and Trent.



Mr. and Mrs. Jack Henry

Gordon Henry also attended the same schools as Winnie and later joined the Princess Pat's Canadian Light Infantry and spent some time overseas. A point of interest in Gordon's life was he enlisted on Nov 11th, 1942 observing two minutes silence while enlisting and one year later after being wounded in Sicily, he recieved his discharge during which they held their two minutes silence. He married the former Helen Moffat of Rossendale. They had nine children. Gordon is deceased. Margaret married Ken Green. They have three children Leslie, Glen and Laureen. Ken is deceased. John married Audrey Johnson of Riverton and they reside in Oxbow, Sask. where they own Henry's General Store. They have three children, Amanda, Misty and James. Wayne lives at home and is employed by Gulf Oil. Patsy married Larry Guy of Poplar Point where they reside. They have three sons, Darren, and the twins Kevin and Kyle. Bryon who is self employed with "Reds Auto Body Shop" in Portage is married to Debra Buschy. Sharon married Keith Henderson. They have two sons Paul and Jason. Charlene married Doug Leslie of Poplar Point. They have just recently been blessed with a baby daughter Cheri-Lynn, their first born. Rodney has been employed with Bryan and lives at home. Stewart is just recently out of school and has been working at different jobs and lives at home.

Helen resides in Portage. She and Gordon were both employed at Macdonald Air Force Base for a number of years. The family all reside in Portage with the exception of John in Oxbow and Pat at Poplar Point.

Kathleen(Kae) married Reuben Frizzley and they live in Rossendale. They have three sons Craig, Gerald, and Darren. Their history appears under the Jake Frizzley write up.

SIMON J. HENRY

Simon Henry was born at Deloraine, Manitoba in 1886. At an early age the family moved to Portage, staying there only a short time before moving to the Rossendale and Lavenham area.

Simon never married. He bought the NW ¼ of 18-10-9 and that is where he lived most of his life. His great nephew, Craig Frizzley now owns this land.

Simon was well known as an expert marksman with his guns, also as a trapper and hunter, but I think he was better known as a great walker and a friend to all and especially to his many nephews and nieces.

In later years he became very fond of the sport of curling and remarks were often passed that "Simon was the best lead in the District."

He retired to Lavenham where he enjoyed being close to old friends and spent many happy hours in their company. He passed away May 18, 1979 and is laid to rest in Rossendale Cemetery.



ANDREW HENRY

Andrew Henry lived all of his life on his parents' homestead NE 32-9-9. Following the deaths of his mother and father he carried on farming the home farm. Mary McDonald, who had made her home with the family since she was a young girl, remained as his housekeeper.

Andy enjoyed curling and hunting. He continued curling until regular scheduled curling in the old rink was discontinued. He often talked about going into Portage to curl. They would go on the train and take their curling rocks with them. In those days each curler owned his own rocks.

Much of Andy's time was spent in helping others. If friends or neighbors needed help they could always rely on him. Many people remember his over-size potato patch specially designed so that no friend or relative would be short of potatoes for the winter ahead.

Andy suffered a stroke in May of 1973 and was in poor health until his death in February of 1975.

SIMON HENRY (1856-1939)
ANNE HELENA COLLOSKEY (1859-1936)

He was a deliberate man, very much aware that his decisions had placed him and his family in an urgent situation. He realized that there was much to do before the warm months of this year of 1885 passed. But it was also a time for reflection.

He thought briefly of his birthplace, Goderich Township, Huron County, Ontario, and also of his former home in Hullett Township, where he had met Anne. He and Anne were married on 10 June 1875 in the Church of England in Clinton.

The necessity of earning a living had taken him and Anne to St. Thomas, Ontario, and it was there that their oldest child, Johnson, was born in 1878. Shortly thereafter he learned that jobs were available in the lumbering industry in Bay City, Michigan. By 1881 he had obtained a job as a teamster, had rented accommodations at 31st and Polk in that town, and his family increased by one when Nancy arrived. By 1883, the family had moved to Southwater and 30th, and his father, Johnson, boarded with them. William John was born there in 1884.

His ambition was to own his own farm, and he and his father had saved part of their earnings in preparation for a move to Manitoba, where homestead land was available. His father decided to accompany him- his mother, Elizabeth, would join them later, when a house had been constructed. They purchased one horse and a light, "Democrat" wagon, which was canvas-covered in the style of the prairie schooner.

The trip had taken three months, and had spanned the states of Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, to his present location, the NE ¼ of 32-9-9 in Manitoba, a distance of about 1200 miles. Their home was the covered wagon, close quarters for three adults and three small children. They had purchased perishable foodstuffs and fodder for the horse along the way, and his father had provided them with game. Clothing was laundered in the streams and lakes that they passed, and attached to the wagon to dry as they travelled along.

Reflection ended, he made plans for the immediate future. If they were to survive, a log cabin would have to be built before winter arrived, and they would need a well and a cow. The next few years would be crucial.

As the years passed, the land was cleared, and the farm provided most of the needs of the growing family. A frame house was built, a barn and granaries erected, and additional stock obtained. A small log blacksmith shop enabled them to effect most of the repairs. After the frame house burned, the present one was built on the same site.

The first years were lean ones, as Simon had foreseen. There was never enough money to purchase the stock, supplies, and equipment which was needed. It was necessary to borrow money on a yearly basis, and this involved a two or three day trip into Portage la Prairie, where a lawyer would draw up an impressive-looking document, complete with seal. In return for cash, the farm and its contents were mortgaged. The amount of a typical loan? One hundred dollars.



Mr. and Mrs. Simon Henry

Anne did more than her share. Children arrived regularly, for a total of twelve, although only eleven reached maturity. In addition to her child-rearing and housekeeping duties, she looked after a small flock of sheep, all kinds of fowl, and grew large quantities of vegetables, particularly onions. After the onions had been harvested and cured, they were transported by horses and wagon to MacGregor. "Onion money" and "turkey money" paid for the goods which had been obtained on credit from a MacGregor store. Mary McDonald became a valuable member of this family about 1929, remained long after Simon and Anne passed on, and is to-day a well-loved family member.

Schooling for the children was rudimentary at best. The older children attended a school which had been built on the south side of the section, adjacent to the lane which led to Robert Henry's brick home. The younger children went to South Rosendale school on a sporadic basis.

Simon's first attempt at driving an automobile was enjoyed by his family, a source of merriment for years. As he tore along the road, and in and out of the ditch, he roared "WH—OA, GOD DAMN IT!"

Anne was never again to see her parents or family, but all five of Simon's uncles and their families migrated from Ontario and settled in and about Rosendale. Simon became known as "Black Simon", to distinguish him from an uncle and two cousins of the same name. His own children referred to him, with great respect, as The Boss.

Simon and Anne entertained no plans for expansion. They were content to earn a living and raise their family on the quarter section where they lived out their lives. Their contribution is an intangible one—perhaps it consists of the contributions made or to be made by their numerous descendants.

JOHNSON HENRY (1833 - 1913) ELIZABETH HENRY (1834 - 1917)

Their children:

1. William Henry (1853 - 1948) Born Ireland - Rossendale Cemetery
Jane Ellis (1855 - 1928)
2. Simon Henry (1856 - 1939) born Goderich Twp, Ont - Rossendale Cemetery
Anne Helena Colloskey (1859 - 1936)
3. Elizabeth Henry (1857 - 1942) Born Ont. Rossendale Cemetery
Andrew Aikens (1855 - 1929)
4. Mary Ann Henry (- 1944) Born Ont. - Portage Cemetery
Robert Lee (1851 - 1928)
"The Dude" Simon Henry (1864 - 1935)
5. Margaret Jane Henry (- 1950) Born Ont. Surrey, B.C. Cemetery
Harry Cooper (1838 - 1921)
6. George Henry (1873 - 1876) Born and died in Ontario
7. Daniel Henry (1876 - 1922) - Rossendale Cemetery

SIMON HENRY and ANNE HELENA COLLOSKEY

Their Children:

1. Johnson Henry (1878 - 1931) Born St. Thomas, Ont. -
Rossendale Cemetery
Evelyn Aitkens - wife (1888 -)
2. Nancy Henry (1881 - 1951) Born Bay City, Mich.
William Whalen - husband (- 1908)
Alexander Cameron - husband (1892 - 1943)
3. William John Henry (1884 - 1918) WWI, Born Bay City
Matilda Woodward - wife (1892 - 1982)

The following children born in Manitoba.

4. Daniel Henry (1886 - 1956) - Rossendale Cemetery
5. Samuel Cyrus Henry (1889 - 1979) - Rossendale Cemetery
Laura Woodward - wife (1889 -)
6. Elizabeth (Dot) Henry (1891 - 1963) - Rossendale Cemetery
William James Marks - husband (1887 - 1971)
7. Andrew Henry (1893 - 1975) - Rossendale Cemetery
Rose Mulholland - wife
8. Percy Henry (1895 - 1945) - Rossendale Cemetery
Hilda Parsons - wife (1905 - 1957)
9. Eva Helena (Edith) Henry (1898 -)
Joseph Ross - husband (1892 - 1918)
Charles Woodward - husband (1890 - 1965)
10. Emily Henry (1899 - 1900) - Treherne Cemetery
11. Simon Wilmot Henry (1902 - 1951) - MacGregor Cemetery
Jean Glover - wife
12. Annie Amelia Henry (1903 - 1980) - Minitonas Cemetery
Howard Graham - husband (1901 - 1964)
13. Mary McDonald (1917 -) - Honorary Member

ROBERT HENRY

Robert Henry was born August 1st, 1860 in Clinton, Ontario. He married Mary Chapman. They had a daughter, Bertha, who married Garnet Smallercombe. Bertha and her mother died of T.B.

Robert came west to Portage in 1882 and married Elizabeth Henry, sister of Mrs. Dan Aikens. They had three children, Matilda, Ettie and Johnny. Elizabeth died in childbirth when Johnny was born. Johnny died at the age of two from pneumonia.

Robert came to Rossendale in 1887 and homesteaded the NW¼ 32-9-9 and the SW ¼ 34-9-9 and later the SW ¼ 32-9-9. He married Adeline Graham November 24, 1890. Her mother, Mrs. Susanna Graham lived with them for many years. She was 94 years old when she passed away. Robert's mother, Mrs. Taylor, lived on the SW¼ 34-9-9.

Adeline helped raise Matilda and Ettie. Lawrence was born in 1891. Robert moved the house to the south quarter in 1898 where Clarence was born March 8, 1899.

Ettie died at the age of sixteen from appendicitis. Matilda married Alexander Farnell and they had four children, Archie, Melville, Viola and Olive.



Family gathering at Robert Henry Snr., 1942

Robert and Adeline raised two little girls, Jean Galbraith, who married Roy English. They had two girls, Donna and Joan. Edna, the youngest girl was adopted so became Edna Henry who later married Carl Ainsworth. They have a son Bobby and three girls Norma, Betty and Marlene.

The brick house was built in 1916. The kitchen, pantry and den is part of the old house where Clarence was born. They had the first Delco light plant in the community so had electric lights in both the house and barn. He also had running water in the barn for the cows and horses. At one time Robert had all purebred cattle and Clydesdale horses. Robert did veterinarian work for years.

Robert served as a school trustee for many years at South Rossendale and was also on the Church board at Lavenham.

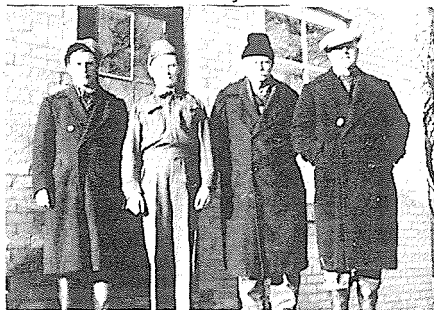
Adeline was a midwife for many years. She was also called upon to prepare people after death, for funerals, when embalming was unheard of.

Lawrence married Eileen MacGregor in 1913. They had one son, Clifford, born in Jan. 1916. Lawrence died of a brain tumor in 1918. Clifford married in Winnipeg and had three daughters. He now resides in Toronto, where his mother is in a care home.

Clarence married Alma Coral Abbot Oct. 6, 1917. They farmed the S 1/2 34-9-9. They have four children, Ruby, Vera, Douglas, and Robert who all attended South Rossendale school.

Clarence and Alma moved to the brick house in 1941. His mother and dad had celebrated their golden wedding anniversary and they needed someone to look after them.

Robert passed away in May 1943, and Adeline in March 1946. They are both buried in Rossendale Cemetery.



L-R - Robert Jr., Douglas, Robert Sr., Clarence



Robert and Adeline Henry Sr.



Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Henry on their 60th wedding anniversary.

Clarence and Alma celebrated their diamond anniversary while in this house, leaving the farm that fall to make their home on Smith St. in Treherne. Clarence passed away July 4, 1982 after being a patient in the Treherne Hospital for almost a year.

Alma joined the Rossendale W.A. in 1929 and now has her life membership pin.

Ruby Loretta was born March 24, 1918. She worked in various places including W.H. Crocker's, A.B. Culberts and Andy Turnbells where she met her future husband, Bert Scammell whom she married May 20, 1944 in the brick house. They have seven children, Robert James married to Hilda Nowalski and they have three children, Liza, Robbie and Larry. Sandra Lynn married to Walter Shau and they have three children, Darlene, Bobby and Steven. Barry Douglas married to Vicki Jensen and they have two children, Jordon Lee and Carley. John Thomas Clarence married to Jacqueline Rose and they have two children, Kim and Ken. Alma Jean is married to Larry Bowskae. They have one daughter, Jo-Anne Ruby Marie. Delmer Wayne married Wanda Stewart and has one daughter, Delaney. Robin Lori is married to David Still and has two children, Kristy Lea Ruby and David Michael. Bert and Ruby have 20 grandchildren and one great grandchild and live in Winnipeg.

Vera Evelyn was born in Portage, August 30, 1919. She lived with her grandparents for a few years before going to Treherne in 1941 where she attended Youth Training School. This is where she met her future husband, Fred Bowles, who was home on leave from the Armed Forces. Vera worked in Winnipeg for several years before her marriage to Fred Bowles on Oct 2nd, 1943. This wedding took place in the brick house on the farm. They reside in Winnipeg and have two sons, Garry Frederick born March 9th, 1946 and Donald Robert born December 10th, 1947.

Garry married Louise Hickaway July 12th, 1969 and they have one son Scott born in 1974. Garry is Dept. Head of Munroe Junior High School.

Don married Val Patrician in 1979. Don is Guidance Counsellor with the Winnipeg School Division.

DOUGLAS HENRY

Douglas Laurence Henry was born Feb. 13, 1921. He attended South Rossendale school until 1933.

On Nov. 19, 1941 he joined the army, serving in Canada and overseas until he got his discharge in 1946.

Douglas bought his Great-Grandmother's homestead from his father in 1947.

Douglas and Connie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woodward, were married in 1950. They have four children, Terry, Jo-Anne, Stephen, and Dennis.

Terry married Dawn Grant in 1972 and they have two boys, Christopher and Shawn. They live in Winnipeg.

Jo-Anne married Arthur Turner. They live in Brandon with their son Russell.

Steven married Sharon Carter in 1978. They reside in Dryden, Ontario.

Dennis is attending Portage Collegiate.

Doug, Connie and family moved to Portage in 1965 where he worked at the Manitoba School for 8 years as well as farming.

ROBERT HENRY

by Barbara Tichborne

My father, Robert Henry the 5th, is the youngest son of Clarence and Alma Henry. He was born on July 18, 1922. He married Marjorie Delf of Rathwell on Oct. 14, 1950. They have four children, Linda Ellen Ann, Roberta Lynn, Laurence Robert, and myself, Barbara Marie.

Linda was born Aug. 9, 1951. After she left school she went to work for Campbells Soup in Portage. One incident she remembers well is the time she was scared to walk home from school because of Frank McKeen's cows, so Mr. McKeen gave her a ride home in his model A coupe.



*Standing L-R - Laurence, Roberta, Linda
Sitting L-R - Barbara, Marjorie, Bob*

Roberta was born Oct. 19, 1952. She graduated from MacGregor Collegiate in 1972. In 1974 she attended Red River College where she took a course in business administration. Roberta started work for Steel Brothers Ltd. in Winnipeg in 1976. On Oct. 7, 1978, Roberta married Stan McDonald who is employed at the main Post Office in Winnipeg. They have three children, Vincent, Lanita and Patty.

Laurence was born April 13, 1955. After leaving school Laurence got employed with Reimer's Trucking in Winnipeg.

I, Barbara, was born June 18, 1960 and am the only one that didn't attend South Rossendale school. Our ball team was the league trophy winner three consecutive years. On Jan. 11, 1980, I married Kevin Tichborne of Rathwell. We have two sons, Laurence, born Oct. 4, 1980 and Terence born Feb. 10, 1982. Kevin is at Red River College taking Diesel Mechanics. On completion of his course he will be working for Conrad and Voth Equipment of Manitou.

Linda, Roberta and Laurence all attended South Rossendale school until the opening of Rossendale Consolidated in 1965, and then on to MacGregor Collegiate for the remainder of their schooling.

Throughout their school years the girls and Laurence were active in 4-H work. The girls were very involved in baseball and Laurence played baseball and hockey for Treherne and wrestled at MacGregor High.

In 1954 Robert and Marjorie rented their first farm, the Glover homestead where the first Rossendale post office was. In 1960, they bought this property and in 1968 bought the Edgar Perkins farm where they now reside.

W. G. HENRY FAMILY

by Wes Henry

The first Henrys to arrive via the Yellow Quill Trail were Robert and Emanuel. They were the first to get homesteads on the same section. This would be around 1875.

Most of the Henrys seemed to gather together in Portage la Prairie in preparation for the trip to that part of the country which became known as the Henry settlement.

The first school, church, Orange Lodge and a trading post of sorts were built. The church, Orange Lodge and trading post were built at Robert Henry's farm gate. The school was built in 1908 of oak logs where Hartley Woodward now lives. My father said that it was a real centre at that time with picnic grounds, football fields and a good gathering place.

The Henrys had arrived and a big settlement was in place. The homesteaders were mostly trappers and farm hands. Homesteads were very much in demand and if you were there with \$10 in your hand you had a quarter section. You also had the option of the next quarter if you so desired.

A new school was built on my Grandfather's quarter SW 6-10-9. This took care of the children of the homesteaders and settlers who took up the C.P.R. farms.

My mother, nee Elizabeth Henry, and my father were married on January 10th, 1900 in MacGregor, Manitoba. They drove to MacGregor with a team and buggy, were married, and returned to the homestead the same day. Up until then my father, William George, and his brother Arthur were batching so the batching partnership was terminated. I was told they flipped a coin for the first choice of horses, cattle, hogs and equipment. Arthur then moved to Ladysmith where he got a C.P.R. quarter. The homestead on NE 6-10-9 was in W.G. Henry's name so he stayed there.

Mother and father had a family of three boys and five girls, Lillian, Annie, Bert, Lola, Detta, Verna, Nelson and myself, Wesley.

The older four of our family went to Lavenham school, while the younger four went to Rossendale.

My mother always referred to Rossendale as a siding. The country side was covered with wood which had to be cleared for farming. The sale of this wood provided an income for many. It was before my time, but my father said it was a big wood camp. Portage was the best market, but Winnipeg took much of the wood. Dad said there was literally miles and miles of cordwood.

A good town was going great. Rossendale built two elevators, two or three stores, a pool room, barber shop, woodworking shop, butcher shop and many houses. It also had in it's day the odd bootlegger and gambling hall.

The country was open from the hills to Bagot by road and the railroad went from coast to coast.

My father, known as W.G. or Will, became, among other things, councillor for 27 years, largest horse dealer, farmer, auctioneer, evaluator and saw mill operator. The lumber from this mill built many homes, barns and granaries.

My mother, as well as raising us, cooked for as many as 30 men. These included saw mill workers, bronco busters, steam threshermen and travellers.

I married Bertha Fisher from the South Rossendale district on October 4th, 1941. I was already in the Army heading for overseas. When I left in August 1942 Bertha was expecting our first child. He, Wesley John, was born in September 1942. I returned and started farming in 1945-46. We had another son, William in 1947. Randy was born in 1948 and Patrick in 1956. The boys attended Rossendale and Lavenham schools.

Bertha and I sold the farm in 1965 and moved to Winnipeg. Our daughter, Jan Marie was born in 1967. The boys are all married and we have five grandchildren.

IKE HEPNER

Ike, Ann and family of three children, Marjorie, Elizabeth and David, lived in Rossendale in 1943 and '44. The children attended school at Elmwood where Mrs. Phyllis Sloik was the teacher.

The Hepner family lived in what was known as the Barrault house. They moved back to Portage where a son, Bob, was born.

Betty married Jack Fleury and they live in Comox, B.C.

Marjorie lives in Portage.

David is in the Air Force in Montreal.

Bob is an electrician, is married and has a family of three.

PETE HEPNER HISTORY

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hepner of Portage la Prairie purchased the Elmwood school in Rossendale from the Pine Creek School Division in 1979. They moved into this school December 15, 1981. A lot of time and effort has gone into remodelling the school into a modern home.

They have a family of seven children; one son and six girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Hepner are retired.

FRANK HINDS FAMILY

Frank and Pearl Hinds arrived in the Rossendale area in 1912 from the McDonald district. They bought the west side of 24-10-9 in the Ferriss district. Their family of three were born there. Margaret, Treva and Milford all attended Ferriss School and Rossendale United Church and Sunday School.

They moved to Portage la Prairie in 1927. Frank later worked in Northern Manitoba at The Pas and Flin Flon.

Margaret married E.W. Middleditch (Buster) in 1937. They have one son and three grandchildren. Treva married John Darvill in 1944. They have four children and eight grandchildren.

Milford died in England in 1942, while on active duty during the Second World War. Frank passed on in 1969, Pearl in 1974. Treva, a widow since 1966, lives in Edmonton, Alberta.

The family have many happy memories and have always kept in touch. 22 miles isn't very far now-a-days, but it certainly was when we lived there.

Margaret Middleditch (Portage la Prairie)

STEWART HIRD FAMILY

Stewart and Linda, nee Henry, were married November 13, 1971. Stewart is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Hird of Treherne. He is presently employed by Atomic Trucking.

Stewart and Linda have one boy and three girls. Wesley, born Sept. 11, 1972, Roxanne, born Dec. 17, 1974, Tammy, born July 14, 1977, and Jolene, born in the truck Dec. 31, 1979, by the City Hall in Portage.

They live two miles south of Rossendale. Linda coached the girls softball team in 1971, 1972, and 1973.

STEVE AND ELSIE HRABLUIK

Came to Rossendale from Ethelbert in May 1962.... Live on SE 27-10-9.... Bought land from Mr. Prystanski.

The family consists of five boys, Morris, Peter, John, Ron and Don. They all attended Rossendale Elementary School. Peter and Morris went to Treherne High School plus Morris went to Portage Collegiate for a year. John, Ron and Don went to MacGregor for their High School education.

The boys were active in baseball, football, wrestling and curling.

Morris married Wilma Payne of Carston, Alta. They live in Calgary with their two children, Shurri and Steven.

John married Jane Hagan of Virden. They also reside in Calgary and have two girls, Allison and Sandra.

Ron married Donna Currie of Portage. They too reside in Calgary with their two sons, Shawn and Danny.

Peter married Amelia Green of Treherne. They are still on the home farm in Rossendale and have two children Coreen and Ryan. Peter is a volunteer for the Rossendale Fire Dept. Amelia is an active 4-H leader for the local 4-H club.

Don is still on the home farm and is still looking for the right girl!

The original house burned down in October 1963. Then we lived in Rossendale for a year in the house we now live in, before moving it to its present location.

We are all active in the community club social events.

JOHN JARDINE FAMILY

John and Louise Jardine moved to Manitoba from Ontario in the 1890's, settling in the Nairn district. About 1900 they moved to the Rossendale district where they homesteaded about one mile east of Rossendale. They built the house and barn which is still standing.

John and Louise had six children:

Isabell married Dave Boak of the Edwin district. She died in 1964.

Emily married Tom Sloane. They resided in Rossendale until her passing in 1934.

Thomas lived in Rossendale and Prince George, B.C. where he was accidentally killed in 1944 while working in construction.

Ross married Minnie Soldinck and farmed in the Rossendale area until moving to Winnipeg in 1940. Ross was killed in an accident in 1942. Minnie died in 1977.

Jennetta died with the flu in 1918 when she was very young.

Louise lived in Rossendale and was well known for her knitting and sewing. She died in 1955.

The Jardines' were good horsemen, breeding and successfully showing purebred Clydesdales. One of their great horses was a Grand Champion mare, "Bell of Rossendale".

They were all sports minded people. The boys were interested in boxing and also played on Rossendale's first ball team. The girls played on the ladies' ball team.

DAVE JOHNSON FAMILY by *Archie Hetherington*

Dave and Esther Johnson lived in the Rossendale area for about three years. There were four children in the Johnson family, Barney, Grace, Jim and Douglas.

The Johnson family moved to Saskatchewan after leaving Rossendale about 1909. Dave lived to be 74 years of age. Esther died in 1928.

Barney went overseas in the Second World War. He married and had two sons. Barney and the boys are deceased. His wife still lives in Calgary.

Jim moved to B.C. where he had a taxi business. He is now deceased.

Grace was the first child baptized in Rossendale Church. Along with her brothers she took her Grade school in Consul, Sask., She took her high schooling in Portage la Prairie while staying with her aunt, Mrs. Robert Gibb. Grace and I, Archie Hetherington, were married in Regina, Sask. in 1928. We met through the church and our love of music, as we both played the piano and sang in the United Church Choir in Meyronne, Sask. We have two children, Royce married a nurse and they live in B.C. with their two children.

Like her mother, our daughter Susan was christened in Rossendale United Church. She is a high school teacher and lives in St. Albert, Alberta with her three boys.

Douglas is still training in Calgary, Alberta.

Grace passed away on Dec. 29th, 1974 and is buried in Portage la Prairie cemetery.

I am retired now and living in Selkirk, Manitoba.

HARRY KANE FAMILY by *Clarice Pilkington*

My grandfather, Harry Kane, was born in Brighton, England in October of 1859 and came to Canada at the age of 16. My grandmother, Mary Kane (Graham), was born in Lindsay, Ontario in August of 1861.

In 1887, Mary and Harry were married in Rochester, New York.

They resided in Toronto for over three years. Their children were: Mabel, born 1890, died 1912, Medith Wedmark, born 1892, Gordon, born 1894, Gertrude Elliot, born 1896, died 1943, and Myrtle Thurgood, born 1898.

After leaving Toronto they came to Holland, Manitoba and four years later took up a homestead south of Rossendale, where Fred Tait and family are now living.

The next move was to a farm north of Rossendale, where they built a new house and barn, now the home of Helmut and Maxine Schroeder. During this period the children attended Hartford school, and the the Loveville school north of Rossendale.

Grandfather died in 1922. Grandmother died in 1956 at the age of 95.

My father, Gordon, took over the family farm, and in 1916 married Effie MacMillan. In 1927 or 28 we moved to the farm occupied by the Buhrs, where we built a new set of farm buildings.

When my sister Jean and I left Rossendale school to go to Currie in 1928 we drove the same horse our Grandmother drove while she



Mary, Gordon, Clarice, Lynn



Four Generations
Standing - Gordon Pilkington
Clarice, Lynn, Gordon Kane

was on the farm. Many a mile she did drive to pick berries, etc. In those days you had two choices, walk or drive a horse. The horse would take a notion about three or four times a month to run away. In the 1930's our Dad made us what was called a Bennett Cart. It had car wheels with tires, so about every other day we had a flat tire. We carried a tire pump, but that didn't often help. Our Dad was getting tired of fixing flat tires, when he happened to see an ad in the paper, "hard rubber tires for sale for \$5.00 a pair", so that is what went on the wheels. They fit the rims the same as a tire and they never did wear out. All four of us used that cart to go to school and miles besides that. It wasn't as smooth riding but saved a lot of trouble.

Our family consisted of:

I, Clarice, who married William Pilkington in 1943. Our children are Gordon, Lynn, Connie and Wilfred.

Jean, married Henry Frank in 1941. Their children are Wayne, Wilfred and Sheldon.

Eileen married Glen Hughson in 1946 and their children are Barbara and Glenda.

Harvey married Edna Floate in 1946. Their children are Kenneth and Carol.

All the family attended Currie School.

In 1940, mother died at the age of 42.

In 1941, father married Ella Garrioch. Their children are Louise and Karen.

Louise married Don McCulloch in 1959. Their children are Debbie and Allan. Debbie is now Mrs. Dave Thiessen.

Karen married Murray Makinson in 1971. Their children are Stacy and Angela.

Dad and Ella remained on the farm until 1963 when they retired to live in MacGregor. Dad died August 11, 1976.



Gordon and Effie Kane

HOWARD KEAST

In 1956 Howard and I, Elva Keast, bought the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 30-9-9.

We were living in Portage la Prairie. We moved from Lavenham to Portage after Howard left the Services.

We wanted a farm for a summer place. We had a garden, fruit trees, and a few acres of grain.

We sold to Mr. and Mrs. H. Shultz in 1964. In 1971 we bought what was known as the Farnell Farm.

We were living in Brandon and Howard was manager for the T.V. Dept. at the Co-op. He continued to work a couple more winters.

With a lot of hard work we made the buildings and yard into living condition.

We planted shelter belts, fruit trees, a garden and grain.

We have three children. They were married and had established their homes before we came to the farm.

Garry married Jean Coltart, and they have a daughter Kim, and a son Brian. They reside at Stratford, Ontario.

Judy is Mrs. Wayne Thurston. They have two sons Jeff and Scott, and a daughter Jan. They reside at MacDonald, Manitoba.

Don married Gail Grassie and they have a daughter Carla and a son Todd. They live at Ille-des-Chenes, Manitoba.

Howard and I enjoyed the Rossendale Community, and I was involved with 4H, the community club, curling and dances. Howard helped when they built the Community Complex, he did the sound system wiring.

The second summer on the farm, Howard had a heart attack. We kept farming a few more years, but, because of Howard's illness, we sold to Kibbys in 1978.

We moved to Westbourne, Manitoba where we still reside.

SAMUEL KEE

submitted by Dorothy Familton

Samuel Kee's parents, Mathew and Eleanor, came from Ireland in 1832. Samuel Kee was born August 26, 1855 in the township of Ausprey, near Collingwood, Ontario. Samuel came to Winnipeg with members of his family in 1879. He took up a homestead NW 18-17-11 near Gladstone, Man. He and Alice McClelland of Goderich, Ontario were married in the village of MacDonald. Samuel farmed near Plumas and Arden for a few years moving to Rossendale in 1910.



*Back Row - Mat, Jim
Front L-R - Annie, Mrs. Kee, Art, Sam*

In those days the only means of transportation was the Red River cart drawn by oxen. The family sent to the T. Eaton Company for basic groceries once or twice a year. Relatives in Ontario sent them a barrel of apples in the fall.

Samuel and Alice had four children, three boys, Mathew, James and Arthur and one daughter, Annie.

James and Mathew both went overseas in the First World War. James was killed in action.

Mathew and his English war bride, Sarah Donnelly, and their infant daughter Hilda returned to Canada in May of 1918. They were blessed with six more children, Bill, Jim, Joan, Donald, Alice and Ken.

Mathew and Sarah farmed in the Graysville area until his retirement to Carman. He died in 1960 at the age of 64. Sarah passed away in 1971.

Arthur, born Feb. 19, 1901, worked on farms near Portage and Rossendale. The Denslow family looked forward to their Uncle Art's visits. Arthur died August 24, 1971.

Annie, born 1900, attended Elmwood school. At the age of 12, she had a poem printed in the local paper. It was a school project. She wrote about her school and the friendly people of Rossendale. The poem follows this report.

In 1918 Annie married Charles Denslow of Devonshire, England. They moved to the Gainsborough school district in 1921 and took up farming.

Annie and Charles had eight sons and two daughters, John, Charlie, Gilbert, Arthur, Clarence, Dallas, Leslie, Donald, Dorothy and Patricia. Gilbert and Patricia are deceased.

Charlie and Annie celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary on Dec. 7th, 1970. Annie passed away January 17, 1971 and Charles passed away October 27, 1976.

Samuel Kee made his home with Charles and Annie from 1924 until the time of his death. He was very active for his age and worked at numerous jobs on the farm. He was a wonder person. Samuel died on June 14, 1950.

When mother was a young girl living in Rossendale she loved to skate. She told us the story of how she raced along side of a train, keeping up with it for some distance. Years later she heard an old man telling the story of how a young girl in Rossendale had raced his train on her skates. Mother asked the man if he had ever got to know who the young girl was. He said that he had not, so mother proudly told him that it had been her.

ROSSENDALE

Rossendale is very small
But not so very neat
The shanties here are very small
There's no particular street
They sit upon the roadside
But some have land of their own
But all with land or without
Make Rossendale their home
There's Glover's store and Pritchard's store,
(The post office is in the latter)
When people meet upon the street
They all begin to chatter
The neighbors here are very nice
They are also good to me
And so by this you'll plainly know
They're kind at heart, you see
Our school is brick
It looks so very slick
The yard is clean and neat
The front door doth face the street.
Our teacher she is very nice
She made us learn our tables twice
We have a basement medium size
It's what makes the school have such a rise
When winter comes
And storms doth blow
With skates on shoulders
To rink we go.

Annie Ellen Kee- aged 12

LOUIS KELM FAMILY

I am Edward Kelm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kelm. My wife and I, (the former Elsie Buchanan of Plumas) live in Plumas, Manitoba.

My brother Herman lives in Ottawa following twenty years service in the R.C.A.F. He is now retired. He married a Dutch girl in Holland.

Another brother Arthur died of injuries received in an accident at the age of fifteen years.

My sister Elsie married Tom Mulligan of McCreary. She is now deceased.

We moved from the Plumas area to Rossendale about 1925. We, the family, attended school in Rossendale. Our parents had employment with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Harvey. We lived there for about three or four years and then moved to Bagot for a short time before moving back to Plumas.

THE A.J. KENNEDYS

submitted by Grace Anderson

Allan John Kennedy and his wife Theresa Mary were born in Quebec. They came out to Prince Albert in 1911. Mr. Kennedy worked for the Prince Albert Lumber Co. Their only son Gordon was born in 1919. In 1922 they moved to The Pas and worked for The Pas Lumber Co. Ltd. While at The Pas, Rita, Margaret, Kathleen and Ethel were born.

In 1931 they moved to the farm three miles east and one mile north of Rossendale. Mr. Kennedy built a house and barn there. He built a granary at Roy Lyall's. In 1937 he built a house a half mile south of Rossendale for Norman and Mary Charlton. He also built a house in Rossendale across from the store. He built the Rossendale store for W.H. Crocker.

The children all went to Ferriss school and when they moved to Portage in 1938, they went to the P.C.I. in Portage. Gordon and his dad worked making combine sieves till the war. Gordon joined the air force and went overseas.

Gordon met his wife Kathleen in Ireland. She came to Canada in 1947. Gordon helped his dad move the equipment back to Prince Albert where he had a position with the Saskatchewan Government.

Gordon and Kathleen were married by Reverend Kenneth Kennedy, an uncle.

Gordon has three children, Derry-Ann 1953, Patricia Mary 1956, and John Gerald 1960. Derry Ann married Gerald Patterson. He works in the Solicitor General's Dept. They had a girl Morgan Patricia in 1981. Patricia married Daniel Page, from Rosetown. He is managing editor of the Rosetown Eagle. Gerald is in Australia.

Rita Kennedy was an excellent softball pitcher. She pitched for the Ferriss Girls team one year, and they never lost a game. She was married in 1943 and she lived in Prince Albert for the next thirty years where she worked as a telephone operator. Next she took a secretarial course and has been working in that field ever since. She is living in Toronto now working as a secretary for the Dept. of Supply Services. Rita has two daughters, Valerie, who married Wayne Skotheim, a school teacher, and has three daughters, Heidi, Jennifer and Anne-Marie. They live in a resort in Qu'Appelle Valley. Her other daughter, Maureen, is a singer. She also works at Revenue Canada in Toronto. She has a son, nine year old Adam.

Margaret worked as a secretary at the South Port. Later she worked making aeroplanes at Fort William. After the war she returned to Winnipeg. She married Henry Pinvidie in 1947. He was a radio announcer in St. Boniface. They moved to Saskatchewan where Henry worked for the Co-op for 25 years in Regina. They moved to Victoria in 1981. He sings with a Barbershop group and is also an actor. They have five children, Dianne, Dennis, Margo, Mark and Allan. Dianne is married and has two girls Zara and Aesha. Dennis is married to Marcia and they have two boys Brant and Shawn.

Margo is married and has one daughter, Oona. Mark is married and has one girl, Kara-Jane. Allan is still in school.

Dianne and Margo are both actresses. Margo has done quite a bit of T.V. work, movies and commercials. She was in "Meat Balls". Dennis was in the Navy for 12 years. Now he works for Montgomery Elevators in Victoria. Mark works for Sask. Oil in the Recruitment of Personnel. Allan is working for CHEK-TV in Victoria.

Kathleen took her nurses training in 1944-47 in St. Boniface. She met and married a Frenchman from there. They were divorced in 1970 and Kathleen is now married to Bob Reid. They live at Qualicum Beach in B.C.

Kathleen has two boys and two girls. Monique is married and has three boys. She lives in Courtney, B.C. Louis is married and lives in Calgary where he teaches at the Southern Alberta Institute. Michael lives in Victoria and works as a gardener at Government House. Marguerite has a girl and a boy. She has a teaching degree and lives in Courtney.

Ethel moved to Prince Albert with her parents after the war. She is married to Bud Wolfe and they live in Saskatoon. He is assistant vice president for the Government telephones. They have four children, Allan Bradford, James Douglas, Lisa Ann and Patrick Jason. Brad and James have the Wolfe Bros. Carpet store. Lisa married Michael Siebel. They both work for the Safeway. Jim has three children, two sons and one daughter. Lisa has one daughter. Patrick Jason is taking his grade XI. He has been to Europe and is going to Japan in July as an exchange student.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy have raised a fine family. Mrs. Kennedy passed away in 1963 and Mr. Kennedy in 1972.

WILLIAM LAMB

My husband William Lamb, better known as Bill, was born in the Arden area where his parents farmed. They moved to the Portage area about 1925 and then to the Newton district in 1930 and that is where I met him.

I was born Anne Grach Fach, on my parents farm north of Oakville and they moved to the Newton area about 1915.

Bill and I were married in Winnipeg, Dec. of 1936 and moved to the farm in the Assiniboine Valley, nine miles south east of Rossendale. This land was 20-9-8 and we bought it from a real estate agent and friend in Portage. Bill's parents lived with us for a couple of years and then moved to Portage. His parents, as well as mine, came from Ontario. We lived there twelve years and then sold to Allan Collins, a World War II veteran.

The Allandale district has changed a lot and not many of the original families are there now, the Collins, Ortons, McQuaigs, Andy McDermotts, two Carson families, Tunskis, Froms and Lavalees.

Some of the younger generation of the Watsons, Sylvesters and McCullochs are operating the farms they grew up on.

Our dearest neighbors were Mrs. Turner and three sons, Clayton, Allen and Leslie. They are moved to different locations. Margaret and Jimmie Watson lived in the flat west of us and have, after a storm when all the roads were blocked, ridden horseback down the river and we were so glad to see them.

W.H. Crocker and family operated the general store and post office and served the community very well.

We were not involved with much social life in Rossendale, too busy improving the farm and buildings; sometimes attended church there when there was no services at Allandale.

We were blessed with a baby daughter, Joan, in 1940. She attended Allandale school till she was eight years old when we bought a farm north west of Austin. She attended high school at Edrans and later Austin, then took some courses in nursing and has worked most of her years in hospitals and nursing homes and is still employed in one here.

Joan married Lorne Green in 1962 in Portage. Lorne was born in Alberta but lived near Austin during most of his school years. They moved from Winnipeg to Regina, Lethbridge, Calgary and finally out here to Vancouver Island. We visited them in June 1977 and Bill surprised me by saying, "How would you like to live out here?"

We bought a house and came in Sept., but I am sorry to say Bill did not live a year after. He had a heart attack while still on the farm and again when retired in Portage so I am living alone and its a comfort to have my little family, Joan, Lorne and grandson Todd, 15 , just a few miles away. I was back in Manitoba last August and drove with Margaret and Eva Watson through Rossendale and I hardly knew where I was. Everything has changed and improved so much. There were not many conveniences when we were all recovering from the depression and working hard but we had happy memories of our twelve years in the Rossendale area and found the people friendly.

BERT LATIMER

Bert Latimer was born at the NW ¼ of 17-9-9 in the Arbroath district on October 24th, 1906. He is the oldest son of Robert and Mabel Latimer, who had seven children in all, three boys and four girls.

Bert received his eight years of education at Arbroath school starting in 1912.

During the winter months, many of the young people went to dances in the Orange Hall in Lavenham and the school in Rossendale. Admission at that time was a quarter and this included lunch.

Bert married Hazel L. Japling of Fairlight, Saskatchewan on November 29th, 1929 and lived for the next 39 years on the SE ¼ of 17-9-9 in the Arbroath district. He has seen many changes in

farming over the years. Moving from horses to tractors and well remembers money being scarce, coal oil lamps for lighting, scrub-boards and sad irons and the churning of butter.

Together they raised a family of five. Their firstborn, Joyce Merle, arrived on April 3rd, 1931 and soon to follow was Clarence Herbert, born March 2nd, 1934. A second girl, Hazel Clara, arrived December 7th, 1936. In those days many babies were born at home as was the case with these three, with Mrs. Head being the nurse. Barbara Stella was born July 20th, 1940 at Mrs. Clarence Earle's home. Times improved by April 30, 1944 when Robert Keith Wilson arrived at Helen Smith's nursing home in Treherne, completing the family.

Joyce married Maurice Wittevrangel on October 12th, 1951 and they had two daughters, Sharon and Shirley. Sharon married Bruce Evans of Holland, and they now live at Elgin and have two boys, Bruce and Darwin. Shirley married Tom Isford of Holland and they live in Treherne. Joyce passed away August 4th, 1974.

Clarence married Bonnie Wagner of Buffalo, New York on June 14th, 1969. They live on the original farm and have two boys, Brian and Christopher.

Hazel married Marcel Timmerman on March 7th, 1959 and they live in Treherne. They have six children, two girls, Trudy and Shelley and four boys, Kelly, Len, Dale and Scott. Shelley is married to Rene DeGraeve of Holland and they have two boys, Christopher and Bradley. This makes four generations.

Barbara was unmarried. She lived in Winnipeg and later in Austin. She died July 20th, 1962.

Robert married Doreen Robinson of Treherne on October 16th, 1965. They now live in Mississauga, Ontario and have two daughters, Christine and Karen.

Bert's wife, Hazel, died on March 17th, 1967.

Two years later, Bert moved across the river to the former Fisher farm in the Rossendale area where he is still farming.

WILLIAM LATIMER

William Latimer farmed on the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 22-9-9 and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 28-9-9 in the Rossendale district in the late 19th century.

Will married Carolyn Gardiner. They had eight children — Ed, Robert, Jim, Maud, Mabel and Ethel and two deceased very young.

Will died in 1909. Carolyn remarried Louis Savor and they had one girl, Laura. When Carolyn died in 1912, Laura was raised by a Deroche family in the St. Claude area.

GEORGE AND BILL LOVE FAMILY

George Love and Mary Devitt were married in Ontario around 1860. He was the first Love to move into the Rossendale area in the 1890's. George acquired the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 22-10-9 which was known as the school section, as there was a log school built in the 1890's on the south side of the section.

George and Mary had a family of seven children. They all moved into the area before 1900. The district became known as Loveville, later being changed to Rossendale.

When the Loves first came to the area around 1900, they farmed with oxen. W.J. Love had oxen, and also drove oxen for the Culberts. George Cook, who lived on the $\frac{1}{4}$ north of J.T. Blackford, across the road from Bob Moffat, also had oxen.

The Love family of three girls and four boys were as follows.

Adeline, who married Alex Wilson. They lived on NW 80 acres of the school section, later moving to Mikado, Sask. They had one son and three daughters. Adeline passed away in 1924. George Jr. married Dot Devitt. He had an interest in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the school section and later was a photographer in Bagot. He passed away in Cuba.

Wesley married Mina McKinnet. He had an interest in section 20, 2 miles west of the school section. Wes and Mina moved to Garland, Manitoba and later retired to Prince Albert with daughter Ada. Wes died in 1936. Their son died at the age of 8.

Sid Love married Hattie Chant from MacGregor. He homesteaded the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 27-10-9, now owned by Bob Moffat.

William James married Mary Land, and homesteaded the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 22-10-9. The log school was on this quarter. Before her marriage Mary taught school here. William bought the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 15. Part of the town of Rossendale is on this section. This is where Elmwood School was built in 1908. It was destroyed by fire in 1957, being replaced by a modern school and teacherage.

Mary and Bill Love on their 50th wedding anniversary



Ella married J.T. Blackford and homesteaded SE ¼ 28-10-9.

Carrie married Dan Campbell and was interested in the 80 acres south of Alex Wilson, and later moved to Sturgess, Sask.

Since 1900 all the Loves moved to various parts of Canada except William who remained on the homestead, where they raised a family of two boys and one girl, Dorothy, Jim and Russell. One other son, Percy, died at an early age.

Dorothy married Charlie Fawcett. They have two children, Bill and Marion.

Jim married Gwen Wallace. They have three children, Jim Jr., Brock and Rosanne.

Russell is alone and still living in the old Bill Love home.

The half section of land on section fifteen that W.J. Love owned was covered with heavy bush in 1900. Around 1903 the railroad went through and cut the section in half. Bill cleared the land. The cordwood was piled in long, high piles east of the R.R. and close to town. These piles of cordwood covered several acres. When the R.R. was being built through the Bill Love farm, he did some contract dirt moving for them with horses. There were so many wild strawberries in the area that the horse's feet were strawberry red, plastered with the berries. He used to haul cordwood and grain to Portage with horses in the early days, and brought home groceries and necessities purchased with the money from the sale of the wood or grain. Bill had to travel through heavy bush and trail roads to Bagot ten miles and then on to Portage another 16 miles. He would go in one day and home the next. On one of his winter trips coming home from Portage via Bagot, on a clear, cold night, he was coming along the road through the high heavy bush walking behind the sleigh to keep warm. He could hear the wolves howling nearby and when he was about a mile from home something jumped up at his back. It turned out to be the old dog that had come to meet him. He was momentarily frightened. He put his arms around the dog and was a very happy man.

SIDNEY LOVE

Sidney Love came with his parents, brothers and sisters from Brussels, Ontario about 1895 to the Rossendale area homesteading SW ¼ 27-10-9 where Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moffat now live.

Sidney married Harriett Chant from MacGregor on Oct. 21, 1903. They had a family of nine, five boys and four girls.

George married Eleanor Bradshaw Dec. 22, 1939. They live at Melfort, Sask, and have two sons.

Mary married Mathew Bleakley from Dublin, Ireland on Dec. 28, 1932. Mathew passed away in 1968 and Mary lives in Prince George.

They had two girls and an infant son who died at birth.

Melvin married Evelyn Leason Dec. 4, 1935. They had five children. Melvin passed away Feb. 13, 1970. Evelyn lives at Aldergrove, B.C.



Sidney, Harriet Love

Sidney was married but had no children. He passed away Dec. 28, 1970.

Olive died with meningitis in 1919 when she was eight years old.

Ella married Wesley H. Love June 28, 1938. They have two children and live at White Fox, Sask. Ella's grandfather and Wesley's grandfather were brothers.

Harvey died June 20, 1935 with a ruptured appendix. He was 20 years old.

Vera married Ernest Wood Sept. 28, 1939. They had four children. One girl died at the age of three.

Ira lives with his sister Mary in Prince George. Ira had two sons and a daughter. He lost a son in 1981.

Sidney and Hattie left Manitoba about 1906 and moved to Bog End, Saskatchewan, and after several years of early frost damaging the crops they moved thirty miles further south to Lockwood where they built a new house. While in this district the children attended Haliburton school. An incident of interest would be that while Ella and Harvey were visiting at their Uncle Bill Love's home in 1921 in Rossendale they visited Elmwood school looking for their cousins, Russell and Jim Love. Mr. Bellyea was the Elmwood teacher at that time. In 1930 when Ella took her Grade X in Haliburton school, she had their first male teacher, the same Mr. Bellyea she had met in Rossendale. When he left Haliburton school Mr. Bellyea moved to Ladner, B.C. where he passed away about a year later.

In 1929 Sidney took up homesteads for each son and himself, and in the fall of 1931 they moved to North East of Nipawin.

Sidney passed away in 1936, two weeks after his brother Wesley. Hattie passed away in Prince George, B.C. in 1973.

The last homesteads are all in the bottom of Tobin Lake, which was made by a power dam on the Saskatchewan River.

HISTORY OF THE JAMES LYALL FAMILY

by John Lyall

James and Elizabeth Lyall came to Canada in the year 1911 from Scotland.

They came to Portage la Prairie and went to work for Mack McCuaig who at that time farmed at Oakland.

They stayed at McCuaig's for one winter and one summer, then moved to Newdale, Manitoba where they started farming on a rented farm.

In 1915 they moved to the Edwin district and rented a farm from George Charlton SE 1-11-9 where Colin Smith now resides. In the spring of 1917 they bought the farm SE 19-10-8 where they continued to live until 1950 when they moved to Portage la Prairie.



The Jim Lyall Family



Bill, John, Laura and Lindsay Lyall

There were five children in the James Lyall family, John, Jean, James Jr., Fred and Roy.

John Lyall still lives at Rossendale on NE 13-10-9. He married Laura McConochie. They have two children, William (Bill) and Lindsay. Bill lives in Portage and works for Woodstone Foods.

Bill married Wilma Nicklin of Mowbray and they have three children Cheryl, Dennis and Allison.

Lindsay lives at Pinawa and works for the Whiteshell Nuclear Research Station. He married Lynda Harding and they have one son, Devin.

Jean Lyall lives north of Portage close to town. She married Howard McDonald in 1942. They have two children Grant and Marlene who also live at Portage.

Marlene married Larry Sponarski.

Grant married Norma Richmond of Cypress River.

James Lyall Jr. now lives in Edmonton, Alta. He married Margaret Sparks who lived near Oakville. They have two daughters Memphis and Myrna. Memphis lives at Fort St. John, B.C. and Myrna lives in Edmonton.

Frederick Mathew Lyall was born November 1919. He lives in Kamloops, B.C. He married Margaret Ellis of Portage in December of 1942. After working at Portage and Neepawa he moved to Edmonton and then to Kamloops where he is now retired.

They have one son Brian, who is now a Ski Instructor out of Calgary.

Roy Andrew Lyall was born March 1922. He has lived continuously on the home farm. He married Joyce Faurschou of Hollywood, a district near Langruth, in 1950.

All the five Lyalls received their education at Ferriss School. The original Ferriss School No 1442 burned down in the winter of 1954. It was replaced with a new one which was closed in 1965.

James Lyall passed away February 1964, and Elizabeth Lyall passed away in March of 1968.

DAVID LYALL FAMILY

by Margaret Hammond

David Lyall, born 1895 in Panbride, Scotland, arrived in Rossendale in 1916. He was conscripted for the army and sent overseas for two years, arriving back in Canada in the fall of 1918.

Betsy Easson, born 1898 in Causway End, Cooper Angus, Scotland, arrived in Rossendale on April 3rd, 1919.

Betsy and David were married on April 24, 1919 and lived with Uncle Jim Lyall until the fall of that year.

At this time they bought a farm through D.V.A. known as the Kelly farm. The house was a very old log house so Betsy and David built a new one and enjoyed the benefits of having a telephone installed.

The soil on this farm was very sandy and didn't produce crop

enough for next year's seed so they eventually moved and rented the Hind's farm and later the Marlow farm.

Betsy and David then spent part of one winter with Uncle Joe Lyall before crossing the river to the Hood Settlement. They farmed here until about 1938 when they moved to Portage. Dave joined the army again in 1940 and was at Donald Air Field until his retirement in 1957.

Betsy and David had a family of six children, four girls and two boys. The four older children all attended Ferriss School until 1932. Treva attended Hood School. They were involved in all school activities.

Their eldest daughter, Betsy, married Otto Porter. They had one son. Otto is deceased and Betsy lives in Vernon, B.C.

Margaret married Fred Hammond. They have five children and are now retired and living in Portage la Prairie.

Gordon married Dorothy Robinson of Gainsborough and they live at Enderby, B.C.

Stuart married Irene McDonald of Gainsborough. They have six children and live in Portage la Prairie.

Edith married Paul Hatton. They live in Newberg, Oregon.

Treva married Don Lennon. They have one daughter and live in Tempe, Arizona.

Father David is now a patient in Deer Lodge Hospital. Betsy lives alone in Portage la Prairie.

GEORGE B. LYALL *by Bruce Lyall*

My father was born in 1903 at Panbride County of Forfar, Scotland, the youngest of a family of ten. He came to the Rossendale district to Jim Lyall's farm in 1919 and his first job was working for James Crosby then Dave Boak, Frank McKenzie and George Love at Oakland, returning to Edwin in 1927 to start farming across the road from Dave Boak, known later as the Deniser farm.

He married Winnifred Ormiston of MacGregor in 1928 later moving south to the Porter farm until my mother passed away in March of 1931. After my mother's death, he quit farming and went to work at Kerr's and I stayed with my grandparents at McGregor at the age of two years. In about 1935-36 Dad returned to the Crosby farm NE ¼ 13-10-9 and rented from the Great West Company 480 acres to start ranching where he would take in cattle and horses for pasture. These cattle and horses were picked up from farmers to the north starting at Rignold and herded south. As many as 200 head of cattle were herded at a time. The horses were brought down on a later drive, as many as 60-70 head, kept in control by his faithful horse Buster and long Black snake whip. They were returned to the owners the same way in the fall.

I came back to live with him in 1937 and attended Ferriss school where there was a large enrollment of the Sawyers, Biberdorfs, Crewsons, Robinsons, Patsacks, Browns, McCullochs, Crosbys, Drummonds, Andruskis, Sloiks, Brass', Dodgsons, Fergusons and

Donalds. My teachers were Miss Anderson, Miss McBain and Miss Troop.

Being close to the school my father had the job of starting the fire in the morning during the winter months for 20¢ a day. He also sold wood, stove length or cordwood, as well as looking after his own livestock. For a few years he delivered meat from the Burnside beef ring in the summer. He also sheared sheep with hand shears for 10¢ a head.

Dad enjoyed school dances and picnics, visiting his neighbors, deer hunting, playing cribbage and helping anyone that had sickness with their livestock.

About 1946 he left Rossendale to work with Dr. Arbuthnott in Portage and in 1953 moved to St. Claude to be the A-1 Technician for the Holstein Cattle Assoc. He passed away suddenly of a heart attack in March of 1957.

With his association with many people he acquired a lot of good friends who stayed by him through the tough times. At the top of the list would have to be the Dave Boak family and the Frank McKenzie family.

As anyone knows that lived through those times, money was very scarce but the kindness and help among the neighbors was plentiful which I think bonds a friendship for a lifetime.

As for my family, I started farming in the Oakland district in 1950 where we still reside. I married Margaret Lytle of High Bluff on October 25, 1952. We have two sons Robert at home with us and Blake married to Debbie Durnin. They have a daughter Raina Leigh and farm in the Oakland Portage area.

ROY LYALL FAMILY

The first thing I clearly remember is in 1926, when sleighs had to be used to haul sheaves from here to Crosby's where the threshing machine was situated.

Then came the first day of school at Ferriss which is a highlight in anyone's life. Two teachers who gave me the greatest part of my education, six years in all, were Ann Moffat (the late Mrs. Harold Finnie), and Mary Anderson. They were an inspiration to even the students who were not really interested in school. They spent many week-ends at our places as I have a sister the same age. It was always a pleasant week-end when the teacher visited.

The begining of the depression in 1930 was hard for me to grasp, apart from the fact that money was terribly short.

In 1932, Ferriss Metcalfe came to teach. I always remember the week-end his father brought out a new V-8 Ford. That was something.

1935 was a year of good crops but the rust ruined it all.

Although money was scarce we played ball twice a week and visited neighboring schools to play. Ferriss had many good ball teams.



The Roy Lyall Family

I quit school in 1938 and that was my first year on a stook wagon. We threshed for two weeks without a rain and was I tired. Money freed up a bit and Mother went to Edmonton to visit a sister she hadn't seen in 40 years.

1943 was an eventful year. We got a new 30-38 Minneapolis Moline tractor. It is still here and still runs.

I had played a violin since I was 9 and also a banjo. My brother, John, and I played for many dances. That fall Walter Machan wanted me to play with him. I had bought a saxophone and was getting along fine after one lesson from Fred Hyde. After a short stretch on the banjo I graduated to the saxophone and played for a number of years with Walter, Mrs. Roberts and later Mrs. Stewart. We had many piano players but one that played the longest in one stretch was Minnie Moffat (Mrs. Stan VcVety). I spent many pleasant evenings at Moffat's practicing tunes before the dance, and Mrs. Moffat always had tea on and on occasion Angel Food cake. On stormy nights I always had a home away from home.

For the past two years I have played with a group of people in Portage. We are the "Music Aires". Our home is still the gathering place for musicians.

In 1950, I married Joyce Faurshau. Two children and 32 years later I'm still on the same farm Dad bought in 1917. I have raised registered, polled Hereford cattle since 1938, buying my first cow from Robert McDermott.

Our son Craig farms at home but lives north of Portage. He married Shelley McDonald and they have two children David and Dana.

Sylvia, our daughter, lives in Portage working as an Insurance Agent.

JOHN KENNEDY LYON AND FAMILY

Jack Lyon was born in England, as was his wife the former Ellen Pilkington, They were married there and their first three children were born there, Isabella, Thomas and Betty.

In early 1903 Jack Lyon decided to come to Canada and farm, therefore he left his wife and family in England, and came to Canada ahead to prepare a home for his family.

Arriving in Portage la Prairie and enquiring as to farm labor needed, he soon was taken to a bachelor farmer, by the name of James Lefler who farmed ten miles north of Portage la Prairie.

Mr. Lefler needed farm help and was willing to teach Jack how farming was done.

In early summer Jack sent for his wife and family to come and live on the farm too.

Mrs. Lyon and her three children arrived in August, the youngest, Betty, eleven months old. They remained with Mr. Lefler until Mrs. Lyon's brother, William Pilkington, arrived from England.

It was at that time in early 1905 that the Lyon family, in partnerships with her brother moved to Rossendale, renting a farm from the late Amassa or Amsy Mellon, two miles north and one half mile east of Rossendale NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 22-10-9. While on this farm their fourth child "Grace" was born, but shortly after this the partnership dissolved, and Mr. Lyon along with his family moved to a farm two and one quarter miles east of Rossendale on the south side of the road, known then as the McLean place and in later years as the Armstrong place. While here their daughter, Frances, was added to the fold.

It was then Jack Lyon decided to buy land of his own and therefore bought a farm from the late Mr. Michael Blake, this was the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 7-10-8. There they made their home for many years. Received into their family were three more girls, Dorothy, Margaret and Ruth.

Mr. Lyon's health began to fail, and they sold the farm and moved to a smaller place close to Edwin, where they lived until after Mr. Lyon's death at an early age.

Mrs. Lyon with her family, some of whom were married, returned to the Rossendale District. Being a nurse and gold medalist in music in England, she was kept busy giving music lessons and nursing the sick, sometimes being called out at all hours of the night to help bring a new life into the world, many times without the presence of a doctor.

Many times after, her remuneration was in the form of farm produce, which served the purpose just as well. Thus she raised her family, who received most of their education in the Rossendale area, including Allandale, Ferris and Rossendale schools.

Mrs. Lyon was a good living, kindly, thrifty and talented person, a kind friend and neighbor, ready to help all who needed her.

As time went on her family gradually moved to the Oakland and Portage area. Mrs. Lyon moved with them and made her home for many years among her married daughters.

Mrs. Lyon passed away on August 16th, 1942. Of the Lyon family, the three eldest have passed on, they being Isabella(Ella), the late Mrs. Allen Glover, Tom, who never married, and Betty, the late Mrs. William Love of Oakland.

Remaining are Grace, Mrs. Percy Blackmore, Frances, widow of the late Roderick McLeod, Dorothy, widow of the late Cartney McLeod, Margaret, Mrs. William (Bill) McCowan and Ruth, Mrs. James E. (Jim) Turner, all of Portage la Prairie.

Fourteen grandchildren and many great-grandchildren survive.

Mrs. Glover raised a family of four, Emily(deceased), Frances, David and Allen.

Mrs. Love's family of five were Annie, Jack, Geordie, Garnet and Dorothy.

Mrs. Blackmore, whose first husband was John Leonard, raised three children from this marriage, Roy, Roderick and Edythe. Rod gave his life for his country in World War II. Roy also served as a pilot officer in the R.C.A.F. in WW II.

Mrs. Roderick McLeod raised one son, Douglas.

Mrs. Cartney McLeod has a family of one son, Kenneth.

Mrs. William McCowan's family consists of one son, Brian.

Mrs. James Turner, having no family of her own, has had a hand in raising all of the families in one way or another.

As we look back over the years many humorous incidents cross our minds and we laugh together over them, as well do we remember the sad and sorrowful times we shared. Too many to record here for a family of eight.

WILLIAM MACHAN *by Ralph McKay*

Bill Machan and his wife, Tena, went to Rossendale from Bagot in 1910. They only lived in Rossendale for a few years. He had a pool room and confection store while there. His niece and nephew Ralph and Adeline lived with them for one year while their mother was sick. Ralph went to school in Rossendale for one year in 1912 when he was seven years old.

Bill always had dogs, mostly wolf hounds as he hunted wolves.

They left Rossendale in 1913 and moved to a farm in the Bagot area. He died November 7, 1966 and his wife Tena died October 17, 1970.

PETER MALONEY *by Michael Maloney*

Peter Maloney, my father, arrived in Rossendale in 1921 from Byczkowce, Galicia(Austria) Poland. He lived on a farm one mile east of Rossendale, SW 14-10-9 which had been rented and then purchased from Mrs. A. Sloik.

Peter married Bertha Ostapowich in 1938. They had two sons and four daughters.



Peter Maloney

I, Michael, attended Rossendale and Edwin High schools. I married Sylvia Syrnuk of Ashville, Manitoba. We have two children and are living at Rivers, Manitoba.

Mary Anne attended Rossendale, Edwin and Portage schools. She married B. Penner of Steinbach, Manitoba.

Caroline attended Rossendale elementary.

Bill attended Rossendale elementary and High Schools. He married Shirley Anderson of MacGregor and resides in Moose Jaw, Sask. They have two boys.

Diane attended Rossendale elementary.

Patsy took her elementary schooling at Rossendale and was a graduate of MacGregor Collegiate. She lives with Mary Anne in Portage.

Caroline and Diane are deceased as a result of a car accident at the Bagot railway crossing in 1967.

The family was involved in all community activities such as skating, curling, 4-H and baseball. Dad was a great card player and especially enjoyed a cribbage game. He was a faithful member of the Senior Citizen's Club and took part in their various projects. Dad was also a keen fan of the Winnipeg Jets Hockey Club and Montreal Expos Baseball Club.

Mother passed away in Sept. of 1969 and Dad in November of 1980.

THE BILL MARKS FAMILY

Bill married Elizabeth Henry and lived in the Rossendale area where Bill was the village blacksmith.



Bill and Dot Marks

They raised a family of seventeen children.

Gus married May Swabuck and lives in Dundas, Ontario.

Martha married Bert Cleaver and they live in Selkirk.

Rachel is deceased.

Flossie married Jim Cleaver and they live in Birch River.

Ben married Thelma Rutherford. He is deceased.

Melvin lives in Ontario.

Fanny married Harry McNish and they live in Tessier, Sask.
Their daughter Sharon, Mrs. Neil McDougall and son, Cam McNish, live in Portage.

Reta married Art McNish. She is deceased.

Richard is deceased.

Gordon lives in Ontario.

Duke is at Birch River.

Gertrude Zarichney lives at Lethbridge, Alberta.

Bert was killed in action overseas.

Elsie Zeskie lives at Mill River, Alta.

Alex is deceased.

Johnson married Margaret Grant of Oakville.

Emily Watson lives in Lethbridge, Alta.

The old Mark's blacksmith shop still stands on the corner. It was owned and operated for some time by Jake Neufeld and is now owned by Craig Frizzley.

REG MARKS

Reg Marks came to Rossendale around 1919. He married Mae Chapman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Chapman about 1920. They lived in a log cabin just north of the railroad.

Reg ran the blacksmith shop next door, part of the shop is still there today. Some of the family remember the excitement around the shop when a local farmer brought his horses in to get shod. Clarence Henry was always there to give a hand. There would be a lot of hollering & horses kicking, but between the two of them they got the job done. Reg Marks was of the best blacksmiths in those days.

Reg and Scobie Smith played in the Portage band. They would travel to Portage in a Model T. It was very monotonous on the way to Portage, but coming home there was lots of singing.

They moved to Portage in 1933 and Reg worked for Hoover's blacksmith shop before joining the army in 1939. Mae died in 1958, Reg in 1960.

They had 8 children: Eileen, born in 1921, married Malcolm Kearsey and had two children, Jim Kearsey of Thompson and Marilyn Holman of Winnipeg. Eileen has 3 grandchildren and now lives in Edmonton, Alberta. Malcolm died in 1955.

Aubrey married Muriel Crawford and had 2 children: Wayne of Williams Lake B.C., and Linda Corener of Killarney. Aubrey has 3 adopted children from his second marriage: Charles, a vet in Calgary, Jack of Winnipeg and Don Marks who writes for the Free Press and is also sports broadcaster on CKND. Aubrey has worked for the CNR for 35 years, the last 20 years as supervisor foreman at Transcona yards.

Ethel married David Turk of Winnipeg in 1953 and moved to Vancouver, B.C. David died in 1969. Ethel works for H.B.C. in Surrey, B.C. as a cosmetologist. They had no children.

Les married Shirley McCulloch in 1954. Les works for the LCC the past 33 years and has been assistant manager for 23 years. Shirley started working for M.T.S. in 1949 and is still an operator at Portage Exchange. They have three children: Brent and Lesley of Portage and Roberta going to school in Winnipeg.

Hazel married John Ginter of Portage. Hazel is an operator with M.T.S. and John has been with M.P.C. for the past 34 years. He is presently head of the Repair Dept. in Portage. They have 4 children: Debbie, married to Dennis Ward of Portage, Sandra, Brenda, and Brian, all of Portage.

Ann married Hugh McKellar of Pilot Mound. Ann is a receptionist at Portage Clinic. Hugh is bus supervisor for Portage

School Division. They have two children, Ross and Cheryl: Ross married Kathy Neal and they have two children, Cheryl married Jim Klassen and they have a son.

Connie married Mike Fekowski in 1953 in England, where Mike was with the RCAF stationed in Germany. When they returned to Canada they bought a resort at Sask, River Crossing, 50 miles north of Lake Louise, Alta. In the winter months they live in Sarasota, Florida. They have four children, Michael of Calgary, Douglas in Calgary and Bruce of Sarasota, Fla. Their only daughter, Valarie was killed in a car accident in 1970. Connie and Michey have three grandchildren.

Shirley married Don Parker of Sturgeon Falls, Ont. They have three children, Keith of Edmonton, Alta., Karen and Kenneth of North Bay, Ont. Shirley and Don live at North Bay, Ont. where he is stationed with the RCAF. Shirley is a buyer supervisor for Woolco Dept. Stores.

Ken married Ella Pohl of Gladstone. They live in Winnipeg. Ken is maintenance supervisor at Deer Lodge Hospital.

AMBROSE MASON

Mr. Ambrose Mason was born in Shepshed, Leicestershire, England and came to Canada in 1920 with his wife Emily and daughter Elsie. They settled in the Currie district and rented their farm from George Charlton, a quarter section of 24-10-10.

Elsie attended Currie School, and helped her Dad on the farm when through school.

Mr. Mason was very active in Currie School activities and played football on the Currie football team. He was a trustee of the school for a number of years.

Mrs. Mason did a lot of knitting, fancy work and sewing.

In 1941 they left the farm to reside in Portage la Prairie. Mr. Mason worked at Southport Air Base a number of years and Elsie worked at Delta Apparel Factory. In 1953 Elsie married Philip Beck of Edson, Alberta. They had no family.

When living on the farm Mr. Mason went to visit his sister and family one evening. The ditch was full of water and had a plank over it to cross on. Mr. Mason got half way across and the plank tipped and he fell in up to his waist, so had to sit by the oven of the wood stove until he was dry again.



Elsie, Emily, Ambrose

Mrs. Mason passed away March 29, 1976.

Elsie passed away December 22, 1980. Mr. Mason passed away Dec. 24, 1981. Philip passed away Feb. 9, 1982.

ERNEST MASON FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Mason lived in the Currie School district. They had a family of six children.

Hannah married Charles Graham and they had one son Clayton who attended Currie School. They later moved to Alberta where Charlie and Clayton passed away. Hannah still makes her home there.

Hettie married Walter Anderson. They had a family of two, Myrtle and Alex. Hettie, Alex and Myrtle moved to Oshawa, Ont. where they made their home. Hettie is deceased.

Charlie is married and has a family of four children. They all live in the Oshawa area except for a daughter Marlene who is in England.

Henry married Mary Compton of Mackinac and have a family of four. One of their sons, Charles (better known as Chuck) is married and lives in the MacGregor area. He is an electrician. Mary and Henry live in Winnipeg.

David joined the P.P.C.L.I. and saw action overseas where he was killed in the last war.

Emily passed away at an early age.

Mrs. Mason died while still in the Currie district. Mr. Mason retired to Oshawa where he passed away.

DON MacDOUGALL AND FAMILY

In 1968 Don and Marion purchased the farm known as "The Stewart Farm" from George and Jean Cady, SW 30-10-9 being the home quarter.

Farming was not a new thing for Don who was the son of Bill and Mary McDougall of Currie, although it sure was different from railroading which he had done for over 20 years from Toronto.

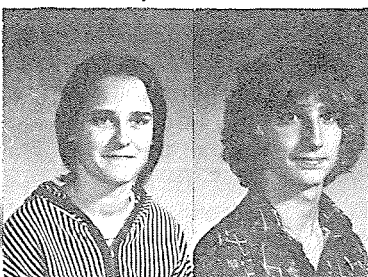
Experience is the best teacher, so the saying goes. Marion really found this out being a real green-horn from Toronto.

One morning the tractor wouldn't start so Don asked Marion to give him a hand. She was to pull the tractor with the big truck. The instructions were to drive to the end of the laneway, make a left turn and go to the fuel tanks. This she did exactly!(very nervously) When she got out of the truck there was Don; in the same place he was to begin with. Marion had broken the chain, then drove right past him. The instructions were given again only worded differently! Both vehicles got to the fuel tanks but no luck starting the tractor. Final instructions were given in no uncertain terms: "Pull the damn thing another 50 feet and if it isn't going, pull her the full half mile." Well, it didn't and she did! The tractor was finally going when Marion stopped the truck. What she hadn't known was it started just 60 feet the other side of the fuel tank. Marion wasn't sure what was worse, the blue smoke from Don or the deep ruts made in the field from pulling a tractor with its brakes on!

The next real experience Marion had was as a "Mid-Wife" for a "Sow". She had never seen an animal born. This particular day they were at Raymond and Enid MacDonald's during harvest. Raymond and Don were going to be busy in the field and a sow was going to farrow in a couple of hours. Of course Enid was given a major job so Marion was told she had to pinch the cord of every piglet and put it under the heat lamp. Boy, was she scared! That was sure a big sow and not at all friendly! All went well and Marion pinched 12 cords. Boy was she proud! Even when she found out that the sow had farrowed alone several times before, Marion still felt she had learned a lesson, even though the hard way.



Marion and Don MacDougall



Lorie



Bill



Sheri

Don and Marion participated in the activities at the Rossendale Community Centre. Don was affiliated with the Masonic Lodge in MacGregor, and Marion is a member of the Currie Sewing Circle. Circle.

Don and Marion had three children, Bill, Lorie and Sheri. All three children received their elementary education in Rossendale, being involved in sports and plays, etc. Lorie especially enjoyed singing and participated in a C.F.R.Y. Talent Show in MacGregor and received a trophy for "Most Promising Talent". Sheri, in Grade Eight in Rossendale, shared the "Top Scholastic Award" with Bonnie Perchak.

Bill is now employed by Dan and Pete's Auto Body and makes Portage his home.

Lorie is employed by the Manitoba School for Retardates in the dietary department and is also residing in Portage.

Sheri attends MacGregor Collegiate in Grade 10.

Don passed away in 1978 and is buried in the MacGregor cemetery.

Marion resides in the Rossendale area and has since also joined the U.C.W.

HARRY MacGREGOR *by Carl MacGregor*

My father Harry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William MacGregor. Dad and Mother, the former Edna McCracken, were married Dec. 30th, 1915 at Eden, Manitoba.

I, Carl, was born July 2, 1923 at Eden. In 1925 we moved to the Rossendale area to the farm 4-10-9 purchased from the bank. In March, 1933 we moved to 12-10-10 purchased from Bill Charlton. We continued farming here until we moved to Portage in 1979 to reside at 62, 8th St. SW

Dad was a devout church supporter and served on the Board of Directors of Rossendale Church for many years, being an Honorary Elder at the time of retirement. He was also a trustee of the Lavenham School.

Mother taught at Clairmont school in 1913-14. She began the 1915 term south of Brandon teaching until Christmas when she was married. She also taught Sunday School and was a member of the Ladies Aid. Mother passed away in September of 1957.

I attended Lavenham and South Rossendale schools. Like my father, I too served on the Rossendale Church Board as an Elder and Treasurer for a number of years, and was also a trustee on the Lavenham school board at the time of consolidation.

At present I am employed with the University of Manitoba Plant Science Dept. as well as doing carpentry work, a bit of trucking and odd jobs for the neighbors.

I remember one Sunday after Sunday School while waiting for our parents to come out of church, David and Doug Moffat and I went over to Moffat's and thought sliding down the tin roof of a shed

would be great enjoyment. There were a few nails sticking up here and there, so needless to say our pant seats were well ventilated when the session was over.

Another incident I remember was while attending school. Mother used to drive me every a.m. I was to get ready while she hitched up the horse and buggy. One a.m. I wasn't quite ready and wondering why I was late Mother left the horse and buggy at the door and came into the house to get me. When we came out the horse and buggy had gone on to the school without us!

JOHN McCALLUM

John McCallum was born in Paisley, Ont., and came west and settled at Rossendale. In 1895 he homesteaded SW ¼ of 36-10-9. He married Mary Drummond of Holland, Man. who had also come from Paisley, Ont. In 1897 their first child was born, a girl Jeanette. Later Wilfred, Mary and Archie were born.

There was no school closer than four miles, so the family moved to Centerville district in January of 1904. While living here Hilda and Duncan were born. Next move was Rathwell in 1907.

Jeanette(McCallum) Clark is still living and resides in Fred Douglas Lodge, Winnipeg. Wilfred is deceased. Mary (McCallum) Marlatt lives in Legion Lodge, Treherne. Archie McCallum lives on the family farm in Rathwell, Man. Hilda (McCallum) Marlatt lives in Treherne. Duncan McCallum lives on his farm in Rathwell.



McCallum Homestead 1920

This picture taken in 1902 is of the log and frame house and log ice house. In the center of the picture is John McCallum. Mrs. McCallum is holding Mary at the end of the house. An aunt, Janet Drummond, is standing by the fence and beside her are Jeanette and Wilfred.

I remember them speaking about the Weir family, Frys and Moffat and Mrs. Buchanan, who was the midwife in attendance when the four older ones were born- no doctor.

An old diary tells how they helped each other get out logs, peel them and build usually a stable first, where they lived until the houses were built. They helped build Hartford School, clear roads and build bridges and fences.

There was a wonderful wild raspberry patch just back of the house.

McCUAIG FAMILY

by Gladys McCuaig

Malcolm McCuaig with his wife Effie and two sons Allan Roy and Duncan John arrived in the Allandale District Nov. 4, 1918. They moved there from the Oakland District N. of Portage, where Allan had taken his education. Duncan, the younger son started school there. They moved to the South half of SE 31-9-8. They later moved to NE 31-9-8 and lived there many years.

Before Malcolm McCuaig was married he was a member of the North West Mounted Police for five years. He was stationed in Regina. In those days they all rode horse back because there were no cars. In winter the mounties checked the scattered settlers. The snow was often so deep that the only way they could travel was down the railroad track. Each mountie took very good care of his horse because it meant life to himself if anything happened to his horse.

M.C. McCuaig helped form the Allandale School District. He donated three acres of land to build the school on. M.C. McCuaig was Secretary Treasurer of the school for a number of years until he left the district. He was also Justice of the Peace for a long time.



Mac and Effie McCuaig



Back Row L-R - Allan, Leslie, Francis
Front Row - Gladys, Margaret, Ivy

Before Allandale School was built some of the children went to Ferriss School. Duncan McCuaig went with his cousins Clayton and Allan Turner with a horse and cart the seven miles to Ferriss School. Allandale School opened in the fall of 1919 and Duncan finished his education there.

Allandale always had a large school picnic at the end of June. It was held at the McCuaig farm. The grounds held as many as 18 ball teams. The morning of the picnic neighbors came and made home made ice-cream and sandwiches. A booth was set up to sell soft drinks, chocolate bars, etc. The day was spent playing ball, horse shoes, and various races.

When M.C. McCuaig and Effie McCuaig grew older they retired to Rossendale. They liked to attend church in Rossendale. Mrs. McCuaig passed away in Aug. of 1947. Mr. McCuaig passed away in Oct. 1954 after living the last few years of his life in Portage with his niece Mary Ann McNeil. Both are laid to rest in Hillside Cemetery in Portage.

Duncan married Ruth Anderson who taught school at Allandale. She came from Roland, Manitoba. After their marriage Duncan and Ruth settled on a farm SW of Consul, Sask. They had seven children, Violet, Malcolm, Janice, Marion, Karen, Kenny and Lindah. Janice and Kenny were killed in separate car accidents. Violet lives in Kingston, Ont. where she is a librarian. Her husband Doug Chricton is a professor of Theology at Queen's University. They have four children.

Malcolm and his wife are school teachers. They have four children and live on the farm at Consul. Marion, Karen and Lindah are also teachers. Karen, Janice and Lindah married farmers. Marion has two daughters and lives in B.C. Karen has four children and lives in Northern Alta. at Kinuso. Lindah has two children and lives at Prairie River, Sask.

Janice trained as a nurse. She married a farmer from Nokimis, Sask. They had three children before her death.

On Nov. 14, 1935 Allan McCuaig married me, Gladys Dodgson. We have two children, Ivy Gertrude and Arthur Leslie. We settled on the NW 240 acres of 31-9-8. We were married in the dirty thirties. Things were hard. Neighbors helped neighbors.

During the war years we had a Ladies Organization. We made one quilt a month for the Red Cross and also did sewing and knitting. All of the ladies of the district belonged to this group. Some of the neighbor's boys went overseas. Some never to return.

In those days eggs sold for 8 cents per dozen, cream was about 11 cents per butterfat-pound, and a fat calf sold for \$8.00. If you bought \$5.00 worth of groceries you couldn't carry them all out of the store at once.

Roads were very poor. They were not much better than trails. Even after motor-driven vehicles were being used for transportation people were always getting stuck. Many times, day and night,

someone would come knocking at the door because they were stuck. Allan would hitch up the team and pull them out. In later years he used the tractor, always free of charge. Many times someone would have car trouble. They would walk to our place to phone for help.

Allan was Secretary Treasurer of Allandale School for a few years. Ivy and Leslie took their education at Allandale. Ivy continued her education and became a school teacher, but now works at the Winnipeg Post Office.

Ivy married Charles Francis Pawley, a trucker, on Oct. 11, 1958. They live near Winnipeg. They have two children, Elaine and Danny. Elaine works at the Post Office. Danny is still in school.

On Oct. 4, 1980 Elaine married a welder, Donald Ennis. They have a baby girl Sabrina, my first great grandchild. They live near Francis and Ivy.

Leslie married Margaret Scott March 21, 1964. They have two children, Casey and Colleen. They both attend school in Portage and travel by bus. Margaret works part time at the Portage Telephone System as a telephone operator. Leslie farms in the Gainsborough District and works part time for the cement plant in Portage.

When our children were small it was my job to drive them to school with the horse and buggy or cutter, then return at 3:30 in the afternoon for them. It was 2 and one-half miles each way. When they grew older we bought them a horse and cart. Sometimes they rode double on one horse. One day coming home from school the horse decided to take the short cut into the yard through a deep ditch. The horse was galloping down the road when she wheeled into the ditch. Both kids fell off and rolled down the ditch. The horse leaped over them and climbed out of the ditch and then waited for them to catch up to her. Both kids were unhurt.

After the children grew up and left home Allan and I remained on the farm. Things were different then. We had hydro and telephone. The work was done by tractor instead of horses now. We still kept cattle and a team of horses. We also had a car for trips to Portage.

We had many happy years together. Allan passed away March 7, 1979 and is laid to rest in Hillside Cemetery. I still own the farm but rent it out and reside on my son's farm in Rural Portage.

THE A.R. McCULLOCH'S

by Grace Anderson

In 1812 William McCulloch and his wife Elizabeth came from Belfast, Ireland to Canada and settled at Lanark, Ontario. They were the great grand-parents of Allan Raymond McCulloch.

They had ten children, one of whom was William, born in 1842. He married Anne Tulley of Lanark. They came to Portage in 1870. Robert McCulloch was two years old. In 1895 he married Kathleen

Leader, daughter of Thomas Leader who came from Guelph, Ontario to Portage.

Robert and Kathleen farmed at Poplar Bluff where their six children were born. Allan Raymond was the eldest born in 1896. He met Jessie Alma Everall when she was teaching at Poplar Bluff. She was the youngest child of Tom and Janet Everall of Portage, she was born in 1894.

They were married in 1917 and homesteaded at Makinak. John Raymond and Margaret Clare were born before they moved to the Allandale district in 1921. They were at Allandale for ten years during which time Grace, Kathleen, Shirley and Joan were born. Jack, Margaret and I went to school at Allandale.

In 1931 we moved to Rossendale to the farm two miles east, SE quarter of 14-10-9. Don was born there in 1931. My dad also farmed the NE quarter of 11-10-9 and later the NW quarter of 12-10-9.

My dad was Secretary Treasurer of the Ferriss school for five years and served as trustee for many years. He was vice president of the Rossendale Community Club, and a member of the men's curling club. He curled for a number of years.



Mr. and Mrs.
R. McCulloch
with their
five daughters

He was elected councillor for North Norfolk and served for several years. He was responsible for improving many roads around Rossendale and west through the hills. He would have liked to see our 242 paved highway built in 1980.

My mother was superintendent of the Blue Bird Mission Band we had at Ferriss. She was a member of the U.C.W., and taught Sunday School at Rossendale and later was superintendent of the Sunday School.

My dad was always interested in modern new things. We had the telephone soon after moving to Rossendale. My dad made our own lighting plant long before the hydro came in 1952. He had a motor-cycle before he was married and used to take my mother in the side-car. He had a car when he lived at Makinak and many others through the years. His first new car was a Nash. From then on he had several new cars. He wrote to my sister in Toronto telling about a new car: "The little fellow came out and washed the windshield when you pushed a button." He was a very good mechanic and his talents along that line were often called upon.

He farmed with both horses and tractors. He was very partial to a little Ford he had. He called it Tony. He also had 2 new Fordsons.

My brother Jack was the eldest followed by five girls. There were lots of times when the girls were needed to help. I remember driving a four horse team on the harrows. We raked hay and helped Dad with the baling. We usually had some loud discussions while doing this job. We also helped with the milking and gardening. I never did haul grain, but my sister Joan did. She was taught how to drive by mother. Mother was giving her a lesson one day with Jack's model A when to Joan's amazement the wheel came off and rolled past her down the road.

My mother was a real gardener, there was nowhere she'd rather be in the summer than working in her yard and garden. Mother was a beautiful seamstress. She had lots of practice, as she made all our clothes. she had plenty of practice making bread too. She baked almost every day. Times were hard during the depression. We picked the abundant wild fruit, had large gardens and raised our own meat.

Margaret is the eldest of the five girls. She went to Allandale, Ferriss and the Portage Collegiate. Later she took a business course. When the war broke out she joined the Inspection Board of Canada in Toronto. She married George Leslie in 1947. They have five children. Linda is the eldest, lives in Calgary and works for the Revenue Department. She has a little girl, Renee. Brian passed away in 1975. Joan married Gary Sequillian. She is a teacher in Scarborough. David works for the Toronto Transit Co., and has a little girl, Jessica. Paul is a member of the Toronto Firemen. Margaret is a practical nurse and works at a senior citizens home.

I, Mildred Grace, was born in 1922. I went to school at Allandale, Ferriss and the Portage Collegiate. When I finished Grade XI, I married Walter Anderson in 1940.

Jessie Phyllis Kathleen was born next. She started to school at Ferriss where she got all her schooling. When the war broke out she joined the Royal Canadian Navy. She was stationed at Halifax. After she got out of the navy she worked at the Manitoba School and Canada Safeway. She settled down with Les Dennis of Portage. Kay was always good at athletics. They had three children: Collen the eldest, went to school at Ferriss, Rossendale Consolidated and Portage. She inherited her mother's running ability. She married Rod Carlson in 1976. They have three girls - Brandy, Chelan and Katie, live in Princeton, B.C., where Rod manages a Canadian Tire store.

Cathy, her second daughter, passed away in 1968. Robert was born in 1966. He went to school at Swan River, The Pas, and Rossendale Consolidated, where he won the Senior Athlete Award for 1981. He is in Grade 9 at MacGregor.

Kay moved to Swan River when she became district director for Con Stan Products. She won a car and several trips during the nine

years she was with them. They moved to the Pas from Swan River and back to Rossendale in 1974. She bought a house and Jack Anderson moved it into Rossendale for her. Kay is making a name for herself with her paintings. She has sold several.

Shirley Beth went to school at Ferriss. She worked at the Manitoba School for several years, and then at Manitoba Telephone. She married Les Marks who was born at Rossendale. They live in Portage.

Marion Joan is the youngest of the girls. She went to school at Ferriss. She later worked at Krindles in Portage, Manitoba Telephone, and also at Bell Telephone in Toronto, then came home to help her dad. She married Harvey Watson who was born and raised at Rossendale.

Donald Keith is the youngest of the family. He went to school at Ferriss.

Ray and Alma McCulloch were responsible for producing sixty-five family members. They were married forty-eight years in 1965. In 1957 the Ferriss district had a celebration for them to celebrate their forty years of marriage. They were wonderful loving parents that we felt we could always count on. My dad passed away in 1966 and mother joined him in 1971.

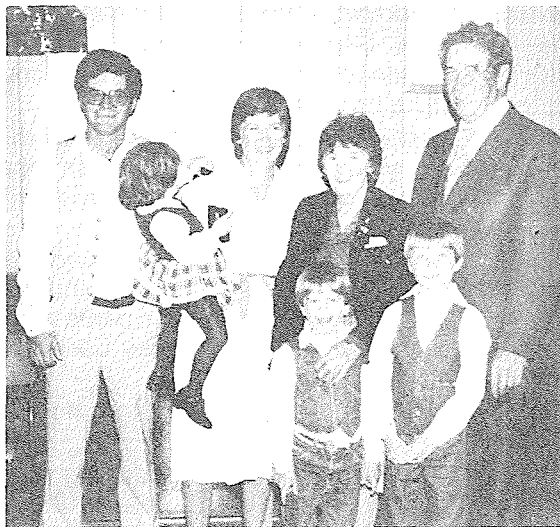


Mr. and Mrs. Ray McCulloch

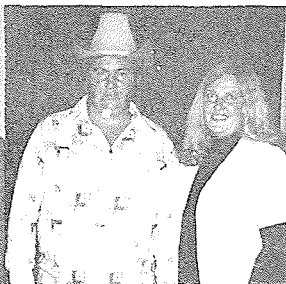
JOHN R. McCULLOCH

submitted by Jean McCulloch

Jack McCulloch was born on his father's homestead at Makinak, Manitoba and came with his parents at an early age to the Allandale district. In 1931 the McCulloch family moved to 14-10-9, two and one-half miles east of Rossendale village. Jack attended school at Allandale and Ferriss, and on completing his education worked at home with his father, also various other jobs, such as trucking and carpentry, as did many other young men who grew up during the Depression. In 1940 Jack joined the Royal Canadian Engineers, and after a period of training in Dundurn, Sask. and Winnipeg, he served with the First Canadian Army in France,



Cliff, Lynn holding Dawn, Jean and Jack
Front L-R - Mark, Michael



Pat and Rose

Belgium, Holland and Germany. While in England, he met me, Jean Hempston of London. We were married in 1944 and with the end of the war, settled on E half 12-10-9.

Coming from war-torn England, and from one of the world's largest cities, Rossendale was indeed different from anything I had imagined. I remember arriving in Winnipeg on Valentines Day, 1946, which I thought was a good omen, a beautiful sparkling day, but extremely cold. We went to Hudson's Bay Co., where I was introduced to soft ice-cream, which tasted heavenly after years of rationing, but hardly the fare for 40 degrees below. After a few days in the city, we came out to the village on the train to meet my new family. It was my first sleigh ride, and I found the horses with their tinkling sleigh bells very fascinating, but oh there was so much snow, there seemed to be a million miles of it.

Spring came early that year, and Jack had bought the E half of 12-10-9, so we moved a building by rolling it over poles into what is now our yard. I wasn't the least bit convinced that it would arrive at it's destination in one piece, but it did. Since good lumber was a scarce commodity after the war, we spent most of our spare time trying to make it habitable, replacing doors and windows, in fact replacing almost everything except the original frame. After the house was completed, the scrub was cut out with the axe, leaving only the large maples which shade the house today. A lighting plant provided only the minimum of electricity, but was very much appreciated, in spite of the occasional resort to oil lamps, when it went on strike. Confronted with a wood stove, not knowing green wood from dry, compounded by the fact I could hardly boil water, my efforts in the culinary art were fraught with disaster. The ladies of the neighbourhood at that time, always

produced six beautiful pies for the Annual Bonspiel. From my iron monster in the kitchen, I provided the half dozen burnt offerings, the wailing and lamentations.

On July 2, 1947, our son Patrick John was born, and three years later, our daughter- Shelley Lynn on Aug. 28, 1950.

Pat and Lynn attended school at Ferriss and Rossendale. Pat finished his education at MacGregor High School and Lynn at Treherne High School.

The passing years have brought many changes. Machinery has replaced almost all of the back-breaking labour that was once required to produce a crop. More land was purchased, and bulldozers have put very many more acres into production, oil seeds now replacing some of the coarse grains previously grown. Like our neighbours, we have seen many good and bad years, and as every farmer knows, there is always that 'next year.'

The installation of the Hydro in 1952, brought about a great improvement in everyone's way of life. One of the greatest being when I was told, "Turn on the tap, Mother, we have water.." When I did so, the pressure was so great, that the water hit the bottom of the sink, splashed up almost to the ceiling, and almost drowned me, but what a glorious feeling!

In 1974, an exploratory oil well was drilled on the south quarter of the farm. Needless to say, no vast quantities of 'Texas Tea' was found. It proved to be quite interesting, as we found that our area contains considerable amounts of both coal and anhydrous. They had calculated to reach the Pre-Cambrian Shield at a depth of 2000 feet and with amazing accuracy did so, at 1970 feet.

Jack worked for eleven years as an operator on the grader for the municipality of North Norfolk. He has always enjoyed outdoor sports, hunting and fishing. We both enjoy curling, ski-dooing, and participating in the events of our small community. I have belonged the U.C.W. for many years, taught Sunday School and U.C.W. vacation school, and very much enjoy our little entertainment groups.

We are very fortunate in that both our children have chosen farming as their way of life, and farm in the same area. On leaving school Pat worked in Winnipeg for a number of years, and in July of 1973, married Roselyn Rosolowski. They live on the home site. In 1976 they purchased the farm formerly owned by Russell Love.

Lynn worked for the Bank of Commerce in Treherne and Winnipeg. Lynn and Clifford Hayward were married in Aug. of 1971. In 1977, they purchased the farm previously owned by Harold Patsack. They have three children, Michael Scott, born Feb. 22, 1974, Mark Alan, born Sept 23, 1975 and Dawn Marie, born Sept 9, 1978. Michael and Mark enjoy going to school in Rossendale and at present Dawn-Marie is just enjoying life.

DONALD MCCULLOCH

Don McCulloch, the youngest child of Ray and Alma McCulloch, was born and raised in the Rossendale District. Don attended Ferriss School and after completing his education, worked on the D.E.W. line in the Arctic. He then purchased the P.S.V. from Phil Henry, which he operated for a number of years.

In 1959, Don married Louise Kane, daughter of Gordon Kane. They purchased some land (9-10-9) from Walter Neufeld and made their home there. They have two children, Debbie and Allan, who attended kindergarten and elementary school in Rossendale.

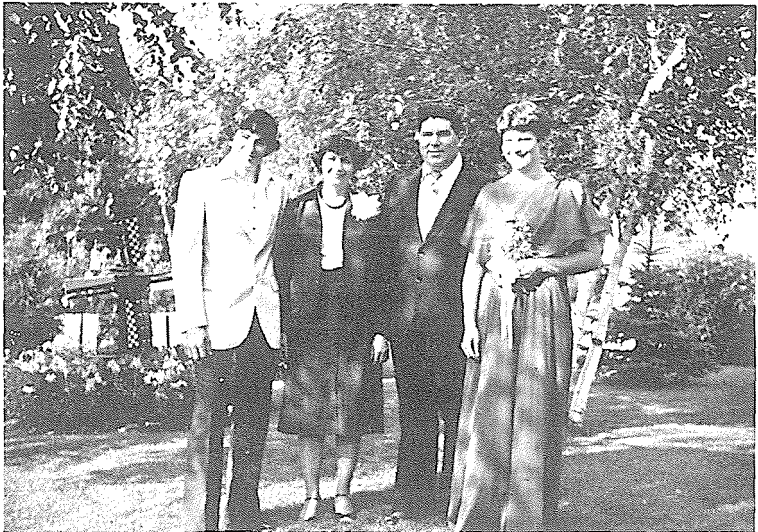
In 1970, the family moved to MacGregor where Don worked for the Dept. of Highways, until 1974 when he went into the trucking business.

Debbie and Allan attended MacGregor Elementary and Secondary Schools, both being very active in sports, Debbie in curling and Allan in hockey.

After graduation, Debbie was employed by the Bank of Montreal, until her marriage in 1982 to David Thiessen.

They now reside in Winnipeg. Allan is still at home.

Louise, for many years has been on the nursing staff of MacGregor Hospital and Don is presently employed as supervisor to the R.M. of N. Norfolk.



Allan, Louise, Don, Debbie

ANDY McDERMOTT

My parents, Andy McDermott, born in the Prospect district, and Clara Boak, born at Rignold, were married at Burnside, Man. in 1916. They lived in the Hartford district and this is where I was born in 1920.

We left the Hartford farm on April 7, 1933 and went to the NE 32-9-8. The farm was owned by uncle Robert McDermott and is now owned by Art Sylvester. I can remember moving there with horses and wagons. There was a lot of water and not very good roads. We had to take the cattle around the Portage municipality because their cattle were tested for T.B. and ours were not.

The house we moved into was sitting up on blocks and there wasn't a tree for half a mile. My mother did not like it when the wind blew around and under the house. We put a foundation under it the first summer and planted trees.

I can remember going to Rossendale to get the meat from the slaughter house for we were in the beef ring. We got our groceries from Crocker's at the same time.

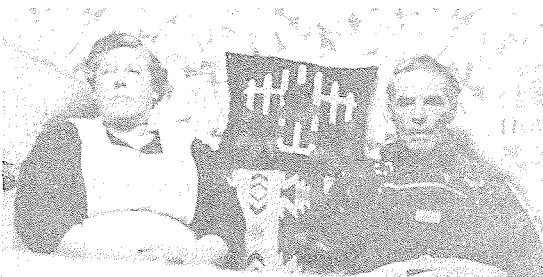
In the fall of 1938 we moved to the river flat 28-9-8. This we rented from Uncle Robert McDermott. It was so nice down there in the winter.

We got a model A Ford car which made getting around a little easier.

In 1947 we moved to the Edwin district and farmed the west half of 5-11-8. We rented our river flat to David Gourley for a few years. When he moved away I farmed it myself.

My mother and I worked the farm until 1969 when mother passed away. My father had passed away Oct. 16, 1956.

In 1974 I sold my farm to Allan Murray. I bought a small lot from Ray Voss in 1976 and I am living there now.



Mr. and Mrs. Andy McDermott

ERNEST McDONALD

Ernest, Florence and daughter Olive moved from Dundas, Ontario to the Rossendale area in 1908. Ernest worked on the railroad and at the brick yard. While living in this area three boys were born, Henry(Harry), Nelson and Wesley. They all attended Rossendale school. Later Ernie and Florence bought a farm 13-10-10 in the Currie district. This is where Ada, Herb, Myrtle and Roy were born.

Florence passed away in January of 1925 when Roy was six months old.

The family lived here for a number of years and the children all attended Currie School.

Olive married Wes Fowle, who had served overseas in the second world war. They farmed in the McAuley school district until Wes passed away. Olive continued to live on the farm for a few years, later selling it and moving to MacGregor.

Harry never married. He worked the home farm until his health forced him to give up farming. Harry passed away in August of 1976.

Nelson farmed and worked on construction for a number of years. He is retired and living in MacGregor.

Wes remained single. He worked on construction and farmed the home farm with Nelson for a few years before retiring to MacGregor.

Ada married Harvey Glover. They farmed north of MacGregor for a few years. After Harvey died Ada and Olive resided in MacGregor where their Dad lived with them until the time of his death on June 15, 1961. Olive and Ada later moved to Portage la Prairie.

Herb married Christine Hickie of Dundee, Scotland after World War II. They farmed in the South End district for a number of years. and now reside in Brandon.

Herb and Chris have two daughters.

Linda married Brian Burton. They have two daughters, Barbara and Cathy and one son, Richard.

Ann is working in Ontario.

Myrtle married Edward Roy. They farmed in the Hartford district where they raised six children.

Jean married Wayne Archer and they had four children, Douglas, Dwayne, Daryl and Patricia. Jean is deceased.

Lorraine married Ian Dirk and they live in Edmonton with their two children, Jamie and Kristin.

Bill married Maureen Ainsley and they have two children Susan and Blair. They reside in Portage.

Lorne married Jenny Burrows. They have two children Lori and Sydney and live in Portage.

Dennis married Ailene Wright and has two children, Jeffrey and Cody.

Richard lives at home. He and Edward are partners in the Romyn and Roy trucking company.

Roy married Mary Sokoluk. They have five boys, Gerald, who is married to Donna Kutchma. Jim married to Gloria Smart and they have three children, Pamela, Jonathan and Andrea.

Terry married Laura Hychaway.

Wayne and Kelvin are at home.

JAMES N. McDONALD

James N. McDonald (Irish) and Margaret Charlotte Howie (Scotch) were born in Ontario, but in different towns. Both came with their families to Manitoba and settled on farms in Flee Island, near Portage la Prairie. Margaret's family travelled all the way by ox cart.

Margaret and James married and moved to another farm in Flee Island, where their eight children were born. The first two children, Hugh and Hugh Neiddery, died in infancy. Other children were Wellington, John, Emily, Hester, Ina and Clifford.

When Clifford was two years old (1901) they moved to a farm about one-half mile south of Rossendale, Manitoba, where their children were raised. Clifford's father had built a log cabin on the farm in Rossendale to house his family. The farm was 320 acres in size, south one-half of 10-10-9. The children all took their schooling in Rossendale.

Clifford attended the original Rossendale school- a log building two miles north and one-half mile east of Rossendale, until the Elmwood school was constructed and he finished his schooling there.

His earliest memories are of the wood choppers in Rossendale who, during the winter, chopped the wood in the area to supply the fuel for the brick yards in Portage la Prairie. His mother, Margaret, baked bread to sell to the workmen(wood choppers). She used as much as a 100-lb. sack of flour a day and sold her bread for ten cents a loaf. The bread was so good Clifford claims she should have raised her price.

There was lots of play, as well as hard work in the early days. Of course hockey, curling, and ice skating in the rink, but Clifford's favorite sport was baseball. He was on the Rossendale baseball team (along with his brothers). Fowl suppers and Christmas Concerts were special occasions they all looked forward to. Dances were held all the time- Clifford remembers going to as many as five in a week.

Clifford's father, James, died in 1923. He was buried in Portage la Prairie.

Johnny worked the farm. Welly worked for his uncle in Flee Island- then bought two or three threshing machines and tractors and worked them around the neighboring farms and Clifford worked for him. Then he emigrated to the United States in 1923.

Clifford married Mary Charlton from Edwin, Manitoba in 1925. They purchased the west-quarter of Rossendale farm from Margaret(Cliff's mother) in 1934 and sold it to Norman Charlton in 1937 or 1938.

The original log house was torn down and replaced by a frame house (moved by Welly) from Rossendale. This later was torn down and replaced by a new frame cottage by Norman and Mary Charlton in 1938.

Clifford and Mary McDonald had three children, Norma, Shirley and Robert. Now (1982) there are nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Mary McDonald died in 1960, and was buried in Portage la Prairie.

Twelve years later on June 3, 1972, Clifford married Patty Atkins in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where they are living now.

Mary Emily McDonald was born at Flee Island, Man. on June 29, 1894. Emily moved to Portage and worked in Prior's Dry Goods Store. In April 1921 she married James McConnell and lived in Portage la Prairie. Jim was a tinsmith for Cadhams' Hardware Store. He passed away January 1965. Emily passed away Dec. 12, 1980. They did not have children. She was a past president of the U.W.C. and a great church worker in the Trinity United Church. She was also a 61 year member of the Ruth Rebekah Lodge #3 in Portage la Prairie.

Hester McDonald was born Feb. 4, 1896 at Flee Island, Man. She moved to Portage la Prairie and worked in Prior's Dry Goods Store. In November 1920 she married Thomas Stait of High Bluff, Man. After a few years they moved to Flin Flon. They had two children, son William(Bill) and daughter Noreen. Bill is married and lives in the Pas, Man. Noreen passed away accidentally Feb. 1940 when she was four years old. Hester Stait passed away March 1977 in Flin Flon. Her husband now lives in the Pas and has four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Ina Catherine McDonald was born Sept. 3, 1897 at Flee Island. She helped her parents at home and in Dec. 1919 she married Clifford Rowland at Rossendale where they farmed for several years before moving to Portage la Prairie. They had one daughter Margaret Emily born June 29, 1922. She is married to James Syme and lives at Williams Lake, B.C. Margaret has two sons and three grandchildren. Cliff Rowland passed away Dec. 1968 and Ina Rowland passed away March 1, 1980.

John Niddery McDonald was born at Flee Island, Man. on January 24, 1892.

John attended school when he was able to. He just got his Grade 4 and had to quit to help at home. He liked to skate and play ball. John and his brother Cliff played ball on the same team for quite a few years. John cut a lot of cordwood and loaded it onto freight cars to be shipped out. He also enjoyed dancing and was a square dance caller.

On January 17, 1920 John married Eva Fern Bray of Oakland, Man. He had built a shanty on the SE quarter of 10-10-9 and they lived there for a few years. They had one daughter Ora Blanche born May 14, 1921.

John's father passed away in 1923 and his mother passed away May 1956.

In Dec. 1926 John and his family moved to the Portage Plains to farm. In March of 1940, the family moved to MacGregor to manage the BA service station, which is now the Gulf. In January 1948 they moved again, this time to Portage where they remained. John worked for the White Rose Oil Company and drove a taxi.

John Nidderly McDonald passed away January 5, 1966. His wife Eva McDonald is living in the Oddfellows Towers. Daughter Ora married Ed Towle of MacGregor and lives in the Burnside District. Mrs. Eva McDonald has 3 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

WILLIAM JOHN (BILL) McDUGALL

Bill McDougall bought the south west quarter of 31-10-9 in 1927. He farmed with horses for several years and cut and drew wood to MacGregor to sell in the winter.

Bill married Mary Gibbs of MacGregor and they raised four boys and one girl, Donald William, Allan John, Henry Neil, Doreen Ann and Wayne Alfred. All the children attended Currie School until consolidation, when Doreen and Wayne finished their elementary education at Rossendale. They were all involved in all sports and Wayne was awarded "Top Athlete" his last year at Rossendale.



Bill and Mary MacDougall

Bill passed away in 1970 and is buried at MacGregor.

Mary resides on the farm most of the year.

Don married Marion Little of Toronto. In 1968 they with their three children Bill, Lorie and Sheri moved to the Currie District. There they farmed until Don's death in 1978.

Allan married Marina Gulden of Winnipeg. Allan has been a trucker hauling gravel for many years. Allan and Marina have six children, Dale, Dawn, Heather, Myrna, Theresa and Shelley. They all reside in Winnipeg.

Neil married Lillian Oliver. Neil has also been a trucker for many years doing low-bed hauling. Lil and Neil have three children, David, Diane and Rick. They all reside in Winnipeg.

Doreen married Douglas LeBlanc of Nova Scotia. Doreen makes her home in Calgary, Alberta with her three children Brenda, Bruce and Tanya.

Wayne married Deborah Stewart of Sidney. Wayne is a licensed electrician and is employed by Phillip's Cable of Portage. Debbie is a part time telephone operator. Wayne and Debbie have one son Devon and now reside on the home quarter SW 31-10-9.

FAMILY OF LORANCE McINTOSH

by Mae James

Lorance McIntosh and Jennie Mason were married on November 23, 1910 by Rev. Buckley at her parents farm home in the McCauley District.

Lorance was born in Portage la Prairie June 7, 1887 and died July 30, 1970. Jennie was born in MacGregor Feb.13, 1892 and died April 11, 1976. They are both buried in Hillside Cemetery in Portage la Prairie.

Lorance received his education in East Prospect and Portage schools. He was very active in sports especially skating and baseball.

In 1880 Lorance's uncle Joe Hall homesteaded the south east quarter section 36 township 10 range 10 three miles west and three miles north of Rossendale.

In 1902 Lorance's father bought the south west quarter 31, township 10, range 9. Lorance helped clear the land, and in 1907 started farming it and his uncle's land that is still owned and farmed by Lorance's eldest son Preston in the third generation.



Mr. and Mrs. Lorance McIntosh and their family
Taken on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh had a family of eleven children, comprised of six girls and five boys. Lorna married Charles Rau who is deceased. They lived in Winnipeg with their five girls and one boy. She remarried Harold Grey, who is also deceased. Barbara married Charles Ferriss, and they live in Kelowna, B.C. with their two girls. Preston married Jean Watson. They have three girls and live at Rossendale. Mae married Wilfred James of MacDonald. They have one boy and one girl. Blanche married Curtis Begg. They have three children, twins - boy and girl, and one other boy, in Sunridge, Ont. Allan Married Bernice Crosbie. They have three girls and live in Portage la Prairie. Hilton married Ada Cartman and they had one girl. Hilton died Dec. 20, 1960 and Ada died Jan. 14, 1976. Gladys married Bud Chaboyer, and along with their one boy and one girl live in Medicine Hat, Alta. Edna

married Keith Black and their four children, three boys and one girl live in Winnipeg. Bill married Myrtle Ennis and they live in Portage la Prairie. They have three girls and one boy. Barrie married Ruth Scora, they have no children and live at MacGregor.

In 1919 an organization meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lorance McIntosh to form a school board and plan to build a school house. Lorance was elected to canvas the district, the petition was granted and Currie School #1952 was built on three acres of land bought from Joe Miller, directly across the road from the McIntosh's. Lorna and Barbara, their two eldest daughters, were among the eleven pupils who started school on March 2, 1920. All the family received their education at the Currie school. Gladys furthered her education by attending the Portage Collegiate, and Edna at the Lord Selkirk school in Winnipeg. Currie school had never been without a McIntosh as the third generation, Lois, daughter of Preston McIntosh, helped make up the 23 pupils who, in 1965, commenced being transported by van to the Rossendale Consolidated S.D.

Both Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh served several years on the Currie School Board as trustees. They helped form the first Glee Club in the district. Mrs. McIntosh taught Sunday School, and was leader of the Mission Band and Junior Red Cross as well. She was a member of the W.M.S. and the Currie Sewing Circle.

Allan served in the Second World War from 1942 to 1945 with the army in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

In 1960 Mr. and Mrs. Lorance McIntosh celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the farm with all the family home for the happy occasion.

Preston and Jean have three daughters who received their education at Currie, Rossendale and MacGregor. Alexie married Ted O'Neill and they have four children. They own the Canadian Tire Store in Acton, Ontario. Lorna married Wayne Lacombe and they have two children. Lorna teaches in the St. Boniface School Division and Wayne works at Western Paint and Paper. Lois married Carl Burch and they farm in the Currie District.

Preston, son of Bill McIntosh, is the only one to carry on the family name.



L-R - Alexie, Jean, Preston, Lois and Lorna

BILL McINTOSH FAMILY

Bill was born the second youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Lorange McIntosh of the Currie District and was therefore no stranger in Rossendale. He worked for Jimmy Watson in the summer of 1954.

In 1956 he married Myrtle Ennis of Treherne and they resided in Winnipeg.

They first moved to the Rossendale district in 1960 into a house owned by Bill Bodie, known formerly as the Robbie Tarr place. They had two daughters at this time, Myrna and Kimberly.

In the spring of 1961 they moved into the town of Rossendale into a house owned by Harvey Kane. It was while they lived here that their youngest daughter Terry was born.

Three years later they moved to the Koldyke farm house which was owned at that time by John Nesar of Selkirk, later moving into MacGregor and rounding out their family with a son.

Bill and Myrtle now reside in the Poplar Point district.

Myrna married Bradley McKay in 1975. They had one daughter, Billie-Jo, born in 1975. They were divorced in 1980 and she married Hilbert Deen that same year. They have one daughter, Miranda Lynn, born in 1981 and they now reside in Winnipeg.

Kim was married in May of 1982 to Ray Lavalee and they reside in Poplar Point.

Terry was married August 14, 1982 to Ron Mathews. They have one son Otis and reside in Portage la Prairie.

Preston still lives at home.

FRANK McKEEN

Frank McKeen was born in the Opawaka School district near the town of Miami, Manitoba on April 27, 1883. He was the eldest of eleven children born to James and Norah McKeen.

Frank spent his early life in the Miami area where he learned to operate steam engines. He was employed as a steam engineer in a sawmill at Ashern before coming to Rossendale in 1915.

He and two other men drove from Ashern with two teams of horses. They came to thresh with Mr. Frank Sawyer. He was later hired to run the threshing outfit for the Culbert family.

He spent many years in the employ of A.B. Culbert. In 1935 he started running the Hird ferry. He held this position for the next five years.

In 1948 he purchased the SW quarter of 3-10-9 which is still farmed by his son, Gordon.

Frank married Agnes Blair of MacGregor in 1925. Two children were born of this union. Lillian was born Feb. 3, 1927 and Gordon was born Dec. 18, 1932. Both children were educated at the South Rossendale School.

Frank and Agnes were members of the Loyal Orange Lodge. Frank attained the position of Master and in 1965 was made an Honourary Life member of Lavenham Local 1734.

Mrs. McKeen was well known for her fine crochet work and had taken many firsts at local fairs.

Lillian married Peter Giesbrecht of Lavenham. Peter had served in the Second World War with the First Canadian Scottish Regiment. He saw service in France, Holland and Belgium. On his return from the war he and Lillian were married.

Four children were born of this union. Grace, who is married and lives in Winnipeg, James, married and lives in Vancouver, B.C. Lorne is also in Winnipeg. A son Keith died in infancy.

Lillian passed away in July of 1971, followed by her husband in July of 1972 and her mother in November of 1972. Frank passed away in September of 1976.

Gordon has a herd of jersey cattle which he has shown at surrounding fairs and which have gained him recognition in the association.

He managed and coached the Junior Boys Ball Team in Rossendale for several years. On his retirement from this service the club presented him with a ball jacket as a thank you for the many hours he had spent with them.

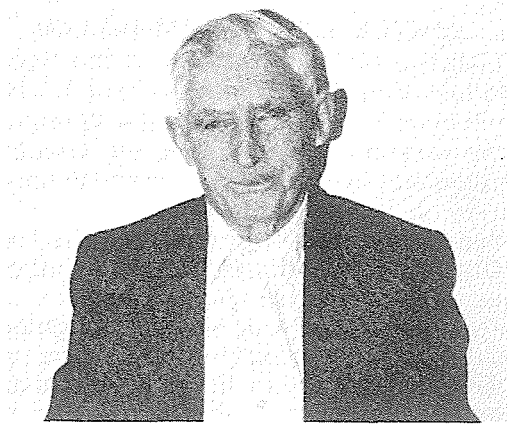
NORMAN McLEOD

Norman McLeod married Lily Kelly. They had five children; John, Kenneth, Eva, Alice, and Norman. I am John, the oldest child of Lily and Norman McLeod. I was born at MacDonald, Man. on October 1, 1892. My grandmother, Elizabeth Kelly, was one of the first homesteaders on the Portage Plains. She had one boy and three girls; William, Lizzie, Maggie and Lily. My mother was one of the youngest ones in the family. We all lived in the Rossendale area. My aunts married into the Ferriss and Bell families. Bell was a policeman in Winnipeg, but he had a homestead back in the sticks.

My father homesteaded around 1897. It wasn't called Rossendale then. It was called Loveville after a family of Love that homesteaded there. The name was changed to Rossendale when the railroad was built through there. Our homestead was about ten miles south of Bagot. I don't remember what section we were on, but we were east and next to section 15. When the railroad came through it cut the corner off our quarter section and separated the buildings from the rest of the quarter, so we lived right next to the railway.

The Rossendale area in those days was all bush that was being broken. The land was flat with hills all around. There were no stones. The Assiniboine River was about ten miles south of us. Rat Creek ran from the hills west of Rossendale to Lake Manitoba. The fish used to come there in the spring.

There was a log school half a mile from us called Elmwood School. I took all my schooling there until grade 8. My first teacher was Miss Egan, and I had her for three years. One of my other



John McLeod in his 90th year

teachers was Miss Dalzell. There was also a man teacher and some other teachers but I can't remember their names.

When I was 14 years old, I went harvesting; stacking sheaves for Bill Love.

In 1915 my father sold the homestead to a Belgian fellow by the name of Gronenschild. After dad sold the homestead at Rossendale, he bought a quarter of land at Westbourne. It was stony and had oak stumps on it. He worked it one summer and then sold it. I was around 15 then. Then dad went in with his brother-in-law and got a bunch of horses and they used to build and grade roads taking the family along with them. I drove horses and graded roads. We spent about six years doing that. That's how we came to Prince Albert. We shipped out up here to work on that Canwood road out to Big River.

I met my wife, Edith Dyer, in Prince Albert. We were married on April 6, 1911 in Regina. We lived nine years on the prairie south of Battleford, near Traynor, Saskatchewan. We've been living here in Prince Albert since 1922. We had nine children. One of the girls died young. My son and his wife were both killed in the same car accident, and my oldest daughter died recently in Winnipeg of cancer. My wife died two years ago after a stroke. We were married almost 69 years. She was a good woman and I sure miss her. I was councillor for the R.M. of Buckland for 25 years and Reeve for 5 years. I still live on the farm. I raise a few sheep, keep the grass and hedges cut, grow a garden, play my violin, do a bit of travelling, and a lot of visiting. I still drive.

I've been back to Rossendale twice and hope to go again this summer. In some ways I saw a great change and in some ways there wasn't the change I expected. The sloughs had all dried up and the land looked flatter. The houses on both sides of the track are gone on the homestead. I expected to see well-built roads. When we lived there, there was lots of cattle on the roads and everything was cleaned right off. The grass was this high beside the road.

ARCHIE AND MAMIE McMILLAN

Archie and Mamie McMillan arrived in the Rossendale area around 1915-16 from Winnipeg, Man. They bought a farm NW 28-10-9, near Bagot. They had three children Leslie, Winnifred and Grace. Les and Winnie were born in Winnipeg but Grace was born in Portage at the time they lived in Bagot. Les and Winnie attended the Bagot school. Archie farmed in the area.

Leslie married Bernadette O'Gorman, Winnifred married Martin Murphy and Grace married Richard (Bud) Carruthers.

Leslie passed away July 5, 1981 in Winnipeg.

Winnifred lives in Toronto with her one daughter. Her second daughter lives in Toronto, too. Grace and Bud live in Winnipeg.

Mrs. McMillan passed away in 1970, two hours after they had celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Archie died in 1974.

DONALD JOHN GUNN McMILLAN

My father came to the Rossendale area in the spring of 1924 from 21-11-9 in the Bagot area to rent 34-10-9 from Osler Hammond and Nanton Mortgage Company.

There were five children in our family: Verna married Doug Lyttle and lives in the Dale district of the Portage municipality.

John married Phyllis Lay. John passed away May 6, 1972.

Eldon married Lillian Williams. They live in Portage.

Doreen married James Williams and they live in the Salem district.

Marjorie married Wilmur Smith and they also live in the Dale district.

The children all attended Hartford school.

Dad passed away Nov. 23, 1970 and mother passed away May 23, 1970.

MIKE MESHOE

Maggie Forbes married Mike Meshoe, who arrived from Pembroke, Ont. They farmed the Armstrong farm 13-10-9, west half in Rossendale from 1922 to 1927. They did farm in other districts until they retired in Portage. Mike passed away at the age of 96, in 1970, and Maggie age 89 still resides in the family home in Portage.

Mike and Maggie had three daughters, Mary, Emily and Ruth. The three girls attended the Ferriss school and the highlight of many Fridays was to go to a dance. During the intermission Mike would whistle and the girls would step dance. The picnics and the Xmas concerts were also very happy occasions.

Mary married Bill McGill of Portage. They reside in retirement in the Okanogan Falls, in B.C. They have three children: Connie, Mrs. Dave Langen, resides in Kamloops, B.C. Joyce, Mrs. Romie Shmyr, resides in Surrey, B.C. and their one son, Jim, resides with his family of eleven in Calgary, Alberta.

Emily married K. Black of High Bluff. Emily resides in Winnipeg. They had two children, Gale, who married Gale Elwood, now resides in California, and Ruth, Mrs. H. Watson resides at 100 Mile

House, B.C. Ruth, the youngest, married Marb Ward.

JAMES HENRY MILLER

James Miller and his family moved to the Rossendale District in the spring of 1927 from north of Holland along with his family consisting of his wife and five children, Allan, Roy, Melvin, Elva and Ivan. They settled one mile east of Rossendale on SW 14-10-9. The younger members of the family attended school in Rossendale.

Their stay in Rossendale was short for in the spring of 1928 they moved to the Currie District and then on to the Bagot District in the fall. Of the Miller family there are three left — Melvin of Orkney, Sask., Elva (Mrs. George Gibbs) of Portage la Prairie, and Ivan of MacGregor.

JOE MILLER

My father, Andrew Miller, had the store at Rossendale in 1913-1914. I had remembered the store from the time I used to work during my summer holidays at my uncle George Rutledge Charlton's farm north of Rossendale. I believe the store had been operated some time by Walter Brass and later on by Messrs. Brass and Pritchard.

I remember when my younger brother, Calvert, would go out to the store on his holidays and help. In those days the ladies would bring in eggs in a basket to sell at the store and one of the jobs that Calvert had was to go out and carry in these baskets of eggs.

One morning when he was walking into the store with a basket of eggs in each hand and William C. Machan, who, I believe, operated the Billiard Hall at Rossendale at that time, came along picked up an egg out of one of the baskets and crushed it on Calvert's head. Calvert immediately set down both baskets of eggs and started to throw eggs at Mr. Machan as rapidly as he could. Mr. Machan took to his heels and went for shelter into the Blacksmith's Shop operated, I believe, by Robert Wilson. Calvert kept on throwing eggs while Mr. Machan was under cover in the Blacksmith's shop and for some time after the marks of the broken eggs could be seen on the front of the blacksmith shop. That was the only time I know of that Calvert took the law into his own hands and, of course, later on in life he became the Chief Justice in Manitoba.

THEO MILLIGAN

Theodore Milligan was born in Scotland in 1902. His parents died when he was an infant. He was raised by his Uncle and Aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Walker. Theo lived in Rossendale where he operated a store in his house which he had built on the 2nd lot north of the church. This house was later sold to Bill Chapman.

In later years Theo moved to Portage where he passed away in Sept of 1948 at the age of 46 years.

WILLIAM MOFFAT *by Robert Moffat*

My grandparents, William and Helen (nee Rennie) and their two year old son William arrived in Canada from Palnure, Scotland in the year 1885. They rented a farm called Ridgemere, north of Reaburn, where another son David was born. They moved to the Gemmel farm east of Portage for a short while before settling in Rossendale on the north half of 10-10-9 in 1900.

The first years were spent clearing the land and hauling wood to Bagot until the railroad came in 1903. The SW quarter of 22-10-9 was purchased in 1901 and remains in the Moffat family today.

Besides farming Grandpa was well known for his purebred Clydesdale horses which were shown at local fairs.



William Moffat Sr., 1919



William Moffat Jr.



William Frederick Moffat



William Robert Moffat



Mrs. Will Moffat Jr.



Bill, Freda, Robert, Mary-Lynn

A community minded person, he assisted his nephew Jim Cook Sr. in building a store in the same location as the present one. He donated the land for the local church, and being an avid curler also donated the land for the curling rink.

Grandma's home was always open to friends and neighbors until her untimely death in 1918 when the flu epidemic claimed her life. Prior to his death in 1940 Grandpa lived in our home for about two years. He was a tall, kindly man with a handsome beard. Harold Middlemass, a teacher who boarded with us at that time took great delight in offering Grandpa a cigarette with the thought in mind that his beard might catch fire. No fire ever resulted!

My father, William Moffat Jr. married Violet Main of Reaburn in 1912. They rented and eventually bought the SW quarter of 27-10-9 from Mrs. Emily Johnson and farmed there until their retirement in 1949.

Dad was an Elder of the church, president of the Community Club and a school trustee for many years. He enjoyed curling and other sports. Mother was an active member of the Ladies Aid and later the W.A. Her sewing and baking were greatly appreciated at bazaars and suppers.

As well as farming, Dad and Mother kept a flock of purebred Leghorn hens and shipped eggs to the hatchery in Winnipeg. It seemed that everywhere I went there were either full or empty crates in the car. I remember one day when my cousin Bob Howe was visiting, Mother had an incubator overheat and destroy the eggs, so it was left to Bob and I to get rid of the rotten eggs. We thought it would be great baseball practice, so I pitched and Bob batted until Mother discovered us and put a stop to it.

Dad and Mother had a family of four children; three girls, Ann, Ethel and Minnie, and I, Robert. We all attended Elmwood School, Rossendale Sunday School, and spent many happy hours skating or curling. After skating we went to Uncle Dave Moffat's where Aunt Edith served large plates of homemade bread and jam and huge sugar cookies. Our home was always open and visitors were welcomed at all times. Many will recall the Sunday chicken dinners.

Mother and Dad moved to Portage in 1949 where they resided until Dad passed away in July of 1961 and Mother in July of 1974.

Ann attended Elmwood, Portage Collegiate and Winnipeg Normal School. She taught at Image Creek, Rignold, Ferriss and Oakland schools. In 1941 she married Harold Finnie of Oakland. They raised two sons, Craig and Douglas. Craig married Jean Wieler of Elm Creek and they have three children, Roberta, Jason and Tara. Craig and Jean reside on the home farm. Douglas married Jane Young of Winnipeg and they have three children, Paul, Monique and Janette. They reside in Connecticut, U.S.A. Ann passed away December 20, 1973.

Ethel attended Elmwood, Portage Collegiate, Normal School and the University of Manitoba and taught school at Currie and Elmwood before her marriage to Wesley McVety of Bagot. They have one daughter, Wilma, who is married to Jack Robinson of Oakland. Wilma and Jack and their two daughters, Joelle and Carla reside in Dauphin, Manitoba.

Ethel and Wes operated a dairy farm north of Bagot until they moved to Portage la Prairie in 1954 where Wes worked with Beaver Lumber and Ethel taught at Victoria School. They moved to Regina, Sask. in 1958 where Wes became Superintendent of Rain and Hail Insurance Company. Ethel taught Grade VIII at Lakeview, Davin and Wascana Schools. They are both retired now.

Minnie attended a Home Economic Diploma course upon completing her education at Elmwood. She then turned to use her musical talent in the community and was pianist with Walter Machan's Orchestra for several years. She married Stanley McVety of Bagot and they have three children, Robert, a United Church minister at Odessa, Ont., Blaine, married to Maureen Wilson of Brandon and in business in Winnipeg and Lenore working with the

CBC in Regina. Minnie and Stan had the corner store on the road to Delta before moving to Saskatchewan where Stan is manager of the Co-op store at Lampman.

I, Robert, after completing Grade XI, attended Agricultural College at the University of Manitoba. As a young boy growing up in the district, I remember the team and sleigh relays that originated at S.E. Nichols, north of Bagot with change over stops at Bodie's, Harvey's and our place, before reaching the Friday night dances in the school with a sleigh load of young people.

Like my father and grandfather, I too enjoyed many curling games in Rossendale and surrounding districts. Much to Mother's dismay, Dad and I re-lived many a curling game at the kitchen table using her salt and peppers for rocks!

In 1949 when I married Freda Vigar of Holland, Manitoba, Dad and Mother retired to Portage and we took over the home farm.

Freda and I are interested in community activities and have tried to contribute our share by helping on the Church Board, School Board, 4-H, U.C.W. and Sunday School.

August 29, 1970 was a never to be forgotten evening when a severe hailstorm totally destroyed the crops in this area.

While our family were growing up they enjoyed the companionship of their dog, Pal, who lived to be 18 years old. Pal had a habit of chasing jet planes and thunder, but to our knowledge he never caught either one.

Their other pet, a Shetland pony named Beauty, provided Bill, Mary Lynn, their cousins and friends with many hours of fun. At one Sunday School Penny fair, Beauty did her share to raise money at a penny a ride. She lived to be about 33 years of age.

Our family consists of a son, William Frederick (Bill) and a daughter, Mary Lynn.

Bill took his schooling at Elmwood, Rossendale High, and Treherne Collegiate. He moved to Brandon where he was involved in the trucking business for a number of years. In his spare time, he trained and received his pilot's license. Bill is carrying on a tradition as he is the fourth generation to farm the Moffat land, as well as the land he is renting at Brandon.

Mary Lynn attended Elmwood, Rossendale Consolidated and MacGregor Collegiate. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Winnipeg in 1975. At the completion of Grade VIII in Rossendale, Mary Lynn was honoured to receive the Diane Maloney Trophy. She lives in Winnipeg and is employed with the Manitoba Health Organization Inc. Mary Lynn is another curling enthusiast.

DAVE MOFFAT FAMILY

Dave Moffat married Edith Walker in December of 1919. They resided on the Moffat farm in Rossendale on the N half of 10-10-9. Dave and Edith had four children, all born in Rossendale.

Helen was born in September of 1920. She attended school at Rossendale. In 1940 she married Gordon Henry of Lavenham. They had nine children.

David was born in January of 1922. He attended school at Rossendale. In November of 1950, he married June Rawlings of Edrans. They moved to Portage and David has worked at McAllister's elevator since then. They have no children.

Douglas was born in August of 1935. He attended school at Rossendale and Clairmont. Doug worked for the CNR in Manitoba and B.C. until joining the Navy in 1940. After he returned from the war, he worked for the B.C. telephone company.

In August of 1947, he married Chrissie Hogan of Boston Bar, B.C. They have one daughter and two sons. Janice married Doug Payne of Prince George, B.C. They reside in Kamloops with their two sons Mark and Michael.

Raymond was born in October of 1957. He works with B.C. telephone. In 1980 Raymond married Kim Litmosky. They live at Prince George.

Ken was born in September of 1963. He also works with B.C. telephone. Ken is single and lives at home.

Doug retired in 1980. They reside at 2575 Fleetwood Ave, Kamloops, B.C.

Alex was born in June of 1929. He attended school at Rossendale and Clairmont. Alex joined the CNR at an early age and is still working for the company out of Winnipeg. In March of 1948, he married Hilda Janis of Grand Prairie, Alta. They have three children, one son and two daughters.



Dave Moffat Family
Helen, Alex, Edith, Doug, Dave Sr. and Dave Jr.

Murray was born in March of 1949. He married Marion Young in September of 1971. They have no children. Murray works with the CNR.

Marlon was born in September of 1952. She married Jerry Wilson in September of 1971. They have no children. Marlon works at the Bank of Nova Scotia in Portage.

Debbie was born in August of 1957. She teaches school at Warren and lives in Winnipeg.

The Moffat family were active in curling and other sports. Their home was always open to entertain Portage and Oakville curlers when they came to curl for the O'Grady cup.

Dave was on the school board for a number of years. They were members of the Rossendale church. Edith was an active member of the Ladies Aid being secretary treasurer at one time.

They resided on the farm until it was sold in 1938 when they moved one half mile south of Rossendale to the MacDonald farm. That fall they moved to the Lavenham district, residing there until 1951 when they moved to Portage. Dave worked at the Experimental Farm in Portage until he retired.

Dave Moffat passed away in January of 1967 and Edith passed away in May of 1977.

THE MUIR FAMILY by Alf Muir

Harry and Ruth Muir and family, Cnythia and Garry, along with Harry's sister Blanche and I, his brother Alfred, moved from High Bluff to the Rossendale area in 1963. We purchased the farm 22-10-9 from the late Mr. and Mrs. George Restall.

Our sister Blanche passed away in 1979.

Cynthia lives in Chelsea, Quebec.

Gary married Dorothy Martens of Edwin, and they have four daughters, twins Angeline and Patricia, Crystal and Tara. They live in Moose Jaw where Harry and Ruth also reside at the present time.

I still live in the buildings, sharing my home with a thousand woodticks.

There are certainly a lot of fine people living in this district.

CECIL NELSON

Cecil was born at Oakville on March 22, 1921, third youngest of nine children. His father died when he was five years old so his Mother had a very hard time raising her children. Cecil attended Oakville school and worked on various farms in the community.

When he was 17 he came to Rossendale with Art and Bob Thompson and Lyle Clark to cut cordwood on Sec. 35-9-9. Later he worked for farmers in the district. In 1941 he went to Westlock, Alberta to work on a farm. When he returned the next year he



*Back Row - Don, Gail, Linda, Marion, Cecil
Front - Terry*

joined the Army. After basic training at Fort Garry and advanced training at Shilo he went overseas with the "Lake Superior Regiment" and then transferred to the "Queen's Own Highlanders of Canada." He saw active duty in France with the 2nd Division and was severely wounded there. He was returned to a hospital in England, then returned to Canada on the hospital ship, "Lady Nelson." After spending some time in Deer Lodge Hospital in Winnipeg, he was discharged from the Army and went to work at L & S Electric.

On May 10, 1946 he married me, Marion Brass of Rossendale and in 1949 moved to Rossendale to farm. At first we rented the NE 240 acres of Sec. 21-9-9 from Mrs. E. Collins and the SE quarter of 26-10-9 from my father, Walter Brass. In 1953 we bought the NE quarter of 23-10-9. We have made a few changes in the buildings over the years and planted more trees for shelter. The yard site on the south quarter was sold to Don and Evelyn Boak and the CNR removed the railroad track so we won't see the trains here anymore. One of the most welcome changes was when the Hydro came into our district in 1953 and the coal oil lamps were put to rest.

We have four children and they attended school at Ferriss at first and then the Consolidated school at Rossendale and High School in MacGregor. Our children are all living in Portage at the present time. They are: Theresa Eileen, born March 3, 1953. She is employed at the Central Region Work Project. Linda Diane, born November 8, 1957. She works at the Post Office and on October 3, 1981, married Stephen LeBlanc of Portage. Donald Edward was born January 11, 1961. He works at the Canadian Tire in Portage. Gail Marie was born February 16, 1963. She works at Co-op Implements.

Cecil raised cattle, pigs, horses and chickens as well as farming the land. In 1979 he retired from active farming and rented the crop land but we still enjoy living here amongst our good neighbors. One of the highlights of the years happened in July 1980 when we hosted a "Nelson Family Reunion". Over 100 people attended and campers were parked all over, under the trees, while relatives enjoyed visiting and reminiscing for three days. It's very quiet around the farm now since the children have grown up and left. We have a boat and camper and so take every opportunity to get out fishing and camping.

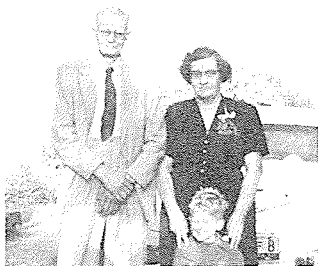
JAKE NEUFELD *by Ab Neufeld*

In the spring of 1937, the Neufeld family moved to Rossendale from Gypsumville, Manitoba. Jake and son Albert travelled by horse and wagon moving all the belongings (one horse and two cows following) at the distance of 20 miles per day - taking eleven days to complete the journey.

Lydia and son, Jim, left Gypsumville approximately one week later by Model T Ford truck, arriving in Rossendale several days prior to the horse caravan. Having previously arranged to buy the blacksmith shop and house from N.A. Lye of MacGregor, the down payment on the shop and house being three horses.

Jake's family consisted of wife Lydia (Pede), one daughter Elsie (Mrs. Trapp of Winnipeg), who is now residing in Shelbourne, N.S., Walter, who was working as farm labourer in the Edwin district and fisherman on Lake Manitoba in the winter months, and sons Albert and Jim, arriving with the parents in Rossendale.

For the next 27 years Jake was known as the friendly blacksmith. Lydia put up with the excessive noise and dirt from the activities from the shop due to the close proximity of house to the blacksmith shop; she was still able to find time to attend and assist the W.A. and visit with the neighbor ladies.



Mr. and Mrs. Jake Neufeld



Walter & Dorothy

Jim, being the youngest, stayed and worked with his Dad in the shop, until he joined the R.C.A.F. and served in Canada. Meeting his wife Virginia (Anderson) in the services, they made their home in Rossendale for a short period. He worked in numerous areas at garage work, finally settling in Edmonton, where they still reside. Their family consists of four daughters, Pat, Carol, Liz and Gail, all of whom are married with families of their own, all in the Edmonton area.

Albert worked in the shop for short intervals, in between farm jobs, etc. In 1940 he joined the Army (R.C.E.) and was overseas from October 1941 to December 1945. After returning from overseas service he worked in the shop until commencing work at the Manitoba School in Portage la Prairie, where he has been for the past 34 years. He met his wife Lil (Sorensen) there. Their family consists of one son and one daughter, Ross and Lynn, both married and living in Winnipeg.

Walter married Dorothy (Armstrong) of Amaranth, Manitoba. He continued fishing and farming in the Langruth area until 1946 when they bought the farm at Rossendale. They farmed there until Walter retired and moved to Westbourne. They raised a family of nine children; Laverne, Lorne, Gilbert, Gerald, Stan, Maxine, Bob, Doug and Wally. All the children are married except Wally. They all reside in Manitoba, except Lorne, who resides in Ontario and Doug, who resides in Saskatchewan. Dorothy died in 1976.

Gerald and Edith Neufeld (nee Hodge) moved from Winnipeg and bought the farm from Walter Neufeld in June 1972. They now operate a grain and beef farm and have two daughters, Kim and Wendy.

Laverne Neufeld married Fernie Jenuenne of Lac du Bonnet and are now living there. They have two sons, Travis and Terran, who are both living at home.

Lorne Neufeld married Joanne Piettla from Sioux Narrows. They now live in Kenora and have two sons, Ronald and Toni, who are both living at home.

Gilbert Neufeld married Judy Burns of Minaki. They live near Portage and have one son, James and one daughter, Charleen, both of whom live at home.

Stanley Neufeld married Edna Fadden of Sioux Narrows. They live south of Portage and have one son, Dennis, living at home.

Maxine (Neufeld) married John Bouche of Winnipeg where they are presently living. They have three children, Eldon, Lisa and Dale.

Doug Neufeld married Anna Hanson of Moose Jaw. They are presently living there.

Bob Neufeld married Dianne Swidnicki of Portage where they are now living. They have three children, Jason, Jamie and Andrew.

Wally Neufeld is living and working in Winnipeg.

Laverne works as a crane operator with the CN. Lorne is a self-employed carpenter. Gerald is a carpenter and a farmer. Gilbert is a carpenter at the Southport Air Base. Stanley is also a carpenter

at the Air Base. Doug, Bob and Wally are all mechanics at John Deere. Maxine's husband is an electrician.

Elsie is the eldest family member. They lived on a farm south of Rossendale. Elsie and three sons lived there while her husband worked for the T.C.A. in Winnipeg. Their married sons are, Ronald, Donald and Harvey living in Winnipeg, B.C. and N.S. respectively. Gus is deceased.

Jake enjoyed one year of retirement before his death in 1965 at the age of 82. After his death Lydia lived a period with Elsie in Winnipeg, prior to spending later years of her life in a Sr. Citizens Home in Winnipeg until her death in February of 1981 at the age of 92 years.

An interesting incident happened shortly after the Neufelds moved to Rossendale. Mr. Neufeld was working in the shop one day when a voice behind him said, "Hello Uncle Jake, how are you?" Jake didn't recognize the person and not knowing he had any relations in the area, was very surprised to meet his nephew, Harry McNish, who had married a local girl.

PETER NEUFELD FAMILY

Peter and Anna Neufeld and family of five moved from Winnipeg to Rossendale in September of 1939 and rented a quarter section of land from the Charlton Estate. Four years later they bought the south half of 19-10-9.

Peter and Anna moved back to Winnipeg eventually where Peter died in 1954 and Anna in 1963. They were both buried in Winnipeg.

Edmund joined the Air Force in 1941 and was killed in action and buried in Germany.

Florence married Allan Reynolds of Portage and now resides in Winnipeg.

Clara married Harry Acton of Portage and is now living in Trenton, Ontario.

Bernard moved to Winnipeg in 1967.

David married Ethel Perkins (Towle) September 27, 1975. They and their one son, David Shane, live in Portage.

JOHN ALEXANDER NICOLL (1867-1942)

John A. Nicoll came west to Portage la Prairie from Peterborough, Ontario in 1892. For a few years he worked for several farmers in the Portage area. It was at this time that he and a friend, Robert McDermott, joined the reserve calvary in Portage. They drilled on the island in anticipation of the Fenian raids from the south which didn't materialize.

ETHEL MAY NICOLL

Ethel married Colin McMillan in 1945. They live in Portage and both had been employed at the Manitoba School until their retirement.

Their daughter, Sharon, married Fred Rutledge, an engineer with the Manitoba Hydro at Neepawa. They and their two children, Terri Lynn and Calvert, live at Eden.



Ethel and Collin McMillan



John Nicoll Sr. and Family

THOMAS NICOLL

I, Charles Thomas Nicoll, was born on the SW quarter of 26-9-9 on November 12, 1911 and lived there and worked at home for quite a few years.

I bought the SW quarter of section 23-9-9 from Arthur Carr in 1940. It had 60 acres broken on it and I broke quite a few acres on it from time to time. I built a house, a log barn and several other buildings on it in 1941.

In 1896 he came to the Rossendale district where he purchased land on section 26-9-9. One quarter was owned under certificate of title, other quarters were bought from the Hudson Bay Company. David McFadden and Alex T. Smith. He had breaking done on some of this land by Robert Latimer of the Arbroath district.

In the early days he cut and piled cordwood on the river bank. When he heard the whistle of a steamer, he hurried down to the Assiniboine to help load the wood which was used to fuel the stern-wheelers. But by this time much of the freighting was taken over by the railway.

Margaret Ferguson (1879-1966) arrived in Canada from Cromarty, Scotland in 1907 to visit her sister, Mrs. John Watson. In 1909, she and John Nicoll were married in Lowry, Minnesota at the home of her uncle.

Both were always interested in community activities and in the work of the church. John was one of those responsible for the building in 1907 of the Rossendale Church which is still in use today. He was an elder in the church for many years and represented the whole field at Presbytery for quite a few years. He was also a director of the Portage Industrial Exhibition for more than twenty years. For a number of years he was a trustee of the South Rossendale School where his family received their education to Grade IX and then completed high school in Portage.

Mrs. Nicoll had been a member of the women's organization of the church for fifty-four years, twenty-five of which she served as president. In 1954 the U.C.W. presented her with a life membership pin in recognition of her years of service.

They had a family of five, Edna, Thomas, John, Margaret and Ethel.



John Nicoll Family

I bought the N half of 23-9-9 in 1944 from Mrs. Reynolds. Between my father and myself we had rented it for 29 years. Mrs. Reynolds, who had two sons in Portage, thought they might want to farm sometime so she wouldn't sell it before that.

In 1953 I bought from Gus Davidson, the part of NE 14-9-9 on the north side of the river. On this I broke 20 more acres.

In 1958 from John Sloik, I bought the SW quarter of 24-10-9 and from Bob Thompson, NW quarter of 14-9-9 north of the river.

I married Hazel Restall in 1944. We have a family of four, Norman, Allen, Bruce and Jan Marie.

Norman married Velma Green in 1972. They have four sons, Robert, Randy, Jason, and Jarrett. We sold the farm to Norman in 1973 and moved to a new home in Treherne.

Allen is a chartered accountant with Gallaway, Lapchuk and Nicoll in Portage la Prairie. He married Irene Lounsbury in 1970. They have three daughters, Brenda, Lisa and Tami.

Bruce is Supervisor of Mental Health in the Dauphin Parkland area. Bruce married Barbara Foster in 1976 and they live in Dauphin. They have a girl and two boys, Andrea, Landrew and Cameron.

Jan married Brent Moody in 1974 and she is a nurse in Flin Flon Hospital.



Tom Nicoll Family

WILLIAM JOHN NICOLL

I was born the younger son of Margaret and John A. Nicoll on the SW quarter of 26-9-9.

After my father passed away in 1942, I took over the farm, and in 1951 married Norah Johnson. We have three children, all attended school at Rossendale and MacGregor.

Ivan and Don took Agriculture Diploma at the University of Manitoba and Susan took nursing at Brandon.

Our home was destroyed by fire in 1972. We replaced it with a ready built home.

ISOBEL EDNA NICOLL

Edna taught school at Arbroath, Image Creek, Edwin, Elm River and Oakville. She married Arthur Botterill in 1943 and they farmed in the Elm River district. They had two children, Robert and Margaret.

Robert continued to farm after his father's death in 1973. He married Sheryl Williams in 1974. They have two children, Todd and Nicole.

Margaret, Mrs. Wilson Grant, lives in Edmonton. They have a son and a daughter, Terrence and Tannis.

Edna is now living in Portage.



Edna and Art Botterill

MARGARET ANN NICOLL

Margaret taught school at Rosehill, Edwin and Portage. In 1946 she married Robert Culbert and they farm on 33-9-9 in the Rossendale district.

Their son, Gary, received his education at South Rossendale, Rossendale High School and Treherne High School. He is now farming.

Their daughter, Judy, received her education at South Rossendale, Rossendale, MacGregor and Brandon University. She married Dennis Burch of Bagot in 1976 and she is presently teaching in Portage.

Susan married Austin Cooke in 1977, and is nursing in New Westminster, B.C.

Ivan married Diane Christopher in 1978 and they have two daughters, Deanna and Dallas, and one son, Brennan. They live on the home farm as we retired to Portage. Don farms along with Ivan.

RICHARD AND ELSIE OLIVER

Richard and Elsie Oliver moved to the Rossendale area in 1960 from Balmoral, Manitoba.

Their first home in this area was rented from Wes Henry. In 1961 they moved to the village of Rossendale into a home they purchased from the Neufeld family.

Richard and Elsie have two children, Bert and Lillian.

Bert married Terry Page of Winnipeg and they have three children, Kathy, Marcel and Tracy.

Lillian married Neil McDougall of the Currie District. Lil and Neil have three children, David, Diane and Rick.

Richard and Elsie now reside in Winnipeg as do their children and grandchildren.

URIAH ORTON

The Orton family arrived in the district in the fall of 1932 from Harcus, Manitoba.

They settled on the NW quarter of 28-9-8, which was formerly owned by the Brennan family. It took about four days of travelling to make the journey down, bringing their herd of cattle across the open country. It was mostly done with wagon and horses, over very poor roads.

Mr. and Mrs. U. Orton had six children, three boys and three girls, Joe, James, Fred, Bertha, Eva and Ann. The younger ones attended Allandale school.

Church services were also held in the school during the summer months.

One of the Ministers that often came to hold service was Mr. Tom Ferguson from the United Church of Long Plain.

Mr. and Mrs. Orton retired to Portage in 1953 where they lived on 16th St. NW. Mr. Orton passed away in 1957. Mrs. Orton lived there for a few more years, then moved into the Oak Tree Towers in 1975. She is still very active at a nice age of 92.

Their oldest son, Joe, now deceased, married the former Peggy Wood of Winnipeg. They had four children, Joe died in 1964 and Peggy is still a resident of Portage.

John married Sandy Paton of Portage. They have two boys and are living in Vernon, B.C.

Ellamae is now Mrs. Alvin Lilyholm of Oakville, Manitoba. They have two girls and two boys.

Don married Heather Smith of Bagot and they have two girls and are living in Portage.

Kenneth also lives in Portage.

James married Ethel Johnson of Langruth and they had two girls. James died in 1947 and Ethel is also now deceased.

Francis is now Mrs. William McPetrie of Winnipeg. They have one girl and four boys.

Faye is now Mrs. Larry Cibula of Minnedosa and she has two boys.

Bertha, who married John Watson (they are both deceased), had two children. Harvey lives in Rossendale and Lorraine is now Mrs. Barry Nichol of Portage la Prairie.

Eva married Charlie Watson (deceased) and also had three children. John of Rossendale, Marilyn, Mrs. Ron Perchak, of Rossendale, and Florence, Mrs. Terry Oliver, of Minnedosa.

Anne, Mrs. William Sylvester of Brandon, had two boys. Robert is married and living in Nelson, B.C. Gary is in Calgary.

I, Fred, married Germaine Le Roux of St. Claude and continued working the farm from 1953, along with our two children, Eleanor and Denis, until retiring to Portage in 1980. We had nice neighbors and made many friends throughout the years. We will always have great memories.

Both Eleanor and Denis attended Rossendale Elementary School and graduated from MacGregor High School.

We all enjoy curling and baseball.

Eleanor married Jim Sampson of Winnipeg. Denis lives in Portage, where he is employed with the curling rink in winter and the golf course in the summer.

The farm is now operated by Bruce and Ken Payne and families of Toronto, Ontario.

MICHAEL OSTOPOWICH

Michael, with his wife Annie and family, moved to the Rossendale district, NW 11-10-9, in 1942.

Mike and Annie originally came from Austria in 1912. Mike, a towering giant, usually wearing a buffalo coat in winter, presented a picture somewhat intimidating for his warm personality. Annie, half his height, was not too far from his side and was a great inspiration in keeping the family together during the hard farming years.



Mike and Annie Ostopowich and grandchildren

Mike and Annie farmed till 1962 when they retired and moved to Portage la Prairie. Annie died on December 10th, 1969 at the age of 78 and Mike died on January 14th, 1970 at the age of 79.

Mike's father, Steve, also came to the Rossendale area. He had come from Europe in 1913 and moved to the Rossendale district in 1938 to retire at the home of his granddaughter, Bertha. He died in 1952 at the age of 94. Their children are as follows.

Maggie married Mr. Overton. She died in 1942. She had three children who were raised on the farm and attended Elmwood School.

Steve farms in the Edwin area. He has two children.

Bertha came to the Rossendale area in 1936 to work. Here she met and married Peter Maloney. She had six children and died in 1968.

Mary married Mr. Streckler and lived in Toronto till her death in 1982.

Polly married Mr. Overton. They presently live in British Columbia and have five children.

Ben lives in Toronto and has three children.

Peter lived in Toronto until his death in 1970. He had three children.

Jim came to Rossendale in 1938 to work. He now lives and works in Portage la Prairie and has three children.

Julia married Mr. Davis and lives in Portage with her three children.

Sophia married Mr. Barril and lived in Trenton, Ontario until her death in 1978. She had three children.

John now farms the family farm in Rossendale. He has lived most of his life in Rossendale where he attended school at Elmwood. John and Lil took over the farm in 1962.

John has taken an active part in the Rossendale community in the last few years in his role as Councillor of Ward 3 in the North Norfolk Municipality. He was elected for the 1980-1983 term. John has three children.

Leona married Larry Schroeder from the Rossendale area. They live in Winnipeg and have one daughter, Haley.

Wayne and his wife Hazel have one daughter, Dara. Wayne farms, with John carrying on the tradition of keeping farming in the Ostopowich family. They own half share of a large grain drying establishment in Rossendale.

Debbie, the youngest, is still at home with John and Lil.

The Rossendale area has provided a happy life for the Ostopowich family and many events have occurred on the farm that have had a definite impression on all our lives. Hopefully our family members will still be there for the next 100 years to enjoy what we have.

STEVE OSTOPOWICH

I was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1914 and moved to Glenella, Manitoba at the age of two where my parents homesteaded.

There were 14 children. I, being the eldest, didn't get much chance to go to school so I graduated in Grade II. When I was 15 years old I went to work stooking and worked on threshing gangs, being away all fall. In the winter I worked in the logging camps at Riding Mountain National Park, not for cash, but to pay back the relief my parents were granted to raise the family.

At the age of 18 I started working for various farmers in the summer and bush camps in the winter. I worked for less than one dollar a day from six a.m. to ten p.m. seven days a week. In the bush camp if one made enough for clothes, mitts, tools and tobacco, it was all one could hope for. Then the depression came and one was lucky to get a warm bed, food and \$5.00 per month.

When the war broke out in September of 1939, seeing that my

brothers enlisted, I was exempted from the army to stay home on the farm.

In 1942, my parents, two sisters, two brothers, and myself moved to Rossendale to the farm formerly occupied by Stanley Shields and his mother, Sec. 11-10-9. I drove four horses from Glenella, bringing various farm implements and such. The cattle were shipped via CNR on November 4. In the midst of unloading the cattle to drive home on horseback, Mr. Ray McCulloch delivered a telephone message that my oldest sister, Maggie Overton had passed away at the Portage Hospital at the age of 29, leaving three children 5 to 8 years old. With a heavy fall of fresh snow, forty head of cattle to tie up in strange stalls, my dad sick in bed with typhoid and being complete strangers in the district with no telephone, getting into town for the funeral was pretty near impossible. I couldn't make it for the service but arrived in time to catch the tail end at the cemetery. Then there was the duty to bring up the three motherless kids as their Dad was in the Army.

August 28, 1943, I married the former Sophie Palchak of Alonsa, Manitoba. We lived with my parents for two months in a house which already housed ten people, including the three motherless children. When the crops were threshed and the fall work was done we moved into a light housekeeping room in Portage. I worked at the airport for fifty cents an hour and Sophie worked at the Olympia Cafe for \$9.00 a week.

On March 4, 1944 we moved onto the farm where we live today, S half of 36-19-9 formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dodgson. We purchased the half section from the Great West Co. for \$2200. I don't regret moving from Glenella. I didn't grow any other crops here except wheat, oats, barley and flax. We were completely hailed in 1951 and 1952 and then again in 1968 and 1970. We never spent one cent on hail insurance and feel no regrets.

My wife raised chickens every year and we kept up to 80 head of cattle. We had one major loss in 1965 when four cows and my purebred bull, which I had bought two weeks previous, went through the ice on the reservoir and drowned.

October 1, 1944 we were blessed with our son Edward and on October 23, 1948, a daughter Verna. They attended Ferris school three miles away. We drove them winter and summer with horses. When Eddie was ten years old we managed to save enough to buy a Welsh pony which they drove themselves with a cutter or buggy. They attended high school at Rossendale and MacGregor.

Eddie has been employed at Campbell Soup Co. in Portage since 1965 and helps us with seeding and combining. He married the former Irma Bowes of Kamsack, Saskatchewan in 1964, whom we lost in 1975 at the age of 30, leaving two girls, Sharon age 9 and Brenda age 8, who lived with us until their Dad remarried. They travelled to school in Portage on the school bus.

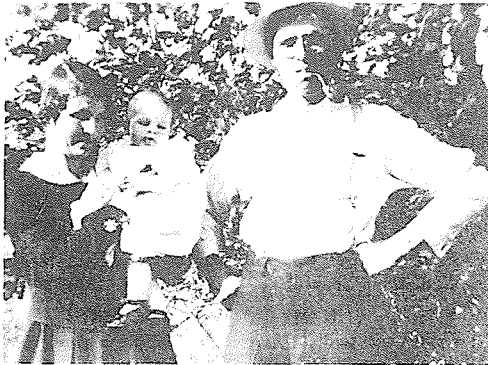
Verna married Barry MacEwen from Charlottetown, P.E.I. in 1970 and has two children.

PAISLEY FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Hector Paisley came from Toronto and settled in the Rignold district where Fred and his twin brother George were born on June 7, 1890. They also had another son, Clarence (Cal), and a daughter, Ida.

The family then moved to Bagot and the children attended Elsmith school. Fred's twin brother passed away at an early age. Cal worked all his life for the Manitoba Telephone System. Ida married William Pritchard.

Upon their arrival in Bagot, Mr. and Mrs. Paisley operated a boarding house and livery stable to accomodate the teamsters who were hauling cordwood from Rossendale. In 1904 the family then moved to Rossendale. The railroad had come through a year earlier, so Mr. Paisley again built and operated a boarding house. Mr. Paisley decided to try farming and purchased the NW 5-10-9 from John Myres. He only farmed a short while until his sudden death in 1911.



Fred and Ida Paisley with Donna



L-R - Audrey, Donna, Margaret

Fred then bought the farm from his mother in 1912. Mrs Paisley died April 2, 1937 at the age of 79 years.

Many hardships were encountered in those days. It took years of hard work to break the land as it was very hilly and covered with hard wood.

Fred married Ida May Rowland, daughter of William Henry Rowland in 1915 in St Mary's Anglican Church in Portage. They continued to farm until 1951 when they retired and remained living in Rossendale until the time of his passing on June 27, 1959.

Mrs. Paisley bought a home in Portage and lived there until the time of her death on November 7, 1979.

Mr. and Mrs. Paisley raised three daughters and all attended Elmwood School.

Margaret married Norman Tait. They have three sons Fred, Mervin and Norman, and six grandchildren. Norman passed away in June of 1964 and on August 2, 1969, Margaret married Wilbur Armstrong. They farmed until Wilbur died in 1975. Margaret then moved to Portage where she still resides.

Donna married Howard Pratt. They have a daughter Marilyn, a son Murray, and six grandchildren. Howard and Donna live in Portage.

Audrey married Leonard Askin. They have two daughters Arlene and Caroline and two grandchildren. Audrey and Leonard live on the farm in Burnside.

The girls attended Sunday School and belonged to the Young People's Society. This group put on many bean feeds and toboggan slides and also some plays in the church. Donna played on the ladie's softball team. The girls were also very involved in curling.

THE C.W. PARKER FAMILY

by Rose Dunnett

Colin Parker was born in 1874 son of Mr and Mrs Hector Parker who farmed in Erin Township near Everton, Ont. Colin was one of their ten children. Despite the closely knit family and the assurance of every opportunity from his parents, Colin as a young man longed to "try the west."

An Uncle and Aunt, Mr and Mrs William Wishart, were farming on the Portage Plains in Manitoba. In 1895 Colin's dream materialized and he came to the west. The Wisharts remained staunch friends of their nephew and an influence through the years.

In 1902 Colin Parker and Janie Rose, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Rose of Portage la Prairie, were married. The Rose family had been early settlers of Portage, having come from Listowel, Ontario in 1881 by oxcart. Following their wedding Colin and Janie took up residence in a cottage on Anne St, which Colin had bought and furnished for his bride to be.

Having been employed by Browns Ltd. for ten years, Colin began thinking seriously of farming operations. In 1906 he purchased the NW quarter of Section 34-9-9 in the South Rossendale district at the

top of the hill, east side of the road. This was bought from the original homesteader and only part of the land was broken. In later years the east quarter also was purchased for pasture land.

Three children were born of this marriage: a son William Robert (affectionately known as Willie) and two daughters, Ellen May and Jane Rose.



*Back Row - Colin
Middle - Willie, Ellen, Janie
Front - Rose*

During the great epidemic of influenza which swept the country in 1918 this little family became seriously ill, as did many other people. Neighbors, relatives and friends one after the other, came to assist in the house and with the chores of feeding stock in the stables. Each of these persons in turn, within three days, came down with the flu and had to return home. The family doctor in Portage drove with a team of horses in the cold winter, the thirty miles on more than one middle of the night call. Janie Parker nursed her loved ones day and night and at one stretch for five days and nights without any sleep. Yet she never took the flu herself. Those ill in the family survived but Willie was left with diabetes and Ellen with impaired vision and painful limbs for many years.

After a lengthy stay in Portage la Prairie hospital, Willie was allowed home on the Allan Treatment which turned out to be a very restricted diet for the next four years. Then came the great discovery of Insulin in 1923 and Willie was one of the first seven people in Manitoba to be admitted into Winnipeg General Hospital for introductory treatment with insulin. After seven weeks the life-giving serum was finally properly balanced to his system. He was allowed home. Insulin was to be injected by needle into his arm three times a day for the rest of his life. Always each needle had to

be sterilized. This was achieved over the flame of an Alladin Lamp. The diet to be strictly adhered to was attractive and nourishing. Each portion of food had to be measured or weighed to an exact degree. Ellen carefully saw to all this. Fruits and vegetables were purchased by the case or crate. Fortunately, the big delivery truck of Brown's Ltd. came out from Portage weekly and delivered groceries right to a farmer's door. In later years the local Rossendale store was sufficiently well stocked and served families for miles around.

Medicare and hospitalization assistance were not even dreamed of in those days. Insulin was an exorbitant cost for the next two years. Eventually the Federal Government made insulin available at a more reasonable price. However, within this home there never was complaint and the anxiety, for the most part, was seldom revealed.

School days were happy in the South Rossendale brick school-house just three quarters of a mile south from home. Ellen on completion of grades there, went on to the Portage Collegiate. The Parker home later became the home where the teacher boarded. Through the years each young teacher became a long time friend of the family. Some of the names come to mind; Gladys Morcombe, Marjorie Dupuis, Kaethe Carstins, Edith Good, Evelyn Russell and Margaret McCallister. Their friendship and cheerfulness meant a great deal to the Parkers. It cannot be measured.

The summers were long and delightful. There was spring seeding, haying and harvest time, each so important. There were picnics and sports days at Rossendale and neighboring towns to attend, besides the Portage Fair. One's work and efforts were exhibited and prizes won. Each function was attended by the whole family with such enthusiasm for baseball in which Willie played and for races and the marvelous lunches packed by our Mother in that big wicker basket. On Saturday nights often members of families went to Rossendale to shop or just to be around. Cars lined the street from one end to the other in front of the stores and post office. Many many years back, there was a travelling movie shown. Once it was the story of Jean Val Jean and seemed to continue half the summer showing a part week by week.

Winter was a busy time and such fun with sleigh rides and cozy cutter rides with bells on the horses. There were schoolhouse dances, house parties and the wonderful Christmas Tree programs. Often Colin was the Chairman at South Rossendale. And, oh joy, there was the Rossendale closed in rink providing skating, curling and a carnival. The waiting rooms were toasting warm and had observation windows behind which people sat on high comfortable benches to watch. There were low benches too for putting on skates. Having driven north two miles into Rossendale the horses were unhitched from the cutter or sleigh, then blanketed and tied up in the barn which was in the church yard just as we drove into Rossendale. Over there on the other side of the yard stood The

United Church all white and clean. On Sundays, winter and summer, there were regular Church Services and Sunday School to attend.

Sunday School will always be remembered with Mr. Thomas Ferguson as Superintendent. Mr. Louis Ford organist, Mrs. Billy Love teaching the Girls Class which Rose wouldn't think of missing. Ellen taught the Beginner's Class faithfully for years. Dorothy Love was the Secretary Treasurer for a long time. Other people held office too. There were a few times on a winter day when Rose begged a ride home in the Nicoll's closed in cutter. No one but Edna knew why. It was because Willie and Ellen enjoyed driving a high spirited horse that shied at objects along the way. How things changed. Years later it was a quiet horse which Rose had to drive over the same roads.

Eventually in the Church the mid week Young People's Union was formed. They held serious discussions or sometimes a well planned social evening such as debates or a toboggan party at the big hill up near Parkers. Debating teams exchanged Union Meetings with Portage United Church members a few times.

When spring arrived there were times when a three act Play was presented to the public, after weeks of preparation. This was to raise funds for the Sunday School at first and later for the Y.P.U. Mr. Thomas Ferguson had encouraged Rose (who was by now the Secretary Treasurer of S.S.) to select and direct a good two and one half hour play of her choosing and to cast the parts. These plays sometimes took in the most unexpected people of the Community. One season Mr. Tom Sloane, the Station Agent, actually promised a sizeable sum of money providing Rose went on and found someone else for the part she wished to cast him in. This would only be done if the play was a success. Happily the amount was paid and with extra on the night of the first production. Mr. Jas. B. Dow had been next chosen for the part and the whole performance was a tremendous success.

It seems from the very beginning, the CNR main line had daily passenger trains stop in Rossendale, from both east and west. The whistle of the trains echoed in the flats and would rise to be clearly heard up at the Parker farm. This was something never to be forgotten.

It was a privilege to have been brought up in this beautiful part of Manitoba in those years. A person knew just where to find gorgeous wild roses, marsh marigolds, yellow lady's slippers and the large pink lady's slippers too. There were trilliums and violets and ferns in the shade of trees, and on the way to Rossendale, crocuses, deepest orange tiger lilies and sometimes, just some years, the sandhill cactii in blooms of tissue white, lemon yellow or pink or even burnished gold, nestled back in the sandhills. In the hot sun along the road side, on a summer day were columbine, cowslips, broad golden rod and black eyed daisies. Colin often brought Janie arrowheads which he found while ploughing the fields. These must

have been used by the natives years and years before, when hunting. One could find many wild fruits in season, saskatoons, strawberries, raspberries, pin cherries, choke cherries, plums and high bush cranberries and nannie berries. There were hazelnuts and acorns. Birds and wild animals were exciting to see and were always very special. Just four miles from home to the south and west there was a ferry for crossing the Assiniboine River on the way to Treherne. Truly in those days there seems to have been every enchanting thing a child could wish for, but not as an adult. Improvements needed to be made but the family knew hard times well before the thirties.

The years had been passing by. Willie had married Alice Gourdie of Lavenham and they lived in Winnipeg. They had one daughter Jean, now Mrs. Archie Gordon, living in Prince Rupert, B.C. Ellen had married Bill Chapman and they lived in Rossendale. They had two children; a daughter Jean and a son Robert, both of whom now live in Portage la Prairie. Rose married the Rev. John Dunnett whose home was in East Kildonan, Winnipeg. John served on the Lavenham, Rossendale, Rosehill Charge for two years and had been called to Rivers, Manitoba. They had three daughters; Joan, now Mrs. R.A. Playfair, living in Saskatoon, Sask., Deena, now Mrs. I.B. Jones of Riceton, Sask., and Karen, now Mrs. E. Kitchen of Regina, Sask.

Sadness came. Members had experienced the sorrow of parting with loved ones. There were others to follow through Time, but that is life.

Willie Parker died in 1927. Colin Parker died in 1945. Janie Parker died in 1957. The Rev. John Dunnett died in 1966. Ellen Parker (Chapman) died in 1975. Bill Chapman died in 1980.

CHARLES PATSACK FAMILY

submitted by Mae Carroll

Charles Benjamin Patsack was born in Manson County, Iowa, U.S.A. He and three of his brothers came to Canada and settled at Moose Jaw, Sask. where they farmed and became Canadian citizens. It was while he was at Moose Jaw that he met his wife, Margaret Lilian Fletcher, a school teacher at Moose Jaw. Margaret was born at Portage la Prairie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fletcher, a pioneer family of the Portage Plains. Charles and Margaret were married in 1916 and continued farming at Moose Jaw until 1921 when they moved to Rossendale.

They settled on the Morley Hamilton farm three miles east of Rossendale. The farm consisted of 480 acres at that time, the north half of 7-10-8 and the south quarter of 18-10-8.

Ours was a real family farm, with all the livestock, gardening and later a large strawberry and raspberry patch to maintain the family.

Neighbors played a great part in the lives of our old-timers. It was working together that bound the communities as one. Threshing, wood sawing and building additional log buildings as the need arose were some of the things neighbors got together to help one another do.

My father was always ready to lend a helping hand and, as a result, always had plenty of help in return.

Charles Patsack was born June 3, 1890 and passed away Nov. 26, 1964 after 43 years of farming at Rossendale.

Margaret Patsack was born July 17, 1887. She retired and lived in the Oak Tree Towers in Portage for her remaining years. She passed away May 28, 1979. There were seven children in the family.

Myrtle married Ross Morgan, a farmer, in Dauphin, Manitoba. She met him while teaching school in that area. They had four children, Murdie, Margaret, Francis and Bill. There are seven grandchildren. Myrtle passed away Dec. 24, 1970.

Harold extended the home farm by 400 acres and continued farming. He married Louise Woodward. They had two sons, David and Eric. David attended Rossendale and MacGregor schools and went on to get his degree in Physical Education at the University of Yankton, South Dakota. He taught Phys. Ed. for two years and is now selling pharmaceutical supplies throughout southern Manitoba. David married Debbie Crozier and lives in Portage la Prairie. Eric attended Rossendale elementary and Portage schools. At this time he has completed three years at the University of Bemidji, Minnesota, and one year at the University of Winnipeg. He hopes to get his degree in Economics next year. The family moved to Portage in 1974.

I, Mae married Robert Carroll. We farmed three miles west of Portage. We had four children, Anne, Ida, Allan and Brian. There are six grandchildren.

Jimmie was born in 1921 and passed away at the age of three years.

Mary married Edward Grobb, a farmer at Treherne, where they continued farming. They have three girls, Doris, Donna and Beverly. There are four grandchildren.

Ben farmed the home farm. He married Louise Patsack and is now living in Portage.

Margaret married Arthur Boak, a farmer in the Edwin district, where they continued farming. They have a family of three, Lynn, Kenneth and Sharon. There are three grandchildren.

BRUCE PAYNE FAMILY

We arrived at our new home on August 31, 1980. It had taken us three days to come the almost 1500 miles from Richmond Hill, Ontario. Richmond Hill is situated just north of Toronto. We bought the farm, 28-9-8, from Fred and Germaine Orton, who along with their son Denis, were there to greet us when we drove in at 5:30 pm, tired and hungry.

Brenda and Ken (Bruce's brother) were already here and Brenda made supper for all of us. It didn't take long to unpack and make up the beds.

Glenda, born in May 1968, and Warren, born in December 1969 adapted well to the school at Rossendale and have made many friends there. Glenda is studying grade VIII Royal Conservatory Piano and will take her exam June 1, 1982. She has just written her grade II Theory exam.

Warren has just completed another year in hockey for the Portage Terriers. With hockey tournaments in Swan River, Flin Flon, Boissevain and Glenella we have certainly travelled through a lot of Manitoba.

KEN PAYNE

The Kenneth Payne family arrived at the Fred Orton farm (NW 28-9-8) August 4, 1980. Here, they were warmly welcomed by Fred and Germaine Orton. While Fred helped them to set up house-keeping in a trailer located behind their home, Germaine took special care of the meals that day and the next. This marked the end of a three day trip from Bolton, Ont. Ken and Brenda and their children, Nikki and Jamie made their home here, while they built a home a half mile down the road. When the house was liveable, they moved to SW 28-9-8. This May 24, 1981 saw Brian Murray, the Ron Perchak family and the Bruce Payne family giving a hand.

Because the children attend the Rossendale school, they have enjoyed a Christmas concert, ethnic foods, June picnic and field day, Winter carnival and a Spring Concert. The winters have been easy since their arrival. The children have enjoyed skating at the Rossendale Rink. Since the snow has been slight, the family enjoyed only two days of cross-country skiing. Brenda enjoyed two short winters of curling with the ladies of the community. Working at dances and bonspiels has been an enjoyment also. Nikki has continued her piano lessons which she began with her Grandma Payne in Richmond Hill, Ont.

On May 2, 1982, there was a fire which affected the Payne families as well as the Brian Murray family. The shed on Brian's flat burned to the ground. This building housed the combine of Payne Bros. as well as smaller equipment belonging to the three families. Hopefully all the losses will be covered by insurance.

JOHN PAYNE

Mr and Mrs John Payne came into the community about 1917 or 1918 to live on the SE quarter of 28-10-9 before moving to the Baker place NE 25-10-9 for a year. He then moved to the SE quarter of 20-10-9 where he built a log house and a log barn.

After farming this and the Wilson farm NW 20-10-9, he moved to the Tom Bedford farm, NW quarter of 2-10-9 for a short while before leaving the district in 1924.

HENRY PENNER FAMILY

Henry and Dora Penner and family moved from Altona to the Rossendale area in 1964 to make their home on the Louis Bedford farm SW 5-10-9.

The district was unfamiliar to them but the neighbours were very friendly so it didn't take long before they felt at home. Being neighbors was not just a word, it was helping out one another. There was Andy Henry, a very dear friend as well as a good neighbor, also his nephew Hartley Woodward. They were a good team, exchanging in swathing and combining.

The three oldest children went to South Rossendale School until Christmas and then attended the new Rossendale Consolidated School.

In 1966, they moved to a farm in the MacGregor district and still reside there.

Their children are; Hilda, now Mrs. Herb Driedger, has three children and lives at MacGregor; Irwin married Martha Unrau and lives at MacGregor with their three children; Doreen married Dave Rempel of MacDonald and has three children; Larry married Esther Gunther, they have one child and live at MacGregor. Jerry still resides at home.

RON PERCHAK

In July 1963, Ron Perchak, son of Stan and Ann Perchak, came to the Rossendale Community and purchased the farm on the SE half of 31-9-8 and NE quarter of 30-9-8, about three miles south and three and a quarter miles east of Rossendale. He later purchased the SE half of 30-9-8, this parcel of land was where I went to school at Allandale.

On March 27, 1965 Ron married me, Marilyn Watson. We have one daughter Bonnie who at the present time is attending Grade 9 at MacGregor High School. She went to school from kindergarten to Grade 8 at Rossendale Elementary School. I continue to substitute at Rossendale which I have done since 1968. Ron is a steward of the

Rossendale United Church.

Ron grows mixed grain and rye crops. He raises enough grain to feed his 100 sow herd and he now sells weanlings. His cattle were sold in 1969.

Ron has made a number of changes on this farm. New buildings have been erected and land cleared. When we started to farm this land, spring seeding brought a lot of tractor pulls. But with the yearly working, the land has improved.

As one drives around the country side it is hard to visualize where one would like to retire because right now there seems to be no place we'd like to be but in the south east corner of this community.

ALBERT PERKINS

Albert Perkins was born in 1873. He and his mother came from Ontario about 1890 to join his brother William at Lavenham. He later settled on the SE 5-10-9, three miles east of Lavenham. He married Annie Dale about 1913. She was a member of Rossendale Church Ladies and continued to be until her death in 1928.

Mrs Perkins Sr. passed away in 1925 at the age of 84. Albert lived on the farm until 1929, when he built a house in MacGregor and moved into it in 1930. He married Mrs. Ellen Collier and they resided in this home until his death in 1946 at the age of 73. He is buried in Rossendale cemetery beside his mother and his first wife. He and Will Moffat were Elders on the first Church Board set up in Rossendale and served until they retired. He was a good friend and neighbor to all and very interested in all community activities.



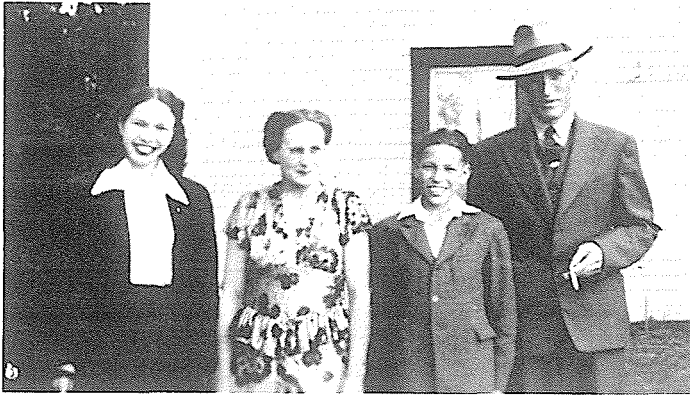
R-L - Ab and Edgar Perkins with Andy Henry

EDGAR PERKINS

I was born in Lavenham, Man. and grew up on the family farm 1½ miles east of Lavenham. I worked with my dad until 1928 when Dorothy Smith and I were married.

Dorothy was born in Scotland March 3, 1903. She came to Canada with her mother, sister and brother in 1907 and lived at Clandeboye. This is where she attended school, taking her normal school training in Portage in 1924-25. This was the last year Portage offered this course. Dorothy taught school in Waldorf, Ont., Swan River, and Clairmont in the Lavenham district.

At the time Dorothy and I were married, Aunt Annie (Mrs Ab Perkins) passed away. Uncle Ab asked Dorothy and I if we would live with him, so we did. The next fall he decided to build a home in MacGregor and retire there so Dorothy and I bought his farm SE 5-10-9. We lived there until retiring to Portage. We have one daughter and two sons, Idelle, Jack and Terry. They all attended South Rossendale School.



Edgar Perkins Family (Terry missing)

Idelle was born July 12, 1930. She worked in a Toronto Post Office for several years before being married to Fred Brown. They have four children, twins Donna and David, Lori and Kevin. Donna now lives in Parkdale, B.C. The other three are still at home. Idelle is now working at the Ontario Health Insurance where she has been employed for the past 17 years.

Jack was born Nov. 27, 1932. Jack and a friend have a floor finishing business in Edmonton, Alta. He spent some time in B.C. in this line of work before moving to Edmonton.

Terry is an adopted son. He was born August 8, 1959. He married Vivian Walchuk of Winnipeg Beach October 16, 1971. Vivian is a Psychiatric Nurse having taken her training at the Manitoba School in Portage. They lived in Portage for a few years before moving to Winnipeg. Vivian is nursing at Middlechurch Nursing Home now. Terry has a semi-trailer truck and does long distance hauling. Terry and Vivian have two adopted children, James Drew and Brenda Leanne.

We sold the farm in 1968 to Robert Henry and moved to Portage where we are enjoying retirement and have done quite a bit of travelling.

When at the farm Dorothy was a member of the Ladies Church Group which was later the U.C.W. She was Sec. Treas. for a good many years. After being a member for over 50 years, she received her Life Membership Pin. Since moving to Portage, Dorothy has joined the W.I. Both she and I are active in the Senior Citizens Group. I was a trustee of South Rossendale School for some years.

One of the highlights of our lives was the celebration of our 50th Wedding Anniversary and having the complete gathering of all our brothers, sisters, and their families who joined our family.

MURRAY REID PERKINS AND FAMILY

The Perkins name has been around this district a long time. Grandfather William Perkins came from Ontario in 1880 and cleared the land by hand. The original homestead is on SE 1-10-10, 1½ miles east of Lavenham on R.R. #461.

My father, Laurie, who married June Williamson, farmed the homestead since grandfathers passing.

To this union four children were born. Fern (Mrs. James Maguire), Audrey (Mrs. Wayne Zimmerman), Sherry (Mrs. Jerry Thiessen), and myself, Murray Reid. I was born in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba on July 4th, 1952 and I started my education in Lavenham and walked the 1½ miles to school. In 1964 Lavenham consolidated and we were bussed to Rossendale. I took high school in Treherne.

I helped dad on the farm and started with Maple Leaf Construction Ltd. where I am presently employed.

On November 10th, 1978, I married Velda Jean Dobbin, daughter of Pearl (Triggs) and Harold Dobbin of Ladysmith district. Velda's family consisted of four girls. Lynne and Janice of Treherne and Nadine at home.

We moved a mobile home on to SW 6-10-9 W, east of dad's place in the fall of 1978 where we make our home.

We have two boys, Jason Scott who attends Rossendale School. Reid Camerson who is two years old, and Matthew Harold, deceased in infancy in October of 1981.

WILLIAM PILKINGTON

In 1902 William Pilkington Sr. came to Canada and worked at several jobs before starting to farm on 23-10-9. One of the jobs was hauling stone and gravel for the water tower in Portage. He farmed on that farm till 1910, when he took over 3-11-9 from Roy Charlton and Roy Charlton moved to 23-10-9, so actually they traded farms.

In 1912, William Pilkington married Christina Magnusson and they had four children.

Mary, the eldest, married Bob Stratton and they have three children; Norma married Jim Hanna and they have five children; Donna married Barry Barber and Bobby is not married.

William Pilkington Jr. married Clarice Kane and they have four

children; Gordon married Pat Williams and they have four children and live in Portage; Lynn married Stan Ross and they have two children and live in Winnipeg; Connie married Paul Brown and they have two children and are now living in Nova Scotia; and Wilfred married Carol Martens and they have two boys and they live in Portage la Prairie.

Gertie married Andrew Tait and their children are; Merlin married to Barbara Meffin, they have one child; Patricia married to Randy Kowalchuk and they have two children; Allan married to Laurie Bennett and they have three children.

Bessie married Gregis Ritzer and their children are; Diana married to Bob Emerson and they have four boys; Wilma Ritzer not married; Ted Ritzer married to Helen Aikens and they have two children.

All the Pilkington children were born on the farm.

William Pilkington Sr. passed away on June 5, 1945 and his wife Christina, passed away April 1959.

In 1945 William Pilkington took over the family farm, so it has been in the Pilkington name since 1912.

William and Christina's children played ball in the farm yard. Now their great-grandchildren play in the same place.

All the trees west of the buildings were planted by William Senior and Junior.

JAMES PORTER

James Porter was born at Dunfries, Scotland in 1886. After completing school he worked for a time as a telegraph operator for the Glasgow and Southern Railroad. Mrs. Porter, the former Annie Blakely, was born at Ayr in Ayrshire, Scotland. She studied music in school, as did Mr Porter and later took a course in dairying.

James Porter and Anne Blakely were married at Ayr on June 1, 1913 and later that year sailed for Canada, settling in the Katrime district about 25 miles north-east of Portage la Prairie.

In 1919 Mr and Mrs Porter and their three children Mary, James Fairly and Mabel Harriet arrived in the Allandale district. They settled on the NW of 32-9-8 also operating SW of 5-10-8. They engaged in mixed farming and had over 200 acres under cultivation.

On many occasions Mr Porter played the violin for dances at the Allandale social gatherings. One of his favorite tunes was "The Merry Widow Waltz". He still played his accordin and violin when he was in his nineties.

The Porter family left Allandale in 1929, moving to the Edwin district and farmed there until retirement in 1946. Mrs Porter passed away in October of 1961, and Mr Porter on March 5, 1982.

Their daughter Mary lived in San Fransisco, California, until her death in 1982.

On June 1, 1943, James married May Carroll. They live in

Portage la Prairie and have a daughter Elaine and a son Earl.

On November 3, 1942 Mabel married Don Gray. They also live in Portage la Prairie and have two daughters Beverly and Lori Dawn.

JOHN POSCHNER

John, Christina Poschner and sons, John, aged five years, and Eddie, aged one year, arrived from the Edwin district to the Rossendale area in the spring of 1935, renting from Pete Salay 34-10-9. In 1936 they moved to what was then called the Hamilton place 4-10-9.

Another son Mike was born in 1937.

John attended Hartford school for three years before the family moved to the Vassar district. They farmed here until 1962, moving then to Steinbach, Manitoba.

There were ten more children born to the family.

John lives in East Braintree, Manitoba. Eddie passed away recently. His family live at Anola. Mike, his wife and two children live in Surrey, B.C.

John passed away in 1969 at the age of 70. Christina lives in Steinbach.



The John Poschner Family

PRATT FAMILY

George Pratt, his wife Maude and three members of their family, Gladys, Howard and Basil, came to the Rossendale district from Holland, Man. in October of 1934. They farmed on the W.G. Henry farm situated one mile south and two miles west of Rossendale. By this time the family had all completed their education at Cypress River, Man. While in Rossendale, Mrs. Pratt and Gladys were members of the Ladies Aid. Howard and Basil were involved in curling, skating and baseball.

Mr. Pratt passed away suddenly in Sept. of 1938 and the year following his death the family moved back to Holland. Howard remained in the Rossendale district, working mainly as a truck driver.

In 1939 Howard skipped a rink comprised of Bill Kushner, Ben Samoleski and Norman Charlton in the Portage Bonspiel, winning top honors - The Grand Challenge Event, Citizens Event and the

Grand Aggregate. This was the first and only time a rink from Rossendale ever won this honor.

Howard also introduced barrel jumping on skates following the regular Saturday night skating. This caused a bit of excitement, but only a few took part. He succeeded in jumping seven barrels. He was also involved with the Young Peoples Organization, taking part in plays which they staged.

Howard recalls when he worked on the railroad in 1940 for 35 cents an hour for ten hours a day and paid \$1.50 per day for his board, so he cleared only \$2.00 per day.

September 14, 1940, Howard married Donna Paisley of Rossendale. They now reside in Portage la Prairie. They have a daughter Marilyn (Mrs. Roger Ward) who has three children - Bradley, Heather and Vanessa, and a son Murray who also has three children - Janet, Jason and Amber, residing in Portage.

Basil married Laura Graham of Holland, and he died at Yorkton, Sask. in November of 1980. They have two sons Barrie and Ron, both of Yorkton. Gladys married Wilbert Robertson of Holland and now resides at Dawson Creek, B.C. She has no family. There is another sister Beatrice (Mrs Walter Carnegie) residing at Cypress River. Another brother Norman, who was married to Alice Meyers of Holland, died at Kapuskasing, Ont. in 1961.

Howard and Basil both served in the Armed Forces from 1940 to 1945, serving overseas from 1942 to 1945. Norman served in the R.C.A.F. from 1940 to 1945.

Following the war Howard operated the curling and skating rink for two years prior to moving to Portage and often laughs about the times when the power plant would cut out just about the time someone was ready to shoot a rock. He has many happy memories of the years he spent at Rossendale.

WM D. PRITCHARD

by Dallas Pritchard

Wm D. Pritchard (Bill) came to Rossendale in 1905 to take over as grain buyer for the Lake of the Woods Milling Co. Prior to that he came from Bothwell, Ont. where his father farmed. His first venture West was on a Harvest Excursion to Melita, Man. There he found employment with the Lake of the Woods as a buyer's helper in the elevator. The following year he came to Rossendale as a buyer for the same company. He boarded with Mrs. H. Paisley who ran a boarding house. She later became his mother-in-law as he married her only daughter Ann Ida Paisley.

They made their home in the Boarding House and paid rent. Later they bought the building from Mrs. Paisley. They had four children; Dallas, the eldest, the writer of this article, Clarence who died at six months, Thelma Margaret and Jack Edgar. We all went to school at Rossendale, which taught Grade 1 through 8. These landmarks have all been burned down.

We took part in all the school and Sunday school concerts. My father played ball for the local team and later used to umpire for the sports events.

A fifth child was born to my parents later on in Winnipeg. His name is William Gerald.

I married Edith J. Groombridge. We have three sons and six grandchildren.

William Gerald married Hazel Martin and they have one son. Thelma and Jack have remained single. Our parents have passed away: my mother in June of 1966 and my father in May of 1969.

At Dad's first elevator he handled grain and cord wood. The wood was loaded in box cars and shipped by rail to Portage la Prairie where it was sold for fuel in the homes.

The fashionable mode of getting around in those days was by horse and buggy. All the young men tried to out-do the next in shiny buggy and well groomed horses. My Dad had some very good looking horses. He progressed to a team of beautiful horses which he named Vicki and Mars. His next step upward was a McLaughlin Buick. I remember him taking the family and friends on a picnic, down to the Assiniboine River, about the middle of October, 1915.

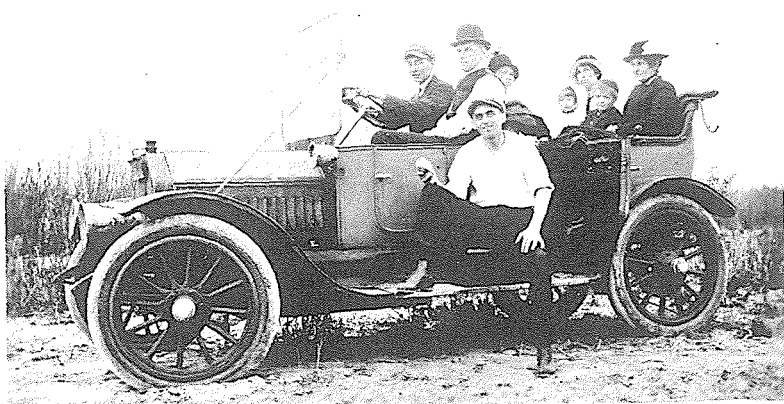
On the road going West out of town were the wood cutters' shanties, which were well named Slab Alley. The wood cutters would hold their dances on Saturday nights. Things would get pretty warm and rowdy so one night my Dad and some of his friends got up on the roof and plugged the stove pipe. This soon broke up the dance.

Dad went into the store business with a partner named Walter Brass, and later he bought out his partner and ran the store for another couple of years. He sold out and went farming in Saskatchewan. He took off one crop which was a bumper one and then returned to Rossendale. He then opened a confectionary store in the front part of the boarding house. He went back to buying grain in Rossendale and continued with this until 1923 when he moved the family to Winnipeg. We finally settled in Napinka, Man. where he was grain buyer for the Manitoba Wheat Pool until the thirties when the elevator was closed down, at which time we moved back to Rossendale for a couple of unfruitful years until the elevator re-opened at Napinka.

In 1940 the family moved to B.C. and have been firmly established there ever since.



Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pritchard



Bill Pritchard driving;
Jack Harmon (grain buyer) on running board
Back Seat - Miss Oliver, Mrs. Bill Pritchard
Mrs. H. Paisley, with Thelma and Dallas

JOHN PROCOWICZ FAMILY HISTORY

submitted by Ann Beedle

John Procowicz, my father, came to Canada May 7, 1927 from the Ukraine. He worked in Toronto until his wife Titiana and two children, Stanley and Anna arrived on June 28, 1929.

Dad farmed in the Elie district for a year or so. There his second son, Henry, was born in February of 1931. In the fall of 1931 he moved to the Rossendale district, renting a farm east of the village. Our neighbors were the Shields. We were only there for a couple of years before moving to a farm south of Rossendale. Dad also rented this farm. A few years later we rented James Dow's farm NE 21-10-9, about 1 ¾ miles north of Rossendale.

Stan and I went to Elmwood school until we moved to Gilbert Plains.

Our family was involved in the lovely fowl suppers we had, the Christmas concerts, skating, curling and especially the carnivals. We can't forget the ball games and the picnics. They were wonderful. Our school had the best ball team around there. I remember us playing all the schools around the district and we didn't lose a game. We also enjoyed the men's ball games.

My brother Henry was killed by a horse on December 21, 1939, which was a shock to everyone. Living on that farm after this accident bothered my father very much, so in 1941 we moved to the Gilbert Plains district. Dad farmed there until he passed away in 1961 at the age of 63 after suffering a heart attack. In 1962 my mother sold out and moved to Dauphin where she lived until 1968. She also died of a heart attack at the age of 71.

My brother Stan married Elsie Olearnek from Keld district in 1944. They have three girls and are living in California. Stan is working at Disneyland. They have one grandchild.

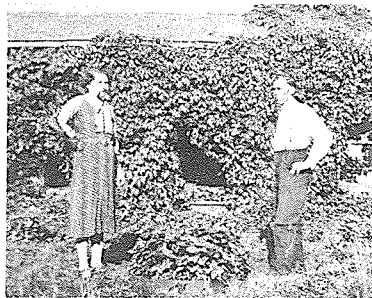
I married Stan Leach from Thunder Bay, Ont. in 1946. We had four children, two girls and two boys. We lived in Thunder Bay for a year, then moved to Dauphin for a year and then to Flin Flon. After 10 years of raising the family alone I married Geoff Beedle from England. We have two girls and I now have five grandchildren.



Stan Procowicz



Mrs. Procowicz, Henry and Ann on ponies



Mr. and Mrs. John Procowicz

STEVE PRYSTANSKI

With great excitement and apprehension I left Swov Ukraine, the city of my birth, for Gdansk, Poland. There on the 12th of July 1922, I boarded a ship belonging to the White Star Line. Coincidence would have it that the ship was named "Canada" and it was her last voyage. She carried approximately 2000 U.S. and Canadian returning troops and 28 immigrants of which I was one.

We arrived in Quebec on the 20th of August. "Canada" left for New York where she was scrapped. I went on by train to Findlater, Sask.

In 1925 I married Barbra Machibora

On November 26, 1926 we moved to Rossendale. We bought the Robinson Place (400 acres, SE 27-10-9) from the Great West Life Insurance Co.

Our girls went to Elmwood school and Portage Collegiate.

Pauline married Carl Brynko. They live in Oakland, New Jersey, U.S.A. They have two children, Greg and Barbra, who are both journalists.

Anne married John Shewchuk. They live in Winnipeg. They have four children; John, a lawyer, David and Jerry, members of the R.C.M.P., and Theresa, a young lady still at school.

In 1959 we decided to give up farming. In November we had an auction sale. Hardly anyone came. It was very muddy that month. Charlie Sloik was the auctioneer.



Barbra and Steve Prystanski with Pauline and Ann

Before we moved to Portage la Prairie, Bob Moffat and Ted Wojtowitch, representing all of Rossendale, surprised us with a going away gift - a beautiful recliner chair and table and a ribbon with everyone's name on it.

We really were touched. Rossendale people are truly "The Great People."

On the 9th of December in 1972, my wife of 47 years passed away.

In 1977 I married a life time friend and retired to Vancouver. We have travelled to Europe, South America and the USA. "Canada" is still the best.

CHARLES RAU

Carl Frederick Rau, "Charlie," at the age of 17 worked as a farm hand for Jack McMillan in the Bagot area. He married Lorna MacIntosh in 1931 and settled in the Currie district, then moved to Hartford, where he farmed until the summer of 1943.

With a wife and family of six (one boy and five girls) he moved to Winnipeg where he obtained employment with the Riedle Brewery (now Carlings), driving one of the last horse-drawn delivery wagons in Winnipeg. Carl died at the age of 68 in August of 1962. His surviving wife, Lorna Gray and four daughters, Jean, Lorraine, Kathleen and Gail reside in Winnipeg. Barbara lives in Clearwater, Florida. His only son, Carl, died November 1979.

GEORGE RESTALL

Mr and Mrs George Restall came to the Rossendale district in 1938. They purchased the farm from the Great West Co. The location of the farm was Section 22, SE, Township 10, Range 9. They had originally lived in Winnipeg where Mr Restall worked for the railway.

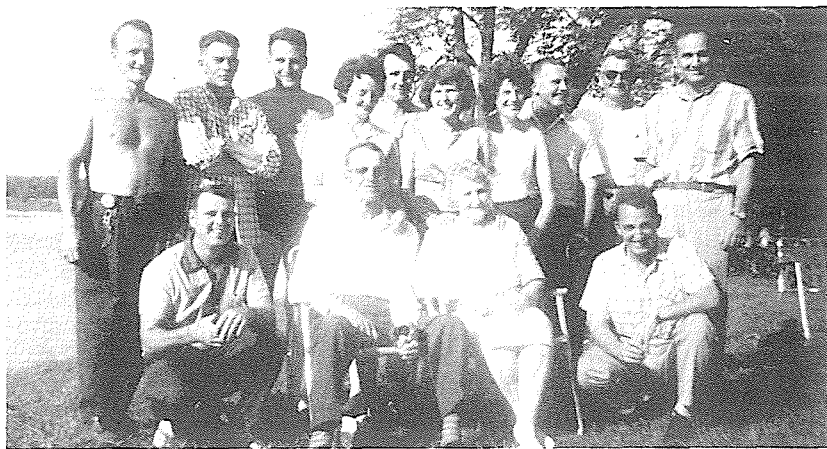
Besides grain farming, Mr and Mrs Restall kept cattle, turkeys and chickens. They took great pride in their lovely yard with shrubs, flowers and fruit trees.

Mr. and Mrs. Restall had two children. Frank and Hazel received their education in Winnipeg. Frank married Miss Doris Gunness and they had three daughters, Kathleen, Norma and Debra. Frank was killed in an industrial accident in May of 1961. His wife and family live in and around Winnipeg where Doris had been teaching but is now retired. Hazel married Tom Nicoll, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Nicoll. They have four children, Norman, Allen, Bruce and Jan.

Mr. and Mrs. Restall sold their farm to Harry and Alfred Muir in 1963 and retired to Portage la Prairie. Mr. Restall died on January 30, 1969 and Mrs. Restall passed away on March 27, 1972.

THE JOHN RINTOUL FAMILY

Jack, as he was known, came to Manitoba from Kemptville, Ontario, where he was born in 1898. He worked for the R.R. in the shop before joining the army. After three years in the army, he came west as a harvest worker to the Bagot area. He ran a steam engine on a threshing machine for 6 years for Jack McMillan. He worked for the railroad in Manitoba for some time.



Jack Rintoul Family

Back Row L-R - Bruce, Mel, Wayne, Ken, Eldon, Tom, Lorne
Centre - Phyllis, Maxine, Vivian
Front - Dan, Jack, Lorna, Glen

On January 17, 1923, he married Lorna Ward, daughter of Tom and Jessie Ward of Bagot.

Jack always liked farming. In 1927 he rented SW 30-10-9 from Hugh McKay and they moved there with three children, Glen, Lorne and Phylis. He farmed with horses while he was there. He was a good horse man who also raised cattle and hogs.

The children attended Currie School. Jack and Lorna attended church in the school while they lived there. Jack would take wheat to Treherne each fall and have it made into flour, and bring home the flour, bran and the shorts for home baking and calf feed.

In 1934, they bought section 33-10-9 and moved there that fall. That is where they raised their family of 9 sons and 3 daughters.

The children all attended Hartford School and Sunday School, until the school closed in 1964. The younger ones went to Rossendale High.

Jack was a trustee for a number of years in Hartford. He also was a pathmaster for many years, both in Currie and this district. His job was to see that all holes were filled and that all culverts were cleaned out. He asked each farmer to do the work along his farm road. Jack drove the grader while other farmers put their horses on to haul it, or at times he used his own horses and had someone drive four of them.

He bought his first car in 1924, a Ford, and his first tractor, a Rumley, in 1935.

He owned a threshing machine and threshed for several neighbors. One fall the separator burned before he was done so he borrowed or rented another separator until he could buy another one for the next fall.

The Rintoul home was always a welcome place for everyone. In the 30's and 40's there were no snow ploughs so a short cut was made through their farm. Many times Jack or one of the boys hauled a truck or car through a snow bank or in spring out of a mud hole. Sometimes the folks came in and had a cup of tea. In the winter of 1949, Grant Lamb had a bombadier and came into our district and took a load of folks to Portage and back once a week, which we all enjoyed.

They milked from 6 to 13 cows so they had all their own butter, cream, and milk. As Lorna raised turkeys, geese and hens, they also had all the beef, poultry and pork they needed.

They got electricity in 1948 so thank goodness there were no more lamp chimneys to clean. They had gas lamps but still used some lamps and lanterns. Their home was heated by a wood and coal furnace and until 1950 cooking was done by wood stove.

For several years Lorna baked 24 loaves of bread a week, besides biscuits, scones, cakes, cookies and pies. There were 7 children going to school in one year so it took a lot of bread for lunches. She did all her own canning of meat and vegetables as she also had a garden. Lorna is a faithful member of the Rossendale U.C.W. For the past 55 years she has belonged to the

W.A. and later the U.C.W. This year she received her Life Membership Pin.

Their family all enjoyed baseball so their home was always open to young folks who gathered there for ball games.

It was often remarked that Mrs. Rintoul didn't know if she would have 6 or 16 for a meal, but that was the way she liked it. The young folk could always bring their friends home.

In the spring the boys made rafts and went out on the creek. Sometimes one would fall in and have to be hauled out by a brother. They all learned to skate on the creek or ponds in the fields.

Over the years the family all left home to go their own way except Kenneth, the youngest. He liked farming and stayed home. He married and he and his wife bought the home farm in 1965.

Jack and Lorna had a new home built just north of the creek from their old house. They lived there retired on the farm and enjoyed their family and friends. In 1978 Jack died in the Portage Hospital. Lorna still lives in her home in 1982 with several of her family near by.

In 1979 we had a warm spell and snow melted fast. We had a flood on our place. Ken got a boat and he came out his lane over to my lawn and 6 of us went for a boat ride for half a mile in the fields. The water ran across the road for a quarter mile for two days. It was the first time we were ever able to go boating on our farm.

Jack and Lorna's Family

Glen

Glen was born November 10, 1923. He went to Currie School and then to Hartford. He took Grade 9 by correspondence and then went to Portage la Prairie to finish his education.

He worked for a time in a bakery, then joined the army. In 1943 he went overseas. He was in several countries and spent a short while in Africa. He came home in 1945.

He married Patricia Locke in May of 1946. He bought the NE 28-10-9 where he farmed for 5 years. He then enlisted in the Air Force.

He was a lover of sports, especially baseball. He played and also coached the team his son Doug played on.

Glen died in Germany while in the Air Force. He and Patricia have one son, Douglas and one daughter, Maureen.

Lorne

Lorne was born April 11, 1925. He went to school at Currie and Hartford and then took correspondence. Owing to ill health of his father he quit school to do chores.

He always liked to work with cars. He worked in a garage in Bagot for a year before going to Winnipeg. He worked for Stern Trucks Ltd. for several years. He went to school to get his Mechanic's Certificate. He got his own garage then and had it until he was badly burned in 1979 and was in the hospital for weeks.

He married Colleen Locke of Winnipeg in 1948. They have one daughter Terry and one son Lorne Jr. He and Colleen now live in Starbuck. He is equipment manager of Bell Acres Golf Course.

Phyllis

Phyllis was born September 7, 1926. She left home to work in Portage. She then worked in Crockers store in Rossendale. That is where she met Cal Sawyer, who she married on March 16, 1946.

They both loved travelling so they have lived in various places such as Flin Flon, New Westminster, B.C., and Sparta, Ontario in Canada as well as Michigan, Florida and Ohio in the U.S. Returning to Bagot in 1963, they bought a farm E half of section 10-11-9 where they still reside.

They have two daughters, Joy (Mrs Dale Birchard) of B.C. and Maureen (Mrs Murray Gourley) of Edwin Manitoba.

Thomas

Tom was born on Feb. 6, 1928. He went to work in the gold mines at Red Lake, Ontario in 1944 and 1945. In 1946 he worked for Abitibi Pulp and Paper Mills in Ontario.

He was at home working with his dad when he married Allison Brydges of Portage in 1951.

He worked on construction at MacDonald Airport and South Port. He spent two years in Alberta working on a dragline. In 1958 and 59 he worked in Winnipeg, driving for Rousseau's Transfer.

In 1960, he bought the NW quarter section of 5-10-9 and SE quarter of 8-10-9 and farmed this land. He, his wife, and their son Robert are still living there in 1982. He has rented his farm out for the last two years.

He has been driving a school bus for the Pine Creek School Division since 1964. Allison also drives a school bus.

They have two sons, Randy and Robert, and two daughters, Jacki and Tamara.

Tom always played baseball and still plays on a league each summer. He also coached and umpired. He loves to fish and play golf.

Maxine

Maxine was born on Sept. 13, 1930. She left home to work as a sales clerk for Narveys store in Portage. She worked there until 1951 when she married Helmut Schroeder of Rossendale. They live on their farm, NE 21-10-9. She played baseball on ladies teams while in Portage and still plays at picnics. She also curls some.

They have one son, Larry and four daughters, Kathy, Gaylene, Penny and Bonnie.

Bruce

Bruce was born on Feb. 24, 1933. He took most of his schooling at Hartford School. He stayed on the farm with his dad for a few years before going to Winnipeg where he became a driver for Rousseau Transfer. In 1961 Rousseau sold out to Atomic. Bruce became driver supervisor for Atomic.

In October of 1957, he married Lorraine Fox of MacGregor, daughter of Les and Laura Fox. They have two sons, Brian and Dale and one daughter, Debra.

They live in Winnipeg, where Bruce is still working for Atomic.
Wayne

Wayne was born on Nov. 27, 1934. In 1949, he went to Winnipeg to work for General Motors for three years. He also worked for Beverly Truck and Bus for three years. He went west where he was an oil driller in Alberta and North West Territories until 1959. He returned to Winnipeg where he worked for General Motors again for three years. He was a service manager, then store manager for a Firestone store in Winnipeg. He then moved to Vernon, B.C. in 1968 and managed a Marshall Wells Store for one year. Wayne then formed a partnership and started his own business, Cavell Tire Sales Ltd., in Kelowna.

In 1976, he formed another company, Lake City Tire Distributors B.C. Ltd., and was sale distributor for a Japanese truck radial tire in B.C. This involved a lot of travelling around B.C. He sold the B.C. franchise in 1980 and continues to work for the national company.

He bought an orchard in Kelowna in 1972.

He married Betty Fox of MacGregor in February of 1958. They have three sons, Donald, Darren and James and one daughter Heather. They live in the orchard in Kelowna.

Daniel

Dan was born April 8, 1937. He went to Hartford School until Grade 8. He took Grade 9 in Edwin and finished high school in MacGregor.

He went to Desmil, Ontario to work for the C.N.R. He was moved to Exira, near Austin, in 1960.

In 1961, he married Louise Landers of Bagot, daughter of Donald and Margaret Landers. They built a new home in Austin where they now live with their sons, Darwin, Gary and Bradley.

Dan takes part in all community affairs at Austin and some in MacGregor. He plays baseball and loves to play golf and curl.

Melvin

Mel was born on July 25, 1938. In 1964, he started to work for Co-op. He drove for trucking and then moved to farm supply.

He has been interested in baseball all his life either as a player or coach. He was an executive of Central Manitoba Minor Softball Association from 1967 to 1980. He coached a midget girls team to provincial champions in 1974. In 1970 he played with the Sonic Mens Team. He umpired for C.M.E.L. and local tournaments.

In winter his main interest is curling. He curled at South Port for 12 years. Mel also loves to play golf.

In the spring of 1982, Mel moved to Nipawin, Sask. as manager for the Co-op Farm Supply.

Mel married Barbara Small, daughter of Fred and Phylis Small of Beausejour, on July 14, 1962. They have one daughter Leanne, and one son David.

Eldon

Eldon was born on March 29, 1940. He worked on the farm, drove a truck for a Winnipeg firm and also worked for a dragline company.

He moved to Treherne in 1968. He worked for a cement Co. He now owns a car wash and sells and repairs skidoos and motor-cycles.

He golfs and dances for pleasure and curls some.

In 1961, on December 16, he married Georgina Painter of Lavenham, daughter of George and Lorna Painter. They have two sons Rodney and Peter and one daughter Christina.

They live in Treherne where he has his car wash business.

Vivian

Vivian was born on April 20, 1941. She finished her education and went to Winnipeg to work in a Royal Bank. She transferred to Calgary in 1951 when she married Harley Henry. In 1953 she was transferred back to Winnipeg and then to Portage. They lived in Bagot, where Harley was a trucker. In 1975 they bought a farm in Rossendale district, section SW 5-10-9, known as the Bedford farm. They raise both cattle and hogs. Both Vivian and Harley drive school busses for the Pine Creek School Division.

They have one daughter, Harla, and one son David.

Kenneth

Ken was born July 21, 1942. He finished school and farmed with his dad until 1965 when he and his wife Patricia Radford, daughter of Bert and Evelyn Radford of MacGregor, bought his dad's farm.

They built a new home to replace the old one. They farm on the full section of 33-10-9. They raise cattle as well as farm crops.

They have two sons Harvey Dean and Todd, and one daughter Sharon.

They take part in the district affairs.

ALVIN ROBINSON

On April 30, 1903 I, Alvin Robinson was the second son born to James and Elizabeth Robinson in the Rob Roy district situated 10 miles north west of Portage la Prairie. We later moved to the Rossendale area where I attended Elmwood elementary school.

As a young man I enjoyed hunting and trapping and I spent many interesting years doing custom work for the neighbors of the district.

In 1930 after working for a short period of time on the railroad and feeling somewhat adventurous, an acquaintance by the name of Jack Walker and I decided to take a trip to see the Peace River



Alvin Robinson Family

district. We took off in a 1918 Model T Ford and at that time with no paved roads, travelling conditions were extremely bad. We experienced a pretty rough trip most of the way. As we journeyed along we met many interesting people who were in the same situation. Many cars were bogged down in mud holes, and we found everyone along the way so very helpful. As a result it took us close to a month to reach our destination. Details and pictures of our trip have been compiled in album form and recently were donated to the museum in Peace River town where they are presently on display.

In 1936 I married the former Stella Sczesny of Portage la Prairie and we settled on a farm (24-10-9) two miles north of Ferriss School. This is where the children attended and I served as trustee for a number of years. After 9 years of mixed farming, I sold the quarter section and we moved a mile south to (25-10-9) formerly owned by my brother. We specialized in the bee business, and also kept sheep and cattle and during harvest I did custom threshing. I always drove the girls to school during the cold winter months with horse and cutter. Quite often I'd stop in at Joe Lyall's to warm up and have a cup of tea. We must have spent a lot of time talking I suppose, because it would be close to dinner time when I'd get home. I'd do a few chores and the next thing I knew it was time to go back again.

In 1959 the family moved to Portage la Prairie where the two youngest girls attended school. We were blessed with four daughters, Joan, Donna, Marilyn and Linda.

Joan Frances was born on February 25, 1938. She took her teacher's training and taught in rural schools in the Portage area for a number of years and later taught in the city of Brandon. She completed her music degree - Royal Conservatory of Toronto and Trinity College, London in 1965. She married Ralph Wakefield the same year and they had a daughter Shannon. In 1971 Ralph was killed in a farm accident. She later married Hugh MacKay and at present Joan and her husband and two children Shannon and Allan live on a farm in the Routhwaite district south of Brandon. Presently she is teaching music in her home and attends Brandon University part time working towards a Bachelor of Education degree.

Donna Jean was born May 1, 1941. She took her teachers training at the Provincial Normal School, Winnipeg and later taught at

MacAulay School south of MacGregor, Ravens Hoe School near Austin and Image Creek north of Bagot. Her next school was at Shilo and later at Rivers. At Shilo she met Colin Stout from Georgetown, Ontario and they were married in 1963. The Stouts have two sons Cameron and Graeme. At the present time they are stationed at Camp Borden, Ontario where Donna's husband is a captain in the army. She is an avid cross-country skier and more recently has become more proficient in advanced quilting.

JAMES ROBINSON

James Robinson Sr., son of Luke Robinson of Brooklyn, Ontario, was born Jan. 17, 1864. In 1888 he came west to Portage la Prairie, working for different farmers and later driving up Lake Manitoba on the ice with horses until he reached Fairford. They started farming the NE quarter of 4-13-7 in the 1890's.

My mother, Elizabeth Grant, one of a family of twelve, came from Ethel, Ontario.

I, James Robinson Jr. was born April 22, 1901, on the above farm. Alvin was born 2 years later.

Around 1903 or 1904 we moved to a farm south of Bagot, known as the Weidenhammer farm and later the Tom Hounscome farm. The old house was on the north side of the creek and the stables and granaries were on the south side. A bridge over the creek connected them. We later moved to the Jack McCallum farm across from J. Dodgsons. My dad rented this farm for a few years. Milton was born here in 1905. Dad later bought a bush farm E half of 27-10-9. This land had to be cleared and the wood was cut and hauled to Rossendale. This farm is the present home of Steve and Peter Hrabluik. I often wonder if the old brick well is still there. Frank Sawyer bricked it in March of 1908. Mr. Lyons was our nearest neighbor.

In 1926 we moved to the SE 25-10-9 where mother and dad lived out their lives. Father died in 1945 and mother in 1949.

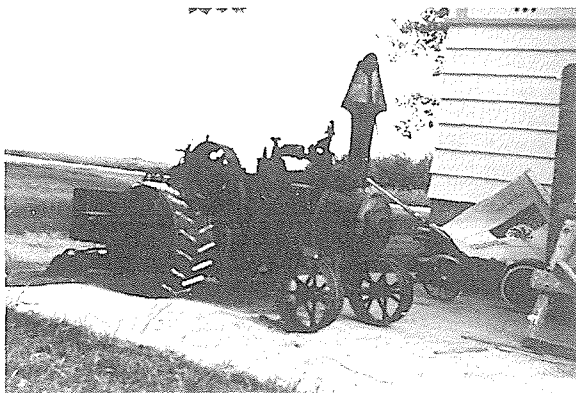


Jim and Elsie Robinson



Delores, Wayne, Jim

I started school in the old log school house in the fall of 1907, to a teacher named Mr. Prowse. The school was one mile straight through the bush. After the first few weeks I developed whooping cough so was out of school until spring but I can still remember how I learned to write "dog." Miss Ethel Thomas was one of my teachers in the new brick school - No. 864, located on Love's farm a quarter mile north of Rossendale. I remember her giving Bob Cook and I the strap - my first trimming, but it wasn't too bad. Nothing like the way Harold Rogers used to whale the kids. He could handle the strap better than teaching. He'd holler, "Go into the office!," and five minutes later he would go in and beat them up. I thought he had a spite at Art Cooper, because nearly every third day he would send Art to the office. Rogers just stayed until the last week of June when exams would start. Monday morning he wrote on the blackboard, "All students promoted to next grade.." That was the best thing he ever did. When roll was called in the morning we answered to our number, not our name. My number was No. 8.



Jim Robinson's first model steam engine built in 1922

My speciality was drawing maps and car engines. Jim Cook was best at railroad locomotives. Aubrey Fowler was more of a war lord. "Julius Caesar and Horatius at the bridge fighting the Tuscans" were his heroes.

I remember a sad happening in December of 1915. One of the older girls, Delgracia Ward, died of a ruptured appendix and peritonitis. She was just like a second mother to the little ones, and was liked by everyone.

I did not go to school after Easter of that year. I had to stay home, drive horses and help with the farm work.

While attending the log school in 1909 we were given a Union Jack flag and a free ticket to the Portage Fair. I attended the fair with my Dad. I thought the brass band was wonderful, but the most interesting to me was a little park locomotive, and a few cars on a circular track that I could ride for a nickel. After watching this

locomotive and seeing how steam power was developed, it inspired me to experiment on my own. There were gasoline engines, air cooled and water cooled, but the locomotive was the best and I have never forgotten it. I couldn't see why I couldn't build a steam traction engine about the same size.

My dad bought a brand new American Abell Engine, 22 horsepower. He and John Koskyn drove it home from Rossendale and I rode on it. I thought it was the most wonderful machine I had ever seen. It was far quieter than the gas engine we had to thresh with.

In 1922 I started to build my first engine in my spare time and by the fall of 1923 I had my first traction engine running. It took 10 years before I got a working governor, but I sure have enjoyed it, if only to look at.

The saw mill I built provided rough lumber for our house, barn and granaries on the NE quarter of 24-10-9 which I bought in 1933 from Great West Mortgage Co. of Winnipeg. It was John Jeffries' old homestead.

In October of 1935, Elsie Kolke of Frobisher, Sask. and I were married. Our daughter Delores Ruth, was born November 15, 1936 and went to school at Ferriss and Frobisher. She married Joe Lendnoy, an oil driller from Alberta, and after moving around Sask. drilling oil and potash, she spent 5 years in Australia, and now live at Minot, North Dakota. They have four children, Brian, Nola, Richard and Larry.

Wayne Clifford, our son, was born in 1938. After finishing school at Ferriss and Frobisher, he worked on oil rigs in the North Sea, Aberdeen, Scotland, Stavanger, Norway, Port Elizabeth, Africa, Tel Aviv and Saudi Arabia on land. Now he is trucking 2 tank trucks and one semi and logging rack at Nojack, Alberta. Wayne married Shirley Walker in 1967 or 1968 and they have two daughters, Sherri and Wendy, born in Aberdeen, Scotland.

In 1938 W.H. Crocker was in the process of building a new store in Rossendale. I worked at the windows, built the stairway and bricked the well in the basement. The last job was to put the eaves on. I have also carpentered in Portage, Trail and Revelstoke, B.C.

We decided to leave Rossendale in the 1940's, so we loaded three cars at Leland and moved to Frobisher, Sask. where we farmed for eight years, mixed with carpentering. We then sold the farm, built a new house in Frobisher and retired. Then we began the best years of our lives with time to enjoy ourselves.

My dear wife, Elsie, passed away in Nov. of 1970 so my sympathy goes out to anyone who has lost a loved one.

Ed McKnight and I went to Pionera in Saskatoon in 1955. After being around the old engines I got the 1922 fever again. I built a model every 3 or 4 years. Five different models of American Abell's, one Avery under mounted, one 20-40 case gas tractor, 3" scale with a Briggs and Stratton washer engine to run it. I have never missed Austin's yearly celebration since 1956, and it still

looks nice to see the straw flying! The last engine I built was a 2" scale American Abell in October of 1979, and I finished it in the spring of 1981. I had it in MacGregor's Centennial Parade.

I enjoy good health, am active in Senior Citizens activities and still play the violin.

The following is an excerpt from The Portage la Prairie Leader of August 29, 1973 written by Kelly Armstrong.

One of the favorite attractions for young and old alike at the Austin Threshermen's Reunion each year is the section devoted to model steamers.

One of the men who displays his models each year at the reunion is Jimmy Robinson, originally of the Rossendale area, now residing in Frobisher, Saskatchewan.

Mr. Robinson was born northwest of Portage, but grew up on his father's farm at Rossendale. He attended public school but quit after grade five in order to go to work on the farm.

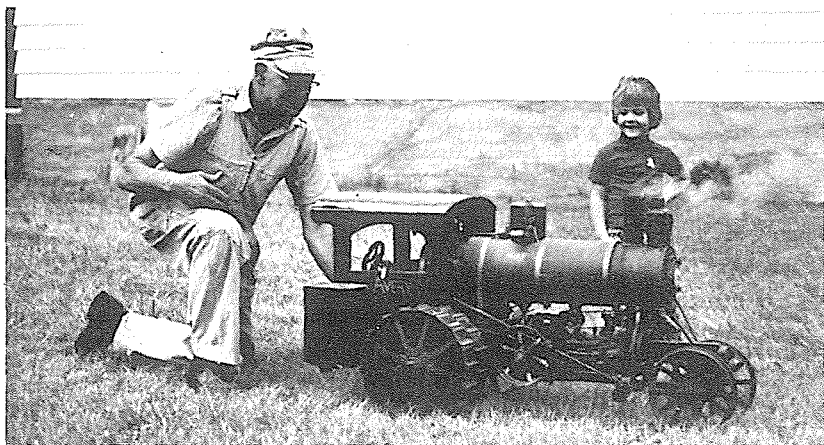
This year he celebrated his 72nd birthday.

Mr. Robinson fell in love with machines at a very early age. Some of his earliest recollections are of trying to make copies of his father's gas and steam tractors out of blocks of wood and tin cans.

As a child, he soon found that he had been given a special talent; he could make just about anything out of just about anything.

Although never having taken any sort of training, Mr. Robinson soon became an accomplished carpenter, and partially made his living by that trade.

He also ran a saw mill on his farm for some time and made many of the pieces of machinery in the mill himself. He estimates that throughout the course of the operation of his mill he sawed some 200,000 feet of lumber.



Jimmy and granddaughter Lorrie, display his Avery model engine

Using his carpentry talents and his own saw mill, Mr. Robinson was able to build his own house from scratch in 1935 at a cost of \$635. Even for those days, that was cheap.

He did carpentry work for all the people in the area, and still carries on the practice at his home in Sask., although not as extensively as he used to.

However, Mr. Robinson's real love is in doing small precise and intricate work. One of his first attempts at this fine type of work was when he made himself a violin.

Most of the body of the instrument was carved from local spruce, however, applying the "catch-as-catch-can" rule, the neck and scrolled head of the fiddle were carved from "a good chunk of maple from a threshing machine."

Mr. Robinson is himself a fiddler and used to play at dances with his home-made instrument. He noted that it had a softer tone than a professionally made violin, but that it was otherwise every bit as good.

His fascination with machinery and his keen interest and ability in building things led him to working with metal and constructing his own machinery.

He began touring the various foundries and machine shops in Winnipeg whenever he had the chance, and learned the processes involved with casting and turning metal.

After experimenting for a while, Mr. Robinson was soon able to turn out any piece of machinery that he needed at home. Once it was known that he had the capability, he was kept busy making parts for machinery by his neighbors.

In 1922, Mr. Robinson started on his first model steamer. A year later it was completed and running.

Since that time, he has completed three more, each one more intricate than the preceeding one, and is half finished his latest try.

Besides the steam models, Mr. Robinson has made starts on a gas tractor and a separator, but has not yet finished them. As he put it, "I'm like a Quaker, I have to wait for the spirit to move me."

With only a grade five formal education, Mr. Robinson is capable of carrying out the most complicated mathematical operations. Armed with only a simple geometry set, he is able to draw a perfectly scaled blueprint of a steamer from photographs or drawings.

He also works freely with all sorts of gears and ratios and builds all the parts for the transmissions in his models. When he is finished a model, it is an almost exact working replica down to the finest details such as names of companies and insignias.

The model shown with Mr. Robinson in the picture is the latest one he completed. It is an Avery, under mounted steam engine.

The only full-sized Avery that Mr. Robinson could find in existence was in Saskatoon. He drove there and made sketches of the engine and more complicated parts on the back of an envelope.

Then he went home, and working from a picture in an old catalogue, drew his scaled blueprint, exact to the finest detail.

The next step in the construction of the model was manufacturing all the hundreds of parts necessary. Mr. Robinson never buys parts, although they are available from model companies in England.

His home in Sask. is not far from a "very good junk heap" where Mr. Robinson gets most of his supply of scrap metal for casting.

He uses a lot of aluminum as it is easy to work with, but also casts and machines iron.

Sometimes, a piece of scrap, for example, the wheel on the valve of an oil well, can be turned into a useful part without too many changes.

In this case, the wheel from the oil well was turned into the small engine wheel on the side of this particular model. However, such finds are few and far between, and many of the pieces, some of them minute, have to be first casted then machined to the proper size. Some of the gears on the model in the picture are incredibly small and incredibly precise.

The model itself is self-propelled and can run other scaled models such as saws and grain separators. The engine has two forward gears, and a reverse.

Mr. Robinson estimates that it takes him about 1500 hours to turn out one of his models. He has been asked many times if they are for sale, but as he put it, "Even at only a dollar an hour, you can figure what they cost."

Each year, Mr. Robinson makes the trip from his home in Sask. to Portage to visit relatives and take in the Austin Threshermen's Reunion.

Since the Reunion's inception, he has only missed the affair once. At the Reunion, he displays his models, and runs them for the public.

The fascination with the models affects all types of people young and old, but especially children. Once several years ago, Mr. Robinson fired up one of his models and ran it around in the backyard of an acquaintance here in Portage. Within minutes, every child in the neighborhood was crowding in to watch.

Mr. Robinson is now in semi-retirement, and his models take up quite a bit of his time. They keep him busy, but as he said, "You can only work at them for so long...too long and you'd go crazy."

Wondering at the amazing intricacies and precision of the models that he makes entirely by hand, it is easy to grasp his meaning.

Jimmy Robinson is a man with an incredible talent for building things; a talent that was cultivated to its fine degree almost solely upon his own initiative.

Jimmy Robinson; a self-taught machinist with a most fascinating hobby.

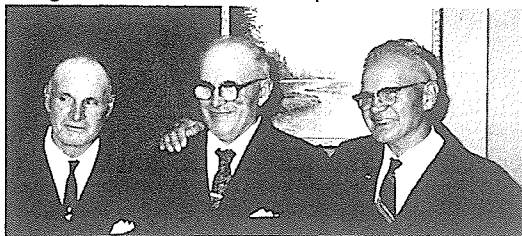
MILTON ROBINSON

Rose Fry and I were married in Kamsack, Sask. on July 3rd, 1940 in Westminster United Church.

We have lived on the home farm since then where our family of three were born.

George lives at home. William works in Winnipeg with Pioneer Electric. He has been there for five years. Dorothy, the youngest, married Ken McLennon in 1964. They live in Balgonie, Sask. with their four children, Ronnie, Shirley, Jerold and Darla.

Rose has been a member of the Rossendale U.C.W. for many years receiving her Life Membership Pin in 1981.



GEORGE AND BILL ROWLAND

George Rowland was born at Hanover, Ontario, in 1870, son of Mr and Mrs William Henry Rowland. He came to Manitoba and purchased the NE quarter of 5-10-9 from the C.P.R. railroad, cleared the land and built a log house. In later years he married Edith Emily Jones of Birmingham, England, who came to keep house for him. They had no children. He continued to farm until 1943, when he sold out to Nelson Basler. The farm is now owned by R.J. Culbert. Following their sale, the Rowlands returned to Hanover where he lived until the time of his passing in 1958.

William Rowland (Bill) was a brother to George. He was also born at Hanover, Ontario. He came west in 1889 at the age of 21, and spent one year here. He then returned to Ontario to bring his parents west, and they took-up farming west of the city of Portage, in the vicinity of Hillside Cemetery. Bill then went into partnership with his brother George. In later years he purchased a steam threshing outfit and did custom threshing for many years. He also operated a saw mill on the Bedford homestead. As more threshing machines came to the district, he shipped his outfit by rail from Rossendale to High Bluff and continued to do custom work. Upon his return to Rossendale he made his home with his brother, Clifford Rowland and sister Ida Paisley. Bill never married. He passed away in 1945.

CLIFFORD ROWLAND

by Margaret Syme

Clifford Rowland was born in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba in 1894. Clifford was the son of William and Eliza Rowland. He was one of a large family. His parents both died when he was quite young. It was then he moved to the Rossendale district and lived with his brother George Rowland on his farm southwest of Rossendale. His first job was working on the farm of John Glover. Clifford loved horses and enjoyed breaking and working with them. He also worked for his brother-in-law Fred Paisley on his farm.

On Dec. 4, 1919 Clifford married Ina McDonald, daughter of James and Margaret McDonald. They rented a farm in the Lavenham District from Mr. Aikins and farmed there a few years. They then moved to a farm west of Rossendale owned by William Henry, better known as Councillor Bill Henry. Clifford and Ina also worked for the Charlton Estate north of Rossendale in 1929. They moved to the Portage district for a couple of years returning to Rossendale in 1931 where they lived on Grandma McDonald's farm south of Rossendale. Those were the rough years known as the "dirty thirties." Mother traded butter and eggs at Crockers General Store for sugar, tea and flour. She also sold fresh milk to residents of Rossendale.

The summer months were spent working on farms. In the winter Dad and his elder brother, Uncle Bill Rowland, cut wood with cross-cut saws and axes. They hauled the wood with a team and sleigh and were paid by the cord.

Dad loved to curl and usually took part in the annual bonspiel held at the Rossendale Curling Rink. In 1935 they rented the Alex Sherriff farm. They milked cows, hauling the cream to the C.N.R. station to be shipped to the creameries in Portage la Prairie. Mother always raised turkeys which was their Christmas money.

Mom and Dad purchased land in the Bagot district and raised hereford cattle. They sold out in 1948 and moved to Portage la Prairie where they bought property on 20th Street NW. Dad worked for a number of years for the Department of Transport at the South Airport until he was pensioned off. He then took a job as caretaker of the Bank of Montreal which he worked at until he became ill in 1969. He passed away December 12, 1969. Mother passed away March 1, 1980.

Clifford and Ina Rowland are survived by one daughter, Margaret, Mrs James Syme of Williams Lake, B.C., two grandsons, Rick and Larry Syme of Strathmore, Alberta and four great grandchildren.

JAMES THOMPSON RUTLEDGE

James Rutledge was born at Goderich, Ontario on January 22, 1865. The family came to Manitoba in the early 1870's, settling near or at Portage la Prairie.

James met and married Jessie Moffat at Burnside in 1889. They resided at Nings, Manitoba for a short while before moving to Portage la Prairie. In the early 1920's, James purchased land in the Rossendale area, but continued living in Portage and had his sons farming the land living there only in the summer months.

James and Jessie were blessed with five daughters and four sons.

Mary married William Bagrie, Violet married Cecil Eadie, Emma married Clarence James, Pearl married Fred Higganbottom, Jessie was deceased in infancy, Percy married Mary Lane, Harvey married Margaret Jack, Nelson married Mary Creighton and Clarence married Isabel Clark.

The only surviving members are; Pearl, living in Vancouver, Margaret, Mary and Isabel living in Portage la Prairie.

The families of these brothers and sisters are widely scattered.

GORDON RYLAND FAMILY

We moved to Rossendale from Winnipeg in June of 1979 to the house situated on Lots 3 and 4, which we had bought in 1976 from Laverne Neufeld (the former Walker home). We found this house too small so had one moved in from Edwin to Lots 5 and 6 which we had purchased from the municipality.

We have three children, Angelina 12 years, and 10 year old twins Jamie and Tina.

Gordon is a transit driver in Winnipeg.

PETER SALAY *by Stella Smith (Salay)*

Peter and Mary Salay arrived in Rossendale in the year 1926 from Findlater, Sask., a farming district near Regina, and settled in the North Norfolk municipality. Mary's parents, the Macibora's also came with them.

They had four children; Annie, Stella, Joe and Helen. Ann died before school age.

Stella attended Hartford school for a short period as the family moved to Edwin in 1936. All three children received their education at Edwin School and at the Portage Collegiate.

Stella married Stan Smith of Portage in 1949 and they reside in Brandon. They have a daughter Joan and a son Terry. (Stan is a representative with Burns Foods).

Helen married Herb Calverley of Poplar Point in 1951 and they live in St. James in Winnipeg. They have two daughters, Cheryl and Debbie. (Herb is with Imperial Oil).

Joe married Shirley Moggey of Portage in 1952 and they live in St. Vital in Winnipeg. They have a daughter Jo-Anne and two sons, Craig and Cameron. (Joe is with the C.N.R. and owns a florist shop).

Mary Salay died in 1938 shortly after the family left Rossendale, and Peter in 1971.

BEN SAMOLESKI *by Mona Garrioch*

My parents, Ben and Lydia Samoleski, moved to Rossendale about 1934. This was during the depression years. Times were tough! My dad gave up mixed farming and decided to sell off the cattle that were left by leasing a Butcher Shop in the village of Rossendale. After selling most of his beef over the counter he also started buying and selling cattle. For this he needed a truck and eventually had a small trucking business serving the farmers in the area.

Although times were hard, my dad built a house and we always had a car. As for entertainment, you made your own fun. Mom and dad were good friends of Roy and Maude Charlton and many an evening was passed by playing cards and listening to the radio. Mom remembers Maude Charlton always carried a lantern when she came to visit in the evening.

As for myself, I remember as a child going to sleep with the sound of laughter and the slap of cards in my ears.

In 1940 my parents moved to Portage la Prairie.

FRANK SAWYER FAMILY

Frank Sawyer was born in Franklin County, New York, Feb 26, 1863. He married Evaline Lalonde and they lived in Rush Seba, Minnesota, where they had a family of three boys and five girls. In 1905 they came to the Rossendale district along with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Sawyer, and settled on 34-10-9 purchased from a Mr. Hastings.

They then proceeded to break a lot of land in this area with their mules. Many a story has been told about them. It took a lot of patience and time. A far cry from the tractors of today.



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sawyer

The Sawyer boys were all great ball players. They all played on the Rossendale team and according to the old-timers, they were pretty hard to beat.

Frank and Evaline's first-born was a girl: Melvina, born May 17, 1883 - 1963. She was married to Joseph Kaskyn and they lived on 34-10-9 where they raised their family of two boys, Harold and foster son Frank Berry, and two girls; Irmira and Helen, who were among the first students to attend the new Hartford School in 1921. The teacher was Miss Malkovich at the time.

Elmira (Minnie), was born May 18, 1885, and became a nun in her later years living in Brainerd, Minnesota.

Arthur, born on August 13, 1886; farmed with his dad and died of the flu in 1918.

Grace was born August 13, 1887 - 1969. She married Hugh Culbert in 1922 and they lived on 33-9-9 where they raised their two daughters; Evelyn and Marion.

Eva was born in 1889 and she married James Bennet. They made their home in Los Angeles, raising one boy and three girls.

Alice was born in 1893 - 1919. She married Hugh Culbert in 1916 and they had one son, Robert.

Raymond (Ray) was born on February 18, 1895. He was a great ball player and could sure tell some dandy stories. He was married to Mary Boak of Edwin district. He was Indian Agent at Long Plain Indian Reserve for a number of years and also farmed in Edwin and Rossendale districts before moving with his family to Royal Oak, Michigan. He worked for Chrysler Motors for fifteen years before retiring to Florida, where he passed away on July 3, 1969. Mary moved to North Palm Beach to be near her son Art, where she passed away in October 1976. They had four boys and two girls.

Leslie was born February 17, 1917, in Portage la Prairie. He went to Edwin school and later married Marjorie Dezing and farmed south of Rossendale until 1947 when they moved to St. Thomas, Ontario, where Les worked for the county until the time of his passing in 1973. Marj worked in the tobacco and later for the Ontario Hospital as a nurse. She has since remarried, to Roy O'Connor. Les and Marj had three boys; Douglas, Donald and Ray, and a daughter, Lorraine. They all live in St. Thomas, Ontario.

Mervin was born on March 15, 1918, on 33-10-9, now owned by Ken Rintoul. He took his schooling at Edwin and later worked in Portage. He married Gladys Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith of Portage. He joined the Air Force in 1944 and was transferred to Burnaby, B.C., where they stayed until retirement from the service. Merv and Gladys now live in Mount Gilead, Ohio. They have three sons all married and living in Ohio.

Doreen was born in Rossendale September 17, 1919. She went to school at Hartford and Edwin and later worked for Sam Rey's Cleaners in Portage as a seamstress. During the war she worked at a plant in Ajax, Ontario, where she met and married Frank Murphy. They moved to Lindsay, Ontario, on a farm, had a boy Barry and a daughter Cinthia. Frank died in 1965 and Doreen and her two children moved to St. Thomas, Ontario. She took her nurse's training and has worked in the Ontario Hospital ever since. Barry is married now and Cindy is at home with her mother.

Calvert was born in Portage on November 1, 1925. He attended school at Edwin and Ferriss. Like his father, he loved to play ball, and to skate and curl at the Rossendale rink. He married Phylliss Rintoul in 1946 and they lived in New Westminster B.C. for a year, returning to Manitoba where Cal worked for Bill Pilkington. Their daughter Joy was born in 1948, and they moved to Flin Flon in 1949 where Cal worked in the mines until 1955. Their daughter Maureen was born there. In March of 1955 they moved to Michigan where Cal was a carpenter. Things were slack, so they moved to a farm in Sparta, Ontario. Once again they got itchy feet and so moved to Florida and Ohio, returning to Bagot district and settling on 10-11-9, where they still reside. Their daughter Joy is married to Dale Birchard and they live in Vernon B.C. They have twin boys in the

service, and one living in Victoria.

Maureen married Murray Gourley of Edwin and they live on 12-11-9.. They have one boy Darren, and one girl Allana, both attending Rossendale school.

Arthur, born December 16, 1926, attended school at Edwin and Ferriss. He moved to Royal Oak, Michigan with his parents and served with the American Army. He married Phyllis Cooper of Goderich, Ontario, and they lived in Royal Oak where Art worked as a carpenter. They later moved to Palm Beach, Florida, where they still reside. They have two girls; Linda and Lorie.

Bernice, like Cal and Art, attended school at Edwin and Ferriss. After finishing school she worked in Portage and later moved to Royal Oak, where she married Bill Hamerslagh, a plumber by trade. They have three boys; Dale, Chris and Greg, and two girls, Bonnie and Leanne. They now live on a fruit orchard in Camerio, California and Bill still has his plumbing business.

Earl Sawyer was born in 1897 and after completing his schooling he served in the Navy and lived with his parents in Royal Oak, Michigan, where he worked for Chrysler Motors for 34 years. He married Mabel Madsen and they lived in Oak Park until his passing in 1972. His widow Mabel, now 91 years old, still lives there.

WALTER SCOTT FAMILY *by Margaret McCuaig*

Mr. Scott came from England to MacGregor where he met and married Ruth Cook. They had one son, Tom, and a daughter, Ruth.

A few years later they moved to B.C. where the children received their education. When Ruth was twelve, she died of rheumatic fever.

In 1934 Mr. and Mrs. Scott returned to live in Rossendale on NW 2-10-9. His main interest was gardening. They lived here for six or seven years before moving to MacGregor.

Tom Scott married Clarice Edwards in 1942 and they had ten children:

Margaret, Mrs. Les McCuaig, has two children and lives in the Gainsborough district.

John married Nadine Fawcett. They live in Portage and have two boys.

Betty married Jack Ediger. They live in Portage with their two daughters.

Shirley married Ron O'Neil. They have two girls and they operate a store at High Bluff.

Robert (Bob) married Roselle Morrisseau and they live in Portage. They have no children.

Charles married Donna Dunphy. He is in the Air Force in Germany. They have no children.

Beverley was deceased at 13 months.

Gerald married Diane Toth. They live in Portage and have one son.

Albert married Sandy Rustulka. they live at Stettler, Alberta, and have no children.

One infant died at birth.

Walter passed away June 16, 1943, and Ruth in August 1953. Tom passed away August 22, 1980 and is laid to rest at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, Portage la Prairie.

JOHN SCZESNY

I, together with my sisters, Stella and Ann, moved out to Rossendale in 1932 from Portage to farm the NE of 23-10-9, which was purchased from the Imperial Bank and was known as the Roy Charlton farm.

Stella married Alvin Robinson in 1936.

Ann was married shortly after to John Martin and they live in Calgary.

I married Kathleen Palchak in 1946 and we raised a family of three children who all attended Ferriss School.

Carol, the eldest, an R.N., is married to William Capp who is employed by Campbell's Soup in Portage. They have two sons.

Our second daughter, Evelyn, is also a nurse and married to Jim Martel. They have two sons and live in St. Vital.

Gregory, our youngest, is married and the father of three boys. He is a C.P.R. Roadmaster in Assiniboia, Sask.

We sold the farm in 1963 to Cecil Nelson and moved to Portage la Prairie.

SHROEDER FAMILY

Edmund and Albertina Shroeder and daughter Eugena immigrated to Canada from Poland; landing in Halifax in the fall of 1928. They went to Edmonton, Alberta by train, where they were employed on a dairy farm for about a year. During this time their son Helmut was born. The following fall they moved to Hanover, Ontario, where Ed was employed in a furniture factory, doing different jobs in carpentry. Here he worked only until the following spring of 1930 when they decided to go farming in southwestern Saskatchewan. The postal address was a small hamlet called Openshaw, just nine miles from the U.S.A. border town of Northgate. Many trips were made to this U.S.A. border town after an order had been placed to Sears Roebuck or Montgomery Ward catalogue. On returning home from these trips we were always well dressed, wearing more than one outfit. Prices across the border were much more affordable, and as this was the dirty thirties, the cheaper clothes price was very important. Also, these were the years of the drought and grasshoppers. You could look up at the sky and see millions of them moving to the next area after eating off several fields completely bare. This was experienced for eight years in succession. The only feed for livestock was cut and raked from low spots in ravines extending along the Souris River. And the government was sending limited amounts of feed from neighbouring provinces to help feed livestock.



*Back Row - Jean, Helmut, Marlene
Seated - Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder
on their 60th wedding anniversary*

In the fall of 1938 a farm site was rented at Gladstone for winter use, plus a couple of stacks of straw. Then railway box cars were rented and cattle loaded in one car, horses and furniture and family in the second car, and the family moved to Manitoba. By spring of 1939 a farm was rented in Rossendale, NW 10-10-9. This land was later bought, and in the spring of 1943, daughter Marlene was born.

These were the years when farming was still done mostly by horse power which needed man power to drive and control. So since son Helmut was in school at Rossendale from grade two on, it was necessary for daughter Jean to be father's helper and chore boy. Driving eight horses of 4x4 tandem pulling the six-foot one-way disc was always a worry-some job. Those darn horses didn't always all want to pull in the same direction at one given time. It was almost a welcome change when chore time came, to milk the cows and feed pigs, chickens and turkeys. Mixed farming was the way of life on a farm.

Jean married Jack Fisher of Rossendale in July, 1945.

In 1945 the Transfer Trucking business was bought from John Watson, and Helmut took over the farming from his parents. In 1951, when Helmut was married to Maxine Rintoul, the senior Shroeders sold the trucking business to Phil Henry of Lavenham. In the winter of 1952, Ed started working at Fairfields Woolen Mills after the move was made to Winnipeg. Life in the city was much easier for the family and this is where Marlene got her education from Grade three on. Upon graduating from St. James Collegiate, she trained for an airline stewardess and has worked for Air Canada since.

She is married to Garry Wilson and they have one daughter, Heidi.

Helmut and Maxine continued farming the family farm.

Ed and his wife lived in Winnipeg until 1973, when they moved to Portage la Prairie to live their retirement years closer to their family and their memories of the farm.

HELMUT SHROEDER

Farming was much different when Helmut was a boy back in the 30's. It seemed every farmer had cows, pigs, sheep, horses and fowl. Farm children always had to help with chores. Helmut helped with the milking and feeding pigs from the time he could carry a pail. He remembers driving a team of horses on a mower when he was 7 years old. He also remembers the blisters. Helmut quit school when he was fourteen and farmed full time with his parents. He also worked for 1 year at Crockers General Store.

The rink was a very active place in the winter with curling and skating every night. Living so close to the rink, Helmut spent nearly every night there hoping to be asked to curl for someone. Kids

didn't curl in those days, but they were often short of players so they would ask him to spare. He soon got to love curling and has curled in every bonspiel in Rossendale since he was in his early teens. There was also a lot of fun to be had playing hockey on the outdoor ice. The young boys would all get together on a Sunday and head for Lavenham for a friendly game. In the summer, if there was a spare hour or so, you played hardball. Helmut pitched ball and every Sunday was at a tournament somewhere. He still plays ball on a Linament league team in Portage.



*Back Row L-R - Kathy, Helmut, Larry, Gaylene
Front - Bonnie, Maxine, Penny
25th Wedding Anniversary*

In the 1940's it was amazing what you could do with 25 cents. Some of the young fellows used to pay 15 cents on a Saturday night to ride the train to Lavenham and 10 cents got you into the dance. Then if you were lucky you got a ride back home or else you walked.

In October of 1951, Helmut married me, Maxine Rintoul. We continued farming 1½ miles north of Rossendale on 21-10-9. We were blessed with five children. Our only son, Larry Edmund, was born June 29, 1953. Our first daughter was Lorna Katherine born March 18, 1955. Jeannie Gaylene was our second daughter, born on October 22, 1956. Third daughter was Penny Joy born March 25, 1962 and our fourth and last daughter was Bonnie Lee born January 6, 1964.

Larry was always a climber. At age one he had climbed to the top of the piano. When he was about four years old, I remember looking out the window to see him at the top of the evergreen tree which was over 50 feet high. He calmly climbed back down. A few years later he climbed to the top of the barn and sat on the peak.

There were no swimming pools around for the kids to swim in when they were small. On a very hot summer day, when Larry, Kathy and Gaylene were small, I found them in our big steel cattle watering trough. Moffat's creek was a favorite swimming hole for our kids and a lot of the neighbors when they were a little older.

In the winter time there was skating at Rossendale. Penny and Bonnie used to love to ski behind the motor-ski and at one of the

Ski-doo Derbys the girls skied for over 22 miles behind their dad on the Ski-doo while Shep, our dog, rode on the sleigh.

Rossendale used to have a very large Sunday School. Our children enjoyed attending for many years. Gaylene played the piano for Sunday School for a few years. Penny started singing when she was 3 years old at Sunday School Rallies. Bonnie soon joined her and the two girls sang on many occasions til they were in high school. Rossendale also had a Sunday School choir for several years, Kathy and Gay were part of it.

There was a very active 4-H club at Rossendale and our three oldest children belonged to the Beef Club and the two younger ones belonged to the Combined clubs.

In August of 1970 we were completely hauled out. Helmut started driving the school bus that year and still enjoys driving the school children.

Through the years we had many pets. Blueie was our milk cow that the kids used to go to the pasture to fetch then crawl on her back and ride her home. Then there was Oinker, our little runt pig that his mother didn't want so the kids fed him porridge and kept him in the garage. I remember the day we had visitors from Winnipeg and Oinker, being very friendly, ran up to the lady and scared her half to death. She ran into the house and Oinker ran right in after her. We decided that we had better pen him in the barn after this episode and his insistence in following the kids to their baseball games in Rossendale. We had numerous dogs but the favorite was Sheppy. He delighted in riding on the trunk of the car. There were many backward glances whenever we met a car with Sheppy on the trunk.

There was always community work to be involved with. Helmut was a trustee for a while and we both took part in the community club. I have belonged to the U.C.W. for several years. Helmut also coached ball for many years.

Our children, like their parents, loved sports and they all played ball at Rossendale on the different teams. Bonnie, Barb Tomchuk and Sally Sylvester even played hardball for one year with the boys Beaver League.

Our children all graduated from MacGregor High School. Larry continued his education for two more years at R.R.C.C. taking an electrical technician course. He married Leona Ostapowich July 20, 1974. They have one daughter, Haley Dawn born Oct. 26, 1979. He works for the M.T.S. in the Computer Communication Group in Winnipeg. Kathy took one year at R.R.C.C. in a business course and then worked in Portage. On Oct. 8, 1977 she married Keith Nichol of Bagot and today they farm his parents farm. Kathy and Keith have one daughter, Jillian Gay, born Jan. 2, 1981, and one son, Kolby James Edmund born May 26, 1982. Gaylene took one year at R.R.C.C. in a business course and then went to Montreal to work for one year. Now she works for Mar-West Development Corp. in the accounting dept. in Winnipeg. She is also taking her third year in the R.I.A. program. Penny will be starting her third year this fall at

the U. of M. taking Education. She hopes to become a Special Ed. teacher. Bonnie will be graduating in June. She is enrolled through the Health Science Centre to take a Medical Lab Technicians course in the fall.

We have a lot of good neighbors who are always willing to give a helping hand. We are very grateful to our friends and neighbors for putting out the fire while we were away. The girls were home by themselves when they noticed the hay bales on fire not too far from the barn. They called for help and the neighbors' quick actions saved our buildings.

Raising a large family takes much work, patience and a lot of love. We feel very fortunate to have raised ours in a caring community. Our children have brought us much pleasure and made us proud of them all. We only hope that our grandchildren will be raised in a community with as many dedicated Sunday School teachers, 4-H leaders, etc. as ours were.

CLIFF SIMPSON

Cliff Simpson, son of Mr and Mrs John Simpson, went to Hartford School and lived on SE 8-11-9 where Randy and Bonnie Rintoul now make their home.

Cliff married Tillie Frank, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Frank and about 1934 moved to the E half of 32-10-9 which he rented from Jack Adams, the land now owned by Glen Bodie. Cliff and Tillie's daughter Eileen started school at Hartford.

It was said of Cliff that he could tie the lines of his team behind his back and plow a furrow as straight as a die. He also became known as a very good barber and was kept busy in the evenings cutting hair.

About 1940 the family moved to Portage where a second daughter Shirley was born. In 1951 they moved to Burnaby B.C. Cliff died in Feb. of 1970.

Eileen married Pat Kearns and they live in Winnipeg. Their children are Brian, Donna and Kevin.

Shirley married Les Miller and they live in Delta B.C. They have daughters Jeanine and Jennifer.

Tillie makes her home in a suite in Shirley and Les' home.



*Back - Cliff, Tillie, Eileen
Front - Shirley*

TOM SLOANE

Tom Sloane was born in Brantford, Ontario in 1887 where he attended school.

In 1911 and 1912 he came to Manitoba on a Harvester's special. He and Tom Hounscome were the only ones who remained in Manitoba.

Tom Sloane was employed by the C.N.R. at Graysville before coming to Rossendale as station agent. He married Emily Jardine in 1916. Emily was born in Nobleton, Ontario in May of 1884, and came to Manitoba with her two brothers and three sisters before 1900. They settled in the Nairn district east of Portage and later moved to Rossendale settling one mile east of the village.

Tom and Emily had three children, Lorna, born June 10, 1918, twin boys Arthur and Alvin, born October 4, 1922.

While in Rossendale Lorna was Sunday School Organist. She married Frank Halemman of Swan Lake on August 13, 1937. They have four girls. Joan married to Lloyd Darling of Treherne, has three children. Evelynne married Ellwood Kerr of Melfort, Sask. Ellwood died in 1977. Jacqueline married Robert Rawluk of Winnipeg and they have one son.

Teresa married Ted Barker of Melita. They have two daughters and reside in Terrace, B.C.

Frank Halleman died in 1981.

Alvin married Evelyn Hume of Gladstone on July 9, 1955. They had two daughters and one son. Kathy and Arlene, as teenagers, died in a tragic car accident in August of 1974. Warren lives with his mother at Selkirk. Alvin married Mary Denwoodie in 1975 and he resides in MacGregor.

Arthur, a qualified engineer, married Ethel Neilson of Erikson. They have two boys. Barry is an engineer in Edmonton and also owns the Dance Gardens at Clear Lake. Blair works in Edmonton too. Ethel died in 1973. Arthur now makes his home in Ontario and Manitoba.

Mrs. Sloane was a staunch supporter of the United Church serving as organist. She was also a member of the Ladies Aid. Emily died on Sept. 11, 1934.

Tom was an ardent curler and assisted many young people in learning this sport. He was also instrumental in bringing the first lighting plant into the rink. Tom was also a supporter of the Rossendale hardball club and served for some time as manager.

After Emily died Tom moved to Swan Lake in 1935 and in Sept of 1936 he married Edith Andrew of Winnipeg. They have one son, David born June 26, 1937.

David married Linda Valinas on August 1, 1961. They live in Winnipeg where David works for the Manitoba Telephone System. They have four children.

Tom and Edith moved to Grandview and later Miami. Tom died in Feb. of 1948. At the time of his death he was Past Master of Assiniboine Masonic Lodge No. 7.

The three Sloane boys belong to the Masonic Lodge and Alvin and Arthur are Shriners.

JOHN SLOIK

On March 9, 1932, a freight train stopped at Lelant. The household possessions and livestock belonging to John and Carrie Sloik were being moved from Erickson, Manitoba to a new location. The family were about to take up residence on 13-10-9. They lived there for about two years. A more permanent home was located at 24-10-9.

The marriage of John and Carrie Sloik took place at Portage in 1915. Their first home was in Portage la Prairie. In 1921 they moved to Erickson. Before moving, two sons Milton James and Charles Wilbert were born. After moving, a daughter, Florence Lucille arrived. The boys attended Westmount and Tales schools before moving to the Rossendale area where they enrolled at Ferris school. Being one of the oldest students, Milton had the job of starting the woodstove each morning and sweeping the floors before classes began. Florence began her education there and finished at the Portage Collegiate Institute.

At the present time, Milton and his wife, Phyllis (nee Troop) reside in Portage. Their three sons are married. The elder two live in Portage also. Brian and Barbara have two daughters. Garry and Rita have a daughter and a son. Kenneth and Dot, who live near St. Claude, have no children.

Charlie married Gregorene Walleyne and resided for some time in the Ferriss District at 24-10-9. Later they too moved to Portage. While at Rossendale, Lenore and Irwin were both born. Lenore and Gary, who live at Thunder Bay, have two sons. Irwin, living in Portage, has one son.

Florence married Paul Chepil from the Edwin area in 1943. While they were residing in Portage, Robert and Donna were born. In 1969 they moved to Campbell River, Vancouver Island, where they still are. Bob and his wife, Audrey, have 4 daughters. Donna and Randy have 1 son and 1 daughter.

After Jack Ferguson and John Lyall built a new home for the Sloiks, it was enjoyed by the family for a few years. Upon renting the farm in 1954, John Sloik moved to Portage la Prairie.

When the farm was sold, the house was moved to its present location at 652 Midland.

In November 1965, the golden wedding of John and Carrie Sloik was celebrated. All members of the family were present to enjoy the special occasion.

On June 11, 1969, John Sloik passed away. Carrie Sloik is still in good health and enjoys her garden, crocheting, knitting and quilting.

MIKE SLOIK

Michael Sloik (Mike), born in 1883, came to Canada from Austria later known as Western Ukraine in March of 1914 to explore Canada. Being a very cautious person he came first by himself through a friend, Mr Martin, who already was settled in Portage la Prairie.

He married Anna Malowany (Maloney) in March of 1913 and leaving her behind he came to check out Canada's riches. He came to the town of Portage to his friend's place and later received employment on the farm of the late James Robinson Sr. and also the late Frank Sawyer Sr. in Rossendale, Manitoba. While working that summer trying to make up his mind whether to take the money he earned back home and buy more land or to settle in Canada, war broke out and therefore he remained in Canada working on these farms until war was finished in 1921. By that time the war had already taken its toll on his homeland and things didn't sound so great there anymore, so he decided to bring his wife out and make their home in Canada. By 1921, his wife, who had been looking after her only brother Peter, didn't want to leave him behind alone, so if Mike Sloik wanted his wife in Canada, he had to bring her brother out also. This he did in March of 1921, and together they worked that summer for Frank Sawyer. In the fall of that same year, he decided to go out and look for a place of his own. After looking at a few places, he finally decided to settle in Rossendale.

He bought his first quarter of land from the Great West Life Company, which was solid bush with only enough clearing to build a house. (Sec. 23-10-9) Mike built a shanty type house which served the purpose where he and his wife raised three girls and one who died in infancy. In 1932 the house burned to the ground just about losing their daughter Effie who was asleep in the burning house. Helen, the oldest daughter, will never forget that day coming home from school and seeing the flames and smoke coming from the house area.

This however didn't dishearten Mike Sloik, but made him decide to build a new house and barn, which presently still stands and is owned and operated by Tom Tunski.

Living in a granary with his wife Anna while the house was being built was some chore but they got by. The girls were distributed to Steve Prystansky. Helen, who was in school, stayed a lot of the time at John Sloik's who used to live right across the road from the Ferriss School.

He cleared all this quarter of trees by hand with a thing called an axe and then proceeded to buy more land and finally he had a section of land and eighty acres. In 1935 another daughter was born to them by the name of Stella. So his family was comprised of four daughters, Helen, Rosie, Effie and Stella.

In 1935, when he saw there was no boys coming to the family, he brought over from West Ukraine his brother's son Roman, who was an orphan. From 1935 he raised four daughters and his nephew.

The children all attended Ferriss School. Helen and Rosie's education terminated there in Grade 9 while Effie and Stella went on further and graduated from Portage Collegiate Institute.

In 1942, Helen married Ted Wojtowich and they farmed in Rossendale area, Portage municipality, until 1974, raising three sons and one daughter. They moved to the Portage la Prairie area in 1979.

In 1946 Rosie married Bob McConochie. They farmed in the Edwin area, lived in Beausejour, Nanaimo, B.C. and in St. Catherines, raising three girls. Rosie still lives in St. Catherines.

In 1956 Effie and Stella both got married.

Effie married Herb Bachert and lives in St. Catherines. They have a son and a daughter. Effie was a school teacher at MacDonald Southport and then at St. Catherines.

Stella married Bill Kelly and they have two boys. She lives in Ottawa now. She was an X-Ray technician working for Portage Clinic and now works in Ottawa in a dental clinic.

In 1952 Mike Sloik decided he had had enough of farming since 1914. (believe it or not) His health was not one hundred percent by this time so he moved to Portage la Prairie. I think loneliness for the farm which he loved so much made his health poorer and after a heavy operation in 1954 he passed away on December 8, 1955 at the age of 72. Anyone that knew him would agree that his work was his life. Living through the dirty thirties we (the children) did not make too much of it as we always had food and clothing, such as it was, but we were never hungry or not clothed due to the hard work of our father and mother, Mike and Anna.

Anna Sloik still lives in St. Catherines with her daughter and husband, Rosie and Matt Domaradz. She was born in 1897 and will be 85 years old this August 8, 1982.

CHARLIE SMITH HISTORY

Charlie Smith and Nellie Ingleton of Bagot were married Nov. 18, 1925. They resided on 34-10-9, rented from Harry James Cowan, where Charlie and his brother John farmed together for a time.

Charlie and Nellie has seven children, four girls and three boys while living in the Rossendale district for 13 years.

Ruth married Elston Carmichael, a plumber in Portage.

Wallace married Agnes Crawford of Virden.

Archie married Ruth Prove, a registered nurse, of Minnidosa.

Charlotte married G. Poulton, a trucker from Irma, Alberta.

Lillian married Nick Chrusch, an airman from Kapuskasing, Ontario. They live in Calgary.

Harvey married Helen Heman. They are now divorced and Harvey lives in Calgary.

Bertha married Tom DeCosta of Dawson Creek, B.C. He operates Tommy's Gun Shop.

They moved to the MacGregor district where four more children were born, James, an engineer with Grand Prairie Packing Plant, Ester in Calgary, Boyce and Gordon in the Portage district.

THE FAMILY OF GEORGE SMITH AND ANNIE (CHARLTON) SMITH

George Smith was born in Pumpkerston, Scotland on Sept. 10, 1897. He came to Canada about 1912 or 1913, going to Indian head, Sask. and worked for a man named Art Pryor. He was in that area until enlisting in the 10th C.M.R.s in Regina in 1915. He had some of his training at Camp Hughes, then in Portage la Prairie, going overseas from Portage. He spent some time in England and then went to France for over four years. He fought in most major battles including Vimy Ridge and returned to Canada in 1919.

George farmed at Indian head until joining the Lake of the Woods Milling Company, coming to Rossendale in August of 1924. He worked with them until 1931 when the elevator burned. He then went to the United Grain Growers until 1934 when he moved to a farm in the Hartford district for health reasons. He farmed until 1940 when the second war broke out.

He re-enlisted in the Veterans Guard transferring later to the Engineers staying with them until March of 1947 when he was discharged. He carried on working at Camp Shilo until retirement in 1962. In 1967 he received the Centennial Medal. He passed away in 1979.

I am Annie (Charlton) Smith, born in Portage la Prairie in December of 1904. I received my education at Hartford School, Central School in Portage and the Collegiate.

We were married in July of 1926 and have a family of nine children, 7 boys and 2 girls.

George Jr. lives in Edmonton and does electrical work, spending a lot of time at Fort McMurray. He married Bernice Sadler of Elgin, and they were divorced in 1971. They have two children. Danny married Shirley Peterson and they have three children. Betty married Pat Shiloff and has four children. All of them live in Edmonton.

Raymond married Dorothy Chalmers. They have seven children, five boys and two girls. They live in Edmonton.

Ronald married Dolly Duncan of Glenboro and lives at Lacombe, Alberta. He is a painter and she works in the hospital at Red Deer. They have two sons; Dennis was married and divorced. Greg married Anna Mellum and has one son.

Fred never married. He received his education at Hartford and MacGregor. He lived and worked in Brandon until his death in 1982.

Anna married Fred Whitley of Hayfield. They had four children. Marilyn married Gerry Farnden. Donnie was accidentally killed in 1970. Patti married Lloyd Morrow. They have two children, Natasha and Jamie. Robert married Kim Knipple. He is a pilot.

Charlton married Dorothy Lien of Eckberg, Alberta. They have three children, Tracy, Laurie and Bradley. Charlton is a painter and Dorothy works in a nursing home. They live in Yarbo., Sask.

Edna married Jim Wells of Douglas where they now reside. She received her education at Hartford, Earl Oxford in Brandon,

Carberry and Shilo. She now teaches at Shilo and goes to Brandon University two evenings a week. Jim also works at Shilo. They have three children, one boy and two girls.

Ralph lives at New Brook, Alberta. He married Josie Van der Roest. They have three children, Ingrid, who married Colin Kupack, Shelly, who is attending school and Stewart, who is also attending school. Ralph received his education at Hartford, Carberry and Shilo. He is a painter.

Andrew lives in Brandon and received his education in Carberry, Shilo and Earl Haig in Brandon. He married Helen Simpson. They have three sons, David, Donald and Darcy. Andrew works at Western Diesel as a Technician.

One time my older sister Mary and I wanted to go to Rossendale. Mother thought we should stay home but we managed, by a lot of coaxing, to go. Dad was away at the time. We were taking a sorrel pony, Vic, only three years old, and he was pretty wild. We were going the back way which meant crossing our own field and four gates. Mary did the driving and I had to open and close the gates. I would climb over the back of the seat, go and open the gate while Mary drove around then close it and run to catch up, climb over the back of the seat again, repeating this four times. Well, we managed to get to Rossendale, finding a caravan of gypsies camped at the edge of what was the picnic grounds. All the gypsy girls were reading the palms of the young men. When we went home we went the main road. Mary's boyfriend and later her husband went with us.

SPAN FAMILY HISTORY *by Sylvia McKenzie*

William (Bill) Splan and family arrived in Rossendale, November 1907, moving from a farm in the Cypress River area.

We bought a quarter section of land, 19-10-8 from Mr. Michael Blake and Judge Ryan, and were the first owners to live and work on this farm. We were able to rent another quarter section adjoining ours from a Mr. Dave Cassels who operated a Bakery in Portage.

There were five daughters and one son born to Mr. and Mrs. Splan. The son was the sixth child and died in infancy and the remains are buried in the Rossendale cemetery.

The girls are Reita, Sylvia, Treva, Betty and Ethel.

Reita and I, Sylvia, briefly attended the log school north and east of Rossendale until a new school was built two miles east of this, and called the Ferriss School District. It was built with local labor under the guidance of a carpenter from town, a Mr. Zimmerman, who boarded with us.

We all attended this school and later schools in Portage, selling the farm and moving to town in November of 1917.

Dad helped to build the curling and skating rink in Rossendale, where we skated while he enjoyed many good games with the boys. We had Sunday School regularly in our school under the very capable leadership of Mr. T.N. Ferguson. Reita was organist until she left home to be married and I took over. Our parents attended church service in Rossendale and I have vivid memories of

Christmas concerts held there with real candles lighting the tree, and a gift for every child. I still have and treasure one I received, a jug that had held chocolates.

I could write pages about the ten years we lived at Rossendale but you could say we were just an average family taking part wherever we could be useful.

Reita married E.B. Hamilton of Ellsmith district.

I married G.R. McKenzie of the Portage area.

Treva died in 1918 at age 17.

Betty married T.A. Leader of the Burnside district.

Ethel married Ernest Cerson of Exeter Ontario.

Dad died in 1969, mother died in 1921, Reita died in 1981 and Betty died in 1973. I live on our farm near Portage. Ethel lives in Burnaby, B.C.

HARRY STANLEY FAMILY

In 1894, our parents, Harry and Iva Stanley came to Manitoba from Bruce County, Ontario, with their three small children, Ethel, Margaret and Russell, and decided to explore the possibilities of a future in Manitoba. It must have taken a lot of intestinal fortitude to come so far from relatives and neighbors. They brought a team of horses, plow, wagon etc., and all their worldly possessions by train.

They farmed in the Austin area for a while, later moving to the Edrans district where they farmed for ten to fifteen years. Here five more children came to bless their home; Ogle, Ruby, Louise, Treva and Randall.

In 1910 our family came to the Ferriss district and bought 240 acres of 19-10-8. Here they met another big challenge, but dad always said, "Where there's a will, there's a way." They took over with horses, breaking plow and axe to clear the land in true pioneer style.



Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stanley

A new two-storey home was built and I'm sure we couldn't get to school fast enough to tell our friends we had a bay window in our parlor.

We were fortunate in having an especially fine mother who was a splendid cook, seamstress and a fantastic manager. As our folks were Ontarians, fruit; canned and fresh, was a big factor in our daily diet. We received many barrels of apples in the fall. We picked wild fruit and filled two-quart sealers — "Oh, boy, those wild strawberries!" Meat could have been a problem in summer, but mother always canned beef, chicken and fish as well as crocks full of fried pork. After the beef ring was formed (each member supplying a fat beast), we enjoyed fresh beef each week. The men always packed the ice house full in winter enabling us to have sweet cream, etc, and ice cream in the summer. It was so good made with pure cream.

It was always necessary to keep a good fast driving team. "Jack" and "Jill" never won any medals or ribbons, but could sure take mom and dad to Portage and back in record time; leaving at daylight in winter with their farm produce, butter, eggs, cream etc., and returning in the late afternoon. They had their trusty foot warmer and robes to keep them warm.

On Sunday we dressed in our Sunday best and in summer two buggies would be full going to Sunday School

Our memories of school days at Ferriss were good despite the fact that we often marched around school for the first half hour to get warm, and bathroom facilities were something else! We always thought our Christmas concerts were the best. Does anyone remember this song to the tune of "Marching Through Georgia?"

We are the pupils of Ferriss School

Don't we look immense?

Perhaps we lack in beauty

But we make it up in sense...etc

A wee boy, Harold, and a girl, Cora, came to join our family, but we were saddened at the loss of our baby brother when he was six months old.

Christmas, New Years and birthdays were happy occasions spent with our wonderful neighbors. It proved Mother's saying "You can live without your relatives, but not your neighbors."

Due to our farm being flooded for several years, we found it necessary to sell and move to our brothers farm two miles east of Rossendale. Being closer to Rossendale we were able to take part in skating, Young People's, church, etc.

W.C.Pooles renovated an old house for a dance hall and theater. The shows were continued stories so it took weeks to see the finish. At the dances, the music was often supplied by one fiddler who probably made \$5.00 playing from 9PM to 4AM. Meeting the train was another big excitement in those days.

Our youngest sister, Hazel, a real bundle of joy, was born here before dad and mother decided to move to Nairn and High Bluff communities with the three youngest children. They finally bought

land in Poplar Point where they retired. Dad spent most of his time planting and hand hoeing a beautiful grove of thousands of trees—a lasting memorial to him for years to come. Dad always prayed that he and mother would be taken together. His prayers were answered as they were buried together on the same day in 1947. They had travelled life's journey together for 57 years, and whom even death could not divide.

This history is dedicated to our parents whose courage and faith made it possible for us, their family, to enjoy the opportunities offered in this great Canada.

Ethel married Cal Black. They have one daughter, Lillian. Ethel and Cal were divorced and she married Everett Robinson. They have two children, Verna and Edna. Everett is deceased and Ethel lives in Portage.

Margaret married Tom Dippie. They have three children; Tom, Jack and Glen. Their home is in Edmonton.

Russell married Mabel Richards. They have three children; Bob, Donald, and Ilene. Russell is deceased.

Ogle married Gertrude McKinney. They have four children; Harold, Gloria, Eugene, and George. Ogle is deceased.

Ruby married Will Smith and they have three children; Charles, Wilda and Bruce. Ruby is deceased.

Louise is single and lives in Winnipeg.

Treva married Jack Charlton. See the G.R. Charlton history.

Randall married Jean Smith and they have three children; Karen, Corrine and Bert. They live in Edmonton.

Cora married Sylvester Hunt. They have nine children; Calvert, Heather, Jim, Valerie, Carol, Vernon, Marcia, Cynthia and Stewart. They live in Winnipeg.

Hazel married Dan Stamp. They have one child, Judith, and live in Red Lake, Ontario.

FRED AND SADIE STEWART

Fred and Sadie Stewart bought the southwest and northeast quarters of 30-10-9 (in the Currie district) from Sandy Fraser in the early 1940's.

Sadie played the piano for the Currie school dances and Christmas concerts for many years and they both took part in all community activities. Their home was always open to the young people of the neighborhood and many an evening was spent playing cards or having a friendly chat followed by a hearty lunch.

Sadie worked side by side with Fred and was often out in the fields wearing coveralls and boots.

One humorous incident that comes to mind is the time when "Frankenstein" their bull decided to charge at Sadie. She was in the barnyard at the time and calmly reached down, picked up the neck yoke and whomped him on the head. Down went "Frankenstein". Never again did he attempt to charge Sadie.

Fred was the secretary-treasurer for the Currie school for many years and Sadie was recording secretary for the Currie Sewing Circle for several years.

Fred and Sadie raised two daughters, Olva Gee of Windsor, Ontario and Loreen Suffron of Winnipeg. They have seven grandchildren, two of which (John and Cathy Suffron) spent many summers with them on the farm.

In 1962, Fred and Sadie sold their farm to George and Jean Cady and moved to Portage.

Fred passed away January 26, 1967. Sadie suffered a stroke in 1980 and passed away November 9, 1982.

CARL STOPPEL

Pauline Carter

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stoppel and family arrived in the Rossendale area from Winnipeg in 1924 and settled on a farm ½ mile north of Rossendale.



There were eight children in the family and all attended Elmwood school and were also involved in church activities.

Fred married Agnes Ragalski of Vancouver in 1940. They reside in Vancouver, B.C.

Mary married Emil Wagner of Winnipeg, in 1928. They now reside in Pitt Meadows, B.C.

Chris married Margaret Otto in Winnipeg, in 1934. They now reside in Toronto, Ontario, and Florida, U.S.A.

Helen married Ollie Westering of Vancouver, B.C., in 1941, and they still reside there.

Carl married Dona Gagnon of Edmonton, Alberta, in 1942. Carl was deceased in 1965 and his widow resides in Dufresne, Man.

David married Lee Jarvis in Los Angeles, California in 1954. they still reside there.

Jack married Joan Walters of Nottingham, England, in 1944. He was deceased in 1954 and his widow resides in Winnipeg.

I, Pauline married Frank Carter of Winnipeg in 1947. We now reside in Seattle, Washington.

We left Rossendale and returned to Winnipeg in 1936.

One humorous event I remember, was in 1933 when my dad managed to save enough money to buy a Beehive radio. Bill (I can't remember his last name) was a friend of my fathers, and as dad could speak Bill's language (Ukrainian), he would conduct most of Bill's legal business. Bill would come over to listen to the radio. One night there was a program in Russian. Bill was so impressed, as he could understand Russian, he later told a neighbor he was saving up for a radio like Stopples that could speak Russian.

ABE SUDERMAN FAMILY

Abe and Faye Suderman and family came from Kane, Manitoba, in 1970 to live on NE 6-10-9. Abe and his father bought three quarters from Tilley and Vanderstone, and later when Mr. Suderman Sr. retired, Abe and Faye bought him out.

Abe and Faye have five grandchildren; Carl, Gladys, Pat, Debra, and Roxanne. They attended Rossendale Consolidated and MacGregor High Schools. Pat attended Trinity Western College, B.C. for four and a half years. Roxanne attended the same college for one year.

Abe, Faye and family were involved in curling, baseball, and Sunday School at Lavenham.

Carl married Margaret Barrault and they have a son, David and a daughter, Ashley, and live at Rossendale.

Debra married Ernest Gregory.

SYLVESTER

Arthur Millard (Joe) Sylvester was born at Bright, Ontario, on Sept. 4, 1883. With his family he moved first to Portage and then to Tobacco Creek area near Carman. On June 28, 1916, he married Chrissy Morris Ritchie from Fraserburgh, Scotland; and their family of four; Ethel (died in infancy), William, Arthur, and Alice were all born in the Carman area.

They moved to Allandale district in 1935, first renting NE 80 acres of 28-9-8 from Brennans, then first renting and then buying the NE ¼ of 32-9-8 from Robert McDermott of Edwin. Art still lives on this quarter.

Alice and Art attended Allandale School and they used to play ball at the various school picnics in the area.

Bill joined the Canadian Army and served overseas, returning in 1946. he married Annie Orton in 1947, and since their marriage they have lived in Sarnia Ont., Allandale, Portage, Helston, and are now

in Brandon. They have two sons, Robert (1952), married Pat Munro of Neepawa in 1975 and they and their two children, Christopher (1976) and Leigh Anne (1980), now reside in Nelson, B.C. Gary, born in 1959, is at present in Calgary Alberta, employed by the Woolco Department Store.

Sherman Arthur (Art) Sylvester married Mary Fast of Elm Creek in Dec. 1948, and they have lived in the Allandale district ever since. Their children; Linda, Clifford (both started school in Allandale), Ronald, Larry, Lisa and Sally, started school in Rossendale and then all graduated from the MacGregor Collegiate. The boys and Lisa and Sally all played ball with the various Rossendale teams at one time or another, and then Lisa and Sally played with the MacGregor ball team.

Linda (1952) married Don Roy of Bagot, and they reside in Edwin, Manitoba with their two children; Darryl Cameron (1977) and Shelley Dawn (1980). Don is employed at Portage Garage and Linda worked for Vopni Press in Portage for quite a few years.

Clifford, (1957), works for Thurston Farms at Macdonald during the summer and has spent winters working in Winnipeg.

Ronald (1960), is at present farming the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 31-9-8 and rents the NW 240 acres of 31-9-8 from Mrs. Gladys McQuaig. Ron lives at home.

Larry (1961) worked for Firestone Garage in Portage for some time, but is now employed at Portage Tire in Portage. Larry graduated from the Carpentry course at Assiniboine College in Brandon.

Lisa (1962), after finishing high school, worked for a year, then attended Red River Community College, taking the stenography course. She is now employed at Vopni Press in Portage.

Sally (1964), graduated from MacGregor Collegiate this June. She is quite sports-minded, and has competed in track and field in both Rossendale and MacGregor, and took Judo lessons for three years in Portage.

Our involvement with Rossendale began when consolidation came into effect in 1965, and since then we have attended most of the Rossendale Community Club, school and church events. Mary became involved in the Rossendale U.C.W., and is still a member of this group.

Alice Jean trained as a nurse at the Portage General Hospital and after graduating as an R.N., married William John (Jack) Blair of Edwin in 1946. They farmed at Edwin until 1977, when they retired to Portage la Prairie.

Joe Sylvester passed away in March of 1972 and Mrs. Chrissy Sylvester remained on the home farm until the fall of 1976, when she moved into Oak Tree Towers Senior Citizen Housing in Portage la Prairie.

FRED TAIT FAMILY HISTORY

In November of 1963 I bought the NE ¼ of 4-10-9 for \$1200. Gordon Kane had broken 3 acres on a homestead lease, leaving the remainder in heavy bush.

I bought a chain saw and started to cut ash and oak fence posts. The first year I sold oak for 18 cents each and ash for 11 cents each, and by the spring of 1965 I had sold enough posts to pay for the farm. I cleared the first four acres in June of 1964, hiring Jack Charlton with his TD-18 for \$115. In the fall of 1964 I again hired Jack Charlton, this time clearing 13 acres for \$310.

I did my first breaking with a 1953 NAA Ford Tractor and a 16 inch breaking plow. Needless to say, this wasn't the equipment for the job at hand, so I purchased a 1938 John Deer model G tractor from Leonard Askin for \$75 and borrowed a 24-inch breaking plow from Bob McLennan, and set to work.

I had seven acres ready to seed in the spring of '65, when a severe thunder storm hit, leaving close to 3 inches of rain in about an hour. The resulting flash flood covered the land with water and it was July before I could get out on the breaking again.

As I had exhausted my resources, I found a part-time job in August of '65 with the Department of Mines and Resources that turned into a seven-day-a-week job as Conservation Officer on temporary staff, until the end of November.

The spring of '66, I was able to get all my breaking seeded to wheat and flax. In return for breaking 23 acres on 20-10-9 for Harry McGregor, I was to take four crops.

During the early summer of '66, I worked for the Parks Department at Norquay Beach, working on evening shift to allow time for farming and helping on my mother's farm.

July 28, 1966, I worked for BACM Construction on a paving crew on the Trans Canada Highway east of Portage to the junction of Highway 13. I started with a shovel tamping forms 13 hours a day for \$1.55 an hour.

On October 7, 1966, I married Sandra Lander and we lived in a house trailer on 11th SW in Portage la Prairie.

In the spring of '67, I worked for Nelson River Paving, laying shoulders on the Trans Canada highway from the junction of #13 to Elie. I operated the shoulder machine at \$1.90 an hour.

In late June, I got a job running a 'Dozer on the Portage bypass for \$2.10 an hour, thus settling into my occupation of the past 15 years.

In the fall of '67, I started to work for Jim Meseyton, staying until the fall of '69.

On Dec. 12, 1967, our first son, Garry Shawn was born.

We moved our house trailer out to the farm on Oct. 28, 1968.

Our second son, Christopher Scott, was born Dec. 15, 1968.

In June of 1970, I went to Grand Rapids to work for John Watsko on #6 Highway. It was here one of the most fortunate events in my career as a construction worker occurred, as I joined

the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 901. The results of joining were better job security, better camp conditions, better wages and access to some larger construction projects such as Kettle Rapids Power Dam at Gillam in 1970, Pipe Lake open pit nickel mine in Thompson in 1970 and 1971, Bannister Pipelines looping Trans Canada Pipeline with 41-inch pipe. From September of '71 to May of '72, I made seven 21-day trips to the high Arctic, building leases, roads and air strips for the oil rigs. I worked on Lougheed Island, Russel Island, Devon Island. Elf Rigness and Axel Hyberg. From June '72 to March '73, it was Banister Pipelines, Ignace to Dryden and Kenora, Ont., constructing a new 36-inch line.

In June of 1973, we started to build a new home, and after a lot of hard work and a bit of help from neighbours, we moved in Oct. 17, 1975.

From July to September of '73, I worked for Pee Ben Pipelines looping interprovincial pipeline from Regina to Gretna. Then from December of '73 to March of '76, for Loram International, South Bay, Churchill River Diversion Project, and South Indian Lake.

1976 to 1980 were poor years for construction in Manitoba.

In 1978 I worked at Dryden for Chinook building a road to Fort Frances and at Wandering River Alberta, for Banister Pipelines, Star Line Construction at Notre Dame on P.R. 245 and on the Anderson Drain at MacGregor.

In 1979, I worked for Tri Line Construction on P.R. 242 from Bagot to South of Rosendale Junction 461.

During 1980, I was with R.D.L. Construction from January to July at various locations; from land clearing on Sandy Bay Reserve to drainage work.

In July of 1980, it was Premier Pipelines on upgrading, in 1981; Pipelines, O.J. looping 48-inch line from Moose Jaw to Winnipeg.

In June of 1982, I find myself at Swift Current, Sask., working for Loram International, looping 48-inch line from Swift Current to Portage.

Construction has been good to me in many ways, but there have been long periods of separation from my family which I now regret, but we never appreciate the good things in life until we have been deprived of them.

In our leisure time the family enjoy fishing, hunting, canoeing and camping.

I have had the pleasure of instructing many of the area youth in the handling of firearms and later became a leader of the 4H Gun Club.

We have cleared a good portion of our farm with 62 acres left to clear, and I am looking to the future with great optimism.

FAMILY OF PETER TARR

Robbie Tarr

Peter and Jane Tar arrived from Monkton, Ontario, in February 1910, to reside on 5-11-9, known as the Dave Harvey farm. They had seven children; five boys and two girls.

William passed away in February of 1916,

Fred married Olive Orchard. Fred passed away in 1972.

David was killed overseas in 1918.

Agnes married Fred Wright and lives in MacGregor.

Ella married Wes Link and reside in Winnipeg.

Alfred married Lizzie Simpson. Alfred died in 1975. Lizzie is also deceased.

Robbie married Mabel Bodie and they reside in Portage.

The children all attended Hartford School.

The family moved to MacGregor in 1913, moving back to farm 35-10-9 in 1924.

Peter passed away in 1938. Jane passed away in 1951.

ROBERT JOHN THOMPSON

Robert John Thompson, better known as Bob, came to the Rossendale area in March of 1940 from Oakville, Man., his birthplace.

Bob located on the NW ¼ of 14-9-9, which he had purchased from the Soldier Settlement Board.

He brought with him Clydesdale horses and purebred Shorthorn cattle which were registered under his "Willowmede" prefix.

His Willowmede cattle brought him many honors in the showings of Manitoba and at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto.

In 1949 he sold his Shorthorns and replaced them with registered Jerseys. His foundation stock came from the herds of A.L. Adams of Portage, William Shewfelt of Pilot Mound, and Alf Bagg and Sons of Edgeley, Ontario.

He continued his prize-winning ways with his Jerseys, taking top honors in Manitoba and later in B.C.

In 1958, Bob sold his farm to C.T. Nichol and moved with his cattle to another farm at Salmon Arm, B.C. In 1960 he married Mrs. Mary Clarke.

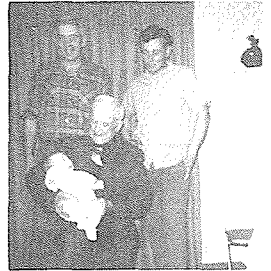
Bob was still farming when he passed away suddenly on December 13, 1969.

THOMPSON

Samuel Thompson was born in Westport County, Ontario, in 1878 and moved to High Bluff, Manitoba, in 1890 with his parents, six brothers and six sisters. In 1908 he married Ogervie Isabella Agnew, who was born at Shelbourne Ontario and moved to the Salem district with her parents at an early age. They homesteaded at Tisdale Sask., moving back to Portage about 1910, then farmed in the Bagot area from that time until his death in May 1917. Mrs. Thompson died in July of 1971.



*Back Row L-R - Dorothy, Roy, Margaret
Front - Edna, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Verna
50th Wedding Anniversary*



*Roy, Art, Sam with Jason
4 Generations of the
Thompson family*

Sam Thompson lived on the west half of 32-10-9, which he had bought from the Charlton estate. This property is still being farmed by Roy Thompson, and the farmyard is occupied by Arthur and Maryanne Thompson and family.

The Thompsons had five children;

Edna - married Jim Smith, now deceased, and farmed in the Edwin district, she now resides in Portage. Their family: Florence - Mrs. Ted Cleaver of High Bluff, Colin Smith and wife Sheila farm at Edwin, Muriel (Mrs. Murray) Cleaver lives in MacGregor, Anne (Mrs A.) Dube of Fort MacMurray, and Norma (Mrs. Harold) Jonasson of Brandon.

Verna - married Albert Fawcett. Their family: Eva (Mrs. R.) Hulme of Winnipeg, Margaret (Mrs. William) Veldkamp of Winnipeg, Lillian (Mrs. Gordon) Streick of Portage, Sandra (Mrs. L.) Crowe of Castellar B.C., and Lloyd and his wife Susan are in MacGregor. Vera is now Mrs. E. Roberts and lives in Winnipeg.

Margaret - married William Johnston, MacDonald. Their family: Shirley Atchison of Edmonton, Allan and wife Tressie of Stoney Mountain, Wayne and wife Jean in Dugald, Sharon Johnston in Moose Jaw and Edith (Mrs. Glen) Hourie in Portage. Margaret is now Mrs. Elmer Taylor of Portage.

Dorothy married Arthur Andres of Brandon. Their family consists of Lynn of Calgary, Harold and wife Sue of Calgary, and Cameron and wife Judy of Kitimat, B.C.

Roy married Enid Smith of Firdale, Man. they have five children; Arthur, Allyson, Blaine, Brenda and Victor.

Arthur Grant Thompson was born in 1948 and attended Currie School, Rossendale secondary school and MacGregor Collegiate. In 1966 he started working for Manitoba Hydro as a linesman, continuing until 1979 when he started farming on a full time basis. Art married Jeanette MacDonald, daughter of Hector and Adeline MacDonald, in 1968, and a son Jason, was born in 1971. In 1977 Art and Jeanette were divorced. Art married Maryanne Bourdeaud'hui, daughter of Michael and Terry Bourdeaud'hui (formerly of Holland, Man.), in 1978. Chad Allan, Scott Michael and Tyler Grant are their children, and the family lives on the farm which was the home of Art's grandfather, the late Sam Thompson.

Allyson Gail Toebsicke (Thompson) was born in 1950 and was a student at Currie School and MacGregor Collegiate, from there going to the University of Winnipeg where she took first year Arts, then teacher training at U. of M. After teaching children with learning disabilities at Portage M.S. and Victoria School, she returned to the U. of Manitoba where she received a degree in Pedagogy. She later moved to Calgary where she taught at Dr. Carl Safron school and is presently teaching at University Elementary. In August, 1981, Allyson married Deiter Toebsicke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manfred Toebsicke of Iserlohn, West Germany. Deiter is employed by Unica furniture of Calgary.

Alvin Blaine Thompson was born in 1951 and attended Currie school, later Rossendale and MacGregor Collegiate. He graduated from Grade 12 and enrolled at U. of M., taking degree Agriculture. After completing this course, he moved to Saskatoon, where he took Veterinary Medicine, graduating in 1975. He then accepted a position at Morden, Man., where he is still serving.

In 1975, Blaine married Carol Lynn Maxwell of Nipawin Sask., daughter of Sandy and Gladys Maxwell and a graduate of the Saskatoon Nursing College. She specialized in social health with V.O.N., and now is with the Morden social health unit.

Brenda Joanne Thompson was born in 1952 and was a student at Currie and Rossendale elementary schools and graduated from MacGregor Collegiate. She took two years in Brandon University in Arts, and a course in Accounting at Red River Community College in Winnipeg. She was employed by the Royal Bank in Winnipeg and in Jasper, Alberta, later working in the C.N. dispatch office in Jasper. Brenda now lives at Whistler Mountain, B.C., where she is employed by the Whistler Ski Area Development Company.

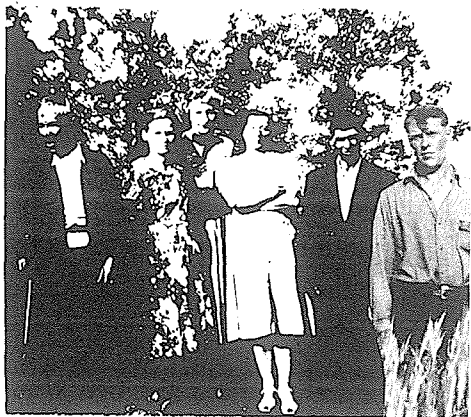
Victor Donald Thompson (adopted son of Roy and Enid) was born in 1957 and was a student at Rossendale elementary, MacGregor Collegiate and Prince Charles School in Portage. He assisted with the farming operations until 1979, when he travelled and worked in various parts of Canada. He now resides in London Ontario.

Edna, Verna, Margaret, Dorothy and Roy attended both Currie and Hartford schools. Sam Thompson was involved with Currie school since its construction and served as a trustee until the

1940's. The family took part in all activities in the district. Mr. Thompson was a member of the Orange Lodge in Portage and MacGregor. Mrs. Thompson belonged to the Hartford Ladies Aid and the Currie Ladies Sewing Club.

LEPINSKI-TOMCHUK HISTORIES

On their arrival from Poland in 1909, the family of John and Victoria Lepinski began farming in Rembrandt Manitoba. they moved to St. Claude and homesteaded in Pratt. Finally, in 1933, John, with two sons Mike and Nick and one daughter, Frances, rented Aikens land at SW 7-10-9, now known as the Ed Lloyd farm. When the crop failed and the farm home was lost to fire, Frances and Mike headed east, while Nick moved in to live with his sister Anne and her husband, Dan Tomchuk. Later Grandpa Lepinski returned to the Tomchuk home.



Lepinski - Tomchuk



Back Row L-R - Ed, Joe, John and Wilbert
Front Row L-R - Walter and Shirley

Anne Elizabeth Lepinski had met Dan Tomchuk, who at the age of 14 had come from the old country as the only member of his family. In 1926 Anne and Dan were married in Winnipeg, farmed near Rathwell, homesteaded at Pratt, later to work Aikens land just west of Rossendale.

About Dan Tomchuk, Nelson Basler said, "I never saw a man like him. He could take a truck apart, leave the parts and pieces all over, and put it back together like new." Dan must have passed his natural mechanic talent on to his five boys since they and their sons appear to have that same mechanical touch. Shirley, the only girl, never cared to sew as a girl, but has revealed mother's inherited talents for fine handwork in later years.

In 1943, after taking up residence in the log house on the Henry farm at NE 7-10-9, Anne Tomchuk suffered the loss of her husband at St. Boniface Hospital in January 1944. At the same time, her eldest son, Edward, was hurt in an accident and was in Portage Hospital at the time of his father's death.

Anne, left alone with six children ranging from 4 to 16 years of age, took ownership of the Tomchuk farm at NE 7-10-9 and raised her own family as well as caring for her brother Nick and her father John Lepinski until his death in 1960. Grampa Lepinski died at the age of 88, but only after he had shown an engineering talent for building dams in the ditches better than the beavers.

Nick, hale and hearty, at close to 80 years of age, can be seen by neighbors, walking the miles around the Tomchuk land. Walking is not a new sport for Nick, but he could probably top today's marathoners for distance covered.

The old log house with vines crawling over the east porch gave way to a new two-storey home in 1952. The west hill became known as Tomchuk's Hill and was the scene of many sliding, tobogganning and skiing parties. School classes came out for tobogganning, and though travel was made easier when the hill was cut down, it cut down the thrills, too.

In 1960, after 18 ½ years of employment at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto, Frances Lepinski returned to the Tomchuk farm at NE 7-10-9 to reside with her family. Auntie Frances became well known in the district as a fine seamstress and a patient babysitter. Under the green thumbs of Anne Tomchuk and Frances Lepinski, the gardens on the farm flourished and bloomed.



*Standing L-R - Brian, Barbara, Auntie Frances and Brent
Sitting - Ed and Lee*

Inset - Nick Lepinski

Leukemia took the life of Anne Tomchuk in 1974 before she had a chance to enjoy any stage of retirement. She left a fine heritage of hard work and honest living for her family of five boys and one girl.

Edward, born at Rathwell, is the eldest male in the family. He completed his education at Lavenham School where there were too many Edwards, so each one was given a form of the name. For many years, Ed was known as Edwin. He farmed with his mother until 1950 when he married Leona Miller of Winnipeg. She was the teacher at Elmwood School at that time. They took up residence on their farm at SW 17-10-9 in a small granary converted into a comfortable tiny home. Memories of happy times spent in that small abode recall the gathering of about 12 friends on a Sunday afternoon with a small package of hamburger stretched to feed the crowd. Edward left the farm to work as a mechanic in Winnipeg.

He moved to Alberta to operate dragline at Hinton and later at Dawson Creek, B.C., and Chetwynd B.C. When Brian, the first born son was ready to start school, Ed and Lee returned to the farm. In 1960 they moved out of their trailer into a new house which is their present home. Brian and Brent were the two sons, followed by daughter Barbara some years later. The boys both attended Elmwood School, Rossendale Elementary and MacGregor Collegiate. they were both active in wrestling, football and other sports, and were fortunate in travelling to many places with the Manitoba Junior Wrestling Teams. Brian completed his Phys Ed Degree at U. of M., worked for B.B.C. Distributors in Winnipeg. He and his wife Anita had their home in Winnipeg, but Brian has returned to farm at home as well as land rented from Cecil Nelson and the Donald Bros.

After a short sojourn in Australia, Brent is now working in Winnipeg for B.B.C. Distributors. Both boys remain active with Assassins Rugby Club.

Barbara after attending Rossendale Elementary has completed her education at MacGregor Collegiate with future plans to enter the Faculty of Science at U. OF M. She has enjoyed the privilege of playing on two Manitoba teams in National Ringette Competitions.



Kelly, Joe, Dixie, Kerry, Freda, Jules

Ed and Lee were proud to celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary at the first social to be held in Rossendale Community Centre in 1975.

Joseph (Joe) Daniel, the second son of Anne and Dan Tomchuk was born on Jan. 31, 1929 at St. Claude. His family moved to Pratt, Lavenham, and finally Rossendale where he has resided for some forty odd years. His last years of school were in Rossendale. With the untimely death of his father, Joe and his brothers got their first real taste of farming.

At the age of sixteen, he went to work for the C.N.Telegraph and helped to keep the farm going in between. Four years later he returned to full-time farming. In 1949, he met the former Freda Van Achte, whom he married in 1951. In those days land was expensive and Joe wanted to expand his farm so he went to work in the winter months at an auto body shop in Winnipeg. Joe has a great knack for fixing and making things. One winter he built a snow plane, which was thought to be a novelty to some but came in very handy as some of the winters were quite severe. In fact, It was his only means of transportation one winter.

Joe and Freda have three sons. Kerry and new daughter-in-law Dixie, farm with his father, Kelly, who is stationed at C.F.B. Wainwright, Alberta, and Jules who is still at home attending MacGregor High. When time permits, Joe still fixes cars and loves to go fishing.

John, the third Tomchuk son, was born at Pratt, started school at Lavenham and completed his elementary schooling at Elmwood school. John has become a master of many trades. He began his work experience with Angus Grant at Bagot, attended Chicago Vocational Training in Edmonton for his motor and diesel training, worked as carpenter's helper at Lynn Lake, and received his mechanics papers from M.T.I. in Winnipeg. For the past 29 years, John has served as a civilian mechanic at Southport.

At Katrime, he found his wife Joyce Lake who is well known in Portage musical circles and on the educational staff in Portage schools. They have three children; Janet the eldest, acquired her Phys. Ed. Degree and Teachers Certificate at U. of M. and is now Mrs. Randy Painter of MacDonald.

Stephen and Ken are the two boys in John's family. Stephen, the elder, is entering the electronics field after attending Red River College. Ken is completing his education at Portage Collegiate, where he has represented his school well in Provincial High Jump Competitions.

John spends much time carpentering and repairing around the Tomchuk farm home at NE 7-10-9.

Wilbert, the fourth son, was born to Anne and Dan at NW 7-10-9, known as Ghessey land at the top of the west hill. Although he completed his education at Elmwood School, he was a frequent visitor at Lavenham and took part in activities there almost as much as in Rossendale. While a young boy, he found an injured deer and had it quite well tamed on the farm.

Wilbert worked on the DEW line and various construction jobs in Manitoba. After marrying Mary Alton of Katrime, he returned to the oil province of Alberta to operate dragline at the papermill town of Hinton. When the Tar Sands began producing oil at Fort McMurray, Wilbert, Mary and their family of 1 girl and 2 boys took up residence there. Wilbert is well established as foreman in the Tar Sands production. His daughter, Cathy is married with 2 children living in Saskatchewan. Gerald and Bob are completing their education in Fort McMurray.

Walter, the youngest Tomchuck son, was born on Aikens land at NE 1-10-10. He completed his education at Elmwood School. Always an ardent reader, Walter was encouraged by a tap on the head with a book to "Read More" to his little sister, Shirley.

When Walter met Agnes Derossiere of St. Anne, Manitoba, they were married and left immediately to start their life together in Edmonton, Alberta. Walter operated the dragline for many years for Bothwell Brothers Construction. He has since taken employment with Alberta Gas.

Walter has the honor of being the Tomchuk with the largest family, all settled in Alberta. Craig and Lisa are still at home in Sherwood Park. Gary has just completed his education at N.A.T.E. Keith works in Calgary and Bruce, with his wife Huguette and two children live near Sherwood Park. Lynn, the elder daughter, is married to Barry Rodgers of Katrime and has three children. Walter's family is very closeknit and all bear a strong Tomchuk resemblance.

Shirley, the only daughter of Anne and Dan Tomchuk, was the only child to be born in a hospital, and also was the youngest in the family. She took her education at Elmwood School, was imported to south Rossendale to increase enrollment for the small school to re-open and spent a short time at MacGregor School. She entered the work field at Safeway in Portage where she met and married Don Bannerman. They spent some time at Fort Frances and in Alberta, but Don now operates B.B.C. Distributors in Winnipeg. They have a fine family to be proud of. Wayne, still at home, is interested in the field of electronics. Bradley is employed by B.B.C. Distributors and was recently transferred to Saskatoon. Shelly, the only daughter, is now employed in Regina Sask. Murray, the eldest, and his wife Liz, reside in Chicago where he is a goalie with the Chicago Blackhawks. Needless to say, all Tomchuks are Chicago fans and are thrilled to see "our Murray" in goal when watching the games on T.V.

Tomchuks are spread out around the country now, but we all take pride in our Rossendale roots, and enjoy our family gatherings at the Tomchuk farm on NE 7-10-9.

JAMES TOWLE

James and Emily Towle (nee Snow) arrived from MacGregor to the Rossendale area about 1910, and homesteaded on 24-10-10. They raised a family of eleven children.

Wesley lived with Grandma Snow and attended school in MacGregor. He married Olive McDonald. Wes served in the army. After his discharge from the army, Wes and Olive farmed south of MacGregor. Wes is now deceased.

Sam married Sadie Grantham.

Maude married James Turner. They had 3 children, Bill, Annie, and Ruth. James is now deceased.

Alice married Ormey Turner. They had 16 children. Ed who married Judy Watson, and Everett who married Diane Dobbin, are two of their sons who are living in the Rossendale area. Ormey is deceased.

Mabel married John Price and they live in Portage.

Dorothy married Clarence Perkins. They have one son, Mervin and they live in Portage.

Ethel married Wilfred Perkins. They had 5 children. They are divorced and Ethel is married to David Neufeld. Ethel and David live in Portage with their son, Shane.

Grace has a daughter, Debbie. Debbie is married and lives at Austin. Grace lives with her brothers Charlie and Fred Lavenham.

Charlie married Lori Sanderson. They have 2 children, Miles and Tammy. Charlie and Lori are divorced.

The family all attended Currie school. They took part in all the usual activities of a small community, dances, socials, baseball, etc.

JAN (JOHN) TUNSKI

On October 12, 1902, I, Jan, the youngest, of eight children, was born to Pauline and Marcel Tunski of Bejnarowker Luck, Poland.

My schooling was interrupted by the First World War of 1914-1918, therefore, my education was limited to grade eight.

As a boy, I helped my father and mother on the farm because my two older brothers were in the Russian Army because, at that time our country was under Russian rule. One brother and one sister died at that time. It was a cruel war. I saw fourteen soldiers die in our yard. Our buildings were completely destroyed but when my two brothers came home they rebuilt everything.

In 1942, I went to serve in the Polish Army for two years. When I returned home after that time, I found my two brothers and three sisters were married. My mother was still living too.

I was thinking of going to Argentina and had my papers to go but then I cancelled them.

My sister came to Canada in 1926 and she and her husband were living in Winnipeg so in 1928 I came to Canada too. I first went to Alberta to work on a farm but this job lasted only two months. Then I started working for Canadian Pacific Railroad for three summers.

The winter months were spent in Winnipeg where I attended night school to learn the English language.

In 1931 my brother-in-law, sister and I went farming in the Alonsa, Manitoba area. It was here I met Victoria Wojtowicz, who later became my wife. Farming in Alonsa wasn't easy. The dry season and low prices made me change my mind so in 1933, I left Alonsa and came to Portage la Prairie where I worked for Mr. A. Wishart at a wage of five dollars a month. In 1934, I worked for A. Bowes with a little better salary.

In the fall of 1934, I decided to go back to Poland as my mother was still alive and wished to see me before she died, but a month later I received a letter saying she had passed away so I didn't go to Poland that year.

Victoria was living in Montreal so I went to visit there. I got a job selling Hoover vacuum cleaners and was making a good job of it and really liked it too, but in 1936, Victoria and I decided to get married and that wasn't any job for a married man.

I started working for the Robert Simpson Co. at Kirkland Lake as janitor, warehouse man, and delivery man. I worked there for five years but as the wages were low and our family was increasing I left the employment of the Simpson Co.

Next I started working for the Wright Hargraves gold mine, going underground to the depth of 63,000 feet. This was the deepest mine in Canada at that time.

During this (war time), I belonged to the Algonquin Reserve Army; 2nd Battalion, Company C. We trained three times a week and during the summer we went to Niagara-on-the-Lake for a three week training course. I did this for three years.

There was a labour shortage during the war, so as labouring in the mine was dangerous, in 1942 I went to Goose Bay, Labrador as a painter. In 1943, I came back to Kirkland Lake, as my family and home were there, and started to work at the Toburn mine. This was a very small and dangerous mine; but I worked there for awhile.

During this time my wife's parents came to visit us and my father-in-law seeing how tired I was after working in the mine, suggested that I go farming. So, one day, my son, Tom, who was five years old, and I started for Rossendale, Manitoba. The train had just got nicely started when Tom started to ask questions, "Where is Grandpa's farm?" "Are those Grandpa's horses?" "How far do we have to go yet?" and so on. By the time we got to Winnipeg, I was tired and realized how much trouble mother must have with the kids, but really it wasn't all that bad.

I made a deal with the Great West Company for \$3000.00 which included an option to allow Mr. Jim Orton to have the first chance to buy this land, but he didn't buy so I got the farm.

I left Tom with his Grandpa and went back to Kirkland Lake and Toburn mine, but not for long.

The Selective Service sent me to the Good Year Rubber Co. in Toronto so we sold our home in Kirkland Lake and I went to Toronto

and my wife Victoria, and the three children went west to Rossendale, Man. Our three children, Edward, November 2, 1936; Thomas, March 27, 1938; and Pauline, December 4, 1940; were all born while we were in Kirkland Lake.

Working in the rubber plant included good wages and shorter work hours and this almost changed my mind about farming, but my strong desire for land, the clean air in the country-side, lots of room for the children to play, influenced my decision and the farm won. I quit work at the Rubber Plant and went to Rossendale to join my family.

For two months after I arrived in Rossendale, we lived with my wife's parents and then in May 1945, we moved to our farm in the Allandale district. Then we started thinking about buying cows, horses, pigs and chickens. Our first four cows were bought from Bill Lamb and the rest were bought at sales. We got some machinery from my in-laws and some from Patsacks. John Fedachko gave me one horse.

The first summer we milked six cows and this helped to keep food on our table.

Our farm, the east half of 6-10-8 was all clear of bush except for a few acres around the buildings. The house was very old and small and did not have any basement or insulation. The two barns and some other small buildings were made of logs and had to be plastered each fall.

Until 1948 we farmed with horses but that year we bought an Oliver 80 Tractor. In 1950, we bought a new tractor and life became easier and crops were better.

We started planning on building a new home so we hauled logs from Pratt, Man. to Albert Dromun's saw mill. In 1951, we built our new home. That same winter the people of Allandale, Rossendale, and Edwin district gave us the biggest surprise of our lives, a house-warming party. That was a real welcome to the district and we have never forgotten it. It was really appreciated.

In 1953, we went through the same procedure, hauling logs from Pratt, having Albert Dromun saw them, and we built a new barn. Again the neighbors gave us a hand with the shingling of the roof. This was appreciated more than I can ever say.

In 1952, we built a granary, garage and steel shed. We also planted two hundred evergreen trees and some fruit trees.

Edward started school at Kirkland Lake and then he and Thomas went to the Ferriss school for awhile. Pauline started school at Allandale and Edward and Thomas also went there. All three children completed their grade eight in Allandale before going to high school at Edwin.

Going to school at Edwin for their grades nine to eleven presented some problems, with transportation being the worst one. The roads were in poor condition, especially in the winter and sometimes it took me all day to get them there and get home again myself. During the week, the children stayed at the Nick Chepil home.

Let us go back to the time the children attended school at Allandale. Take the school picnic, for example, it was like a family reunion for the children and the older folk, too. Everyone knew everybody. If there was some fixing to be done at the school, everyone was there. As in everything else, changes must come and it is newer, better and more modern times for our grandchildren and yours.

Edward, after completing high school, took a Diesel Course at MIT in Winnipeg. He is presently working at the Campbell Soup Co. in Portage la Prairie. In February of 1973, he was married to Dorteia Enns and they reside in the Gainsborough District, south of Portage.

Thomas completed his Grade XI and then took a welding course at MIT in Winnipeg. In November of 1962, he married Olive Routledge from Oakner, Man. Olive taught school at Ferriss School for two terms. After completing a secretarial course, she worked for the Department of National Defence, CFB, Southport, Man. They have three children; Kirby John born in 1964; Shelley Roberta Noel born in 1967; and Thomas Bradley born in 1970.

They reside at NW 23-10-9 in the Rossendale district. Tom served on the North Norfolk Council for 6 years. Both Tom and Olive have been on the executive of the Community Centre. Kirby and Shelley attend school in MacGregor and Brad at Rossendale. Kirby has been a member of the school amateur wrestling team for 4 years and Shelley and Brad are both on ball teams. All the family have been active in 4-H and enjoy community sports and events.

After completing high school, Pauline took a secretarial course and then worked for Vopni Press in Portage la Prairie for three years, then at Simpson Sears for two years and then two years for the Hudson Bay Company. Pauline is married to Dan Hamilton of Kenora, Ontario. They have two sons Jeffery Danial born in 1969; and Richard John born in 1970. They are residing in Vancouver where Dan has a business.

After the children were on their own my wife and I figured we had done our share and would take it easy for a spell, but luck changes so fast it won't give you a chance. First of all, my rheumatism became worse and then my wife had two serious operations. I cut my hand and it was proved I was allergic to penicillin, so with everything like this happening we decided to quit farming for good and we sold the farm and bought a house in Portage la Prairie on 14th Street in 1965. For awhile I worked as a desk clerk at the Portage Hotel and my wife worked there as a part time cook. My wife's health became gradually worse and she passed away on December 22, 1974.

I lived in Warsaw, Poland from October 1975 to June 1979. I now reside at Oak Tree Towers in Portage. I enjoy reading and going for walks.

We lived in the Allandale district for 21 years and made many friends and we had good neighbours. My memories often go back to those years which we enjoyed so much.

If someone were to ask me what I would do if I had to start all over again, I would say farming. In my opinion a farm is what you can call a real home.

I often go to my son Tom's farm to help with the tractor work or other jobs and I enjoy every minute of it. Some say this is good for rheumatism. Some of our friends, that are our age are still farming and some are gone forever. Times change.

ED TURNER

Ed Turner, son of Ormev and Alice Turner of MacGregor Manitoba, was born on March 13th, 1954. Ed grew up in MacGregor, taking his schooling at the MacGregor elementary and high schools. After he left school, he worked for Maple Leaf Constuction and then went on to work as a carpenter for Ellwood & McRorie Ltd. of Portage, where he is presently employed.

On August 15, 1981, Ed married Judith Anne Watson, only daughter of Harvey and Joan Watson. Judy was born in Rossendale and took her elementary education here before going to MacGregor. for her high school education. After high school Judy entered Brandon University and graduated with a Bachelor of Education degree.

Ed and Judy are presently living in Rossendale, where Judy's Grandma and Grandpa Watson lived.

ROBERT TURNER FAMILY

submitted by Howard Roberts

Robert Turner and his wife, the former Ethel Roberts, moved to Rossendale from Portage la Prairie in about 1919.

They lived in a log house across from the curling rink, later moving into the boarding house purchased from Fred Paisley in 1921. Here they operated a local store.

Tom, a brother of Bob's from the Oakland district, came to live with Bob and Ethel, helping out in the store, as Bob was also employed as the U.G.G. elevator agent.

Bob was active in curling and Ethel was a dressmaker sewing for many neighbors.

Bob and Ethel had twin boys, Thomas and James, born in 1918. Two daughters died in infancy and were buried in the Robert's plot in Burnside Cemetery.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turner

The boys started school in Rossendale, later moving to Winnipeg. Thomas was married in 1942 to Dorothy Hulle of Vancouver B.C. They have one girl, Eileen, and two boys, Howard and Garry. Tom, a retired electrician, now lives in Squamish, B.C.

Jim married Mildred Hewett from Yorkton, in 1944. They had one son Donald, and lived in Kingston, Ontario. Mildred died in 1969, Donald in 1972, and Jim in 1981.

Ethel passed away in 1970 and was buried in Vancouver. Bob passed away in 1979 in Sarnia, Ontario.

THE TURNER FAMILY HISTORY

submitted by Clayton Turner

My grandfather, Allan Wilmot Turner and my grandmother, Hannah Samantha Guffin were both born May 9th, 1849 near Bellville, Ontario. Married in 1867, they farmed there for 15 years. Six children were born to them there: Mary (Mrs. Will Adair), Annie (Mrs. Lew Eadie), Bert, Effie (Mrs. Mac McQuaig), Emily (died at 6 months), and Harry Clayton.

The family moved to a homestead at Grenfell, Sask., in 1882; there Sidmer and Emily were born. They farmed there seven years, the crops being frozen and eaten by gophers. While there, the Louis Riel rebellion broke out. Wilmot with his team was away from home 99 days, hauling supplies for General Middleton at the front.

They left the homestead in 1889 and moved to Oakland, Man., to farm. W. John (Johnny) was born there. They farmed there for 22 years. July 15, 1908, Harry married Mary Cuthill of Arbroath, Scotland.

In March of 1911, Wilmot bought Sec. 20-9-8, four miles east and five south of Rossendale in the Assiniboine Valley, (formerly owned

by Robert (Scotty) Culbert), from Adam Brown Real Estate Co. Those who moved to this new location were: Wilmot and his wife, with sons Sidmer and Johnny. Sidmer was a Rossendale boy, playing ball on their team and taking part in all their sports with Tom and Ross Jardine. He went overseas in the first world war. On his return he lived at Kamsack, Sask., and married Ida Hays. They had one daughter, Beth, who lives in B.C. He is buried in the soldiers plot in the Saskatoon Cemetery.



Hazel, Clayton Turner

Johnny was a Rathwell boy. He played ball, etc., on their teams. He married Mamie Fulsher of Rathwell and they lived in Winnipeg. Their family: Emily (Mrs. L. Ryder - deceased), had one son Donald who is now married and living in Winnipeg with his family. Their son, Edward Wilmot is married and living in Winnipeg with his family.

He is now retired from the C.N.R. His family of three sons and two daughters are married and scattered around. Johnny is buried in Brookside Cemetery and Mamie is still living in Winnipeg at 86 years of age.



A gathering at the Wilmot Turner farm 1915

Father Harry and Mother Mary, and I, Cecil Clayton, born to them on July 24, 1909 at Oakland, moved and farmed with my grandfather. Allan William was born there March 16, 1912, and David Leslie was born June 5, 1920.

Part of the River Flat was broken by Culberts, the Turner's broke the rest; some with the big Steamer and some with the big Flower City gas engine. They broke 50 acres on top of the hill and also broke a lot of the Round Plain for Harry Anderson when he homesteaded it. Threshing machines were not too plentiful those days, so Wilmot and Dad threshed all of our district. Will Adair, Jake Frizzley, Simon, Dave and Eli Frizzley, who farmed together, Thomas Brennans, Johnston Henry and Dan & Percy Henry, John Watson, John Nicol and some small farmers who stacked their grain, Sid Norton, Archie Hastings by the Hird Ferry, McWilliam's, H. Stanley and Jim Lyall were some of the others threshed; doing stack threshing up till Christmas at times.

Wilmot passed away May 22, 1917, at 68 years of age, his wife July 9, 1922. They are buried in Hillside Cemetery, Portage.

Dad continued to thresh for some of these until they got their own machines. John Nicol was one of the first of these to get his own machine. Ill health caused Dad to give up threshing in 1920 and he passed away February 15, 1923, aged 43 years. Mother passed away forty-three years later October 5, 1965; spending her last days with Hazel and I in Portage.



Back L-R - Harry, Mary holding Allan, John

Front - Bill Cuthill, Mr. and Mrs. William Cuthill & Clayton 1912

Allan and I started to Ferriss School the spring of 1918. Seven and a half miles by horse and cart. It was too far to go in the cold winter, so we went again in the spring of 1919 with Dick and Diamond, a team of ponies bought from McCuaig's when they moved from Oakland to the Rossendale district. This team was once owned by Robert (Scotty) Culbert, so were well known in Rossendale. Bob Wilson, the blacksmith, always kept them fresh-shod for us, I remember.

In the winter of 1918-19 Dad, Jack Leonard and John McLaughlin, who were working for Dad, hauled gravel from the river at our place for the school to be built. By the fall of 1919 Allandale School named after my grandfather Allan Wilmot Turner, was built and opened up, and we were in Allandale School District; which, like most rural school districts, no longer exists.

Mother gave up the old farm in 1936, which we boys had farmed for her, and we all moved onto my (Clayton's) place, where I farmed with the help of the boys, and at the last as Turner Bros., Clayton and Leslie. We had some 475 acres on 17, 21, 22-9-8 and we rented land from Allan McCuaig and Ethel Orton and Clarence Carson, which we farmed together until we both married.

May 1st, 1954, I married Hazel Dawn, of Delburne, Alberta. Twins Harry Bert and Isabel Mary were born to us Oct. 4 & 5, 1955. Ill health caused me to sell out and move to 119 - 5th St. N.W., Portage, in October 1956. Bert is a Pastor in Cabri, Sask., and is to be married August 7th, 1982. Mary is a nurse at the Manitoba Home and lives in Portage.

Cecil Walter was born August 9th, 1957. He married Grace Whitford at MacGregor, Oct. 11, 1975. They have two girls, Lisa and Kathy, two boys, Billy and Jonathan. He works for Bob Botteril of Newton Siding on the farm.

Marjorie Lorene, born October 9th, 1958, is single, living at home, and works at the mushroom plant.

Corabelle Ruth, born on January 25th, 1960 married Bruce Bugg February 26th, 1977. They have three girls; Carrie-Lee Dawn, Sabrina Jean, and Natilie Linda Mae. They live on Bruce's farm southeast of Portage.

Franklin Wilmot was born March 27th, 1962. He married Nancy Hourie on September 13th, 1980. Their baby girl is Rebecca Mary Ann. They live south of Portage.

Arthur William David was born April 16th, 1964. He is single, working in Edmonton and lives at home when he's in the district.

I was a Clerk at the Mayfair Hotel for eight and a half years until George Hill sold it, and then a cook's helper at Southport for three and a half years, and a Parks Officer at Norquay Beach for seven years until I retired.

I sold our Portage home in April of 1968 and moved to a farm home near High Bluff, living there for seven years. Then I rented fifty acres eight and a half miles south of Portage where we are still living in 1982.

I remember a great treat for us kids back on the farm was to be taken to the Rossendale Christmas Tree to see Santa Claus.

Another treat was coasting down our big hill on the new coaster sleigh we got for Christmas which I still have sixty five years later. Jack Strong and Tom Ferguson hauled gravel from the river at our place, to build Ferguson's big white house. They had to use two teams to a load on our hill, so Allan and I would ride up on each load and coast down again.

I remember experiences of an eight year old; plowing with four mules on a two furrow twelve inch gangplow, following my Dad one day the hired man was away; hauling grain from the threshing machine to the Rossendale elevator along with Charlie Watson and Allan McCuaig, and once being sent to the Rossendale store with Old White Queen on the buggy. She was considered old enough to be reliable but when the train came through every horse at the hitching rail stood on their hind legs and pawed the air, Queen among them. Everyone ran to hold his horses. I tried my best, but was jerked up and down like a yo-yo until W.G. Henry came to my rescue. Queen couldn't lift him. I got the groceries and away off home safely after his help.

In May 1980 our family gave us tickets for a flight to Scotland for our 26th Wedding Anniversary. We visited the 700 year old church where my Grandfather William Cuthill was a caretaker when my Mother was born at Inverkeelor Scotland. We had a wonderful trip visiting Isle of Skye and the McLeod Clan home, Dunvegan Castle. We also had a tour through Glamis Castle where the Queen Mother was born. This tenth of May is our second trip to Bonnie Scotland with our daughter Lorene.

Mother's father and mother, William and Helen Cuthill, came to Canada in 1910 and spent some time on their son, David Cuthill's homestead at West Bend, Saskatchewan. At that time Foam Lake was their P.O. some 25 miles away. Later they came to Portage la Prairie to live with Harry and Mary Turner at Rossendale, where they continued to live the rest of their days. Grandmother Cuthill was well known in the district for her nursing ability when there were babies expected. She attended Mrs. John Nicol when most of her children were born, also Mrs. Jake Frizzley and others.

Grandmother passed away in 1924, six months after her 76th birthday.

Grandfather passed away in 1926, five months after his 85th birthday.

They are buried in the Rossendale Cemetery next to the John Nicol plot.

They celebrated their Golden Wedding June 26th, 1918 at Harry Turner's Farm, S 20-9-8 in Rossendale.

One of the places they forded the Assiniboine River was on S 20-9-8. All the travellers went right through our yard, past the house door. I remember when Old Chief Yellowquill used to stop and buy eggs, butter and bread from Mother. One year they held an Indian

picnic at Swan Lake. It was like turning the clock back to the years of crossing the plains in covered wagons. They came all the way from Reedy Creek and Sandy Bay in covered wagons and decorated teams. A real sight, six to ten teams and wagons loaded with people and following each other. A lot of them stopped to buy eats from Mother. The strings of teams coming through for four or five days, and the same on their return journey.

DAVID LESLIE TURNER FAMILY

I, Les, married Margaret Park, January 29th, 1955. We lived in the Allandale district until the spring of 1956, moving to a farm north of Austin for one year, then to Poplar Point in June of 1957 and have remained there.

After leaving the farm, I took a job in a pea elevator in Portage la Prairie from 1957 to 59. In March of 1959, I went to Campbell Soup Co. as a mechanic and have spent the past 23 years there.

Margie came from Poplar Point to teach at Allandale School in the 1953-54 school year, then worked in the telephone office at Austin until the spring of 1955. From 1972-75 she worked at Campbell Soup and in November of 1979, became postmistress at Poplar Point.

We have four children; Heather Ellen, born on February 9th, 1956, works for Canada Safeway in Portage and now lives in Portage.

Linda Mae, born February 16th, 1957, worked for Portage Credit Union until March 1980. Linda married Jim Young in August of 1955. Jim is a lineman for Manitoba Hydro. Jim and Linda have a daughter, Dana Lyn, born May 13th, 1980.

James Leslie was born February 15th, 1961. Jim works for Macdonalds Sporting Goods as clerk, and also travels in Northern Manitoba selling sporting goods. Jim makes his home with us at Poplar Point.

Dorynne Lesley was born July 24th, 1969. Lesley is still in school, taking grade seven at Crescentview School, Portage la Prairie.



Leslie, Margaret, Heather, Linda, Jim

ALLAN WILLIAM TURNER

Allan William Turner married Genevieve Anne Beckett on July 22, 1948. He pastored in Brandon from 1947 to 1950, and in Archer-vill, Sask. from 1952 to 1965.

They moved to The Pas, Manitoba in 1967. Allan worked at Keewatin Community College, retiring in 1977. Genevieve taught at Kelsey School from 1967 to 1981.

Their children are: John Allan, born May 28, 1949, who married Marilyn Turko on August 30, 1970. He has a garage and farms at Alonsa, Manitoba.

Harry Wayne, born August 7, 1950, who married Evelyne Hubylet May 27, 1972. He is an engineer at Manitoba Forestry Pulp Mill at The Pas and has a small farm acreage. They have three children: Trent, 8 years, Cara, 5 years, and Becki, 2 years of age.

Carol Jean was born June 22, 1951. A graduate of Full Gospel Bible School of Eston, Sask, she is an R.N. at Grace Hospital in Calgary.

Genevieve Emily, born June 26, 1953 is a graduate of Full Gospel Bible Institute in Eston as well, and is Rentals Administrator of Trizec, in Calgary.

George Garth was born September 20, 1954, and was deceased November 24, 1966.

Helen Shari Gail was born March 15, 1961 and is a waitress in Calgary, Alberta.

FRANK UPWARD

Frank Upward was born in Accrington, Lancashire, England, and came to Canada in 1913. He later joined the Canadian army and went back Overseas, returning again after the War.



*L-R - Pearl, Frank, Ruth, Frank Sr.
Front - Harry*

In 1919 he married Ruth Mason, who came over from Leicestershire, England. They settled on a Soldier Settlement Board farm, a quarter section of 24-10-10. They had a family of three, Pearl, Frank and Harry. The attended Currie School. Mr. Upward played Football on the Currie Football Team, and Mrs. Upward helped with the farm work.

In 1941 they left the farm to reside in Portage la Prairie. Mr Upward worked at MacDonald Airport as a cook, then went up to Churchill for a number of years. Pearl worked at Delta Apparel Factory for a number of years.

Frank joined the Army and served Overseas during the Second World War. When he came back, he started his own Trucking Business. In 1948 he married Edna Tucker of Pierson, Man. They have two sons, Edward and Gerald.

Harry worked a number of years on road construction, then went into his own business of Carpenter work.

Mrs. Upward looked after the home and was very interested in sports, she also liked playing cards.

While on the farm, we had a very balky horse, and one spring Mr. Upward and one of his brothers-in-law decided to go to Rossendale in the cart. In places the road was under water, and the horse stopped right in the middle of a big pool and wouldn't go until it was ready, so they had to sit there and wait for 15 or 20 minutes.

Mrs. Upward passed away in 1975.

ROBERT VOSS

The Robert Voss family moved from the Edwin district to Currie district in the fall of 1929 to farm 31-10-9 owned then by a Mr. Snyder.

There were four daughters and two sons in the family.

Edith married Richard Simmons and they made their home in Vancouver. They had a daughter and a son, Louise and Barry. Edith passed away in December 1972.

Irene married Melvin Smith and they made their home in Portage la Prairie. They had four sons and a daughter: Donald, Earl, Nelson, Jack and Marjorie. Irene passed away in September 1972.

Raymond married Mabel Boak. They farmed at Burnside where they still reside, but are retired. They have a son and a daughter, Morley and Beverley.

Nelson married Mary Cryderman. They reside in Winnipeg and have two daughters and a son; Karen, Trudy and Terry. Nelson is also retired.

Doreen married James Hatch, They live in Winnipeg and have four sons: Robert, Larry, Timothy, and David. James passed away in 1981.

Dorothy married James White and they live on a ranch south of Portage. They have two sons; Gregory and Glen.

Nelson and Doreen were the only members to attend Currie School, but the family all took part in the activities of the district; Sunday School, house parties and sports.

In the spring of 1933, the family moved back to the Edwin district and then to Burnside.

Robert Voss passed away in March 1962 and Mrs. Voss passed away in January of 1973.

J.S. WALKER HISTORY

John Walker was born in 1851 in Roxuryshire Scotland, and married Ellen McCreight of County of Antrin, Ireland. John and Ellen had two sons; Alex, born October 27, 1890 and John, born in 1883, and one daughter Edith, born July 1886.

They moved to Canada in 1899 and settled in Wellwood, Manitoba. In 1918 they moved to the farm one and a half miles north of Rossendale, now known as the Jack Charlton farm. John and Alex built a home in Rossendale where they lived until Mrs. Walker died in 1933. This later became the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Neufeld. Mr. Walker passed away in 1926.

The boys farmed with their dad until John joined the army in the first World War and served overseas for two years. On his return he moved to Dawson Creek B.C., and lived there until his accidental death in November 1945.

Alex worked for many years on the C.N.R. and then worked as a farm laborer in the Portage and Rossendale districts for a period of time before buying the Jardine farm located one-quarter mile west of Rossendale. He farmed here until he retired and bought five acres of land on the east side of Rossendale. This site was formerly owned by Dan Landers. Alex died in October 1975. This property now has a large grain drying and storage structure built on it and is owned by Ostopowich & Werbiski farms.

Edith married Dave Moffat in December 1919.

MARB WARD

Rossendale holds a special interest for Ruth, who returned three times to help out at the A.B. Culbert home, and where she met T.M. Ward (Marb), whom she married in 1941. The third time she went to Rossendale with her husband and family, she stayed at the farm for seven years. She enjoyed the friendly community life.

Marb and Ruth had two children: Patricia, Mrs. Gavin Miller of Oakville. Pat is a nurse on staff at the Portage General Hospital, and John, who married Lori Grantham. They have one son, Ryan. John resides and works in Portage la Prairie.

Both John and Pat attended the South Rossendale School and Rossendale Consolidated.

Marb, Ruth and family returned to Portage in 1968, where Marb retired from the C.P. Railway in 1975. He resided in the family home until his death in 1981. Ruth still resides in their home at 82 Lincoln Avenue.

WATSON FAMILY

John Watson came from Strathpeffer Scotland in 1904, settling on NW 22-9-9, four and a half miles south of Rossendale. He was joined by his wife, the former Jane Ann Ferguson, and their three children: Isabella, John and Charles, in 1905. They were blessed with two more sons, Frank and James, and three more daughters, Mary, Alice and Jean. Mr. Watson had been a shepherd in his native land, but also worked in the mills. Here he had a flock of three hundred sheep. Each spring before wool-clipping time, the animals were dipped for ticks. Part of the dip tank can still be seen near the creek. Wool clipping was done by hand. In later years, wolves became so prevalent that it was impossible to keep sheep.



*Back L-R - John, Charles, Frank, James, Bella, Alice
Front - Mary, Mrs. Watson, Jean*

In 1914, Mr. and Mrs. Watson and family moved to their homestead, NE 13-9-9, seven miles from Rossendale and then bought SE 24-9-9 from Louis Savour. The only building here was a log shack; so a house and barn were built. Unfortunately, the barn was flattened in 1981 by a tornado-like wind storm. The house was replaced in 1946 and part of the building was used as a garage.

This land was cleared by steam engine and a big breaking plow owned by William MacDonald. Thirty-five acres were broken by pushing down huge trees, mostly oak and maple, and plowing them under. Many stumps and roots had to be picked. The farm was worked with several outfits of horses before tractors came into use. The grain was cut by binder, stooked by hand, and threshed by a threshing machine. The latter took a gang of about twenty-three men. Should the threshing be stopped by rain, these men nearly all stayed, sometimes two or three weeks. This meant no rest for the women of the house. The grain was hauled to Rossendale by horses and wagons. On a busy day, seven teams hauled the grain, sixty to sixty-five bushels per load, two trips a day, with always a spare team, as it took four horses to pull the load up the hill.

The Yellow Quill Trail went through the Watson flat and up the "Hog's Back." Often the Indians would stop on their way from Swan Lake to Long Plain Reserve, and were given tea and eats.

Bella, Johnny, Charlie, Frank and Jimmie, attended South Rossendale School. Then Allandale school was built in 1919. Mr. Watson took an active part in the organizing of this school and was one of the first trustees. Mrs. Watson was also a trustee for seventeen years.

The family attended church and Sunday School at Rossendale. In later years services were held in Allandale.

The telephone was installed in 1919. In 1968 the dial system was introduced.

Sports enjoyed in the early days were hockey and baseball. The Watson boys, Joe and Reuben Frizzley, Allen Turner and Allan McCuaig would skate around the river to Hood Bridge, play hockey with the Indian team, and skate home again after the game. Mr. William Love, as hardball manager, certainly helped all the players at all sports events.

Mr. Watson passed away in 1922. Mrs. Watson and family carried on the farm operations. Frank passed away in 1936 and Mrs. Watson in 1944. The home farm was taken over by son James, who passed away in 1970. His wife Margaret (McCallister) still resides there and rents her land to a nephew, John Watson.

Isabella married George Hird, who died in 1960. They lived near Treherne. Isabella died in 1981. Their family consists of James, married to Lena Gorrie, Jean of Winnipeg, Eleanor married to Ken Buchanan of Crystal City, and Marion who married Wilfred McCallum and lives in Winnipeg.

John, now deceased, married Bertha Orton, also now deceased.

Charlie, now deceased, married Eva Orton.

Frank passed away in 1936.

James, now deceased, married Margaret McCallister, who resides on the home farm.

Mary married Charles Laing, who is now deceased, of Elm Creek. She now lives in Portage.

Alice married Alex Fraser, who is now deceased. Their daughter Sandra teaches at Lac Du Bonnet.

Jeann married Preston MacIntosh and is living four miles north and west of Rossendale.

CHARLES WATSON

Charles and Eva Watson were married on Oct. 20, 1936. They lived on NW of 30-9-8 and also owned S half of SW 31-9-8 and NW 25-9-9 of the Municipality of South Norfolk - three miles east and three miles south of Rossendale.

Our farming was mostly raising cattle, sheep, pigs and poultry, and some grain farming.

Charlie had to handle the old goose when she was setting as I was afraid of losing a finger when she grabbed me.

We raised three children, one son and two daughters, John, Marilyn and Florence. We enjoyed our family, playing with them when time permitted. In the summer the five of us would play ball and go for walks. In the winter we listened to the radio. We especially enjoyed the old time music as we both liked to dance. Some of the singers I remember were; Eddie Arnold with his yodelling, Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, and Kitty Wells to name a few. When the soap opera, "Ma Perkins," came on the radio in the afternoon, Grandma Watson would say, "Come on, John," who was only three or four years old, "it's time for our play."

Charlie liked to read, always waiting for the Weekly Family Herald which had a short story mostly continued for a few weeks. He read the paper from cover to cover. I liked to knit and sew, not only for our family but for the Red Cross in wartime and for the Allandale Ladies Aid. I made many quilts for the Red Cross.

Our children attended Allandale school and received a good education from the wonderful teachers we had. There was always weeks of preparation for the Christmas Concerts and when the night arrived, I don't know who had the butterflies, the kids or the mothers.

We both enjoyed the outdoors. Charlie liked hunting, fishing and trapping. If we all went to the river when Charlie was fishing we sure had to be quiet because he said we would scare the fish, so mostly Charlie went by himself.

I enjoyed walking through the fields looking for flowers and bird nests. A pair of Orioles seemed to come back every year to nest and the little hummingbirds would fly up to the window trying to reach my plants blooming there.

One cold day our old pig decided it was time to have her babies. We had her in a small building with a straw roof, and as we had no heat lamps in those days, we put up a stove with the stove pipes going through the roof. You guessed it, the straw caught on fire and we sure did some scrambling, carrying water to put out the fire, but the old sow never got as excited as we did and went ahead tending to her young family.

John had a pony called Topsy. He wasn't very old when he would ride her for the cows. One particular night, the cows were eating in a slough north-west of our buildings. Topsy was walking in the deep water. John was afraid she would get stuck so he got off her back, tied her to a tree and walked home for his Dad. They went back for Topsy but John sort of forgot what tree he had tied her to, but everything turned out O.K. Topsy and the cows were found and all came home safely.

John took his high schooling at Edwin school. He rode his bicycle sometimes two miles up the road to meet the Tunski boys and they would go to Edwin together. One night the girls rode Topsy to meet John. Well, kids will be kids, and they tied the bicycle behind Topsy's tail with Marilyn riding the bike. Needless to say the bike was never ridden again.

Charlie and I were putting up hay one hot day. He was pitching the hay onto the rack and I was building the load. We had quite a load on and Charlie kept asking, "Haven't you enough hay up there yet?" At last I said that I guessed that would do, so he climbed up on the rack to drive the horses home. We only went a short distance when the reach broke. It happened to be brother Jimmy's brand new rubber tired wagon, so I guess we did have too much hay on that load.

In 1952 the hydro came to our district which we were all very thankful for. First the men put up the poles. One of those men was Alec Walker. Then the wire was strung. Our youngest daughter must have watched the men more than we realized, because she strung her own hydro line using binder twine, stringing it from post to post along the fence, climbing up the page wire fence to string the twine on each post. How time flies.

One particular summer we had a good garden and the cabbage had grown some very big heads. We were proud of our garden. Mr and Mrs. Collins came for a visit and we took them out to see our cabbages. To our amazement there wasn't a cabbage left. The sheep had gotten in and had eaten every one. Those sheep could crawl through the eye of a needle almost. Our friends sure had a good laugh and later we could also laugh but I felt pretty sick at the time. This is the funny side of farming.

One thing for sure one never runs out of a job on the farm but it's still a pretty good place to live and raise a family.

Marilyn and her husband Ron Perchak and daughter, Bonnie, live a half mile east of our home.

Florence married Don Peasgood in 1963. They have one daughter Debbie and one son Gary. Don was a Safeway manager in Minnedosa until the store closed. Then Don and Florence opened their own I.G.A. store in the same building. Don was killed in an accident in November of 1972, a heart breaking shock for his young wife and family.

In March of 1980, Florence married Terry Oliver of Minnedosa. Terry has two boys, Warren and Kevin, giving them a family of four. Terry works at Moores Implements and Florence at the Royal Bank.

Their family is doing well. Warren is taking a teachers course at Edmonton, Alberta, Kevin is working at the Gas-a-hol plant at Minnedosa, Debbie is graduating from Grade XII and will be attending Brandon University in the fall of 1982, and Gary is in high school in Minnedosa.

I have many memories of when we were all home together. Our family is all happily married and I have eight grandchildren. We looked forward to the week-ends when they would come home to Papa and Nana and we would sit around the kitchen table.

We shared forty years together until Charlie passed away and we laid him to rest in the South Rossendale Cemetery on December 24, 1976.

Myself, I stayed on in our home on the farm, now owned by son

John, daughter-in-law Dianne and their three boys, until October of 1981 when I moved to an apartment in Portage. Although I like my new home and made many friends, I miss the farm, especially going for my early morning coffee to John and Dianne's, but thanks to the telephones we can all keep in touch.

My advice to young couples is don't hesitate to tell your partner and your children how much you love and care for them and I pray God will grant us the Wisdom, Courage and Strength to face each new day.

God bless all the readers of this story.

Eva Watson

JIMMIE AND MARGARET WATSON

James (Jimmie) Watson, youngest son of Mr and Mrs John Watson was born August 10, 1910, at the home of his parents, NW 22-9-9, four miles from the village of Rossendale. When he was four years old, the family moved to SE 24-9-9, where he farmed all his life. He received his early education at South Rossendale School, and then at Allandale, after that school was built. He had to leave school at an early age as the untimely death of his father made it necessary for the family to carry on the farming operations.

James Watson and Margaret McCallister were married on November 8, 1941, at the home of the bride's parents at Portage la Prairie.



Jimmie, Margaret Watson

In his younger years, Jimmie was an ardent baseball player, playing league ball, and enjoyed hockey, with many games being played on a cleared strip on the Assiniboine River. Later, he enjoyed the sport of curling. For several years he was a member of the U.G.G. elevator board, he served on the Rossendale Community Club, he was on the South Rossendale Cemetery Committee, he was president of the Railroad Abandonment Committee, and was a member of the Rossendale United Church.

Margaret had taught school before her marriage, five years in South Rossendale, and one year in West Ward in Portage. She substituted in many of the local schools. After the consolidation of the schools, she served as secretary-treasurer for four years, and as trustee for one year. She has been organist for the United Church

since 1946. She was pianist for many Christmas concerts at the former Allandale school. She is a member of the Rossendale United Church, having served as elder for several years, and is active in U.C.W. work. She is a member of the Rebekah Lodge in Portage.

Some of the family farm, river flats, was broken by breaking plow. Farming methods have come a long way from the horse drawn implements to the modern tractors and combines. During the years that the grain was threshed by threshing machines, all straw stacks were used for feed. Cattle were wintered at the stack, and watered at a natural source, the river or creek. A daily chore was to cut the "water hole" with an axe. Then a reservoir was dug near the buildings, and the cattle were housed in open sheds, and corn silage, stored in a pit in the side of a hill, became the main winter feed.

In earlier years, cows were milked, with cream and butter used for home use; a few hens were raised for eggs and meat on the table, with some times eggs exchanged at the store for groceries; cattle and sheep were butchered for home use. (Part of the sheep-dip tank is still to be seen)

As heating and cooking was done by wood stove and furnace, a winter chore was to get out the year's supply of wood. Then the furnace was replaced with oil, and the kitchen stove by electricity, and now the house is heated with electric heat.

When the family moved to the flats, a house and barn were built. The house was replaced in 1946, with part of the former house still used as a garage, and the barn, worn out with age, collapsed in 1981.

Time does not change all things. This farm is in the unique position of being bordered by the Assiniboine River and the sand hills. Wild flowers and many species of trees grow here in abundance. The "Crocus," the emblem of Manitoba, grows very close. Wild fruits - saskatoons, cranberries, pinchberries and wild raspberries have been enjoyed over the years. The company of many wild birds is enjoyed. Bulldozing of trees, and the use of sprays has played havoc with some of these wonders of nature.

Jimmie passed away May 10, 1970. Margaret still resides on the farm, which is being rented by a nephew, John Watson, with help from his wife, Dianne and their boys Darcy, Michael and Curt.

JOHN WATSON *by Lorraine Nichol*

Dad, son of John and Jane Ann Watson, came to Canada in 1904 from Strathpeffer, Scotland at the age of three.

In 1932, Mother, daughter of Uriah and Nellie Orton, came to Allandale from Marcus, Manitoba.

Dad and Mother were married on October 17, 1934. They had a son Harvey, born in 1941 and a daughter Lorraine, myself, born in 1945.

They lived at South Rossendale on the Metcalf farm. Dad farmed and operated the P.S.V. They also had livestock and always seemed

to have someone there to help. Alvin Lounsbury lived with them for awhile.

Later in 1945 they moved to Rossendale to 16-10-9. Ray Sawyer lived in half the house for awhile.

They farmed the NE 8-10-9 which they bought from Bill Staffee, and NW 3-10-9 and 21-9-8.



Bertha, John Watson

Dad sold his trucking business to Ed Schroeder in 1947, although he still did plenty of dealings as that was his life. He was always buying or selling horses and cattle. Even the Shetlands from Ed Tomchuk's that broke into our pasture, "Easier to buy them than chase them home.."

He was on the board of U.G.G. of Rossendale. They were both active in Community affairs.

Dad farmed in Rossendale until his passing away December 20, 1970.

Mom was always busy sewing for someone. She carried her thimble with her everywhere. She was always working with her plants and her garden. She was a 4-H leader, belonged to U.W.C., and was a steward on the United Church Board.

The old house was torn down in 1973 and the present one moved in. Simon Henry did a lot of that work.



L-R - Jeff, Harvey, Judy, Ed, Joan, Scott

Mom was active until her passing on May 24, 1979.

I remember Mom saying about having a chimney fire and Dad having to stop and roll a cigarette before putting out the fire. His life style was "Do today what you can and leave the rest for tomorrow."

Harvey and I both attended Elmwood School. I remember when it flooded, Dad would pick all the kids up with rack and horses to take us to school. We also always went sleigh riding in the winter. It was always Dad's sorrel horses that took us around.

Harvey worked at home and for Jim Culbert and John Nicoll until he went to work for Maple Leaf Construction. He married Joan McCulloch on April 28, 1960 and they lived on NE 5-10-9.

They bought NW 3-10-9 from Dad and that is where they are presently living. Harvey also farms NE 8-10-9 and SE 3-10-9 which he bought from Mrs. Shraft. They also operate a pig barn which keeps them busy. They have three children, Judy, Jeff and Scott, who all took their schooling at Rossendale and MacGregor High.

Harvey and family are very active in the Community. Harvey and Joan are also the caretakers of the Rossendale Elementary School.

Judy attended Brandon University and received her Bachelor of Education in May of 1982. She married Ed Turner on August 15, 1981, and they live in Grandma's house on 16-10-9. Ed is a carpenter and works for Ellwood and McRorie Ltd. of Portage la Prairie.

After completing his grade 12 Jeff enrolled in a carpentry course at the Assiniboine Community College in Brandon and is presently working in Regina for P.C.L. Construction.

Jeff was always active in sports throughout school. He took part in baseball, football, wrestling and all other sports, and received the sportsmanship award in Grade 12.

Scott is presently finishing Grade 12 and has been accepted into the Electrical course at the Assiniboine Community College in the fall. Scott is also very active in sports and has spent many a night in the curling rink. He was able to take part in a trip to Britain with his grade 12 schoolmates in March of 1982.



Barry, Lorraine, Sherry, and Darryl Nichol

I, Lorraine, took my elementary schooling at Elmwood and high schooling in Rossendale and MacGregor. I was awarded a trip to Winnipeg to the United Nations through the U.C.W. After completing a business course, I worked at Portage Mutual Ins. Co. Then I moved to Winnipeg and worked at General Accident and Inc. Co. and Federated Insurance Co.

I married Barrie Nichol, son of Gordon and Myrtle Nichol of Poplar Bluff, on October 7, 1967. We lived in Winnipeg, then Fort Churchill and now at 24-11-8 in the Portage area.

Barrie works for Trans Canada Pipelines at Edwin, Manitoba. We also farm some land. We have two children, Sherry, born September 25, 1971 and Darryl, born February 18, 1974. They both attend Yellowquill School in Portage.

We have many more treasured memories of Rossendale, but I am afraid there is not room for them all.

JOHN WATSON

I was born on August 1, 1937, the only son of Charles and Eva Watson. I have two younger sisters, Marilyn and Florence. I attended Allandale School, where I completed Grade Nine, then on to Edwin School to complete Grades Ten and Eleven.

On June 6, 1964, I married Dianne Coubrough. Dianne was raised in the Elsmith district, where her parents still live on the farm, formerly owned by Dianne's grandfather, Mr. Walter Smith.

We live on the NW quarter of 30-9-8, which was where my parents lived. We have three sons, Darcy Charles, born May 14, 1965, Michael John, born July 31, 1968, and Curt James, born October 10, 1971.

Darcy will be taking Grade 12 and Michael will take Grade 9 at MacGregor Collegiate in the fall. Curt will be taking Grade 6 at Rossendale Elementary.

Our boys are quite active in sports and the 4-H Beef Club.

Darcy has been in wrestling tournaments in the three prairie provinces over the last three years and they have all played baseball in their different leagues.

Michael played his first organized hockey with MacGregor last winter and really enjoyed it.

Curt and Michael still belong to the Beef Club and I received a five year certificate last year for 4-H Beef Leader.

We operate a mixed farm, with a fair sized herd of cattle, some pigs and chickens. Most of our own land is used to grow feed for our livestock. We also rent land from Aunt Margaret Watson. Some of hers has been farmed by Watson's for nearly 70 years and was first farmed by my grandfather, whose name was also John Watson.

Times have changed greatly in what I can remember. I used to help Dad in the field where I would drive four horses and walk behind the harrows. That's when 30 acres looked like a huge field. But now with the air conditioned tractors and bigger equipment, 30 acres is hardly worth setting up for.

One instance that comes to mind was when I was 9 years old. I cut our crop with four horses on a binder, while Dad stooked in the same field. I had about one round left, and feeling quite big, decided to try the whip which was on the binder. It proved to be too much for one hand. The whip got tangled up in the tail of the wrong horse and off they went. The reels and arms got going a little fast and started flying by me. When things finally stopped, there were no reels left. Needless to say, that last round never got cut.

My first job was tending to the fire at Allandale School, for which I got 25 cents a day. I would go over early in the morning on horseback and get the fire going. It felt colder in the school than it was outside. Some mornings after getting the fire going I would go home for breakfast and then go back to school.

Farming is a good way of life, but the way economic conditions are going today, I don't know how our younger generations are going to be able to carry on the family farm. But without the support of Dianne and the boys our operation would not be able to carry on.

Written by John Watson

DAN WERBISKI

Dan Werbiski is the oldest son and the second child of Al and Anne Werbiski of Portage la Prairie. He was born in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, on December 8, 1936. He was raised on the farm five miles north of Portage. He received his elementary education at Nairn school and his high school at High Bluff, Manitoba.

In 1958, he married Ardith McKenzie of Portage. A son Kelvin was born to them in 1959, a son Harvey in 1960, a son Cyrus in 1961, a daughter Bonnie in 1964, a son Kenneth in 1966, and a daughter Barbara in 1967.

Dan and his family lived in their own house on the family farm and Dan farmed with his father, and worked out to supplement the farm income. He learned the auto body trade at Christianson's Garage and Tceza's Body Shop.

In 1961 they moved their little house to Rossendale behind the blacksmith's shop he purchased. It was originally Wilson's blacksmith shop and he purchased it from Ab Neufeld.

In 1966 Dan moved his family back to the family farm in the Nairn district. His parents moved into town, leaving the farm home vacant. His little home in Rossendale was sold to Reuben Frizzley and moved off.

Dan went into the auto body business with Peter Swidnicki in the east end of Portage. It is still known as Dan and Pete's Auto Body. After being in the business for a few years, he sold his share of the business out to Swidnicki, and invested in more land and machinery.

In 1975, Dan, his brother Jim, his cousin John, and a friend Jim Leslie of Poplar Point, pooled their individual resources into one co-operative farm. Since then Jim Werbiski and Jim Leslie have withdrawn from the venture, but Dan and John and their sons still

farm a total of 2600 acres co-operatively. They farm land in Portage and surrounding areas as well as in Rossendale. They own a half share in the large grain drying establishment in Rossendale. As well as grain, they grow corn, lentils and sunflowers.

Dan is actively involved in politics, enjoys travelling, is very mechanically inclined and you usually see him smiling with a twinkle in his eye. In spite of his handicap, you'll never hear him complain, and you won't see any grass grow under his feet.

JOHN WERBISKI

John Werbiski is the oldest child and son of Murray and Margaret Werbiski. He was born in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba on July 13, 1935. He was raised on a farm and received his education in the Euclid School in Oakland.

After school, John worked for Strutt's Plumbing and Heating for a short time. Strutt's lived next door to the Nodrick's and it was there that John met his wife Yvonne. They were married in 1957. A son Robert was born to them in 1958, twin daughters Diana and Donna in 1961, twin sons Randolph and Richard in 1963. Richard died of a brain tumor in 1965 at the age of two and is buried in the Rossendale cemetery next to his grandparents, Murray and Margaret Werbiski.

John and his family farmed for a short time in Oakland on the family farm until it was sold and more land was purchased in Rossendale. John moved his family to Rossendale in 1960. They purchased the farm from Harvey Cruikshank and co-owner Mrs. Cliff Charlton. John remodelled the house, but had the misfortune of losing house and contents by fire in 1966. While living in Rossendale, John worked as a cat operator on the Assiniboine River Diversion.

After the house fire, John and his family moved into Portage la Prairie. John commuted to Rossendale during the summer to work on the farm and worked at plumbing jobs during the winter. They now live at 66 Peony Bay on what used to be the Peony farm in Portage la Prairie.

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MURRAY WERBISKI

Murray Werbiski was the oldest child of John and Lena Werbiski. He was born in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, on January 8, 1914. He was raised and received his education in Portage la Prairie.

In 1934, he married Margaret Tyski of Portage. A son John was born to them in 1935, and a daughter Hilda in 1937. They lived and farmed in the Nairn district until 1938. Then they moved to Oakland

and farmed there in partnership with Murray's brother Tony for a short time. Tony spent six years in the army which sort of dissolved the partnership.

While farming in Oakland, Murray trapped and worked out to supplement the farm income. While working at the MacDonald airport he lost an eye in an industrial accident. They had a stillborn daughter in 1949.

The Werbiski family decided they needed more land and cheaper land in order to raise cattle. They bought the Wilson farm at Rossendale; a half section, from Anderson. They moved to Rossendale in 1956. After they moved to Rossendale they had two more stillborn children; boys. They sold the farm in Oakland.

In 1961 Murray purchased another section of land south-west of Rossendale he affectionately called the Ponderosa. He raised cattle for a number of years. He later sold his cattle and devoted most of his time to the care of his wife Margaret who suffered a number of years with cancer. She died December 5, 1975.

He sold his farm to his son John and continued to live on it until his death at 67 years of age, on May 24, 1981. He and Margaret are buried in Rossendale cemetery.

Murray enjoyed hunting, fishing, trapping, reading, cooking and he had a keen interest in politics. He was about 5 ft. 6 in. and weighed around 230 lbs. in his last years. He was fair, blond and blue eyed in his youth. One never knew the color of his hair in later years, as he cut it himself to the scalp with the electric clippers. He enjoyed story telling, a good laugh and a practical joke. He refused to wear his teeth because he said they made his head ache. He also had a glass eye that he never bothered with. He was non-pretentious and he told it like it was.

ART WEIDENHAMMER

Art Weidenhammer, on returning back from World War I, farmed for a short time on the North East quarter of 19-10-9 in the Rossendale district.

After he left the farm, he worked in the Pine Falls Hotel. He was never married. He died in 1963 in the Pine Falls hospital.

SID WHALEN FAMILY

Sid and I, Lizzie, and our four children Ellen, James, Joyce and Linda, moved to Rossendale from the Rosehill district in 1949. The house we lived in was moved onto the property of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Marks west of the village.

Sid was employed by the C.N.R. as a section hand. We later moved to the station house where we were caretakers until the closing of the C.N.R. section at Rossendale in 1963. Sid was then employed at Belmont and Portage la Prairie before retiring in MacGregor in 1969. Sid passed away in 1974. I still reside in MacGregor.

The children attended Rossendale elementary, South Rossendale and Rossendale High Schools.

Skating and curling were our winter activities, with ball games as a summer pastime and the 4-H the year round.

Ellen married Dallas Ward. They have two children, Jim and Donna and live in Winnipeg.

Jim married Mary Friesen. They have two girls, Kathy and Sharon. Jim died in a train car accident in 1966.

Joyce married Dale Woodward. They have three children, Cindy, Murray and Bonnie and live in Bagot.

Linda married Robert Fraser. They have three of a family, Sandra, Gayle and Glenn. Linda and Bob were divorced and Linda is now married to Andrew Proulx.

One of the funniest incidents I recall was a skating party at the rink when Kae Frizzley, Mary Bieganski and I had skates on for the first time. We had everyone holding us up, but we had lots of laughs and a few sore spots!

HENRY WIEBE FAMILY

We arrived in the Rossendale area on March 29, 1967 from Carman where we operated the Shamrock Tea Gardens.

Our farm home was located on the SW quarter of 5-10-9, which we bought from Ed Penner and was originally known as the Bedford farm. We also farmed the NW quarter of 4-10-9 and SW quarter of 9-10-9 which we sold to Peter Letkemen in 1973.

There are two boys in our family, Gerald and Harvey. They attended Rossendale Elementary School and MacGregor High School. They were both involved in baseball and hockey.

Gerald married Martha Neudorf of Edwin, Manitoba and is operating a potato farm in the Edwin district. They have three children, Jeffrey, Ramona and Nathaniel.

Harvey married Karen Hildebrandt of Bagot, Manitoba. They live in the Portage la Prairie area and have one son, Dallas. Harvey works with Gerald on the potato farm.

While living in the Rossendale area we attended the Bagot Community Chapel.

We moved to our present farm in April of 1975, located north of MacGregor.

The Bagot road #242 south used to be notorious to negotiate. In the spring of 1974, we found it increasingly difficult to get out, especially to Portage la Prairie. On one particular Sunday the only way out for us was to go south to No. 2 Highway. We felt very isolated on this occasion.

HENRY WOJTOWICZ

Henry Wojtowicz, his wife Agatha and four of their twelve children moved into the Rossendale area in the spring of 1943 onto the farm known as the old Armstrong place.

Mike, Emily, Polly and Cliff were the children who lived in Rossendale with them, as Stan was in the Armed Forces.

Emily, Polly and Cliff attended Ferriss School for awhile. Polly and Emily's education terminated there while Cliff went on to the Portage Collegiate Institute and then completed his education in Paris, Ontario, as his father and mother sold the farm in 1949 and moved there.

Mike is married and lives in Brantford, Ontario.

Emily married Bob Sterling and lives in Winnipeg.

Polly married George Brown and lives in Surrey, B.C.

Cliff and his wife Gwen live in Hamilton, Ontario.

The rest of the family who never lived in Rossendale, only visited, are Mary, living in Montreal, Nellie in Islington, Ontario, Lena in Brantford, Ontario, Verna (whereabouts unknown), Ted and Stanley, who both live in Portage.

Ed and Vicki (Tunski) are deceased.

One incident that happened to the late Henry Wojtowicz was when he lit a match to see if a gas drum was empty or not. There was no gas in the drum but fumes were still there as it went boom and his moustache got the worst of it.

TED WOJTOWICH FAMILY

Ted Wojtowich arrived in Rossendale in the spring of 1942. Friends of the Wojtowich's who were already living in the Rossendale area told him that Mike Sloik had a young daughter who was finished school and probably ready to get married. I must have appealed to him because he kept coming out as many week-ends as possible from Alonsa in his old Nash car without brakes, but that was a minor detail.

This way Ted commuted all summer, a distance of over 80 miles. Then he thought, "This is enough of this, I better get married and be in one place." He bought the SW 19-10-8, known to some as the Splan place and to others as the Kennedy's. On October 10th, 1942, he married me, Helen, that young innocent daughter that Mike Sloik had. If I only knew then what I know now!

In 1943 we moved into our own place, which had been vacated by Bert Crewson, who had been renting the land. In August of that year our first son was born; Walter Edward (Sonny), known to many now as Wally.

Things were tough, but life must go on — there was always a better tomorrow to look forward to, or a better next year.

Eventually we thought we needed more land, so bought a quarter section of 24-10-9 where Ferriss School was situated. This land was purchased from Great West Life and had been previously rented by Joe Lyaal. Now we were a little bigger farmers with bigger headaches. Things didn't come easy and there was always lots of hard work.

In June 1950, our second son was born, Brian Ted. Now that we had two sons growing up we thought we needed more land so we bought a quarter on 2-10-9 and a quarter on 10-10-9 where Bill Skaraban was living. More headaches again, but that was the name of the game called farming.

Ted used to get disgusted many times, and would have liked to quit, but I, with hayseed in my hair, thought that was the only place for me, so I stuck with it while Ted went to work for Gas Utility Company in Winnipeg for one year, Nelson River Co. for one year and Dominion Bridge for two years.

In 1962 another son was born, Danny Michael, and again in October 1963, would you believe, a daughter, Jo-Anna Marie. My hands were pretty full now so Ted started farming again. But all was not well as he ended up having two operations. We continued farming until 1974, when Ted finally said, "I've had enough, I want a change." We sold the farm but continued living there until 1979, when we moved into our new home, Pl. 126 on Angle road in R.M. of Portage la Prairie.

Walter attended public school at Ferriss, High School at Rossendale for two years, and one year at Roblin College. He is presently living in Calgary.

Brian attended Ferriss school until consolidation when he went to Rossendale, and later Treherne High School. He also lives in Calgary.

Danny and Jo-Anna attended public school at Rossendale and graduated from MacGregor Collegiate. They both participated in several sports while attending school. Danny is presently working in Portage and living at home. Jo-Anna is going into her second year at Brandon University, taking a 4-year Education program. While not in University she lives at home, and presently works at Lions Prairie Manor.

An incident that was humorous, but could have been tragic happened one day while Ted was helping my cousin, Roman Sloik, stack hay with the farm hand. The power take-off shield was not in place and the power take-off caught his pant leg and he lost his pants! Thank God it wasn't the leg!

Roman was a bachelor and another time when Ted was helping him Ted decided to make supper while Roman did the chores. Roman had bought some canned goods that the labels had come off. Ted opened a can of this food and it looked like some kind of meat. He put it in the frying pan to warm it up. When Roman came back in, supper was ready. They commenced eating, and Roman said, "What kind of meat is this, I wonder? It's sort of gritty." They decided it wasn't good and finally came to the conclusion that they had started to eat a can of dog food.

CHARLES WOODWARD

Charles Woodward was born at Reaburn, Man. When he was a young boy he moved with his family to a homestead south of Lavenham. He joined the 16th Canadian Scottish Battalion and went overseas in 1916. In September 1918 it was reported that Charles had died of wounds and funeral services were held in Lavenham and Ladysmith. A letter was received from Charlie after the wire and communication was asked from the army. He was located in England recuperating from his wounds.

After the war was over, Charlie married Edith Henry-Ross. Her husband, Joe, had died during the flu epidemic that passed through the whole country in 1918, leaving her with two small children, Elva and Elmer.



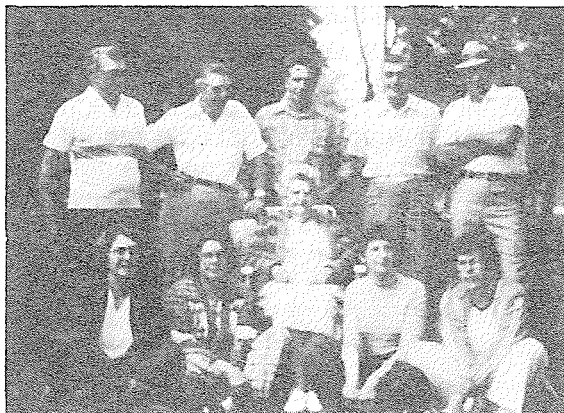
Edith, Charles Woodward

They farmed in the Lavenham district for several years, during which time three sons; Kivil, Stanley and Will, were born. In the fall of 1923 they purchased a farm from a Mr. Blake and moved with their family to the Allandale district. This farm was situated on the NW of 30-9-8.

While they lived in the Allandale district a son, Hartley, was born and Elva and Elmer started school. Three crops were planted. One was not a high yield and another was completely hailed out.

In the early fall of 1926, Charlie and his family left Allandale. During the next few years they lived in Rossendale and MacGregor and farmed in the Lavenham area. The family continued to grow. Ed, Connie, Nancy, Dale, Louise and Claudia were born through the years. In 1942 they moved to the NW quarter of 29-9-9 where they lived until they retired to Portage in 1963. Charlie passed away in the spring of 1965. Mrs. Woodward continues to live in Portage. She now has thirty-five grandchildren and forty great-grandchildren. They all enjoy a chance to visit grandma.

During the Second World War, five sons; Elmer, Kivil, Stanley, Will and Hartley were in the army, Kivil was killed in action.



*Back L-R - Stan, Will, Dale, Ed, Hartley
Front - Elva, Connie, Mrs. Woodward, Claudia, Louise*

Mr. and Mrs. Woodward knew well the trials and tribulations and also the joys involved in raising a large family. At the present time they have six sons and four daughters living in the following places with their families.

Elva married Howard Keast. Their family is Garry, Judy and Don. Elva and Howard live at Westbourne.

Elmer married Helen Adams. their children are Ken, Ron, Margaret and Joe. They live at Woodstock, Ont.

Kivil was killed in action in Italy.

Stanley married Patricia Henry. They have a family of two; Dayle and Charles (Chuck). Stan and Pat live in Lavenham.

Will married Patricia Crews. They have a family of ten; Janet, Roger, Joyce, Judy, Robin, Danny, Donna, Tony, Angela and David. Joyce and Judy are twins. Will and Pat live on a farm at High Bluff.

Hartley married Margaret Allan. They have a son Kivil, and a daughter Katherine, and live on the farm his parents retired from.

Connie married Douglas Henry. They have three sons and one daughter: Terry, Joanne, Steven and Dennis. Doug and Connie live in Portage.

Nancy died in infancy.

Ed married Adele Hebert. Their family are Marie, Irene and Clifford. They live in Portage.

Dale married Joyce Whalen. They have one son and two daughters; Murray, Cindy and Bonnie. Dale and Joyce live at Bagot.

Louise married Harold Patsack. They have two sons, David and Eric. Harold and Louise are divorced. Louise is now married to Ben Patsack and lives in Portage.

Claudia married Claire Basler. They have two sons; Charles (Chucker) and Claire Ryan (Bo). Claire and Claudia live at Burlington, Ontario.

HARTLEY WOODWARD

In August of 1963, Hartley and I, Margaret Woodward (nee Allan) and our children Kivil and Katherine, moved to the north west quarter of 29-9-9, the former home of his parents, Charles and Edith Woodward. One of the things we most enjoy about farming in our location is the fact that we can walk out the door and in a few minutes we are in the bush where things remain much the same as they must have been in the days of the pioneers.



L-R - Hartley, Kivil, Mrs. Woodward, Margaret, Kathy

Hartley and I were married in Calvin United Church in Rathwell on Dec. 23, 1953. December sounds like a pretty chilly time for a wedding but it was really a beautiful warm day. Prior to our marriage, Hartley had served in W.W. II. After the war he purchased the north east quarter of, 31-9-9 which he worked for a few years. During this time he also worked as a carpenter. I had taught school at North High Bluff for two years and also a few months in Portage la Prairie at Prince Charles School. After we were married I continued teaching in Portage and Hartley worked as a carpenter and later as a salesman. I was on the staff at Fort la Reine School when it first opened. In October of 1956 we moved to London, Ontario and during the next few years we lived in Woodstock Ontario, Lavenham and Winnipeg.

Hartley worked as a salesman until we moved to the farm. I taught one year near London and then took a few years off. Our son, Kivil, was born in Woodstock, Ontario on June 25, 1959. Katherine was born in Winnipeg, May 28, 1961.

When we moved to the farm I began teaching again. I taught one year in Treherne and then in the fall of 1964 I was at Hartford School. January of 1965 found me once again on a new staff in a new building, The Rossendale Consolidated School. I continued in the position for ten years.

When we began farming, Hartley established a herd of Aberdeen Angus cattle. Starting in 1975 he began to switch to Limousin, one of the exotic breeds recently imported from Europe. He is also involved in grain farming. Getting started in farming would have been much more difficult for us if it hadn't been for the invaluable

help of Hartley's uncle, Andy Henry, who was always ready with a helping hand.

As they were growing up Kivil and Kathy became involved in 4H and baseball. They also became involved in extra-curricular activities at MacGregor High School. After leaving high school Kivil and Kathy both attended the University of Manitoba. At the present time Kivil is working part time and taking courses at the University of Winnipeg. Kathy is still at the U. of M.

Included in the land which we own are the north west quarter of 28-9-9, which was originally homesteaded by Hartley's greatgrandfather in 1889, and the north east quarter of 32-9-9, which his grandfather Simon Henry homesteaded in the same year.

JACK WRIGHT FAMILY

Jack, Ettie and family arrived in Rossendale in October of 1960 from McConnel, Manitoba. Jack was the C.N.R. section foreman and they lived in the C.N.R. section house. They had a family of five girls and three boys.

Edith attended Rossendale High and MacGregor Collegiate schools. She married Tom Howe and is now divorced. Edith teaches school in Portage.

Margaret attended Rossendale schools. She married Jim Sherb. They live in Brandon where she is a Psychiatric nurse.

Bill attended Rossendale elementary school and married Marlene Parkinson. He works in Property Management in Winnipeg.

Barbara attended school in Rossendale elementary and married Obby Cavers. Barbara is an office manager in Winnipeg.

Christopher attended Rossendale elementary. He married Yvette Zimmerman and is an optician living in Estevan, Sask.

Irene began her schooling in Rossendale. She married Real Freynet. She is a hydro research assistant in Winnipeg.

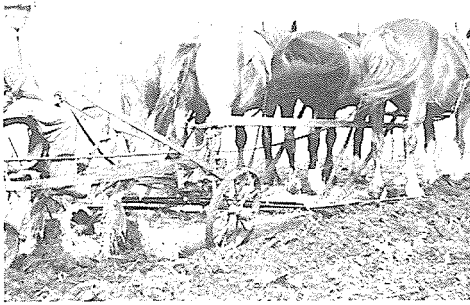
Debra was born Nov of 1960 and is taking teacher training in Brandon.

Robbie was born after they left the district and is taking his grade twelve in Glenora.

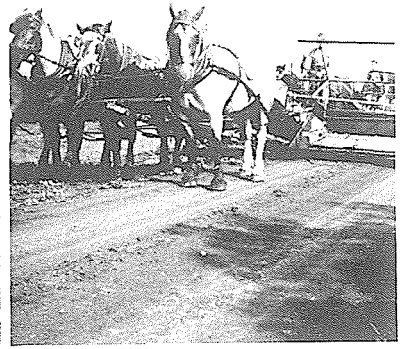
The family took part in 4-H activities and curling.

Edith went to the United Nations Seminar in July, 1961, as a delegate from Rossendale High School.

Jack and Ettie are divorced. Jack is re-married and lives in Winnipeg. Ettie lives in Glenora.



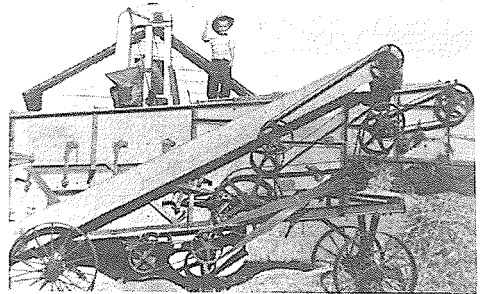
Ed Schroeder plowing



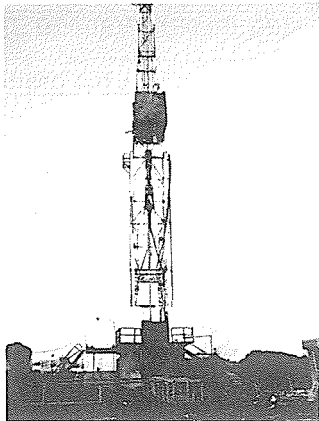
Horse drawn binder
Note - nose guards on horses



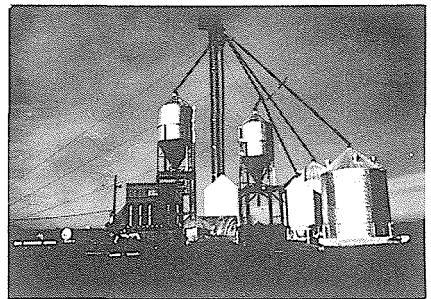
Roy Lyall



Threshing machine in the 1930's



Drilling for oil on J. McCulloch Farm



Grain Drying Plant in Rossendale



Loading round hay bales



Outfit of mules



Drumon's bucksawing wood



Dave Moffat discing



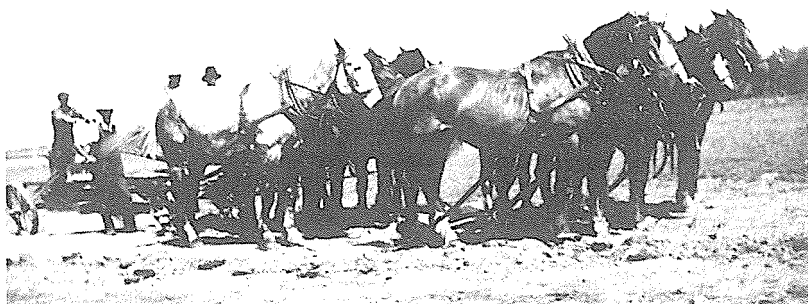
Roy Lyall with combine in 1940's



Modern round baler



Stacking sheaves in 1915

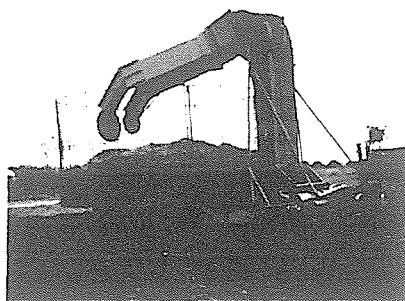
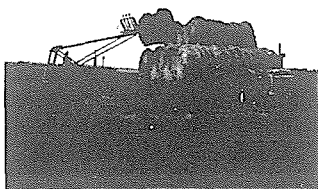


Eight horse tandem hitch on roadgrader



Albert Drumon hauling wood

Garry Culbert loading bales



Jim Dixon's hay stacker



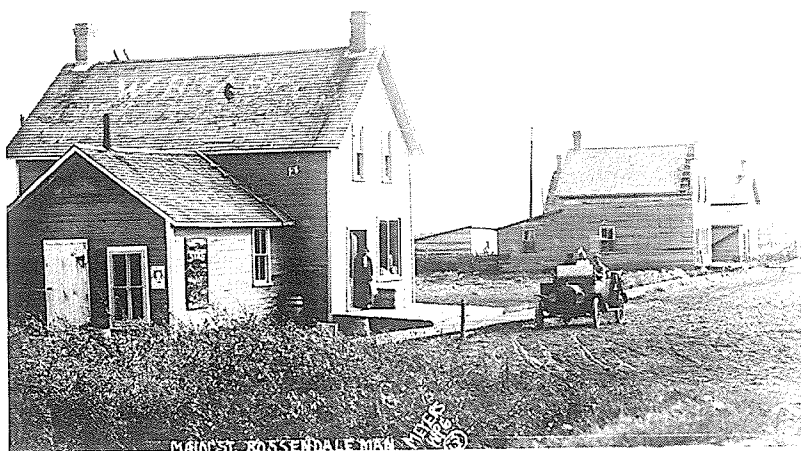
Bill Moffat with combine and truck



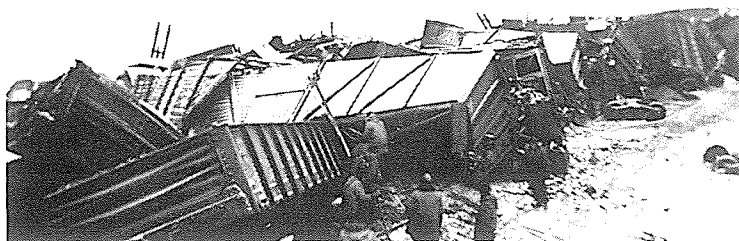
Canadian Northern Train



Mules hauling grain wagon



W. Brass store of Rossendale



Train wreck



Horses and democrat



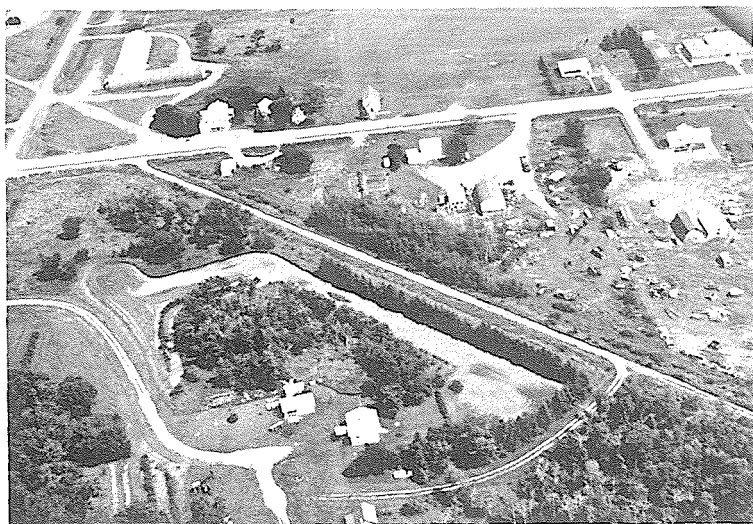
Rossendale Street Scene



Rossendale in the early 1900's



Scenes of Rossendale 1982



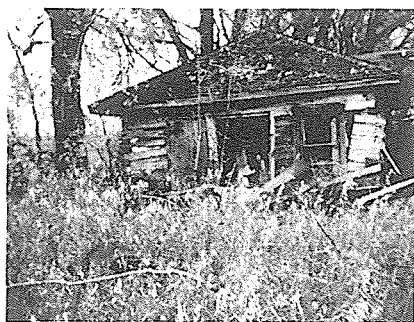
Scenes of Rossendale 1982



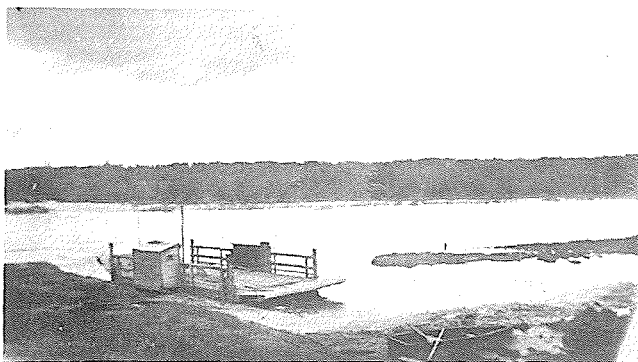
Because of the geographical location, the run-off water from the hills in the spring has to pass in a northeasterly direction. A sudden thaw after a winter of heavy snowfall causes flooding in and around the village of Rossendale.



Phil Chapman House



One of the early homes in Rossendale



Hird's Ferry



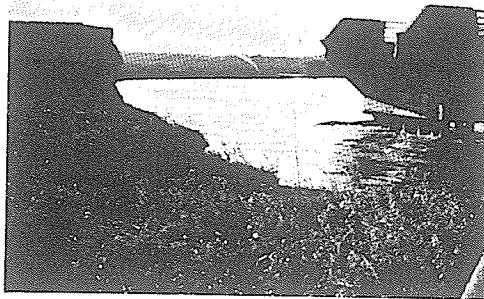
Bill Moffat with swather, 1970's



Road 242 washed out in 1979 flood



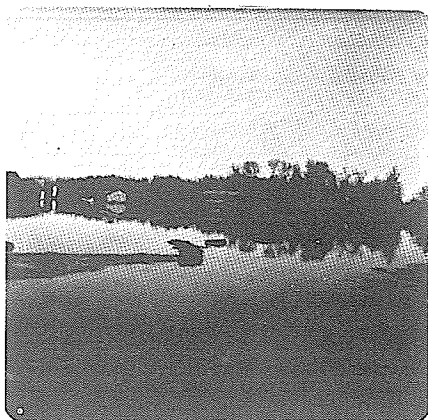
Bridge over the Assiniboine
on 242, flood in 1976



Bridge out, same flood



Culbert Equipment, tractor and disc, 1982

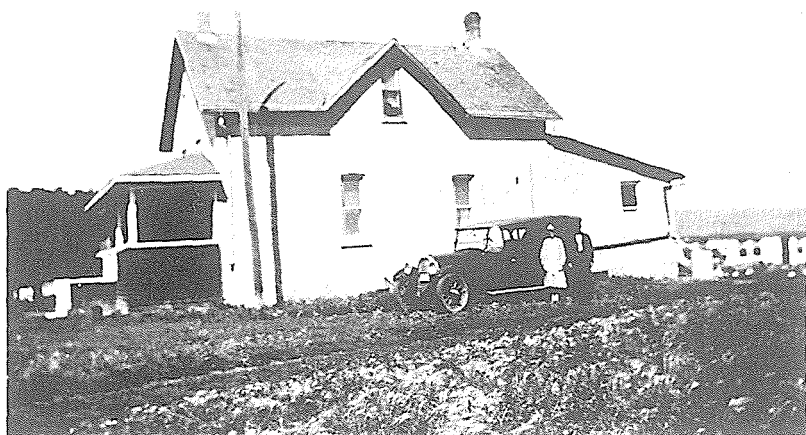


Flooding around 1979,
Kenny Rintoul's House



Road Grader, 1982

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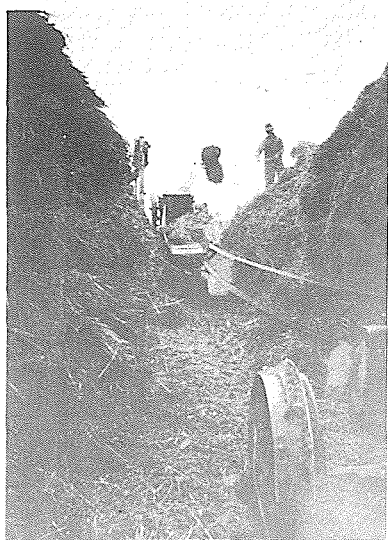
Russell Love's House



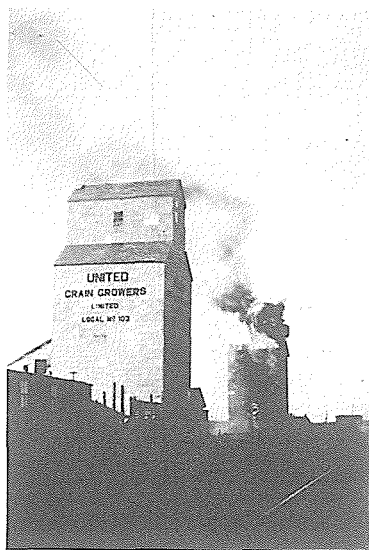
Russ Cook's Family with 1914 Studebaker



Stacking Sheaves, 1920's



Threshing



Grain Elevator fire



Threshing machines around 1915



Threshing machines



Ladies Aid Groups



Ball Team

*Back Row - Bill Pritchard, Roy Charlton, Bill Henry, Ross Jardine
Second Row - Cliff McDonald, Ray Sawyer, Earl Sawyer, Jim Landers
Front Row - John McDonald, Art Sawyer and Tom Jardine*



Oxen threshing fields



Field with cords of wood by railway



Horse & mule team

Other residents of the Rossendale District who were unfortunately unable to submit a history.

Alexander
Ackerman
Adair - elevator agent
Anderson - ice cream
Assenmacher
Andruzkow

Brown
Brennan
Bell
Buchannan
Becket
Bolan
Black
Bauder
Bright
Blackmore
Burton
Buhr
Blackford

Cockles
Carnes
Coughill
Cann
Crossen
Charlton
Cooper

Down
Dowler - storekeeper
Downey
Dyck

Estabrook - blacksmith
Edinger

Fry - butcher
Forbes
Friesen
Freir
Faulk
Fleury
Fisher

Graham

Gammel
Geddis
Galbraith
Hamilton
Hancock
Holyck
Heppner
Homonick
Haight - C.N.R. agent
Henry
Hill
Holly
Holroyd
Homes
Howe
Jones
Johnson
Jeffrey

Kuhl
Kelly
Kushner
Keys
Knox
Kandall
Kulba

Laporte
Lockhart
Lavalee
Loucks - harness shop
Linklater
Lundy
Lucyk
Lamb
Lloyd
Laye

McMillan
McKenzie
Murray - blacksmith
Mahan - pool room
McLean
McCourester
Mewdale
McLelland
Marlow