

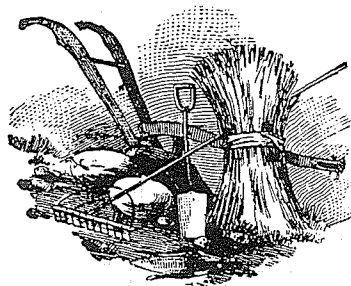
# MUNICIPAL



*Municipality of Cornwallis*

1884 Centennial 1984

# MEMORIES



*"Delving in the past of anywhere  
And gathering items here and there  
Then sorting fact from fiction  
Hoping for results beyond prediction  
And when all is said and done  
you can't, you know, please everyone."*

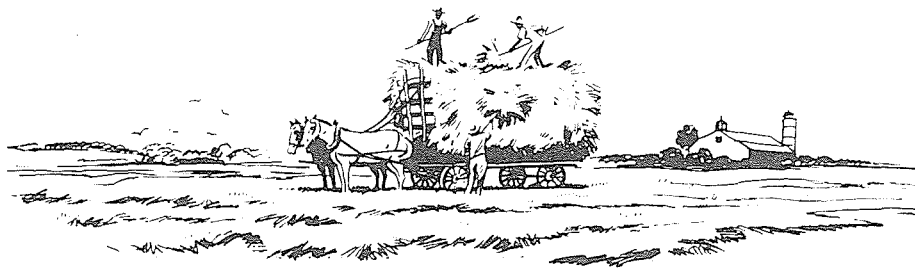
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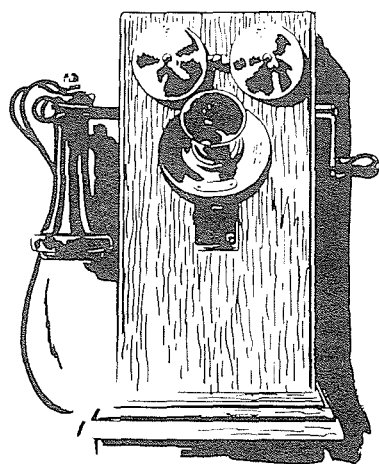




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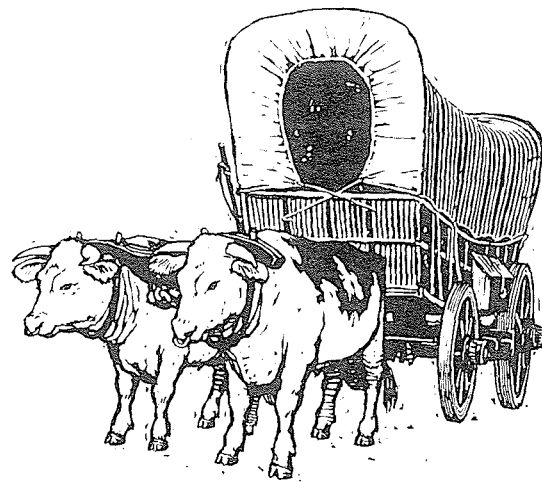
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## DEDICATION

As we the history book committee for the R.M. of Cornwallis are preparing material for a history book telling the stories, the joys and the hardships of our early pioneers, we have come to appreciate all of the luxuries we now have in this good land of Canada. We have enjoyed delving into the past, reading and talking to our senior citizens and trying to relive in our minds some of the historic events that happened as they made their homes in a very lonely and deserted Brandon area. We find that we have learned much and have learned to appreciate those who turned the sods, built the log cabins, churches and schools and laid the foundation for our homes and very productive farm establishments.

This book owes much to many people, all of whom are capable of making mistakes but all of whom have tried to be accurate in their dates and stories. Much of the material had to have estimated dates as records were not always kept. We have not judged the worth of an individual by the space given in this book, some were most modest and some found story telling much easier than others. Our

book committee has worked very hard with personal contacts, phone calls and visits. All were a joy to those participating.

We wish to thank the following:

those who contributed family histories and did much research in getting material

those who spent hours putting ideas and material into interesting stories

those who got pictures, filed, edited, proof read and assembled the material

those who loaned very precious pictures

to the Harris Simpson's who let us use their basement for most of the winter to spread out and assemble the pages of our book

those who went over the books of the R.M. of Cornwallis for special material and to those who searched in the archives and land title office, we thank you

to everyone who will buy a book to keep a permanent memory of this R.M. of Cornwallis and of its past and present pioneers

If this book brings back memories and inspires young and old to be proud of our heritage and the land we hold so dear, all of our dreams will have come true.

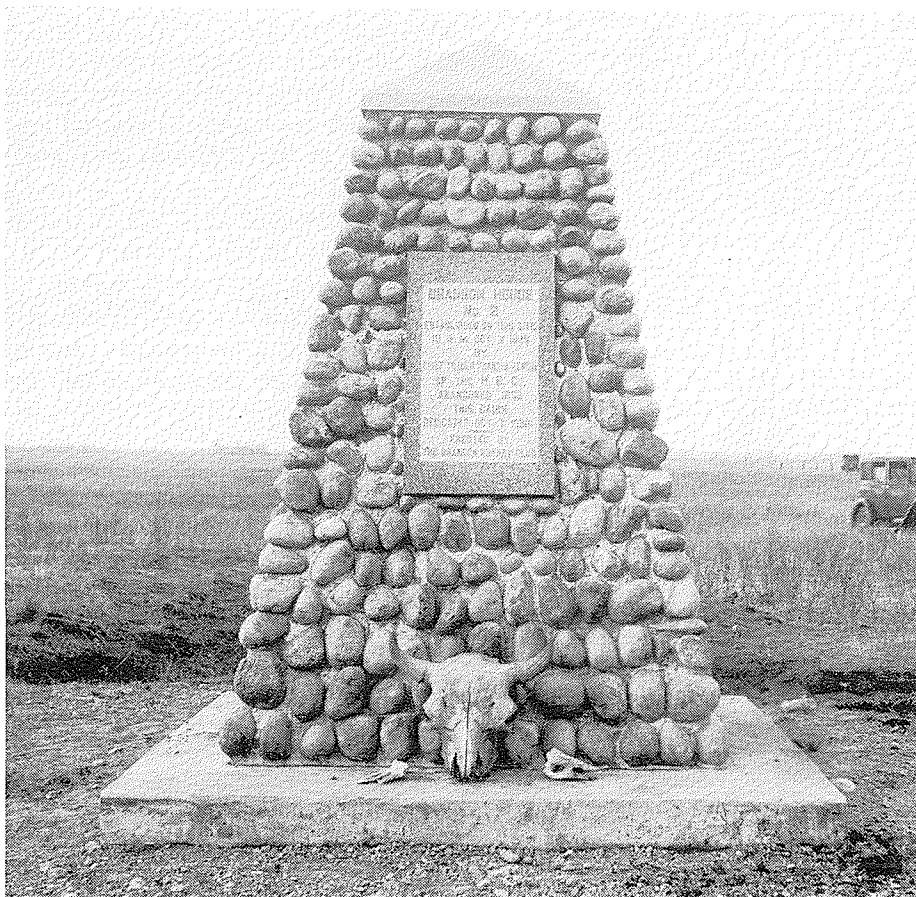




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*This cairn, typical of many throughout Manitoba, was erected in 1928 as a dedication to Brandon House No. 2. It is located in Ward 1, two miles west of Waggle Springs SE of Shilo.*



## MUNICIPAL GREETINGS

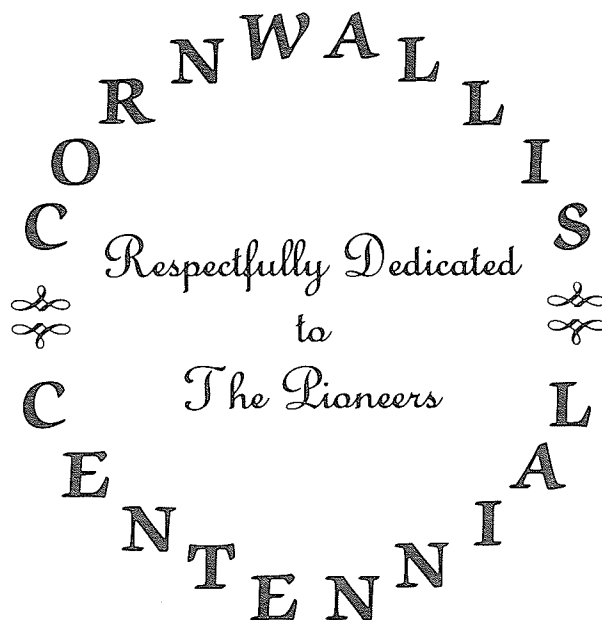
As Reeve of the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis, I would like to convey a few thoughts on this our Centennial.

Congratulations to the individuals and Committees that worked so efficiently to make this a memorable Centennial. I would like to add my personal thanks, and I am sure, those of our citizens.

For those of this generation, I suggest that you reflect on the endeavors and achievements of the pioneers, who, as a result of their dreams, were instrumental in bringing them to reality for us to enjoy. For those of you in future generations who may be reading this, I ask that you do not judge us too harshly, if it seems that the earlier spirit and effort seems to have faded. We have nevertheless had good intentions, and carried these out to the best of our ability, and I wish for you that our Lord will make your burdens much lighter.

F. Weisgerber  
Reeve

The Rural Municipality of Cornwallis



Do not forget the things your eyes have seen nor let them slip from your heart, tell them to your children and your children's children.

— Deut. 4:9



# Centennial Celebrations 1983

One of the most important social and historic event being planned is the celebration of the municipality's Centennial year, which takes place in 1984. Council selected a citizen committee to advise Council of the manner in which this great historic occasion should be celebrated. Council also appointed a study committee to look into the relocation of the office facility as the existing rented office facility must be vacated by August of 1983. The committee report favoured the construction of office space, rather than leasing, due to the high cost of leased property, which, in most cases, did not offer adequate parking spaces. Council then decided to accept the recommendation of the committee and construction commenced on September 14, 1982. The new facility will be located slightly north of what is commonly known as the

Low Road to Shilo, and more historically accurate as the Grand Valley Road on Part of the South West Quarter of Section 30-10-18 WPM.

The new building will consist of approximately 5,000 square feet of combined administration offices, Council chambers, and public meeting room, and will be of concrete construction, buried in the hillside, with only the southern side exposed. The building has been designed to conserve energy, and reduce long term maintenance costs; with the front face being equipped with passive solar panels to capture the heat of the sun's rays.

Land has been provided by the Province of Manitoba, in the same area, which will be used for a Centennial park, and will provide recreation and family enjoyment for citizens for years to come.

## MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

F. Weisgerber, Reeve  
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Don Hargreaves, W2  
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Ron Schaeffer, W4  
Lyll Brown, W5  
Joe McCabe, W6  
Mrs. C.E. McDougall, Sec. Treas.



# CORNWALLIS . . .

## IN THE BEGINNING

*The following research has been done by Wayne and Gladys Woodman and Fred and Isabelle Gerry.*

*Any information pertaining to the Municipality has been taken from the records of the Municipality of Cornwallis.*

### CORNWALLIS

In the beginning . . . . .

#### 46 & 47 VICTORIA CAP. I

An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the Division of the Province of Manitoba into Counties and Municipalities, and Judicial Districts, and for the government of the same.

(Assented to 7th July, 1883.)

Whereas it is expedient to divide the Province of Manitoba into Counties (and to form Municipalities therein) and to provide for the government of the same, in order to meet the requirements of the rapid settlement of the country, and for the purpose of making the various divisions of the Province coterminous.

Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Manitoba, enacts as follows:

#### PART I COUNTIES

1. The Province of Manitoba shall be divided into Counties for the purpose hereinafter mentioned as follows:

1) . . . . .

#### MUNICIPALITIES OF THE COUNTY OF BRANDON

. . . 38) The **County of Brandon** shall be divided into **Municipalities** as follows:

#1 - To be known as the **Municipality of Oakland**, shall comprise townships 7 and 8, ranges 17, 18, and 19 west.

#2 - To be known as the **Municipality of Glenwood**, shall comprise townships 7 and 8, ranges 20, 21, and 22 west.

#3 - To be known as the **Municipality of Whitehead**, shall comprise townships 9 and 10, ranges 20, 21 and 22, west.

#4 - To be known as the **Municipality of Cornwallis**, shall comprise townships 9 and 10, ranges 17, 18 and 19, west.

#5 - To be known as the **Municipality of**

**Elton**, shall comprise townships 11 and 12, ranges 17, 18 and 19, west.

#6 - To be known as the **Municipality of Daly**, shall comprise townships 11 and 12, ranges 20, 21 and 22, west.

#7 - The **City of Brandon** as incorporated.

PROCLAIMED — November 16, 1883.

EFFECTIVE — DECEMBER 22, 1883. —  
INCORPORATED.

#### & S.M. 47 VICTORIA 1884, Cap. 11, Sec. 36 (4)

— The Municipality of Cornwallis shall comprise townships 9 and 10, ranges 17, 18 and 19, west.

Assented to April 29, 1884.

Proclaimed by Sec. 481 of said Act.

Effective May 15, 1884.

**Note:** In the Statutes of 1883 — Cap. 1 — Sec. #38 — the **Municipality of Cornwallis** was written as the **Municipality of Carmalis** — a clerical error.

Prior to the Proclamation of Statutes of Manitoba passed in 1883, establishing the Counties, the 1882 records show that the **Council of the County of Brandon** consisted of the following:

**Reeve Pettit** of Daly, **Reeve Clegg** of Elton, **Reeve Whitehead** of Cornwallis, **Reeve Steele** of Glenwood and **Reeve Hannah** of Whitehead.

**County Solicitor** — W.A. McDonald,  
**County Clerk** — J. Weatherall and the **County Engineer** — J.H. Brownlee.



**County Council, County of Brandon (1882)**

Back Row: **Reeve Pettit** of Daly Municipality; **Reeve Clegg** of Elton Municipality; **Reeve Whitehead** of Cornwallis Municipality. Front Row: **Reeve Steele** of Glenwood Municipality; **W.A. MacDonald** — County Solicitor (Justice, Supreme Court of British Columbia); **Reeve Hannah** of Whitehead Municipality; **J. Weatherall** — County Clerk; **J.H. Brownlee** — County Engineer.



The Municipality of Cornwallis was named after a professional Surveyor, who was on the staff of General Ross, who was given the assignment to survey the area by the British Government in the period before Canada became a nation.

(Canadian Institute of Anomostic Sciences,  
Wpg., Man.)

The first meeting to actually organize the governing of the Municipality of Cornwallis was held on January 8, 1884 at Chater, Man.

**Excerpts are taken from the following meetings:**

**Chater, Man. Jan. 8, 1884.**

As required by the Statutes, the Council met on the second Tuesday of January with the Reeve Charles Whitehead in the Chair.

The following Councillors having subscribed to the Declaration, took their seats at the Board.

The first business before the Council being the appointment of a Clerk and Treasurer it was — Moved by Mr. D. McKelvie, seconded by Mr. J. Baker, that Mr. George Halse be appointed Clerk and Treasurer for this Municipality and that a By-law be prepared confirming the same.

Moved in amendment by Mr. J.W. Stewart, seconded by Mr. H. Cardiff that Mr. Hobbs be Clerk.

For the Amendment: Yeas: Stewart, Cardiff  
Nays: McKelvie, Baker and Whitehead

Lost.

For the Motion: Yeas: McKelvie, Baker and Whitehead  
Nays: Stewart, Cardiff

Carried.

The original motion having carried, a By-law was prepared appointing Mr. George H. Halse Clerk and Treasurer, and being brought before the Board in its three readings the —

Yeas: Baker, McKelvie and Whitehead

Nays: Stewart, Cardiff

... on passing its third reading was numbered By-law #1 and signed by the Reeve.

George Halse then signing the Declaration of office, assumed his duties as Clerk.

**A second meeting was held on Jan. 23, 1884.**

The Council met at twelve o'clock at McVicar's Hotel with the Reeve in the chair.

Present Councillors — Baker, Cardiff and McKelvie. Messrs. Gray and Elder after subscribing to the Declaration of Office as Councillors also assumed their seats at the Board.

The Minutes of the last meeting were then read and adopted.

Communications were then received from Robt. Smith and J.M. Minaker asking for positions as Assessors; also from B. Mitchell and fifteen others asking that a bridge be built west of 10-9-19. Moved by

Baker, seconded by Gray that the latter be laid over for further consideration.

Moved by McKelvie, seconded by Baker that a by-law be prepared appointing J. Cameron for Assessor for Township 10, Ranges 17, 18, 19 west and D.D. Young for Township 9, Ranges 17, 18, 19 west.

Carried.

Moved by Baker, seconded by Cardiff, that Assessors salary be Fifty-four Dollars each.

Carried.

Moved by Cardiff, seconded by Gray that the Assessors return their roll to the Clerk by the first day of April, 1884.

Carried.

**By-law #2** was passed with the above information contained within.

Moved by McKelvie, seconded by Baker that the Clerk be empowered to purchase Minute Book, Assessors rolls, stationery blanks and the Seal.

Carried.

Moved by Elder, seconded by McKelvie that our meetings in future be held in the City of Brandon Council Chambers on the first Wednesday of each month and that the Reeve and Clerk interview the Brandon City Council as to what they will charge for each meeting, and bring their report to the next meeting.

Carried.

Moved by Cardiff, seconded by Gray that the fee for each Councillor for each meeting will be two dollars and ten cents per mile — one way.

Carried.

Moved by McKelvie, seconded by Elder that Councillors report on all structures in respective wards as to repairs necessary in order to protect same from Spring freshets.

Carried.

Moved by McKelvie, seconded by Baker that the Clerks salary for 1884 be two hundred and fifty dollars.

Carried.

Moved by McKelvie, seconded by Baker that at our next meeting the Clerk furnish to the Council satisfactory security in the amount of three thousand dollars.

Carried.

**February 19, 1884.**

A Special Meeting was called. The Council met in Messrs. Pondur and Bromlee's office.

Present: Reeve Whitehead; Councillors Cardiff, Baker and McKelvie.

The Reeve explained that this meeting was called for the purpose of laying before the Council, the steps taken by the County Council in reference to the debt owing to the Merchants Bank by the Municipality of Brandon.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed.

McKelvie — Baker — Made the motion that a bylaw be framed empowering the Reeve and Clerk to sign and attach seal to a note at sixty days with Municipalities of Daly, Elton, Oakland and Whitehead for the sum of Sixty-six Hundred and Thirty-four Dollars and seventy-one cents (\$6634.71) to liquidate the debt of the Municipalities which formerly formed the Municipality of Brandon.

Carried. (By-law #3)

At meetings held on March 5 and 6th, 1884, in the City Council Chambers, the following bylaws were passed:

Bylaw 4 — to divide the Municipality of Cornwallis into divisions or Wards.

Bylaw 5 — to define duties of \*Pathmasters and to regulate Statutes of Labour.

Bylaw 6 — to appoint Pathmasters

Bylaw 7 — to provide for public pounds, and to provide for the distribution of cattle running at large and appraising of the damages.

Bylaw 8 — to appoint Appraisers for the year 1884.

Bylaw 9 — to appoint Pound-keepers.

Bylaw 10 — to provide for the reception of School Petitions.

Bylaw 11 — to provide for the preservation of Public Morals and the observance of Sundays.

Bylaw 12 — to appoint a Solicitor.

Bylaw 13 — authorizing the borrowing of \$800.00 and giving a promissory note as security.

Bylaw 14 — Dividing the south half of Township 10, range 18 into three road divisions.

Bylaw 15 — Dividing the east half of Township 9, range 18 into three road divisions.

Bylaw 16 — Authorizing and issuing a promissory note to JA Smart for \$145.00 with interest at 10% for wire for fencing the new road going through his property.

Bylaw 17 — Issuing a note to AJ Gerry for \$225.00 as compensation for two horses shot by U.S. — the horses having been affected by Glanders.

\* The duties of a Pathmaster, who was appointed by Council, — That he shall add to the ward list (which was given to him by Council) all the names of the male residents between the ages of 21 and 60 who are not rated on the Assessment Roll.

The Pathmaster had to give eight days notice to the Resident, of the time and place that they would be required to perform their Statute Labour. Pathmasters had power to order a man to bring his team, wagon, plough or whatever tools that were needed to perform his duty. A days labor was an eight hour shift inclusive of time travelled to and from work. Hours 8:00-12:00 pm and 2:00-6:00 pm. Pathmasters kept a list of time and work performed and the amount to be paid to the individual, for the Municipal office records.

#### APRIL 2, 1884

McKELVIE-BAKER — That the petition of WD Matheson and others praying for the formation of a School District, comprising the following Sections 'viz' 25, 26, 27, 28 — 33, 34, 35, 36 of Township 9, range 19W and — Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, — 9, 10, 11, 12 of Township 10, range 19W to be called the

Cornwallis School District to be complied with and that the Reeve issue his order for the first meeting to be held at the house of C. Whitehead, Esq. on Wednesday, 9th inst. at the hour of 10:00 a.m.

Carried.

In July of 1885, Reeve Whitehead lost office, due to absence from meetings. Mr. D. McKelvie acted as chairman in the interim until Hon. Sifton was elected Reeve by acclamation; but Sifton was denied the right to act by the Judicial Board, and the Municipality of Cornwallis was defranchised. Records do not indicate the effect of the latter action but they do show the Council continued to function. By the end of 1886 there were well over 15 schools in operation in the Municipality of Cornwallis.

In an article which appeared on June 29, 1889 the Brandon Sun reported:

The Municipality of Cornwallis is peopled by settlers from all other provinces of Canada, also from England, Scotland, Wales and the USA. For years after Mr. Roddick's settlement there was no municipal organizations and now the Municipality is assessed at nearly three quarters of a million. The Municipality is well adapted for mixed farming and due to elevation changes it produces good crops whether the season is wet or dry. Another special advantage is the proximity of lasting supply of timber for fuel in the ravines and streams and the surrounding Brandon Hills.

During the first ten to twenty years, the Municipal Council enacted legislation to improve the conditions and maintenance of the road system. Grades were built by means of Slush Scrapers, dragged first across the low spots in the roads and later to span the whole length. The building and maintenance of the bridges; bridges were of timber construction and were usually built by the ratepayers, under the supervision of Council Statute Labour; — grants to the Wards of the Municipality for public improvements; welfare for those in need; allotments to taxpayers for seed and gopher poison; control of noxious weeds; hail and wind damage, etc. as well as the formation of new school districts.

#### APPOINTMENT OF PATHMASTERS: 1884

Tully Elder  
J.M. Minaker  
James Davis  
Epp Harris  
William Currie  
Robert Baker  
George Woodcock  
S.S. Phillips  
John Croston  
J.G. Doran  
Sam Jury  
J.M. Cameron

Thomas Waddington  
Peter Taylor  
Hugh McPherson  
Robert Rowan  
H.S. Bushill  
Sam Coxe  
R. Huston  
W. Franklin  
A.T. Marshall  
William McClandish  
John McFadzen



1885

J. Bruner  
S. Thompson  
D. Mitchell  
W.W. Gerry  
G.W. Dixon  
W. Little  
J.A. Lewis  
J. VanTassell  
F. Tigar  
H. Houston  
W. Murgatroyd  
A.J. Bromley  
G. Woodcock  
J. Smith  
D. Wiggins  
O. Harris  
J. Duff

J. Maher  
A. Cowan  
W.H. Dunbar  
R. Rowan  
J.G. Doran  
T.D. Woodhall  
J. Croston  
J.M. Cameron  
S. Jory  
W. Gray  
J. Leech  
R. Smyth  
D. Nicol  
H. Reed  
A. Foster  
D.R. Roddick

## EARLY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

First school house —

**Roddick School House (16-9-18)**

CORNWALLIS  
GLEN SOURIS  
CHATER  
LAWRENCE  
GRAND VALLEY  
LESLIE  
ROSELAND  
CAMPBELL  
ROWAN  
BLOOMSBURY  
BEECHER

BRANDON HILLS  
LITTLE SOURIS  
GORRIE  
CURRIES LANDING  
POPLAR HILL  
EAST BRANDON  
BLYTH  
DOUGLAS  
AWEMA  
EURANIA

**First school Inspector — Mr. Wellwood.**

**ELECTION 1886:**

**RETURNING OFFICER — George Halse**

Polls	Deputy Returning Officer
Ward 1 — Glen Souris School House	S. Thomson
Ward 2 — Brandon Hills School House	H. Laurant
Ward 3 — Little Souris School House	J.W. Lowes
Ward 4 — House of J.W. Stewart	R.H. Houston
Ward 5 — Chater School House	T.D. Woodcock
Ward 6 — House of H.W. Speers	H.W. Speers

**1890 — Lowes-Waddington ----** That the amount of \$500.00 be granted to the BUILDING of a GENERAL HOSPITAL in the City of Brandon, on condition of \$6,000.00 being paid by the City of Brandon, and the other Municipalities contribute to the building fund. Two thirds of the amount to be paid as the work progresses and the balance when the building is completed. Carried.

**1893 —** A presentation of \$65.00 was given to Reeve George Roddick who was retiring from office.

**1894 —** Pathmasters were also appointed to act as **Weed Inspectors.**

**1908 — Gerry-Abey ----** That the Clerk be instructed to have Bylaw 108 amended to read as follows: A LEGAL FENCE in the Municipality of Cornwallis shall not be less than four feet high posts, not more than sixteen and half feet apart, of fair size and in good condition; not less than four strands of twisted barbed wire as follows: bottom wire twelve inches from the ground, second wire twelve inches from the first, third wire twelve inches from the second, and fourth wire twelve inches from the third. All to be well strung and firmly stapled. Any other woven wire fence, equal to the above shall be deemed a legal fence in this Municipality. Carried.

At this time, APPRAISERS were appointed to act as **Fence Viewers** to make sure the bylaw was carried out.

**1910 — Shields-Rowe ----** That the Council learned with deep regret of the decease of the Reverend George Roddick, who was in the year 1881, the first Reeve of the County of Brandon and afterwards, Reeve of the Municipality of Cornwallis from 1886 to the year 1893; both of which offices he filled in the most able and upright manner, and who was at all times a wise counsellor and a christian gentleman and extend on behalf of the Municipality a note of sincere condolences to the family and relatives of the deceased in their bereavement. Carried.

## 1898 COUNCIL

Order in picture unknown. Reeve, Geo. Halse; Sec. Treas., E.J. Barclay; Councillors: Ward 1, H. Kneeshaw; 2, H. McPherson; 3, C. Koester; 4, F. Smith; 5, A. Leslie; 6, Mr. Henry.



**1911** — Contractor Koester notified the Municipal Council that the bridges across Willow Creek and Little Souris River were now completed.

The Declaration of War in Europe in 1914 proved a devastating and frightening experience to all in Canada. The call to arms was answered by young men across the country. Men and women at home were soon working hard to stand behind their soldiers, sailors and airmen with supply of food, clothing and supplying of war equipment. Cornwallis was no exception; many of its sons had enlisted. Red Cross groups were formed, and organizations started to knit, sew, make quilts, etc., and the men contributed with "paper, bones, and metal drives" to help raise money for the war effort.

Following World War 1, it was back to the Land Issues and began the grading of major roads within the Municipality. Applications were made to the Government for assistance in the building of new concrete bridges and the construction and gravelling on the following highways; Assiniboine Road, Douglas Road, Victoria Ave. W., McKelvie Road and the Brandon Hills Road.

**1922 — Baker-Stewart** ---- The Council of Cornwallis will set as a wage for all work done on roads — shall be:

.75¢ an hour — one man and four horses

.55¢ an hour — one man and two horses

.30¢ an hour — one man

Nine hours to be a working day and no conveyances will be paid by the Municipality to and from work. Carried.

Rates for drawing Gravel: .45¢ per square yard for first half mile and .08¢ per square yard for every additional quarter mile travelled.

Firemen Received:

.45¢ an hour when he has four men or more working under him.

.40¢ an hour when he has less than four men.



**COUNCIL 1925**

Back Row — Left to Right: J.D. Stewart — Councillor; A.P. Wilton — Councillor; J.C. Murray — Sec.-Treas.; W.H. Baker — Councillor; Ed Slator — Councillor. Seated — Left to Right: Walter Gerry — Assessor; Allan Leslie — Reeve; C. Wardell — Councillor.

**1934 — Morgan-Slator** ---- Council now assembled do hereby grant the Clerk, Miss F.M. Johnson the weekly half holiday (Wednesday) during the months of May, June and July.

Carried.

**1935** — November — As no nominations were received from Ward 6, and as Mr. Slator's term had expired, the office was left vacant. This situation existed from 1935 to 1939.

**1938 — Morgan-Medd** ---- Council do hereby agree to move their office from the Smith Block to Room 7, Royal Bank Building on the terms stated in a letter dated May 28, 1938 — being \$15.00 per month rent, including heat and the use of the vault, and do hereby amend Bylaw 537 dated June 12, 1936.

**1940 — Medd-Morgan** ---- do hereby give permission to City of Brandon to lay a waterpipe from Anglo Canadian Oil Refinery to the Municipal Cemetery. Carried.

**1942 — Morgan-Medd** ---- do hereby authorize the Reeve and Sec. Treas. to sign the agreement with His Majesty the King in connection with a sewer line from Camp Shilo to the Assiniboine River. Carried.

**1945 — Medd-Gerry** ---- do hereby agree to have NE 10-10-19W, now owned by the City of Brandon, incorporated into City Limits, with the understanding the same be used for Rural Rehabilitation Purposes. Carried. (VLA holdings)

**Medd-Fardoe** ---- do hereby by consent to the application made by the Brandon Golf and Country Club to have the following land included in the City limits and to also have a certain portion of the road closed. Carried.

**Fardoe-Medd** ---- do hereby agree to grant Roseland Community Centre sum of Twenty Dollars for purposes of helping to erect a skating rink, etc. Carried.

**Fardoe-Kent** ---- do hereby agree to present Mrs. F.M. Ferguson with a bonus of Fifty Dollars for her long service as Secretary Treasurer. Carried.

**Kent-Fardoe** ---- that a presentation of an Easy Chair and a Trilight lamp to Reeve A.P. Wilton on his retirement. Carried.

**1946 — Campbell-Richardson** ---- do hereby agree to install three lights in the Village of Chater and power for the same to be paid by the Municipality. Carried.

**Kent-Wilkinson** ---- do hereby agree to rent to the Skeet Club c/o S.F. Roberts — Block 13 in Plan 285 at Twenty Dollars a year, and that the Municipality will not be responsible for any damage or accidents in connection with this Club.

**1947** — After a discussion between Committee from the Brandon Fire Department and the Council of Cornwallis — It was decided to pay the City of

Brandon the sum of Three Hundred Dollars for year 1948 for fire protection for sub-division residents adjoining the City of Brandon. The district was in the Local Improvement Area formed in the summer of 1947. Resolution by Medd-Campbell to the above. Carried.

**1948 — Kent-Wilkinson ----** do hereby agree to express its complete approval of Plans of Brandon Syndicate headed by J.B. Craig to acquire and operate Radio Station CKX; it being felt that the operation of the station by people residing in Western Manitoba will meet with the endorsement of all our radio listeners. Carried.

**1950 —** Council agree that a Mr. Williams not be allowed to remain in his "residence" under the bridge west of Sec. 35-10-19. He had blocked off one end of the bridge and had lived under there during the past winter. If the above refuses to move, a charge will laid for damages done to the bridge by his open fires for cooking and heating.

**1953 — Wilkinson-McRae ----** do hereby agree to sell Lots 1/20 and 30/40 in Block 20, Plan 18 — to the Chater Ball Club for the sum of One Hundred Dollars. Municipality will pay costs of having the lanes closed. Carried.  
(Council had recinded June Resolution re renting of above property to the Club.)

**Kent-Mardsen ----** do hereby agree to have the Secretary write a letter to the City of Brandon stating that Cornwallis is not interested in a discussion re — City of Brandon incorporating any portion of Cornwallis subdivision adjacent to the City. Carried.

**1955 —** Presentations were made to the retiring Councillors (Sixteen Years service) Mr. J.S. Kent — a set of luggage; Mr. J.A. Richardson — a watch. Miss Dorothy Bowlby, working out of the Cornwallis office, looked after the T.B. restricted area on behalf of Cornwallis.

**1956 — Marsden-Wilkinson ----** do hereby agree to draft a By-law to control trailers and trailer sites in the Municipality of Cornwallis. Carried.

**Elder-Campbell ----** do hereby agree to pass application of Hutterite Colony to form a new School district within the boundaries of Glen Souris and Blyth School Districts and to be known as the Beecher District #2354. Carried.

A presentation to Allen Wilkinson, Councillor for Ward 2 — a watch for eleven years of faithful service.

**1957 — Brown-Campbell ----** hereby agree to allow Great Northern Gas Utilities to increase pipe sizes from eight to ten inches for the entire Transmission Line to the Hydro Electric Steam Plant. Carried

**Marsden-Brown ----** hereby agree to pay the City of Brandon the sum of Six Hundred Dollars for

fire protection in the Municipality. Carried

**Marsden-Campbell ----** hereby agree to set Trailer Fees at and for the sum of Five Dollars per month per unit; tourists to be allowed sixty days; any person securing employment will be liable the day the trailer is located in the Municipality. Carried.

**1958 — Brown-Campbell ----** do hereby designate Great Northern Gas Utilities Ltd. as the Transmission and distributing company to whom this Municipality will grant franchise to distribute natural gas in Camp Shilo on terms approved by the Military authorities and by the Municipal and Public Utility Board on land described as East half of Sec. 1-10-17W First. Carried.

**1959 —** Letter of authorization from CNR asking if they could remove Wytonville station house as their earnings from passenger and freight are almost nil. The station house is no longer necessary for passenger, freight or express from that point. Councillor Brown to interview ratepayers in that area to get their approval. Agreed.

**1960 — Nicol-McRae ----** to hereby agree to authorize CNR to remove Freight and passenger shelter at Martinville as per this request. Carried

**McRae-Marsden ----** do hereby agree to approve of application of Ducks Unlimited for the erection of two dams on 2-9-18W.

Chapman project #72-81

Deep Valley project #72-80. Carried.

**Elder-Marsden ----** hereby agree to bring certain properties under the Town Planning Scheme — through the Provincial Town Planning Board. All of 11-10-19W with various Plan numbers; this portion to be for Residential and Agricultural purposes. Balance of 35-10-19W and east half of 34-10-19W for Industrial and Agricultural purposes. Carried.

**Marsden-Nicol ----** to hereby approve of Continuation of Plan 974 - Block 35 - Plan 49 - Patmore property, NE 11-10-19 an extension of the subdivision. Carried.

**1961 — Marsden-Campbell ----** hereby agree to approve of Plan of Subdivision drafted by C.E. Brooks on NE¼ 34-10-19W. Carried.

**1962 — Elder-McRae ----** agree to authorize the Ideal Sausage Company to erect a slaughter house, freezer plant and custom killing on Block 11 - Plan 285. Carried.

**Campbell-Richardson ----** hereby agree to pave Victoria Ave. East — north of 18-10-18W for approximate cost of \$16,645.00. Work to be done by Kent Construction and Zenith Paving. (Manitoba Hydro will give grant of \$5,000 towards this project.) Carried.

**Richardson-Elder ----** do hereby agree to accept from Harold Medd, the most westerly - 66 feet of the most easterly 186 - Block 12 - Plan 49 and

the most easterly 66 feet of Block 12 - Plan 49 — to be accepted and used for street and avenue outlet for public street commonly known as Sixth St. and Ottawa Ave. for entrance to the church and housing area. Carried.

**1963 — Richardson-Campbell ----** hereby agree to approve of request of City of Brandon to install a lagoon system on SW¼ 22 and SE¼ 21 in 10-18W. Carried.

**1964 — Marsden-Elder ----** hereby agree that the Municipality of Cornwallis will set up its own Town Planning Scheme covering the entire Municipality of Cornwallis and to co-operate with the City of Brandon and the Municipality of Elton on boundary lines to a depth of 1,320 feet. Carried.

**Campbell-Marsden ----** do hereby agree to grant the City of Brandon permission to lay piping for lagoon — to enter under asphalt road west of the Steam Plant and proceed east on the south side, east to where they cross the river on the north side. Carried.

**1965 — Elder-Campbell ----** do hereby agree to grant Austin Memorial Museum, the sum of \$1000.00 as a Cornwallis Centennial project. Carried.

**Campbell-McRae ----** do hereby agree that having been advised by officials of the Dept. of Industry and Commerce that the J.R. Simplot Co. of Boise, Idaho, USA — has indicated an interest in the possibility of establishing a chemical fertilizer plant in the Municipality of Cornwallis in areas of Sections 16, 17 and 18 in 10-18W and provided the Company decides within thirty days to locate such a plant in this area, the Municipality is prepared to agree to carry out the principles outlined in a memorandum in the Simplot file. Carried.

**Elder-McRae ----** agree to let garbage contract to Overland Constr. Ltd. for a three year period at \$192.66 per week. Overland Constr. to purchase or supply a SaniVan Garbage Packer Truck. Carried.

**1966 — Elder-McRae ----** do hereby agree to authorize Constable R. Lowes to apply to RCMP for a permit to carry firearms for his protection while out on Municipal Constable patrol. Carried.

**Elder-Nicol ---** do hereby agree to authorize the Reeve and Sec. Treas. to sign application of Manitoba Telephone System to bury cable on certain roads in Municipality of Cornwallis as shown on Manitoba Telephone Plan #601. Carried.

**Richardson-Marsden ----** hereby agree to approve of registration the proposed plan of subdivision, submitted on behalf of T. Woods of Shilo — said plan being a portion of NE¼ 12-10-17W. Carried.

**Marsden-McRae ----** do hereby agree to name the Government road west of 18th Street as Government Road West. Carried.

**Marsden-Elder ----** agree to allow Brandon Rifle and Pistol Club to establish a shooting range with ten feet of earth backstop on SW¼ 36-9-19.

Carried.

Before opening a special meeting of June 16th, a minute of silence was observed in memory of the late Reeve D.A. Birdsell.

**Campbell-McRae ----** hereby agree to allow the Brandon Mennonite Brethren Church to acquire the Medd property for the purpose of building a church. Carried.

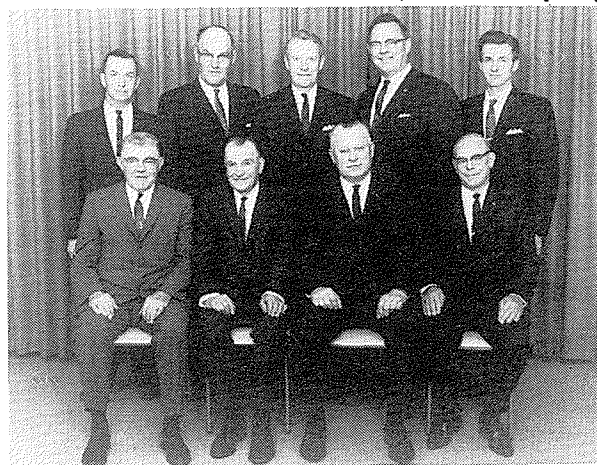
**Jensen-McRae ----** do hereby agree to allow Manitoba Hydro to build a 115 KH frame Transmission Line on the Road Allowance between 28-33, 29-32, 30-31, on 10-19W. Carried.

**Elder-McRae ----** agree to request the Centennial Committee to consider an application of a Centennial program to assist Spruce Woods Community Centre; the granting of \$1,000.00 for this project — providing this request is accepted by the Spruce Woods Centennial Committee. Carried.

**Nicol-Jensen ----** Council now assembled do hereby agree to meet regularly on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. — excepting busy seasons, which would be at the call of the Reeve. Carried.

**Richardson-Elder ----** do agree to host a dinner for the Reeve, Council, Staff and their wives at the North Hill Motel at 6:00 p.m.

Carried. (2nd Xmas party)



Front Row — Left to Right: W. Elder, J. Campbell, Reeve P.G. Marsden, F. Gerry — Secretary-Treasurer. Back Row — Left to Right: W.G. McRae, E. Nicol, H. Jensen, W.R. Woodman — Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, N. Richardson.

**1967 — McRae-Nicol ----** agree to have steel gates installed at entrance to Municipal Gravel Pit on NW 4-10-19 and have same locked and to be supervised by Councillor McRae. Carried.

Discussions were held with Dryden Chemical Limited. They were interested in establishing a chemical plant in areas in 10-10-18W.

**Nicol-McRae** ---- do hereby agree to appoint a committee of P.G. Marsden, H. Jensen, F.H. Gerry, W. Elder and W.R. Woodman, to look after the Hosting of the Annual Western Judicial Meeting of Union of Municipalities. Carried.

**Nicol-Richardson** ---- do hereby agree to pay \$200.00 towards Pioneer Recognition 1967, along with Municipalities of Elton, Whitehead and the City of Brandon. Carried.

**Richardson-Jensen** ---- do hereby agree to grant sum of \$125.00 for the erection of a cairn to mark the old town site of Grand Valley NE¼ 19-10-18 to the Grand Valley School Memorial Society. Carried.

**1968 — Jensen-Nicol** ---- Council do hereby agree to rename the Government Road, south 35-10-19W and approximately the east ½ mile of 34-10-19W to **Braecrest Drive**. (Brae — Scottish word meaning Hill).

At a special meeting of Council, Mr. W. Fotheringham presented his Development Scheme on SE¼ 21-10-19W and also consideration of SW¼. He presented information on sewer and water supply and showed the cost of the Development Services, etc.

**Jensen-McRae** ---- Council do hereby agree to approve the application of the Brandon Stock Car Club, to establish a Stock Car Race Track on the NW¼ 26-10-18W for the purpose of holding stock car races. The track is to be subject to Municipal bylaws and licensing. Carried.

**Elder-McRae** ---- Council do hereby agree to authorize the Reeve and Sec. Treas. to affect the signing of the lease agreements with the Brandon Sun Publishing Co. in regards to office space in their new building at 44-5th St. Effective date of lease shall be October 1, 1968. Carried.

A presentation was made to Mr. Hans Jensen, a set of cuff links and tie-bar for his years of service to Ward 4.

**1969 —** As our Municipal Constables and the local RCMP work in close contact, it was decided that:

**Richardson-Elder** ---- Council do hereby agree to appoint a Police Committee of Gordon McRae and Cameron Drysdale. The Municipal Constables are to report and submit a monthly report in writing to Council on all activities. Report to be in by 7th of each month. Carried.

**Elder-Nicol** ---- Council do hereby agree to supply Municipal Constables with necessary equipment — new red lights for cars, uniforms and handcuffs. Carried.

**Richardson-Drysdale** ---- Council do hereby agree to support a letter from Brandon Sun (Fred McGuinness), to Lloyd Thompson of City of Brandon — re problems of two way traffic on 5th St. from Princess to Rosser Ave. Carried.

**Campbell-Richardson** ---- Council do hereby agree to pass Bylaw 919 accepting property

known as Chater School, Lots 37-40, Blk. 19, Plan 18. The School is to be used for a District Community Centre for local residents. Carried.

**McRae-Drysdale** ---- Council agree to nominate the following young people to take and attend a Westman Junior Executive Workshop held at Brandon University, May 11-14, 1969. Two persons will be chosen and sponsored to the extent of \$25.00 each. Nominated: Ron Hamilton (RR1); Roy Baker, Leona Baker, Grant Hargreaves (RR4); Ted Grant, Byron Abey (Chater). Carried.

Fred H. Gerry, Secretary Treasurer was honored with a presentation of a Recliner Chair for his 25 years of service to his municipality as Councillor and Sec. Treas.

**Nicol-Richardson** ---- Council agree to meet twice a year with the City of Brandon to discuss mutual problems. Meetings to be held 4th and 10th month of the calendar year. Carried.

**Drysdale-Elder** ---- Council do hereby agree in principal with the formation of a Planning District to be initially composed of the Rural Municipalities of Elton, Daly, Whitehead and Cornwallis. Carried.

**Elder-Nicol** ---- Now assembled hereby agree to grant Roseland Community Centre a grant in amount of \$400.00 to assist in construction of a memorial cairn for the Roseland district. Carried.

**Nicol-McRae** ---- agree to authorize the Sec. Treas. to pay \$1.00 to Brandon School Division to retain Brandon Hills School on NW¼ 16-9-18W — to be used for a Community Centre. Carried.

**Elder-Drysdale** ---- agree to pass by-law re-exchange of land by Municipality of Cornwallis and Brandon School Division, in exchange for Cornwallis school and property and \$5,000.00. A Clear title to the Municipality and to be used as a Community Centre. Carried.

Mrs. Cavell Medd was appointed as Enumerator for the Municipality.

Presentation was made to Councillor Norm Richardson, Ward 6 — for ten years of faithful service, a set of luggage on his retirement.

**1970 — Drysdale-Nicol** ---- Council do hereby agree to approve of a proposed Propane Cylinder filling plant for New Servico Centre situated on Gulf Oil of Canada Ltd. property — adjacent to #10 highway and Richmond Ave. in Cornwallis. Carried.

**McRae-Weisgerber** ---- agree to a grant of \$200.00 to Grand Valley Days for 1970, and agree to appoint E. Nicol as a member of the Grand Valley Council. Carried.

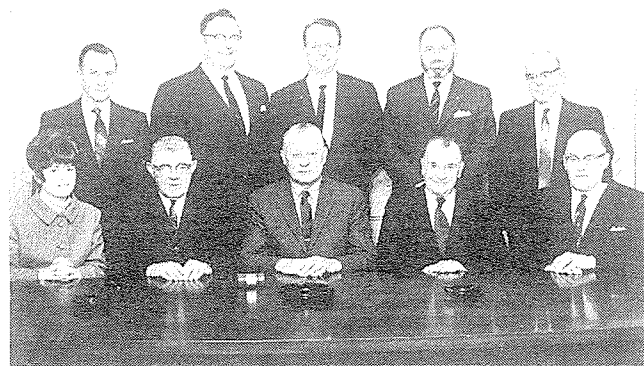
**Campbell-McRae** ---- do hereby agree to transfer \$200.00 from Ward 5 appropriations for 1970 — to service a grant for Chater Centennial Association. Carried. (Council had not been aware of this grant being applied for, therefore, the amount had not been included in the 1970 budget.)



**Weisgerber-Campbell** ---- do hereby agree to prepare and pass a by-law to regulate licensing of lotteries within the Municipality. Carried.

Mr. John Campbell was presented with a set of luggage in recognition of 25 years of service as Councillor in Ward 5.

Council had considerable discussion as to pros and cons of any boundary extensions being required, and considerable comment as to the manner in which any extension should take place if it became desirable to extend boundaries at all. Letters to be sent to — City of Brandon to arrange meeting for discussion of above. Also, the Hon. Len Evans, and whoever is appointed as head of the proposed Commission — to be assured that the Municipality would have a chance to be heard.



Front Row — Left to Right: P. Wolchuk (nee Weisgerber), W. Elder, Reeve P.G. Marsden, J. Campbell, E. Nicol. Back Row — Left to Right: W.G. McRae, W.R. Woodman — Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, C. Drysdale, F. Weisgerber, F. Gerry — Secretary-Treasurer.

**1971 — Weisgerber-Campbell** ---- now assembled do hereby agree to pay fire fighting account as per agreement with the City of Brandon for 1970 in the amount of \$29,475.15. Carried.

Several changes in the boundaries of the Municipality have taken place over the years as a result of the annexation of lands by the City of Brandon.

In 1969 discussions were held concerning lands to the west and southwest of the City; a move which the Municipality felt would last the City of Brandon for years. However, in 1971, a Royal Commission was appointed to examine the boundary situation with regards to the City of Brandon. Mr. L. Dulmage, President of Brandon University was the Government appointee. He held a number of meetings and hearings in regard to the question. His report to the Government called for some Boundary adjustments, but in this regard, was somewhat ignored by the Government which saw fit to give a much larger extension than suggested.

The extension granted, resulted in the transfer to the City of approximately 55% of the taxable

assessment of the Municipality and a cash transfer of some \$127,091.01 of the assets as of December 31, 1971.

**Campbell-Weisgerber** ---- Council do hereby agree to accept the offer submitted by Riverview Curling Club for lots 1-50 in Blk. 6, Plan 300 at and for the sum of \$1,000.00 plus costs. Council also considering to close the lane in this block.

Carried.

**Elder-McRae** ---- Council do hereby agree to pay the Fire Fighting agreement invoice of the City of Brandon in the amount of \$30,943.35 for the year 1971.

Carried.

**Weisgerber-Drysdale** ---- Council do hereby agree to appoint Mr. & Mrs. W. Elder as representatives of the Municipality to attend the "Good Citizenship Awards Dinner" at the Centennial Auditorium in Brandon on Oct. 16/71.

**McRae-Elder** ---- Council do hereby approve of location of a Mobile Home Trailer Park to be located in NW¼ 29-10-18W in Chater area.

Carried.

Mr. Ken Gowler of Armco treated the Reeve and Council to dinner.

**1972** ---- An appointed Committee of G.W. Elder, J.C. Drysdale, E.B. Nicol and W.R. Woodman met with Rod Bailey — Westman Regional Development Corporation and Hon. Len Evans and other Provincial Government representatives to discuss repairing of the dike along the Assiniboine River west of Brandon 19-10-19W.

**Campbell-Elder** ---- Council do hereby agree to request that CPR build an overpass across the main line between Secs. 27 & 28 of 10-18W (1 mile west of Chater) as this is a very dangerous crossing with nearly no visibility.

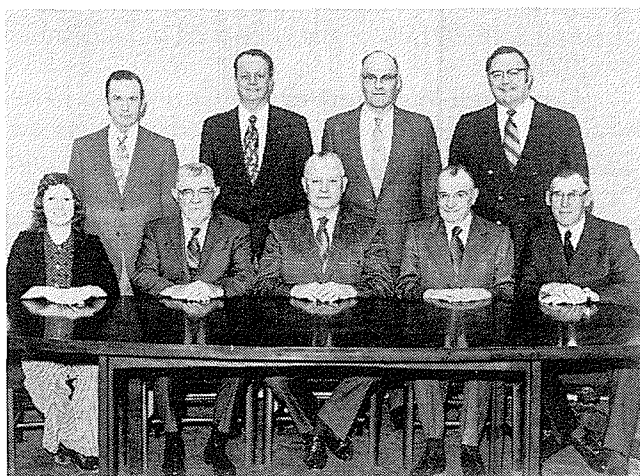
Carried.

**Brown-Elder** ---- Council hereby agree to approve of Expansion of Hills Trailer Park in Sprucewoods area.

Carried.

Sec. Treas. W. Woodman advised Council that his name had been placed in nomination as a Director of the Board of the Manitoba Division of Community Planning Association of Canada. Council gave approval, should he be elected, for the time necessary for attendance at meetings, seminars and conferences. (He was elected in spring of 1973). He was elected as Chairman of Manitoba Division in 1973. In 1974 he was 2nd Vice-president of National CPAC, and assumed the Presidency in 1976.





Front Row — Left to Right: C. Hannay (nee: Howe), W. Elder, Reeve P.G. Marsden, J. Campbell, R.S. Brown. Back Row — Left to Right: W.G. McRae, C. Drysdale, E. Nicol, W.R. Woodman — Secretary-Treasurer.

**1973** ---- Council was advised of interest in a ski resort development in the Brandon Hills area and they were asked for assistance in obtaining information in funding arrangements, advisability, feeling of the taxpayers. After several public meetings, it was turned down by the people and the Canada Winter Games — Alpine Ski Events were scheduled for Mount Agassiz Ski Resort in Riding Mountain National Park with new hill construction, addition to the Chalet, and new Chairlift.

**Elder-McRae** ---- Council agree to accept the transfer to Municipality of Cornwallis, of title of the new Chater Community Club. (Bldg. — formerly the Chater United Church.) Carried.

**Drysdale-Nicol** ---- Council do authorize the Reeve and Sec.-Treas. to execute the bond of indemnity on behalf of Municipality of Cornwallis as requested by Dep't of Attorney-General to enable Ralph Lowes to be a special constable of the Provincial Police. Carried.

Council presented Wallace Elder, in recognition of 18 years of service to the Council and ratepayers — a gold watch on his retirement.

Mr. John Campbell was presented a gift in recognition of his 28 years of service as Councillor for Ward 5, on his retirement.

**1974 — Brown-Drysdale** ---- Council do hereby agree in principal to a Joint Planning Scheme with the Rural Municipality of Whitehead or Elton, or with both Municipalities. Carried.

It was reported by the Sec.-Treas. that on behalf of the Municipality, a total of \$70,118.00 had been paid towards the reconstruction of the Assiniboine Centre.

Council appointments were made to the Grand Valley Planning District Advisory Planning Commission with Reeve Marsden to represent Cornwallis Council; Citizen representatives Mrs. B. Aberson, and Mrs. Florence Brown; Wayne

Woodman was appointed as Secretary of the Commission.

Reeve Marsden asked those present at the 1974 Ratepayers Meeting of what they thought of the new proposed route of PR 344 — it was to be rerouted further east. After general discussion on this matter the general consensus is that the road should be left where it is now as it services more people.

**1975 — Harris-McRae** ---- Council agree to enter a rink in the Western District Municipal Bonspiel on Feb. 24/75. Carried.

**Brown-Harris** ---- Council do hereby agree to apply to the Manitoba Health Services Commission for the Provincial Ambulance Grant of \$6,280.00 available to the Municipality and request that the said grant be turned over to the City of Brandon for provision of Ambulance Service. Carried.

**Brown-Drysdale** ---- Council agree to authorize the demolition of the old Chater School situated on Lots 36-40 Blk. 19, Plan 18. Carried.

**1976** ---- A presentation on retirement was made to Councillor J. Cam. Drysdale in Ward 5.

**1977** ---- Council entered a rink in the Municipal Bonspiel at Forrest — host Municipality of Elton.

**Harris-Gradwell** ---- Council agree to grant to Ross Farms Ltd. permission to install a water pipeline one foot underground on unopened road allowances. If necessary to open the road allowances, the removal of same would be at expense of Ross Farms.

**Brown-Harris** ---- Council agree to apply to Manitoba Hydro for installation of 13 additional street lights to complete the program of street lighting in Sprucewood. Carried.



Front Row — Left to Right: W.G. McRae, Reeve P.G. Marsden, C. Drysdale, C. Hannay (nee: Howe). Back Row — Left to Right: K. Harris, E. Nicol, W.R. Woodman — Secretary-Treasurer, L. Brown, B. Gradwell.

**1978 — McCabe-Brown** ---- Council agree to volunteer the services of W.R. Woodman — Feb. 12-16, 1979 for service during the Alpine Ski Event of the Canada Winter Games to be held in Agassiz.

Each year since 1966, Council and Staff held a Xmas party in form of a supper and entertainment and games. Lunch was supplied by the wives and Marg. McRae did a super job heading the Entertainment Committee.

Former Reeve Tom (PG) Marsden was awarded a Life Membership in the Union of Municipalities. Tom spent 17 years as Councillor and 11 years as Reeve. During his 28 years of service, he was active on many of the Municipal Committees.



Left to Right: W.G. McRae, K.H. Harris, Mrs. C.E. McDougall — Secretary-Treasurer, D.J. Check, R.L. Wallis, Reeve F. Weisgerber, D.H. Hargreaves, J.E. McCabe, L.J. Brown, R.E. Schaeffer.

**1979 — McRae-McCabe** ---- that Council appoint Councillors Hargreaves, Harris and Brown (Chairman) to a Cemetery Committee to deal with all matters relating to maintenance of all cemeteries within the boundaries of the Municipality. Carried.

**McCabe-Brown** ---- Council agree to make a donation to the Brandon General Hospital — Special Equipment Fund in memory of W.F. McRae, a former councillor of the Municipality and father of present Councillor W.G. McRae.

Carried.

**McCabe-Schaeffer** ---- Council do hereby appoint Mr. J.C. Drysdale as enumerator to replace Mrs. C. Medd who has resigned her position as she is taking up residence in Brandon. Carried.

**McCabe-Hargreaves** ---- Council do hereby agree in principal to the formation of a Planning District between the City of Brandon, Municipalities of Elton and Cornwallis subject to the City of Brandon agreeing to no annexation of the Municipalities of Elton or Cornwallis property for a period of at least two years. Further, the Municipality of Cornwallis agree to no fringe developments within a ½ mile of the City boundary for two years. Carried. The Brandon Area and Planning District was established on January 23, 1980. To represent the Municipality on this Board, the following members were appointed: Reeve Weisgerber, Councillors J.E. McCabe and R.E. Schaeffer.

**Hargreaves-McRae** ---- Council do authorize a grant to be given to Brandon Hills Centennial Celebrations Committee in the amount of \$1,000.00 towards the cost of a publication of a Centennial History Book. Carried.

P.G. Marsden was appointed to represent the Municipality on the Board of Directors of the Manitoba Agricultural Hall of Fame. (John Kain was appointed in 1980 following Mr. Marsden's retirement on the Board.)

Department of Mines & Resources and Environmental Management have advised Council that effective March 3, 1979 — Municipalities will be responsible for inspection of inside plumbing and the administration of the Manitoba Plumbing Code.

By-law 1079 — authorizing the Municipality of Cornwallis to enter into an agreement with CFB Shilo for Fire Service to certain parts of the Municipality of Cornwallis.

Invitation received from Lion's Club of Wawanesa on the opening of their new swimming pool on August 13, 1979. Councillor Harris to represent the Municipality.

Robert Wallis and Daryl Check were named as Enumerators of the Municipality, as Cam Drysdale was not able to act in that capacity.

**1980** ---- A delegation from Chater Centennial Committee with Council. They hoped they might receive some assistance in the form of a grant — they are hoping to host a Beef Barbeque, Dance and Picnic — also write a Centennial History Book.

**Schaeffer-Harris** ---- Council do approve of a donation of \$1,000.00 to be paid to Chater Centennial Committee. Carried. (Grant was used as Centennial project — the upgrading and renovations of the interior of the Community Hall.)

Construction of the road of Patricia East came to a total of \$8,000.00. This particular mile being north of the Duck Farm from 17th St. E. and a distance of one mile. Cost is to be divided 50/50 with the City of Brandon.

Tender of Peter Koltuski was accepted for Garbage pickup in Sprucewood area during 1980.

Secretary Treasurer advised that a Bill to phase out payment of compensation by the City of Brandon to the Municipality of Cornwallis — over a three year period, and to distribute responsibility of boundary roads on a 50/50 basis between the City and Cornwallis with the dividing line down the centre of the road, had been passed by Provincial Legislature and would come into effect on January 1, 1981.

Council was advised by Councillor Schaeffer that test holes had been sunk at property known as "Prowse's Pit" on SE¼ 26-9-18W and that gravel was found there suitable for crushing. Council will proceed to obtain title in the name of the Municipality.

**Cornwallis Centennial Committee, 1984** was named:

President — Hugh Jameson  
Vice-president — Jean Hargreaves  
Recording Secretary — Ruth Grant  
Treasurer — Ron Schaeffer

Each Ward to have a separate committee, and then information will be gathered and combined. The above committee to oversee the gathering of information, etc.

**Schaeffer-Hargreaves ----** Council do hereby resolve that the following members of Council and the Sec. Treasurer be appointed a Steering Committee to look into ways, means and desirability of constructing a Municipal Office in the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis. Its recommendations to be reported at Council Meeting January 1981.

- 1) Desirability
- 2) Site Location
- 3) Cost Estimate
- 4) Method of Finance

Committee members: Reeve Weisgerber, Sec. Treas. C. McDougall, Councillor Schaeffer (Chairman of Finance). Carried.

**1981 — McRae-Hargreaves ----** Council authorize the Municipality to enter into an agreement for Fire Protection with the village of Wawanesa. Carried.

Council passed a new Dog Control By-law to cover all of the Municipality, and also one to appoint G.S. Sallows of Sprucewoods as Dog Control Officer.

Brandon Sun has advised Council that the lease for office space for the Municipality expires August, 1983 and would not be renewed as the Brandon Sun requires this space for their own use.

**Brown-McCabe ----** Council do resolve to apply for the use of the Logo which was previously used on the Municipal letterhead in 1926 — this is to be used on all Cornwallis stationery in the future. Carried.

**Brown-McCabe ----** Council do hereby authorize Sec. Treasurer to prepare a necessary By-law to change the day for holding regular Council Meetings from second Thursday of each month to one half day, ie. first Tuesday afternoon commencing at 1:00 p.m. and one evening meeting ie. third Tuesday of each month commencing at 6:30 p.m., to be effective January 1, 1982. Carried.

**Schaeffer-McCabe ----** Council authorize a grant in amount of \$1,000.00 to Douglas Centennial Committee towards cost of preparing a History Book. Carried.

**1982 — Harris-Hargreaves ----** Council do agree to the Sec.-Treas. purchasing a Centennial plaque to be presented to the City of Brandon on May 30, 1982 at a Commemorative Council Meeting.

**McCabe-Brown ----** Council do hereby ratify

the action of the Reeve in purchasing a plaque to be presented to the Brandon Sun on the occasion of their Centennial. Carried.

Total cost of replacement bridge at NW 18-9-18W was \$31,785.00.

**Harris-Brown ----** Council hereby approve the proposal of Natural Resources, Wildlife Management Branch to establish a Wildlife area on E½ of SE¼ 4-9-18W. Carried.

Douglas Centennial Celebrations were held on July 10, 1982 — Reeve & Mrs. Weisgerber attended and brought greetings from the Municipality of Cornwallis.

Bylaw 1213/82 authorized the Municipality of Cornwallis and the City of Brandon to jointly establish a Weed District to be known as Weed Control District for irradiation of noxious weeds.

Council in open session assembled and resolved that the following names to be entered in 1982 Competition for Manitoba Good Roads Association:

1. - Rural Residential — none farm grounds — R.E. Schaeffer & H. Kilmury
2. - Farm Home Grounds — Hugh Jameson & Lyall Brown.
3. - One mile of new construction — nil
4. - Good Road Maintenance — all roads in the Municipality. ---- The Birks Shield was won by Municipality of Cornwallis for the year 1982 — one of many awards received from this Association.

**Brown-McCabe ----** Council do hereby appoint Reeve Weisgerber and Councillor McRae to a committee to assemble pioneer names, etc., for Municipality Centennial Street and Road naming project. Carried.

Picnic tables for Centennial Park were donated as follows:

Westoba Business Suppliers	2 tables
Royal Bank	1 table
Armco Canada	\$50.00 donation to go towards purchase of a table.

Kent Construction donated machinery work for road construction in park.

Area for park and recreational purposes — 25-10-19W and 30-10-18W.

**Schaeffer-McCabe ----** Council do approve of application of L. Rizzer to operate a business on 30 Frontenac Crescent, CFB Shilo to be known as Lewis Enterprises to undertake engraving work and to provide for same in Municipality of Cornwallis.

**Schaeffer-Hargreaves ----** Council do hereby approve granting of Conditional use Order to allow construction of a boarding kennel for cats on property located on Part SE¼ 1-10-19W. Carried.

**Harris-Hargreaves ----** Council agree to provide for street numbering in Sprucewoods area. Carried

The Ratepayers have always contributed greatly to the operation of the Municipality through appointments and service to various positions and boards. It would be virtually impossible to name all of the individuals involved however, some of those who served when called upon were —

### CONSTABLES:

July 1884 — Chief Constable (over 6 Municipalities)  
 Al McMillan  
 1884 — W.W. Gerry, W.H. Birdsell — Cornwallis Constables  
 1884 Detective Foster  
 1884 Detective L.J. Smith  
 1884 Detective J.W. Smith  
 1910 Detective J.W. Ross  
 1910 W. Pitfield  
 1910 F. Lowden  
 1910 L.B. Lowes  
 1910 J. Crawford  
 1910 Wes Reid  
 1910 G.W. Marsden  
 1910 Hugh Miller  
 1953-1978 William Sutherland  
 1963-1983 Constable Ralph Lowes

### BUILDING INSPECTORS:

In earlier years the Reeves or Councillors were appointed to check the inspections of new buildings and bridges. The latter years, appointed were:  
 Harold Medd  
 Wayne Woodman  
 Building Inspection Committee with the Bldg. Insp.  
 Brandon and Area Planning District Inspector.

### TOWN PLANNING BOARD:

1964 — **McRae-Nicol** ---- Council do hereby appoint the following residents to act on the Town Planning Board, for the Municipality of Cornwallis:

#### First Appointments:

Felix Weisgerber — Shilo  
 Cameron Drysdale — RR1  
 Jack Chapman — RR4  
 Mrs. G. Dingwall — RR3  
 Mrs. D. Lockhart — 1500 Blk. - 10th St. in Cornwallis

Council Members — P.G. Marsden — John Campbell

Over the years, the following have given of their time on this Board:

#### Citizen Members:

Cameron Drysdale	Mrs. B. Aberson
Mrs. Allen Brown	Mr. Jim Crang
John Kain	Jack Campbell
Hans Jensen	Felix Weisgerber
Gordon Ferguson	Russel Fardoe
Mrs. Shelia Ferguson	Mr. Allen Brown

### Council Members:

Hans Jensen	Cam Drysdale
R.S. Brown	Lyall Brown

### Solicitors — 1884:

C.A. Durand	B.G. Coldwell
W.A. MacDonald	Cliff Sifton
Henderson and Henderson Law Firm	

### Later years:

N.W. Kerr — (Coldwell, Coleman and Kerr)  
 Clement and Stevens  
 Doak — (Doak, Buckingham and Pressey) — Virden  
 M. Smelts — (Buckingham, Towes and Smeltz) — Virden  
 Kerr, Meighen & Haddad  
 Meighen, Haddad & Co.  
 Carroll, Mullally & Paterson

### Tax Collectors:

W.W. Gerry	H.H. Speers
R.H. Huston	Solicitors of the Municipality

### Returning Officers:

T. Waddington	H.H. Speers
G.H. Halse	P. Dixon
Fred Gerry	Wayne Woodman
Connie McDougall	

### Auditors:

Johnston McPherson	R.H. Huston
R.E. Leech	Ken Bicknell
D.W. Shaw	G.F. Sykes
Wm. Currie	E. Hughes
H. Brown	Henry James
J.M. Cameron	J.M. Robinson
T. Woodcock	D.C. McNabb
Mr. Beveridge	S.C. Doran
F.J. Clark	W.H. Baker
A.D. McRae	R.W. Earl
R.M. Coombs	O.F. Thorsteinson
D. Sherriff	J.M. Roddick

### Health Officers:

Dr. Spencer	Dr. J.A. MacDonald
Dr. S.L. Moore	Dr. Chas. Templeton
Dr. A.T. Condell	Dr. R.M. Matheson
Dr. H.S. Sharpe	Dr. J.M. Matheson
Dr. Kozakiewicz	Brandon Health Unit

### Land Surveyors:

J.H. Brownlee	John Lennon
Ralph Miller	

### Engineers:

W.H. Shillinglaw	W.H. Jones
Mr. Cowan	Mr. Pearson
(jointly between Oakland and Cornwallis)	

### Sanitary Land Fill Supervisor:

1967	Jack Wildey
1967	Nelson Abbey — assisting Dennis Baker
1967	John Snelgrove
1982	Cliff Pawluk



**Trailer Fee Collector:**

Harold Medd	Wayne Woodman
Connie McDougall	

**Appraisers — (Early years):**

S. Coxe	Mr. Foster
G.D. Woodcock	O. Cullen
Fred Smith	J.M. Minaker
D.R. Nobel	Geo. Harris
J. Bukwirth	T.D. Hyndman
J. Crouston	J.A. Brown
W.H. Speers	D. McVicar
Robt. Smith	R. Houston

**Assessors:**

Chas. Koester	R.M. Coombs
D. Baker	P. Elder
L.B. Lowes	J. Crawford
W. Reid	W.W. Gerry
G.W. Marsden	D.D. Young
J.M. Cameron	R. Huston
R. Smith	W.R. Smyth
R. Baker	D.W. Shaw
J. Duff	J.W. Stewart
Fred Smith	D.B. Elder
Harold Medd	S.B. Lowes

Provincial Municipal Assessors

**Insurance Adjusters:**

Hugh Rice	Wm. B. Thompson
Carl Koester	Sam Coxe
Fred Smith	I. VanTassell
Peter Elder	G.D. Woodcock
O. Cullen	Mr. Foster

**Pound Keepers — (Early years):**

W.J. Baker	T. Waddington
D.R. Noble	Thomas Green
Wm. Barber	J. Empey
Geo. Woodcock	Wm. Bulloch
Mr. Reid	

**Ferry:**

In 1884, the Municipality of Cornwallis subsidized Wm. Currie (1-10-18) to the amount of \$40.00 for maintaining and operation of the Ferry; providing he kept the fees at the following:

Team of horses and one man	- one way - .25¢
	- return - .35¢
Buggy	- one way - .15¢
	- return - .25¢
Foot passengers	- each way - .10¢
Animals — all kinds — running loose	- each way - .10¢ for one
	each additional animal - .05¢

**Other operators were:**

1898	T. Wyton
1910	Wm. Charleson
1910	E.A. Hurley

**Weed Inspectors — 1884-1983:**

J.S. Lowes	E.A. Hawley
Carl Koester	Sam Coxe
H. McPherson	H. Rice

J. Lowley
Thomas Prowse
E. Archibald
I.W. VanTassell
Geo. Marsden
David Gladden
Thomas Buckley
G. Batho
A. Thomson
R.E.A. Leech
D. Smith
O. Cullen
F. Smith
S. Thomson
J.L. Gray
J. Baker
Allen Leslie
R.M. Smith
A.P. Wilton
W.J. Bates ('59)
Weed Control District — (Clay Vint) — 1982 J.A. Dalglish (Supervisor)

**Poundkeepers — 1946-1983****Ward 1**

Cliff Cox	J.A. Richardson
E.W. Taylor	C.V. Harris
Reg Write	G. Charleson
Ken Harris	Clendon Baker
Harvey Wyton	

**Ward 2**

J. Cram	E.D. Rice
V. Baker	V. Johnston
J.D. Coate	K. Blight

**Ward 3**

W.H. Evans	Geo. Legg
Chas Donogh	J. Pitfield
R. Brown	Allen Brown
J. Shopland	

**Ward 4**

W.S. Durnin	John Maigon
Joe Bodnar	Don Ferguson
Robt Hutton	W.R. Durness
C. Hamilton	A. Cooper
G. Hunter	F. Hunter

**Ward 5**

W. Kain	Robt. Smith
Geo. Daily	John Kain
Leo Robson	Wes Smith
Clendon Baker	Brown Bros (23-10-18)
Norman Baker	J. Kain
M. Rempel	

**Ward 6**

Bert Rodgers	F. Feighen
J.J. Bullee	J. Richardson
G.C. Coxe	N. Wyton
Ed Slator	J.E. McCabe
G. Coulter	

W.J. Hurley
John Boles
John Shields
John Stanley
Wm. McKelvie
Peter Elder
W.W. Pitfield
Fred Lowden
A.J. Marshall
J.M. Cameron
J. Bruner
H. Cardiff
J.M. McKelvie (Sr.)
S.J. Greenwood
S.C. Doran
John Campbell
Ellis Baker
Allen Kent
Gordon Cook
Wm. Pugh ('62)

## **Appraisers and Fence Viewers — 1946-1978:**

### **Ward 1**

Jas Moggach  
Ken Harris  
Glen Charleson

A.S. Charleson  
Reg Wright  
Wallace Elder

### **Ward 2**

P.F. Baker  
E.B. Nicol  
J.D. Coate

Lorne Robins  
K. McPherson

### **Ward 3**

Allen Bell  
Gordon Ferguson

Robt Ferguson  
Bill Fardoe

### **Ward 4**

Don Ferguson  
J. Hutton  
N. Murray

J.L. Gray  
W. Durnin

### **Ward 5**

W. Smyth  
Lyall Brown  
J. Kain

Chas Grant  
G. Curtis  
D. Reed

### **Ward 6**

Chas Richardson  
R.S. Brown  
Jas Richardson  
J.G. Wells  
N. Richardson  
Tom James

G.C. Coxe  
W.D. Richardson  
G.W. Elder  
F. Weisgerber  
Ray Hooper

## **Fire Guardians — 1946-1982:**

### **Ward 1**

E.W. Taylor  
Don Wright  
L. Rystephanuk  
J. Buehler  
Abe Schroeder

A. Charleston  
H. Wyton  
W. Elder  
Clendon Baker

### **Ward 2**

Keith Blight  
Keith Chapman  
D.W. Prowse

Norman Chapman  
Lyle Baker  
D. Baker

### **Ward 3**

John Ardiel  
Terry Nicol

N. Sutherland

### **Ward 4**

C. Drysdale

P.G. Marsden

### **Ward 5**

Ken McLean  
F. Curtis  
G. Curtis  
John Kain

K. Connon  
N. Baker  
B. Curtis

### **Ward 6**

G.C. Coxe  
T. Woods  
N. Richardson

R.S. Brown  
A.H. Gradwell  
E. Gondek

## **OFFICES OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CORNWALLIS**

### **Locations:**

1884 — City of Brandon Council Chambers — rent \$12.00 per year

1892 — When Sec. Treas. D.W. Shaw was hired, he had to provide a place for the Council meetings to be held — as part of his salary.

1898 — City of Brandon — Council Chambers — Secretary office to 1906 — rent went from \$75.00 to \$180.00 per year.

1906 — Bank of Hamilton Bldg. — rent \$20.00 per month

1916 — Smith Block — rent \$64.50.

1938 — (Dec.) — Royal Bank Bldg. — rent — \$15.00 per month (heat and vault included (\$180.00))

1948 — rent \$300.00 per year — office and vault

1953 — rent \$420.00 per year

1957 — rent \$720.00 per year — Room 1

1967 — rent - Room (front offices.)

1968 — (Oct.) — Sun Publishing Co. Ltd. — 44 - 5th St. — Offices comprised of Board Room, Reeves Office, General Office, Vault, and Washrooms (2).

1982 — Office rent increased from \$645.00 to \$654.00 per month.

### **Over the Years, the Municipality has had to buy office furniture. A quick look to see how times change:**

1922 — Purchased from W.H. Shillinglaw for \$20.00

1 office desk

1 drawing table

1 chair

1 stool

1 case

1933 — Underwood typewriter — \$30.00

1952 — Installation of two Fluorescent lights — \$127.00 (Installed by Mr. Smelts)

1956 — Purchased from Western Savings Loan Co. — for \$85.00: 3 Oak Chairs \$15.00

1 Oak Lounge seat — \$15.00

1 Oak Desk — \$55.00

1965 — Purchased from Sun Printing Co. — 4-drawer Legal size cabinet — \$61.16

1965 — Purchase Apeco Systematic High Speed Copier — small unit

1982 — Westoba Office Supply — 9 chairs purchased — 4 at \$210.00 and 5 at \$240.00 each.

— Xerox 3103 — photo copier — a much larger and costlier unit

— Purchased Wilson Office Supply — 4 drawer Legal size cabinet — \$249.00 plus tax.

# REEVES, SECRETARY TREASURERS, COUNCILLORS FOR MUNICIPALITY OF CORNWALLIS

1883-1983

Incorporated — December 22, 1883

YEAR	REEVES	SEC. TREAS.	COUNCILLORS					
			Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Ward 5	Ward 6
1884	C. Whitehead	Geo. Halse	T. Elder	J. Baker	D. McKelvie	W. Gray	H. Cardiff	T.W. Stewart
1885	" / J.W. Sifton	"	R. Baker	"	"	"	R. McKay	"
1886	J.W. Sifton	"	T. Elder	"	"	H. Speers	"	"
1887	Geo. Roddick	"	"	H. McPherson	T. Hyndman	"	"	"
1888	"	"	T. Waddington	"	"	"	"	"
1889	"	"	"	"	J. Lowes	"	Milne	"
1890	"	"	"	"	"	"	R. Smyth	"
1891	"	"	T. Elder	"	A. Struthers	"	"	"
1892	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	J.H. Smith
1893	"	"	"	"	C. Koester	"	A. Leslie	"
1894	Geo. Halse	E.J. Barclay	"	"	"	Henderson	"	Agnew
1895	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1896	"	"	P. Elder	"	"	Empey	"	"
1897	"	"	H. Kneeshaw	"	"	F. Smith	C. Abey	"
1898	"	"	"	"	"	"	A. Leslie	Henry
1899	"	D.W. Shaw	J. Elder	"	J. McKelvie	Kidd	"	"
1900	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1901	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	E. Slator
1902	Allen Leslie	"	"	W.W. Gerry	"	" / Smyth	C. Abey	H.W. Speers
1903	"	"	"	"	"	Wolverton	"	"
1904	"	"	P. Elder	"	"	Gray	"	"
1905	"	"	Maher	"	"	F. Smith	"	Brooks
1906	"	"	"	"	"	Rowe	"	"
1907	"	"	Elder	"	"	"	"	"
1908	"	"	"	"	Wm. Shields	"	"	Johnson
1909	"	"	A.T. Elder	"	"	"	"	H.W. Speers
1910	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Thompson
1911	"	"	"	"	" / Thornton	Robinson	"	E. Slator
1912	Wm. McKelvie	"	"	"	Thornton	Robinson/Coxe	"	"
1913	"	"	"	"	"	W.J. Coxe	"	Swallow
1914	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1915	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1916	W.W. Gerry	"	"	W.H. Baker	J.G. Stewart	"	A. Aberdeen	"
1917	"	"	"	"	"	W.J. Coxe	"	J. Coxe
1918	"	"	Taylor	"	"	Stanley	"	"
1919	"	"	" / A.T. Elder	"	"	"	"	Foster
1920	A.T. Elder	"	D.B. Elder	"	"	"	J. McCallum	"
1921	"	"	"	"	"	R. Drysdale	"	E. Slator
1922	"	J.C. Murray	"	"	"	"	"	"
1923	A. Leslie	"	"	"	"	A.P. Wilton	"	"
1924	"	"	C. Wardell	"	"	"	"	"
1925	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1926	"	"	"	"	W.G. Hamilton	"	M. Morgan	"
1927	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1928	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1929	"	"	" / D. Wright	"	"	"	"	"
1930	"	"	A.T. Elder	"	"	"	"	"
1931	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1932	"	Ass't - M. Johnson	"	"	"	"	"	"
1933	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1934	A.P. Wilton	Ms. M. Johnson	"	"	"	G.A. Medd	"	"
1935	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1936	"	"	"	D.B. Elder	"	"	"	no councill appt.
1937	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1938	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1939	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1940	"	"	J.S. Kent	"	"	"	"	J.A. Richardson
1941	"	"	"	"	" / Fardoe	"	"	"
1942	"	"	"	"	J.E. Fardoe	"	"	"
1943	"	"	"	"	"	G.W. Medd	"	"
1944	"	"	"	F.H. Gerry	"	"	" / Birdsell	"
1945	"	" / Gerry	"	" / Wilkinson	"	"	D.A. Birdsell	"
1946	D.A. Birdsell	F.H. Gerry	"	A. Wilkinson	" / McRae	"	J. Campbell	"
1947	"	"	"	"	W.F. McRae	"	"	"
1948	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1949	"	"	"	"	"	P.G. Marsden	"	"
1950	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1951	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1952	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1953	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1954	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1955	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1956	"	"	G.W. Elder	"	"	"	"	R.S. Brown
1957	"	"	"	E.B. Nicol	"	"	"	"
1958	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1959	"	"	"	"	G. McRae	"	"	"
1960	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	N.H. Richardson

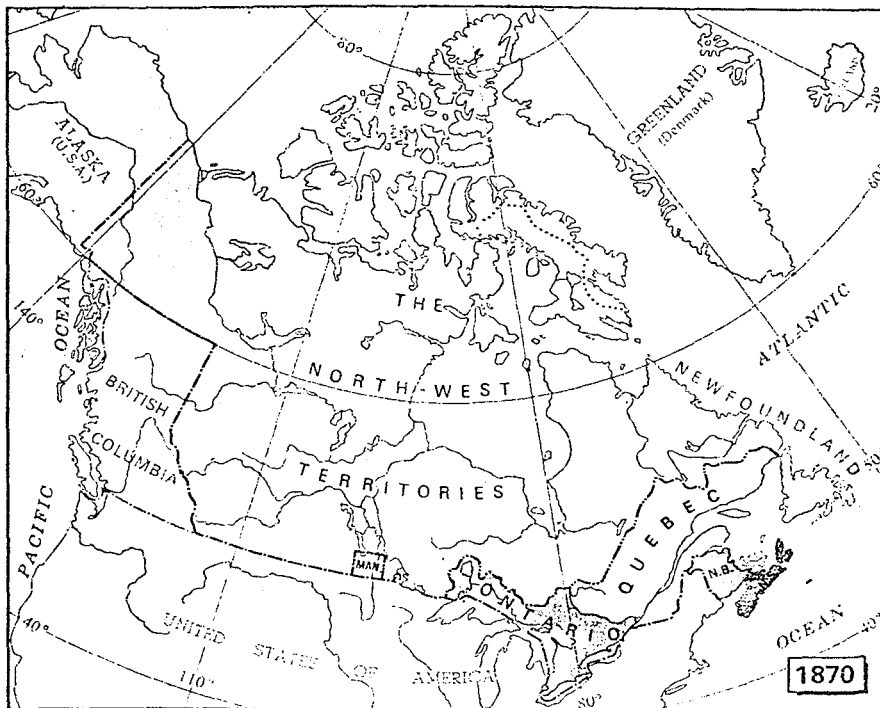
YEAR REEVES	SEC. TREAS.	COUNCILLORS					
		Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Ward 5	Ward 6
1961	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1962	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1963	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1964	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1965	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1966	" / P.G. Marsden (June)	Ass't - W. Woodman	"	"	" / Jensen	"	"
1967	P.G. Marsden	"	"	"	"	"	"
1968	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1969	"	"	"	"	J.C. Drysdale	"	"
1970	"	"	"	"	"	"	F. Weisgerber
1971	Treas. Clerk	"	"	"	"	"	"
1972	W.R. Woodman	"	"	"	"	"	R.S. Brown
1973	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1974	"	K. Harris	"	"	"	L. Brown	"
1975	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1976	"	"	"	"	"	"	A.M. Gradwell
1977	"	"	D. Hargreaves	"	R. Schaeffer	"	"
1978	F. Weisgerber	" / C. McDougall	"	"	"	"	J. McCabe
1979	"	Mrs. C.E. McDougall	"	"	"	"	"
1980	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1981	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
1982	Ass't - R. Wallis	"	"	"	"	"	"
1983	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

STENOGRAPHERS — 1969-1970 — Pat Weisgerber  
1970-1971 — Judy Sutherland  
1971-1978 — Carol Hannah  
MUNICIPAL ASSISTANTS — 1978-1983 — Robert Wallis  
1979-1983 — Daryl Check

Since 1884, Councils have contributed to many **charitable organizations** in the name of the Municipality; included among these recipient groups are:

- Salvation Army
- Ninette Sanitorium
- Winnipeg General Hospital
- Fair Board (Later called Provincial Exhibition)
- Brandon General Hospital Building Fund
- Board of Trade for Immigration
- Brandon Agricultural Society
- Indian Famine Fund
- Brandon General Hospital
- Brandon Nurses Home Building Fund
- Brandon Rest Room
- Y.M.C.A.
- Children's Aid
- Milk for Britain Fund
- Canadian National Institute for the Blind
- Kinsmen Club for Crippled Children
- Chater and Brandon Hills Cemeteries
- Association for Retarded Children
- Canadian Arthritis & Rheumatism Society
- Canadian Mental Health
- Manitoba Agricultural Museum at Austin
- Victorian Order of Nurses — Brandon Branch  
1965
- Brandon School of Nursing
- Golden Boy Movement
- Manitoba Heart Foundation
- International Peace Gardens
- Canadian Red Cross
- Western Manitoba Centennial Auditorium —  
\$2000.00
- Junior Chamber of Commerce — Santa Claus  
Parade

- Manitoba Travel Association
- Western Regional Development Inc.
- St. Johns Ambulance
- Valley Lodge — Wawanesa
- Kirkaldy Heights Community Centre (large  
number of Cornwallis children used this  
centre)
- Fairview Home Inc.
- Wawanesa District and Community Rink
- Keystone Centre — part of Centennial project  
for Cornwallis — (\$5833.00 + \$1800.00) = \$7633.00
- Brandon Fire Dep't. — Rescue Unit for a  
respirator unit purchased
- Good Roads Association
- Tourist and Convention Association of Manitoba
- Chater Centennial Association
- March of Dimes
- Muscular Dystrophy Association
- United Appeal
- Branch Lines Association
- Keystone Centre  
\$4,000.00 towards additional seats installed  
\$5,000.00 towards renovation of the barn
- Big Brothers of Brandon
- Cam-Roc Association
- Central Canada Figure Skating Championships  
— to be held in Brandon
- Blue Hills of Brandon Game Farm — Re: Evelyn  
& Lorne Robins)
- Boy Scouts of Canada
- Cancer Fund
- Big Sisters of Brandon
- Roseland Community Centre
- Hudson Bay Route Association
- Glen Souris Cemetery
- Shilo Teen Centre
- Shoplands and Wakefields Skating Rink
- CFB Shilo Recreational Fund
- Brandon Centennial Committee

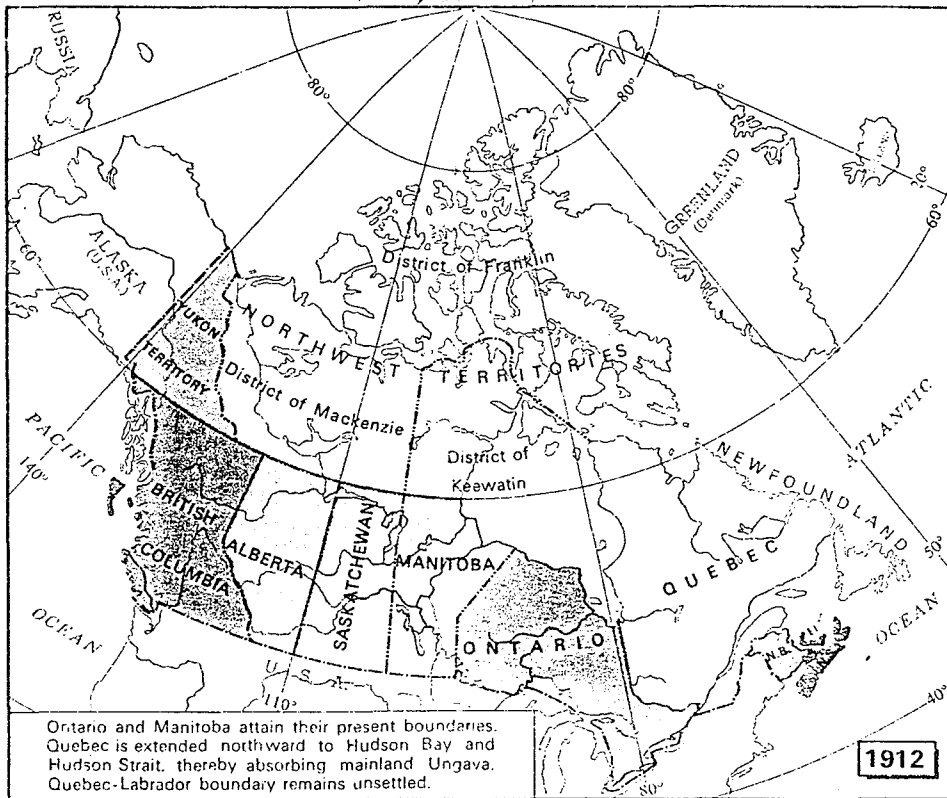


The North-West Territories (Rupert's Land and the North-Western Territory) are acquired by Canada from the Hudson's Bay Company. From part of them Manitoba is created as the fifth province.



British rights to the arctic islands pass to Canada (1880). The boundaries of Manitoba are extended (1881), but the extension to the east is contested by Ontario. The provisional Districts of Assiniboia, Saskatchewan, Athabasca, and Alberta are created (1882).





### PLANNING DISTRICT FORMED

The annexation of a large amount of land, and the loss of assessment, population and assets, became a catalyst for the municipality to carry on more meaningful talks with the City of Brandon and the other Municipalities in the area to form a Planning District. After several unsuccessful attempts and the opting out by some municipalities, a common consensus was found, and the City of Brandon, and the Municipalities of Elton and Cornwallis formed the Brandon and Area Planning District, which was legislated into being on January 23, 1980. The Planning District is comprised of three members from each Council, who, from among themselves, elect a Chairman. All planning matters and the authority for same was transferred to the district by the member municipalities, with each Council retaining final authority and power of veto. This regional type of control of overall planning, resulted in a much better attitude with respect to planned development, and tended to diffuse many situations that might otherwise have created long lasting problems. The first Chairman of this Board was from Cornwallis in the person of Reeve Felix Weisgerber, and the two Cornwallis members were Councillor's Joe McCabe and Ronald Schaeffer.

# R RAILROADS

## SOURCES OF INFORMATION FOR RAILROAD HISTORY

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## RAILROADS

### Researched and submitted by Ken McPherson

The story of railroads in this area begins before the formation of the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis. After years of exploration and survey work further north, it was realized that a line running in a more southwesterly direction from the western border of Manitoba (near present day Carberry) came to a cart trail crossing over the Assiniboine where the banks were low. This course came through an area of good soil and some settlement and there were no large rivers to cross until Medicine Hat was reached.

In 1878 and 1879 Dougal and John McVicar took up homesteads and established a post office and a town site at a point on the north bank of the Assiniboine which Mrs. Dougal McVicar named Grand Valley. This point was on the projected path of the railroad and was about the right distance from Winnipeg to locate a divisional point.

The Pacific Railway Co. was formed in 1880 and they entered into an agreement with the federal government to build the railroad to the Pacific coast. Early in 1881, General T.L. Rosser set out to obtain the required property for the railroad. He inspected an area on the south side of the Assiniboine two miles west of Grand Valley that had been described to him by a previous surveyor. According to Beecham Trotter in his book "A Horseman and the West" General Rosser returned to Grand Valley and offered Dougal McVicar \$25,000.00 for his town site. McVicar asked for \$50,000.00 and a half interest in all sales. Rosser refused and returned to the south bank of the river where he acquired the homestead of Mr. Adamson on the SE 23-10-19. This was the beginning of the city of Brandon.

Track laying was proceeding at a rapid pace and a pile bridge was hastily build over the river. The first train crossed the river on September 14, 1881 followed soon after by the first passenger train on October 11. Several people walked to Chater and rode back to Brandon to take part in this historical event.

William Wallace of Elton, Manitoba (a school district north of Douglas) gives us a vivid

description of Brandon and Grand Valley in a letter to his sister in Scotland in November 1881 (Brandon University Achives). Because of the spring flood the 25 houses that were left at Grand Valley had been moved to high ground on the one thoroughfare called Syndicate Ave. As the ferry was not running because of the ice, Wallace had to walk across the new railroad bridge which he said would be allowed to go out with the ice in the spring. A higher bridge with stone piers was being constructed alongside. In Brandon a wooden station had been built while to the north were four steam mills, one or two stores and a steam boat landing. To the south was the main street along which were located some buildings and many tents.

The last spike to complete the C.P.R. was driven in 1885. The first transcontinental passenger train — The Pacific Express with eight cars passed through Brandon on July 1, 1886.

By 1889 the Northern Pacific and Manitoba Railway was building its line north from Belmont toward Brandon. The only station on this line in Cornwallis is located on NW 22-9-18 and called Martinville. The line was completed to Brandon in 1890 and a station was built on 9th St. just south of Princess Ave. The first train contained a load of farm implements for a Brandon dealer. Mail to Brandon Hills Post Office was carried and in 1899 passenger service was added.

In 1890 the Great Northwest Central Rail Co. line was opened from Chater to Hamiota. In 1900 the line was taken over by the C.P.R. and closed in 1981.

Early in 1901 the Manitoba Legislature announced that the province would take over the Northern Pacific and Manitoba Railway on May 25, but this notice was changed seven days later to read that the company would be taken over by the Canadian Northern Railroad (except Emerson to Winnipeg line). When the Canadian Northern line from Winnipeg to Brandon was opened in 1905 it connected with the former Northern Pacific line at M & B junction just east of Brandon on NW 7-10-18. Leon station was built on this line on 10-10-18. A loading platform and a home for the section foreman were built. Children from this house went to Gorrie school until the late 1950's.

In 1906 the Brandon, Saskatchewan and Hudson Bay Railroad was completed from St. John, North Dakota to Brandon to be operated by the Great Northern Railroad Co. Construction of the Canadian Northern west was proceeding at the same time and a dispute arose at the intersection of these lines on SE 18-10-19 in Cornwallis. The U.S.

Co. planned to continue the line to Hudson Bay on a hunch that a reciprocity treaty would be signed with Canada. The Liberal government of Sir Wilfred Laurier supported free trade and the necessary agreements played an important role in the federal election of 1911. Laurier lost the election and with it went the dreams of James J. Hill's Great Northern line. The McCabe Grain Co. built a series of elevators on this line. One was at McKelvie on SE 13-9-20 (named after early settler William McKelvie), one at Roseland and one in Brandon beside the station located at 13th St. and Pacific Ave. Edgar McKee now living in Winnipeg, operated the McKelvie elevator from 1932-1935 and helped to tear it down after it closed in 1935.

Canadian Northern took another important step in 1906 when they purchased the Salvation Army barracks at 9th St. and Princess Ave. They were moved and are presently located at 338-10th St. The Prince Edward Hotel was built on the former barracks site and was opened in 1912.

The Grand Trunk Pacific line was opened in 1908 in neighbouring Elton Municipality and the village of Justice was established. The G.T.P. was asked to construct a spur line to Brandon. A 1911 map showed the line was under construction from Harte.

In 1913 a concrete bridge was started over the Assiniboine River on the north side of 16-10-18 (Victoria Ave. East). The riverboat Assiniboine Queen was used to haul coal to the construction site. During a heavy rain storm the Assiniboine Queen sank about 300 feet downstream from the north abutment. In 1970 the remains of this riverboat were salvaged and preserved by Roy Brown of Brandon. The paddle-wheel is on display east of 18th St. on the north frontage road of the Trans Canada Highway.

The outbreak of World War I caused financial problems for some of Canada's privately owned railroads. They were largely financed from England and the influx of money for development was cut off. As well, the flow of immigrants stopped, thus reducing revenue. The government could not allow these lines to close down because of the disastrous effect it would have on the war effort. The answer was to form a new company called Canadian National Railroad and take over the several existing financially troubled railways. The main result in Cornwallis of this amalgamation in 1919 of railways was the spur line from Harte was not needed as Brandon was already serviced by the former Canadian Northern Railway. The deck on the bridge was never constructed. The three concrete piers remain today as a reminder of man's dreams of a by-gone era.

In 1924 the Grand Trunk trestle over the Canadian Pacific mainline and the Douglas marsh was dismantled by Wallace Buckley Sr. of Elton

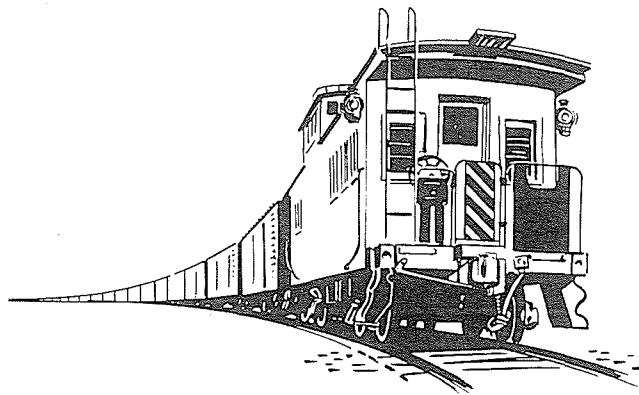
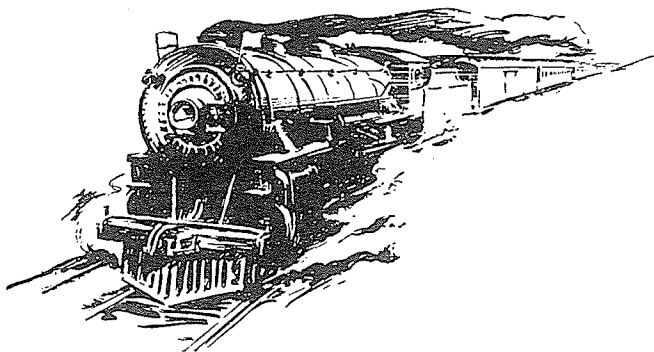
Municipality. Some of it was used for municipal bridge construction and the rest was sawn into lumber.

In 1936 the G.N. closed the line to Brandon. The last passenger train left Brandon on June 13.

Due to the implementation of the quota regulations for grain deliveries the practice of farmers loading box cars at Martinville siding ended in 1943.

Since World War II the railroads have seen many changes. Diesel locomotives replaced steam engines in 1950. Trucks became competitive on short hauls. Passenger traffic declined until 1978 when the government took over the service with the creation of Via Rail. The purchase of hopper cars has made it easier for farmers to load their own grain with a grain auger and thus bypass the elevator system.

By 1897 freight charges were felt to be excessive by shippers. As a result the Federal government entered into an agreement with the C.P.R. to lower freight rates on grain and flour shipped out of the west and settlers' effects shipped into the west. This agreement worked very well for many years until inflation reduced the revenues received by the railways for hauling grain. As a result of a study of grain rates a new policy was announced on February 1, 1983. This policy increases freight rates on grain as well as increasing the amount of federal subsidies.

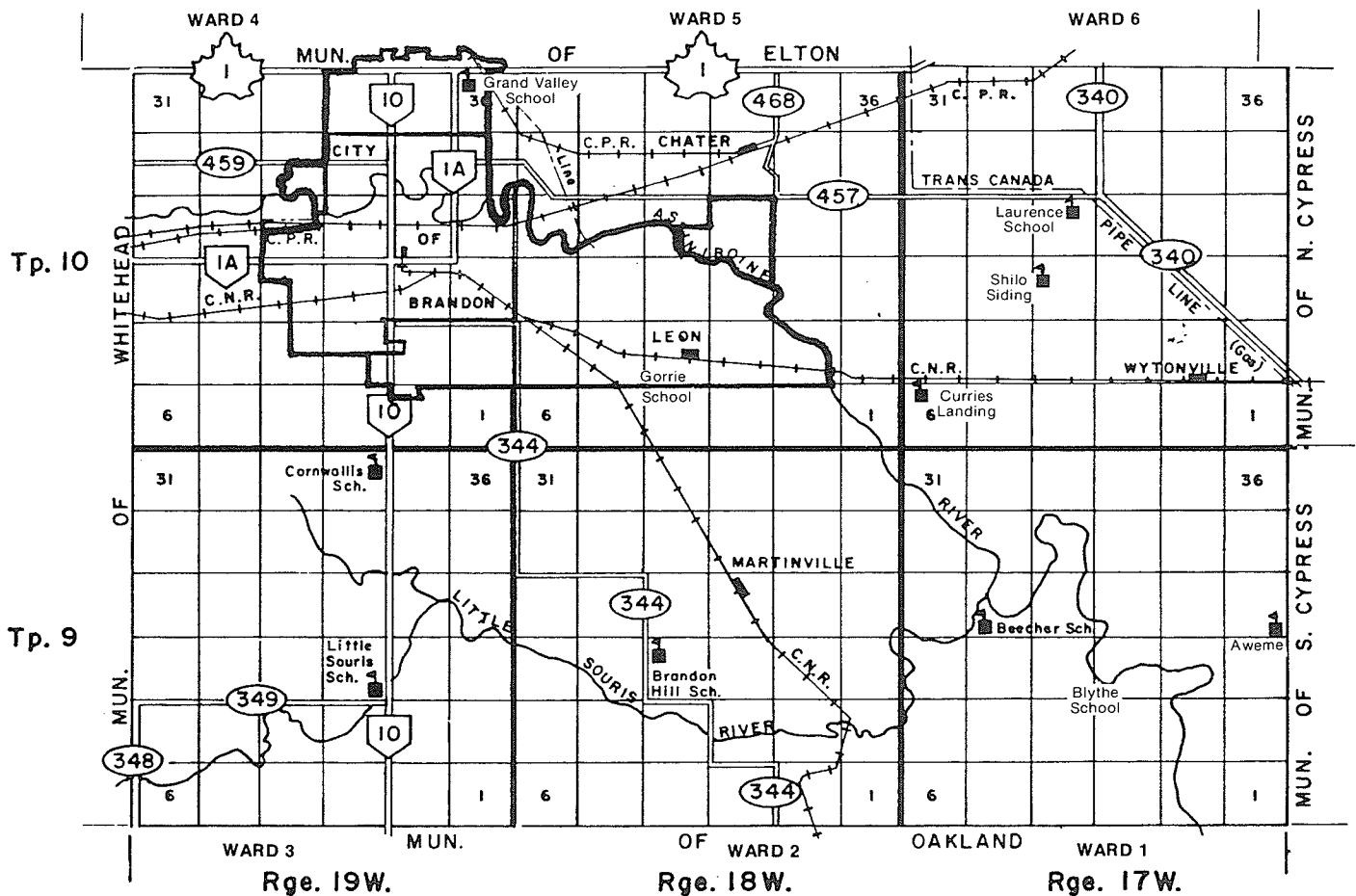


# MUN. OF CORNWALLIS

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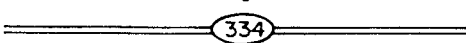
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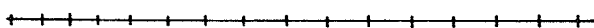
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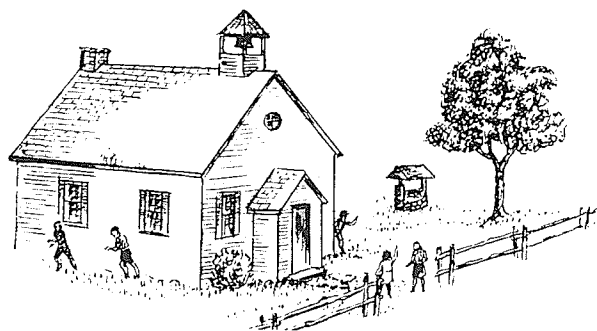
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# SCHOOLS



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*The following information on schools in the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis was obtained from the Manitoba Department of Education.*

**AWEME** School District No. 434 was formed in October 1885. Its boundaries were re-adjusted from time to time, confirmed January 1, 1924 and again in 1950 under Sec. 39, Chap. 40-1950, by the rural municipalities of Cornwallis, Oakland and South Cypress. Aweme was dissolved by an award of the Board of Reference and its lands transferred to the School District of Brandon No. 129, effective July 1st, 1966. Brandon School Division No. 40 was declared to be a division within the meaning of section 443 of the P.S.A. by order of the Minister dated March 11, 1967.

**BLYTHE** School District No. 471 was formed on the 4th of August 1886. Its boundaries were confirmed in 1950 by the R.M. of Cornwallis and re-adjusted in 1956 by transferring E $\frac{1}{2}$  17-9-17 from Blythe to the newly formed School District of Beecher No. 2354. It was dissolved and transferred to the Consolidated School District of Wawanesa No. 2393 on April 23, 1963, excepting N $\frac{1}{2}$  15-9-17 which was transferred to the School District of Shilo Siding No. 1973, effective January 1, 1964. The Consolidated School District of Wawanesa became part of Souris Valley School Division No. 42 on December 21, 1967.

**BRANDON HILLS** School District No. 138 was formed on the 11th of January 1882. Its boundaries were re-adjusted from time to time and confirmed on January 1, 1921. In 1926 the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of 3 and NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of 4-9-18 were transferred to and taxed for the School District of East Brandon No. 165. Brandon Hills School boundaries were also confirmed by the R.M. of Cornwallis on December 7, 1950. Brandon Hills was dissolved April 1, 1967 and transferred to Brandon School Division No. 40.

**CHATER** School District No. 181 was formed on the 5th of July 1884. Its boundaries were re-adjusted from time to time, confirmed on January 1, 1921 and again under Sec. 39, Chap. 40-1950 by the R.M. of Cornwallis and the R.M. of Elton in 1950. Effective January 1, 1953 the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$

of 31-10-17 were transferred to Chater School District No. 181 from Campbell School District No. 186. Also effective January 1, 1953, by order of the R.M. of Elton the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of 6-11-17 was transferred to Chater School District upon dissolution of Campbell School District No. 186. Chater School District was included in the Municipal School District of Elton No. 2360, effective January 1, 1959, which in turn became part of Rolling River School Division No. 39, effective January 1, 1968.

**CORNWALLIS** School District No. 187 was formed on July 14, 1887. Its boundaries were re-adjusted June 1927 transferring a portion of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  11-10-19 from Cornwallis School District to Leslie School District No. 2120. There was another re-adjustment in June of 1928, transferring N $\frac{1}{2}$  11-10-19 and N $\frac{1}{2}$  12-10-19 to Leslie School District. Cornwallis School boundaries were confirmed December of 1950 under Sec. 39, Chap. 40-1950 by the R.M. of Cornwallis. Cornwallis School District was dissolved April 1, 1967 to become part of Brandon School Division No. 40.

**CURRIES LANDING** School District No. 183 was formed in 1884. In August 1886 there was a boundary adjustment and in 1926 the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  16-10-17 was established as in and assessed for Curries Landing. Boundaries were confirmed in December 1950 by the R.M. of Cornwallis. Curries Landing was dissolved and its lands transferred partly to the School District of Shilo Siding No. 1973 and partly to the School District of Brandon No. 129, effective July 1, 1966.

**GLEN SOURIS** School District No. 209 was formed in 1884. Its boundaries were re-adjusted from time to time and in 1926 the W $\frac{1}{2}$  of 35-9-18 was established as in and taxed for Glen Souris. Boundaries were confirmed in 1950 by Cornwallis Municipality under Sec. 39, Chap. 40-1950. Effective December 18, 1956, the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  7, W $\frac{1}{2}$  20, W $\frac{1}{2}$  17, S $\frac{1}{2}$  and NE $\frac{1}{4}$  18, sec. 19, all in 9-17 and N $\frac{1}{2}$  24-9-18 were transferred from Glen Souris School District to the newly formed School District of Beecher No. 2354. Effective January 1, 1961 a portion of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  20-9-17 was transferred from



Beecher to Glen Souris School District. Effective January 1, 1967 Glen Souris School District No. 209 was dissolved by an award of the Board of Reference dated December 30, 1966 and all its lands transferred to the School District of Brandon No. 129.

**GORRIE** School District No. 365 was formed on the 5th of January 1885. In 1926 the W $\frac{1}{2}$  35-9-18 was transferred to Glen Souris School District. Gorrie's boundaries were confirmed in 1950 by Cornwallis Municipality under Sec. 39, Chap. 40-1950. Gorrie School District was dissolved April 1, 1967 to become part of Brandon School Division No. 40.

**GRAND VALLEY** School District No. 206 was formed in 1884. Boundaries were re-adjusted from time to time and confirmed in 1950 by the Municipalities of Cornwallis and Elton. A petition requesting the transfer of certain parcels of land from the Municipal School District of Elton to the School District of Grand Valley was denied on December 20, 1965. Grand Valley School District was dissolved, effective January 1, 1967, and transferred to School District of Brandon No. 129.

**LAWRENCE** School District No. 364 was formed January 5, 1885. Its boundaries were adjusted from time to time and in 1926 the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of 16-10-17 was transferred from Lawrence to Curries Landing. Lawrence's boundaries were confirmed in 1950 by Cornwallis Municipality and dissolved and all lands transferred to Brandon School District No. 129 effective January 1, 1966.

**LITTLE SOURIS** School District No. 227 was formed November 7, 1884. Its boundaries were re-adjusted from time to time, confirmed January 1, 1922 and again by Cornwallis Municipality on December 7, 1950. Little Souris School District was dissolved April 1, 1967 and transferred to Brandon School Division No. 40.

**SHILO SIDING** School District No. 1973 was formed May 6, 1919 and its boundaries were also confirmed December 7, 1950 by Cornwallis Municipality. Effective January 1, 1964, upon the dissolution of Blythe School District, the N $\frac{1}{2}$  of 15-9-17 was transferred to Shilo Siding School District. Curries Landing District was dissolved and the N $\frac{1}{2}$  and SE $\frac{1}{4}$  29, N $\frac{1}{2}$  and SE $\frac{1}{4}$  31, secs. 32 and 33-9-17, secs. 4, 5, and 6-10-17 were transferred to Shilo Siding, effective July 1, 1966. Shilo Siding School District No. 1973 was dissolved April 1, 1967 to become included within the Brandon School Division No. 40.

#### **AWEME SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 434**

A public meeting held of the Aweme Union School District in the county of Norfolk the 13th day of March, 1886 was called to discuss raising

money to build a school. Mrs. Percy Criddle was appointed chairman and Mr. C. Bellhouse was appointed Secretary. It was moved that the sum of \$600 be raised to build a school house and necessary furniture, out houses, well, etc.

Aweme School was originally built on the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of 12-9-17 in 1886. The teachers were: Miss Bellhouse, 1886; Miss Armstrong, 1887; (Salary \$32.50 per month); Miss Upper; Miss Spoll; Miss Nesbitt; Miss Simpson; Miss Parrott; Miss Smith; Miss Cain; Miss Glendenen; Miss English; Miss Duguid; Miss Donaldson; Miss Connell; Miss Carter; Miss Bjarnson; Miss Hooper; Mr. A. Wilks (\$40.00 per month); and Miss Foster.

The school was closed in the early 1900's. In the late 1920's the building was moved. The teachers were: Miss Castle, Miss Wilton, Miss Prowse, Miss Burkitt and Miss Tinline.

Pupils were: F.P. Gowan and Percy Criddle, both living in Victoria; Joan and Nora Gowan, now living in Winnipeg; Jack Gowan and Ethel Gaffney (Wilkie), both deceased; Ann Kenyon (Criddle) lives near Penticton, B.C.; Sandy Wilkie, lives near Treesbank; Lena Maher (Wilkie) lives near Rounthwaite, and Shirley Hamer, whose present address I do not know.

#### **BLYTH S.D. NO. 471**

The history of Blyth began under a cloud of controversy and heated meetings when the pioneers decided to break away from Glen Souris and form their own district. Their story is one of a struggle against financial problems and fluctuating enrolments causing temporary school closings and transportation problems. But their quiet and not-so-quiet determination is evident in the 50 odd years that Blyth School was the focal point in that S.E. corner of the municipality of Cornwallis.

From its inception, the school was the religious



*Blyth School Picnic, 1938. Left to Right, Back Row: Cyril Harris, Mrs. Willow Elder, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Cyril Harris, Mrs. A.T. Elder, Mrs. Hughes holding Betty Hughes with Ron Hughes standing, Mrs. Cousins, Cousins girl, Blanche Elder, Jean Bernard. Front Row: Ken Harris, Walter Wright, Fern Elder, Emily and Ivy Hughes, Pat Cousins, Irene Harris, Jean Cousins.*

*Irene Gray was the teacher who took the picture.*

centre (Presbyterian) for the community until Church Union in 1925. Mr. G.S. Charleson was superintendent for many years and as an artist of considerable talent, contributed several oil paintings which hung in the school until they were sold with the school in 1962.

Numerous Christmas concerts and June picnics held at Blyth over the years helped to enhance the social life of this enterprising community.

**1886 — Oct. 12th** — First meeting of Blyth S.C., called by notice of the Superintendent of Education, was held at Mr. Tully Elder's house SW 10-9-19. J.R. Elder — chairman for the meeting and Mr. P. Elder — Secretary. Trustees elected: D.R. Noble, Thomas Kneeshaw and Tully Elder. S.R. Fox — Auditor.

**Oct. 19th** — with Mr. Tully Elder serving as chairman and D.R. Noble elected Secretary.

It was decided that the size of the school should be 20' x 26' with 12' walls. They estimated \$525 would be required for building and furnishing. Mr. G.S. Charleson was to draw a suitable plan, including improvements as recommended by the Board of Education.

Mr. Noble, as secretary, was to receive \$20 remuneration for the year.

**1887 — April 2nd** — Mr. James T. Elder was offered \$20 for the use of a building on section 16 for a school. This was known as the "Tran House". The school was to be open for 8 months and teacher's salary not to exceed \$35. A promissory note was given to Mr. James Elder for \$35 @ 8% interest for lumber which he supplied, plus cash to buy window frames and seats. Lillian Mitchell signed an agreement to teach for the year. She boarded at the Tully Elder home. School expenditure estimated at \$152 for the year — to be raised by special tax.

**1888 — Feb. 4th** — Interestingly enough, showed a motion:

- to pay Mr. Elder interest and requesting him to renew the note for 12 months, if necessary, or until such time as the trustees were in a position to pay it off.
- Stove and piping — purchased for \$13.14 — were also paid for by a note @ 8% to Mr. D. Philips of Brandon.
- Teacher's duties to begin April 15th — weather permitting — and continue for seven months @ \$38 per month.
- Mr. Noble to look after plastering and white washing the building and Mr. T. Elder to supply one or more cords of wood.

Sept. — By-law passed for the purpose of borrowing \$250 to be used for building a school house. The school site to be on M. Parrott's section 16. Debentures to be each \$50 payable over a period from 1892 to 1896 at 7% interest.

**1889 — March** — Mr. Kennedy's tender for building the school accepted. Mr. Elder was to build the chimney. Matthew Parrott became board chairman at this time.

**1889 — June** — This was the first meeting recorded as held in the school house. The building appeared to have cost approximately \$313.85. A pail and rope cost .70¢ and a broom was purchased for .30¢.

W.E. Morgan hired in December, 1889 @ \$365 for 8½ months. Several references were made to difficulties due to arrears in taxes and many references to "time payment" notes having to be extended.

**1890 — Dec.** — Mr. Morgan's salary raised to \$500 — with two weeks holiday in harvest and the balance in winter.

Mr. Cullen supplied 12 cords of white poplar wood for \$24.

**1891** — Inside of the school was not completed until 1891. It was apparently done by Mr. G.S. Charleson. In December, Mr. Morgan was re-hired @ \$500 plus two months holidays. One month in summer and one in winter. In 1891, these appeared to be in September and February. Records showed 43 students attending school — three of these were over 16 years of age. Some pupils only attended school in the winter months. Attendance did not appear to be very good as only 24 attended over 100 days — (possible 214).

**1892 — November** — saw Mr. Morgan still teaching for \$500 with 2 weeks holiday period in March, 2 weeks in July and 5 weeks in harvest.

**1893** — Blackboards were installed early in 1893 — also pegs for children's coats.

**1894 — Feb.** — Saw the board applying for a new teacher. Mr. J. Ridington hired @ \$425. 40 children on roll.

**1895 — January** — Mr. Ridington became secretary of the Board at \$10 a year after Mr. Noble resigned over a salary dispute.

Wood tender was accepted from Mr. Dave Reid for \$10 for 6 cords of wood four green and two dry.

**1895 — December** — The Board received 14 applications for the teaching position. Mr. McNab was chosen at \$400 salary.

**1896** — Still money problems — many references to borrowing from the Elder estate.

**1897 — March** — Saw W.B. Foster elected Secretary @ \$12 per year.

- 5½ acres of land purchased @ \$6 per acre to be used as a playground.
- Mr. D.C. McNab re-engaged as teacher at \$400 paid quarterly.
- **Point of interest** — 25 tenders were opened for supplying wood. Mr. H. Sutton's accepted — 16 cords for \$22.00

**1898** — A porch was added to the school in October at a cost of \$61

**1899** — W.J. Elder elected trustee to replace W.B. Foster (deceased). Mr. J. Bain was chairman. Miss Annie Tiernan appointed teacher in July.

**1900** — **January** — A Miss Ordella Hornibrook hired as teacher. Very short duration — Miss Dora Rose was hired in February at \$400.

**1901** — Saw W.J. Elder elected secretary at \$10 — annual salary. H. Sutton appointed chairman and Cora White, teacher. 32 pupils enrolled.

- Price of wood increased to \$3.50 a cord — elm — supplied by H. Humphries.

- Mr. J.T. Elder's note finally paid with interest.

- School grounds fund began with \$20 — July, 1901

**1902** — Annie Cumberland hired as teacher at \$275 for half-a-year. G.S. Charleson elected trustee in place of H. Sutton (deceased).

**1903** — **June** — Showed Department of Education offering free textbooks.

- G. Charleson was to clean and whitewash walls and ceiling — varnish woodwork — cover a table and paint the floor **all** for \$10.

- New teacher — Alex Salt.

- 40° below zero temperature recorded in February. School records showed one pupil present.

**1904** — Miss Del Wheaton hired as teacher at \$485 paid quarterly. July saw the Board borrowing \$40 from the Ladies' Aid at 5%, to pay Miss Wheaton. The school was paid \$4.00 for its use as a polling centre.

**1905** — Miss Olive Ferguson — hired as teacher at \$525.

- Fred Lawrence painted the school, stable, fence and outbuildings for \$91.95. Again, borrowing was the name of the game!

**1906** — First mention of school fires being lighted by W. Bain who received \$6.00 for 4 months.

- 4 boxes of chalk cost \$1.00 at this time.

- Marie Fowler was hired to teach at \$550 per year.

**1906** — **December** — Saw the ratepayers protesting to the Department of Education concerning their order — "that the Government grant would be forfeited unless the trustees erected a flag pole and flew the flag during school hours". The ratepayers saw this as a needless expense, besides not agreeing that it indicated an expression of loyalty, but rather a suppression of freedom of choice. They found such compulsion objectionable. However, their protests were in vain!

**1907** — Saw the erection of a flagpole — purchased from A. Charleson for \$13.00 the flag cost \$2.50

- In July, Florence Elder's application was accepted as teacher at \$500. Enrolment — 14.

**1908** — Miss Mary Noble was hired as teacher @ \$550.

- The Ladies Aid loaned the Board another \$200.

**1907-1909** — Some new names appearing as trustees: A.T. Elder, O. Cullen, and Frank Elder.

**1910** — T. Kneeshaw received \$4.00 for wire fencing for the west side of the school grounds

**1912** — Noble Graham elected trustee to replace T. Kneeshaw (deceased). He became chairman of the Board and Frank Elder was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

- A stove was purchased from the Hudson Bay Co. for \$9.25. Freight to C.P.R. amounted to .70¢

- G.H. Taylor received \$2.00 per month for fire lighting.

**1913** — A.T. Elder became chairman of the Board

**1915** — W.J. Elder elected chairman

**1916-1918** — Mary Bain held the teaching position.

**1918-1919** — School closed for one year. Children attended Stratherne School. D. Wright elected trustee.

**1920** — Fall term — Teacher, M. Dunseith.

**1921** — Spring term — M. Putnam taught.

- Fall term — Miss Taylor taught on permit.

Cyril Harris elected trustee.

**1922** — Miss Taylor continued to teach at \$90 a month. She was requested to teach Grade IX. School commenced at 10 o'clock for the winter months.

**1923-24** — Miss Barager was in charge of school.

**1924-29** — School was closed again. Children were driven to Glen Souris school. Winter transportation \$20 a week — November 1st to April 1st.

**1929** — Blyth to be re-opened, with Mary Longbottom engaged as teacher.

**1930** — Wallace Elder elected trustee to fill vacancy left by D. Wright (deceased). Became chairman in October, a position which he held for 33 years. A motion appeared on the books to allow dances in the school. Rules laid down by Charleson - Harris were: no liquor on the premises, no smoking in the schoolroom, no writing on blackboards, all dances must have the permission of the trustees and terminate by two o'clock.

**1930-34** — Miss Edith Morgan engaged as teacher.

**1935** — C.V. Harris elected Secretary-Treasurer. A. Forson received .20¢ a day for lighting fires.

**1934-39** — Teaching duties under guidance of Doris Charleson (2 years), Irene Gray, (2 years) and Moira Best (1 year).

**1939** — **June** — School was closed. Children transported to Glen Souris school by D. Wright @ \$1.40 per day.

**1940-42** — Later, rates raised to \$2.50 per day for spring and fall and \$4.00 for winter months. Transportation supplied by Mrs. Bain Elder and V.G. Hughes.

**1943** — A. Charleson was paid \$2.00 per day to transport his son to school. (only pupil in district).

**1945** — Some children attended Stratherne School.

**1946** — Mrs. Bertha Elder appointed Secretary-Treasurer.

- Blyth S.D. paid \$100 to each of Stratherne and Glen Souris schools to assist in the operation of these schools. Apparently, the children were divided between the two districts.

**1949** — Saw some Blyth children taking correspondence courses.

**1950-57** — Annette Castonguay was Secretary-Treasurer.

**1957-63** — Bessie Elder held the position of Secretary-Treasurer.

- Children continued to attend Stratherne School until June 1962. Transportation paid at the rate of \$20 per month per family.

**1962 — Oct.** — A motion was passed to sell by auction — Blyth School and barn. The sum of \$204 was realized from the sale.

**1962-63** — Children attended Wawanesa School.

**1963** — A motion was made by J. Kent — L. Rystephanuk to consider consolidation with Wawanesa. This was carried out. Thus, came about the closing out of another School District — the ending of another era but a very colorful history over a period of seventy-seven years.

### BLYTH SCHOOL

Blyth School was built in 1889, and the first teacher was Mr. W.E. Morgan. He taught there several years and according to the 1894 register he had 44 pupils. D.R. Noble, Thomas Kneeshaw and Tully Elder were the first trustees.

James Tully Elder was chairman of the first meeting to build the school. Blyth School was situated on the SE¼ 16-9-17. It was operated steady for a good many years but was closed a couple of times for short periods and then opened again until larger districts came in when it was closed and sold to Mr. Clarence Hughes.

Wallace Elder



*Blyth School, 1937, after a severe wind storm passed through the district.*

### THE BRANDON HILLS SCHOOL

*They came to plant the common school  
On distant prairie swells.*

*John Greenleaf Whittier*

The Brandon Hills School District No. 138 was formed by the Executive Committee of the Board of Education, Province of Manitoba, on January 11, 1882. Following this action a building of frame construction was erected on the north-west corner of the Melville Roddick farm, section 16-9-18. Construction was completed and classes were started in the fall of the year.

Very few school records are available prior to 1903 but the first teacher was Mr. D. MacKay of Summerside Prince Edward Island. A copy of the 1885 Census Return lists the names of the school's pupils as follows:

Hugh Rice	George Johnson
William McKay	William Johnson
Robert Johnson	John McKay
George McKay	Georgina Roddick
Julia Baker	John Rice
Annie Lamont	Clara Harris
Daniel Rice	Eliza Foxall
Jennie Lamont	Thomas Baker
Christina Rice	Harriett Harris
Neil Lamont	Agnes Rice
Georgina McPherson	Daniel Lamont
Jennie Chapman	Maggie McPherson
Harry Harris	Lottie Harris
Mary McLean	John McLean
Ida Harris	Maud Harris
Johnston McPherson	Fanny Harris
Lillie Harris	Helena Roddick
Ida Jane Johnson	

At that time, Melville Roddick was secretary-treasurer, followed by Hugh Lamont, Walter Gerry and Henry Dunbar; then Robert Nicol and William Roddick who each held the position for 25 years. They were followed by Mrs. D. Coate who was the last secretary-treasurer of the school. Trustees through the years included Ephraim Harris, Hugh McPherson, Melville Roddick, Henry Dunbar, James Baker, William Blight, Walter Gerry, James Davis, David Roddick, John Roddick, William Baker, Robert Nicol, Frank Baker, Johnston McPherson, George Wilkinson, Thomas Prowse, Herbert Baker, William Roddick, Angus McPherson, Frederick Gerry, Purcell Baker, Lorne Robins, Victor Baker, William Hargreaves, Howard McPherson, Harleigh Hargreaves and William Pugh.

On January 27, 1915, fire completely destroyed the school. There were no classes held that day owing to the illness of the teacher, Miss Agnes Overby, but the caretaker had lit the fire as usual. The school was heated by a large box type stove and fired with long lengths of wood. The only item saved was the school bell.

That evening a ratepayer's meeting was held in the church and James Davis was nominated as chairman with Thomas Prowse as secretary. It was proposed by Walter Gerry, seconded by Hugh McPherson, that the trustees be authorized to secure the vacant Methodist parsonage, one half-mile north, as a temporary school. A motion was made by Hugh Rice, seconded by David Roddick, that the trustees make all the arrangements for heating and furnishing the same. Only three days of school were lost. New desks were purchased. As the pupils had lost their books in the fire too, the parents were responsible for purchasing new ones.

On March 4, 1915, at a special meeting of the ratepayers, plans were made to rebuild the school on the original site. Tenders were called for and awarded to Chas. Hall of Brandon. The new school was to be built of brick, complete with basement and furnace. It was also decided to build two outside toilets, as specified in the plan.

It was unanimously agreed on a motion by Thomas Prowse, seconded by James Baker, to issue debentures for \$1,500.00 to run ten years and nine months, to finance the erection of the new school. At a later meeting of trustees, it was agreed to accept the offer of purchase of debentures from William Nicol of Brandon, bearing interest of 7%. Total cost of material and labor was \$2,193.00 and Brandon Heating and Plumbing supplied the furnace at a cost of \$175.55. On July 10th a meeting of the trustees was held in the new school when they agreed to accept the school as completed by Mr. Hall.

Although this building was built for a school, it also served as a centre for many community gatherings such as dances, whist drives, fowl suppers, showers, meetings, Mission Band, Sunday School and other social functions.

The first teacher in the newly-built school was Miss Annie Dawley of Carroll. Miss Dawley was very much loved by all and her sudden death in 1918 saddened the community.

During the years 1919 to 1923, pupils participated in the Boys' and Girls' Club Fair held in the old Arena in Brandon. Pupils of the schools in the surrounding area competed for prizes in vegetables, school work, farm animals and showmanship. Brandon Hills also did well in receiving prizes for entries in the School Exhibits section of the Brandon Fair in later years.

Transportation to and from school was mostly the responsibility of the pupils themselves. Some would drive a horse with buggy or cutter; others would ride horseback while some would walk. At 4 o'clock, it was a race to the barn to see who could get his horse and be out of the school yard first. In later years, some parents drove their children by car.

For many years wood for heating was supplied by Thomas Prowse and Winfred Roddick and other farmers in the district. Many pupils received 10¢ a day for lighting the school fire, but later on the fee was increased to 25¢. Over the years the heating system was changed from the wood and coal furnace to an oil burning furnace, and electric lights were installed when rural electrification came through the district in the early 1950's.

A well was dug in the early years but in 1908 it was filled in as the water was not fit for human use. Another well was dug in 1948 when inside toilet facilities were installed in the basement and a counter and sinks were also added in the school.

Some of the games the pupils played at noon hour and recess were Pump-Pump Pull Away, Hide and Seek, Prisoner's Base and Kick the Can. Baseball was very popular and, in later years, softball was played.

Each spring the boys spent many hours across the road on Johnston's field trapping and snaring gophers which were there by the hundreds. They collected one cent a tail for each one they turned in to the municipality. It was not unusual for mothers on wash day to find a few gopher tails while emptying the pockets of the boys' overalls.

The Christmas concert held in the church was one of the highlights of the school year. The teachers and pupils presented many excellent Christmas concerts and always drew a capacity crowd. For many years the teachers were ably assisted in putting on these concerts by Lena Roddick, Mrs. Angus McPherson, followed by Mary Tennant, Jean Pugh, Victor Baker and others in the district. Despite the school now being closed, the Christmas concert is still held annually, the program being prepared by the different families themselves.

The School Inspector called twice a year. Mr. White will be remembered as he rode a bicycle out from Brandon and would be there at bell-time in the morning. He would stay most of the day and would participate in games with the children at noon hour. Another Inspector was A.J. Hatcher. When he arrived, the teacher and pupils were under tension. He would walk up and down the aisle with a pointer in his hand, asking the pupils questions. He asked one pupil, "What does a noun modify?" — the pupil replied, "A verb". With a tap on the boy's head with the pointer, A.J.'s reply was, "Nouns modify blockheads" All breathed a sigh of relief when he left. Some of the other Inspectors were Messrs. Morrison, Booth, Brisbin and Miller.

Arbor Day in the middle of May was "clean-up" day, when the school yard was hand-raked by the students. When the job was completed to the satisfaction of the teacher, she usually had a treat waiting.

Although Brandon Hills was only a small rural school, the community was fortunate to have the services of so many good teachers through the 86 years it remained open. A goodly number of the pupils who received their early schooling here went on to seek higher education and did well in their chosen professions.

A search of the records provides the following names of teachers:

1882	Mr. D. McKay
1883-84-85	No Record
1886	F.H. Lamont
1887	Esther Burrows
1887-88	Mary Sproule
1889	A.S. Morrison
1889	Thos Cosserly
1890-91	John A. Morrison
1892	Kate McLeod
1892-93	R. Harvey
1894-95-96	John A.L. Morrison
1897-98	S.A. Baird
1899-1900	Lewis B. Patterson
1901	James B. Haig
1902	No Record
1903	Jessie McKenzie
1904	Ernest Waugh
1905	G.E. Fraser
1906	S.F. Bolster
1906-07	Ida Smiley
1907	Florence Langton
1908	Miss Tracy
1909	Ethel Pentland
1910-11	Florence Keeping
1912-13	Bertha Chapin
1914	Agnes Oversby
1915	Annie Dawley
1916	Catherine Simpson
1917	Grace Davidson
1918-19	Mabel Gardiner
1920-21	Tertia Miller
1922	Mabel Gardiner
1922	Grace Tucker
1923	Margaret MacKay
1924-25	Ruth Crawford
1926-27	Nellie Snyder
1928	Olive Fogal
1929	Isabelle Johnson
1930-31	Ellenore McKenzie
1932-35	Isabelle Gorrell
1936-37	Mary Hazelwood
1938-40	Jean Ritchie
1941-42	Mary Revel
1943	Doreen Metcalfe
1944	Marion Henselwood
1945-46	Dorothy Genest
1947	Irene Jeffries
1948	Betty Jacques
1949	Lois Wolfe
1950	R.D. McBain

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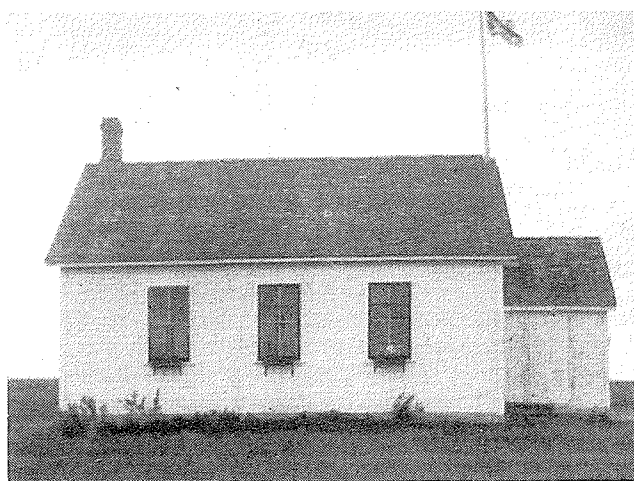
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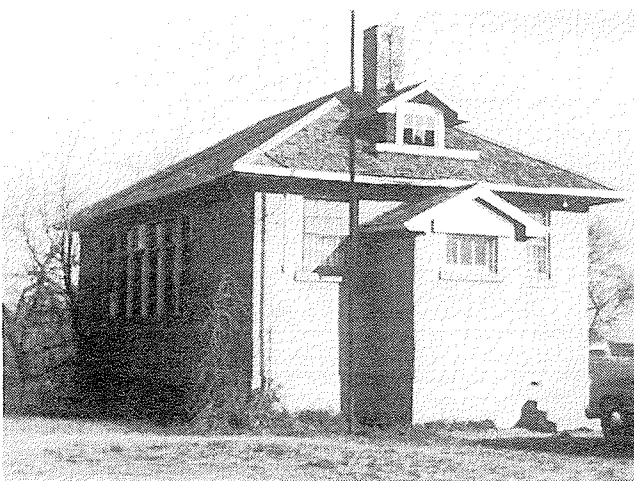
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Jean Mayberry  
Dorothy Brownridge  
Dorothy Haithwaite  
Nelma Fetterman  
Ruth Babcock  
Nancy Henton  
Diane Brown  
Norman Williamson  
Julia Wyton  
Sheila Whyte  
Sylvia Nowasad

The Brandon Hills School is still used as a meeting place for The Sunday School, Community Club, Brandon Hills Community Fireflies, and other groups.



*Original Brandon Hills School, burned down in 1915.*



*Brandon Hills School, now being used as Community Centre.*

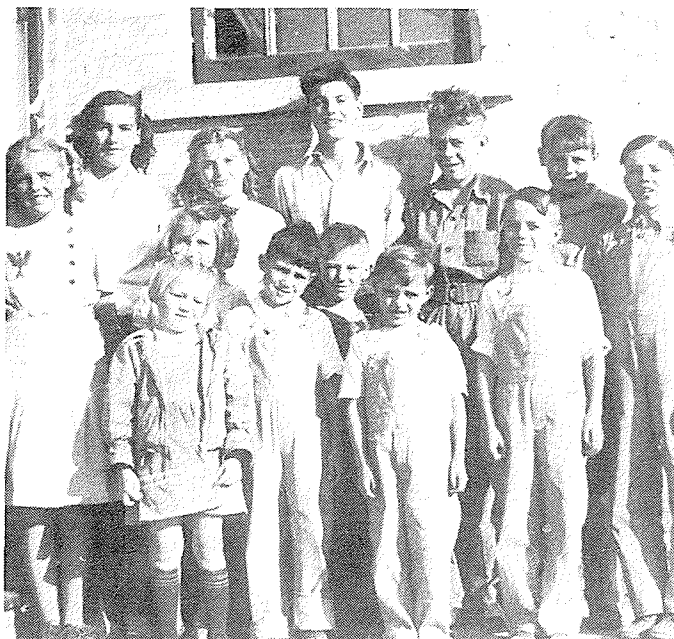




Brandon Hills, 1928. Left to Right, Back Row: Carswell Blight, Woodley Prowse, Jim and Donald Wilkinson, Cyril Haines.  
Third Row: Eileen Prowse, Nora Cotton, Doris Nicol, Reita Cotton, Pearl Haines.  
Second Row: Mabel Baker and May Smith.  
Front Row: Kay Haines, Dorothy Smith, Jessie Haines, Jean Nicol, Freda Smith, Isabel Prowse, Nora Haines.



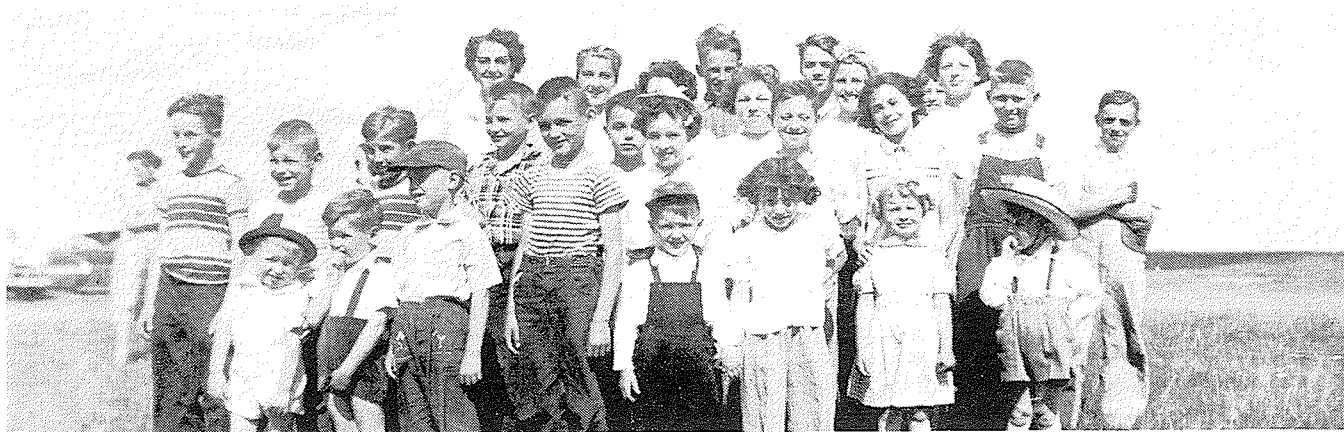
Brandon Hills, 1945. Left to Right, Back Row: Glenn Chapman, George and Grace Wakefield, Gladys Gerry, Jack Chapman.  
Third Row: Jack Baker, Ron Wilkinson, David Roddick, Ken McPherson.  
Second Row: Shirley Baker, Joyce and Ken Wilkinson, Doug Wakefield, Colin Chapman, Ralph Wakefield.  
Front Row: Marlene and Dorothy Baker, Grace and Albert Watson, Garth Wakefield, Gordon Gerry, Keith Chapman.



Brandon Hills 1948. Left to Right, Back Row: Shirley, Marlene and Jack Baker, David Roddick, Ken Wilkinson, Ralph Wakefield.  
Middle Row: Joyce Wilkinson, Dorothy Baker, Larry Robins.  
Front Row: Edith Stanley, Jim Nicol, Blaine and Garth Wakefield.



Brandon Hills 1951. Left to Right, Back Row: Dorothy Baker, Larry Robins, Garth Wakefield, Ron Robins.  
Third Row: Wayne Arthur, Nancy and Edith Stanley, Gayle Wilkinson, Blaine Wakefield.  
Second Row: Mac and Bill Dunseith, Lynne Nicol, Mel Baker.  
Front Row: Wayne Kreller, Jim Stanley, Glen Nicol, Glen Kreller, Barbara Dunseith.  
Missing: Bruce and Betty Baker.



Teacher, Jean Mayberry and pupils, Brandon Hills, around 1951.

## SCHOOLS

### CHATER S.D. #181

The first school at Chater was a frame building, built about 1883, with Miss Coleena Fraser as teacher. She was followed by Mrs. W.E. Ansley, formerly Miss Bradford, in 1885. The secretary-treasurer at this time was a Mr. Hobbs.

Some families attending school in the early days were Davis, Crawford, Grant, Campbell, Taylor, Skilton, Smyth, Hurley, Woodcock, Abey, Cheavins, McDonald, and in later years, Pineo, Robson, Ross, and Bennett. Finally, at the time of the closing of the school in 1965, those attending were Campbell, Grant, Robson, Kain, Rempel, Smart, Burney and Fisher.

In January, 1906, it was decided that a new school was necessary and \$1,000 was borrowed for this purpose. An additional \$250 was gathered throughout the district.

The old frame school house was auctioned off in July, 1906, to Archie Campbell for \$80. It was then hauled by steamer to the farm now operated by his grandson, Keith Campbell. It was later torn down and part of the lumber used in building the kitchen of the old house on the farm now operated by Bill Campbell, son of Glen Campbell. Since then the old house has been replaced by a new one.

The new school was a structure of cement blocks with windows on both sides, north and south, and, like most schools of the time, a porch where clothes and lunch boxes could be left during the warm weather. It was not heated in the winter, but served to break the icy blast when entering the classroom. There was also a basement and furnace.

1904	Miss Cleverly
1905	Miss McNabb
1906	Miss Gray
1907	Miss Moor
1908	Miss Harper
1908-09	Miss Quail
1910-13	Miss M. Johnson

In the early years attendance numbered 30 to 40 pupils, with a greater number attending during the winter months when the field work was finished and extra help was not needed at home.

Money for recreation was hard to come by and Miss Mabel Johnson, who lived in a quaint little house on the "Low Road" east of Brandon and who taught school at Chater from 1910-13, remembered holding a program to buy a football. This she hid in the furnace so the village children couldn't use it after school hours.

On reminiscing, the thought also came that field days were begun at this time, with Chater, Grand Valley and Lawrence Schools participating.

Chater has to its credit many prominent citizens, a few of whom are: William Abey, doctor in New York; Miss Ethel Abey, of the Saskatchewan Library Association, who was awarded life membership for distinguished service; Walter Crawford on Winnipeg council and the board of the University of Manitoba; Cross Cheavins, Kemnay and H.E. Abey, Chater, prominent sheep breeders; Wesley Smyth, registered Holstein-Friesian breeder; Max Grant of Brandon, Western Concrete; John Campbell, Cornwallis R.M. councillor for many years; David Birdsell, reeve of the R.M. of Cornwallis for a number of years.

There are many other names synonymous with Chater, I am sure.

Some other teachers mentioned in the records are:

Flora McGregor	F. Webster
Z. Collins	H. Paisley
L. Ross	A. Page
E. Robertson	Miss Young
Miss Baynton	Mr. Gerow
Harriet Anderson	F. Colledge
M. Sinclair	G. Nesbitt
M. Noble	Betty Gibson
Jack Gibson	Muriel Bell
Phyllis Sutherland	Joan Pettipher

M.E. Williams  
L. Tapp  
Hazel Rogers  
M. McKenzie  
A. McTaggart  
D. Downes  
R. Bawdon

A.R. Greaves  
A. Hasiuk  
B. Lockhead  
J. Stinson  
Ab. Richardson  
D. Brown  
H. Gunn

The final year of Chater School (1965-66) closed with Mrs. I. Brownlee of Brandon as teacher and 15 pupils in attendance.

Mention should be made here also of those dedicated people who have formed the school board: the trustees and the secretary-treasurers. Some who served in these capacities were: C.A. Cheavins, J. Abey, E. Hurley, F.C. Grant, A. Campbell, A. Robson, Mrs. M. Skilton, H.E. Abey (1937-62), Mrs. J. Campbell, T. Gillespie, Mrs. K. McLean, Mrs. W.S. Kain, F. Curtis, and L. Robson.

With the closing of the school came the end of an era — as with all other schools that have been boarded up and moved away.

However, Chater School was more fortunate than some. It was retained as a community centre for social functions and 4-H work. Its educational purpose was carried on for a short while in this manner. However, it was inevitable that it too, would disappear and, in 1973 it was demolished and the site used for a new home. That home was built by and is occupied by George Feledchuk.

#### **List of Pupils in Chater School in 1895**

##### **Second Teacher — Mrs. W.E. Ansley**

##### **BOYS**

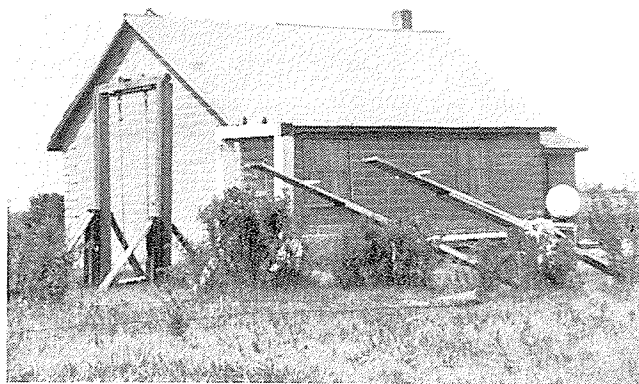
James Crawford  
Joe Abey  
Geo. Davis  
Fred Grant  
Stanley Davis  
A. Foster  
Tommy McNulty

##### **GIRLS**

Maggie Grant  
Emily Grant  
Sophie Grant  
Margaret Foster  
Carrie Davis  
Edith Rock  
Maggie Crawford  
Lillie McCourt  
Maggie McNulty



*Chater School at Field Day, June, 1934. Teacher — Betty Gibson.*



*Chater School in 1958.*

#### **SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CORNWALLIS #187**

In 1884 school was held in a building rented from Mr. Charles Koester, on 28-9-19. At a meeting in April 1884, Mr. J.W. Vantassal, Mrs. Struthers and Mr. Crostan were elected as trustees. The first secretary-treasurer was Robert M. Coombs. It was decided that a new school site should be chosen and it was left to the discretion of the trustees where it would be located. It was asked that it be as close as possible to either NE corner of 34-9-19, or NW corner of 35-9-19. These were lots offered by Mr. Magill and Mr. Vantassal.

After much difficulty they met again in June 1885 to take steps to build a school house agreeing to ask the Department of Education for plans sufficient for 30 pupils. By July they had decided against building and it wasn't until 1886, that NE 34-9-19 was chosen as the site. It was mentioned that the barn be large enough for eight horses, and trees were planted.

Though no records have been found before 1892, we think the following were among the first pupils; Porterfield, McVicar, Matheson, Koester, Magill, Reid, and one of the first teachers was Dick Earl. In the 1892 register other names are Haw, Johnson, McCrae, Millard, Clapp and Earl. The teacher was Eleanor Gothard from April to August, and Alberta Haw from August to November, at \$35. a month and the teachers salary was \$290 a year.

Old minute books show that the wages for lighting the school stove was ten cents a day, which gradually increased to twenty-five. The teacher and pupils kept the school clean. When the new school was built the ladies of the Cornwallis Community Club kept the school shining. The new school was built in 1958, on the same site but included more land owned by Robert P. Brown.

The old school was sold to Ed. Boles and moved to NW 3-10-18. The first teacher in the new school was Ruth Curtis, and the trustees were

Stewart Boyd, John McLennan and Dr. Harry Ross, with Miss Clara Morgans as secretary-treasurer.

Cornwallis School was incorporated into the Brandon School District #40 and in 1968 the children were transported by bus to Brandon.

The last Trustees were: Allen Sigurdson, Stan Gilbert, and Allen Brown, with Mrs. Allen Brown as Secretary-Treasurer.

The last pupils were Grades 1 to 4. Barry Melnyk, Dale Kozak, Wendy Podruchny, Edward Gilbert, Blaine and Anna Dee Sigurdson, Linda Brown, and Shirley Munro. The teacher was Mrs. Jean Mansfield, of the Forrest area and the Inspector was Mr. Miller.

The building was used as a Community Centre, until 1981, when the Community Club disbanded.

Records from 1892-1968 show the following teachers:

1892	Eleanor Gothard, Alberta Haw
1893	W.P. Davidson
1895	L.L. Nicol
1897	Clara Bastedo
1899	Alice Gilbert
1900	Ada Harris
1901	M.L. Munro
1903	J. Thompson
1904	I.E.G. Todd
1907	L.A. Pilling
1908	Carrie Parkinson
1909	Cora Cunningham
1910	Marguerite Murray
1911	Madge Struthers
1916	Barbara E. Smith
1919	Alta H. Ansley
1920	Eileen Loney
1921	Edith Covernton

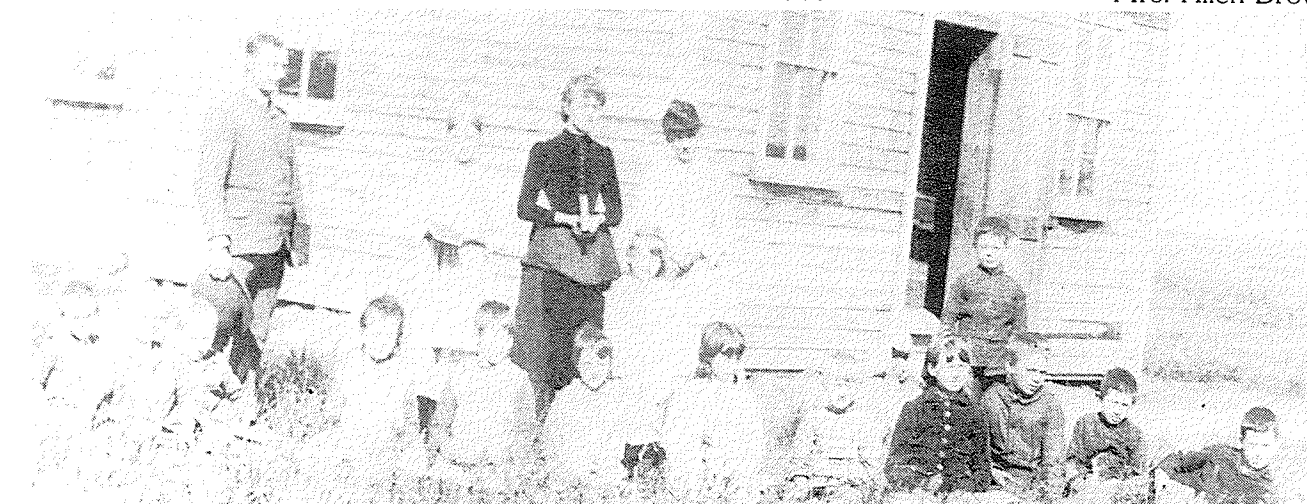
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Former secretary-treasurers were:

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1892-1905; 1916-1919  
1907-1911  
1920-1923  
1926-1943  
1944-1945  
1945-1946  
1946-1947  
1947-1949  
1949-1958  
1959-1968

O. Hornibrook  
Grace Wiggins  
Mary Thomson  
Eva Morrison  
O.M. Fogal, Mrs. Hortense Woods  
O.M. Fogal  
Eva Morrison  
Margaret Peterson  
Kathleen King  
Thelma Kidd  
Isobel Senkbeil  
Margaret Wilkie  
Isobel Gilbert  
Ruby Caulfield  
Beatrice Tegg  
Ethel Scott  
Ella Turner  
Jean Hamilton  
Mary King  
B. Dyck  
Lorna Williamson  
Ruth Curtis  
Mrs. Wilda C. Lamoureux  
Betty Ann Zacharias  
Gillian Miller  
Jean Mansfield

Robert Coombs  
Fred Smith  
Alfred W. Harper  
Leslie Shepley  
Lawrence Beresford  
Mrs. G. Medd  
Harold Medd  
Leslie Shepley  
Robert Ferguson  
Clara Morgans  
Mrs. Allen Brown



Cornwallis School, built in 1885. New School opened January 9, 1959.

Left to Right,

Back Row: Mr. Earl (teacher), Kate Koester, Ida Matheson, Nellie Craston.

Front Row: George Porterfield, Theodore Koester, Otto Koester, Nellie Magill, Lilly McVicar, Effie McVicar, Flossie Matheson, Etta Koester, Ethel Matheson, Bill McVicar, George Magill, Frank Reid.  
Standing at back — Billy Magill.





Cornwallis School, probably June 1904, teacher was Miss Thompson.

Left to Right: unknown, unknown, Allan Neelin, unknown, Benjamin Stanley, Ida Halpaney, unknown, Lester Harper, unknown, unknown, unknown, Edna Poole, Myrtle Smith, unknown, Mary Neelin, unknown, Miss Thompson (teacher), unknown, Alice Poole, Laura Burton, Jessie Scott, Alice Scott, Vivian Smith, Roy Burton, Roy Smith, Oliver Stanley.



Cornwallis School, June 1942. Irene Richardson on horse, Kathleen Kalmakoff standing.



Cornwallis School, October 1941. Teacher — Miss Margaret Wilkie.

Left to Right,

Back Row: Gordon Ferguson.

Third Row: Eileen Murray, Kathleen Kalmakoff, Irene Richardson, Donald Gilbert.

Second Row: Mike Shiloff, Norman Baker, Elsie Arbuckle, Milo Cale, Clendon Baker.

Front Row: Peter Shiloff, Elvin Cale, Alex Shiloff, Rowland Cale.

Missing from picture: Clarence Gilbert.



*Cornwallis School, mid-forties.*

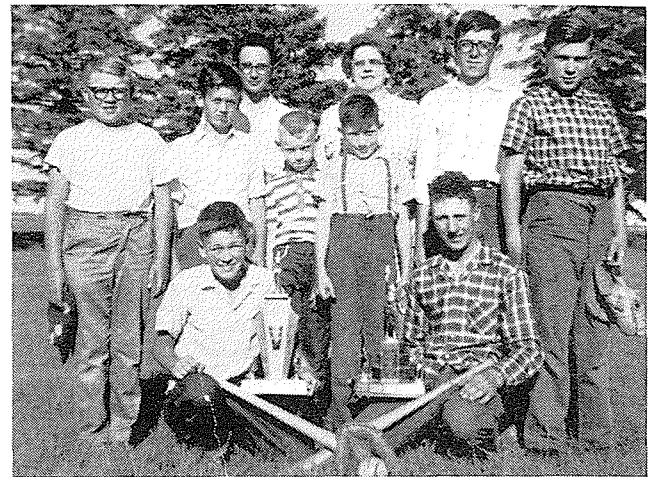
*Left to Right,*

*Back Row: Zeno Yacyshen, unknown (possibly school inspector), Irene Richardson, Clendon Baker.*

*Third Row: Tom Richardson, Ralph Lowes.*

*Second Row: Raymond Yacyshen, John Zavislak, Helen Arthur, Bryan Arthur, Norman Baker.*

*Front Row: Audrey Hamilton, Fred Zavislak, Frances Lowes, Don Baker, Marie Udell.*



*Cornwallis School.*

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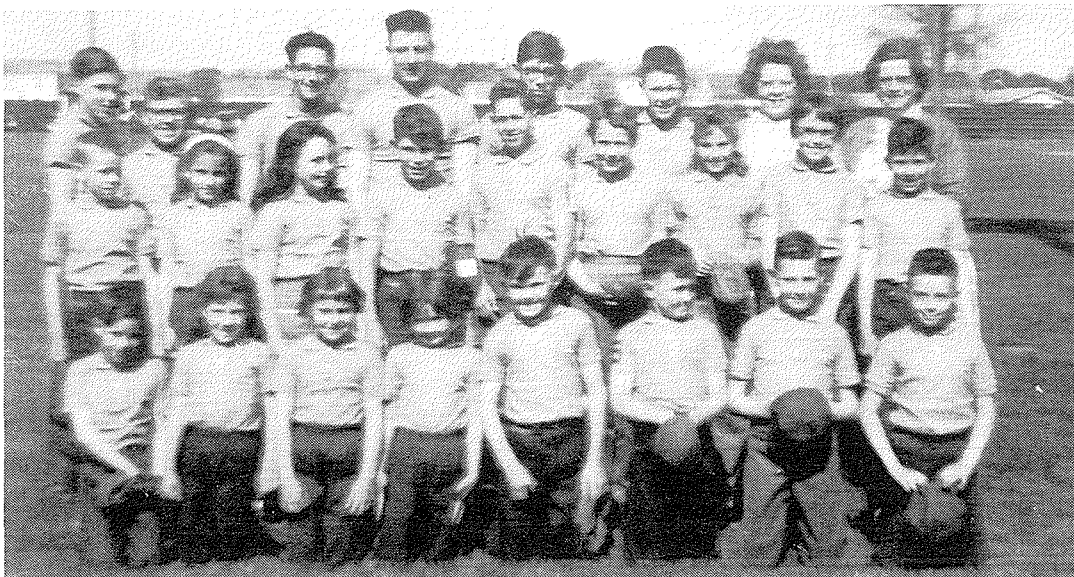
*Back Row: Donald Noto, John Boyd, Clifford Anderson, Mrs. Wilda Lamoureux (teacher), Ken Noto, Alcide Henry.*

*Middle Row: Crane Lamoureux, Lionel Henry.*

*Front Row: Ronald Hamilton, Murray Hutton.*

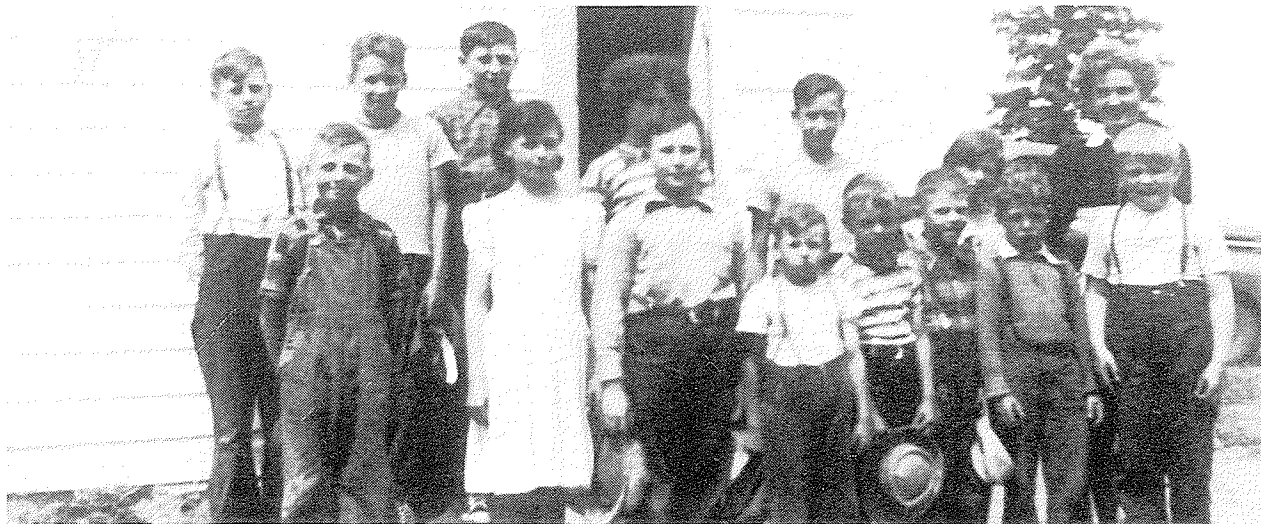


*Cornwallis School, teacher (Mrs. W. Lamoureux) and pupils at Field Day held at Kinsmen Stadium.*



*Cornwallis School, teacher and pupils. Teacher — Mrs. Lamoureux.*





*Cornwallis School, 1950-51.*

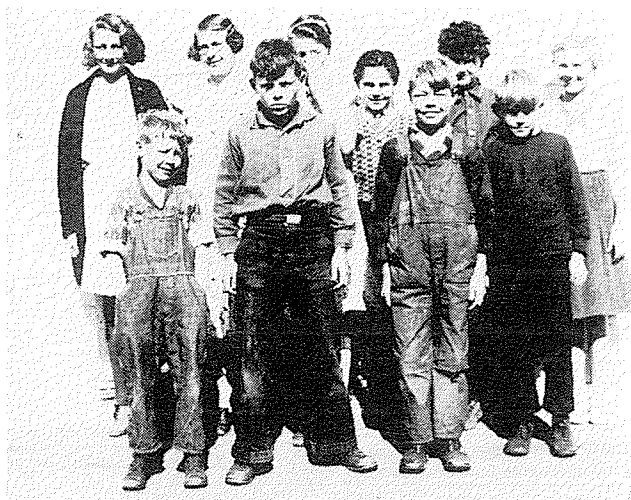
*Left to Right,*

*Back Row: Don Baker, Tom Richardson, Fred Zavislak, Audrey Hamilton, Billy Fenwick, Georgina Legg, Mrs. Ella Sutherland (teacher).*

*Front Row: Bob Shepherd, Marjorie Legg, Lloyd Zavislak, Albert Baker, Bob Richardson, Don Robins, Burt Legg, Andy McLennan.*



*Cornwallis School, last class, 1967. Teacher — Mrs. Jean Mansfield.*

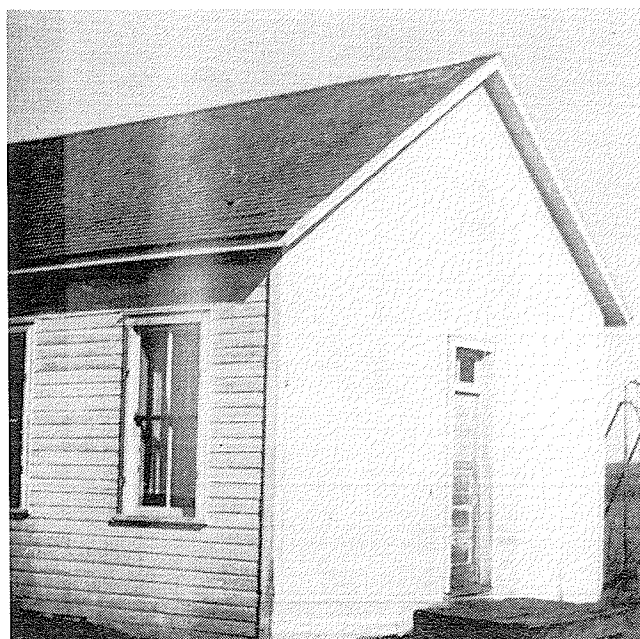


*Glen Souris School, class of 1935.*

*Left to Right,*

*Back Row: Mary Wright, Eileen Chapman, Floris Elder, Sidney Butler, Russell and Marie Elder.*

*Front Row: Donald Wright, Lyle Elder, Reginald Wright, Harvey Elder.*



*Glen Souris School, 1938.*

## GLEN SOURIS SCHOOL DISTRICT #209

The Glen Souris S.D. was formed in 1884. Originally the school was built beside the Glen Church on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  20-9-17. When the Blythe S.D. was formed on August 4, 1886, the Glen School was no longer in the centre of the district so it was moved about one mile west to the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of 24-9-18.

Some of the teachers were: (dates approximate).

Olive Armstrong, 1912; Winnifred Prowse, 1915; Mildred Dunseith, 1922; Ann Stoddart, 1925; Ila Cannon, 1931; Mary King, 1941.

Some of the teachers came from Brandon and they depended on the C.N.R. train for transportation. They would get off the train about 8:00 o'clock Monday morning and return about 5:00 o'clock Friday evening.

Mrs. W.J. Dunseith boarded twenty-four teachers. Mrs. B. Elder and Mrs. J. Moggach also boarded some.

The school was closed in 1942. Through the years this building was not only an educational centre for the children, it was the recreational centre for the district, as many old time dances were held there.

When the S.D. of Beecher #2354 was formed on December 18, 1956 the Glen School was moved to the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of 20-9-17. Here it was used until a modern school was built for Beecher S.D. Then the Glen Souris was drawn up beside the Glen Church in almost the same spot as it was built in 1884.

## GORRIE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 365

At a public meeting of the ratepayers held on February 2, 1885 at the home of John Leech NE 5-10-18, three trustees were elected — Henry Cardiff, Samuel Coxe and R.E.A. Leech, and two auditors — J.H. Leech and H. Bradford. It was decided at this meeting that a school house would be built on Leech property, very close to the northwest corner of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  5-10-18. Five days later, the first trustee meeting was held at the home of Samuel Coxe. Coxe was appointed chairman of the board of trustees and R.E.A. Leech was appointed secretary-treasurer. The school was referred to as 'Gorrie' at this meeting, and came to be Protestant School District of Gorrie No. 365. The school was named Gorrie either by or for the Leech family who had come from the village of Gorrie in Huron County, Ontario, which in turn had derived its name from Garry Britt in Ireland which was where the Leech family originated. (See Leech history).

J.H. Brownlee's design of a school house 14 x 24 feet was accepted and it was to have one-inch dressed lumber between the studding and the tar paper and siding. Geo. Hanley and McArthur's tender for erection and completion for \$390 was accepted. The trustees were authorized to raise by debentures \$400 to build and furnish the school, and municipal council was asked to levy and collect from the taxpayers of Gorrie district \$200 to pay for the first year's expenses.

Gorrie's first teacher was Caleb Braithwaite, his wages were \$35 a month and he had eleven pupils — Katie, Emma and Anna Coxe, Ada, Naussa, Lena and Albert Sproule, Ernest and George Leech, Mark and Robert Cardiff. For all of its first years Gorrie opened in late March or early April and closed in late October or early November, depending on the weather; however the first two and three years were only four and five months long.

In 1888 former student Kate Coxe taught Gorrie for \$33 a month. In this same year John Boles succeeded Henry Cardiff as trustee. In 1891 Samuel Coxe succeeded Leech as secretary-treasurer and the teacher was getting \$45 a month. The fall of 1893 George Boles supplied 5 cords of green wood and 1 cord of dry stove wood for \$15. In 1894 another former student, George Leech taught Gorrie and in December his brother R.E.A. Leech was replaced after nine years as trustee by E.H.E. Webb-Bowen. A third Gorrie student, Ernest Leech taught at Gorrie in either 1896 or 1897. In 1899 John Hutchinson, J.D. Baker and W. Coxe formed a whole new board of trustees.

In 1908 it was decided to build a new larger school house. After some deliberation, it was agreed to purchase for \$100 a triangular piece of property directly north across the road on SE $\frac{1}{4}$  8-10-18 which the railroad had cut off Alex Aberdeen's farm. The plans and specifications were drawn up by W.H. Baker, for which he was paid \$15. Tenders were called for and of 15 received, G.J. Brocklebank's for \$1989 was accepted, building to be completed by September 1st, 1908. The new school, of brick veneer, was 20 x 30 feet with the door and two windows on the south, four windows on the east and one on the north. The full size basement, with a coal-wood furnace, had an outside ground level doorway on the north. Twenty-seven new seats were purchased for \$96, a case of maps for \$38, a teacher's desk and chair for \$20.75, twenty-four feet of hyloplate (blackboard) for \$16.80, and seven window blinds for 60¢ each. The trustees were authorized to raise by debentures \$2750.

During this same year, 1908, Thomas Baker built the 24 x 32 foot barn which when complete cost \$322.94, labor and materials. Kenneth McKenzie put up a fence around the school grounds,

excepting along the railway, and labor, wire and gates cost \$152.64. V. Dawkins was hired to "tare down" the old school building and was paid \$12 to do so. Miss Short was re-engaged at \$600 to teach in the brand new school.

In 1910 Gorrie School received a diploma from the Western Agricultural and Arts Association for collective exhibits of school work and a photo was taken at this time to honor the pupils, the teacher and the trustees.

In 1921, only five years after women got to vote in Manitoba, Mrs. Hedley became Gorrie's first female trustee, and in 1925 Mrs. F.J. Baker became its second. In 1926 a Waterman Waterbury System of closets was installed in the school.

In July of 1930 J.D. Baker retired after 30 years as trustee and Mrs. J.D. Connon replaced him. On July 20, 1931 due to illness, J.D. Baker missed his first school board meeting in 30 years and by August he was unable to continue as secretary-treasurer. The job was taken over by Mrs. F.J. Baker.

On October 28, 1947 trustees Cecil Baker, Keith Connon and Mrs. N.L. Baker ceremoniously turned bulbs into the electric lights in the school, and the ad for a teacher for the 48-49 term boasted "Gorrie S.D. No. 365 requires protestant teacher, enrolment 16, grades 1 to 8, salary \$1400, modern school, electrified . . .".

In September 1949 Gorrie lost a trustee with the sudden death of Cecil Baker who had taken office in 1937.

A new well was dug at the school in 1957 by Clendon and Norman Baker, but was found unfit and had to be pumped out and chlorinated a few times before it was eventually safe to use, putting to an end the years of carrying water to school to fill the water tank which sat on a shelf in the corner of the classroom.

Nancy Stanley lit the school furnace for 40¢ a day during the winter of 1957-58 and became the last of many pupils and neighbours to do so as an automatic oil furnace was installed by Vic Baker before the next winter.

Plans were drawn in 1960 for a 12 x 20 foot addition onto the north end of the school. The tender from Alex Moroz was accepted. The Gorrie Community Club helped furnish and finish this new study room and library. The Brandon Hills Busy Bees donated \$50 to help and this was used to buy 10 stacking chairs from Christie's School Supply. Five desks were bought from East Brandon School District.

Trustee Frank Pienkowski passed away in 1963 and Mrs. N. L. Baker was elected to take his position. Also that year water was trenched into the school; a pressure system, hot water tank, stainless steel sink and taps were installed, making the school even more modern. In January 1965 tenders

were called for removal of the barn from the school grounds. It was purchased by Norman J. Baker and is still in use as his barn today. There are still visible some initials, names and dates which were knifed into its boards years ago.

Recesses and noon hours at Gorrie, as at any other small school, were spent at softball, tic, dodge-ball, kick the can, prisoners' base, king of the hill, steal sticks, ante-i-over, fox and goose, snowball fights, making snow forts, sledding or just making angel wings in the snow. During the summer, lunch was eaten along the east side of the school.

Parents were notified that any grade 7 or 8 pupil wishing to take French in the 1966-67 term would have to go into Brandon. Their tuition fees would be paid but transportation would not be supplied. Fifteen students went into Brandon that year, leaving only nine at Gorrie for what turned out to be its final year, as it was incorporated into Brandon School Division No. 40 in March 1967.

The teacher that final year was Mrs. Jean Margaret Kustra, her wages were over \$3000 and her nine pupils were: Laurie Fiel, grade 1, Vicki Baker, Kirk Campbell and Patsy Holdaway in grade 4, Mark Holdaway, grade 5, Robert Campbell and Janet Holdaway in grade 6, Linda Scott, grade 7, and Doris Daniels in grade 8.

The last trustees were Keith Blight, Keith Connon and Mrs. N.L. Baker, the latter also being secretary-treasurer. Keith Connon had been trustee continuously since 1947 and Mrs. Baker served as secretary-treasurer since 1951.

On July 17, 1967 the Gorrie district decided they were not in favor of purchasing the school for community use and it was therefore put up for sale by the Brandon School Division.

The school was bought and lived in by Roy Addison and family. At the present time, the property is owned by Barry Baker and family. Barry is a great-grandson of W.H. Baker who drew up the plans for the school. The school has been torn down but the basement is intact and being used as a barn, an impossibility had it not been for its ground-level entrance. There is now a two-storey house on the west side of the school yard and the Baker family enjoy a very large fireplace which was made of bricks from the school.

Many outstanding people did their turn in office as trustee at Gorrie, they being: Henry Cardiff, Samuel Coxe, R.E.A. Leech, John Boles, E.H.E. Webb-Brown, J.D. Baker, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Mortson, Mr. Melven, A. Aberdeen, George Higgins, Mr. Snaith, R.L. Alexander, Mr. Mackison, Mr. Nicol, George Keeble, Mrs. Hedley, George Boles, Mrs. F.J. Baker, Will Aberdeen, James Hunter, Mrs. J.D. Connon, F.J. Baker, Aaron Hargreaves, Norman Baker, Cecil Baker, Jim Hunter, Mrs. Aaron Hargreaves, John Keeble,

Frank Pienkowski, Albert Boles, Keith Blight, Keith Connon and Mrs. N.L. Baker.

The pupils who opted to enter Brandon schools for French in 1966 had to provide their own transportation but the next year, when all the schools entered the Brandon School Division No. 40, the students were picked up and brought home by school bus. There have been many well-liked and respected drivers doing this job, and in fact, two of the original bus drivers are still driving a route. They are Bill Beare and Ted Aitchison.

Brandon was not quite ready for the large number of extra students and so the children found themselves attending several different schools before Meadows Elementary School opened in 1969 and Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School in 1974. Today the rural children attend Meadows and Fleming Elementary Schools, Earl Oxford Junior High, and Neelin and Crocus High Schools, these being the ones so designated so by school division No. 40.

From 1885 until 1967 Gorrie School had many teachers and they are as follows:

#### TEACHERS OF GORRIE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 365

1885	Caleb Braithwaite
1886	Miss Lizzie A. Douglas
1887	Alex B. Stewart
1888	Katie Coxe
1889	Thomas S.F. Taylor
1890	John A. Taylor
1891	John A. Taylor
1892	may have been Katie Coxe
1893	may have been Katie Coxe
1894	George Wesley Thomas Leech
1895	George Wesley Thomas Leech
1896	unknown
1897	may have been Ernest Tennyson Leech
1898	Miss Gillander
1899	Miss L. Currie
1900	Miss L. Currie
1901	L.B. Patterson/Miss Donkin
1902	Thomas S.F. Taylor
1903	Miss M.A.B. Kyle
1904	Miss M.A.B. Kyle/Miss Gillanders
1905	Alma G. Lyons
1906	Miss K.R. Morrison/Miss Lulu Gorrie
1907	Miss Edith Fraser
1908	Miss Rea/Miss E.E. Short
1909	Miss Short
1910	Miss Short
1911	Miss Short/Miss Milburn
1912	Miss Milburn
1913	Fanny A. Hitchcock/Mrs. Georgina Davison
1914	Miss Swinson
1915	Miss Swinson/Miss Stevenson
1916	Miss Winnifred B. Shoupe
1917	Miss Winnifred B. Shoupe/Miss Tanner

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Miss Christena Bergson
Miss Christena Bergson/Miss Wiggins
Miss Wiggins
Miss Bessie Charleson
Miss Insley
Miss Kerr/Miss M.F. Smith
Miss Christina McLachlan
Miss Alice M. Taylor
Miss Alice M. Taylor
Miss Dawson
Miss Bentina Erlendson
Miss Lillian Pickersgill
Miss Alexandrina Murchie
Miss Eleanor B. Montgomery
Miss Eleanor B. Montgomery
Miss Lucy E. Snart
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Archibald George Hickling
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Miss Doris M. Pue
Beryl A. Robinson
Miss Margaret Lillian Porter
Miss Dorothy Ellen Archibald
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Miss Dorothy Ellen Archibald
Miss Olga Winnifred Tycholis
Miss Julie Sladek
Miss Gladys Margaret Hovey
Miss Gladys Margaret Hovey
Miss Marion Myrta McKenzie/
Mrs. A.M. Tivy
Mrs. A.M. Tivy
Miss M.J. Chapman/
Mrs. Lorna M. Williamson
Mrs. Lorna M. Williamson
Mrs. Lorna M. Williamson
Miss Eileen Edith Curtis
Miss Eileen Edith Curtis
Mrs. Ethel Sexey/Mrs. L. Ruth Sutherland
Mrs. L. Ruth Sutherland
Mrs. Ruby P. Kennedy
Miss D. Dianne Stuart
Miss D. Dianne Stuart
Miss D. Dianne Stuart
Mrs. June Sharon Pedlow
Mrs. Beverly Anne Coates
Mrs. Jean Margaret Kustra





Gorrie School 1910

Left to Right,

Back Row: Charlie Chapin, Norman Baker, Buchanan girl, Jasper Boles, Switzer girl, Billy Buchanan, Tom Snaith

2nd Row: Grace Aberdeen, Cliff Aberdeen, Nancy Hargreaves, Aaron Hargreaves, Rachel Hargreaves, John Keeble, Hattie Keeble.

3rd Row: Clarence Baker, J.D. Baker (trustee), Alex Aberdeen (trustee), Miss Short (teacher), Mr. Snaith (trustee), Sadie Baker, Lily Boles.

Front Row: R. Buchanan, W. Chapin, Ivy Aberdeen, Switzer girl, Switzer boy, Cecil Baker.

Gorris School, picnic 1928.

Numbered from 1 to 31: Earl Boles, Mrs. Bill Aberdeen, Mrs. Alex Aberdeen, unknown, Lloyd Boles, Lillian Boychuk, Bill Aberdeen, Clayton Boles, George Baker, Frances Hunter, Mrs. J.D. Connon, Henry Hughes, Keith Connon, Winnie Hunter (face hidden), Mr. J.D. Connon, Jim Aberdeen, Albert Boychuk, Mae Boles, Gladys Connon, Charlie Boles, Margaret Connon, Gertie Baker (peeking), Murray Aberdeen, John Connon, Etta Hughes, Irene Connon, Gladys Hughes, Edith Hunter, Julia Boychuk, Primrose Connon, Alice Connon.





Gorrie School spring 1935

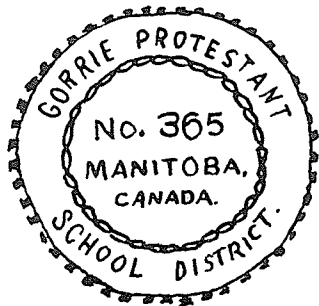
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Back Row: Harleigh Hargreaves, Laverne Quaye, Primrose Connon, Harold Quaye, George Baker.

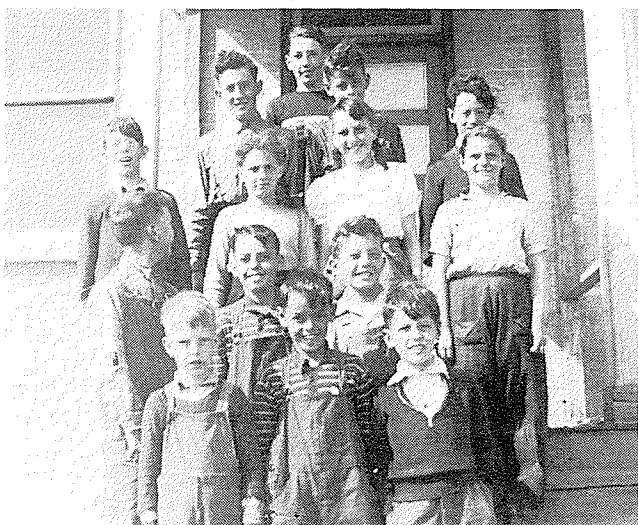
2nd Row: Bob Keeble, Bill Hargreaves, Charlie Boles, John Connon, Lawrence Hargreaves, Norman Park.

3rd Row: Dorothy Boles, Julia Boychuk, Lauraine Hargreaves, Irene Connon, Laura Quaye.

Front Row: Stewart Hargreaves, Bill Quaye, Don Keeble, Frank Boychuk, Jack Harrison.



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Gorrie School June 1949

Left to Right,

Back: Melford Keeble.

2nd Row: Dennis Baker, Lyle Baker, Gerald Roe.

3rd Row: Travers Roe, Frances Baker, Gloria Cox, Helen Edwards.

4th Row: Reggie Cox, Garth Baker, Ivan Baker.

Front Row: Kenneth Cox, Dale Baker, Gene Roe.



Gorrie School — June 1944

Left to Right,

Back Row: Marcus Keeble, Donald Keeble, Stewart Hargreaves, Robert Chapman, Donald Hargreaves, Albert Johannesson.

Middle Row: Melford Keeble, Lyle Baker, Dennis Baker, Maxwell Cox, David Baker.

Front Row: Gloria Cox, Wilma Cox, Jean Hunter, Velma Holdaway, Donelda Cox, Frances Baker.



Gorrie School — Spring 1951

Left to Right,

Back Row: Dennis Baker, Lyle Baker, Gerald Roe.

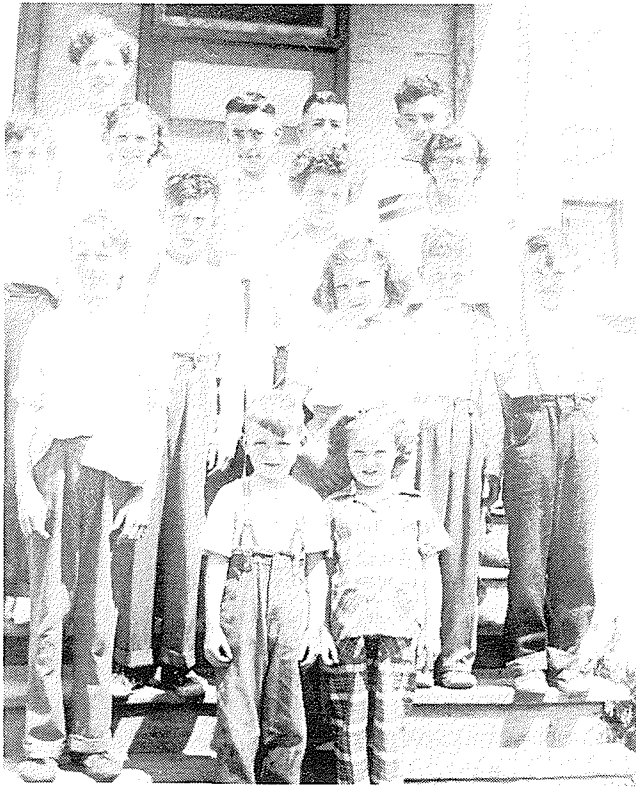
2nd Row: Robert Elves, Helen Edwards, Frances Baker.

3rd Row: Garth Baker, Jack Elves, Dale Baker, Ivan Baker.

4th Row: Gene Roe, Lorraine Demanski, Thomas Hunter.

Front: Robert Connon.





Gorris School — June 1953

Left to Right,

Front Row: James Boles, Joyce Connon.

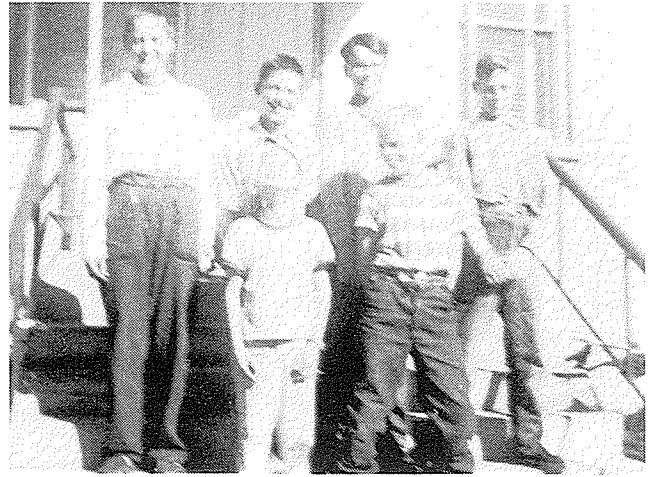
2nd Row: Jack Elves, Lorraine Demanski.

3rd Row: Gene Roe, Georgina Legg, Albert Legg, Robert Connon.

4th Row: Frances Baker, Helen Edwards, Garth Baker, Marjorie Legg.

Back Row: Robert Elves, Dale Baker, Ivan Baker.

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Gorrie School — Fall 1957

Grades VI-IX

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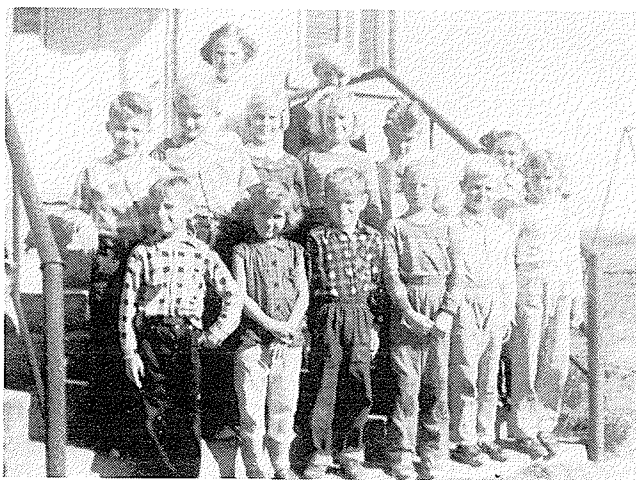
Back: Nancy Stanley, James Stanley, Thomas Hunter.

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Gorrie School No. 365 "For Sale", November 1967.



Gorrie School — Fall 1957;

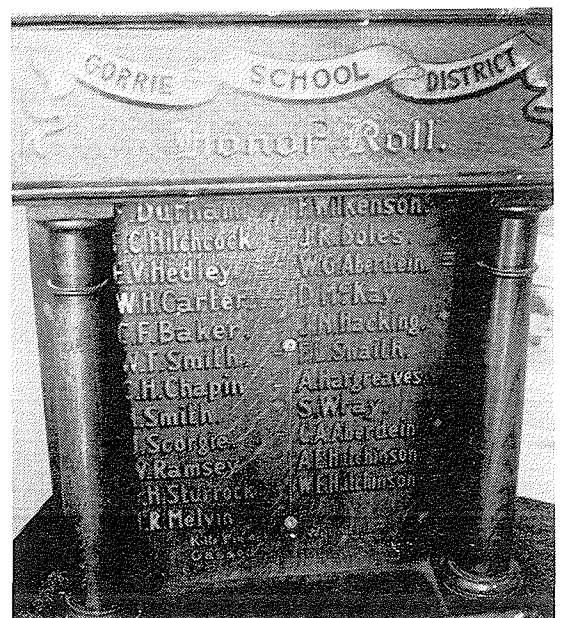
Grades I-V

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Back: Anne Elves, Wesley Steel.

Middle: Harvey Kehler, Rodney Kehler, Esther Bokhorst, Bia Kommer, Bill Enns, Sherril Boles.

Front: Michael Kehler, Darlene Enns, James Connon, Henny Kommer, Russell Enns, Diana Pienkowski.





*Gorrie School: Spring 1965, lunchtime.*

*Left to Right: Gwen Connon, Bernice Gowanlock, Roy Baker, Murray Blight, Glen Bayliss (face hidden), Neil Bok, Dixon Baker, Mark Bok, Peter Bokhorst, Diane Pienkowski, Leona Baker, Linda Bayliss, Marilyn Blight, Patsy Holdaway.*

*Students not Shown: Brenda Gowanlock, Valerie Pienkowski, Cecil Bayliss, Janet Holdaway, Donelda Gowanlock, Gaye Pienkowski, Vicki Baker, Mark Holdaway.*

## **GRANDVALLEY**

### **Submitted by John McGregor**

Grand Valley School was opened for classes on May 1, 1882. The school was located in the second storey of a general store on the homestead quarter of Dougald McVicar, which he acquired by homestead right when the registry office was opened for registration of farm properties on January 15, 1881.

It was decided that the school term would begin on April 1 and operate continuously until the Christmas holiday season began, if the weather permitted. The school remained closed until April 1 of the following year. The teacher was to receive a salary paid at the end of each month that he had taught school. The school was under the management of three voting trustees and a paid secretary. The Province of Manitoba did not require compulsory attendance of the students at school. The students attended school when they were able and their parents could spare them.

The first Grand Valley teacher was Mr. J.A. Grimmett, who taught from 1882 to December 1883. A new school was built in 1882. Miss Maggie Jones was the next teacher (January 1884 to May 1885). Mr. Grimmett was a very satisfactory and accomplished teacher. He was fluently bilingual. He had a good voice and sang well in English and in French.

Mr. Grimmett was a trained and superb athlete. He organized and coached the two Grand Valley baseball teams for the young men of the boom town of Grand Valley and district. Grimmett jogged to baseball practice sessions. A Grand Valley baseball team regularly played a Rapid City team on Dominion Day and Thanksgiving Day. Most of the players rode Indian ponies (that were purchased at \$10.00 a piece from the Indians) the approximate 20 miles to and from Rapid City. But Coach Grimmett simply jogged to and from all

games.

School teacher Grimmert took up residence in two second-storey rooms that he rented from a Grand Valley householder. He ate pemmican that he purchased from the Indians. It did not require cooking or refrigeration. He drank tea made with water boiled in a kettle on a small iron cookstove and heater.

When the teams at Grand Valley were organized, the players naturally had no money. Coach Grimmert ruled that it was too dangerous to play baseball without a mask. So he purchased by mail from the Hudson's Bay Store in Winnipeg, two baseball masks, two baseball catcher's mitts, two padded catcher's body protectors. All other players played with their bare hands.

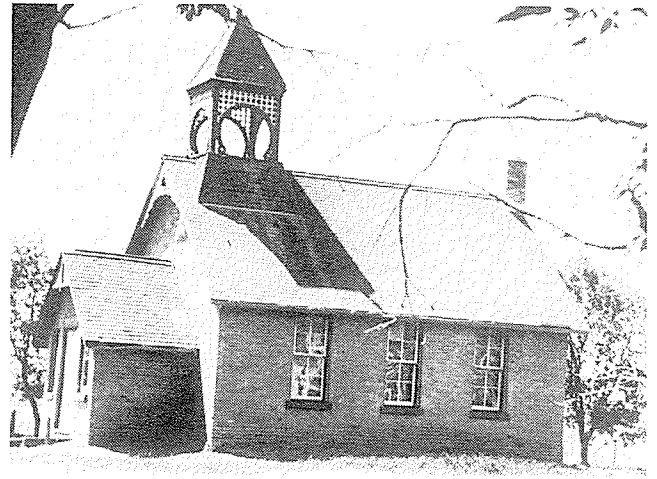
Coach Grimmert was refunded the money he paid out for two sets of baseball equipment from the Grand Valley share of the baseball game ticket receipts at the games played at Rapid City on Dominion Day and Thanksgiving Day. Rapid City with its sawmill, its grist mill and its woollen mill was a capitalist town with payrolls. But the men of Rapid City could not afford the time nor the effort to go to the boom town of Grand Valley to play baseball against the Grand Valley Giants.

School teacher Grimmert gave a school concert on the afternoon of the 24th of May 1882. The Grand Valley school children sang songs under the leadership of song leader Grimmert. There was not a hall big enough to accommodate the event, so the spectators sat on lumber piles in McVicar's lumber yard to hear the singing. At the conclusion of the event Mr. Grimmert sang two solos, one in English and one in French.

Naturally all people are prone to error. Mr. Grimmert stated in May of 1885 that Louis Riel was a patriot. He was defending the rights of the prairie Metis. It was an unpardonable error to make that statement in 1885 when nearly everyone was clamouring for Louis Riel's neck. The people turned their backs on Grimmert regardless of his kindness and his accomplishments, and he left Grand Valley.

The construction of Grand Valley school began in 1882. It was difficult to decide where to locate the school. In 1881 the C.P.R. chose the location of Brandon for the divisional point. Regular C.P.R. freight and passenger service began in late 1881. The Assiniboine River flood of 1882 was a disaster; it dealt the boom town of Grand Valley a mortal blow. But there was a great demand for a school, so a site was bought on the higher ground of the Dougald McVicar land untouched by the flood of 1882.

The contract for the construction of the school was given to a contractor. The contract stipulated that the school be so constructed to make it conveniently moveable. The walls were not plastered but were covered with two layers of



tongued and grooved inside siding with a double layer of tarpaper in between. There was no ceiling. The roof rafters were covered inside the same as the walls with two layers of siding. The lumber used for the construction was purchased from Dougald McVicar lumber company of Grand Valley. The construction was completed by midsummer and the school was promptly opened with Mr. Grimmert installed as teacher. It was built to accommodate 50 pupils. The seats and desks were new and up to date.

But everyone realized that the boom town of Grand Valley was fading out rapidly. All the stores and business places were moving to new locations in Brandon. By the spring of 1883 not much remained of boom town Grand Valley but some empty buildings, some gaping holes that had been the cellars of vanished houses, and the new school.

Some of the rural students had to walk five or six miles to school. People advocated that the new school be moved to a location more central to most of the rural population.

The school was moved in two sections. Two carpenters and two laborers re-attached the two sections of the school and replaced it on its wooden foundation in preparation for school opening on April 1 with a new teacher and a new school schedule of 10½ months school session and 1½ months holiday in midsummer.

Grand Valley school at its new location on the McMillan property, opened on April 1 of 1886 with Miss Maggie Jones again as teacher.

The old school on the McMillan property was too large, as it was built to accommodate 50 pupils and very difficult to heat. Having children sit in the classroom wearing heavy sweaters, toques and mitts was not conducive to a good learning situation. Children came to school primarily to learn to read and write and do elementary arithmetic. Few thought of the one-room school as a stepping stone to a professional career. The boys

hoped to become good horse farmers, while the girls stopped school to learn the fundamentals of cooking and housekeeping, preparing for the day when they could successfully charm a man capable of supporting a wife into the bonds of matrimony.

By 1890, girls began to think of careers in teaching, nursing and the business world. Some young men thought of medicine, law, journalism, civil engineering, and the church. Now rural students had objectives to prepare themselves for admission to university. The standards of education

in the one-room school had to be improved.

Thus a new Grand Valley school was built in the summer of 1892, about one-half mile from the McMillan location on the extreme northeast corner of 36-10-19. It was built of yellow brick and had a belfry. It was considered to be the most up-to-date school of that era. The school setting was enhanced with trees planted around the playground.

Grand Valley School was a good institution. It provided a stride into education.

**LAWRENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 364  
CURRIE'S LANDING SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NO. 183  
SHILO SIDING SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.  
1973**

Lawrence S.D. No. 364 was formed on January 5, 1885. Further south at Currie's Landing, on the Assinibione River, a school district had been established the previous year. With the coming of the railway, some seven miles north of the Landing, it was logical to assume that the trend for settlement would be in that direction. Several families had already settled on homesteads farther north. A certain homestead, 28-10-17, had been taken up by two bachelor brothers, Simon and Alex Thompson. This is the land presently farmed by Norman Richardson. Strangely enough these bachelors donated an acre of land on the S.E. corner of their farm for a one-roomed school and stable. No information at this time seems available to explain why the district was named Lawrence, but presumably it was a family name, not necessarily of someone in the district.

The registers of this school district have been preserved since 1906. All records prior to that time were burned in a fire which destroyed the home of the late Joseph Coxe, located a half mile north of the school. Mr. Coxe was secretary-treasurer at that time.

Teachers who taught at Lawrence School from 1906 to December 1946, when the school was closed, were:

1906-07	Maude L. Leepie
1907-08	I.L. Noble
1908-10	Margaret Taylor
1910-11	Margaret Crake
1911-13	Minnie W. Buckley
1913-14	B.G. Johnstone
1914-15	Lucy E. Adams and Agnes A. Coltart
1915-16	Helen M. McKelvy
1916-17	Helen M. McKelvy and Iva Gowanlock
1917-18	Iva Gowanlock
1918-20	Idena Musgrove
1920-21	Idena Musgrove and Jeanette Cox

1921-23	Elisabeth A. Johnson and Jean H. Cowan
1923-24	Jean H. Cowan
1924-27	Ellen Smith
1927-28	Gladys Nesbitt
1928-33	Alice A. Noble
1933-38	Barbara Robinson
1938-39	Jean O. Goulding
1939-42	Mabel M. Hulley
1942-43	E.B. Montgomery and Christine S. McKay
1943-45	M. Louise Cruikshank
1945-	Margaret MacDougall

Through the years salaries varied from \$575.00 to \$1,000 a year and dropped to an all time low of \$400 a year in the early thirties. Those were the depression years and also there appeared to be far more teachers than schools.

Some of the Trustees and Secretary-Treasurers over the years were:

TRUSTEES	SECRETARY-TREASURER
1906-07 W.B. Thompson, W. Moffat, T. Wyton	W.B. Thompson
1907-08 W. Moffat, J. Coxe, Ed. Slator	J. Coxe
1908-09 J. Coxe, Ed. Slator, Sam Parks	J. Coxe
1909-15 J. Coxe, Harry Reid, Ed. Slator	J. Coxe
1015-22 No record	
1922-23 R. Swallow, Mr. Whitley, J. Coxe	J. Coxe
1923-28 No record	
1928-29 Alex Foster, Fred Reed, C. Richardson	T. James
1929-33 No record	
1933-34 Sid Wyton, C. Richardson, F. Reed	C. Richardson
1934-35 C. Coxe, F. Reed, C. Richardson	C. Richardson
1935-37 F.J. Reed, C. Richardson, Jas. Richardson	C. Richardson
1937-38 N. Conrod, H.E. Geiger, Jas. Richardson	Ruth Richardson
1938-40 N. Conrod, Jas. Richardson, E. Slator	Ruth Richardson
1940-43 No record	
1943-44 Robt. Brown, Ed. Slator, N. Conrod	Ruth Richardson
1944-45 Robt. Brown, Jack Slator, C. Coxe	Ruth Richardson
1945-46 No record	
1946 No record (school closed in December, 1946)	

Some of the first pupils who attended Lawrence School until 1910 were: May Coxe, Sam Coxe, Olive Brooks, Sparling Brooks, Louise Brennan, Thomas Wyton, Hilda Agnew, Ivey Agnew, Clifford (Chip) Coxe, Douglas Moffat, Frances Richardson, Aylesworth Coxe, Fred

Wyton, Percy Angew, Hazel Willday, Athol Moffat, Augusta Wyton, Harry Moffat, Bert Slator, Annie Slator, Lewellyn Burley, Agnes Sullivan, Leonard Gordon, John Willday, Eddie Coxe, Vera Willday, Willie Wyton, Frances Gilroy, Nena Alexander and Florrie Hoppell.

Family names which appear on the Lawrence registers in later years are Alexander, Reed, Stuart, Watterson, McMenemy, Ayers, Knight, Hinson, Edmondson, Slator, Richardson, Foster, Wyton, Swallow, James, Conrod, Geiger, Helton, Bannerman, Kissock, Hill, Gardner, Hourd, McCumber, Crowder, Mystrum, Curley, Cullen, Wells, Studer and Story. To the best of our knowledge, Myrtle Agnes Clarke (nee Sullivan), 87 years of age as of January 1, 1983, is the oldest former student of Lawrence School.

In the early 1900's the Curries Landing school to the south was closed due to a depleted enrolment and the few pupils remaining were transported to Lawrence School. The children from that district continued to attend Lawrence School until it was closed in December 1946.

Family names which appear on the Currie's Landing school registers are: Wyton (two families), Sibley, Minaker, Cutter and Haberstock.

In 1919 the Shilo Siding S.D. No. 1973, to the south east of Lawrence School District, about four miles, was formed. There were never enough children living in that district to warrant building a school but arrangements were made for those who did to be transported to Lawrence School. Those who attended Lawrence School from the Shilo Siding School District over the years 1927 to 1946 were Dalgliesh, de Delleys, Armstrong, MeLong, Giles, Shiloff, Flak, Kurbatoff, Derkack and Kissock.

During the years the over all enrolment at Lawrence School fluctuated considerably owing to the joint arrangement for the three school districts. The teacher marked three separate registers daily and sent three reports to the Department of Education each month, thus making it possible to draw the yearly school grants for three school districts. This of course was needed to pay transportation, teacher's salary and general maintenance.

The children from Currie's Landing area had a long, lonely, stretch of prairie trail to travel to get to school. In the summer they were picked up by car but in the winter a team of horses hitched to a low, lumbering school van covered the distance of about twenty-two miles for the round trip night and morning. Dorothy Sibley (Brown) had the greatest distance to come. In winter it was dark when the children were picked up in the morning and dark again by the time they reached home in the late afternoon. The Shilo Siding children were closer and in earlier years were picked up last and let off

first. Later a rotating system was worked out whereby one week Currie's Landing children were picked up first and let off first and the next week Shilo Siding children were picked up first and let off first. But by 1945 Leonard Wyton was the only pupil left in Currie's Landig S.D. to attend school and he rode horse back instead of coming by school bus.

During the years that this system was in operation the van drivers were Mr. Joe Coxe or his son Chip, Mr. Sid Wyton, Mr. Tom James and later those who transported children by cars: Mrs. W. Dalgliesh, Mr. Tom Wyton and Mrs. F. de Delley. Those who drove with horses had many a cold stormy trip across the bleak prairie to pick up the children. In the very coldest part of the winter a little heater was used in the van for extra warmth. Some mornings after a "blow" or fresh fall of snow, the horses would have to walk most of the way and break a fresh trail both coming and going. There were never any frozen fingers or toes or a complaint of any kind. They were really a great bunch of kids, and the van drivers were very reliable and trustworthy.

The first Christmas concert was held in the school in December 1928. Miss Alice Noble was the teacher. Thereafter it was an annual event and the highlight of the year. It entailed much preparation and planning and everyone co-operated to make it a success. The limited space created a problem, and no one knew better than the teacher what it meant to dress six girls for a fairy drill, or cushion a fat man for his "act", in a little curtained off space behind the organ. The frustration was compensated for however, by the hilarious outbursts of laughter and applause from a packed house when things did not appear as planned. Room had to be spared for the Christmas tree also and when Santa arrived he had great difficulty pushing his way through the crowd to the tree and to give the teacher a "special" salute for her efforts.

The first Justice, Douglas and surrounding schools Field Day was held June 7, 1929 at Douglas. The following year Moore Park entered the contest. These Field Days created a great deal of interest and generated keen competition among the small schools for a number of years. The printed programs list "parade appearance and marching; physical drills; school choruses; all types of races and jumps; and baseball". The Lawrence School was an enthusiastic contestant in the parade, drill and individual sports and often placed at, or near, the top.

The old school house held many memories of socials and dances held during the winter months. Each family took its turn, also the hired men in the district, at putting on the party. Fortunately there was considerable musical talent in the district. The Fosters, Dalglieshs, Billie Richardson, Nelson Conrod and Dave Agnew were some who supplied



music. Also during the war years army boys came from Shilo with their musical instruments to enjoy a social family evening in the little country school.

By 1946 great changes were taking place in the Manitoba Educational system and it appeared the day of the one-roomed country school was almost over. The era of the Lawrence, Currie's Landing, Shilo Siding combined school district "set-up", which functioned so well for many years, came to an end.

When Lawrence School was closed in December 1946, it operated then as a "closed school" in which case the Department of Education gave the school district a grant (\$6 per month per student) toward educating their students in another school and Lawrence district levied the remainder to cover the total cost. It was financially advantageous for both Lawrence and Douglas to operate in this manner at that time. Some of the children attended school in Douglas, others who lived near Camp Shilo were allowed to attend there. Attendance was low at that time and the parents preferred to drive their own children to school rather than establish a bus route. A nominal fee was paid for this transportation. The parents continued to transport their own children for twenty-two years until 1968 when a bus route was organized by the new system of administration of that time. The Department of Education placed them in the newly organized Brandon School Division No. 40. By an agreement between Brandon Division and Rolling River Division, a bus route was established in the Lawrence District. Len Wyton was hired to operate it, which he did until 1971.

About this time extensive settlement was taking place in the area to the south formerly known as Lawrence, Shilo Siding and Currie's Landing. Thus more children were attending school in Douglas from that area. Since this district was placed officially in the Brandon School Division officials were busy making arrangements to bus the children to Brandon, where the student enrolment was somewhat depleted.

Families which had been attending school at Douglas and Elton Collegiate in Forrest wished to continue there. Their only assurance of being able to do so was to have their land transferred. Steps were taken to petition the Department of Education for the transfer of twenty-five sections of land in that area to the Rolling River School Division. After a hearing with the "Board of Reference" was held at Elton Collegiate at Forrest the request was approved and the transfer granted. Thus on January 1, 1979, the legal transfer of land was completed but the children had already been attending Douglas and Elton schools for some time.

The Lawrence District bus route was taken over by Mike Durphy in September, 1971. He continued driving until 1975. Bill Burke was then

hired as bus driver and continued until 1981-82, when Barrie Kirkpatrick took it over. In 1982 Pat Johnson took over the high school run and Ken Moorehead the run for elementary students.

When the Lawrence School closed in 1946 the community had hopes of maintaining the building for use as a community centre. But before long it deteriorated to where this was not practical, and it was disposed of by tender to the late Mr. Ralph Nicol, who moved it to his farm yard on the low road to Brandon. There it remains today, a grim reminder of its former importance in a pioneer community and its historic past. The site on which it stood is now occupied by a huge hydro installation which serves also as a reminder of the extent to which our area has developed in the past one hundred years.

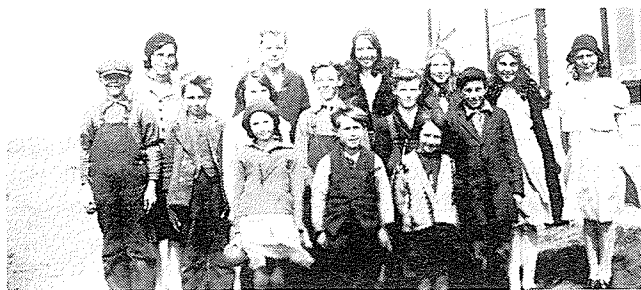
Today, due to advanced scientific knowledge and techniques, the plagues, which in earlier days ravaged this somewhat desert like area to the south of Douglas, and caused settlers to forsake their homes, have been overcome. The land has been re-surveyed and sold for suitable 'cropping' on a large scale, with pivot irrigation installed, and also for small acreages where homes are being built. Whole settlements, known as Spruce Woods and Cottonwoods Acres have come into being. It is somewhat surprising to learn, on checking school attendance, that seventy-five pupils today are being transported to Douglas and Elton schools from the former school districts of Lawrence and Currie's Landing. Students from the area formerly known as Shilo Siding now attend Shilo schools.



Lawrence S.D. No. 364. Schoolhouse: S.E. corner of 28-10-17. At present time the site is occupied by a Hydro Sub-Station.







Lawrence, Currie's Landing, Shilo S.D. 1932. Back Row: Alice Noble (teacher), Gordon James, Elsie Foster, Flora McLeod, Gladys James, Dorothy Sibley. Centre Row: Ronald Wyton, Bert Wyton, Mary Dalglish, Arnold Wyton, Billie Swallow, Walter Wyton. Front Row: Dina Dalglish, Allan Dalglish, Betty Foster.



Currie's Landing #183. Back Row: Harvey Wyton, Viola Haverstock, Josie Cutter. Front Row: Leonard Wyton, Ruby Haverstock, Mae Cutter. Driver — Tom Wyton with son Mike.



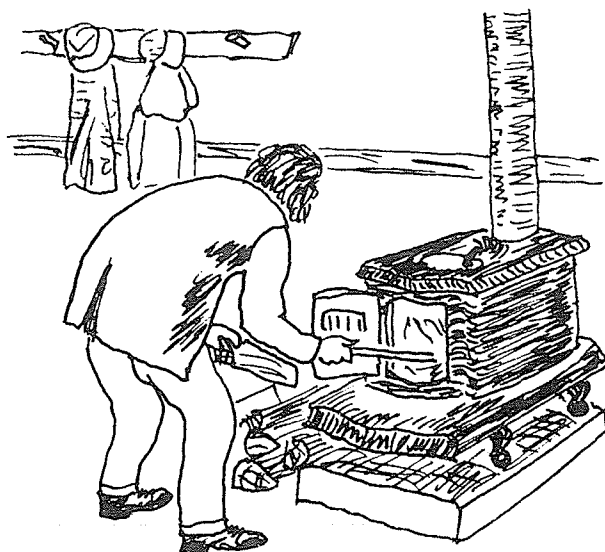
Lawrence, Currie's Landing, Shilo S.D. 1939. Back Row: Josie Cutter, Viola Haverstock, Allan Dalglish, Harvey Wyton, Noreen Dalglish, Bill Richardson. Centre Row: Wally de Delley, Jack Conrod, Jean Dalglish, Len Wyton, Ruby Haverstock. Front Row: Larry de Delley, Kathleen Conrod, Mae Cutter, Norm Richardson, Ronald de Delley.



Lawrence School #364. Bill Richardson, Norm Richardson.



Shilio Siding S.D. December 1939. Back Row: Allar Dalglish, Mary Dalglish, Noreen Dalglish, John Conrod. Middle Row: Wally de Delley, Jean Dalglish, Kathleen Conrod. Front Row: Ronald de Delley, Larry de Delley.



## LITTLE SOURIS SCHOOL #227 County of Brandon

The first school meeting was held in the home of T.B. Hyndman, March 12, 1884, with John Bennett as Chairman and T.B. Hyndman as Secretary.

The site chosen for the school was N.E. corner of 10-9-19 at a cost of \$10. This lot was deemed too low so it was changed to the present site 15-9-19 at cost of \$20.

The first trustees were John Doran, Wm. Candlish, and Donald McFadyen.

The cost of the first school was \$968, payable in twenty years, with Robert Gold as contractor. The stable was built in 1898 for \$50.

T.B. Hyndman was the first secretary-treasurer at a salary of \$60, for one year and \$25 the following year.

Miss Kate Shillinglaw was the first teacher at a salary of \$30 a month, from July to Dec. 1.

The teachers were paid when there was money and in the early years the school term was sometimes from May or April for six or seven months. Holidays were in the winter rather than the summer as now. The salaries gradually increased till in 1922 the teacher received \$1100 and decreased till the salary was down to \$425. The last teacher received \$3500 in 1967.

The highest attendance was in 1923 when Miss Winn taught grade 10. The enrollment was 38 with an average attendance of 15. The next high was in 1937 when the depression hit Saskatchewan farmers and three families came to the district to feed their cattle for the winter. The enrolment was 36, grades 9 and 10 were taught by correspondence, grade 9 was by Saskatchewan correspondence.

In 1913 the trustees considered closing the school for lack of pupils, were able to keep it open when the Groomes, who were taught by a governess decided to attend school.

In 1908 the trustees arranged for the pupils to be vaccinated. Inspector Hatcher was given \$10 for a School Fair which was held in the old arena. It was an exhibition of school works and also a show of animals.

The first Field Day was in 1945. At first it was held at some of the homes in the districts, Simpsons at Little Souris, Clarks at Roseland, and McCombs at South Brandon. As years passed it was held in the Exhibition grounds, and also the university grounds. Each school had its own colors and crest.

Field Day gave the pupils a chance to meet the pupils in the neighboring schools, as they were taking part in races or in ball games.

It was quite an occasion when the school was wired in 1948, and the oil heat was installed in 1954, no more wood to be bought, no ashes, no fires to be lit! Wood could no longer be bought at \$1.75 a cord as in 1884.

The school was closed in 1967 and the children were transported to Brandon by bus.

The last trustees were Jack Ardiel, Allen Bell, Charlie Donogh, and Harris Simpson as secretary-treasurer.

Throughout the years the Little Souris School was the center of community activities. In early years it was used for church services, and many times in later years it served for both Church and Sunday school, especially in the winter when it was hard to heat the Church.

In war time the I.T. club, "I'll Try", met once or twice a month to help with the needs of the day. Later, the Young People's Club carried on with debates, plays, educational, devotional and social evenings.

In more recent years a Community Club was formed where the young and old could meet once or twice a month for various activities, and in the summer could enjoy a picnic with food, races, and ball games. When the school and church closed the Community Club took over the school, and also sponsored the Christmas Concerts.

The school was sometimes used at election time and people from outside the district came and cast their ballots for the candidate of their choice.

At one time the ladies had an opportunity to take a home nursing course in the school.

The Community Club disbanded, and in 1982 the contents of the school were sold, and the school stood empty. In 1983 the school was sold to Russell Elder, who hopes to move it to N.E. 23-9-18, where his family had lived.

Quite frequently the Little Souris school has appeared on T.V. bringing back happy memories of the good old days.

## TRUSTEES AND SECRETARY-TREASURERS OF LITTLE SOURIS SCHOOL #227 1884-

TRUSTEES	1967	
John Doran		Chairman 1884
Wm. McCandlish		
Donald McFadyen		
John Davis		Chairman
T.B. Hyndman		Sec. 1884-97
Wm. Fardoe		Chairman
Hector McLean		
John Empey		Chairman
R.S. Alexander		Chairman
Wm. Evans		Chairman
James Davidson		Chairman
John Campbell		Secretary
Wm. Courtice		Secretary
Wm. Porterfield		Secretary
E. Harris		Chairman
John Ardiel		Secretary
J.S. Lowes		Chairman, Secretary

T. Kelly	Chairman
Fred Simpson	
E.J.B. Groome	
Lawrence Courtice	Chairman
John Fardoe	Chairman, Secretary
Albert Empey	
George Porterfield	Secretary
Art Cooper	
Lyle Harper	
Harris Simpson	Secretary
Allen Bell	Chairman
Alex Mowatt	
Jack Ardiel	
Charles Donogh	

### Secretary-Treasurers not Trustees

T. Patterson	Ada Courtice
Mrs. George Porterfield	Mrs. Fred Simpson
Mrs. Allen Bell	Robert Cooper



Little Souris School 1908. Left to right; back row: Mary Stewart, Harry Fardoe, Bill Stewart, Cam Ardiel, Nora Nicol; second row: Reta Courtice, Mary Ardiel, Miss Banting (teacher), Jean Courtice, Lena Ramsden; front row: Florence Ardiel, Mabel Kelly, Annie Fardoe.

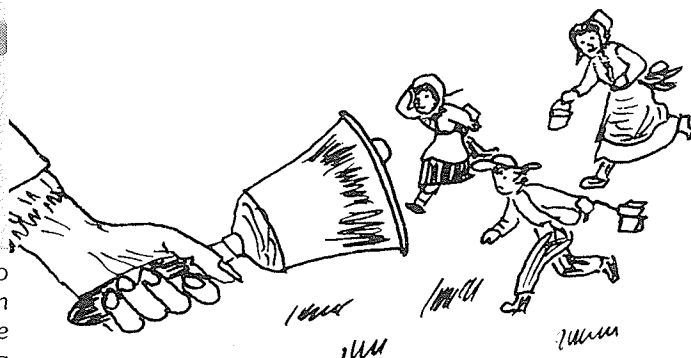


Little Souris School 1916, teacher Miss Cathers. Left to right; back row: Monty Groome, Annie Fardoe, Dan McLean, Margaret McLean, Gordon Empey; middle row: Marguerite Empey, Mildred Groome, Edwina Groome, Harris Simpson, Merwyn Lowes; front row: Myrtle Empey, Mabel Empey, Ron Simpson, Ken Empey.

## LITTLE SOURIS SCHOOL DISTRICT #227 COUNTY OF BRANDON 1884 TEACHERS

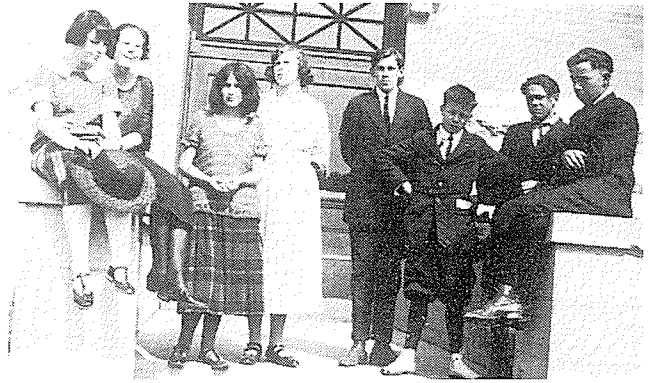
Kate Shillinglaw; July 1 — Dec. 1; 1884; \$30 a month; Richard Earl; Jan. 5 — 3 months; 1885; \$35 a month; Hannah Leslie; May 4 — Nov. 4; 1885; \$30 a month; Mina Winter; Apr. 12 — Nov. 12; 1886; \$35 a month; Charles Traill (H.S.); Apr. 20 — Nov. 20; 1887; \$37 a month; Jessie Glendenning; May 1 — Nov. 1; 1888; \$35 a month; Lucy Dulmage; May 1 — Dec. 1; 1889; \$35 a month; Jennie Cunningham; Apr. 1 — Nov. 1; 1890; \$35 a month.

Miss Bride	Ivodeil Busby
Miss Symes	Jean Fairhall
Miss Glendenning	Anne Noble
Annie Arnott	Blanche Alexander
Mr. T.L. Arnott	Jessie McMillan, \$425
Miss Murray	Dorothy Kelly
Olive Arnott	Verna Harper
Miss Barton	(Mrs. E.H. Simpson)
Miss Wilson (Mrs. McKelvie) 1897-1900	Myrtle Browton
Del Wheaton	Edith Dewar,
Bessie Sharman	Sub. Mrs. J. Paulson
Maude Teeple	Vera (Dolly) Slator
Miss Smith, Miss Guy	Mae Ferris
John Morrison	Rose Mund
Maude Tingley	Verna Davidson
Eva Banting	Dorothy Seafoot
Ada Courtice	Anne Skuce
Jessie Stewart	Edna Jones, 1950
Mabel Simpson	Eleanor Rankin
1 month	Barbara Thompson
Maude Houston	Mrs. Claude Boleyn
Edith Cathers, 1915	Donna Barclay
Winnifred Haggerty	Muriel Rome
Gladys Anderson	Wendy Neuert
Lorna Moore	Darleen Mitchell
Margaret Critchley	Mrs. J. Dowsett
Eva Roddick	Mrs. Cal Szakacs
Irma Gilpen, \$1100	Mrs. Sadley Marcinyk
Florence Winn	\$3500, 1967
(Mrs. B.W. Harper)	

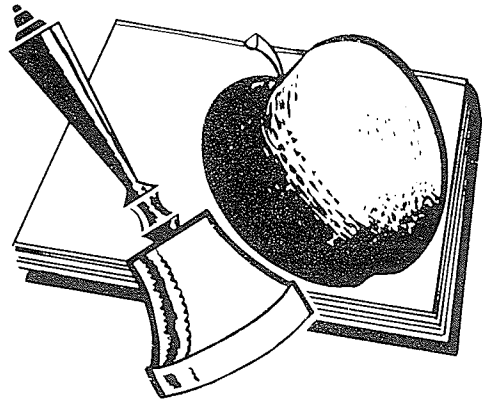




Little Souris School 1918-19. Left to right; back row: Marguerite Empey, Miss Lorna Moore (teacher), Gordon Empey, Merwyn Lowes; middle row: Jessie Ardiel, Myrtle Empey, Mabel Empey, Ron Simpson, Mike Zak, Bob Hutton; front row: Steve Zak, Kenneth Empey, Leonard Ardiel.



Little Souris School — Grade 10 class final exams, taken at the Brandon Normal School in 1925. Teacher — Miss Florence Winn. Left to Right: Mabel Empey, Hazel Medland, Myrtle Empey, Zina Hopwood, Harris Simpson, Ken Empey, Ron Simpson, Harvey Shields.



Little Souris School 1925. Left to right; back row: Harvey Shields, Ken Empey, Mabel Empey, Myrtle Empey, Harris Simpson, Ron Simpson (on horseback); middle row: Jack Ardiel, More (Buster) Gilbert, Harold Simpson, Mary Moffat, Adeline Anderson, Bessie Boorman, Billie Boorman, Johnny Moffat; front row: Stanley Gilbert, Howard Anderson, Alfred Anderson.

Little Souris School 1937-38. Teacher — Verna Harper. Left to right; back row: Jim McKie, Kathleen Hession, Allen Good, Bob Cooper, Bill Porterfield, Ken Anderson, Charlie Sargent, Phyllis Anderson, Eilleen Anderson, Joan Rollins, Elsie Rollins, Russell Rollins, Jim Hession, Lloyd Good; middle row: Jack Cooper, Roy McLean, Tom Hession, Ellen Fardoe, Cecil Fardoe; front row: Lillian Legg, Ieleen Porterfield, Muriel Rollins, Jean Sargent, Bill Fardoe, Paul Sukaroff. Missing: Edna Good, Douglas Sargent, Don, Helen and Edna Karnes.







*Little Souris School, taken at Field Day 1950, Brandon Fair Grounds. Left to right; back row: Miss Anne Skuce, Walter Omilanow, Lydia Omilanow, Tony Omilanow; middle row: Ivan Hampton, Jack Beach, David McDowell; front row: Dennis Simpson, Lloyd Baker, Eleanor McDowell, Pat Mowatt.*

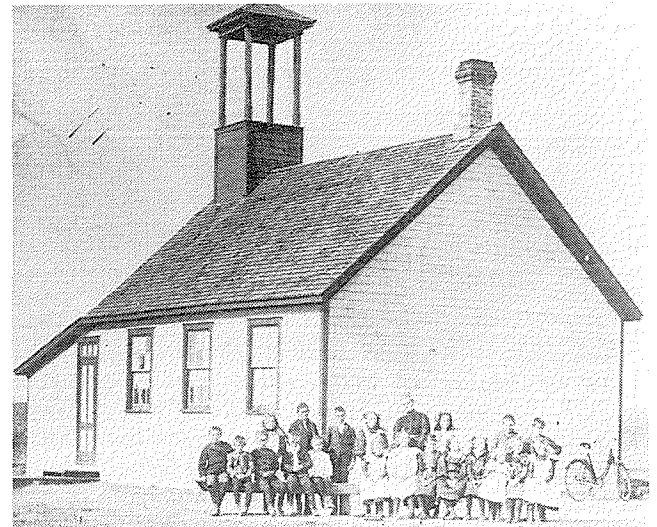


*Little Souris School 1956. Teacher — Miss Muriel Rome. Left to right; back row: Dennis Simpson, Miss Rome, Pat Mowatt; middle row: Jim Empey, Dale Simpson, Margie Mowatt, Linda Bell, Wayne Simpson; front row: Douglas Ardiel, Robert Mowatt, Lexie Ardiel, Joyce Empey, Ron Hurd, Garry Donogh, Kees Buizer, Jim Ardiel.*

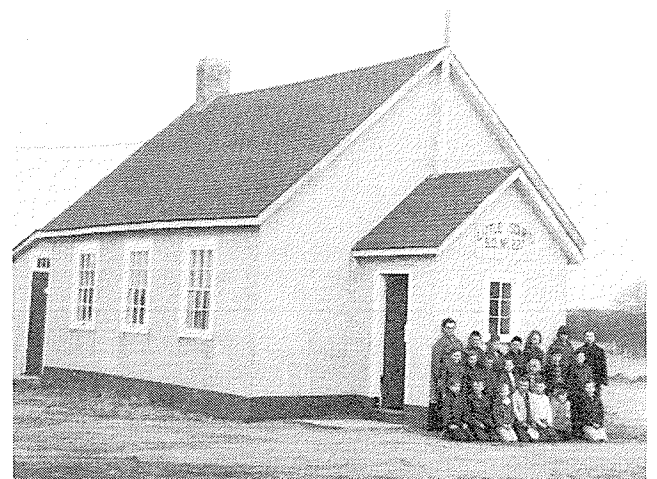
*All ready for Field Day.*



*Little Souris School 1967, last class. Left to right; back row: Jim Hurd, Rene Fifi, Ray Empey, Claude Fifi, Wendy Empey, Agnes Fifi, Mrs. Marcynk; middle row: Edwin Fardoe, Brent Bartel, Bill Turner, Shirley Hurd, Wendy Warburton, Bruce Donogh, Edward Hurd; front row: Brad Bartel, Gary Shopland, Lynne Warburton, Ken Turner, Robert Turner, Shirley Shopland, Kim Warburton.*



*Little Souris School, approximately 1900.*



*Little Souris School, 1967.*



*Field day shield given annually to the school receiving the most points.*

## FIELD DAYS IN CORNWALLIS MUNICIPALITY

The first Field Day was held in 1945 with south Brandon as the host school. It took place at the home of W. McComb. Other Field Days were held at A. Clarks in Roseland and H. Simpsons in Little Souris. At that time Beresford school took part. Later it included six schools, South Brandon. Little Souris, Cornwallis, Roseland, Gorrie and Brandon Hills.

The trustees and teachers organized and prepared the events to be held.

One of the popular features of the day was the canteen, where three trustees, at least, worked from morning until night serving ice cream, cold drinks and other tid-bits to both the young and the old.

The women of the district at first arranged for the meals which were held in a tent, and also in the automobile building in the fair grounds.

The last Field Day held in the rural area was in 1948. After that the event was moved into Brandon in various locations in the Fair grounds, one of which was in front of the small grandstand. The Fair board crew were most cooperative in seeing that the buildings were open for lunches, and in bringing chairs and benches as needed. Later changes were being made in the Fair grounds, so Field Days were held in the Kinsmen Stadium.

The St. John's Ambulance Corps was in attendance and looked after sprained ankles, wrists, blackened eyes, bloody noses and what ever else was needed.

Hugh Ferguson was one of the umpires and

one who contributed much to the spirit of good sportsmanship.

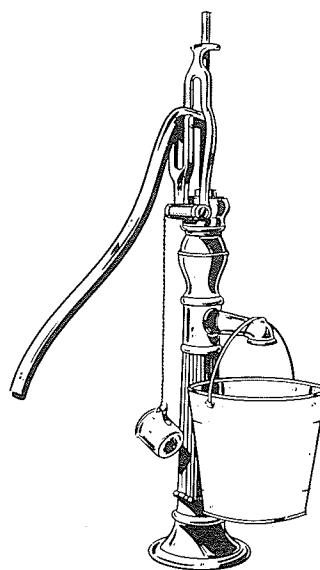
To the children Field Day was very special, every child participated. Each school had its own color of uniform and a crest identifying the school. A cap was part of the uniform not only because of its looks but because it helped to guard against sunstroke.

Early in the spring the children practised for the high jump, the broad jump, ball throw, dodge ball, race and especially soft ball. Very often they had a game with a neighboring school to get them ready for the big event of Field Day.

For the first few years money was given for the first, second and third prizes. This was quickly spent at the booth. Later ribbons were given to the winners.

In 1949 a shield was presented for the first time and when there was no longer space for engraving the names of the winning schools on it a trophy was purchased and presented.

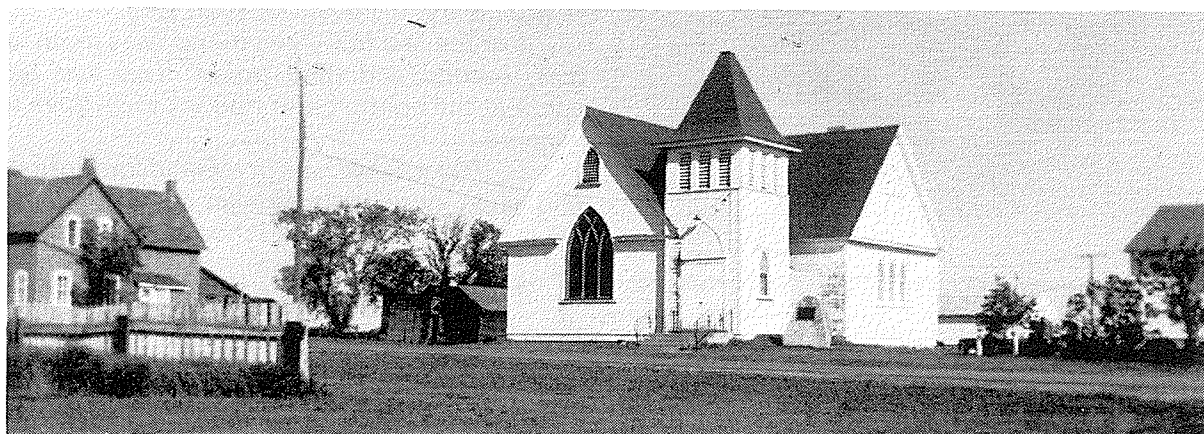
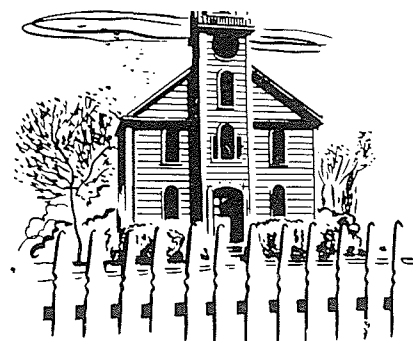
Fields days contributed to the rural living both the young and the old. They worked together to make it a success. It gave them an opportunity to meet the neighboring districts in a day full of pleasure and excitement. With the closing of their rural schools, Field Days were ended but they gave the participants a memory of fun and good sportsmanship.





# CHURCHES

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*Chater United Church (Methodist) now Chater Community Centre — house to left of church, one of the oldest in Chater.*

The pioneers who arrived in all areas of the Canadian west were always anxious to have some form of religious services as soon as possible. Thus it was that churches were soon erected for this and as a centre for certain social activities.

The Chater district was no exception and in a short time two churches were built to serve the surrounding community.

In 1881 a circuit was established by Rev. Thos. Lawson, of the Manitoba and Northwest Conference of the Methodist Church. The lead was at Chater and the other appointments were at Elton School, northeast of Douglas and Orange Hall on section 30-11-17.

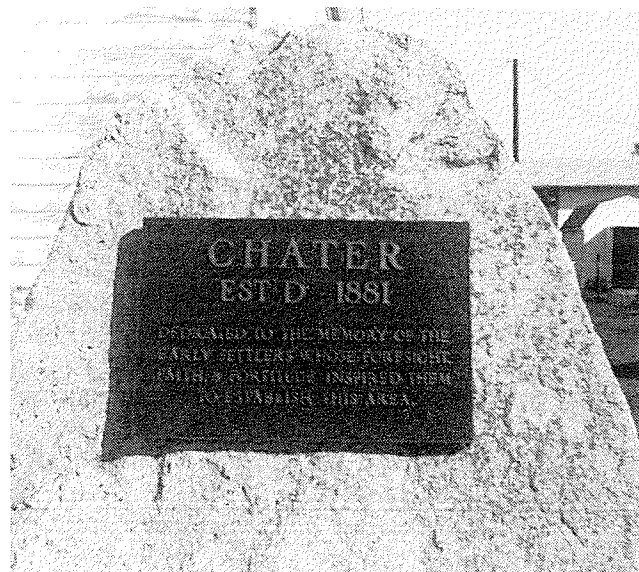
It seems that Rev. Dyer was one of the first resident ministers.

The first Methodist church was situated very close to where the present church building stands, possibly a little north and east. The Methodist parsonage was just north of the church and was situated where Henry Hlady's house now stands.

In December 1900, the new Methodist Church (which is still standing) was opened. During the planning of the new church, Mrs. John Brooks was president of the Ladies Aid. Mrs. Brooks was a devout church worker and played an important role in the early church. In the summer of 1899, Mrs. Brooks died of typhoid fever, one of the dreaded diseases of the day. The minister's (Rev. Runions)

sister-in-law also died of the same disease. The Ladies Aid was responsible for putting the beautiful stained glass window, in memory of Mrs. Brooks, in the new church. The first wedding in the new church was Martha Brooks and Henry Allen in July 24, 1901. Rev. P.W. Davies was the minister.

The old church was moved a short way west to the Birdsell farm, where it is still being used. It still has the original doors.



*Cairn at Chater Church.*

The following is a list of early ministers according to the records:

Rev. S.P. Davies	1885-1888
Rev. Finn	1888-1890
Rev. Howarth	1890-1892
Rev. R. Miliken	1892-1893
Rev. Kenner	1893-1896
Rev. Whiteside	1896-1897
Rev. J.W. Runions	1897-1900
Rev. S. Colwill	1900-1902
Rev. S.P. Davies	1902-1905
Rev. Jas. Smith	1905-1908
Rev. John Scott	1908-1913
Rev. T.E. Taylor	1913-1916
Rev. A.E. Oke	1916-1918
Rev. R.A. Hoey	1918-1919
Rev. J. Wilkins	1919-1920
Rev. T. Constable	1920-19

The methodist Church parsonage was in Chater, on the property now owned by H. Hlady, and all the above ministers, with the exception of Mr. Constable, lived in it. It was kept in repair by the Ladies Aid of Chater and Orange Hall Churches. Orange Hall later became Sparling Church.

The other church in Chater was the Presbyterian Church. According to records, the Presbyterians began their ministry in the Forrest, Douglas area in 1879 when Rev. Roddick presided as missionary over a large area.

It is on record that the Presbyterians held services in the school or the Methodist church until theirs was ready. In 1882, Robert Murray was appointed missionary for this area and, in the same year, plans were made to obtain land from the C.P.R., in Chater, for a suitable building site for a church. While Rev. and Mrs. Murray were in this area, they made their home with the Robt. Richards family, north of Chater about three miles.

The day finally came when the cornerstone was laid for the new church. Mr. Allan Leslie used to tell the story, that the day the cornerstone was laid, was a chilly day in June and it seems that night, there was a severe frost, and the crops were black. This proved a hardship, as many had pledged considerable money for the new project. Mr. Leslie also mentioned that as a money raising project, for the new church, the ladies gave the money from the eggs the hens laid on a certain day. Evidently the hens always laid more eggs on that day.

Through the years the Presbyterian Church was quite successful and had a thriving Sunday School. Those were the days when the whole family, dressed in their very best, attended church, arriving by horse drawn vehicles.

The records of the ministers of the Presbyterian Church are not complete but the following are some of the names:

Robert Murray	1883
Rev. A. McLaren	1884

Rev. A. McTavish	1885-1895
Rev. Chestnut	1895
Rev. John Ferry	1896-1900
Rev. J.H. Wallace	1901-1907
No record	1907-1913
Rev. A. Churchill	1913-1918
Rev. W.J. Allen	1918-1922

In 1922, three years before the Canada wide union of the Methodist, Prebyterian, and Congregational Churches, the churches of Chater, Douglas and Sparling united, with Rev. John Hellyer being the first minister. In Chater, they finally settled on using the Methodist church building as it was the better and newer building and as such, continued until June 1971 when the local church closed.

The following is the list of ministers of the Chater United Church:

Rev. John Hellyer	1923-1927
Rev. E.W. Johnson	1927-1932
Rev. R.F. Hunter	1932-1933
Rev. J.B.E. Anderson	1933-1937
Rev. R.E. McCullagh	1937-1939
Rev. J.M. Wilson	1939-1945
Rev. J.A. McKillop	1945-1947
Rev. F. Armstrong	1947-1949
Rev. M. Thompson	1949-1953
Rev. Don Pratt	1953-1956
Mr. John Berridge	1956-1957
Rev. W. Barkwell	1957-1961
Rev. D. Holtzman	1961-1965
Mr. Henry Peters	1965-1966
Rev. Ken Beal	1966-1970
Ken Grambo and Glen Whitter	1970-1971

## CHATER CEMETERY

Plans for the Chater cemetery began on a cold winter day in 1912. Mrs. Weightman, the section foreman's wife had died and the committal service was at Sparling cemetery. It was a very cold day and the men had to make the round trip of twelve miles with the team and sleigh, the result being that they nearly froze. On arriving home, Mr. Joe Smyth remarked that that was enough, and that he would donate a piece of land for a cemetery. Thus, on February 10, 1912, a meeting was held in the Chater school to make plans for the cemetery.

Charles Abey chaired the meeting, with Allan Leslie as Secretary. Others present were: Joe Smyth, Oliver Cheavins, J. McDonald and J. Scott. Mr. Smyth's offer of one acre of land on NE $\frac{1}{4}$  27-10-18 was accepted with thanks from those present. J. Smyth, C. Abey and A. Leslie were elected as a board of trustees to complete the arrangements which included fencing, marking plots, registering title, and securing the deed.

At a meeting on August 13, 1912, it was decided to pay outstanding bills. The cemetery had

about 900 feet of fence with about 70 posts. These prices from the minutes will give a comparison with today's prices. Fenceposts — \$20.00; Fencing — \$50.00; Stone drawing by J. Smyth — \$40.00; bookstore — \$1.90; Legal expenses \$9.00; gate — \$11.00; C.P.R. freight — .35¢. At this meeting it was decided to plant trees in the cemetery. In 1919 a claim was laid against the C.P.R. for \$40.00 value for a toolhouse destroyed by fire set by the C.P.R. engine, and was paid.

The first interment was Mrs. Weightman, whose body was moved from Sparling.

Many people have acted as trustees during the years. John Campbell's name first appeared on the books in 1924, and remained until 1979, when he resigned as treasurer. He was given a presentation acknowledging his extended service.

In 1979 Mrs. Janet Angus and Mrs. Judy Campbell were appointed to the board. Other members are: Bruce Curtis, John Kain, Leo Robson and Dick Reed.

New gates were placed in the NW corner in 1973, to provide drive through facilities. A complete new fence was put up in 1980. Cornwallis Municipality supplied the materials for the fence, and members of the community supplied the labour on a voluntary basis. This was much appreciated by the Cemetery Board.

by Dick Reed

### LADIES CHURCH GROUPS

The Chater Ladies Aid was the name given to the ladies group in the Methodist Church and the Willing Workers was the ladies group in the Presbyterian Church. Both groups were very busy keeping their ministers homes in repair and furnished; quilting, packing boxes for the poor, planning suppers, strawberry socials, etc. Follow-



*CHATER W.A. IN 1952. Back row; Hazel Robson and Lyle, Janet Angus, Mollie Robson, Lena Campbell, Lena Birdsell, Ruth Grant, with baby, Iva James, Mary Skilton, Louis Luba. Front row; Doris Reed with Betty, May Muirhead, Bertha Campbell and Harriet Campbell.*

ing union they were known as the W.A. continuing their same work in the community. During the war years, these groups put in many hours doing Red Cross work and packing boxes for their boys overseas.



### W.F.M.S. AND LATER W.M.S.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society was formed in Chater, Humesville, Brandon and Rubgy in 1886. These groups (except for the City of Winnipeg) were the first to be organized west of Ontario. It would be very unfair not to mention the name of Miss Annie Richards here. Miss Richards was a very devout person and loved dearly by all who knew her. She was president of the Chater Missionary Society from its beginning in 1886, until her death in 1922. Miss Richards was an aunt of George and Harvey Richards and several years after her death, there was a gathering of women from the North Brandon area, at the George Richards' home. This event continued for many years in different churches of the area and became known as the North Brandon Rally. Following union the group became known as the Women's Missionary Society and was a part of the Brandon Presbyterian. In 1962 the W.A. and W.M.S. amalgamated and became known as the United Church Women. This group continued to function until the closing of the Chater United Church.

### MISSION BAND

The Mission Band was a junior branch of the W.M.S. Through the years, Chater had several such groups. They were much enjoyed by the Sunday School and day school children. They held monthly meetings and special thankofferings. Some of the leaders were: Mrs. Edith Curtis, Mrs. Harriet Campbell, Mrs. Birdie Smyth, Mrs. Helen Kain and Mrs. Shirley Campbell.



*Chater Mission Band, about 1955. Back: Mrs. Birdie Smyth leader, Isabel Curtis, Garry McLean, Arlene Abey, Mrs. James, assistant teacher, Dorothy Downs; 2nd row: Nelson Reed, George Abey, Donna James, Lee McLean, Charles Abey, Margo Abey; insert row: Diane Grant, Gordon Ross, Garry Demanski; front: Judy Abey, Betty Reed, Susan Grant, Julie Ross, Jane Angus, George Curtis, Billy Campbell.*



### CRADLE ROLL

This organization was for mothers and pre-school children. They met occasionally, usually for an afternoon or a picnic. It was an attempt to interest mothers in the work of the church and missions and to enroll all the very young children of the district on the Cradle Roll. Known leaders were: Mrs. Harriet Campbell and Mrs. Jean Abey.



### CHATER HONOR ROLL

**Boer War: 1899-1901**

Claude Hope

### World War I: 1914-1918

Alex Campbell	32 Reg.*
Ted Slator	90th*
Frank Duers	79th*
Cliff Campbell	101st
Adam Watts	79th
Percy Brown	79th
Hallet Rogerson	79th
Frank Becket	79th
Wm. Crawford	181st
Wm. Davies	79th
Charles Richardson	Med. Corp.
Andrew Logan	181st
Harvey Richards	Med. Corp.
Phillip Burnham	1st Depot Batt.
T. Leslie Nevin	1st Depot Batt.
Dan Campbell	1st Depot Batt.
Walter Johnson	90th
Walter Crawford	Princess Pats
Gavin Curry	28th
Percy Seddon	43rd
Wm. McCreedy	28th
Tom Wallace	45th
Stacey Johnson	78th
Steve Wallace	45th
Joe Smith	181st
Will Nevins	181st
Wm. McCourt	45th
Tom Blight	196th
Thos. Kirke	
Robert Payne	181st
Chas. Duthie	79th
Howard Richardson	8th
Clayton Woodcock	Royal F. Corp.
Frank Reed	Med. Corp.
Arthur Johnston	78th Depot Batt.
Edgar Mitchell	1st Depot Batt.
T. Stuart Smyth	1st Depot Batt.
Fred Shaw	1st Depot Batt.
James Clark	1st Depot Batt.

## World War II: 1939-1945

Norman Fenski, W     Donald Hope — R.C.A.F.\*  
 Mitchell Abey — R.C.A.F.\*     Harry Cann  
 Robert J. Ross     Douglas Campbell  
 John Alexander Pineo     Frank Cullen  
 Stanley Nevins     Ethel Abey  
 William Nevins     Phyllis Sholan  
 Ethel Hurley     Florence Helen Ross  
 Olive May Ross     Robert Bullee  
 George MacMillan     Margaret Bullee  
 John Grant     Harry Hurley  
 Harry Kilman     Joseph Yaworski  
 David Smart\* — Search and rescue branch of the  
 Canadian Armed Forces. November 2, 1971, killed  
 during an Arctic mission.

W — Wounded in action

\*Killed in action



## GORRIE DISTRICT HONOR ROLL

S. Durham	*
F.C. Hitchcock	
E.V. Hedley	-
W.H. Carter	-
C.F. Baker	+-
W.T. Smith	-
C.H. Chapin	+-
N. Smith	*
J. Scorgie	-
W. Ramsey	-
G.H. Sturrock	-
H.R. Melvin	--
F. Wilkenson	-
J.R. Boles	-
W.G. Aberdeen	--
D. McKay	
J.N. Hacking	*
F. L. Snaith	
A. Hargreaves	
S. Wray	
C.A. Aberdeen	*
A.E. Hutchinson	-
W.E. Hutchinson	-

Killed in Action     \*  
 Gassed     +  
 Wounded     -



*Little Souris Church and School in background, 1967.*

## LITTLE SOURIS CHURCH 1900-1968 S.E. 15-9-19

A meeting was held in March 1899 to inaugurate a building fund for building a church at Little Souris. Names appearing in the minutes of this meeting were; Mr. McNeil, Mr. C. Wicket, Mr. J. Empey, Mr. Lamont, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Evans, Mr. Poole, Mr. Moffat, Mr. B. Wicket, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. McRoberts. Rev. Ridd was the minister in attendance.

The church was built in 1900 by the Methodists at a cost around \$1500, with the Presbyterians and Baptists using it as they wished. Up until then services were held in the homes or in the school, and the ministers came from nearby charges. The first resident minister was Rev. J.W. Ridd from the Brandon Hills charge. He returned in 1950 to celebrate the 50th Anniversary. On this occasion Mrs. Fred Simpson and Mrs. L. B. Harper sang a duet "Bless this House".

Over the years Little Souris was part of charges including Beresford, Roseland, South Brandon, Carroll, Nesbitt, Brandon Hills.

It was interesting to note that in 1901 the proceeds from the Fowl Supper was \$515.90. The organ bought in 1918 cost \$235.

In 1913 the Union Charge of Beresford, Roseland and Little Souris was organized, the



*Little Souris Church moved in 1949 to the west to make room for Highway No. 10.*



second Union Church in Manitoba. Rev. L.L. Meech was the minister.

The church was remodelled several times, and in 1949 was moved to the west to make way for the new highway. In 1968 the church was closed and the membership roll was sent to Trinity in Brandon.

The church has since been moved across the road and now is the Fifi home.

Members of the last board and other committees were; Harold Simpson, Jim McKie, David Alexander, Russell Fardoe, Albert Robertson, Hugh Jameson, Bill Fardoe, Al Sigurdson, Alice Poole, Howard McRae, Harris Simpson, Dale Simpson.

Some of the later organist were Edith McConechy (Mrs. W.J.S. McKie), Mrs. D.A. Harper, for over 25 years, Edna Poole, Mrs. R.L. Alexander, Mrs. H. McDowell, and Mrs. Harris Simpson. Choir leaders included Mr. H. Thornton, Mr. G. Porterfield, and Mrs. F. Simpson.

### LITTLE SOURIS SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School met in the school at first and later was held in the Church either before or after the service. In later years the Sunday School was held in the school during the church service. They were fortunate to have Mr. H. Thornton Mr. G. Poole and Mr. L. Jameson as Superintendents. Miss Edna Poole taught the "Rosebuds", the primary class, for many years, Miss Nellie Fardoe and Mrs. L. Jameson the Intermediate class. The "Good Hope" class, the Young Peoples' class, had its share of dedicated teachers too, mostly the ministers.

In the last year there were only two teachers required. They took turns at being Superintendent and playing the piano, besides teaching the two classes in the school.

Ministers who have occupied the pulpit of Little Souris Church since 1900:

Rev. J.R. Ridd	Rev. Johnston
Rev. Rupert Stewart	Rev. Crouch
Rev. Aikens	Rev. J. McLeod
Rev. Reynolds	Mr. Murphy
Rev. Fairley	Rev. Glass
Rev. Penman	Rev. Broadfoot
Rev. Webster	Rev. R. Jones
Rev. Hadfield	Rev. J. McNeil
Rev. L. Meech	Rev. Sallons
Rev. Bone	Rev. A.W. Churchill

#### United Church 1925

Rev. B. N. Thackery	Rev. J.B. Pearson
Rev. Dr. F. Letts	Rev. J. Savage
Rev. A.E. Weaver	Rev. Hunter
Mr. Don Hilton	Mr. Bruce Mutch
Mr. R. McPherson	Mr. J. Lake
Mr. Bob Harris	Mr. J. Elkins
Rev. Ralph Donnelly	Rev. Arvon Keating



*Little Souris Baby Band, 1950.*

### LITTLE SOURIS MISSION CIRCLE

As early as 1900 there was a Mission Circle at Little Souris, with Mrs. Peter Lamont as President and Mrs. Wm. Courtice as Secretary. Later about 1907, the W.M.S. was organized with Mrs. McConechy as President. This disbanded about 1914. In 1925 the women's section of the U.F.M. met at the home of Mrs. W. McRae to form a W.M.S. with Mrs. D.A. Harper as Chairman. Mrs. W.J.S. McKie was the first President, Mrs. G. Hedges, Secretary, and Mrs. W. McRae, Treasurer.

In 1962 the W.M.S. became the U.C.W. with Mrs. G. McRae as President.

These groups were active in the Mission field and were just as active in the church and community. It was through their efforts that the Mission Band and Baby Bands were formed. The first Mission Band was formed in 1930, with Mrs. G.W. Epton as guest speaker. Adeline Anderson was the first President, Betty Strange, Secretary, and Jean Lowes, Treasurer. Mrs. L. Jameson was their Leader. In 1950 it was re-organized with Mrs. G. Baker as Leader.

The Baby Band was organized in 1945 with Mrs. G. Baker and Mrs. E.H. Simpson as Leaders.



*Last wedding ceremony held in the Little Souris Church, August 8, 1964 when Leone Farguson married Jan Loman.*



Little Souris Sunday School Orchestra; top row, Teacher, Maude Houston, Harry Fardoe, Edna Poole; centre, Will Courtice; bottom John Fardoe, George Porterfield, and George Fardoe.



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*I have been admitted into hospital.*

*{ sick } and am going on well.*  
*{ wounded } and hope to be discharged soon.*

*I am being sent down to the base.*

*I have received your { letter dated \_\_\_\_\_*  
*telegram „ \_\_\_\_\_*  
*parcel „ \_\_\_\_\_*

*Letter follows at first opportunity.*

*I have received no letter from you*

*{ lately.*  
*for a long time*

**Signature**  
**only**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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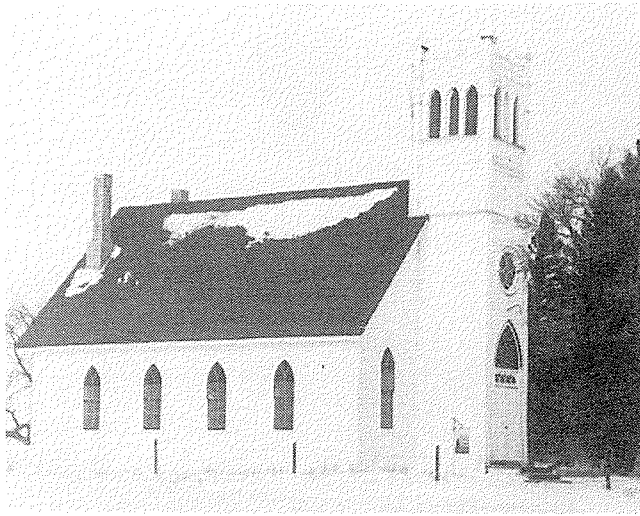
Little Souris U.C.W. Centennial at Mrs. McKie's in 1967. Left to right; Back: Mrs. A. McRae, Mrs. R. Fardoe, Mrs. R.L. Alexander, Mrs. L. Jameson, Miss H. Reilly, Mrs. C. Hurd, Mrs. H. Simpson, Mrs. A. Sigurdson, Mrs. J. Ardiel, Mrs. W. Thompson, Mrs. R. Turner, Mrs. Wm. Sutherland, Mrs. A. Bell; Front: Miss A. Poole, Mrs. Wm. McRae, Mrs. G. Porterfield, Miss N. Fardoe, Mrs. G. Boleyn, Mrs. W. McKie, Mrs. A. Mumby, Miss M. Hampton, Mrs. G. Fardoe; Missing: Mrs. G. McRae and Mrs. G. Thompson.

## ROLL OF HONOUR 1914-1918 LITTLE SOURIS UNION CHURCH

Lt. E. Ravenhill	Pte. H.H. Empey
Lt. B.S. Oldacre	Pte. A. Gallart
Pte. H. Oldacre	Pte. F. Dakin
Pte. O.C. Frost	Pte. J. Graham
Pte. W. Scott	Pte. J. Mitchell
Pte. J. McLeod	Pte. J. Walker
Pte. H. McCaig	Flt. Lt. W. Reddock
Pte. C. Chutter	Flt. Lt. G. Stewart
Pte. H.L. Courtice	Pte. J. Sinclair
Pte. G.S. Fardoe	Pte. W. Gigg
Pte. H.S. Harris	Pte. R. Youngman
Pte. R.A. Moody	Pte. T. Moffat
Pte. E. Coates	Pte. Ted. Dayton
Pte. C. Reddock	Sgt. Maj. W. Anderson
Pte. J. Shields	Sgt. Maj. D. Hampton
Pte. W.J.S. McKie	Pte. J.W.G. Thornton

## ROLL OF HONOUR 1940-1945 LITTLE SOURIS UNITED CHURCH

W.O.E.A. Morgans	Sgt. S.W. Ferguson
Cpl. M.P. Cunningham	L S J. Hession
Sgt. H.E. Anderson	Cpl. J.R. Hession
Cpl. J.F. Legg	Sgt. M. Lowes
C F M J.D. Ferguson	L A C A. Collings
Sgt. W.J.S. Boyd	Cpl. M. Gilbert
F.S. K.L. Empey	Cpl. I.W. Thomas
R F M G.D. Empey	C F M C.R. Sargent
Pte. A.H. Legg	Pte. C.J. Hurd
Pte. R. Richardson	Pte. H. Ferguson
Pte. G. Richardson	A S W.H. Hession
Pte. J. Richardson	



### BRANDON HILLS CHURCH

During the trip from Pictou to Brandon Hills worship service was conducted by Rev. George Roddick. The first summer (1879) services were held at the home of Rev. Roddick, Grand Valley, Carberry and a few services at Routhwaite. In 1882 J.S. McKay, a student from Knox College in Winnipeg, held services at Langvale, Milford and in the homes of Hugh McPherson and Mrs. Shields. Rev. Thomas Davidson, an ordained minister, came in 1883 and served a wide area including Brandon Hills, East Brandon, Blythe and Strath-erne.

By 1890 a small community had sprung up at Rounthwaite and in 1891 a Presbyterian church was built. The field consisted of Brandon Hills, Rounthwaite and Blythe. In 1899 Rev. Shearer, his brother who ran a store and lumber yard in Rounthwaite, and William Bertram travelled by canoe down the Assiniboine River to attend Presbytery in Winnipeg.

No early records of the Methodist meetings are available. They held services in private homes and in the school. The first minister was Rev. McDougall. The field consisted of Brandon Hills, Little Souris and Glen Souris and the minister lived at Glen Souris.

In 1896 a parsonage was built on the south east corner of N.E. 20-9-18, one half mile north of the present Brandon Hills church. The land was provided by James Baker and the home was built by volunteer labour. Rev. Lewis put on the lath for the plaster. After union this Methodist parsonage was sold to J.S. Kent of Glen Souris.

In 1896 the Presbyterians and Methodists, under pastorates John Lewis and T.R. Shearer, built a Union church. A plot of land 52' x 209' adjoining the cemetery was selected. Rev. Roddick donated part of his homestead (N.E. 17-9-18) for the cemetery and church and deeds to these were

obtained in 1889 and 1896. The architect was W.H. Shillinglaw. The building is 28' x 40' with an 8' x 8' vestibule and tower. It was designed similar to the church in Durham, Nova Scotia where Rev. Roddick preached prior to moving to Manitoba. Total cost was about \$2,000.00. The cost of furnishings was \$140.00 and this money was raised by the ladies and young people. The church was opened free of debt on Oct. 18, 1896. The service was conducted by Dr. King, principal of Manitoba College. Alternate morning and evening services were held with the same choir serving both denominations.

A "Church Bell Fund" was first recorded in 1898. The Durham Church bell was purchased and dedicated May 24, 1901.

The choir platform was raised to the same level as the pulpit in 1914. In 1916 George Charleson of Glen Souris painted and framed an Honor Roll for Brandon Hills and Routhwaite churches honoring those who served in the First World War. Another Honor Roll was placed in the church for those serving in World War II. On June 19, 1919 a monument was erected on the church grounds honoring those who gave their lives in W.W. I.

In 1900 a manse in Rounthwaite was purchased at a cost of \$950.00 and was sold in 1963 to John Down. The last minister to live in the manse was J.S. Caldwell.

The United Church of Canada was formed June 10, 1925 by the union of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches. The vote at Brandon Hills was 8 for and 3 against. Blythe voted against union. Rev. J.S. Lowe came in 1926. His wife and Mrs. Angus McPherson organized the Mission Band at Brandon Hills.

A cairn commemorating the 60th anniversary of the arrival of the first settlers was unveiled Aug. 13, 1939 on the church grounds. On July 8, 1979 a centennial church service was held. D. Carl Ridd, grandson of Rev. J.W. Ridd, was guest speaker. At this time a second plaque commemorating the centenary of the arrival of the settlers was unveiled.

Miss Jean Ritchie, a teacher at Brandon Hills, presented the communion table in 1939. The young people supplied pulpit and table covers, railing drapes and carpet. Mrs. Ramsden, long time Sunday School Superintendent, presented a pulpit hymn book.

During the years 1947-1956 Brandon Hills was served by student supply and was part of the Beresford, Little Souris charge. During 1955 church services were held on alternate Sundays at Rounthwaite and Brandon Hills.

Johnston McPherson was secretary-treasurer for 50 years, retiring in 1955. Earnest Nicol was secretary-treasurer from 1955-1979 and was succeeded by Doug Grossart.

Brandon Hills joined with Wawanesa and

The Busy Bees through the years have supported the church financially. They bought hymn books and curtains in 1950, installed pebbled glass windows in 1960, donated \$1,000.00 toward the installation of electric heat in 1965. This was the second heating system of this kind used in a church in Manitoba. In the 1950's two pulpit chairs were purchased and in 1967 the church floor was painted and carpeted.

Sunday School for many years was held in the church prior to church service. A class was also held in a car or outdoors. The community centre is now used for Sunday School.

The Brandon Hills Cemetery adjoins the church yard. It was instituted in 1886, but burials had taken place at the site previous to this date. The land which had been donated by Rev. George Roddick was officially deeded to the community in Nov. 1889. Throughout the past one hundred years the community has taken pride in the upkeep of the Cemetery.



A black and white photograph of a large, ornate granite monument in a cemetery. The monument features a tall, rectangular shaft with a decorative urn-shaped finial on top. The shaft is inscribed with text, including a date range '1914-1918'. The base is composed of several stacked rectangular blocks. The background shows a grassy field with bare trees and a distant building.

The Memorial Cenotaph, erected 1919.

# The Cairn

Was erected May 1939  
in honor of the Pioneers  
who settled in the Brandon Hills District  
1879 ~ ~ ~ 1880  
By their friends and Descendants

THEY BLAZES THE TRAIL FOR US  
IN ACHIEVEMENT OF THE UNIFORM

1879

[illegible]

Mrs. Fred Harris  
Mr. James Davis  
Mr. Ben Foxall  
Mr. Ed Stewart  
Mr. Van Ryzik  
Mr. Carson Kennedy  
Mr. Jackson McCoy  
Mr. Sam McRay  
Mr. J. Mitchell  
Mrs. George McPherson  
Mr. J. McPherson  
Mrs. E. Morrison  
Mr. A. Chapman  
Mr. J. Rude  
Mrs. D. Lawrence

Mrs. J. Field  
 Mrs. J. Jones  
 Mr. Wm Evans  
 Mr. J. Searcy  
 Mr. Cooperfield  
 Mr. A. Johnston  
 Mr. D. Johnston  
 Mr. Wm Johnston  
 Mr. C. Johnston  
 Mr. Johnston, Jr.  
 Mr. J. Brown, Jr.  
 Mr. C. Roberts  
 Messrs. J. Gentry  
 Messrs. J. Gentry  
 Messrs. J. Gentry

1830

Mr and Mrs Shields Jr  
Mr and Mrs Todd  
Mr and Mrs John Campbell  
Mr and Mrs T. Harris  
Mr and Mrs Jim Bright  
Mr and Mrs Joe Lawler  
Mr and Mrs Jeff Baker  
Mr and Mrs Walter Perry  
Mr and Mrs J. Davis  
Mr and Mrs Tom Davis  
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Mr J. Bright

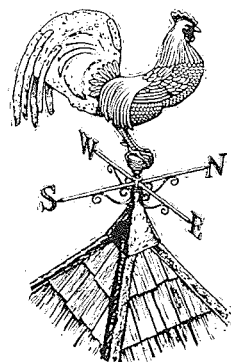
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Mr. N. Baker  
Mr. G. Carbert  
Mr. C. McLean  
Mr. B. McDonald  
Mr. J. Harris  
Mr. N. McFadden  
Mrs. E. Earls  
Mr. H. McLean

Scroll hanging in Brandon Hills Church

## HONOR ROLL

### 1939 — World War Two — 1945

George Baker	Grace Jaffray
Gertrude Baker	Ted Jaffray
Thelma Baker	Kenneth Morling
Carswell Blight	Howard McPherson
Lloyd Boles	Laurence Nicol
Douglas Chapman	Dorothy Wakefield D
Wilbert Chapman	Wilfred Wakefield
Wilfred Coate	Donald Wilkinson K
Frank Gordon K	Harold Wilkinson
Harleigh Hargreaves	Tom Wilcox
William Hargreaves	
Died	D
Killed	K



## HONOR ROLL

### 1914 — First World War — 1918

A. G. Palmer	K
D.W. Blackwell	K
D.W. Snowdin	M
P.A. Bates	
H. Kennedy	W
H.L. Courtice	
J.M. Dunbar	
W.H. Cotter	W
H.J. Davis	K
G. Sturrack	W
J. Kram	W
R. Morrison	
J.E. Chapman	
A. Hargreaves	
G.W. Roddick	
Albert Hansford	K
H. Pettit	K
E. Wylie	
Capt. C.I. Blight	M.Q.
W.H. Carter	W
A.A. West	K
C.E. Baker	
G. Mcl. Seelins	
W. Doherty	
T.E. Hotson	W
Capt. C.R. Rice	MD.
G. Mclellan	
Lieut. S.P. Kerr	W
2nd Lieut. I W. Dunbar	
M.L. Baker	
J.A. Speers	
A. Rice	
H. Kneeshaw	K
Killed	K
Missing	M
Wounded	W



*Glen Souris Church, June 1951.*

## GLEN SOURIS CHURCH

North of Glen Souris bridge is a small deserted white church which could tell many tales. From 1899 to 1902 when Rev. J.W. Ridd was in charge, and for many years after, this church was Methodist. This minister was well remembered for his fine sermons and his love of music, both during and after the service. Rev. and Mrs. J. Ridd and family lived in the Brandon Hills manse which years later was bought by Mr. J.S. Kent and moved to a site on the Assiniboine River, south and east of Mr. and Mrs. K. Harris' home. The church building was built before 1902 as Albert Pettitt and Marion Kneeshaw were married here on January 10, 1902.

Anglican church services were also held here. In those days, in the rural areas, the different denominations would use each other's churches. I never knew what agreement the Anglicans had with the Methodists. Rev. D.A.B. Stoddart from Wawanesa held services from about 1911 to 1924. In summer his mode of transportation was an International Harvester Auto Buggy. It only had two cylinders, and also had four large wheels just like they used on the buggies. The church was always beautifully decorated for Thanksgiving.

During the week, in the winter, Rev. D. Stoddart used to arrive on the Belmont (Cannon Ball) train to Martinville, and Dad would meet him. He would hold a service at McPhees one time, and





*Glen Souris Church, Thanksgiving Service.*

our home the next time. I remember that the minister wore a big fur coat. Also I can see my mother cutting the little cubes of bread for the communion service.

Before Rev. Stoddart left to go to Hay River, N.W.T. he baptized Verna Wheeler at their home. Then he came by horse and cutter to our home to baptize our sister, Margaret, so the same minister baptized my father and mother's four children.

This month, November, 1982, Edward Walter Jones, a grandson of Rev. D.A.B. Stoddart, has been elected Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Ruperts Land.

During the 1940's and 1950's the ministers used to come out from Brandon to hold services. They would pick up my mother and Mrs. J.T. Elder and take them to the services. This kindness was much appreciated by both ladies.

by Eileen Mainland (Prowse)

At the time of the union of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, 1925, I think, the Presbyterians bought the Methodist Church which was operated as a Presbyterian church until about 1970 when it was sold to the Hutterite Colony and is now used as a storage shed.

by Wallace Elder

## **GLEN SOURIS CEMETERY**

The Glen Souris Cemetery is located on the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  18-9-17. Unfortunately it had been left to ruin

for many years and the records were lost, but recently its upkeep and care were taken over by the Municipality of Cornwallis.

Estimates as to the number of graves range from twenty-five to forty but only the following few are known:

Thomas A. Smith — May 10, 1904 — age 45.

Edith Pettitt — 1904 and Mary Pettitt — 1905, daughters of Albert and Marion Pettitt. Edith died on Christmas Day 1904 at 2 years and 2 months of age, and Mary died at less than one year of age in 1905.

Four daughters of Sam Ramsden who had come from Ontario after the death of his wife, hoping that Manitoba's drier climate would be healthier for his six children.

One stone with the following: Alexander Thomson, Simon Thomson and W.B. Thomson, natives of Middlesex, Ontario, long residents in the Brandon district.

Eleven-year-old Jimmy and 5-month-old Malcolm, two sons of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. (Willow) Elder. Jimmy died in 1912 and Malcolm died on September 27, 1916.

Joseph Booth and his daughter Mabel who drowned while attempting to cross the Assiniboine River in the Glen Souris district on May 12, 1916. Mabel was in her thirteenth year. The Booth headstone has been taken to the Rapid City Cemetery by surviving sister Elma (Booth) Garbutt.

Mr. and Mrs. George Charleson, he died in 1916 and she in 1929.

Two infant children of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Harris who were born and died during the early twenties.

David S. Charleson, who died June the 4th, 1925. He was lieutenant in the 8th Battalion of C.D.F. and was gassed overseas during the war.

It is thought that some members of the Waddington family may be buried here. In 1902 the family sold their farm, 17-9-17, to Tully Elder, and moved to North Portal.

It is also thought that two children belonging to a Laurie Lemeran, and a hired man or two from neighbouring farms, may have been buried outside of the cemetery proper, but no names or dates are available.

The last to be buried here was Mr. Hughes, Clarence and Bill's father. Known to all as 'Grandpa Hughes', he died some time during the forties, it is thought.

The Brandon Branch of the Manitoba Genealogical Society is in the process of transcribing and recording cemeteries and appreciates contact from anyone with names and dates of any additional burials in this cemetery or any other inactive cemetery, especially where there are no stones or markers.

# O R G A N I Z A T I O N S



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and Helen Kain

## ORGANIZATIONS

### ASSOCIATION OF PATRONS OF INDUSTRY

On August 7, 1892, an organization known as the Association of Patrons of Industry was formed at Chater under A.L. McLachlan with the Charter No. 3532.

Members of the Chater Assoc. of P.I. were listed as:

G.D. Woodcock	F. Woodcock
W.H. Birdsell	E.A. Hurley
S.P. Nevins	J.D. Woodcock
N. McKinnon	T. Willdey
A. Leslie	C. Abey
H. Reed	K.H. Huston
K. Smith	K. Currie
R. Richards	W.N. Finch
J.A. Kinney	J. Hoey
H. Willdey	H. Mitchell
J. McCallum	J. Abey
C. Grant	K. McKay
S. Smyth	J.H. Smith
A. Foster	A.I. Marshall
B. Wildey	H. Brown
A. Finch	

Meeting: Aug. 7, 1891 - G.D. Woodcock appointed President, J.A. Kinney appointed Secretary, W.H. Birdsell be sentinel, F. Woodcock be Dimeter, J. Hoey be Minerace. Adjourned.

Meeting: Aug. 21, 1891. Moved that we communicate with the supreme secretary regarding Charter. Those nominated were McKinnon, Birdsell, Willdey, J. Abey and A. Kinney as a committee.

Meeting: Aug. 31 - That we send \$3.00 for the Charter.

Meeting: Jan. 18 - Fees were .25¢ a quarter or \$1.00 per year. A motion that anyone behind in fees be suspended.

Meeting: Jan. 25 - Special meeting to elect delegate for the Brandon Convention. G.D. Woodcock was elected.

Meeting: Feb. 1, 1892 - Moved and seconded that we have a debate on which is the most benefit

to mankind - the horse or the cow. Men were picked out and debated but I can't see who was the winner.

Last Meeting: May 20, 1885.

Pages are missing from the book where the following was taken. The book then records things about the school in 1905.

### GRAIN GROWERS ASSOCIATION

Through the years farm organizations were active in the Chater area. The Grain Growers had a very active men's and women's group. They held social functions as well as brought in coal, twine, apples, maple syrup, etc.

Representatives attended Grain Growers' Conventions that were held in Brandon and other centres.

In 1920 the group became the W.F.M. They brought in cars of coal and twine. This was done at quite a saving to the local consumers. After the elevator was removed the farmers loaded cars of grain at Chater and it was quite a thing to see all the wagon teams of grain driving up to the loading platform, as there was a wonderful grain growing area to the north of the village of Chater.

### RED CROSS SOCIETY

With many of our young men serving in the armed forces, residents of the area felt a deep need to supply as much help as possible to the war effort. Consequently in 1941, members of the community met and duly organized the "Chater Red Cross Emergency Committee".

First President and Secretary-Treasurer were C. Cronk and Cliff Abey, followed in 1942 by C. Abey and Leo Robson.

Minutes reveal that social committees were formed for the purpose of sponsoring fund raising events. Personnel of these committees changed every month during the winter, and what seemed to be popular activities were whist drives, at which the admission was .10¢; box socials, dances, pie socials, fun fairs and bingo. Various draws were held at these functions with the holder of the lucky number

winning anything from a silver fox stole to a turkey or chocolates.

Members of the "Ways and Means Committee" were actively involved in gathering old material for salvage - newspaper, magazines, glass, aluminum, wool, rags or rubber goods. This was all sorted in the old coal shed and later transported to Brandon to be sold to the Brandon Patriotic Salvage Corps.

Mention is made of a concert held to benefit the "Aid to Russia Drive". This even was held in the "old church", as were other concerts. Heat was provided by a stove situated near the back of the building - very comfortable if one happened to be reasonably close to it. Nevertheless, these concerts proved to be very enjoyable. Entertainment was provided by local talent, usually consisting of music, skits or plays. The Armed Forces at the Manning Depot (the Brandon Arena on 10th and Victoria Ave.) entertained with a variety musical concert - the cost of their transportation, as well as coffee and cream is listed at \$1.76. Costs for lighting the school and church for a month was recorded as .25¢.

The work committee headed by Mrs. Dan Campbell was responsible for packing Christmas hampers for the boys serving overseas. In addition many quilts were made and sent overseas for Red Cross use. Quilting Bees also provided an opportunity for the ladies of the district to gather for friendly conversation which frequently included an exchange of recipes to help extend items which were rationed (sugar, butter, meat, etc.).

Through the war years the functions continued. Frequently serving on various committees appear such names as - Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hope, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Campbell, Gladys Abey, Doris Johnston, Dick Reed, Glen Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Ablert Robson, Mr. and Mrs. D. Birdsell, Mr. and Mrs. James Ross, Gwen Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. M. Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Smyth, Sam Nevins, Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell, Ethel and Ken McLean, Ewart Abey, Bertha Pineo, Cliff and Jean Abey, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Gillespie, Charles and Ruth Grant, Mary Pineo, George McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pineo, Mrs. W. Kain and Fred Curtis. Just as important were those who served through their support of the numerous events.

With the cessation of the war in 1945, the crucial need for the local Red Cross chapters lessened so we dissolved our group. Our contribution to the war effort had been noteworthy, but perhaps of equal importance was the great spirit of neighbourliness which pervaded the community with everyone working towards a common goal. For those of us who remain, we can recall the anxiety and uncertainty of the times, but we can also look back with pride at having served in an important stage of our community history.

by A.R. Grant

## **KNIT AND RIP GROUP**

During WW II Gladys Abey organized a girls' group to sew and knit for the Red Cross. It was a very active group who received wool and sewing from the Red Cross and met once a week to distribute it. Some of the members of the group were - Gladys Abey, Bertha Pineo, Mary Pineo, Doris Johnston, Ethel McLean, Ruth Greaves and others. Many were the scarves, mitts, sweaters, and socks turned out in fine style. They chose their name "Knit and Rip".

## **CHATER 4-H CLUB**

The Chater 4-H club was organized in 1957 and was named The Chater Clippers. The first members were Margo Abey, Julie Ross, Judy Abey, Roxanne Bawden, Betty Reed, Diane Grant with Darlene Curle as associate member. Leaders were Mrs. Doris Reed and Mrs. Ruth Grant. This club continued for fourteen years. Sewing, crafts and cooking formed the main part of instruction. Public speaking also played an important role as several girls won top awards and later competed in the Western Manitoba Competition.

During the years approximately forty girls were associated with the club under the direction of leaders Mesdames: Hazel Robson, Bertha Campbell, Doris Reed, Shirley Campbell, Maxine Klym, Elaine Campbell, Helen Kain, Kae Black, Marge Flock, Mabel Mitchell, Sarah Rempel, Irene Legare and Ruth Grant. Members included Betty Reed, Margo Abey, Judy Abey, Patsy Campbell, Julie Ross, Diane and Darlene Curle, Roxanne Bawden, Doris Burney, Diane, Susan, Heather and Alison Grant, Debra and Leah Kain, Cathy and Caryn Campbell, Marilyn and Judy Fraser, Jane Angus, Judy and Barbara Mitchell, Ruth Black, Wendy Nevins, Marie Brooks, Carolyn Campbell, Lyan Legare, Linda McLean, Lee-Ann Tribe, Sandra and Donna Lee Flock, Gloria, Patsy and Violet Klyn, Bev. Smart, Joan and Gale Robson, Janice Campbell, Karen Fisher, and Alice Rempel.

After such success, it was disappointing that due to a decline in membership, the club made the decision to disband, for not only had the girls "learned to do by doing", but had also been active community members which had been a cohesive element in our district.

## **THE CHATER CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION August 8, 1970**

The village of Chater and surrounding community held a centennial celebration in 1970 as did so many others that special year. Over three hundred former residents, relatives and friends signed the guest book.

Two local teams, the Campbells and the

Chater team challenged each other in a game of baseball and the Douglas girls played the Chater girls.

There were races, horseshoes, a museum and a booth on the grounds. A basket supper was enjoyed by all, with coffee provided by the Chater ladies.

A short program also took place. Greetings were brought by Reeve P.G. Marsden of Cornwallis R.M., Reeve. T. Pentland of Elton R.M., and S.A. Magnacca of Grand Valley.

Mrs. Birkett Mitchell (formerly Mossie Noble) of Brandon, spoke on behalf of those who had taught school at Chater. Mr. Cliff Abey spoke on the history of Chater.

Prizes were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Vance of Hamilton, Ontario for the largest family coming from a distance, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Abey for the youngest baby, Mrs. Shaw, sister of Mrs. Lance Blight, of England for the longest distance travelled to attend, Mrs. W. Kinney of Brookdale, the oldest lady, Roy Grant of Brandon, the oldest man, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Campbell of Chater, the most recently married.

Mr. Frank Walker presented centennial pioneer pins to Mrs. Shropshire of Brandon and Roy Grant also of Brandon.

A group of local children, under the direction of Mrs. D. Reed, sang two selections, accompanied on piano by Mrs. R. Grant. Miss Jane Angus rendered a solo and Misses Heather Grant and Judy Mitchell a duet accompanied by Miss Beverly Black. Mr. and Mrs. L. Robson also sang a duet with Miss Joan Robson accompanying on the piano.

In the evening there was another ball game and following that, two dances took place. The old-timers dance was held in the "Gold Nugget", a very memorable occasion, with the Honky-Tonkers providing the music. The younger generation held their own dance in the school, with music provided by the Suintides.

Chairman for this event was John Kain with Shirley Campbell as secretary and Dick Reed as treasurer. Many others served on various committees, and this co-operation brought about a very successful centennial celebration for our small community.

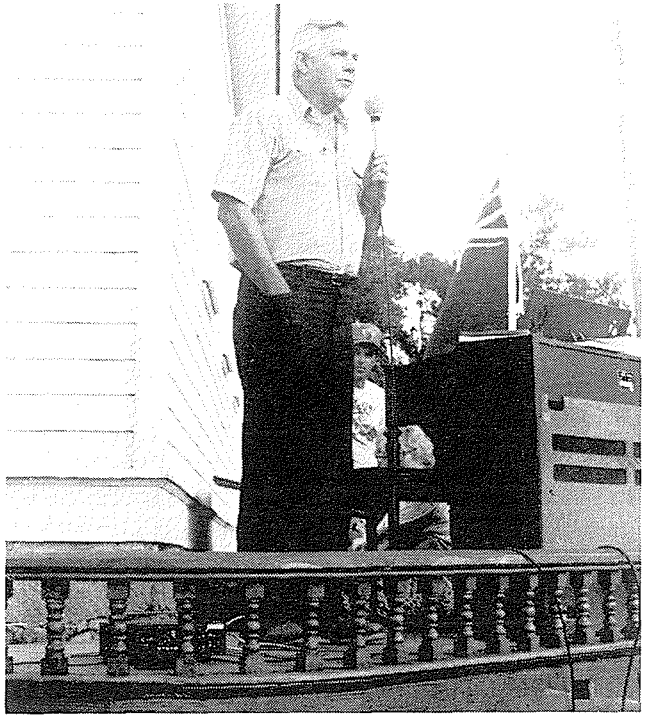
by Helen Kain

### CHATER'S CENTENNIAL 1881-1981

The village of Chater and surrounding community, a few miles east of Brandon, Man., held its 100th birthday August 1, 1981.

Over 600 present and former residents registered for the event.

The celebration was blessed with a fine sunny day and began with a very large and successful parade. Leading the parade was a car carrying



*RT. Hon. W. J. McKeag — guest speaker at Chater Centennial — August 1, 1981.*

senior citizens Clifford Abey, Ewart Abey and John Campbell.

The parade boasted some thirty-five units, with floats from Brandon, Douglas and Justice, as well as the many fine family floats. There were also a number of participants on horseback, driving horse and buggies and vintage tractors and cars.

The community centre (formerly Chater United Church) was the scene of a very fine display of antiques and family pictures, which was a source of great interest to all. Registration also took place here along with the sale of Chater T-shirts, centennial badges, and history books.

An antique engine exhibit was an intriguing area for the old and young alike.

The afternoon was filled with such activities as ball games, races and much visiting, re-acquaintance and reminiscing.

A booth was set up on the grounds for snacks during the day.

A pork barbecue, organized by the foods committee, was enjoyed by all, at the supper hour.

Following this, an evening program took place, called to order by the ringing of the old school bell brought to Chater for the day by Mr. Aynesly, son of the former Miss Bradford who had been Chater School's second teacher, 1885.

The Bill of Rights sent by Walter Dinsdale M.L.A., who was unable to attend, was read by Fred Curtis.

This history of Chater was read by Mrs. Doris Reed.

Greetings to the community were brought by Frank Walker of Elton municipality, Mayor Burgess

of Brandon and Reeve Weisgerber of Cornwallis municipality.

Guest speaker was Hon. W.J. McKeag, former Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, who had lived in the Chater district as a small boy. He also dedicated the cairn, erected in memory of the pioneers who settled the area.

The cairn is a stone weighing 8 or 9 ton, donated by John Kain and family. A bronze plaque attached thereto is inscribed with this message - "Dedicated to the memory of the early settlers whose foresight, faith and fortitude inspired them to settle this area".

Mention should be made here of the Chater History Book - Memoirs of an Era - a chronicle of the first 100 years of Chater's existence. Much appreciation must go to the history committee, whose untiring efforts brought it about. Many others served on the various committees, giving freely of their time and energies, and much thanks must go to them. The memories of our centennial celebration will live on in the hearts of all who participated and all who attended.

This was Chater's second centennial - the first being a very successful celebration of Manitoba's 100th birthday in 1970.



*Scene from Chater Centennial*

## RECREATION SPORTS AT CHATER

As in all small communities of the early days, sports held a prominent place in the lives of the residents of Chater and area.

At one time, Chater had a very fine rink, built around 1912. It was located on land now owned by John Kain — just to the east of Jim Roberts' present home. Skating, curling and hockey were all carried



*Chater Ladies Hockey Team, 1916.*

on there. The men's hockey team was coached by Jim McCallum. Some of the players were Edgar Mitchell, Stacey Johnson, Phil Burnam, Glen Walkey, Percy Fenwick and Oliver Cheavins, who, who was goalkeeper.

Chater also boasted a girl's hockey team, one of the main players being Vera Willday.

However, the rink was not very old when it was demolished by a cyclonic wind in 1917. It was never rebuilt. The remains of the rink were eventually sold. Mr. Morgan Morgans bought some of the material to use on his farm. One piece of the rink can still be found lying south of the barn on the farm of John Kain.

An open air rink was built in later years, but in 1935 or 36 a fire ruined it. The little shack that served as a dressing room was still there so the young people flooded the ice area and skated. Another rink also existed at the Foster place east of Chater. Harry Bennett was very interested in the girl's hockey team and helped a great deal with it.

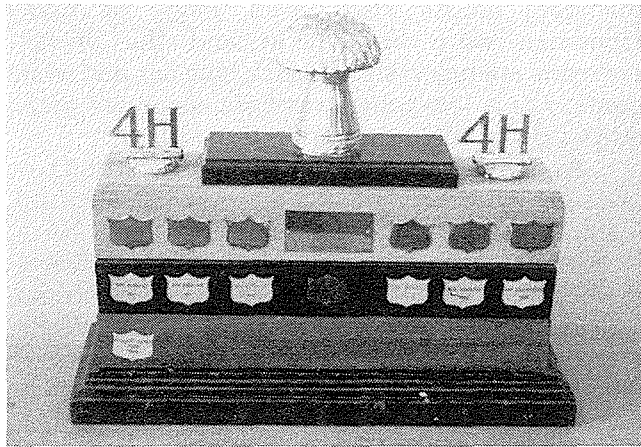
Baseball played a great part in the history of Chater. The "Elton Rovers" were well known in the area, with Jim McCallum as catcher and Harvey Richards as pitcher. Some others on the team were Alex Campbell, Dan Campbell and Wm. McCallum. Baseball was maintained through the years and one of the finest pitchers was Glen Campbell. Other names associated with Chater ball team in later years were Nevins, Grant, Kain, Campbell and Robson.

Around 1934-35 there was also a girl's ball team sponsored by the Foresters. Names of some players were McCallum, Robson, Pineo.

Not to be forgotten is our present team of young people, carrying on the tradition — the



Chater Champs. How pleasant on a warm spring evening to hear once more the crack of the bat against the ball and the resounding cheers as another game is in progress! And so — what was begun — continues.



*Brandon Hills 4-H Seed Club Trophy.*

#### **4-H IN BRANDON HILLS**

I pledge my head to clearer thinking

my heart to greater loyalty

my hands to larger service

my health to better living

For my club, my community, and my country.

Motto — Learn to do by doing.

The Brandon Hills Seed Club was organized in 1955, the first club being seed only. Leaders were Vic Baker and Hugh Jameson.

Later tractor and then automotive were added. Seed Club leaders during these years were Howard McPherson, Orville Kreller, Ron Wilkinson and Bill Pugh.

In 1961, a clothing club was organized with Mrs. Winnie Wilkinson and Mrs. Grace Boles as leaders. Later Home Design and Cooking projects were added with Mrs. Molly Baker and Mrs. Florence Hargreaves as leaders.

The Brandon Hills Clubs were dissolved in 1969.

#### **BRANDON HILLS BEEF RING**

The Brandon Hills Beef Ring was organized in 1912 with headquarters at R. Wheelers, who was the butcher. In 1920 the health authorities insisted that a special slaughter house be built. With \$25.00 worth of lumber the members built a slaughter house at Thomas Chapmans home with Cliff Chapman as butcher.

A member had a share or  $\frac{1}{2}$  share depending on the amount of meat they required. Each shareholder was responsible for supplying one beef of specified weight. Those owning  $\frac{1}{2}$  share were required to provide a beef every other year.

#### **BRANDON HILLS BUSY BEES**

The Brandon Hills Busy Bees was organized in 1916, with Mrs. James Baker as President, Miss Myrtle Roddick as Secretary, and Miss Georgie McPherson as Treasurer. They had a membership of 45 ladies. During the first world war they were busy knitting for the men in the services.

The first major activity to raise money was a quilt, a white square with a red cross in the centre. Names were obtained, and embroidered in red. Revenue from the names was \$50.50. The quilt was auctioned and sold for \$25.00.

The first project was to furnish a ward in the newly opened Brandon General Hospital in 1921 at a cost of \$400.00. They also presented the church with a new heating stove and a piano. In August 1925, the ladies placed flowers on the soldiers cenotaph and this was the beginning of the Remembrance Day services which were held for several years.

In 1939, this group joined forces with other men and women to organize a Red Cross.

Later they contributed to the Lotta Hitchman-ova Service Committee. Throughout the years they continued to support the church.

In 1970 they installed a sink and cupboard on the second floor of Fairview Home. Many quilts and small electrical appliances were donated to Senior Citizens homes.

In October 1976 the society celebrated its sixtieth anniversary, and still continue to serve faithfully the needs as they arise.

#### **BRANDON HILLS FIREFLIES**

In March 1969 a group of younger women decided to organize a club which would meet in the evenings when the men were available for baby sitting. So the Brandon Hills Community Fireflies was born. There was a need for a younger group to help finance the newly acquired Community Centre, which is the Brandon Hills School.

Their usefulness has grown in many ways — equipment for the community centre, help with the Old Timers picnic, a yearly outing for Fairview residents, ending with tea and cookies at the community centre, sponsoring a foster child in India, a project shared by the U.C.W., donations to Camroc, gifts to a retarded adult at Pelican Lake Training Centre, and donations to the Brandon Hills Church.

The men also contribute by helping with the Beef-Bar-B-Q in August, the winter Carnival, and the Christmas concerts held in the church.

This group has helped to keep the community to-gether.

## BRANDON HILLS RED CROSS

On December 14, 1939 men and women in the Brandon Hills community organized The Red Cross Emergency Unit, with Mr. Johnston McPherson as President and Mrs. Alden Blight as Secretary.

For raising money they had the usual pie socials, concerts, dances and a 5 cent carnival, which netted \$40. Five cents was the charge for admission, a game, a hot dog, or a piece of pie, or cake at the booth. Tea or coffee were free. The money raised from these activities was donated to the Red Cross and used to buy material wool and other items. Food parcels were sent overseas to service men and women.

In 1947 this organization disbanded and the money was turned over to the Red Cross.

## BRANDON 4-H DAIRY CLUB

On January 12, 1957, Reg. Forbes called a meeting of the families involved in the dairy business around Brandon. This sparked a great interest and the Brandon 4-H Dairy Club was formed.

Twenty-two members joined, with 16 members completing projects. These members came from as far as Carberry, Rapid City, Brookdale, Nesbitt and Brandon, including such families as Hockley, Hyndman, McDonald, Freisen, Reed, McLean, Mills, Carlin, Gurr, Gresbreck, Franklin, Udell, Reilly, Arthur, Smith, Clark and Mann.

The first two leaders were Alex Arthur and George Sheach Sr. Since then past leaders were Bryan Arthur, Charles Mann, Ern Smith, Isabel Hyndman, Ted Smith, Jim Carvey, Charlie Grant, Fred Curtis, Ernie Hickson, Keith Campbell, Garth Hockley, George Sheach Jr, Ron Schaeffer and Don Breyfogle. Present leaders are Gary Donohoe and Grant Hargreaves.

The first uniforms were white shirts and white

pants, with small white hats. A black belt was worn to show holsteins and a brown belt to show jersey, guernsey or ayrshire. The next uniforms were white blazers added to the original white outfits, with white stetsons. (These were terribly hot, the members recall). Plaid vests, made by Isabel Hyndman were brought in and the present uniforms are green shirts, black bow ties and white pants. For a few years members also wore green stripes down the outside of the pant legs.

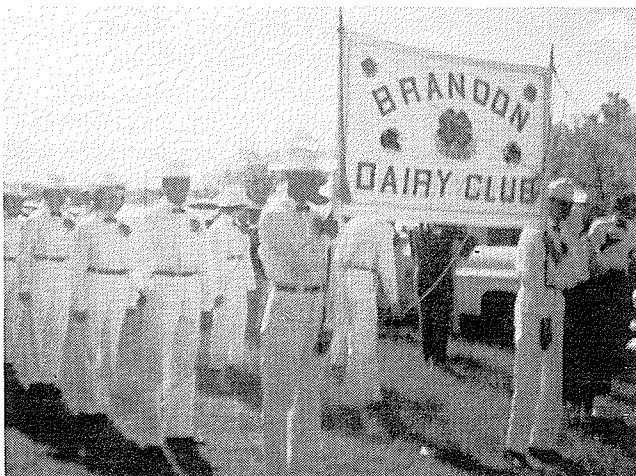
As the years went by old members left and new ones joined, bringing in such families as Hickson, Campbell, Grant, Donohoe, Bracken, Nicol, Brown, Jameson, Borotsik, Nachonechny, Bootsman, Sheach, Mowatt, Robinson, Coulter (Virden), Laughland (Hartney), Johnston, Hillis, White, Harp, Chambers and Harris. The club now totals 15 members.

Club meetings were and are held once a month. At one time they were held at the Agricultural Extension Centre, Brandon, but have now been moved to the member's homes, each family taking its turn. This gives the leaders time to spend with the members amongst the cattle, showing them points on judging, clipping and showing animals. This is of great value in a dairy club.

The club members have been and are active in public speaking and demonstrations, and many members have taken part in the finals at Brandon and Souris. Some have won gold watches and trips, both in Canada and the United States. The club was very proud to have Wanda Nicol chosen as a dairy princess for Manitoba in 1976. Many fun activities are organized, such as curling, bowling, skating, tobogganing, Christmas parties, bottle drives and special tours.

Each year achievement day is a great final event held for the members and their families, as the whole family is very much involved. Being a dairy club, only heifers are shown. First year members show calves up to a year old, older members bring back yearlings and now two year olds are brought back. Any dairy breed can be shown. The first three placings of each class, and first and second of senior and junior showmanship are entered in the Provincial 4-H Dairy show, where all Manitoba dairy clubs compete. From six to nine clubs are involved so competition is very strong. Our club has come through with many grand champion animals, top showmanships, judging and best displayed club.

Some of the grand champion animal winners at the provincial were: Wayne Arthur (1959), David Hillis (1965), Ted Grant (1967), Craig Hickson (1971), Keith Jameson (1974), Mark Donohoe (1976-77-78), Matt Donohoe (1979) and Donna Campbell (1981). Our grand champion showmanship winners were: Wayne Arthur (1959), Ross Mann (1963), Doug Carvey (1965-66), Craig



*1st Brandon Dairy Club*

Hickson (1970), Keith Donohoe (1971), John Donohoe (1973), Mark Donohoe (1974-75-78), Carla Brown (1979), Arnold Jameson (1980) and Matt Donohoe (1981).

First achievement days were held in conjunction with 4-H days at the Brandon summer exhibition, which at that time was held around July 1. The club took part in marching and judging competitions. Achievement day was held on one day, with the winners competing the next day with Westman area dairy clubs consisting of Minnedosa, Oak River and Souris. First two placings of each class then went on to the provincial show, which was then held at Winnipeg in conjunction with the holstein sale. Since then the inter-provincial shows have ceased, and the provincial show moved to Brandon. It is now held at Portage la Prairie.

When the Brandon exhibition changed dates, Charlie Grant's farm became the scene for achievement days for a while. Then, for a few years, it was held in Barn 3 on the Keystone Centre grounds, Brandon. Hugh and Martha Jameson's family also held them for a few years. Achievement day was a full day of hard work and fun for everyone, from babies to grandparents. The show lasted all afternoon, then everyone hustled home to do chores, and rushed back for an evening of baseball and a barbecue. We seemed to always be blessed with good weather. today achievement days are held again in Barn 3, Keystone Centre grounds with the evening fun still carrying on.

There is a lot of hard work and commitment being put into a 4-H club, but the rewarding part is the knowledge, companionship and great times (along with the disappointments) that are gained by each member, holding many fond memories for anyone who belonged to the Brandon 4-H Dairy Club.

### CORNWALLIS LITTLE LEAGUE

The Cornwallis Little League was organized in 1968 with Al Sigurdson and H.H. Burkholder as coaches. This "Red Wings" ball team was in a league of boys ten to thirteen years including Carroll, Nesbitt, Wawanesa and Cornwallis. Great interest was taken in this boy's team. Hugh Ferguson was the official umpire and should be commended for the interest he took in these young people. The mothers made red and white uniforms for the players who came from Cornwallis, Little Souris, Brandon Hills, Roseland and other surrounding districts. Many coaches helped out this ball team. One point of interest was that Don Noto was one of the first players in the club and continued on to be one of the coaches in later years. The teams played a series through April, May and June and then ended up with a final field day the end



*Little League Ball Team, "Cornwallis Red Birds".*

of June. The winning team held the trophy for one year.

The Little League was very active for six to eight years and then disbanded in about 1980.

### THE GLEN SOURIS LADIES

The ladies of Glen Souris met in each others homes and carried out various projects. In the 1940's and 1950's they made quilts and raffled them. In 1951 I won an appliqued quilt they had made and through the years I have enjoyed it very much.

The following ladies were some who belonged to this group: Mrs. A. Charleson, Mrs. G. Cook, Mrs. J.T. Elder, Mrs. Gibb, Mrs. C.V. Harris, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. A. King, Mrs. T. Prowse, Mrs. A. Waldron Sr., Mrs. A. Waldron, and Mrs. H. Wright.

by Eileen R. Mainland



*Glen Souris Hockey Team, left to right. Back Row: Allan Moggach, Walter Wright, Bruce Kent, Frank Elder, Ken Hawkins, Lyle Elder. Front Row: Gord Cooke, Sonny Elder, Lawrence Elder, Lloyd Kent, Murray Moggach, Bill Elder.*

## **GORRIE COMMUNITY CLUB**

The Gorrie Community Club was formed on November 5, 1947. The first officers were — Margaret Chapman (president), Albert Boles (vice-president) and Ollie Tycholas (secretary-treasurer). Membership fees were set at 50¢ per family and six families joined at this first meeting — Chapmans, Boles, N. Bakers, C. Bakers, E. Edwards and J. Hunters.

It was agreed that all money raised would be kept in the community and be used for school and playground improvements. Meetings and social events were held every second Friday and at the second meeting, Mr. Coleman showed slides, followed by a dance and lunch. The Hargreave, Connon, Cox and Harrison families joined at this time, and the Holdaway family joined fairly soon afterward.

With profits made from whist drives, dances, bingo games, box socials and pie socials, the club purchased cups, dishes, and cutlery for the school, and helped finance new swings. They put venetian blinds into the school and bought material and hardware and made new drapes for use at the Christmas concerts. They took over the job of keeping the piano tuned, and helped finance school picnics.

Dances were a fun-time at Gorrie, with music, at different times, provided by Glen Campbell, Vic Baker, May Ferguson, Garth Wakefield, Nadlers, Russ Gurr and Gordie Carnahan, Pugh and Tennants. And, of course, it wouldn't be right if Lorne Robins wasn't in attendance to call the dances.

In 1954 the Community Club had cupboards built in the school for storing dishes and cutlery and to make for more convenience preparing lunches and washing dishes on social evenings. The cupboards also became storage space for the school books which were removed from the desks before they could be carried downstairs out of the way.

Gorrie had a Halloween Dance in October 1955 and from then on Brandon Hills, Cornwallis and Gorrie took turns hosting a social evening, with some families in attendance every week. Often showers and presentations were co-hosted if the bride and groom each came from one of the communities, as in January 1964 when all three communities jointly hosted, at Cornwallis School, a shower for Norman and Edith Baker. Five months later Gorrie hosted, with Cornwallis, a shower for Clendon Baker and his bride, and in February 1966 Gorrie and Brandon Hills co-hosted a shower for Jim Stanley and his bride. Showers and presentations have been held on occasions on the lawns at Connon, Blights and Boles.

Besides the happy times, the club remembered friends and neighbours in times of bereavement,

and with sadness when someone left the community to live elsewhere. They also did lunches at auction sales, including Pienkowski's and Blight's.

Over the years, presidents were as follows — Margaret Chapman, Mrs. Norman Baker, Mrs. Percy Stanley, Mrs. Keith Connon and Mrs. Keith Blight. Vice-presidents were — Albert Boles, Don Hargreaves, Mrs. W. Chapman, Mrs. Hughie Robinson, Mrs. Keith Blight, Mrs. Percy Stanley and Mrs. Keith Connon. Secretary-treasurers were — Ollie Tycholas, Julie Sladek, Mrs. Albert Boles and Mrs. Keith Connon.

Gorrie School closed in June of 1967 and from then on the Community Club practically ceased to exist. In July, at the home of Albert Boles, a community farewell was held for Mr. and Mrs. James Hunter who were leaving the district. Many others have left the district without any recognition but the sad fact is there really isn't a Gorrie district anymore, except in our memories. In 1970 the city of Brandon extended its boundary to include all of Gorrie excepting a strip two miles wide, running from 17th Street East, to the Assiniboine River.

Eventually the Gorrie Community Club closed its books and donated the balance of its bank account to Central Community Club in Brandon. The president at the time was Doreen Blight and the secretary-treasurer was Eileen Connon.

## **LITTLE SOURIS BEEF RING**

Before the days of electricity the farming communities had their own way to have fresh meat on their tables. This was done through the Beef Rings.

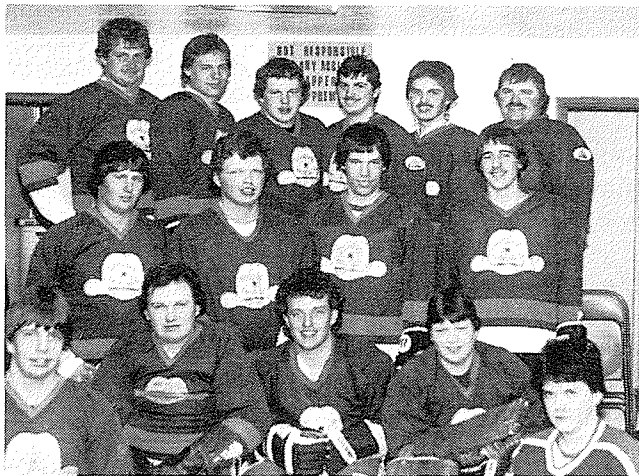
Each member took his turn at supplying an animal to be slaughtered, cut up and placed in compartments, a share for each member. Saturday was the day to go pick up your meat, and very often this was the younger ones job, which incidently was a pleasure. The beef ring slaughter house was situated on the flat just east of Fred Simpsons. The butchers were Noble Land and Pierce Couling.

In the winter some people cut ice from the creek, and had an ice well or ice house to keep the meat in the summer.

## **SPORTS, LITTLE SOURIS**

The young people had fun back in those days too. A good many will remember the old swimming holes, the one in the Little Souris river at Simpsons and the other at Lowes. Even the boys came out from town for a dip.

In the winter the same river was a good place to skate. The boys cleaned off their own ice and enjoyed it. When the river wasn't suitable there was always a pond such as the ones at Fardoes, Coopers, and the dam at Lyle Harpers. They also



*"Rosco's Rascals", Hockey Team 1982-83 at Shopland's Rink.*

made skating rinks, one of these was at Hedges. The boys played hockey against teams from the communities around.

In later years the Jim Shopland family provided a rink which all ages are enjoying.

Shopland's skating rink is in the east end of their yard. It started off quite small about ten years ago, but has been made to a size of 160 feet by 60 feet. A well in the garden is used to make the ice. Poles and plywood were used around the outside.

In 1978 a heated room with washrooms, was added to the workshop giving the skaters a warm place to dress. The building is used as a club house year around.

Many young people from surrounding districts come and enjoy skating and hockey. An ice carnival is held in February with costumes, races, prizes and lunch. Many of the costumes are supplied by Mrs. G. McRae. In July, a fun night, dubbed "The Shaker", is attended by many friends and neighbors who enjoy a ball game, bingo, races, games and a barbecue. Several of the neighbors help at both events.

There were also ball teams, baseball for the boys and soft ball for the girls. They, too, enjoyed playing against teams in other communities, at picnics or on other occasions.

The young people, with the help of their seniors, enjoyed making their own fun.

### **LITTLE SOURIS RED CROSS**

A Red Cross Society was organized in Dec. 1941, with Miss Nellie Fardoe as its first president. The ladies quilted many quilts, and knitted and sewed hundreds of articles of clothing for people here and overseas. They also packed parcels for needy families overseas, as well as for the men in the

services who went from our community.

The ladies made money by serving lunches at farm sales, having raffles, white elephant sales, and Garden Parties. The first Garden Party was held at the home of Mrs. George Porterfield, in 1942.

There was an annual Red Cross drive for money, and the menfolk were faithful collectors.

We also had many regular blood donors who tried to make it to every clinic during the war and after it was over.

The group decided to disband in 1953, as a Red Cross Unit, but the ladies decided they wanted to continue to help, so they called themselves the Little Souris Willing Workers.

### **LITTLE SOURIS UNITED FARMERS OF MANITOBA**

The farmers of Manitoba decided to form an organization so in March 1903 they called a meeting and 75 men attended. The name they chose was Manitoba Grain Growers Association. They were instrumental in the beginnings of the United Grain Growers Ltd. which was established in 1906, and in 1920 the Manitoba Co-op Dairies and Manitoba Poultry Ltd. In 1923 a proposal was made to the Wheat Pool, and in 1924 the Manitoba Wheat Pool came into being. Men from Little Souris acted on these boards as secretaries and treasurers.

The meetings were of topics of interest to all. They had debates with other groups, they put on skits, and had sing songs etc. as well as attending to the business of the United Farm Men of Manitoba.

### **LITTLE SOURIS U.F.W.M.**

The ladies of the district formed a women's section, but the earliest information we have was not until 1921, when Mrs. H. Thornton was President Mrs. John Shields Vice, and Mrs. J.S. Lowes, Secretary-treasurer. They had a meeting every month, and one topic which would be of interest now was "How to keep the young people on the farm". Their meetings kept the farm women informed of current affairs and improvements that could be made in the life of the farm families. They used to provide fruit and vegetables for the fresh air camps at Lake Clementi, and did other good deeds in the district. One year they completely redecorated the Little Souris Church.

Their motto was:

The time to be happy is now,  
The place to be happy is here,  
The way to be happy is  
To make others Happy.



## ROSELAND 4-H CLUB

Roseland 4-H Club was first organized in August, 1969 with the first meeting being held August 28, 1969. It was supported by the community but Mrs. Hamilton and her daughter, Marilyn, were the main supporters in getting the club organized. The meetings were held once a month and the project meetings were held on a regular basis with the unit leader.

The first head leader was Mrs. Gladys Williamson. Since then, Mrs. Marie Williamson, Mrs. Donna Thompson, Mrs. Bev. Schaeffer, Mrs. Elizabeth Hinch and at present, Mrs. Wendy Daciuk, have served as head leaders.

The members were originally from the Roseland, South Brandon and Cornwallis districts. Since then the club has swindled to six and young people from Brandon were encouraged to join the club.

The projects are many and the theme "Learn to Do By Doing" is adopted by all. The main projects have been sewing, foods and crafts, but today they vary and a wide choice of projects is available.

The club has always had such ardent, dedicated leaders, unit leaders and members. Many of the projects and members have been chosen to compete in further competitions. The club members have had the support of their families, friends and neighbours and that support has helped the success of the organization.

The main feature of the 4-H Club hasn't just been projects, but helping the members increase their skills in communication. Roseland 4-H Club has always been active in public speaking and demonstration, and members have taken part in the finals at the Agricultural Extension Centre.

Achievement days have been held at the Cornwallis and Roseland Schools and at the Agricultural Extension Centre. The day consisted of a display of projects, a short programme and a tea.



*Back Row — Left to Right: Bev Williamson, Barb Williamson, Debbie Draper, Ronda Schaeffer, Tami Hinch. Front: Mary Liz Gordon, Dawn Marie Bird, Shelly Kilbron, Heather Gowlden, Cindy Hemsted, Laurel Goulder, Debbie McGill.*

Rallies were held at Souris when the club was first organized. Since then they have had Fun Days held at Oak Lake and Sprucewoods.

The club's first uniform was a gold blouse and a brown jumper. Since then they have changed. All the styles and colors have always been attractive and the members were proud to wear them.

The club had fun projects during the year and the members increased their knowledge by attending various tours and weekend seminars. A Highlight of the year was the annual carolling and a pot luck supper held at the school for the Senior Citizens and members of the community. They also had money raising projects to help finance the club.

Members have competed and received gold watches in the Gold Watch Competitions and have been on exchange trips in Canada and U.S.A. They can also boast of having a Queen of the 4-H Rally.

Through everyone's total efforts, including members, parents, leaders, home economists, programme assistants, all the members have had an excellent learning experience by being a member of the Roseland 4-H Club.

## SOUTH BRANDON 4-H BEEF CALF CLUB

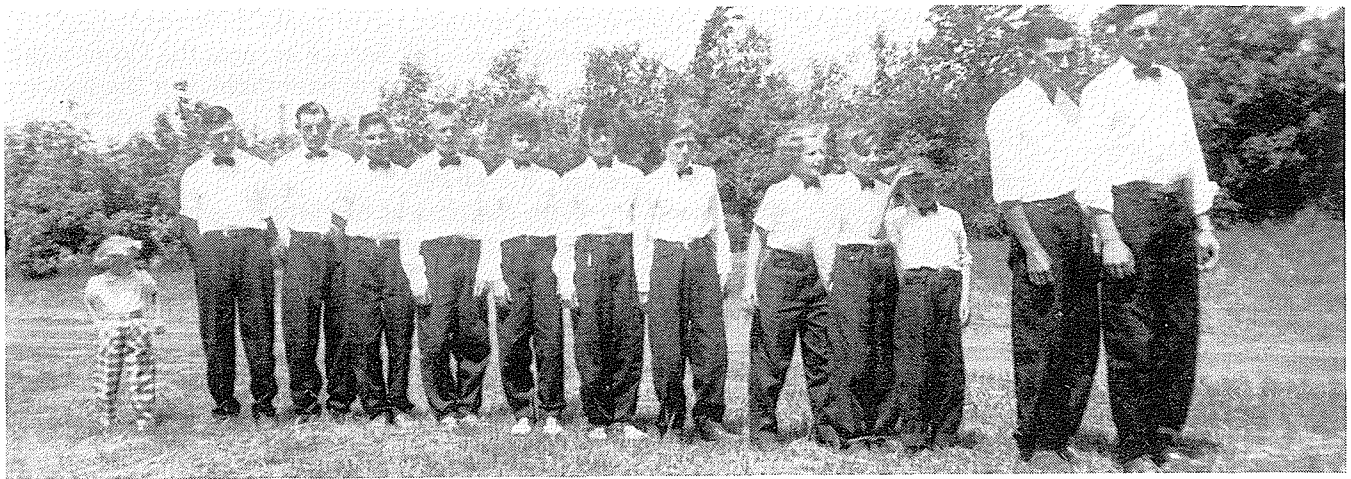
In the fall of 1952 the South Brandon 4-H Beef Club was organized by Howard McRae and Gordon Ferguson who volunteered to be the leaders. There were eleven members, Ron and Ken Wilkinson, Margery and Georgina Legg, Hugh Jameson, Leone and Bill Farguson, George and Bob Thompson, Barry Williams and Gordon Thompson.

Achievement Day was held at Souris during early summer and included all the clubs from this region. Each club was judged individually for placing of calves and also for selecting junior and senior showmanship. This club presented the owner of the top place calf with a trophy which was donated by the McKelvie Beef Club. The receiver of the trophy had his or her name engraved on it and had it in his or her possession until the next achievement day.

After all clubs were judged the inter-club competition was held with the two top calves competing for the grand-champion for that region. Then the interclub competition for top showmanship, both junior and senior, was held.

The club leaders also put a lot of effort into public speaking. The members were divided into junior, intermediate and senior groups and winners competed in the regional competitions which were held in Brandon. Ken Wilkinson was the first to win a trophy and Bill Farguson was another winner. The trophy was an engraved silver tray.

Club leaders selected the most promising members to compete for a trip to the Toronto Royal Winter Fair. In 1954 Hugh Jameson won this trip,



South Brandon Beef Club early 1950.

and in 1957 Bob Thompson was the winner. In 1955 Hugh Jameson went to the Royal Winter Fair representing Manitoba in the 4-H Beef Calf Club judging.

By 1962 South Brandon area had but one member in this club, the rest were from Carroll and Alexander. The name was changed to "Carroll Beef Club" and later in 1972, was changed to "South Brandon Carroll United 4-H Beef Calf Club". It is a large club, with members from Wawanesa, Carroll, South Brandon and Alexander.

The records of the original South Brandon Club were burned in a fire and therefore my history is not as complete as I would like it to be.

### SPRUCEWOOD COMMUNITY CLUB

Our club started with a few interested neighbours, who felt we should do something to get us all together, and arrangements were made to lease from the Provincial Government, what was known as the warden's residence, situated in the Sprucewood Reserve. The lease was granted in 1963 and with volunteer help and many paint brushes and hammers, the residence became our original club rooms, in which to hold whist drives and social functions, to raise funds for an outdoor dance floor in the adjacent area. When this was completed, many units from C.F.B. Shilo and area participated in the available facilities.

The ladies of the area formed an auxiliary, held bingos and served lunches to various organizations to raise funds for a permanent building nearer to the area, what is now known as Sprucewood Community.

A meeting was held in April 1964, with the committee and a Beaver Lumber Co. representative to commence building a community club 28' x 48'. Construction started in May 1964 and the building was ready for social events in June. During the summer months, weekly chaperoned dances

were held for the youth of the surrounding area. Weekly bingo was the main source of revenue to complete the original building. In February 1965, it was officially known as Sprucewood Community Club Inc.

In 1966 an extension was proposed and with the approval of the membership, work commenced in 1967. An additional thirty feet was built to encompass a stage and basement. Many worthwhile projects were organized and donations were made to the Fox Memorial Hospital, Carberry, Shilo Teen Centre, the campgrounds at Sewell Lake and many other charities. The building was

## Memorandum of Mortgage

SPRUCEWOODS COMMUNITY CLUB INCORP.

Encumberance herewith

BEAVER LUMBER COMPANY ACCEPI. LTD.

— 1964-1970 —

IN ACCORDANCE DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT  
Sprucewoods Community Club Incorp.  
TO PROVIDE PAYMENTS OF THE SUM PAYABLE TO THE SAID NAMED  
Beaver Lumber Company Acceptance, limited  
THE FORESAID MORTGAGE WAS RENEWED  
THE LAST PAYMENT PAID

SIGNED IN COMPANY AGREEMENT BY:

H. Weisgerber  
E. Haggerty  
D. Bryden



*Spruce wood Community Centre.*

used extensively by The Salvation Army for Sunday worship for all denominations.

After all financial obligations had been met, an anniversary dance in conjunction with the burning of the mortgage was held in May, 1970.

Throughout the years, the community club still operates as it began, with the assistance of volunteer workers and still maintains many of the original activities for the betterment of the community.

### **THE VALLEY COMMUNITY CLUB**

The Valley Community Club was a very active organization in the late '20's and '30's. It not only had members in the valley but from the surrounding districts.

Usually, meetings and parties were held in the homes. If you had a large house, a dance was in order. The living room would be cleared of furniture — putting it either in a hall or out on a veranda, or even outside. This furniture was all lifted out the day of the party and returned when it was over. The music was usually local talent. In some homes it was necessary to put props under the floor when it started moving up and down during a schottische or square dance. If your house didn't lend itself to dancing, cards or a concert was the evenings entertainment. The ladies all brought lunch.

The men too, had their preparations to perform. They either put their horses in a cow barn or outside so as to accommodate the horses of the visitors in a warm barn.

Every year a wind-up dance and program were held in the Connaught Hall, 10th Street (the building where the Fiesta Fabrics now stands). Sometimes the program was a debate — challenging other district debaters and sometimes it was a play. What fun was had practicing those plays! The Valley Community Club declined during

the war years and never really fully recovered.

The Poplar Hill School became the Community Centre and parties were held there. For the dances a two piece orchestra was hired for \$2.00 each. The men were charged .25¢ at the door and the ladies brought the lunch.

With the advent of better roads and cars and the fact that we are so close to Brandon made it more and more difficult to keep our community together. At present our activities have dwindled to an annual picnic and a winter pot-luck supper.

The 4-H still use the Poplar Hill C.C. for a meeting place.

### **RED CROSS GROUP**

During the war years we had an active Red Cross Group. The valley ladies met in the homes and quilted quilts and knitted articles such as mitts, gloves, balaclavas, etc.

### **SEWING SISTERS ORGANIZATION**

After the war, the same group became known as the "Sewing Sisters". We had two leaders who went to the Agricultural School and took lessons in tailoring. They taught our group. Each member made a tailored article and modelled it at a fashion show at the Agricultural School.

### **BASEBALL TEAM**

The Valley had a baseball team and played in a small league. With the umpire's friend, pitching and his brother catching, how could you possibly lose a game?

### **SNOW FUND GROUP**

Every winter the valley road was blocked with snow. The farmers travelled in the fields with horses until they became soft and impassable. Then the road would have to be cleared. Every farmer would set out with his tractor and shovels and make a track through for the cars. Later, some farmers got snowplows on their tractors so they would do the snowplowing and they were paid for their work. This necessitated the forming of an organization known as the Valley Snow Fund so there would be money at hand to pay them. Each farmer contributed a set fee to the Fund.

### **POPLAR HILL 4-H**

A meeting was called in November, 1954 in Poplar Hill to organize a 4-H Club. Our first project was a Garden Project that was followed by a sewing project, and the girls called their club "The Peppy Pinkers". Later, beef and poultry projects were added and we were known as the first "Combined Club".

The Club's accomplishments were numerous and gratifying. Gold watches, award trips, public speaking trophies, judging trophies, demonstration championships, display honors, and marching honors were won by many members. Even Queens and Princesses graced the Club. The 4-H Club is still active with many more and varied projects such as Self-Determined, Adopt a Grandparent, Mechanics, etc.

The 4-H Club tied us together as a community once more.

### WHEAT CITY RIDERS

The Wheat City Riders 4-H Light Horse and Pony Club was organized in 1969 with some 60 boys and girls from the City of Brandon and rural Cornwallis Municipality. This was the first club allowing city members to participate. The first leaders were Betty Coleman, Wilma Gilbert and Margaret McRae. Meetings were held at the Agricultural School. This club was instructed in horse management, riding, care of the animal as well as public speaking, parliamentary procedure and other 4-H events. A rally was held each year with each club marching in the parade, as well as showing horses and judging classes. Interclub rallies were held in Brandon and it was a great honor to receive the trophy. A local achievement day was held each year and everyone took part. Lots of fun days were held such as weekends at the Agricultural School, dances and socials.

Many leaders have led this club through the years. Membership has dropped to about 15 members but the name Wheat City Riders is still well known in the horse circle.

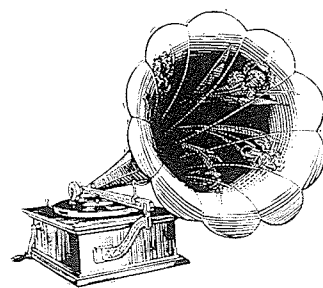


*Wheat City Riders, Light Horse and Pony Club.*



# REMEMBER WHEN

COMPILED BY TOM MARSDEN  
AND WALLACE ELDER



## STARTING MY TEACHING CAREER OVER THE RIVER

Arthur Gerry, who lived on the NE¼ of 21-9-18, once said to me, "That tree is a larch, a spruce like tree which loses its needles in the winter. I brought it from the tamarack swamp." This conversation was about 1923 and the tree was still flourishing in 1979.

As Dad and I went home he told me that Arthur used to go to the tamarack swamp to get logs to build his barn when he first came west from Ontario. This swamp is about 12 miles east of Glen Souris, south of Shilo and on the east side of Spruce Woods.

This land over the river, always had a special attraction for me. Little did I know that I would begin my teaching career there! Dad used to say that the land over there was pure sand and that some parts were just as desolate as a desert. I was to learn that Dad was speaking figuratively. Most parts had a good stand of grass which could be used for cattle grazing or making hay. Only this land needed several acres to sustain one animal. Also, once the forest fires were controlled, the bluffs of poplar and willow grew up. The early settlers of the 1880's had settled there because there was little or no clearing to be done before the crops could be planted. For a few years good crops were harvested. Sad to say, the fertility of the soil was soon depleted, so one by one the settlers moved away and their buildings were left to deteriorate.

In 1928, one hundred years from the time the Hudson Bay Trading Post, Brandon House No. 2, was started, the Rotary Club of Brandon was unveiling a cairn on the N.E. of 29-9-17 at the site of the old fort. The Minakers, I believe, had a boat and took the Prowse family across the river. What a thrill it was to have a boat ride and to stand on the land over the river!

In 1931-1932 I trained as a teacher but because of the depression I was unable to secure a position. The next best thing was for me to study part of my Grade XII and help on the farm. One of my chores on a calm 35 below morning, was to pump water for our large dairy herd. Often I would marvel at the mirages which showed the trees that grew over the Assiniboine.

One July day in 1933, I learned that Aweme

School needed a teacher. Aweme, the word means "Beautiful Valley" in Cree, was over the river. I phoned Mr. Stuart Criddle, Secretary-Treasurer, and he said I may come for an interview. That day I learned that I was to be teacher of Aweme School #434 for ten months a year at a salary of \$350.00 per year. Here was my chance.

I was very happy teaching in this one-roomed, multi-grade school of 9 or 10 pupils. Here I learned how to teach. After the first week I knew that Mr. J.R. Reid of the Brandon Collegiate, was right when he advised me to go to Normal School. Under the guidance of my inspector, Mr. Robertson, and with help from the parents who were really interested in the education of their children, I developed teaching methods and an interest in children, both of which were to stand me in good stead during the 32½ years that I was to teach in the class room.

Little did I think that the registers I kept in Aweme would be part of the Criddle Display which was shown in the Museum of Man and Nature in Winnipeg and later toured Western Canada going as far east as Prince Edward Island. I am told that this display may find a permanent home at the University of Brandon.

While back on a visit in 1961, I stood on the high bank above Wigle Springs, and gazed on the Assiniboine Valley where it makes a big loop. In the background were the Blue Hills of Brandon. Surely this is one of the most beautiful views to be seen in Manitoba! On we went to Taylors where we were greeted by Ernie Taylor, a great friend of my father's. Charlie Wardell used to live nearby. As we went south we found the school deserted.

Over the years I have often thought back on the three happy years that I taught, "Over the River".

by Eileen R. Mainland (Prowse)







*Hal Rogers with horses and cutter that delivered the mail in the winter of the 1940's.*



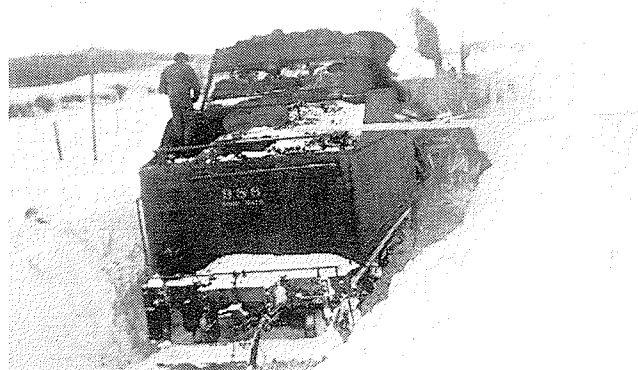
*1911, girls at a picnic in the Souris Park. Picture submitted by Alice Dyrsdale.*



*Old Timers in the Lawrence district near Douglas. Back row, left to right, Jack Slator, Chip Coxe, John Duncan, Wilfred Dalghliesh (cap) Fred Reed, Tom James, Sam Parks. Front row, Pete Callahan, Bob Brown, Billy Brown, Billy Darrach (hat in hand), Nelson Conrad, Charlie Richardson, Jim Richardson.*



*C.G.I.T., Souris, 1919.*



*Feb. 1947, derailed engine, the plow is filled with snow, coal and groceries were brought for the workers who worked around the clock to free the train and clear the track.*



*Hugh Jameson with team on the stone-boat. This chore team was very important on every farm.*



*1946 Cutting feed on the farm of Jim Richardson, now owned by Norm and Wilma Richardson.*

## **"RURAL COMMUNITY OF THE PAST"**

**prepared by Mark Donohoe**

In 1881, Brandon was nothing but prairie with wild grasses and the silverleafed wolf willow scrub blowing in the wind. Within a year, it had its official papers as a city, named from a fur trading post, Brandon House.

People came on foot, by oxcart, by horse and river boat, along the loops and bows of a river, that took seven days to travel a crow's flight of 130 miles from Winnipeg.

The lure was free land for the first quarter section and a dollar an acre for the next 160 acres. Western Manitoba, fertile parkland ready to plough, offered agricultural opportunities beyond imagination. But what gamblers they were, the men who broke that prairie sod.

The social life in Brandon prior to the turn of the century centered on home, school, and church. It also included a number of strenuous diversions. Curling, hockey, lacrosse, snowshoeing, and skating occupied many winter hours while summer brought a return of baseball, rollerskating, cycling, horse races, fairs, and of course the old community picnics. It was said "We don't like it dead. We live in our leisure time".

A glimpse through the pages of Canadian history soon proves one thing, most of the enduring organizations of the nation have grown from ideas first raised to action in a smaller community.

The Rural Municipalities of yesterday around Brandon were without a doubt a lot busier than they are today in many ways.

They were rural communities. They were composed of people in communication and together geographically with common interests and ties. The municipalities provided most of the religious, educational, economic and other services that our members desired.

### **A USE FOR FLAX SEED**

Norman Sutherland tells that in the 1920's a family by the name of Farmer lived a half mile south of his place. They hosted a wedding at their home, dancing was in what was called a summer kitchen which is a lean-to on the main part of the house used to prepare meals, etc, in the summer. The purpose of it being, to keep the main part of the house cool.

The floor in this summer kitchen was rough, so to make dancing better the host sprinkled flax seed over it. Today they still use flax seed spread sparingly over cement floors for shed and garage parties.

## **POSTAL SERVICE**

Chater's post office, of Manitoba's Marquette electoral district, had the number 85267. It was established on April 1, 1883 and remained open until October 9, 1969. Its location is listed as W 27-10-18 but the office was kept at the Pineo home or the boarding house at different times, ending up in the Angus residence.

Since the office closed the area is served with group boxes. Courier for this route, Jack Shadlock, reports that 30 families are currently served at the village site on the corner of Main St. and 3rd Avenue, receiving their mail three times weekly.

The National Postal Museum has this record of postmasters or mistresses all of whom resigned except for the last one.

Philip Dickson	01-04-1883/31-05-1889
Chas. Rock	01-09-1889/28-04-1890
Peter Dickson	01-07-1890/20-04-1891
Robt. McLaren	01-08-1891/04-01-1892
J.G. Hoey	01-04-1892/01-02-1893
John Vance	01-04-1893/01-03-1894
J.G. Hoey	01-05-1894/07-07-1897
Mathew Armstrong	01-12-1897/12-04-1902
T. Stuart Smyth	01-04-1902/-1911
Mrs. Emma A. Cale	01-04-1911.19-08-1924
Mrs. Sarah A. Ross	23-10-1924/28-05-1930
Gordon Wm. Pineo	01-10-1930/15-09-1953
Mrs. Janet M. Angus	16-10-1953/09-10-1969

### **I REMEMBER**

In 1918, Edgar Mitchell and Chas. Abey bought their first threshing outfit. It had a portable 25 horsepower engine. Previous to that, they had to hire a steam outfit.

Stock threshing was done in those days but some farmers stacked the sheaves as this meant a better grade.

I remember farming with horses, walking behind the harrows and lifting two bushel bags of grain to fill the drill.

Cow milking was done morning and night with cream selling at 14¢ a lb. butterfat.

A carload of cattle would be gathered from the surrounding area with a number of good yearling calves selling at 1¢ a pound.

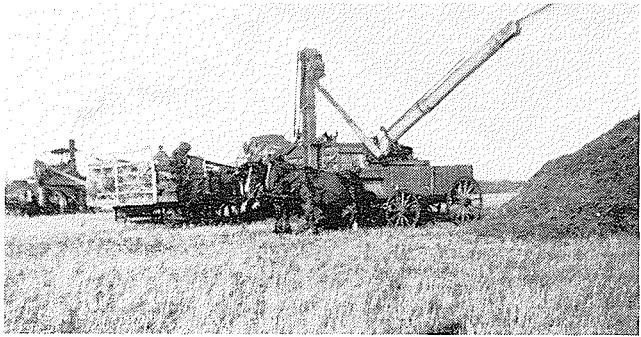
Around that time I sold a small car of wheat at 10% dockage and received a cheque for \$180.00. I was paying .10¢ a bushel for oats to feed stock.

We purchased a threshing outfit in 1930 and used it until 1945.

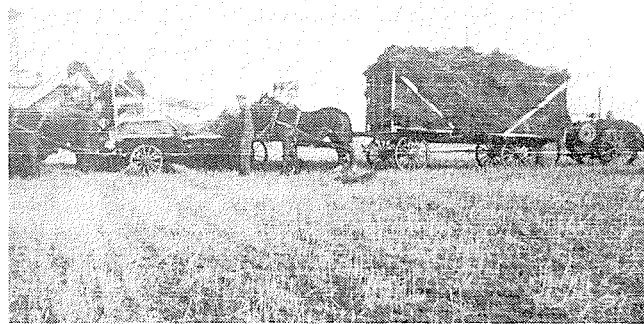
by Ewart Abey



Reunion of Brandon Hills District Pioneers July 14, 1921. Left to Right; back row: Wm. Bertram, John Campbell, George Richards, Jas. Davis, Hugh Rice, Jack McPherson, Allan McQuarrie, David Roddick, Robert Roddick, Peter Elder; second row: Charles Limran, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. John Roddick, Mrs. Robert Roddick, Mrs. W.H. Dunbar, Mrs. David Roddick, Mrs. Hugh McPherson; front row: W.H. Dunbar, John Roddick, Mrs. Robert Morrison, Georgina McPherson.



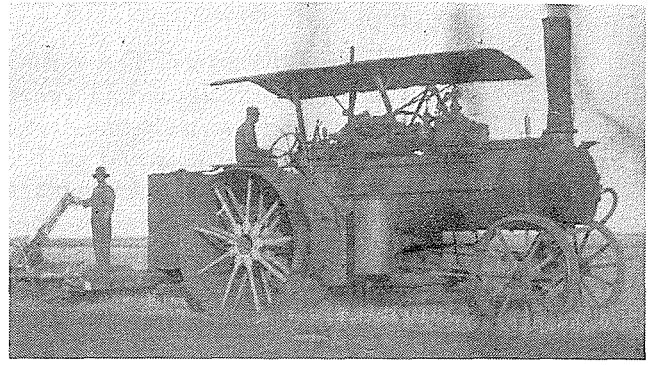
W.J. Elder's Threshing Outfit



Threshing at Shilo 1921 Grandpa and Bert Whitley took up homesteads where Shilo is now...1912.



Familiar scene, kids off to school or Sunday school.



Machines like this were often seen in the early 1900's.



Sent in by Mrs. Allan Clark, boys fishing. Do you suppose they are playing hookey from school? Glen Souris.



Threshing gang having lunch Mrs. Fred Cotton serving.



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cotton and Roy dressed in Sunday best.

## REMEMBER WHEN:

We had spring skating parties! The spring thaws would fill the sloughs and they would freeze over and then someone would plan a skating party.

Whoever organized the party would gather wood and make a bonfire. It provided a warm place to put on your skates and warm hands and toes when they got cold. It also, together with the moonlight, provided the light.

After hours of skating we went to some home for lunch.

What often started out as a simple skating party in the moonlight ended up in a romance.

Remember when the Valley young people had a hockey team.

There was a huge slough on the Hunter property and the hockey games were held there. Everyone helped clear snow off it. The goal-posts were home-made consisting of a wooden frame over which chicken wire was stretched. Often shin-pads were magazines stuffed inside hockey stockings. Many hard-fought games with teams from other districts or Brandon took place on that slough.

Remember when it was the thing to be invited into someone's home for a cup of tea.

Remember when 2¢ would bring a letter from Vancouver to Brandon in two or three days.

Remember the good old days when a letter addressed to Tom, c/o Tom's farm, Brandon, Man., arrived at its correct desination.

Remember when the mail was delivered by an elderly mailman and a skinny team of horses and van in the winter time and a Star car that broke down periodically in the summer when the haywire that held the drive-shaft together gave way. The mail was delayed only for as long as it took to find some more haywire and do the rewiring job. In those days the mailman was not a very highly paid civil servant.

Remember when the mail was delivered on Christmas Day, — the "King's mail must go through" applied then.

Remember when the Experimental Farm had an orchard and the neighborhood boys climbed the high fences and filled their pockets with tasty morsels.

Remember when the Indian School had a full scale farming operation there. Young boys in residence were taught how to farm in a practical way.

Remember when the boys at the Indian School dotted the Valley road as they ran non-stop from the Indian School to Brandon. Participation in those days was a mode of transportation.

Remember when one Indian School Principal was trying to find out who was stealing his chickens. When he was lecturing the boys he said, "Those who were stealing the chickens would soon find

feathers sprouting in their hair". Several hands went to their heads and so the guilty were discovered.

Remember when the boys from the Indian School would work for a nearby market gardener to get extra food for their always hungry bodies. The gardener paid them and then had chocolate bars and bread there for them to buy back. In this way he got free labor.

by P.G. Marsden  
and Mrs. Marsden



## REMEMBER WHEN

A Councillor was gravelling the roads in his ward and the only gravel available was in a pit which was jointly owned by the reeve and his wife.

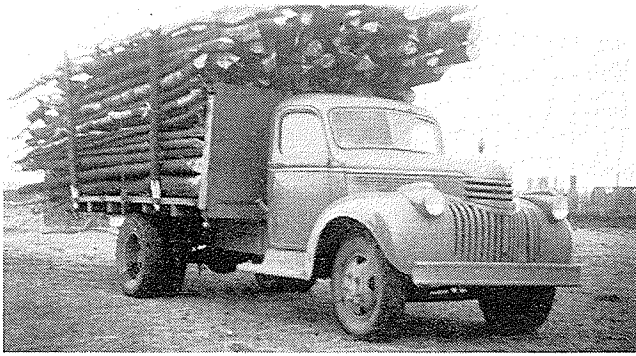
The Municipal Act prohibits a reeve or councillor from doing business with the Municipality. So the Councillor was not to take gravel from the reeve's pit and so a grain sack was hung on the fence, indicating where the dividing line was between the reeve's pit and his wife's. The contractor was told explicitly to not take gravel from the far side of the bag because that was the Reeve's gravel. The contractor looked the pit over and decided the reeve's gravel was much better and easier to get at, so when no one was looking he simply moved the bag further down the fence and took the gravel as he was instructed; from the right side of the bag. What one doesn't know doesn't do them any harm.

## REMEMBER WHEN

The Councillor's phone rang about midnight and a victim of a fight wanted him to come in immediately to settle a dispute that was taking place in the subdivision South of Richmond Avenue.

The quarrel started when one man was endeavoring to run water across the street to the other man's property. During the argument the caller had been hit on the head with a shovel. The councillor quietly declined the invitation and told them to call the police and he went back to bed.





*Taken on the farm yard of Jim Richardson (N.E. 28-10-17 now owned by Norm and Wilma Richardson.*

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*Bill of sale of school supplies, 1913.*

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## REMEMBER WHEN

Remember when the valley road west was all gumbo mud? In the Spring we had to travel through the pasture fields on the hillsides and in the winter through the farmer's fields. Finally the council decided to gravel the road. They employed a local contractor to re-grade the three miles to the Whitehead boundary. It was done by teams of horses — two teams plowed with walking ploughs ahead of four horse teams on frezno scrapers. It took them all summer to complete the grade and apply a light coat of gravel. This road had a right of way of 66 feet.

Several years later when caterpillar-tractors and scrapers came into being, the road was re-graded. This new grade required more land which the farmer had to donate.

In the ensuing years a caragana hedge and row of maple trees had been planted and page wire fence erected along the valley road in front of the Indian School property. The winter prior to again re-grading the road, that hedge and fence had held five feet of snow on the road; blocking it completely.

In the month of March, the farmers wanted the road open and the only way was by shovel and manpower; so they all turned out and inch by inch cleared that half mile.

When council decided to re-grade the road everyone remembered shovelling that half mile and said, "That hedge and fence have to go!". The authorities at the Indian School said, "No!" — So Ottawa and the Department of Indian Affairs was contacted and red tape prevailed and the hedge and trees were not to be removed.

An enterprising neighbor told the contractor to have his tractor and men ready for the night shift. About 6 o'clock that evening the neighbor returned from town with a yellow sheet of paper — resembling a telegram and told the contractor he had just got word from Ottawa that it was alright to remove the hedge and fence. By morning the whole thing was cleared away and dumped into Lake

Percy. The next morning all hell broke loose. Who had given authority to remove the hedge and fence? The damage was done and the illusive telegram could not be found.

Some years later, the road was graded again under what was known as Grant and Aid. That meant the Municipality paid 40% and the Provincial Government 60% of the cost.

By now it had become a much travelled road and the councillor of the day and the late Earl McKellar, MLA, got together and prevailed upon the Provincial Department of Highways to pave the road. It came under the provincial road program and became known as Provincial Road 459. The province is completely responsible re- maintenance, snowplowing, etc.

That is the story of the Valley Road west, from the time it was paved with mud, until it was paved with asphalt. It is a road that is enjoyed by many people for a scenic drive.

## THE ROYAL VISIT

In July 1959, Queen Elizabeth II and her consort, Prince Phillip, toured Canada by train. Brandon was visited a few hours on the return trip to the East Coast, on July 23. As an overnight stop had been planned for the Royal Train with the Royal Party on board, many precautions were taken for security. The train was to be held on the branch line running from Chater to Forrest, the actual point being about a ½ mile west of Chater on W½ 27-10-18, farmed by Dick Reed and family.

Two hours before the Royal Train was brought out to Chater, an extra locomotive was brought out and positioned on the branch line, near Dave Smart's house. When the train and the switch had been set for the branch line, it was spiked in position by the roadmaster, E. Perrett. At this time the extra locomotive was attached to the rear of the Royal Train, and pulled to the prepared position. This precaution was so it could not be backed into anything. It had to have eyes at what had temporarily become the head of the train.

For weeks beforehand, a general cleanup campaign was carried out, especially by the C.P.R. Everything had to be out of sight or neatly piled.

Families who had easy access to the branch lines area, were issued a "Royal Tour" pass for the night of July 23-24, which was to be produced for passage through the various checkpoints manned by the R.C.M.P. officers. Also all dogs had to be kept in so there would be no barking to disturb the Royal Visitors.

To give easy access to the overnight stopping



*Chater Centennial Parade 1982.*

place, a half mile road allowance was graded and gravelled and since then has been known as the "Queen's Highway".

The local section gang headed by Dave Smart, foreman, was responsible for most of the work duties connected with the train. They were required to wear white coveralls and gloves. There might have been other reasons for this, but it looked like it was also for security reasons. This was an easy way to identify anyone who might be around during the hours of darkness.

On the main line C.P.R. orders were for trains not to whistle within five miles of the Royal Train from 8 p.m. July 23, until the train departed. The train moved out on time at 7:30 a.m. on July 24, 1959.

by Dick Reed  
and Dave Smart

**CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY**  
**File or Claim**  
**Portage July 9th - 9**

D. Smart

Chater

Special instructions for your gang are at the present;

To be dressed neatly and clean

To be on hand at arrival time of the train

To place sanitary cans and assist where needed.

To be on hand at about 5K July 24th, time to be determined, to assist remove sanitary cans, garbage cans and as otherwise required.

All charges for time involved to be kept track of and charged to the train.

There is some talk of providing coveralls, white, and gloves but I do not know if this will materialize or not. As more instructions come along I will advise you.

E.P.

(White coveralls and gloves were provided)

**CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY**  
**Portage July 9th - 9**

All Section Foremen....Carberry Sub, West;

The following are general instructions issued regarding the movement of the Royal train on the 23 and 24th of July.

Unless specially authorized or in a case of emergency no track motor cars will be placed on the track before the passage of the Royal Train. Motor cars will be left in the tool houses and tool houses locked. Push cars will be placed well back from the track and blocked as well as locked. Any equipment of this kind will not be placed on the track until after the arrival of the train at the station ahead.

Yourself or men will be in position to provide

protection for traffic on important highway and road crossings, any spare men will be in the vicinity of the station to assist the agent to control any crowds that might gather alongside track or on platforms. Myself or assistants will speak to you regarding roads to be protected.

No track work that could interfere with the passage of the train will be undertaken.

A schedule of the train is included in this letter and you are to contact all farmers who have private or farm crossings over the track and advise them that they are not to use these crossings for at least two hours before the passage of the Royal Train.

All right of way fences are to be checked to ensure that no stock escapes on to the right of way that we could be responsible for.

All material in yards is to be placed out of sight or if not able is to be neatly piled in an inconspicuous place.

Particular attention is to be paid to any cars that could be in siding or elevator tracks to ensure that the brakes of these cars are well applied also that all derails are in place.

A patrol of track will be made by myself and assistants and we will spike all crossover and facing point switches. These are not to be released until after the train has reached the station ahead.

Where necessary Section Forces will come on duty a sufficient time ahead of the arrival time of the train to allow them to be in position to perform duties assigned to them.

A list of expenses incurred by the Royal Train is to be kept and sent to me to enable me to submit to office at Winnipeg.

These are general instructions. There will be special instructions issued to those that they will concern.

Schedule of the Royal Train is as follows:

Arrive, Chater — 21:10, July 23rd

Leave, Chater — 7:20, July 24th

Douglas — 7:28

Carberry — 7:45

Sidney — 7:57

Austin — 8:06

McGregor — 8:13

West Tower — 8:34

Arrive, Portage — 8:40

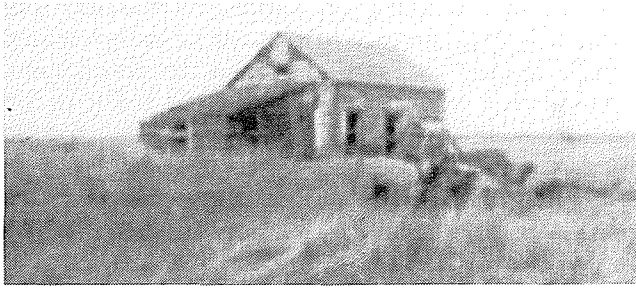
Trains on main line will not blow whistle within five miles of royal train from 8 p.m. until train departs.

E. Perrott

Canadian Pacific Railway Company

file or claim

Portage July 9th - 9



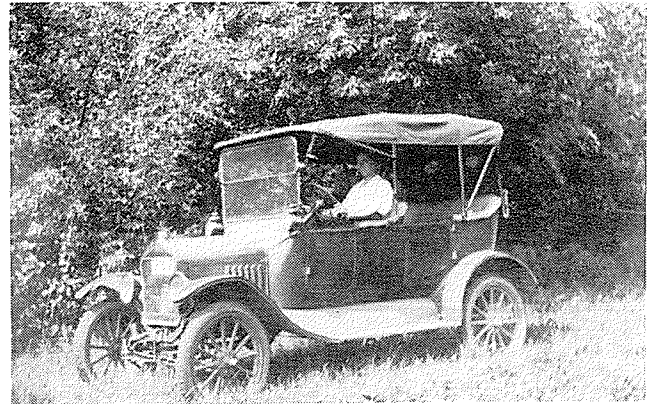
*Aweme post office before it was moved down near the school. This scene gives the general appearance of the open plains and one deserted building.*



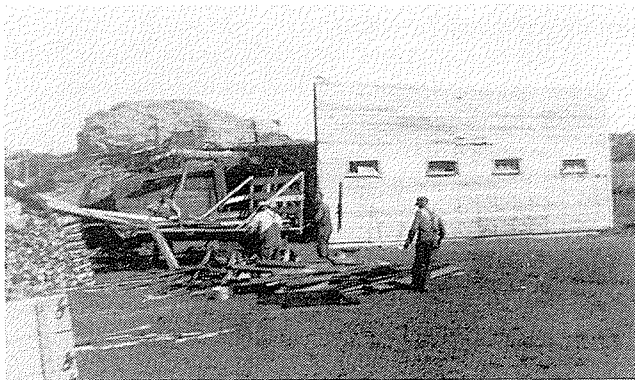
*Note, mode of travel, Fred and Maisie Ardiel, Len, Jessie and Jack Ardiel, and Jim Allen.*



*Cotton's barn after having the roof blown off in a wind-storm in 1941.*



*As the years past so the mode of transportation improved, look at the Touring Car.*



*Simpson's barn in 1942.*



*Moving the station from Chater — now situated in Curran Park.*



*Remember when...neighbours helping Jim Richardson hauling and sawing wood.*

## ROY ELDER'S DANCE PROGRAMME 1917 BLYTH DISTRICT

1. Circassian Circle
2. Waltz
3. Barn Dance
4. Two Step
5. Quadrille
6. Buffalo Glide
7. Roberts
8. Half Step
9. Waltz Country Dance
10. Four Step
11. Highland Schottische
12. Newport
13. Jersey
14. Three Step
15. Quadrille
16. Waltz
17. Paul Jones
18. Two Step
19. French Minuet
20. Heel and Toe Polka
21. Roberts
22. Supper Waltz
23. Flowers fo Edinburgh
24. Waltz
25. Two Step
26. Half Step
27. Quadrille
28. Buffalo Glide
29. French Minuet
30. Newport
31. Barn Dance
32. Flora Dora
33. Quadrille
34. Heel and Toe Polka
35. Jersey
36. Three Step
37. Waltz
38. Roberts
39. Four Step
40. Quadrille
41. Newport
42. Extra
43. Home Sweet Home Waltz

by Wallace Elder



**REMEMBER** Friday night at the old school house? Starting sometime in October, after harvest was complete, the community club or the teacher and pupils would host the first social of the season. We had box socials, bingo games, whist drives, dances or evenings of slides, and sometimes to honor a newlywed to the district, a shower or presentation.

The Friday closest to Halloween was always a dance, masquerade, of course, and to keep Dan Cupid happy Valentines was celebrated with a box social for which the ladies prepared special lunches and packed them into beautifully decorated boxes to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. The gentleman who purchased the lunch shared it with the lady it belonged to. How come the bachelors of the district always knew which lunch belonged to the new unmarried teacher?

Bingo was fun and was enjoyed by young and old. The desks stayed upstairs for a bingo evening and the caller sat at the teacher's desk. No fancy magnetic sweeps cleared our bingo cards, we used corn kernels for markers. The prizes were usually grocery items or, more favorable with the youngsters, candy or cash.

Whist drives were good, with some folk playing in all seriousness, while others spent more time chatting than playing. One always heard "who's turn is it?" or "who played the nine?", except of course during confiscation. The youngsters did not usually play whist so they would play downstairs, and they always ended up playing school. The older children, however, would play hide and seek outside or have an "in-the-dark" snowball fight. Isn't it odd that a yard light was never installed when the hydro was put in?

Sometimes Friday night would find us in Alaska or England, Mexico or Japan when someone showed slides of a recent holiday and give an accompanying commentary and, naturally, there was a question and answer time.

A miscellaneous shower was held when a girl from the district got married. Before the gifts were presented, a humorous piece would be read or a skit enacted poking good-humored fun at her new husband's profession. If a boy from the area was to get married, money was collected and a large gift purchased to be presented to the couple at the social.

Dances were the highlight. They were the one singular social event understood, enjoyed and participated in by all ages, from two to ninety-two. Anyone younger usually ended up asleep on mother's coat in a corner or on the teacher's desk which had been pushed into a corner of the classroom. The desks were taken downstairs, benches placed along the four walls, the floor sprinkled with dance wax and the musicians tuned up. Our music, almost always supplied by local folk,

ranged from piano to organ, violin to guitar, accordion to harmonica. We danced to the waltz, polka, fox trot, schottische, two-step, and let's not forget the square dance. The caller would stand on a bench and call out "choose your partners, form a square". There was room for three or four squares and the room rang to "promenade all", "do-si-do", "swing your partner", and "walk your partner home".

The youngsters waited impatiently for their bunny hop or butterfly and would pester the caller until he would finally decide it was time, usually following the square dance so the adults could get their wind back. Who remembers the spot dance? The spot would be picked out by someone who had to sit one out to nurse a baby or by an elderly person just not up to the crowded floor. When the music stopped, the couple on the spot would win the prize, but being close didn't count so it often took a few stops before someone was right on the ink spot, knot in a floor board, corner of the register, or whatever had been chosen.

Elimination dances always created excitement and laughter. Men chose their partner, then picked from a hat the name of a flower, bird or animal, or often just a number. When the dance began, the caller would stand on a bench and call out from his call sheet, eliminating dancers until one final couple was left to claim the prize. Sometimes the eliminating was done by calling out articles of clothing that the dancers may or may not be wearing. It was always fun to learn that John was wearing one-piece flannels and that Mary did indeed have on a girdle.

Ladies' choice brought giggles from the young folk. Little brothers thought it hilarious when an older sister chose some shaggy-haired, freckle face who was rapidly turning red from embarrassment.

New Year's Eve dances were special, and always had some fun dances, like passing around a pillow case full of undergarments; whoever was holding the bag when the music stopped had to reach into it, pull out some article and put it on, regardless of the gender of either the person or the undergarment. What fun to see Grandpa wearing an old corset, garters flying, or better yet, to see Teacher trying to keep her skirt down while pulling on a pair of flannels, back door and all.

Another dance usually held on New Years was the balloon dance during which each couple had to hold an inflated balloon somewhere between them without the use of hands, and keep other couples from breaking it, winner being the last couple with balloon intact. This was made even more interesting when the caller called out to change partners. No one ever questioned the "quick trips" to the basement or cloak room that night but everyone was always present at midnight to hold hands forming a large circle around the room and

sing Auld Lang Syne.

Lunch was sandwiches and cake, coffee and Freshie and it was a time to sit and visit with friends and neighbour. Although lunch was never planned, it usually turned out to be an even balance of sandwiches and cakes but once in a while it happened that it would be "dessert night" as no one brought sandwiches.

Home Sweet Home, the last dance of the evening, was traditionally a waltz and it was understood that it was reserved for one's special girl, be she wife or girlfriend, grandmother, mother or daughter.

Today's social evenings cost more than the passing of a hat; the dances, definitely not geared to the whole family, throb to pulsating lights and loud amplified bands. Bingo games are electronic and the prizes are no longer nickels and dimes. Some successful attempts have been made in recent times to revive our 'olden days' Friday nights and perhaps our continuing interest in nostalgia will keep us working on it.

Today is tomorrow's past; what will our children remember?



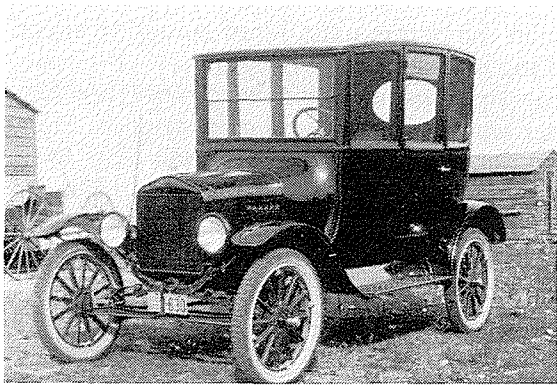
## REMEMBER WHEN

The Municipality had the sub-division south of Richmond Avenue? This incident took place during that time.

Tenth Street was always a quagmire and the councillor was forever doing his best to alleviate the muddy conditions by putting some gravel on the street.

This particular day in the process of spreading some gravel and turning his truck around, the contractor backed over the lady's prized spruce tree. She was waiting for the trucker with his next load and gave him a piece of her mind in no uncertain terms: then she caught the councillor and gave him what for. The quick eye of the councillor noticed the lady's driveway was all under water and mud so he immediately told the contractor to bring some nice fresh gravel and apply it with care on her driveway. That afternoon the same lady came out with a jug of ice-cold lemonade to the contractor and councillor — all was forgiven and proves one good turn deserves another.

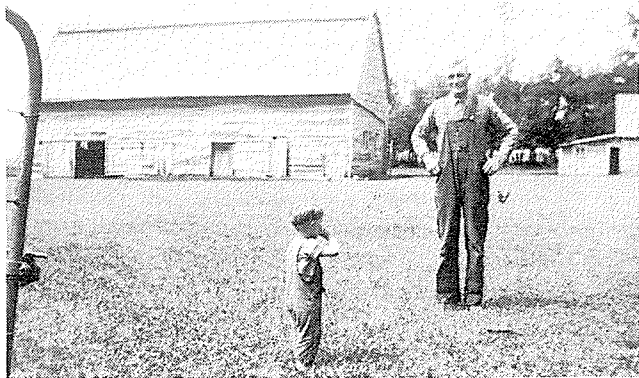




*It was really special to ride in this shiny new closed in car.*



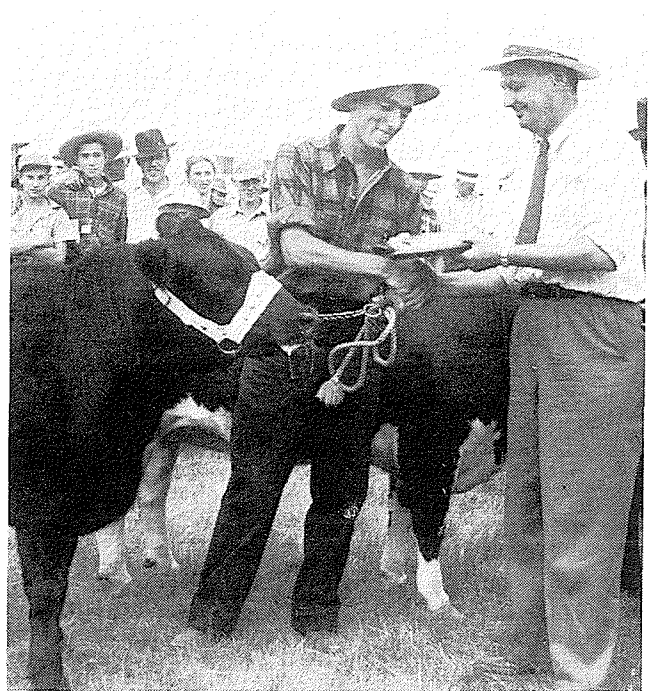
*Last half of the Dirty Thirties, hauling wood from Brandon Hills bush, Baker's team of horses.*



*Ewart McConechy and son John, note the barn and granary in the familiar barn yard scene.*



*North West Farmers Threshing Gang Beauty Contest; 1st Prize, 1925. L. to R., Wesley Stewart, George Roddick, Tom Whiting, Percy Wood, Joe Merrill, Don Stoddart, Frank Stewart, John Roddick, Albert Roddick.*



*Remember when... Gordon Ferguson of Doonhill, being presented with a 4-H trophy by Gordon Muirhead of Eatons.*



*Uncle Bill Hession, spring 1941.*



*Tom Marsden with chore team on the rack on the winter sleighs*

**CHATER S.D. #181**  
**AUGUST 1933 — June 1936**  
**REMEMBERING**

Drought, dust and depression were the bywords of the years of 1933-36 when I was in charge of Chater S.D. #181. Strangely, though, memories of my three years in that multigrade school are not those of unhappiness, deprivation and gloom but of the tremendously challenging task, of a bright and vibrant school population and of a community which made its own fun at a time when the budget for entertainment in most families was practically zero. What did we do for recreation when we couldn't afford to dash off to the city?

There were many young adults in Chater in those years. Some had returned to the village because the jobs they had held, had folded. Many, finished with school, had not been able to find their first jobs. These young people and the school children gathered in the rink shack and spent their winter evenings outdoors. The stove was made of an old oil drum and fired with discarded railway ties. Somehow music was provided. We were warm, energetic and glad to be young and alive in spite of the economic woes. Perhaps the younger children gained some knowledge they would have been happier without, but I think the "shack language" was much less pornographic than today's T.V. programs. And we did learn to identify the stars and planets on nights when they seemed clear enough to be part of this creation. Rarely has food tasted better than did Mrs. Leslie's boiled wheat with cream which she served to her family, her boarder and their escorts after a strenuous evening at the rink and the long uphill walk home.

In Chater, the church and the school were the community gathering places — choir practices, play rehearsals and presentations, fowl supers, quilting bees, political meetings, dances, whist drives and concerts — all at a minimal or no cost and attended by everyone in the community. In the summer there were ball games, weiner roasts at Willow Creek and dancing on the boardwalk at the store.

And the school itself! I had actively sought the job at a time when there were 800 or more unemployed teachers in Manitoba and when school board coffers were empty because few people had the money to pay their municipal taxes, so I could hardly complain at an enrollment of 34 in Grades 1 to X and a salary of \$430 per year. In the job interview I had been questioned about my willingness to be actively involved in the church, Boys and Girls Club work, musical festivals, etc. (it was inferred that the board really wasn't keen on hiring a Brandon girl because past experience had shown that the Brandon residents caught the Minnedosa Mixed at 4:25 on Friday and returned by the same train at 8:15 on Monday so were not

involved in the community. I had agreed to spend most of my weekends in Chater.)

Apart from the heavy burden of work, teaching at Chater was a very rewarding experience. Many of the students were really bright and all of them were willing to work and co-operate. Parents encouraged their children to do well and were grateful when innovations, projects, etc., added enrichment to school life.

The 1933-34 Grade IX's (Ethel McLean, Bertha Campbell, Don Hope and the Grade X student, Birdella Smith) were all using the correspondence courses but, naturally needed instruction and help if they were to be successful. Much of this help was given on Saturdays or in the evenings and, in return, these older students co-operated in class management, in working with physical education groups and in general playground supervision. There were at least five, if not seven in the first Grade VII-VIII class. As these senior classes all wrote departmental exams the students had to learn to do a great deal on their own and to take advantage of such individual help as I found time to give when I was not teaching the other 23 children in Grades I-VI, all of whom needed guidance and help. Secretly, my greatest joy over the three years was probably the beginners. I remember Keith, Allen, Margery and Elaine Campbell, Joyce Lowden, Marjory Wilkinson, Alec Robson and others at the learning-to-read stage. They learned so quickly!

Excitements of the school year were Field Days, Softball Tournaments, the Douglas Story-Telling Competitions, Brandon Fair and the Musical Festival. Doris Reed trained the choir but the teacher had to conduct. It took Doris longer to train me to conduct than to polish up the children's singing! The children did well at the festival and in each of the three years the school won the Christies School Award at Brandon Fair. This prize provided \$100 in supplies from Christies, and in those days, one got a lot of art supplies and playground equipment for that money.

I left Chater in 1936 to go to Africa to visit an aunt and uncle who had been in Canada the previous summer. They had spent time in Chater classroom and warned my mother that I wouldn't be able to stand the pressure of such a heavy job indefinitely and suggested a holiday in Africa for at least six months. My brother, Jack, who had done his student teaching at Chater and who had always come out to help me with softball and track and field activities, took over. I stayed longer than expected and with the outbreak of the war I could not get home until 1946. As the train sped through Chater bringing me home for the first time in ten years, I hung out the windows to see Chater flash by. The Campbell-Pineo wedding procession was just leaving the church and I would like to have stopped long enough to greet my Chater friends assembled

there, for the memories of my teaching days in the Chater community were indeed, pleasant and satisfying ones.

by Betty Gibson

### **CURRIES LANDING**

Curries Landing, sometimes referred to as Rapid City Landing, was located on the north side of the Assiniboine River on Sec. 1-10-18. It received its name "Curries Landing" from William Currie who had already established the ferry which was a short way away. A large store house was built to store the provisions brought in on the riverboats. These provisions were portaged over the rapids to other boats or taken by horse drawn vehicle, or at times man on foot for many miles, to Rapid City, Fort Ellice, and other places where homesteads were.

The foundation logs are still at the Landing under a small building in the middle of the yard, a tribute to the wood of years gone by, some 100 years. When we moved there in 1923, the old store house was still standing but the roof leaked badly and it was a two storey building, so my father took the top part down and built a smaller building. It is still there on the old foundation. As far as information regarding the ferry it is not known how long it ran. We do know that the senior Wyton family lived at the Landing in 1896 and ran the ferry for some time.

The charge for freight in the overland carts was 5 or 6 cents per pound, but by boat it was 3 or 4 cents.

### **PERSONAL GLIMPSES OF THE PAST "MARGARET (CANN) SWITZER REMEMBERS."**

Naturally, living in a CPR station, my memory goes back to trains, of which there were many. Also, I remember so many of the friendly train crews. They were our friends. Before there was double track on the main line my Dad worked the day shift (12 hours) and a night man, the night shift of 12 hours. Some of these night operators that I remember were: Geo. Eames, who married Miss Crawley, a music teacher; Thos. Ottley, who married Emma Smyth, and Sam Fonger. Locals on the main line were #53 and 54; 61 and 62. Through trains were #3 and 4; 1 and 2. No. 7 and 8 ran to the coast in the summertime. Besides those, the Minnedosa went up and back in the day. The Miniota ran three times a week and the MacGregor-Varcoe three times a week. Everyone drove to Chater, even from as far north as Justice, to take the trains to Brandon.

I believe the rink was built about 1912 and Chater hockey team had quite a reputation for being rough, as I heard when I came to live in

Carberry. When they played Rapid City, a special train would be chartered and everybody went, except Uncle Joe Smyth and I. My father had played hockey and lacrosse and I remember he was called upon to referee the hockey games. Mother and Dad were both good skaters and also curled. So, before I was old enough to go to school, I was taught to skate. Carnivals were quite an event. I recall one Carnival where my mother and Mrs. Cale (the Postmistress) dressed alike and with the aid of false faces front and back. They handed out suckers made of soap and candies flavored with pepper, mustard and hot ginger.

Alas, the rink had a short life! In the summer of 1916 a very angry cloud appeared about 5 p.m. It hit the village and scattered half of the rink for miles. It cut through the cemetery and demolished a building there as well. The storm also took down the telegraph poles and wires east of the station and they were strewn over the track. The section men were called out to clear the tracks. There was no communication with the dispatcher, so Dad walked east past the debris, put out torpedos and flagged the westbound passenger #3, which was due about 7 p.m.

"Christmas Trees" were another big event of the year. Also Fowl Suppers — it seemed that hundreds of people came out from Brandon and all around the country to the suppers. The amount of food that each member of the Willing Workers used to take would stagger us today. There were also Country Dances almost every Friday night in the winter.

The Chater School is gone, but how could we forget the frozen inkwells in the winter, or the huge round register in the floor where we would huddle until the seats got warm enough to sit in. It had the reputation of being a difficult school, and no wonder, as there were often 40 or 45 students enrolled in the winter months. Some of the big boys had to work on the farm in the summer and just came in winter.

The General Store owned and operated by Mr. Matt Armstrong, was typical of the times — a little bit of everything and not much of anything. Later his niece and her uncle came out from the East to live with him and they made quite comfortable living quarters upstairs.

The Post Office and Boarding House was owned and run by Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Smyth. It was a large frame building and I remember many bad chimney and pipe fires there. Relatives of the Smyths came out from Quebec and took over the Post Office and Boarding house when the Stuart Smyths moved to the farm south of Chater. Mrs. Cale was the Postmistress and I used to love to "help" her sort the mail and stamp it. She must have had a lot of patience!

There were two churches until 1925, when

they became united. The Presbyterian minister lived in Douglas and the Methodist minister lived in Chater. They each had three services on a Sunday which meant a lot of driving. We attended the Presbyterian Service in the morning and the Methodist at night. My Mother was usually the organist at the Presbyterian church and choir practice always seemed to be held at our house. Some of the ministers I remember were: Rev. Churchill, Rev. Allen, Rev. Hellyar, Dr. Johnston, Rev. Taylor, Rev. Hoey, Rev. Oke.

We were fortunate to have Willow Creek just south of the village about half a mile. It was a lovely place to wander — there was a picnic ground cleared out where Sunday School picnics were held — also a swimming pool (with leeches) and before the snow came we sometimes had skating parties complete with big bonfires. I guess the automobile was the beginning of the end of those simple means of entertainment. We would hate to give up all the conveniences that we have today, but were the good old days so bad??

The origin of the cemetery is another story. The cemetery beside the Sparling Church had been the burial ground for Chater residents. However, one funeral was on a bitterly cold winter day. I believe it may have been the west section foreman's wife, Mrs. Weightman. A sleigh load of men, my father included, went out to Sparling and were so cold that Mr. Joe Smyth said, "This is it, I will donate some land east of the village for a cemetery."

Waggle Springs was a favorite picnic spot on the Assiniboine River, especially when we progressed into the automobile age. But tragedy struck one Sunday, when Lottie and Jim McCallum and their family were picnicing there. Their oldest son was in the river, got caught in the current, and his father jumped in after him and they both drowned.

I wonder how many remember the Silk Trains of the CPR mainline. The insurance on the silk shipped from Japan to New York was very costly and the CPR won the competitive contract. When a silk train from the west coast was en route, all other CPR traffic was cleared. Agents, section crews and other employees were all alerted and many spectators were amazed at the terrific speed of those trains.

However, there were two mishaps with the silk trains in this area. One was at Camp Hughes, when the coach on the end of the train jumped the track and rolled over. The crew inside the coach were not hurt but had to hang on to the outside of the end car all the way to Portage la Prairie, where they picked up another coach.

The other accident happened at the Diamond at Carberry, when the silk train jumped the track. Another train was soon assembled and a Customs Officer supervised the transfer of the bales and they were soon on their way again.

Another episode on the CPR took place in the early 1920's, when Lady Eaton's suitcase was misplaced when she was travelling from Regina to attend a function in Winnipeg. The main line was cleared for all other traffic and an engine, baggage car and coach were dispatched from Regina with the suitcase. The train just slowed up at Brandon, transferred the suitcase to another train and crew, with engineer Bennie at the helm. They completed the trip to Winnipeg in record time. It was said that the crew in the coach stretched out under the seats, as they could not stand up, especially going around curves.

by Margaret (Cann) Switzer

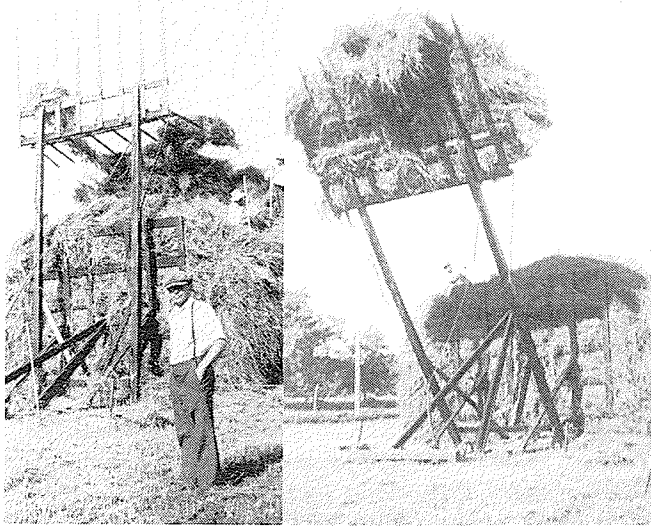


*Frederick Sibley fishing on the Assiniboine River.*



*Horses are a little frightened of this big machine — picture taken by Paul Omilanou.*

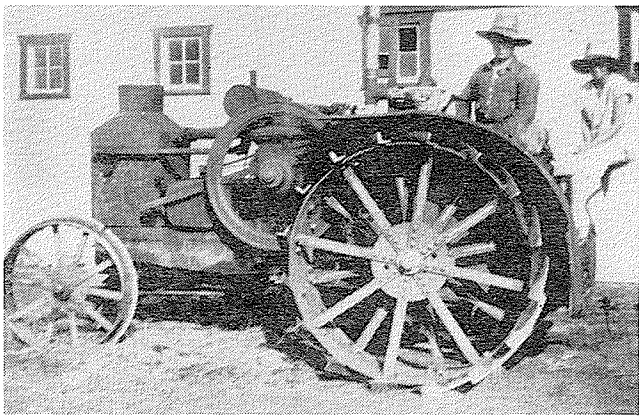




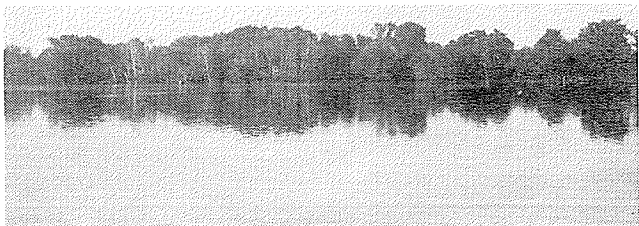
Stacking hay on Tom Marsden's farm.



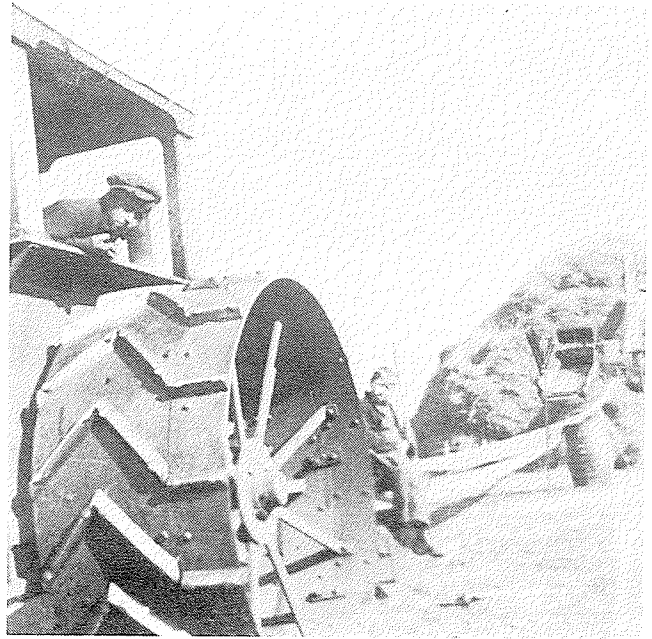
Afternoon Tea in Auntie Whiting's garden at J.D. Baker's L. to R., Auntie Ester Whiting, Edna Baker (Abbey), Phoebe Roddick, Bessie Waugh, Eliza Baker, Blanche Baker (Nicol).



1929, Rumley Oil Pull Tractor with Gladys and Gordon Medd.



The Ardiel's garden of potatoes and turnip's under water July 1935.



1921, Rumley Gas Pull Tractor with Gordon Medd in the cab and Arthur Medd sitting on the belt.



1920, George Medd using a hay sweep, old timers called this a bucking pole.



Creek flooding between Ardiel's and Nicol's in 1950.

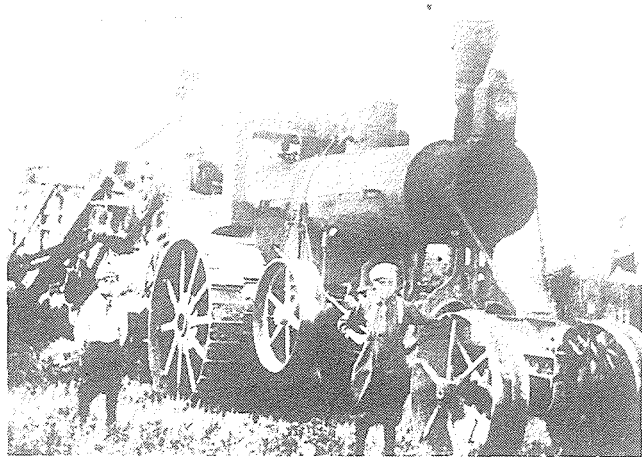


March 18, 1946, McConechy's and Jameson's in their school cutter.

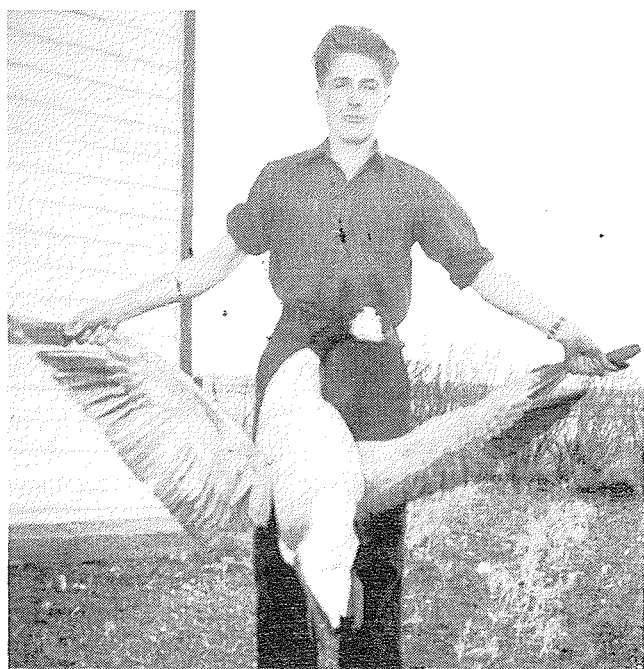




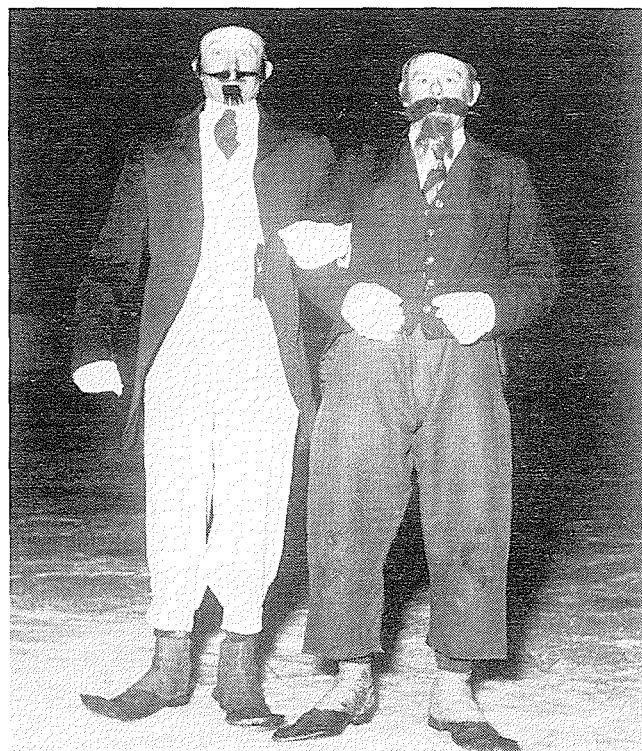
*Hugh Jameson, a little big for the tiny dog and the hand sleigh but such fun on a school holiday.*



*Avery steam engine and separator used on the Valley Road around 1915. John Durnin in background and John Durnin (son).*



*1947, Norman Richardson, 12 years old shot his first goose. He was a happy young lad that day.*



*Med Davis and Fred Gerry, clowns at Brandon Fair and Old Time picnic etc. at Brandon Hills.*



*A really good shooting day of white grouse in 1910, Ted Rowe holding gun.*



*Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sibley at Currie's Landing where they farmed and where Dorothy (Sibley) Brown grew up.*

**REMEMBER WHEN** we walked the dirt road to the small rural school? We hurried in the mornings, aware of the morning sun, the dew on the grass, the flowers that weren't open the day before, and our minds would be on the new school day ahead. But coming home — that was something special!

We had no watches, no real hurry, as long as we were home in time to do our chores. We walked a mile and a half on a grassy road with two very deep ruts for part of the way and it was great fun to walk that stretch with one foot in the rut and the other up on the grass. We had a fairly steep hill (to a youngster anyway) and it was great to race down it, or better yet, to roll down it, especially if it was Friday and our school clothes needed washing anyway.

If we wanted both hands free to toss stones, 'honk' through blades of grass, or play 'loves me, loves me not' with a brown-eyed-susan, we shoved our books and papers into our tin lunch pail and fed our belt through its leather handle and let it hang from our waists.

There was always time to stop and try to outstare a burrowing owl but we always lost, he never blinked (until the minute we left, I'm sure). And what excitement to hear the shriek of a hawk and to try to find him in the sky before he dove to the ground after a foolishly brave gopher. Once I remember coming upon a garter snake in the hot dusty rut of the road and all about her were her tiny new babies. I watched in horror as she ate them all up in her misguided attempt to protect them.

Sometimes a detour was in order, just to go into the bush a little ways along the creek to see what fruit was ripe. I shall never forget the taste of the raspberry or the plum, or even the bitter chokecherry, how good they were! For some strange reason, none of them seem to taste that good now.

On mail days we stopped for the mail on our way home and once there was a wasp nest in the mail box with hundreds of wasps on guard. The mail was left for Dad to come retrieve it with more suitable garb for protection, then the box was smoked with oily rags to make it once again our mail box and not theirs.

We crossed the creek on our way home, stepping from rock to rock as we never had a bridge. Any attempt at a permanent crossing was always destroyed in the spring flood. But in the summer we crossed on planks, piled earth and rocks. We always found time to scare away all the little crayfish, poke a few clams shut, search for bloodsuckers in the muddy edge, or go for a quick wade.

Gone are those carefree days when we dawdled home from school along our unlittered back road. Today's youngster rushes across cement parking lots to catch his school bus, arms

full of chemistry and French texts, his Sony headset on, and his electronic game in his pocket, but he has no lunch bucket as he's purchased a cafeteria lunch or disposed of his brown paper bag at noon. Then he sits for nearly an hour on the noisy, restricting school bus, listening to his music, sleeping, eating his left over granola bar, or indulging in tom foolery, and definitely missing the unhurried, carefree innocence of a time long lost to today's youngster coming home from his big school in the city.

### **TRAIN SERVICE "AIN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE"**

The Great Northern entered Manitoba at the border of North Dakota and continued north to Brandon. One day, around 1910, an expectant mother was travelling to Brandon in this train. She couldn't make it in time, so the train stopped at McKelvie elevator and she was escorted to the nearest home (F. Shields) about half a kilometer away. All went well - Mother and baby doing fine.

### **COLLIE POWER**

George Legg told me an interesting story about a collie dog helping to do the family clothes washing. Prichards lived on a farm on 2-10-20. Mr. Prichard had a hand wash machine rigged up to be operated by a treadmill.

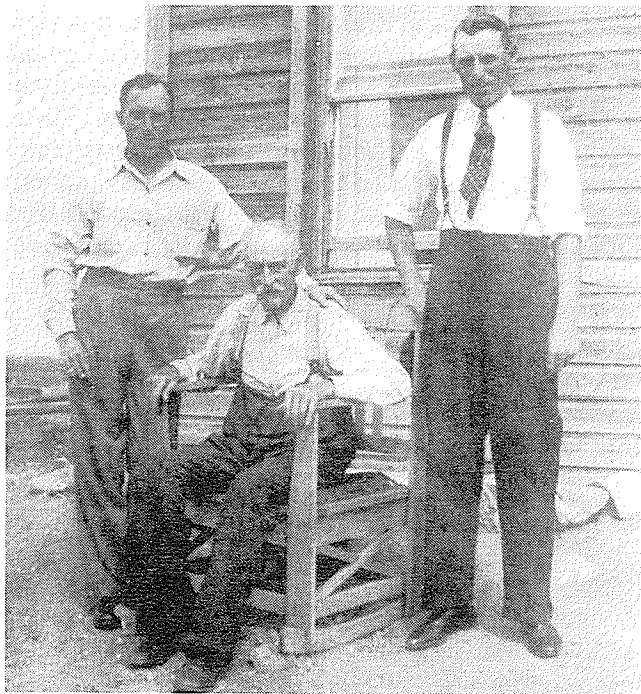
Someone had to be the treader — Who? — the family collie dog. Every Monday morning the collie was harnessed to the treadmill and the machine was then in motion.

After a while the dog smartened and one Monday morning the dog was gone but came back later. The next Sunday night the poor dog was locked in a shed so he would be available the next morning.

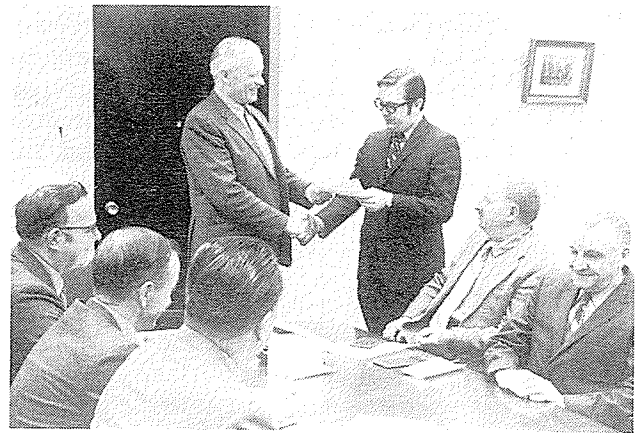
### **REMEMBER WHEN**

The incumbent Reeve of Cornwallis was challenged in an election for reeve by a ratepayer.

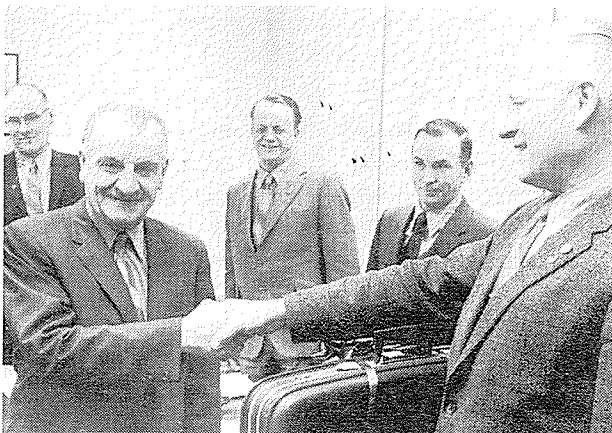
This happened in the days of the party-line telephones. On the day of the election the ratepayer's wife was overheard on the phone to say she would be sleeping with the new reeve tonight. It so happened the incumbent reeve won the election and having been told what was said on the phone, he phoned the ratepayer's wife and asked her what time he could expect her.



Picture taken 1948, Walter Brown, Robert Brown and Uncle Sam Parks, familiar scene on a Sunday afternoon.



R.M. of Cornwallis, December 1970. Presentation of grant for the Keystone Centre in Brandon to Mr. Stuart Craig (chairman) by Reeve P.G. Marsden. L. to R., W. Woodman, Sec., G. McRae, Ward 3, C.Drysdale, Ward 4, F. Weisberger, Ward 1, J. Campbell, Ward 5.



R.M. of Cornwallis 1970, December Meeting Presentation to John Campbell for 25 years as a Councillor for Ward 5. L. to R., E.B. Nicol, Ward 2, John Campbell, Ward 5, Cam Drysdale, Ward 4, Gordon McRae, Ward 3, P.G. Marsden, Reeve.



Curran Park and end of dyke.



Looking north over Glen Hunters farm in the Valley.



P.G. Marsden's farm, April 1976 flood.

## REMEMBER WHEN

This old time Reeve was informed by his wife that the coal supply was getting low and he would have to go to town and get a load. So he hitched the team to the sleigh and drove up to the door and asked his wife for the money to pay for the coal. She informed him that she had paid for the last load and it was his turn. An argument ensued and the Reeve said, "If you can freeze, I can freeze," and he put the team back in the barn.

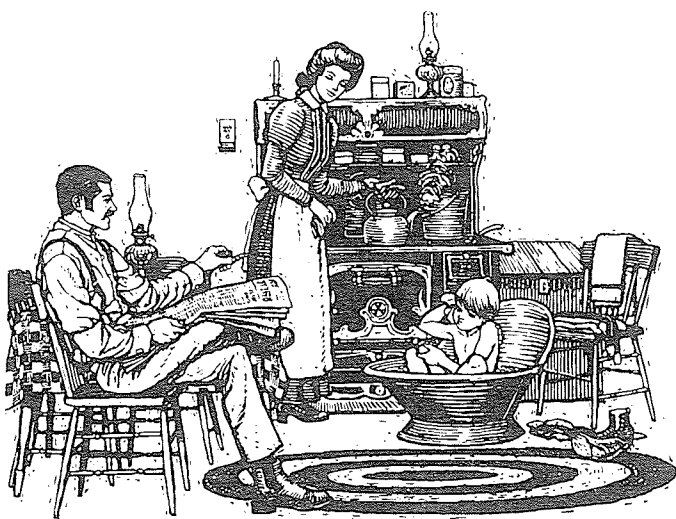
## REMEMBER WHEN MILK WAS 9¢ A QUART

One winter while assisting Norman Baker with his milk route, I hitched up the team of greys to spell off the team of sorrels, Nancy and Nick. I believe the greys, Jap and Queen, were broke by Bill Nicol (Blanche Baker's husband), and by Tom Bolton, who later became their usual driver. Both men liked their horses to be right up on the bit, consequently Jap and Queen would take off at a slack in the reins. They were taught to go up hills on the gallop, slow and easy wasn't part of their training. Our sleigh looked like a pick-up truck with a cab door on the right side only, plus an open window in front. Warm clothing and a cow hide to cover our legs was a must to keep from freezing.

This particular day, we had just finished delivering milk to Clarence and Bertha Baker. North of their house was a vacant lot, corner of 6th Street and Vanhorne Avenue. An old house on this lot had been torn down but the basement hole still remained. Taking a wide circle with the sleigh was necessary to prevent an upset, but the team was in their usual hurry and took off down one side of the basement hole and gallop up the other. Despite a hard jolt everything remained upright and we continued at a gallop west on Vanhorne. I kept the team in heavy snow at the side of the road, making the load a little harder to pull, thus slowing them down. We continued to deliver the milk to 10th Street and then turned north. It was then that Jap decided things were going a bit slow, he kicked out at Queen and put his hind leg over the tongue of the sleigh. Well that did it — off on the gallop again — out came the king pin that held the horses's harness tugs to the double trees and then to the tongue of the sleigh. The next thing I knew the reins (or 'lines' as we called them) were sliding through my hands. The sleigh headed for Bert Good's new fence, putting a new and unexpected gate in the fence, and came to a halt in Bert's front yard. Jap and Queen (with harness, neck yoke and double trees) raced down 10th Street on their way to the business section of Princess Avenue. In those days I could run almost as fast as a horse, so while Norm stayed with the sleigh to face the 'music', I ran after the team — which by this time had a two block lead. The horses were being spooked along the way by

people and vehicles of the day and really didn't know which way to turn. However, they got as far as the old Hydro Building, cut through a short lane behind Prince Eddy by the C.N. Station, south along the tracks, turned left on Louise Avenue, headed east and were now back on the last quarter of the regular milk route at 4th Street by Hawkins Shoe Repair. To avoid a car they had moved off the road and onto a boulevard and sidewalk, one on each side of a tree and became firmly anchored by the neck yoke. There was not enough harness left to re hitch the team, so, after untangling the remaining harness, I jumped onto Queen's back and headed towards the farm at a gallop. How I managed to hang on for six miles is still a mystery to me! I thought my heart would stop when we arrived at the farm gate, it was usually open but today was temporarily closed while the cattle were let out to water. There was no stopping the horses, so I just tightened my hold on Queen's collar as she sailed over the gate and Jap sailed through it! We finally came to a stand still in front of the barn door, with Jap and Queen unhurt and acting as though nothing unusual had happened. Cecil, Norm's brother, was known to be a rational man, but that day he blew his cork. I won't repeat all the things he said, but his final sentence was "That's the last time you drive that team with straight bits." The next time the greys were used to spell-off the sorrels, they wore a brand new pair of scissor bits.

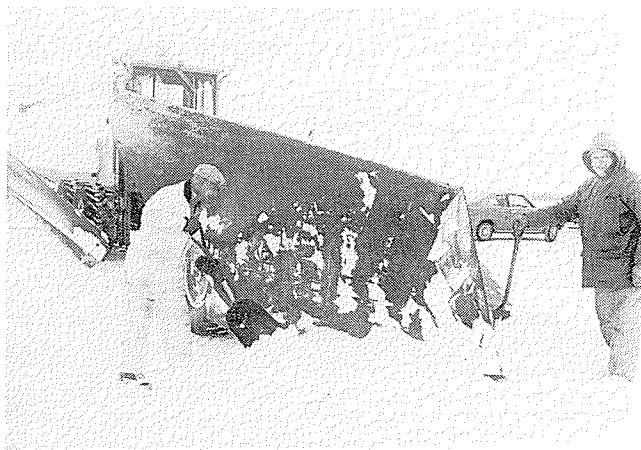
Syd Baker







Valley Road, P.R. 459, 1976 Flood looking east to 18th Street.



Snow clearing in 1974, Ray Carter, machine operator, Tom Marsden, Reeve of R.M. of Cornwallis.



Country Fun, taken at the Carnival at Brandon Hills 1973, Jack and Keith Chapman in the foreground.



Country Fun, the Jameson family playing hockey at the Shopland Rink, father Hugh looks on.



Country Fun in early 1900 Chapmans, shooting was a hobby. Note special dogs who really helped their owner.



Presentation Party at Reston, Man., Life Membership in the Union of Municipalities, Tom and Eileen Marsden, Jan. 20, 1978.



Taken from the Bdn. Sun March 23, 1983.



# HISTORICAL

# PLACES

Compiled by Inga Farguson  
and Dennis Baker



In 1869 the Dominion Government acquired the western prairies from the Hudson Bay Company for the sum of \$1,500,000; the Company retaining two sections of land in every parcel of 36 sections. The same year, on the recommendation of Col. John Stroughton Dennis, the Government of Canada adopted our present system of surveying the land into township, range and section--160 acres to a quarter section, 4 quarters of 640 acres to a section, 36 sections to what is now called a Ward in a municipality. Township number 1 starts at the 49th parallel and 1st meridian, east or west. A meridian is an imaginary line running vertically. Meridian 1 is west of Winnipeg, at Headingly. Township 1 starts at the 49th parallel and extends for 6 miles north. The next 6 miles north is township 2 and so on. Thus townships divide the land north and south. In the same way ranges divide it east and west. We have 6 miles between ranges. Cornwallis Municipality encompasses townships 9 and 10, ranges 17, 18 and 19, west of 1 meridian.

The Dominion Lands Act passed in 1872, opened land to Homesteaders, C.P.R. grants, H.B.C and school sections 11 and 29. The remaining land was Homesteads. Sections 8 and 25 were granted to H.B.C.

Homesteads were 160 acre parcels of land available to any person who was head of a family or a single man over 21 years old; but the owner had to reside on the land for at least 6 months of each of three successive years and improve at least 10 acres the first year and 15 acres each of the following two years. A Homesteader had the right to buy a second quarter section as a pre-emption at the price of \$1.00 per acre.

The same Land Act (1872) set aside wooded sections to be divided into 20 acre lots, 5 chains wide and ½ mile long. At first these wooded lots were given to homesteaders who resided near by, later they were sold at \$1.00 per acre.

The next step was to encourage settlers to move in. Advertisements were placed in newspapers in Eastern Canada, U.S.A., United Kingdom etc. to entice people to settle in the new land. Rev. George Roddick of Nova Scotia, wife and 4 sons decided to take up the challenge and talked several others in his congregation into joining his family.

They started their journey April 9, 1879, arriving at Brandon Hills later that spring.

The Municipality of Cornwallis is divided diagonally by the Assiniboine River. It enters near the north west corner, NW 19-10-19, and exits at the extreme south east end on SE 2-10-17. Irving Graham, who spent the first ten years of his life on 5-9-17 has done a lot of research about this river. He explains how the Assiniboine River got its name, and I quote.

"In the Indian section of Glenbow Museum in Calgary, they have a statement about the Indian tribes along the Assiniboine River. They were called "Stone Boilers" because the only way they could cook the buffalo meat was to put the meat in water in a leak proof buffalo hide and throw hot stones in the water. The name "Stone Boilers" in the Indian language was 'assinipwat'. The prefix "Assini" was the Indian word for stone.

During the Louis Riel Rebellion most of the soldiers from Ontario were protestants and Orangemen and on July 12, they celebrated "The Battle of the Boyne". To commemorate this in a special manner they nicknamed the river "Assini", meaning stone - and put "boine" on the end, thus getting "Assiniboine". Notice they changed the 'y' to 'i'.

Irving Graham estimates that Brandon Hills represents the eastern shore of the prehistoric Lake Agassiz. When this lake was in being the "Bald Headed Sandhills" were the delta of the river that flowed into it. The question arises "How could a small river like the Assiniboine create a delta of several square miles of pure sand two to three hundred feet deep." To find an answer he began a study of the double valley of this river from the junction of Qu'Appelle River at St. Lazare to the north boundary of the R.M. of South Cypress. The big question was what brought about this double basin and its rare structure. It is from 3 to 5 miles wide and 300 feet deep.

If you look at a map of Saskatchewan you will notice that the South Saskatchewan River flows easterly until it reaches Elbow. Here it makes a sharp turn of 110 degrees making it flow north

westerly for some distance. To Irving Graham the reason for the sudden turn in direction was evident. A large bank of land had been evolved by some mighty force blocking the river's natural course and preventing the South Saskatchewan River from going its original course along the Qu'Appelle Valley and flowing into the Assiniboine basin at St. Lazare and finally emptying into Lake Agassiz. This obstruction could have happened 10, 20, or 200 thousand years ago.

Now for the explanation of the double valley in the Assiniboine River. When the South Saskatchewan changed its course at Elbow there was no large amount of water flowing into the Qu'Appelle River, only water from rain and snowfall. Therefore there was very little water to flow into the Assiniboine at St. Lazare. This river gradually dug a second smaller valley within the larger one.

It has been estimated that Lake Agassiz covered one hundred and ten thousand acres at one time. After the water from the South Saskatchewan was diverted it began to recede due to no large amount of water flowing into it. At present all there is left are the three lakes, Winnipeg, Manitoba and Winnipegosis, but we have thousands of acres of good farm land instead.

Condensed from *The Amazon*  
by Irving Graham

### LAKE CLEMENTI

According to the early settlers, Lake Clementi was recommended as a site which would provide shelter, wood and water. A party, consisting of Mr. Roddick, Hugh McPherson, John Copeland, Gordon Halliday and Henry Dunbar, set out to check the location. When they saw the body of water the men decided to race to the lake, and the winner would name the lake. Mr. McPherson was the winner, so it was called Lake McPherson. A few years later a settlement was started by Clementi Smith, a land agent, and the lake became known as Lake Clementi.

Lake Clementi, situated in a valley in the



*Highway patrol having broken through the ice while trying to clean the snow off on Lake Clementi.*

Brandon Hills, was the site of many happy gatherings, including family get-togethers, school and Sunday school picnics. There was room for ball games, races, horse shoes, the usual picnic fun. One could go for a boat ride on one of Currie's launches, or take a dip in the lake. In the winter there were skating parties and hockey, and the participants cleared off their own ice. On one occasion in more recent years a Highway Patrol was sent out from Brandon to clear the ice for a Carnival. The Patrol broke through the ice and remained in the lake for some time. It took ten days to get it out.

In the thirties there were around twenty-eight cottages owned by residents of Brandon. Some of the neighbors, Good, Anderson and Hedges kept the homes supplied with farm produce, delivered at times by horse and cart.

There was a hotel and confectionary store, and Alex Ying was very popular with the kids. There was also a dance hall and a tennis court. The Elk's Lodge of Brandon had a Fresh Air camp for the



*Little Souris picnic at Lake Clementi 1927.*

orphans from the orphanage. The Salvation Army often met there on a Sunday and their music drifted across the lake.

At one time Jimmie Creighton had an old Ford Convertible which he drove around the lake with as many of the kids that could pile in, giving them the thrill of the day.

Most of the cottages are gone now, and the picnics there seem to be a thing of the past, but Lake Clementi is a place to be remembered. It is hoped that in time it will give the same pleasure to the next generations.

## **GRAND VALLEY, A BOOM TOWN 1878-1885**

by Isabelle B. Heeney  
President, Grand Valley Historical Society

The Assiniboine River curled lazily through the silent and empty valley on that day in June, 1878, when the McVicar brothers, Dougald and John, arrived from Grenville, Quebec to try their fortunes on the great western Canadian plains. Travelling by railway through the United States, and north to St. Boniface, they eventually arrived in Winnipeg. With their newly purchased supplies on their backs, they walked west in search of land.

Whether by design, or accident, they arrived at a spot on the banks of the Assiniboine, about two miles east of the present city of Brandon. Here, the location and soil satisfied them better than any they had yet seen. They picked out a good site, and built their dug-out house in the side of the hill north of the river, and here they spent their first year.

Until this time there had only been a few wandering Indian tribes and an occasional fur trader. Even the buffalo had vanished in the great slaughter of 1875, when the last herd was slain near Souris. It is true that settlers were moving out to the prairies from Winnipeg, where most of them arrived by railway. After securing supplies, oxen and carts, they headed west in search of homesteads.

Most of these settlers turned north west at Portage la Prairie, following the Yellowhead Trail to Prince Albert and Edmonton. This seemed the route favored by the Transcontinental railway being built from Ontario to the west, and settlers were anxious to secure land that would be near a railway line.

During that first year the McVicar brothers had to purchase their supplies from Portage la Prairie or Rapid City, although often they were able to buy buffalo meat and pemmican (a mixture of dried buffalo meat and berries pounded together) from the half breed traders and Indians. These traders passed through the valley on their way to Winnipeg from Qu'Appelle and Wood Mountain with strings of a hundred or more Red River carts, creaking and groaning under their loads of pemmican and furs. They were usually accompanied by Indians with

large bands of ponies which they sold along their route.

Travellers always found shelter in the McVicar sod shack, and two of these were Reverend Thomas Lawson, and Reverend Holstead, of Portage la Prairie, who got lost one night in a heavy rainstorm. (Reverend Lawson later became the first Methodist minister in Brandon). The McVicar brothers took them in, gave them shelter, fed them, and their horses as well, and sent them on their way next morning. Surveying the beautiful valley, and appreciative of the McVicar hospitality, Mr. Lawson remarked, "What a grand valley this is..."

During that first year the McVicar brothers saw very few white settlers, although there were some farther east, and to the north around Rapid City, and Tanner's Crossing (Minnedosa). The brothers went to Riding Mountain that first winter, and cut logs under contract with the Rapid City Saw Mill. In the spring, the logs were driven down the Little Saskatchewan River to Rapid City, where they were sawed into lumber.

The brothers then brought the lumber by raft down the Little Saskatchewan, and the Assiniboine to their homestead. They built a small frame house with one room downstairs and two rooms upstairs, in readiness for their wives and families who were expected to arrive later that summer of 1879.

In the spring of 1879, settlers began arriving in a steady stream. Mr. Dougald McVicar made application to the Canadian Government for a post office, which his wife appropriately named Grand Valley. When she arrived in Winnipeg in August, 1879, she was officially appointed as the first postmistress of Grand Valley. Dougald McVicar made one trip each week to Rapid City for mail.

Rumour was spreading that the new railway was considering a more southern route than the one formerly favored, and the settlers were elated. Grand Valley was the right distance from Winnipeg for a divisional point, and well supplied with water. Speculators, settlers, and merchants rushed to Grand Valley and soon it was a thriving tent town. They came on foot, by ox-cart, and by river boat.

In the winter of 1879-80, the McVicar brothers cut down trees east of Grand Valley in the spruce bush near Sewell, and had them hauled home. A large warehouse was built near the wharf on the river bank to shelter the freight unloaded by the boats. Other buildings were erected as soon as logs and lumber were available, but tents were used at first for many stores, and homes.

Dougald McVicar also built a ferry in 1880, operated on a cable, to cross the Assiniboine. The year before the Brandon Hills Settlers had to cross the river by caulking a wagon box, which they used as a boat. When a brick maker arrived in Grand Valley, the enterprising McVicar built a brick yard.

A large comfortable tent-hotel, with wooden

partitions was run by a man named Brownlee. General stores were Hobbs and Low, Hooper's, Evans, Coombs and Stewart, Decow and Cameron and Joe Burke. Besides those, there was a small jewellery store, McLean's Bakery, Thomas Lee's harness shop (in McVicar's wood-shed), Harry Speers' Lumber Company, Leask and Rose' Drug Store, and a doctor. At its peak, the population of Grand Valley was four hundred.

During that summer a baby girl, Effie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Douglad McVicar, the first white baby in the new community. People flocked to see the new baby...Among them were three young men from a few miles north west of the village - Peter Payne (later a prominent business man in Brandon) Doddington and Sutton. Each young man presented baby Effie with a silver dollar. Others brought gifts also, until little Effie had ten dollars in cash, plus many useful articles to start her off in life.

Early in 1881, surveyors arrived in the area, looking for a road bed and a suitable crossing of the river for the railway, which was being built from Winnipeg west across the prairies. McVicar too, hired a surveyor to lay out his land into lots, because people continued to arrive from Eastern Canada and the U.S.A. and everyone felt sure that Grand Valley was the likely spot for a new metropolis.

Life was not dull in the little hamlet of Grand Valley, during its short life. In summer the arrival of new settlers and their supplies by ox-cart, and riverboat, provided a great deal of excitement. An old-timer remembers that it was much cheaper to have supplies shipped by boat than ox-cart. The Dickson brothers operated a general store, and freighting business, on the hill a few miles east of Grand Valley. In the spring of 1880, according to records, four boats unloaded passengers and supplies at the McVicar Wharf in Grand Valley - the Marquette, the Marguerite, the Manitoba, and the Alpha.

In winter, the little town was quieter, but people contrived their own entertainment. Dances were held in the new houses when they were completed. Two young bachelors, Buff and Laird, homesteaded just west of Grand Valley. On New Year's Day, 1880, they invited all the neighbors and villagers to a party, and in spite of cold weather, had a good turn-out. Years later, Mrs. McVicar recalled it with a good deal of pleasure. Church services were held in Leask and Rose's Drug Store by Reverend Hyde, with Mr. Laird leading the singing. Later, Mr. Laird became a missionary in western Canada. Reverend George Roddick, who had led the Brandon Hills Settlers out from Nova Scotia the year previous, held services every two weeks in Grand Valley. In winter, they met in McVicar's house, where, due to lack of seats, many sat on the floor. In summer, they moved outside to the lumber piles.

The highest peak in Grand Valley's excitement was definitely in the spring of 1881, when General Rosser of the Canadian Pacific Railway arrived to make plans for a divisional point on the railway crossing of the river, he offered McVicar \$25,000 for the town site. But lots were already selling for as high as \$2000, so McVicar refused Rosser's offer, and held out for \$50,000. General Rosser, a tough American opportunist, immediately ordered his teamster to hitch up the horses to the wagon, forded the river, and headed west to the higher ground where Brandon now stands.

Here, another speculator, J.D. Adamson, had hastily squatted on a piece of land, (about 4th Street and Lorne Avenue) and begun to erect a shack. Rosser immediately made a settlement with Adamson for the property. So Brandon had its beginning, and Grand Valley's downfall began, as it was quite clear that this little town could never survive as a rival to Brandon...the C.P.R.'s divisional point.

To make matters worse, the river flooded its banks that summer. So it was that Grand Valley's brief dream of greatness was washed away too, and Dougald McVicar's dream of a great town on the banks of the Assiniboine River vanished, as people one by one, moved to higher ground.

The Indians in the district claimed that they had never seen a flood so late in the season. According to the diary of Mrs. E. Low, a resident of Grand Valley at that time, the river overflowed its banks on June 22, and on June 28, it was two inches over the counters in Hobbs and Low's General Store.

The water swept through the town. Brownlee's tent hotel was carried off, as were many other tents and shacks. Mrs. McVicar moved her post office to the second floor, and people picked up their mail by boat. One of the children almost drowned when the rushing waters carried him out of the house, and down the road, where his father managed to get him into his boat. A young surveyor who was ill, died, and his body had to be removed by boat, from the second storey of a house. He was buried on the hill just north of the town.

The river boats had difficulty navigating, as in places it was impossible to find the river channel. Many of the residents, and some of the merchants, hung on tenaciously hoping their town would still be a worthy rival of the new upstart, Brandon.

There were a number of children, and the parents held a meeting to form a school, and hire a teacher. In May, 1882, the first teacher, Mr. Martin L. Grimmett opened a school in a room over a store, until the school building was completed. It was built on higher ground, near the hill. Pupils from over the hill came to this school, since it was the only one in the area. Some children walked five or six miles. School closed during the winter months, and remained open all summer.

One of the first pupils, Ettie (Foster) Low, wrote in 1935 of that first school, "Besides Flo (my sister) and I, there were two McVicar families, the Andrews, the Stewarts, the Clarkes and the Lawleys, as well as others I've forgotten. Mr. Grimmett was a good teacher, and was well liked. He organized a baseball team among the young men, and games were played against Rapid City, and other teams. He also got up a concert on May 24. There were forty pupils one year."

Grand Valley might have survived, but in 1882, the river flooded again. Some say this flood was worse than the year before. At any rate, the few remaining merchants had had enough, and most of them moved into Brandon. The railway had been completed well past Brandon, and the trains streamed right through Grand Valley without even stopping. Farmers from the north, still had to cross the river at Grand Valley, as there was no bridge at Brandon at first. By the fall of 1882, not much remained at Grand Valley except some empty buildings, gaping holes where houses had stood, and the new school. Dougald McVicar eventually left, too, and opened a brick yard in Brandon.

The school was one of the last to go. With the exodus of Grand Valley families, those living to the north claimed the school was not centrally located. It was decided to move it north to a spot about one half mile south of the present Trans-Canada No. 1 Highway. A man named Noble was hired to move the school in the summer of 1885. It was taken in two parts, travelling over the easiest route, which was east for a distance, then up the hill in a northwesterly direction, and north to its new location. Later, a small brick school house was built on the corner, and that spot is now marked by a small replica of the school, on Highway No. 1.

And so, today, one hundred years later, nothing remains of the bustling little town that so bravely started life on the banks of the Assiniboine River, except a field stone cairn to mark the spot. The inscription on the cairn reads:

Grand Valley Town-site 1879-1885  
Erected in memory of pioneers who  
came by ox-cart and steam-boat to  
settle in this area, and built the town  
of Grand Valley (population 400).  
The town's future was doomed by  
the railway's choice of Brandon, and  
two disastrous river floods in 1881,  
and 1882.

Dedicated July 13, 1968.

*Much of the material in this article was obtained from letters written in 1935, to the Grand Valley School Re-union Committee, from the following original residents of Grand Valley: Mrs. Lillian (McVicar) Crawford, Mrs. Ettie (Foster) Low, Mrs. Peter Dixon, and Mr. Martin Grimmett.*

## DOWNIE AND VANSTONE ROLLING PLAINS RANCH LTD.

In 1947, Elwood Downie and school chum Joe Vanstone, both of Wawanesa, purchased from Cornwallis Municipality, 20,000 acres of the rolling plains south and west of Shilo.

This land had been homesteaded in 1881-82, but had been almost entirely abandoned by 1900 as the homesteaders moved off to seek better land elsewhere. Thus for nearly half a century it lay unused, waiting for someone who could realize its potential, and who knew how to conserve its resources.

In the spring of 1948 Downie and Vanstone surveyed about 3,000 acres, staked it off in strips 80 yards wide and 3 miles long. Then they plowed and seeded alternate strips to flax, leaving every other strip to remain for a year in sod. The tractors rolled. twenty-four hours a day. In the fall the flax averaged ten bushels per acre. The following spring the flax land was seeded to a mixture of clover, alfalfa and brome, using spring rye as a nurse crop. The alternate strips of sod were plowed and sown to flax. By the third year the clover was higher than the tractor that was used to mow it.

The partners' original plan was to utilize this vast acreage as a cattle ranch. Abundant water was available at shallow depths. Now with tame grass being established to support a herd, the next step was taken. This included the building of fences and corrals, along with the installation of windmills and Texas gates. A herd of commercial Herefords was being built up on the Rolling Plains Ranch, as quickly as pasture and finances permitted.

In 1954 the ranch was divided, with Joe Vanstone retaining the south half, and Elwood Downie the north nine thousand acres. This was comprised of all of sections 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, and parts of 1, 6, 12, 14, 15, 18 in 10-17, along with the N½ of 32 and all of 33 in 9-17. This northern acreage would now be operated as the Bar E Hereford Ranch, in conjunction with the home farm at Wawanesa.

During the next ten years the building site on the S½ 6-10-17 was used by one man and his family year round, with part-time help occupying the bunkhouses during haying and the corn silage operation. The area now included about 40 miles of fence, along with half-a-dozen windmills and Texas gates. The Bar E commercial herd was wintered in open sheds on the N½ 32-9-17. The registered herd had to be driven across both the Souris and Assiniboine rivers each fall to winter at Wawanesa, with another drive back to the ranch each spring.

There being no bridge across the Assiniboine near this area, the cattle had to walk or swim across the water, depending on the condition of the river at the time. Sometimes, they had to do both, when bad weather filled the river with ice and slush. On



occasion it could take five or six riders up to five hours to get the reluctant animals headed into the icy water. Of the many cold, bone-chilling trips back and forth over the years, only one animal was ever lost to the river. This during one particularly hazardous crossing in April of 1955 - an almost unbelievable story in itself.

During this time, due mainly to the good grazing and haying possibilities on this large acreage, Elwood was able to build up the Bar E herds of registered and commercial herefords to approximately 600 head of the big white-faced cattle.

Mr. Downie continued this operation until his death in 1964. In 1966 the commercial herd was sold at a dispersal at the ranch. The land was then rented to Mr. Ross Mitchell in 1967.

In 1976, following a decision made by Elwood Downie's sons, Gregg and Brian, to increase their land acreage and cattle feeding operation at Wawanesa, rather than operate separate units at Wawanesa and Shilo, the entire ranch acreage at Shilo was sold to Mr. Ross Mitchell of Douglas.

### CURRIES LANDING

Curries Landing, sometimes referred to as Rapid City Landing, was located on the north side of the Assiniboine River on Section 1, Township 10, Range 18, about eight miles east of Brandon. It received its name from William Currie who owned this parcel of land and who originally built a ferry for his own convenience in crossing the river. Before long it became a "port of entry" for large boats carrying homesteaders and their settlers' effects into western Manitoba in search of farm land under the government's "Land Settlement" scheme. Mr. Currie and his brother R.W. Currie built a landing dock and operated a ferry service across the river for a number of years. It became a thriving centre of activity. Quantities of merchandise and supplies of all kinds were unloaded here. To accommodate the incoming quantities of freight a large storage warehouse was built there. The foundation logs are still at the Landing under a small building. When the Sibley family moved there in 1923 the old store house was still standing but it leaked badly. It was a two storey building and Mr. Sibley, father of Mrs. Dorothy Brown, took the top part down and built a smaller building. It is still there on the old foundation.

Besides the incoming commodities which arrived there was an outgoing service. Grain and other produce for a short time were shipped east by river boat. Many of the first homesteaders made the overland trek into western Manitoba by ox cart and covered wagon but the river boat entry proved cheaper. The charge for freight in the overland

carts was five or six cents a pound but the steamers carried freight from Winnipeg to Prince Albert for three cents, and four cents to Edmonton. Yet the journey by water was much longer because of bends in the river. The cart trail from Winnipeg to Brandon was a hundred and fifty miles but it was nearly five hundred miles by the Assiniboine River.

The "Alpha" and the "Marguerite" were two boats which made regular trips up the river to Curries Landing. When the river was in full flood no problems were encountered but at "low tide" the large boats sometimes foundered and became lodged on sand bars. Most of the prairie river boats were short lived because they were wrecked. When General Middleton went out to fight the Northwest rebellion he wrote, "on the fifth day of May the long expected seems to have been made on land. All the steamers are stern-wheelers and have four strong spars fastened, two on each side of the bow. These spars are lowered when a vessel runs on a shoal, or sandbar, and the vessel is forced over; made to walk, as it were."

By 1884 the settlement in the vicinity of the Landing warranted a school and the Curries Landing School District No. 183 was formed. It was only in operation until about 1910 when the few remaining pupils were transferred to Lawrence school some seven miles to the north. A store was also established at the Landing but it is not known just when it ceased to operate.

A Brandon Sun article of Jan. 14, 1963 records an interview with two members of the Currie family, Miss Nettie, who had recently celebrated her ninety-sixth birthday and Miss Lottie, who was in her eighty-sixth year. The two had never been separated through the years. Miss Nettie had always kept the home fires burning and Miss Lottie, after the family moved to Brandon, was connected with the business world there until her retirement. Their father and brothers came in 1879 to Rapid City, Man. from St. Mary's, Ontario. The mother and remaining members of the family joined them in 1882. After a few years the family moved to the farm eight miles east of Brandon on the Assiniboine



*This is the boat that travelled from Brandon to the old "Tommy Green Farm 30-9-17 in 1921.*

River. They remained on this farm and operated the Curries Landing ferry until 1893 when Mr. Currie sold farm and ferry to Mr. Bill Coxe and moved his family to Brandon. There he became a bailiff and later an insurance agent. At the time of his death, in 1941, at ninety-three years of age, it is recorded he was the eldest insurance agent in Canada.

Mr. Bill Coxe later sold the farm and ferry to Mr. Thomas Wyton Sr. The exact date is not known but the Wytons lived there in 1896 and operated the ferry for a number of years. Mr. Fred Sibley then bought the property but he did not operate the ferry.

The Currie sisters' reminiscences were rich with humor and tragedy of pioneer days. They recalled Lottie's thrill as a young girl at being allowed by her father to operate their ferry across the Assiniboine on Saturdays, there by augmenting her allowance. Lottie told of her delight at receiving a "fortune" of thirty-five cents for transportation of an unknown passenger. Ministers and Indian people were always allowed free ferrying and, when it was later ascertained that the traveller in question was the new Methodist minister for Chater, her father required that she abide by the policy and return her earnings.

As the Currie home was the only one in the district to be graced with a piano the church services were held there on Sunday mornings, with people from every denomination in the whole area attending. Often guests stayed on for dinner and supper to participate in the never ending Currie hospitality.

The Misses Currie vividly recalled the first steamboat to ply the Assiniboine River to Brandon. The trip from Winnipeg was longer and more arduous than anticipated, and the crew arrived as far as Curries Landing minus provisions. The Curries' farm home had little to offer a crew of starving men, but the pioneers' hospitality and ingenuity came to the fore. Flour and the remainder of gallon tin of baking powder, sent from Ontario, made into hundreds of biscuits baked in relays while a whole cured ham was boiling, provided a feast.

While Mr. Wyton lived on the farm at the Landing the ferry service became unnecessary and was discontinued. He took the ferry apart and used the material for flooring in his barn, 33' x 16' x 18' deep.

When Mr. Sibley became the owner of the farm the Curries Landing school was no longer in use so he purchased it, tore it down and used the lumber to build a barn. Thus there is very little evidence today that Curries Landing ever existed.

## CHATER VILLAGE HISTORY

*"This shall be written down for future generations and a people yet unborn shall praise the Lord."*  
Psalm 102-18

The village of Chater is situated approximately 8.5 kms east of Brandon on the mainline of the C.P.R. It is the NE 27-10-18 and 2 km from the Trans Canada Highway, on PTH 468. The village was founded in 1881 or 1882 soon after the arrival of the C.P.R., built in 1881. The name was suggested by the Marquis of Lorne, Governor General of Canada, who visited Manitoba in 1881.

His aide-de-camp was Captain Vernon Chater of the 91st Argyleshire Highlanders.

Chater grew to quite a size as Henderson's North West Gazetteer and Directory gives a population of 150. Business places included a blacksmith shop - W.S. Birdsell; a hotel - John Crawford; a post office - Dickson Bros.; two general stores - Hobb and Co. and Dickson Bros.; a livery - James Crawford; contractor - Joseph Gay; carpenter - John Woodcock; grain dealer - Thomas Woodcock; and a station agent, E.A. Ellice.

The Winnipeg Archives indicate that McHugh and Christenson built a 25,000 bushel elevator to service the large farming area surrounding Chater. Later the Ogilvie Milling Co. added a 35,000 bushel elevator. In 1883 the Western Canada Grain Co. appeared. Among the early grain dealers were Thomas Wookcock, Oliver Cheavins and John Crawford Jr. Large quantities of No. 1 wheat came from the excellent farming district to the north of the elevators, and was transported to the Lakehead via the C.P.R. The Railway also gave good passenger service and at one time it was possible to go to and from Brandon four times daily.

Chater's first school, a frame building, existed from 1883 to 1906 and then the new concrete structure appeared. The religious life of the community was upheld in its two churches. Sunday school picnics were always a big event. An early one was held at the home of S.S. Superintendent, Mr. Moffat, who lived on the Section east of the Fred Curtis farm. Many of them were held in the poplar bluff north of the store. Ladies of the village were always very active in church organizations.

Chater had a very fine rink for skating, curling and hockey. It was partially destroyed by a cyclonic wind and never repaired. The pump and dressing rooms remained and the children helped haul water for the outdoor rink. Eventually the remains of the building were sold and outdoor skating became the order of the day. There was a place for summer baseball at the village sports ground to the north central area where the Beasse and Lebeau homes now stand.

About 1917 there was a flourishing branch of the United Grain Growers of Manitoba in Chater. Miss Mabel Johnson, who was on the executive,

was partially responsible for organizing very capable debating teams. Among the debators were: Harold Crawford, Chester Johnston, Cliff Abey and Bob Robinson. These people could match wits with anyone.

In the first years there were several stores. The store - square building still standing and Dave and Doreen Rowna's home, were built by John G. Hoey sometime between 1894-97. He and his wife, the former Mary Jane Nelson, ran the store and post office for several years. It seems it was then taken over by Mathew Armstrong.

Many will remember Matt and his store. He sold everything from harness to Stanfield underwear. He always kept a pail of chocolate creams under the counter. What a treat for any child to be able to buy 5¢ worth of the creams! Everyone envied Matt's dog "Ackie" who could go in behind the counter and get a candy anytime.

Later storekeepers were: Vance, Barrett, and Gordon and Margaret Pineo, who had the store and Post Office from 1930 until it closed. Many were the happy times held in the Pineo store in the evenings. People sat around the stove or at the counter and talked farming, politics and any other interesting topics. Gordon and Margaret always had their house open to all the young people in the district. After Margaret's death in 1953 Janet Angus assumed the Post Office duties, moving the service to her own residence until its closure in 1969.

Many local men served in WW I and both men and women in WW II. War years proved a hardship in more ways than one. It was difficult to find help during the busy harvest season. Often the oldest son was called to serve, leaving only one to run the farm. WW II brought rationing of certain foods and gasoline and a shortage of various commodities was general.

Between the wars the Depression or "Dirty Thirties" fell upon us. Our area fared better than those farther west. We always had feed for stock and some crop. However, we had to make our own fun and many were the "good old times" had in the Chater School at dances, whist drives and box socials.

One of the R.M. of Cornwallis' native sons, H. Irvine Graham B.A., M.A., A.L.C.M. has done considerable research into the recent geological history of the municipality. He was an interesting person as the history of the Noble Graham family, noted elsewhere in this book, indicates.

In his book "The Amazon of the Western Canadian Prairies" he equates the prehistoric waterways to current land forms. He claims that the former river was four to five miles wide filling the valley of the Assiniboine from bank to bank across the rural municipality, emptying into Lake Agassiz just north of Stockton. The beaches of this great lake, as is well known, are currently visible in the

Spruce Woods sand hills. When Lake Agassiz was in existence part of the western shore of the lake is the eastern end of the Brandon Hills. He points out that when the great river was cut off at Elbow, Saskatchewan, the result was a new river flowing north east to Hudson Bay and leaving the mere trickle of the present Assiniboine River.

Naturally the "River" played an important role in the development of the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis which was named after one of the famous British generals in the U.S. War of Independence. The many forts which were built on the Assiniboine in the vicinity of Brandon is testimony to use of the river as a transportation artery. Several of the forts were in what is now Cornwallis. Fort Brandon I, 1793 - 1818 and 1821 - 24 and Brandon II, 1818-1821 were located on the edge of the rural municipality on 35-8-17, while Brandon III was within the current municipal boundaries on 29-9-17.

As several family histories in this book indicate, "the river" served as one of the main transportation arteries for early settlers to the municipality.

## GLEN SOURIS DAYS

by J.W. "Bill" Cowan

It was a beautiful day late in October, 1921 when I first set foot on the old 'Tommy Green Farm' on the W½ 30-9-17. This farm is located on the Assiniboine River in the Municipality of Cornwallis in the interesting area of Glen Souris, approximately 12 miles south east of Brandon.

My father, J.H. "Harry" Cowan, who had previously worked at the barber trade most of his life, was also an importer and breeder of fancy canaries. He had decided that farming was the 'real thing'. With all the fresh air, hunting, fishing and 'saddle horses to burn', a farm located on the banks of the Assiniboine was most appealing.

Being thirty years too late to rate with the early day pioneers we did what we considered to being the next best thing - took a boat trip.

My brother Stan, a school chum, and I did a pretty good job of patching up an old boat as we were going to the farm by river. The weather was good but we loaded up with extra footwear, a couple of shirts and a rabbit gun. It was early when we shipped out from Bradford's slough situated in the vicinity of the C.P.R. iron bridge. We were soon on the river which was connected by a short creek from Bradfords. We felt good!

The boat leaked only a little and we were on our way to the farm moving along quite comfortably. Soon we were passing the old fort located approximately where the steam plant now stands. It was pleasant to glide by and hardly frighten the small duck flocks that were fishing in the mud along the shore. A little later we were lucky

enough to bag a partridge near '21' which was a well known spot midway between the steam plant and the C.N.R. bridge. This was what we had hoped for as we had a frying pan and butter for the occasion and were gradually working up an appetite.

Presently the C.N.R. bridge loomed up. Progress had been favorable but we did have a little trouble with rocks a few times. After passing under the bridge the river seemed to quicken somewhat. Pretty soon we could hear the rapids at Currie's Landing just a few miles below the bridge.

After getting through the rapids safely, we walked back a little to visit with the Sibleys who resided at Currie's Landing. They were friendly people who expressed a fondness for the river and its tumbling rapids.

Soon we returned to our boat which we had pulled up on the beach. The rapids had been a bit rough on our old boat. It was necessary for us to bail out 4 or 5 inches of water that we had taken on while shooting the rapids. Once done we were on our way again.

It wasn't very long after we started that hunger seemed to descend upon us. Presently a good camping spot appeared and we pulled up. With ample dry wood and a good cooking fire we soon had a butter-fried golden brown partridge with pork and beans plus strong tea. Followed by a short rest we were fortified for the remainder of the trip.

It continued to be a beautiful autumn day and we just drifted along enjoying the scenery and various birds along the river. There seemed to be a lot of wading birds such as the common snipe and sandpipers at that time. Shortly we arrived at a portion of the river which contained numerous islands and nice smooth, but rather fast, water, which made for good smooth progress.

We just cleared the tail of an island when a white house loomed up high on the south river bank. Other buildings were there, also. Later I learned it had been the home of Charles Watson and again later, the home of Henry Mason, an old-timer from the Duck Mountains. With a lot of wood and river lore, he had his own cures for poison ivy, woodtick bite, etc. He was really quite a woodsman! But I have digressed a little - so back to the trip.

After having cleared most of the islands we were rounding a wide bend in the river and there was the farm! How did I know? The largest windmill in the area standing at attention on a rambling old grey barn told me.

Later, when our family took up residence on the farm we used the mill for sawing wood and crushing grain. The belt came down through an opening in the loft floor, and we did our sawing on the ground floor inside. The crushing was done in the loft which was quite satisfactory.

However, this all came in the future. For now, we had just landed the boat and were approaching

the house to meet the present tenants whom we soon learned were members of the Tom Marr family.

Mr. Marr was quite a happy, carefree type who was interested in the outdoors. So, naturally we boys had numerous questions for him about - the neighbors, schools, fishing and hunting in the area, the crops. He admitted it was not too good. He also said the land was quite stony but he had picked many of them. He was quite a gardener and proudly showed us some of his vegetables.

We questioned him on some of the early day industry and learned that there was an old lime kiln in the neighborhood plus an old cheese making building. We called it the "Old Cheese Factory". It was about two miles south and three-quarters of a mile east - or just a little north of Glen Souris Cemetery on the Glen Creek. I believe this cheese factory belonged to Rex and/or Dan McPhee who had lived at the Glen just about 200 yards west of the Glen Souris bridge. They moved on about the time, or shortly after, we had arrived, so I really did not get to know them very much. They had the reputation of being good old time pioneers, and perhaps leaned toward the dairy business.

Incidentally, the Glen Souris bridge was built in 1919 and is still in service. The concrete for this bridge was hauled from Brandon to the site. A good job resulted.

We were very much elated with all we had seen and heard, plus the folks we had met, and the physical and rustic aspects of the area with its nature study opportunities. What more could one hope for?

We were ready to dig in as amateur pioneers right away. But there was one sore spot! We had to shake ourselves loose and get back to school as planned. Later, we left for Brandon by a prearranged ride in a model T Ford.

## GLEN SOURIS 1922

We arrived back at the farm in late April by team and wagon. We had a lively team of black Percherons that my father had purchased at the Frank Woodcox farm sale on Willow Creek. It was a hard, rough trip as the roads were very poor.

We finally arrived and parked the wagon with household materials next to the kitchen door. After showing the team their new home and feeding quarters we made for the kitchen as we were plenty hungry. There was a cook stove and plenty of dry wood so we soon had our feet under the table to fried sausage, boiled potatoes and strong tea.

There were just my Dad and me as Stan had not changed schools as yet. We would be making the place habitable inside and out, as spring planting would soon be upon us. It was necessary to check

out the house water supply. The river insured us enough for the stock.

Numerous repairs were needed as the buildings were old. Father was very happy repairing and fixing around out in the open air. It was a pleasant change after pushing a razor most of his life. We were soon to have some milk cows, chickens and a few hogs for a start.

The Marrs had left earlier so naturally we found it quiet except for the "Who-Whooping" of the great horned owls at night and the drumming of the ruffed grouse (partridge) which were quite plentiful.

A few days after arriving we became acquainted with the Dunseiths. They were to be our closest neighbors and as we soon learned a very kind and friendly family. They lived on the next and closest farm to the west — 25-9-18.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Dunseith had resided in the area since the early eighties. There were two daughters, Hazel and Mildred who at that time were school teachers. Mildred, the younger was in charge of Glen Souris School when we first arrived. Bill, the youngest member of the family, and I became good friends. He had a tennis set and taught Stan and me to play tennis.

Although I have not learned the date that Glen Souris School was built, I was surprised to learn recently that it had been there since the mid-eighties even before Blyth School.

### THE DANCE

During this era the school was the social centre of the area. Dances were held weekly during the winter months. They were well attended with folks coming from many miles around.

Glen Souris School had always been well kept and more recently had been provided with a hardwood floor. It was noted as a super dance floor. A Coleman gasoline lamp provided the light which was very good at most times, but it did on occasions have its dim spells.

The music was local and not too much of a problem with lots of fiddlers and callers. Some I recall, were the Elder boys - Pete, Bill and Henry (caller), Wallace Elder, the late Andy Forson, the late Floris and Lyle Elder, the late Arthur Waldron and others.

The large crowds that gathered attested to the good time that was had by all.

### THE TWENTIES

We were established in farming now in a small way with some grain and pork for sale, usually a good garden, lots of chickens and eggs, plenty of game and fish, and some fur trapping. We had a couple of riding horses, too.

Mother was with us now. Also, an older brother, Bob, who was an automobile mechanic in Brandon, used to come out in the winter. During that time he cut wood in the bush. He seemed to

enjoy that and always lit up a fire in the bush to warm his hands. We had good times and felt very well.

With the river wide open during the spring and summer we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Some years during the early twenties the river was very high. In fact we had some floods. We boys built several boats and one canoe which we used a great deal.

We also spent considerable time in the woods across the river searching for old camps, buffalo skulls, Indian artifacts, locating and visiting old fort sites, corduroy roads and always anything in the way of nature.

In this region across the river from home, there were some oddities worthy of mention - some of which I had donated to the J.B. Hales museum formerly located in the Normal School.

There was the prairie skink, Manitoba's only real lizard found in sand dunes in hot weather. It is a finely built little reptile - very slender with light stripes. Besides being very fast on the move it is a past master at camouflage. It has a distraction technique in as much as a person or an animal having molested or endangered the skink it would cause about one inch of its slender tail to break off and go into a fast spin. This action distracts and in the meantime the skink disappears.

I have encountered several good sized hog snakes in the area of the Cairn. (exact location of Cairn is mentioned ahead). This locale is quite sandy with ground cedar patches which seems to be a favorite spot for the hog nosed adder.

In the same area just between the river and the top of the bank in boggy ground there were the showy lady slippers - the most beautiful of all North American orchids. It is a very dark pink on stalks one to two feet in height.

Also, the pitcher plants "*sarracenia purpurea*" are quite common in the locale. They have vase like leaves which may hold some water. Insects that investigate the open throats of the leaves are usually trapped by the downward pointing hairs where they drown and help nourish the plant. They have a round, unusual meat-colored blossom.

On this side of the river lived the Taylors. Their farm was located two miles east of Glen Souris bridge just across the Assiniboine. The senior members of the family settled on the original farm in the eighties. We spent many times camping and hunting with the Taylors.

The Minakers lived on this side of the Assiniboine, too. They were real old time pioneers who loved the woods. Of the younger members, Herb, Fred and Cal were the boys with whom we fished a great deal. After a few years we were familiar with a lot of good spots.

During the twenties we had some good wheat crops. Farming seemed to be gradually improving.



In addition to grain and livestock we cut and sold some wood. There were still plenty of stones on our land. With all the stone picking and corn hoeing our fishing, swimming and camping were being seriously curtailed!

New people were moving in. Roads were improving every year. We had a model T Ford and we used to gallop all over with it, even across the river when the water was low. Of course the bank of the river had to be fixed a certain amount in order to get up and into the woods. At that time there were lots of bush trails that could be navigated quite well with a model T.

Our mother, Mrs. Bertha Cowan, passed away August 30, 1925, age 54. Now there were Father, Stan and I on the farm as Robert was back at auto mechanics in Brandon.

In 1927 the Shropshire family moved onto the E½ of the section where we lived. They were a great family and we were fortunate enough to spend many a happy Christmas with them, and to listen to their large radio to some of the old classics, e.g. Jack Benny, Edgar Bergen, etc. Mr. and Mrs. Shropshire had four daughters and one son, Ernie. Ern was the checker player and "no slouch". You had to be very careful to get even a draw. I know. I was there.

In the year 1928 the Rotary Society of Brandon erected a cairn on the site of Trader Francis Heron's Hudson Bay Trading Post. 100 years earlier it had been erected in 1828 and abandoned in 1932.

As we were walking past the site one cold evening in 1932 a friend of mine remarked, "We could stop in for a drink but we are 100 years late." The location of this cairn is 29-9-17.

The area a little to the north of the cairn was always a pretty good bet for arrowheads.

## THE THIRTIES

The weather was hot and dry. Father sold the farm in 1931 and was preparing to return to Brandon to open a barber shop. I stayed at Glen Souris as I had a hunting cabin on section 29 and the fishing was too good to leave!

During the thirties hauling saleable stove wood to Brandon was quite usual. We called them "The Wood Merchants". A group of sleigh loads would quite often all go on the same day making a train. This was a good idea as sometimes the roads were quite heavy. Besides, if one driver had a break or trouble he was insured of assistance. In addition it packed the snowy roads very well making for easier pulling.

I one time rode to Brandon with Alvin Strong, a "Wood Merchant" friend of mine. He was jubilant as he already had a customer waiting. But, alas! After the wood was unloaded the good lady was

sorry but she wouldn't have the money until next week.

On the way home Alvin said, "Damn, I wish I had bought a package of bacon instead of cigarettes." He had purchased the cigarettes on the way in. Bacon ends were .10¢ at Fedoruk's grocery. The moral of the story is - size up the situation before you unload.

Regardless of a tight economy people enjoyed good social times together. There were still the dances, skating on the river, and at Andrew Elder's an open air skating rink which was fenced and well kept with the help of neighbors.

The Cookes, Lydia and Gord, moved to the Glen in the early thirties and were socially minded. Many a cribbage tournament, "dealer's choice" and social evening were spent at Cookes. Roddy Urquhart, Bill Hughes, Ken Harris and Glen Charleson were among the regular players. The Cookes managed the post office for many years.

Mr. Butler, Lydia Cooke's father, was quite musical and an excellent accompanist on the piano. He was a great help in the directing of plays performed at the Christmas concerts.

With the arrival of Jack Kent and his three boys, Lloyd, Bruce and Allan into the district, Glen Souris could at last have a fair baseball team at any time. The boys were good baseball players and very proficient with rifle and guns.

But despite all the good social times, "the thirties" was a very trying period. Glen Souris was far from being alone with its trials and tribulations - drought, grasshoppers and depressed conditions.

I had the misfortune to lose my father and brother, Stan in the years 1936, June 3rd and 1938, February 6th, respectively.

## THE PRESENT

I do not go out to Glen Souris very often these times but that area still has a strong attraction for me. Further, I consider that I have some very good friends out there. While some of them were very young during the thirties they are now grown up and have good operations after having mastered the drought, the river, the stones and the hoppers. My best wishes are extended to Reg and Don Wright and families, and also to the Gibbs family as both these families reside on 30-9-17, the very section that I came to by boat on the Assiniboine River in 1921.

In closing I would like to say that we see Wallace and Bessie Elder quite often. Wallace was councillor of the municipality from 1956 to 1973 and as it now happens we are both living in the same area in Brandon.

## C.F.B. SHILO

The Shilo military base was surveyed in 1931 and 1932 in the Municipality of South Cypress, when the former summer camp located at Camp Hughes was being closed. A training area, taking in about 96,000 acres of Sprucewoods Forest Reserve, was established. It realized its full potential in 1939-40 with the beginning of the Second World War.

With the reorganization of the Canadian Army following WWII, Shilo became a permanent training base for numerous military units. A need arose for permanent married quarters for personnel and their families. Home construction began in the late 1940's and at present 745 dwellings exist. These were built in the Municipality of Cornwallis adjacent to the military base.

Also constructed in the townsite area were three schools: Princess Elizabeth, Greenwood and O'Kelly; two chapels; St. Barbara's and Our Lady of Shilo; a youth center which at various times, has also housed a library, an art club, school shop facilities and a family activities center.

Due to the transient nature of a military population, it is impossible to include much personal history of the people who have resided in Shilo. In recent years, however, many families from Germany have lived here as part of GATES (German Army Training Establishment). Their children have attended German classes housed within Shilo schools.

Other parcels of land in the same area have been purchased under various agreements by the Department of National Defense in the name of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Some of these parcels are used for an ammunition supply depot and sewage disposal facilities.

In the early 1940's the kitchen facilities in the military camp produced a considerable amount of garbage. To make use of this waste food, a hog-feeding enterprise was started outside the camp area. It became necessary for a trucking firm to establish there also to look after the hauling of kitchen waste and also the ashes from the coal furnaces on the base. The hog operation continued until the early 1980's, when the land was surveyed and partially developed into an area known as Sandy Knoll Estates. A trucking firm is still in operation.

About 1960 a small community began to develop around the two earlier businesses on 12-10-17. Most of the residents are service personnel and civilian workers on the base, although some businesses have been established as well. Children from Sprucewoods Community attend the schools in Shilo.

Rural development continues to expand into other sections of the municipality.

## AWEME POST OFFICE

A Post Office was set up in 1884 to serve part of Cornwallis, part of Oakland and part of South Cypress Municipalities, and was known as the Aweme Post Office.

The mail was delivered from Chater and the first contract was given to a Mr. A.D. Burdick who covered the route once a week by horse or vehicle.

The Post Office opened in 1884 and closed in 1917. The Postmasters were: J. Cascaden, C. Bellhouse, Mrs. Clara Bellhouse, Mrs. Elizabeth McLeod, and Frank Rider.



Camp Shilo Base

## DOUGLAS MARSH

(J. Welsted, Department of Geography,  
Brandon University)

Towards the end of the Ice Age, in the time period 14,000 to 10,000 years ago, a series of glacial lakes - a term applied to lakes that result from the damming of rivers by ice masses - existed in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Ice over the north and east of the provinces blocked the pre-glacial drainage which had flowed generally eastward and northward. The largest of the resulting lakes - Glacial Lake Agassiz - covered much of Manitoba and North Ontario, and parts of North Dakota and Minnesota. Fluctuations in the boundaries of the ice sheets caused the lakes to change size and shape many times. However, at its maximum, Glacial Lake Agassiz extended westward as far as Brandon, part of its shoreline lying along a line between Brandon and Douglas. The various glacial lakes emptied from one to another by a series of channels known as glacial spillways. Most of the water were involved, the spillways developed into major valleys, the Assiniboine Valley west of Brandon being one of these. The rapidly flowing water in the spillways was able to erode the sediments over which it passed, but on entering a lake the water slowed resulting in deposition of sediment. The result was the creation of landforms known as deltas. One of the characteristics of deltas is that the river flowing across them split into many channels or distributaries. In the case of the Assiniboine River, a large triangular shaped delta with one of its apexes at Brandon was deposited into Lake Agassiz.

One prominent distributary followed the route - Brandon, Chater, Douglas, Sewell Lake, Epinette Creek. For a time, large quantities of water moved along this route but as the amount of water flowing into the Assiniboine from Saskatchewan decreased and, as the level of Lake Agassiz fell, the "Douglas Distributary" was abandoned. The abandoned distributary is now the Douglas March, the former channel having been partially filled by sediment washed in by small streams from the north and

south. The fact that a marsh still exists indicates that, at least in geological terms, the distributary channel was abandoned only recently. The small streams flowing into the marsh are not big enough to cause continuous flow through the marsh in the Douglas area. Further east, however, Sewell Lake empties into Rice Lake which in turn supplies Epinette Creek. Epinette Creek, near its junction with the Assiniboine occupies a large deep valley completely out of proportion to the amount of water now flowing along it. Clearly the Creek used to be much bigger. Douglas, as the air photograph shows, is situated on a knoll almost completely surrounded by marsh. Twelve thousand years ago the knoll was probably surrounded by flowing water making its way to what is now Epinette Creek.

## DOUGLAS MARSH BIRDS

During many field trips to check nest boxes John Lane and his Juniors often stopped at the Douglas Marsh to observe and study the birds in the marsh. Notes were kept and some of the birds the boys learned to recognize by voice, appearance and habits were the Sora Rail, Yellow Rail, Virginia Rail, Short Billed Marsh Wren, Red Winged Blackbird, Yellow Headed Blackbird, Le conte Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Wilson's Phalarope, Common Yellow Throat, Common Snipe and many other species.

Scientific studies of the Rail species in Douglas Marsh were conducted by John Lane and ornithologists from the State of Massachusetts, Archie Hagar and Oscar Root. Fine papers were published.

## FOREST RESERVE AND WILD LIFE PRESERVATION, DOUGLAS AND AREA

Spruce Woods Reserve consists of approximately some three hundred sections of land, a large portion of which is covered by poplar, other portions with white spruce, ash, oak, maple, birch, elm and tamarac and a large variety of willows. In the early years, large amounts of tamarac were cut by farmers for fence posts, and large amounts of poplar were cut for fuel wood. Through the years there has been six saw mills set on the reserve and many thousands of board feet were cut for lumber by farmers, for their own use. They would take a permit that would cost a dollar, plus so much a cord for the fuel wood, so much for fence posts, so much per thousand board feet lumber. Some farmers cut their own. Others had the mill people to do the cutting for them.

Since 1934, a large portion of the reserve that lies south of the C.N.R. is leased to the D.N.D. for military training.

The game preserve consisted of about three townships. During the Second World War, this area



*Drainage canal dug in the year 1895 on the Douglas Marsh.*

was reduced to some forty sections lying north of the C.N.R. Most of that area north of Shilo has been planted with seedlings of jackpine, Scotch pine, white spruce, lodge pole pine, Norway pine, Colorado blue spruce, ponderosa pine and Burr oak species. Large amounts of caragana, French red willows were grown in the Shilo nursery for the highways branch who transplanted these along the highways, to retain snow in the winter. All the above species were started from seeds grown in the Shilo nurseries.

A large portion of the area north of the C.N.R. was bald prairie and as a result of this planting, it is now almost solidly covered by these different species planted. All trees cut for saw timber had to be marked or otherwise designated by the Conservation Officers and five thousand feet was the limit each farmer could get on his permit, to give him a start for his farm buildings. There are areas where raspberries, saskatoons, chokecherries, pincherries, cranberries and large patches of hazel nuts grow.

There is a large herd of (Wapiti or Elk) comprising approximately some three hundred animals. There are Virginia white tail deer scattered all through the reserve. There is a small herd of moose consisting or holding their own of about fifty animals. There is often a pair or two of timber wolves, coyotes, a few lynx, bob cat, beaver, muskrat, porcupine, skunk, raccoon and weasels. There are many varieties of wild flowers, a few patches of wild orchids or lady slippers, both of the blue and yellow varieties. There are a few small lakes on the reserve, one is locally known as Round Lake, another known as Winton Lake, one is Rice Lake. The largest lake, which is Sewell Lake, has an underground stream flowing east for half a mile. Then it breaks out into a creek known as Epinette Creek of Pine Creek, winds through the reserve and empties into the Assiniboine River, north of where the Steel's ferry used to cross the river.

In the last few years a number of sections running north of Number One Highway have been included into the Spruce Woods Reserve. This area is solidly planted into pines. The tamarac is not as sound as it was years ago. When it grew in water, it was twisted and grew very slowly. When used as fence posts, they lasted for years. Now the water has receded, the tamarac grows much faster with the result there is so much pulp between the fiber rings they have to be treated to last any time in the ground.

The first plantation, to my knowledge, was planted in 1904 by the Federal Government. This project was discontinued during the First World War and started again in the early 1920's. In 1930 the natural resources were handed back to the Provinces and still are. In 1952, the Shilo nursery was moved to Carberry, sowing seed transplants in

some of the best land in the country, then moving these trees from that type of soil and planting in pure sand did not give very good survival results. Then the nursery was moved to Hadashville, southeast of Winnipeg, along the Whitemouth River, thus getting water easily and more suitable soil and making it more central to distribute plants anywhere in the Province, where they are required. This makes for a far more reasonable arrangement. There are several rookeries on the reserve inhabited by blue heron and many species of birds - ruffed grouse, sharp tail grouse and Hungarian partridge, and numerous water fowl use the lakes. In the spring and fall, some ducks, mud hens, rails and egrets nest there. A lot of snowshoe rabbits and jack rabbits are habitants of this area.

We are fortunate in this area to have so many lakes and trees and game preserves.

F.R. deDelley

## HYDRO INSTALLATION

Mrs. McConechy fed the hydro men their dinner when the hydro line went through the South Brandon district in 1947. Sometimes there were as many as 15 men seated around our dining room table. The weather was very cold in the fall of '47 and the men's hands were so cold some days, they could barely hold their knives and forks to eat their meal. We will always remember how nice it was to flip a switch and have light without having to clean lamp chimneys and change mantles on the gas lamps.

## MAIL ROUTE

The McConechy farm was the half-way point on the mail route from Hayfield. The mail van travelled a route of approximately 25 miles with one team of horses and stopped for dinner at our farm every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Hal Rogers was the mail man for many years and his visit three times a week was a highlight for the three little McConechys, as he always had time to play and wrestle and always had news from the outside world. When he retired, Bob Lovatt took over the route and we had just as much fun when he came. The mailman always had a fast team of light horses and the mail always came through.

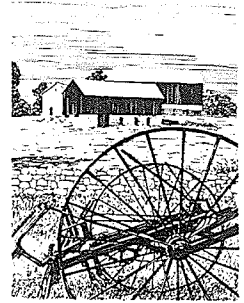
## THE BRICK KILN IN WARD 1

In the earlier years Mr. R.J. Denny owned the NW¼ of 14-9-17. He lived there and put up a brick kiln. He operated the kiln and made bricks which were dried and sold later. The bricks that Andrew Elder and W.J. (Willo) Elder used to brick veneer their houses, came from the kiln in the year 1908. All that is visible now are a couple of holes in the ground where the brick kiln once stood.

Wallace Elder

# A GRICULTURE

COMPILED BY M. McRAE



The development of agriculture on the prairies has been described in a multitude of books. Sometimes the writings focus on the institutional changes; often on the technological changes; periodically on social and economic evolution. However, nothing stirs the nostalgic emotions of rural and former rural residents like a pictorial portrayal of life on the farm in yesteryear. Even those who weren't around in the days of steamers, model T's, Titons and stooks seem to adopt a dreamy air when they review pictures of the "early days".

In this history of Cornwallis we will leave it to the family histories to tell the story of what happened when. We will leave it to others to write about the Grange, The Grain Growers Grain Co. and Farm Radio Forum. We provide a few photographs which depict life on the farm as it was back then. We hope they bring back memories, stimulate discussion and tall tales.

## A FARMER'S CREED

- I believe a man's greatest possession is his dignity and that no calling bestows this more abundantly than farming.
- I believe hard work and honest sweat are the building blocks of a person's character.
- I believe that farming, despite its hardships and disappointments, is the most honest and honorable way a man can spend his days on this earth.
- I believe farming nurtures the close family ties that make life rich in ways money can't buy.
- I believe my children are learning values that will last a lifetime and can be learned in no other way.
- I believe farming provides education for life and that no other occupation teaches so much about birth, growth and maturity in such a variety of ways.
- I believe many of the best things in life are indeed free: the splendor of a sunrise, the rapture of wide open spaces, the exhilarating sight of your land greening each spring.

I believe true happiness comes from watching your crops ripen in the field, your children grow tall in the sun, your whole family feel the pride that springs from their shared experience.

I believe that by my toil I am giving more to the world than I am taking from it, an honor that does not come to all men.

I believe my life will be measured ultimately by what I have done for my fellowman, and by this standard I fear no judgment.

I believe when a man grows old and sums up his days, he should be able to stand tall and feel pride in the life he's lived.

I believe in farming because it makes all this possible.

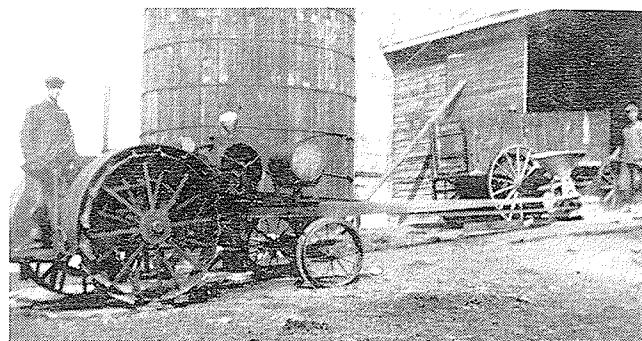


*One of the first jobs to be done after the settler wagon was unloaded was to get on with the breaking. It wasn't always as easy or as "large scale" as this but this snap of Jack McPherson plowing in the early 20's indicates how it was done. It was a job that had to be repeated every fall after the crop was off.*

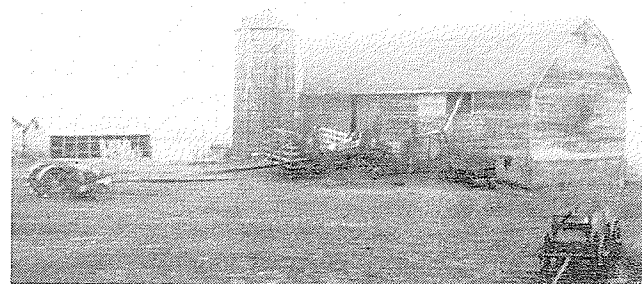




*Sometimes the ladies also took a turn at plowing as did Mrs. Cyril Harris in the 30's on . . .*



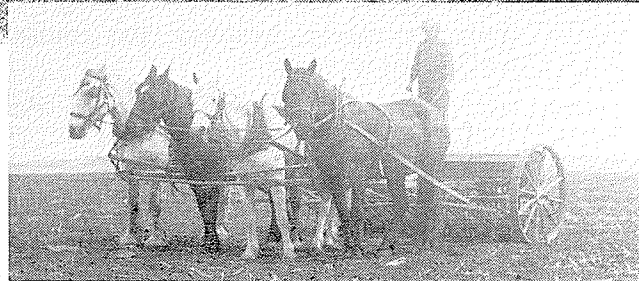
*Crushing grain on J.D. Baker farm.*



*Another view of a barn and threshing operations. Straw was blown into the loft to make winter work easier.*



*Ploughing match taking place on the farm of A.T. Elder in June 1896 at Blyth, Manitoba. Good ploughing required skill so it was natural that a competition for ploughmanship should develop.*



*William F. Baker with four horses on the drill.*



*Gertie McRae is giving the horses a treat.*



*Six horses on a cultivator.*



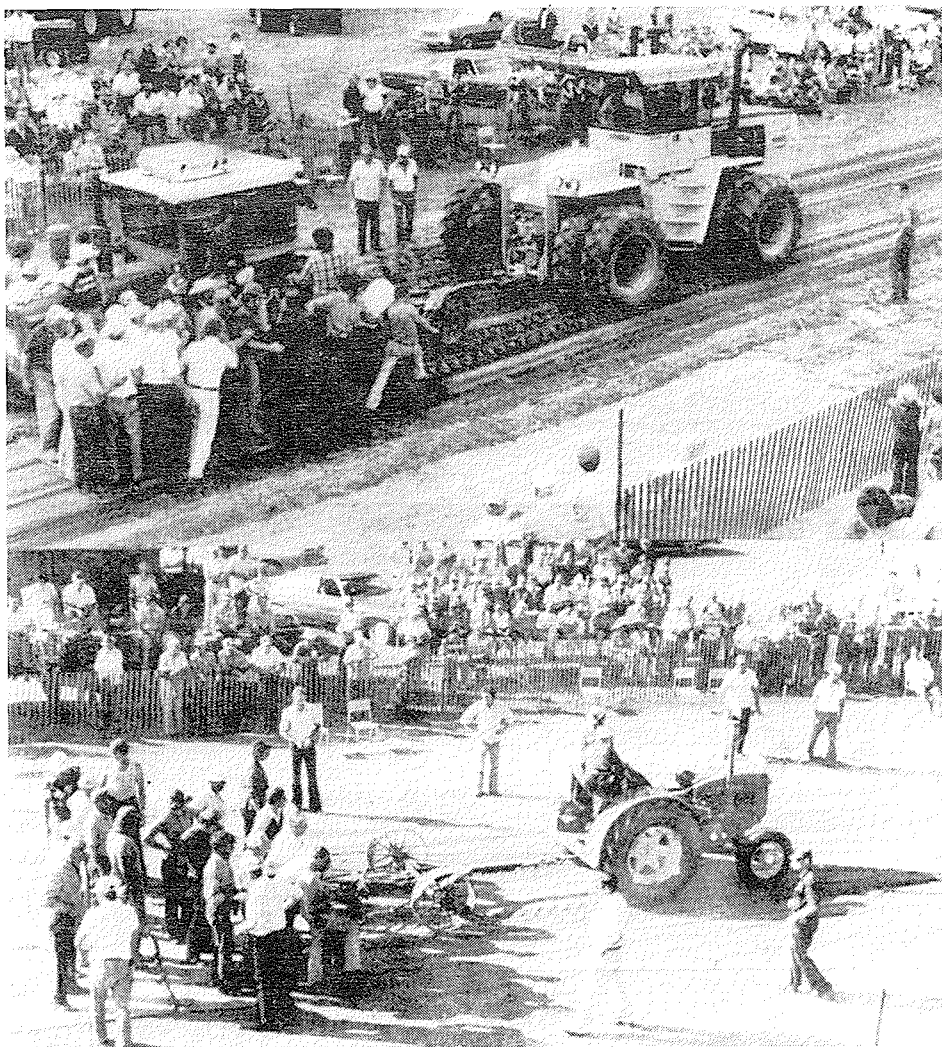
*Andrew Elder wearing medal he won for championship plowman of Manitoba in early 1900's.*

*The Tractor Pull has replaced the plowing match as a farmers participation event. This picture shows the new and old tractors at such an event.*

## BLYTHE FARMERS INSTITUTE

The farmers of Blythe District had formed an organization known as the "Blythe Farmers Institute", and in 1896 they put on one of the first plowing matches ever held in Manitoba. It was held on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of 3-9-17 and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of 2-9-17, the latter quarter being owned by Dunc McIntyre at that time. The former quarter was owned by the Elder Bros. then, and later was owned by Wallace Elder. It is now owned by Dave and Shirley Mooney and is where Brent Mooney and his wife Debbie, now reside. This became a yearly event held on different farms in the district, and by 1899 a match held on the G.S. Charleson and D.R. Noble farms had grown to have 70 entries.

The business men of Brandon, Wawanesa and district were canvassed for prizes. The Government gave a medal that had to be won three years in succession before the contestant would own it. The matches were held locally until the early 1900's, and the last ones were held at the Experimental Farm at Brandon. My father, Andrew Elder, eventually won the medal for the "Champion Plowman of Manitoba".



### RELAX THIS YEAR, HONEY . . .

On the first day of harvest my true love said to me, with our kids to help he wouldn't need me.  
On the second day of harvest the kids all laughed with glee 'cause the chicken chores and cattle chores would now be up to be.  
On the third day of harvest my husband said to me, "Help tie the tarp down, run this half load into town, pick up some salt blocks and then check the cattle, cause WE'RE too bu-sy."  
On the fourth day of harvest they gave a broken part to me, said "Try the Co-op at Beeler, every implement dealer, just keep driving till you find the right pul-ley!"  
On the fifth day of harvest my husband said to me, "We're moving to the other field, you bring the pickup, fill up the gas tanks and water jugs, put in the tool box, a can of bolts with nuts and locks, better bring dinner and this time don't forget the iced tea."  
On the sixth day of harvest my daughter called to me, "The elevator's tied up and I can't get unloaded. Take the old Chevy truck, make sure it's gassed up; check the oil and battery and get over to the west field in a hur-ry."  
On the seventh day of harvest my husband said to me, "We're going to bring some wheat in, will you clean out the north bin?" Then they set up the auger and left me scooping breathless-ly.  
On the eighth day of harvest my husband gave a list to me, "Don't know if this belt will last, better get to town fast, I need another reel slat, filter and bearing. Bring it by the field, throw in an extra scoop and don't forget the goop that makes the chains run free."  
On the ninth day of harvest at eleven-thirty, the clutch went out on the combine and he called on the CB. Said: "Find the heavy log chain, get the Ford tractor and come pull me."

On the tenth day of harvest my true love snapped at me, as I handed tools up to him . . . very nervously.

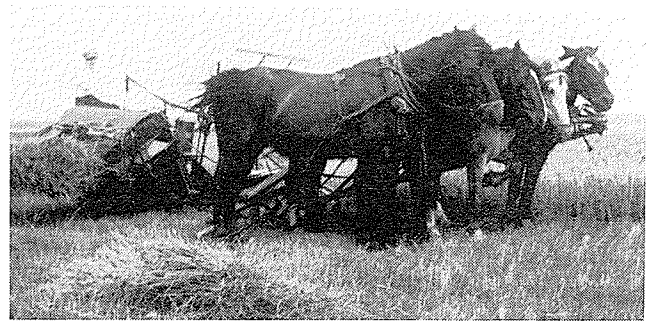
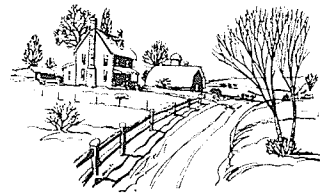
On the eleventh day of harvest the whole crew said to me, "Want to fill the gas tanks while we eat, take home this load of wheat and bring back: one wrench, lug, another water jug and a beer each for the boys and me."

On the last day of harvest my husband grinned at me, "If everything goes right, we should be done by midnight," and, "Aren't you glad you didn't have to help, Honey?"

— Beverly Wood

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(The above article reminded us of too many farm families to let it slide by unrepeated . . . thus this dedication to the patience and good humor of the gals who didn't have to help with the harvest this year.)



"Harvest", the romantic, exciting twilight of the year's labors is the most photographed, written about, talked about phase of farming. Above, Jack McPherson shows

off his right hand cut McCormick in a fine crop of wheat while Ken Harris uses the more conventional left hand machine.

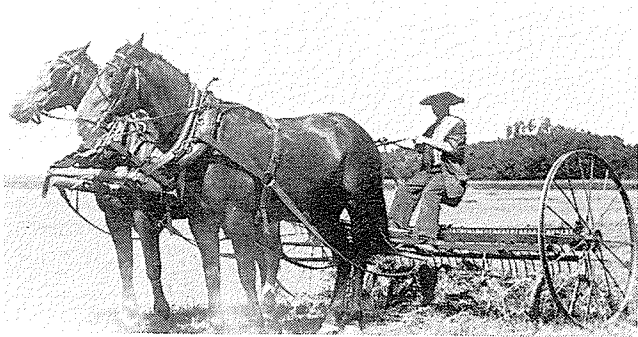




*William F. Baker with his team of mules.*



*A field of stooks waiting for the "wagons".*



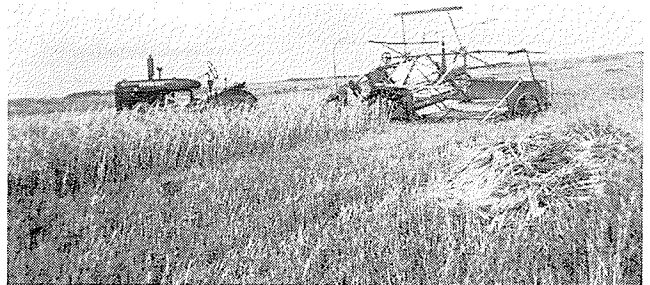
*Raking hay with horses.*



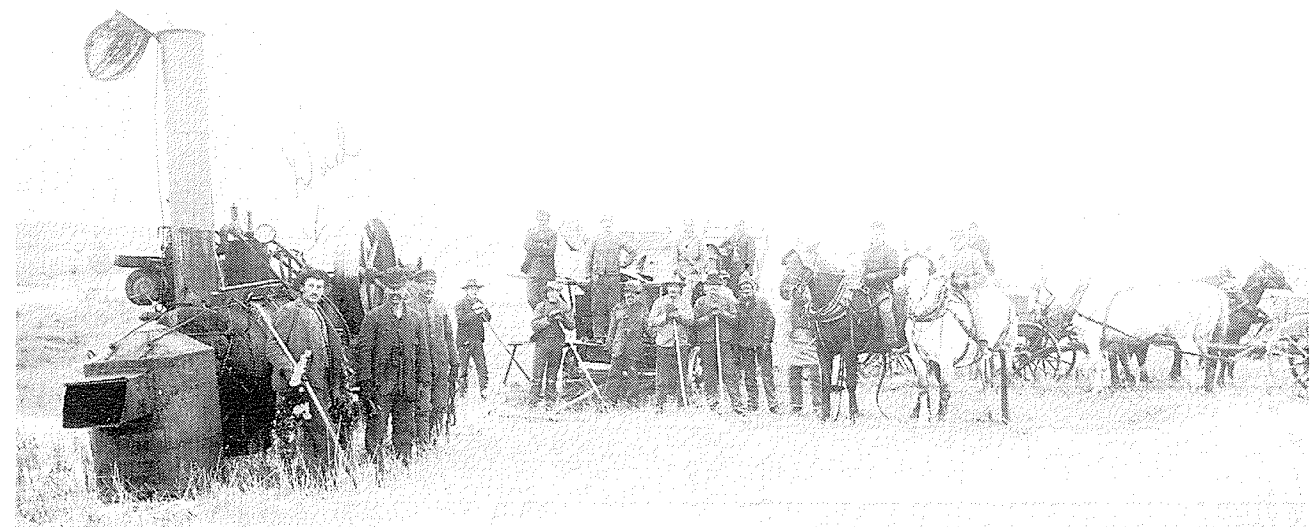
*The binders often got temperamental in good weather and needed the coaxing of an extra hand. Here Gordon James gives Bob Brown a hand in a corn field in the 30's.*



*Mowing the fast way with a jeep.*



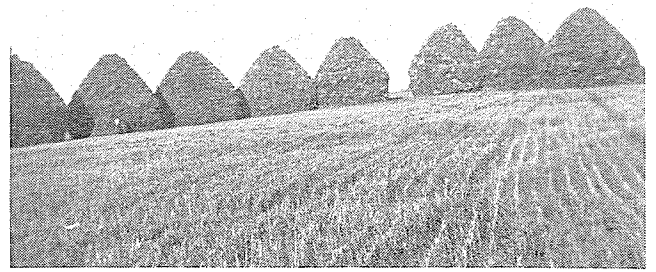
*In later days, such as the early 40's, tractor power replaced Bob Brown's horses.*



*Roddicks' Threshing Outfit in 1890's.*



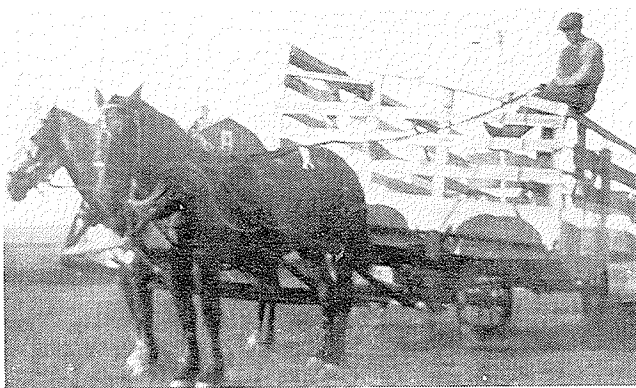
As soon as the sheaves became dry enough in the stook in the early 1900's, they were stacked until the threshing outfit was available. The higher the stack the less spoilage so this stack on the K. Harris place was a good one.



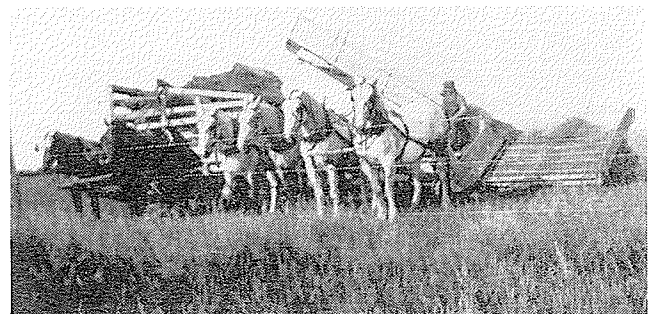
Sometimes the rows of stacks stretched many hundred feet as on the Ed. Slator farm where the stacks were built by teenage Annie Slator.



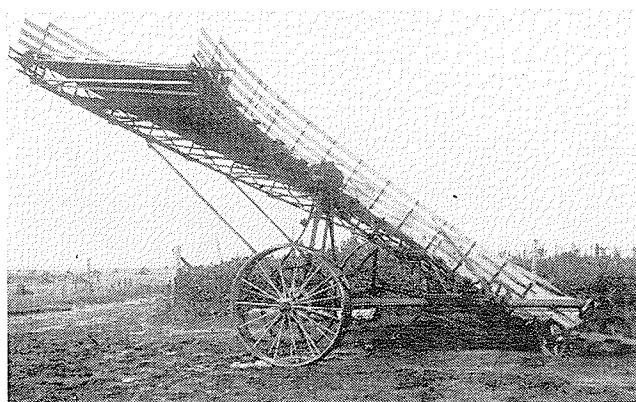
Sweet clover stacks on D.A. Birdsell farm 1956.



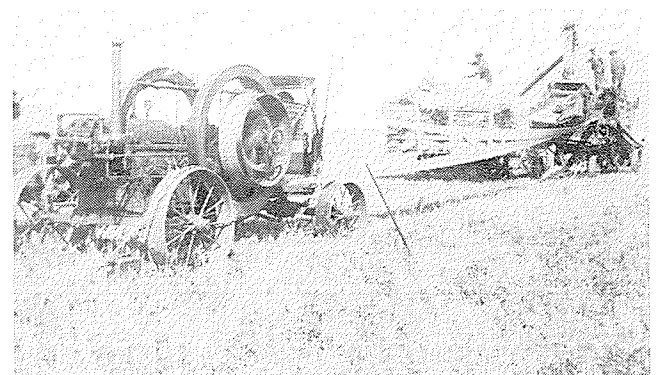
Wallace Elder with a stook loader rack in early 1920's.



Some ingenious people like Henry Elder used a stook loader and specially built rack to pick up the sheaves from the field but it was usually done with a three-tine fork.



Baker' Sheaf Loader.



Prior to the self propelled steamers, threshing power was supplied by portable units pulled by horses. This was Noble Lang's gas outfit.

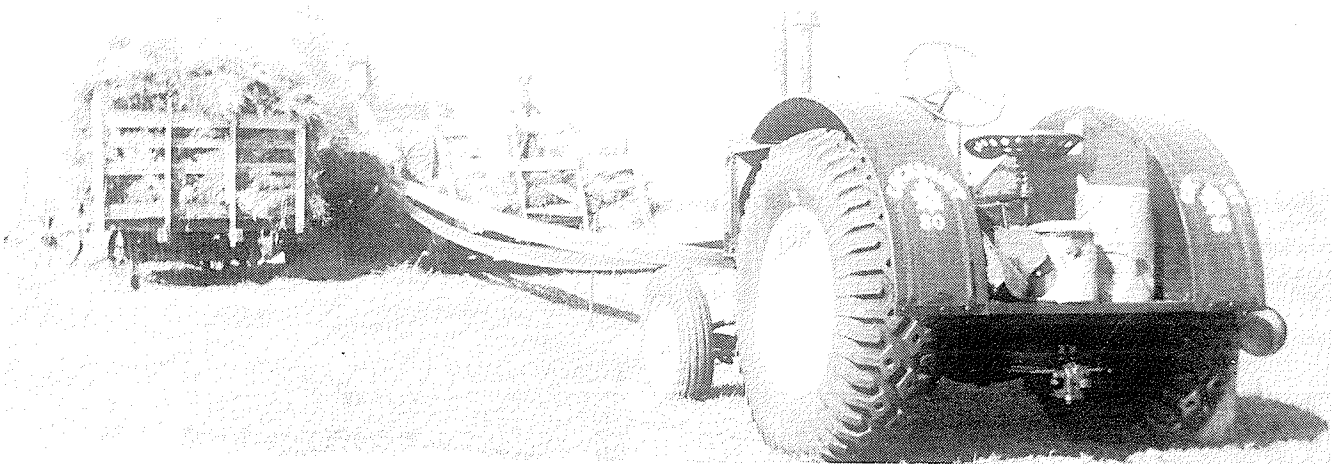




*First combine in the district was horse drawn and owned by W.F. McRae.*



*The height of Western Canadian agricultural romance — "steam threshing". The Baker outfit indicates why it was a community event.*



*In the 40's, during the switch from separator threshing to combines, the power source became the modern tractor such as this one on the Harris and Brown farm's.*

## A WANT AD FOR HARVEST HELP

**CONTRIBUTED:** My friend Ray Zelowsky, whom some of you will remember from his teaching days in Turtletown, now publishes the Fort Qu'Appelle Times. Because Ray knows I'm interested in good demonstrations of writing talent, he sent along a column by one of his country correspondents.

Her name is Judy Hershmillier, She's from Balcarres. As a farmer's wife she has suffered the agonies of trying to help the old man harvest time, and this inspired to try her hand at the following:

The harvest season is upon us and every farmer has taken advantage of our beautiful warm fall to get out on his fields to combine or haul grain.

It is often difficult to find truck drivers, to haul the grain from the combine to the granaries, and with a little imagination I have made up an ad which could be written as follows:

**WANTED** — truck driver to haul grain; no experience necessary. Any dummy should be able to drive my 1949 special.

Restricted adult. Language may be offensive. No triflers please.

Applicant must be willing to learn and accept constructive criticism. Lots of it. Every round and every load.

Will accept one or two children in the truck. No gum or sunflower seeds.

Applicants should state age, sex and past, if any.

Undefined hours. May run night and day if it doesn't rain.

The ability to shift gears and split shift would be an asset, but not necessarily essential. (If you stand on the clutch and push on the stick long enough it is bound to slip into second.)

Applicants should understand the principle of picking up grain on the go. Should there be a collision between truck and combine applicant should leave the premises — rapidly.

Must be a non-smoker in the truck and field unless you carry your own fire extinguisher and air-freshener.

Please state medical qualifications — have you ever suffered from insanity, hayfever, allergies to grain or weeds, or heat prostration. If not, you are likely to have a new experience. Should such a case occur, applicant must be prepared to drive themselves to the hospital. Combine will not stop for anything inconsequential.

Applicant should have at least six arms and no less than two legs. Preferably a runner or jogger. Walkers or dawdlers will not be accepted.

No coffee breaks, so addict need not apply.

Familiarity with motors would be an asset.

The ability to read sign language is essential.

Your life may depend upon it.

Twenty-twenty vision would be an asset to

enable applicant to see a full hopper two miles away, to see over hills and through bluffs. If also helps when looking for lost chains and bolts that drop into the stubble while making repairs.

Everything must be done the way the combiner says to do it, whether it makes sense or not.

Applicant should have good sense of direction for finding their way over unmarked prairie trails. In the dark all fields bear a resemblance to each other. Applicants should have their own compass.

A height of 10 feet would be an advantage to enable one to reach over the sides of the truck box to clean out the corners.

Job hazards include the loss of limb, verbal abuse, food poisoning from field lunches, heat prostration, sunburn and moon-madness, incomprehensibility, dislocated spine from rough fields and loss of sleep.

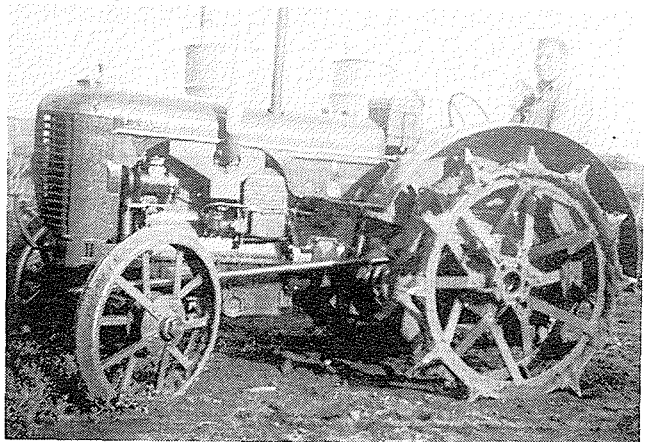
There is no scientific evidence to support the theory that harvest causes sinus or migraine headaches, and eye strain. It's all in your head.

Be prepared to accept long hours, short pay, scant appreciation of rookies. Applicant should understand there is no bathroom within three miles. Organic food is served at irregular hours.

This is your opportunity to see rural life firsthand, the slow leisurely pace of country living in a relaxed, laidback atmosphere. Phone today!



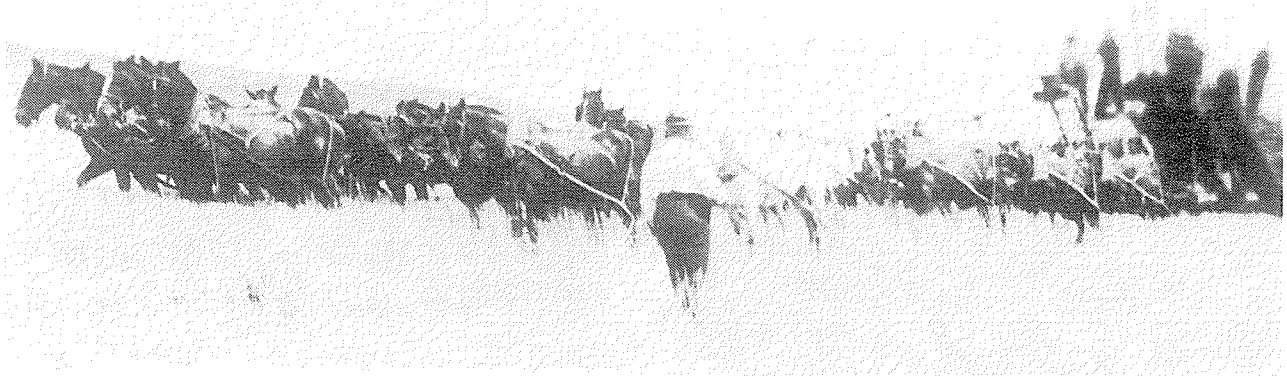
*The nostalgia of the good old threshing days drew a big crowd in 1980 when the John Hutton family staged a "threshing bee".*



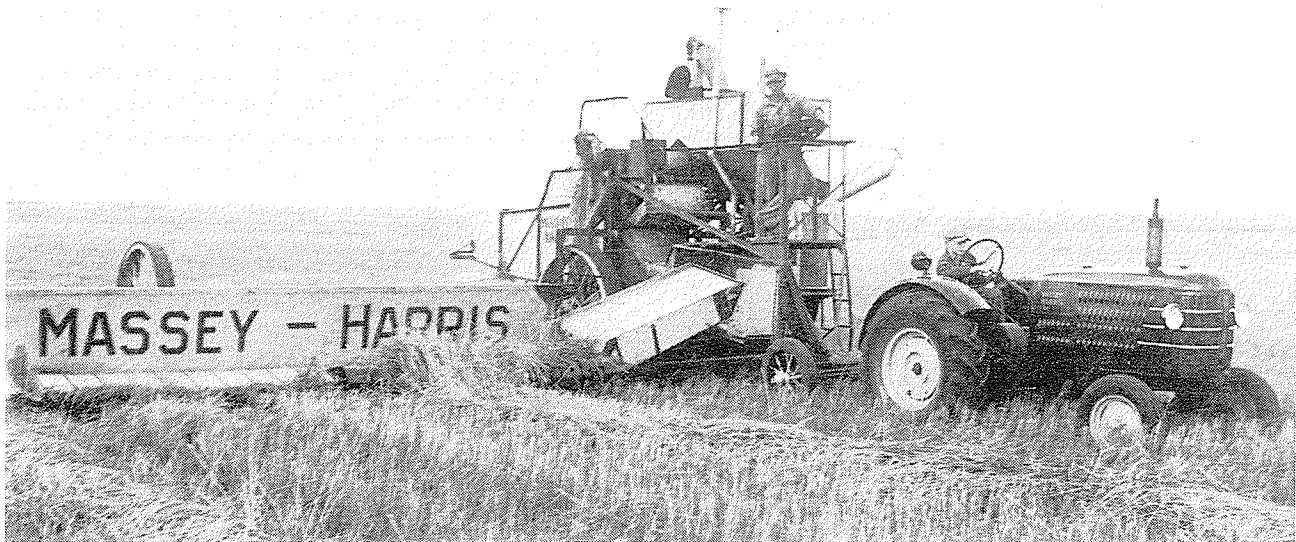
*Jim Richardson was pretty proud of his brand new model D Case in 1941.*



*Hugh Jameson in 1981 decided to preserve some of the tractors of yesteryear. Here he hauls a 1929 model L Case and a 1917 Sawyer Massey into his yard in preparation for some restoration work.*



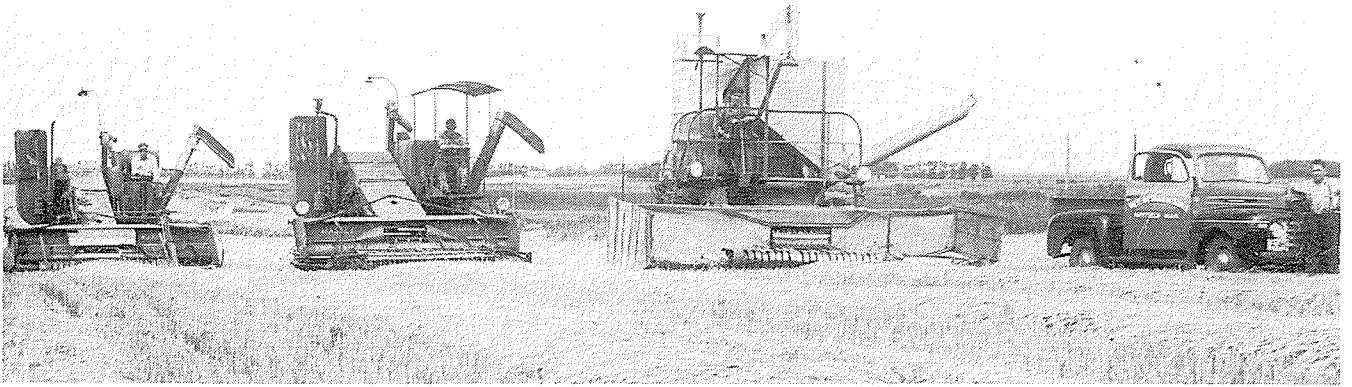
*The first combine in the area was owned by W.F. McRae. This No. 9 Massey was pulled by twelve horses. Note that in this picture a change of "power" was in the offing.*



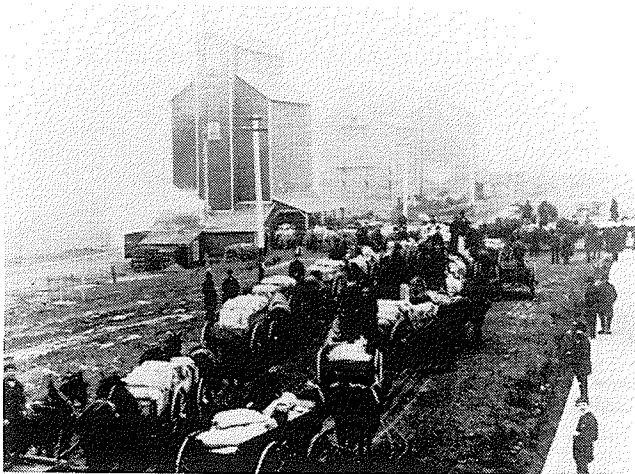
*The move to tractor pulled combines was made in 1939.*

*With modern combines covering large acreages in short order was relatively easy. Here four machines straight combine flax on E. Downie's Rolling Plains Ranch in 1949.*





*W.F. McRae later changed to self propelled models and here in 1949 W.F., standing by the truck, watches Howard and Allan on two MH 21's and Gord on the MH 20.*



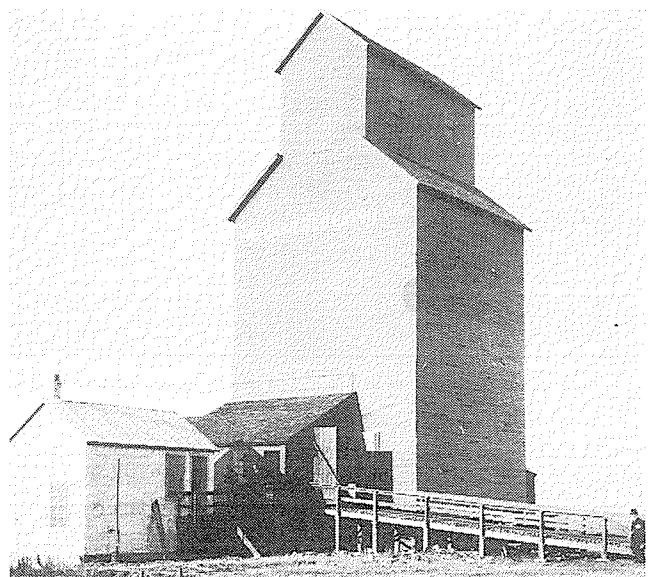
*Producing grain has always been the noblest of pursuits. Marketing has been marked by the wickedest suspicions. Here a line-up of wagons drawn by oxen and horses awaits delivery on Pacific Avenue, Brandon, in the 1890's. As we approach the mid 1980's controversy over marketing systems, transportation concerns and railway "needs" continues as it has for the past one hundred years.*



*Sometime the more modern pull type combines had a place to put the grain as was the case with Bob and Dorothy Brown, and sometimes it was necessary to just dump it on the ground for later pick up as Roland Castanguay was forced to do on Wallace Elder's place.*



*When they were no longer economically viable as public elevators they were moved to other uses. Here the Methven Lake of the Woods elevator is moved to the Spring Valley Colony in 1967.*

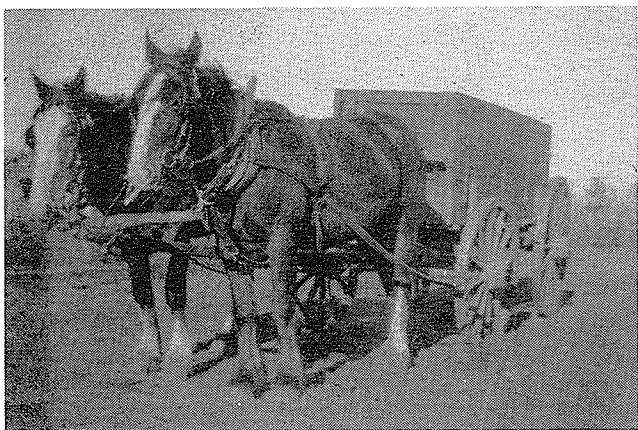


*Through the years many grain elevators were built and later removed in the municipality. One was this McCabe elevator at Roseland on the "Jim Hill" line.*

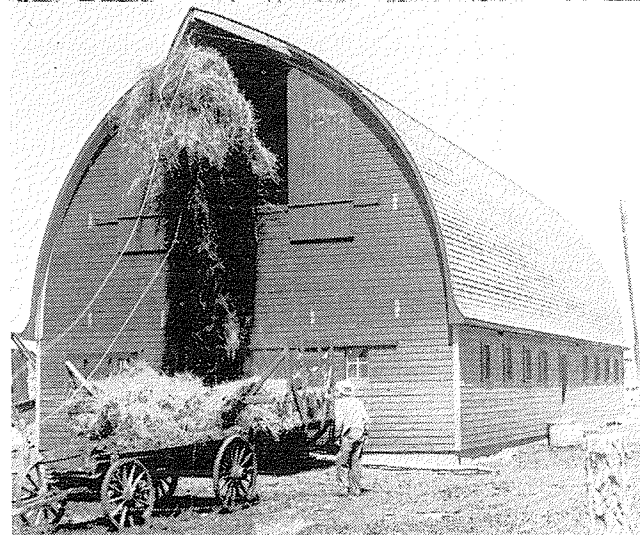




Not all of the harvesting was related to cereals. Geo. Porterfield used a three-horse hitch on his corn binder to cut his crop of, what was probably . . . flint corn.



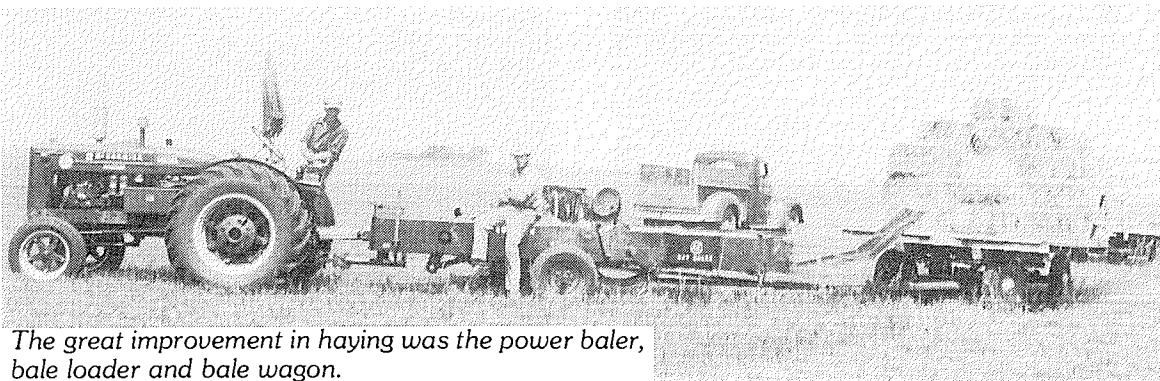
A most efficient delivery system was used by W.F. McRae whose team, pictured here, would be "sent" from the farm to the elevator where the agent dumped the load and sent the team and wagon home.



For those who had the facilities it was great to put the hay under roof as was done with hay slings at Bob Brown's new barn in 1955. The operation was watched with interest by old timer Sam Parks.

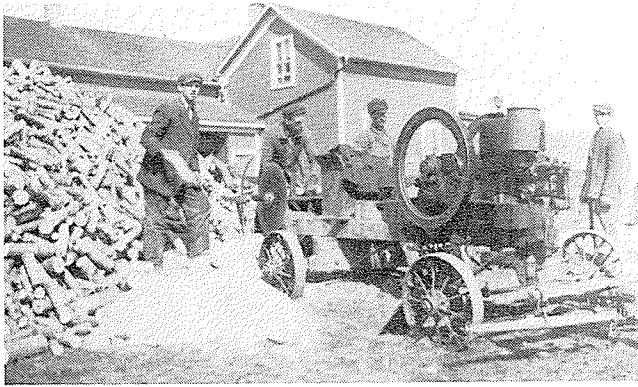


Haying was usually a tedious task carried out by mowing with a team mower with a 5' blade followed by bunching with a dump rake. It was then picked up by hand fork, put on a wagon and stacked in the yard. But others such as Billy Richardson shown here in 1943 with his one man outfit, had more ingenious methods.

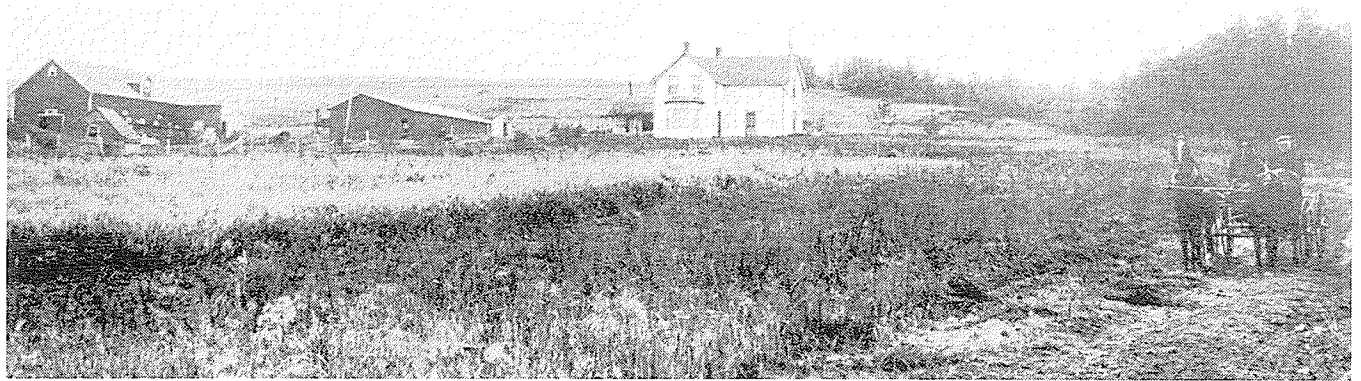
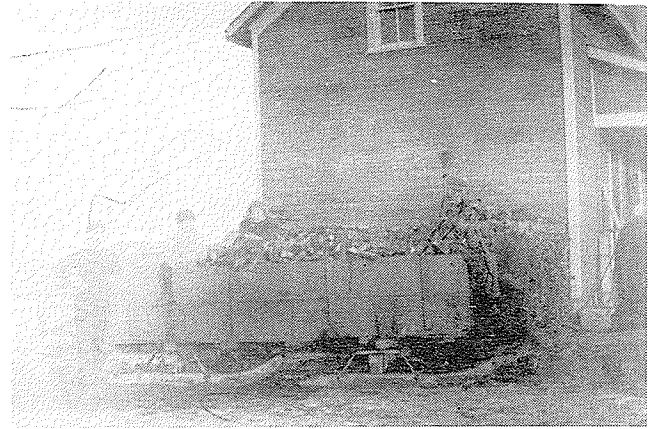


The great improvement in haying was the power baler, bale loader and bale wagon.





Besides threshing and barn building, another community event, generally in late winter, was the wood sawing bee. Here the Bakers prepare next winter's fuel supply.



"Home". Every one was different but every one had the common element of security, warmth and a large degree of self sufficiency. This is the farmstead of Sam Jory NW 28-10-19 in 1890.

A good barn was an item of considerable prestige in earlier times and the R.M. of Cornwallis had it's share. One currently owned by Ken Beever and pictured here was worthy of recent reference in the *Manitoba Co-operator*.



As Ed. Slator indicates, the work isn't over when the sawing is complete. How many feet and legs were split in the process of wood splitting?



Some of the farm buildings were a thing of great beauty and pride. One of these was the Hugh McPherson farmstead. The windmill beyond the barn was used for sawing wood and crushing grain.

One of the buildings seldom photographed was the essential “biffy”. This facility is nicely described in the following poem: Outhouses.

Down on the farm so long ago when I was a kid, we did not have a bathroom like our city cousins did.

We beat a path behind the house where a building stood, most people called it “Outhouse”.

But call it as you would, the fact remains it serviced us all season of the year,

And this includes winter, when the cold air brought a tear.

When lingering long meant freezing I hurried up real fast, made use of “Eaton’s” catalogue then to the house I dashed,

But when summer came along and bees hummed all about, there was a peaceful privacy inside the little house.

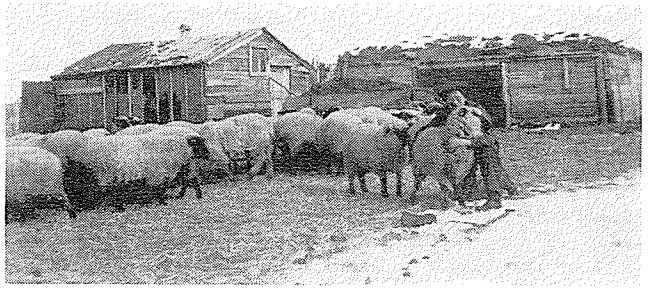
From outside came familiar sounds like cackle of hens, and gobble of the turkeys as they fed near by the fence.

The new-born calf was bawling to his mother away out there where she grazed away in pasture with “Nell” the old grey mare.

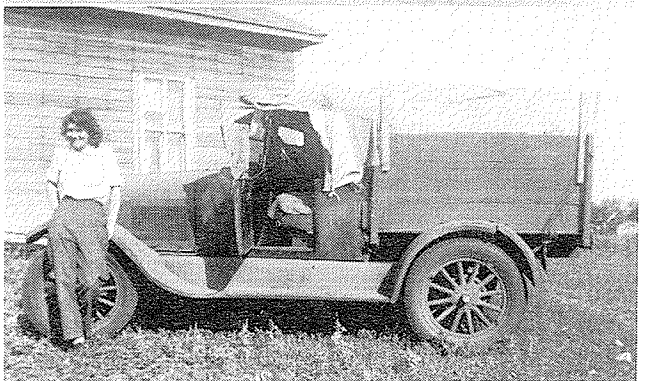
I left the door half open so not a sound to miss, for in my days of childhood the farmyard was my bliss.

Now, in my modern bathroom as drearily I sit, in silence all around me soft tissue in my grip

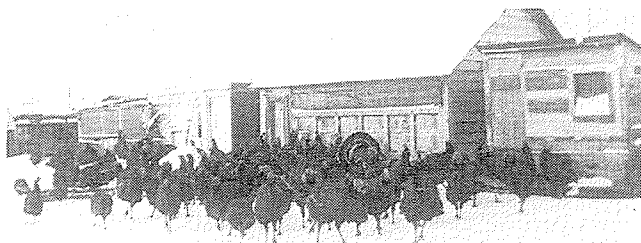
I find myself remembering the drowsy summer days when, in the little outhouse I dreamed the hours away.



*Billie Richardson preferred his sheep.*



*Transportation, whether for people, produce or by products, depended on oxen or horse power. Bob Brown's power was supplied by Molly and Nellie on the farm but when it came to road runs the trusty old Model T hauled people, eggs, chicken and hogs.*



*Diversification of farm enterprises has lent stability to industrial farmers and to the municipality. Bob Brown's turkey flock above and his Holstein herd below, are examples.*



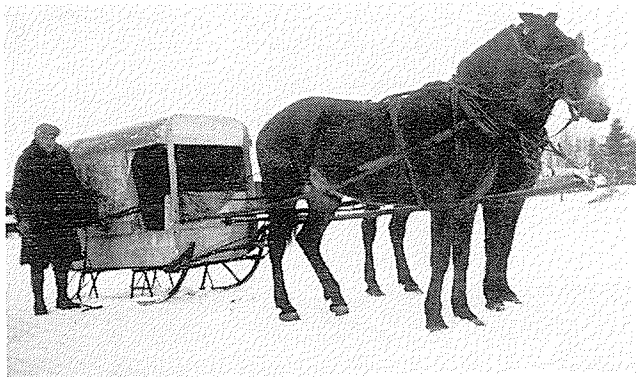
*Familiar scene in the country.*



*Team of oxen used on the W.F. McRae farm.*



*A good horse and buggy were a real asset in the 30's when gas and tires were too expensive. Bob Brown had good old Babe and a good buggy for getting around.*

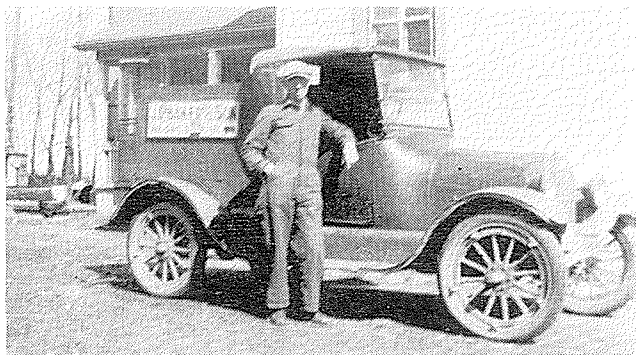


*Wallace Elder with Blythe School van 1928 transporting Blythe children to Glen Souris School.*

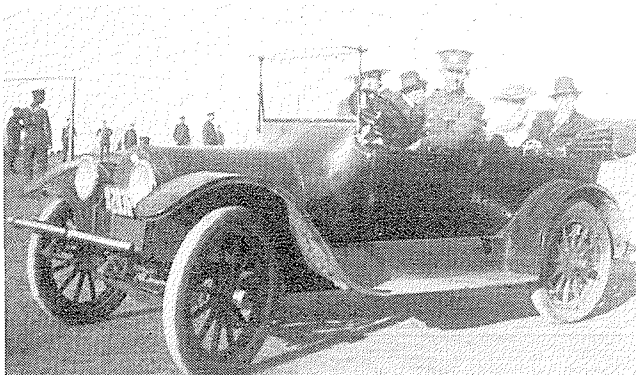
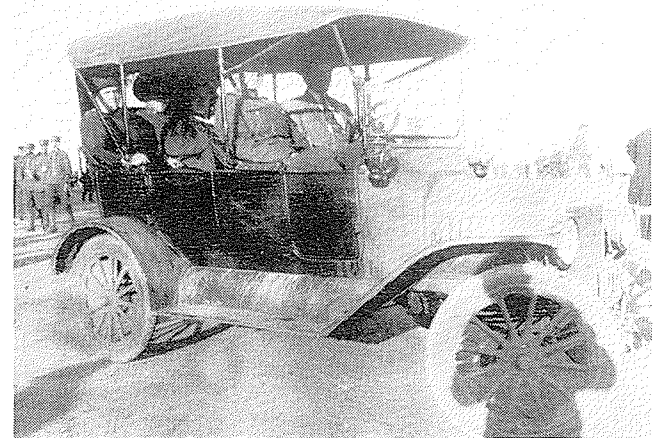


*Sam Parks and Tom James have their outfit and appear they couldn't care less about the 20 Chev in the background.*

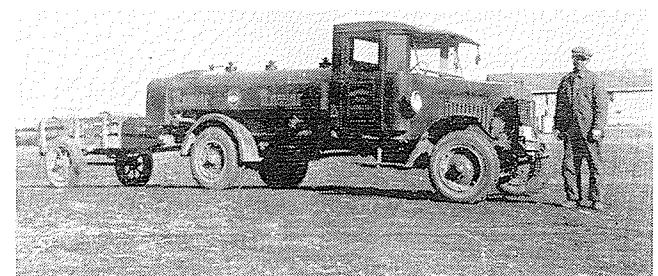
## TRANSPORTATION



*Norman Bakers's old milk delivery truck.*

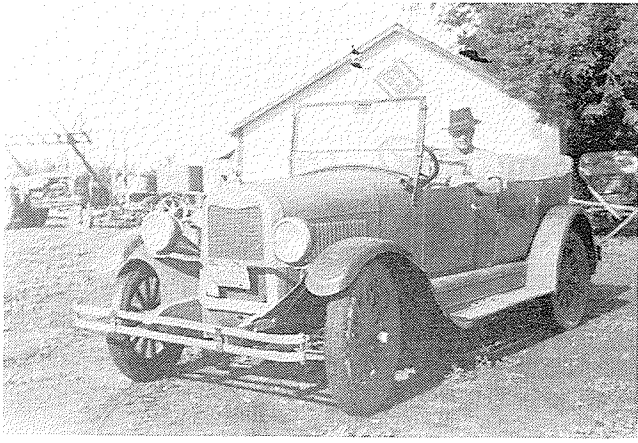


*Baker family at Camp Hugh's.*



*First fuel truck for Clarence Baker.*





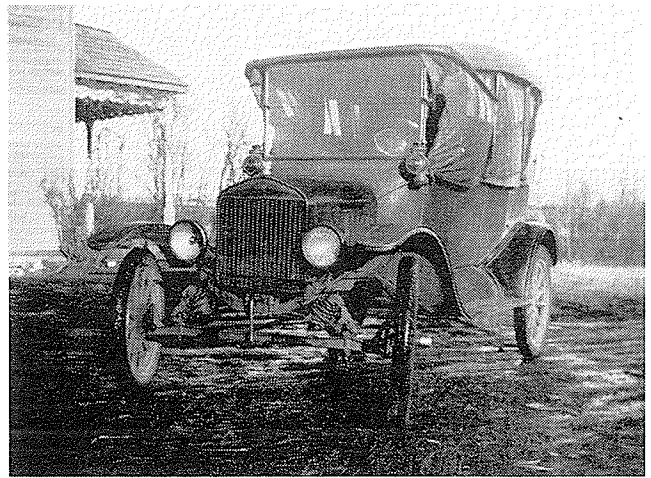
*McRae's really modern sports car.*



*Old bridges were built solid but eventually had to give way to new concepts so the old cement bridge between sec 2 & 3 -9-17 had to come out to make way for a large metal culvert.*



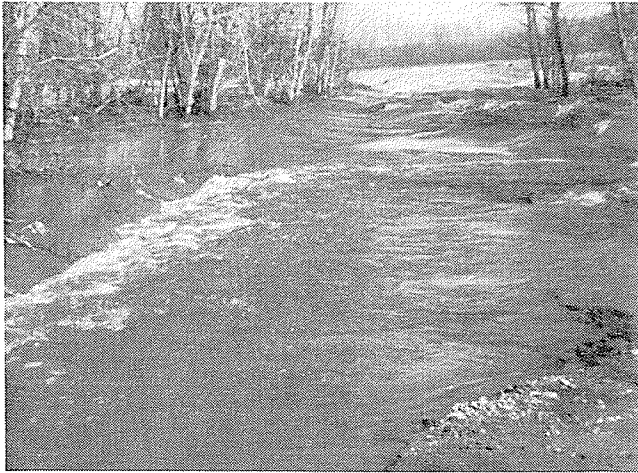
*Other methods of transportation in later years. Kids still enjoy a hay ride.*



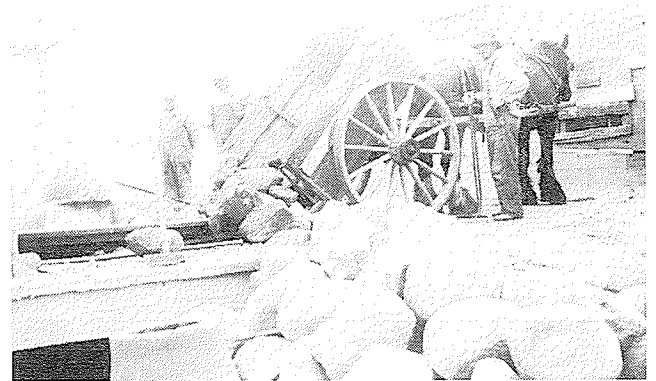
*A.M. Blight's Model T Ford 1912.*



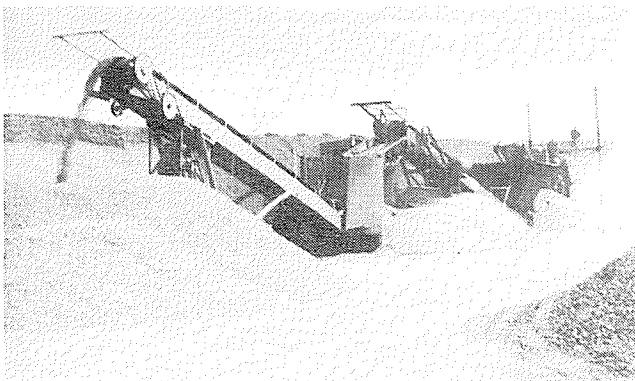
*Building roads, even on the prairies, was a difficult task with light equipment. Here the first grader in the rural municipality was operated by Jack McRae and his eight-horse team.*



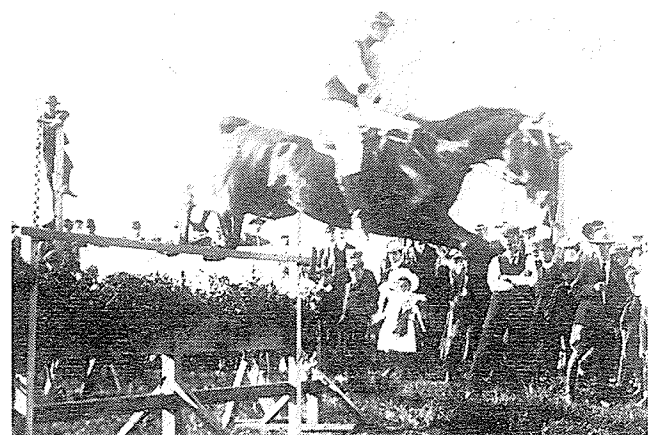
Bridges and culverts do not prevent flooding when adverse conditions prevail. Brandon suffered the wrath of the Assiniboine River in the 20's and in the Glen Souris area in 1969.



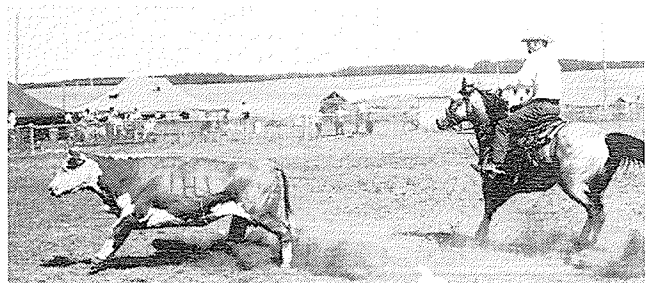
William F. Baker, early Stone Crusher.



Modern machinery and methods greatly aid the development of better roads. Here activity in the Harris gravel pit processes traffic gravel and below crushed stone for firmer road bases.



Farm life in the rural municipality wasn't and isn't all work. There were some early light horse shows featuring some good jumping such as this at the 1904 Horse Show with Ted Rowe up.

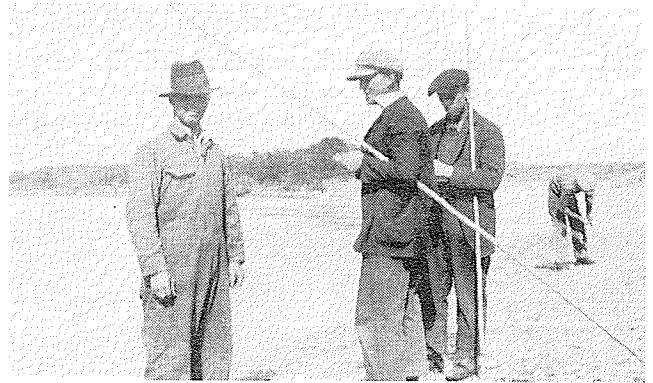


... and later some rodeo activity with Harry Rempel showing how it is supposed to be done in 1972.





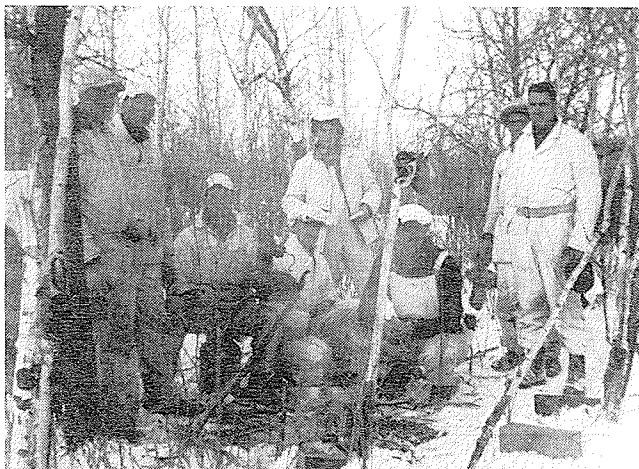
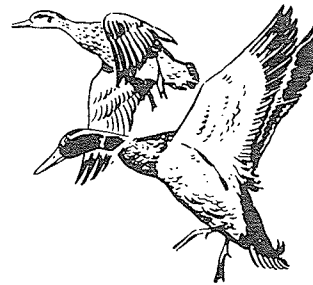
*Like many farm activities, work could sometimes be turned into fun so this crew got together for essential roping and branding which ended up with a picnic. The crew included Richard Rempel, Murray Coulter, Brian Hearn, Chris Hearn, Jerry Rempel, Pat Ramsay and Harry Rempel.*



*Cecil, Norman & Jack Baker fishing on the Assiniboine River.*



*The rural municipality always had plenty of game and residents took advantage of it for recreation and a change of diet. Here Marshall Brown, Hugh Ferguson, Jim Brown, Allan Brown, Gordon Ferguson, Bob Brown and Jimmie, display their deer hunting arsenal.*



*Everyone loved to go deer shooting.*



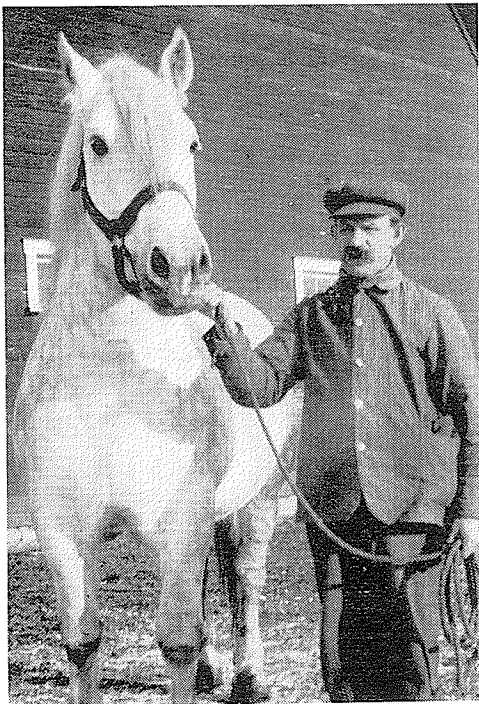
*Billie joined Dorothy and Bob Brown for a sharp tail shoot on the Shilo plains.*



*With the Provincial Exhibition and Winter Fairs on their door step it was natural that showing horses would be a favorite hobby with many. Jenny Walker was proud to be around when brother Allen Leslie Jr. showed this 6 horse hitch of Clydes at the Provincial Exhibition in 1935.*



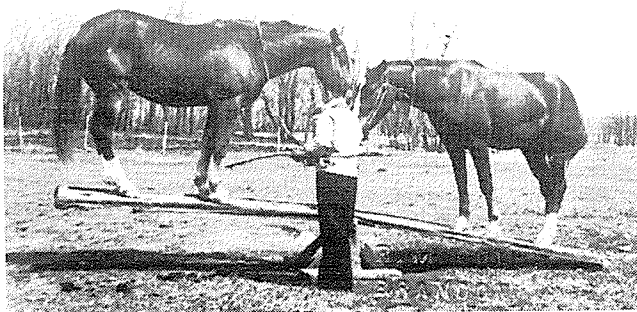
*Bill McRae with 6 horse team of light horses mounting a block.*



*Andrew Elder was pretty proud of his registered Percheron stallion "Abo" that he showed in 1917.*



*Gordon McRae in novelty jump class.*



*Horses on a teeter-totter.*



*Gordon and Bill McRae with horses playing dead.*



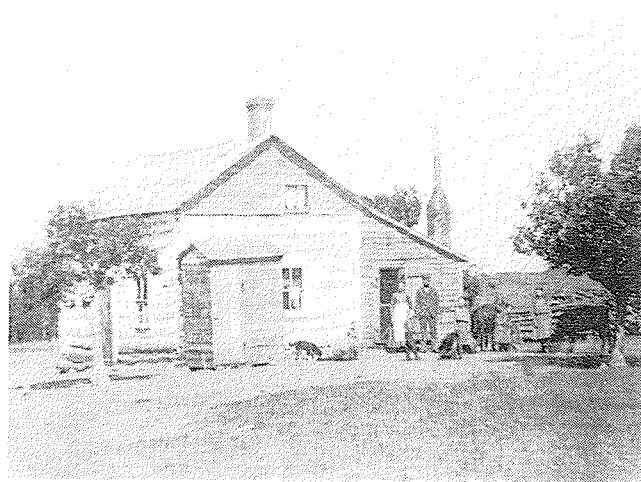




*He also had his garden to provide the vegetables and fruit for a largely self sufficient livelihood. No doubt the grindstone kept the tools in shape.*



*With renewed interest in our "roots", archeological excavations are becoming more commonplace. Here Wallace Elder and Bessie Elder, along with Wes and Helen Wong, watch a dig on the banks of the Assiniboine in the Glen Souris area.*



*Home of Cyrenius and Alice Fox 1902.*



*Working on the Blight farm in early 1900's.*

*George and Jimmie MacArthur with 6-horse team, 1945.*



## FAMILY HISTORIES

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### ALEX AND EMMA ABERDEEN

Their story by  
granddaughter D. Phyllis Harrison

Alex Aberdeen was born Guelph Tsp, Wellington City, Ontario, February 18, 1866. Emma Priscilla Scott was born Brant Tsp, Bruce City, Ontario, April 25, 1868.

Alex and Emma Aberdeen brought their family of four to Brandon from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario in 1899. Their fifth child, Iva was born in Brandon. Travelling by CPR on the old Colonist cars, their eldest child, Violet, who later became my mother, recalled that tedious trip when passengers had to make their own meals in kitchen facilities provided at the end of their rail car. Violet was nine, and for the first year or so in Brandon, attended Tenth Street School.

Alex ran logs on the Assiniboine for a Brandon lumber concern in those early years. Later, in 1903 he bought SE¼ of Sec. 8, Tsp 10, Range 18 in Cornwallis Municipality. In 1905 he sold land rights to the Canadian Northern Railway for a line that headed in the direction of Wawanesa, and in 1908 he sold the corner of his quarter cut off by that rail line, to School District No. 365 for a new Gorrie school building site.

Alex served in later years, as a Gorrie school trustee, an ironic fact, as he didn't deem an education a necessity for his three oldest children. The two youngest, Grace and Iva, fared better. Both sons, Will and Clifford, served in France in World War I. Cliff was killed by a shell explosion, and buried by a couple of comrades who covered his body with earth they shovelled over with their hands. Will brought back a Scottish bride and settled down on Vetran land adjacent to his father's farm, in a cement house built for him by Alex.

Alex's parents emigrated from the Highlands of Scotland in the early 1860's to Ontario. Emma Scott's father was born in Quebec but her mother came with her parents from India as a child of four in 1850 to Ontario.

Mrs. Aberdeen died of a heart attack in the Fifteen Cent Store in Brandon, where she was buying something for a piece of fancy work she was making. Alex died in 1951 at the age of 83. Sheriff McGregor used to tell a story about Alex, who boarded horses. One bargainer tried to convince Alex that, as horse manure was so valuable, a cash fee might be dispensed with. "At that rate", responded Alex, "There won't be any manure".

### DIRK AND BEVERLEY ABERSON

Beverley and Dirk Aberson live on the eastern side of NW 28-10-19. Their home was once the clubhouse of the Brandon Country Club.

The golf course was active through the 1930's and through the war years. When the City Golf Course was moved to the South side of the Assiniboine River, the old golf course became the Bradley farm. Dirk Aberson rented his present home from Mrs. Gertrude Bradley from 1965-1968. In 1968, twenty-two acres were purchased from the new owner, Murray McRorie, and the Abersons have lived there to the present.

Dirk was born and raised in the Dauphin area and Beverley's roots are in the Hartney District. They were married in Brandon in 1969. Beverley is a civil servant with the Provincial Government and Dirk is a photographer with the Brandon Sun.

### CHARLES AND MARY ABEY

Charles father, William Abey, was born in Lincolnshire, England in 1822. He married Catherine Hird and upon coming to this country, settled near Hawthorne (Ottawa), Ontario. William and Catherine raised a family of six sons and two daughters: Moses Graves, John, Charles, William, Joseph, Thomas, Annie and Kate. William died in 1884 and is buried near Ottawa. Catherine died in 1890 and is buried in the Madford Cemetery at Douglas, Manitoba.

Charles Abey was one of the early pioneers of the district. He left the Ottawa area, along with other members of his family, and first stopped at Portage la Prairie. At the age of 18 he ventured further west to the Chater district where he took up homesteading NW 36-10-18, in 1881 and built a cabin on the bank of the creek. The impression is still visible today. Charles broke the land on E½ 36-10-18 which was a slow, back-breaking job.

Charles brought his mother and sisters out west when his father passed away.

In 1895 Charles married Mary Catherine Mitchell, daughter of Henry Mitchell. The Henry Mitchells, who had moved from Wolseley, Sask., lived just across the road (presently in the spot Ostapuks now live).

By this time Charles had built a log house and later, in 1902, built the large white frame house with the veranda and beautiful balcony. This home had five bedrooms upstairs and two down (master bedroom with a baby's room attached), lovely large kitchen and dining room and a smaller sitting room.





*Charles and Mary Abey.*

The story goes that while carpenters and neighbours were in for dinner while building, Ethel, the oldest, climbed to the top of the ladders with just rafters between her and the basement. Just one of the many exciting moments of raising a family which happened in those days as well as today.

The family was continually visiting across the road with Grandpa and Grandma Mitchell. They have many happy memories of the house that Charles built and visiting their grandparents across the road.

Charles and Mary farmed and raised a family of nine. Charles was a family man and both were involved in community work, church and school, with the children driving a double buggy to church on Sundays. Charles also sat on the Municipal Board as Councillor and was on the board when the cement bridge on the Shilo road (near Adam Reese's) was built.

They had plenty of hard work. In the early days ox carts were used, and they were known to walk to Rapid City for the mail. (In fact it should be noted here, in those days the homestead had to be registered at Rapid City and that Charles walked to get this registration). He purchased, as well, NW $\frac{1}{4}$  31-10-17 from Wilkies and NE 25-10-18 from Tom Willdey and now owned by Ewart Abey. They tilled

the land with horses, walking behind harrows and lifting two bushel sacks of wheat to fill the drill. Charles hired help until his sons were old enough to help. They cured pork in salted brine, wrapped it and stored it in the oat bin. Apples were bought at three dollars a barrel and stored. It was steady work for all. Women baked their own bread, churned their own butter and stored it in crocks. Washing and ironing were big jobs, using scrub boards and sad irons.

The original homestead is still in the family name and should be noted that the family received a plaque from the Municipality of Cornwallis, and also received a gate sign from the Government for a 100 year farm.

Charles passed away July 6, 1924 and Mary on June 27, 1941. They had nine children: Mary Ethel (1898-1971), Charles Clifford (1900), Henry Ewart (1902), Muriel Ann (1904), Ruby Elizabeth (1906-1970's), Marion Blanche (1907-1980), Elsie Vivian (1908), William Gordon (1910-1929), Mitchell George (Mick) (1915-1942), who was killed in action over Holland in 1942.

Submitted by the Abey Family

### THE JOHN ABEY FAMILY

In 1874 at the age of nineteen my father John Abey left Ontario for the west. He travelled by way of the Great Lakes to Chicago and by boat up the Red River to Winnipeg.

In 1897 he and three others walked west staking homesteads in the Douglas district, walking on to Rapid City to register them and back to Winnipeg for the winter returning the next summer to start farming.

Having learned the art of dovetailing in the Ontario bush he built his own house and helped others with theirs. Later on he bought the first reaper in the district and that harvest started reaping his own and neighbours' crops. He went non-stop from Sunday midnight to Tuesday except for changing horses. One fall, being short of money, he cut three loads of wood in the bush east of Douglas, hauled it to Brandon and sold it for three dollars a load. That bought him enough groceries for the winter.

Three of his brothers had followed him to the west so after his father died in 1884 he mortgaged his farm to bring his mother and younger brothers and sisters to Manitoba where they lived with him and brother Charles and Moses for a time.

Father married Marion Hamilton at her home in East Kildonan in 1896. In 1897 they built the house that George Abey and his wife now live in on NW 36-10-18, in the Municipality of Cornwallis, north-east of Chater. Their family Marjorie, Will, Eileen and myself were all born there and attended public school in Chater. My first teacher was Mabel

Johnson. Margaret Cann, Pearl Campbell, Max Grant and I started school together later joining an earlier class of Annie Cheavins, Velma Hurley, Ruby Abey and Joe Smyth. All our family went on to high school boarding in Brandon and coming home by train on Friday evenings. We found our own way in for Monday classes.

My sister Marjorie went on to become a teacher, is now retired and lives in Vernon. Will practised medicine in New Jersey, is retired and living in Florida. Eileen took up nursing until she died in 1950. My father died in 1938 having been ill for three years. He was a kind and generous man who did his best for his family and community. He is buried in the Chater cemetery as is my mother who died in 1958.

My mother and I kept the farm on until 1944 when I was married to Joseph Ficht in Calgary. After the war ended we lived in Swift Current, Saskatchewan, where Joe worked as agronomist for the Experimental Station. We left there for semi-retirement at East Arrow Park, B.C. in 1954. It was a beautiful district which we had to leave with the building of the High Arrow Dam in 1968. I now live in an apartment block in lovely Vernon, B.C.

Submitted by Gladys Ficht

## THE WILLIAM ABEY FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. William Abey lived in the Ottawa Valley. They had a family of two girls and six boys.

In 1879 the first two sons John and Thomas took homesteads west of Douglas, Manitoba, and from then on the rest of the family gradually made their way west, with the exception of William, who died out east.

The last to come was Mrs. Abey, her youngest son Joseph and the two girls. Mrs. Abey lived with her son Charles until her death, and is buried in Madford Cemetery.

The following are the names of the William Abey family: Charles, whose history appears separately; Moses Graves (M.G.) who homesteaded NW 23-11-17, married Elizabeth Cousins — both deceased; John Abey — history elsewhere; William, accidentally killed at his home near Melita; Joseph, accidentally killed in the Klondike, his body returned for burial in Madford Cemetery; Thomas homesteaded west of Douglas, later leaving to farm on the Valley Road NW of Brandon, married and had one daughter Edith Hurley; Mary Ann (Annie) married Martin Richards, had one daughter and one son. Martin died young and Annie remarried James Hillis — both deceased; Katherine married John Grant and farmed in the Kemnay area, had three daughters Annie, Laura and Clara all deceased, and one son Stuart who married Gertie Buckley. They had two sons Bob and Bill. Gertie passed away in 1979 and Stuart lives in the Virden area.

*William Abey Family; Back, left to right — John and Tom; Front, left to right — Annie, Joe, Moses Graves, Charles, Katherine.*





*Ewart and Jean Abey 50th Anniversary 1980, (son of Charles Abey).*

### **EWART AND JEAN ABEY**

Henry Ewart, our father, more commonly known as Ewart, was born on March 21, 1902 and grew up in the Chater district leaving the home farm for a short while to go east and then west to Regina where he met his wife and our mother, Alice May (Jean) Cross, born July 16, 1908, in Kipling, Saskatchewan. Mother at that time, was taking a teacher training course in Regina. They married in 1930. Together they farmed on the Charles Abey farm for one and a half years and it was here that their oldest daughter, Shirley Maureen, was born in January, 1931. They bought the original Tom Willdey homestead in 1932. Dad and Mother moved into the four room bungalow (referred to as the Cottage) which is still standing today.

In those days our parents didn't have electricity or telephone but were a short distance, one mile, from Grandma and visited often. They had a team of horses and an uncle gave them another team. They also had one milk cow and six calves, sheep, chickens and pigs in addition to a large garden. Most of their food came from work by their own hands. Mother had the scrub board, hand rock-a-bye washer, gas washers, to the present day washer and dryer. Dad, in the winter, was busy cutting ice from the creek for washing and the ice well (which kept food in the summer. Many a trip did the family make to the ice well for Mother in the summer), and cutting wood for the fire. He hauled the water for drinking from the well, about two or three blocks away. In the winter time ice would build up and he often chipped it clear with an axe. In those days we lived outside and enjoyed the sport of wrapping up to go out and off to school, Dad taking

Shirley and Alice in the cutter with blankets and scarves wrapped around us.

Here in the Cottage, Alice Beryl (Sept. 15, 1934), and Arlene Mary Elizabeth, (March 19, 1941), were born.

By this time Dad and Uncle Cliff had bought their first tractor, a Cockshutt 70. Dad had built his herd of sheep to 150 and his cattle to about 50.

Then in the 1940's, our parents had a number of changes. They bought the John Abey farm, NW 36-10-18 in 1944, our red brick family home. We now had the two farms. It was here that their first son, George Gordon (Nov. 6, 1944) was born. Dad bought his own tractor, Cockshutt 80, and additional machinery that year. They built up the farm together raising the herd of cattle to 100 and now showing purebred sheep at the Toronto Royal. Then Judy Catherine, (Sept. 27, 1947) and Bryan Ewart (July 9, 1949), were born. Electricity arrived in 1948 and this was installed by so much a pole after leaving the main line. Things changed here — they no longer had to listen to radio by battery or conserve on battery usage, nor did they have to carry lanterns to the barn anymore.

Through the years Mother and Dad dedicated their lives to seeing that the family was educated, went to church, Air Cadets, 4-H, Brownies and Girl Guides, and we all had our opportunities in Music, etc.

Dad and Mother were involved in Community affairs. Dad served on the School Board at Chater for 23 years as Secretary-Treasurer. He served on the Fair Board for 20 years — 15 of those as a director of the Provincial Exhibition — now is an Honourary Director of the Provincial Exhibition. He also served on the church board for 11 years.

Mother was President of the Ladies of the Golden Fleece for a time and also belonged to the Ladies Aid.

In 1974 they moved to Brandon where they have been enjoying visiting friends and relatives. They are still very active on the farm and never miss the seeding and harvest, Dad having lived there all his life. George is keeping the red brick home for Dad and Mother.

Mother and Dad have ten grandchildren.

Submitted by the Ewart Abey Family

## CHARLES CLIFFORD ABEY

Charles Clifford Abey was the eldest son of Charles and Mary Abey. He received his education at Chater and Brandon. On December 20th, 1941, he married Alice Jeanette Balderston, of Melita, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Balderston. They lived on the original Charles Abey farm until they retired to live in Brandon.

Cliff and Jean have two children:

Charles Mitchell, sec-treas of the town of Fort Frances, Ontario. He married Judy Bottenfield of Stratton, Ontario. They have a daughter, Susan Rae who is six years of age.

Margaret Jeanette married Ernest Michael Peleshok of Oakburn, Manitoba and they live east of Oakburn. They have three daughters, Kristan Leigh, nine years old, Nancy Rae, seven years old and Kendra Lynn, five years old.

Charles and Margo took their education at Chater School. Charles completed his high school education at Douglas and Margo was a member of the first graduating class of Elton Collegiate in 1962. Charles entered a bank and has been at Fort Frances, with the present position, for some time. Margo is a graduate of the Winnipeg General Hospital of Nursing and is still active in the nursing profession.

## D.W. AGNEW FAMILY

David and Eliza Agnew were among the early pioneers of Douglas, Manitoba. They lived in the small town for a time, later moving to a farm south of Douglas. Mr. Agnew was well known for his support in the Church and all community activities. He was a lover of fine horses and took an active part in the Brandon Fair. He died suddenly at home in 1937. Mrs. Agnew was a lovely gracious lady much loved by all who knew her. She passed away in 1933 at the age of seventy. They had five children.

Cyril, the eldest, worked for Dominion Bridge Company in Winnipeg, later moving to Edmonton where he passed away in 1955. He is buried in the Douglas cemetery.

Hilda married Brock McGregor. They lived in Vancouver for a time and came back to Brandon where Brock died suddenly from a heart attack. She then moved to Burien, Washington and remarried. She died in 1975.

Ivey married a local boy, Al Swallow. She died in 1923, leaving a young son, Bill, two years of age, who then made his home with his grandparents. During World War Two he joined the Army and went overseas where he married a girl from Scotland and came back to make his home in Vancouver. They had four children. He now resides in Mission, B.C. His father, Al Swallow, passed away in October, 1980.

Another daughter died in infancy.

Percy, the youngest of the Agnew family was born in Douglas in 1897. During the First World War he joined the Air Force. He received his commission as a pilot in 1917 but never went overseas. (More detail under separate heading).

D.W. Agnew also had two sisters in Douglas: Mrs. Joe Cox; Mrs. James Nichol, whose daughter, Mrs. Oswald Muirhead (Hazel) still lives in Brandon).

Submitted by Violet (Cameron) Agnew

## PERCY AGNEW FAMILY

I, Violet (Cameron) Agnew, arrived in Douglas in January, 1923. I had had several years' experience clerking in a store, so my brother Will persuaded me to help him in his store. One enchanted evening a young man came in and made a small purchase. He (Percy) was the son of D.W. Agnew and Mrs. Agnew. During the exchange of money, our hands touched and a spark of human electricity passed between us, which later grew into an everlasting flame.

When my brother sold his business in 1925, I stayed on and took charge of the store which, under new management became known as "The Douglas Supply".

Mr. and Mrs. Agnew spent the winters in B.C. and California, and Percy had leased the farm for three years. We planned to get married in the fall of 1926. During the harvest time a bad hailstorm struck that area and a great deal of damage was done to the crops. However, we decided to carry on with our plans and early in December I quit my job and went east to my parents' home to be married on December 7, 1926. The Rev. Miller, a former minister in Brandon, performed the ceremony. After a short honeymoon in Winnipeg, we returned to Douglas and took up farm life.

As this was the last year of the lease, we left in March of 1928 and went to Brandon to live, where Percy was employed by the Massey-Harris Company, now known as Massey Ferguson. Here our two girls were born: Fay (Mrs. Edward Abey), who is married to a farmer and lives near Hamiota, Ont.; and Dawn (Mrs. Robert Galston), who is married to a United Church minister, living in Winnipeg with their three lovely children, Yvonne, Brenda, and Blair.

Percy was transferred to Winnipeg in 1938. He suffered a severe heart attack in 1948 and another in 1949 and never completely recovered. He was forced to retire at the age of sixty in 1957, and in 1968 he passed away at the age of seventy-one. At present I am living in a Mennonite Senior Citizens' home in Winnipeg.

Submitted by Violet Agnew

## ROBERT AND FRANCES ALLEN

Robert was born to Jean and William Allen on April 11, 1949 at Hamiota. Robert has lived at Cardale, Minnedosa and Brandon throughout his life. In Brandon he started working for Cumming and Dobbie, where he has been employed for sixteen years.

Frances was born to Luella and William Cartwright on November 5, 1950 at St. Rose Du Lac hospital. Frances resided with her parents on a farm just east of Riding Mountain until coming to Brandon in 1969, after graduating from Neepawa Collegiate, to work as a dietary assistant in the Brandon General Hospital for six years.

Robert and Frances met in Brandon and were married one and one-half years later on April 11, 1970. They lived in Brandon for five years then they moved out south-east of Brandon onto five acres of land for two years, later deciding to move to the Douglas area. They purchased NE 16-10-17 from Sam and Linda Gradwell, where they have now lived for nearly four years.

Robert and Frances have two children. Sandra was born January 26, 1975 at Brandon and Curtis was born on December 10, 1977, also at Brandon. They both attend elementary school in Douglas, Manitoba, and attend the Douglas United Church Sunday School where Frances has been a teacher for three years.

Submitted by Frances Allen

## WILLIAM ANDREW

William (Bill) Andrew was born in 1849 and arrived from Guelph, Ontario in 1881. He was a brother to Mary Andrew who married Thomas Chapman. Bill, himself, never married, and was known throughout the district as a fine gentleman.

Upon his arrival in the Brandon Hills District, he lived on the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1-9-18. It was while living here that he got Mr. and Mrs. John Wilcox interested in farming. When in 1907, the Wilcox family moved to the W $\frac{1}{2}$  of 12-9-18, Bill Andrew made the move with them. The old log granary still stands on the property, which Mr. and Mrs. E. Roberts own at the present time.

The Wilcox children loved Mr. Andrew (Boss, to them) very much. Bill died in 1933 and was buried in the Wilcox plot in the Brandon Hills Cemetery.

## JIM ANGUS FAMILY

The Angus family originally came to Canada from Scotland in 1834. My father, Francis Angus, came to Manitoba in 1882 from Seaforth, Ontario and homesteaded NE $\frac{1}{4}$  16-20-26, what is now called Angusville, and farmed there until 1938.

I was born July 27, 1913, the youngest of eight. I went to Angusville school and worked at home until 1936; at which time I went East and worked at anything I could until the war came. I enlisted April 4, 1940 in the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, Winnipeg; was through the Dieppe Raid on August 19, 1942, and after D-Day was through NW Europe-France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. I was discharged on September 6, 1945.

After discharge, I worked for the Dept. of Transport as a surveyor in Ontario and Manitoba until 1948 when we moved to Chater in May. Janet and I were married in March of 1946 at her sister's home in Silverton (Mrs. Coulter) by the Rev. Sidney Vincent.

I came to Chater with Max Grant and Ken Taylor to make cement blocks, which we did for three summers. I started to work at Shilo in the fall of 1948 as a fireman for two winters, and went full time in 1950, remaining for 26 years, ending up with a second class Heating and Power Engineers License.

I also helped out with the harvesting and building for people in the district in my younger years.

By Jim Angus

My father, George McLeod came from Seaforth, Ontario to Manitoba in 1888 at the age of 13. He went to school at Minniska and St. Mary's for one term. He was the oldest of four children of Peter and Jessie (Matheson) McLeod, who originally came to Canada from Scotland in 1872. He married Margaret Jane Dunn on May 7, 1907 at her father's farm (Dave Dunn) in the Minniska district. They farmed on the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  14-21-28, where I was born the fourth of six children. We attended school and church in the Minniski district.

I married Jim after the war on March 29, 1946; and we moved to Chater in May 19, 1948, living in a house owned by Dick and Doris Reed for nine years. We bought our present home in 1957 which was formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. Alf Skilton.

In 1953 we took over the Post Office after the death of Mrs. Maggie Pineo, and kept it until it closed in 1969.

Children:

Margaret Jane Angus was born September 24, 1949 at Sacred Heart Hospital, Russell. Jane lives in Chater and works at the Brandon Mental Health Centre. She has her R.P.N. (1970) and her R.N. (1975) and is attending Brandon University part time and will get her degree this year.

Shirley Bernice Cameron was born February 7, 1958 and came to live with us in August 1958 until June 1969. She was employed in Winkler at the hospital X-Ray Department there and now lives in Brandon.

By Janet Angus



## FREDERICK ARDIEL FAMILY

Frederick Ardiel, born 1874 to Leonard and Ann Ardiel, came to R.M. of Cornwallis in 1904. He settled on NW¼ of 31-10-19, with his brother until 1906, then moved to SW¼ of 20-11-18. In 1908 he married Mary Ann Davie (born 1886 in Glasgow Scotland to John and Agnes Davie). She came to Hartney, Manitoba in 1906. They moved in 1909 to SW¼ of 16-9-19 (Little Souris district). During the moving process Mary stayed at her brother-in-law's place, (namely John Ardiel's) and there gave birth to their first son — Leonard Arthur — 1909 — NW¼ of 2-9-19. Daughter — Jessie Sommerville — was born in 1910 at SW½ of 16-9-19. They moved to Calgary, Alberta in 1913 and John William was born — 1913.

Before moving to Calgary, Frederick had a farm sale. Many of the sales were promisory notes, even though most prices were extremely low compared with today's prices. A driving mare, the mother of champion race horses later sold for \$175.00. Thanks to her fast pace, Frederick's niece Pearl and husband got their forgotten suitcases in time for their wedding trip.

In 1915 the family returned to the R.M. of Cornwallis to NW¼ of 2-9-19 until fall of 1931, when they rented E½ of 13-9-19 (Maple Cliffe) from Mrs. Lawrence Courtice (Annie). This they farmed together until Frederick's death in 1937, after which the family carried on.

Mary (Maisie) was an active worker in Brandon Hills Busy Bees and W.M.S., until 1945, when she moved to Brandon to live with her daughter and son-in-law. In 1953 she moved with them to Calgary. She died in 1968 while visiting at the farm with son John and family.

Leonard moved to Minto in 1944. In June, of that year, he married Catherine Grummett of Berbank district. They also lived north of Brandon, at Sinclair, Manitoba, then back to Brandon, where they were residing when Leonard died in Sept. 1962. They had two children — James Leonard — born 1945, unmarried, lives now at New Westminister, B.C. Alexina Mary (Lexie) — born 1948, married Donald Morling in 1969, lives on SW¼ of 2-9-19 at Lake Clementi. They have two children — Todd — 1975 and Tracy — 1978.

Jessie married Preston Nicol in 1939 and lived at Beresford for two years. Their son Robert Frederick was born February of 1941. In the fall of 1941 they moved to Brandon, then in 1953 to Calgary, Alberta. Preston worked at Wade's Lumber in Brandon, and Cushing's Mills in Calgary. In 1979 they returned to Brandon, where they now reside. Son Robert married Linda Campbell in Calgary in 1974. They later moved to Markham, Ontario and are employed with IBM. They have two sons — Scott — 1975, Brock — 1980.

John carried on farming E½ of 13-9-19. He married Annie Brown of Carroll in 1945. They bought the farm in the fall of 1946 from Mrs. Lawrence Courtice. They have two sons — Douglas Frederick — 1949 and Ronald John — 1952. Douglas farmed with his Dad and married Patricia O'Neil of Brandon in 1973. He bought E½ of 24-9-19 (Grandview) from Mrs. Roy Cotton (formerly Evelyn McLean). They lived there until fall of 1981, then moved to NE¼ of 13-9-19, which they bought in 1979. They have two girls — Rebecca May — 1980 and Jennifer Lynn — 1982.

Ronald married Elizabeth Tegg of Brandon district in 1974. They built a home and reside on NW¼ of 11-9-19 which they bought in 1979. Ronald works at Simplot Chemical Plant as a Lab Tech.

John and Annie moved to NW of 14-9-19 in Nov. 1981. The families of Frederick and of sons Leonard and John, all received their education at Little Souris (a little country school and a church). Both Institutions created great community spirit, with church services, picnics and Christmas concerts.

## JOHN AND ELMA ARDIEL FAMILY

John and Elma (Tuckie) Ardiel moved from London, Ontario around 1904, settled north of Brandon (Cornwallis Municipality) for a short time. Then they bought the farm in Little Souris district — NW¼ of 2-9-19 (Idlewild Farm) just north of Lake Clementi. At this time there were seven children — Pearl, Johnnie, Lela, Jim, Mary, Campbell and Florence. Two more children were born at Little Souris on NW¼ of 2-9-19 — Gordon and Anna.

Pearl married and they moved to Vancouver. When John, Elma, and the three youngest children visited Pearl and her baby son, they became impressed with the country, so decided to move there. This they did in 1912, leaving the two older boys, Johnnie and Jim, to manage the farm. In 1915 Johnnie took sick and died. John and Elma rented the farm and all moved to B.C.

Pearl died in 1966.

Johnnie died in 1915 at Little Souris.

Lela (age 92 in 1982) is still living in Mission with her son and daughter (both unmarried).

Jim died in 1971. He was called the Senator of Surrey. A high school was named for him (The James Ardiel School). Jim visited old friends (Fardoes and Courtices) and his cousins (his Uncle Fred Ardiel's family) a few times in Brandon and at Little Souris; always very active and alert.

Mary died in February of this year, 1982.

Campbell died in 1973.

Florence (Mrs. Lawrence Backs) now lives in Coquitlam, a suburb of New Westminister. She and her husband lived in Winnipeg from 1964 until 1971, when they moved to Abbotsford, British Columbia.

Laurence's health was very poor and he died in 1974. They had one son, Melvyn.

Gordon lives in Abbotsford. They had a family of four.

Anna lives in Ladner (suburb of Vancouver). She had three daughters (all married).

Elma passed away in 1943.

John passed away in 1951.

All John and Elma's family attended school at the little country school at Little Souris. S.D. 227

Florence, who supplied this information, recalls the happy times while living at 'Idlewild Farm NW¼ of 2-9-19. The Sunday services in the little church, the social time which followed, the Fowl suppers in the church basement, the Christmas Concerts, and the Big Picnic at Lake Clementi were enjoyed by all.

### **EDWARD AND EVELYN ARRELL**

In March, 1937, Edward (Ted) and Evelyn moved to Brandon from Portage la Prairie renting the NE½ of 28-9-19. They attended Little Souris Church, and enjoyed activities centered around Cornwallis District. They have two children: Shirley, who was born at Portage la Prairie and John (J.B.) who was born in Brandon.

They were building a herd of Jersey cattle and in November 1939, moved to NE¼ of 16-10-19 where they operated a dairy farm. They attended Knox Church and the children went to Fleming School.

When the farm was sold in 1947, they moved to a farm in the Souris District where the children continued their education. In 1958, due to ill health they sold their farm and moved back to Brandon. Ted worked for Western Concrete, C.C.I.L., and Don Gamble until he retired in 1976.

Shirley taught school at Brooke School in Rivers where she met and married Lt. Bruce Wellman. They have one son and are now living in Cornwall, Ontario where Lt. Col. Wellman is instructing in Air Traffic Control.

John worked in a bank, then with Brandon Research Station, and other positions in Federal Government Service. He is now Base Safety Officer at Shilo. He married Sherrill Gurr and they have one son and two daughters, and are residing in Brandon.

### **ALEX AND IDA ARTHUR**

Joseph Alexander Arthur was born to Jo and Tena Arthur of Halton County, Ont. Jan. 17, 1909, and moved to Ninga, Man. in 1914.

Ida Mildred Fox was born to Frank and Mable Fox of Desford, Man. June 16, 1907.

Ida and Alex were raised in the Boissevain, Ninga area and were married on February 1, 1933.

They have four children — Shirley, Helen, Bryan, and Wayne.

Alex and Ida farmed for four years, then moved to Boissevain and bought a small dairy and sold milk around town for eight cents a quart. In 1942 Mr. Ed. Fotheringham hired Alex to manage the Brandon Creamery Jersey Farm. After eight years there, they rented the Crawford farm, E½ 2-9-18. In 1952 they bought the farm they are now on NW 8-9-18 from Mr. Oscar White, and ran a dairy herd which they called "Gentrice Jerseys (Gentrice meaning Gentle Breed). For years they showed Jerseys on the A Fair Circuit and at the Toronto Royal. Ida joined the Brandon Hills Busy Bees in 1955, and belongs to Rounthwaite A.C.W. Alex was a member of the Orange Lodge.

Shirley Elaine born 1934, married David Balch of Portage la Prairie, where they farm. They have eight children, five of whom are married.

Helen Maureen born 1935, married Fred Warburton. They farm at Carroll, and have four children, two of whom are married.

Bryan Alexander, born 1937, now married to Diane Medd. Bryan has two boys from a previous marriage, and he and Diane have one girl. They live at Ladner B.C.

Wayne Robert born 1942, married Ann Smith of Rivers. They have three children — Carole, Catherine and Christopher. They live at Brandon Hills.

Alex and Wayne have Simmental cattle.

Alex and Ida have eighteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

### **LAUGHLIN AND BELLA ARTHUR**

Laughlin Arthur was born at Perth, Ont., July 29, 1865. His Mother and Father died when he was a baby. He was brought up by a John Arthur, of Perth. When he grew up, he came West one fall to look for work. In 1897 he bought the NE¼ of 21-9-19. He also farmed the SW¼ of 27-9-19. His wife was the former Isabella Arbuckle of North Gower, Ont. They had no family of their own, but a nephew of Bella's, Hubert Arbuckle, whose parents had died, came to live with them in 1916 at the age of seven.

Laughlin and Bella farmed these quarter sections until Laughlin's death in 1928. Bella and Hubert continued until Hubert married Mary Moffat in 1934.

Bella then moved to Brandon until her death in 1953.

### **ARBUCKLE**

Hubert Arbuckle was the youngest of a family of five. His parents both died in 1913. The family was brought up by Aunts and Uncles in Ontario. He was born in 1909, and in 1916 he came to Little Souris to

live with his Aunt and Uncle, Laughlin and Bella Arthur. In 1934 he married Mary Moffat, and took over the farm. In 1941 they moved to the Justice district. They have a daughter Elsie and a son Ken.

Elsie, born in 1935, married Lloyd Franklin in 1954. They have one son and three daughters, and are living in the Forrest district.

Ken, born in 1942, married Merle McKinnon in 1965. They have three sons and live in Sherwood Park, Alberta.

### JEFFERSON DAVIS AND ELIZA BAKER

Jeff (J.D.) son of James Sr. and Julia Anne (Davis) was born in 1867 in Perth County, Ont. He came West with his parents to Brandon Hills (Cornwallis Municipality) in 1880. Jeff married Eliza (Lida) Foxall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Foxall in 1892, and they started farming on the E½ of 31-9-18. Later they purchased S½ of 6-10-18.

Jeff and Lida had six children — Clarence, Norman, Cecil, Blanche, Edna and Sadie who was adopted.

Jeff was interested in new and better ideas of farming. He was one of the early members of the Manitoba Co-op, holding membership #195. He was also a member of the Manitoba Pool Elevators Association. He started a dairy herd in the early years which was carried on by his sons Norman and Cecil. (See Norman and Cecil Baker histories). Jeff was a school trustee and secretary-treasurer of Gorrie school for over thirty years.

Clarence was born in 1896. In April 1916 he enlisted in Brandon with #203 Battalion (Little Black Devils) and served with the eighth Battalion overseas. He was gassed at Passchendale Belgium and was discharged in 1919. Clarence married Bertha Kristine Olafson in Brandon in October 1923. They have two sons — Edwin and Raymond. Clarence was Imperial Oil agent in Brandon from



*Clarence Baker in 1914 World War.*

1925 until his death in 1948. Bertha still lives in Brandon.

Edwin served in the Air Force in the second World War. He now works with Richardson Securities in Brandon.

Raymond is a Chartered Accountant.



*Jefferson Davis Bakers; left to right — Cecil, Norman, J.D. Baker, Mrs. Lida Baker, Edna and Blanche.*

Norman born in 1898 married Ellen Baldwin in 1932, (see Norman Baker history).

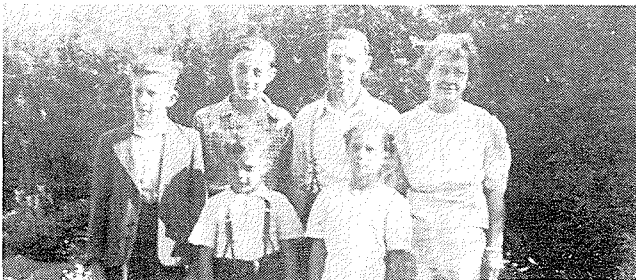
Cecil born in 1900, married Julia Cousins in 1933 (see Cecil Baker history).

Blanche was born in 1906. She graduated from Winnipeg General Hospital in 1930. In 1934 she married William James Nicol. She nursed in the Winnipeg General and Rehabilitation Hospital in Winnipeg and the Brandon Hospital until her retirement. They have three children. Blanche died in 1981.

Edna Ellen was born in 1911. She married Nelson Gerry Abbey in 1935. They had one son and one daughter. Edna held the rank of Divisional Officer and serving Sister in the St. Johns Ambulance Brigade. She also received a Medal and Bar from the Governor General. Edna died in 1982.

Sadie attended the Manitoba Agricultural College in Winnipeg. She married Rev. H.T. Reynolds.

Jefferson Baker died in 1931 and Eliza in 1932. They are both buried in the Brandon Cemetery.



*Norman L. Baker History; Back, left to right — Dennis, David, Norman, Ellen; Front, left to right — Ivan and Francis, 1947.*

### **NORMAN AND ELLEN BAKER**

Norman L., son of Jefferson Davis and Eliza (Foxall) Baker, was born on the home farm E½ sec. 31-9-18, in 1898. He married Ellen Baldwin in 1932. They have three sons and one daughter — David, Dennis, Ivan and Frances.

Norman and brother Cecil carried on the dairy farm after their father's passing. They had a contract to supply milk to the Brandon General Hospital, as well as a milk route in Brandon. Later they sold milk to the Pure Milk Company and later to Modern Dairies.

Ellen was a Trustee and Secretary-Treasurer of Gorrie School #365 from 1940 to 1967. She has been a member of the Busy Bees since 1934, and was President from 1952 to 1954, and also held various offices in the club. She is a member of the U.C.W.

David received his Diploma in Agriculture in Winnipeg. He works for the Manitoba Hydro doing electrical apparatus maintenance on Sub-Stations in Southwestern Manitoba. He married Margaret Ann Quinn in 1978 in Victoria, B.C. They have two sons.

Dennis farms the home farm E½ sec. 31-9-18, and lives with his mother. He was in the dairy business for several years carrying on from his father and grandfather. He also enjoys square dancing with the Central Twirlers in Brandon. He works with Brandon Allied Arts Centre, and likes all sorts of Art, especially painting.

Ivan lives on the SE¼ of sec. 31-9-18, where he raises horses. He married Linda Knudsen. They have two children — Jennifer and Brian.

Frances married M.J. Jackson. They have two children — Michael John and Stephen Leslie. They live in Winnipeg.

Norman lived all his life on the farm, and passed away in 1963. He is buried at Rosewood Memorial Gardens Brandon. Ellen still lives on the farm.

### **CECIL BAKER**

Cecil Lyle Baker was born in 1900 to Jefferson and Eliza (Lida) Baker on the home farm 31-9-18 where he lived all his life. He died suddenly in 1949 while cutting corn silage.

In 1933 he married Juliana Margaret Cousins (Julia), of Brandon, who was born in 1904 the daughter of George and Josephine Cousins.

Cecil and his brother Norman carried on the dairy business established by their father. Cecil was a member of the Brandon Pool Elevator Association. He was also a trustee and secretary-treasurer of Gorrie School.

Cecil and Julia have three sons — Lyle, Garth and Dale.

Lyle was born in 1935. He farms south of the Brandon Hills on NW 25-8-19. For 21 years he worked for the Manitoba Government during the winter as a welding instructor, and is now Welding Instructor at the Assiniboine Community College. He was a graduate of the Diploma Course in Agriculture. He was a leader of the 4-H.

In 1978 he married Nancy Stanley. They have a son Jonathan Gordon Mark born 1981. For the history of Nancy Stanley refer to the Percy Stanley history.

Garth was born in 1938. He lives with his mother and works the farm with Lyle. He was very busy in the Rock and Gem. He is now working in leather — making and decorating leather goods. He enjoys foreign travel, Spain, West Indies and other foreign countries.

Dale was born in 1940. He obtained his Masters in Agriculture Engineering from Lincoln Nebraska U. He was working as Safety Engineer for the farm and gave lectures on the safety of stoves in the home and with collaboration wrote a book on Wood burning and also made a film on the same subject. He is at present working at the International Harvester out of Chicago.

Dale married Donna Ellenson of Baltimore. She has her Masters degree and is teaching handicapped children. They have two children — Craig and Karen. They are now living in Naperville, Ill.

Julia is a member of the Brandon Hills Busy Bees and U.C.W. Her hobbies are weaving and flower arranging as well as growing flowers which for many years have brightened the Brandon Hills Church.



*Fred Baker's family all in the Armed forces, World War II; Thelma (Navy), George (Air Force), Gertie (Army).*

### FRED BAKER

Fred Baker, the eldest son of William Henry and Eliza Baker, was born in 1886, and received his education at Brandon Hills School. In 1909 Fred married Olga Cousins of Wheatland, and they made their home on the S $\frac{1}{2}$  28-9-18. In 1915 they moved to the North Brandon area with their two children — Ellis and Gertrude. Three years later they returned to Brandon Hills, S $\frac{1}{2}$  32-9-18, commonly known as "Hard Scrabble". Thelma and George were born there.

Fred was a member of the Manitoba Pool Elevators Association and a Trustee on the Gorrie School Board. He served as an Elder at Brandon Hills Church where he and his wife were members and faithful attenders.

Olga was organist at Brandon Hills church for many years, taught Sunday School and sang in the choir. She also served as President of the Busy Bees. Both she and Fred were interested in all phases of community life in the district.

In 1943 they moved to a farm in Little Souris, NE 21-9-19, where they also took an active part in church and community activities. Olga passed away in 1955, and was laid to rest in Brandon Hills Cemetery. Fred then moved to Brandon.

In 1967 Fred married Mrs. Mortson, the former Ann Kennedy, a Brandon Hills resident. Ann passed away in 1980 and Fred in 1982.

Ellis married Mildred Matheson of Brandon. They farmed in the North Brandon area for a short time, then moved to Brandon where Ellis was

employed with Baker and Courtice in the oil business. Ellis passed away suddenly on December 28, 1959 while curling. Mildred was killed in an automobile accident a short time later. They had no children.

Gertrude married Louis Ryder. They have an adopted son and live in White Rock, B.C. Gertrude served with the Army during World War II.

Thelma married John Hodges. They have three daughters and an adopted son and live in Edmonton. Thelma served in the navy during World War II.

George married Gladys Nicholls of Hamiota. They had six children — Georgina, Lloyd, Brenda, Mona, Kent, and Ward. Georgina died when she was 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  years old. George and Gladys lived on their father's farm at Little Souris, where Lloyd started school. George served in the Air Force in World War II. They now live in Winnipeg.

### BERTWIN "SYDNEY" BAKER AND FAMILY

James Baker (Great Grandfather) was born in Mitchell, Ontario, Perth County, in 1831. He married Julia Anne Davis and they homesteaded NE $\frac{1}{4}$  section 20-9-18. They lived in a log cabin and had eleven children. James died on December 19, 1901 and Julia died on October 19, 1904.

William Henry (Bill) Baker (Grandfather) was born in Fullarton, Ontario, July 11, 1859 and died July 27, 1941. Will was the eldest son of James and Julia Baker. He filed for homestead rights on NW $\frac{1}{4}$  28-9-18 and pre-empted NE $\frac{1}{4}$  28-9-18. On November 14, 1883, Will married Eliza Murray from Brantford, Ontario. Eliza was born April 8, 1865 and died December 6, 1950. Bill and Eliza had twelve children. (For more detailed information see the Centenary of the Community — "The Brandon Hills Story" — page 131 — 1879 to 1979).

Bertwin Colburn Baker (Father) was the second son of Will and Eliza Baker, he was born on June 30, 1890 and died January 25, 1956. He married Mildred Charles on November 15, 1916. Mildred was born in Dudley, Wrotham, England, and immigrated to Canada at the age of ten with her parents, Dan and Gertie Charles. She had three brothers and one sister, Gwen. They first rented a farm in the Kemnay, Manitoba area and later moved to the Combs' farm on Richmond Avenue, Brandon, where they operated a dairy. Gertrude Goodyear came from a "well-to-do" family who considered her marriage to Dan Charles as being beneath her status. The Charles' in England owned a chain of dairy and butcher shops. Dan and Gertie immigrated to Canada in 1903 (approximately) and were known as Remittance People (paid a stipend to remain in Canada). Dan and Gertie had three sons — Fred, Syd, and Arnold, and two daughters — Mildred and Gwendolyn. Gwen married Bert's brother, Martin Luther (Mac) Baker.





#### **First Baker Family**

#### **James & Julia Ann Baker**

*born 1831 — died 1901*

*born 1832 — died 1904*

*Julia Abbey, Jim, John, Minnie (Mary Anne) Gerry, Emma Corbot, Dave, Lena (Detwiller), Grandmother, Grandfather (Wm. Baker), Nelson, Tom, Frank.*

Bert and Mildred had two sons — Bertwin Sydney and Franklin Arnold, and two daughters — Helen Jean (nicknamed “Dolly”) and Gwendolyn. For the first few years after they were married, Bert and Mildred farmed in the Riverside Rural Municipality of Manitoba. They returned to the Brandon Hills area where they again farmed until the early thirties, when they moved to the City of Brandon. Bert was employed by Western Canada Flour Mills for several years and also worked for Maple Leaf Dairy (Baker Bros.). In the forties he was employed by Canade Bros. of Brandon, where he worked until retirement.

Bertwin Sydney (Syd) Baker is the eldest son of Bert and Mildred Baker. He was born in the Rural Municipality of Riverside, Manitoba, Section 32-6-17 west 1st, on his father’s farm, on November 24, 1917. Syd married Kathleen Elizabeth Craig of Wellwood-Carberry area. Kay was the eldest daughter of Delmer and Gertie Craig (see the Graig story for more information). Syd and Kay had three sons — Sydney Craig, James George and Leslie Marvin. Kay died while her youngest son was still a baby. Two years after Kay’s untimely death, Syd married Bernece Irene Ernest, on April 26, 1947.

Bernece was born January 14, 1923 at Brookdale, Manitoba. She received all of her education (to grade eleven) in Douglas, Manitoba. Her first job was with Continental Auto Supply and she was later employed by the American Optical Company, Brandon, as a receptionist. Her father, Joseph Ernest, came from Owen Sound, Ontario. Her mother, Olive McQuarrie, was from Brookdale, Manitoba. Joe and Olive owned and operated a gas station and confectionery store in Douglas, Manitoba. After Joe’s departure, Olive married Walter Faggetter (see Douglas Centennial Book of 1982).

Syd and Bernece raised five girls — Synece Carolyne, Nyoni Cheryl, Judy Dawn, Tara Susan, and Cyndrena Lou, and one son — Bradley Bertwin. Syd attended Central School, Earl Haig and Brandon Collegiate. His early “chums” were Jim MacGregor (grandson of J.D. MacGregor, Lt. Governor of Manitoba) and George Gooden (third generation of Gooden’s Men’s Wear of Brandon), who was a very close friend during Syd’s early teens. Syd’s interest in show animals began by visits to Glencarnock and Glen-Mar Farms with J.D. MacGregor and his grandson, Jim. J.D. MacGregor

became a very prominent Aberdeen-Angus breeder. Many of Syd's early Saturdays were spent snaring gophers behind the old streetcar barns between First Street and Sunshine Highway, which is now a residential area. One of Syd's first ventures was beekeeping, with winter months working on Norman and Cecil Bakers' dairy farm. In the last half of the dirty thirties, Syd was employed by International Harvester Company of Canada and worked from their warehouse on the corner of 18th Street and Pacific Avenue. He started in the parts department and moved up to sales representative, then zone manager, and finally store manager in the first International Harvester store in the west at Carman, Manitoba. He was transferred to Vancouver and in 1964 chose to resign from I.H.C. in order to return to Vernon, where his family preferred to live. Syd and Bernece purchased a new home in Vernon and an old homestead ranch (DL 982) four miles north-east of Armstrong in 1960. They decided the Okanagan Valley would become their permanent residence, as it was the nicest area they had lived in or might be moved to. As a hobby they raised and showed Appaloosa horses. The income for the next ten years came from leisure sales — cars, trucks, ski-doo's, boats, etc. In 1974 Syd joined the Canada Farm Labour Pool and managed the Vernon area until retirement. Syd has reached retirement age (this year) but plans to keep on working and stay active for a long time to come.

### FRANK BAKER

Frank Baker was the second of four children born to Bertwin and Mildred Baker. Bert was a son of William Henry (Bill) Baker and grandson of James Baker who came from Mitchell, Ontario in 1880 to Brandon Hills. Frank's parents and both sisters are buried in Brandon Hills Cemetery. His brother Syd lives in Vernon, B.C.

Frank was born in Brandon and attended Brandon schools. He married Norma Bartlett and they had five children — Don, Cliff, Barry, Verlie and Brian.

Donald Franklin and Roxy (nee Le Blanc) reside in Victoria, B.C. They have two daughters — Sherry and Lorrie. Don works for Chew's Construction and Roxy works at a bank.

Clifford Edward Bert and Elaine (nee Blowatt) reside in Brandon. They have four boys — Brent, who works at Dunwoody & Company and is studying at Brandon University to be a Chartered Accountant; Alan, who is attending Brandon University; Richard, who is attending Crocus Plains School; and Scot, who is at Betty Gibson School. Cliff works at Simplot and Elaine works part-time at Hillcrest Nursing Home.

Barry Wayne and Helen Jean (nee Hayward) bought the Gorrie School property in the fall of

1978. Barry and his family renovated a house which the previous owners, the Addisons, had moved onto the property. They moved into the house in November 1979. The school building has been torn down and the basement is now being used as a barn. Some of the bricks from the 1908 school were used to build a fireplace in the house. Barry and Helen have four boys — D'Arcy Wayne, born 1963, now living in Brandon; Cory Todd, born 1965, attending Crocus Plains School; Shawn Troy, born 1968, attending Earl Oxford School; and Chet David, born 1972, attending Meadows School. Barry works for C.P. Rail.

Verlie Mae married William Blaine and they reside on 80 acres on SE¼ 34-9-18. They have two girls and two boys — Donna Mae, born 1964, works at Inventronics; William Wilfred, born 1967, goes to Earl Oxford School; Sherry Lynn, born 1970, goes to Earl Oxford School; and Donald Franklin, born 1973, goes to Meadows School. Bill works for C & C Construction.

Alvin Brian and Velma Sorrell reside in Brandon. Brian has a daughter — Beverley Mae, born 1965, who attends Vincent Massey School. Brian works for the City of Brandon.

Frank worked for Kelly's Service Station on 5th and Rosser. His wife died in December 1969 and he died in April 1973.

### PURCELL BAKER FAMILY

Purcell Franklin Baker, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baker was born on August 21, 1902, on the home farm NE 30-9-18. After attending Brandon Hills School, Purcell spent a number of years working on farms and building houses at Ninga and Dunrea. He married Nellie May Snyder in November, 1932. Nellie was born on December 9, 1906, in Gilbert Plains. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Franklin Snyder (nee Bertha May Priest) both came from Mitchell, Ontario. In August, 1926, Nell came to Brandon Hills to teach school. She taught there until June, 1928 and then taught at Gilbert Plains and Harrow (north-west of Brandon) until June, 1932.

Purcell and Nellie farmed at Brandon Hills E½ 19-9-18 for three years and on the SE 29-9-18 for 39 years. Purcell, with his brothers and other local musicians, played in homes and for social events for many years. For twelve years he was both a trustee of Brandon Hills School and also a director on the Pool Elevator Board. Purcell canvassed, with a representative from Hydro in 1947, to get the required number of people to sign up for hydro before they would bring it to the district. An active member of the Brandon Hills Church, serving on the Board of Stewards, he also canvassed families in the district for money when the United Church manse was built in Wawanesa.

Nellie served terms as president, secretary and treasurer of the Busy Bees Society and also president and secretary of the United Church Women. She was the leader of the Baby Band and taught Sunday School at Brandon Hills for several years. Purcell and Nell boarded the teachers of Brandon Hills School for fifteen years. On February 12, 1968, Purc and Nell moved into Brandon. Their five children — John, Shirley, Marlene, Dorothy and Melvin attended Brandon Hills School.

John Franklin was born in 1934. Jack was a member of the 4-H Seed Club and received a diploma certificate in agriculture from the University of Manitoba in 1951. In July, 1958, he married Ruth Mulholland of Killarney and they are presently farming in the Delton district on 30-8-18, south of the Brandon Hills. They have three children — Cheri, born February, 1962, Kimberly, born July, 1963 and Murray, born September, 1964.

Shirley Ellen May was born in July, 1935. Shirley graduated from the Brandon General Hospital School of Nursing in 1956 and nursed in Souris, Brandon, Nelson, B.C. and Victoria, B.C. She married Robert Lorimer of Carroll in July, 1958. They had a daughter, Cheryl Ann. Cheryl was born in July, 1959 and married Donald Tufts on November 7, 1981. They live on their farm at Fairfax, Man. Bob was killed in a tractor accident on May 8, 1959. Shirley married Glen Spratt of Elgin, Manitoba in April, 1965 and they have two children. Ross, born in May, 1966 and Colleen, born in February, 1968.

Marlene Louise was born January 1, 1937. She took a business course and was a stenographer at Quadrelli T.V., one of the first television shops in Brandon. Marlene also worked for Manitoba Telephone System in Brandon until she married Jim Johnson of Killarney in October, 1957. Jim and Marlene have a family of three. Robert was born in August, 1958, and married Wendy Barnett of Calgary on September 6, 1980. Donald was born in April, 1960 and Karen was born in July, 1961. As of January 1, 1981 the Johnson family are all living in Calgary, Alberta.

Dorothy Alice was born on November 21, 1939. Dorothy took a business course and began bookkeeping for J.A. Keddy, wholesale automotive supplies. In September, 1960 she married Charles Clark of Brandon and they have two children. Terry was born in June, 1961 and Sandra was born in October, 1962. Dorothy graduated as a L.P. Nurse from Assiniboine Community College in June, 1982.

Melvin Edward was born August 20, 1944. Mel was a member of the 4-H seed and tractor club for a number of years. He played the accordion for the school and community dances and concerts. In 1967 he married Linda Boorman of Souris and they are presently farming at 32-8-18 in the Delton

district, south of the Brandon Hills. They have three daughters — Kathleen, born February 1969, Cora Lee, born January 1971 and Paula, born, December 1972.

Purcell Baker died on November 7, 1981 and is buried in the Brandon Hills Cemetery.

### VICTOR BAKER FAMILY

James Victor Baker was born on the home farm (NE 30-9-18) on March 3, 1919, the youngest son of Frank and Mary Baker. Mary Helen Robins (Mollie), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Robins (nee Tena Imlach), was born in Brandon on April 4, 1916. As a boy, Mollie's father lived on the farm belonging to Lorne Robins, who was his brother. Vic and Mollie were married on November 5, 1938.

Vic played banjo and guitar at most community dances from the time he was a teen-ager, and also played in a band known as the "Black Diamonds", with his brother Dixon for several years. He was active in 4-H leadership and projects and also served as a trustee of the Brandon Hills School District. For five years he was a coach on the Brandon Auto Electric fastball team.

Mollie is very active in the community. She was president and secretary of the Busy Bees and president of the U.C.W. She was a 4-H leader for seven years and taught Sunday School at Brandon Hills for a number of years.

Vic and Mollie have six children — Bette, Bruce, Roy, Leona, Dixon and Vicki.

Elizabeth Irene (Bette) was born on December 29, 1943. She married Bill Farguson of South Brandon and they now own a hog farm near Balmoral, Manitoba. Bette works in the Department of Health office in Stonewall, Manitoba. Bill teaches electrical maintenance at K.C.C. in Thompson and also operates Rockwood Wiring Service. Bill and Bette have three children — Bryon, Lorraine and Brenda.

Bruce Gerald was born on April 9, 1945. He married Lynda Stimson of Brandon and they live in The Pas, Manitoba. Bruce is parts manager at Northgate Motors. Bruce and Lynda operate "The Key Hut", a key and accessory shop, and also run Baker Locksmithing Services. They have two sons — Robbie and Darren.

Gordon Roy was born on May 23, 1950 and married Dale Rae Everett of Brandon. During the winter months Roy is employed at Ayerst Organics Ltd. Dale works full time at Wilton Motors Ltd. They also farm in the Nesbitt area. Roy and Dale have two sons — Duane and Shawn.

Leona Mary was born on January 12, 1952 and married Glen Andrews. They live on the Cruise-Andrews century farm near Miami, Manitoba and raise purebred Charolais cattle. They have four children — Rhonda, Shawna, Heather and Harlen.

Dixon Ross was born on May 28, 1953. He married Sherry Loree of Justice and they live on the home farm (NE 30-9-18). Dixon was employed with Brandon Consumers Co-op for five years and held the position of hardware manager when the business closed. He is now employed at Homestead Plumbing and Heating. They have two children — Jeremy and Jill. A son, Richard Eric, died in infancy and is buried in the Brandon Hills Cemetery.

Vicki Colleen was born on April 18, 1957. She married Rene Fifi of Cypress River. They live on 5-10-18 and are busy building their own home. Vicki is a secretary at Brandon City Hall and Rene is paint-line foreman at Inventronics Ltd. in Brandon.



*Baker Family; from left to right — Don, Albert, Jean, Clendon and Norm with Bill and Helmi on their 50th wedding anniversary, Januray 1980.*

### **WILLIAM FREDERICK BAKER & FAMILY**

Bill and Helmi Baker moved to Brandon from Alameda, Saskatchewan on March 18, 1932. Bill was raised and educated in Brandon and Helmi grew up and got her education in Alameda. After their marriage, they lived in Alameda for two years and then as the depression set in, they moved to Brandon, bringing with them their young son Clendon, their livestock and all their earthly belongings.

They lived in Brandon from 1932 to 1938 at which time Bill was in the dray business. In September 1935 Bill drove to Clear Lake by team and wagon to work on developing the golf course and worked into December, arriving home just in time for Christmas.

In 1938 they took up farming on the Jim Cornell farm SE $\frac{1}{4}$  7-10-18 in the Gorrie School District. The house was unfinished inside so was impossible to heat in the winter. They went back to Brandon for the winter, then back to the farm in the spring of 1939. Clendon attended King George School in Brandon in the fall of 1938 and spring of 1939, then attended Gorrie while on the farm. In the fall of 1939 the Baker family moved to the Wallace

Hutchinson farm where they farmed for four years.

In 1943 Bill and Helmi bought their present farm, NE $\frac{1}{4}$  25-9-19 and the west half of W $\frac{1}{2}$  30-9-18. Their four sons, Clendon, Norman, Donald and Albert, and their daughter Jean, all got their education at Cornwallis School, with Jean going into Brandon to high school. All five have purchased farms in the Brandon Hills area.

In the fall of 1955 Clendon and Norman purchased, from Ambrose Elves, N $\frac{1}{2}$  5-10-18, in the Gorrie School District. In the spring of 1956 they moved in and bached until the farm was divided into two quarters in the spring of 1963 as the brothers were soon to take wives.

Clendon married Emma Weiss from Darlingford in May 1964 and they lived in the buildings on NE $\frac{1}{4}$  5-10-18. Later they bought from Woodley Prowse, W $\frac{1}{2}$  9-9-17, in the Glen Souris district and in the fall of 1969 they bought and moved a house from Brandon to SW $\frac{1}{4}$  9-9-17 and have lived there since. Clendon and Emma have two children — a daughter Donna and a son Billie.

Norm married Edith Stanley of Brandon Hills/Gorrie in December of 1963 and lived for a short time in Brandon until they bought and moved a house onto NW $\frac{1}{4}$  5-10-18. Norm and Edith have four children — twin daughters Kathy and Karen, and two sons Kenny and Kevin. Edith is a founding member of the Brandon Hills Community Fireflies. (See Percy Stanley history).

Donald married Diane Plum of Brandon and they farm on SE $\frac{1}{4}$  25-9-19 which Don bought from Doug Shepherd. Don and Diane have two daughters — Carma and Shelley. Diane is also a member of the Brandon Hills Fireflies.

Albert farms at home with his father and also operates his own farm NW $\frac{1}{4}$  4-9-17 in the Glen Souris area.

Jean married E.J. "Bud" White from Margaret, Manitoba and they farm in the Gorrie district on NE $\frac{1}{4}$  5-10-18 which they purchased from Clendon and Emma. Bud and Jean have four children — Patricia, Donald and twin sons, Robert and Brian.

Bill and Helmi celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on January 4, 1980. They take great pride in that their children have all remained close by enabling them to share in the day-to-day growth and development of their twelve grandchildren.

### **BANNERMAN FAMILY**

Mrs. Annie Bannerman and family of three children — Lavina, Ronald and Glenn moved to the Brandon area from Bob Bay, Ontario, living with an uncle Joe Wregget of Brandon for one winter.

The following summer they moved to the Chater area and worked for Wes Smyth. The next few years she worked for Mr. Morgans before

buying a farm at Douglas where they lived until 1951.

Anne moved to Ninette managing a restaurant for five years, later to Brandon where she worked at the Assiniboine Hospital.

Her three children attended Chater school. Glenn well remembers the first day of school with Mrs. Ruth Grant as teacher.

Glenn is married and has two boys. They live in Yorkton.

Ronald is married and has six children. They live in London, Ontario.

Lavina married William Richardson of Douglas. They have two boys and two girls and live in Brandon.

### **WILLIAM BARBER FAMILY**

William Barber of Siglo Ireland, born 1820 came to Ontario where he married Eliza Jane Maher of Lucknow, Ontario.

In 1882 William Barber moved to the Brandon Hills district where he purchased section 23-9-18.

William and Eliza had nine children — Mary Jane, Samuel Wesley, Sara Ann, William John, Flora Matilda, Charles, Charlotte Elizabeth, Francis Alice, and Ethel Malinda.

William died in 1885 and Eliza Jane in 1890. They are buried in the Brandon Hills cemetery.

### **GERRY AND VI BARKER**

After travelling to Brandon from Winnipeg for 20 years as a sales representative, we finally had the opportunity to transfer to Brandon in 1973. We resided at 10 Magnacca Crescent.

A place in the country was our dream, and in 1976 we obtained this property (17-10-19). This gave us an opportunity to expand our registered kennel of English Springer Spaniels — hunting and show dogs, and we moved in December.

Gerry is territory manager for Michelin Tires and Vi is the showroom supervisor for Robinson Lighting. We have six children — Terry is married and lives in Brandon, Val is a hairdresser and lives in Lethbridge, Alta., Chris is a student attending Lethbridge College, Phil attends Brandon University, Rob is a student at Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School in Brandon, and Leanne attends Riverheights School.

Family interests includes showing English Springer Spaniels and attending field trials, hunting, fishing, football, soccer and volleyball.

### **ABE AND MARLENE BARTEL**

Abe and Marlene Bartel worked for W.Y. Roddick and Keith Blight in the Brandon Hills District. In 1965 they moved to the Little Souris District and worked for George MacArthur.

They had three sons.

Bradley and his wife Eunice (Newton) and daughters, Cyndi and Jaime reside in Brandon. Brad works for Simplot.

Brent is working as a farm helper near Gladstone. Brent and Brad attended Little Souris school.

Barry is employed as a mechanic at Activity World. He lives in Brandon. Abe has been employed at Zenith Paving for the past several years. He still enjoys farming and has started a Hereford herd at NE 3-9-19.

### **GARY & LYNN BARTLETT NW 28-10-19**

Gary and Lynne Bartlett have lived in the Cornwallis Municipality off and on since their marriage in 1968.

When he was twelve, Gary moved to Brandon from Port Arthur, Ontario. Lynne, born in Brandon, moved with her parents to the Grand Valley Road in 1966. They have one child — Taja, born in Brandon in 1977.

Along with dealing in antique, classical, and newer special-interest cars, under the name of Executive Car Sales, Gary and Lynne farmed in the Brandon Hills and Ninette areas until 1978.

After living in Phoenix, Arizona, and Calgary, Alberta, they have now returned to the R.M. of Cornwallis and reside in the Grand Valley area.

### **WILLIAM BATES SR. AND FAMILY 31-10-19**

William Bates and family moved from 16-11-19, a farm in Elton Municipality to N½ 31-10-19 in Cornwallis in the spring of 1936. This farm was situated on #1 Highway which was originally known as the "Correction Line". It was one of the worst roads — mud in summer and snowbound in winter. It is a 10 minute drive to town today, but in those days a long trek by horses in winter — parts of it were abandoned and travel was through farmer's fields. We had a horse called "Pete" who was known far and wide for his special ability to pull vehicles out of snowbanks and ditches. In stormy periods, he never had the harness off his back. Knocks came to our door at all hours. "Pete" was the tow-truck and we never charged for his services.

For several years this land was farmed with horses and often No. 1 wheat was grown. This was a mixed farm and we had cows, pigs, chickens, turkeys, and ducks. The barn was equipped with slings so the loft was easily filled with hay to be fed in the winter.

William and Ellen Bates had four children. When they moved to Cornwallis, Eileen, the eldest, was teaching at Goodlands, and Bill, the eldest boy,



was an attendant at Brandon Mental Hospital, and John and Gordon were at home. Gordon and John have memories of summers spent in herding cows, snaring gophers, going to ball tournaments, field days, picking saskatoons and swimming in the Assiniboine at the deep hole. Memories of winter bring to mind the toboggan they built to go to school with. It had metal hoops over it and a blanket over the hoops. Gordon, being the youngest, crawled in first and sat at the back on a bag of hay which was lunch for Sam, the pony. From the time they left until they arrived at Poplar Hill School, Gordon had no idea where they were. This mode of travel doesn't measure up to the comfort of today's school bus but was better than being exposed to the elements on the horse's back.

Their intrigue for aeroplanes and flying took both from the farm in Cornwallis to the Royal Canadian Air Force. John joined in 1939 and served in many parts of Canada, U.S. and the Aleutian Islands. He remained in the forces until retiring in Kamloops in the late '60's. Here he ran a Mr. Fix-It business until his death in 1975. John married Marie Krawchuck in 1946 and they had three children. Noreen, with her son Gary, lives in London, Ontario. Douglas and Barry are both in the R.C.M.P and posted in St. Albert, Alberta. Douglas married Debbie Gooch and they have two children — David, six years and Lori, four years. Barry married Eloise Karlson.

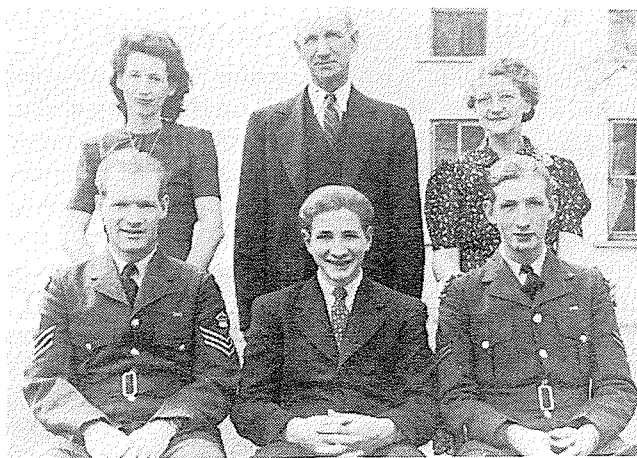
Gordon was in the Air Force for 26 years and was stationed in France, Germany and every province of Canada except Manitoba. In 1950 he married Jean Charles and they had two daughters. Gordon and Jean live in Ottawa. Deborah (Mrs. Ken Newman) lives in Edmonton and Francine (Mrs. Nigel Sharpley) lives in Toronto. Deborah obtained a Master's degree in Criminology from Ottawa, University, in 1979 and Francine, her Bacclaireate from Hamilton McMaster, in 1979.

William Bates passed away in 1950. Ellen Bates sold the farm to her son Bill and she went to live with her daughter and son-in-law Tom and Eileen Marsden, and remained with them until her death in 1971.

## WILLIAM JAMES BATES AND FAMILY 31-10-19

William Bates, his wife, Lisa, and three daughters — Denise, Maureen and Marsha arrived from Vancouver in April 1950 to take over the family farm at 31-10-19, Cornwallis. They carried on the mixed farm and in difficult years, Bill worked part time on the CP Transport to supplement the farm income. He also was weed inspector for the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis.

Good gravel was discovered on the SW corner of the farm and it was used to black top #1 Highway.



*William Bates Family, 1942; left to right — Eileen, Wm. Bates Sr. — Ellen Bates; bottom — Wm. Bates Jr. — Gordon — John L.*

The girls have fond memories of growing up on the farm — of the summers climbing trees, trudging through the knee high grass with faithful Lassie to fetch the cows home, riding high on the stoneboat with "Poppa" and the team, listening to Mother's stories as they sat huddled around the furnace on stormy days, and the welcome sound of the snowplow that couldn't be seen because the snow banks were too high. Memories of all their pets — Elvira, the pig, they rode as a pony, and the duck that thought he was a dog and slept under the front step, waddling out when the occasion demanded it, to welcome callers. Those were the days when the farm was your domain and you were free and safe — not so now with hitch-hikers and highway traffic.

Denise, Maureen and Marsha attended Poplar Hill School, enjoying all the Field Days, picnics and community events that are associated with a rural school. Denise attended St. Michael's Academy and Vincent Massey High School in Brandon, and took a business course and worked for the C.P.R. She married John Town of Brandon and they now live in Sherwood Park, Alberta, with their two children, Sean and Angela.

Maureen attended Neelin High and Harrison High Schools. She worked in a drug store and for the telephone company in Dauphin and in Winnipeg. She met and married Dr. Morris Mymko of Dauphin. They and their two children, Mark and Marnie, live in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Marsha attended Neelin High School and took a business course. She worked for the Provincial Government and the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg. She presently works at the Brandon Mental Health Centre. She married Murray McLeod of Portage la Prairie and they live in Brandon.

Bill passed away in November, 1973. Lisa remained on the farm for a few years but now resides in Brandon. The old house on the farm stands abandoned and the land is rented out.

## **GEORGE AND LENA BEACH**

George was born in London, Ont., and came West at the age of 14, to work on threshing gangs, stopping in the Rivers area, where he met and later married Lena May Brown, a seamstress. She was the daughter of pioneers, Anderson and Thressa Brown, of Daly Municipality. George and Lena farmed in the area for several years, then moved to Roseland District in 1937. In 1944 they moved to NE 3-9-19 in the Little Souris District, where they operated a dairy and grain farm.

George died in a tragic automobile accident in 1962 near Rolla, N.D. Lena passed away in Brandon in 1970.

They have four children — Thelma (Mrs. Dave Allan) of Clearwater, Florida; Verna (Mrs. Herbert Cox) of Oshawa, Ont.; Jack who married Marilyn Kinsey of Brandon. They and their five children — Laurie, Wesley, Heather, Stephen, and Beverley, reside in the Elton Municipality; Eileen who married Cecil Hurd of the Little Souris district (see Hurd history).

## **WILLIAM BEAM FAMILY**

I came from a large family, from south of Portage la Prairie, Manitoba. My name is Elaine Sharon Beam (Balch). At thirteen years of age I went to work for some people in Oakville, where I met William Thomas Beam, in 1970. Bill grew up on a farm near Foiter, Man.

We were married on June 10, 1972 at the St. Mary's la Prairie Church in Portage, and lived in Portage. Bill was a construction worker and I was a nurses' aid at the Lion's Prairie manor. Bill then attended ACC in Brandon for a mechanics course.

We moved to Brandon in 1973 and in October of that year our daughter Sharon Alice was born.

Bill became a journeyman mechanic and started work at K-Mart Auto Centre in Brandon.

We moved to Chater in 1974. There we rented a house from Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Reed. Our second child was born on August 1, 1975, Kimberley Lorraine.

We lived in Chater until April 1978 when we bought a home in Brandon and on May 24, 1978 Victoria Elaine was born.

Bill continues at K-Mart.

## **LEONARD BATTERSBY AND FAMILY**

In the year 1968, I purchased the property known to most people of this area as the old Pineo Place in the village of Chater from Ken Stouffer.

I moved here from Brandon on October 12, 1968 with my wife, Bernice (Bunny) and daughter, Pamella. In July, 1971 our son, Brent was born.

We lived in and remodelled what then was called the old Store and Post Office on Main Street.

In July 1976, we sold our old home to Dave Rowan and built a new home on Poplar Street where we live at the present time.

I am a son of Herman and Morsetta Battersby, farmers at Oak Lake. I am presently an employee of the Department of Highways for the Manitoba Government and previously was manager of the Swan River — The Pas Transfer.

My wife, Bunny is the daughter of Melvin (deceased) and Eva McLaughlin of Crawford Park, near Riding Mountain and later of Onanole. She worked at Lindenberg Seeds in Brandon and now does hairdressing at home.

Pamella resides at Hillcrest Place in Brandon and attends school at George Fitton in the TMR class while Brent attends school at Forrest.

Submitted by Len Battersby

## **ALBERT BEASSE FAMILY**

Albert was born in Saskatoon, Sask., and was raised in Meadow Lake in Northern Saskatchewan. He was the son of Fernand (deceased) and Marie Louise Corbelle Beasse. He came to Brandon in April 1965 as an electrician — previous to this he was a fireman for the C.P.R.

I was born in St. Jerome, Quebec, Therese Richer, daughter of Ernest (deceased) and Annette Piche, farmers. I lived at St. Jerome, 35 miles north of Montreal until I married on December 14, 1963.

After our marriage Albert and I lived in Brandon at 1161-1st St., a rented house. We then built a house south of Brandon on Arlene Ave. in 1967 and sold it in 1976. We then purchased our lot in Chater and built our house the same year. We have part of the former ball diamond.

We have three children all born in Brandon. Sandra was born on February 20, 1965; Richard was born November 25, 1971; Laura was born August 23, 1976.

Sandra and Richard now go to school in Forrest, Manitoba and Laura is going to pre-kindergarten in Brandon.

Submitted by Therese Beasse

## **DONALD AND THERESA BEDDOME**

The Beddome family moved to Brandon in 1967 from Portage la Prairie, Manitoba. In 1969 they purchased seven acres of land on 28-10-19 on Grand Valley Road. After moving to their new home they started a small market garden among their assorted fruit trees, strawberry plants and raspberry canes.

Their five children went to Fleming, Earl Oxford, Neelin and Harrison Schools in Brandon and Don worked at Simplot Chemical Co.

Don and Theresa's eldest daughter Carla married John Morgan of Brandon. Terry, the eldest

son, married Lois Hall of Kemnay and they now reside in Alberta. Sharon and Brenda, who moved to Alberta in 1974 with their parents, still reside there with their husbands. Bruce has resided in Alberta since 1980.

Don and Theresa now lead a quiet life on a small acreage in Barons, Alberta.

### **RICHARD BEEVER FAMILY**

Richard Beever came to Canada from England in 1905, and worked on farms and on construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. In 1919 he returned to England, married Maude French and returned to Canada in 1924 with the intention of farming. He farmed in several districts before settling on E 18-9-19 in 1945. They had a son, Kenneth and a daughter, Pauline.

In 1954 Richard retired from farming and with his wife and daughter moved into Brandon. Maude passed away in 1958. Pauline married Gordon Mallis and they have a daughter Beverly and a son, George. Beverly married Larry Bryan and resides in Brandon. George lives with his mother. Gordon Mallis passed away in 1980. Richard lives in Fairview Home in Brandon and is 96 years old.

Kenneth took over the farm when his dad retired. In 1954, he married Joyce Dawson. They have two daughters — Kathy, who lives in Calgary and works for Alberta Government Telephone, and Karen, who is attending Crocus Plains Regional School. Kenneth served as a trustee on the local school board before the schools amalgamated to form Brandon School Division #40. He is presently serving the 12th year as a school trustee on the Brandon School Board, representing Ward 3.

### **FRANK AND LINA BEKKERING**

First an introduction: our names are Lina and Frank Bekkering. We have four sons, and immigrated to Canada from Holland in 1952. I was a psychiatric nurse and when I was posted as a psych nurse to Brandon Mental Hospital, we did not even know that Brandon existed. Of course I had to look for a house to live in and it was not easy. While my wife and boys were still in the Immigration Hall in Winnipeg, I used to go to Brandon to find a house for rent. I never went north from the hospital but always south to the city. For a while it seemed quite hopeless. Then one day a patient in the hospital asked me about our circumstances. He told me then about a little house on Government Road, being empty and for rent. It was owned by Bus Robinson. We were lucky, Mr. Robinson rented the house to us in August 1952. The next year we were able to buy the house situated close to the highway, right across from the gas station and motel from Mr. Arnolds; still there. It was for us a new beginning.

We enlarged the little house and lived in it for nearly 30 years. When this happened we were citizens of Cornwallis. We still remember our property tax amounted to eight dollars. For all that money the Cornwallis half of Government Road was kept in an even better shape than the other half. We thankfully remember the Reeve and Clerk of Cornwallis. There were very little restrictions on remodelling, etc., of the house and property.

The North Hill was then a wonderful place to live, with a beautiful view of Brandon and the valley. It is of course, changing now. The four boys got married and moved away to B.C., Nova Scotia, Alberta and Winnipeg, but they still like to visit the old house in Cornwallis.

We two are old age pensioners but we feel comfortable and are still grateful that Cornwallis opened for us the way to start a new life in this wonderful Canada.

Congratulations Cornwallis with your 100 years. "Keep On Going".

Lina and Frank Bekkering

### **ARTHUR ALLAN BELL Cornwallis Municipality 14-9-19**

Many happy years were spent in the stucco cottage, on the bank of the Little Souris River, five miles south of Brandon on highway #10.

Alan, third son of David and Mary Bell of north Brandon, and Alberta M. Turnbull, elder daughter of Fred and Martha Turnbull, of Hartney, Manitoba, were married in St. Andrews Presbyterian church in Brandon, by Rev. J.W. Allen, 1941. They took up residence on N½ of 14-9-19 previously owned by Mr. C.A. Smythe of Brandon.

Alan, following in his father's footsteps, continued in mixed farming for many years, until failing health due to a heart attack, forced him to semi-retirement.

Douglas Ardiel rented the farm for a number of years after Allan's death in 1971, then purchased the farm from Mrs. Bell, when she retired to Brandon in 1981.

The Bell family consisted of one daughter — Linda Florence, graduate nurse of Grace General Hospital, Winnipeg, Manitoba, now Mrs. Grant Fulkerson, on staff of St. Boniface General Hospital, St. Boniface, Manitoba, urology department. Her husband Grant is on office staff of Griffin Steele Co. of Transcona, Manitoba. They reside in St. Vital, Manitoba.

Allan was a member of the Wild Life Association of Brandon — member of Little Souris school board and in general, he and his wife were interested, and active in all community activities.

### **HARRY BENNETT FAMILY**

Harry and Mabel Bennett moved from Franklin, Manitoba to the main section house in Chater, March 17, 1924, where Harry was section foreman until 1941.

They had three children — Carl Coldwell, Daisy Mary Cora, and Birdella Elizabeth. Carl died in March 1927, at the age of 18. Daisy died August 19, 1927, at the age of twelve.

In 1941 the three Bennetts moved to Morden where he was section foreman until his retirement.

Birdie married Wesley Smyth on September 26, 1942 and they lived on the Smyth farm until 1978 when Birdie moved to Brandon to live after her husband's death.

Mabel Bennett died on January 9, 1948 in Brandon. Harry retired in August 1949 and lived with his daughter Birdie Smyth until his death on January 16, 1950 at her home.

### **LORNE AND ILEEN BENOIT**

The Benois moved to the S½ of 7-9-19 in 1952 when they bought the McConechy farm. They lived there until 1955 when they sold the farm to Walter Demanski. When they left the area they moved to Alberta.

### **LAWRENCE AND ALBERT BERESFORD**

Lawrence (Laurie) and his brother Albert were born in Long Eaton Derby, England; Laurie in 1887 and Albert in 1895. They purchased SE¼ 36-9-19 from Charles Boyd around 1922. Albert came from England to regain his health after the first World War. He was active as a hockey coach in Brandon Hills. Lawrence served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Cornwallis School, and was active in the Red Cross during World War Two.

In 1949 they sold the farm, and operated Beresford Lumber in Brandon. Laurie passed away in 1958, and Albert in 1974.

In 1911, Laurie married Frances Caunt, who was born in 1889, in Nottingham, England. They had one daughter — Jean, born 1914. In 1936 she married Harold Medd, and lived on SW¼ 25-9-19, and farmed there for 25 years. They now live in Brandon. They have three sons — Bill, Jack and Harold and one daughter — Frances.

Mrs. Beresford lives in Brandon.

### **BEN BERGMAN**

In 1946 Bennett (Ben) came from Wachope, Saskatchewan, where he was born in 1930, to make his home with Margaret and W.Y. Roddick. Ben took grade nine at Brandon Hills School and the following year attended business college in Brandon.

Mrs. Roddick and Ben moved into Brandon after Mr. Roddick passed away in 1964. Ben continued farming the Roy Roddick farm, W½ 16-9-18. He helped build the largest chimney at the steam plant in the winter of 1966 and worked on the construction of 8th Street Bridge about 1968. In the fall of 1969 Ben began working for Federal Grain. In 1972 Federal Grain Company was purchased by the three prairie Pools and Ben continued to work for the Pool. He has worked at Pioneer Grain Company since the fall of 1976, and continues to farm in the summer.

On July 1, 1977, at Brandon Hills Church, Ben married Lila La Clef, formerly of Nesbitt. Ben and Lila reside in Brandon and are active in the Brandon Hills community, attending community events and Brandon Hills Church.

### **BESSETTE FAMILY**

The Bessette family moved to the Municipality of Cornwallis on June 1st, 1977. We purchased two acres of land from Mr. Phillip Kozak.

Prior to this move, Adrian was born and raised in Dumas, Sask., where he farmed all his life. We have three children, all presently employed in Brandon. Adrian is a part time employee for Brandon Turbo.

We both enjoy camping, and our favourite sport is five pin bowling.

### **ALFRED AND MARY BEVIS**

Alfred Lee Bevis, also known as Fred Bevis, was born in Northampton, England in 1886, coming to Ontario in his teens. During the First World War, he served in France with the 222nd Battalion from Killarney, Manitoba. In 1928 he and Mary Elizabeth Dixon of Killarney were married. They had one daughter — Eunice Eleanor. After the war, he farmed in southern Saskatchewan. Ten cropless years (the dirty thirties) forced them off the farm, and in 1938 they found ten acres of land in the R.M. of Cornwallis, SW 34-10-19. In Cornwallis, job prospects and educational opportunities were close by. For a time, part-time employment was found with Mr. Ivan Hamilton, a farmer. Then during the Second World War Fred was employed at #12 Airbase north of Brandon. After the war he was employed at the Dominion Experimental Farm until his retirement in 1953. His wife died in 1949.

The ten acres purchased in 1938 by Fred Bevis had become the home of a young family in 1952 with the marriage of John Henri Ball and Eleanor Bevis. Henry was born in Brandon in 1929, the son of an immigrant father from the Netherlands and mother from Belgium. 1953-1960 saw the arrival of Henry and Eleanor's three sons — James Alfred in 1953, Ronald Henry, 1955 and Bruce Edward in 1960. In

1966, Tammy Lee Eleanor, their daughter, was born. Henry, Eleanor and their children received their education in Brandon schools. In 1961 the family moved into a new house, now 2025 Braecrest, next door to the original Bevis home which was shared with Grandad Bevis until his death in 1965. Henry was a plumber by trade, receiving his apprenticeship with Neale Stothard and Chapman, and Relf's Plumbing and Heating, Brandon. Henry's Plumbing and Heating originated in 1955. The back acreage in Cornwallis became a feed-lot for a cow-calf herd, Simmentals being the favorite. A section and three-quarters in the R.M. of South Cypress, part of the old Criddle Ranch, was purchased to be used for pasture. Another acre adjoining the original ten in Cornwallis also was purchased and is now the residence of son Ron, his wife Laurie and their children — Scott Ronald, born 1979, and Angela Lauren, born 1980. 1971 saw Henry's latest venture in the purchase of Brandon Septic Service approximately the same time the City of Brandon extended its boundaries.

### JOHN BILINSKI FAMILY

John Bilinski was born and raised in Brandon. In 1963 he married Kathy Greaves of Lethbridge, Alta. In July, 1963 they bought fifteen acres of land on Sec. SW 1-10-19 from Gordon and Cavell Medd, in the R.M. of Cornwallis. They have four children — Andrew Frank Charles (Andy) born March 28, 1965; Jeanne Lynn born April 26, 1967; Jon Darren born Sept. 30, 1968 and Jody Kathleen born March 25, 1971. The children were all born in Brandon and all are attending Brandon schools. All four children are actively involved in sports in Brandon — the boys in hockey and baseball and the girls in softball. Jody participates in gymnastics at the Brandon Gymnastics Centre and Jeanne studies piano at St. Michael's Academy. Both the girls and their Mother were involved for a number of years with the Girl Guides of Canada.

John is an engineer with the C.P.R. He is Past President of Green Acres Community Centre, former Manager of the Polish Sokol Association and is presently Sport's Chairman of the same association.

Kathy works part time at Canadian Tire and both John and Kathy are members of the United Commercial Traveller's of America (U.C.T.).

### WILLIAM HENRY BIRDSSELL

Harry as he was known to his many friends, came west from Perth, Ontario just ahead of the Railway (Railway September 1881). He made the journey from Winnipeg to the Chater area, by oxcart. Having been apprenticed to the blacksmiths trade, he found ready acceptance of his skills

in the new country just being opened up. His first shop was a sod shack and his son, David, said his father had a blacksmiths shop where Dick and Doris Reed live in Chater. Many metal items have been dug up on this property, which would tend to pin point this as being the site. In 1897 Harry bought SW $\frac{3}{4}$  15-11-17 from C.P.R. in Elton Municipality.

William Henry Birdsell, (1860-1934) married Nancy Black (1860-1901). One daughter, and three sons were born of this union.

Flossie was a graduate nurse of the Portage la Prairie Hospital. She married George Hurlburt and they had two sons and two daughters.

William (1890) married Belle Lockhart of Rocanville, Sask. They raised a niece Donna Lockhart. William deceased.

Gordon (1895) and Myrtle had one son, William. Gordon and Myrtle deceased.

David, 1899, married Georgina (Teena) McKeand of north Douglas District in 1924, lived in Chater all their married life. Teena deceased 1964, David in 1966.

Nancy Birdsell deceased July 6, 1901 at the age of 41. In a few years Harry married Jennie Hewitt of Toronto, they had one son, Robert a butcher by trade, who now lives at Manitou, Man., and is retired.

In 1906, the family moved to Wapella, Sask., where they ran a livery business. Mrs. Jennie Hewitt Birdsell died while there.

In 1921, the Birdsells returned to the Chater area, living on the W $\frac{1}{2}$  33-10-18. They later moved back to the Chater village to the old Birdsell House, which they had left in 1906. Harry and son David, farmed the W $\frac{1}{2}$  27-10-18 and the W $\frac{1}{2}$  33-10-18.

Harry died at Chater in 1934. Buried in the family plot in Brandon Cemetery.

### DAVID ALEXANDER BIRDSSELL

David Alexander Birdsell, was born at Chater, September 1899, the youngest son of W.H. and Nancy Birdsell. In 1906 he moved with his family to



David Alexander Birdsell, Reeve of Cornwallis, 1946-1966.



Wapella, Sask., where he received most of his schooling. His father was engaged in the livery business, and as Dave grew older he assisted by doing some of the driving. He later worked in the Royal Bank.

Dave was very much in demand as a ball player by some of the district ball teams. The early 1920's saw the family back in Chater, to the house they left in 1906. Here they eventually went into the dairy business. At this time Dave and his father were farming the W $\frac{1}{2}$  33-10-18, and the W $\frac{1}{2}$  27-10-18.

In 1924 Dave married Georgina McKeand of Douglas. Some time later, Georgina, or Tena, as she was called, purchased the J.H. Smyth home with 40 acres of land, and here Dave and Tena lived the rest of their lives, their farming operations being increased by 40 acres.

Dave was appointed to complete the term of counsellor Morgan Morgans, of Cornwallis Municipality, who had died while holding office, (1944-46) term. At this time Reeve P.A. Wilton decided to retire from office, and as Dave's name was the only one put forward, he went in by acclamation. This position he was to hold for the next 20 years, until his death in June, 1966. He was predeceased by his wife Tena in 1964. They had no family of their own, but raised a young girl Elsie, from early childhood.

Elsie Birdsell, foster daughter of Dave and Tena Birdsell, was born in Wakaw, Sask., and came to Chater to live in November 1939 at the age of five years. She took her schooling at Chater School.

On August 17, 1955, she married Wilbert Laronde, from Foresters Falls, Ont. Wilbert was a Paratrooper, and saw service in Korea, he now works for the City of Brandon. Elsie's line of work is a nurses' aide, which she still continues doing.

Elsie and Wilbert's family are:

Richard David — born July 1st, 1957. Married Brenda Fraser of Brandon on July 28, 1979. They have one son Jason, born April 6, 1981.

Patricia Jean, born April 14, 1961.

Nancy Louise, born December 18, 1966.

Their eldest daughter, Patricia Ann, born July 5, 1956 lived only a few days.

### **JOHN AND DEBBIE BJORNSSON NW 28-10-19**

John and Debbie were born and raised in Bisset and Winnipeg, respectively. They moved from Winnipeg to the West-Man area in 1978. They purchased their home from Chuck Jackson and moved to Cornwallis Municipality in June, 1981.

The Bjornsson's have four children — Dana, born in January, 1978; Billie, born in February, 1979; and twins, Charlene and David, born in August, 1980.

John is employed as a service representative with a computer company.

### **BLACKWELL FAMILY**

I cannot recall the legal description of the land that my father, Charles Maitland Blackwell, took on his arrival there in April 1937. It was called locally "The old Charles place". My father, mother and two brothers, Maitland and Clayton and I were a part of that setting until 1946, after my father died and Mother sold it.

My parents were very happy there. They enjoyed the area, it's people, and the proximity to a larger centre than they had known. We were quiet living people and for that reason were not out among our neighbors to the south of us a great deal, although we met many of them during those nine years. We found great pleasure in First United Church and as young folk, Clayton and I attended Brandon Collegiate.

Maitland worked on the land with our father while we lived there. In after years, Maitland worked with Mr. Bertrand, tobacconist, until his death in 1971. Clayton joined the Royal Bank staff in 1941, just about the time that I was married to Curtis J. Clark in a ceremony held in the farm home. (After our marriage we left to live in Trenton, Ontario where Curtis was stationed with the R.C.A.F.).

From the Royal Bank, Clayton joined the R.C.A.F. and after graduating as pilot, was discharged as the war was winding down. He later joined the Royal Navy as a pilot, but the war with Japan ended at that time so he never served on active service. He returned to the Royal Bank where he was employed until his retirement two years ago. He and his wife live in Winnipeg.

After my husband was posted overseas as an Air Frame mechanic in 1942, I returned to Brandon and lived with our parents on the farm. Our oldest child was born during this time. At war's end, Curtis returned to Brandon where his family had settled during those war years, and he built a home for us at 1611-9th Street where we lived until 1954, when we moved to Rivers, Manitoba. Three other children were born during the years we lived on 9th Street.

Submitted by Iva R. Clark (Blackwell)

### **JOHN BLIGHT FAMILY**

John Blight and his wife came to the Chater area in 1879 or early '80s, and settled on S $\frac{1}{2}$  21-10-18 near the river. They had three children — Lance, Thomas and daughter Fanny.

Lance farmed the home place until it was sold to the city of Brandon for a lagoon site. He passed away several years ago after living alone in Brandon for a few years, his wife returned to England where she is still living.

Thomas became a dentist and practised in Winnipeg. He was married and had an adopted daughter.

Fanny died at quite an early age. It is said she ate some cream after consuming some chokecherries.

Mr. John Blight's brother settled across the river and a grandson Keith is still living there.

### **WILLIAM BLIGHT FAMILY**

William Blight was born in England, and came to Brandon Hills from Mitchell, Ontario, in 1879. He married the former Margaret Muir, who came west the following fall, taking one week to come up the river from Winnipeg. William and Margaret had four children — Ethel, Aletha, Lee and Alden. Ethel was just one month old when the family came west. She passed away as an infant and was one of the first to be buried in Brandon Hills Cemetery.

Aletha attended Brandon Hills School, later went to college, took music, and also taught music. She was organist and choir leader for several years at Brandon Hills. Aletha married Ernest Bates who operated a livery barn in Brandon. They later moved to Elkhorn, Manitoba, where they farmed. They had one son — Grenville, who now resides in Regina. Ernest is deceased and Aletha resides in the Virden Personal Care Home.

Lee, after completing rural school at Brandon Hills, went to war for four years. He trained as a physician, and practised at Yorkton, Sask. Lee married an English girl, Marian, whom he met during the war. They settled in Miami, Manitoba, where Lee continued his practice, and was so respected that a street was named in his honor. Lee and Marian had one daughter — Madeline, who now resides in Winnipeg. Both Lee and Marian are now deceased.

Alden, born in 1886, remained on the home farm. He married Wilhemina (Winnie) Davey, and they had three children — Burnese, Carswell and Keith. Alden was a member of the Methodist Church. (See Alden Blight history).

William and Margaret made a home for a youngster, Stan Kerr, who attended Brandon Hills School. It is believed he is now residing in Chicago.

William Blight passed away in 1932 and Margaret in 1947, in her 86th year. They are buried in the Brandon Cemetery.

### **ALDEN BLIGHT FAMILY**

Alden Blight was born at Brandon Hills on October 24, 1886. He married the former Wilhemina Davey who was born at Warkworth, Ontario on October 21, 1887. Alden and Winnie resided on the original Blight farm, NE 29-9-18. They had three children — Burnese, Carswell and Keith.

Burnese Ellison, after completing school, graduated as a nurse from the Brandon Mental

Hospital. She later married Lyle Webb, who worked for Willson's Stationery for many years. They reside in Winnipeg. They had one daughter — Bette, (now deceased), married to Len Perron and they had three children — Leanne, Dennis and Denise.

Alden Carswell worked for many years at Willson's Stationery as well as serving in the Air Force. He married Helen Moffatt of Souris, Manitoba. Later they owned their own stationery store in Prince George, B.C. They have two sons — Donald and James, who are now operating their parents' business. Carswell passed away in March, 1975 and his wife, Helen, passed away in May, 1975.

William Keith was born November 21, 1926. He attended Brandon Hills School and during these years had the pleasure of driving the teacher to school. Keith farmed with his dad and in 1947 purchased the S½ 32-9-18, which was originally known as the Fred Baker farm. In 1949 Keith married Doreen Jones. Doreen was born at Bunclody and later resided at Carrol. They have two children — Murray and Marilyn, who attended school at Gorrie and Neelin High in Brandon. Both are employed by the City of Brandon: Murray with the City Police Force and Marilyn in the Personnel Department at City Hall. Murray purchased his grandfather's farm, N½ 29-9-18 and built a home on the west quarter. He is married to the former Lorna Smart, who operates the Panhandler, novelty shop in the Brandon Shoppers' Mall. Murray has an eleven year old step daughter — Tanya Smart, who attends School in Brandon. Marilyn married Richard Gregoire on August 26, 1978, and they now have two sons — Geoffrey Richard, born March 14, 1980 and Timothy Richard, born May 23, 1982. Richard is a member of the Brandon Fire Department.

Keith and Doreen had a dairy herd for many years and now raise feeder cattle. Keith was trustee on the Gorrie School Board. He arrived as Santa Claus for many years at the Christmas concerts at both Brandon Hills and Gorrie Schools.

Winnie was a charter member of the Busy Bees and was president for eight years. In October, 1976, she was presented with an honorary certificate recognizing sixty years with the organization. She was a member of the United Church Women and helped with the Mission Band. Her mother Mrs. Ramsden, resided with Winnie and Alden for several years. A number of teachers that taught at Brandon Hills School boarded there. Alden and Winnie retired to Brandon in 1964 and lived at 221-2nd Street, the former home of Alden's father and mother. Alden passed away March, 1975. Winnie resided at Fairview until her death in March, 1981.

### **HORACE BLOOMFIELD FAMILY**

Horace and Elsie and Leslie Bloomfield moved to Chater in November of 1949 where Horace was employed as a first man for the C.P.R.

Leslie was only three years old at the time.

We moved into the station house, which was large and cold, and eventually used the upstairs as living quarters.

We lived in Chater for two years, and took part in the community affairs. We got our milk at Kains every day.

We left Chater in the fall of 1951 to reside at Murray Park where Horace worked on the section.

Submitted by Elsie Bloomfield

### **JACK AND MARFISA BOBINSKI (Nee Sedran) SE 34-10-19**

I would like to take you back to the year 1917, when my Mother, Regina Sedran, opened and operated a little store on 18th street North, between the Canadian Pacific Railway track and the Assiniboine River (also known as the Big Iron Bridge). The store was patronized by people from the R.M. of Cornwallis, R.M. of Elton, R.M. of Daley, R.M. of Whitehead, Rapid City, Grand Valley, the Research Station (Dominion Experimental Farm), and neighboring area. Business was always done in a friendly way. The store was a community meeting place — genuine and homey. It was the last stop before going home.

I attended public school and St. Michael's Academy. After school I helped Mother in the store. In 1935 my mother took ill and passed away in June of 1936. I took over the business and in 1947 I purchased it. I operated the store for 33 years and retired in 1969.

1948 was a fortunate year when Jack and I met. We married in 1949. Jack was born in Rosssburn, Manitoba and was in the Army during the war, and discharged. He was employed by McArthur & Sons, Imperial Oil, Manitoba Hydro, and at Shilo as a truck driver. He became semi-retired in 1965. Jack was a trapper and an outdoor sportsman. He was also a fur buyer up until his passing in December, 1980.

When as a small child, I roamed the hills in search of flowers and berries, and never dreamed that our retirement home would be in those oak bluffs on Government Road, now Braecrest Drive. Jack and I chose the site because of the great city view from the north, in different cloud formations over the city toward the Brandon hills in the south, the twinkling, colored night lights, the changing foliage. All this can be seen from our picture window. The scenery is beautiful.

### **ANDY BOK FAMILY**

Andy Bok and his wife were born in the Netherlands in the village of Poederoyen. They came to Canada and to the Brandon area in 1949.

After working in Hayfield for three years, they came to the Chater area working for Russ Gurr. Their two sons — Neil and Mark were both born in Canada.

In 1959, they moved to the MacArthur farm on No. 10 Highway, south of Brandon where they remained until 1963, when they started to farm on their own east of the Simplot Plant at Brandon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bok retired to the city in 1980.

Mark is married to Bev. Asthen of Brandon and they have a little daughter, Connie. Mark is employed by Wilton Motors. Neil still lives with his parents and works for Simplot Chemicals.

Andy passed away October 30, 1981.

### **BOKHORST FAMILY**

John and Truus Bokhorst came to Canada from the Netherlands in 1948. John worked as a farmhand for several farmers around the Brandon area. He also worked as farm manager at the Indian Residential School north-west of Brandon. They then settled on a farm of their own in the year 1957. They bought the farm from Clement West, situated on the banks of the Assiniboine River, east of Brandon, an historic site called Currie's Landing.

John and Truss have two children — Esther and Peter. They both attended Gorrie School. Esther is married to Graig W. Lewis and lives in Porterville, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., and they have one child, Slade. Peter married Bonnie Pepper from Pilot Mound and they have two children — Jacqueline and Jordy. They live in Brandon and Peter works at the city garage as a mechanic.

John and Truus spent 22 hard working but happy years on this farm. They met a lot of nice people who used to come fishing in the river — this fishing spot was at one corner of their land. It is a nice farm with a quarter section pasture, very pretty in the summer. The pasture still bears a faint trail as people used to travel on from Wawanesa across the river to Brandon. The place of crossing is also still visible.

The farm was sold in the spring of 1979. John and Truus now live in Brandon and John still works for Gulf Servico on the corner of 18th street and Richmond avenue.

### **BOLES FAMILY**

John Samuel Boles was married to Lily Dobbs and they came to Brandon by steam boat, down the Assiniboine River, in 1883. They settled on Sec. 32-9-18 halfway between Brandon and Brandon Hills, called the Gorrie district. John was known to build

many barns, some of which are still being used, such as the one at Glencarnoch, Brown's dairy barn and H. McPhail's barn. They had nine children — Della, Charolette, George, Minnie, Tim, Alice, Clara, Samuel and Jasper. Clara is the only one living today and she resides in a nursing home in Saskatoon.

George James Boles, eldest son of John, bought the farm and married Ella Stanley in 1912. He helped his father build barns and won a ploughing match at the age of 17, in Portage la Prairie. He also helped to build Richmond Avenue. George and Ella ran a dairy farm for many years. They had eight children — Isabelle of Delta, B.C., Albert, Mae and Earl of Brandon, Lloyd of Abbotsford, B.C., Clayton of Winnipeg, Dorothy Lent of Brechin, Ontario. Charlie passed away at the age of 17.

Albert Boles, eldest son of George, married Grace Jaffray in 1943, and they farmed until Albert's death in 1976. Albert showed horses at many fairs in Brandon. The farm was sold in 1982 to Allan Kent and Grace now lives in Brandon. Albert and Grace had five children — James of Rivers, Sherril Judd of Neepawa, Leonard of 8-10-18, Leslie, who passed away in 1963, and Warren of Brandon.

The farm at 32-9-18 was in the Boles name for 99 years.

### EDWARD BOLES

Ed Boles cut pulpwood in Ontario before coming to Manitoba. It's not sure where he first settled, but he did work for Albert Robson and was with the Robsons when they moved to the Chater district in 1922.

Ed was a big, rough-hewn man who loved his chewing tobacco and never seemed to be without it. He wore woolen pants and heavy bush-jac shirts. He was an excellent herdsman and thought very highly of his horses and dog.

Ed left Robsons about 1924 or so and crossed the river to NE 16-10-18 where he had cows from which he sold cream. Ed farmed only with horses, and was a good farmer, but he gave up farming before he would turn to tractors.

He lived for a time on NW 11-10-18, the Switzer place, and SW 9-10-18 before finally buying, in 1936, NW 3-10-18 for \$250, \$50 down and \$50 a year. Ed had his horses, his dog, and chickens. He rented out his pasture which actually consisted of the whole quarter. His needs were few.

In 1955 Ken Wilde bought the property, purchased the old Cornwallis School house and had it converted into a more comfortable home for Ed. Ed passed away in September 1966.

### JOHN BOND

The William Barber family used to come and stay on the S½ of 27-9-18 during the summers. Then Mr. Bond took over. He was a cousin of Mrs. Barber's from Ontario. This elderly gentleman had a great fascination for children.

Mr. John Bond sold to a Stoffer family who came from Olds, Alberta. They wanted their children to attend Brandon College. One foggy morning, Eldon Stoffer was driving his car out to the farm when he was hit by the train. The car caught on the cow catcher and Eldon and the car were dragged halfway to Martinville station. The car was a total wreck but imagine the relief of the train crew when Eldon stood up and walked away! The Stoffers did not stay long.

Then John Bond had a small two storey house built. Allan Wilkinson bought the farm in the early 1930's and he and his wife, Winnie, built on to the house.

### JOSEPH BOOTH FAMILY

Mr and Mrs. Booth and their daughters May and Ann arrived in Brandon from England in 1901. May died at age two. In 1903 Mabel was born and in 1907 Elma was born, but Mrs. Booth died at the time of this birth.

The Booth family lived in the Glen Souris District on SW¼ 36-9-18 then moved across the Assiniboine in 1915 to another farm.

In 1916, on May 12th, Joseph Booth with his three daughters were crossing the river which was then in flood. The youngest girl, Elma, became frightened and jumped from the democrat to run to the neighbours for help. The democrat, the team and the rest of the family were carried by the raging current. Joseph, Mabel and the team were drowned, but Ann was luckier. She was carried nearly a mile downstream, clinging to a plank from the democrat. Jack and Cliff Chapman and Angus McPherson were at the mouth of the Little Souris Creek fishing when they heard her cries for help. Ann was carried by the current nearly a half mile more before she was swept close enough to shore for her rescuers to reach her. She was taken to the Cyril Harris home.

Not until the end of May were the bodies of Joseph Booth and Mabel recovered. They had been carried about five miles downstream and were discovered by Andrew Charleson and J.C. Noble. They are buried in Glen Souris Cemetery.

Ann, who was sixteen years old at the time, was taken in by Mr. and Mrs. Dobbs of Brandon. She became a teacher and while teaching in Bassano, Alberta, she met and married James Culbertson, a farmer. They have five children — Robert, Mildred, June, Alexander (Mickey) and Terry. The family later made their home in

California. The children all married except Mildred, and Ann has lived with her since James' death in 1968.

Elma, eight years old at the time of the tragedy, was adopted by Reverend and Mrs. Waugh. In 1931 she married Addison Garbutt, a farmer in the Rapid City District. They have one son, Frank, who married Sandra Stephens of Moorepark in 1959. At that time Elma and Addison semi-retired to Rapid City and for eight years drove a school bus. They retired to Brandon in 1976 where they now reside, enjoying their retirement, taking an active part in the many activities of the Senior Citizens Drop In Centre.

Frank and Sandra have four sons — Stephen, Peter, Barry and Gordon. They are still living on the home farm and with the help of their sons, now operate two and a half sections of land.

### **BOROWSKI**

Frank was born in Fort Whyte, Manitoba and has four sisters and five brothers.

Emily was born in Redvers, Sask. and has one sister and one brother.

Both Frank and Emily came to Brandon in the early 1950's. They were married in 1955 and worked at Brandon Packers. Frank started a welding career in 1960 and worked for a welding company. Later he went to Saskatchewan where he worked on various projects as an ironworker.

Emily stayed in Brandon and worked at various jobs before moving to Cornwallis Municipality in 1978.

### **JACQUES BOUCHARD FAMILY**

Jacques and Betty Bouchard moved to Chater on SW 33-10-18 in February, 1977. Formerly from Ontario, they lived in Brandon since 1967. Jacques worked at Simplot and had a fertilizer dealership. This he continued for some time after moving to the farm.

Jacques was born in Verdun, Quebec, son of John and Pauline presently of Ontario.

Betty works at the Provincial Building for Beaver Foods. She is the daughter of Charles (deceased) and Ida (Bell) Sands of Brockville, Ontario.

The Bouchards have five children — John — employee of Simplot, Brandon, Man.; Ronald — married, father of two, Nesbitt; Jacqueline — employed in Winnipeg; Renee — student at Elton Collegiate, Forrest; Michael — student at Forrest Elementary School.

### **BOWSLAUGH**

Lloyd E. Bowslaugh was born in Grimsby, Ontario on June 7, 1898, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Bowslaugh who were fruit growers in Grimsby County. Lloyd came from a family of three boys and three girls. He attended school in Grimsby, later attending Hamilton Business College.

In 1919 Lloyd came west to Brandon, with two of his sisters, Queenie and Edith, a farm was bought on the west half of 26-9-19. In 1922 his two sisters returned to Ontario.

On March 14, 1923, Lloyd E. Bowslaugh married Annie Edythe Fardoe at her parents' home, Hazeldean Farm. Annie is the youngest child of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Fardoe, pioneers of the Little Souris District. In 1928 a baby girl died at birth. Clifford Ernest Bowslaugh was born September 12, 1934, he attended Little Souris School.

In 1939 the Bowslaugh family moved from 26-9-19 on No. 10 Highway to the farm located at 5-9-19. Lloyd and Annie sold their farm to Paul Omilanow on February 28, 1964. A sale was held in April of 1964, and the Bowslaughs moved into Brandon, where Annie and Lloyd are now enjoying a retired life. Clifford moved into Brandon in 1960, and started working for Brandon Transit System, where he is presently driving the Handi-Transit Bus for handicapped people.

On August 7, 1961, Clifford married Patricia Elizabeth Mowatt, elder daughter of Alexander and Margaret Mowatt of South Brandon. Pat, presently teaches at Meadows Elementary School. Cliff and Pat have two boys — Bradley Ernest, born January 29, 1970; and Scott Alexander, born March 15, 1973. Both boys are attending school in Brandon, and they take a great interest in music and sports.

Submitted by Annie E. Bowslaugh

### **WILLIAM STEWART BOYD**

William Stewart Boyd was born in Newton Stewart, Wigtonshire, Scotland, the youngest son of William and Jane Boyd in 1867.

### **WILLIAM STEWART AND GAVINA SARAH BOYD**

Our parents were both born in Newton Stewart, Wigtonshire, Scotland. Dad was the youngest son of William and Jane Boyd. He was born in 1867. Mother was born in 1877 the youngest daughter of Captain and Mrs. Robert Clacharty.

Our father came to Canada in 1912, and arrived at Brandon. He purchased the Vantassel homestead (NE¼ 26-9-19) from his brother Charles. He bached for a few years. Our Mother came to Canada in 1914 arriving in Brandon to be greeted with a blizzard which she had never seen before. She often said she would have liked to turn and go



back to Scotland, but she stayed and married our father on the 31st of December in St. Andrews church and took up residence on the farm.

Four children were born and grew up there, and attended Cornwallis school.

William John Stewart married Stella Lister Kaye. They had five children — Lynn, Lois, Johnnie, Leona, and Cindy. Stewart lives in Brandon.

Venie Melville, married Douglas Shepherd and they have five children — Robert, Barbara, Beverly, Dianna Lee, and James. They lived in the Cornwallis district and then moved to Forrest.

Florence married John McLennan, and they had three children — Andrew, Colin, and Sandra. After John's death she married Tom Johnston. They live in Brandon.

Aileen married Gordon Hassan. They had three children — Wayne, Donna, and Barbara. Aileen lives in Winnipeg.

Our parents farmed and had a herd of dairy cows. Dad served as a Trustee on the Cornwallis school board for a number of years. Mother and Dad were also active members of their church, now known as Bethel Temple. Dad served as an elder and also helped to build the church.

When our brother Stewart returned from serving in the Armed Forces, he purchased the home farm, lived there and raised his family, who went to Cornwallis school.

Our parents then purchased the S½ of 27-9-19 known as the Doran farm where they retired and lived until their passing, Dad in December 1954 and Mother in June 1957.

Mel Shepherd

### **CLIFF AND ALICE BRADLEY SE 34-10-19**

Cliff and Alice Bradley moved from Oak River into Brandon in 1956 and later, in 1968, moved to Government Road, now known as Braecrest Drive.

Their three children attended schools in Brandon. Norma, born in 1945, and Walter, born in 1947, attended Alexander, J.R. Reid and Vincent Massey Schools. Norma finished school at St. Michael's. Glenda, born in 1956, attended St. Michael's, J.R. Reid, Vincent Massey and Neelin Schools, until her death in 1975.

Cliff owned and managed Bradley Sand and Gravel Ltd. until his death in 1979. His son, Walter, took over the business. Walter married Janice Brereton from Brandon and they have one son — Scott Alexander.

Norma had her own business at the Grand Valley Tack Shop from 1977 to 1980, and is presently at home.

### **MATT BRANDON FAMILY**

Matt was born at Creeford, Manitoba in June 1900. He married Mrytle McCaig in July 1914 and they farmed at Creeford for nine years, moving to "The Beaubier Farm", 32-10-18, in March 1923. They farmed there till 1946 when they retired to Brandon. They still rent the farm to J. Nicol. They had four children — Stanley, Eileen, Flora and Hazel. They all attended Grand Valley School.

Stanley Richard born October 1918, married Alice Connon and has two children — Stewart and Jo-Ann.

Eileen Azeta, born January, 1920, married Keith Connon and has four children — Robert, Joyce, James and Gwen (see Connon history).

Flora Irene, born December 1931, married Wilber Higham, and had three children — Kenneth, Gwen and Raymond. Flora died February, 1981.

Hazel May, born November 1936, married Larry Howland, and has three children — Karen, Craig and Douglas.

### **OSCAR BRANDT**

Oscar Brandt was born in 1879 on a farm near Willmar, Minnesota. He immigrated to Canada in his early years and bought land at Redvers and Red Jacket, Saskatchewan where he remained for a number of years. He came to Manitoba in 1920 and purchased the Henry Dunbar farm, SE 9-9-18, where he lived for thirty-eight years.

Oscar was known for his friendly ways and his home was open to all. A number of families lived with him over the years, some who rented his land, others who worked for him. Some of these were: Arnold Eckberg, the Frost family, the Janush family, and the Popien family.

William Brandt, Oscar's younger brother, came to live at Brandon Hills in the early thirties but, unfortunately, became seriously ill and died at the farm leaving Oscar by himself. Oscar was a frequent visitor at the Jack McPherson home and was part of Ella and Jack's family for many years.

Oscar sold his farm to Ron Wilkinson in 1958 and returned to Willmar to retire. He died soon after his return and was buried there.

### **NORMAN AND ELAINE BREEN SE 34-10-19**

Norm and Elaine Breen resided in the Cornwallis area, living in and managing the North Hill Motel from 1956 to 1968. Elaine's father, Ron Relf, built and owned the North Hill Motel.

They have three children — Dennis, born in 1955; Juel, born in 1960; and Loree, born in 1962. They attended Park School, Earl Oxford School, and Vincent Massey School.

Because of their love for the Cornwallis area,

they bought an acre of land at 1925 Government Road, now Braecrest Drive, and proceeded to design and build their own home. The basic part took Norm fourteen months of spare time, nights and weekends as he was working full time in the insurance business. There was neither a bush nor a tree on the land, and now fourteen years later, with lots of hard work, it is lush and green in the summer months, and beautiful in winter when the hoar frost is on the trees. Everything that is on their acre, house and landscaping was done by the Breens. Norm is presently in the grocery business.

One of the nicest things about living in the Cornwallis area is the view at night of the City of Brandon.

### JOHN BRODIE

Mr. and Mrs. John Brodie and family moved from Nesbitt to the North Hill near Brandon in 1928. The children went to Park School on the Experimental Farm bus.

Mr. Brodie operated a market garden. The house, still standing, was on 11 acres of ground, and he also rented adjoining pasture land. The land was very productive, and he not only provided Mutter Bros. with fresh produce, but many pails of berries were picked and sold, from the many varieties of wild fruit trees on the land at that time.

An underground spring on the pasture land provided the animals with drinking water. This spring survives today having been piped to the roadside for anyone desiring pure spring water. One memory is of a light plane crashing on this pasture land, killing both occupants.

Around 1935, Mr. Brodie moved his family into Brandon occupying the beautiful 509 Lorne Avenue residence at one time. Some of the family still reside in the city. Mrs. Brodie passed away in 1977, at almost 94 years of age. She was one of the original settlers in the Oakland district.

### BROW FAMILY

Donald Richard Graham Brow was born at Stockton, Manitoba, on September 30, 1933. He took his schooling at Stockton Consolidated School #1748. This school was a three room facility and offered grades one to eleven.

Mrs. Anne Brow, nee Viktoruk, was born in Winnipeg on November 22, 1937. She received all of her initial education in Winnipeg at Pinkham Elementary School and Hugh John MacDonald High School. She worked for a number of years as a secretary but then took Teacher Training at Brandon University in 1967 and started teaching at Shilo schools in 1968. She is still a teacher in Shilo at the time of this writing.

Donald, in 1952, joined the Royal Canadian Artillery and served at Shilo and Winnipeg,

Manitoba; Toronto and Petawawa, Ontario; and Germany. His last posting was to Canadian Forces Base Shilo.

In 1956 Don and Anne were married at St. Andrew's United Church in Winnipeg. They had one child — Donna Suzanne, born October 15, 1961.

Donna took all of her schooling at Shilo except for one week at Petawawa. Upon graduation from high school she trained as a psychiatric nurse at the Brandon Mental Health Centre. She received her certificate as a registered psychiatric nurse in August, 1981, and has been employed at the Brandon Mental Health Centre since her graduation. She resides in Brandon.

In 1970 Don and Anne bought some property on 22-10-17 and built a home where they still live. This property and home are in the area which is known as Cottonwoods.

Donald retired from the Canadian Armed Forces in 1971 and took teacher training at Brandon University. He began his teaching career at Wawanese School where he taught for two years. In 1974 he started teaching at Shilo Schools and is employed there at this time.

### LYALL BROWN FAMILY

I was born at Vista, Manitoba, in the municipality of Rosburn. I am one of nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brown, now residents of Neepawa, Manitoba.

I attended Islay School, north of the village. It consisted of the "Low School" for Grades I-VI and the "High School" for Grades VII-XI.

Our family participated in Boys and Girls clubs as well as calf, swine, poultry and seed clubs and competed in club judging around the province. I, personally enjoyed my years as 4-H leader in the swine club.

My parents saw to it that we attended church and Sunday school at the Vista United Church. We usually drove horse and buggy but winter meant the use of horse and cutter or team and van. Sometimes, however, we walked the two miles.

Until my teens, father tilled the land with horses and we stooked the crop. Possibly the most memorable years for me are those when we and the neighbours threshed the crops together. There were three or four stook wagons hauling sheaves, with one stook pitcher.

In 1957 I decided to move into the world to get a job. I came to Chater to work for Wesley Smyth who farmed S½ 26-10-18. He had several registered Holsteins prefixed "Chater Holsteins".

In 1958 I bought S½ 14-10-18 from the Chalmers estate, and added N½ 14-10-18 from Jacques Bullee in 1959. On January 1, 1960 Mr. Smyth sold me his land and dairy operation with 30

Holsteins. He retained the house itself and I lived with Wes and Birdie for six months. I then purchased my own house trailer and lived as a bachelor in the same yard; a good but sometimes trying experience.

In late 1960 I met a girl at Eaton's in Brandon. She was Gertrude Elstow, younger daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harry Elstow. We married in August 1961 at the First Baptist Church in Brandon.

In June 1961 we purchased our house in Carman and moved it to its present location.

In September 1962 we began a new career as parents with the arrival of our first daughter Heather Dawn. In July 1965 our second daughter Carla Denise arrived.

In June 1968 we purchased our new Feed Shed which we always call "Our Chrysler Car" with no wheels. The next year we added a dairy barn, a lean-to for the hay shed and since then two machine sheds and a grain shed. We continued our dairy of "Brownstow Holsteins" and have branched off into Simmentals.

Our daughters Heather and Carla are in 4-H work and attend the Brandon Christian School. As a family we attend Madison Crescent Baptist Church in Brandon.

### MELVILLE BROWN FAMILY

Melville Brown, sixth of nine children was born and raised on a farm near the town of Vista, Manitoba, in the municipality of Rossburn. He attended Islay School No. 733, which taught Grades I-XI.

He participated in 4-H club of grain, swine and chickens. Upon his father's retirement in 1965, he and his brother took over the farm. In 1968, he purchased the former farm of J.L. Robson of Chater, Manitoba.

In 1973 he married Marlene Massey, the eldest of a family of three. She was born in Brandon, Manitoba and at the age of five, moved with her parents, to a farm near Glenella, Manitoba. She attended the country school there for Grades I-VIII, and the Kelwood and Glenella Collegiates to Grade XII.

Their parents are Samuel and Lena Brown, residing in Neepawa, Manitoba and William and Mabel Massey, residing in Morden, Manitoba.

### ROBERT S. BROWN FAMILY

I was born on March 11, 1907, the fifth child of George and Fanny Brown of Greenore, Republic of Ireland. I came to Canada as a young man in June, 1929 to live with my mother's brother, my uncle, Sam Parks. I was very homesick and as I had not farmed on my own before, I found life very trying at times.

The neighbors were good at extending the hand of friendship and I began to accept my new life in Canada. I soon became buddy friends with Fred Slator and Jack Richardson. More young men came to this district from over the ocean, namely, Jim Farley, Frank Searle and Pete Callaghan. We were all far from home and so we all became good pals.

Times were rough and money scarce, and dry years made farming less profitable. I took to "working out" — trucking grain. In the war years I worked for Cecil Faggetter driving truck and hauling gravel to different airports in the surrounding districts. In winter I worked for local farmers, Chip Coxe, Tom Jones, still living with and caring for my Uncle Sam.

On November 8, 1944, I married Dorothy Sibley who lived at Currie's Landing. Of our union a daughter was born on December 16, 1954, Carol Lynne Brown.

My wife and I continued here at SE 20-20-17. We got some cows from Dorothy's father and so soon were selling a few cans of cream. We bought chickens, so had eggs to sell when the pullets laid and cockerels became good Sunday suppers and of course, we had some to sell. We also got some pigs, then the skim milk soon made them ready for market. I had some beef animals of my own, some horses, also. I did not own a tractor of my own then. So as the saying goes we were mixed farming.

In 1945 we started selling milk to the creamery as they were short of milk and our cows were milking in the winter time. By 1946 we were selling milk continually. We stayed in the milk business for eighteen years selling whole milk to Manco Dairies.

At first we had a commercial herd of Holsteins but soon began to purchase purebred stock and by February 1957 we were having our herd R.O.P. tested. We were then in the purebred Holstein selling category. We sold many animals to buyers in Winnipeg but most of our sales were to the American buyers in Minnesota, U.S.A. By now we were selling milk and selling purebred stock besides.

We raised chickens and turkeys and sold eggs and steady customers were available year after year for our poultry.

In these times many of the neighbors raised turkeys and chickens and so we all got together at each place for killing bees. The men did the killing and feathering and of course the gals did the primping part, namely the stubby feathers and washing dirty feet and hands. Many tales were told and many good laughs were had when we all got together. Most of the boys around were hunters so there were prairie chicken and duck hunts to go on, also the big deer hunt in the fall, and all the tales of the big one that got away.

Although there are not too many of the old

friends left in this district, I often think and talk about the fun we had together. They were good days of fun and friendship never to be forgotten as long as we live.

We were milk producers until 1964, then sold a portion of our herd and stopped selling whole milk after eighteen years. As we still had a small herd we sold cream from 1964 to 1973.

On June 9, 1969 we sold our herd along with the herd from Birtle Indian School at Birtle, Manitoba and so became partially retired. We still have a couple of purebred Holstein cows that my wife milks and I have a small herd of Aberdeen Angus beef cattle, a little large to be called hobby farmers.

Carol lives in Brandon and works at the Brandon General Hospital. My wife and I are still here on the farm and I guess sometime we will be retired.

### CAROL BROWN

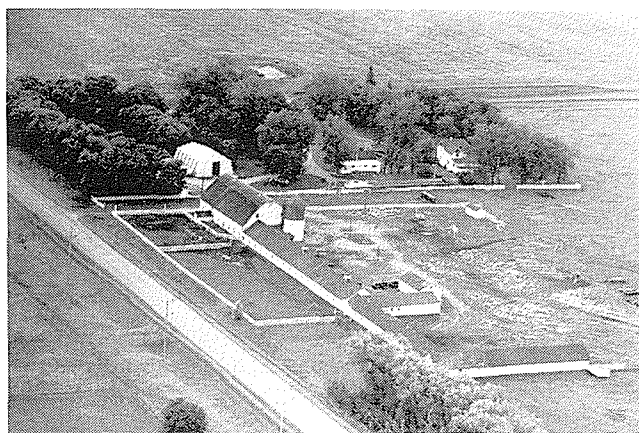
I was born on December 16, 1954 in Carberry Hospital, the only child of Robert and Dorothy Brown of Douglas, Manitoba. I attended elementary school at Douglas and high school at Elton Collegiate in Forrest, Manitoba, graduating in 1972. I also took music lessons from Emma J. Muirhead for six years and was one of her pupils who received 100% in theory exam. I have played in the church for the last thirteen years on alternate Sundays with Elaine Abey. I attended Assiniboine Community College for two years, taking a secretarial science course and graduated and received my diploma in June, 1974.

A month before I graduated I received an offer of a job from Brandon General Hospital. I was interviewed and accepted, and started work immediately. At the same time I wrote the final tests of my course. I have been employed there ever since, being promoted from secretary to store manager and I am now the Director of Purchasing at the Brandon General Hospital.

I have lived in the city ever since leaving school, but love to return to the rural life of the farm even for just Sunday afternoon and supper with my parents. It is still home.

### ROBERT P. BROWN

Robert Petrie Brown came to Canada from Scotland, as a young man, in 1908. After a short time spent at Greenway, Manitoba, he came to the Cornwallis district in 1909 to work for Mr. J.D. McGregor, who owned Glencarnock Farm on E $\frac{1}{2}$  33-9-19. He showed the prize Aberdeen Angus cattle for Mr. McGregor, and travelled to many fairs including Chicago, U.S.A. Working there at the time were John and Annie Hutton. Mrs. Hutton's



*Brown Family Home, aerial view, 1978, "Glencarnock Farm".*

youngest sister, Jean Murray came to live with them. Here in 1913 Robert Brown met and married Jean. They went to live on another McGregor farm at Griswold, where their three sons — Marshall, James and Allen were born. They returned to Glencarnock farm in 1929, working for Mr. McGregor until the farm was sold to Ed. Fotheringham who started a dairy herd of Holsteins. Robert Brown became the owner of Glencarnock Stock Farm in 1950. He purchased N $\frac{1}{2}$  34-9-19 in 1953 from Leslie Shepley, who had bought it in 1918.

Robert Brown passed away in 1966 at the age of 77, and his wife Jean in 1973.

Marshall and Allen now own and operate E $\frac{1}{2}$  33-9-19, N $\frac{1}{2}$  34-9-19, SW $\frac{1}{4}$  34-9-19. They still have a dairy herd of Holsteins and also a few other breeds of beef cattle. Their residences are on 33-9-19.

Marshall is unmarried.

Allen married Florence Milne of Brandon, in 1958. They have two children — Linda Jean, born 1958, is married to Kevin Creighton. They have one son, Riley born in 1982. They live in Winnipeg.

Robert Allen, born in 1962, lives at home and farms with his Dad and Uncle.

James, resides on 5-9-19. (See James Brown History).

### JIM AND ESTELLA BROWN SW 5-10-19

This quarter section of land was patented to the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1893. Robert Lowes purchased it from the C.P.R. in 1894 and built the house in 1898 which is still in use.

In 1917 the Hicks family purchased it from Lowes and lived here until 1928 when they sold to Joe Buchanan. In 1945 Robert Brown bought it. James Alexander Brown purchased it from his father and was married to Estella Williamson in November 1945 at which time we came to live in the original home.

Jean was born in 1949 and James Robert in

1954. Jean graduated as a registered nurse in 1970 and married Ken Laing of Alexander the same year. They have two children — Kristin and Robert.

Jim graduated from Grade XII. He purchased land adjacent to the home farm and married Donna Lee Macauley of Kemnay in 1979.

### **SAMUEL BROWN FAMILY**

Sam Brown was born in Port Berry, Ont., coming to Sidney, Manitoba in 1899. He joined the C.P.R. that year, was posted in Brookdale, then Portage la Prairie (1912 era), Empress, Alberta, Chater (1917 era) MacGregor (1922-32) and Glenboro. He retired in 1945 with 46 years of service in Maintenance of Weight Dept. and as section foreman. He died August 13, 1958 at the age of 78. He was Past Master of Temple Lodge No. 49 A.F. & A.M., MacGregor.

Sam's wife Ellen was very active in church and Sunday School as Superintendent in 1920, 21 and 22. She died in 1952.

The Browns had five children. Roy married Florence McKillop in 1933. They had a son David. Roy was a telegraph operator for C.N.R. He died in San Diego in 1973. Florence died in Winnipeg in 1979.

Corinne married Stanley Stokes. They lived in Toronto and London, Ontario. She is deceased.

Jean married A. Mac Segall, school principal, in 1933. She had a daughter Beverley. Jean lives in Winnipeg and is author of the book "Wings of the Morning", which she wrote in memory of her brother, Mark.

Ruby trained as a nurse at Winnipeg General Hospital. She married Lloyd Playfair.

Mark Henry was born October 9, 1911. He started school in Chater; learned to swim at Willow Creek — with help from sister, Jean; learned to skate and helped with hauling water to the rink.

Mark's family moved to MacGregor in 1922 and he graduated from High School in that town. He joined the Bank of Montreal with postings in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

He took flying lessons at Brandon and at age 24, he obtained a leave of absence from the bank, travelling to England. He applied for, and was accepted for training with the R.A.F. in March 1936. When war was declared, Mark was moved to France with the No. 1 Fighter Squadron. He fought valiantly in the Battle of France and the famed Battle of Britain.

He had the distinction of being the first British pilot to fly a captured German Messerschmitt 109 from France to England. He gained the rank of Wing Commander and for his achievement George VI pinned the D.F.C. award on him. The "Bar" was added later. He also gained the Czechoslovak Cross for training Czech pilots.

Mark was shot down in Sicily after a very successful career with R.A.F. He was extremely popular, well spoken of by fellow workers and officers alike. His death was confirmed by the Italian High Command. They indicated he crashed, fighting and had been buried in an unnamed cemetery with the highest military honors. They had his name and number and had the courtesy to add, "R.I.P.". A junior branch of the I.O.D.E. in Winnipeg elected to honor his memory by choosing the name "Wing Commander Mark Henry Brown, D.F.C." as their own. Also, a picture of Mark was hung in the MacGregor, Manitoba, High School to commemorate his deeds of valour. On November 10, 1982 the new auditorium in MacGregor was dedicated to the memory of Mark Brown.

### **DON AND PAULINE BRYDEN**

Mr. Bryden first arrived in Shilo as a young recruit with the armed forces in 1948. He was born in New Brunswick, the son of Scottish settlers who first arrived in Canada in 1929. In 1951, Don returned to New Brunswick and married Pauline Chapman. Pauline was born in Nova Scotia but at age 10 she and her family moved to N.B.

Don and Pauline settled in the married quarters on base in the spring of 1952. With the exception of 1953, when Don served one year in Germany and Pauline spent the year in New Brunswick with her parents, they have been continuous residents of Shilo to the present time.

They have six children, five boys and one girl, all born at the Brandon General Hospital and all attended Shilo schools. Four of them still reside in Shilo and two sons live in Saskatoon.

Don retired from the military in April, 1968 with the rank of Warrant Officer. They bought their present home at that time in the now thriving Sprucewoods community. Don has operated two service stations over the years and is currently a salesman in the automotive field.

In the spring of 1952, the PMQ's in Shilo were set in a sea of sand and Don helped to pave all the streets that summer during his annual leave.

He also had several drops off the parachute training tower that is still visible on the Shilo skyline, although in current use only as a TV tower.

Don and Pauline are happy to reside in the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis and extend best wishes to everyone on its 100th birthday.

### **JACOB AND GERTRUDE BULLEE**

Jacob Bullee was born in Beesd, Holland on July 22, 1898. Gertrude Erkens was born in Dordrecht, Holland on March 28, 1895. They were married on December 30, 1920. They immigrated to Canada in 1921 with Jake's family and settled at Ingelow, Manitoba and worked for Bill Ford.



They rented land in the Chater, Manitoba area in 1924 and farmed until 1927 when they moved to Brandon, Manitoba. During the next ten years Jake worked for the City of Brandon and C.P.R.

In 1937, they returned to farming and rented a farm south of the Assiniboine River where Dryden Chemicals is situated today. Jake continued to work for the C.P.R. at Chater. In 1940, they purchased their own farm, north of the river at 14-10-18. Jake's fellow C.P.R. crew members helped him build a house and barn. The house was destroyed by a twister during a summer storm and until a new one was built they lived at the Chater Hotel.

In 1947 they rented a farm at 25-10-18 and began dairy farming. In 1950 they purchased a section and a half at 22-10-17, south of Douglas and later sold the land at 14-10-18. The herd was increased and Jake quit his job with the C.P.R.

Their adopted daughter, Peggy, attended school at Douglas. After completion of high school in Douglas, she enrolled and graduated from a secretarial course at the Ag. Centre in Brandon.

The dairy herd was sold in 1959 and all the land except forty acres was sold to Mr. Henry Penner in 1964.

In 1965 they sold the remaining forty acres to their youngest son David and retired to Brandon. Unfortunately, Jake could not enjoy his retirement due to illness and passed away in May, 1966. Gertrude presently resides in Fairview Senior Citizens Home in Brandon. She has thirty grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Jacob and Gertrude had a family of ten children. Seven boys and three girls.

Robert (deceased in 1965) married Irene Cooper, a teacher at Douglas. They had two children. Irene resides in Brandon.

Jake married Gladys Pickett and they have four children. They presently reside in Lethbridge, Alberta.

Marguerite (deceased in 1966) married Fred Andrews (deceased in 1968) and resided in Cold Lake, Alberta. They had two children.

Bill married Phyllis Brown and they have three children.

Henry married Deanna Hammond and they have two girls, all residing in Brandon.

Harvey married Fay Davidson. They have six children and reside in Brandon.

Gertrude married Doug Cox. They have five children and reside in Lethbridge, Alberta.

Jack married Lee-Ann Tribe. They have two children and reside in the Chater area.

David married Dorothy Oswin. They have three sons and reside at Douglas, Man.

Peggy married Nick Gertsner. They have one son and reside in Thompson, Man.

By Dorothy Bullee

## DAVID AND DOROTHY BULLEE

David Bullee and Dorothy Oswin were married on February 18, 1961. Dave was employed with Doyle Well-Drilling, installing the water system in Camp Shilo. Dot was employed at Sun Life Assurance Company in Brandon. In May of 1961, Dave commenced work as a mechanic at Georgison's Auto Mart in Brandon.

In 1962, they moved to the farm occupying the 'old house'. In 1965, they purchased the forty acres and his parents retired to Brandon.

The homestead had been listed as having the following owners:

1884 — Walter Gray (homesteader).

1896 — C. Kydd and D. Kydd (it is believed that these owners built the barn, part of which remains today, from tamarack lumber brought from a saw mill that was located in the forest area between Douglas and the farm).

1897 — C. Kydd.

1911 — Andrew Kidd (the spelling of the last name changed either because of a typing mistake previously or a legal change.).

1915 — A. Kidd (retired to city) and the tenant was G. Inenerny.

1927 — W. J. Whilley (owner who resided in Hayfield) and the tenants were Tom and Freda James.

1935 — Tom and Freda James became the owners.

1949 — Ed Feighen.

1950 — Jacob and Gertrude Bullee.

1965 — David and Dorothy Bullee.

The 'old house' is not the original but was a school house moved and added to. It was turned into a garage and in 1976, Dave built a new one. In 1979, he gave up his job with Carberry Implements and started full time in his own business at Cottonwood Service. In 1980, a new addition was added to double its size.

During the early childhood of the boys, they attended Sunday School and Dorothy taught classes. The boys also enjoyed skating at the rink while their parents curled. The boys received their elementary education at Douglas and their high school at Elton Collegiate at Forrest.

David Lee, born July 18, 1961 graduated from Elton in 1979. He enrolled and graduated from Assiniboine Community College in Brandon as an Electronic Technician in 1980. He was employed at Cottonwood Service until October 1981. He married Norma Johnson on September 5, 1981 and they reside in Shilo, Manitoba. Lee is presently employed at Westoba Business Machines in Brandon.

Paul Albert, born May 29, 1962, enrolled in and graduated from Assiniboine Community College as an Auto Mechanic in 1980. He married Judy Korney of Cranberry Portage on November 8, 1981 and

they reside in Brandon with their son Mark. Paul is apprenticing at Brandon Chrysler Dodge.

Brian Richard, born October 1, 1963 is currently enrolled in the Auto Mechanics course at Assiniboine Community College and resides at home.

by Dorothy Bullee

### **RUSSELL RODDICK BURKE FAMILY**

Russell Roddick Burke came from Pictou County, Nova Scotia, in 1893 at the age of three, to live in the Brandon Hills with his uncle, Rev. George Roddick, his mother's brother.

Russell attended Brandon Hills School, then went to Wheat City Business College in Brandon. In his early teens, because of an asthmatic condition, he went to California to live with his sister and mother, who had moved there from Nova Scotia.

Russell returned to Brandon to marry Elizabeth Russell on November 30, 1914. (See James Russell history.) They lived in California until 1918 when they returned to Canada and Russell joined the Canadian Army. He was stationed in Quebec until Armistice was declared.

The Burkes lived in Minitonas until 1925 when they moved to Brandon Hills to work on the farm of William Y. Roddick, living in the little house which is still on the farm site. In 1928 Russell went to work for the Brandon Mental Hospital, retiring from there in 1955. He died in 1969 at the age of seventy-nine.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell R. Burke had four children — Mary Janet (Mrs. Howard Norman), now deceased; Edward, who resides in Brandon with his wife Edna; Margaret (Mrs. Dick Mellor) of Birtle, Manitoba; and William Henry, who lives at Thunder Bay with his wife Grace.

### **WILLIAM BURKE FAMILY**

Bill and Lois Burke, with their family, Patty, Billy, Gail, Steven and Cindy, arrived in Shilo in August of 1967.

We were originally from Goderich, Ontario, a small town on the shores of Lake Huron, known best for its salt mines.

Bill joined the Forces during World War Two, and for the next thirty years he saw most of Canada. In the early fifties he spent fourteen months in Korea.

Bill, with his family, spent time in Whitehorse, Kingston, Toronto, Carp, London, and Germany.

Army life proved very interesting for the family, with postings coming on short notice. A hectic scramble would take place for a few weeks. However, when the moving van arrived, everything was ready and waiting for them.

In the spring of 1967 a posting came for

Toronto in June, but as this was when a new arrival was expected, it was put off until September. This meant we could fill the freezer from our large garden. It would be moved and plugged in within a few hours, so nothing would be lost. Vegetables were frozen, and wild fruit picked and done as well.

In August word came to be ready to go to Shilo, Manitoba, in two weeks time. This meant emptying the freezer and preserving as much as possible. Friends who came to say good-bye, ended up taking food packages, so nothing would go to waste.

When Bill retired in 1973 we decided to make our home in Manitoba, so we bought land near Douglas. A trail through the field was our roadway until our house was well on the way. It wasn't long before Lois learned the difference between a square and a level.

When the job as school bus driver came up, Bill took it, and for the next five years he could be seen driving the Rolling River school bus to Douglas and Forrest.

One morning the school bus broke down at our own drive-way. Our car, along with a couple of neighbours' cars, was used to get everyone to school. They delivered the High School students first, as they had to catch the bus at Douglas to continue on to Forrest. This was one way to get to know your neighbours.

Lois has also kept busy by getting involved. She joined the Women's Institute, on moving into the area, and is now the President. Her husband is always telling her to say "No" once in a while, but that is one word she finds difficult to put to use.

The family has become smaller, but we still plant a large garden and raise calves, chickens, pigs and rabbits.

### **HOWARD BURNETT FAMILY**

Howard and Jean Burnett moved from the city of Brandon to the Cornwallis Municipality, NE 1-10-19 on September 1, 1970. Their luggage consisted of three girls and one boy. Their reason for moving was to have their own garden and animals.

Howard had been a Correctional Officer at the Brandon jail for 24 years. When the children were all in school Jean worked at Woolco Security and later joined the Children's Aid Homemakers.

Douglas is twenty four years old and has completed grade twelve at Neelin High School. He moved out on his own five years ago and has been employed at Coca Cola ever since.

Norma, now seventeen has completed grade twelve at Crocus Plains School and has been working at Fairview Nursing Home as a dietary aide. She plans to work there until she is of age to join the R.C.M.P.

Della is sixteen years of age and is in grade eleven at Crocus Plains School.

We had an additional surprise to our family five

years ago. Her name is Rhonda Lee and she is waiting to start kindergarten in September, 1982.

### **JAMES (JIM) BURNEY FAMILY**

James Burney moved to Chater with his wife, Ann and family, from Boissevain in 1956, moving into his present residence in 1958. Jim and Ann's family — Doris, Larry, Erwin, Lloyd (born in Boissevain) and Lois (born in Brandon) were Educated at Chater, Douglas and Forrest.

Jim remarried in 1975 to Doreen Bagnall. Doreen is from Sidney, Manitoba and was educated there and at the Wheat City Business College, Brandon. Doreen has been employed as a stenographer at Imperial Bank of Canada, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and R.C.M.P. Brandon S-Division Headquarters.

Jim's employment includes Eaton's then his own contract with the R.C.M.P. for cleaning and maintenance besides Brownstow Dairy owned by Lyall Brown.

Jim and Doreen have a daughter Carol born in 1976.

### **SID BUTLER SR. FAMILY**

The Butlers came to Glen Souris in 1933. They lived in the big house on the Waldron farm. Mr. and Mrs. Butler had the post office and a small store which Mrs. Butler operated with the help of daughter, Jean. Sid Jr. attended the Glen Souris School.

Mr. Butler Sr. used to bring the mail out from Brandon by train to Martenville and then walk the five miles home in the winter time. He also put on a lot of plays to raise money to buy a piano, cups and lamps for the school.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler have both passed on. Jean, Mrs. W. Lissiman, now resides in Victoria, B.C., with her husband Bill. Sid Jr. lives in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia with his wife Laura Floss - Mrs. Walter Cousins, and Lydia, Mrs. Gordon Cooke both live in B.C.

### **BILL AND ISABEL BYGARSKI**

Bill and Isabel (nee Thom) Bygarski and their two children, Sandra and Bill Jr. moved from Brandon to their forty acres on NW 17-9-19 in September 1970. Being avid do-it-yourselfers, the past twelve years have been spent building a house, barn, honey house and storage shed. All the wood ware used in the apiaries is also built at home. Bill Jr. graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1982 with a Bachelor of Science in agriculture and in September 1982, he married the former Valerie Neustater. He is actively involved in the honey business with his parents. Sandra currently lives in Winnipeg and is attending the University of Manitoba Medical College.

### **ARCHIE CAMPBELL FAMILY**

Archie Campbell came west in the 1880's. In 1890 he married Annie Gilchrist at Oak Point. There is no record of definite dealings until he bought  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 3-11-18 where his grandson, Keith Campbell now farms. In 1910 he bought SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1-11-18 in Elton Municipality and in time farmed part of 2-11-18 and NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of 35-10-18 in Cornwallis, which was just across the road. This is the land his son Glen later farmed and is now farmed by his grandson, Bill Campbell.

Annie and Archie were good community workers. Annie always had a cup of tea for friend and stranger alike. They lived on the farm until their deaths — Archie in 1928 and Annie in 1947. They are laid to rest in Chater Cemetery.

Annie and Archie had eleven children:

Donald (Don) married Lena McPhail. They had three sons and a daughter.

Alex, a WWI Veteran, never married and died in 1919.

Kenneth, too, remained single and passed away in 1965.

Cassie married Howard McPhail. They had no family and are both deceased, 1954 and 1975, respectively.

Flora married Robert McGregor of McGregor, Manitoba. They had three sons. Robert and one son are deceased.

Duncan married Kathleen Anderson of Forrest, Manitoba and they had five sons and one daughter.

John married Harriet Anderson of Myrtle and they had a son and two daughters.

Pearl married Bruce Allen and had one son Dan. Both Pearl and Bruce are deceased.

Anne remained single and died in 1965.

Margaret married Charles White and lives in Seattle, Washington. They have one daughter.

Glen married Bertha Pineo and they have one son and one daughter. Their son Bill, now farms the home place. He married Valerie Wood, daughter of Ken and Irene Wood and they have one son — Graham, born in 1980.

### **DOUGLAS CAMPBELL FAMILY**

Douglas, eldest son of Donald and Lena Campbell, received his education at Chater Elementary and Douglas High Schools. He worked on the family farm until WWII when he joined the Royal Canadian Signal Corps, where he served for four years. Following the war he farmed on bright and rented land.

In 1949 he married Jean Rosenman. They had two sons — Frank, who died at birth, and David, who, after completing his education at Brandon and Manitoba Universities, now lives in Calgary. He married Pam Ammerter in 1979 and they have a

daughter — Katherine Elizabeth.

Douglas worked for the Provincial Government for some years and still farms south east of Chater.

### JOHN CAMPBELL FAMILY

John Campbell, sixth child of Archie and Annie Campbell married Harriet Anderson of Myrtle, Man. a teacher at Chater.

John was in the dairy business for twenty-nine years. He also served as councillor for Cornwallis for twenty eight years.

John and Harriet still reside at SE 33-10-18. They had three children — Margery, Allen and Barbara.

Margery married Ray Dautre and they reside in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. They have five children — Gerry, married and living in Trenton, Ontario — has a daughter, Jessica; Don, married and living in Montreal — has two sons — Paul and Colin; Catherine teaches in Ottawa; Patricia is attending university in Toronto; and Barbara is in university in Fort Lauderdale.

Son Allen married Elaine Moreland of Brandon. They have three children — Brent at home; Janice married to Allan Meadows of Forrest with a daughter Tricia Lynn; Gregg at home.

Barbara, the youngest, married Arthur Sear of Carberry. They have three children — Hal in Winnipeg; Valerie married to Blair Burton of Kelwood with two daughters Amanda Dawn and Candy Lee; and Kathy at home.

### KEITH CAMPBELL

Keith Campbell, like his father Dan before him, owns land south east of Chater, as well as the farm home on 3-11-18 in Elton Municipality, where he resides. He was born in 1927 and has lived on the farm originally owned by his grandfather and father, all his life. In 1952 Keith married Shirley Hovey of Justice and they have five children — Colin, Alex, twin daughters, Cathryn and Caryn and a third daughter, Donna.

### JAMES AND EVA CAMPBELL

17-10-19

Jim and Eva Campbell moved from Brandon to 17-10-19 in December, 1975. Jim is president and manager of C. & C. Construction Ltd., and Eva is the president of C. & C. Rentals Ltd.

They have two sons — Kerry, who is the business manager of C. & C. Construction Ltd., lives in Brandon. He and his wife, Linda, have two sons — Kerr and Kristopher. William and his wife, Lee Ann have no children and William is a teacher in Brandon.

Eva's maternal and paternal grandparents homesteaded in the R.M. of Elton before 1882. The families still farm and live in that area. (Bartlett — Phillips).

Jim's parents emigrated to Canada from England in early 1900 and settled in Brandon. The only relatives in Canada are the immediate family, a brother residing in Brandon, and his Mother, who is retired and living in Victoria, B.C.

Jim raises rainbow trout in a pond at 17-10-19. The entire family has been involved in the sport of water skiing. Jim, Eva and Bill are all past-presidents of the Manitoba Association. Jim is also past-president of the National Association. Bill is still actively involved with water skiing.

Jim is a past councillor for the City of Brandon (1957-1961), and Eva is a past trustee for the Brandon School Division (1967-1976), and was chairman for the Brandon Centennial Celebration, 1979-1982.

### JOHN CAMPBELL FAMILY

John Campbell was born in 1858. He came from the Isle of Tiree in Scotland as did several of the people who came to the Brandon Hills area years ago. He arrived at High Bluff, near Portage la Prairie, in 1879 and came to Brandon Hills in 1880.

Mary MacDonald, born in 1861, came originally from the Isle of Benbecula. She worked in Glasgow for a time before immigrating to Wawota, Saskatchewan, with her brothers.

John Campbell and Mary MacDonald were married in 1886. They lived in a log cabin on the west side of NW 30-9-18 and while there, their first child, Jessie, was born in 1887. In 1888 they moved to 24-9-19 (First Street south) where four more children were born.

In 1906 the Campbells moved to 25-9-19, and their son, Murdie, worked this "Duff Place" as it was once known. Later John and Mary moved into Brandon.

The story of their children reads as follows:

Jessie — 1887-1975, married John Elder. (See John Tully Elder history).

Murdie — 1889-1973, married Pearl Jones in 1920. They lived at Douglas, Manitoba and also in Toronto, Ont. They had two sons and three daughters.

Leslie — 1896-1972, married Hazel Mesmith in 1921. They lived at Fairlight, Saskatchewan, and also at New Denver, B.C. They had three boys and one girl.

Marion — born in 1898, married Allan Sharpe and they had one son. Allan passed away and Marion married Floyd Spalding in 1967. They live in Arizona.

Teena — 1902-1969, married Howard Gordon in 1944 and lived in Brandon and New Market,

Ontario. They had one son.

An infant child of the Campbells is buried in Brandon Hills Cemetery.

John was also laid to rest there in 1930, and his wife Mary, in 1951.

### WILLIAM JAMES CANN FAMILY

Both my mother, Nellie Sutherland and my father, William James Cann were born in Ontario and came to Deloraine with their parents in 1882. At eighteen years of age my father was employed as Assistant Agent to the C.P.R. Agent at Deloraine. After mastering telegraphy and office procedure, he was moved to Minnedosa and Carberry and in 1900 was appointed Agent at Chater. January 4, 1905 he married Nellie, a school teacher at Deloraine, and they took up residence in Chater station until 1932, when they moved to High Bluff.

The old station consisted of a suite of four rooms upstairs, "No" conveniences. Water, fuel etc., had to be carried up and ashes, garbage etc. carried down. There was a cook stove and heater upstairs and two large pot bellied stoves in the office and waiting rooms downstairs. The building was supported on large posts until the C.P.R. renovated it in the early 1920's and put it on a cement foundation adding a basement and furnace. Part of the old waiting room was also converted into a living room. Mother's piano (a wedding present) had to be elevated on top of a box car and transported in through a north window upstairs. So, it was the first item moved down to the living room.

There were tracks on both sides of the station, so of course there was no place for a child to play. I, Margaret, arrived in 1906 and my playground was at Uncle Joe Smyth's, now owned by the Kains. Uncle had a sand pile, swing and many other playthings and I spent many happy hours there.

My first teacher was Mabel Johnson, with whom I kept in touch throughout her long life. Other teachers I recall were: Miss Webster, Flora McGregor and Miss Paisley. I was one of a class of eight, taught by Miss Paisley, who wrote and passed Entrance Exams to Brandon Normal School. After Grade VIII several of the class attended Brandon Collegiate and boarded in Brandon; coming home weekends.

My brother Harry Alexander (Buster) was born May 25, 1914. He too attended Chater School to Grade eight, came to Carberry and graduated from Carberry High School. He chose Engineering and graduated from U of M in 1936. He was employed with Dominion Rubber Co. (later Uniroyal) at the outbreak of WWII. The young engineers were so badly needed in England that they were given a Commission and rushed overseas in 1940. This was shortly after his marriage to Nurse Hilda Blanc of Carman. She too spent two years in

England, as a nurse in the U.S. Army. They had two children. William and one daughter Camille live in Winnipeg where she is a teacher. Barrie, wife Dianne and Michelle and Stephen live at Dryden. Ontario where Barrie is assistant Manager of the Bank of Montreal. Hilda and Buster are retired and have a summer home at Sandy Hook and a winter Condominium in Harlington, Texas.

When I was in Grade eleven at B.C.I. in the spring of 1922, the Brandon School Board and teachers could not come to terms in their contract; with the result of "The Strike that wasn't". Although the schools remained open with substitutes, feelings were high. So my parents arranged for me to finish the months of May and June at Carberry High School. This is how and where I met my future husband, Willard Switzer.

I returned to B.C.I. for Grade XII and went on to Wheat City Business College the next year. In 1924 I was offered a steno position in Union Bank Rapid City, where I worked for the next three years.

Willard was a persistent suitor over the five years and had finally settled on his father's farm, adjoining the town of Carberry. So, on February 9, 1927 we were married at the Chater station by Rev. Hellyar and I became an unexperienced farmer's wife.

We were blessed with two lovely daughters, Marion (Mrs. Bud Robers) is Home Economist at Winnipeg Hydro. Shirley (Mrs. Gordon Bleakley) is a teacher in Regina School system. The branches on our family tree multiplied and we had two granddaughters and three grandsons and consequently three great granddaughters and one great grandson. We were saddened May 3, 1980 when our 17 year old grandson Bruce Bleakley was killed accidentally on the highway near Regina. He is gone but not forgotten.

My parents spent eleven happy years at High Bluff and retired to Carberry in 1943. War was still raging and it was impossible to buy a house in Carberry, as we had an R.A.F. station here. It was also impossible to build, as materials were used only for war purposes. However, the Commanding Officer at the R.A.F. Station had built himself a small cottage. He was being transferred back to England. So Mother and Dad bought the very first "home of their own". Dad had such plans! Being a keen gardener he was going to grow fruit and vegetables at the farm. He also had five hives of bees. However, we had to rush him in to Winnipeg General Hospital in July 1944, where he died August 6 following surgery. Mother lived in their little house until she passed away July 14, 1951. The last two years she was stricken with paralysis of throat muscles and could not speak or swallow. My parents are laid to rest in Carberry cemetery.

Willard and I have completed over thirty-four years of married life. We had our "Ups and Downs".



We survived the Dirty Thirties on the farm but had to give up farming in 1952 due to Willard's arthritis. We moved into his old home in Carberry, which had been in the family since 1904. Fortunately Willard had hip surgery in November 1975 and it was a complete success. He has had the past few years minus arthritic pain. We enjoy small town life and also visit with all our family from time to time.

Submitted by Margaret Switzer (Cann)

### KEN AND VAL CARTON

We moved to SW 30-10-19 in the municipality of Cornwallis on March 28, 1980. Our small acreage was purchased from Mr. Bill Geiller who had previously purchased it from Mr. Les Gray. In the spring of 1978 we began constructing our new home, and having done most of the construction ourselves, it was not until two long years later that we were able to move into it. On September 13, 1980 we were married in our new home on the Grand Valley Road. On September 2, 1982 we were blessed with a beautiful baby daughter named Kristy Rhiannon.

Ken was born December 20, 1946 in Regina, Saskatchewan, and resided in many different locations across Canada and Germany before moving to Brandon with his parents in 1960. He completed his education at Vincent Massey High School and has been employed with Manitoba Hydro, as an Operating Engineer, since 1967.

Val was born September 2, 1955 at Hamiota, Manitoba, and spent 18 years on her parents farm at Isabella, Manitoba. Val attended Isabella Elementary School and Birtle Collegiate Institute before moving to Brandon in August 1973. After working at Brandon Automobiles for two years she began working at Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation where she is presently employed as an underwriter.

### CASTONGUAY FAMILY

Roland was born in February, 1914 in Zenon Park, Saskatchewan. He married Annette Chamberland in November, 1936, and homesteaded land from the Government for 11 years — six miles from Zenon Park.

In the fall of 1946 they bought the Willow Elder farm, SW 2-9-17. All of their five children were born in Saskatchewan. The eldest, Laurette, was born August, 1938. She married Fred Bogdan in 1952 and moved to Winnipeg. They have five children — Rose-Marie, Jeanette, Allen, Wendy, and Perry. Laurette was drowned in a boating accident in September, 1972.

Armand, the eldest boy, was born August, 1939. He has never married and is now living in Edmonton, Alberta.

Lou, born in November 1940, served in the Queen's Own Army for three years. He has three children, Richard, Couette and Lynette. He is now living in Nanaimo, B.C.

Denise, born in June, 1944, married Ross Turner in June 1962. They have two children — Todd and Cheryl and now live in Brandon.

Cecile, the youngest, born May 1946, was married and has one son — Kenneth. She also lives in Nanaimo, B.C.

All five children were educated at Stratherne school in the Municipality of Oakland. After they sold the farm in 1962 to Lawrence Rystephanuk, Roland and Annette bought the Starlight Motel in Brandon. Ten years later they sold the motel and bought the Rolling Hills Apartment. In 1973 they sold the apartment and have now retired to Nanaimo, B.C.

### GORDON CHALMERS FAMILY

Gordon Chalmers and I, Edna Smyth were married in St. Paul's Church in Brandon on July 1, 1926, the Reverend Geo. Miller officiating. We then moved to one of Percy Johnson's farms NW 10-20-18, where we farmed for 22 years. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were living then and with Percy and Mabel lived across the road. They have all since died, but we will never forget what wonderful neighbours they were.

In 1927 we had our first child, a daughter Jean, followed by Harold, Evelyn, Allan and Dorothy. They are all married now and we have 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. All our children went to Grand Valley School which was two miles north on an unused road. Many the cold drive they had, and they always had to break their own way.

After 22 years we moved across the road and built on our own Quarter. We lived there until our fortieth wedding anniversary when we moved to Brandon to 844 5th St., where we are presently.

1976 was our 50th wedding anniversary and our family surprised us with a reception at Central United Church. Everyone was home and 160 signed the guest book. With our family and friends around us it was a wonderful day and we will never forget it.

Gordon Chalmers passed away October 14, 1982.

Submitted by Edna Chalmers (Smyth)

### CHAPIN

Delmar Chapin was born in Deloraine, Manitoba and grew up in Brandon. Jean Chapin (Imlach) was born in Young, Saskatchewan and later moved to Brandon. We attended Brandon schools (McLaren, Earl Haig, Brandon Collegiate). After our school years, we married and Del joined the T. Eaton Co. and is still employed there.

We have a family of five — Pat, Wendy, Delene, Bill and Brad. All of them attend Brandon schools, and when they were older we moved to the country. We had horses over the years and needed a place for them. We found our property, NE 6-10-18, which was known then as the "Andy Little farm". We grew all our own feed, and have standard-bred horses. Each summer we enjoy following the Manitoba Race circuit, camping at different towns throughout Manitoba.

We are happy we moved to the country, where we can have our freedom and where our family, grandchildren and animals have space. We moved in 1969 and have enjoyed our years in the country.

### THOMAS CHAPMAN FAMILY

Thomas Chapman was born in Somerset, England, in 1850. He apprenticed as a watchmaker and, in his late teens, immigrated to Canada. He worked at his trade in Toronto and Lindsay, Ontario before coming to Winnipeg in 1875. Here he met, and later married Mary Andrew, born in 1857.

Tom and Mary, with their little daughters, Jennie and Jessie, came from Winnipeg to Cornwallis in the spring of 1880. The trip was made by ox cart and took three weeks. After fording the Assiniboine River east of what is now Brandon, they homesteaded SW 11-9-18. Their first home and other early buildings were fashioned from logs hauled from the Tamarac swamps — some twenty miles east of their farm. Several years later a frame house replaced the log cabin and became home to their thirteen children.

The Chapmans attended St. John's Anglican Church in Rounthwaite. This church, built in 1882, was in use until 1982, and eight of Tom and Mary's great-grandchildren were christened in its sanctuary.

Mary Chapman died in 1907 and her younger children were looked after by Kate Fear, who came from Somerset, England, to the Chapman homestead to fill the position of housekeeper. In 1910 Tom and Kate were married. Tom died in 1933 and Kate, born in 1876, died in 1959.

Tom and Mary's children were:

Jennie, born in 1877, married Will Doherty. (See William Doherty history).

Jessie, born in 1879, married Ike Doherty. (See William Doherty history).

Alfred Ernest, born in 1881, died in 1905 from an injury obtained in a fall from a horse.

Edna, born in 1883, died in 1903.

George William (Bill) was born in 1885. (See William Chapman history).

Isobel, born in January 1887, died in August, 1887.

Charles Edwin, born in 1889, lived on the family homestead until 1915 when he went to farm at

Roblin. In 1919 he married Amy Kines of that district and they had two sons — Ray and Percy. The family moved to Chilliwack, B.C. in 1936 and Charlie died in 1966.

John Edward (Jack) was born in 1891. He joined the Fort Garry Horse Cavalry in 1917 and served in Europe for two years. Upon his return he took up farming at Roblin, later marrying Annie Hedges of the Hayfield area. They had six daughters, the first dying in infancy. Jack died in 1929.

Bertha, born in 1894, married Grant Wheeler. (See Robert Wheeler history).

Clifford was born in 1896. (See Clifford Chapman history).

Edith Mary, born in 1898, married Bain Elder. (See Bain Elder history).

Norman was born in 1900. (See Norman Chapman history).

Myrtle, born in 1902, married George McPherson of the Rounthwaite district and they farmed in that area until their retirement to Brandon.

### WILLIAM CHAPMAN FAMILY

George William (Bill) Chapman was born in 1885 at Brandon Hills. In 1915 he purchased a farm at Roblin and three years later married Bertha Irene Chapin.

Bertha, who was born in Ontario in 1892, was the daughter of Charles Chapin, a railroader stationed in the Gorrie district (Leon) for a short while. In 1912 Bertha taught at the Brandon Hills School. She and Bill had three children before her untimely death in 1929.

Bill took up farming in the Brandon Hills district six years later, living on NW 3-9-18 until 1943. The following year he married Ethel Ridge (nee Shepherd), a widow with four children.

Bill and Bertha's children are:

Myrtle Eileen, born in 1919, came to live with her Aunt Edie (nee Chapman) and Uncle Bain Elder when her mother passed away. Eileen became a school teacher and married Roland Hamel in 1945. After Roly's discharge from the Air Force, the couple farmed near Alexander. They had four children — Barbara (Mrs. Stan Saylor of Medicine Hat, Alta.); Bob of Ottawa; Sandra, (Mrs. Grant Kirkup of Souris); and Don, who is presently in British Columbia. Eileen passed away in 1981.

Douglas Wilfred, born in 1921, came to live with his Aunt Bert (nee Chapman) and Uncle Grant Wheeler after the death of his mother. At age 14 Doug moved to San Francisco, California, to live with his uncle, Wilf Chapin, and continue his education. During the war he served with the U.S. Navy, later switching to the Marine Corps. After resuming his studies he received his Ph D in

chemistry and became a research chemist in St. Louis, Missouri. In 1953 he married Verlaine Smutzler of Illinois and they have two sons — Kerry and Kent. All are presently residing in St. Louis where Doug is now retired.

Charles Wilbert was born in 1926. (See Wilbert Chapman history).

### **WILBERT CHAPMAN FAMILY**

Charles Wilbert Chapman was born in 1926 at Strasbourg, Saskatchewan. Due to his mother's illness, Wilbert came to live with his uncle and aunt, Norm and Olive Chapman, in December, 1928. When his mother died early in 1929, this became his permanent home until, at age 11, Wilbert rejoined his father at the R.F. Roddick place in the Brandon Hills. In 1945 he joined the Canadian Paratroops.

Wilbert married Ann Martens of Fannystelle, Manitoba, in 1950, who was teaching at East Brandon School at the time. They took up farming on the Sam Maher place NW 7-9-17, where they reside at the present time. For the first twenty-six years Wilbert and Ann, with their three children, lived in the original Maher Stopping House.

Anita Marie, was born in 1952. After receiving a Bachelor of Arts and teacher training at Brandon University she went to teach at Kitimat, B.C. In 1978 Anita married Geoff Leane of Port Pirie, Australia and they have one child — Jason Daniel, born 1981. The family resides in Kitimat where Anita continues to teach in the local high school and Geoff is employed by Alcan Aluminum.

Neil Douglas was born in 1955. He started farming with his father in 1974 by purchasing the original Robert Wheeler farm, SW 7-9-17 and the Ike Doherty Place SE 12-9-18. When he later acquired S 4-9-17 it was again land once farmed by a great uncle, Bain Elder. Neil married Lucy Leclerc of Laurier, Manitoba, in 1979 and they presently reside at SW 2-9-17 — property now owned by Mr. Jass of Germany, but better known as the "Willow Elder Place".

Daniel Wilbert was born in 1956. While attending Brandon University, from which he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1978, Dan spent his summers working on water and sewer installation in the Yukon and British Columbia. He studied law at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, for one year, after which Dan decided to return to the outdoor life of pipe laying projects at the west coast.

### **OLIVER CHEAVINS FAMILY**

Oliver was born in Bruce County, Orangeville, Ontario. He came, at age 17 with his parents, brothers and sisters to the Chater district in 1889. They settled south west of Chater on NE 23-10-18.

Emma May Clarke, daughter of John T. Clarke

had arrived from Toronto with her family and settled in the North Brandon area. She attended Normal School in Brandon, and upon receiving her certificate taught at Oak Bluff. In 1901 Emma taught at Chater, where she met Oliver. They were married on Dec. 24, 1902, in Chater Methodist Church. They settled on Oliver's farm where they remained after the rest of his family had moved to Brandon.

Oliver was a grain buyer for the Western Canada Flour Mills elevator until 1914, when it was closed. He later went into the dairy business, in partnership with Mr. Morgan. They supplied milk to the Brandon Mental Hospital for years. The men took turns, driving the nine or ten miles with a team and sleigh full of milk cans every morning. In the summer it was a little easier, as both men had a truck. They continued this partnership until 1925. In 1931, the family moved to Kemnay, farming until their retirement in 1945. They moved to the village of Kemnay where they remained. Oliver passed away Nov. 9, 1959. Emma M. Cheavins remained in Kemnay, taking a keen interest in church and community affairs, until her death on January 10, 1966.

They had five children, all born on the home farm. Annie Evelyn, attended school in Chater and Brandon and took her teacher training at Brandon Normal School. She taught at Bloomsbury and in McGregor until she decided on a career in nursing. She trained at Moose Jaw, and later worked as supervisor on the surgical ward of the Moose Jaw General Hospital for many years. She married Lou Kern of Moose Jaw and they had two children — Louise, Mrs. Tom Lalonde and Donald who both reside in Moose Jaw. Annie died in 1974 after a short illness.

Crossley remained on the farm, working for MTS for a short time. In September 1937, he married Eva Burns of Kemnay, and they farmed in the area, where they still remain. Cross raised sheep and won many trophies for his animals across Canada from Toronto to Vancouver. In semi-retirement, his hobby is raising and showing registered goats. Cross and Eva had two children — Dawn, Mrs. Murray Robinson of Quesnell, B.C. and Dianne at home.

Wesley after completing his education, joined MTS and worked in Brandon, Wawanessa and Dauphin. He married Eva McKenzie of Dauphin and they had one son — Melvin. Mel is an R.C.M.P. Sgt. stationed at Langenburg, Sask. Eva died on October 17, 1960. Upon retiring, Wes lived for a time in Ninette where he met and married Aileen Pritchard. For a time they spent their summers at their cottage in Ninette and wintered in Texas. They now reside at Langley, B.C.

Olive attended school at Chater and Kemnay. In 1936 she married Stephen Shelton and they lived for a time in Antler, Saskatchewan, moving to

Brandon in 1941. They had one daughter Carol Ann, Mrs. Rollie McKay of Alexander. Stephen passed away August 30, 1977.

Dorothea took nurse's training at the Brandon General Hospital, graduating in 1940. She nursed in Northern Saskatchewan for a short time, before moving to Vancouver, where she continued her nursing career until retiring in 1981. She married Stanley Mather of Dauphin in 1943. They continue to reside in Vancouver.

### **LORNE AND BARB CHAPMAN**

We moved into the Cornwallis District on September 6, 1979 and bought the Aaron Hargreaves homestead from Casper Manshanden. We are presently milking 90 cows.

Lorne comes from Winnipeg Beach, Manitoba where he grew up on a small dairy farm. Barb is originally from Yorkton, Saskatchewan. They met in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory where Lorne was working in the copper mines and Barb was nursing. They were married November 9, 1974. They have two sons — Scott Albert, born January 11, 1976 in Whitehorse and Mark Kenneth, born September 5, 1978 in Dauphin, Manitoba.

### **CLIFFORD CHAPMAN FAMILY**

Clifford Chapman was born in 1896 on the family homestead where he resided until his marriage in 1929 to Mildred Dunseith. They lived on E 2-9-18 until 1948 when they moved to their new home on SW 11-9-18, part of the original Chapman homestead.

Mildred, born in 1902, was the daughter of William Dunseith of the Glen Souris district. She taught at several rural schools before teaching in Brandon prior to her marriage. Mildred was a very dedicated community worker.

Cliff too, served the community in many areas, as a trustee for East Brandon School for thirty years, and on the board of St. John's Anglican Church in Rounthwaite for almost forty years. He and his brother, Norm, are also well remembered as operators of the Beef Ring from 1920 to 1950.

Mildred passed away in 1963 and Cliff in 1980. They were predeceased by their first child, Francis, who died in infancy in 1936. They are survived by two daughters.

Mary Mildred Louise, born in 1938, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brandon University and a Master of Music degree from Indiana University. For a number of years Louise taught music at Brandon University. In 1974 she married Lucien Needham and they reside in Lethbridge, Alberta where both are professors of music.

Gwendolyn Margaret, born in 1944, received a Bachelor of Science (nursing) degree from the University of Saskatchewan. In 1971 Gwen married

Murray Woodcock and they now reside in Ontario where Murray practices law. They have two daughters — Alison, born in 1975 and Lauren, born in 1982.

### **NORMAN CHAPMAN FAMILY**

Norman Chapman was born at the turn of the century and attended East Brandon School where, on a cold winter day, the wood burning stove provided more than comfort. By someone merely placing a percussion cap on its hot surface the monotony of study could be quickly broken! In 1925 Norm took a course in blacksmithing, engines and carpentry, in Winnipeg. The latter led to many beautiful creations on the wood lathe.

Norm married Olive Granger (born 1903) from Rounthwaite in 1927. They farmed on the family homestead SW 11-9-18 and had five sons.

Olive's love of children reached beyond her own family to the off spring of neighbors and relatives. In December, 1928, a few months after losing their first child, Bruce, in infancy, Olive and Norm took a nephew, Wilbert Chapman, into their home.

John Andrew (Jack) was born in 1929. (See Jack Chapman history).

Glenn Ernest, born in 1931, trained as an accountant and is now Executive Director of Brandon General Hospital. In 1952 Glenn married Peggy Hymers of Brandon. They have two sons — Geoffrey, born in 1953, now residing in Ottawa, and Allan, born in 1957, of Brandon.

Colin Clifford, born in 1933, became an Anglican minister. He was admitted to the priesthood in 1962 and served at Elgin, Souris and Charleswood before going to Portage la Prairie where he is at the present time. Colin married Linda-Faye Clayton of Gladstone in 1965 and they have two sons — Blair, born 1966 and Dale, born 1968.

Norman Keith was born in 1934. (See Keith Chapman history).

### **JACK CHAPMAN FAMILY SE 17-9-18**

John A. (Jack) was born on September 10, 1929, and was always interested in machinery. At age ten he was thrilled when Angus McPherson let him drive his steam outfit across the stubble field, and also blow the whistle!

Jack and his youngest brother, Keith, took a short course on diesel mechanics in Edmonton one winter. In 1966 the two of them built a four-wheel tractor using the rear-ends of two old Oliver 99's and an old truck chassis. Jack farmed with this tractor for four years.

Jack married Peggy Mawer of Alexander on

November 12, 1960. For several years Peggy was head nurse on the east wing of surgery at the Brandon General Hospital.

In 1963 they built a new house on SE¼ of 17-9-18 and are living there at the present time. They have four children — Sandra, born in 1964, Phillip in 1966, Janice in 1969, and Barbara in 1973.

The Jack Chapman's attend the Anglican Church. In the past, Jack has taught Sunday School at Brandon Hill's and Rounthwaite. He also served on the board of Westoba Credit Union for a number of years, one year as president.

### **KEITH CHAPMAN**

Keith was born on July 18, 1934. He attended school at Brandon Hills and East Brandon Schools. On August 6, 1960 he married Jean Cornish of Rapid City. They have three children — Judy, born May 14, 1961, Ken born, July 21, 1962 and Sharon on September 6, 1966.

Keith, with son Ken, farms in the Brandon Hills area and resides on the original homestead, SW¼ 11-9-18.

Judy and Ken are both graduates of Neelin High School. Judy is presently working as a sales clerk in Brandon. Ken, besides farming, works part time with the City Recreation Department in Brandon as a lifeguard and swimming instructor. Sharon is taking grade eleven at Neelin High School.

### **ELLIOTT AND LYNDA CHORLEY**

In 1970 Elliott Chorley purchased from Frank Bullied 56 acres of land seven miles south of Brandon just off #10 highway. He built the barn in the summer of 1971 and started building his house in the fall of 1971. In the summer of 1972 he moved with his family to their new home even though it wasn't finished.

Elliott is employed with the Manitoba Liquor Commission, and Lynda is a teacher at Earl Haig Junior High.

Elliott and Lynda have three children — Jeff, Kim and Kelly.

Jeff is a R.C.M.P. officer and has spent the last two years in the Musical Ride. Previous to this he had been posted in several places in B.C. He is now stationed in Ottawa.

Kim is a registered nurse and works at the Brandon General Hospital. In the summer of 1980 she married Craig Hatch, and they farm a few miles away.

Kelly completed a course in Journalism from Georgian College in Barrie, Ont. In June she married Michael McBride who works in his father's shop building horse trailers and harness carts in Barrie, Ont.

Two years ago there was talk of a four lane highway being built on #10 highway. The service road would have come between the house and the barn. Hopefully there will be nothing done.

For a hobby, Elliott and Lynda raise Full Blood Simmental Cattle.

### **DOUG AND MURIEL CLARK**

Doug was born in the municipality of Elton, just next door to the R.M. of Cornwallis. He attended Poplar Hill School, Brandon Collegiate and Brandon College before leaving home to work for the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Later, when World War II broke out, he joined the R.C.A.F.

On discharge from the service he began to look for a suitable location for a poultry farm and hatchery. He was fortunate to acquire 20 acres in the south east corner of section 34-10-19 in the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis.

Muriel was born in Poplar Point, Manitoba, a small town noted for producing many outstanding athletes. After completing high school in Poplar Point, Muriel took teacher training and taught in several different communities before ending up in Brandon teaching at Fleming School and J.R. Reid School.

Muriel and Doug were married in Brandon in September 1961. Their son, Brian, was born just before Christmas in 1963. Brian enjoys many sports and is active in them year around. Daughter Jennifer was born in 1965. From the day she was old enough to know what a horse was, Jennifer has loved horses and riding.

Brian and Jennifer were attending Fleming School at the time Brandon expanded its boundaries and the Clark family found themselves living in the city.

### **GREG CLARK FAMILY**

Greg and Brenda Clark bought their 125' x 125' lot through Brandon Realty in the summer of 1977. The following April a well was dug and the next month excavation and construction began. With generous and able help of family and friends a split-level home with attached garage was ready for occupation on Labour Day weekend in 1978.

Greg and Brenda and five year old Angie continued to live on the NE corner of Chater. Greg is employed by Canada Post in Brandon. Brenda teaches Kindergarten for Brandon School Division.

Clarks previously lived in Brandon. They were preceded by some fifty years by Aunt and Uncle Grace and Al Vance who operated the now defunct General Store. Al and Grace now reside in Regina during the summer months and Texas during the winter.

Submitted by Brenda Clark





*Harry Clark and his family Dec. 28, 1977. Sons — Ross Don, Lance, Bud, Charles, Curtis, Harold. Daughter-in-laws — Iva, Dorothy, Ida, Pearl, Dorothy, Iva, Phyllis. Son-in-laws and Daughters — Robert, Betty, Harry, Ruth, Lester.*

### HOPE AND BESSIE CLARK

In 1943 Harry and Bessie and six of their nine children, left their homestead in Livelong, Sask., and travelled in a 1926 Essex to the Blackwell family farm, Sec. 12-10-19. They spent a short time with their daughter-in-laws's parents. From here Mr. Clark and sons Harold and Don, found employment with W.Y. Roddick in the Brandon Hills District. The younger children, Lance, Ruth and Charlie, attended the Brandon Hills School and Betty attended business college in Brandon. Three older sons were in the Air Force — Curtis, Ross and Bud. Don joined later that summer. In 1944 the family moved to the area known as German's Bluff, Sec. 1-10-19. Lance, Ruth and Charles attended school at Cornwallis and then later in Brandon. From this home Mr. Clark walked to and from his job at the Woollen Mills.

In 1945 Harry Clark bought lots 7/42 Block 8 Plan 289 in Cornwallis Municipality. Here he built a home for his family which is now known as 1622-8th Street. Over the years sons Don, Curtis, Lance and Bud all built homes in this area. All but Don have relocated. Harry operated a cabinet and marine shop for many years and after his retirement from business he enjoyed woodworking as a hobby at this same address.

Curtis and wife, Iva, formerly Iva Blackwell of Sec. 12-10-19 in Cornwallis Municipality, now live in Fort St. John where Curtis owns and operates a locksmith business. They have five children who are all married and live in various locations in B.C.

Bud and wife, Pearl, live in MacKenzie, B.C. He is millwright at Finley Forest Products. They

have three boys who now live in various places in B.C.

Ross and wife, Lil, live in Vancouver. Ross has retired from the Federal Government.

Don and wife, Dorothy, live at 1618-8th Street where he operates a saw and curling rock business. They have three daughters and one son. All are in Brandon except their oldest daughter who lives in Alberta.

Betty and husband, Robert McFarland, farm in the Carroll District. They have a daughter in Brandon and two sons farming in Carroll.

Harold and wife, Phyllis, live in Minnedosa. Harold is semi-retired and is employed part time by the town of Minnedosa. They have three sons, two in Brandon and one in London, Ontario.

Alancan (Lance) and wife, Ida, live in Lacombe, Alberta. Lance is a millwright for Alberta Gas Co. Ltd. They have four children living in Alberta.

Ruth and husband, Lester Harris, live in Edmonton. Ruth is employed by the Federal Government and Lester has a printing business. They have two sons and one daughter, all of Edmonton.

Charles and wife, Dorothy — formerly Dorothy Baker of Brandon Hills District, Sec. 29-9-18 live in Brandon. Charles is an instructor at Assiniboine Community College. They have two children — a son in Calgary and a daughter in Brandon.

Harry and Bessie had 29 grandchildren.

Bessie Clark died March, 1965 and Hope (Harry) died in October, 1978. They are both buried in Brandon Cemetery.

Submitted by D. Clark

## STEWART CLARK FAMILY

The family of Stewart and Elizabeth Clark, five sons and two daughters, lived in Chater during the years 1886 to 1917. Stewart was employed by the C.P.R. for a total of 36 years as roadmaster.

Stewart came from Ireland with his brother Charles and they worked putting the railroad through to western Canada. He was born April 12, 1862 and died Feb. 27, 1923 at the age of 61 while living in Elm Creek, Man.

Elizabeth Thompson was born in Ballanderry Country, Antrim, Ireland in 1861 and died in 1948 at Elm Creek in her 88th year. She came to Canada by boat at the age of 12 with her father, her brother Jack and her sisters Sarah, Annie and Maggie. Her mother had died and two younger children, Emma and James stayed in Ireland until later years. In 1873 she came to Ontario and moved west to Chater in 1886. She lived at Chater until 1917 when they moved to farm at Elm Creek. Daughter Bertha (Mrs. Jack McCallum of Forrest) now of Hillcrest Place of Brandon was born 1884. She has one daughter Bea Enders of Brandon.

Thompson was born Sept. 9, 1886. He married Mary Wilson and had six children — Stewart, Dorothy, Velma, Lyle, William and Audrey. He died in Winnipeg in 1956.

Charles was born Dec. 12, 1888 married Adene Hopkins of Elm Creek on Dec. 26, 1918. They have six children — Max of Atikokan, Ont., Lewis Charles of Winnipeg, Norma Reid of Souris, Ila Lang of Souris, Evan "Corky" of Virden, Alvin of Calgary. They now live in Souris where they celebrated sixty-two years of marriage. They retired from the farm at Elm Creek and moved to Brandon in 1966, later moving to Souris.

Orville was born April 14, 1891 died on April 27, 1919 at age twenty-eight. He was never married.

James Stewart was born May 16, 1893, served overseas until 1918 and died at Portage Nov. 19, 1976. He lived with his mother on the farm and had not married.

William was born Nov. 30, 1895 and died August 24, 1915 and also had not married.

Doreen was born July 4, 1899. She married Harry Phillips of Minnedosa. They have one daughter — Joyce Brown of Oshawa, Ontario.

Submitted by Ila Lang

## CLARKE FAMILY

Mr. John T. Clarke Sr. was born in 1847 at Ballemslor County, Galway, Ireland and came to Canada in 1863. He settled in Toronto, Ontario, and he was a shoemaker by trade. He served with the Toronto Field Battery during the Fenian Raid in 1866. In 1869 he married Margaret Gibson, and ten years later, in 1879, they decided to move West, landing in Winnipeg, Manitoba. In 1880 he was among the few passengers that made the trip up the Assiniboine River in a riverboat called Alberta, landing at what was known as Grand Valley. His wife and five children, Annie, Will, John, George and Edith were met by John Clarke Sr., taken by oxcart to the farm as "squatters". John Clarke had three children — Emma, Ethel and Tom, all born in Manitoba. In 1881 he walked to Curry's landing to register his land claim. Later, when the land was surveyed, it was the North half of section 35-10-19 in the Municipality of Cornwallis.

In 1882 John Clarke Jr. received his education in Grand Valley School which was held above the R.T. Evans store until the school was built. He helped his father break and cultivate the land to add to the holdings for farming. In 1892 he took up farming on his own. In 1902 he married Mary Cynthia Burgess, who came with her family from Campbellford, Ontario to Brandon in 1892. In 1934 John Clark Jr. purchased the land which his father homesteaded. He had two children, a daughter Irene and a son Russell, who is deceased.

In 1929, Irene Clarke married David Black of Justice, and in 1935 they moved from Justice to the Clarke homestead. They had a family of four children — Elva, Norma, Betty, Kern and eight grandchildren. They retired to Brandon in 1969.

Elva married Oswald Culbertson in 1951. They now reside in Brandon and have four children — Dianna, Clarke, Greg and Garry. In 1976 Dianna married Barry Yaworski and they live in Victoria, B.C. Clarke married Joyce Scott in 1977 and they now live in Winnipeg. Greg also resided in Winnipeg and Garry at home.

Norma married Norman Laird of Wawanesa in 1954 and has two children — Byron and Nadine. In 1960 we moved to the Clarke homestead and farmed the land from 1973 to 1975 when we moved to Brandon. Byron resides in Brandon. In 1982 Nadine married Barry Wood of Toronto, Ont. and now resides in Shilo. Byron and Nadine were the fifth generation to reside on the Clarke homestead.

Betty married Gordon Juras of Winnipeg in 1961. They have one child — Paul, and they live in Winnipeg. Kern married Kareen Heathey of Dartmouth, N.S. in 1978 and they reside in Okanagan Falls, B.C. They have one son — Kelvin.

On June 7th, 1976, the homestead buildings were burned by the Brandon Fire Department.



1977 Julia Coate's 80th Birthday; back, left to right — Evelyn Gerry, Gordon Gerry, Doug Coate, Lillian Coate, Isabel and Fred Gerry. Julia Coate (sitting in chair).

### WALTER COATE

Walter Daniel Coate was the youngest child, and only son of Walter and Nona Coate. On April 3, 1895, he was born at Kenora (Rat Portage), Ontario, where his father was a pharmacist. Eventually the family moved to Brandon where Walter spent a lot of his boyhood days at the Gerry farm, going out on the train to Martinville.

Julia May Gerry was born at Brandon Hills on April 21, 1897, to Walter and Mary Ann Gerry. She received her education there and went on to take a business course in Brandon.

On April 19, 1919 Walter and Julia were married. They went to work in Saskatchewan, and that is where their two sons, Wilf and Doug were born. In 1923 the family returned to the Gerry home in Brandon Hills where both boys later started school. They moved to Oak River for a time and the boys continued their education there. They spent a few years in the Carnegie district and then returned again to Brandon Hills, moved onto NE¼ 21-9-18, where they resided until Walter and Julia's retirement to Brandon in 1949.

Walter Wilfred was born on January 12, 1920, at Scott, Saskatchewan, but lived there a very short time, coming as a youngster, with his parents, on their return to Brandon Hills. Wilf started school at Brandon Hills and also attended school at Oak River. He farmed for a while after serving in World War II. On February 28, 1949, he married Marie Elder, daughter of Jack and Jessie Elder of the Glen Souris district. Marie worked as a secretary at Anglo for a number of years, and then moved into Winnipeg to do similar work. Wilf moved to Kleefeld in 1960 but eventually returned to Brandon Hills where he looked after the rural route mail from 1968 until February of 1977. Marie passed away in July of 1968 and is laid to rest in Brandon Hills. Wilf now resides on SW 36-9-19.

John Douglas was born on March 14, 1921 at Unity, Saskatchewan. He came to Brandon Hills as a toddler with his parents. Doug started school at Brandon Hills and went to school at Oak River for a

time. In the fall of 1945, Doug moved onto W½ 20-9-18 and batched until his marriage on July 6, 1946 to Lillian Porter of Basswood. Lillian taught school at Gorrie for the term of 1943-44. In 1956 Doug and Lil bought their farm from F.H. Gerry. In November of 1982 they were presented with a Manitoba Century Farm gate sign and certificate to mark the continuous operation of a Manitoba farm, Meadow Lea, at NW 20-9-18, for more than one hundred years, commencing in 1881. The Rural Municipality of Cornwallis also presented them with an engraved plaque to commemorate the event. Lil was a leader of Brandon Hills, 4-H, taught Sunday School, was the last secretary-treasurer of Brandon Hills School, and is a member of the Brandon Hills Busy Bees.

Walter died in June 1966 and is laid to rest in Brandon Hills Cemetery. Julia now resides in Brandon at Fairview Home and still goes to the Drop-In Centre. She was one of the original Busy Bees and is now an honorary member.

### BARRY COLTER FAMILY

Barry and Lorraine Colter (nee Ransom) and their five children — Curtis, Bradley, Tara, Kelly and Tiffany moved to the Chater district in 1976 after purchasing SW½ 27-10-18 from the Birdsell estate.

The Colter family originated in the Crystal City area, and have lived in the Brandon-Forrest areas for the last 15 years. Barry is the eldest son of Orville McKetrick Colter and Margaret Edith (Delgarno) of the Strathclair district. Lorraine is the only daughter of A.R. Ransom (Lance) and Margaret (Chandler) of the Rathwell district.

Barry is chief power engineer at Burns Foods of Brandon while Lorraine is a supervisor at MTS in Brandon.

The two older children Curtis and Bradley work in Brandon. Tara, Kelly and Tiffany attend school in Forrest.

### JAMES DUNBAR CONNON

James Dunbar Connon was born in Aberdeen, Scotland on February 27th 1884. He immigrated to Canada in 1902, settling in the Brandon area. He worked as a farm labourer in the Pendennis district, and was employed during the winter months in bush camps in the Duck Mountains. In 1910 he settled in Brandon, for a time working for the City, later acquiring his own team with which he worked on building the city streets.

In 1912 he married Mrs. Helen Mearns, a widow with an infant son.

Helen Milne was born in Banff, Scotland on April 14, 1885. She immigrated to Canada in October 1908 and married James Mearns in Oshawa, Ontario. She came to Brandon in 1910. In

February 1911 James Mearns was fatally injured in a factory accident.

James and Helen Connon continued residing in Brandon until 1919 when they moved to a rented farm in the Municipality of Cornwallis. This was the south half of section 17-10-18, where they carried on a dairy business along with mixed farming. In 1929 they purchased the N½ of section 10-10-18, in the Municipality of Cornwallis and continued with the dairy business until the early forties.

They were also involved in sheep raising and made many uses of the raw wool. Mrs. Connon had her own spinning wheel and spent much of her leisure time in spinning wool and then knitting it into numerous articles of clothing. She also spent a lot of her time making quilts, hooking rugs, and doing beautiful crochet work.

They retired to Brandon in 1958, living at 232 Princess Avenue East, until the time of their deaths. Mrs. Connon passed away June 17, 1965, and Mr. Connon on January 11, 1967. They are buried in the Brandon Cemetery.

There was a family of eight who all attended Gorrie School.

James Mearns — retired machinist living in Brandon.

Gladys — married to Bill Wilson. They have two daughters and two sons.

Keith — married to Eileen Brandon. They have two daughters and two sons.

Margaret Nadler — with one son and four daughters. One daughter, Kathryn, passed away in 1964 at the age of nineteen.

Alice Brandon — with one son and one daughter.

Primrose Durnin — with one son and one daughter.

John — married to Jane Wilton. They have one daughter.

Irene Quinn — widow of Bill Quinn, who passed away on November 27, 1973. She has two daughters.

The entire family of eight are all residing in the City of Brandon.

### KEITH CONNON FAMILY

Norman Keith, elder son of James and Helen Connon, was born June, 1915. He married Eileen Azeta Brandon in October 1942. After living at Dunrea they moved to SW 15-10-18 in March 1943 and still reside there. They operated a dairy farm for thirty five years. Keith started his career in the dairy business at the age of thirteen when he delivered milk from house to house for his dad and continued at this for fourteen and one half years. He served on the board of the Brandon Milk Producers Association for twelve years. For eight of those years he held the position of president. Keith served

on the board of trustees of Gorrie school for twenty two years until the school was included in the formation of school division No. 40 in 1966. Keith and Eileen have four children — Bob, Joyce, James, and Gwen.

Robert Keith was born in September 1943. Bob graduated as a mechanical engineer from the University of Manitoba in May, 1964, and has worked for Chevron Oil Canada Ltd. ever since graduation. He now holds the position of chief engineer and lives in Calgary. He married Shirley Miller of Westlock, Alberta in July 1966. They have two children — Douglas and Corinne.

Joyce Eileen was born January, 1947. Joyce trained as a nurse at Brandon General Hospital, graduating with the honor of the gold medal in 1967. She nursed for a while at Grand Prairie and Red Deer before attending the University of Alberta in Edmonton and obtaining her degree in nursing. She married David van Tamelen of Peace River in July 1972. They live at Peace River and have three children — Shelley, Heather, and James. Joyce works part time as supervisor at the Peace River Hospital. Dave is financial administrator of the Peace River School Division.

James Donald born April 1950. James obtained his high school education at Neelin High, then went to work for Dryden Chemicals. He has worked for the chemical plant, (now called Canadian Occidental petroleum Ltd.) ever since. He is a third class engineer and holds the position of shift foreman. He married Sheila Zetariuk of Inglis in July 1974. They have three children — Christine, Andrew and Erica.

Dorothy Gwen was born November 1953. She attended University in Brandon. She worked at the Mental Hospital and General Hospital before she married Kenneth Dzogan of Brandon in April 1974. Ken and Gwen live in Winnipeg and have two children — Ted and Colleen. Ken works for Air Canada.

### NELSON AND MINNIE CONROD

Before the First World War my father, Nelson Conrod and his family left Nova Scotia and travelled west by train. They spent several years in Dryden, Ontario, working in lumber camps and at the paper mill. The family then moved to Selkirk.

My father alone went further west. He worked on farms and settled for a time in Miniota. While on a visit to Selkirk he met Minnie McCumber, my mother. In early 1926 they decided they wanted to get married. On his way for another visit to Selkirk my father, with his horses, spent a night at the farm of Mr. Charlie Wardell who was a Municipal Councillor. He told my father about a homestead in the municipality of Cornwallis that had never been proven. Here was his chance to own his own farm.

On June 30, 1926, my mother and father were married in the Anglican Church in Selkirk. They went to claim the homestead which was one of the last in southern Manitoba. The newly weds spent their first winter in an abandoned house in "Vogt's Bluff". During this time they got things ready to move to the homestead, 14-10-17. There was nothing on it but one tree known locally as "Old Moses".

My father built a small house on the homestead the following spring and the young couple soon made friends. Their home was always a place where good food and good fellowship were to be found.

In August of 1927 my mother, expecting their first child in October, made a molasses cake for lunch. It was a hot, breathless morning. That afternoon a storm struck with high winds, thunder, lightning and rain. The little house began to quake. They had trouble opening the door because the house had shifted. Once outside the couple stood with arms around each other. A crying sound was heard. My father tried to comfort mother by telling her not to cry, that everything would be all right. My mother, with her usual spunk, replied that she wasn't crying; it must have been the pups. Their dog, who had been sleeping with her pups close to what she thought was the safety of the house, was being hit with pieces of roof and boards from the wall.

As is the custom of prairie storms it was soon past and the sun shone once more. The task of gathering up their belongings began. Dad's beloved violin was found several yards away, wet but unbroken. A framed painting that had been a wedding gift was discovered undamaged. The only real losses were half the roof, part of the wall and the molasses cake that had been left on the table. It looked like a pan of putty as all the colour had been washed out of it by the pounding rain.

Everything was wet and dirty. The clothesline was soon full and some of the things had to be hung on the fence to dry. The next step was to replace the roof, after all a baby was to be born and they needed a home. Arrangements had already been made for mom to return to Grandma's home in Selkirk to have the baby when the time came. The couple worked together into September repairing their house. Things were almost back to normal and my mother was preparing to depart when — labour! My father had no choice but to leave my mother all alone and go with the horses to Tom James' home to phone the doctor in Brandon. He had to leave signs on the prairie to direct the doctor to the farm. The doctor arrived by car with a nurse. He looked with dismay at the situation. There were only two rooms; a kitchen with a table, chairs, a bench and cook stove; a bedroom with a bed, chest and trunk. What a delivery room! On examination he found

that it was necessary for the baby to be born there. John Martin Conrod, a healthy son, arrived. The nurse stayed to look after the new mother and because there was only one bed, she had to sleep with her patient. John was placed on a pillow in the suitcase that mother was going to use for her trip to Grandma's. As there was nowhere else, Dad slept on the bench in the kitchen.

With such a beginning things could only get better and they did. The farm grew, trees were planted, garden and livestock increased. The family enlarged too.

On October 3, 1930, Kathleen Gladys was born in Selkirk. (We made it.) A larger house was built in 1936. Baseball games, sing songs, picnics at Waggle Springs, Christmas dinners and dances at Lawrence School provided good times for all. My father's violin and banjo were appreciated at the gatherings. A piano was also an important part of our happy home.

Barbara Helen was born in Brandon at the home of the Robinson family on February 3, 1939. Sharon Jean came next. She was born in the Brandon Hospital on November 16, 1945.

In 1946 we sold our homestead to Pete Calahan and moved to Winnipeg. We left many dear friends behind but took with us memories of times happy and sad. My parents lived for twenty years on the farm.

One more daughter was born in Winnipeg; Heather Audrey came into the world on December 9, 1947.

Nelson Conrod died on March 17, 1962. Mother remarried and, being widowed for the second time, now lives in Arborg, Manitoba.

John works for the C.N.R. and lives with his wife, two sons and daughter in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Kathleen Johnson, her husband, two sons, and daughter live in Arborg, Man. Barbara Magnuson her husband, and five sons live in Vancouver, B.C. Sharon Danielson and her two sons live in Stonewall, Manitoba. Heather Danielson and her husband, son and daughter live in Arborg, Manitoba.

We look back to our life in the Lawrence School district fondly and keep in touch with our old friends there.

Submitted by Kathleen Johnson



## **GORDON COOKE FAMILY**

The Cookes lived in a small house on a country road by the Little Souris creek and after being flooded out moved the house up by the bridge. Gordon delivered milk in Brandon, for the Waldrons, when we first moved to the Glen. We took over the post office in 1937 and had it until 1967, when it closed. Gordon worked for the Kents spraying weeds for the Municipality of Cornwallis. Gordon passed away in 1962 and Lydia moved to Victoria in 1968. Don and family live in Nanaimo, B.C. and Sid lives at Cheanuh Marina, Sooke, B.C.

## **ISAAC COOKMAN**

Isaac Cookman was one of the early settlers in the Basswood district. The time of his arrival here is uncertain but it must have been about 1885. He was foreman of the crew that levelled the new railroad. A faded picture shows him with a gang of sixteen men on hand cars ready to go to work. After this was finished he was foreman for the Basswood area or section as it was called.

About 1886 he married Mary Hannah and they lived in the station house. While there he started a store and had a Post Office. After this they went farming on SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of 28-15-19.

The Cookmans had two sons — Harry and Fred and they attended Winterton School south west of their home several miles away, until 1904 when Basswood School District was organized.

Early in 1906 the Cookman family left Basswood and went to a farm near Brandon, Manitoba. Harry studied law but was never admitted to the Bar. He passed away about 1935 in Ontario. Fred was with the Post Office, travelling on the trains sorting mail. He passed away in 1964 leaving one son and two daughters.

## **ROBERT McLAREN COOMBS**

Robert Coombs was born in 1851 in Perth, Ontario, the son of John Shine and Anne (Millar) Coombs. John Shine's father, Joseph Coombs, came from England with the Royal Engineers and he helped build the Rideau Canal and the first Parliament Buildings in Ottawa.

R.M. Coombs' father had a drug store in Perth and Robert was employed there until he came West to Manitoba in the spring of 1881. The railroad was not built through to Winnipeg, so he came by way of St. Paul. When he arrived in Winnipeg he purchased stock for a general store and had it loaded onto a steamer for Currie's Landing. The store was to be at Grand Valley, which is just East of the present site of Brandon. The steamer burned wood to make steam and the crew would disembark when fuel was needed, and they would cut down trees on the banks of the river. It took seven days to make the trip. A store was built, it was

only a shack, and business started. Business was good, and he sent back to Perth for his friend Billy Muir to clerk in the store. Billy was a life-long friend and he used to tell us children tales of the early days. I wish I could recall some of them but too many other memories crowd them out.

When the railroad came through, the C.P.R. wanted to buy property at Grand Valley, but the man who owned it thought he could make a "killing" and wanted an exorbitant price and they said "keep it", and moved up the valley to the present site of Brandon. Business prospered and he and his partner Dan Stewart, did well.

Father filed on a homestead when he first came to Brandon. It was in the Cornwallis Municipality 12-10-19. He also proved up on the preemption NE $\frac{1}{4}$  12-10-19 and his homestead was the West (N) $\frac{1}{2}$  12-10-19 in Cornwallis. He would work all day in the store and walk to his homestead at night. The stipulation was, one had to live on the farm for six months of the year for three years to get a homestead.

When the railroad came through Grand Valley, it was decided to move to the new site, so they tore down the store, built it into a raft, and loaded the goods on it, and floated it up the river to Brandon. They settled on the corner of 6th and Pacific and it was the first store in Brandon.

After a few good years, too much credit had been given and they had to declare bankruptcy. A new store was opened in the new town of Elkhorn about 1890 and they did a good business until poor crops and too much credit, again, were his downfall.

There were eight children in our family: Fredrick, born in 1885, attended school in Brandon and became a Veterinarian and practiced in Oak River. He married Maud Glinz and had three sons — Robert, John and William. He served overseas in the Imperial Army as Veterinarian and was decorated with the O.B.E. for his service. He spent four years in the 1st World War. He died in 1944 and is buried at Hamiota, Manitoba.

Edith May, born in 1887, attended school in Brandon, and learned the millinery trade. She married Fred Baxter in 1908 and had two sons and one daughter. She died in 1917 and is buried in Winnipeg.

Jessie Struthers, born in 1889, attended school in Brandon and graduated as a nurse from Brandon General Hospital. In 1918 she married Fred Baxter and had one son and one daughter. She died in 1977 and is buried in Victoria, B.C.

Agnes Struthers, born in 1890, died of scarlet fever in 1892 and is buried in Elkhorn cemetery.

Roberta Maud, born 1892, attended school in Brandon and graduated as a teacher. She taught at Poplar Hills School, Kenton and Oak River. She married Wm. McKinley in 1915, moved to Melita, and they retired from there to Grand Valley,

Ontario in 1944. They had one daughter, Gertrude who married Curtis Gullacher. They are both deceased and buried at Grand Valley Cemetery.

Allena McLean, born in 1894, attended school in Brandon, and also Wheat City Business College. She trained as a nurse after World War I was declared and graduated in 1918. She has one son and two daughters.

Eudora Jean, born in 1901, attended school in Brandon and later in Winnipeg, also St. Mary's Convent in Winnipeg. She became a dental assistant, married Thomas Banting and lived in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Later she lived in Lewiston and Pittsford in New York State. She has two daughters.

After Father failed in business at Elkhorn he returned to Brandon and moved onto the farm where he had homesteaded the land. He farmed there until 1912, and the land was sold to a Toronto firm, who divided it into Town lots and sold them in the East.

As he had filed on a homestead prior to 1900 he was allowed to file on a second one and he did just that during the war. He proved up on a quarter section in the Grahamdale district, then sold it to the government to be used as a nursing station, as he had built a nice little cottage on it.

As a resident of Cornwallis, although we did not attend that school, Brandon being nearer, Father audited the books for years and I am sure there will be records with his signature on them. Father died in 1922, Mother in 1926 and both are buried in Ross Bay Cemetery, Victoria, B.C.

### THE COOPER FAMILY

Robert Miller Cooper, son of Robert Cooper and Margaret Miller, was born in Clinton County, Ontario, in 1856. Some twenty years later, he worked his way westward, taking jobs along the way. He planted trees along Portage Avenue in Winnipeg, and helped build the railroad, arriving at Carberry in 1878. About 1882, he married Margaret Jane Churchill, and they farmed south-east of Douglas. Three children were born there: Mary Agnes (known as Mayme), and the twins, Robert F. and Arthur Wesley in 1886.

In 1888, the Robert Miller Cooper family moved to Souris, homesteading on 10-8-23. True to the times and the pioneer spirit, Robert walked to Souris to choose his land, back to Douglas, then walked to Minnedosa to file on it at the registry office. Four more children were born at Souris: Mable, James, Maggie, and Edward. These four all became teachers.

Arthur quit school, after one day in Grade Six, to help with the harvest, and remained farming for the next eighty years.

In the meantime, Mary Elizabeth Taylor, born

at Coe Hill, Ontario, in 1893, moved with her family to Walhalla, North Dakota, and then to Ranfurly, Alberta. The oldest sister, Lettie, (Mrs. Aylmer Harkness) lived at Souris, and Mary moved to Souris and worked for Mrs. E. Canning, Mrs. B. Canning, and others, until her marriage to Arthur at Souris, December 18, 1917.

During the next three years, Arthur's twin, Robert, and his mother, died during the 1918 'flu' epidemic, and his father died in 1920. On the joyful side, a daughter, Margaret Lettie, was born. In November, 1922, the Arthur Coopers moved to Methven, near Wawanessa, (SW 33-7-17), farming there until coming to Cornwallis Municipality in 1931. Two sons, Robert Ross and John Wesley, were born at Methven.

Through the eleven years at NW 2-9-19 "the Ardiel place", the family attended Little Souris church and Little Souris school, and Arthur served as school trustee, superintendent of the Sunday School, and manager of the baseball team. From 1942 to 1944, the Coopers lived at NW 9-9-18 (Win Roddick's), then three years at NW 35-9-19, until in April 1947, they purchased the Groome farm (NE 16-9-19 & SE 21-9-19), and have lived there since. August 26, 1970, the barn burned to the ground. That fall, the neighbours gathered and generously assisted with the barn raising, just as they had worked so diligently to fight fire the day the original had burned.

Mary Elizabeth died March 16, 1973, one month before her 80th birthday. Arthur Wesley continued farming well past age 90, until ill health forced him to retire. He died November 24, 1982.

Margaret Lettie married Kenneth Hayward of Sinclair, Man., who died in 1978. She continues to farm. They have three children — Darlene Henderson (with one daughter, Laurene), Bryan and his wife Edith (with two children, Lloyd and Corina), and Jacie Skelton (with one daughter, Connie). All live in the Sinclair area.

John Wesley moved to Brandon in 1948. He worked for the CPR for fifteen years, then went into sales business, working for Canadian Motors, Wilton Motors, and, at present, is self-employed. In 1956, he married Edith Irene Bruce (of Poplar Point) who teaches in Brandon. They have three daughters — Beverly Rae, a teacher; Karen Lori, doing graduate studies in environmental science at Edmonton; and Susan, studying physiotherapy at Winnipeg Health Sciences Centre.

Robert Ross stayed on the farm, working with his father. In 1957, he married Joyce Evelyn Floyd (of Blue Bell, Sask. and Melita, Man.), a teacher in Brandon. In 1958, they rented the Goodwill farm to the south of "the hills". Later that year, they purchased the west half of the Jack MacArthur farm (NW 15-9-19 and SW 22-9-19). In 1975, they bought their first purebred polled herefords, and

have continued in the purebred cattle business since.

The Robert Coopers have four children — Robert Gregg, married Johann Noble in 1981, graduated with a BSc. in 1982, and at present is farming with his father; Barry James, studying animal science in agriculture at University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, is interested in the cattle, and is active in the Junior Hereford Association at the provincial and national levels; Donald Arthur, in Grade 12 and Beth Patricia, in Grade 11, both at Neelin High in Brandon.

### JOHN COPELAND

John Copeland was a member of the Roddick party which came to Brandon Hills in 1879. He was one of the five men who made the first exploratory trip across the Assiniboine River. He did not remain at Brandon Hills very long.

### FRED COTTON FAMILY

Fred and Barbara Cotton came from Leeds, Yorkshire, in 1905 and 1907 respectively. They worked as a hired couple on farms at High Bluff, Oak Lake and Douglas to become familiar with Canadian methods of farming. In August 1910, they, with their two small sons, Roy and Lloyd, moved to the Brandon Hills area from Douglas, and settled on the E½ of 24-9-19.

Fred was first hired as manager of the Doran farms, i.e. E½ of 24-9-19 (where the house was located) SE½ of 25-9-19; W½ of 23-9-19; and SE¼ of 27-9-19.

As parcels of this land were sold, Fred rented the E½ of 24-9-19 and lived there with his family until his death in February 1941 at the age of 65. This tract of land was not for sale, so Fred's oldest son, Roy, continued to rent until Dr. Solomon Doran's death in February 1964. The farm was then offered for sale and Roy was finally able to buy it. He continued to farm this tract until his death in 1973. Shortly after Roy's death the land was sold to Douglas Ardiel.

Mrs. Fred Cotton lived on the farm with Roy until October 1969 when she went to live with her daughter and son-in-law, Nora and Bill Way in Brandon. She lived with them up to the time of her death in June 1975. Mrs. Cotton was in her 98th year.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cotton's family:

Eileen — Born in Leeds, Yorkshire in 1905, where she still resides.

Roy — Born at Douglas, March 1909. Married to Evelyn McLean in October, 1969. Roy lived on the farm all his adult life. He died in April, 1973.

Lloyd — Born at Douglas, May 1910. He married Annie Swinton in February 1936. Lloyd worked at Brandon Packers (later Burns) until his

retirement in May 1975. Lloyd and Annie had three children, Robert, Barbara and David. Lloyd died in May 1982.

Nora — Born in R.M. of Cornwallis in August 1912. She was married to Douglas Smith in June 1943, and widowed in December 1955. They had two children — Wayne and Maureen. Nora was married to William Way in 1958 and they reside in Brandon.

Marguerite Helen — (Reita) — Born in R.M. of Cornwallis April 1916. She was married to Robin Watson in 1943, and lives in Roblin area where they farm. Reita and Bob have two sons — Terry and Brian.

Bill — Born in R.M. of Cornwallis December 1920. He married Isabel Watson in October 1949. Bill has been employed by Gulf Oil Ltd. since leaving the farm in 1949. They have one daughter — Colleen.

### WILLIAM HARVEY COULING FAMILY

William Harvey (Bill) is the son of Harvey and Minnie Couling of Dauphin. In November of 1970 he married Lois Lelond, daughter of Wes and Ruth Lelond of Miniota. The marriage took place in Dunedin, New Zealand, and the couple spent nine months abroad before returning to Brandon.

They arrived in the Brandon Hills District in December of 1972 when they rented the William Hargreaves farmsite. In the summer of 1975 they built their home on NW 19-9-18.

Lois is a graduate of the Brandon General Hospital School of Nursing and is presently employed there part-time in pediatrics. Her interests include sewing, gardening and home-making. She is a member of the Brandon Hills Fireflies.

Bill graduated from the School of Pharmacy, University of Manitoba, and is presently Assistant Director of Pharmacy at the Brandon General Hospital. Bill's major interests include hobby farming and the breeding of Arabian horses. He is also a member of the Brandon Kinsmen Club.

Bill and Lois have two daughters — Allison Leanne, born August, 1973, and Julie Michelle, born November, 1975.

### JAMES AND JANE COURTICE

James Courtice, son of William Courtice and Elizabeth Fursey, was born in March 1858, near Mitchell, Ont. He was a Stone mason and bricklayer by trade.

James came to the Cornwallis Municipality in 1884, and filed his homestead on the NE¼ of 32-9-18. He joined the Canadian Militia in 1885 at the time of the Riel Rebellion, but the rebellion was over before he saw any action.

James returned to Ontario in the fall of 1886, and in November 1886 he married Jane Woodley of Fullarton, Ontario. The young couple came back to Manitoba and moved to Wawanesa. There are several large stone houses in the Nesbitt, Methven and Wawanesa districts which were built by him and are still in use.

James died in 1912 and Jane in 1919. They had six children — Loretta Jane, Blanche, Robert, Frank, Roy and Frederick. Fred is the only member of the family living today. He lives in Brandon.

### **WILLIAM COURTICE**

William Courtice, son of William Courtice Sr. and Elizabeth Fursey, was born in 1861, near Mitchell, Ont. In 1887 he came west to the Cornwallis Municipality following his elder brother James (see James Courtice family) and sister Mary Jane Harris, (see Ephraim Harris family). He bought the E½ of 13-9-19 from a Mr. Owen Jones, who had homesteaded this property in 1879 for \$4000, which was a lot of money in those days.

In 1888 William married Margaret (Maggie) Lamont, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lamont of the Brandon Hills district. William and Margaret were very interested in the Little Souris School and Church. William was one of the early trustees and secretaries of the school.

They had a family of eight children — Ada, Hugh, Lawrence, Will, Jean, twins Ray and Donald, and Reta.

In 1915, William sold the farm known as Maple Cliff, to his son Hugh who took off the crop in the fall and joined the Army and went overseas. He rented the farm to his brother Lawrence. Upon Hugh's return from overseas he sold the farm to James Mitchell. At this time William (a widower since 1918) and his daughter Ada moved to Brandon. In 1921 the Mitchells sold the farm to Lawrence Courtice.

Ada became a teacher and taught at Little Souris. She was a life member of the U.C.W. She moved with her father to Brandon and made a home for him, and later for her Uncle Richard. She passed away in 1972.

Hugh married Leila Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Baker of Brandon Hills. They lived in New Westminster. Hugh was a victim of gas in the war and never fully recovered. They had three sons — Douglas, Gordon and David. Hugh and Leila are both deceased.

Lawrence married Annie Medland of Little Souris, who was a school teacher. Lawrence served as an elder in the Little Souris Church and superintendent in the Sunday School. He also was a school trustee. They farmed the home farm until his sudden death in 1930. His wife Annie then rented the farm to Mr. Fred Ardiel. Lawrence and Annie

had one daughter — Lorraine. She married Bill Stone. They have five children and live in Ontario.

Will died in a hunting accident as a young man.

Jean was a school teacher and taught in Brandon, then in Saskatchewan and Alberta. She died in 1943.

Ray and Donald, twins, died in infancy.

Reta also was a teacher. She taught at Delton, and then went west with her sister to teach. She married Claire Barclay. They lived at the coast and in Calgary. Reta is now a widow and lives in Calgary.

William Courtice lived to the ripe old age of 92. He was a well read man and had many interests. The kindness of the Courtice Family will long be remembered by neighbors and friends. They always enjoyed keeping in contact and visiting their friends in Little Souris and Brandon Hills.

### **WILLIAM R. AND ELLA COURTICE**

Bill (Doc) Courtice was the son of Robert and Ella Courtice. He and his wife Ella, (nee Kerbis) moved from Wawanesa to the Cornwallis Municipality, 3-10-19, in July 1977. Bill is Staff Representative with the Manitoba Government Employees Association.

They have three children, all married and living in the Brandon area.

Gayle married Bob Chambers and they farm North of Brandon. They have two children — Jeff and Erin.

Bill married Gay Pinkowski from Wawanesa, and now live in Brandon.

Fred married Ramona Swistoski from Wawanesa. They have two children — Heather and Terrance. They live in Brandon.

### **ALFRED COX FAMILY**

Alfred E. Cox was born in Cornwall, England in 1896. In 1923 he came to Canada, settling in Windthorst, Sask. There he met Daisy Maxwell, daughter of John and Jane Maxwell of Burdett, Alberta. Alfred and Daisy were married at Grenfell, Sask., in 1927. In the fall of 1927 they came to the Brandon district where they worked for Tommie Cummings on the "Holdaway farm". In the spring Alf worked for Bill Maddaford building dairy barns, it is now the Keeble farm. The following spring we worked for Win. Roddick, Alf getting the big sum of \$30.00 a month and me \$10.00. That fall we moved to town where Wilma was born. In the spring we moved out to the Gibson farm across from the Bob Smith farm. At that time it was known as the Dr. Candell farm. Later we moved to the Bob Smith farm where we pastured cattle and sheep. When Mrs. Dauncey passed away we moved to that farm, across from Gorrie School, and lived there until we moved to town in 1949. Alf's health wasn't good due to lung and heart trouble. He worked for Doig's

Store and at Shilo until September, 1955. He passed away October 15, 1955. I worked for Fred's Dry Cleaners, then went to Perth's Dry Cleaners and stayed there until 1966. I married Charlie Sanderson and we moved to Calgary and lived there for 14 years. We came back to Brandon in 1980 to retire.

Alfred and I had five sons and three daughters, seven of which attended Gorrie School. Donelda, Wilma, Maxwell, Gloria, Reginald, James, Kenneth, and Wayne.

Donelda married Melvin Karnes of Kemnay. They have one daughter and two sons, Catherine, Douglas, Donald. Melvin passed away. Donelda has multiple sclerosis and now resides at Fairview Nursing Home in Brandon.

Wilma married Clarence Gilbert of the Cornwallis district and they live in Brandon. Clarence works at Shilo. They have one son and one daughter, Frederick and Beverly. Both are married and live on farms south of Brandon. Wilma and Clarence have three grandchildren.

Maxwell married Betty Unger. They make their home in Red Deer, Alberta, where he owns and operates his own business — Central Bumper. He has two daughters and one son. Barbara and Brent live in Brandon and Tara is at home.

Gloria married John Munro and they reside in the Cornwallis district south of Brandon. They have three sons and two daughters. Edward of Lethbridge, Margaret and Shirley in Brandon, and William and Kenneth at home. They have three grandchildren.

Reginald married Angela Rominski of Calgary. They farm at Sundre, Alberta, where they operate five sections of land and run up to 600 head of cattle. They have three daughters — Patricia, and twins, Catherine and Christine.

Ken married Patricia Newton of Calgary. They have one son — Anthony. Ken had the misfortune to have polio in 1952. He went to barber school in Winnipeg and then went to Calgary where he is a barber and is well established.

Jim married Dawn Cunliffe of Brandon. They reside in Calgary where he is manager of Norman Wade Oil Company. They have two sons and one daughter — Martin, Michael and Caroline.

Wayne married Sherry Perie of Calgary. They have one son and one daughter — Justin and Lisa. Wayne now makes his home in Brandon.

## ROBERT (BOB) COX FAMILY

The Cox family lived on Mr. E. Fotheringham's Brandon Creamery Farm for many years. The farm was located west of Brandon (21-10-19) where K-Mart and Riverheights School and the new developments are. Bob and his wife, Mary, had a family of four — Elsie, John, Margaret and George. Margaret was born in the farm home and Elsie was married in that same house. I understand the farm home we lived in was demolished a few years ago.

Elsie (Mrs. J. Martin) and Margaret (Mrs. J.C. Findlay) both reside in Shoal Lake, Manitoba. George lives in Selkirk and John in British Columbia. We all attended Fleming, Earl Oxford and B.C.I.

Mr. Fotheringham purchased his dairy cattle, purebred Holsteins, from Manitoba breeders and also from C.P.R. Farms at Strathmore, Alberta. He imported two bulls from Carnation Milk Farms in Seattle, Washington, U.S.A., namely Sir Inka May 46th, No. 7113 and Carnation Consort, a massive bull that weighed almost a ton and a half. These cattle were exhibited at Brandon Summer Fair and when we took them to the fair, they were led across the open prairie to the fair grounds where the Keystone Centre now stands, and led back again as soon as the fair was over. These cattle were high producers and some of the young heifers were sold and shipped over to England. The herd was sold at a dispersal sale following the death of Mr. Fotheringham.

Submitted by M.E. (Elsie Cox) Martin

## COXE

Samual M. Coxe of Milton Ontario, filed on the N $\frac{1}{2}$  6-10-18 for himself and his eldest son, Joseph, in 1880. This land was located three miles south and east of the present city of Brandon.

In 1881, Joseph came west with settlers effects, via the usual route of that time, by water and rail across the States and then down the Red River to Winnipeg. From Winnipeg to Grande Valley by ox team with a convoy of other settlers.

Samual and his wife, Letitia, and the rest of the family, Lolly (Mrs. A. Cunningham), Samuel Jr. (Dr. S.A. Coxe V.S. (veterinary surgeon)), William J., Katherine (Mrs. Oliver Heal), Anna (Mrs. Don MacKay), and Emma all waited and came West by rail in 1882.

During the Riel Rebellion, Joseph like many other neighbours, was engaged in hauling supplies by team and wagon to the troops in Saskatchewan.

In 1887 Joseph married Isabella Agnew who had come west from Georgetown, Ontario, to join her brother David who had homesteaded a mile south of Douglas.

In 1888 Joseph sold his land and in 1889 he purchased the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  27-10-17 south of Douglas, where they farmed until 1899 when they leased the



farm and moved to Selkirk, Manitoba. There Joseph was employed as a Government Timber Inspector. They returned to Douglas in 1903 and then moved back to the farm in 1904.

The farm home burned to the ground in 1907 and the family again moved into Douglas for a year until the new home was completed, in 1908. By this time the family had grown and consisted of Samuel J., Emma I. "Mae" (Mrs. J.G. Peddie), George Clifford "Chip", Aylesworth R. (Ayl) and Edward W. (Ted).

In the middle eighties Joseph and his father had one of the early threshing machines in the district. It was a hand feed and the bands were cut by hand. It had no elevator and the grain came out the bottom into bushel containers, the straw was bucked away with a horse on each end of a pole. The first year it was driven by horse power and later by a portable steam engine.

In later years Joseph and Dave Carradice had one of the large modern steam tractors and thresher, this was 1906 or 1907.

About 1912 Joseph, D.W. Agnew and R.H. Swallow purchased a one cylinder Rumley Oil Pull tractor and a 28 inch Rumley separator which threshed in the district for several years.

Isabella and Joseph were well known for their hospitality, and in the horse and buggy days many a traveller spent the night in their home.

Isabella took a very active part in the Ladies Church Groups and Community organizations and always seemed to be available to help when illness or misfortune struck a neighbour's home.

Isabella and Joseph remained on the farm until Isabella's death in 1926, and Joseph's death in 1928.

In 1909 Samuel J. graduated from Guelph Veterinary College and practised at Elkhorn, Manitoba until 1915, when he returned to Brandon to join his uncle, Dr. S.A. Coxe, V.S. and practised in Brandon until his death in 1938. In 1918 Samuel was married to Clara Burke of Fairfax, Manitoba and of that union there were five children — Robert, Elaine, Kathleen, Doreen and Virginia.

In 1923 Mae married J.G. "Jack" Peddie. Jack was employed at the Sprucewoods Forest Reserve where they lived until 1937 when they moved to Camp Shilo where Jack was caretaker until his retirement when they moved to Douglas. Jack passed away in 1956 and Mae in 1968.

"Chip" who had remained on the home farm, with the exception of three winters and one summer, spent homesteading in the Spirit River Area of the Peace River District, continued farming there until he retired in 1968. He died in Brandon in 1971.

Ayl farmed in the Hayfield District for two years 1921 and 1922, and then moved South of Brandon, where from 1923 to 1927 he farmed his uncle's farm just North of the Cornwallis School. In

1927 he married Dorothy Neabel and moved to the Roseneath District where they farmed until they retired to Brandon in 1960. Ayl and Dorothy had five children — Ray, Yvonne, Noreen, Clare and Gail. Ayl passed away in 1979. Dorothy still lives in Brandon.

Ted joined Ayl and farmed South of Brandon from 1925 to 1929. In 1928 he filed on a homestead in the Spirit River area of Alberta, and farmed there from 1932 to 1940.

After returning from overseas and a discharge from the R.C.A.F. in 1946. Ted resided in Grande Prairie, Alberta where he married Myrtle Fraser. In 1952 Myrtle and Ted moved to Dawson Creek, B.C. where they still reside at their home there.

After Chip's death in 1971, the home farm south of Douglas was purchased by Norman and Wilma Richardson in 1972.

Submitted by E.W. Coxe

### COXE FAMILY

Samuel A. Coxe, son of John Coxe, was born in Cornwall, England. He came to Ontario, Canada, at the age of 18, and worked at the lumber yard near Campbellville. He married Letitia McLaughlin and they lived in Nassagaway county. They had nine children, six girls and three boys.

Later on, Sam and family decided to go to Manitoba. The oldest daughter, Jane, was married to John Scott and lived in Milton, Ontario, so they had to leave her, which was hard to do but there were many relatives of Sam's and Letitia's there so she was not alone.

Sam settled on a farm one mile south of Brandon, on section 3-10-9. He remained on the farm until 1898 and then retired to Brandon, leaving his son, William and his wife, Rose Heal, on the farm. Samuel died in 1910 and was buried in Brandon Cemetery. William Coxe lived on the farm for a number of years and is now deceased.

William's family lived on the farm for a short while after he died and then moved to a farm north of Brandon.

Joseph Coxe, eldest son, settled on a farm south of Brandon.

Emma Coxe was not married and lived in Brandon.

Frances Coxe, Emma's twin, died in infancy in Ontario.

Elenor (Loll) married Al Cunningham and lived in Brandon for a number of years, then moved to Alberta and eventually settled on a farm at Three Hills, Alberta.

Anna Coxe married Dr. Don McKay and lived in Chilliwack, B.C.

Catherine (Kate) Coxe, married Oliver Heal and they farmed at Chater, Wawanesa and Brandon.

The sons and daughters of Samuel Coxe Sr. are all deceased and their families are scattered. Some are living in Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and the U.S.A.

### CRANG FAMILY

James and Irene have four sons: James II, Keith, Scott and Mark. We came from Brandon to the Municipality of Cornwallis in 1962. Previous to that we opened a beauty salon in the Shilo Home and Auto building in 1960.

In July 1962 we began to construct our own building to house our beauty salon and living quarters. Early in 1963, with the salon operating, we expanded to a small cafe with food delivery service. Then in 1966 we opened a grocery store, all needed services here.

In 1968 we brought one more service to the area, a liquor vendor, followed in 1969 with a beer vendor. In the spring of 1970 we planned and serviced a mobile home park. Then in 1971 another service, Autopac Insurance and Drivers Licence Renewal.

We constructed and opened an Auto Body Repair Shop in 1977, and due to added business we enlarged our existing store in 1978.

Once again we started construction in 1979. Today we have a 12 unit motel called the Shilo Inn which has a cafe, dining room and lounge, and beer vendor.

During these years we were active with curling and our sons' hockey. Jim is a founding member of Shilo Men's Club. We were also active in the building and operation of the Sprucewoods Community Club.

### JOHN CRAWFORD FAMILY

John Crawford, (1883-1912), born in Dalry, Ayrshire Scotland, married Mary Cruickshanks of Renfrewshire. In 1865 with their family of four and when John Jr. was six years old, they emigrated to Nova Scotia and settled in the Pictou County. They remained there for fourteen years and had four more children.

In 1879 the entire family moved west and arrived in St. Boniface, April 17, 1879. Four days later equipped with oxen and horses they moved west and around May 10, 1879, John Crawford Sr. filed his claim on 320 acres of W $\frac{1}{2}$  14-11-18. His eldest son John Jr. filed claim on the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of the same section.

John Sr. and his family lived on the newly acquired land for a period of three years when he became fee owner and at the time sold his farm to John Brooks, who moved in with a family as large as the Crawfords. John Sr. then opened a hotel in

Chater, but, after several years, he sold the hotel and moved to Winnipeg. Mary, my grandmother, died in 1902. John Sr. lived the remaining years of his life with a daughter in Vancouver, Mrs. William Hodgson. He died in 1912 and was buried in St. John's Churchyard in Winnipeg, next to Mary.

### CLIFF & PHYLLIS CREIGHTON NW 9-10-19

We moved from Brandon to Cornwallis in July, 1976 to enjoy the benefits of open space with regard to outdoor activities and in which to raise a family. The family, including four boys and two girls, enjoy the outdoors and also enjoy having our pets (dogs/cat).

Three of the children still live at home: Darren is a student at Neelin High School; Cheryl is employed in a dress shop and Darrell works for the Recreational Department, City of Brandon.

Richard lives in Brandon and is employed by the Department of Highways. Lorrie is a credit manager and she and husband Randy Dittmer reside in Brandon. David and his wife, Debra (Moyer — formerly of Cornwallis), and their son Corie, reside in Brandon.

### THE CRIDDLES OF AWEME

Percy Criddle (1844-1918) and his wife Alice (1849-1918) left the comforts of England in 1882 to try their fortune in Canada. With them were their four children — Norman, Evelyn, Stuart and Beatrice. Also travelling with them was Mrs. Elise Vane and her five children — Edwy, Harry, Cecil, Minnie, and Isabel.

Conditions on the boat were not to their liking and many of the passengers were sick. They arrived in New York on July 27, and in Winnipeg on August 11th, and Brandon on August 16. Due to excessive baggage and custom inspections, keeping the group all together must have been quite a feat for a former English wine merchant.

Percy was a highly educated man who spoke several languages, possessed an excellent memory and had a large collection of books. This included medical and legal books. His knowledge in these two fields won him the confidence of his neighbors in later years. Having a fine tenor voice he had studied vocal and instrumental music under some of the best masters in Europe. He had sung in Albert Hall, London and also composed music. He kept a diary and from these books, dates and facts tell of the family's daily activities through many, many years. In Canada he kept weather records until Norman and then Maida took over these duties.

Alice Criddle (1849-1918) was a refined and gentle lady. She had achieved honours at Cambridge University and was fluent in seven languages. Her education proved to be an asset to

her family because for many years — with no school near — she taught them their three R's as well as love of nature. We can not imagine what life must have been like for Mrs. Criddle (and many others like her) to leave the comforts of their homeland and travel to a foreign land, with all the hardships.

After arriving in Brandon Mr. Criddle decided to settle on land near the Assiniboine River. This was on 32-8-16 in the municipality of South Cypress. It was about 18 miles south-east of Brandon, across the river from Treesbank and about nine miles south of the present army camp at Shilo. He chose this light sandy land on account of the trees and a supply of good water. Heavier land did not always have these two advantages. At first they lived in tents (with their biggest problem being mosquitoes) until October when a small log shanty was built. This did not accommodate them all so the tents were still used all winter. This original log house — with additions — was named St. Albans and was occupied for 24 years. It was here that four more children — Maida, Julia, Talbot, and Alma — were born. In 1906, the new St. Albans was built and over the years, in this large home, many social events were enjoyed.

They were a very resourceful family. Nothing was ever wasted and when something was needed they made it. They became interested in golf and the golf balls were carved out of cherry wood and their golf clubs out of hard pincherry wood. They made many articles inlaid with ivory (from old piano keys) and with mother-of-pearl found in clam shells at the river.

Norman (1875-1933) studied and painted wild flowers in their natural habitat. He sent his paintings to Ottawa to be identified. Dr. Fletcher was very interested in his work and came to Manitoba to see Norman. He also collected, studied and catalogued many, many specimens of insects and butterflies. Birds and their habits were also recorded. He felt the crow should be protected on account of the many harmful insects it devoured. He and Harry Vane found a simple remedy to kill grasshoppers. It was a mixture of Paris Green, salt, and bran (or sawdust). His work was well known and these few words can not begin to tell of his many talents.

Stuart (1877-1972) became skilled in taxidermy and woodwork. Like the other children he received his education at home. He seemed to prefer the study of mammals. At one time he found a large buffalo skull near Douglas and it was identified as that of the extinct *Bison Occidentalis* of the Pleistocene Age, the only one found in Manitoba up to 1912. This was donated to the Ottawa Museum. Stuart served in the 79th regiment in the First World War. He was wounded and returned home. During his absence his sister Alice, and both his parents had died. Later he built a house close by and married his sweetheart of pre-war years. He

was an avid gardener and was famous for his lily collection.

Time or space does not permit me to list all the Criddle family's many and varied achievements. Each one was self-educated in their chosen career. Evelyn like his brothers had many talents. Hunting and gardening were two of his many hobbies.

In 1960 Stuart, after his wife's death, moved with his sister Maida, and brother Evelyn, to Sidney on Vancouver Island. Here they enjoyed golf and their gardens. Maida is the only survivor of the original family. The small cemetery at St. Albans is the final resting place of this incredible family of early pioneers.

To fully appreciate the Criddle's many talents and the honours they won we would recommend the book "Criddle-De-Diddle-ensis" written by granddaughter, Alice Criddle.

### JAMES CROY FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. James Croy came to Canada in 1920 and lived in Medora, Man. for seven years. They came then to work for the late W.F. McGregor of S½ 11-11-19 in the Rural Municipality of Elton. They moved to W½ 4-11-19 where they farmed till they moved to their retirement home in the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis.

Their family consisted of one boy, George, and two girls, Ruby and Jeanetta. George farmed at Forrest, Manitoba moving to Brandon in 1973 and now resides on the former James Croy farm in Cornwallis. Ruby joined the WAAC and served overseas in the Second World War. There she met and married the late Leonard D.W. Smith. Ruby still makes her home in Moose Jaw, Sask. Jeanetta married Arthur Ranson who was then in the RCAF. They spent four years with the forces in Germany during the Second World War. They had four children, three now married, and all live at Spruce Grove, Alberta.

Mrs. James Croy died on August 6, 1977. Mr. Croy has been a resident of Fairview Home, Brandon, since he left Cornwallis four years ago, in 1978.

### CULLEN FAMILY

My father, Orlando Horatio Cullen, better known as Orlie, was born in Leamington, Ontario, in 1862, the second eldest of a family of eleven. He came to Brandon by train, attending a car load of horses, in February, 1882, and rode horseback to Mr. and Mrs. McVey's farm in the Aweme district some twenty miles south east of Brandon, Mrs. McVey being his aunt. He worked for farmers in that area until he applied for a homestead in 1886, that being the NW¼ of 4-9-17, west of the first meridian and received title for same on May 16, 1890. The post office at that time, for that area, was

in Olive Dale, Manitoba, the farm home of Maher's Stopping House, 7-9-17, now owned by Mr. Wilbert Chapman in the Municipality of Cornwallis.

The homestead buildings were all constructed of logs except the two-storey house which had a large lean-to kitchen of lumber and siding. The two horse barns were connected by a hay-mow where hay and sheaves were stored for winter use. The cow barns were of similar construction, also the hen house and granaries. Good water was plentiful, so three wells with square wooden hand operated pumps were conveniently located.

In November, 1892, Dad bought the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of 5-9-17 from Peter Elder, who lived a quarter of a mile south of him, also on 4-9-17.

In 1890, Mary Tully Elder came from the east to visit her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Elder, and on December 20, 1892, she and Dad were married at her home in Athelston, Quebec, returning to take up residence on their farm. They had two children — Roy Elder, born May 25, 1895 and Eureka Estella, born June 8, 1900.

Our new frame house was built in 1902, the carpenters being Thomas Murphy and my uncle, James Elder, and the plasterers were, Mr. Burgess and Mr. Courtice of Wawanesa, Manitoba.

A new barn was built a few years later with a lean-to cattle barn at one side with a full size loft over both, which was used for storing hay, sheaves and chopped grain. Also, a windmill was placed on top of the barn as a means of filling two large water tanks in the loft and water was piped to the lower floors. A few years later an additional thirty feet was added to both barns.

My ninth birthday gift from my parents was a shetland pony named Dolly. The following year another shetland pony was purchased, was called Pitt, and they made a fine little team that always won first prize at the local and Brandon fairs. They were continually a great pleasure to Roy and I, especially when four colts were born, the first arriving in 1910, who we named Comet — it being the year of Haley's Comet.

With Dad's fondness for horses we always had plenty of roadsters, saddle horses and ponies as well as the heavy horses, mostly Percheron, for the farm land work, as tractors at that time were few and far between. Dad and Mother's first team of driving ponies were part bronco and were a sturdy pair called Nick and Tick.

Our school district was Blyth where Roy and I attended school. Our favourite teacher was Miss Mary Noble who taught in that school for many years. While teaching at Blyth, Miss Noble lived with her father and sister, Jennie, on their farm two miles north of the school on the bank of the Assiniboine River.

For many years Blyth School was used for the Sunday Presbyterian Church services and also

Sunday School with Mr. G.S. Charleson as superintendent.

Our post office was at Rounthwaite where a general store supplied most of the family needs.

In 1916 a Ford car was purchased — a welcome addition to our home life and as Dad never learned to drive it, Roy and I were responsible for all the driving and maintenance of that vehicle.

Early in 1918, Roy went overseas with the 79th Infantry Battalion and on his return home spent a year in the Ninette Sanatorium and a few years at home before going to the Winnipeg General Hospital where he died in 1934. He was buried in the Brandon Cemetery.

My father and mother sold their farm in 1921 and retired to Brandon where they spent many happy years.

My mother died suddenly on September 3, 1936, while visiting in Regina and my father died in Brandon on February 26, 1938. Both are buried in the Brandon Cemetery.

On December 19, 1925, I married Harry Bernard Donaldson of Treesbank, Manitoba, where we farmed until Bernard's death in 1976. Our son Keith Bernard was born on March 5, 1929 and received his education in Treesbank, Stockton and Glenboro Schools. On July 3, 1954, Keith and Patricia Elaine Bussey were married in St. Johns Anglican Church in Stockton, Manitoba, and they continue to farm the home farms in that district.

After Bernard's death I moved to Glenboro, Manitoba, where I still reside.

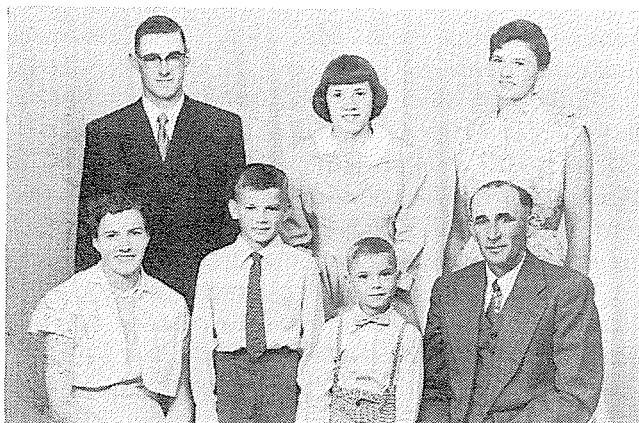
Submitted by E. Estella Donaldson

### PATRICK CULLEN FAMILY

Patrick and Ellen Cullen originally from Ontario, moved to the Chater district from the Beresford area in 1939. Together with their son Tom, they operated a dairy farm on W $\frac{1}{2}$  25-10-18 until 1951. Then they moved to Brandon.

There were six children, namely : Luella — Mrs. Wm. Holland, Fort Francis, Ontario; Frank — Thunder Bay, Ontario; Clara — Mrs. Ambrose Elves, Brandon, Man.; Tom — Brandon, Man.; Mary — Mrs. John Monkman, Brandon, Man.; and Grace — Mrs. Caryl Corley, Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Ella was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cavanagh of Western Ontario, while Patrick's parents were from Belfast, Ireland.



*The Fred Curtis Family; back row, left to right — Tom Curtis, Isobel Ludlam Curtis, Letitia Matthysen Curtis; front row, left to right — Mary Curtis (Fradley), George Curtis, Bruce Curtis, Fred Curtis.*

### **FRED CURTIS FAMILY**

The Fred Curtis Family moved to the Chater District in December of 1942 and lived on the south side of Willow Creek, across the bridge. At this time their family consisted of three, Tom, Letty and Isabelle. They lived here for two years and had a fox ranch.

Later they moved to the present farm location on the south side of the low road to Shilo, east of Chater, where again they ran the fox ranch. In 1946, they started shipping milk to Brandon.

In 1948, George was born and in 1952, their youngest son, Bruce was born. They continued in the dairy business.

In 1959, their eldest daughter Letty, was married to Robin Matthysen. They now live in Toronto, and have a family of three.

Their second daughter, Isabelle was married in 1961 to Jim Ludlam and they live in Souris with a family of four.

George was married in 1971 to Marilyn Phillips. They have two girls. Bruce was married in 1972 to Debbie Manzuik and they also have two girls.

George and Bruce took over the home farm in January of 1971 and continue on with the dairy.

The eldest son, Tom was married in June of 1979 to Shirley Berry and they now reside in Brandon.

### **GEORGE CURTIS FAMILY**

My great Uncle George was fourth of a family of seven. He and Aunt Rachel were both born in the district of Kettleby, Ontario, a small village close to Newmarket.

Uncle George was born in 1852 and Aunt Rachel (Stevens) in 1866. Uncle operated his mother's farm for her at Kettleby for about twelve years before his marriage to Rachel. They moved to Manitoba in the spring of 1887 and homesteaded on NW¼ 1-5-17 near Ninette. Until their own log cabin

was erected they lived with my grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Garbutt, who had homesteaded in 1883.

Mirwin was born in 1891 and Clarence in 1897. Mirwin got his early schooling in Belfield School, which was three miles south of Ninette on HWY #18. They sold the land to my father in the spring of 1902 and moved to the rented farm at Chater, then owned by Mr. Shininlaw. This was S½ 28-11-18. In 1912 Uncle George bought the N½ which was known as the Hurley farm at that time. They farmed the whole section for a number of years. As a young man Mirwin rented the half section just north of them known as the Birdsell farm.

Mirwin finished his education at the Chater School. Clarence also attended school at Chater.

Clarence married Margaret Graham of Brandon, formerly of Ninette, in the spring of 1920. They moved to Culross and farmed there for three years. They moved back to the Chater district in 1923 and rented a farm from the Nelson family. Later he bought the farm known at the time as the Henry McPhail farm. Clarence died in 1937 at the age of forty leaving no descendants. His widow Margaret died in 1975.

Mirwin married Edith Clarke of Brandon in 1921 and had taken over his father's farm in 1920. At the time his parents bought a home in Brandon at 443 - 4th St. and moved there where they remained until their deaths.

Aunt Rachel died in 1942. Uncle George died at the age of 92 in 1945. He was a tall, straight standing, hard working, kind hearted man. Aunt Rachel was a very pleasant, jolly, plumpish lady whom we all loved. After her death, Mirwin and Edith moved in with Uncle George and looked after him until his death. Mirwin continued to farm working from Brandon, until he sold his farm to Russ Gurr in 1959. Edith died in 1967. Mirwin later married Mrs. Ann Calder of Portage. He died in 1972 at the age of 81, leaving no descendants.

Respectfully submitted by Addison Garbutt

### **CURTIS FAMILY**

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Curtis are now living in the Municipality of Cornwallis and have two children. They purchased the property from Fred Warburton and took possession on June 15, 1978. Lloyd has been in the Armed Forces for 23 years and prior to moving to this district they resided in Winnipeg, Shilo, Victoria, Calgary and Churchill.

The family enjoys gardening but cross country skiing is the favorite outdoor sport.



## WILFRED DALGLIESH

In 1927 the family of Wilfred and Annie Dalgliesh arrived at Shilo Siding, the area now known as Shilo Farms. Wilfred was the C.N.R. section foreman there.

Due to dry years, sandy soil and grasshoppers, the farms of earlier years had all been abandoned. Before long, particularly in the fall of 1929, prairie fires burned the remaining vacant buildings, leaving only clumps of trees here and there and cellar holes to show where former homes had been.

The Dalgliesh family consisted of five girls and one boy. There were Flora, Mary, Dina, Allan, Noreen and Jean.

The School District of Shilo Siding No. 1973 was formed in 1919. Since there had not been any children of school age to attend, no school had been built in the area. The Dalgliesh children all attended the adjacent Lawrence School some four miles distant. They were transported by school bus — a car in summer and a horse-drawn van in winter. Beginning in 1936, it was considered advisable to take school holidays in the winter during January, February, and March, when the weather was very severe and often stormy, and to carry on with classes during the summer months. The school bus also picked up children from Currie's Landing S.D. No. 183, down by the Assiniboine River, making the round trip about twenty-two miles. In later years a rotating system was set up whereby one week the Shilo Siding children were picked up first and let off first; the next week the Currie's Landing children were picked up first and let off first. Until the "summer school" system was started, the children and their van drivers had many long cold trips across the bleak prairie. The van drivers for Shilo Siding S.D. over the years were: Mr. S. Wyton, Mr. T. James, and in later years by car Mrs. W. Dalgliesh and Mrs. F. de Delley.

The Dalgliesh family lived at "the Siding" until 1931, when the length of the railway sections was extended, thereby cutting out one section and consequently one foreman. They moved to Levine, Man. and then to Ashern, Man.

When the Shilo Siding area was taken over by the military in 1934 and an army camp established, to save confusion, the name Shilo Siding was changed to Wytonville after the Wyton family, who were pioneer residents of the south vicinity.

In 1936 the Dalgliesh family returned to Wytonville and remained there until Wilfred moved in 1954.

Wilfred also worked the Onha section which was seven miles east of "the Siding". There was nothing at Onha but a section house and water tank and just a very poor prairie trail to get there. In summer the trail was passable by car, but most winters it was not. During the years between 1927 and 1931, we managed to get to school by staying at

Billie Richardson's during the week, but after returning to Wytonville in 1936 we spent all the winters at Onha. There we were almost completely isolated for at least three months each winter, except for the train service. It was then that the "Summer School" system started. We moved back to Wytonville at "the Siding" about Easter time each year and started to Lawrence School again for the remainder of the year.

When Wilfred moved in 1954 the family members were married and away from home. He and Annie moved to Belmont for a time and from there to Rivers, Man. Wilfred passed away at Rivers on January 3, 1960.

Annie bought the home of the Bob Jones family on Government Road in Douglas when they moved to Brandon. She lived there for several years and then moved to Shilo where she lived at her son's home for a while before moving to Brandon. There she remained until her death on December 8, 1975.

Flora married Art Fennell. They have two daughters and live in Lyleton, Man.

Mary is Mrs. Bertoria. She lives in Calgary, Alberta and has five children.

Dina married Mervin Lecouillard. They had two daughters and live in Winnipeg. Dina passed away in 1974.

Allan married Mavis Fischer. They live in Sprucewoods, Man. and have two sons — Jim and Ronald.

Noreen married Frank Hayward. They live in St. Vital and have three sons.

Jean married Art Peters of Homewood, Man. They have two sons and a daughter.

Like his father before him, Allan Dalgliesh came to Wytonville, Man. as C.N.R. section foreman in 1956. The family remained there until Allan retired in 1980. They now live in Sprucewoods. Their elder son Jim and his wife, the former Margarite Benedyczak, have two sons — John and Dale. They live at Belmont, Man. where Jim is the C.N.R. section foreman there. Thus making three generations of Dalgliesh C.N.R. section foremen. Their youngest son Ronald married the former Heather Wyton and they live in Sprucewoods, Man.

Submitted by Jean Peters and Allan Dalgliesh

## DAUNCEY FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dauncey came into the Gorrie district in the early thirties and bought the farm land N½ 5-10-18. The farm had been known as the Col. Leech Farm, where race horses (so I've been told) were raised at one time.

Mr. and Mrs. Dauncey had four children — Marion, Virginia Catharine, Winston and Gertrude. Marion was already in the district and married to Aaron Hargreaves.

The family started a dairy farm business, and delivered bottled milk and cream to customers in Brandon. They continued in the business until 1944 when ill health forced retirement.

Mr. Dauncey passed away in 1945, Winston in 1948, Mrs. Dauncey in 1950 and Virginia Catharine in 1961.

The two surviving daughters, Marion Hargreaves and Gertrude Downey reside in the City of Brandon. Their eight grandchildren are as follows: Harleigh, Bill and Don Hargreaves of Brandon, Lawrence Hargreaves of Neepawa, Lauraine Collie of Walnut Creek, Calif., Brian Downey of Calgary, Neil Downey of Red Deer and Lynne Penney of Red Deer.

### DAVIS FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis, Mr. and Mrs. William Martin (nee Davis), Mr. and Mrs. George McLaren (nee Davis), and James Davis of Palmer, Mass., U.S.A., arrived at Brandon Hills in the summer of 1879. John R. and Tom settled on 12-9-19, the Martins on 20-9-18, the McLarens on 18-9-18, and James on 18-9-18. James became the only member of the party to remain at Brandon Hills when the others moved on to the Findlay and Pipestone districts the next year.

James Davis was born on January 4, 1855 at Bolton, England. He came at an early age with his parents to the States, then in 1879 to the Brandon Hills. He returned to Thompsonville, Connecticut, to marry Fanny Pontifex on June 21, 1890. She was born in London, England, on November 8, 1858. James and Fanny raised three sons: James, Henry and Meredith (Med.).

James was an elder of the Brandon Hills Church and served as a trustee of the school board.

One of the first portable threshing outfits in the district belonged to the Davis family. They would thresh their neighbour's crops after finishing their own. They purchased a larger engine and separator from the Sawyer Massey Company in 1915. The two machines cost \$3,000.00 and were shipped directly from the factory to Martinville siding, where they were unloaded. This outfit threshed thousands of acres for themselves and their neighbours.

Fanny passed away December 31, 1930. James moved into Brandon in 1940 and lived with his son, Med, until his death December 30, 1944.

James Jr. was born on November 17, 1892. He married Catherine Simpson of Shoal Lake in 1920. They farmed at Hayfield and Shoal Lake before operating a service station and bus depot in Shoal Lake. They moved to Portage in 1941 and James and his son, Henry, worked at Southport. In 1945, after the war, they built a service station which they operated until James retired in 1971. He passed away in 1976 and was buried in Evergreen Memorial Gardens at Portage. James and Catherine had two

sons and one daughter:

Henry married Helen Rowley and had six children: Donald, Catherine, Allen, Kenneth, Robert and Kevin.

Mary married Rev. H.L. Henderson of Portage and had one son, Christopher.

Bert married Sheila Bennett and had three sons — Gregory, Christopher and James. Bert retired from the R.C.A.F. and is living at Leduc, Alberta.

Henry was born April 7, 1894. He attended Brandon College during the First World War. He enlisted in the 196th University Battalion C.E.F., trained at Camp Hughes in 1916, and went overseas. He was killed in action in France on May 6, 1917.

Meredith (Med) was born on January 6, 1897. In 1931 he married Eva Roddick. They farmed E½ 18-9-18 until 1940 when they moved into Brandon where Med worked as a motor mechanic, retiring in 1967. The Davis family was very active in The Canadian Order of Foresters. Med passed away April 2, 1968 and is buried in Brandon Hills Cemetery.

Med was very active in community affairs during his life in the Brandon Hills district. His good nature and humour will long be remembered. Eva was a member of the Brandon Hills Busy Bees at this time.

Med and Eva had two daughters and a son:

Georgina married Rev. J.W. Scott of Portage la Prairie. They have five children — Louise Ellen, Warren, Jennifer, Weldon and Cameron.

Shirley married Mike Phillips. They live in Brandon and have two sons — Todd and Dustan.

Bill married Dorothy Snider and has a son and two daughters — Douglas, Shelly and Sherice. They live in Brandon.

Eva is a member of the Knox United Church and enjoyed quilting as a member of the Busy Hands.

### de DELLEY FAMILY

In 1904, my father, Francis Robert de Delley, was born in Paris, France. His father was from Delly, Switzerland, who married my grandmother, a Parisiane. In 1906, my grandparents emigrated to Vermillion, Alberta, and my father and his sister were brought out by one of Dad's uncles in 1907.

During the first World War, my grandfather was stationed in Camp Hughes, prior to going overseas. After the war in 1919, my grandparents moved to New Westminster, B.C., where he operated the Premier Hotel.

My father left New Westminster and home in 1925 to go and visit with a sister in Detroit, Michigan, stopping to work at various jobs in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. In Winnipeg,



*Francis and Blanche De Delley, (Douglas), 50th Anniversary, 1979.*

he had to wait on a quota and kept working at various jobs. In 1928, he went to work for the Provincial Government in the Forestry Department, where he plowed fire guards and did nursery work. In 1929, he was made Fire Ranger and carried on to write exams, which he passed with flying colours to become a Forest Ranger in 1930.

Dad met my mother, Blanche Emily Barthelette in Marchand, where she lived with my grandparents. They were married in May 1929. Mom was born in Morris, Manitoba, the youngest of a family of four, two brothers and one sister. Today Mom is the only surviving member of her family.

In 1938, my father was transferred to the Sprucewoods Reserve in Shilo to take charge of the tree nursery there. On November 3rd of 1938 my father moved my mother, four brothers, Wallace, Ronald, Larry and Dennis and a sister Joyce and myself to the Shilo Ranger Station.

Five more children were born to my parents in Brandon, Manitoba, three sisters, Diana, Carol and Patricia and two brothers, Wayne and Brian. Our home was always filled with friends, young and old. It was also a menagerie, many times while attending hurt or lost animals, they certainly never lacked for attention.

While we attended Lawrence School, Mom drove the school van. She picked up students at Dalgeliesh's, Shilloffs and Malongs.

My father was the inventor of a plow, that would turn up ground cedar, this enabled the Department to plant solidly all areas that had not been planted before, as is evident, when driving in any direction from Shilo for miles around.

Dad retired in 1969, after forty years of service, but was called back to work for another five with the Department.

Mom and Dad moved to Douglas in 1957 and retired in their home there. Wayne, Carol, Brian and Patricia all attended school in Douglas and then in Elton. They love to have us children visit and they themselves travel to visit my brothers and sisters as far west as Gold River, B.C. on Vancouver Island

and as far south as Detroit, Michigan, to visit with his sister and her family.

Mom and Dad have celebrated their fortieth and fiftieth wedding anniversaries in the Douglas Community Hall with all the family present.

Wallace married Linda Moorehead, a Douglas girl, and they have two sons. Wallace's life was lost in a traffic accident in 1975. Linda and the boys, Rene and Darren, still live in Douglas. Wallace rests at the Madford Cemetery.

Ronald married Beverly Misfeld and resides in Gold River, B.C. where he is a baker for Supervalu. They have one son and six daughters.

Larry married Alice Melcosky, a Douglas girl, they have three sons and two daughters and reside in Winnipeg where Larry is a Warrant Officer with the C.A.F.

Dennis married Dianne Brown, they have one son and two daughters and reside in Sprucewoods, where Dennis has a trucking business.

Joyce married Gordon Watson, they have one son and three daughters and reside in Shilo, where Gordon is a Commissionnaire and Joyce is Assistant Supervisor at the Expressmart. Joyce has received the Employee of the Month Award more than once.

Diana married Douglas Watson, they have two daughters and reside in Brandon where Doug manages the Westman Tire Shop with Diana doing the office work.

Wayne married Diane Moorehead, a Douglas girl, they have three sons and reside in Kamloops, B.C., where Wayne is the head of the Electrical Union. Wayne was also the first baby to ever be baptized in the Shilo Chapel.

Carol married Tony Nesci, they have two sons and reside in Kamloops, B.C. where Tony is Manager of the Kamloops Branch of Inland Sports. Carol attended Douglas School and Elton Collegiate. She was a member of the Douglas Choir under Emma J. Muirhead.

Brian married Linda Finch, they have one daughter and reside in Hodgson, Manitoba, where Brian operates an Electrical Repair Shop. Brian still plays the guitar and sings very well, his debut was made at a Christmas concert in Douglas, 1959.

Patricia married Jim Calkin, they have two sons and reside in Brandon, where Jim drives for McGavin's Foods Ltd. In 1964, Patricia was crowned Queen at the Douglas Carnival which was a great thrill for her.

After graduating in Shilo, Manitoba, I married Roderick Hamer, who died tragically in 1971 while we were living in Douglas.

While attending High School in Shilo, I worked for Mr. Jim Madder, in his store, Friday evenings and Saturdays. I remember the beautiful flower gardens in the back of his store, especially the Queen's Coronation, done up beautifully into a

flower bed.

I have one son and three daughters, Lois, Louise, Brad and Simone, who all attended Douglas School. They accumulated many friends and precious memories while there. Rod had the honour of being Master of Ceremonies for the Centennial in Douglas in 1970.

I now live in Brandon and work for one of the leading law firms here.

There are thirty-five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Marguerite Hamer

### GEORGE DEMYEN

George Demyen came from Arcola, Saskatchewan to Souris and began working for Bradley's Sand & Gravel in 1960. Margaret Scott was born and raised in Souris. George and Marg were married in 1962. They spent the summers of 1963 and 1964 in Bradley's trailer camp, 20-10-18, and the winters in Souris. The first of their four daughters, Carol, was born in Souris in 1964.

In 1965 they moved into SW 17-10-18, owned by Simplot; Susan was born in 1966 and Dianne in 1967. In 1967 they moved onto 4-10-18 and here Joanne was born in 1971.

In 1972 George and Marg bought SE 16-9-17 from Ken Harris in the Glen Souris district, and they moved during the summer holidays.

Carol lives in Brandon and the other three girls attend Wawanesa School. George and Marg farm grain and cattle; George still works for Bradley's and Marg keeps busy with their young grandson Christopher.

### JOHN DETWILLER FAMILY

John Detwiller was born on May 6, 1850. He married Selina Baker, who was born August 25, 1852, to James and Julia Anne Baker.

The Detwillers came to the Gorrie district in 1887 and lived on NE 6-10-18. They had eight children:

Charlie.

Maud married A. Strome.

Emma married Dick Brandon. She died in 1922 and he on December 9, 1949; they are buried in Brandon Hills Cemetery.

Will lived at Carberry. He drove mules in the upkeep of #1 Highway during the late twenties, later moving to the coast.

Frank married Stella Baker, daughter of Jimmy and Margaret Baker.

Jim worked on the C.N.R.

Myrtle married Charlie Morrow.

Etta married Wes Stuart and had a son Herbert, who died in 1940. Etta died in 1898 and is buried in Brandon Hills Cemetery. Wes later married Bella Laird. Their son Harold was killed in a

wartime accident in London, England in 1940.

John Detwiller died on January 13, 1920, and Selina died on April 11, 1922. They are buried in Brandon Hills Cemetery.

### GEORGE DIXON FAMILY

George William Dixon was born on July 12, 1851, at Kildare, County Joliette, Quebec. His wife, Margaret Ann Purcell, was also born there, on August 15, 1857. They were married on August 14, 1872, at Rowdon, Quebec in the English Church.

Their first child, Eliza Jane, born July 16, 1873 died in September of the same year.

Their next four children — Mary Ellen, born March 27, 1875; Hannah Emily, born January 27, 1877; John George (Jack), born February 16, 1879, and Annie Victoria, born July 16, 1881, came with them when they decided to move to the new country in the west.

They settled for a short time at Otterburne, Manitoba, then came to the East Brandon district, settling on NE ¼ 13-9-18. During their stay here six more children were born to them — Margaret Ann (Maggie), born April 21, 1883; Samuel Edward, born July 27, 1885; Catherine Francis, born December 19, 1887; Sarah Malinda, born January 17, 1890; Benjamin Earl, born April 12, 1892, and Inez, born 1894.

During the next year, they decided to move again and went to the Ninga district where they bought a farm and had two more children — Edna May, born June 3, 1896 and James Franklin, born September 6, 1898. They farmed there until their deaths: George's on March 15, 1920 and Margaret's on May 18, 1927. They are buried at Ninga, Manitoba.

Eliza Jane, born July 16, 1873, died September 1873.

Mary Ellen, born March 27, 1875 in Quebec. She married Frank Baker and resided in the Brandon Hills on 30-9-18.

Hannah Emily was born on January 27, 1877 in Quebec.

John George (Jack) was born February 16, 1879, in Quebec.

Annie Victoria was born July 16, 1881, in Quebec. Victoria passed away in April of 1894.

Margaret Ann (Maggie) was born April 21, 1883, at East Brandon. She taught school in several rural areas until her retirement. She passed away in 1952.

Samual Edward was born July 27, 1885 at East Brandon. Sam farmed the home farm at Ninga until his retirement at Brandon. His sister, Inez, kept house for him. Sam died on April 22, 1968 and is buried in Brandon Hills Cemetery.

Catherine Francis was born on December 19, 1887 at East Brandon. Francis married John G. Johnson (son John farms at Killarney) and their

daughter, May (Mrs. Bill Ferguson) was clerk and then secretary-treasurer for the Municipality of Cornwallis from 1928 to 1945.

Sarah Malinda was born on January 17, 1890 at East Brandon. Malinda passed away in February of 1924.

Benjamin Earl was born April 12, 1892 at East Brandon. Earl married Lillian Lipscome and farmed near Dunrea. They had three sons and one daughter. Earl died on December 17, 1978, the last of a family of thirteen.

Inez was born in 1894 at East Brandon. She was very active in Red Cross work and community activities. She kept house for her brother, Sam, who farmed at Ninga. Inez died on November 19, 1968, and is buried in Brandon Hills Cemetery.

Edna May was born June 3, 1896, in the Ninga district.

James Franklin was born September 6, 1898, in the Ninga district. James farmed at Ninga and Dunrea. He died March 7, 1956.

#### **KEN AND BONNIE DOAN NW 30-10-19**

Ken and Bonnie Doan purchased the property in October of 1980 from John Van Mulligan, who built the house. The Doans came to Brandon from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, in June 1977, when Ken bought the Brandon Shopper. They have two children — Darcie, born in February, 1975 and Adam, born September, 1976. Both are presently attending Fleming School.

#### **WILLIAM DOHERTY FAMILY**

William and Ellen Doherty came to the Brandon Hills district about 1881, and homesteaded SW 12-9-18. This Presbyterian couple from Ireland, raised ten children.

William Jr. (Will) married Jennie Chapman in 1897 and they farmed on NE 1-9-18. After living at other locations in the area, the Dohertys moved to Carberry, Swan River, and eventually B.C. They had four children — Wilhelmina, Isabel, William and James.

Isaac (Ike) married Jessie Chapman in 1904 and they had six children — Cecil, Allen, Edna, Jean, Kenneth, and Edwin, who died as a young child. The Dohertys lived on SE 12-9-18. until Ike's death in 1937 when the family moved to Chilliwack, B.C.

Jennie Doherty married G. Forman who had a dray business in Brandon.

Martha married James Jackson, a farmer in the Treesbank district.

Annie married W.I. Elder. After farming E 31-8-17 in the Rounthwaite district for a few years, they

moved to Brandon, where he was a horse dealer.

Sarah married Mac McClean, a C.N.R. station operator in Rounthwaite.

Ellen married Dave Peverette, a grain buyer at Rounthwaite.

Minnie married James Dompier, a race horse trainer, and resided in Brandon.

Jim stayed on the home farm until it was sold to John Wilcox in 1907.

Ross moved from the district before 1907. All of the first two generations of the Doherty family are now deceased. The following are buried in Brandon Hills cemetery: William Sr. who died in the late 1980's, his wife, Ellen, who died in 1907, Ike in 1937, his wife, Jessie, who died in B.C. in 1968, and their young son, Edwin.

#### **CHARLES DONOGH FAMILY**

Charles was born at Griswold, Manitoba, the son of Andrew Lee Donogh born in Mount Forest, Ontario, and Janet Evelyn who was born at Maydock, Ontario.

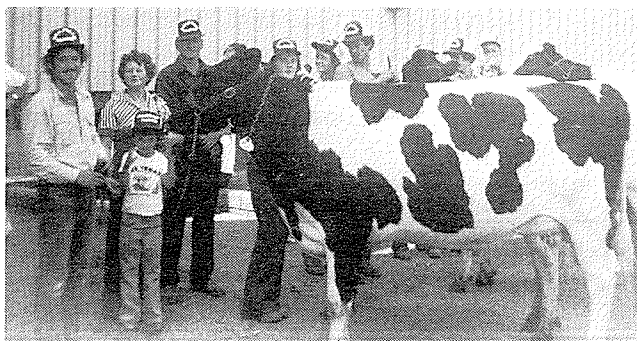
Charles came to Cornwallis Municipality and in 1942 married Kathleen Scott, who was born in Maxwells Walls, Northern Ireland.

Charles served in the Armed Forces for four years, two years in Canada and two years overseas.

Charles and Kathleen moved in 1946 to section NW 24-9-19, south of Brandon. In 1951 they moved to their present farm site SW 23-9-19. They have three sons — Garry; Brian — who married Claudia Grube in 1974. They have one son — Justin — born in 1979. They reside in Brandon. Bruce — who married Evelyn Stewart in 1978. They reside on NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of 24-9-19.

#### **BLAKE AND ELLEN DONOHOE 16-10-19**

Blake and Ellen and their five sons: Garry, Keith, John, Mark and Matthew moved to the Brandon area in 1970, branching out from the family farm "Donohoe Farms Ltd." which is still in operation. Their prefix "Donfield Farms Ltd." is derived from the family name and the original dairy



*Blake Donahoe Family; left to right — Mark, Ellen, Jamie, Blake, Matthew, Keith, and friends.*



in Petersfield, Manitoba. Dairy life was not new to this family and they quickly settled into the daily management of the former Samson Farm.

Since 1970 both the family and the farm have expanded. Garry and his wife Garda have three children — Jamie, Gari-Ellen and Tara-Lyn.

Dairying seems to be a way of life for the young Donohoes and in 1977, to accommodate the rapidly growing clan, the family purchased a dairy farm from Modern Dairies near The Pas, Manitoba which was to become the most Northern dairy in the province. This branch of Donfield Farms is managed by Keith and his wife Margaret, and John and Sandra and their son, John Jr. and Travis. While brothers Mark and Matthew, along with Garry and Garda and family, manage the Brandon operation, Blake and Ellen travel frequently between the two farms, but make their home in Brandon.

The family was always active in community affairs and especially in the breeding and showing of their purebred Holsteins. The Donohoe boys have been avid 4-H members and following in their Dad's and Uncle's footsteps are young Jamie and Gari-Ellen, who have been showing their 4-H calves at the local level.

Donfield Holsteins is recognized as one of the top herds in the province. They have sold their Holsteins across Canada as well as exporting to U.S.A., Mexico, and Japan. In the past few years three of their young sires have been purchased by A.I. centres.

Blake was a 4-H leader for 15 years and is a past president of the Holstein Friesian Manitoba Board. At present he is Manitoba's National Director. He served on the Manitoba Milk Producers Marketing Board from its beginning in 1974-1977 and was a director of the Brandon local Manitoba Dairy Co-operatives and has served as their chairman.

Ellen, while raising her family and assisting in the farm business, has enjoyed doing many forms of handicrafts. She has given freely of her time to various organizations, especially in the Mental Health field, the elderly, and her church group in which she has held different positions.

Garry is a Class A Holstein judge and has been a 4-H leader in the Brandon area for the past 10 years. He serves on the Board of Directors of The Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba and this year is Ag-Ex Chairman. He is at present on the Board of Directors for the Manitoba Dairy Co-operative and is the chairman at the local level.

John was the first D.H.I.A. milk inspector for the Westman area. Garry, John, Mark and Keith all hold certificates to do the farms own A.I. Keith is the A.I. technician for The Pas area.

The family is also keen on both winter and summer sports and takes an active part. Many a family gathering around the kitchen table produces the latest in dairy news, sports and a lot of BULL.



*Donohoe Garry Family, left to right — Garda, Gari-Ellen, Garry, Jamie; in front — Tara-Lyn.*

### **GARRY AND GARDA DONOHOE**

Garry moved to the district of Cornwallis in January 1970 with his family, when they bought the former Samson Farm. After graduating from Psychiatric Nursing which she received at Selkirk, Manitoba, Garda moved to the farm in September, 1970 and the couple was married at St. Augustines church. They lived in a small house on the farm and in 1975 built their own bungalow.

They were blessed with three children — James Blake was born February 28, 1973; Gari-Ellen, December 18, 1975, and Tara-Lyn was born January 3, 1978.

Garry has been involved with many forms of the dairy industry. He has been involved with the 4-H Dairy Club since his arrival in the district and also serves on the Provincial Exhibition Board.

Family involvements are mainly dairy, with the children in 4-H, hockey, soccer, ballet, and the local nursery school.

### **JOHN DORAN**

John Doran was born in Iroquois, Ont. in 1821. He married Venetia Brouse, also of Iroquois. The couple had nine children. John left Ontario as a young man journeying up the Mississippi River to St. Paul. In 1879 he decided to go West with the C.P.R. He chose land in what is now known as the Municipality of Cornwallis, in the Little Souris district. As land had not yet been surveyed he decided to plow around the boundaries of the land he intended to settle, mainly sec. 15-9-19, the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of 22-9-19 three quarters of 23-9-19, which was the home farm, the N $\frac{1}{2}$  of 14-9-19, and the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of 27-9-19. Later his son-in-law Thomas Hyndman, owned the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of 22-9-19 and N $\frac{1}{2}$  of 15-9-19. Another son-in-law, Richard Earl, settled on the N $\frac{1}{2}$  of 14-9-19.

John Doran was one of the first men to start the Little Souris School, #227. He was one of the first trustees along with Wm. McCandlish, Donald McFadyen, and Thomas Hyndman as secretary

treasurer, in 1884. Richard Earl was the second teacher.

John Doran's farm was one of the first "stopping houses" for people travelling through to Brandon. Here they could get food and fresh horses. John had a generous hospitality and a fondness for society.

### **SAMUAL CHARLES DORAN**

Samuel Charles Doran was one of the sons born to John and Venetia in Iroquois. He was married to Rachel Carmen, and had eight children. Charles joined his father in 1888, travelling via C.P.R. box car, along with eight children, livestock and furniture, and settled on E½ of 24-9-19. The first while they lived in a sod house. The barn was built first, and the house completed in 1892, the lumber for this coming from Ontario. The title to E½ of 24-9-19 was transferred from John Doran to Charles Doran in 1888 for a sum of \$3,000.00. A letter written by John Doran dated November 1, 1891 says "quote" — Charles had a good crop of hay and grain. Wheat brought forty cents a bushel. Charlie's new home is nearly finished — just needs plastering. "unquote".

The children all went to Brandon Hills school until high school, and then commuted from the farm to Brandon. They then rented a house in Brandon for a time and eventually purchased a house at 303-5th Street in Brandon.

### **DR. SOLOMON DORAN**

Dr. Solomon Doran was the next owner of E½ of 24-9-19, and also retained his grandfather's farm on W½ of 23-9-19 and S¼ of 27-9-19. He also acquired SE¼ of 25-9-19, a half section of pasture land at Hayfield, and a bush quarter in the Brandon Hills. Dr. Doran was a tenant farmer, and until 1910 when Fred Cotton and his family moved to the home farm there had been many tenants.

Dr. Solomon Doran was a dentist in Brandon for many years, and was assisted by his wife Margaret. They had one daughter, "Peggy" who now lives in Sudbury with her husband Dennis Roberts, and their family.

No dates are available to the writer at this time as to when Dr. Doran disposed of W½ 23-9-19, SE¼ 27-9-19 or SE¼ of 25-9-19. He died in February, 1964, and the home farm, along with the bush quarter and Hayfield pasture were sold to Roy Cotton.

### **JOSEPH DOUPE FAMILY**

Joseph Doupe was born in Collander, Ontario. He married Ada Gilpin and they had two children — William, born in 1886 and Lenora, born in 1890.

Joseph came to the Lauder district with a harvest special in 1885. Four years later in 1889 he came with his family to Lauder. He walked from Morris to Lauder and started farming in the district. In 1902 they had an opportunity to purchase a farm near Brandon and moved to the Cornwallis municipality, NW 32-10-18. In 1908 they sold the farm but the arrangement did not work out so they moved back in 1910. They remained on the farm until 1923 when they retired to Brandon and at that time purchased a home at 604-12th Street. Joseph passed away in 1932 and Ada in 1939.

William worked for the C.P.R. and became a conductor. He married Pearl Stevens whose father worked on the railroad track around Chater. A daughter Kathleen was born in 1921. They moved to Saskatoon in 1956 and William is now deceased.

Lenora attended Brandon College and worked for the A.E. McKenzie Seed Company. She married Albert McCallum in 1917 and farmed where McGill Field is now. In 1923 they moved to the Doupe farm and remained there until 1926 when they moved to Brandon. They had a family of five children. Richard Albert (Red) 1920, Donald, 1923, Jessie 1924, Joan 1926, Isobel 1928. Albert passed away in 1966 and Lenora moved to the hostel section of Fairview Home in February of 1978.

Richard (Red) married Ada Pillard from St. Claude and a son Richard Albert was born. Red and Ada were divorced and Red married Lois Booth from Brandon. They have a family of five: William (Bill), Robert (Bob), Bruce, Laurie and Elinor. They owned and operated Wheat City Roofing until retirement and Bill, Bruce and Laurie took over the business. Richard (Dick) married Eleanor Holder from Brandon and they have three children — Shelly, Mark and Cathy. They own and operate McCallum Electric. Bill married Pat Sevanson from Brandon and they have two daughters — Karen and Christine. Bob, an electrician, lives in Brandon. Bruce married Bev Coates of Brandon. They have two children — Darren and Tracy. Laurie married Rick Kohinski from Mountain Road area. Elinor is a Psychiatric Nurse at the Mental Health Centre in Brandon.

Donald married Hanna Ashin from Justice and they have a family of three: Murray, Dennis and Noreen. They live in Brandon, operate a demolition business and farm in Elton Municipality. Murray graduated in business administration. He farms in the Boissevain area and lives in Brandon. Dennis married Betty Crompton of Nesbitt and they have one son Jeffery. Dennis is a machinist for Atomic Energy of Canada at Pinawa, Ontario and they live in Beausejour. Noreen is a psychiatric nurse at Holy

Cross Hospital in Calgary.

Jessie married Phillip Bagwell of Arizona and they have a daughter, Emlyn. Jessie has continued to work for Phillip Dodge Hospital as a registered nurse. Emlyn is a university student.

Joan married Dr. Hugh Best of Winnipeg and they had three children — Patricia, Garry and Florence. Joan, married a second time, lives in Calgary with her husband Bill Thompson who is a golf professional. Patricia is married, has two boys and is living in Vancouver; Garry is married with one son and lives in Calgary; Florence married also, and lives in Calgary.

Isabel married Cyril Hicks and they had three children, and eventually made their home in Arizona. A son Jim was born in Winnipeg, and daughters, Jane and Janet were born in Arizona. Cyril passed away in 1977.

### **DOWNIE-VANSTONE ROLLING PLAINS RANCH LTD.**

In 1947, Elwood Downie and school chum Joe Vanstone, both of Wawanesa, purchased from Cornwallis Municipality, 20,000 acres of rolling plains south and west of Shilo.

This land had been homesteaded in 1881-82, but had been almost entirely abandoned by 1900 as the homesteaders moved off to seek better land elsewhere. Thus for nearly half a century it lay unused, waiting for someone who could realize its potential, and who knew how to conserve its resources.

In the spring of 1948 Downie and Vanstone surveyed about 3,000 acres, staked it off in strips 80 yards wide and three miles long. Then they plowed and seeded alternate strips to flax, leaving every other strip to remain for a year in sod. The tractors rolled twenty-four hours a day. In the fall the flax averaged ten bushels per acre. The following spring the flax land was seeded to a mixture of clover, alfalfa and brome, using spring rye as a nurse crop. The alternate strips of sod were plowed and sown to flax. By the third year the clover was higher than the tractor that was used to mow it.

The partners' original plan was to utilize this vast acreage as a cattle ranch. Abundant water was available at shallow depths. Now with tame grass being established to support a herd, the next step was taken. This included the building of fences and corrals, along with the installation of windmills and Texas gates. A herd of commercial Herefords was being built up on the Rolling Plains Ranch, as quickly as pasture and finances permitted.

In 1954 the ranch was divided, with Joe Vanstone retaining the south half, and Elwood Downie the north nine thousand acres. This was comprised of all of sections 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, and

parts of 1, 6, 12, 14, 15, 18 in 10-17, along with the N½ of 32 and all of 33 in 9-17. This northern acreage would now be operated as the Bar E Hereford Ranch, in conjunction with the home farm at Wawanesa.

During the next ten years the building site on the S½ 6-10-17 was used by one man and his family year round, with part-time help occupying the bunk houses during haying and the corn silage operation. The area now included about 40 miles of fence, along with half-a-dozen windmills and Texas gates. The Bar E commercial herd was wintered in open sheds on the N½ 32-9-17. The registered herd had to be driven across both the Souris and Assiniboine rivers each fall to winter at Wawanesa, with another drive back to the ranch each spring.

There being no bridges across the Assiniboine near this area, the cattle had to walk or swim across the water, depending on the condition of the river at the time. Sometimes, they had to do both, when bad weather filled the river with ice and slush. On occasion it could take five or six riders up to five hours to get the reluctant animals headed into the icy water. Of the many cold, bone-chilling trips back and forth over the years, only one animal was ever lost to the river. This during one particularly hazardous crossing in April of 1955 — an almost unbelievable story in itself.

During this time, due mainly to a good grazing and haying possibilities on this large acreage, Elwood was able to build up the Bar E herds of registered and commercial herefords to approximately 600 head of the big white-faced cattle.

Mr. Downie continued this operation until his death in 1964. In 1966 the commercial herd was sold at a dispersal at the ranch. The land was then rented to Mr. Ross Mitchell in 1967.

In 1976, following a decision made by Elwood Downie's sons, Gregg and Brian, to increase their land acreage and cattle feeding operation at Wawanesa, rather than operate separate units at Wawanesa and Shilo, the entire ranch acreage at Shilo was sold to Mr. Ross Mitchell of Douglas.

### **DRYSDALE**

When the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis was incorporated in January 1884, the records show that Mr. David Wiggins was owner of the E½ of 6-10-19 and Mr. S.S. Phillips was owner of W½ of 6-10-19. Mr. Wiggins sold to Mr. McAboo in 1889. In 1894 George Poole bought the land and in 1898, four years later, sold it to Mr. Charlie Greenlaw.

There were three Greenlaw brothers. In 1905 they built a huge brick house on the SE¼ of 6-10-19. While building this home one of the brothers fell from the attic to the basement when a scaffold broke, and was killed.

In 1906 the Great Northern Railway was built and went through the W½ of 6-10-19. My father, the late W.H. Williamson, helped to build this railway with horses and slush scrapers. One night 12 of the neighbor's horses were burned when the barn they were stabled in, caught fire.

The McCabe Elevator Co. built an elevator and station house approximately every four miles from the United States border to Brandon. The Roseland Station and elevator was the first one South of Brandon. The fare from Roseland to Brandon was .25¢ for adults and .10¢ for children. This railway was torn up in 1936.

In the fall of 1917 the Greenlaw Brothers sold the E½ and SW¼ of 6-10-19 to Mr. Robert Drysdale.

Robert Drysdale was born in Scotland and came with his family to the Neepawa, Arden area as a boy in 1880. He married Dallas Cameron of Neepawa in November, 1901 and farmed between Neepawa and Arden for 10 years. Four children were born there — Clifford, Robena, Cameron and Florence. In 1911 the family moved to Camrose, Alberta, where Robert Drysdale owned a book and music store. Robena died there at the age of eight years. They returned to Manitoba in 1917 and bought this farm from the Greenlaw Brothers. Robert was a councillor for the R.M. of Cornwallis from 1921 to 1923. In 1938, when Mrs. Drysdale's health failed they had a sale and moved to Brandon and Cameron and Clifford rented the farm. Mrs. Robert Drysdale died in June 1939 at the age of 58. Mr. Drysdale built a home on the corner of 6th Street and Victoria Avenue in Brandon and worked as a carpenter until his death in December, 1957 at 83 years of age.

Clifford Drysdale married Lilian Collinson of Newdale, Man. in March, 1939 and moved the former McCabe Elevator house onto the farm. Both of their two children — Robert and Ruby, were born while there. In 1944, Clifford bought a farm South of Alexander and lived there two years before moving to Foxwarren. Later Clifford moved to Northern Manitoba where he did carpenter work and his wife taught school. Clifford and Lilian were divorced in 1955 and the same year, Clifford married Millicent Maguire of Foxwarren. They moved to Nanaimo, B.C. After Millicent's death, Clifford married May Clark, formerly of Minnedosa, in September, 1972. Clifford died on December 26, 1976 at the age of 72.

Clifford's daughter, Ruby, who had a degree in Real Estate, married Barrie Elleth of Winnipeg. They made their home in Toronto. Ruby suffered a heart attack in 1977 and died at the age of 35 years.

Clifford's son Robert is now Dr. Drysdale and a Professor at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. He, his wife Marna and their three daughters, live in Ancaster, Ontario.

Florence Drysdale, Robert and Dallas Drysdale's youngest daughter, worked for seven years as a secretary to the Manager of the Manitoba Power

Commission in Brandon. In 1938 she married Charles Casey of Brandon. They had two children, a daughter, Dalma and a son, Fred. Charles Casey died in 1962 and Florence started a new career as Children's Librarian in Brandon Public Library where she worked for 17 years until her retirement in 1978.

In March, 1935, Cameron Drysdale married Alice Williamson. We rented a farm eight miles North East of Newdale for three years. Our total income the first year we were there, was \$495.00. We bought 100 bushels of barley from a neighbour for .7¢ a bushel. We returned to the home farm at Roseland on January 20, 1938, when Cameron's mother had a stroke and was confined to bed for the remainder of her life. When Cameron's father died we bought the farm and have lived here since 1938.

We have two children — a son, Barrie and a daughter, Darla. Barrie was born June 24, 1939 and Darla on August 28, 1944. Barrie attended Roseland School and later Brandon Collegiate. At the age of 18 he started work with the Man. Highways Dept. He married Lorna Donnelly of Gladstone on December 9, 1961. They built a home on our farm in the winter of 1965 and lived there until he was transferred to Minnedosa as resident engineer in July, 1968. They rented their home on this farm until Barrie was transferred to Winnipeg in 1971 and then it was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tegg who live there now. Barrie and Lorna have three children — Shannon 17, Tannis 15 and Robert, age 14 years. They now live in Winnipeg and Barrie is now Roadway Design Co-ordinator in the Computer Services Division of the Manitoba Highways Department.

Our daughter, Darla, graduated with a B.A. Degree from the University of Manitoba in 1965. She was a social worker at Portage la Prairie for two years until she married Robert Ireland of Carberry in 1967. They moved to Winnipeg where she was a social worker at Winnipeg's three municipal hospitals until they moved to Toronto in 1970. They lived there six years. Both of their sons, Sean and Michael, were born there. They were transferred back to Winnipeg in 1976 and still live there.

Both Cameron and myself have been active in community affairs and the Forester's Lodge. Cameron was a steward of the Roseland Church and I sang in the choir and taught Sunday School. I was President of the United Church Women for a time and Treasurer of the W.M.S. Cameron was also a trustee of Roseland School for many years and was a councillor in Ward 4 of the R.M. of Cornwallis from 1969 to 1976 when he retired. He was also on the Board of Directors of the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba and the Keystone Centre.

In 1970 Cameron sold 40 acres of this farm to Mr. Earl Wesselman of the R.C.M.P., who started the Brandon Boarding Kennels. In 1971 he sold one

acre where the McCabe Elevator house previously stood, to Mr. and Mrs. Ron Schaeffer and in 1973 he sold 120 acres to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pearen.

We continued to farm the remaining land until 1976 when we had a farm sale and sold the land to my nephew, Douglas Williamson. We kept the building site which is 13.4 acres.

This house is now 77 years old and in quite good shape with all the bricks in place. We live here in the summer and spend our winters in Texas. Cameron has lived here for the past 65 years and I have been here for 47 years.

I would like to mention that this district had the first Rural Mail Delivery outside of Brandon. Also, the first telephone installed in this district was in 1908.

Alice Drysdale

### **WILLIAM HENRY DUNBAR FAMILY**

William Henry Dunbar was born at Hopewell, Picton County, Nova Scotia on December 11, 1856. He was the youngest son of William and Margaret (nee McLean) Dunbar. Henry was a carpenter and cabinet maker by trade and engaged in this kind of work before he left for the west.

His father met Rev. Roddick at a Presbyterian Church meeting and learned of his plans to bring settlers out west. As a result, Henry decided to join the Roddick party which left on April 9, 1879. Upon arrival, he took up a homestead on SE 9-9-18, and in June of 1883 he married Mary Harriet, the eldest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. George Roddick. They lived in a log house until about 1891.

Henry returned to Nova Scotia and brought back a number of young men to North Portal, Sask., which was then in the North-West Territories. Many of their homesteads ran along the Canadian-American border. In return for helping to settle a new area, Henry was given the deed to a quarter section of land, providing he would give these young men supervision. To do this, Henry and Mary thought it best to move with their family to the new settlement and rent his first homestead.

The family remained at North Portal until the spring of 1900, when they moved back to the Brandon Hills district and settled on their farm. The decision to move back was partly due to the fact that the school at North Portal was open only in the summer months. They felt their two oldest boys should be attending school the year around.

While they had been away, they had rented their farm to a very fine couple, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McKinnon and family. When the Dunbars returned, the McKinnons moved to Margaret, Manitoba.

Henry and Mary were very active in the district, serving on the Church Board, in the choir, and teaching Sunday School. Mary was a life

member of the W.M.S. and one of the organizers of the Brandon Hills Busy Bees. City folks and neighbours were welcome to come and enjoy picking berries or boating on Lily Lake.

The old timers picnic was held for a number of years beside Lily Lake. The family was interested in baseball and hockey and helped to build an outdoor rink and waiting room down by the creek on the David Roddick farm (NW 9-9-18).

Henry and Mary had four sons and two daughters — Alexander, Robert, John, Ira, Bessie and Jessie.

George Alexander (Allie) married Jeannie Brockie of Scotland and farmed at North Portal, Saskatchewan. They had a family of three — Millen, Gladys and Emily. Millen married May Higgens of Brandon and farmed at North Portal. They now reside in Brandon. Gladys married Jack Mair and farmed at Elgin, Manitoba. She taught music for many years. They are both retired and still live in their farm home. Emily married Herman Hanson of North Portal, Sask. He was a customs collector and is now deceased. They had one son — Brian who lives in Winnipeg and he has two children. Emily passed away December 22, 1980. Allie died on November 22, 1966 and Jeannie on July 31, 1977.

Dr. Robert Russel married Edna Dorland of Stratford, Ontario. He was a veterinary surgeon at Moosomin and Melfort, Sask., and now lives at Penticton, B.C. They have one son — William of Ottawa, Ontario. Edna is now deceased.

John Melville served in the artillery in WWI from 1915 to 1918. On December 27, 1942 he married Hilda Willey of Regina, Sask. He was a store keeper and inspector of stores. John passed away on November 25, 1972.

Dr. Ira William married Helen Halliday of Qu'Appelle, Sask., and they now reside at Camrose, Alberta. He was a dentist at Unity, Sask., and at Camrose. They had one daughter — Louise, who married Dr. R. Reekie of Camrose.

Bessie Helena married Harvey Cotter of Picton County, Nova Scotia in 1919. Harvey was a veteran of WWI and they operated a store at Margaret, Manitoba for 34 years. They had two children — Ruth and John. Ruth married Bill Hamilton of Carnduff, Sask. They have one son — Garth. John lives in Brandon, Manitoba. Harvey passed away in April 1950, and Bessie later married Harry Chapman of Ninga, Manitoba. He passed away in 1964 and Bessie died in 1980.

Jessie Georgina married William Lissaman of Brandon, Manitoba on July 5, 1922. William was a station agent at Williston and at Minot, North Dakota. They have a daughter — Donna Lea, married to William McDonnel, Dr. of Science and they live in Aiken, South Carolina. Jessie's husband died in 1960, and in 1962 she moved to Aiken, S.C.

Henry and Mary Dunbar sold their farm in 1920



to Oscar Brandt and retired to Brandon. Henry passed away in 1939 at the age of 83, and Mary died in 1949 at the age of 85. Both are buried in Brandon Cemetery.

Submitted by Millen Dunbar

## **WILLIAM JAMES DUNSEITH AND FAMILY**

William James Dunseith, born in St. Mary's Ontario in 1862, came to Manitoba in 1886 and farmed the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of 24-9-18. He moved to and farmed N $\frac{1}{2}$  of 25-9-18 until moving to Brandon in 1948.

William married Francis Alice Barber, born 1874 in Lucknow Ontario, coming with her parents to Manitoba in 1882.

The Dunseiths had three children — Hazel, Mildred, and Bill, who attended school in Glen Souris, Mary Hazel born 1900, became a teacher with B.A. and M.A. degrees, retired in 1967. Although having taught on teachers exchange in Scotland, most of her career was spent in Brandon Collegiate and Vincent Massey. Hazel passed away March 24, 1983.

Jane Mildred born 1902 also became a teacher in Brandon at the Central School until 1929 when she married Clifford Chapman. (see Clifford Chapman history).

William Samuel (Bill) born 1907, married Phyllis May Hedley in July 1935 and took over the home farm. Their three children attended Brandon Hills School.

William Frances (Bill Jr.) born August 6, 1943, married Sherry King of Homefield in 1966. They now live in Calgary with their four children — Troy, Rhonda, Maureen, and Sabrina.

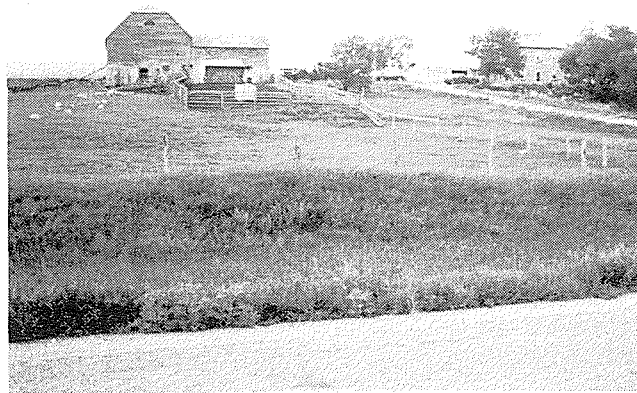
Malcolm Hedley (Mac) Bill's twin brother married Bonnie Berg of Winnipeg, where they now reside with their two children — Krista Lea and Marcus.

Barbara Ann born November 1, 1947, married Donald Orr of High River Alberta in 1973. They now live in Calgary with their two children — Rebecca and Kristian.

Bill and Phyllis retired in 1968 keeping an acreage of their farm where they now live.

## **DURNIN FAMILY**

The origin of the John Durnin family in the R.M. of Cornwallis dates back to the late 1880's. John and Mary Jane (Agar) Durnin were married on the 19th of December, 1882 in Lucknow, Ontario. Their parents had both immigrated from Ireland, in the early 1800's, at the time of the potato famine and the strife between the Catholics and the Protestants. The two families settled in neighbouring counties (Durnin's in Huron, Agar's in Bruce) touching Lake Huron. John and Mary Jane



met at James Eliza (Durnin) Agar's wedding in 1880. This was the beginning of three such Durnin-Agar unions.

In a family of twelve children, John was one of only two to carry on the farming tradition, with the others becoming teachers, accountants or doctors. Mary Jane, who also came from a large farming family, was a piano teacher before she married. With available farm land in Ontario both scarce and expensive the two decided to move westward.

They resided in Dungannon, Ontario from 1882 to 1884 where they farmed out of John's parents' farm before heading to Fargo, North Dakota in 1885. Mary Jane periodically returned to Ontario while John worked and handled a threshing unit for a farmer there. They had no intention of settling in the United States so in 1886 they journeyed northward to Rounthwaite, Manitoba.

While there, John had dealings with Albert Philp, a Brandon lawyer who owned a homestead along the valley in the R.M. of Cornwallis. From 1888 to 1895 Mr. Durnin commuted between his farm in Rounthwaite and Philp's land. In 1896 he sold the Rounthwaite farm to his brother-in-law and sister, George and Mary Jane (Durnin) Agar. John Durnin and family became permanent residents in the R.M. of Cornwallis in this year.

Mr. Durnin took up residence in the house on Albert Philp's land and operated the farm for him from 1896 to 1899. In 1900 John Durnin moved from NE 29-10-19, after purchasing NW 29-10-19 from Philps.

In 1897 John, the mason, Durnin, a cousin of Mr. Durnins from Ontario, started building the stone house which presently sits on NW 29-10-19. The family home took three years to build and the stones mostly came from the pasture west of the house. The house was built to last with close to two foot thick stone walls. John, the mason, also built several foundations for homes and churches in Brandon at the turn of the century. The Ontario style barn which stands west of the house, was built around 1898.

Mr. Durnin threshed along the valley and in various locations north to Rivers. John and Mary Jane raised a family of eleven who either resided at the stone house or the home they owned in Brandon. The large red brick home on the 500 block on 13th street was kept so the children would be closer to school.

John Durnin passed away in 1922 which left Mary Jane to manage the farm with the help of her two youngest sons — Bill and Ted. When she passed away in 1941 the land was divided between these sons. Bill received the homestead, while Ted received the farmland the family owned in the R.M. of Whitehead, bordering on Cornwallis on the valley road.

Bill took a great deal of pride in his cattle and enjoyed farming and attending auction sales. He was the pound keeper for the municipality of Cornwallis for several years. Bill farmed the homestead until he passed away in 1975.

Ted married Elsie Hammersley in 1943. They have a family of six who were raised on the farm in the R.M. of Whitehead. Elsie grew up in Birnie, Manitoba, where her parents farmed. Her parents both immigrated from England at the turn of the century.

They raised several hundred turkeys each year for many years while on the farm in the R.M. of Whitehead. These 500 odd birds tended to hold up traffic along the valley because they had a liking for walking on the road. Those were also shot gun days keeping the two legged wolves at bay. Many families in the area sat down to a Durnin turkey at Christmas in those years.

Ted farmed and worked in Brandon. In 1970 Ted retired from farming and moved into Brandon. When Bill passed away in 1975, Ted was left the homestead. A decision was made to move out to the homestead but this required extensive renovations. The stone house had fallen into disrepair over the years and from 1975 to 1978, when Ted and Elsie moved back to the farm, much was done to the house.

Contact is still kept with relations going back several generations. Flora Durnin, a distant relative from Ontario, who has a keen interest in family genealogy, visited in 1980. A family reunion is to be held in 1982 which coincides with the 100th anniversary of John and Mary Jane Durnin's marriage.

### **ARTHUR GEORGE AND JUSTINE VIOLET DYCK**

I was born at Winkler, Manitoba in 1913 and spent my childhood and youth there. I had to go out to work at the age of thirteen, working on a farm.

At the age of 23 I went to Saskatchewan to visit an aunt and there I met Justine Klassen who became my wife September 26, 1940. We have five

children, all married, six grandchildren, and one great-grand child.

We have lived in Steinbach, Roblin, on a farm near Sidney and in the town of Sidney, Manitoba before moving to Brandon in 1954. I got a job at Canadian Brown Steel Tank and worked there until we bought a dry cleaning plant in 1962, City Dry Cleaners, which was later called Wheat City Dry Cleaners. In 1974 we sold the business and it was liquidated.

In 1971 we bought a piece of property from Mr. Peter Nadler, NE 8-10-19, and moved onto it in 1974. When we sold the business Justine went to work at Fairview Home Inc., and is still employed there at this time, while I kept the fort at home, etc.

### **EDWARDS FAMILY**

My father, Earl and my mother, Mae and I moved from a farm near Lumsden, Sask., to the Gorrie district in 1939, when I was a year old. There we farmed until my father's illness in 1951, whereupon we moved to Brandon the following year. My father died in February, 1953 and Mother and I continued to farm our quarter section until I graduated from high school and left to attend Normal School in Winnipeg. In 1956, Mother married George Dixon, and they carried on farming until her death in 1980.

After completing my teacher training in 1957, I taught in northern Manitoba until I married Robert Orr in 1960. I continued to teach where we lived — in Portage la Prairie, Thompson and finally, since 1966, in Brandon. Bob and I built a small horse-breeding operation in Oakland Municipality, where we have raised a number of show and thoroughbred race horses. Bob has worked for the postal service for the past 15 years, as well as building, and recently expanding, our farm home. He is now acquiring his private pilot's license.

In 1977 I completed my Bachelor of Education at Brandon University. A year later I moved from teaching into guidance counselling, a position I now hold at Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School in Brandon.

Submitted by Helen Orr.

### **DAN ELDEN**

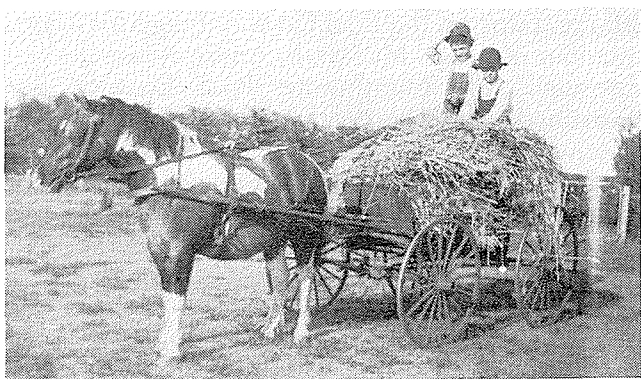
Dan Elden was an English stone mason and plasterer who homesteaded on the NE¼ of 26-9-18 around 1898. He stayed for about five or six years. He built himself a house and barn and joined them with a passageway.

About 1898 Dan plastered Mr. W.J. Dunseith's house. When his son Bill, took down this building a few years ago the foundation and plaster were still in good condition.

On the W $\frac{1}{2}$  of 30-9-17, until recently, there was a stone milk house which was built by Dan Elden.

Part of an old Red River Trail could be seen along the hills of Dan Elden's homestead, until it was brought under cultivation in the 1960's. This quite deep trail had three ruts.

In those days the settlers got lime for masonry and plaster from the limestones which were found in the fields. The stones you could rub white flakes off with your finger, were put into a kiln which was generally a hole in the side of a hill. After making a place where a fire could be built, it was covered over with earth. A big fire was lit so that plenty of heat was applied over a period of several hours. After the kiln cooled the lime would be ready for use. The remains of one of these kilns could be seen years ago on the Minaker place.



Wallace and Graham Elder, pony "Comet" and a load of green feed in buggy.

### ANDREW TULLY ELDER

Andrew Tully Elder married Annie Lucy Graham in 1900 and stayed on the home place E $\frac{1}{2}$  3-9-17. William John (Willo) had married Beatrice Sutton and moved on to W $\frac{1}{2}$  2-9-17. Frank, who was very lame, along with stepmother Mrs. Mary Elder and Sister Jane Taylor Elder (Jate) and half sister Catherine (Amy) Elder, moved on to SW $\frac{1}{4}$  10-9-17.

Andrew and Annie Elder had four children — Alexis, who married George Griffith; Wallace, who married Bessie Shropshire; Graham who married Marie Jackson and Mary (Peggy) who married John Granger. A foster son Andrew Graham (Sonny Elder) married Elizabeth (Bunty) McCrory.

Andrew took a keen interest in community affairs being a councillor and Reeve of the R.M. of Cornwallis for a good many years. Both Andrew and Annie enjoyed having young people around. In the early 1920's the hockey team and the community built a board fence rink in the yard. A farm lighting plant had been installed in 1918 and Andrew supplied the rink with lighting. A skating party was held once a week which ended with a lunch and dance held in the home.

Another winter activity of the early years was a card tournament. The married men played the single men and you could play 52 Pedro or Euchre. The losers had to buy oysters for any oyster supper that was held at Andrew Elders large home.

Andrew took a keen interest in good plowing. He held the Provincial Championship five years for the 14 inch walking plow, winning it for two years and losing it to a Mr. Croy or a Mr. Sutherland (I don't know which), but won it again for three years in succession to become the owner. Graham has the medal now along with other medals his Dad won for plowing.

Andrew Elder died at the age of 69 in 1945 and Annie Elder died at the age of 101 in 1975. They are both buried in the Brandon Cemetery.

Wallace Elder

### JAMES TULLY ELDER

The Elder clan originally came from Fifehire, Scotland and were affiliated with the MacIntosh clan, the region being North West of Edinburgh.

Known as "Old Briton", George Elder came to Canada in 1817 from Port Glasgow. He settled about 30 miles South West of Montreal in the township of Godmanchester, the village of Huntington in Quebec. James Tully Elder was a grandson of "Old Briton" (George Elder). At the age of 17 he spent one year at the California gold Rush in 1851, later returning to Ontario where he and a brother Dave set up a Flour Mill, Lumber Mill and a Carding Mill. Later he sold his share to his brother and moved to Manitoba.

He came west in the summer of 1881 and bought land from the CPR (E $\frac{1}{2}$  3-9-17-W 1st.). He put up a house and stable that summer then went back East. He and his wife and family of three boys and one girl moved West in the spring of 1882.

James T. Elder married Jane Alexis Taylor in Ontario. She came west in 1882, lived for three years here and died in 1885. James T. Elder later married Miss Mary Noble and they had one child — Catherine May Elizabeth (Amy). James Elder died in 1890 and his sons, Willow, 17 and Andrew 15 farmed as Elder Brothers until 1900.

Wallace Elder

### JAMES FRANKLIN ELDER

Frank Elder was born in 1879 in Ontario and came West in 1882 with his family. He lived at home with his family until 1900 when he bought the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  10-9-17 and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  3-9-17. He moved to SW 10-9-17 along with a sister, Jane Taylor Elder (Jate), his stepmother, Mrs. Mary Elder and half sister, Catherine May Elizabeth Elder (Amy) and farmed there until his death in 1944. Frank was very lame but even with his handicap he farmed all his life.

Frank took an active part in all community events. He was Secretary-Treasurer for Blyth School District for a good many years. He also played the violin and played for a good many house parties that were held in the early days.

Jate married Frank Graham and they farmed at Rounthwaite. Mary Elder died in 1943 and Amy died in 1952. They all remained on the farm until their deaths.

Wallace Elder

### **JAMES A. AND BERTHA M. ELDER**

James A. Elder was born in Athelston, Quebec, on August 16, 1877. He grew up and was educated there. On June 25, 1913 he married Bertha M. Lumsden, who was also born in Athelston, Quebec, on September 7, 1879. They moved to the Stratherne District in 1913 where they farmed all their lives, until the sudden death of James on May 13, 1939. James was elected and served as chairman for Stratherne School District for twenty years until his death.

They had two sons — Stanley Warren, and Lawrence McNiece. After the death of James, Bertha and the two boys moved to Glen Souris. Bertha was a member of the Women's Missionary Society for many years. Stanley worked as a laborer until 1945 and Lawrence joined the Army in 1941. In 1945, Bertha and Stanley moved to NW $\frac{1}{2}$  Sec. 4-9-17 Municipality of Cornwallis and farmed there until the fall of 1950. Because of Bertha's failing health, Stan and Bertha moved to Brandon. Bertha passed away at the age of 90 on April 25, 1970.

### **LAWRENCE McNIECE ELDER**

Lawrence McNiece, son of James A. and Bertha M. Elder (Nee Lumsden) was born on October 27, 1916 on W $\frac{1}{2}$  Sec. 28-8-17, Municipality of Oakland, Rounthwaite P.O., Manitoba. He attended the Stratherne School and completed his last year at Rounthwaite School. He helped his father and brother, Stanley, on the farm until 1935. He then went East and worked there until his father's death in 1939. He returned to live with his mother and brother, in Glen Souris until January 1941. He then joined the Army at Shilo, Manitoba, and married Grace Lindsay on July 11, 1942. He served overseas until his discharge in 1945. He resided in Brandon until 1950, and then moved to Minnedosa, Manitoba where he worked as a carpenter until 1966. He has two sons — Douglas and Donald, and two daughters — Dianne and Karen. In 1966 he moved to Calgary, Alberta and continued working at his carpenter trade. In 1978 he retired and he and his wife Grace now reside in Vernon, B.C. His son Douglas lived in Vancouver, and his son, Donald, lives in Calgary. His daughter

Dianne, married Kent Erickson and lives at Graum, Alberta. They have three children. His daughter Karen married Ray Hauck and lives in Calgary, Alberta.

### **GEORGE WALLACE ELDER**

I was born on the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of 3-9-17 on November 20th, 1902, grew up there, got my education at Blyth School and farmed at home with my father until 1934 when I married Bessie Shropshire.

We lived on the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of 4-9-17 and farmed the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of 5-9-17 and the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of 6-9-17. We farmed there until we moved to Brandon and I worked at McCabe's feed mill in 1943 and 1944. I bought the home farm and we moved back there in the spring of 1945 and farmed there until 1973 when we retired to Brandon where we still live.

We tried to take an active part in community affairs. I was on the Pool Elevator board for a good number of years. My father, Andrew, was the first president of Rounthwaite Pool Elevator and remained so until his death in 1945. I was also on the Cornwallis Council for 17 $\frac{3}{4}$  years when we moved to Brandon to live and I was not eligible to be a councillor.

We had a son George Andrew Elder, born in 1951. He lost his life in an accident in 1961 and is buried in the Brandon Cemetery.

I sold the farm to Jake and Margaret Buhler in 1973. A few years later they sold to Dave and Shirley Mooney who still own it. Their son Brent and his wife Debbie (Vrooman) are living on the home place now. Brent is the great grandnephew of the famous Nellie McClung (Mooney).

We have been enjoying our retired life for nine and one-half years and still take an active part in Western Square Dancing with the Brandon Circle Eight Club.

### **JOHN TULLY ELDER FAMILY**

John Tully Elder was born in Ontario in 1881 and came, with his parents, to the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis at a very young age. In 1905 he purchased E 23-9-18 from William Barber, and in 1912 married Jessie Campbell, daughter of John and Mary Campbell. The Elder family attended Glen Souris Presbyterian Church and their four children received their education at Glen Souris School.

Gordon, born in 1913, was killed by a fall from a horse in 1924.

Edna, born in 1915, became a school teacher. She married John Dack of Winnipeg, and died in 1962.

Russell, born in 1922, lives in Brandon at the present time.

Marie, born in 1923, became a secreatry. She married Wilfred Coate and died in 1968.

John Tully died in 1946 and Jessie in 1975.

## PETER ELDER FAMILY

One day in 1881 a young man, Peter Elder from Blyth, Ontario, stepped off the train at the end of the line and started walking to his new farm about eighteen miles south east of Brandon, Manitoba. It was a long walk but he was in quest of better health and a new home for his young wife Isabella and their infant son. By 1882 the railroad had reached Brandon and Isabella and the baby joined Peter. In the meantime he had built a two storey log house on the farm which was known as 4-9-17. Isabella thought this was not a very suitable name for a farm home so she called it Argyle, no doubt thinking of her home in beautiful Argyleshire where her first fifteen years were spent in a thatched cottage within a stone's throw of lovely Loch Fyne. Argyle farm was to be their home until 1920 when they retired to Brandon. During those years a new frame house was built, trees, shrubs and flowers were planted, neighbors moved in and the district became known as Blyth. Peter and Isabella had not forgotten Blyth, Ontario where their happily married life began.

Five more children were born on Argyle Farm: John Tully, Donald Brian, Sarah Edna, Mary Bella, Archibald Taylor and Rebecca Elizabeth. All of the children received most of their education in the local Blyth School, which Peter helped to build and which became the church on Sunday.

John bought a farm in the Glen Souris district and married "that good looking girl, Jessie Campbell, from Brandon Hills". They had four children — Gordon, Edna, Marie and Russell. Russell is the only member of that family living and he makes his home in Brandon.

Bain struggled with ill health most of his life. He was a farmer but great credit is due to his loving and devoted wife, Edith Chapman. They had three children — Floris, later to become Maurice Myer's wife, Lyle and Bruce. Bruce is the only one living and he resides in Kamloops, B.C.

Edna was a Grade II teacher for a number of years in Brandon where she met and married J.B. Gray. They had five children — Archie who married Helen Lowe and they live in Stonewall, Manitoba. They have five children — Jim in Vancouver, Diana, married and has one daughter, Beth, in Ontario; Gordon, married and living in Stonewall; Bruce lives in Calgary. The family was saddened by the death of the oldest child, Joan. Edna's second son Lorne and his son Michael live in Deep River Ontario. They too, were saddened by the death of their wife and mother, Anne. Florence died at nine years of age and two others died in infancy.

Mary, better known as Mollie, was also a teacher for many years in Beresford and Brandon. She married Morley Cannon of Beresford and has three children, all living in B.C. where Mollie and Morley went to retire. Phyllis married R.B. Alexander and they have a daughter and three

sons. Robyn is married and lives in Sydney, Australia. Dean and wife Joy and two young sons live in Vancouver as does Neil and his wife and daughter. Mark lives in Montreal with his wife, Machel, and their two children. Elizabeth lives in Bellingham, Washington. She married Rod Hulme and they have two children — Courtney and Kenton, both in university in California. Donald, a son from a previous marriage, is also in California.

Archie Elder went to Saskatchewan to make his living as a farmer and later into the lumber business. He took with him his young wife, Pearl Hill. They have three children. Margaret is a widow and lives in Saskatoon. She has one daughter, Sandra, married to Don McCleary. They live in Olds, Alberta with their two sons — Dan and Keith. Olive married J. Kerr. They and their three children live in the Prince Albert district. Janice, Darrel and Grant are all married and have families. Dale and his wife, Gertrude, live in Moose Jaw, Sask. They have seven children — James, David, Lois, Robert, Douglas, Drew and Mary Jane. All live in Saskatchewan, in or near Moose Jaw.

Rebecca, better known as Rebie, is the only member of the original family living. She married Alex Venables of Saskatoon. Alex was a teacher for many years, twenty-six of them in Brandon. They retired in Calgary and have two children. David and his wife, Joyce, and their children, Joanne and Bradley, live in Swan Hills, Alberta. Patricia married Chris Atkins, a young engineer from London, England. They live in Calgary and have one daughter — Becky.

It is a long time since Peter built his log house, but the years have been good to a close knit family who tried to live to be a credit to their much loved parents and grandparents.

## DONALD BAIN ELDER FAMILY

Donald Bain Elder was born in 1883 in the Blyth district. He farmed with his father, Peter Elder, on SW 4-9-17. In 1920 he married Edith Chapman and they continued to farm there while the senior Elders retired to Brandon.

For a while Bain and Edie lived in Brandon where Bain sold insurance. However, in 1929 they returned to farming; this time on S 24-9-18 where they remained until Bain's death in 1943.

About a year later, Edith moved to Brandon where she owned a millinery shop. In 1949 she married Lewis Browse (Scotty), a widower with two grown children. He passed away in 1957. Mrs. Browse died in Brandon in 1982.

Bain and Edie loved to dance, and their enjoyment of music was shared by the three children they raised.

Floris Eileen, born in 1920, worked for the Wawanesa Mutual before marrying Maurice Myers,



a farmer of the Nesbitt area. They had four children — Claudia (Mrs. Campbell of B.C.), Kent of Nesbitt, Beth (Mrs. Williams of Ontario), and Myrna of Nesbitt. Floris died in 1976.

Donald Lyle, born in 1923, farmed with his father until the latter died. He left Cornwallis the next year and married Irma Miller of the Nesbitt area. They farmed in the Rounthwaite area for several years and then moved to Brandon. Lyle and Irma had three sons — Larry, and twins Greg and Dale. Lyle died in 1975.

Frederick Bruce was born in 1932. He lived in Brandon for a while and also in Ontario. Presently Bruce lives in B.C.

### STANLEY WARREN ELDER

Stanley Warren, son of James A. and Bertha M. Elder (Nee Lumsden) was born on November 14, 1914 on the W½ Sec. 28-8-17 Municipality of Oakland, Rounthwaite P.O., Manitoba. Stanley was educated at the Manitoba School for the Deaf in Winnipeg, which he attended for ten years. After his schooling he helped his father on the farm until his father's sudden death on May 13, 1939. He moved to Glen Souris, Manitoba with his mother and his brother, Lawrence and worked as a laborer until 1945. He bought a farm NW¼ Sec. 4-9-17, Municipality of Cornwallis and farmed until the fall of 1950. Then, due to his mother's failing health, moved to Brandon, Manitoba. Stanley worked at the Brandon Cemetery for thirty years and retired in 1980. He sold his house and moved to Winnipeg to be near the deaf community where more facilities and amenities are available. He now resides in Winnipeg (Charleswood).

### WILLIAM J. ELDER

William J. Elder, better known as Willo, was the eldest child of James Tully and Jane Alexis Elder. He was born February 10, 1874 at Elder's Mills, Ontario. He came west in 1882 with his parents, brothers Andrew and Frank, and a sister, Jane. His father homesteaded NE¼ 3-9-17 in the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis, where the family lived until the boys acquired farms of their own.

In the late 1890's, Willo purchased W½ 2-9-17 from Dunc. McIntyre. In January, 1900, Willo married Beatrice Sutton, and they moved into the log house on W½ 2-9-17. Their marriage was blessed with eleven children. James deceased in 1912; Alexis Pickrell, Semans, Sask.; Henry, Penticton, B.C.; Ellen Norrie, Winnipeg; Jean Auty, Penticton; Connie Webb, Vernon, B.C.; Blanche MacKenzie, Oliver, B.C.; Peter, Edmonton, Alta.; Bill, Brandon; Malcolm, deceased in infancy, and Ferne Brant, Penticton.

Willo was among the first farmers in this

district to purchase a large steam engine and threshing machine. It required a gang of twenty-two men — he threshed for several farmers, continuing until late each fall. He also participated in the Plowing Matches, and won several awards.

By 1908 the family had outgrown the log house. A new house was planned, with Ed. Murphy as foreman, and in mid 1909 the big red brick house was completed enough for the family to move into. This brick house was the centre of several activities for many years. Willo played the violin for these and other house parties in the district until he lost two fingers in the saw mill.

Willo's knowledge, and keen interest in steam, attracted him to build and operate a saw mill, situated eleven miles south-west of Makinak. He supplied many farmers and businessmen with lumber through the winter months, for several years. Then he lost twenty-three head of horses with a disease called "Glanders". These horses had been used to haul logs to the saw mill all winter and to do the farming in the summer.

Willo and Beatrice farmed here until their retirement in 1943, at which time their youngest son, Bill, and his wife, Mae, purchased the farm. With their family, Marvin, Noreen, and Arlene, they farmed here until 1947, when they moved to a farm in the Harding district.

Mrs. Elder passed away June 19, 1955 in her 76th year at Penticton, B.C. Willo passed away April 1st, 1959 at age 85, in High Prairie, Alberta. They are both laid to rest in Brandon Cemetery.

Submitted by Bill and Mae Elder

### S.F. ENGLISH FAMILY

Frank and Annie English moved from Harding, Manitoba to the NE¼ 18-9-19, in the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis, in November 1941, with their five children — Eileen, Frank, Ruth, Crawford and Muriel. They farmed for two years, then moved to Brandon. Frank Sr. had a trucking business until his death in May, 1964. Annie passed away in April, 1975.

Eileen married Ken Bennett and is living in Kilgore, Idaho, U.S.A. They have one son and two daughters.

Frank and his wife, Jean, live in Brandon. They have three daughters and one son.

Ruth married Bill Carbonell, they reside in Montreal and have one daughter and two sons.

Crawford lives in Fort Nelson, B.C.

Muriel (Bunny) married Bill Seidler and they live in Oliver, B.C. They have four sons and three daughters.

## JACK ELVES FAMILY

Jack and Arlene moved to Chater from South of Brandon in 1976. They purchased their property, the former home of Reeve Dave Birdsell, from Mr. Berger Asplund.

Jack is a son of Ambrose and Clara Elves of Neepawa and teaches Business Education at Assiniboine Community College in Brandon. He also pitches in on the family farm near Brandon.

Arlene, daughter of Gerry and Dorothy Akerley of Calgary, was born at Swan River. She also teaches at the Community College in the Nursing Education area.

On Saturday, March 7, 1981, Patrick John Jr. was born to Jack and Arlene and became Chater's first Centennial baby!

## JAMES ELLIOTT FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. James Elliott both came from Ontario. Mr. Elliott was born at Kendall, Ontario, in September 1870. Mrs. Elliott's birth-place was Allanford, in June 1873.

The Elliots came from the Carroll district to Brandon Hills in March 1916, when they rented SE 29-9-18, owned by Thomas Baker. Three children were born to them.

Earl married Bernice Twitchell. They lived in Brandon and had two sons. Earl was employed by the C.P.R. on the B & B gang (bridge and building) for many years. He passed away suddenly in October 1978.

Cecil makes his home at Creston, B.C.

Verna married E. Anderson, a war veteran, who died a few years after they were married, leaving her with two small children. She trained as a nurse and now makes her home in Ottawa.

Mr. Elliott owned a threshing outfit — a one-cylinder portable engine and a Goodson separator. He used a flat-bottomed skid pulled by four horses to haul the sheaves to the machine. A cable was placed around the load and fastened to a post in the ground near the engine, and as the team was driven ahead, the sheaves were pulled off beside the feeder. One man would go out for another load while the man who was running the machine pitched the sheaves into the separator. Truly, it was a two-man threshing gang!

While in the district, the Elliots attended Brandon Hills Church. They moved to Dauphin in March, 1920, and some years later to the North Brandon area. Upon retirement they made their home in Brandon.

Mrs. Elliott passed away in 1959 and Mr. Elliott in 1964 at the age of 95.

## JOHN EMPEY

John Empey was born in 1856, in Ontario. He came West in 1879, and worked for the C.P.R. when the first railway bridge was built across the Red River. He then decided to go farming. In 1880 he chose the SW¼ of 16-9-19 in the Municipality of Cornwallis for his homestead. In 1881 he helped John Doran with his harvest. John Empey helped with the starting of the Little Souris Church where he served on the church board, and with the beginning of the school where he was trustee for many years and where the Empey children all attended.

In 1881 he married Kezia Harper. They had a family of ten children three of whom died in early childhood. The seven remaining were: Clifford, Annie Belbeck, Catherine (Rene) Prevost, Bertha Dulmage, Jennie, Harold and Albert. Kezia died in 1897.

Harold and Albert served overseas in World War I. Harold was held prisoner of war where his ancestors had been born.

Albert returned and later worked the home farm for a short time. He married Ada Marriott. They had two sons — Jim and Walter. Albert and Ada moved to St. Catharines, Ont., where Albert died in 1982, the last of this family.

John Empey married Bella McDonald about 1902. They had five children — Gordon, Marguerite Toal, Myrtle Simpson and Mabel Dick (twins) and Kenneth, who is deceased. John died in 1933 and Bella died in 1951.

Gordon and Kenneth served overseas in the Second World War. Gordon returned to the farm in 1945. He married Rosemary Johnston of Winnipeg in 1945. They have six children — Jim, Brandon; Joyce Mulligan, Rivers; Gerald, Prince George; Wendy Davis, Brandon; Raymond, Halifax; and David, Brandon. Jim and Joyce and their families each lived on the home farm for a short time.

Gordon is now retired and still lives on the home farm that his father homesteaded a hundred years ago, and is now a Century Farm.

## WILLIAM EVANS

### The following is a letter from the archives in Winnipeg

I, William Evans, of the W½ section 13 in Township 9 in Range 19, West of the First Principal Meridian in Manitoba, Farmer, do hereby solemnly declare:

That I arrived in Manitoba about the 12th day of April 1879 A.D. and about the 20th day of June 1879 I went out and took possession of the above described land and have ever since held possession of the same.

That during all of the summer of 1879 I lived in a tent upon the E½ of section 13 and during which time I believed that I was upon the W½ of said section.

That in the fall of said year, 1879, I built a shanty upon what I then thought was the W½ of said section 13 but which afterwards turned out to be not on said west half of section 13 but within about two hundred yards of the same E½ and lived in same during the winter of 1879.

That during the summer of 1879 I broke ten acres upon the said W½ of said section 13.

That I lived continuously upon or in the immediate vicinity of said W½ of section 13 since June of 1879 A.D.

That I have paid for my part of section in connection with said half section at the rate of two dollars and one half per acre. I desire to obtain a rebate of one dollar and a half per acre.

Mr. and Mrs. William Evans arrived in Canada from Wales in the spring of 1879 and chose to settle on 13-9-19 at the north base of the Brandon Hills. Mr. W. Evans was born in 1855 and came to Canada at 24 years of age and had resided at the homestead until the time of his passing in 1927. His wife, Cathrine, was born in 1852 and gave birth to three children. She passed away in 1928.

Ann was born in 1893 and died two days after birth.

Mary was born in 1887 and died at the age of 22 years.

W.H. (Bill) was born in 1891. He lived on and worked the family farm until his retirement to Brandon in 1966 where he resided until his death in 1978. Members of the Evans family are buried in Brandon Hills Cemetery. Ann, his wife, resides in Brandon. They had two children — a girl and a boy. Evelyn and her husband, K.T. Macpherson, reside at Homecrest Farms on Grand Valley Road, west of Brandon. They have three children — Denise, Donald and Cheryl, all of whom reside on Grand Valley Road. Peter W. (Sonny), is the present owner of the Evans farm which has been in the Evans name for 104 years. Peter W. and wife, Dorothy, had three children also, Roger, Danny and Cindy, who reside in the Brandon area.

### **RUDY AND ESTHER EWERT**

Rudy Ewert was born in Souris, Manitoba, the son of Peter and Lena Ewert of Carroll, Manitoba. In 1946 they moved to Elm Creek, Manitoba, where Rudy grew up.

He met and married Esther Janzen originally from Lena, Manitoba and they have three children — Wendell, in grade VIII, Cynthia in grade VII and Mark in kindergarten. All the children attend Riverheights School.

Rudy is a teacher at Crocus Plains Regional

Secondary School, and prior to moving to the Cornwallis district 17-10-19, he and his family resided at 3 Hazelwood Crescent, Brandon.

### **FARDOE FAMILY**

William Fardoe was born at Harmer Hill, Shropshire, England on December 7, 1856. At an early age he became a ship's carpenter enabling him to travel around the world in a sailing ship and later emigrating to Canada.

Arriving in Canada with only 95 pounds for money at a Quebec port, he worked for small wages at numerous jobs, mostly for the railroad. William Fardoe got "Manitoba Fever" and helped a Mr. John Doran bring loaded wagons, five horses, and nine cows to the Brandon Hills, he later regretted the move west with this Mr. Doran. After crossing the ferry at Grand Valley and arriving in Little Souris District on October 20, 1879, he spent the first winter working for Mr. Doran until January of 1880.

William Fardoe was granted the land as a homestead by the Crown in 1881, the land is the present yard of grandson Bill Fardoe, SE 10-9-19. During these early years of pioneering, before the railroad, he backpacked flour and other necessities from Portage la Prairie to the homestead. He also worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway during construction of the Trans Continental Right of Way. He purchased the SW 3-9-19 from the C.P.R., and later the NW 3-9-19 from a Mr. Hooper.

On February 20, 1884, William married Sarah Tebo of Iroquois, Ontario. They had seven children — Thomas William born February 23, 1885. Thomas married Sadie Murray, Thomas died from effects of a fire in his home in December of 1911, after being married a short eight months.

Lucy Elizabeth, the second child, was born on September 25, 1887. Lucy married Alexander M. Foster on November 17, 1909 at the home farm. They had four daughters — Phyllis Irene; Grace Eleanor; Elsie Violet; and Mary Elizabeth. Alexander passed away in his sleep on March 1, 1938. Lucy is presently living at Fairview Home, Brandon.

The third child, Nellie Florence, born August 1, 1889, lived at home for many years, and also nursed older people. On March 30, 1960 Nellie married Alfred J. Marshall. Alfred predeceased Nellie on August 11, 1964, Nellie passed away November 2, 1970.

The fourth child, John Edgerton, born April 7, 1891 married Edith Alma Bowslaugh on December 29, 1925 at Edith's home in Grimsby, Ontario. John and Edith later went on to farm the homestead having three children — William Edwin born October 22, 1926; Edith Ellen born April 18, 1928; and John Cecil born March 14, 1929. Edith passed away April

11, 1966. William Edwin married Ann Klopas of Gladstone, Manitoba on June 15, 1957. William and Ann have three children — Edwin John born October 15, 1958; Laura Ann born March 27, 1961; and Kelly Lee born February 18, 1967. Edith Ellen married George Kaytor at the home farm on July 24, 1948. Ellen and George have four children — Sharon R.; Robert G.; Tony, and Michael C. John Cecil married Joyce A. Poets on June 16, 1948. They had three children — Lawrence R.; Arleen A.; and Frances L. John Cecil married Agnes Beryl Wilson on November 20, 1965, they have one daughter — Kimberly Dawn. In August of 1968 John E. married Mary Grace Oliver. John and Mary now reside in Princess Towers, Brandon.

The fifth child was George Samuel born February 17, 1893. George served overseas for four years in World War I. When he returned he went to farm in the Benito area and there he married Edith Erickson on March 22, 1922. George and Edith had three sons — William George; Russell Milton; and Kenneth Lloyd. George and Edith later moved to the South Brandon District where they farmed until George's death on April 24, 1967, Edith passed away on April 23, 1982.

The sixth child was Harry Richard, born October 24, 1897. Harry married Susan Mary Dunlop on November 3, 1926. Harry graduated from business school in Brandon and went on to earn a degree from the Toronto University in Electrical Engineering. Harry passed away in Toronto, where he lived, on September 20, 1966. Harry and Susan had two children — Douglas J. and Mary-Anne.

The youngest child, born on April 5, 1903 is Annie Edith. On March 24, 1923 Annie married Lloyd Eugene Bowslaugh on the home farm. Annie and Lloyd farmed on the W½ of 26-9-19 and the E½ of 5-9-19 until retiring to Brandon in 1964. Annie and Lloyd have one child — Clifford Ernest.

On September 21, 1936, the Little Souris Community was saddened with the death of one of it's earliest settlers, Mr. William Fardoe had passed away. William remained on the farm until his death, except for retiring to Brandon for a few months each year in his later years. His funeral procession was a mile long. William was predeceased by his wife Sarah on April 6, 1927.

John E. took over the farm about 1925 and during 1936 purchased SW 10-9-19, originally homesteaded by Mr. Rodger Kinsey in 1881. Many people have lived on this quarter, among them are: Mr. and Mrs. Croy; Mr and Mrs. Bill Richardson; Adam Rosser and Jake Grad; Bill Reddick; and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Nadler.

William E. acquired land in the Douglas area and started farming there in 1952. In 1958 William and Ann bought the home farm followed by the purchase of SE 3-9-19 from Mr. Jack Beach. This

quarter was originally C.P.R. land and many people worked it during the early years.

William and Ann's three children, all of whom take a great interest in the farm, are presently living at home. In the spring of 1981, Edwin J. purchased the NW 7-9-19 from Wayne and Alec Arthur.

In the fall of 1981 the "Fardoe Family Farm" received a gate-sign from the Government of Manitoba commemorating one hundred continuous years of farming on the original homestead.

## FARGUSON FAMILY

Tom and Inga Farguson came to live on W½ 18-9-19 in October, 1948. We came from Camrose, Alberta, with all our worldly possessions in a half-ton truck. We had four children — Leone, born 1940, Bill, born 1942, Dennis, born 1944, and Richard, born 1947. That winter Tom worked in Brandon with his dad at the Farguson Fanning Mill Co. In 1952, Murray was born. Rural electrification had reached our district in 1948, but our home wasn't wired, therefore we didn't get connected until the next year.

Our first year here was a shattering experience. We had a lot of snow and wind. On Christmas Day, our kind neighbours took us out for dinner, travelling by team and sleigh. Early in the day the weather was beautiful, but by evening a blizzard hit. We left for home and the visibility was nil. We were only two miles from home. For a while the horses were able to stay on the track, but when they encountered a big snow drift, they floundered. The two men unhooked the team from the sleigh, led them across the snow drift, hooked the chain (luckily there was a long chain in the sleigh box) onto the pole, and the team pulled the sleigh across the snowbank. That was my last outing with the children that winter.

The following summer was a hot one. When the thermometer hovered around 40C, I would herd the children indoors, preferably in the basement. The favorite spot on a Sunday afternoon or any evening was the swimming hole on Little Souris Creek, on NW 9-9-19

Our children all attended South Brandon School for grades 1 to 9. Bill was able to take his grade 10 by correspondence because the teacher, Marie Williamson, volunteered to supervise and correct his work. They all went to Brandon for high school.

Leone received teacher's training certificate at Brandon University. She now resides in Ear Falls, Ontario with her husband Jan (Dutchie) Loman, and their two children.

Bill: After high school worked for Manitoba Hydro towards a maintenance engineer diploma, and later as an electrician. He and his wife, Bette, (nee Baker), and their three children reside on a farm near Balmoral. He teaches electric wiring, etc.,

in Thompson.

Dennis: graduated from Brandon University with a Bachelor of Education degree. He and his wife, Judi (nee Crab), and their four children live on a farm near Benito, where he teaches school.

Richard: attended Neelin High School, then went to Alberta. After years of training on the job as a plumber and steam fitter, received his diploma in a college in Edmonton. He resides in Calgary.

Murray: attended Neelin High School, then worked in Brandon. In 1973, he and his wife Ann (nee Purdie) moved onto the farm to take over, because of Tom's poor health. They have two daughters.

Tom served on the local school board for a few years. Despite his poor health, he continued farming until Murray took over in 1973. He passed away in 1981. Inga still lives on the farm in a mobile home, enjoying and participating in community affairs.

### **FEDORUK FAMILY**

The Fedoruk family roots go back to an Austrian village (Chernavitz) near the Carpathian Mountains. The parents, Nick and Irene, came to Canada early in the Century. They homesteaded near Veregin, Saskatchewan. At that time the area was part of the Northwest Territories. In 1916 they moved to McKelvie, Manitoba, a one elevator and one school house district, situated on the Great Northern Railway line. Their oldest daughter, Pearl, had married and moved to Vancouver in 1914. But they brought nine children with them, namely — Charles (Kosti), Alex, Michael, John, Mary, Ann, Bill, Jim and Russell. A daughter Margaret later completed their family of eleven.

In 1919 they moved to NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of 14-9-19 in the Little Souris district. The oldest son, Charlie and his wife Effie, moved to a farm on the Brandon Hills, E $\frac{1}{2}$  11-9-19.

In 1923 they all moved to Brandon and started a retail business of flour, feed and coal, on Sixth Street.

The seven brothers, strong and young, ventured into the Construction business in 1928. They sunk \$100,000 into equipment. When the Bennett Government came into power, it put an end to road construction, and Fedoruk brothers were left with just their little store on Sixth Street. (a community landmark during the 1930's Depression Years).

Fedoruk's Groceteria was very popular and well patronized by many customers. The elderly and shut-ins appreciated their free delivery service, and customers appreciated their free-parking lots. But, as so often happens, this service was taken advantage of by non-customers. And Fedoruks refused to practise haul-away action.

Many missed the little friendly groceteria when it closed in December 1979. It seemed the end of an era.

At this time three of the brothers were deceased, namely — Charles, Michael, and Russell. The four others still live in Brandon.

Mary, Annie, Bill, Jim and Russell attended Little Souris School.

### **FELEDECHUK FAMILY**

George Feledechuk purchased the former school site lots from the municipality in 1976. He brought a house trailer to the lot and began construction of his own home in 1978. He moved into this home in 1979.

George is the son of George and Doris (nee Soprovich) of Winnipeg. He began his career as a bricklayer in Winnipeg and carried on in Brandon where he lived from 1959 until his move to Chater.

George has two daughters who live in Brandon. Kim Diane works at I.G.A. while Mardo Rae is a student at Vincent Massey High School.

### **NORMAN WILLIAM FENSKE**

I, Norman William Fenske was born July 6, 1905, in Arthur Municipality near Melita, Manitoba. My parents were Wm. and Esther Fenske who farmed in the district.

I came to Chater September 1934, and worked for Dave Birdsell until I enlisted at Brandon, 13th day of Sept., 1939. I served in Canada and England in the RCA. I was wounded and invalided home and discharged on August 5th, 1941.

On Feb. 20th, 1942 I married Beth Hadden of Douglas, Man. We have three sons — Bob, Jim, and Ray.

Bob, the eldest is a Staff Sargent in the R.C.M.P. in Toronto. He is married and has two children — a boy and a girl.

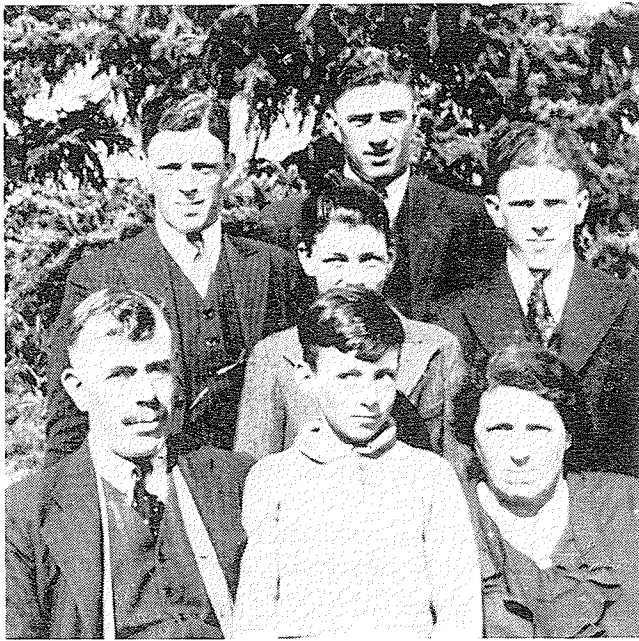
Jim is a Receiver Shipper at Olympic Sportswear, is married and has one son and three adopted children.

Ray is Flight Specialist Instructor at Winnipeg Airport. He is married and has one girl.

I worked at Westeel Rosco as maintenance machinist for 29 years. I retired in July 1970 and Beth and I spend most of our time with Senior clubs and the Legion activities. We own our own home at 323 Seven Oaks where we have lived since coming to Winnipeg.

Submitted by Norm Fenske





*Back row — Bob, Bill, Hugh; middle — Doug; Front — Robert, Gordon, Annie Ferguson.*

### **ROBERT AND ANNIE AND FAMILY FERGUSON**

The Ferguson family heritage originated in Mochrum, Scotland. The first of our pioneers to venture to the New World was Robert Ferguson in 1912. He left his trade as stonemason in Scotland and booked a passage on the Titanic. Fate and his anxiety to get to Canada resulted in an earlier booking to Halifax. Upon his arrival in Halifax he boarded a train and came directly to the Brandon area. It wasn't until his arrival in Brandon that he learned of the ill fated voyage of the Titanic and realized his Scottish luck was still intact. His stone masonry skill is visible today at 18th Street and Rosser Avenue.

In 1913, Annie Jane Brown arrived from Scotland and became Mrs. Robert Ferguson. Robert and Annie had five children, all of them sons.

William, the eldest, married May Johnson in 1941. William, better known as Bill, spent two and one-half years in the Canadian Army and was then employed by the C.P.R. until his early retirement in 1966. Bill's wife, May, was Secretary-Treasurer for the Municipality of Cornwallis for fourteen years. Bill and May lived happily in Brandon until his death in August, 1982.

The second son, Robert, and his wife Isabel, formerly Isabel Stanley of Roseland, presently reside on Juniper Bay in Brandon. Robert was employed by the C.N.R. until he retired in 1975. Bob and Isabel have two children. Their son Ronald and his wife Beverly live in Delta, B.C. with their two daughters, Cathy and Jennifer. Their daughter, Carol, married Phil Hall of Brandon. They and their three children, David, Trista, and Robbie, still reside in Brandon.

The third son, Hugh, presently owns the farm that originally belonged to the Porterfield family. Hugh married Evelyn Williamson of Roseland who passed away in 1944. Hugh is well known in the district for his loving care and help with young people. For many, many years he umpired and helped organize the field days. He coached and encouraged many young boys in Little League ball. Hugh had a love of the fiddle and played for and called off square dances in every dance hall for miles around. He now emcees programs with a group of entertainers at the Senior Citizen homes in Brandon. He is well known for his wit and friendship to young and old.

The next son, Douglas, enlisted in the Canadian Army at an early age and was soon posted overseas. In London, England he met and married Marguerite Moss. After their return to Canada, Doug and Rita had three children. Their eldest, a son, Jim, owns an insurance agency in Brandon. He, his wife Marlene and his two sons — Rob and Jimmie, live in Brandon. Doug's older daughter, Annie and her husband, John Murphy live and work in California with their two sons — John and Jamie. The younger daughter, Jean, lives and works in Winnipeg.

Robert and Annie's youngest son is Gordon Ferguson. Gordon, his wife, Sheila and son Brent live on the home farm. Gordon inherited his love of the land and raising Angus cattle from his father. Gordon was a prominent member and leader of 4-H. He showed cattle for many years as did his father and continues to show as well as judge cattle. Gordon's son Brent, followed along and also showed steers in 4-H for many years. Brent has recently become a licenced insurance agent and works with his cousin, Jim.



*Bob Ferguson and wee dog Timmie.*

The original home of Robert and Annie Ferguson, which still stands, was a close knit family unit until her early death in 1939. Robert and Annie and their five children worked the family farm until her untimely death. After that, Bob, with the help of his sons, maintained the farm until his death in 1974, shortly before his 86th birthday.

Robert Ferguson was better known as Bob. But to family and close friends he was "The Boss". This name was gained as a title of respect because of his good sound advice and interest in all things around him.

### PAUL FIDDLER

A 1936 map shows that Paul Fiddler farmed over the river on the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of 28-9-17 and the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of 33-9-17. Paul was a friendly gentleman who was well liked by his neighbors. He knew where the pink lady slippers grew. Each June he would bring a few to the post office and the school so these beautiful flowers could be enjoyed by everyone. He moved away to B.C.

Submitted by Eileen R. Mainland (Prowse)

### FIFI

We, Henry, Annette, and family of four moved from Cypress River to Little Souris NW $\frac{1}{4}$  2-9-19, Ward 3, on December 6, 1966. On that day there was no snow on the ground, real shirt-sleeve weather. We worked on this farm, Bud Dilleys, until June 1968, then moved to Brandon Hills. In May of 1969 we purchased the Little Souris United Church, remodeled it and moved it across the way, to an acreage on NW $\frac{1}{4}$  11-9-19. On August 31, 1969, we moved into what is now our four bedroom bungalow.

Our family — Agnes married Fred Judson, their children Tina and Arthur.

Rene married Vicki Baker.

Claude married Theresa Noble.

All of whom are living in Brandon.

Reta is living at home.

### FISHER FAMILY

Verne Fisher was born February 13, 1923, eldest son of Albert Alonzo Fisher and Sarah Eleanor Askin. At this time the family lived on the John Wells farm, now worked by James McKeand — 28-11-17.

The story is that this event took place during a three day blizzard. The doctor, Condell by name, probably remembered by some, came to Douglas by C.P.R. Verne's uncle went to pick him up and on the way home the cutter overturned, spilling everyone and everything into the snow. Well they would remember Verne's arrival!

Verne has one brother, Orville who lives in Brandon.

The family moved to the farm owned by Murray Wilkie and then to W $\frac{1}{2}$  28-11-17. From there they went to Mrs. Willmott's farm north of the overhead bridge on the C.N.R. (17-12-15). From there they moved to 32-11-17, the Jack Askin farm near Justice. Verne left here and went farming on his own southwest of Wawanesa for five years, then three years at Methven. From there he moved to the Demanski farm at Chater where he and his wife still reside.

Verne Fisher married Roberta Cooper of Winnipeg in 1951 and they moved to Chater in 1954. They began dairy farming in 1955 and continued to do so.

They have two children. Kevin is presently a truck driver out of Edmonton, Alberta. Karen is a psychiatric nurse at Brandon Hospital for Mental Diseases. Both grew up at Chater and attended Brandon and Elton schools.

### REGINALD AND CLARA FORBES

Reg and Clara Forbes lived in Brandon from 1956 to 1977, before moving to 17-10-19, R.M. of Cornwallis, in 1977.

Reg is an agrologist and was principal of the Agricultural Extension Centre and the Agriculture and Homemaking School for 19 years. He has had a long association with the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba and Royal Manitoba Winter Fair and served a term as General Manager. He was actively associated with the development of the Keystone Centre and Ayerst Organics Plant. He served as commissioner on the Grain Handling and Transportation Commission for a period of two years. Reg professes to being a poor golfer. He is interested in some aspects of history and likes to cross country ski and hunt.

Clara is a registered nurse and works part-time.

Reg and Clara have two children — Faye, who is a home economist consultant in Calgary, Alberta, and Bob, who is operations forester with Kimberly Clark at Longlac, Ontario.

### BRIAN FORD FAMILY

The Ford family resides at Lot #12, Campbell's Trailer Court, Chater, Manitoba. Brian was born in Brandon and lived most of his life in Ingelow farming and working at Paul's Hauling Ltd. in Brandon until he was married. He married Audrey Swalwell, who lived in Justice, in October, 1971. They moved to Campbell's Court in May of 1974.

Brian now works for Wilton Implements Ltd., as a truck driver.

They have one daughter — Stacey Lea-Anne, born May 29, 1976.

## ANDREW FORSON

Andy came to Canada in the early 1920's, worked around Rounthwaite for a few years and then went to the Peace River country to homestead. He returned to Rounthwaite a few years later where he farmed until he moved down to the Blyth District and bought the Frank Elder farm SW¼ 10-9-17 and NE¼ 3-9-17. Later Andy bought the NW¼ 10-9-17 and the E½ 9-9-17 which he farmed until he sold to Allen Kent in the early 1970's. He bought a house in Treesbank and lived there the remainder of his life passing away in December 1980. He is buried in Brandon Cemetery.

Andy was a kind man and an asset to a district. He was a good piper and an excellent fiddler and played for a great many dances over the years.

After Andy bought the Frank Elder place, Amy Elder, who was crippled and Frank's sister was the only one of that family left, so she remained living there until her death. Being the kind man that he was, Andy looked after her just as he would have had she been his own sister.

per Wallace Elder

## FORTUNE FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fortune, with their daughter Jane and son, Jim, came from Berwickshire, Scotland in 1882 and settled in the Fort Ellice district near Moosomin. The following year they moved to Brandon and in 1885 took a homestead in the Aweme district on Section 2-9-17. In 1891 their son died and in 1893 Mrs. Fortune passed away. Mr. Fortune died in 1911, and they are both buried in Madford Cemetery near Douglas. Their daughter married Forrest Cullen in 1896 and died at Treesbank, September 21, 1938.

Wigle Springs got it's name from Mr. Ed. Wigle who arrived from Essex County, Leamington, Ontario in 1882 and took out a homestead on this land. Mr. Wigle was a cousin of Orlie and Forrest Cullen. Mr. James Cullen of Brandon bought the land in 1967 and is now the owner.

## ALEXANDER FOSTER FAMILY

Alexander Foster and Mary MacLeod were married in Hamilton, Ontario in 1868. Some of their ancestors were the McCulloughs and the MacLeods. They came west in 1879, with their three children — Edward John, Margaret and Alexander MacLeod. A brother Charles Foster came with them.

They had ten children — nine living. Family bible records show that Weir was the first son to be born at Chater. He acquired a house and property on the east side of Chater, and north of the creek.

Their home was a two storey brick structure located on the quarter west of George Abey's home

site. The family lived in the basement during the cold prairie winters. Their old home has long been pulled down and was built up into a brick Service Station on 5th Street in Brandon.

Most of the children received their education in the old stone school house in the village.

Charles Foster, brother to Alexander, did the carpentry work for many years, for farmers in the surrounding area, helping with the building of their homes. The Foster Brothers built the Arlington Hotel on Rosser (now pulled down), and the Yaeger block which still stands for the fur operation.

Charles died at his nephew Alex's farm home at Douglas, on June 15, 1919. Elsie remembers her great uncle and the funeral service in the house, when she was three years old. Charles rests in the Chater Cemetery, on the east side, near the fence.

Edward John was the eldest son and was agent at the time for the United Grain Growers elevator in Chater. He had quite a bit of land north of the village, and sold Archie Campbell his home place for \$20,000.00 (This information comes from Ken Campbell.)

Seven of the family left along with equipment to settle in Alberta.

Alexander MacLeod Foster died suddenly at his home in 1939. His wife and four daughters still survive. The youngest, Mary Elizabeth is fifty-six years old. His wife Lucy Foster, resides at Fairview Home and is ninety three years past.

Recollections . . .

Mary prepared dinner for her husband who was working in the field. Small son Alex started out taking it to him in his little wagon, came to some ploughing and tried to cross it. The wagon upset with dinner in the dirt. Alex took the fried eggs down to the creek, washed them, reassembled the food and brought it to his father.

There was an old blind mare that stayed around the home. One day while the family was away a prairie fire swept over the fields. They were concerned for the horse. After a search, she was found standing beside the creek bed. She had stumbled over the creek bank, down into the bottom and was unharmed.

Alex used to relate to his family how he would hear the sounds of the squeaking red river carts as they followed a trail near their home, travelling east and west.



*Ann and Solomon "P." Fox.*

### **SOLOMON "P" FOX**

Solomon "P" Fox (b. 20 April 1830, Essex County, Ontario) married Ann McDonald (b. 1 January 1838, Colchester, Ontario) on 19 December 1854 at Gosfield, Essex County, Ontario. In 1884 they and nine children left Essex County and May 1, 1884 settled on NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 15-9-17-W1 and homesteaded on NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 14-9-17-W1.

As Solomon had no middle name, the "P" distinguished him from any cousins of the same name by indicating that he was the son of Philip.

By 1888 Solomon and Ann had a house which measured 18x26 feet and was valued at \$300.00 which housed them and seven children. (The two oldest sons, Cyrenius and Clarence, were both on their own.) They also had three stables, a granary, a milkhouse and a hen house, all of which were valued at \$150.00. They farmed the land for 17 years. In 1901 they moved to the Hamiota District where they resided for four years, and then made their home in Brandon, Manitoba.

The Fox's were members of the Methodist Church on the Brandon Hills Circuit, in the Manitoba and North West Territory Conference. Solomon passed away December 3, 1906 and Ann passed away April 6, 1921 (both in Brandon, Manitoba).

The children accompanying Solomon and Ann were Delphina Jane (Mrs. Joseph G. Nichol), Cyrenius Duncan (Nancy Alice McManus), Clarence,



*Seven of the sons of Solomon and Ann Fox. Back row - Herbert Hercules and Darius Whitson; front row - Clarence, Wilbert, Solomon Everton, Marshal Watson and Cyrenius Duncan.*

Solomon Everton, (Annie Elfie Waddington), Darius Whitson (Angeline Toffey), Herbert Hercules (Mary Anna Lane), Angus Luther (Edna Armstrong), Marshal Watson (Josephine Mickelson/Mary Elizabeth Burke), and Wilbert (Myrtle Maud Shier). Two daughters, Amelia Elizabeth (Mrs. Charles R. Gascoyne) and Cordelia Mary (Mrs. Charles F. Thayer) were married and remained in the East. One son, Hugh, died in infancy.

Cyrenius Duncan and his wife, Alice, farmed on the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 15-9-17-W1 until the fall of 1902 when they and six children moved to Cannington Manor, Saskatchewan. Another three children were born into their home.

Clarence homesteaded and farmed on NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 14-9-17-W1.

### **BENJAMIN FOXALL FAMILY**

Benjamin Foxall was born in 1822 in Kidderminster, Worcester, England. Phoebe Yates was born in June, 1821. Benjamin and Phoebe were married and had five children — Esther, William, Phoebe, Benjamin and Eliza.

Mrs. Benjamin Foxall died in 1880 at Thompsonville in the United States. Benjamin and family came to Brandon Hills in 1881 and homesteaded NW 17-9-18. His sons William and Benjamin won a World Wheat Championship.

Esther, born in 1850, married a Mr. Whiting and they had one son. Esther died in 1927 and is buried in Brandon Hills Cemetery.

William, born in 1855, was a photographer in Brandon and in Victoria, B.C. He married Amelia Francis and had one son and one daughter: Clifford, in the insurance business in Victoria, and Nettie, a photographer in Victoria.

Phoebe married David Roddick and had three sons and one daughter — Roy, Winfred, William Yates and Bessie. (See the histories of Roddick families.)

Benjamin married Evelyn B. McPhee of Glen Souris in 1897. They had one son — Yates. They moved to Erskine, Alberta, where Benjamin died in 1930. Evelyn died in 1952 at Three Hills, Alberta. For many years, Yates and his family worked with the Prairie Bible Institute before retiring to Three Hills.

Eliza, known as Lida, married J.D. Baker in 1892. They had three sons and three daughters — Clarence, Norman, Cecil, Blanche, Edna and Sadie (adopted). (See Jefferson Baker history.)

Benjamin Foxall Sr. died on February 17, 1887 and is buried in Brandon Hills Cemetery.

## **JAMES FREER**

James S. Freer was a newspaper editor in England before coming to Canada in 1887. With his wife and six children, he came to Brandon Hills and purchased the Simon McKay farm (NE 9-9-18). He worked in the winter for the CPR as a public relations officer. They farmed here for 14 years before moving to Elkhorn and they retired to Winnipeg in 1917.

Isabella married Hugh Drake of Elkhorn and they had two daughters — Kay and Dorothy. Hugh is deceased and Isabella died in 1980.

Spencer is deceased.

Oswald worked for the Canadian Pacific Telegraph Co., farmed at Rocanville, worked for United Grain Growers, and administered the utilization plan (community pastures for P.F.R.A. Oswald retired to Vancouver and passed away in 1971.

Joseph farmed at Elkhorn and passed away in 1971.

Leonard lived in Los Angeles, California.

Fred was killed in a T.C.A. crash at Armstrong, Ontario in 1941.

John married in India and spent most of his life in England.

## **JOHN FRIESEN FAMILY**

John and Mary were both born and raised in Winkler, Manitoba and were married October 19, 1950. They have three children — Peggy, Jack, and Frances. All three children were born in Morden.

The Friesen family lived in Winkler until 1964 when they moved to Crystal City. They resided there for four years and then moved to Brandon. They first rented the buildings on Margaret Roddicks farm. (NW 9-9-18) and purchased the site along with a small acreage in November of 1976. They have a great love for animals and farm life and right now have quite a flock of sheep.

Their farm grounds and garden are the reward of many hours of work.

Peggy was born in 1951 and married Marcel Huys of Deloraine in 1972. They first lived in Winnipeg and in 1979 built a new home in Stonewall where they now live. Jack was born in 1955. He worked on the Rounthwaite Pool Elevator in 1973 and 1974 and put the last shingles on the roof to finish it. In January of 1977, Jack started work at Paul's Hauling Ltd., first as a truck driver, and now in the shop servicing trucks.

Frances was born in 1962 and is very fond of animals and birds. She and her mother made a home for two pairs of mated budgies that came from Evelyn and Lorne Robins and have since multiplied in numbers.

John was employed by the Brandon Co-op for eight years and is now starting a business of his own in windows and doors for Duraco Windows.

## **BERTHA AND LEONARD FRIESEN**

**5-9-17**

We were born in Morris, Manitoba and from there we moved to the Cornwallis Municipality, 5-9-17 in July 1966. Our occupation at that time was mixed farming and from there we moved on to dealing with used trucks in 1974 which has become quite a business.

We have two daughters — Julia and Muriel. They both graduated from Wawanesa Collegiate. Our oldest daughter, Julia, is now attending Canadian Bible College in Regina, Saskatchewan, and is in the fourth year of studies. She will graduate in April 1983 with a Bachelor of Religious Education. Our other daughter, Muriel, is living at home and working in Brandon at the Western Medical Clinic as a file clerk.

We have been on the same farm for sixteen years.

## **OLIVER FROST**

Oliver Christian Frost, was born in Northampton, Eng., and passed away in 1975 at the age of 89. His wife was born in Leamington Eng. and came to Canada in 1918. She passed away in 1972 at the age of 83.

When Oliver Frost first came to Brandon, he started walking south, looking for work and came to the Hutton farm, being supper time they asked him to join them. During the course of the meal they told him that a neighbor, William Porterfield, was looking for a man. He walked across the fields to Porterfields, where he found work. This was about the year of 1912. He stayed with the Porterfields until the outbreak of war when he joined the first Canadian Division, at Brandon. After being wounded overseas he returned and took a grain buyers course in Winnipeg. At this time his wife arrived from England. A short while after they purchased NE $\frac{1}{4}$  17-9-19, and started farming on their own. About this time a chap by the name of Hughie Greenshields, bought the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  17-9-19, through the Soldier Settlement Board. Oliver rented this quarter after the Greenshields left. Oliver and his wife left the farm in 1934 and moved to Victoria where he ran a mail route for 12 years.

They had two sons — Clem and Wayne. Clem was born in Winnipeg in 1919. He and his wife Laura live at Point Roberts, Washington U.S.A. He has a steel fabricating business. Wayne was born in Brandon in 1923. he and his wife Alberta (LaFoy) live in Armstrong B.C. They have a small farm and raise and show Reg. Percherons, and Shetlands.

Both Clem and Wayne went to South Brandon School.



## FULLERTON FAMILY

Clifford Fullerton's father, B. Fullerton moved with his father and mother (William John and Jessie Fullerton), also his four brothers and one sister, to Brandon in 1905 from Rathwell (then called Indianford). William and Jessie had another son born to them in Brandon. William worked as a carpenter.

Clifford and Juliette moved to Brandon in 1976 with their family of four. They lived on Richmond Avenue for three years before moving to 17-10-19 on December 15, 1978. They came from Kenville, Manitoba.

They have three children — Warren and Heather attending Earl Oxford School and Darrell in Grade II in Meadows School. Clifford has four children by a previous marriage, Darwin, at home, is a welder at Canadian Brown Steel Tank; Rick, is married and is a bus driver for Brandon City Transit; Ken, is married and living in Swan River Manitoba; Ernie, works for Zenith Paving Ltd.

Clifford Fullerton works for the Municipality of Daly at Rivers. His favourite pastime is working in his shop and also taking time out to talk to people. Juliette enjoys gardening.

## ALBERT WILLIAM GELSTHORPE

Albert William Gelsthorpe was originally from Rivers, Manitoba. Prior to moving to the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis in 1970 he lived at 939-1st Street, Brandon, Manitoba. He works at Hamilton & Allen and has two daughters — Jo-An Lombaert and Brenda Therrien, both of Brandon.

## GERMAN FAMILY

Harry and Novella German left England with their son, Lenard in 1906 to immigrate to Canada by cattle boat. Upon travelling across this vast country they ran out of money in Peterborough, Ontario, so they worked there for two years, then came to Brandon in 1908. Their second son, Stanley, was born in 1909 and another son, Francis (Frank) William was born ten years later.

Around 1930, Harry and Novella bought 10 acres of land with a small house, known today as the south-east corner of First Street and Patricia Avenue. Harry drove a street car in Brandon but lost this job when they moved to Cornwallis. He then went to work for Patmore Nursery. Novella travelled by horse and cart to work in Brandon for Giddings and Hutchings.

There was a bluff on the south west corner which came to be known as German's Bluff. The bluff was never owned by the German family but many a picnic was held there and the Boy Scouts and Cubs camped out there. For those that remember, many a corn roast were held at the

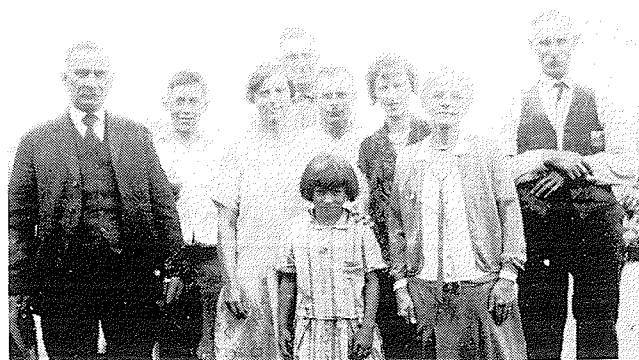


*German Family; Bottom, left to right — Frank German, Novella German; back — Len, Stan, Harry German. Germans.*

In 1942 they sold their parcel of land for \$800. Novella died, March 9, 1954 and Harry, November 23, 1960. Their son, Stanley, died December 23, 1967. Lenard of Brandon and Frank of Virden, survive.

## WALTER GERRY FAMILY

Walter William Gerry was born on July 15, 1859. In the spring of 1880, Walter left his home at Mitchell, in the County of Perth, Ontario, and journeyed Westward by rail to Winnipeg, Manitoba. There he boarded the riverboat Alpha, and sailed Westerly up the Assiniboine River. During that summer and the late fall he worked on the construction of the grade and track of the Canadian



*Arthur Gerry, Robert Laurie, Julia Coate, Walt Coate, Fred Gerry, Isabel Gerry, Sarah Gerry, Grandpa Walter Gerry, Isabel Johnson in front.*

Pacific Railway. Since he was too young to file for a homestead, he returned to Ontario for the winter.

Returning to Manitoba in the spring of 1881, he boarded the riverboat Marquette, at Winnipeg, and sailed Westward as far as Currie's Landing. He continued his journey on foot to join friends he had previously met at Brandon Hills. At this time he filed on his land, the NW and SW  $\frac{1}{2}$  20-9-18. That fall, he and his neighbor built a house on the land. The logs used in construction, were drawn from a spruce bush twenty miles East of his homestead.

In 1882 he married Mary Ann Baker, born March 18, 1861, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Baker, Sr. They broke and cultivated the land with the help of their team of oxen, Buck and Bright. They used a wooden beam walking plow. The planting of the grain was by hand. A brick home was built in 1907 and completed in 1908. It is still used as a home in 1983 by his grandson, Douglas Coate.

Walter served on the school board for a number of years. Being very municipal minded he served as a Constable in 1884; a Pathmaster in 1885; Assessor and Tax Collector in 1886; a Councillor in Ward 2 from 1902 to 1916; was Reeve from 1916 to 1919 and Municipal Assessor from 1925-1930.

Walter and Mary Ann had a total of eleven children. They were all born in Brandon Hills, and attended the Brandon Hills School. Their children are:

John Henry — born in 1883 and died in 1904.

James Wesley, born in 1885 and died in 1979.

Etta Rosena, born in 1886. Etta moved to Odessa, Man., where she married Harry Haines. They had six children. She moved to Vancouver area where she lived for many years. She passed away around 1964.

Sarah Jane, born in 1888 and passed away in 1902.

Ethel, born in 1890. In 1911 she married Lachlan Kennedy of Pipestone and they moved to Saskatoon. They returned to the Brandon area around 1913. They had four children. Ethel was a dressmaker and Lackie was a carpenter and woodmaker. They moved to the West coast in 1925. Lackie passed away in 1946 at Kitsilano, B.C. Ethel, who lived in New Westminster, B.C., passed away in 1982.

Bertha, born in 1893 and died in 1904.

Vera Beatrice, born in 1895. She married William Johnston, and they had two children. They lived in the district in the 1930's, moved to Rocanville, Sask., then back to Brandon. William passed away in 1978 and Vera in 1979.

Julia May, born in 1897, and married Walter Coate in 1919 — (See Coate history).

Frederick Harold, born in 1899 — (See Gerry history).

Selina Merle, born in 1903 and died in 1904.

Gordon William, born in 1906. Married Evelyn Windover. They farmed on the home farm for a year after they were married. They moved into Brandon in 1931 where he operated his own service station for the Canadian Oil Company. He then was employed by the CPR Freight Department until his retirement in 1971. Evelyn and Gordon raised six children. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1980. Evelyn passed away in 1981. Gordon and families reside in Brandon.

Mary Ann, Mother of these eleven children, passed away April 10, 1909. At that time the youngest child was 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  years of age. For a number of years Walter assumed the role of both Mother and Father. The older girls helped look after the younger members of the family. Over the years many of Walter's sons and their families worked with him on the "Meadow Lea" farm. Walter passed away in 1940 and he and his family are buried in the Brandon Hills Cemetery.

### FREDERICK HAROLD GERRY

Frederick Harold Gerry was born at the farm home on June 10, 1899. He worked with his Dad until 1925 when he got a job assembling farm machinery with the John Deere agent in Brandon. In 1927 he went in training with the Canadian Oils Ltd., and was their agent in Brandon with his depot at First Street and Van Horne Ave. On February 14, 1929, he married Isabel Lawrie of St. James, Winnipeg. They have two children.

In the fall of 1939 Fred and his family moved to the homestead farm, W  $\frac{1}{2}$  20-9-18 — "Meadow Lea" Farm at Brandon Hills. They farmed there until the fall of 1945 when they returned to Brandon to live. During the years between 1939 and 1945 Fred served on the rural school board for two terms, and was a councillor for Ward 2 from 1943 to 1944. He was appointed acting Secretary-Treasurer in June 1945 for the Municipality of Cornwallis. In January of 1946 he was appointed as Secretary-Treasurer and continued in that capacity until his retirement in December 31, 1971. His nephew, Douglas Coate, bought the farm. Fred and Isabel are currently residing in an apartment in Brandon. They celebrated their 50th anniversary in 1979. They are busy with church activities, Busy Bees, a Canasta group and the Valleyview Senior Citizens Group.

Their son, Gordon, married Gail Kozina in 1958. They reside in Boissevain where he is a District Resident Engineer with the Highways Department of Manitoba, having started with them in 1955. They are busy with interests in community affairs and service club projects. They have two children — Denise, who is presently an X-ray Technologist in Moose Jaw, Sask., and who spent some time in Norway House where she set up the new X-ray Equipment Department. Their son,

Robert (Rob) is a surveyor with Manitoba Hydro, Winnipeg, and is presently working in the Norway House area.

Fred and Isabel's daughter, Gladys, is a former dental assistant. She married Wayne Woodman in September, 1951. After 16 years in the printing business, (Sun Printing) Wayne joined the Municipality of Cornwallis as an Assistant Secretary-Treasurer in 1965. He was appointed Secretary-Treasurer in 1972. He also acted in the capacity of Building Inspector, Trailor Fee Collector and Returning Officer of the Municipality. In 1978, he joined the city of Portage la Prairie, Man., as Secretary-Treasurer. They have two children — Lori, graduated as L.P.N. in June of 1982, and will complete registered nurses training in 1983. Randy, their son, will complete grade 12 in June 1983, and is planning to enter law.

Both Gordon and Gladys have fond memories of school chums, and the very eventful days of life at Brandon Hills School — Christmas concerts — skating parties at the creek at Roddicks and Med Davis's — school picnics and the challenging inter-school baseball games (especially when the total attendance was a grand total of seven students at Brandon Hills — the joys of going to school with Queenie and the cutter in the winter, and riding bareback to school in the summer — Mission Band meetings which always ended with a treat of rice krispie cake made by Mrs. A. McPherson. These are little things, that mean so much now, something we will always treasure — our life style at Brandon Hills.

### **GIBSON FAMILY 3-10-19**

The three Gibson families are comparative newcomers to Cornwallis. Len Gibson, searching for space for his construction equipment, bought seven lots on SW 3-10-19 from the Provincial Government. These lots, on the East side of the Good Roads Branch gravel pit, border on No. 10 highway. Len built a home on Lot one and with his wife, Peggy, three children, Bud, George and Betty Ann, moved into the new home in 1958.

In 1965, Betty Gibson, then Assistant Superintendent of Brandon School Division #40, built on Lot three and brought her father, Jesse Gibson out where he could be near the grandchildren and in a place where he could be involved in what was going on in construction. Being an excellent "finish" carpenter, Grandpa worked at selected jobs — cupboards, stairs, interior renovations, etc., until his death at age 84.

Bud Gibson built a house on lot four and he and his wife, Dorothy, and infant son Kelly, moved there in 1966. Bud was well known for his interest in Minor Hockey and when he died suddenly in 1974

an award for the winners of the Tournament of Hockey Champions was created in his honor. Dorothy has regularly presented the plaque at this tournament but in 1982 Kelly, a student at Crocus Plains School, was given the honor of making the presentation.

Len Gibson died suddenly in 1969. Peggy remained on in Cornwallis for a few years but eventually sold the home to her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lyall Spiller. Wendy Spiller attended Cornwallis School until Division #40 was proclaimed. Then Wendy, Kimberley and Patrick were transported to Meadows School in Brandon, by bus. Eventually Kelly joined the "bus kids".

The Spillers moved to Flin Flon and the original home was sold. Later the remaining lots were bought by Frank and Emily Borowski who built an attractive home there.

The Spiller children are now growing up. Wendy is Catering Secretary at the Holiday Inn in downtown Winnipeg. Pat is attending Red River Community College and Kim is in Flin Flon. Dallas Spiller, who was born while the family lived in Cornwallis is now nine years old and is a very accomplished figure skater who spends her summers at various figure skating schools.

As a family we feel that we have been privileged to live in Cornwallis. We enjoy the space, the beautiful views of hills and skies and the friendly, helpful neighbors.

Betty Gibson

### **FRED GILBERT FAMILY**

Fred Gilbert was born March 5, 1891 at Aston Clinton Aylesbury, England. In 1909 he came out to Canada with his parents, brother and sister.

He got work on the Dr. Doran farm and later met and married Kate McLean (daughter of Hector McLean), who was born and raised in the Little Souris District. They farmed in the district until Oct. 16, 1933 when they moved to the Cornwallis district Sec. SW 2-10-19, which was owned by J.H. Matthews. They had six children — More (Buster), Stanley, Alexander, Florence, Clarence and Donald. Fred was very interested in music and sang in the church choir at Little Souris for many years.

On August 27, 1936, Dad passed away, and Mother carried on farming with her sons, milking cows and selling whole milk to Williamson's Dairy and Manco Dairies for many years. On July 12, 1945, Mother bought the farm from Mrs. Matthews as Mr. Matthews was deceased.

Sadness struck again on August 18, 1975, when Mother passed away. Alex, Florence and Donald still remain on the farm. Alex farms and raises beef cattle. Donald farms and owns a trucking business.

Stanley is married and living on the farm. He

married Isobel Senkbeil and they have one son — Edward who married Elan Emerson and is now farming in the district.

More (Buster) married Anne Smyth and they live in Winnipeg. He has one daughter — Ruby, who married Norman Le Blanc. They live in Halifax and have two children — Ronald and Shauna.

Clarence is married and living in Brandon. He married Wilma Cox and they have two children — Fred and Beverly. Fred is married and living on the farm. He married Alice Derek and they have two children — Wendy and Derek.

Beverly married Allan Haverstock. They have a small acreage on the Treesbank road and have one girl, Jamie Dee.

### STANLEY AND ISOBEL GILBERT

Stan and Isobel Gilbert have lived on 2-10-19 in Cornwallis since 1958. They have one son — Edward, who attended Cornwallis School until its closing. They participated in the operation of the Cornwallis Community Club for many years. Stan has been very active in all horse clubs and is also a member of the Provincial Exhibition. He has shown horses in the province at the large and small fairs for over twenty-five years. He has farmed on 35-9-19, and has a trucking business.

### FRED GILBERT JR. FAMILY

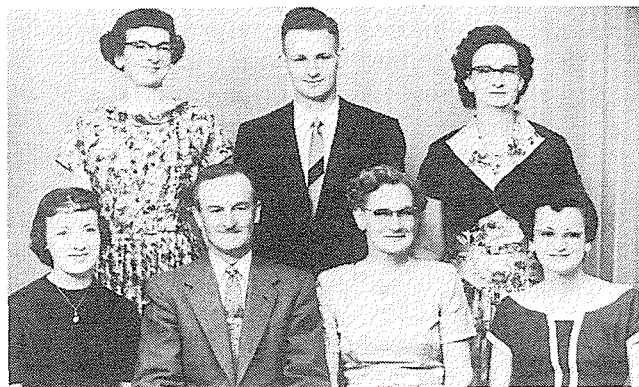
Fred Gilbert, only son of Clarence and Wilma Gilbert, married in January, 1971. He and his wife, Alice, moved to the family farm in the Cornwallis Municipality in June of that year. Fred and Alice have two children — Wendy and Derek, who both attend Meadows Elementary School in Brandon.

Fred has been active with hockey and horses all of his life. He drove a highway tractor up until three years ago when he purchased his own gravel truck to work with the family business. He still drives for Pete Quintaine, driving highway tractor part-time during the winter. Fred's wife, Alice, has worked at Woolco Department Store for the past six years.

### TOM GILLESPIE FAMILY

March 10, 1942 was a lovely day! The Gillespie family arrived at the Leslie farm, 34-10-18, at Chater to take up residence. Everyone immediately loved the interesting and exciting new home! It was built completely of stone and because of the 30-inch walls the window sills were about a foot and a half deep. That made a beautiful place to sit or rest, a much enjoyed feature.

The house and farm buildings were nestled among big shade trees, south of a heavy shelter. We had a great view as we could look south and see the village about a mile away, or look southwest and see



*Tom Gillespie Family, Meryl, Mac, Iowne, (Back row); Elva, Tom, Eura, Betty (Front row), 1952.*

Brandon six miles away.

The children, Meryl, Iowne, Elva, Betty and Mac went to school at Chater Elementary, and attended church and Sunday School there. They belonged to the Young People's Organization and the choir.

In 1943-44 Meryl went to live with her grandparents in Justice to attend High School. Following that Meryl took her teacher training at United College in Winnipeg and then taught at Matheson School north of Douglas. Iowne now went to live with her grandparents to receive her High School. The year 1945-46 found both Meryl and Iowne at St. Michaels Academy in Brandon for Grades XII and XI respectively. They had a light housekeeping room and came home on weekends mostly on the train. Train service was excellent and served as a good means of travel for all seasons.

1947 saw Iowne complete teachers training; teach at Melvin School near Sidney, while Meryl taught at Norman School near Douglas and Elva went to the Academy for her Grade X.

Mother, along with her very busy days caring for her family, also found time to participate in many community events including the church, school, W.M.S., Red Cross work, quilting bees, fowl suppers and along with Father served on their community committee which was responsible for, and always very active organizing, whist drives, box socials, pie socials, dances, auctions, variety nights, bingos, bake sales, etc. With the genuine interest of the importance of education, Father also served for a number of years as a School Trustee, until 1950 when Betty and Mac completed their grades at Chater.

Father and Mother placed their family concerns first and were always there to share their work and play and likewise our whole family had an interest in the farming operation and took pleasure in contributing their time and efforts towards it.

The war was on at this time and many training exercises took place around Chater. A number of explosives were detonated in the Chater gravel pit, one of them severe enough to break four windows

in our house. One evening we returned home to find soldiers parachuting into our north field. The supposed enemy was hiding in our trees, which brought on a small battle and a final surrender. This made war a real thing to us. These years were filled with many war efforts and events affecting every family. Ration books were issued regularly, limiting the amount of most commodities.

Rural hydro was being installed at this time. On September 29, 1946 the lights went on in Chater for the first time, and on November 5, 1949 we received the power on our farm. How great it was — to have lights, to use an electric washing machine, an electric iron, and even an electric pump!

Betty went to school in Brandon in 1949, and Mac followed also in 1950.

Dad and Mother moved into Brandon then and rented the farm to Clarence and Della Gillespie until 1953 when Mr. Kardash rented it. However, the following year Dad and Mother moved back to the farm and continued farming until 1963 when they sold their farm, and following a successful auction sale on June 10, 1964, they moved to Justice to enjoy a well-deserved retirement.

In 1973 we lost our mother, and Father continued to live in their house in Brandon until 1980, when we also lost our father.

During these years, in 1947 Meryl was married to James McKeand of Douglas where they still live on their farm. Meryl is supervisor of the Canadian Forces switchboard at Shilo. They have two girls, Elaine and Janet. Elaine married Bryan Abey and has two girls Jennifer and Pamela who now live in Douglas. Janet married Gary Demkey who also live on the farm at Douglas.

Iowne married Earl Stephenson of Sidney who have four children — Darlene, Terry, Rickie and Beverley and have six grandchildren. Iowne has since acquired her L.P.N. licence and has given her service to the Manitoba School and Lions Manor in Portage la Prairie for eight years. They now reside in Portage la Prairie.

Elva married Bruce Jackson of Wawanesa and has three children — Gregory, Cindy and Charles, who live at Wawanesa. Elva became a telephone operator and served MTS for 24 years at Sidney and Wawanesa until the office closed there and she is now employed at Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Head Office at Wawanesa.

Betty is married to Orval Goddard and has one son — Dean. They live in Calgary. Betty was employed in the MTS office in Brandon for seven years until moving to Calgary where she has given 20 years service as accounting clerk to Simpson-Sears stores in Calgary.

Following his education, Mac was employed by Bell Bottling Co. of Brandon, Reg. Pearen's Garage, the Massey Harris Co., and W.G. Hughes Accounting firm before he became a member of the

Sales Staff of Brandon Automobiles in 1957, a position which he has continued in until the present time. Mac married Beverley Boyce and has two girls, Susan and Lori who live in Brandon.

It is with fond memories that we reflect on the years spent at Chater with the very fine friends and great times we shared there.

## **GEORGE GOLDSBOROUGH FAMILY**

About 1950 George and Helen Goldsborough came to live in the Brandon Hills, renting the buildings on NE 21-9-18 from Mrs. Julia Coate, now the Blaine Wakefield farm.

The Goldsboroughs had an exceptionally fine garden, tended by Helen's father, Mr. Harris, who was living with them at the time. George worked as a sign painter for hydro.

Their only child, a son Roland, attended Brandon Hills School. It is not known what grade he was in at the time, but he is remembered as a very fine sketcher. Many times the younger children would crowd around his desk urging him to draw for them. It is also remembered that Roland's attire differed from the overalls, denims and cottons of the other children in that he always wore his woollen tweeds from the "old country".

After about a year the Goldsboroughs left the Coate farm and the Walter Wakefield family moved onto it.

## **HARRY AND CELESTE GOOD**

Harry Good was born in Ballinen, County Cork, Erie 1897. He came to Canada and settled in Rounthwaite in 1921, following his sister Maisie (Mrs. Dick Wright). In 1924 he married Celeste Barber, daughter of William and Barbara Barber, who lived in Brandon Hills. In 1928 they moved to the Cornwallis municipality, to a farm at Lake Clementi S½ 2-9-19. They farmed here for three years and then moved back to Rounthwaite for two years and then back to the farm at Lake Clementi. In 1945 they moved to Riverside, and retired to Brandon in 1967. Celeste passed away in 1971 and Harry in 1973.

While at Lake Clementi, milk, cream, butter, eggs and sometimes homemade bread, were delivered by horse and cart to the cottages. At one time milk sold at 16 quarts for a dollar.

They attended Little Souris Church and school, and sometimes had dances in their home, which were enjoyed by all.

Harry had problems with his barns. One barn burned in 1929, was rebuilt, and blew down in 1939, and again rebuilt. In 1941, he ordered his first tractor, a John Deere, and as there was a long waiting list, the tractor arrived in 1944.

Harry and Celeste had four children. Ivan



passed away at three years. Allen, married Gladys Durston (Brandon General Hospital graduate) in 1951. He was a farmer and now resides on an acreage near Minto. They have six children. Stanley married Muriel McMorris, Boissevain, and has two children. Jim, married Vivian Voodre, Brandon, and they have two children. Patrick, married Joan Harrison, Vegerville, Alta. Alana married Vernon Alvis, Boissevain, and they have one son. Terralee, L.P.N. at Fort Simpson, N.W.T. Cindy, is training at Brandon General Hospital for her R.N.

Lloyd, married Shirley Louttit in 1950. He is a C.P.R. Engineer at Revelstoke, B.C. They have four children — Teresa, Darlene, Loren, and Ivan.

Edna, lived with her aunt at Boston, Mass. U.S.A. She passed away in 1976.

### **TED AND PAMELA BILL AND LARAINÉ GOOD**

In February, 1968, we purchased 24 acres of land on Valley Road, from Mr. McRorie. We started building our new home in November of 1968, moving in March, 1969.

When we moved, we had three children, but only one moved with us, Judy, born in October, 1954. At the time of moving she was attending Neelin High School, graduating in June, 1972. She then went to the Health Sciences Centre to train, and in 1974 graduated as a registered nurse. Judy won a scholarship from the Health Sciences Centre and went to McGill University, graduating on the Dean's Honour Roll with her Bachelor of Nursing in 1976. She then married Dr. Richard Hockney, a dentist, and is now residing in Ottawa. Judy and Rick have two children.

In 1973 we sold our business, Ted Good Music Ltd. At that time, Ted went into teaching music in the Beautiful Plains School Division. In 1978 Ted retired. In July of the same year our son, Bill, his wife Laraine and two girls — Tracy, born in 1973, and Laurie, born in 1976, moved into our home with us. Tracy goes to J.R. Reid School, Special Education Class and Laurie attends kindergarten at Fleming School.

### **DENNIS GOODMAN FAMILY**

Born and raised in Rocanville, Saskatchewan, Dennis moved to Brandon in 1951, and worked as a steam engineer at Manitoba Dairy and Poultry Co-op until going into the refrigeration business in 1965. He still operates the same business which is known as Goodman's Industrial Maintenance.

In 1968 he bought a quarter section of land in the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis, SE 2-10-19, from Roy and Agnes Grant, and moved his family to their home in the country. He later purchased the quarter NE 2-10-19 from Mr. H. Knowlton.

Dennis's wife, Mildred, formerly Mildred Bridge-

man from Bradwardine district, spent most of her life in Brandon.

The Goodmans have six children. Randy and his son Trevor reside in Brandon, as does Elaine. Marlene is married with two children. She and her husband, Roman Busshoff reside in Edson, Alberta. Wendy, Scott and Terry still reside with their parents in their home, which is the original farm house.

### **FRANCIS AND JULIA GOWAN**

In May 1920 Francis and Julia Gowan were married. Soon they bought the Simon Thomson farm, W½ of 20-19-17, under the Soldier's Settlement Board. Their four children: Francis Percy (Jem), John Edward (Jack), Joan Mary and Alice Nora were all born here. In the late 1920's, after a short time north of Brandon, Mr. and Mrs. Gowan moved to Awene, Mrs. Gowan's old home. Here the children attended Aweme School.

Jem is married, is living in Victoria, B.C. and has two sons. Jack served in the R.C.A.F. in World War II. He married at Victoria, B.C. and had five children. He died in June, 1965. Joan and Nora live in Winnipeg.

Julia died in Winnipeg in July, 1952 and was buried in the Criddle Cemetery. Francis died in August 1956 and was buried in the military section of Brookside Cemetery.

Submitted by Joan and Nora Gowan and  
Eileen R. Mainland (Prowse)

### **GRADWELL FAMILY**

Alfred Harold (Barney) Gradwell came to Canada in 1939 from Hans, North Dakota and went overseas with the Canadian Army. After he returned from the war he received his Canadian citizenship papers.

Vera Chescue was born in Inglis, Manitoba and lived with Barney's mother while he was overseas. When he returned they were married.

The young couple first lived in Hamiota for most of one year and then moved to Douglas in 1946. They first lived in C. Plowman's house and then the Duncalfe house that used to be on the corner. From there they moved to Shilo as Barney had just received a position as firefighter with the Shilo Fire Department. They lived in military huts and later moved to the P.M.Q. area. Later they built a house on SW 13-10-17 where they reside today.

Barney and Vera have four children — Loraine resides in Winnipeg and has four children; Jim resides on NE 16-10-17. His three children attend school in Douglas and he is in partnership with his brother, Don. Together they own D.J. Auto Body at Shilo; Don (Sam) resides at NE 16-10-17. His two children will be attending school in Douglas; Carol (Tudie) resides on a farm at Grandview and has one child.



*Noble Graham Family, 1908.*

### NOBLE GRAHAM FAMILY

John Graham and Margaret Grady were married in Montreal in 1865. After spending a short time in Ontario where Noble Graham was born, they ventured out to Manitoba via rail and ox cart in 1881. In 1883 they took up homestead on 30-8-17 where ten more children were born.

At a re-union of the John Graham family held in 1965, five of the eleven members were present.

Noble Graham married Catherine Beatrice Henry and farmed three-quarters of 5-9-17. Here they raised 10 children, all but two of whom were born on the farm. The children were: Henry Irvine — See below.

Mary Olive — Mrs. Tim McEwan, Shaunavon, Sask.

John Elwood — retired Air Canada mechanic, Winnipeg.

Robert Milton — deceased.

Margaret Alice — Mrs. Geo. Butala, Divide, Sask.

James Noble — Stockton — deceased 1980.

Len Morley — deceased.

Mona Ethel — Vancouver.

Helen Jane Faith — Mrs. Don Brickwood, Brandon.

Tom Patrick — Vancouver.

Henry Irvine Graham raised eleven children, eight of whom obtained university degrees. Henry learned to play the violin by ear with his father as

instructor. He attended university in Chicago, taught school in Souris, Wawanesa, Plumas and Melita. Later he became a professor in the department of education at the University of Calgary. He took an interest in civic affairs and became president of the Property Owners Association of Calgary and of the International Property Owners with headquarters in Paris.

He continued his interest in music and on one occasion had the honour to play in the home of "The Sound of Music" in Salzburg, Austria, a long way from a kitchen chair back on 5-9-17 in the R.M. of Cornwallis.

### CHARLES ROY GRANT

"Go west, young man."

One such young man to heed this call and other fascinating tales of the great west was Charles Roy Grant.

Born in Scotland in 1844, he and his Irish wife, Margaret Gervin, first came to Hamilton, Ontario. In 1877, leaving his wife and three children there, Charles ventured into the unknown, finally arriving in the yet unnamed Chater area. His first winter was spent in a rude shelter in the creek bank, now known as Willow Creek.

With the arrival of spring in 1878, C.R. Grant laid claim to land in township 10, range 18 in the Brandon district, erected a shelter for his family, returned east and in 1879 brought his wife and children to the prairies. Because the first dwelling was situated near the present #1 highway, then a mere trail, it was their practise to leave a light in the window at night as an invitation to weary passers by. By 1888, seven children had been born and as well as caring for her own family, Grandmother Grant acted as a practical nurse, helping many neighbours in their hour of need.

Elizabeth married Wm. Hurley. They lived on the farm now operated by R. Gurr and it was there their four children, William, Edith, Cecil and Agnes, were born. All but Agnes are deceased, who lives in Vancouver with her husband Edgar Lake.

Emily, married to George Donn — farmed in the Chater area on the Vance farm and later lived in Winnipeg.

Frederick Charles, married to Mabel Spearin — took over the family farm until his retirement.

Sophie, first of the children to be born on the prairies, married Harry Willdey. The story of their family of seven appears elsewhere in this book.

Ada and her first husband, Joe McComb, lived in Regina. She later married Wm. Cumming, formerly of Brandon. After his sudden death in 1953, Ada returned to Brandon to spend her remaining years.

Roy Grant, farmed in the Rapid City and Chater area until he moved south of Brandon. He and his wife, Agnes Wiggins of Alexander, operated

a dairy farm until their retirement. Agnes predeceased Roy in 1969. Roy lived to be 94 years of age and passed away in 1980.

Edna Muriel died in early childhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant moved to Brandon in 1903 but their planned leisure years were cut short in 1905 with Margaret's untimely death. Charles passed away in 1906 while visiting his native Scotland.

### FRED GRANT FAMILY

Fred, the eldest son of Charles and Margaret Grant, after attending Business College, farmed for a time in the Rapid City area. Here he met and in 1903, married Mabel Spearin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Spearin, pioneers of the Pettapiece district. Following their marriage, Fred returned to Chater to operate his father's farm. Besides farming, Fred travelled for Liberty Grain Blowers as a sales agent. Mabel was very active in the Church and its activities.

Of the family of six, Mildred was the eldest. She worked at the Toronto Dominion Bank, before going to Vancouver, where she was employed by Canadian Fisheries Co. Mildred and her husband, John Hollick, live in Vancouver.

Maxwell was employed for a number of years by Department of Transport. Later he started a concrete block business and remained in the concrete business until he retired. Max and his wife, Mabel Cousins of Portage had two children. Peter, married to Grace Fedoroski, has two girls, and now lives in Cranbrook, B.C. Bonnie and her husband, Gordon Brown, of Brandon, have two children and are residing in Abbotsford, B.C., as does Mabel who moved there a year after Max's death in 1977.

Marion worked in Brandon for Great West Coal prior to her marriage to Ben Penrose. Ben's career with Ethyl Gas Co. finally took them to Toronto where they still reside. Their two sons Grant and Joy both reside in Ontario.

Jackson, married to Peggy Giddings of Winnipeg, pursued a career in the insurance field, which was interrupted by overseas duty with the Armed Forces. Upon his discharge, he returned to Brandon to Manufacturers Life Insurance Co. In 1951 he was transferred to New Brunswick as district manager, where he remained until his death in 1961. Peggy and their two children returned to Manitoba. Judy modelled in Toronto and later opened a boutique shop which she still operates. David works with C.P.R. in Winnipeg and is married to Candace Fraser of Winnipeg. Peggy passed away in 1982.

Charles was the youngest son, married Ruth Greaves of Elva, and farmed on the family farm until his death in 1977.

Betty was employed by Manitoba Telephone System until her marriage to Harry Trump, a Brandon optometrist. Their two sons, Brian and Grant both live in Calgary, where Grant lectures at Mount Royal College and Brian practises optometry. Brian and his wife Roseann Hank have one daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant retired to Brandon in 1944. Mrs. Grant passed away in 1947 after a lingering illness. Fred later was married to Phoebe McDowell who lived only a few months. Fred spent his remaining time between Chater and Brandon until his death in 1955.

### CHARLIE GRANT FAMILY

Charlie, the youngest son of Fred and Mabel Grant, remained on the farm assisting his father in a mixed farming enterprise. His keen interest in sports resulted in active involvement in this as well as in all community and church activities.

In 1944, Charlie married Ruth Greaves of Elva, who had been teaching at Chater, and thus began the third generation to occupy the family farm. For a time they continued mixed farming, but later changed to dairying and were involved in this until Charlie's health necessitated disposing of the herd. At this time, Ruth returned to her teaching career and taught in Brandon until 1981 when she decided to pursue her interest in Real Estate and is presently an agent with Brawn and Brawn Real Estate Services Ltd.

Five daughters and one son completed the family, each in turn being active in various sports and 4-H activities.

Dianne graduated from Brandon College, then assumed a career in teaching, first at Rossburn, Winnipeg, and presently at Grandview, where she and her husband Cameron Stirling reside. Cameron operates a gravel and concrete business as well as a Soils Services operation.

Susan lives in Calgary and after having worked with Oxford Development Co. in both Calgary and Edmonton, is currently employed by Beecham Canada as territorial manager.

Ted graduated from the University of Manitoba as a geological engineer and in 1974 was married to Stacia Flynn of Toronto. In 1978, Ted's involvement in the oil industry took them to Abu Dhabi, Arabia, where they are still employed.

Heather worked with the Manitoba Telephone System in Brandon. She and her husband Miles Chuchmuch, of Angusville, and their sons, Scott and Jeffrey, are now living in Portage la Prairie, where Miles is roadmaster with C.N.R.

Alison is a graduate of the Brandon General Hospital, where she is now employed as an R.N. Her husband, Bob Dixon of Brandon, is employed by C.P.R. They have a daughter, Laura, and make

their home in Brandon.

Kathryn is a science graduate of Brandon University and resides on the farm with her mother.

Charlie's death occurred in 1977, one year prior to the farm being "century owned and operated" by the Grant family. It has the distinction of being the oldest continuously occupied family farm in the Chater area and was one of the first group to receive the Century Farm Award.

Submitted by Ruth Grant

### **JIM GRAY FAMILY**

Jim and Sharon Gray moved to Chater in the fall of 1977. They purchased the land in spring and moved the house on to the lot from Brandon.

Jim and Sharon have two children — Ricky and Rochelle.

Jim is employed as a painter at Federal Pioneer Limited in Brandon. Sharon is a sales clerk at J.L.A. Foodstore in Brandon.

Jim's parents live in Brandon since 1975, before that Sydney, Nova Scotia and C.F.B. Shilo, Man.

Sharon's parents lived in Brandon since 1971, before that in Ashern, Manitoba and Winnipeg, Man. Sharon's parents are Martin and Margaret Koch.

### **HISTORY OF THE GRAY HOMESTEAD**

Our Grandfather, John Lyon Gray, was one of the earliest settlers in the Brandon District. He came to Brandon or Grand Valley, as it was called then, on a boat up the Assiniboine River. The story has been passed down through the generations that when he arrived he picked up a handful of soil, threw it in the air and decided whichever way the dust blew that would be the direction he would go to homestead, so it was in the spring of 1879 that he took up homesteaders rights to this property.

Prior to coming to Brandon, John Lyon met and married Euphemia Smith in Ontario. Euphemia's Mother, (Granny Smith), accompanied them to Brandon and homesteaded in the district as well. Five children were born to the couple. Bill, Donald, Annie, Jack and Euphemia. Euphemia died at an early age, the result of an accident with a horse. The first summer here, John and his wife lived in a tent. The following year a frame construction house was erected. Several years later, just when they had everything in nice repair, a fire broke out and destroyed all buildings, machinery and livestock. This misfortune did not destroy their enthusiasm for farming as it wasn't long until they had completely rebuilt their property which includes a brick home standing today. They went on to become one of the leading agriculturalists in the district. Along with his farming operation he also

acted as delegate to the Association of Farmers which was involved in bringing emigrants to Canada. He was on a business trip to Scotland in 1908 when he died of asthma related problems. His body was sent back to Brandon for burial. Euphemia was well known in the community for her musical talents and she also danced the highland fling.

The children of John Lyon married and went their separate ways. Jack married Janet Haliday and they settled in the Clinton District. Donald married May Winteringham and they took up residence on Granny Smith's homestead in the Hunter District. Annie married Lorne Rowan and moved to Elkhorn where she resided all her life. Bill married Leta Patchin and they settled on the Gray homestead and in 1919 the farm was transferred to Bill's name. They had two daughters — Louise and Doris. Louise died at an early age of pneumonia.

Bill and Leta farmed and lived here for several years and then moved into Brandon. During the 30's and 40's the house and farm were rented to A. Voy and his sister Mary Mowatt. Bill's daughter, Doris married D.R. Tague and she moved to California. In 1941 she rented the farm to Leslie Gray. Les and Pat rented the farm for five years prior to purchasing the place in 1946. Leslie's children, Pat and Don were raised here. Grain farming was the chief occupation during the 50's and 60's and then in 1960 Les and Don began a poultry operation that lasted until 1977.

In 1964 Don married Shirley Fox from Portage and in that same year the house was converted into a two family home. Both Gray families shared the house until Pat and Les's retirement in 1977. At the present time Don, Shirley and daughters, Shauna and Barbara, along with Warren, Marilyn, and sons Kelly and Timothy are residing on the Gray Homestead.

### **JOHN LYON GRAY SE ¼ 30-10-19**

John Lyon Gray, Scottish immigrant and one of the earliest settlers in the area took up homesteaders rights to this property in July of 1881. Coming from Winnipeg in a Red River cart pulled by two oxen, he settled in the Assiniboine Valley. The brick home he built for his family and the grounds that surround it have been a gathering place for family and friends for over a century.

The property eventually passed on to a granddaughter, Doris M. Gray Tague, already settled in California. She sold the farm to her cousin John Leslie Gray. Les was raised in the Hunter District and farmed there prior to purchasing the Gray farm in Cornwallis in 1946. He married Patricia Warren Buckley from the Clinton District in 1937. They have a daughter Patricia Ann, born in 1939 and a son, Donald Jerome, born in 1940. Both

children attended Brandon schools. Patricia started working for the Federal Government in Shilo in 1957 and later transferred to Toronto and then to Winnipeg. She now works in the Social Security Branch of the Federal Government in Winnipeg.

Les and Pat were actively involved in farming until their retirement in 1977, at which time they moved into Brandon, where they now reside. For many years mixed farming was the chief occupation and then in 1960 Les and Don erected poultry barns and began a poultry business that lasted until 1977. During his years on the farm, Les could always be counted on to repair a neighbour's piece of machinery. It wasn't an uncommon sight, especially during the harvest season to see machinery lined up in front of his shop waiting for repair. Les received national recognition in 1973 for his efforts in experimentation with methane gas.

Pat served for many years as 4-H Leader in the community and has held office in the Poplar Hill Community Club for a number of years. Pat is well known in the area for her participation in curling.

Don Gray began farming with his father upon completion of high school. During his growing up years he was active in the Poplar Hill 4-H Club as member and later Junior Leader. For many years Don raised Champion Great Dane dogs under the registered kennel name Valleydane. In 1964 he married Shirley I. Fox from Portage la Prairie. Following a major renovation to the house, which included an upstairs suite, the couple has resided there since. It was during this period of time the Brandon Horticultural Society awarded the Grays the best farm home grounds trophy on two separate occasions. Don and Shirley have two daughters — Shauna Lee, born in 1966, and Barbara Lynne, born in 1968. Both girls attend schools in Brandon. In 1977, Shirley and Don sold the poultry business and purchased Country Style Donuts in Brandon, and continue to operate that business at present.

### **JACK GREEN**

After serving approximately four years in the First World War, including overseas, Jack Green returned and lived by himself on the north side of the Assiniboine River, known as Currie's Landing.

He married Annie Mason, who had come with her family to farm the S½ 36-9-18 and NW¼ 36-9-18 for Mr. Timmins, this being just north of the Bill Dunseith farm.

After Jack and Annie were married they moved to one of Dr. Fisher's farms, southeast of Brandon, 35-9-18, but later bought 32-9-18 where they lived and farmed until their retirement to Brandon at which time the farm was sold to Keith Blight.

Jack and Annie had a daughter who died in infancy and a son Albert, born in 1926. Jack Green passed away in 1969. Albert resides in their home in Brandon and works at Lawson's on Ninth Street. Due to failing health, Annie resided in Fairview Nursing Home until her death on August 20, 1983.

### **THOMAS GREEN FAMILY**

Mr. Green had been a butcher in Brandon before the family came to live on the W½ of 30-9-17. They came before 1902 as Albert Pettitt rented the Tom Green farm in that year. (In 1904, Albert rented land from Herbert Funnel who lived on the SW¼ of 24-9-18).

Thomas Green built a very modern, for those days, slaughter house which had a windlass so that the carcasses could be easily hoisted to a vertical position. Then it was much easier to skin and dress the animal. The floor was built on a slant so that cleaning was much easier.

Submitted by Eileen R. Mainland (Prowse)

### **JOHN AND LORRAINE GRILL**

In November of 1976 we moved to the Municipality of Cornwallis — the NW¼ of section 28-10-19.

John Adam Grill was born July 21, 1931 at Vanguard, Saskatchewan. His eldest son, Marvin Gerald, was born May 9, 1956 at Gravelbourg, Sask., and his second son, Richard Michael, was born March 10, 1958 at Oakville, Ontario. Richard's wife, Judy Ann (Erskine) Grill was born June 23, 1960 at Brandon, Manitoba. I, Lorraine Ann (McLarty) Grill was born October 26, 1952 at Cartwright, Man.

John and I were married June 7, 1975 in Killarney, Manitoba. Richard and Judy were married October 25, 1980 in Brandon.

John is President and owner of International Building Systems. He has been in this business for over twelve years, coming to Brandon in 1970 from Saskatchewan. This company sells and erects steel buildings, both commercial and farm buildings. John's oldest son, Marvin, worked for his father but is presently taking computer programming at the University of Calgary. Richard is the company's Vice-President and manages the office. I am the secretary of the company. Judy is employed with the Bank of Commerce.

We have enjoyed living in this beautiful municipality and plan to stay here for a long time.

Lorraine Grill



## EDWARD JOHN BERESFORD GROOME

Edward John Beresford Groome came to Canada from Drogheda, Ireland, in the spring of 1881, just after college. He came by rail to Winnipeg, then by paddle steamer to Portage la Prairie, then by a team of oxen and cart to Grand Valley. Grand Valley was flooded out that spring and abandoned, and he moved to the higher ground south of the river. It was then called Brandon. He heard that 16-9-19 was unclaimed, so they hitched up a fresh team and drove south until about four o'clock in the morning, rested by a hay stack for an hour, and then sat on the steps of the land office until it opened in the morning. He bought NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of 16-9-19 for \$10, and later bought the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of 21-9-19.

He bached for eleven years, returning to Ireland four or five times. On his last visit he married Susan Jane Ewing. They had six children — Hilda Frances Harriet, born 1892, Edward Francis Newman, born 1898, Richard Montagu Beresford, born 1900, Montagu Maxwell Carpendale, born 1902, twins, Edwina Laura Maxwell and Mildred Susan Elizabeth, born 1905. Richard and Mildred are the only survivors.

Richard married Helen Clement, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Clement of Brandon, in 1927. They have two sons — Edward and Richard, and four Grandchildren. Richard and Helen live in Bellerose, N.Y.

Montagu (Monty) lived on the farm at Little Souris till after the death of his parents, and then moved to Brandon. He was a craftsman in metals, and his friends were very happy to have some of his handiwork in their homes.

He left Canada for England in 1946, where he continued to work with silver and brass. In 1948, Princess Elizabeth accepted a silver belt which he had made on the occasion of her 22nd birthday.

In the early years the Groomes had a governess, but when the Little Souris School was about to be closed for lack of pupils, the five younger Groomes attended Little Souris school and the school remained open.

## GULLETT FAMILY

John Garner Gullett (Jack) was born in the Wawanesa District in February, 1932. He grew up on a farm at Ninette and attended school at Duncraig, Minore and Ninette. At age 17 he began working for Manitoba Hydro.

I, Bernice Anna Loewen was born at Morden in June, 1934. In 1936 I moved with my parents to Roseisle and received my elementary education at Eldorado School District. In 1947 my family and I moved to Darlingford. In 1951 I went to work at the Ninette Sanitarium.

Jack and I met while I was working there. On Nov. 11, 1952 we were married at the old Knox

United. We lived in Brandon for twenty one years.

Jack started working for Western Motors Ltd. soon after our marriage, and while there he got his mechanics license. He was employed there for seventeen years.

In 1969 he and his brother-in-law started a business of their own, which they still own and operate.

In March, 1973 Jack and I bought the Anton Glazier property one mile south of Douglas and with our three daughters, Brenda, Marba and Dana came here to live.

Brenda born April 29, 1959 attended school at King George, Fleming, Valleyview and Earl Oxford in Brandon. Upon moving to Douglas she enrolled at Elton Collegiate where she received her high school education and graduated in 1977. She then attended Assiniboine Community College where she studied and completed a Commercial Art Course.

On August 19, 1978 Brenda Gullett and Louis Phillips were married at the Douglas United Church. Louis is the only son of Don and Florence (Davidson) Phillips of Forrest, Man.

They now live in Brandon where Brenda is assistant manager at Coles Book Store. Louis is a licensed mechanic and is employed at Lyons Transmission Centre.

Marba was born Aug. 28, 1966. She attended Fleming school in Brandon where she completed Gr. I. She received the remainder of her elementary education Gr. II through Gr. VIII at Douglas Elementary School. Upon completing Gr. VIII Marba was the recipient of the F.R. Willmott Memorial Scholarship. This award is presented each year to a Gr. VIII student for scholastic achievement. Marba's teachers at the Douglas School were Mrs. Mildred McAuley, Gr. II, Mrs. Gwen Woods, Grades III and IV, Mrs. Joanne Brooking, Grades V and VI and Mr. Tom Bryan, Principal, Grades VII and VIII and Mr. S.R. Dmytriw taught Health and Art. Marba is at present attending Elton Collegiate Institute at Forrest, Man.

Dana was born on June 29, 1972. She was only ten months old when we came to this district. She is now attending Douglas Elementary School. Dana is in Gr. V this year. She has also won some achievement awards and seem to like school and her teachers. Dana's teachers have been Miss R. Johnson now (Mrs. Andy Murray) Gr. I and II, Mr. S.R. Dmytriw, Gr. III and IV, and at present Mrs. Joanne Brooking.

We have enjoyed living in this community. There is space for growing a large garden, flower beds, and fruit trees. We have a good variety of birds never seen in the city. We have also had a deer right in our garden in mid-summer and one morning there was a young moose just outside our fence in the pasture west of us.

Living here has afforded us a quiet seclusion to work and play as we choose. We also have the security of being surrounded by good neighbours, who could ask for more?

By Bernice Gullet

### **GUNN FAMILY**

Gary and Myrna Gunn purchased a lot on NW 9-10-10, Rural Municipality of Cornwallis and built their home during the early months of 1973.

Gary is from Greenridge, Manitoba and Myrna from Emerson, Manitoba. They were married in Emerson, June 17, 1967. Prior to marriage, Myrna was a secretary for a wholesale heating supply firm in Winnipeg. Gary was employed by Air Canada and also Federal Electric, and was stationed at Cape Dyre, Baffin Island.

Gary is a Telecommunications Electronics Technician with the Federal Government and works at the Brandon Airport. Upon joining Transport Canada, Gary was stationed at Resolute Bay, N.W.T. for one year and Big Trout Lake in Northern Ontario for one year. He applied for the position in Brandon because of the size of the city and the nice location.

Gary and Myrna have two children — a son, Dana, born September 1, 1969, and a daughter — Maureen born August 7, 1972. Both attend school in Brandon. They enjoy sports and both take piano lessons. Dana plays drums for a youth band called "The Country Kids". They had the pleasure of playing for the Brandon Centennial Tea, May 30, 1982. Gary also enjoys his music and plays piano, organ, tenor and alto saxophone. He has played with many dance bands in the area. Myrna enjoys curling and teaching Sunday School at Central United Church, Brandon.

### **FRANK AND SHARLENE GUNSTON**

Frank and Sharlene moved to 17-10-19 on July 29, 1982 from Winnipeg. They have two children — John and Jennifer.

Frank is an orthopaedic surgeon with the Brandon Clinic.

### **SAM AND ETHEL GURR**

We farmed section 36 of Hamiota municipality for 15 years before buying the Joe Bodnar farm on the West side of Brandon moving there in the spring of 1956. We wanted to get close to the fluid milk market.

We rented G.R. Rowe, Bob Clement and Ed. Fotheringham farms — 900 cultivated acres in all, incorporated under "Samson Farms Ltd." operated with a milk quota of 80,000 lbs. Our son Glen, enjoyed a modern four stall milking parlor. We had many visitors at milking time from Canada and the

United States.

Glen showed our Holsteins for 12 years at Class A fairs. In 1968 Samson Farms Ltd. won Premier Exhibitor and Premier Breeder Banners at both Red River Exhibition and Brandon Exhibition. In 1969 we won the Dairy Beautification Trophy for Manitoba donated by Manitoba Dairy Association.

We have four children: Lorraine — commercial secretary for Keystone Glass, Brandon; Mervyn — owner of Keystone Glass, Brandon; Marilyn — registered nurse, recently moved to Kenora, Ontario; Glen — owns a dairy farm at Alexander, Manitoba and was named Manitoba Junior Farmer in 1980.

We sold our farm, herd and equipment to Donfield Farms in January 1970 and retired to Brandon. We thoroughly enjoyed our years of dairy farming in Cornwallis with Brandon's 42nd street as our lane.

### **HABERMAN, WALTER AND RUTH**

We moved to Brandon from Selkirk, Manitoba, in November, 1975 with our two sons, Jeffrey, born March 2, 1971, and Craig, born May 21, 1973. Walter is employed with Manitoba Hydro and transferred from the Selkirk Generating Station to the Brandon Generating Station. We lived at the Hillside Townhouses for almost a year and then we purchased some property on NE 30-10-19. We built our own home in 1976.; On August 22, 1977, our daughter Jennifer was born at the Brandon General Hospital.

Our children attend Fleming School in Brandon. Our activities include sports, music lessons and gardening.

### **HABING, ROBERT AND FAYE**

We moved from the village of Kelwood in the fall of 1978. Our family consists of six members: Robert L., born April, 1938; Faye, born May, 1941, and four children. Shannon was born in May, 1962, graduated from Neelin High School, and is presently employed as a PNA at Brandon Mental Health Centre. Jill was born in February, 1964, graduated from Neelin High School, and is now majoring in the Sciences at Brandon University. Jill also secured the Neelin Shield for involvement in 1981. Robert D., born January, 1967, attended Fleming and Earl Oxford Schools, and will continue his education in Neelin High School. Erin, born September, 1975, is presently attending Fleming School.

### **HAGGERTY, ERNIE**

Ernie Haggerty was born in 1925 in Brandon, Manitoba. He was the youngest of ten children born to Daniel Webster Haggerty (died 1944) and Agnes Sarah Churchill (died 1965). They lived in the

Moore Park district at the time and later farmed in the Pettapiece and Rivers district.

Ernie returned to Brandon in April 1946 after war service in Europe with the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. He was married in Edinburgh, Scotland, to Margaret Chamberlain Ollay, and she arrived in Brandon, September, 1946 as a war bride. They took up residence there where Ernie was employed at Canadian Motors. Two children were born in Brandon: Honor, October, 1947, and Cameron, January, 1950.

They moved into the Cornwallis Municipality in 1956 where job opportunities at Shilo were available. They built their own home and still reside in the Sprucewoods Community. Ernie was involved in minor hockey and baseball in Shilo, as a coach, manager and umpire. Margaret served in the Girl Guide movement as a Brown Owl and Captain. Both were curlers and Margaret served on the executive of the Shilo Country Club and is an honorary life member. She represented Shilo in 1978 in the Senior Ladies Provincial Playoffs.

Both Ernie and Margaret were involved in the beginning of the Sprucewood Community Club and each served as president and have been on various committees over the years.

Their daughter, Honor, married Bob Nutley in 1967. They reside in Keewatin, Ontario, and have two children, Cathy, 12, and Robert, 8.

Their son, Cameron, married Diana Drylick in 1972. They have two children, Jennifer, 10, and Murray, 7, and they reside in Sprucewoods community.

#### **HAGGERTY (CAMERON, BORN 1950 — BRANDON)**

Only son of Ernie and Margaret Haggerty, Sprucewoods, Manitoba. I moved to the Cornwallis Municipality in June 1956. My family and I moved on to the McCullen farm approximately two and a half miles west of Shilo. Although we only lived there for seven months, it seemed like a lot longer. We had no electricity at first and the washroom facilities were not as we know them today. We had a pet dog named Spot and one day on our return from shopping we found that a skunk had taken up residence at the house. Spot had done her best to convince the skunk to move, but she was not much bigger than the skunk, and my father put an abrupt end to the skunk's decision to stay, with his shotgun.

As the days got shorter and colder it seemed that no amount of wood placed in the stove warmed the house, so by the end of December we left the farm house and moved into a small house situated where Rusty's now have their business. The day we decided to move it stormed a real old-time Manitoba winter storm, but with the aid of a big

truck we got out with no problems.

I received all of my education in Shilo schools. I must have been a very likeable boy, because 25 years later my grade two teacher still remembered me and could even remind me of some incidents which happened.

One day in my life that I will never forget is July 21, 1963. That is the day my father and uncle unloaded a horse from a truck, handed me the halter and said, "He is yours." I think I grew a foot taller right then. Now twenty years later I still have horses and enjoy them as much as ever, maybe even more, because the late Roy Hooper, a lifetime friend and a top horseman, taught me everything he possibly could about horses and he was always there when my horses got the best of me, which in the first few years was quite often.

I joined the army in 1969 and left the area, but due to a shoulder injury I returned. In 1970 I attended the Assiniboine College and became a welder and now I am employed at CFB Shilo.

I was married in March 1972 to Diana Drylick of Shilo. Diana was born in Winnipeg February 1954 and came to Shilo in August 1970 with her family. Her father was with G Battery Regiment. Diana attended Princess Elizabeth School and graduated in June 1972. She was involved with the cheer leaders.

We have two children, Jennifer, age 10, and Murray, age 7. In May 1973 we bought a house in Sprucewood community and still reside there.

During the 27 years that I have lived in Cornwallis, I have seen a lot of people move in and a lot move out. Perhaps they will read this and remember me.

Submitted by Cameron Haggerty

#### **TERRY HAGGERTY FAMILY**

Terry and Holly Haggerty moved to the Chater district in September, 1979. Previous to this they lived northwest of Kemnay.

They were married October 2, 1976. Terry was born in Brandon and raised in Kemnay. Holly (nee Giles) was born in Swan River and eventually moved to Brandon.

Both the Haggertys are employed by Manitoba Telephone System; Terry as a telephone installer and Holly as a payroll input clerk.

#### **JAMES ANDREW HAINES**

James Andrew Haines was born on April 2, 1874 at Woodstock, Ontario, and took his schooling there. Around 1910 he came to Manitoba, and worked as a labourer in the Routhwaite district. He lived in the Glen Souris district for a number of years. Around 1921 he moved to the Brandon Hills district and lived in the old "parsonage" with his

family. He worked for Alf Rice, Bill Roddick and moved to Win Roddick's farm, south of the Brandon Hills Church, where he and his family lived for a number of years before retiring to Brandon. He passed away in 1947.

Elizabeth Donehy was born on April 6, 1888 in Belfast, Ireland. She came to Canada in 1912. She met James Haines and they were married on December 3, 1913. They had five children. She passed away on May 3, 1970.

### **HAINES FAMILY**

PEARL — Married Andrew Oswald. They resided at Flin Flon, Manitoba, and had one daughter, Millicent Elizabeth who married David Fitzsimmons. They live in Flon Flon and have a son, Andrew David. Pearl was accidentally killed in 1954 and her husband, Andrew, passed away in 1977.

NORA — Married Jack Humpage. They are residing in Winnipeg. They have two children — James Peter who married Marlene Isaac, and has one son, Joel James. They reside in Winnipeg. Daughter, Teresa Kathleen, married Allan Field. They, too, reside in Winnipeg, and have a son, Matthew James.

CYRIL — Married Jean Harris and lives in Winnipeg. They have three children in England — Andria, Murray and Ross, and five sons who reside in Winnipeg — Rodney, Kelvin, Grahame, Andrew and Malcolm.

KAY — Married Charles Zink, and has four children.

Terri — lives and is employed in Winnipeg

Denny — killed in a car accident in 1956

Maureen — married and residing in Winnipeg. Nursing at Health Sciences Centre and has a daughter, Sydney.

Sydney — married John Hall and resides in Ottawa. Has two children, Susan and John.

JESSIE — Married Eric Hutchings and lives at Dawson Creek, B.C. Has three children:

Sharon — married to Vern Zwick and residing in Fort Nelson, B.C. Has three children, Patti, Shawn and Millicent.

Derry — and wife Dorothy reside at Dawson Creek, B.C. Have two children, Ian and Jennifer.

"Butch" Kerry Dennis — resides and is employed at Dawson Creek, B.C.

### **HALL, PHIL AND CAROLE**

We purchased the property known as Brentwood Village in the spring of 1975 and exercised our option to purchase the 83 acres adjacent and west of Brentwood in July of 1978. Thirty-eight acres of this land has since been annexed by the City of Brandon. Mr. B. Hutton has worked part of this land for the past 40 years.

My wife Carole (nee Ferguson) was born and raised in Brandon while I was born in Glenboro,

spent early years in Belmont, Manitoba, before moving to Brandon with my parents, George and Ivy Hall.

Our children, David, born in Virden, on November 10, 1969; Trista, born in Brandon on March 18, 1971, and Robert, born in Brandon on August 5, 1973, have been raised in Brandon and have attended Brandon schools.

Carole and I operate a mobile home park on part of our land, while renting out the remainder as farm land. Prior owners of our land were Mr. Rune Andersson and the firm of Currie Manufacturing.

— Phil Hall

### **GORDON HALLIDAY**

Gordon Halliday came, as a young man, with the first Brandon Hills settlers and homesteaded the NW 7-9-18. He was a carpenter by trade and returned to Winnipeg where he obtained work for the winter.

In 1885 he sold the farm to D.W. Prowse for \$1,200 and moved to California. According to a letter from Basil McDonald, in 1918, Gordon Halliday was living in San Francisco and was still working as a carpenter.

### **HAMILTON**

Albert Hamilton and Sarah Jane McGregor were married on January 31, 1900 at Acton, Ontario. They travelled west by train accompanied by Sarah Jane's mother and brother, Mrs. James McGregor and Archie McGregor, arriving in Brandon on April 1, 1900. In the early years Albert and Sarah Jane moved several times, finally to settle and take up the occupation of mixed farming on the east half of 34-10-19 which was purchased from Rev. Edward Archibald in 1906.

They had a family of two sons and one daughter: Ivan, Robert Clive, deceased in infancy, and Jean, who were later educated at Grand Valley School and in Brandon.

Sarah Jane died in 1918, a victim of the flu of that year and then Ellen Hamilton, Albert's mother, came to live with her son and his children until her death in 1929.

Ivan took over the farm in 1932, at which time Jean left to reside with Albert in his retirement in Ontario, until he passed away in 1943, and she later returned to live in Brandon.

Clara Bell and Ivan Hamilton were married in 1933, and together built a sizable operation to include mixed grain, dairy herd, and registered Yorkshire swine. Brandon View Stock Farm holdings increased in the 1940's when the south half of 30-10-19 was purchased to be used as pastureland. Gravel from a pit situated on this property proved to be suitable for road construc-

tion, and was used in the building of a section of the Trans-Canada Highway in the area. This half section was sold in 1966.

Ivan used to like to tell his friends how he worked all day and played all night. The nightly playing was his one hobby of playing drums with a number of dance orchestras.

Clara had a busy life outside her home, volunteering her time at many church and community activities until her passing in 1982. Clara and Ivan have one daughter, Isabel, who attended Bloomsbury School, later completing her education in Brandon, and going on to work for a firm of chartered accountants for many years.

Isabel Hamilton and Bill Percival were married in 1958 and now reside in Brandon, where Bill is employed as a power engineer at Brandon University.

Recent years have seen much trimming and sub-dividing of the original property until only a few acres remain on which Ivan still lives in semi-retirement.

Submitted by Isabel Percival  
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### HAMILTON FAMILY

Mr. Lonson Jerome Hamilton, born in Dundas County, Ontario, came west to Manitoba as a log driver on the Little Saskatchewan River, moving logs from the Clear Lake region to the sawmill (Hanbury Mills) at Brandon. Mr. Hamilton purchased a quarter section from the C.P.R. which is the present home quarter of Hamilton Farms 5-10-19. The land was broken with a walking plough and horses.

Lonson remained a bachelor for ten years, then returned to his home county and married Louella Bantford of Iroquois, Ontario, in 1905. The couple returned to the Manitoba farm to live in the little house which is presently the kitchen of the Hamilton home. The original foundations remain.

Lonson Hamilton's interest in horses took him to many summer and winter fairs to show his Clydesdales in both four- and six-horse teams. He won many prizes, the most noteworthy perhaps were those awarded to his Scotland-born stallion known as "Black Ivory". The Clydesdale was purchased by Mr. Tom Perdue while in Scotland and brought to Souris where it was sold to Mr. Hamilton. In 1910 the horse was Grand Champion over 97 stallions and won the title a second time the subsequent year.

The years on the farm were not without misfortune. The barn was demolished by a cyclone in 1912 and later the new barn was destroyed by fire.

Four children were born to Lonson and Louella Hamilton. Blanch, who paints in oil and continues to create lovely pictures, married David Johnston, who worked on the C.N. Railway. The couple had one son, Bill, who now resides in Wawanesa with his wife, Dode, and family. After her husband's death, Blanch worked for the C.N.R. as a cook for 18 years. She now makes her home in Brandon.

Richard Hamilton shared his father's talent for choosing red ribbon livestock. At the age of 13 his famous calf "Robin Snowball" captured a first in the Brandon Fat Stock Show in 1923. It placed first in the open class for all beef breeds and first in the Shorthorn class. Richard was awarded the McGregor Shield and also a gold watch which was offered by the Manitoba Shorthorn Association. A picture of the boy, with his prize calf, was printed on the cover of school notebooks and bore the caption "Manitoba is proud of this boy." Unfortunately Richard passed away in 1931 at the age of 21.

The eye for good livestock was not restricted to the "menfolk" as their daughter Emma's Aberdeen Angus "Bardo" was to set a world's record for price for a fat calf in 1928. It sold for three dollars per pound. After Emma left the farm she became Brandon's Company Quartermaster Sergeant in World War II before she married Corporal Don Murray in 1945 in Winnipeg. Later that year they moved to Dauphin where Mr. Murray was employed with the T. Eaton Co. Don and Emma had three sons — Donald Jr. and his wife Hilda live in Fairview, Alberta. He owns and operates the Wilderness Ag. and Auto Ltd. and they have two sons. Richard (Dick) and his wife Pam live in Campbell River, B.C., where he is a pilot for Vancouver Island. They have one daughter and one son. Robert (Bob) and his wife, Vinetta, make Calgary, Alberta, their home. Bob is a pharmacist and owns and operates a drug store. They have one daughter and one son. Emma and her husband presently live in Burnaby, B.C. Lonson's and Louella's youngest son Charles, worked the family farm with his Mother after his Father's death in 1934. Charles was 13 at the time.

Charles married Joan Fountain of Brandon in 1945. They have four children: Audrey, a nurse and eldest of the four, married Irvin Powers. They have two sons and one daughter and reside in Brandon. Donald now manages and operates the family farm, after his father's death in 1975. Ronald manages a construction company in Delta, B.C., while Marilyn, the youngest, is a home economics teachers at Tanner's Crossing in Minnedosa, Manitoba.



## HAMILTON, WILLIAM AND HATTIE

William Hamilton was born in Dundas County, Ontario. His wife, the former Hattie Thompson, was born in Iroquois, Ontario.

They came to the Cornwallis Municipality around 1896, and farmed the N.W. ¼ of sec. 29-9-19 and N.W. ¼ of 32-9-19.

Mr. Hamilton served as Councillor of Ward 3 from 1926 to 1940.

They had one son, Edward, who was born in 1908 and died at the early age of twenty-one in 1929. His parents had a window put in the Presbyterian Church in his memory.

William and Hattie have both passed away.

## HAMILTON, WILLIAM AND MARGARET

Bill, one of eight children, was born in Northern Ireland. He apprenticed as a blacksmith and welder in 1952, and immigrated to Canada where he worked for his uncle, Jim Hamilton, of the firm Hamilton and Jones. In 1962, Bill bought the business and the firm is now known as Hamilton and Allen Co. Ltd., with Bill as manager.

Margaret Hamilton (nee Harris) was born at Virden, Manitoba and moved to Brandon at a young age. She attended Brandon schools and in 1957 married Bill Hamilton.

They have four daughters, one son, and four grandchildren: Nancy and husband, Richard Allen have two children: Richard Jr. and Amy Jean; Colleen and husband, Ronald Funk have two children, Trevor and Jordan. Barbara is attending Brandon University; Karen is attending high school at Caronport, Saskatchewan, and Billy is attending Fleming School in Brandon.

Margaret was a leader in the Poplar Hill 4-H Club for five years, and Karen and Barbara were members. She especially enjoys the fellowship and Bible studies with the ladies in the area.

The Hamiltons enjoy the annual picnics at the Poplar Hill School and the pot-luck suppers at Forrest. They have lived in this community for nine years, are very happy and think Cornwallis Municipality is a great place in which to live.

## HAMMOND, CONSTANCE AMY

Constance Amy Hammond, a sister of Bessie Hammond (Wright) came to Canada in 1921 to help her sister and look for work in Manitoba. She did housekeeping for different families, and also worked for Thomas Hargrave at Hayfield for approximately 18 years. She returned to England for a visit but the war broke out and she was unable to return until 1961. She also lived with Reginald and Donald Wright until moving to Fairview Home. She died in 1976.

## HAMPTON

Mary Hampton was born in Carmylie, Scotland, in 1880. She came to Canada in 1902 settling in the Hayfield district with her two bachelor uncles, William and James Black. Later when Mary's two bachelor brothers, Bill and Jim Hampton came to Canada, she kept house for them, in the Hayfield district.

Jim moved to the R. M. of Cornwallis in 1928, and Cecil Hurd came to live with him and attended Little Souris School. They lived on the East half of 3-9-19. Some time later the Hamptons moved to the farm at Lake Clementi.

Bill took an interest in the U.F.M. and was a favorite with the young people. Mary was interested in the ladies' groups. After both Jim and Bill had passed away, Mary moved into Brandon. She was later joined by Jim Hurd. She lived in her own home until her death in 1981, just shortly before her hundred and first birthday.

The Hampton home was also home to many neices and nephews.



*Carl and Giny Hansen Solar heated pool area.*

## THE HISTORY OF THE HANSEN FAMILY

This history begins in the fall of 1954, when a newly immigrating Dutch family, the Wegenwys', arrived at a very deserted train station ten miles north of Brandon — and wondered where the town was! By chance (ancient history, I can't remember the reason) they were met there by Carl Hansen, an immigrant from Denmark the previous year. One thing led to another, and soon Carl had married Giny, one of the identical twin daughters of John and Corry Wegenwys. (Carl admitted to not being able to tell them apart at first, and so couldn't be absolutely sure whom he was seeing). Nine months after the honeymoon, the Hansen's had their first baby girl - Patricia - and, wasting no time, one year later had a second girl, called Audrey. With two children in diapers, Giny found herself with more than enough to do, so she quit work at her father's shop (Jean Phillip Beauty Salon) to become chief cook and diaper-washer at the Hansen residence.



*Giny Hansen with bananas in her solar heated pool area.*

In 1962, Carl quit Pearson Construction, to become his own boss, and formed Carl Hansen Construction. Over the next 20 years he built many residences and small businesses in and around town (additions to the North Hill Motel, and Fairview; Calvary Temple; and many more). In his spare time he built for his family, usually selling them within a few years, then building again, the new home always a bit bigger than the last. Carl was always interested in trying out new ideas. In one house, he built a large indoor garden, filled with tropical plants. When he built the house on the farm south of Brandon, energy conservation was his interest, thus various experiments with a solar heated indoor pool. He must have been successful, as I remember being able to swim most of the year. Carl and Giny also had amazing talent growing different varieties of tropical plants — even harvesting exotic fruit like papayas and bananas. I did have a few years of doubt about their “green thumbs” though. I remember being taken out to the farm (prior to moving there) to pull weeds from around most of the hundreds of trees he had planted. Unfortunately the weeds were impressive six foot plants, and the trees a mere few inches! As will happen, about the time Carl finished work on his last (and biggest) home, his daughters had grown up and moved away from home. Patricia graduated from Brandon University with a degree in computer science, then moved to Winnipeg to work as a computer programmer. Audrey obtained her Registered Nurse diploma and moved to B.C. to work. After two years nursing in Fernie, she left on a trip to New Zealand, Australia, Asia and southern Europe, travelling for almost two years.

All this takes up up to 1983. Presently, Giny is

living in Winnipeg, having sold the farm and house to Dr. and Mrs. Lambert (due to the death of Carl last year). Patricia, and Giny's parents, John and Corry also live in Winnipeg, and Audrey . . .

-written by Audrey,  
with help from Giny and Patricia

### **HARDER, IKE AND MARTHA**

Ike and Martha Harder moved from Brandon to 17-10-19, R. M. of Cornwallis, in August, 1978. They have four children: Angela, who is married and works at Westend IGA; Gwen, who lives in Winnipeg and is a student at the University of Manitoba; Hilton, who lives at home and attends Junior High School, and Miranda.

Martha is the manager of a drapery shop and Ike is a credit agent with M.A.C.C.

Family interests include horses, sports, music, outdoor activities, politics and construction.

### **MOSES HARGREAVES FAMILY**

Moses Hargreaves left Blackburn, Lancashire, England, in 1877, to emigrate to Canada after the loss of his dairy herd from foot and mouth disease. He settled near Bracebridge, Muskoka, in Ontario. In 1878, after the birth of a new baby, his wife Mary Grimshaw, with their five children, James, Henry (Harry), Thomas, John and Jane, joined him in Canada.

They raised cattle and sheep, and Mary learned to card, spin and knit the wool into socks, stockings, mitts, etc. Two girls, Esther and Mary, and two boys, Moses and Noah, were born there in Ontario.

After a disastrous fire, they moved to the Gorrie District and received title to their farm at 33-9-18 from Joseph H. Hughes, on April 7, 1891. The last members of the family - William, Alice, Nancy, Rachel and Aaron were born there.

Moses and the older boys would set up camp in the Spruce Woods, taking provisions and staying there cutting wood to haul out. Moses tendered for two cords of wood to be delivered to the Gorrie School for \$2.50 a cord. His tender was accepted. In 1904, on one of these trips to the Woods, Moses contacted pneumonia. Realizing that he would not recover, he told his wife that, with the help of the family, she would be able to carry on. This she did until she became ill with the flu and died in 1920.

Jane, the eldest daughter, married William Page of Beresford and they had six sons - Vernon, Jack, Vic, Alfred, Courtney, and George and three daughters - Audrey, Alma and Edna. Alfred, their fourth son, married Myrtle Lindsay and they lived on the R. F. Roddick farm for three years before moving to the Beresford district in October, 1946. Alfred and Myrtle had four children - Francis, Eunice, Marjorie, and John. Jane and William Page

and their son, Jack, are buried in Brandon Hills Cemetery.

Noah married Carrie Bristol on June 9, 1919, and farmed in the district for eight years. They moved to the Douglas district, then to the Beresford area, and later retired to Souris. After Noah's death, Carrie moved to Winnipeg, where she lived until her death June 4, 1982.

Aaron (see Aaron Hargreaves Family history).

### **AARON HARGREAVES FAMILY**

Aaron Hargreaves was the youngest son of Moses and Mary Hargreaves. After serving in the First World War, Aaron married Marion Norton Dauncey on February 14, 1922 and the couple took over the family farm. They resided there until they retired to Brandon in 1965.

Aaron took a great interest in politics, poetry, and prose, and could quote by the hour from his favourite poets, Robert Service, Longfellow and Tennyson. Aaron and Marion had five sons and a daughter - Harleigh, Lauraine, William, Lawrence, Stewart, and Donald. Aaron died in 1967, at the age of 71.

Two sons, Harleigh and William, served in the Second World War, and returned to farm in the district along with their youngest brother Donald.

Harleigh lives where Wm. Johnson first homesteaded on 21-9-18. He is married to Pearl Cunningham of Hayfield and they have three sons and a daughter. Grant married Verla Petrie of Brandon. They live on 27-9-18 with their son Seann. Jim married Nancy Finlay of Souris. They and their son Aaron live on 20-9-18. Ron is married to Tanis Haggerty of Kemnay. They live on 29-9-18 with their two sons, Craig and Chad. Grant, Jim and Ron farm with their dad and their cousin, Colin Hargreaves. Elaine is married to Dr. Brian Graham, and they live in Portage la Prairie with their three daughters, Tara, Lisa and Krista.

Lauraine, a lab technician, married Robert Collie of Toronto, and they now live in Walnut Creek, California. They have five daughters and a son. Catherine is married to Robert Melendez and they live in San Jose, California, with their two sons, Marcus and Daniel. Elizabeth lives in San Diego as do Leslie and her husband Alan Zwissler. Marion lives in Long Beach and Anne in New Orleans. Stephen is at home.

William is married to Florence McIntyre of Brandon and they have two daughters and twin sons. In 1963, they moved to Brandon where William is now a salesman. Beverly is married to Dr. Roland Beaulieu and they and their young daughter, Jacqueline Nicole live in Halifax, N.S. Kenneth married Shirley Hooke of Douglas and they are now living in Wlinniepeg. Colin is married to

Shelly McManes of Alexander and they and their baby son Brett live on the family farm at 19-9-18. Karen graduated from Assiniboine College and is now living in Brandon.

Lawrence graduated in Pharmacy from the University of Manitoba and settled in Neepawa. He is married to Marlyne Whyte of Kenton. They have three children - Lori, of Calgary, Darron and Janine, at home.

Stewart also graduated in Pharmacy from the University of Manitoba. He settled in Portage la Prairie. Stewart married Donna Smith from Reliance, Saskatchewan, and they had three children, Ramona, Laura and Cameron. Stewart was killed in an airplane crash in Portage in 1962. Donna married Don Pelechaty in 1970. They now live in Portage, Cameron and Laura live in Winnipeg, and Ramona in Portage.

Donald is married to Jean Mayberry of Reston. She taught for three years at the Brandon Hills School. They have two children, Susan and Robert. Susan married Barry Wilkinson and now lives in Brandon with their daughter Rana. Robert works in Brandon and lives at home.

Five generations of Hargreaves have made their homes in the Brandon Hills or Gorrie District in the Municipality of Cornwallis.

### **HARP, LAURIE AND DONNA**

Twenty year old Laurie Harp and his eighteen year old wife, Donna, along with three month old son Sean, moved onto the west half of section 8-9-19 on February 15, 1974, after purchasing the farm and complete dairy from Walter and Sheila Demanski.

The Harps came from Treherne, Manitoba, where Laurie had worked for the previous five years on his father's farm where he was raised. Donna was born and raised at MacGregor, Manitoba, the 13th member of a family of 16 children.

Laurie brought along with him a small group of Registered Brown Swiss cattle, a breed that he had grown up with. He had purchased 46 grade holstein cows from Walter Demanski and soon developed an interest in Black and White. Grades, however, were never his fancy, and in the spring of 1975 Laurie purchased his first registered holstein cow from Doug Carvey (Ziona Holsteins, Brandon, Man.)

This began the building of the registered herd of holsteins that is the main way of life of the Harp family, a family that grew to five members on June 17, 1976, when Greg and Craig, twin boys, were born to Donna and Laurie in the Brandon General Hospital.

There is very little to say at this time about a family that has more or less just begun. All of our personal history in Cornwallis Municipality lies in the future.

## **HARPER, BEN AND FLORENCE**

Ben Harper was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Harper of Hayfield. On Christmas day 1925, he married Florence Winn of Methven. Florence was a former teacher at Little Souris. They farmed the East half of 3-9-19, until he died in 1927. They had one daughter Anne, who later married James Tames, now living in Regina. As Mrs. Ben Harper, Florence returned to teach Little Souris School making a total of six years in that school. In 1934, she married Merdie Banting, and now lives in Regina.

## **HARPER, LYLE AND HAZEL**

Lyle Harper, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Harper, of Hayfield, married Hazel Medland, daughter of John and Mary Medland, of Little Souris, in 1930. They started farming at Hayfield and moved to Little Souris S½ 9-9-19, in 1936. They have a family of four, Lavern, Morley, Glen and Louise.

Lyle built a dam, which served not only as a water supply for his stock but also for a skating rink and a swimming hole. Lyle served as a trustee on the Little Souris school board. Hazel and Lyle were active in the church and community. They moved to the Rowland community at Ninga in 1941.

Lavern married Marilyn Pyper in 1955. They have a family of two, Darryl and Terry. They live in Minneapolis.

Morley married Joan Hawking in 1957. They have two sons Greg and Brent. They live in St. Louis.

Glen married Mona Lavalley and lives in Winnipeg. They have two sons Dale and Bruce.

Louise married Dr. W. J. Froese in 1963 and lives in Vancouver.

Lyle died in 1961, and Hazel now resides in Killarney.

## **HARRIS FAMILY**

Cyril Harris came out from England in 1903 at the age of fourteen. He worked around Brandon doing farm work and helping with the harvest. In the winter he worked in the saw mills up in northern Manitoba. He then worked with the telephone company building lines and installing phones, etc, from Brandon, west to Saskatchewan. He then decided to start farming on his own and acquired some land that was previously owned by Thomas Kneeshaw, who died in 1912 at the age of 55 years. As time went on Cyril gradually added more land to the farm. He married Lillian Sutherland in 1919 and had two children, Kenneth and Irene. Mrs. Harris died in 1952, and Cyril died in 1975. Ken still farms the land today.

Ken married Doreen Taylor of Watrous, Saskatchewan in October of 1963 and they have

two daughters, Susan and Shannon, who attend Wawanesa School. Ken was elected Councillor of Ward One in January of 1974, succeeding Wallace Elder who had moved into Brandon.

## **GEORGE HARRIS**

George Harris was born in Devonshire, England, 1834. Sarah Fetherick was born in Ontario, 1834. They were married in Ontario in 1864, where they had a family of three sons and six daughters. George came to the Cornwallis Municipality, Brandon Hills area from Perth County in 1882. He homesteaded the S.E. quarter of 21-9-18. In 1883 he returned to Ontario and brought his wife and family to their new home. Most of their children went to Brandon Hills school and church. George and Sarah's nine children were -

Frank Wesley 1866, Bertha 1867, she married David Baker (see James Baker), Helah 1870, married John Britton. Their wedding was the first in the Brandon Hills church. They moved to Grandview. Clara 1873, Harry 1876, Harriet 1877, Martha 1879, Amy, and Alvin.

Sarah passed away in 1898. In 1908 George held an auction sale and moved to Brandon. He died in 1911 and is buried in the Brandon Hills Cemetery with his wife and five children.

## **OLIVER HARRIS**

Oliver Harris, younger brother of George, was born in Devonshire, England, in 1837. Ann Francis was born in Devonshire, in 1844. They were married at Monro, near Mitchell, Ontario. Oliver came to the county of Cornwallis, Brandon Hills area to S.E. quarter of 20-9-18, a homestead which had just been proven. Coming from a forty acre farm in Ontario, he thought 160 acres was all he needed. He returned to Ontario, and brought back his wife and family, of eight children. The Harris family were faithful church attenders and their home was always open house to the ministers. Oliver was very interested in the Trinidad mission field. They had one son and seven daughters.

William Frederick married Georgina Roddick. Fred often told of the hard time he had with seven sisters to do the cooking. However he lived to be 80 years old. His seven sisters were - Lucy, Lottie, Eva, Lilly, Ida, Fannie, Ella. The four younger ones went to school at Brandon Hills.

In 1893 the family moved to North Portal, Assiniboia, now Saskatchewan.



*The Ephraim Harris Family, 1908. Top, left to right — Fred Simpson, Jessie Harris, Harv Harris, George Harris; second — Maude (Harris) Simpson, Mary Jane Harris, Ephraim Harris; Bottom — Harris Simpson, Edith (Harris) Patterson, Lewis Patterson, Harold Harris.*

### **EPHRAIM HARRIS — Nephew of George and Oliver Harris**

Ephraim Harris was born in Darlington, County Durham, Ontario on September 23, 1854. Mary Jane Courtice was born near Fullarton, Ontario in 1856. They were married at Fullarton in 1879. In the spring of 1880 Ephraim came west to Brandon Hills, and "squatted" on the S.E. quarter of 29-9-18, where he built a house, and broke ten acres of his land. He worked for people in the area before returning to Ontario. In April 1881, he brought his wife and young daughter Maude, nine months old, to their new home. They had six children-five of whom were born in Brandon Hills.

Ettie Maude, born in Ontario in 1880. She married Fred Simpson in 1900. (see Fred Simpson family).

Harford Elvingstone, born in Brandon Hills in 1883. He married Viola Barber, and moved to the coast. They have three children.

Edith Alberta, born in 1886. She married Lewis Patterson, a teacher at Brandon Hills, in 1905. Lewis died in 1907. They had one son Lewis. She married Lewis' younger brother George, and lived

in Regina. They had one son, Roy.

George Wesley, born in 1888, married Marion Cheenie. They had two children Lois, died in infancy, and Jack. They lived in Ontario.

Jessie Marion, born in 1892, lived with her parents, mostly in Brandon, and worked as a stenographer.

Harold Samuel, born in 1894, married Kate Scott. They lived in Regina, and had two boys, Scott, killed in action in 1943, and Don, now living in B.C.

The Harris family moved to Little Souris district in 1900, south half of 22-9-19, and to Brandon in 1908.

They were active in the United Church in both Little Souris and Brandon Hills. Maude sang in the choir and Edith played the piano.

Ephraim died in 1934, and Mary Jane in 1947. The rest of the family are now deceased.



## **HARRIS, ROY AND DALE**

Roy was born in September, 1939 and raised in Brandon. After graduating as a chartered accountant he went east to work for Northern Electric Company.

Dale was born in Belleville, Ontario in 1946 and spent her childhood in Ameliasburgh. They have lived in several places, including New Zealand, before coming to their present residence in the Cornwallis Municipality in September, 1981.

They have six children; Bevin, born January, 1969; Noel, born March, 1970; Rachel, born April 1974; twins Nyree and Nathan, born in April, 1975, and Isaac, born March 1980.

Roy is presently employed with Johnson, Glennie and Harris in the city of Brandon.

## **STANLEY AND VIOLET HARRISON — Their story by daughter D. Phyllis Harrison**

Violet Aberdeen, when not quite nineteen years old, eloped on a cold January day in 1909 with Stanley Harrison, the red-headed immigrant farm hand her father had hired. Once at a box social (probably held in Gorrie School) Stanley embarrassed Violet by singing Sweet Bunch of Daisies to her - on bended knee! Stan had been one of that intrepid crowd of Old World youth looking for new adventure in the year 1903. He was 17 years and one month old when he stepped off a harvest train in Brandon. He and a travelling companion were strolling down Rosser Avenue where they met a bachelor named Ed who instantly hired them to work on his farm. Ed's entire culinary repertoire consisted of one dish - porridge. Stan lived on porridge that first summer in Canada.

Mrs. Aberdeen's cooking skills must have made a lasting impression after he went to work for Alex, but running off with their daughter didn't impress her father, who never spoke again to Violet for several years. It was not until 1930 that Stan and Violet assumed close relations with her parents. They moved onto the Aberdeen farm as renters, and Alex and Emma moved into a light-housekeeping room in Brandon to retire six years before Alex was eligible for the Old Age Pension of \$25.00 a month. At the beginning of the Depression this move was a disaster for both parties. In 1933, Violet assumed close relations with her parents. money for the down payment on the first farm of their very own, down by the river. Two weeks after they had moved onto the Aberdeen farm, their second youngest child, Keith, died of diphtheria. Neighbors like the Connors braved the risk of contagion and drove over in their model T ford with fresh provisions during the quarantine period.

Two Harrisons attended Gorrie School, myself and my younger brother, John (Jack). Herbert, the

oldest son, and May, the oldest daughter were soon out on their own. Herbert, a WW 2 veteran, died in 1966. May and her husband, Alf Dyer, live in Penticton. Jack and his wife Leona (nee Paige) live in Sudbury. I live in Smithers with my cat and dog.

Back in Brandon for the 1982 Homecoming I found little to remind me of the old familiar places; fields are built over, or gaping gravel pits. Where my grandparents and parents struggled to make the land productive is now something of a wasteland. It was Primrose Durnin (formerly Connon) who, by gathering together, at a barbeque, all her brothers and sisters and their spouses, Gorrie school chum, the former Gertie Dauncey, and our school teacher at Gorrie for 1931-1933, Eleanor Montgomery, convinced me I had roots here after all, in these old friends.

## **HASLBECK, ANTHONY AND ALICE**

Anthony, his wife, Alice, and their family moved from their farm near Plumas, Manitoba. They took up residence in the Gray Development on Grand Valley Road (NE 30-10-19) in 1979. Anthony is employed by the Canadian Pacific Railroad.

The Haslbecks have two children: Charlene, born January, 1965 and Michael, born in September, 1966. They are both presently attending Neelin High School in Brandon.

## **HAUSER, MRS. W.**

Mrs. W. Hauser owned land in the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis since 1954, before the boundaries of the City of Brandon were expanded. In 1973 she retired and moved to SE¼ 27-9-19 to live in a new home close to her daughter and son-in-law.

## **THE OLIVER HEAL FAMILY**

Oliver Heal came from Ontario with his mother, to live in the Brandon Hills district where his two older brothers had taken up residence.

Oliver married Katherine Coxe, daughter of S.A. Coxe, who had lived her earlier years south of Brandon. They had three children; Sam, Jack and Jean. They lived in Chater from 1914-18, living on the Smyth farm across the track.

Jean, Mrs. Todd, writes of that time as just a happy time, such as learning to swim at Willow Creek with other children of the neighbourhood. They used two syrup pails, lids on tightly, tied together as water wings.

A big treat occurred when one of the section men took them for a ride on the railway hand car and allowed them to try their hand at pumping it along the track. Winter sports were skating, and the annual carnival.

The Heal family moved from Chater to Wawanesa, and to Brandon in 1923, where they remained until the parents' deaths. Mr. Heal died in 1941, and she in 1952.

Sam, the oldest left to live in the U.S.A.

Jack took up the banking profession, living in various towns in Manitoba and Ontario, and was manager at Port Arthur when he and his wife Jean retired and moved to Victoria, B.C. They had two girls and both are married.

Jean chose teaching and taught north of Alexander at Assiniboine School and north of Carberry at Gregg School, then finishing her teaching days in Brandon. She married Laverne Todd and they lived in the Breezelawn district and farmed there until semi-retirement in 1959. They then moved to Souris. They have three children. Patricia is a nurse, Gail is a teacher and Don is with the R.C.M.P. All three are married.

### HEDGES

James Duncan Hedges and Florence McPhee were married in 1894, and moved from Ontario to Little Souris S.E. 4-9-19 in 1897. They had two daughters and one son.

Annie born 1895, married Jack Chapman in 1919. They moved to Roblin and are both deceased. They had six daughters. Edith Mary died in infancy, Florence Estelle Hooker, now deceased, Edna Mae Orchard living in Brandon, Myrtle Irene Ross, Glenboro, Jean Elizabeth died at three years, Helen Jacqueline Elliott.

Mary born 1896, married Roy Sweeney in 1921 and lived in Wawanesa. They had one son Gordon Roy, who lives in Brandon. Roy is deceased and Mary lives in Brandon with her son Gordon and his wife.

Gordon Thomas born 1898 married Lewetta Harper of Hayfield in 1924. They had one son Melvin William, who married Gwynn Eastman and they have two daughters, Chandra and Rhonwyn, and one son Chadwick.

Gordon took over the farm when his father moved to Brandon to live with his daughter Annie. He was very interested in sports and played ball in Hayfield and Little Souris. They had a rink on their farm which the young people enjoyed. Lewetta took an active part in community affairs. They moved to Brandon in 1940 and started Hedges Freighters, which they sold in 1948 and moved to Edmonton.

In later years Gordon carved and made many articles out of driftwood. Lewetta also was interested in crafts, such as beads and needle work, and helped others to make their own.

### HEDLEY, MARCUS AND GERTRUDE

Mr. Hedley came from England to Canada in 1882, and went to Carivale, Saskatchewan. He was an auctioneer and also a dealer for Massey Harris Implements. In that area there were a few people who had cows but didn't have a sire, so Mr. Hedley went to Winnipeg, purchased a bull, then walked from Winnipeg to Carivale - it was a very long trip.

He married Gertrude Bowler, also of England, and moved to Brandon, Manitoba, making their home there for some years. He was an agent for Singer Sewing Machine and he owned the Bell block in Brandon until the depression forced him to give it up. He went to a farm four miles east of Brandon and started a market garden.

They had four of a family. Doris, the eldest, married John Keeble and also lived on a farm east of Brandon.

Vincent was born in Brandon and he married Alva Moggach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Moggach of Glen Souris. They are now living at Moore Park, Manitoba.

Phyllis married Bill Dunseith of Glen Souris, and they still reside there.

Audrey, now deceased, married George Olafson of Brandon. They lived in Brandon for many years, finally moving to Winnipeg.

### HEDLEY, VINCENT AND ALVA

Vincent Hedley was born in Brandon, Manitoba to Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Hedley, and he attended school in Brandon for five years. His parents moved to a farm four miles east of Brandon and he then went to Gorrie School for three years, and finished his schooling at Brandon Collegiate.

He married Alva Moggach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Moggach, Glen Souris, Manitoba. They lived on the home farm before moving to the Brandon Hills to a farm known as the "Trotter Place", spent three years there and went to a farm at Glen Souris known as the Cowan farm. Their eldest daughter was born there in 1937. Two years later they moved to a farm at Moore Park, Manitoba.

They have five children: Doreen married James Lenton of Miami, Man. She taught school at Miami for several years, then her husband and she purchased an oil business in Miami. She now is a secretary. They have two children.

Kathleen was born at Moore Park in 1940. She married Peter Nicolajson and they live in Brandon. She is a bookkeeper for the Brandon Inn. They have three children.

Eric was born in 1945, and is a truck driver. He married Beverley Hanley of Alberta and they have three children. They live at Forrest, Manitoba.

Murray was born in 1948, lives in Brandon, works at Simplot Chemical Co. and has two

children.

Robert was born in 1954 and lives in Brandon. He has three health food stores, two in Brandon, one in Dauphin, Man. He married Karren Sangster of Saskatoon, Sask., and they have two children.

Vincent and Alva are retired and still live at Moore Park, Manitoba.

### HEMSTAD, NORM AND TRUDY

Prior to moving to 17-10-19 in September 1978, Norm and Trudy had lived in Neepawa, Virden and Brandon.

Norm is a livestock specialist and Trudy is a career counsellor. They have two children; Cindy, a student at Earl Oxford School, and Scott, who attends Meadows School.

The family's hobbies are skiing, curling, golfing, baseball, crafts, gymnastics and hockey. Trudy has been involved with the Roseland 4-H Club as a leader and Cindy is a member.

Both Trudy and Norm worked as volunteers on the Brier Committee and the Canada Winter Games Committee, Norm as chairman of the wrestling committee and Trudy on the VIP Hospitality committee.

### HESSION, JOHN AND ANNE

Our parents, John and Anne Hession came to Canada from Ireland and Scotland in the early 1900's. They were married in 1912, and farmed in the Douglas district until 1919 when they moved to Cornwallis. We lived on three different farms south on First street. There were ten children in our family, five sons and five daughters, and also a special person, Uncle Bill. He was our Dad's brother and farmed not too far from us. He also worked for farmers in the area.

We all have fond memories of Cornwallis school, the teachers and students. We especially

remember Miss Eva Morrison, as a wonderful teacher whom we all admired. There were six of us attending school at one time. We always took part in school activities and of course the Christmas concert, and the school picnic at Mr. Medd's bluff. Cornwallis ball team won their share of games. As we say "They were the good old days." The three youngest also attended the Little Souris school.

Mae is the eldest, and is married to Douglas Korman, retired and lives in New Westminster, B.C.

Dora is married to Russell Scott, retired and living in Brandon.

Bill is married, retired and lives in Toronto.

Roy is married and retired and lives in Windsor.

Eva passed away in 1980, was married to Stan Arason and lived in Vancouver.

Winnie married Bud Lounsbury, and also lives in Vancouver.

John is married and lives in Maple Ridge, B.C.

Kathleen is widowed, was married to Ted Corrigan, and lives in Brandon.

Jim is married and lives in Dawson Creek, Alberta.

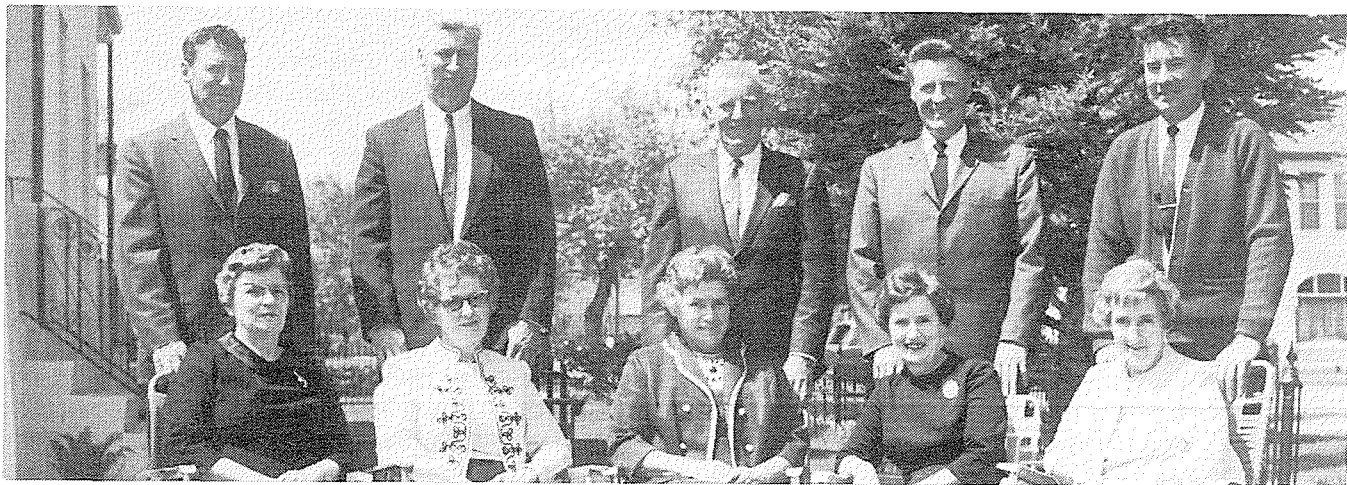
Tom the youngest, is married and lives in Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Submitted by Dora and Kathleen



John and Ann Hession, 45th Anniversary January 1957.

Hession Family; Bill, Mae, Roy, Dora, John, Eva, Jim, Winnie, Tom, Kathleen.



## **GEORGE HEUCHERT AND FAMILY**

George was born in Galicia, fifth child of the late Johann and Eva Heuchert.

George learned the bricklaying trade in Hamburg, Germany, and came to Canada in 1953 to Winnipeg.

George got married in 1955 to Maria Moritz, from Yugoslavia, daughter of George and Eva Moritz, living near Winnipeg.

In 1956, Ralph, their first son was born, he also learned the bricklaying trade.

Their second son, Philip, was born in 1960. He is now in Fort McMurray, working for Sincru Oil Company.

George left Winnipeg in 1960 to start his own masonry business in Brandon. In 1973 the family moved to the Brandon Hills onto a quarter section of land, SW 6-9-18.

The Heucherts love the nature of the Hills and are trying to protect and preserve it, for the future.

## **HJELMELAND, WAYNE**

Born in 1942, Wayne was raised in Brandon and Forrest. In August 1967, he married Sharon Cairns of Oak Lake and they resided in Brandon. In January 1970, Sharon and Wayne moved to a farm house on NE 17-9-19 belonging to Walter Kudlak, which they rented until July 1978. During this time they had two children: Dwayne, born in 1970 and Teresa, born in 1971. While living there the children attended Meadows School in Brandon for three years. In July 1978, the family purchased an acreage SW 31-10-19 which was owned by Bob McPhail. In 1979 a second daughter, Amanda, was born. Dwayne and Teresa now attend Fleming School in Brandon.

During 1970-1980 Wayne was a long distance truck driver. He was employed with the Brandon Transit System. He is now driving for Pete Quintaine.

## **THE HENRY HLADY FAMILY**

Henry and Mary Hlady moved to Chater in Sept. 1977. Henry had purchased the property where the house is situated from Mr. Pineo a few years prior to the purchase of the adjacent municipal lots. The manse and church barn which stood on the property were bulldozed by the municipality at the time the school was demolished in 1976.

Henry and Mary began by building a garage, followed by their home which was completed and ready for occupancy in September. Dick Reed, who lived next door, was a welcome assistant.

Henry's father Philip Hlady was born in Austria on November 21, 1882. He came to Canada as a child with his parents who pioneered on land in the

Rostern, Saskatchewan area. At the age of nineteen he ventured out to work until he arrived at Winnipeg. He met and married Katherine Legience in 1910. They moved to Brandon where they resided until their deaths. Philip died in 1933, Katherine in 1968. They had five children - Rose, Theodore (Ted), John, Henry and Victoria. Only Henry of Chater and Victoria (Kane of Welland, Ontario) survive.

Theirs was a musical family. Their father and Ted (from the age of ten years) played for Ukrainian weddings. Henry remembers when his Dad and brother returned from dances. They would pick money out of their violins. Ted later had his own orchestra "The Versatile Vagabonds". Henry would accompany him on guitar and sing at country town dances. Those were the "good old days" when one played all night for five dollars. The big reward was a midnight lunch of sandwiches from homemade bread. This the local ladies brought as their admission.

Henry took his schooling to Gr. XI in Brandon. His biggest disappointment in life was to be turned down when he enlisted in the Air Force in 1939. During the war years he worked seven days a week at the Anglo Oil Refinery. In 1947 he started his apprenticeship in carpentry achieving his First Class Certificate.

Mary Beatrice was born to Charles and Eliza Plowman formerly of Cambridgeshire, England. She had eight brothers and two sisters - a full sports team at home! Of course many neighbour children came each Sunday to join in the fun and games the family had. Mary obtained her education at Derry and Norman Schools with some correspondence to complete it. She attended Wheat City Business College and worked until her marriage in 1943. Later she worked at the Assiniboine Hospital as Secretary to the Director of Nursing.

Henry and Mary have three children. Son Ronald Henry is administrator for Canadian Tire in Calgary, Alberta. He married Linda Walansky and they have three children.

Daughter Lynda Joyce married Murray Chodak of Brandon. Lynda is a bookkeeper for Kozak Drywalling, while Murray is an accountant for Willgert Distributors. They have two children.

Their second daughter Judith Karen is an Administrative Officer, Dept. of Public Services, in Brandon.

## **THE JOHN G. HOEY FAMILY**

John G. Hoey was born in Elton, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hoey.

In 1890 he married Mary Jane (Minnie) Nelson, younger daughter of Thos. and Deborah Nelson. In 1891 they moved to Chater and ran a store and Post Office. While there John built the large building which housed the store for many years and still

stands, now having been renovated as a private dwelling.

A son Vernon Nelson was born while they lived in Chater. They returned to Elton where Ida May and Albert George were born.

This was in the Orange Hall area of Elton. They sold the farm to Bert Johnston and moved to the West Coast for their remaining years.

John and Mary were the Great Uncle and Aunt to Doris Reed who still resides in Chater.

### **HOLDAWAY FAMILY**

The Holdaway family moved to the Hutchinson farm (NE 36-9-19) in 1931. R.K., Evelyn and Edgar went to Cornwallis School. In 1935 they bought the Aberdeen farm (NE¼ 8-10-18) and in 1939 bought the old Gibson farm (S½ 9-10-18). Edgar and Velma attended Gorrie School. In later years, Edgar and his wife, Jean, lived in NE¼ 8-10-18 and their children, Janet, Mark and Patricia also went to Gorrie School. The farms were rented out for a few years and were then both sold in the late seventies to the Burton Brothers.

Hedley Vicar Holdaway was born April 13, 1885 in Port Hope, Ontario. In Holland, Manitoba in 1907, he married Electa Jane Lounsbury, who was born September 9, 1888 at Trehearne, Manitoba. Their children were all born in Brandon.

Elviss George, born 1908, served with the Canadian Army in WW II. He passed away in 1961 at Rosetown Saskatchewan.

Melville Gerald, born 1909, now lives at Barriere, B.C.

Hedley Vicar Jr., born 1913, resides in Brandon.

Elgin Norris, born 1914, died in 1921 of diphtheria.

R.K., born 1916, served with the Canadian Army in WW II, now lives at Rapid City, Manitoba.

Evelyn Irene, born 1919, became Mrs. Reg. Willdey. She passed away in 1957.

Edgar Morris, born 1922, served with the Canadian Navy in WW II, and passed away in 1980.

Velma Doreen, born 1928, became Mrs. Bruce Wood, and is now living at Fenelin Falls, Ontario.

Mr. Holdaway passed away in November, 1955, and Mrs. Holdaway in September, 1979.

### **EDGAR HOLMES**

Edgar H. Holmes was born in Kincade Sask. in 1931. In 1954, he joined the Army in Halifax, and came to Shilo in 1970. His first Antique shop was at the dance hall in Riverside. In 1975, he opened Holmes Collectables and Antiques at Little Souris on the N.W. corner of 11-9-19. He is very knowledgeable about antiques, and his advice is sought by many collectors in both Canada and the

States. He has one son Wayne, in Vancouver. At present he lives in Brandon, but expects to retire from the services, Lore Corp. former R.C.E.M.E. and make his home above his shop.

### **GEOFFERY G. HOLMES**

**by Dorothy (Holmes) Chubey**

Dad and I moved from Brandon in 1931 to 17-10-18 which was known as the Fisher Farm that the James Cannon family lived on for many years and ran the Rosedale Dairy Farm.

I attended Gorrie School for two years, Miss Murchie and Miss Montgomery were my teachers.

In 1933 we moved to the north part of 18-10-18, and later in 1936, we moved to the south part of that section known as the Brodie Farm. Dad was there till 1939 when he moved back to Brandon and went to work at no. 12 Air Port. He passed away in October 1944.

In 1939 I married Wynn Roddick and moved to the Brandon Hills. (see George Winfred Roddick history.)

### **HOLMES, JOSEPH AND BARBARA**

Joe and Barbara Holmes and family, originally from the Portage la Prairie area, moved to Brandon where Joe was employed as a Heavy Duty Mechanic for the Manitoba Highways Department. Having both been raised on the farm, they much preferred country life, so the Holmes bought land on NW 28-10-19, which used to be part of the old golf course.

After building their home, they moved into it in 1969 with their three children. Kevin, born in 1962, and Barbie, born in 1964, attended Fleming and Earl Oxford Schools. Kevin graduated from Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School. Barbie attended Christian Heritage and then Neelin High School, from which she graduated in 1982. Ginina, born in 1968, has attended Christian Heritage, St. Augustine's and Vincent Massey schools.

Between 1971 and 1976, growing raspberries and strawberries for sale was a family project, where they had the pleasure of meeting customers from a thirty mile radius.

Meeting the neighbours in her area in Cornwallis has been a happy time for Barbara, when she took the 1971 Canada Census, petitioned against the city boundary changes in 1971, enumerated and worked at elections, some of which were held in their home. In more recent years she canvassed for charitable organizations.

From the windows of their home, the Holmes family can watch the view change with the season, making them realize that Cornwallis is a wonderful place in which to live!



## ROY HOOPER

Roy Hooper and family arrived in Shilo from Germany in 1955, residing at 26 Stonehenge Rd. until 1963, when they purchased a mobile home in Hill's Trailer Court. After twenty-five years in the service, Roy retired in March 1969 and they moved to Roy's home town "Ceylon" Saskatchewan. Missing their friends, Roy and Edna returned to Sprucewoods Community in July 1969. Roy worked at the Diamond J. Ranch for J. McCabe until 1971 when they moved from the ranch to their present home on Woods Avenue. Roy worked for Rusty's a few months, then D.N.D. in Shilo until his sudden passing in May 1979.

Roy was a great lover of horses and spent most of his leisure hours pursuing this hobby. His greatest pleasure was driving a team of horses and taking young people for rides. His wife Edna, daughter Jean, and grandson Todd Jeffrey, still reside in Sprucewood's Community.

## ALEXANDER HOPE FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Hope came to Canada in 1910, from Edinburgh, Scotland. They settled in the Griswold district for a time until he joined the Army in the 181st Battalion, in 1914, and was stationed at Camp Hughes. The family then moved into Brandon.

Alex was discharged from the army in 1916. He and the family then returned to Griswold where they farmed until 1922. At this time they moved to the Brandon Hills district and rented the Trotter farm which was located on the east half of 19-9-18. While living here, the family attended Brandon Hills Church, and their youngest son, Allan, attended Brandon Hills School.

They retired from farming in 1923, held an auction sale, and took up residence in Brandon where Alex worked with Dinsdale's Cartage for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Hope's family consisted of one girl and two boys.

Jessie resides in Vancouver and is now retired.

William married Beatrice Anderson from Bender, Sask. They reside in Brandon and celebrated their "fiftieth" anniversary in 1977. Bill has been employed with Dinsdale Cartage in Brandon since 1934. They have one son.

Allan married Jean Milne and they live in Vancouver. They have no family.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Hope retired to the West Coast in later years and both are now deceased.

## CLAUDE HOPE HISTORY

Claude Hope was born in England on Dec. 18, 1882. As a young man he joined the Warwickshire

Yeomanry and served in the Boer War in South Africa. Following the war he came to Canada and worked for Chas. Abey. Later he worked many years for Morgan Morgans on his dairy farm. In 1941 Claude came to live in Chater, making his home with Gordon and Mrs. Pineo. In the summer of 1941 he worked for Tomlinson's Construction Co. in the Chater Pit as assistant cook and in the summer of '42-'43, worked with the same Co. at Fort St. John, B.C. Other than that he spent time with the Pineo's for years, assisting Gordon with the chickens. His last two years were spent with Charles and Mae Pineo in Brandon. Claude passed away on Aug. 18, 1957 and is buried in the soldier's plot in the Brandon Cemetery.

## PERCY HOPE

Percy Hope was born in England and as a young man came to the Chater area where his brother Claude was already living. Percy worked for Charlie Abey and later, farmed for some time east of Chater.

He married Minnie Edmison and they had four children; Donald, Raymond and twins Irene and Allen. Donald joined the R.C.A.F. during World War II and was killed in an air crash over Vancouver Island in July, 1945. Raymond died as a young boy of 10 years in 1931. Allen is married and lives in Brandon. Irene is married and lives in Toronto. They all attended Chater School.

After leaving the farm, Percy worked for the Dept. of Highways and spent some years driving four horses on a small maintainer up and down No. 1 Highway. This main road was only a gravel road at that time and that was the way they maintained it. In 1935 the highway was hard topped so Percy worked at the office in Brandon.

The Hope family was interested in community affairs. Percy acted on the church board and was a very active member of the church choir. In 1945, the family moved to Brandon. Percy passed away some years ago. Minnie was in a nursing home in Winnipeg and passed away Feb. 9, 1982 at 90 years

## ANDREW HUDZIK

Andrew Hudzik came from the village of Dmytrowice in the province of Jaroslaw, Poland, to Canada in 1928. After several different jobs he settled in Brandon and in 1930 he married Mary Lesiow. They lived with her parents for six years before starting a small farm on two acres north of First Street Bridge in Brandon, where they raised cattle, hogs and a horse.

In 1948 Hudziks bought W $\frac{1}{2}$  7-10-18, the Hunter farm, in the Gorrie district, and in 1956 they bought E $\frac{1}{2}$  18-9-18 and NE 12-9-19, which was the Trent farm, in the Brandon Hills.

Andrew and Mary have two children — Jean and Edward. Jean married David Exley of Napanee, Ontario in 1964. They now live in Mississauga and have two sons John and Andrew.

Ed began farming with his father and in 1971 he bought W $\frac{1}{2}$  10-9-18 in the Brandon Hills. Andrew and Mary sold the farm on First Street North at this time to make way for the new First Street Bridge and Highway Development. Andrew, Mary and Ed make their home on W $\frac{1}{2}$  10-9-18.

### HUGHES FAMILY

Clarence Victor Hughes was born in 1882 in Grimsby, Ontario. The family moved from Ontario to Maple Creek, Sask., where Clarence married Elsie Harriet Watson Alexander. Clarence and Elsie, with her two daughters, Rose Etta and Gladys moved to Manitoba in 1919. His brother, Bill and father, Charles, already resided in Glen Souris district and lived at the Waldrons. Bill never married and resided at Glen Souris until, due to ill health, he moved to a nursing home in Brandon.

The family and children, Henry, Ivy, Emily and Ronald, moved from the Brandon district to Cornwallis Municipality in the spring of 1935. The youngest child, Betty, was born in 1937.

Rose Etta married James Stutt and moved to Chater, finally residing in Oakville, Ontario. James passed away in 1971 and Etta married Joe Labelle in 1979. Joe passed away in June, 1982.

Gladys married Sam Russell and also lives in Oakville, Ontario.

Henry Victor (Hank) served in WW II and married a war bride, Joyce Manwaring. They live in Burlington, Ontario.

Ivy Kathleen married George Thomas Pringle in 1948 and lived at Rounthwaite, moving to Margaret, Man. with their three children — Kathy, May and George Victor (Doad) in 1962. George passed away in 1971. Ivy married Don McKenzie and lives in Ninette.

Emily Victoria married Murray Moggach and resided at Trail, B.C. Emily passed away in 1974. Their family consisted of five children: Jean, Johnnie (who passed away in 1963), Sandra, Barbara and Robbie.

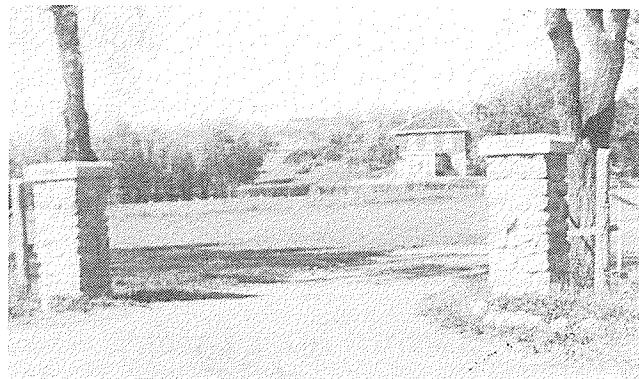
Ronald and his wife Doreen reside in Burlington, Ontario. They have four children — Murray, Brenda, Vicki and Dean.

Betty Kozia married Fred Kuxhouse and moved to Ontario. They moved to Haney, B.C. in 1967. They have four children — Yvonne, Gwen, Janet and Scott.

Elsie passed away in September, 1935, Clarence in August, 1975 and Bill died in November 1975. They are all buried in Brandon Hills Cemetery.

### HUNTER, DAVE, DOROTHY AND FAMILY

Dave and Dorothy Hunter and family: Keith, Donald, Lorne, Shirley and Glen, moved to the valley road farm 29-10-19 in May 1943, having purchased it from Mr. G.W. Marsden, who had bought it in 1900. According to municipal records in 1891, Section 29 was designated for a school. In 1892 Mr. A.E. Philps lived there and in 1897 Mr. Durnin occupied it for a while. In May, 1946 the adjoining SW $\frac{1}{4}$  28-10-19 was bought by Hunters from Dr. Manchester of Burnaby, B.C.



*Dave Hunter Farm, NE 29-10-19, Valley Road.*

The first summer they repaired the barn, but disaster struck on October 18, 1943 when it was destroyed by fire, taking with it the hay and bins of grain. Keith, Donald, and Lorne, had commenced school in the Hunter district, but now, including Shirley, they drove by horse and buggy or cutter to Bloomsbury, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles north. Later on, when Glen started school at Fleming, Dave drove them to Brandon schools. Finally the driving was taken over by the boys.

Keith attended university in Brandon and received his Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Education. He teaches in Virden Collegiate. He married Dorothy Backman of Virden, and she also taught there. They have three children — Douglas, Grant and Kristi Ann, all attending school.

Donald lives in Souris and works for Gulf Oil. He loves sports, played on the Clover Leafs Ball Team and coached the Souris Ball Team. He has three children — Brent, who works at Simplot Chemical Co., David and Shawna, who attend school.

Lorne farms in the Roseland district. He is married to Louise Simpson who is director of Senior Citizen activities at the Drop-In-Centre. They have two children — Jodee, attending Assiniboine Community College, and Dan in grade 12.

Shirley was employed in the Brandon Sun office and Imperial Oil Ltd. before becoming an airline stewardess with Air Canada. She married Alistair Macleod, a Detective Inspector on the O.P.P. and lives in Mississauga, Ontario. They have two sons — Scott and Kelly-Ryan, both attending

school.

Glen remained on the farm, married Mimi Howitt, and built a home in 1966. They have three children — Mark, attending university; Dean, employed at Simplot, and Jeff, at school.

Dave died in June 1969. Dorothy remained on the farm until 1976 when she rented her home and now resides at Scotia Towers in Brandon.

### **GLEN AND MIMI HUNTER**

In 1960 Glen Hunter began assisting his father Dave, with various duties connected with farming. Then in 1960 he married Mimi Howitt and took up residence with Glen's parents, Dave and Dorothy Hunter. On July 24, 1961 their first son, Mark Evan Hunter, was born. A year later, on October 22, 1962, another son, named after his father, Glen Dean Hunter, was born. A new house was built in 1966, about four hundred meters west of the original homestead. In the ensuing years, Glen began to purchase the farm from his parents. Several years later, in February 13, 1974, another son was born. He was named after one of his grandfathers, Jeff Kenneth Hunter.

Glen is at present a mixed grain farmer, having opted to get out of raising stock a number of years ago. Mimi has a full time job attending to the duties associated with the care and upbringing of three boys, plus Glen. Mark is enrolled in Brandon University, working towards a B.A. degree in Economics. Dean is now a class B operator for Simplot Chemical Company. Jeff is in grade two and is looking forward to entering grade three in the fall of 1982.

### **JAMES HUNTER**

James and Jane Hunter, together with their two year old daughter, Elizabeth "Bessie", emigrated to Canada in 1901. Arrangements had been made prior to their leaving Scotland to work for Mr. and Mrs. Matheson on a farm situated east of Forrest. Following the death of Mr. Matheson, James, Jane and Bessie moved into Brandon in 1904 and resided there for nine years. During this time Bessie took ill with diphtheria and died. Jean and Thomas were born but died in infancy. James was employed by the city works department and during his years with the City of Brandon, he helped to build First Street bridge. James Junior, Edith and Winnifred were born in Brandon.

In 1910 James went to work for the Canadian Pacific Railway "road gang" and in 1913 the family moved to Glen Souris to take up farming. Francis was born in 1917 while the family was living at Glen Souris just before they moved north to the Gorrie district. It was at this time the family entered into the dairy business "Sunnyside Dairy" and continued farming until 1947 when they retired to Brandon.

Both James and Jane are deceased.

James Junior married Gertrude Corbert and farmed south of the family dairy farm and it is now known as Macey's. They retired to Brandon in 1964. Gertrude died in 1970 and James resides 1 mile west of Brandon. Their children, Jean and Tom live in the Brandon area. Jean married Robert Taggart and they have lived in Brandon and Whitehead Municipality with their family of three. Richard married Margaret Weldon of Thunder Bay, Ontario. They have four children — Randy and David, (twins), Mark, and Meagan and they live in Brandon. Randall died as the result of a motor vehicle accident in 1969 at the age of 16. Lianne resides at home and is completing her education in Brandon. Tom married Valerie Fitzpatrick. They have two daughters — Tari and Janet and live in Chater. Their children attend school in Brandon.

Edith married William Baker and they reside at Fernie, B.C. They had three children: Donelda who married John Fleming and has two children — Carol and Brian; Robert, who is married and living in Edmonton, has one daughter — Jennifer; Linda died in 1981.

Winnifred married Allan Wilkinson and had five children — Ron, Ken, Joyce, Gail and Sandra. Both Winnifred and Allan are deceased. Ron and Chris live in Pipestone and have five children — Audrey, Bonnie, Dawn, Cindy and Lawrence. Ken and Beth live in Virden, Joyce resides in Lethbridge, Alta., Gail in Winnipeg and Sandra in B.C.

Frances married William Wilkinson and they farm in the Hart area, north of Carberry. They have two sons, Gordon who is married and living in the Hart area and Frank who is also married and living in the Hart area.

### **CECIL JOHN HURD**

Cecil Hurd was born in Rivers, in 1914, one of seven children born to Samuel and Kathleen Hurd. He made his home with the Hamptons from the age of eleven years, attending both Hayfield and Little Souris schools.

In 1952 he married Eileen Beach and lived on the East half of 3-9-19. Cecil was employed for several years at Brandon Body Works (MacArthurs) as a welder. He died suddenly of a heart attack in January 1968. Cecil served in the armed forces.

Cecil and Eileen had five children.

Ron married Barbara Criddle. They have three children — Barrie, Veronica, and Tanya, and live in Prince George, B.C.

James is employed by the City of Brandon. He made his home with Mary Hampton for several years and lives in Brandon.

Edward and his wife Judy (Laferday) and their two daughters, Stacey and Kimberley reside in Prince George, B.C.

Shirley works for Central Park Lodge. She and her son Michael live in Brandon.

Verna attends Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School and lives at home.

### EDWARD ALBERT HURLEY FAMILY

Edward Albert was the son of Hugh Hurley and Sarah Ann Sargent of West Frampton, Quebec, who had eleven children. Father died April 27, 1937 and had been born Feb. 26, 1866.

He left Quebec working in Michigan a while and then came westward via St. Paul, Minnesota. He travelled the steamers plying the Red River to Winnipeg. He met and travelled with W.S. Gooden who settled in Brandon and became a well known merchant. From that year, 1886, father and Mr. Gooden were friends and I still keep touch with his daughter Hazel.

Father worked in Minnedosa and Rapid City and then came to Chater where his older brother Henry was farming a ½ section of land. Father bought the land and uncle left for the U.S.A., studied and became a Baptist clergyman.

Father was baptized on June 5, 1885 in the First Baptist Church, Brandon, by pastor C.W. Jackson.

Over the years he had sisters Jennie, Carrie and May keep house for him until eager bachelors took them for marriage. Jennie and Carrie married brothers Joe and Stuart Smythe from Ontario, while May married James Moore. They all live near to each other.

Father met Mother, Sarah Louise Clay, formerly of Ashburn, Ontario, daughter of Henry Clay and Betsy Udy Bryant of Peach County, Ontario. Grandfather came to Manitoba in 1886 or thereabouts and settled in Glenboro, South Cypress. The family followed in 1891 and later moved to Brandon.

Mother was born Feb. 26, 1878, and was baptized in the First Baptist Church, Brandon and married at the residence of Rev. J. McLaurin, March 1, 1899.

Our parents had eight children, all are living. Mother died Feb. 4, 1937.

Clarence Albert was born April 30, 1900, joined the Air Force in WW I in 1917, worked in Ontario a while, returned home and worked for the railroads. He married Pearl Bertrand of Brandon, Jan. 27, 1927. They had three children with Gordon and Lois still living and both with families. Pearl and Clarence reside in Brandon.

Florence Mildred worked at Brandon Telephone office, married James Donaldson McGregor of Winnipeg on June 19, 1922. They had one daughter Joyce. Mildred and Jim moved to Vancouver, B.C., and Jim died Jan. 8, 1969. Mildred lives at Richmond, B.C.

Velma May Hurley went to Winnipeg in 1923

seeking employment, worked for T. Eaton Co., Hudson Bay Co., Lake of the Woods Milling Co., Ogilvie Mills Ltd. and also Manitoba Pool Elevators until retiring in 1965. She continues to live in Winnipeg.

Olive Ruth Hurley moved to Winnipeg in 1926 and in December married Jack Rolin and they travelled to Litte Falls, Minnesota, later to Minneapolis. They had two daughters Louise Florence and Shirley. They were divorced and Olive married Kenith Johnson of Minneapolis. They had a son Duane. They have resided in Canada since 1964 and are now living in White Rock, B.C.

Ella Mabel worked as a hair dresser in Brandon, met and married Edward Balmer, August 1936. They lived and worked in Brandon, had one son, Charles, who, with his family, lives in Winnipeg. Edward Balmer died May 12, 1965. Ella went to reside in Winnipeg in 1974 and enjoys being close to her family.

Ethel Phyllis worked at a Brandon Hospital for a while and then joined the Canadian Womens Air Force in 1941 thru to 1946, worked in Ottawa at the Canadian Bank Note Company until 1953 returning to Winnipeg to become a civil servant until her retirement. She continues to live in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Harry Edward remained on the home farm. Father had taken over another half section of land across the road, from a cousin William Kinney who had moved to Brookdale before the First World War. After Mother and Father's death in 1937, the farm was sold. Harry joined the Canadian Army in 1942 and also married Myrtle Smith. They have lived mostly at Selkirk, Man. where Harry was employed with the Rolling Mills. They have a daughter, Arlene and son Terrance, both married with families.

Doris Kathleen graduated from Brandon General Hospital in 1943, married Herbert Jones on his return from service overseas with the Canadian Army in 1945. They had three sons and lived in Brandon and Shilo until Herbert's death in May 20th, 1953. Doris and boys moved to Winnipeg. She is now working with the City of Winnipeg in a Health Dept. One son and family reside in Regina, the twins work and live in the city of Winnipeg.

Father served as a trustee on the Chater School Board and as a councilor of the municipality, a superintendent of the Sunday School and a friend to all in the community.

Mother made our home welcome to family and community and many knew her kindness and love, which she gave freely.

Father had a brother, Will, who farmed at Chater for a period and left to live and work in Saskatoon, Sask., in the early 1900's. Only a daughter, Agnes, is living, and she and her husband reside in Vancouver, B.C.

## JOHN AND JESSIE HUTCHINSON

My father, John Hutchinson was born in Michigan around 1866. He worked in the "lumber woods" in Michigan until sometime in his twenties, at which time he went to Gwelfph, Ont. He had an Uncle living there. He came to Manitoba about 1895. He and his cousin Ed. Hutchinson came out about the same time and worked on farms in this area. I can remember my father speaking very kindly about the Abeys at Douglas. I think he worked for them for a time. About 1900 they moved to farms north of Forrest.

My mother, Jessie Davis, was born in Ontario, about 1881. As a young child she and her family moved to Portage la Prairie. My father and mother were married around 1901. A daughter was born who died in infancy, and I, Wallace, was born in January, 1906.

About this time my father had rented the Tom Baker farm in Brandon Hills and this is the farm I was brought to in 1906, having been born in Portage two weeks before.

My parents, like so many others, were hard working people, and the ten years on the Baker farm were prosperous ones. However, we had to sell out in March, 1916, due to my father's health, and return to Michigan. On their return they bought a house in Brandon. The next six years father drove the Rural Mail on routes 3 and 4. He used a Model T in summer and horses in winter. About 1924 he bought the NE¼ 36-9-19, with the idea of retiring there eventually. However he passed away in 1929, at the age of 63, so their plans didn't work out. Mother lived in our Brandon home, till she passed away in 1950 at the age of 69.

For the past 13 years I have made my home at 36-9-19, so for the past 75 years my parents or myself had some connection with Cornwallis Municipality.

## JOHN AND ANNIE HUTTON

John and Annie Hutton married in Glasgow, Scotland, in June 1904, and set sail for Canada immediately. They came to Toronto where John worked as a construction worker. They remained in this vicinity for six years. Their oldest son, Robert, was born at Hamilton, Ont. in 1909.

The Huttons came west in 1910 to work in the harvest fields at Harry Gray's farm at Kenton, Manitoba. After harvest they came to Brandon and met J.D. McGregor of Glencarnock Farm, 33-9-19. Most of the buildings we see there today were constructed during the period of John Hutton's employment at Glencarnock Farm.

On leaving Glencarnock Farm the Huttons moved to Gowanlea, SE¼ 22-9-19. There, Robert attended Little Souris school. In 1918 they moved to NE¼ 20-9-19 for four years. Here their second son, John Jr. (Jack), was born in 1921.

In 1923 John and Annie moved to the present "Hutton Farm" NE½ 5-10-19. It was on this farm that John and Annie started in the milk business and managed their dairy herd for the rest of their lives. John was a livestock man. They attended Roseland Church, and the boys' hobbies were baseball and hockey.

John died in 1950 at the age of 72, and his wife Annie died in 1973 at the age of 87.

Robert, the eldest son of John and Annie Hutton, married Flora Russell in 1942. Flora lived in the Cornwallis district and started school at Cornwallis #187 before moving with her parents to Rivers.

Robert and Flora made their home on SE¼ 10-10-19. They moved to their present location S¼ 4-10-19 in 1959, having rented it from the Yachshyn family in 1954, and purchased it in 1956. Robert also owns NE¼ 13-10-20 in the Rural Municipality of Whitehead. In 1957, CKX bought 40 acres for the placement of the tower.

They have one son Murray, born in 1947. Murray attended Cornwallis School, and was always interested in sports. For a few years he coached the Cornwallis Boy's Ball Club. Murray farms with his Dad.

John Jr. (Jack) the second son of John and Annie Hutton, remained at home and worked the farm along with his parents, and after they passed away.

Jack attended Cornwallis School, and was a member of the Cornwallis Community Club for many years.

In 1971 he married (Mrs.) Edith Higgs of Wawanesa district. Jack and Edith square dance for recreation — something they have enjoyed for 15 years. They now reside in Brandon.

## ALBERT HYDE

Albert Hyde was born at Pratt, Manitoba, the youngest son of the late Henry and Ethel (Lee) Hyde. He came to Brandon to work in 1950 and in 1952 married Irene Carradice from Elkhorn, Manitoba. They made their home in Brandon until moving to Cornwallis district in 1977.

Albert started in the trucking business in 1953 and was later joined by his son, Gordon who was first a driver and later a partner in the business. Brenda also worked first as a driver and is presently the bookkeeper.

Three children were born to the Hydies: Gordon, born in 1956, now lives in Brandon; Brenda, born in 1958, married Michael Sharpe from Brockville, Ontario in 1981 and lives in Brandon; David, born in 1959, is employed with the C.P.R. and lives in Brandon.

Main hobbies of the Hyde family have been following and coaching ball and hockey as all members of the family participated in sports.



## **CHARLES IMLACH FAMILY**

Charles Grunhill Imlach was born in Huntley, Scotland, May 29, 1853. He learned the trade of a mason and immigrated to Canada as a young man. Elizabeth Sinclair was born in Ayr, County Waterloo, Ontario, April 11, 1861. They were married in Ayr, Ontario in the spring of 1877 and moved to the town of Brandon about 1895. For the first years he practiced his trade of masonry in Brandon, then bought the NW¼ of 17-10-18 from W.H. Bradford and operated the Grand Valley Dairy. Charles Imlach died suddenly on September 19, 1914, age 61 years. Following his death, Mrs. Imlach moved into Brandon and rented the farm. She sold it in 1934 to D.W. Mel.

The Imlachs had six children: Teenie Meldrum, born August 31, 1888 in Ayr, Ontario. She married Archibald Frederick Robins on May 19, 1913. (See A.F. Robins history).

Charles Wilson, born February 2, 1891 in Ayr, Ontario. He married Margaret Patterson who was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, January 27, 1893, in 1915. Six of their nine children were born in Brandon and the other three were born after they moved to Detroit, Michigan in 1926. Charlie died March 24, 1965. His widow, now 89 years old, lives in a nursing home in suburban Detroit.

Clarence Robert was born September 9, 1893 in Ayr, Ontario and was killed in a tragic accident in Brandon in 1901 at the age of eight years.

Mary Helen was born in Brandon September 1, 1897. She was married in Brandon on September 12, 1935, to William Calder who was born April 1, 1902 at West Lothian, Scotland. They had no family and Mary died March 18, 1978. Bill passed away just three weeks later on April 8th.

Lorne McGregor was born November 9, 1899. In 1924 he married Christina Ingles who was born in Scotland and came with her family to the Watrous, Saskatchewan district in 1915. Lorne and his wife farmed at Young, Sask., until they returned to Brandon in 1941. They had eight children. Lorne died November 27, 1967 and Chrissie, March 5, 1970.

Sinclair was born November 6, 1901. He moved to Chicago, Illinois, as a young man and married Irene MacAuley of Chicago. They had two sons. His second wife was Grace Bell. Sinclair died February 4, 1956 and Grace moved to California where she still resides.

## **W.C. (CHUCK) AND LILL JACKSON NW 28-10-19**

In 1966, Chuck and Lill Jackson, long-time residents of Brandon, moved to the Grand Valley district with their three children and resided there until the spring of 1981.

Their eldest daughter, Dianne, married Brian

Buchanan of Calgary, Alberta, in 1969. They now farm near Prince Albert, Sask., and have two children.

In 1967, Bob Jackson married Linda Baker of Brandon. They have one child and have farmed twelve miles south of Brandon for the past nine years.

Youngest daughter, Lynne, married in 1968. She and her husband, Gary Bartlett, farmed in the Brandon and Ninette areas. They now reside in the Grand Valley area.

Chuck and Lill owned the Brandon Hobby Craft Centre for twenty years, opening it in 1956, and selling it in 1976 in order to do some travelling. They moved back to Brandon and enjoyed their retired years until Chuck's death in December 1982.

## **R.L. JAMES FAMILY**

R.L. (Joe) James came to Chater from Rocanville in 1933. He married Iva Hodgkinson of Belmont in 1935. The following year they returned to Rocanville where their son Robert was born on Dec. 8, 1937 and their daughter Donna on May 11, 1946.

In 1947 they returned to Chater where they remained and were active in community activities until September of 1956.

They then moved to Surrey, B.C. where they built a home and Joe worked in a sheet metal shop in Burnaby. This had been his former trade. Joe retired in 1977 and they are both enjoying their retirement very much.

Their son Robert worked for Woodward's for 20 years and in 1980 with a partner opened a neighbourhood pub. In July 1961 he married Lynette Heselton of Moose Jaw an R.N. from Vancouver Hospital. They live in Surrey and have a son Christopher born in December 1969.

Donna received her education in Chater and Surrey and trained as a bookkeeper. In October 1969 she married Harvey Hoffman and they have two children — Tannis (March/71) and Trevor (Dec./73).

## **LESLIE JAMESON FAMILY E½ 7-9-19**

This property was originally known as the Woodhull homestead, as the north quarter section was homesteaded by Benjamin Woodhull, who sold it to Mr. McRoberts in the year 1902. His brother, Hugh McRoberts, rented the land for a few years preceeding 1922, which had been purchased by James Harris McKee. On November 1, 1922, Edwin Shield, his wife Mayne, Mrs. Jameson and her son Leslie, moved from Rapid City to rent the farm from Mr. Harris McKee, whose father was a founder of Brandon University.



*Leslie Jameson, 50th Anniversary; left to right, top — Ian and Margaret McTavish, Martha and Hugh Jameson, Aletha and Leslie Jameson.*

Leslie Jameson, along with his mother, came to Canada in 1914 from Whitley Bay, Northumberland, England. They settled in the Cardale district and in 1919 they moved to Rapid City, Manitoba. In 1925 Leslie assumed the rental responsibility and bought the farm from the Mutual Life Insurance Co. in 1944.

On January 1, 1929, Leslie married Aletha Gerrand of Miniota, Manitoba, a sister-in-law of Harris McKee. They were blessed with two children — Margaret and Hugh. Hugh took over the family farm in 1960.

Margaret of Winnipeg, received her elementary education at South Brandon School, high school in Brandon, and became a registered nurse. In October, 1957, Margaret married Ian McTavish and they have four children — Bruce, Blair, Graham, and Lorna.

Leslie Jameson was secretary-treasurer of South Brandon School for 23 years. He was 18 years on the beef ring, an elder of Little Souris Church for 35 consecutive years, and superintendent of the Sunday School for 20 years.

Aletha was a school teacher and taught in Hayfield School in 1924 where she boarded with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Alexander, and in Douglas School in 1926-27.

Leslie Jameson went into the Lay Ministry in 1960. They moved to Lauder, then Brookdale and Hamiota, where they are now retired.

### **HUGH JAMESON FAMILY**

Hugh Maurice Jameson is the only son of Leslie and Aletha Jameson. He and his family still reside in the house in which he was born. He was raised on the home farm and attended South Brandon School. He remembers either driving or riding a horse to school, and the race was on to see who had the fastest horse. They had many great

times attending social functions around the community. A group would get together and drive with a team of horses to Allan Bells to skate on the creek. On one such social function, one of the group won a box of apples, and it took a while to get home as they ate the apples on the way.

Hugh was an ardent 4-H member, being one of the first members of the South Brandon Beef Club. This was a rewarding project for him, as he won many public speaking and judging competitions. He was awarded a trip to the Toronto Royal and Minnesota, U.S.A. in 1955. He was a leader of the same beef club for a while, attended Agricultural School in Brandon, and one winter worked for the Health of Animals Brandon under Dr. Hugh Best and Dr. Herb Wyman.

On July 30, 1960, Hugh married Martha Klopman of Gladstone, Manitoba, sister of Mrs. Bill Fardoe (Ann). They were married at Little Souris Church, one of the last couples to be married in that church before it closed its doors. Rev. Ralph Donnelly officiated. The reception was held at the family farm.

Hugh and Martha bought a dairy herd from Mr. and Mrs. George Beach, consisting of twenty-two grade cows, eighteen of them milking. The barn was remodelled, milk house was built and they were in business. First the milk cans were cooled in a water trough then in a cooler. Walter Demanski and Hugh took day about hauling the cans of milk to Brandon.

For a few years Hugh and Martha rented the family farm from his father, then purchased the farm in 1964.

Hugh and Martha have four sons — Arnold Hugh, born in 1961; Keith Allister, born in 1963, Garth Allan born in 1966 and Robert Dale, born in 1968. As the boys grew the dairy herd increased and interest in registered and show cattle became greater. A new free stall barn with milking parlor was built in 1971.



*Award for 1975 Prov. Dairy Beautification Award, Martha and Hugh Jameson.*

The boys joined the Brandon 4-H Dairy Club. Keith won the provincial 4-H dairy show, with his calf, in 1974, with Arnold winning the provincial 4-H dairy showmanship in 1980. This sparked a greater interest in open showing and more registered animals. The herd is now over 90% registered — 50 milking cows.

In 1975 the Jameson family won the Dairy Farm Beautification award for Manitoba. The Jameson farm also held the Dairy Club's achievement days for a few years.

Hugh became an associate director of the Provincial Exhibition in 1972, a shareholder and director in 1975, and has worked his way up as second vice-president. He also holds the position of president of the Manitoba Holstein Association.

In 1979 Arnold graduated from Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School completing a course in mechanics. After helping at home for a while he rented land near Alexander, close to the hog operation farm, which was purchased in 1979, and he now resides there.

Keith graduated from Crocus Plains School in 1982, also completing a course in mechanics. He is working at home and enjoys doing mechanical work in his spare time.

Garth and Robert are still at school. All the boys have a great interest in carrying on the family farm.

### **JANUSH FAMILY**

The new girls came to Brandon Hills School in the fall of 1948. They only stayed a few months but have been remembered as "the two little girls with the long braids who walked all the way to school from Oscar Brandt's farm". The girls were Bernice and Marian Janush. Their mother had moved her young family from Nesbitt to the Brandt farm while her son, Joe, looked after Oscar's livestock and buildings while Oscar went south for the winter. Joe spent about five winters at Oscar's, going home to Nesbitt by horseback only about every other weekend.

Bernice, born in December of 1934, married John Boyko of Brandon and they have a daughter, Karen.

Marian, born in May of 1938, married Mike Bilyk and had three children, Barbara, Jeanette and Michael. Marian passed away on April 20, 1972.

Joe and his wife Phyllis live in Brandon and operate a farm at Nesbitt. They have three daughters, Joyce, Jo-Anne and Rhonda. Joe drives a bus for School Division 40.

### **IVOR JENKS FAMILY**

Ivor Jenks was born on June 15, 1935, the only son of Robert and Louise Jenks of Dauphin. In August of 1947, the family moved to Brandon where in 1950, Ivor took employment and is presently employed with the Brandon Sun. Doreen Ingle was born on January 29, 1937 to Herbert and Alice Ingle of Brandon. Doreen and Ivor were married on August 3, 1957 and have three children — Carolyn, Judy and Norman.

Carolyn was born September 15, 1958. On October 11, 1980 she married Murray McCrindle who was born July 20, 1959.

Judy was born on December 4, 1959. She married David Little, born May 24, 1959, on June 2, 1979. They have two children — Kelly, born on September 17, 1979 and Steven, born April 6, 1981.

Norman was born on July 26, 1961. He married Iva Lorie, born November 27, 1962, on August 28, 1982.

The Ivor Jenks family moved from their home in Brandon to SE 6-10-18 in September of 1973. They have been active in community broomball for several years and enjoy the country life.

### **CHESTER JOHNSTON FAMILY**

Chester Irwin Johnston, son of H.W. and Barbara Johnston, was born at Carnduff, Sask. in 1888. He was three weeks old when the family moved back to Manitoba. The story is told of how Grandpa Nelson made the long trip with horse and buggy from Chater to Carnduff to bring Barbara and the baby back to Manitoba. The rest of the family followed by team and wagon. As a young man Chester farmed north of High Bluff, Manitoba where he met and married Mary Pauline Threadkill, in 1912.

In 1914 they moved back to Chater to the Johnston farm where they lived until shortly before Chester's death on Dec. 31, 1960.

Chester was very active in church and community affairs, and was Insurance Agent for the Wawanesa Ins. Co. for many years. In his earlier years he was active in the local farm groups, and as Sec. Treas. brought many cars of coal and twine into the Chater area. He was also a very enthusiastic debator, and with Harold Crawford made an excellent team.

Mary was always a gracious hostess who loved company. She could serve a meal fit for a king, even in minutes, to unexpected visitors. She is now in her 88th year and living happily in a nursing home in Brandon.

The Johnstons had two children — Doris (Mrs. Dick Reed) who lives in Chater and Harvey William of Toronto. They both received their education at Clinton School, Doris went on into music which she still enjoys, and Harvey graduated from Brandon

College, University of Sask., and after teaching for several years joined the Dept. of Transport in 1942 to become a Meteorologist. While serving there he was commissioned to compile the weather book for the Air Force Weather Days. For his work during the war years he was made a Fellow of the Royal Meteorologist Society of London, England. Harvey is retired and lives in Toronto.

### LEONARD DOUGLAS JOHNSON

Leonard Douglas Johnson was born at Silver Park, Saskatchewan, June 1st, 1925. At the age of 22 years he came to Camp Shilo (now C.F.B. Shilo) March 19th, 1947. In 1950 he married Marion Victor of Brandon.

Five children were born to them. Diane Louise was born in Toronto, 1956. Three children were born at Fort Churchill — Elizabeth Mae in 1958, Douglas Martin in 1960 and Norma Patricia in 1961. By 1962, they had moved to Chilliwack, B.C. and a little girl, Dorothy Ann was born there.

In 1973 Leonard purchased 40 acres of land NW 16-10-17 near Shilo and moved the family out there in 1974.

Norma and Dorothy attended school in Douglas, before going on to Elton Collegiate. All three graduated from there.

Diane and Elizabeth graduated from Princess Elizabeth High School at C.F.B. Shilo. Diane later graduated from Lethbridge Community College with a certificate in Conservation and is now with Manitoba Parks as a Conservation Officer.

Elizabeth graduated with a B.A. from Brandon University, majoring in psychology.

Douglas graduated with a B. Sc. from Brandon University, majoring in geography.

Norma and Dorothy are employed with D.N.D. in C.F.B. Shilo.

In 1981 Norma became engaged to David Lee Bullee and they were married in St. Barbara's Chapel in Shilo on September 5th, 1981.

All the children resided at the home property before their various occupations took them to other localities, namely, Dauphin, Saskatoon, Shilo and Brandon.

### RICHARD JOHNSON FAMILY

Mr. Richard Johnson and family arrived from England, via the United States, in the early 1880's. In 1884 it appears he purchased SE 29-10-18 from Mr. J.H. Stewart, and that remained the family home until 1977. Mr. Johnson bought a good deal more land adjacent to the home site.

With Richard Johnson came six sons and one daughter. Two sons, Charlie and Bert, went to the United States, possibly San Francisco. When nothing was ever heard from them, Mr. Johnson assumed they had been killed in the San Francisco

earthquake.

The others were Owen, who died when he was very young, Alfred, Ernest, Harry and Alice. The three brothers acquired land near Carnegie and Alice kept house for them until she married. They were good farmers and neighbors. The Johnson brothers owned a large steam threshing outfit with which they threshed the crops on a good many neighboring farms.

Alfred did not marry, Ernest married late in life and Harry married a widow, Mrs. Watt, who had three children. Mr. and Mrs. Watt had operated the Carnegie store and post office, and Harry continued in this business with his wife.

Alice married John Miller. They had two daughters — Olive and Verda, and one son, Irwin, who was killed in the First World War. Verda, the only remaining member of the family around Brandon, married Roy Topham of Kemnay, now deceased.

Richard Johnson married again and there were four children in the second family: Hettie, born in 1884; Percy, born in 1885; Mabel, born in 1886 and Stacey, born in 1892. Richard Johnson died in 1931 and his second wife, Annie, in 1932.

Hettie married John Blogg in 1922. He was a fireman and later on an engineer on the C.P.R. Hettie died in 1950 and her husband several years later. They had no family. None of the others in the family married. Percy remained on the valley farm until his death in 1953. Stacey saw action in the war of 1914-18 and the effect of the war made him somewhat a recluse. He died in 1978. Mabel was a teacher. The family attended Grand Valley School and it was the first school where Mabel taught. She also taught at Orange Hall, south of Justice and also at Chater.

Mabel Johnson believed in extending the pupil's interest beyond the classroom. While at Grand Valley, she took the students to the top of Grand Valley hill to see the soldiers of the "Dragoons" practising their manoeuvres; all the pupils participated in field days, and her Christmas concerts were the highlight of the school year. Mabel left her teaching career to help at home — probably when war broke out in 1914. In the '20's she became active in the United Farm Women's Organization and became a member of the Provincial Board.

After Percy's death, Mabel and Stacey remained on the farm until 1977. Mabel always kept vitally interested in world affairs and cultivated a beautiful flower garden. The Johnsons were members and regular attendants of St. Matthew's Cathedral in Brandon. Mabel died in 1979. She will be remembered by many for the untold acts of kindness which she, in her quiet way, performed for the sick and needy.

Submitted by Isabelle Heeney

## **WILLIAM JOHNSTON FAMILY**

On July 16, 1879, William Johnston, his wife Mary (Bates) and their six children, arrived at Brandon Hills from Iroquois, Ontario, accompanied by some members of the Doran family. They arrived by train at St. Boniface as the railroad had not yet reached Winnipeg. With horses and wagons, they set out travelling south-west toward Wakopa near the Turtle Mountains where they camped for a few days to look for a suitable location; but not satisfied with the land, they started out for Rapid City, travelling by compass and with some directions from a half-breed trader.

Crossing the Souris River was not easy. High from heavy rains, it was impossible to cross with wagon and horses, so they crossed by raft, making several trips back and forth before the family, their belongings and the wagons were safely across. The horses swam the river guided by one of the settlers astride a swimming horse.

Travelling towards the Brandon Hills, they happened to meet Rev. George Roddick who had settled there that spring. He advised them to go no further, that the land here was good, with plenty of wood and good water.

The Johnstons settled on 21-9-18 and lived in their covered wagon until logs were cut and a cabin built. On October 2, 1879 they moved into their new home.

It was too late that year to plant potatoes and they had no milk or eggs. Flour had to be purchased at Grand Valley and in the fall, trips were made to Portage la Prairie for supplies and to pick up their belongings which had come that far by steamer on the river.

Members of the Johnston family who came west with their parents were: Albert, William, Bessie, Ida, Robert and George. Melville was born at Brandon Hills in 1882.

During the Black Diphtheria epidemic in 1884, the youngest and the eldest of the children died in the period of one week.

For many years, the Johnstons ran a stopping house, providing meals and lodging to farmers hauling grain into Brandon from farther south.

The following is the story of William and Mary's seven children:

Albert died on December 27, 1884 at the age of 19 years and 19 days.

William left home at an early age; presumably he went to the Yukon to prospect for gold.

Bessie married Robert Roddick. (See Robert Roddick history).

Ida married John Roddick. (See John Roddick history.)

Robert married Alice Power of the Zion district. They farmed there a few years before moving to the Hayfield and Beresford districts. Robert and Alice had four sons and two daughters

— Campbell, Gordon, Clifford, Lloyd, Marjorie and Beatrice.

Campbell, in the farm implement and auctioneer business at Carman, married Edna Morrison, and they had four sons — Murray, Glen, Robert and James. Glen was killed in an airplane accident and is buried at Carman.

Gordon married Jessie Hasiuk and they had two daughters — Elizabeth and Dianne. Gordon and Jessie retired to Brandon and Gordon passed away in 1982.

Clifford farms in the Souris district, he married Jean Douglas and they have a daughter and two sons — Carol, Garth and Shane.

Lloyd enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in 1941 and was killed in active service in 1944.

Marjorie married Walter Anderson and has a daughter Margot. Marjorie and Walter are retired and live in Brandon.

Beatrice married Thomas Carr, they are retired and live in Brandon.

George continued with the family farm after his father's death in 1900. Mrs. Johnston remained on the farm. George and his wife Anne had a family of four: Gordon, Albert, Elizabeth and Mary. Later they moved to Hilton and Nesbitt.

Melville passed away on December 20, 1884 at the age of 2 years and 9 months.

William and Mary Johnston, and sons Albert and Melville are buried in the Brandon Hills Cemetery. Robert and Alice Johnston are buried in the Brandon Cemetery.

## **EVAN AND LYNDA JONES**

Evan Jones and Lynda Lane grew up and went to high school at St. Francois Xavier, Manitoba. They were married in St. Ignatius Church in Winnipeg on November 26th, 1960. They moved to Churchill, Manitoba in 1964 and to Brandon in 1971, moving to the Marian McRae farm in June 1980 and then to Mary McCombs farm in July 1982. They have seven children — Brad, Kim, Rod, Kevin, Shelton, Tara, and Melanie. Evan is a power engineer for Burns Meats in Brandon.

## **WALTER JONES FAMILY**

Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Jones moved to the municipality of Cornwallis in 1965 when they were married. Ruth, nee Hauser, nursed until 1968 when their son, Marc Paul, was born. In 1970 they bought land in SE¼ of 27-9-19 where they built a new home, shop and greenhouse. Ruth operated a commercial greenhouse and Walter established and operated Westman Building Movers. He later sold the business and is presently employed with Simplot Chemical Co. as a heavy equipment and crane operator. Marc is in Grade IX and attends Earl Oxford Jr. High School in Brandon.



## KAIN FAMILY

Wilford John Kain was born September 21, 1928, only son and youngest child of Wilford (Wit) Stephenson Kain and Mary McKenzie (Morrice) Kain of Peninsula District, south of Melita, Manitoba.

In 1934, the family moved to Eriksdale, Manitoba, in the Interlake area, eighty miles north of Winnipeg.

John Kain received all of his education, with the exception of one year, at LaFontaine School in the Interlake area.

In 1944 the Kain family — Wit, Mary and son John, moved to Chater, Manitoba to E $\frac{1}{2}$  27-10-18, just south of the village. Their daughters, Margaret Anne, born October 12, 1913, and Henrietta Jean, born December 16, 1916, at Melita, had left home to work in Winnipeg following the move to Eriksdale. Jean also worked in Brandon for a time at Doig's Store. Later she and another lady were in partnership in a hat and dress shop on 10th Street for about two years. In 1945, Margaret was transferred to Vancouver by Great West Life Assurance Co. John attended Brandon Collegiate Institute for one year.

In 1949 the Kain family began shipping bulk milk to Brandon Poultry and Dairy Co-op (Manco). This began many years of dairy farming. John spent as much time as this would allow at his favorite pastime, playing and pitching baseball. The dairy operation was sold in 1972 and the Kain family carried on with grain and beef farming.

In 1953, John Kain and Helen Mae Brown, only daughter of Stanley A. Brown and Jessie (Waterman) Brown of the Lily District, south of Souris, married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Basil Hillis of North Brandon. Helen had taught at Powerville and Harrow Schools in that area.

John and Helen have two daughters — Debra Mary, born June 1, 1958 and Leah Mae, born July 30, 1958. Both attended Chater School until it closed and then Forrest Elementary and Elton High School. Both attended Brandon University, Debra graduating with a Bachelor of Education degree and Leah with Bachelor of Science.

Leah and Patrick Bruce Donnelly of Brandon were married June 5, 1981. Patrick attended Brandon University and the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, N.D., graduating with a Master's degree in Cartography in August, 1982.

Leah worked as a supervisor in the Veterinary Research Laboratory there. They are now residing in Thompson, Manitoba, where Patrick is employed as assistant planner.

Debra and Allan Glenn Chapman of Brandon were married November 19, 1982, and are presently residing in Minnedosa, Manitoba, where Debra is employed as recreation director. Allan is an agent with Sun Life of Canada and works out of the

Brandon office.

Wilford (Wit) Stephenson Kain passed away in 1961 and Mary McKenzie (Morrice) Kain in 1973. Both were laid to rest in Chater Cemetery.

John Kain's sisters, Margaret Anne (Kain) Burrow passed away December, 1982 and is buried at Burnaby, B.C. She is survived by her husband, Thomas Burrow of Burnaby, B.C. and her brother John and his family.

Henrietta Jean (Kain) Bitner passed away in May, 1979 and is buried at Bellevue, Washington, U.S.A. She is survived by her husband William H. Bitner of Bellevue, Washington and her brother John and his family.



*From left to right; back row — Mrs. George Keeble, Dorothy, Katie and George Keeble; front row — Amy (May), Harriett and John.*

## KEEBLE HISTORY

This is a brief history of one of the earliest settlers in the Gorrie district, George Keeble, his wife Sarah and their children.

George Keeble arrived in Brandon in the spring of 1882, and Sarah Rafferty later the same year. They had known one another in England, in fact they were engaged to be married. Sarah Rafferty came to Canada with Mr. and Mrs. Clementi Smith as nurse to their infant son.

St. Matthew's Church was just being built, and George Keeble and Sarah Rafferty were the first ones to be married in it on Christmas day 1882. Christmas day was also Sarah's birthday.

George was soon settled on his homestead, east of Brandon, 10-10-18, where he remained the rest of his life. George and Sarah raised a family of four girls and one son John. The girls were Kathleen, Dorothy, Amy and Harriet. All five attended Gorrie School. In due time the girls married and went to different parts of Canada, but John chose to stay and farm with his dad. At one time they had a dairy herd of Ayrshires and showed them at the summer fair where George took many ribbons, but when World War I came along he sold the herd and went into grain farming and a lot of market garden produce.

In 1923 John married me, a girl from a nearby farm, my name was Doris Hedley. We lived along the river just a mile north of the Keeble farm. I took my grade eight at Gorrie with Blanche Baker and Alice Cassan in my class and our teacher was Miss Bergson.

John had bought a farm, 15-10-18, near to his dad's, a very pretty farm with beautiful trees and the river ran along two sides of it. We had only been married a few years when the depression hit, dry arid years that wouldn't grow crops, garden or feed. John had to go down to the spruce bush to put up slough hay to keep our animals alive, and there was very little money, just what we got for the cream from three cows, but somehow we managed to be happy.

John would always make a nice rink on the river and all the neighbors and their children would come and skate and play hockey. Perhaps it was because there was no money to spend that we all got together and made our own fun but there seemed to be more community spirit in those days. Every once in a while we would all get together in someone's home and have a good dance, young and old together right down to the babies.

No one had cars, they had all been turned into Bennet buggies, so we didn't go tearing off to town every night. Many an evening was spent listening to the radio, and they were enjoyable programs, such as Amos & Andy, Jack Benny, Fibber Magee & Molly, and Bing Crosby and always hockey on Saturday nights.

By 1935 we had four sons — Bob, Don, Mark and Mel.

Bob married a Brandon girl, Carol Niles and they have lived in Brandon since, except for a short time on 15-10-18, at which time their son Ken attended Gorrie School. Bob is now a conductor on the C.P.R.

Don married Dorothy Greenwood from Treherne; for the past several years they have lived in Orreville, California where Don is a contractor and cabinet maker.

Mark married a Calgary girl, Gladys Costigan and they live in Calgary. Mark is Assistant General Manager of Lioga Signs Ltd..

Mel married Bernice Acktymachuk of Yorkton, Saskatchewan and for many years they have been full time ministers with Jehovah's Witnesses. For a few years they were missionaries in Thailand, Asia, but now they are serving in the Yorkton district.

Sarah Keeble died in 1936 and George in 1949. John passed away after a long illness on December 9, 1974 and life has never been the same for me, but I do have my sons who are very good to me. Also I still have the farms which I lease out.

It is now a century since Grandpa and Grandma Keeble first came to the Gorrie district, three generations of young people bearing the name Keeble were educated at Gorrie School.

I look back to those days with pleasure, the school concerts, and summer picnics, and the children's excitement over those occasions. They were the happy years!

### **BERNARD KEHLER FAMILY**

We purchased seven acres of the Bob Leslie homestead from Stan Gill in 1974. There were no buildings on the property at the time. In 1976, we had a house built on the former barn site, and moved into it on December 23, 1976.

At the time only our daughter, Deanna, lived with us, attending Elton Collegiate, Forrest. She now lives and works in Brandon. We have two sons. Elwood, the eldest is married to Nancy Servante from Birnie, Manitoba, and they have three sons — Robin, Drew and Monte. They live in Brandon. Sheldon married Gwen Eichhorst from Yorkton, Saskatchewan, and they live in Winnipeg.

Ben was born in south-eastern Manitoba and took his schooling in Morden. Martha Steele was born in Manor, Saskatchewan, and at the age of four, moved to Manitoba, going to school near Beresford, Kemnay and Harding. Later she moved to Brandon in 1949 and Ben in 1950, and they were married in Brandon in 1951.

Ben operated a radio and TV sales and service business, along with public address installations, sales and rentals from 1965 to 1975, at which time he sold the TV business, retaining only the "sound" part of the business, in which he now specializes. Martha has been secretary and bookkeeper through these years, and continues to do the same.

### **KELLY FAMILY**

On a small farm, half a mile west of Chater NW 27-10-18 live Ken, Florence and children: Howard, Susan, Dennis and Brenda.

Ken, the fourth son of Doris and Howard Kelly of Onanole, Manitoba, has five brothers and three sisters. This implies that he came from a fairly large family of nine.

Florence the eldest daughter of Harold and

Dorothy Stiles has two brothers and one sister. She grew up on a farm in the Cardale, Manitoba district. The family still runs the Circle S Riding Academy at Clear Lake during the summer months. In 1960 they left Cardale for Brandon and they run the academy from there.

Ken and Florence were married on September 3, 1960 in the First United Church in Brandon. Ken worked for Commonwealth Construction of Winnipeg for five years.

In 1970 he and Dennis Stiles formed a trucking business in the Brandon area, known as Stiles and Kelly Transfer.

Ken and Florence resided on 17th. St. East in Brandon, Manitoba for thirteen years, moving to Chater in October of 1978.

Submitted by Brenda Kelly

### ALEXANDER KENNEDY FAMILY

Alexander (Sandy) Kennedy came west to Brandon Hills from Ontario via southern Manitoba. He was a carpenter by trade.

His wife, the former Christina McLean, came to Brandon Hills as an eleven-year-old with her parents from the Isle of Tiree, Scotland. (See Lachlan McLean history).

The Kennedys had a home built by Sandy himself and by Wes Stewart on Christina's father's property, the SW¼ 19-9-18.

Sandy and Christina had a family of nine children. All of them attended Brandon Hills School.

Lachlan married Ethel Gerry. They raised four children — Walter, Marjorie, Doris and Jean. Lachlan was very talented in carpentry and wood lathe work. He passed away in 1946 and Ethel passed away in 1982.

Bella married Joseph McRae. They farmed south of Brandon on the W½ 25-9-19 until about 1920 at which time they moved to Roblin, Manitoba. Their children were Clifford, Albert and Jean; she is now deceased. The family and home were Bella's life. Joseph died in 1963 and Bella in 1967.

Ann, who was born in 1889, married Wellington Mortson. They had three children — Elmer, Evelyn and Gordon. They farmed for many years at Fairlight, Saskatchewan. After Wellington's death, Ann moved to Vancouver where her favorite pastime of sewing earned her a comfortable living. She married Frederick Baker in 1967. Ann passed away July 1980 and Fred passed away March 1982 in his 96th year.

Flora (Doodie) was born in 1892 and married Robert Gamble. They had one son, Wilfred, who is now deceased. They made their home in Brandon where Bob ran a barber shop on Rosser Avenue. They derived much pleasure from their vegetable

and flower garden. Robert died in 1955 and Flora in 1957.

Effie married Lloyd Burroughs and lived in Detroit, Michigan. They had one daughter, Virginia. Lloyd passed away some time ago.

Hughie served overseas with the Canadian Army during both World Wars. He married a teacher from Ontario and had two children — Jack and Kathleen. They made their home in Kelowna. Hugh passed away a few years ago.

Jack, born in 1900, worked on a fruit farm in the Kelowna area. He never married and is now deceased.

Jessie married William Teeple who drove a transport truck for MacArthur and Son in Brandon. They later moved to Winnipeg where he was employed in the same work. They had three children — Jean, June and William. Jessie resided in Vancouver for the last few years and passed away in October, 1978.

Donald died in infancy and is buried in Brandon Hills Cemetery.

Mrs. Kennedy died in 1916.

### JACK KENT FAMILY

Jack Kent was born in Chesley District near Nesbitt in 1892. He married the former May Patterson in 1917. They farmed at Unity, Sask., where their three sons Bruce, Lloyd and Allen, were born. In 1931 they moved to the Chesley District to the Wes Smith farm where Jack had been raised. His wife, May, died in July 1936.

In the fall of 1936, a wooded acreage located by the Assiniboine River in Cornwallis Municipality, was purchased, and it was here in 1937 that Jack and his three sons established their home and future business.

The winters were spent cutting and hauling wood to Brandon where it sold anywhere from \$5.00 to \$7.00 a cord. Tamarack fence posts were cut and sold in the South Western part of Manitoba. In the fall they hauled grain in the Nesbitt-Rounthwaite area.

The first municipal gravel loading was done by horses, later on a small crawler tractor was purchased for this purpose. As more equipment was obtained they were soon operating in many areas in South Western Manitoba. In 1948 the gravelling business was dropped in favor of road building and it was at this time that Lloyd moved to Winnipeg. For quite a number of years they built both municipal and provincial roads in much the same area as the gravelling. In addition they did land clearing and breaking in North Central Manitoba and Eastern Saskatchewan. Later on asphalt paving was added and the whole operation was located in Brandon.

Jack was elected to the R.M. of Cornwallis Council and served in Ward I from 1939-1955. He

was always keenly interested in all affairs of the community, a great lover of wild life, and enjoyed hunting and all types of sports. He died on November 29, 1966. He is survived by his three sons.

Bruce married the former Ruth Scott of Rocanville, Sask. They had one son Scott, deceased in 1971, and one daughter, Carole.

Lloyd, who served in the Air Force from 1941 - 1945, married the former Eileen Mollard of Stonewall, Manitoba. They have two sons — Gary and Bryon.

Allen married the former Irene Mossop of Miniota, Manitoba. They have one son — Robert.

### ANDREW KIDD

Near the hamlet of Lakelet, Bruce County, on the shores of Lake Huron, the Andrew Kidd family had its beginning around 1850. Andrew was married to Ruth Hobbs and their children were: William, Jane, George, Emily, John, Andrew, Mary Anne, Thomas and Wesley.

Wesley Kidd was born in 1867. When he was fifteen, and after his father had died, he left Ontario with his mother, brothers and sisters for Manitoba. They went to Minneapolis by train and then up the Red River by boat to Winnipeg, arriving in 1882.

George farmed at Roseland and Thomas farmed near Hayfield.

Andrew (Andy) and Wesley took up farming in the rural municipality of Cornwallis, on sections 31 and 30 in the township 9. Wesley also bought a parcel of land adjoining his on section 19. William McKelvie owned land on this section too, and these two neighbors remained staunch friends.

Andy Kidd remained unmarried. He had built a fine home on his land, but ill health prevented him from living there all the time. He died in 1916 and the land went into an estate. Wesley mortgaged his farm to buy it. This was in 1918, when the Wesley Kidd family moved the short distance to the east half of 31, now occupied by Jim Brown. By the early 1920's due to financial stress, Wesley was forced to move back to the old homestead. The Pachal family live on this farm now.

Children born to Wesley and Elvin (Bateman) Kidd were: Hilliard, Winnifred, Thelma, James, Stewart and Wilkison. They attended Roseland school, a distance of two miles. The usual conveyance was a horse and buggy in summer. The boys had a competition going; to be the first out of the school yard. Younger ones had to be ready to jump into the buggy. It was a wild and exciting game, but it remains a mystery how no child was hurt.

The Great Northern Railroad passed through our farm, and when it was necessary to walk it provided good walking for one mile. The boys often

rode a mare 'Rose' along the tracks at full gallop.

Wesley died in 1933 and Mrs. Kidd, Jim, Stewart and Wilkie moved to Brandon about 1935, where Mrs. Kidd died in 1974.

Of the immediate descendants of the Ontario Kidd family five remain; Lillian Brown, daughter of James Kidd, Laura Kidd daughter of Thomas Kidd, Thelma Weidman, James, Stewart, children of Wesley Kidd.

Hilliard died in 1947 at the age of 37, while living at Dauphin, Winnie died in 1968. She was married to Everett Lundy, formerly of Alexander. Wilkie died in 1964. His son lives in Brandon.

Jim, a brakeman — conductor for the C.P.R., retired in 1977. He and his wife, Nita, reside in Brandon.

Stewart has retired from the Souris Fields of Coal Mining, where he operated a massive drag line. He lives with his wife, Rose, in Bienfait, Sask.

Thelma, a teacher, until her marriage in 1942 to Fred Weidman, has lived at Starbuck. Widowed in 1974, she lives with her youngest son, Alvin, on a farm.

### TENA AND HAROLD KILMURY

In 1928 my mother, Wietske Vanderzee, came from the Netherlands with her widowed father and younger brother. Her older sister was already married and living near Ashern, Manitoba and had arranged a place for her re-united family to live in. Wietske found work as a "mother's helper" with a German family and learned to speak English. In 1930 she met and married Martin James Kenny, the son of an Irish father and English mother. They farmed in the Ashern area for many years and during the "dirty 30's" things were pretty tough. Dad cut cordwood every winter and hauled it by horse and wagon into town to pay for groceries and other necessities.

Even though we had none of today's luxuries, we had a very happy childhood. Mother was an excellent cook and canned and stored vegetables from the garden to last through each winter. The food was plain and basic, but she saw to it that we never went hungry. She also sewed and knitted everything we wore.

Winnie, as she wanted to be called, now that she was a Canadian, and Martin raised four children. When Tena, Lily and Martin were born, our father's mother and older sister came to stay and help out. They were strait-laced little English ladies in black dresses with white aprons and although they seemed stern they were much loved by us. After Martin was born and before Aneta came along, Winnie had two more pregnancies that resulted in still-born babies, both girls. After the last one, her doctor advised her not to have any more children, but several years later she gave birth to

her last child, Aneta. A couple of years later, Martin moved his family to a larger farm near Eriksdale, Manitoba and here we lived until 1954.

In the summer of 1954 our whole family moved to Brandon where Tena and Lily had been working for a year in what was then called "Barney's Grill" attached to the Greyhound Bus Depot. Dad found work with the Brown Steel Co. and Martin did radio and T.V. repairs while taking an electronics course by correspondence.

In June of 1957 Tena and Lily married Harold and Ernie Kilmury in a double wedding. Born in the Elgin area, and deserted by their mother at an early age, the Kilmury brothers were taken in and raised by an aunt and uncle on whose farm they worked until their mid-teens. Both boys travelled across the country working at diverse jobs in many different places before they joined MacArthur's trucking firm and settled down in Brandon. MacArthur's became Motorways and in December 1981 both men were honored in Winnipeg at a banquet with pins for 25 years of service with the company.

After their marriage both couples lived together in a house the brothers had built in the 900 block on Dennis Street. When the babies began arriving the house became too small and Tena and Harold moved in with Winnie in the house on Fifth Street, as she was now widowed. In March 1958 our father was killed in a truck-bicycle accident while returning home from work at night. The following year, in August, our brother Martin drowned in the Assiniboine River while on a family picnic. This double shock ruined Winnie's health and she was plagued with a weak heart and related problems until she died of a heart attack in 1971.

In the meantime, both couples had built new houses across the street from each other in the 1100 block of Dennis Street. Aneta graduated from Grade 12 at Harrison High School and went to work for Donovan, Stone & Co. as a secretary. In 1975 the company merged with Dunwoody & Company and she continued to work for them for seven more years.

In 1971 Ernie and Lily bought 10 acres of land and built a house in the country. Tena and Harold followed in July 1972, building on a five acre lot just a quarter mile up the road. This was grain land and they planted shelter belts and landscaped their properties.

Ernie and Lily have four children — Tim, Ken, Mark and Rachel.

Tena and Harold have three children — Dan, Martha and Miriam. All the children were educated in the Brandon School system.

In September, 1982, Aneta Kenny, who lives in a basement suite in Harold and Tena's house, left Dunwoody & Company to become a Supervisor-Clerk-Typist for the Brandon City Police Department.

## ARDEN KING FAMILY

Mary Hazelwood taught at Brandon Hills School from September, 1936 to June, 1938. Shortly after this she and Arden King were married. They came to farm on W½ of 30-9-17. Early in the 1940's Mary taught at Glen Souris School. In the 1950's they moved to Brandon where Arden worked for Canadian Motors for some years, and later they moved to B.C. Both Arden and Mary are deceased.

Submitted by Eileen R. Mainland (Prowse)

## JOHN KINNEY FAMILY

John Kinney emigrated to Canada from Ireland in 1848 at the same time as Elizabeth Pollock whom he later married. They lived at Drummondville, now called Niagara Falls, where their house still stands. They had three boys — Andrew, William and David and one adopted daughter Emily. John came west in 1882, early in the spring, and chose a homestead about 12 miles east of Brandon in the Chater area.

He built a house 20'x22' with 12' studding, a cottage roof and no ceiling. The roof always leaked! There was no chimney — just stovepipes! The walls were bare studding with one layer of siding on the outside. The siding shrunk and it was possible to look through the cracks and see the snow drifting. The only heat was from the cookstove.

John left to return to Ontario just before Christmas of the same year. While passing through Winnipeg he stopped to do some carpentry work, developed typhoid fever and died in a hotel in Winnipeg on Jan. 2, 1883, being buried at St. John's cemetery.

Mrs. Kinney and her family came out to the homestead in the early part of March 1883, and lived there without any improvements for the first winter. The three boys lived with their mother and farmed until each got land of his own. Andrew bought land near the homestead, farming until he moved with his family to Edmonton in 1903 where he lived until his death.

David lived with his mother and farmed until her death in 1901, later going to Winnipeg to work in the Union Stockyards until his retirement when he moved to Vancouver to live. He died in November 1968, at the age of 89 years. His family Mae and Aylmer (?) live in Vancouver.

William bought land 2½ miles S.E. of Chater. He married Clara Lawrence in Nov. 1898. Clara's family also were early pioneers, coming from Toronto in 1883. Mrs. Kinney recalls at the age of six, coming with her family by train to Owen Sound. The boat, the "S.S. Magnet" on which they were to travel across Lake Superior had been assumed lost while on a picnic and delayed their crossing several



days. From there they came by rail to Brandon. She recalls that when she arrived at Brandon they were digging the basement for the gaol.

They arrived at their sod roofed shanty at Aweme, which was about 28 miles south of Brandon on August 12, 1883.

During the first winter the only livestock on the farm was a yoke of oxen. They had no milk for the first three years and the family was raised on a diet of bread, molasses and cracked wheat flour, along with what wild meat they could get, such as rabbit and prairie chicken. These were procured by means of snaring and a single barrel shotgun. Wild fruit was quite plentiful but they had no way of preserving it.

In the first three years their only means of telling time was by the sun, as the clock they had brought with them from Ontario was broken en route. Calendars were nonexistent and Mrs. Kinney recalled a neighbour coming over to their farm and suggested to her father that he was working on Sunday. He was grateful to the neighbour for checking up on him, for in those days no work was done on Sunday.

Mrs. Kinney remembers that their only treat on the first Christmas was two apples divided between three children. Her mother had made a little mincemeat out of a few apples she had but saved these two. She cut a slice off each one and tied the two pieces together for the smallest child. She hung them by string from the ceiling.

The ploughing of fire-guards was a common practise in these days. Mrs. Kinney recalls her father getting up in the night and seeing a wall of fire advancing toward them, hitched up the oxen to the plough to widen and strengthen the existing fire-guard around the house. This along with a change of wind, saved the family from being wiped out.

Mrs. Kinney recalled her mother baking bread when two Indians dressed in blankets, propped their guns against the sod roofed shanty, entered the house, making signs they wanted the bread. This was at the time of the Riel rebellion. She recalled that Mr. Criddle wanted the neighbours to build a fort around his house, which was on a knoll, as a protection against the Indians.

There was no school until four years later when she was ten years old; then one was built at Aweme. The children sat on piles of lumber until the desks were bought and put together. Mr. Criddle was the first secretary treasurer. His family did not go to the school as they were taught by their mother. The school was only open from May to November.

William and his wife lived on their farm at Chater until May 1908. Then they moved to Brookdale with four small daughters and continued farming  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile north of the town. In 1939 William established an agency for International Farm Equipment until his death in December 1956 at the

age of 83, leaving his two sons to carry on the farming operation. Mrs. Kinney continued to live in Brookdale until her death on August 23, 1975 at the age of 98.

## JOHN KISSOCK FAMILY

John Kissock came to Canada from Scotland in 1922 following military service in the British Army (Cavalry Regiment) World War I. He married Wilhelmina Wood of Melbourne, Man. in 1926 and they farmed in the Carberry District until 1935. They then moved into the town of Carberry where John operated a butcher shop from Nov. 1935 until Oct. 1936. He started work at Shilo in 1936 and retired in Dec. 1962 as Supt. of Water Sewage Systems for the military base. Between 1942 and 1945 he served in the Royal Canadian Engineers (#10 Coy.)

In May 1947 John and Mina purchased NW 24-10-17 and SE 24-10-17 from Richardson's and lived on the farm there until 1950 when they sold it to Jim and Phyllis Wyton. They then moved into the P.M.Q.'s at Shilo. While living on the farm, Mina drove "school bus" for awhile; driving children to school at the Lawrence School until its closure and to the Douglas School.

John operated the road grader for a number of years and during the forties spent many hours attempting to improve the travel portion of the road grade across the "bog" south of Douglas. It wasn't until a large quantity of gravel was deposited to establish a solid base that a safe road was constructed. In recent years further improvement have taken place and it is now a fine paved road to travel on.

Following retirement John and Mina returned to the town of Carberry to live in the new home they had purchased. John still resides in Carberry and celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday in Oct. 1981. He is very active and enjoying good health. Mina passed away suddenly on Dec. 12, 1977 at age seventy-four. There are five children.

Bob — born Oct. 28, 1927; attended Carberry School. Started working for Dept. of National Defense at Shilo in 1945, where he is still employed. In 1962 he married Charlotte Flynn of Carlyle, Sask. They have two children — Heather and Peter still at home. They reside in Shilo.

Glen — born April 23, 1930, attended Carberry School. Employed by Manitoba Telephone System in 1947. He transferred from Winnipeg to Brandon in June 1962 as Construction Supervisor for the Western and Northern Region of Manitoba. He married Adalene Cole (Dean) of Gilbert Plains, Man. in Oct. 1953. They have three children. Bernice — born April 14, 1955, attended school in Winnipeg and Brandon. She married Garry Gudz of Brandon in June 1975. They have two children —

a son Kevin, born Sept. 12, 1977 and a daughter Kori, born Dec. 31, 1978. Brian — born March 28, 1957; attended school in Brandon. He joined the Manitoba Telephone System in June 1976, and is a journeyman craftsman. He is single and resides in Brandon. Brent — born Sept. 9, 1971, is enrolled in Grade V at the Douglas School and attends Sunday School at Douglas United Church. Glen and Dean now live on SW 20-10-17, which they purchased from Nick and Betty Shadlock in June 1972.

Evelyn — born April 8, 1931, attended Carberry School. Married John Morton of Balcarres, Sask. in 1947. Evelyn now resides in Calgary, Alta. Five children were born — Peggy, Jim, Barbara, Douglas and David — all of whom live in Alberta.

Jack — born May 22, 1932, attended Carberry School. Lived in the Douglas area from 1947-1949 while working part time for the C.N.R. Telegraph at Shilo. Started working for Manitoba Telephone System in 1949. Is presently Service Manager stationed at Beausejour, Man., after serving in the same capacity at Thompson, Man. for five years from 1974-1979. He married Jean Murray at Flin Flon, Man. in Dec. 1952. They have four children — Pattie (Mrs. Blake Williams) of Portage la Prairie. They have one son — Adam. Debby (Mrs. Jim Hislop) of Portage la Prairie. They have two children — Andy and Jill. Thomas — single, fireman at Thompson, Man. Murray — student, living at home with Jack and Jean in Tyndal, Man.

Allan — born April 26, 1936; attended Carberry, Lawrence and Douglas Schools. Following school he worked at Shilo until 1956 when he started as a lineman for Manitoba Telephone System, advancing to a cable splicer. In 1971 he was forced to cease work when stricken with multiple sclerosis. He married Rosemary Parker of Gilbert Plains, Man. in Oct. 1962. They now reside in Carberry with their two children — Tracy and Boyd.

### **ERNIE AND CAROL KOKORUDZ**

We moved to the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis when we bought the Brandon Boarding Kennel in 1977, which we operated for 4½ years. We have since moved to 17-10-19. Ernie is privately employed in his landscaping business.

We have three children — Todd, Shauna and Leanne and they all attend school in Brandon. Todd and Shauna were born in Toronto and Leanne was born in Hamiota. The family enjoys all sports and camping.

Carol is originally from Toronto and Ernie is from Manitoba.

### **STEVE AND LAURIE KOVACH**

When Steve and Laurie first arrived in Brandon, they rented a home in the 800 block on 21st Street. In a couple of years, they purchased a lot in the R.M. of Cornwallis, south of the Brandon Cemetery. This lot had a tiny three-roomed cottage with a partially finished basement. They lived in the cottage and built a new 2 bedroom home which is situated on 1921 Lyndale Drive.

When the city expanded its boundaries, they felt the need to move further south of Brandon and purchased land from the late Harold Simpson in 1973. Within three years, while driving back and forth from Brandon, they built a barn and a new ranch style home.

Since 1975, Steve and Laurie have been concentrating entirely on the Blonde d'Aquitaine breed of cattle. Along with Steve's full time employment with the Manitoba Hydro, and the regular farm duties, he has found time to prepare and show Blonde cattle on an international scale. Besides this, Steve has enjoyed being an active director, for the past 15 years, on the board of the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba, as well as being a director on the boards of the Canadian Blonde d'Aquitaine Association and the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Blonde Association.

Laurie was employed by the Brandon City Police Department for 6 years where she performed Clerk of the Court, Justice of the Peace and other duties. She then commenced employment with the Bank of Nova Scotia as a mortgage officer where she supervised the entire mortgage department for almost seven years. She has also been a crop adjustor with the Manitoba Crop Insurance and is now fully employed as secretary-treasurer for the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Blonde d'Aquitaine Association.

Steve and Laurie enjoy living in the Cornwallis Municipality and are anticipating further good times in this location.

### **JOHN AND MARY KOZAK**

John Kozak was born in Elma, Man., the son of Jacob and Julia Kozak. He went to school in Birch River. In 1955 he married Mary Kozmeric. They farmed at Carberry before coming to their present farm on 26-9-19 in 1946. They have two daughters — Beverly Renwick and Dale-Lynn Corley who both live in the Brandon area. John and Mary enjoy farm life in the R.M. of Cornwallis.

### **EUGENE KOZUN**

In December 1977 Eugene and Evelyn Kozun came to live on five acres on NE 6-10-18, a hobby farm formerly owned by Bill Thomas. Eugene and Evelyn came from Rosburn, Manitoba, where they were farming. Today the Kozuns enjoy their hobby

farm in the country while Eugene also works at Metals Industries and Evelyn is an L.P.N. at Hillcrest Nursing Home.

### JOSEPH KRAM FAMILY

Joseph Kram, second son of William and Carolina Kram, was born in 1900 in Austria where his father was a farmer and shoemaker.

In 1907, his parents, his older brother and his three sisters came to Brandon. The trip took over three weeks on the ship Armenia. William Kram took up market gardening in Brandon's east end, with Joe helping out at a very early age. William and Carolina had two more sons and three more daughters after settling in Brandon.

Joe left school and began full time work on a farm south of Brandon when he was only twelve years old. Later he worked on Arthur Gerry's farm (NE 21-9-18) in the Brandon Hills district. Joe left here in 1916 and joined the army during World War I. He served in the 27th Battalion and was awarded the Medal for Bravery at the Second Battle of the Somme in France. Joe was wounded at this time and, after a lengthy stay in hospital, he was discharged in 1919.

After the war Joe returned to work on Arthur Gerry's farm and it was here that he met and married Florence Britton in 1928.

Florence's father, William Britton, passed away in 1937 and Joe and Florence moved to South Cypress Municipality (30-7-16) to help Florence's mother, Annie Britton, run the farm, until her death in 1942. Joe and Florence continued to farm until Florence's untimely death in 1944.

Joe continued on the farm and in 1945 married Freda Nicholls, the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward (Ted) Nicholls of the Riverside Municipality.

Joe and Freda had three children — Edna (Marie) in 1947, William James (Bill) in 1948, and Herbert John (Herb) in 1950. The children went to Northfield School until its closure in 1960, at which time they were transferred into Wawanesa School.

Marie took a business course in Brandon, then went into nursing and in 1973 graduated from Misericordia Hospital in Winnipeg where she is now employed. In 1975 she married Joseph Waldron, a carpenter in Winnipeg.

Herb and Bill stayed on the family farm, raising cattle and growing grain with their father.

Joe passed away at Wawanesa on June 23, 1978.

### ORVAL KRELLER FAMILY

Orval Albert Kreller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kreller, was born in Empress, Alberta on November 6, 1919. Dorothy Jean Boorman,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Boorman, was born in Souris, Manitoba on April 11, 1918. Orval and Jean were married in Hamilton, Ontario on August 19, 1942. In September of 1946 Orval and Jean moved from Bindloss, Alberta to Brandon Hills to the S $\frac{1}{2}$  28-9-18. Orval was a 4-H leader for a number of years and Jean is an active member of the Brandon Hills Busy Bees. Orval and Jean had five boys — Glen, Wayne, Dale, Doug and Brad.

Glen Albert was born July 29, 1945. Glen joined the R.C.M.P. and is now a Staff Sergeant in the crime lab in Edmonton, Alberta. In February 1968, he married Marion Kidd and they have two children. David was born in May, 1972 and Alison was born in December, 1974.

Bernard Wayne — See Wayne Kreller history.

Dale — infant son was buried in Brandon Hills Cemetery in 1950.

Douglas Merrill was born October 21, 1951. Doug lives in Brandon and owns a Television City Store and Repair Shop. He has one son, Terry born in August, 1972.

William Bradshaw was born December 13, 1959. Brad lives in Winnipeg and works for Beverage Services.

Orval and Jean moved into Brandon in 1964. Jean's sister Em. and her husband Els. Hudson lived on S $\frac{1}{2}$  24-9-18 from 1950 to 1953. They have two children — Cheryl born in 1945 and Barry born in 1947. The Hudsons now live in Minnedosa and Els. works for the Department of Highways.

### WAYNE KRELLER FAMILY

Bernard Wayne Kreller was born in Brandon on October 22, 1946 and has lived all his life in the Brandon Hills District. During his teen-age years, Wayne won several awards and trophies in 4-H work, and in his last year of 4-H he won a trip to Camrose, Alberta. Wayne farms and lives on S $\frac{1}{2}$  24-9-18. His "bachelor palace" was changed when he married Gail Porter in September 1967. For the first three years of their marriage, Gail worked in Brandon at Industrial Acceptance Corporation Ltd. Gail and Wayne have three children.

Michael William was born in May, 1970. He is an active member in the Roseland 4-H Beef Club and plays baseball in the summer months.

Kevin Brent was born in February, 1972. He is an active sports enthusiast and participates in every sport from soccer during the summer to hockey in the winter months.

Tracy Ardele was born in January, 1976. She is an active swimmer and gymnastics participant and also belongs to Brownies.

Over the years Wayne has taught gun safety in the 4-H club, served as a trustee of the Brandon Hills Community Centre, played broomball with the Brandon Hills Mixed Broomball Club and helps in

any way he can with community events. Quite a few of the community's social events have been "livened up" by Wayne's humorous antics. Gail is an active member of the Brandon Hills Community Fireflies and has played broomball with the Brandon Hills Mixed Broomball Club. She has been a trustee of the Brandon Hills Community Centre and has taught Sunday School at the Brandon Hills United Church.

### **LARRY AND CHRIS KRISTALOVICH NE 30-10-19**

The Kristalovich's, Larry and Chris, and their children, Kevin, Gregory and Katherine, are recent residents of the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis. After having resided in Brandon for ten years, they moved to their present home three years ago (1979).

The two boys, Kevin and Gregory, attend Earl Oxford and Riverview Preschool, respectively. Larry is a high school English teacher at Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School, and Chris, who is also a teacher, is presently employed in motivational therapy at Brandon Mental Health Centre.

Having been raised in rural Manitoba, they both enjoy living in the country where they appreciate the scenic view from their home overlooking Grand Valley.

### **MICHAEL AND EUNICE KUFFLICK**

We moved to the Municipality of Cornwallis from the City of Brandon on June 27, 1981. I am the Administrator of the Brandon Mental Health Centre and my wife, Eunice, is an instructor in the Business Education Skills Department at the Assiniboine Community College. We have two boys and as of September, 1982 they will both be attending St. Augustine School, Dustin in Grade three and Jeromie John in Grade one.

### **RUDY KUIPERS FAMILY**

We arrived in Manitoba from the Netherlands in 1952 and made our first home in Melita, Manitoba. From there we moved to Brandon and in 1972 bought some land in Cornwallis. We started building our home in 1973.

We have nine children, five of whom are married and have families of their own. Starting from the oldest: Sally and her husband, John Leader, live in Edmonton and have five children; Bonnie and her husband, Harry Grootenbour, have three children and live in Thunder Bay; Jean, her husband Gary Nicholls and their three children, live in Kenton, Manitoba; Betty Ann and her husband, Tim Remiche live in Thompson, Man., and they

have one son; Peter lives in Killarney, Manitoba and is part owner of the bakery; Harold also lives in Killarney with his wife Sheri Myra and has two daughters. He owns the other share of the bakery. Diane is twenty years old and lives and works in Banff, Alberta. Caroline is finishing her grade twelve in Killarney and lives with brother Harold and his wife Sheri. Doreen, our youngest, lives at home in Brandon, and is in grade ten at Neelin High School.

Most of the children were brought up in Brandon attending different schools: Neelin High, Vincent Massey, Linden Lanes and Fleming.

Rudy has operated a few bakeries: Rivers Home Bakery in Rivers, Man.; Sally's in Brandon, Bonnies in Souris, and Rolling Pin Bakery in Killarney. He is now a school bus driver for the Brandon School Division.

### **LACEY, RON AND JOANNE**

Ron and Joanne (nee Hodgson) and two children Tod and Nancy, moved to the farm in 1972. We had a business in Brandon and decided to move to a small acreage in the country, S.W. 11-9-19. We are now farming full time, growing grain and raising Purebred Charolais.

In 1980, we purchased the McLean farm S½ 14-9-19. This land was one of the original homesteads in this area, and belonged to the McLean family for over a hundred years. Duncan McLean, being an uncle of Joanne's, we feel the farm is still partially family.

### **LAFLEUR FAMILY**

Elizabeth Lafleur (nee Johnson) was born in Cambuslang, Scotland in 1924. The family moved to Edinburgh where Betty attended school until the outbreak of WW 2, at which time she joined the Post Office Telephone System as an overseas operator. Her hobbies were skating, swimming and dancing. As the war continued Betty answered the call and became a member of the Auxiliary Territorial Service Signal Corps., where she served for two years. In 1947, like many other young people, she immigrated to Canada, settling in Kitchener, Ontario. She worked for the Dominion Electrohome Company, and also played hockey for the Kitchener Ladies League. At this time she became interested in horses and bought her first one as a member of the Sunset Saddle Club. It was here that Betty was later to meet her husband, Joe.

Joseph Lafleur was born in Hull, Quebec, but raised in Lebreton, Sask., with six brothers and sisters, where he attended school until war was declared. He joined the boy soldiers, later to enter regular military service until such time as he was medically discharged. On returning to civilian life in Kitchener, where he worked for B.F. Goodrich Co.,

he played hockey for several leagues and became active in community work.

When the Korean war started Joe rejoined the army and married Betty the same year. Service life saw them posted many places in Canada and the United States until finally in 1960 Joe returned to the prairies he loved, with his wife and three children, Tom, Peter, and Andree. The family found Shilo a friendly place, if somewhat remote, but in time it was to become home for the Lafleur clan. Two more children were added to the family, James and Micheal. Joe was busy coaching hockey when his military commitments would allow. Betty become involved with the Figure Skating Club and working with cubs. The children all attended Shilo schools and were very active in sports.

1967 saw the Lafleurs back in Kingston, Ontario. After being promoted to the rank of Captain, Joe was in charge of the electrical company at the R.C.E.M.E. School, but the posting was a brief one. In 1970 the family was happy to be trekking back to Shilo. Once again everyone was involved in their various activities, Joe with the Shilo Men's Club, hockey, and Our Lady of Shilo's chapel committee, Betty with skating and cubs, the young people in sports, scouting and church choir. A busy time for all but a happy one. It was to end unexpectedly.

After the death of Captain Lafleur in 1974, Betty and the children bought a small piece of land from Joe McCabe who was then owner of the Diamond J. Ranch, in Sec. 10-12-17 NW. It is there that their home stands today, thanks to the many good friends and neighbours who so kindly gave of their time and efforts to build the house. Special thanks must go to Art Robillard, who worked and supervised the entire project from start to finish.

The children are all grown up and spread across the country, but to them "Windy Acres" is home and they are proud to claim that they are from the prairies.

### HUGH LAMONT FAMILY

Hugh Lamont, born in 1833, on the Isle of Tiree, the Hebrides, Argyllshire, came to the States before coming to Canada where he met and married Christy McLaurin about 1863. Christy McLaurin was born in the Breadalbane District of Glengarry, in the Ottawa Valley, where the McLaurins had settled upon their arrival from Perthshire, Scotland, about 1815. Gaelic was the language spoken but the settlers learned English by attending church services in both languages.

Hugh and Christy lived at Kincardine in Bruce County, Ontario until coming to homestead in Manitoba in 1881. They came by rail to Winnipeg, then by wagon to Brandon, settling on NE 19-9-18 in the Brandon Hills.

Hugh and Christy and their eight children filled the wagon so their household effects came by river boat, the "Marquette", except for their cow which was tied behind the wagon to provide milk for the children during the trip to Brandon.

The Lamonts had nine children: Margaret, John, Peter, Neil, Jennie, Daniel, Annie, Mary and Archie. Hugh became a trustee and was secretary-treasurer of Brandon Hills School which is where the children received most of their education.

Hugh died in 1888, only five years after the birth of his youngest son, so Christy's father, Peter McLaurin, came to help her raise her family. In 1904 he died and was buried in the family plot in Brandon Hills Cemetery.

Christy sold the farm in 1908 and lived in Brandon until her death in 1919. She was a devout Baptist and a charter member of the First Baptist Church in Brandon.

Margaret, the eldest of the Lamont family, married William Courtice of Brandon Hills. (See William Courtice history). Peter married Christina Rice, daughter of Hugh and Susan Rice of Brandon Hills. Hugh Rice was part of the Roddick party that came west in 1879 and became the first to settle in the Brandon Hills. Peter and Christina lived in Brandon for a time and Peter had a coal and wood business.

Only three of Hugh Lamont's descendants now reside in Brandon; namely, Helen, Gwen and Isabel Lamont, daughters of Daniel.

### LAMONT, STEWART WILLIAM AND JUNE NE 30-10-19

Stewart was born at Lauder, Manitoba and in 1954 married June Forsyth from Pipestone, Manitoba. In 1967 they moved to 35th street in Brandon, then a part of the Municipality of Cornwallis. In August 1979 they moved to their new location at NE 30-10-19. They have four children: Robert, born in Vancouver in February, 1957, graduated from Vincent Massey High School in 1975 and now is proprietor of the Jo Brooks Fire Arms in Brandon. He married Kathleen Collen in 1982.

Scott, born in Vancouver in 1959, graduated from Vincent Massey High School in 1977. He spent three years travelling with "Up With People", then attended University of Manitoba and graduated in 1982. He is presently farming in the Daly Municipality.

Leslie was born in Souris, Manitoba in February, 1961, and graduated from Vincent Massey High School in 1979. She is now completing her third year in commerce in the University of Manitoba.

William Jr. was born in Brandon in August,



1967 and is presently a student at Vincent Massey School.

Stewart is presently employed at D N D and June is employed by K Mart, Canada.

### **LANG, NOBLE AND MARGARET**

Noble and Margaret and their family moved from the Tom Patterson farm in the Hayfield district to the Earl farm (N.½ 14-9-19) and the Doig farm (N.½ 10-9-19) in the Little Souris District in 1917.

The family attended the Little Souris school and church for five years after moving to the Earl and Doig farms.

Mr. Lang was a sheep farmer as well as a grain farmer, and had a flock of five hundred sheep. He worked the two farms for four years.

Mr. Lang operated a portable gasoline threshing outfit and threshed for many of the farmers throughout the district.

The family was active in community affairs. Mr. Lang was the butcher for the local beef ring, the slaughter house being situated on the Fred Simpson farm.

They moved to the Cornwallis district in 1922 and worked the O'Neil farm (4-10-19), and the Gibson farms. They retired from farming in 1924 and moved to Brandon, then to Osoyoos B.C., when Mr. Lang went into full time ministry until his death in 1945. Margaret Lang passed away in 1947. There were eleven children.

Irwin, married Mabel Philips, and they are living in Spokane Wash. since his retirement from the ministry.

Francy, married Vera Evans. He was with the C.P.R. railway till his death in 1968.

Olive, married Gordon Rendal. They moved to Chilliwack, B.C. Her death occurred in 1982.

Phoebe, married George Birmingham and now lives in Victoria B.C.

Emma, married Selby Smith and lives in Brandon.

Clarence, married Mary McMillan. He owned and operated the Brandon Glass Company prior to his death in 1973.

John married Jean Cummings and lived in Abbotsford B.C. since his retirement as a transport driver.

Margaret married Al. Trautman and lived in Seattle Wash.

Elmir married Rena Marshall. He is a drag line Winnipeg.

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Beatrice married Murray Rae and lives in Pictou, N.S.

### **THE REY LEBEAU FAMILY**

Rey and I moved to Chater from Brandon on Aug. 1, 1979. We purchased lots 1-6, part of the former ball diamond, from the Municipality in April 1977, and began construction of our own home in June 1978.

Rey (Reynald), son of Albert and Azail Lebeau (both deceased), was born and raised along with four brothers and three sisters, on their Glenora area farm. He completed his high school education at Baldur, his teacher training at Tuxedo Normal School in Winnipeg and his Industrial Arts at Bemidji, Minnesota. He has been a teacher or salesman all his adult life. He is teaching at A.C.C in Brandon since 1966. Rey played piano in a dance band from the time he was 15 years of age.

I, Celine, was ninth of eleven children born to Alberic and Louise Marginet of Bruxelles (nine living with two boys only). I grew up and was educated in Bruxelles, took teacher training at Tuxedo and taught at local area schools before and after my marriage.

Rey and I were married at Bruxelles on June 29, 1957. We moved our first small house from the school yard to our farm land north of Holland. Later we rented a farm home near Somerset until we moved to Brandon. We had two homes there but always yearned for more space to pursue gardening and our antique auto hobbies. We welcome the chance to be in this community to achieve these desires.

Rey and I have four daughters, all born at the Treherne district hospital before our move to the city.

Constance Marie (Connie), born Feb. 15, 1959, is entertaining in the western provinces, after doing so in Winnipeg for a year. She travelled with Up With People in Eastern U.S.A. and Spain in 1979. She also toured Europe with the Int. Music Camp Group one summer. She is a graduate of Neelin High in Brandon and has 1st year University. She studied piano under Doris Reed of Chater.

Delores Ann, born May 14, 1960, works for a Commercial Arts firm in Winnipeg and does some free lance work. She is a graduate of Crocus Plains, winning the General Proficiency Award. She was married in Sept. 1981 and lives in Winnipeg.

Anita Louise, born Aug. 8, 1961, also does Commercial Art work in Winnipeg. She won the Governor General's Medal upon her graduation from Neelin High. She has taken 1st year Liberal Arts and will continue her studies at U of M this fall.

Michelle Grace, born July 14, 1963, completes Gr. 12 from Crocus Plains this year. She works for a vet clinic, plays drums with a local dance band and plays and sings with the school group CP Express. She will attend BU this fall and music or medicine are her goals at present.

## LEECH HISTORY

John and Barbara Leech and their ten sons were prominent in Leeds and Huron Counties, Ontario, erecting and operating many of the first grist, saw and shingle mills, cabinet and cheese factories. One son erected mills for the Hudson's Bay Company in the Canadian Northwest, one being in Neepawa.

The Leech family founded the village of Leechville on the Maitland River in the township of Howick, Huron County, Ontario. They later changed Leechville to Gorrie, a name derived from Garry Britt in Ireland where Mrs. Leech's family owned an estate.

In 1882 John Leech brought his family to 5-10-18 just southeast of Brandon. They also acquired SE¼ 6-10-18 and eventually owned 1500 acres here, Chater and Wawanesa areas.

John and his wife Sarah had seven children - Richard Edward Albert, Eliza Barbara (died in infancy), William John Hillyard, Mary Evelyn, George Wesley Thomas, Ernest Tennyson and Joseph Evadne. All were born in Ontario with the exception of Joseph who was born after the move to Manitoba.

In February 1885 at the home of John Leech, a meeting was held to discuss the forming of a school district. John himself had only three school-age children left but he allowed that the school be on his property, very close to the northwest corner of NE¼ 5-10-18. This probably entitled him the honor of naming the new school so it was named Gorrie after their home in Ontario and was from then on the Protestant School District of Gorrie No. 365. The eldest son Richard became one of its first trustees, a position he held until December 1894. He was also secretary-treasurer until March 1891. John Hillyard Leech was auditor in 1885.

Ernest T. Leech was one of the six pupils who started classes in June 1885 and his older brother George came later in the season, presumably after harvest. In 1888, George was through school at Gorrie and the youngest, Joseph, had begun.

In 1891 John retired to Brandon where he died in 1905. In 1894 George Leech taught at Gorrie School for \$40 a month for a five-month term, classes beginning May 1st; he taught a second term also. Ernest taught a term at Gorrie in 1896 or 1897. George later became a doctor, and Ernest became a judge, in Queen's Council.

It is thought that Richard E. A. and John H. were the two referred to in later years as the Leech Brothers. Richard may have become a Colonel in the Canadian Army and many may remember of horses being purchased by Leech and held on 5-10-18 until shipped for army use. The farm 5-10-18 was rented for many years but remained in the Leech family until it was sold and Daunceys began a dairy here in the early thirties.

Joseph, the youngest, married and had five children, the second of them being Cecil Leech whose family today own and operate Leech Printing in Brandon.

## ALFRED LEGG FAMILY

Alfred and Daisy Legg, with their two children, Daisy and Bill arrived in Brandon from England. Later they added six more children to their family.

Daisy, now Mrs. Gillespie, lives in Winnipeg. She and the late Mr. Gillespie raised seven children.

Alfred William (Bill) is now a widower and lives in Canyon Creek, Alberta. They had five children.

George Jeffrey married Freda Smith, daughter of Robert and Mary Smith.

Charles died by drowning in 1932 at 15 years of age.

Margorie Dorothy died of a blood disorder in the fall of 1938. She was 18 years old.

James Frederick (Jim) was killed in action in 1944, when he was 19.

Albert Henry (Bert) was killed in action in April of 1943, when he was 18.

Lillian Ivy (Toots) left home when she was sixteen and her whereabouts are unknown.

The Legg family moved to the nursery farm in the Municipality of Cornwallis in 1918 or 1919, later moving to the Roseland District. From there they moved to the Fedoruk farm (11-9-19) in the Brandon Hills. It was from here that Jim and Bert were to go to war never to return.

Their mother passed away in June 1943. Alfred retired to Brandon where he passed away in 1959.

## GEORGE JEFFERY LEGG FAMILY

George, born November 6, 1914, married Freda Smith in April of 1939. They had four children — Margorie, Georgina, Albert (Bert) and Douglas.

Margorie Dorothy married Alvin Hunt of Brandon in August, 1959 and had two children, Lori and Brad. Alvin passed away and Margorie later married Ken Paulson of Yorkton, Saskatchewan. They have a daughter, Brandy. Margorie and Brandy live in Brandon and Margorie works at the Canadian Inn.

Georgina Mae lives in Virden. Her son, Brent, lives in Brandon and attends Brandon University.

Albert Harry (Bert) married Elizabeth Paster-shank of Elphinstone. They live in Brandon and have four children — Sharon, Pernell, Bridgett and Tammy.

Douglas Robert married Maggie Bayes of Rapid City and they live in Brandon. Doug and Maggie have two children — Kerrie Lynn, born January 29, 1980 and Michael Robert, born October 12, 1982.

After George and Freda's marriage in 1939, they lived on the Fogal farm (SE 2-10-19) on First

Street, where Margorie and Georgina were born. Later a move was made to the Trotter farm (NE 19-9-18) in the Brandon Hills, where Bert was born. Another move came, this time back to First Street, to the Clarence Morgan farm (NE 35-9-19) from where the girls went to Cornwallis School. In 1952, Leggs moved to the Gorrie District, onto the Smith farm, where Doug was born. The older children went to Gorrie School. In 1956 they moved into Brandon, but not liking city living, they went farming at Oak Lake from 1961 until 1969 when George and Freda finally returned to Brandon.

Freda passed away in July of 1977. George lives in Brandon and worked in the lumber yard at the Brandon Consumers Co-op for 14 years until his retirement in 1979.

### CHARLES LEMRAN

Charles Lemran was one of the early settlers in the Glen Souris District who might have farmed on part of 18-9-17. The "Old Lemran Place" was near the big spruce trees that grew on the banks of the Little Souris River. After he left the farm Mr. Lemran operated a livery barn in Brandon.

Submitted by Eileen R. Mainland (Prowse)

### DON LENNON FAMILY

The Lennon Family came to Lot #7, Campbell's Trailer Court in July, 1973.

Don was born at Virden in 1948 and attended school in Maryfield, Sask. He now owns and operates Keystone Building Cleaners.

In July, 1971, he married Yvette Lepine. Yvette was born in Ste. Rose du Lac, Man., but lived most of her life in Wauchope, Sask. She is now employed as a Registered Nurse at Brandon General Hospital.

They have one son — Tyler Wade born January 7, 1976.

### ALLAN CAMERON LESLIE FAMILY

Allan was born at Chater, Manitoba on Oct. 24, 1887. He lived on the home farm until April 1905, when he moved to Sask., to carve out his homestead on NW¼ 32-31-26, nine miles west of present day Watrous.

He used oxen in the initial stages of farming, gradually switching to horses. He was known to have said that the more he had to do with horses the less time he had for oxen.

On March 1, 1911, he married Ruby Kennedy, who was helping her brothers on their large ranch near Watrous. Allan met her when visiting the ranch in quest of animals to be broken in and sold for profit. Theirs was the third marriage listed in the register at Watrous Session, Balcarres District,



*Allan Leslie home built in 1896.*

Sask. Conference.

The ceremony was at her sister's home, the reception at the home Allan had built. When the couple arrived in their Buick Cutter drawn by a lovely team of greys, the place was buzzing with people.

A busy and colorful life lay ahead. Allan loved farming and won several plowing matches. He competed in wrestling matches; did plenty of curling and was honored with a life membership in the Watrous Club. He served on the Xena School board, was councillor of Morris R.M. for 16 years; helped with work on the C.N.R., local rinks, schools and did landscaping at the hospital.

He did grain farming and had Clydesdales and Shorthorn cattle. He was life member and president of Clydesdale Assoc. of Canada in 1936-37. He raised and trained many show horses and competed in fairs everywhere. He won distinction as driver of a 6 horse draft outfit for 6 years, as well as numerous other horse related awards. He got a plaque for the first Clydesdale gelding born, raised and owned in Canada. Many colorful adjectives and phrases were written by newspaper reporters about his prowess and expertise as a showman. There are scrapbooks full of clippings with the many praises due him.

In 1939, when WW II broke out, Allan sold his outfit to a firm in Chicago. The exhibition buildings were used for training of troops. After the war he served on a livestock board which selected exhibits from Sask. for the Royal Winter Fair. He was also judge at western exhibitions.

Allan was a faithful member of the Rotary Club of Watrous for many years, and was known as "Hayseed Leslie", from his signature "A.C. Leslie".

Allan and Ruby were devout members of the United Church at Watrous. Ruby died on Dec. 17, 1976, while Allan farmed until his death May 12, 1979 at the age of 92.

Esther and Jim Gibney live in Watrous, newly retired. Gladys and Delmar live in Edmonton. Dorothy (widowed) lives in Ottawa. Victor and Lonnie live on the homestead in the pioneer house built by his dad. Allan, a son, farms with him.

By Esther Gibney

## ALLAN LESLIE

Allan Leslie, was born and educated in Georgetown, Ontario. On June 1st, 1880, at age 22, he left Georgetown for Collingwood and boarded a steamboat name SS City of Winnipeg. I do not know if this is the same boat that was used on the Assiniboine River between Winnipeg and Brandon.

He travelled on the boat to Duluth and from there on to Winnipeg, High Bluff and Portage. His method of travel is not known, but he arrived in Rapid City twenty-one days after he left Georgetown.

At Rapid City he looked at land and talked to other men that were looking for homesteads and decided on Hamiota. The homestead he got was SW 22-13-23. He then built a shack and plowed some land, living up to the homestead act.

In the fall of 1880 he returned to Georgetown where he stayed for the winter until March 1881. He then returned to Hamiota by boat via Chicago. Ten days later he was in Portage la Prairie. He bought a plow and harrows in Rapid City on April 18, 1881. On April 25th, he did the first seeding on the homestead.

On June 30, 1881, he went back to Georgetown and married Jennie Wiggins. On returning west with his new bride the boat caught fire and they saved only the clothes they had on. The boat was carrying explosives and was taken out to be sunk.

In Winnipeg they bought a team of horses and drove to Portage then on to Hamiota and the homestead where they lived for six years. The homestead at Hamiota was sold in 1901.

They bought a farm at Chater on November 15, 1886 on SW $\frac{1}{2}$  24-10-18. It was known as the Morgan Place and perhaps the house that father built in 1888 is still there. The  $\frac{1}{2}$  section of land cost \$1200.

They had five children. They were May, Wilmer, Jennie, Allan, and Esther. His wife Jennie died in 1891 and was buried in Humesville Cemetery as there was not a cemetery at Chater at that time.

Father again built a stone house when he bought W $\frac{1}{2}$  34-10-18, in 1886.

Five years later after his first wife died father married Elizabeth Stockdale. They had five children — George, Sifton, Victor, Millie, and Frank. All the children went to Chater School. In those days there was not much for us other than farming, so, the boys all farmed and as soon as we were old enough we got farms of our own. Father looked after the Chater farm until he passed away on the eleventh of June, 1938 at 81 years of age. He is buried at the Chater Cemetery. Mother left the farm after father died and lived with the family in Winnipeg and at Portage la Prairie Rotary Housing. Mother passed away in 1968 at the age of 93 years. She is buried in

the Oakville Cemetery. Mother belonged to the Presbyterian Church, the United Church, Willing Workers W A and W.M.S. United Church Women.

I remember my father telling me when Joe Smythe gave one acre of land to make a cemetery at Chater. My father and Charlie Abey were measuring the acre and they measured the exact centre. Here is where we will have our plots. Today, Charlie Abey lies on one side of the line and father on the other side in the centre of Chater Cemetery.

Father was elected to council December 6th, 1892 and served on council for a number of years. He was elected for reeve of the Municipality of Cornwallis 1902 to 1910 and again in 1923 to 1933.

Submitted by Victor Leslie

## GEORGE DIXON LESLIE

George Dixon Leslie was born at Chater, Manitoba, October 29, 1897, eldest child of Allan and Elizabeth Leslie. He received his schooling at Chater and about 1914 he moved to Elie, Manitoba, to a farm of 1,000 acres which his father had purchased. With the help of his brother Victor, who came later, and hired help, he managed to farm successfully. At this time they used only horses and threshed with the steam engine and separator.

In 1921 George married Adelaide Chalmers of Giroux, Manitoba who had taught two periods in the little Vick School house on the corner of the Leslie farm. In 1934 they moved to the Fortier district near Oakville, Manitoba and farmed there for forty years. Farming and gardening were his greatest pleasures and curling each winter was his delight. He was a member and trustee in Mill Creek and later in Oakville United Church. He also was a trustee for Mill Creek School District for many years before both school and church were moved to Oakville.

George and Adelaide had three children. Velma Mae, born in 1922, married Evan Grant in 1943. Alan Alexander, born in 1929, married Marjorie Rollins in 1950. Donn Wayne, born in 1937, married Patricia Holiday in 1959.

George died in 1974 after a lengthy illness and is buried in Oakville Cemetery. He was dearly loved by his family and friends and sadly missed by all who knew him.

Adelaide Leslie retired to Portage la Prairie later in 1974 and resides there where she continues to enjoy church activities in McKenzie United and other senior citizen's social affairs. She has eleven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

## **JAMES SIFTON LESLIE**

Sifton, second son of Allan and Elizabeth Leslie, was born July 17, 1901 at Chater, Manitoba. He received his education at Chater and was at home until the age of 16 when he went to Dacotah, Manitoba to farm with his brothers, George and Victor on their father's farm. On November 8, 1930 he married Hazel Davidson of Elie, Manitoba. They farmed at Dacotah until 1948 when they moved to Fortier, where they remained until Sifton's death on April 29, 1968.

## **VICTOR LESLIE**

I went to Chater School. It was about a mile from home and we used to walk or run to school across Mr. Birdsell's farm when it wasn't in crop . . . it was closer that way. My first teacher was Miss Quail, but I don't remember who was in my class the first year.

My teacher for the second year was Mabel Johnson and we seemed to have Mabel as our teacher for a few years. She drove to school in a horse and buggy. Sifton and I used to climb on behind and get a ride part way home. It was a horse that went fast. We just jumped off at our gate. In later years I wondered why Mabel hadn't run for Member of Parliament. She was such a smart teacher.

I remember one day at school we had a woman who got off the train at Chater. She came to our school at Chater to talk to us. I remember her having a big hat with a big wide brim. She never took it off. She was Nellie McClung. I remember in her talk to us saying this is one time I get to talk to great people and some got to be great. We had a Willie Abey that got to be a doctor in New York. Jack Campbell was a councillor for many years. Dave Birdsell was Reeve of Cornwallis for a number of years. There maybe was others. I have lost touch with a lot of the ones I went to school with. Nellie McClung got to be a great woman herself. She was a Member of Parliament in Edmonton.

When I quit school in 1916 my father let me go and help on a farm he had at Elie, Manitoba. River lot outer 2 miles lot 102-112, 960 acres. I didn't want to go to school anymore. Education wasn't a big thing in those days. If you could read and write and do some arithmetic it was good enough. So from 1916 on it was farming for me. There never seemed to be much money. Crops were not very good, but we got along somehow. In the horse days we didn't need much money.

In 1918 my father bought us a Waterloo Boy tractor and farming was a little better with a tractor. I don't look back on horse days with pleasure. I never had oxen. We bought another tractor in 1920, Turner Simplicity one that was made after the war. It wasn't any good. We never had a good tractor till

1927 when we bought a John Deere for \$800.00. After that there was a lot of good tractors and I think the beginning of good tractors we have today.

I went through the depression of 1929. Times were tough, but we seemed to have enough to eat most of the time. I farmed at Elie for 21 years.

In 1932 I married Lillian Davidson and moved to Mill Creek School District in 1935. Fortier was our post office. I bought a farm of my own Section 24-12-4 in Portage Municipality. Times were getting better. Better crops, more money and more power. Looked like the hard times were over. First time in my life things looked prosperous.

We have four children. Robert, Barry, Brian and Keith.

I farmed at Mill Creek for 40 years. It was good farm land. We could grow 30 bushels to the acre of wheat and maybe 35 bushels of barley. This was before fertilizer was ever used. Fertilizer came in about 1955 and after growing peas and fertilizing crops doubled in yield — 60 bushels of wheat and 70 bushels of barley. New kinds of grain has helped also.

The west was supposed to be rich land but the raw prairie plowed for the first time was not very rich. It never grew good crops until people got power to work the land more and fertilized.

Now coming to the end of 1982. There is unemployment and bankruptcy companies. A person wonders if there is another depression coming and can people live without money like we did in 1929. This book is not to be printed till late 1983 so hope it looks better then.

My wife and I are now retired and living in Portage la Prairie and our family is doing well. I am about 80 years old and my wife and I are in fairly good health. We have had our 50th wedding anniversary.

## **MILLIE LESLIE**

I was born on June 25th, 1911, second youngest child of Allan and Elizabeth Leslie of Chater, Manitoba. I went to school in Chater and lived on the farm with my parents until I moved to Winnipeg in 1937. In August 1940 I was married to Henry Bester, who was in the army and was overseas for four and a half years. During that time I worked in Winnipeg. Henry returned home in March, 1945 and we moved into our present home in December, 1946.

We have three children, Victor, Wayne and Bonnie. Victor married Brigitte Potempa. They have one son, Leslie, age 10 and they live in Transcona. Wayne married Ruth Skinner and they have two children, Melanie 8 and Michael 5. They live in Calgary. Bonnie married Don Mitchelson. They have two children, Michele 8, and Scott 1 year, and they live in Winnipeg.



## FRANK LESLIE

Frank Leslie was born in 1912 at Chater, Manitoba. In 1936 he moved to Elie, Manitoba, where he farmed until 1948. In 1943 he married Lillian Sparling.

When Frank and Lillian left Elie in 1948, they moved to the North Ridge District south east of Portage la Prairie. They farmed 8-11-6 until 1981, when they sold their farm to their son, Jim.

Frank and Lillian have three daughters and one son. Connie the oldest, is married to Don Lenard and they have three sons, Todd, Jeff, and Kyle. The Lenards live in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Gail lives and works in Winnipeg, Manitoba. June, the youngest daughter, is married to Harvey Klassen. They have two sons, Daniel and Matthew. The Klassens live in Winkler, Manitoba. Jim, their son, farms the family farm and is also employed at C.F.B. - Southport as a mechanic.

## LOCKHART

We, Bill and Flo Lockhart, have lived in Brandon since 1958, on a small acreage south of Richmond on 34th street. In 1977, we bought a quarter section SE 22-9-19 from Charlie and Kaye Donogh, which we call Win-Dee Acres Arabian. As the original farm site was too close to the highway, we chose a spot in the middle of the alfalfa field for our new house. It sits at an angle for two reasons; the bluffs behind protect us from the winds, and the view of the Brandon Hills from the dining and living room windows is superb. We have admired the hills shrouded by mist and the falling rain, have enjoyed seeing them turn green in the spring and have been touched by their beauty in the fall. We are still fencing, making more corrals and trying to keep ahead of the horses that insist on chewing the boards as fast as we can put them up. Our Arabian horses number twenty, and we are beginning to build a herd of Simmental cattle.

At the present time two of our children are still at home, Lorelee is in Grade six at Meadows School. Dallas attends Neelin High School in Grade eleven. Gerald is touring Australia. Sheree, a psychiatric nurse, resides on a farm at Carroll, Man., with her husband Kim Warburton. They have a daughter, Tara Lynne.

## JOHN LOWDEN

Mr. and Mrs. John Lowden, Molly's parents were married in Hexham, Northumberland, England on March 18, 1883. They had eleven children, three daughters and eight sons. They came to Canada in 1920 and settled in the Chater area. Mrs. Lowden died in 1936 and is buried in the Chater cemetery. John returned to England soon after this. He is buried in Hexham.

Sidney and Fred Lowden came from England with their parents in 1920 and in 1923 came to Chater — having purchased the "Willow Creek Farm". Fred farmed there several years, later selling the farm to Gordon Garland and moving to Lulu island in B.C. Before leaving Chater he married Agnes Bundt of Nesbitt, Man., and they had two daughters — Alice and Jean. Fred died some years ago but Agnes still lives in B.C.

Sidney Lowden worked for a year for Dan Campbell and then went on the C.P.R. section with Alf Skilton. He married Alice Skilton, youngest of the Skilton daughters. They lived in Chater until 1941 when they moved to Elkhorn. They had two children — Joyce and Gerald who attended school in Chater. Alice was organist in the Chater church for some years, and Sidney was a fine soloist. They are now enjoying retirement in a Toronto suburb.

## THE LOWES

### How it all began

### From the Diary of John Wesley Lowes.

Thursday, May 5, 1881

Sec. 3-10-20

Camped on S3 T10 R20 last night, a big frost but nice bright morning. 7:30 start again to look over land to see if we can find any vacant to suit us. Today we have travelled over 5 or 6 sections, some claimed by a score of the plow. We have examined section 7 in Township 10 Range 19. It suited Mr. Phillips and David so we have went and brought the tent to it and is getting dinner. At 1 o c after dinner, we all started to look at section 32 to see if I would like it. We went along the North, then the east and south sides and Mr. Philips in the cart, partly across corners and it looked to suit first rate, then we looked at 30 and I concluded to take 32. Then, me and Mr. Phillips started to the bluff for some wood it is only a small one but has fine dry poplar in it and is only 2 miles from the SW corner of my section. Got back at dark tired.

John Wesley Lowes and his wife, Sarah (nee Benson) brought most of their family of 12 from the County of Wellington, Ontario to High Bluff, Manitoba, on November 1, 1879. They travelled by ox cart to the area near Brandon, which is commonly known as the Roseland District, in 1881, where they homesteaded 32-9-19. John W. Lowes died on February 12, 1892. His son James A. Lowes then farmed the E 32-9-19 and his son, Thomas H. Lowes farmed the SW 32-9-19. Sometime prior to 1900, Thomas Lowes purchased the E 32-9-19 from his brother James.

In 1904 Thomas H. Lowes married Lauretta Cook. They had a son, Harold and a daughter, Lauretta. However, shortly after the birth of their



*Ralph and Fay Lowes with Century Farm Cairn.*

daughter, Thomas's wife died.

In 1933, Harold Lowes, who farmed with his father, married Marguerite Buchanan. Their family consisted of Ralph, Frances, and Margaret Ann. Lauretta Lowes married Dixon Baker in 1934. Dixon died in 1974 and Lauretta continues to live in their home on NE 30-9-18.

Frances Lowes married Darcy Wershler in 1962, and their family consists of Darren, Shane and Lorie. They presently reside in Winnipeg, Man., where Darcy is employed by Air Canada.

Ralph Lowes married Fay McLean in 1965. They have lived on 32-9-19 since 1966 where Ralph and his father, Harold, have continued farming. Ralph and Fay do not have a family. Fay is a lawyer and has her own law office in Brandon, Manitoba.

Margaret Ann married Dave Ashton in 1966. They have two children, Christopher and Karen. They reside in Brea, California, where Dave is employed by Hunt Wesson.

On July 4, 1981, the Lowes celebrated 100 years on 32-9-19.

Harold passed away on March 12, 1983.

### **JACK S. AND EFFIE LOWES**

Jack (J.S.) Lowes was born in 1864, and was the third son of John Wesley Lowes. He came West with the family from Drayton, Ontario. The Lowes homesteaded sec. 32-9-19 in Cornwallis Municipality in 1881.

Jack married Effie Annie Hamlen (born 1878) on Dec. 13, 1899. The Hamlens also from Ontario (Goderich) lived in the Beresford District, Whitehead Municipality. After they were married, Jack and Effie farmed on sec. 29-9-19.

In 1904 they moved to the south half of sec. 9-9-19 in the Little Souris District, which they bought from Peter Lamont.

In 1905 a baby boy was born. He lived only four days.

Merwyn L. (Mel) was born in Jan. 1908. A

daughter Jean was born in June 1921.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowes were interested in the Little Souris district affairs, Mrs. Lowes in women's activities and Mr. Lowes as Secretary and Trustee of the school. They also took an active part in the Little Souris Church.

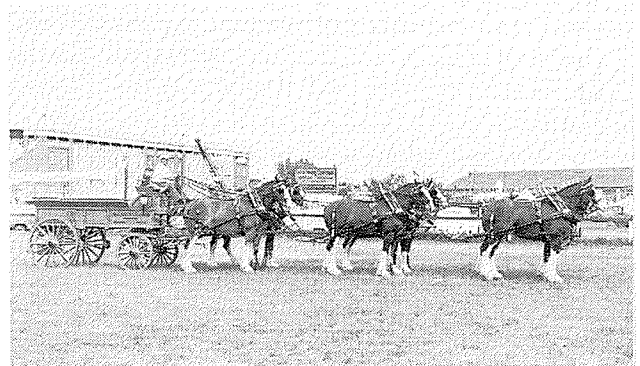
Effie passed away in 1932 after a lengthy illness. In 1933 Jack and daughter Jean moved to Brandon, where Jack died in 1946 at the age of eighty.

Merwyn and his first wife, May (Hession), stayed on the farm till 1936. They had one daughter Gladys. She married Bill Gerard and lives in Australia.

When Merwyn left the farm he went to B.C., where he joined the Army, and went overseas. When he came home he remarried and lives with his wife Margaret in Chilliwack, B.C. Their son Gregg and daughter-in-law, Elaine, have one child, Rebekah Starr.

Jean married Frank Molnar and lives in Winnipeg. Their two children, Brenda and Charles are both married. Brenda has three daughters, and Charles has one son.

Merwyn, Jean and Gladys went to Little Souris School.



*MacArthur's 6 horse team 1945.*

### **JACK AND HELMA MacARTHUR**

A familiar scene on no. 10 highway just south of Brandon was the MacArthur farm on 15-9-19. This farm was purchased in 1949 by J.E. MacArthur — the main purpose being to house and pasture his very special heavy horses. This six horse team was carefully chosen by Jack and his father and was well known at all of the fairs and parades. A brother George was the driver of this team and is well known in the horse circle.

Jack MacArthur passed away in 1956. His wife Helma still makes her home in Brandon. The farm was purchased by his brother George in 1959 who in turn sold it in 1977.

Jack's son, Archie owns and operates the MacArthur trucking business in Brandon thus carrying on the MacArthur name.

**GRANT MAC EWAN**  
**Born in Chater district**

**In Memory of a truly great horseman and friend —another Chater Boy.**

We all know the grief which accompanies the passing of a good and loyal friend. But Allan Leslie who died at Watrous, Saskatchewan, at age of 92, recently was more than a personal friend; he was one of the last truly great horsemen from an era when all Canadians could be called horsemen and some were masters.

Every farmer was "at home" with a stable full of heavy horses or with his hands full of leather reins as he guided big equine outfits in the fields and elsewhere. Farmers and non-farmers alike discussed hame-straps, caps, sweatpads, stringhalt, catencolts, Clydesdales, Percherons and Belgians with the confidence that came from everyday familiarity.

It was a time when every ambitious farm boy wanted to be an expert horseman like his father, or a nationally famous horse importer like Ben Finlayson, or a breeder of champions like Scotty Bryce, or a horse judge with international reputation like Alex Galbraith or one of the great drivers of six-horse show teams like Andy Haxton who drove for Sheas of Winnipeg or Alex Fleming who drove for George Lane or Bobbie Burns of Edmonton or my old friend, Allan Leslie of Watrous.

Nobody generated more delight for Winter Fair patrons than these men who selected superior drafters to match like the proverbial "peas in a pod", and then trained them to sheer perfection to work together in a big six. Any person who had the thrill of seeing Allan Leslie sitting high on his wagon and bursting into the Winter Fair arena at the Toronto Coliseum, with his dashing horses at what looked like a dangerous gallop, then making the turns and cutting the "figure of eight" with the apparent ease of a boy on a bicycle, would never forget.

The great Canadian drivers of heavy sixes were a conspicuous few and it might be a mistake to try to choose the all-time champion because not all the principal candidates ever came together in the same showing at the same time. Nevertheless, Allan Leslie's successes seemed enough to make him appear among heavy horse drivers very much as Joe Lewis was among boxers and Babe Ruth among swatters.

For supporting evidence, let us turn to the six-horse-team driving contests conducted at the Canadian Royal Winter Fair in Toronto. Leslie won the trophy in the first year of the national competition, 1931, repeated in the next year and the next until at the end of six years, the farmer from Watrous was still the only winner and the Toronto officials, for reasons best known to themselves, withdrew the contest.

A Toronto newspaper commentator pronounced Leslie's driving performance as the highlight of the evening program at the Royal Show and added that Mr. and Mrs. Toronto who attended an evening event wearing fine clothes found more interest in the six Leslie Clydesdales trained to perfection than in the jumpers and ponies and roadsters that followed.

"What is the magic in the way your horses work for you," he was asked many times. His reply was always the same: "Understanding. We've worked together until we understand each other."

He recalled the Toronto performance when he had to rely entirely upon that understanding. He had nothing else. As the six tons of horseflesh was in galloping motion and the big wagon was rattling to give voice to the strains upon it, Leslie made the awful discovery that the buckle on one rein to the lead team had become caught, denying him all physical control. It was a contest year and he knew that to stop in the ring to make repairs would end his chance of winning the championship. And obviously, to allow a team of six high-lifed horses to dash on without control was extremely dangerous.

He made his decision quickly: to take the risk of letting his horses finish what they had started without the guiding use of reins. The big team thundered on: with nothing more than whistle signals from the man on the wagon, the six Clydes swung, made the figure of eight, halted when they were supposed to halt and finally left the ring with another national championship. "I was just there for the ride and to talk to my horses," Leslie said.

Leslie started his driving career by driving six oxen on the homestead taken near Watrous in 1905. "The more I saw of oxen," he said, "the more I loved horses."

**ROBERT AND MARLENE MacKALSKI**

Robert Walter was born in Brandon and was educated in Brandon and the University of Texas, Austin, Texas. He started working with the Canadian Pacific Railway in Brandon, rising rapidly from Junior Clerk in Brandon to General Freight Agent in Winnipeg in 1962. In 1962, Bob married Marlene Dauk, an elementary school teacher from Brandon. They lived in Winnipeg until 1972, briefly in Moose Jaw and moved to Brandon in 1973. In August 1974, Bob moved his family to Cornwallis. His family consists of Barbara Ann, born on June 19, 1963; Jacqueline, born September 12, 1965; Jennifer, born December 20, 1967; and Robert Walter Jr., born April 7, 1971. The girls were members of the Poplar Hill 4-H. Barbara Ann was honored on November 11, 1978 when she won first prize in the National Essay Competition sponsored by the Legion. She represented Canadian Youth and laid the wreath at the Cenotaph during the

national Remembrance Day Services. The same year Jennifer won national honors by placing first with her essay "Why I Wear A Poppy". The children have attended St. Augustine School, Sacred Heart School, and Vincent Massey School. Barbara Ann is presently attending Brandon University and was the 1981 recipient of the prestigious "John and Catherine Robbins Scholarship", given to the student with "academic distinction". Robert MacKalski is presently the manager of the Brandon Branch of Imperial Life Assurance of Canada. The family loves life in Cornwallis.

### THOMAS MAGILL

In 1882 Thomas Magill, his wife Hannah, and Sarah Magill, and two small children George and Nellie, arrived from Colbert, Ont., to file homestead duties on NE $\frac{1}{4}$  34-9-19 in the Cornwallis district, south of Brandon. There were three more children added to the family while living there, William John, deceased, Emiline (Emma) deceased and Elizabeth (Lizzie) deceased. Thomas Magill donated a  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre for the site of the Cornwallis school, which Nellie and George attended. They were the only pupils living to attend the opening of the new school in 1958.

George Magill married Beatrice Roberts from England, she died in 1924. They had four children: Bert, Alice (passed away in 1934), Edna and Peggy.

In 1929, George married Christina Thompson from Gainsborough, Sask. George died in 1962.

Nellie married Joe Black, and they had a family of seven children; Alfred, Eva, Ruby, Cecil, Harold, Elsie, and Charlotte. Nellie passed away in 1966.

### JOHN MAHER NW 7-9-17

John Maher came to Manitoba from the country of Carlton and postal district of Kemptville in Ontario, in the fall of 1882, and filed for a homestead on the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of 7-9-17. His first task was to start building a log house for the family he hoped would join him the following spring. In the spring of 1883 he went back east and brought his family and possessions to his new homestead in Manitoba.

The family: his wife Sarah, and three small sons, George, aged 6 years, John Jr., aged 3 years and Samuel, aged 1 year. A fourth son, Thomas, was born in Manitoba in 1889. John and Sarah and their young family worked hard and the farm soon expanded, adding the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of 12-9-18 and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of 14-9-18.

The Maher farm house was known as Maher's Stopping House by many of the farmers South East of Brandon as far away as Milford and Souris City. In those early days, Brandon was the only market for wheat. Before the CP rail line was built from Winnipeg to Souris and Estevan, Sask., farmers

would haul their wheat by team and wagon to the Maher farm, unload the bags, and pile them in the yard or on the road allowance, as the round trip to Brandon was not possible in one day. Later the farmers would stay in Brandon, drive out and load their wheat, and complete the trip to market.

The Maher house was also the Post Office of Olivedale for the people of the district. The post office operated for several years but later gave way to Rounthwaite and rural delivery from Brandon.

John died in 1905 when his family was still quite young and all the boys at home, and the family carried on as a unit for a few years. Later, George, the eldest son, left home and after living a few years at Ninga and Minto, spent most of his life in the Municipality of Oakland.

John Jr. married and lived all his working life four miles from the original home, also in the Municipality of Oakland.

Thomas married and farmed for a few years on the W $\frac{1}{2}$  of 30-9-17 in the Municipality of Cornwallis.

Samuel operated the home farm until retiring to Brandon in 1950. At that time he sold the farm to Wilbert Chapman, who is the present owner.

Mrs. Maher outlived her husband by 31 years, and passed away in 1936 at the age of 91 years.

Sam Maher, as everyone knew him, never married, and when his Mother grew older and was no longer able to keep house, a niece, Maime Francis came from Ontario to help out. She stayed after her aunt died and lived out her life on the Maher farm.

John Jr. was the only member of John's family to carry on the family name, having a family of one son and two daughters, Earl Maher, his wife Lena, and one son Colin of Rounthwaite; Ernie Laluk and Lila Bowey, both of Brandon.

### MAHER FAMILY

William Maher, his wife Katherine and their four children moved from Kemptville, Ontario, to the municipality of Cornwallis in 1888. His brother John had moved here six years earlier and sent glowing reports back east of the life in Manitoba and the good farm land available. William bought the E $\frac{1}{2}$  2-9-18 from David Mitchell for the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars.

Here William and Katherine were to spend the rest of their lives. The year after they bought the land they found out the railroad line going from Brandon to Belmont was to pass through the entire length of their half section. This they were much opposed to and the story is told that Mrs. Maher walked home from the Brandon Hills picnic to order surveyers off the land. Later, when legal papers were produced, work proceeded. The rail line passed right by the farm yard and for many years there was a train twice daily. In later years as Mr. Maher got older, whether it was by arrangement or

by the goodness of some mail clerk's heart, every evening when the train went by a daily paper was thrown out the door of the baggage car and the old gentleman was there to pick it up. This writer walked down to the train with Grandpa many times to pick up his paper. Now as this book is being written in 1983, this rail line is to be abandoned and will cease to operate on July 31. The grain elevator at Rounthwaite is to be moved to Nesbitt on the C.P.R., so ninety some years after the rail line was built through 2-9-18 it will be removed.

The Maher family consisted of three boys and a girl, all born in Ontario. The eldest, William Henry, married Margaret Dillworth of Rounthwaite in 1899 and farmed for a few years on the E½ of -9-17, now owned by Owen Roberts. The second son, Robert, married Christina Hollaway of Glen Souris and farmed for many years in the neighboring municipality of Oakland.

The two younger children, Mary and Russell, never married and carried on the farming operation until they moved to Brandon in 1927. Mary was a person of happy disposition in spite of having to take responsibility early in life. She was 18 years old when her mother died in 1896 and from then on she assumed all the household and family duties. She cared for her father until his death in 1922 at the age of 84 years. Through all this time she was a good neighbor to the many people around her.

Russell, the youngest member of the family, was a victim of crippling arthritis when still a young man, but with hired help carried on the farming operation until 1927 when he rented this land to Cliff Chapman and moved to Brandon. Russell was also a good neighbor and everyone between Brandon and Wawanesa knew Russ as he drove around the country in his McLauchlin car.

The only descendants of this family still living in the area are Robert's son, Howard, living at Rounthwaite, and his two sons, James, an instructor at Assiniboine Community College and Ray who operates a taxidermy business in Brandon. Howard also has a daughter, Jean, living in Winnipeg.

### **MRS. ALICE (SMITH) MAILER**

On November 5th, 1910, the day after the fire at the Mental Hospital, Hugh and Harriet Smith, with their family, Hugh Jr., and Alice, came from Griswold to a farm by the Glen Souris bridge. I believe the farm was owned by Wm. Good, and handled by C.G. Bennest on behalf of Mr. Good's nieces, Eva Bennest and Ethel Ferguson (twin sisters).

We travelled cross country from Brandon, about seventeen miles, I think, no fences in those days, and were very tired. It was also very dark by the time we got there, and to add to our dismay the

driver had been to the beer parlor, and was very talkative. My Mother was getting very weary, and asked how much farther we had to go. The answer she got was "Do you see that spark," (Someone's house light) it's about three miles after that". So as far as we were concerned that place was named "The Spark". It was somewhere in the Brandon Hills.

We were on that farm for three years, the MacPhees were our closest neighbors, just across the creek. Mrs. MacPhee's mother, Mrs. Waddington, lived with her. She was very deaf, and used a hearing aid, a long tube which went into her ear, with a mouthpiece on the other end that we spoke into. To me it was a real novelty, and I was quite insulted when Mrs. MacPhee said I would have to learn to talk to her daughter, Gertie. As if I didn't know how to talk!! However, Gertie was a mute, having lost her speech when she had either measles or scarlet fever. So she talked with her hands. All this was new to me, but they were all very nice to this little girl. Mrs. Waddington used tobacco, and always insisted on kissing me, which I didn't like at all.

School was a problem. I began at Glen Souris School, but never was very happy there. The other students never made me feel as if I belonged there, so I was very happy when my parents enrolled me in the Blyth School, where the teacher was Miss Mary Noble. She was one of the dearest ladies, and made me feel at home, and as if I belonged there. The other students too, were so friendly and nice, and school days there was always very happy. There were concerts during the winter, and picnics in summer, and the whole neighborhood joined together in making us welcome among them.

Church services were held in Blyth School every two weeks, also Sunday School Classes. It was 2½ miles from our house, and if I had walked there I very often got a ride home with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Elder, who were on the way to visit their son in the Brandon Hills. Everyone was so kind to us. Charlesons were especially kind, and Miss Charleson insisted that I call her "Aunt Belle", so she was "Aunt Belle" to me until she passed away. Many happy hours I spent at their home. Andrew taught me to shoot, and laughed because I rebelled when the rifle kicked, nearly sending me flying. Mr. Charleson always read from the Bible after breakfast. I liked that. He was a taxidermist, and I enjoyed sitting with him in the shop while he worked.

Miss Charleson and Mr. Chorley, whom she later married, took me to the Brandon Fair with them, that was a special treat for me. We had sent essays in to the Fair from Byth School, and mine had been chosen as first prize. It was about the collie dog we had left in Scotland, and titled "My Dog Don", so our school was specially pleased, and



I had my first visit to the Brandon Summer Fair.

My older brother, John, had come from Regina to visit us at the Glen. He was a trained singer, and it was winter time, and the Christmas concert was in the offing. So my brother John, Albert Pettitt, and Pat Noble got together and sang for that. What I remember most was the fact that we had all gone to the concert in a high box sleigh with robes to keep us warm. The robes were left in the sleigh, and the dog that had come along, slept on them while we were inside. The dog had been in contact with a skunk before that, so you can imagine what those robes were like. Anyway we could do nothing about it.

Mr. Simon Thompson was a near neighbor, but very badly crippled up, and drove around with a horse and buggy. He couldn't get out, but always enjoyed chatting to my Mother. She used to go out to the buggy to talk to him, and he seemed to enjoy their talks, and usually came about 10 a.m. They had some great old arguments, and Mother used to check him up to his great delight. He and his sister lived together.

In the spring of 1914 we moved back to Griswold, still with the Bennests. Mrs. Bennest was a very good friend to us all, and "Grandma" Good lived with her, so we were still with the Goods, Robert Halls, etc., and the land there was much heavier than the Glen Souris soil. That was why my Father moved back, and they lived on that half section until they passed on. Brother Hugh had purchased it, and lived there until he died in 1969, in the Municipality of Whitehead.

I had married John W. Mailer and lived just across the Assiniboine River, on 29-10-22 WPM, Rural Municipality of Whitehead. I have been a widow since 1959 and have moved to Brandon to be near medical help.

Submitted by Mrs. Alice (Smith)  
1427-6th Street, Brandon

### BRIAN AND LYNNE MANNS

Brian and Lynne Manns moved to NE 29-10-19 in November 1979, having lived in Brandon for the previous 4½ years.

Brian is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Manns and grew up in the Firdale district north of Sydney. Lynne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Brandon, Carberry. They lived in Saskatoon, Sask. several years before coming to Brandon where Brian is a partner in Brandon Hills Veterinary Clinic. Lynne is a nurse and at present teaches at the Brandon General Hospital School of Nursing.

They have two sons: Ian, born January 27, 1973, and Mark, born January 26, 1976. The boys both attend Fleming School in Brandon.

### MANSFIELD FAMILY HISTORY

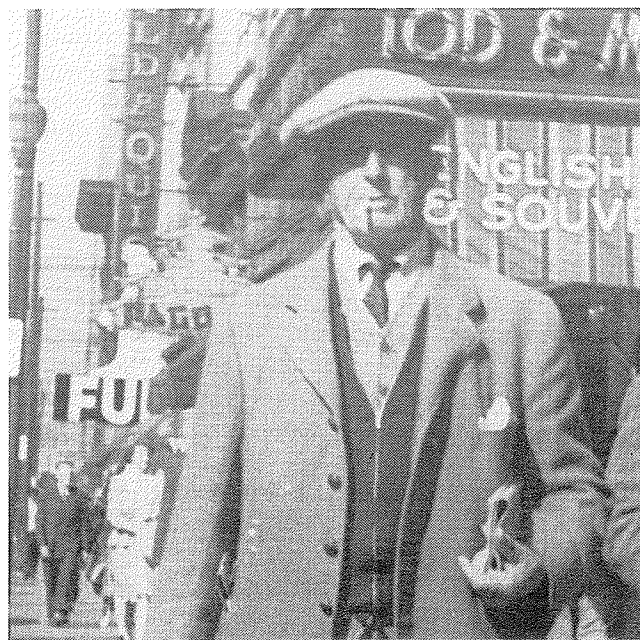
Les and Donalee Mansfield (nee Flock) live on a small acreage of land south west of Douglas.

Les and Donalee were married on October 23, 1976, at which time they purchased and moved into their small acreage, SE 19-10-17, in Cornwallis Municipality.

Les, son of Ed and Jesse Mansfield, was born in Brandon on March 24, 1952. At this time the Mansfield family was farming in the Moore Park District. Then, in 1963, they relocated in the city of Brandon where they started a family business, known as, Mansfields Western Shop Ltd. The business is presently operated by Les, his dad, and brother Lyle. Les also has a sister Donna Coxie of Minnedosa.

Donalee, daughter of Bob and Marge Flock of Douglas, was born on January 8, 1955 in Brandon. As a Registered Laboratory Technologist, Donalee is employed at Westman Regional Laboratory in Brandon.

Les and Donalee have a daughter, Sara Nichole, born January 24, 1982, in the Brandon General Hospital.



G.W. Marsden, Granville Street, Vancouver, B.C. 1943.

### GEORGE WILLIAM MARSDEN FAMILY NE 29-10-19

George William Marsden came from Yorkshire, England. He came west as far as Virden and worked on farms and for the C.P.R. He then went to Ontario where he met Phoebe Jane Caldwell and they were married in 1900. They came to Brandon where Mrs. Marsden's brother, the late G.R. Caldwell had a law practice. They bought the valley farm just west of Brandon where they lived until 1944. This farm consisted of E½ 29-10-19 and part N½ 20-10-19 north of the river and was named

Waltonwood Farm.

The spacious lawn and beautiful grounds were laid out by another brother of Mrs. Marsden's, W.E. Caldwell, a civil engineer. Many happy events, such as Valley Community Club picnics, ball games, and St. Matthew's Church picnics were held there.

Mrs. Marsden was a very resourceful person. In the 30's, to make a few extra dollars, she sold turkeys for breeding purposes all over Manitoba. She also packaged, shipped, and sold strawberry plants, and in the Spring sold asparagus to the stores. She loved to ride to the hounds, and in the absence of foxes they chased rabbits. She was a faithful member of St. Matthews Cathedral, and an ardent worker at their booth at the Brandon Exhibition. She was adamant that her family receive an education. The girls were sent to St. Michael's Academy for a few years. Then the family attended Bloomsbury school in the fall and spring months. Because there was no winter road to Bloomsbury, Mrs. Marsden rented and moved into town during the winter months so the family could continue their education. This was the format until the children were old enough to drive themselves to Brandon. While in town, food had to be cooked and baked and sent out to the men on the farm.

There were six children in the Marsden family. Two girls, Annette and Laura, died very young.

John Marsden was the eldest boy. He played on a Brandon hockey team. He attended St. John's College in Winnipeg until World War I when he had to come home to help on the farm. He remained here until his death at age 39.

Connie was the eldest girl. She loved the outdoors and disliked the confinement and discipline of the Academy. After a week-end at home she frequently ran away from school on Monday a.m. Connie married Gordon Mathieson and they lived in Vancouver. They had two children — Bette and Bob. Connie taught Pro Rec. in Vancouver and after Gordon's death nursed in hospitals in California. She died in 1980 and her ashes were spread on "Spian Cop" — a hill on Waltonwood where she had played as a child.

Sybil was the youngest girl. She loved to hitch up the horse and take all the neighborhood kids for a ride. She liked to golf and won the Brandon Golf and Country Club cup one year. She joined the Navy in the early 40's and was posted overseas. She was a W.R.E.N. in Transport Division. After the war, she went to White Rock, B.C. where her parents had moved after they sold the home farm to David S Hunter. There she met Joe Ray and they were married in 1950. They were in the corner store business for several years, then retired to Richmond, B.C. where Sybil still lives. Joe was deceased in 1955.

Philip G.W. (nicknamed Tom) was the youngest of the family. He was born on

Waltonwood Farm in 1910. After graduating from Brandon schools, Tom stayed home on the farm.

Tom's father became weed inspector in the late 20's and because he had never learned to drive, Tom drove him around the municipality in their much-prized Model T.

This early knowledge of the municipality was a great asset to Tom later in life when he became Councillor and Reeve.

In 1940 Tom bought 20-10-29 from "Aunt Fanny", Mrs. A.P. Wilton. He married Eileen Bates and took up residence there.

George Marsden passed away in 1949 and Phoebe Jane Marsden in 1950. They are both buried in the little hillside cemetery in Surrey, B.C.



*Tom and Eileen Marsden, occasion — 40th Anniversary, 1980.*

### **P.G. MARSDEN AND FAMILY**

In 1940 P.G. (Tom) Marsden purchased SW $\frac{1}{4}$  30-10-19 and part of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  N. River 19-10-19 from Mrs. A.P. Wilton.

In 1941 Tom married Eileen Bates, a former school teacher and they took up residence at 30-10-19 where they still reside today. They began their farming career with 50 chickens and 1 holstein cow. Later, this was to grow into a business of supplying some restaurants, stores, and private customers with eggs and cream every Saturday A.M. This income, together with fruit and vegetables from a large garden, augmented the money for groceries. With careful planning and hard work we acquired assets one by one, as we could afford them, a philosophy we lived by through the years.

In the late forties electricity came to the farms. It introduced us to conveniences that led to a whole new way of life. All sorts of projects mushroomed

from it. We got the waterworks — no more hauling and carrying water from across the road and up the hill, no more cleaning those nasty black lamp chimneys, no more milking cows by hand, no more getting up in the night to refuel the brooder stove, no more cooking and canning on the old cook stove on a 90 degree day, and no more trips to the little shack out back.

We extended our holdings in 1944 when we purchased E½ 36-10-20. This land was a great boon to us when our valley land was flooded. Those devastating floods — not only did you lose the current year's crop but also the next year's, while you cleaned up the debris and weeds. We experienced floods in 1948, 1949, 1952, and 1976. In 1976 the dike broke and our entire valley farm was inundated.

Increased holdings meant a continual evaluation of equipment, from small to larger tractors, ploughs to one-way discs, and threshing machines to combines.

Tom and Eileen were active in community affairs. Tom served several years on Poplar Hill School Board, Brandon Pool Elevator Board, and St. Matthew's Session and presently is serving on the Brandon Civic Senior Citizen's Board. Eileen was General Leader of Poplar Hill 4-H Club for 15 years and active in ladies' groups. Also an avid curler, being on rinks winning many bonspiels and winning the Senior Ladies' Provincial Championship in 1970.

In 1948-1966 Tom was councillor of Ward 4, R.M. of Cornwallis. From 1966 to 1977 he was Reeve. Accomplishments during these years are satisfying to reflect on. Two memorable ones are the paving of the Valley Road and a Life Membership in the Manitoba Union of Municipalities.

John Brian Marsden was born on April 4, 1944 and Judith Ann Marsden on December 2, 1945. They both attended Poplar Hill School from Grade 1 to Grade VIII. We transported them to and from school every day. They were both active in 4-H, winning several honors in demonstrations and public speaking and award trips. Judy had the distinction of being the first girl in an agricultural project to win a gold watch.

After graduating from Poplar Hill they attended Neelin and Harrison High Schools in Brandon. From there Judy attended University of Manitoba graduating with a Home Economics degree. She worked as a Social Worker for ten years in Saskatchewan, then returned to Brandon and took Teacher's Training and is presently teaching Home Economics in Neepawa. She has two children — Robert, 11 years and Jennifer, 8 years.

John attended Red River College graduating in 1966 as an Electronic Technician. He worked for

C.A.E. in Winnipeg for two years and ten years at Esquimalt, B.C. before joining the External Affairs Department in Ottawa. From there he was posted to Hong Kong where he is serving his 4th year in communications in such areas as Senul, Jakarta, Manilla and Singapore.

We had Gram Bates (Eileen's Mother) live with us for 20 years. Not many families today enjoy the privilege of a grandparent living with them.

Tom retired in 1974 and we sold 36-10-20 and all our farm implements and rented the valley land to Keith Macpherson.

To date we both enjoy curling, golfing, bridge and community activities. We live in a rural residential area but we still maintain our farm status.

### **BOB AND SHIRLEY MARTIN**

Bob Martin purchased the farm on 9-10-19 in 1958. Owners before Martins were the Robert Parks family who in turn passed it on to Jessie Parks who worked in the Legislative Buildings in Winnipeg. Mr. Wishart Parks operated the farm for some time. It later came into the hands of a Mrs. M. Proudlock and then to Wm. Webster until it was sold to the Martins.

Bob and Shirley Martin farmed for a time and then went into partnership in the Westman Implements. They sold the business and retired to White Rock, B.C.

The Martins have six boys:

Larry and Heidi were married in Sept. 1975 and have two children — Robbie and Carla. They are living in Lethbridge, Alta.

Doug Martin is working in Fargo, N.D.

Rob. Martin is engaged to marry Dori Couling in Oct. 1983 and resides in Langley, B.C.

Bill and Lorna Martin were married in Dec. 1978 and are living in Brandon.

John and Gordon Martin are working in White Rock, B.C.

The Martins enjoyed their country life in the R.M. of Cornwallis and will be remembered for the lovely farm yard and home they maintained.

### **HUGH J. AND MABEL A. MARTIN**

Hugh and Mabel moved to 17-10-19 on September 30th, 1974. Prior to moving to the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis they resided at 3226 Richmond Avenue, Brandon. They own their own real estate company — Martin Rungay Realty Ltd.

They have four sons — Ken, 24 is a real estate salesman; John, 23, is a cable T.V. technician; Alan, 18, is a salesman driver for Perth's; and Earl, 16, is attending school at Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School in Brandon.

## **WILLIAM MARTINOOK AND FAMILY**

Mr. William Martinook arrived in Canada in 1910, followed a year later by his wife, Annie, and two year old sons, Peter and Paul. Mike, Steve, John and Walter were born during the period of residency in Brandon, where their father worked for a number of years with Manitoba Hydro and Canadian Pacific Railway.

In 1930 the family moved to the farm 20-10-19, formerly known as Spring Park Nursery, on #1-A Highway west of the City of Brandon. Gradually, by working together, sometimes away from home, the family worked their way into a mixed farming business. In time, numerous parcels of land were purchased for each son, with Peter remaining on the home farm with his parents and later with Walter, but still, working together was a necessary part of their life.

Paul, Mike and John were married in Brandon, in 1944, 1942, 1944, respectively, and Walter in Ontario in 1948. Mike left the farm in 1944 to operate an implement dealership in Saskatchewan, returning to work in Brandon in 1964. Walter served with the R.C.A.F. for four years, returning to the home farm in 1945. Peter was 60 years old when he passed away in July, 1969. Paul died at the age of 61 years in August 1970, and Steve died in September, 1982 at the age of 67 years. They were predeceased by their mother in August, 1944 and their father in November, 1958.

John and Walter operated their own dairy farms for many years, until John sold out in 1970 and Walter, who also operated Spring Park Restaurant from 1953 to 1969, also disposed of his dairy herd in 1976. The other sons remained mainly in the grain farming business, with some beef cattle as a sideline. Mike still resides in Brandon, and John and Walter are residing on their respective farms.

## **MASON**

Harry and Sarah Mason and their daughters arrived at Leon Siding, the first of January 1927. They resided on the Timmons farm located a half mile north of the Dunseith farm. In 1929 they moved to the Empey farm at Little Souris where they stayed for a year, then they moved to the Dr. Fisher farm four miles east of the city. Mr. and Mrs. Mason passed away.

A daughter, Annie, married Jack Green. (See Jack Green history). Another daughter, Ida, went to work for Albert Wilton on the Grand Valley Road and that year she married Henry Quaye. They moved to Ninth Street in Brandon and in the spring of 1936 they went to work for Win Roddick in the Brandon Hills, staying there until 1938. Later moving to Franklin Street, then to 1240-4th Street. Mr. Quaye served in the War.

Henry and Ida Quaye had three children.

Henry passed away in 1973. Ida now resides with her daughter and son-in-law George Pulak, in the home they built at 1240-4th street, the original location where Ida resided. She had three grandsons, three granddaughters, a great granddaughter and a great grandson.

## **McCABE FAMILY**

The McCabe family lived in the village of Greenhill in Pictou County, Nova Scotia. In 1879, Anderson McCabe came to Brandon Hills with the first settlers, and his homestead was located on the north-east quarter of 7-9-18. Mr. McCabe married and his daughter, Essie, was born during the time he farmed in the district.

In 1883, Anderson sold the farm to the Prowse family and, leaving his daughter and wife with the Hugh McPhersons, went to Vancouver to seek employment. Mrs. McCabe and Essie followed later in the year and made their home in Vancouver.

Mr. McCabe passed away in 1950 at the age of ninety-four. Members of the family are buried at Mountain View Cemetery in Vancouver.

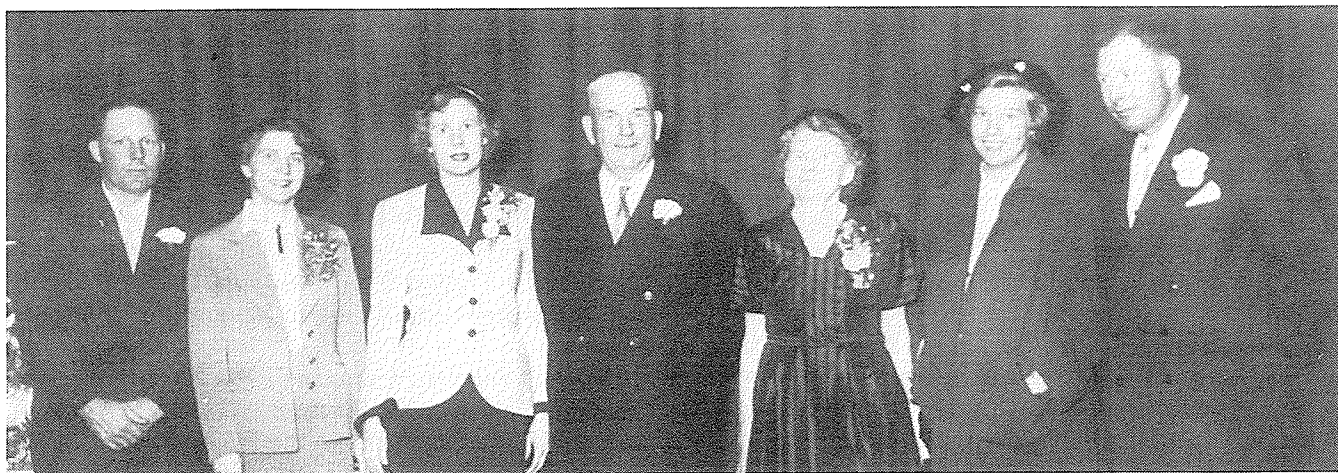
## **JOHN McCALLUM FAMILY**

John and Margaret (Buckley) McCallum came west from Paisley, Ontario in 1890, spending their winter in Chater before settling on a farm in the Elton district, 3 miles east, one mile north of Brandon. Five children came with them from Ontario — John, Duncan, Annie, William, and James. Albert was born out west.

After farming for a few years John and Margaret retired into Brandon, leaving the home farm to William, after his marriage to Blanche McDonald of Chater. Not caring for city life, they decided to finish out their retirement years in Chater, living in the Birdsell house, until their deaths. They are both buried in the local cemetery.

Son John married Bertha Clark of Chater and farmed in the Forrest area, had one daughter Beatrice who became an R.N. She married Vernon Enders, a U.S. Airman, who was killed in an air accident shortly after the arrival of their daughter Karen. Karen married George Smith, took up nursing and had two sons — Scott and Randy. John passed away in 1958.

Duncan married Ellen McPhail, farmed in the Forrest area, and had a family of seven — Edwin, Eleanor, Margaret, Bessie, Jean, Gwen and Jack. Edwin married Isabell Selbie. They had two sons Keith and Duncan. Eleanor, husband Sidney Neuitt and daughter June are all deceased. Margaret married Robert Wood and they had six children — Carl, Norman, Lorna, and three Donald, Jackie and Raymond deceased. Bessie was an invalid since birth and is in the Luther Home in Winnipeg. Jean



*John McCallum family; Albert McCallum, Lenora Doupe, left to right — Donald, Isabel, Jessie, Albert, Lenora, Joan, Richard.*

married Rankin Abel and had four daughters — Mavis, Geri, Marnie and Patsy. Gwen married Peter McTavish and had five children — Bill, Verna, Bruce, Janet, and Terry. Jack lives in Edmonton.

James McCallum married Lottie Smyth of Chater, operated a dairy farm on the south edge of town. Two children were born here — Audrey and Bob. The family moved to Detroit for two years, returning to Brandon, where Jim drove an oil truck for McCall-Frontenac. Bert, another son was born at this time. In 1938 Jim and the eldest son Bob lost their lives in a drowning accident at Waggle Springs. Audrey married Richard Trott, raising a family of five — James, Timothy, Jeffrey, and Jane. No name is available for the fifth child. Bert and his wife Doris have two sons Jim and Bill and Doris is deceased since 1974.

Albert married Lenore Doupe in 1918, and they had five children — Richard, Donald, living in Brandon, Jessie, Isabel, living in Arizona, U.S.A., Joan living in Calgary. Richard has one son by his first marriage and five of a family by his second marriage — Richard, Bill, Bob, Bruce, Laurie and Noreen; Jessie married Phillip Bagwell and they have a daughter Evelyn; Joan married Hugh Best and had Patsy, Garry, and Florence. Joan and Hugh were divorced and she married Bill Thompson and lived in Calgary; Isabel married Cyril Hicks (now deceased) and their family consisted of Jim, Jane and Janet. She and her family live in Arizona, U.S.A. Albert passed away in 1966.

### **McCALLUM FAMILY of Cedar Ridge Farm**

Duncan Selby and Cheryl Ann (nee McLennan) McCallum and family Sheri, Debbie, and Jamie moved to their farm home in 1978, from 135 Madison Ave. Brandon.

Dunc bought the E½ of 35-9-19 from Purcell Baker in 1973, and proceeded to raise purebred

Simmental cattle along with his work as coach of the Brandon Wheat Kings, having settled down from a life of hockey travel and playing in both NHL and WHL.

Sheri married Geoff Bonar of Deloraine, in 1982, as they decided that two live cheaper than one and they were both studying in Grand Forks University.

Debbie has kept up the family tradition of sports having become one of the top scorers of the Crocus Plains Basketball High School champion team 1983.

Jamie also has pursued her athletic career in figure skating and Gymnastics.

Dunc and Cheryl will always have their place in the world of sports. Cheryl was Western Canada Novice Figure Skating Champion from the Brandon Club, and Dunc will be remembered from his hockey career, and as the coach who took the Wheat Kings to two Memorial Cup Playdowns, as a Sportsman of the year.

Dunc passed away in March 1983.

### **McCONECHY FAMILY**

John and Isabella McConechy moved from the Poplar Hill district to the SW½ 8-9-19 in 1904. They had a family of one son and five daughters. A son Earl had drowned in the Little Saskatchewan River the spring they moved to the South Brandon district. Mr. McConechy died in 1916 and his son Ewart took over the family farm. He married Lena Beatrice McRae in 1924 and they had one son John and two daughters, Jean (English) and Edith (Earley). Ewart McConechy owned the first Model T Ford car in the district, sold from Brandon. Ewart was a trustee of South Brandon School District for many years, and was an elder of the Little Souris United Church. Mr. McConechy was well known in the area for his great sense of humor.

Ewart and Lena retired from their home farm in 1952 and moved to Brandon. The same year, their





*Ewart and Lena McConechy farm house.*

son, John, worked for Fred Granger at Rounthwaite for a season, and then he moved to Brandon where he resided until 1977 when he moved to 12-9-20, in the Whitehead district.

Mrs. Lena McConechy died in Brandon on November 13, 1963, and Ewart McConechy died on January 21, 1968.

### **B.B. McDONALD FAMILY**

Basil McDonald came to Brandon Hills from Nova Scotia in 1879 with the Roddick party. Mrs. McDonald came later and they homesteaded the W½ 15-9-18. A daughter who was born to them on January 23, 1885, lived only a short time and was buried in Brandon Hills Cemetery. A son, Marshall, was born in 1886.

In the fall of 1886 they sold the farm to S.F. McKay for \$2,500 and moved to San Francisco, California. They had two more children, Forrest, born in 1889 and Mabel, born in 1892.

### **JOHN S. McDONALD FAMILY**

John S. McDonald (1844-1916), a hotel owner from Forrest, Ontario, moved to the Chater area in 1889 to run a boarding house, living on 33-10-18. He was married to Carolyn Crandon (1852-1925). They rented the land to Bill McGill from 1910-1925 and lived in Brandon where Carolyn kept boarders. John Campbell purchased the land on Oct. 25/25 to settle the family estate.

The McDonalds had eight children:

Margaret — 1874-1880.

Edward — 1876-1956 — resided in California.

Effie — 1877-1910 — Mrs. W.G. Buckley, farmed NE of Brandon.

Ethelbert (Bert) Samuel — 1879-1938 — farmed at Brookdale.

Oscar William — 1880-1967 — farmed at Brookdale.

Blanche — 1888-1970 — Mrs. W. McCallum farmed NE of Brandon.

Millie — 1892 — Mrs. Emerson Morse of Winnipeg. (C.N.R.)

Clardon — 1894- - Travelling Salesman, now of Vancouver.

### **MERLE McDONALD FAMILY**

We, Merle and Chris McDonald moved to Campbell's Trailer Court; August, 1977. Prior to that we farmed south east of Macgregor, Man. for 32 years.

Chris came to Canada in 1927 from Dundee, Scotland. We had met there when I served overseas with the Canadian Army in the Second World War. We were married in May 8th, 1947.

We have two daughters — Linda Burton who is married and lives in Brandon. She made us proud grandparents of two granddaughters and one grandson. Our other daughter, Anne lives in Ontario.

We have always enjoyed country living, so the trailer court is just right for us. We find it a super place to live.

### **CHARLES McFADDEN FAMILY**

Charles McFadden was born at Cypress River in 1886. Elizabeth McGeorge was born in Glasgow, Scotland in 1896. Charles and Elizabeth were married in St. James in 1920 and, after their marriage, they farmed at Cypress River where their first child was born.

They moved to Brandon Hills in the spring of 1922, at which time they rented "Coldstream Farm", the E½ of 19-9-18, which was owned by Trotter and Trotter. Four more children were born while residing there.

As on most farms during that era, the land work was done with horses, but in the late "twenties", Charlie purchased a threshing outfit. He got an Imperial engine and a Robert Bell separator.

The McFadden family left the farm in the fall of 1930. They held an auction sale and sold off their livestock and equipment, and moved to St. James.

Charlie, a veteran of World War I, served as president of the St. James Legion, and was secretary of the War Veterans Alliance for many years. Mrs. McFadden was kept busy with their family and grandchildren.

Lorenzo John, the eldest son, attended Brandon Hills School. He joined the Army in World War II. He married a girl from Glenboro and they had three daughters. He worked for the Department of National Defence, is now retired and living on a small farm at Carman.

Andrew Charles Scott was born at Brandon in 1925, and went to school in St. James. He married and has two sons and a daughter. He has worked for Air Canada for thirty-five years, the last ten

years being at Heathrow Airport in London, England, in charge of maintenance for Europe.

Ina May was born in Brandon in January of 1927. She is married, living in Montreal, and has two daughters.

Stanley Clark, twin brother of Ina May, is married and has a son and a daughter. He is owner of Sims Cleaners in St. James.

Kenneth David was born in Brandon in 1928. He took his schooling in St. James and, after attending colleges in the U.S.A., he received his Ph.D. in Medicine from the University of North Dakota. He joined the staff at the University of Alberta where he is now a professor at the Medical School. He and his wife have a family of two boys and four girls.

Charlie McFadden passed away in 1976 and his wife, Elizabeth, passed away in 1973.

### **WILLIAM ERROL McGREGOR FAMILY**

William (Bill) McGregor, son of Leslie and Eleanor McGregor of Renfrew, Ontario, in the Ottawa Valley, was born June 16, 1952. Bill's family moved to a farm in Arnprior in 1960 and Bill went to the Clay Valley country school and then to Arnprior District High School where he majored in chemistry and agriculture. He worked at Boeing of Canada in Arnprior, where he started his trade as a machinist as his father did.

In July 1973, Bill married Ruth Ann Nesbitt, daughter of Charles and Winnifred Nesbitt. Ruth's mother died in September 1978. Ruth was born May 30, 1955 and was raised on the Nesbitt homestead near Renfrew, along with three sisters. One of them is Betty Smithson of the Brandon Hills district. After high school, Ruth worked for Stevenc Control Ltd. for four years and then at the Bonnechere Manor in Renfrew for four years.

Bill and Ruth moved to Coaldale, Alberta in July, 1979, during the Alberta boom but returned to Brandon in October that same year. They lived in a mobile home on the land of Lee Robins in the Brandon Hills district. Bill belonged to the Brandon Hills Broomball Club and Ruth was a member of the United Church and the Brandon Hills Community Fireflies. Bill worked for a number of farmers in the district until he received a position at the Canadian Force Base in Shilo as the civilian machinist.

Bill and Ruth have two sons — Shawn William, born February 17, 1978 in Renfrew, Ontario and Douglas Errol, born March 14, 1980 in Brandon, Manitoba.

In June of 1982, Bill and Ruth moved their mobile home to their small acreage on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of 22-10-17 in the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis, between Douglas and Shilo.

### **FRED AND CHRISTINE McGUINNESS**

Fred and Christine McGuinness lived in Medicine Hat, Regina, and Brandon prior to moving to 17-10-19, Rural Municipality of Cornwallis in September, 1976. They have four children — Colleen, Economic Development Officer for the City of Vancouver; Fred Jr., Manager, Kellett Copy Centre, Winnipeg; Gallagher, Manager of Media Services, Brandon University, and Timothy, composer, Gastown Productions, Vancouver, B.C.

Fred is the Vice-President, Brandon Sun; Contributing Editor, Reader's Digest, and Commentator for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

Family hobbies are a Christmas Tree Plantation and honey production.

### **JAMES McKAY**

James McKay came to Brandon Hills in 1880 and homesteaded the SE 16-9-18 across the road from his brother Simon. He took as his pre-emption the SE 15-9-18. He worked at the saw mill at Carberry and Hugh McPherson purchased the farm in 1887. Jim died in 1891.

### **SIMON McKAY**

Simon Fraser McKay (1858-1940), son of William McKay of Riverton, Nova Scotia, came to Brandon Hills as a member of the original group of settlers in 1879. Simon was a young man of 20 and was known to be a strong swimmer and a hardy person. He was selected to swim across the Assiniboine carrying a rope which was secured to guide the rafts made of wagon boxes. Upon arrival at the "Hills" he homesteaded the NE 9-9-18. Simon was a carpenter and inventor by nature and used sawn lumber to build some of his buildings. The farm home and barn are still standing. The latter was one of the first buildings in which sawn lumber was used instead of logs. He set up a saw mill at Carberry to meet the needs of local farmers.

In 1884 Simon returned to Nova Scotia and married Sarah Isabel MacKay of Stellarton and they returned to Brandon Hills. The McKays had nine children: Ella (1885-1971), the eldest married Jack McPherson (see McPherson history), Margaret McLeod lived at Trail and died April 11, 1980 at Salmon Arm, B.C., Ann Fuller is living in Vancouver. Katherine is deceased. Jim served overseas in WW I. Jim worked for the Cominco and was sent to Manitoba in 1932 to introduce the new chemical fertilizer that had just been developed. Jim died in 1979. George lives in Trail, B.C. Fraser lives in Vancouver. Dorothy Lauder of Victoria and Isabel Soppit of Red Deer, Alberta. (twins)

The McKay family moved to Trail, B.C. in 1897 where many of them worked for Cominco. Simon served in France in WW I and was awarded a

Meritorious Service Medal.

Mrs. McKay died in 1919 and Simon in 1940 and they are buried at Trail.

### **THOMAS McKEAG**

Thomas McKeag was born in Ontario and came west, to Melita, with his brother. He came to the Chater area where he spent a great deal of his time with Morgan Morgans. He, also, came from Melita. Tom owned a threshing outfit and did custom threshing for the local neighbors. Later, he had a fox farm on SE $\frac{1}{4}$  25-10-18, the Wildey farm, where he lived until his death March 25, 1944.

He married Isabell Cathcart and they had two children — Margaret Evelyn and William John.

On October 2, 1929 when the McKeags were driving to Douglas, they had an accident at the railway crossing. Mrs. McKeag was killed instantly. Evelyn lived only a few hours. William John was only a few months old at the time. He was adopted by a relative in Winnipeg later becoming the Honorable W.J. McKeag, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba.

### **HARRIS AND EDITH McKEE**

Harris McKee settled on 7-9-19 buying farm land from Sam McRoberts in 1920. His father was the principal of Brandon College. He married the former Edith Gerrand. Harris, upon leaving the farm in 1922, lived in Brandon and sold Western Home shares. They moved to the coast on their retirement.

### **DUNCAN, DAN AND BILL McKELVIE**

The following history was taken from a letter written by Billy McKelvie and is printed as written.

My oldest brother Duncan McKelvie came to Manitoba in the year 1880. He looked over the half section 20-9-19 and came back in the spring of 1881 and made entry along with his second eldest brother Dan. They took the whole section, starting to break up the field just north of the buildings and seeding that field to wheat and harvesting a wonderful good crop grading no. 1 hard along with a good yield. John Empey was the only one in the district that owned a binder so he cut the crop. A man by the name of McKinnon came from Portage la Prairie and threshed the crop as no one around here had a threshing machine.

The rest of the McKelvie family arrived there in June of that year. The rest of the crop which consisted of oats and barley, was grown on the land over across the line owned by Bob Ferguson — this half being Dan's half. The house was built in 1881 and also a log stable for about 12 head of stock. The maple trees were planted to the north in 1883. The nearest neighbors were an English family by the

name of W.H. Daubney who lived where the Porterfields used to live. He was an editor of an English paper before coming to Canada. He farmed for about five years and then went to Deloraine and printed the Deloraine Times until his death. His wife then carried on the paper.

E.G.B. Groome was also there in 1881 as well as Mr. Hamborony. The next owner was a Mr. Armstrong who took up the quarter which was later farmed by the Poole girls. The closest neighbor was David Smith. North of the Poole girls farm was Jim Lowes who homesteaded in 1881. Just east of Lowes was a Scotch farmer by the name of Struthers.

Duncan McKelvie sold his farm to his brother Dan who farmed until his death in 1886. The farm reverted to John McKelvie who farmed it until Mr. and Mrs. McKie bought it. Mr. and Mrs. Bill McKelvie moved to Brandon and Bill worked for Bill McRae for a number of years until he retired and moved to Brandon living in a Senior Citizens Home. In his younger days he loved to play the fiddle and will be remembered for the music he supplied for many dances and house parties. Mr. McKelvie was well over 90 years of age when he passed away.

### **W.J.S. McKIE**

William McKie came from Scotland in 1910. He served in the 85th Nova Scotia Islanders from 1914 to 1919. He came back from the war and went to work for the McConechys as a farm laborer.

He married Edith McConechy in 1922 and farmed in the Hayfield district until 1928 when he bought the McKelvie homestead NE $\frac{1}{2}$  20-9-19. They had one son, James, who still farms. William and Edith belonged to Little Souris Church where Edith was organist in the '30's and was also secretary of the church. William enjoyed curling and horseshoes.

William passed away in September, 1958 after a long illness, and Edith passed away in December, 1980.

Submitted by R.J. McKie

### **McKINNON FAMILY**

The McKinnon family originally lived on the Isle of Tiree, Scotland. Many members emigrated from Scotland and settled near Tiverton and Underwood in Bruce Country, Ontario.

In 1892 Malcolm McKinnon came to Brandon Hills and worked for Thomas Chapman. In 1897 Malcolm rented the W $\frac{1}{2}$  15-9-18. The family included Mr. and Mrs. McKinnon and their children: Malcolm, Allan, Donald or Dan, Archie, John Hector, Mary, Finney and Charlie. The McKinnons farmed this land for three years and in 1900 moved to Minto. Malcolm, Archie, John and Charlie farmed along the highway between Minto and Margaret. Finney became a minister, serving a

number of charges in Western Canada before retiring to Vancouver. Allan farmed at Grandview for many years.

### LACHLAN McLEAN FAMILY

Lachlan and Euphemia McLean were natives of Argyllshire in Scotland. They came to the Grand Valley area in 1879 with their four children, Christina, Mary, John and Kate from the Isle of Tiree. "Gaelic", the language they spoke, was not understood by the settlers and they, thinking the McLeans' to be Galecians, considered them to be "unimportant".

They first camped on the north side of the Assiniboine River which at that time was nothing more than "bald prairie". Some "friendly" Indians told them to cross the river and proceed to the south where there was game for food and wood for fires and shelter. They crossed the river on rafts and travelled to an area which they homesteaded —



*Mrs. Lachlan McLean arrived in Brandon Hills spring of 1879.*

W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> 19-9-18.

There was no time to build a shelter so their tents were their home the first winter in a cold Canadian climate. With all the insulation and central heating of today, it's very hard to visualize this — they had many hardships to endure. Their tents were destroyed by fire the first year they were here.

Lachlan died in April, 1906, at the age of seventy-one. Euphemia lived with her son, John, and daughter-in-law, until she passed away in 1929 at the age of ninety-one. Both Mr. and Mrs. McLean were buried in Brandon Hills Cemetery.

Their children all attended school at Brandon Hills.

Christina married Alexander Kennedy and she passed away in 1916 and is buried at Brandon Hills.

Mary married Edward Thomas who was a "hired hand" at the McLean farm. After their marriage they moved to Fairlight, Saskatchewan, where they farmed. Both are now deceased.

John married Elizabeth McIvor who was a 1912 graduate of the Brandon General Hospital. She first came to the McLean household to nurse their third daughter, Kate, who died at an early age in 1913. She was buried in Brandon Hills Cemetery during a cold January blizzard. Many of the "Old Timers" would remember the day. The pallbearers had to walk beside the horse-drawn hearse the two miles to the cemetery to keep it from upsetting.

John was an exceptionally good stockman. He raised many good Percheron horses which were well cared for. On cold wintry days the chore team would be blanketed under the harness. John ran a portable threshing outfit for many years. He threshed many farms in the South Brandon area. Some years he would finish stack threshing in the snow in late November.

Elizabeth was a kind-hearted soul. Being a nurse, she was always willing to lend assistance to anyone in time of sickness. Her vegetable and flower garden brought her many happy moments and she was a member of both the Busy Bee Society and the Women's Missionary Society.

John and Elizabeth had an adopted son, James, who attended Brandon Hills School. John died in 1952 at age 78 years and is buried at Brandon Hills. Elizabeth moved to the old family home at Lion's Head, Ontario, to be with a brother and three sisters. She came from a long-living family and, at one time, there were five of the family living that were over 85 years of age. She remained at Lion's Head until she passed away in 1962 and was laid to rest there.

The farm was sold to Mr. F.J. Pratt who rented it until the time of his death, and it was bought by Mr. Wm. Hargreaves.

## McLEAN FAMILY

John McLean and his brother, Charles, along with their nephew, Hector McLean, were born on the Isle of Tyree, Argyleshire, Scotland. They left Scotland and arrived in Kincardine, Ontario in 1878. After spending the winter there they struck out for the "land of promise" in Manitoba. They finally found the land they preferred to work and to build a log house on (14-9-19), just a few days prior to the coming of Rev. Roddick and his party, who located a little farther east.

The following spring, after undergoing the hardships incidental to pioneer life, John succeeded in building one of the most comfortable and attractive homes in the district. (24-9-19). He wrote poetry and songs which are used to this day on the Isle of Tyree. John married Flora McKinnon and took her along with her daughter, Kate McKinnon, to his lovely new home. Flora had been married before and had her daughter, Kate. Kate married Dr. P.C. Robertson. John died at Little Souris on Friday, December 20th, 1912 at the age of 87.

Charles endured cheerfully and manfully, all the hardships of pioneer life, and while of a quiet demeanor, enjoyed exceptional popularity throughout the settlement. He never married. In his early days on the Isle of Tyree, no matter how heavy an obstacle was, his neighbors could count on Charles to move it. He was very strong. Charles died on August 16, 1928 at the age of 101 years, 1 month and 2 days, in his farm home.

Hector McLean was a ship's carpenter by trade and voyaged the Baltic and Mediterranean Seas. Later he shipped aboard the China tea clippers which raced around Cape Horn with tea cargoes, and on one occasion his ship was first to reach home in Scotland. Later he was construction foreman when the Canadian Pacific Railway crossed the ice at St. Boniface in 1879. Annie Black came to Little Souris from the Isle of Tyree in 1881 and married Hector McLean on May 5, 1882. They had six sons and four daughters. Hector died July 8, 1943 and Annie in 1935.

Submitted by Mrs. Florence Murray (Robertson)  
Brandon, Man.

## KEN McLEAN FAMILY

In 1936, Ethel Robson met Ken McLean at a Girls Soft Ball practice in Chater. He was from North Battleford, Sask. and was visiting his Aunt, Mrs. Ed Hurley, Ethel and Ken started going together and jobs being very hard to get, Ken went to Geraldton, Ontario in 1937 and got work in the gold mines there. In August 28, 1938, Ken and Ethel were married in the Chater United Church. It was a community wedding and a lovely fall day. They moved to Geraldton and in 1940, a daughter,

Donna was born. She had a defective heart, and lived only four days. The same year Ken lost his x-ray card and had to get out of the mines. They came back to Chater and Ken went trucking for a while.

In 1942, August 14th, a son, Gary was born and when he was six weeks old, they went to Trail, B.C. where Ken worked in the Smelter. In six months time they came back to Chater, and Ken tried to join the army but due to scar tissue on his lung was turned down.

In 1943, they went farming, buying the Morgan farm in Chater. Ken also took over Morgans trucking of wholesale milk to Brandon. Their second son, Lee William was born April 30th, 1946. Also a daughter, Linda on April 27, 1952.

Gary was married in 1960 to Gertrude Posthumus, they had two boys and one daughter; Danny born in 1961, Kelly born in 1964, and Darcy born in 1965.

In 1960, Ken and Ethel rented the farm and bought the Service Station and Coffee Shop, at the Douglas Shilo junction on No. 1 Highway. In 1963, they sold the Service Station and farm and moved to Brandon. Ken, by this time was trucking wholesale milk for Manco Dairies of Brandon. Ethel worked one year at the Commodore Bakery and later got work as a cook at the Mental Hospital, where she stayed for 12 years. In 1964, Lee married Leada Roney and a daughter, Tracy was born in 1965. They were divorced and in 1969 Lee married Madeline Brown from Edmonton, where they now live, and have two sons and one daughter. Terri born in 1971, Bradley born in 1973 and Marty in 1974.

In 1968, Linda married Serge Roy from Montreal, where they now live and have sons, Stefan born in 1969, and Patrick in 1972. In 1974, Ethel and Ken sold their home in Brandon, and bought a home near Clear Lake where they lived for five years.

In 1977, they both retired and took up fishing as a hobby. They sold the cottage in 1979 and moved back to Brandon to an apartment, where they still are, enjoying life travelling and fishing.

## McLEOD

Bev, Neil and Don McLeod live on the farm located at NE¼ of 15-9-19, and take an active part in the work of running the program at the Thunderbird Horse center, which was established in 1977 by the McLeod family. As the name suggests, Thunderbird, is primarily a horse operation and has become one of the largest training stables in Manitoba, training all types of stock horses for the public from Central Canada and the Northern States. It also includes the Western Sports Arena Rodeo which is held the first week-end in June.



## ALEXANDER AND JAMES McLURE

Alexander and James McLure were brothers who had great faith in the Brandon farm area. They were known as speculators who had the foresight to purchase land as it was homesteaded. They in turn sold this to settlers coming to this area. In 1884, the McLure boys bought two sections, 5-9-19 and 6-9-19, and sold them to Finley McRae the next year. We do not have any more records of these men but they probably bought up more farm land in other areas — thus helping to settle this large Manitoba area of farm land.

## WILLIAM McMILLAN FAMILY

Bill was born and raised at Carberry, Man., the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McMillan, now of Brandon, Man.

I, Sharon, was born and raised at Gravelbourg, Sask.

We met in Brandon in 1968 and were married in October of 1970.

In 1972 we purchased the NW¼ of 17-10-17 in the Municipality of Cornwallis.

We were blessed with two children — Lisa Janet in 1973 and Charles Henry in 1975. Both children attend Douglas school.

Bill took an auctioneer's course at Mason City, Iowa, in 1980.

One of his first times to auction was helping at the Douglas Community auction sale in the summer of 1981.

## GEORGE McMILLAN FAMILY

George McMillan was born at Gainsborough, Saskatchewan. He worked before and after his return from the armed forces farming and doing carpentry work at Chater, spending considerable time at the D.A. Campbell farm.

In July, 1949 he and Bernice Lockhead of Basswood, Manitoba were married. Bernice had been teaching at Chater school.

They have five children. Jim was born in 1950. He works for Gulf Oil Co. at Estevan, Saskatchewan, is married and has one daughter. Esther, born in 1953 is married, has three sons and lives at Coronation, Alberta, where her husband works for a trucking company. Gerry, born in 1955 works for Northern Co-op and is presently at Arctic Bay, Baffin Island. Lee, born in 1959 works for Pool Elevators and is at Neepawa. Allan born in 1962 is taking his Grade XII at Minnedosa Collegiate.

Submitted by Bernice and George McMillan

## MRS. BERTHA McNAUGHTON

Mrs. Bertha McNaughton bought the farm (W½ 18-9-19) in the spring of 1946 and sold it two years later in 1948. From there we moved to G. Udells and in the fall of 1949 moved to St. Claude. In 1958 we moved to Carman and later to Winnipeg.

Tommy worked for Versatile until he passed away in 1972. The family is all married, Lois lives in Thompson, Barry in Portage la Prairie, Joan in Carman, Pat, Kay and Les in B.C., Joyce in Calgary and Shirley in Winnipeg.

## McPHEE FAMILY

Mrs. McPhee came west and settled in Cornwallis in the 1880's bringing with her two daughters and two sons. They farmed on the south half of 19-9-17 which Mrs. McPhee inherited from her father, John Waddington. She also had the west half of 9-9-17 which was the farm in those days. Mrs. McPhee ran a post office from her house for a good many years. In the early days the mail was brought out from Brandon.

One daughter, Marion, married Walker Kneeshaw and they had three children; Annie married Herb Taylor; Harry was killed in the first world war; Rex never married. Walker Kneeshaw died at an early age and Marion married Albert Pettit. From this marriage there were two children, Nellie and Bert (Sonny). Both families are now all deceased.

The other daughter Gertie, being a mute, lived at home with her mother until they both passed away.

Our son Rex did not marry until later in life and had no family.

When Dan, the other son, married, another house was built in the same yard, and the two boys farmed together. Dan married Gertie Holloway and they had five children, four of whom were born at Glen Souris. One child was born after they moved west.

Rex and Dan operated a good sized mixed farm and always had a large herd of cattle. They sold out in the early 1920's and moved to Western Canada.

## HUGH AND MARGARET McPHERSON

In 1879, Hugh McPherson joined the Roddick party in Pictou, N.S., to head west in search of a homestead in Manitoba. Over population in Nova Scotia and the promise of good farm land in the west lured him away from Watervale, Nova Scotia, where his grandfather, Hugh, had settled after emigrating from Sutherlandshire, Scotland, in 1814.

On arriving in the Grand Valley area of Manitoba in May, 1879, the Roddick party decided to cross the Assiniboine River and settle along the

range of hills, now known as the Brandon Hills. Hugh selected the NE¼ of 10-9-18 as his homestead.

The following spring his wife, the former Margaret Esther Sellars, along with their children, Georgie, age 5; Hattie, age 4, and Jack, a small baby, left Nova Scotia to join Hugh. Margaret's trip west was made more anxious by the illness of her baby. A doctor in Boston advised her of the great risk for the infant if she proceeded with the journey. She felt she had no choice but to carry on with her travels to Winnipeg. Her small son survived the trip and many other trips in his life, to reach the age of 87.



*Hugh McPherson Family; left to right — seated: Hugh, Hattie, Margaret; standing: Jack, Georgie, Angus.*

Hugh had walked from Brandon Hills to Rat Portage (now Kenora) to cut wood that first winter. After his return walk to his homestead in the spring, he received his wife's letter telling him of her decision to join him, of her sale of their farm equipment, and of her approximate date of arrival in Winnipeg. Hugh immediately walked back to Winnipeg to meet his family. However, for their return trip he purchased two oxen, "Snooks" and "Snyder" and after a nine-day journey from Winnipeg, the McPhersons reached their new home on the banks of the Little Souris River.

Margaret and Hugh never regretted their decision to settle in Manitoba. The following years saw the addition to their family of a son, Angus, born in 1884; the acquiring of more land; the building of the "White House"; and an increased involvement in the life of the community. The "White House" served as a stopping house for many persons travelling to and from Brandon to neighbouring communities to the south-east. Hugh was a councillor of the Brandon district for fifteen years. Both he and Margaret were staunch active supporters of the local Presbyterian congregation. Their life evolved around their family, their church, and the Brandon Hills community. After Hugh passed away in 1916, Margaret continued to live in their home until her death in 1935.

Georgina Jane, the eldest daughter, lived at home except for the years when ill health necessitated a stay in the Ninette Sanatorium. Georgie taught Sunday School at Brandon Hills church right up until 1947 when she moved to Rounthwaite to live with her sister, Hattie Morrison. Georgie was a life member of the Women's Missionary Society and a charter member of the Brandon Hills "Busy Bees". She passed away in 1953.

Hattie Maggie, the McPherson's second daughter, taught school at Chatfield and Dunrea prior to her marriage to Robert Morrison in 1920. Hattie and Bob farmed at Rounthwaite but the close proximity of their home to Brandon Hills made them and their two children, Bob (1924) and Margaret (1928) a part of the McPherson family and the Brandon Hills community. Hattie was organist at Brandon Hills Church until 1916. She was a life member of the Women's Missionary Society and the United Church Women. Hattie died in 1965 and Bob in 1975.

In 1904, Blanche, the wife of Arthur Prowse, passed away leaving two small children, Winnie and Kitty. As it was difficult for Mr. Prowse to care for his daughters, he accepted Mrs. McPherson's offer to look after them, and they became a permanent part of the McPherson family. Both girls taught school prior to their marriages. Winnie married Alex Brown of Regent and Kitty married Frank Allbright of Roblin.

### **JOHNSTON AND ELLA McPHERSON**

Though born in Nova Scotia in 1879, Johnston (Jack) McPherson spent all his life in the Brandon Hills district. Being less than one year old he was one of the youngest children to arrive in the new community. He attended the original Brandon Hills School and the Collegiate department of the old Central School in Brandon before joining the farming operations of his family. Jack experienced all the activities of beginning farming in a new area including working for a few months each year with a land agent in Saskatchewan. This work involved walking over much of the western part of that province during the early years of the century.

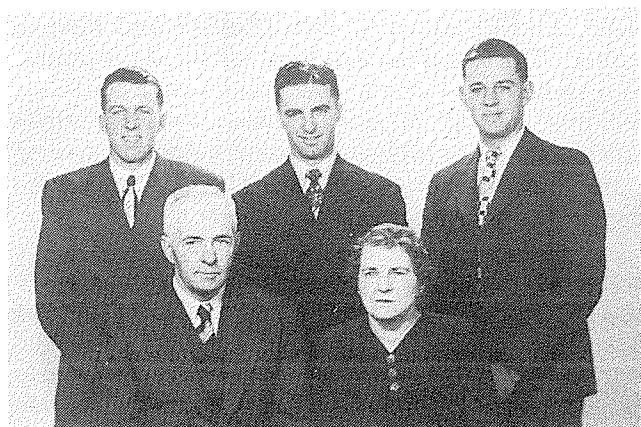
In 1918, Jack married Ella Harvey McKay, the eldest daughter of Simon and Sarah McKay. Ella was born at Brandon Hills in 1885 but as a girl, moved with her family to live in Trail, B.C. Her father, Simon, had been one of the original Roddick party who settled the Hills. After her marriage to Jack, the couple settled on the original McKay farm NE 9-9-18 where they lived until their retirement to Fairview Home in Brandon in 1962.

Both Jack and Ella were involved in many facets of community life. Brandon Hills Church was very important to them, with Jack serving as an

elder and a trustee for nearly fifty years while Ella attended to the bookkeeping and accounts, as well as being active in the Women's Missionary Society and the Busy Bees. Jack also served as chairman of the School Board for several terms. Their home on the corner of Sunshine Highway was always open to family and friends and over the years their interest and concern for others produced a truly extended family.

Jack and his brother, Angus, farmed together throughout the years. Their harvesting operations were extensive involving many neighbours of the Brandon Hills district: Bakers, Blights, Prowse, Rice, Ramsden, Bertram as well as Grossart and George Roddick. For more than forty years threshing was truly a community effort.

Upon retirement Jack and Ella enjoyed the fellowship of new friends at Fairview Home. After Jack passed away in 1966, Ella continued to reside at the home until her death in 1971.



*The Angus McPherson Family; left to right — seated: Angus and Ethel; standing: Howard, Murray Ken.*

### ANGUS AND ETHEL McPHERSON

Angus McPherson, the youngest child of Hugh and Margaret McPherson, was born at Brandon Hills in 1884. He attended school at Brandon Hills and Brandon Collegiate prior to becoming part of the McPherson farming operation at Watervale Farm. Along with his brother Jack, Angus was enthusiastic about sports, playing baseball and hockey with teams from Brandon Hills and Rounthwaite districts and later becoming an ardent hunter. In 1913, Angus married Ethel Pentland of Justice, Manitoba. Ethel had attended the Winnipeg Normal School and taught at Brandon Hills as well as Gourlay and Orange Hall in the North Brandon area. They rebuilt the McKay home which had been vacant for some years and lived there until 1918 when Jack and Ella were married and returned to live there. Angus and Ethel then built the "yellow" house on the home farm. At this new home three sons were born and grew up: Howard, born in 1920, Murray, born in 1923 and Kenneth in 1930.

The McPherson farmyard was always a busy place with Grandmother McPherson and Georgie in the "white" house and Angus and Ethel and the boys in the "yellow house. In addition, a host of relatives, friends and hired men were always present for most of each year.

Ethel was very involved with the Women's Missionary Society, serving as President of Brandon Presbyterial, Vice-President for Manitoba Conference, and attending Dominion Board meetings. As well she was pianist for church services, led the Mission Band group at Brandon Hills School, and directed a multitude of plays and musical productions with the young people of the community.

Angus shared in the McPherson tradition of working for the local church as he served as a trustee and steward for a lengthy period of time. He was also involved in the United Grain Growers and served as Manitoba delegate to the annual meetings for a number of terms. In addition to bringing up their own three boys, Angus and Ethel opened their home to a number of young people who spent the summers at the farm. These young persons added another dimension to farm life and continue to form a warm family connection.

During the summer of 1953, Angus became ill and passed away in September. Ethel continued to live at the farm until 1957 when she moved into Brandon. In 1970 she moved to Central Park Lodge and resided there until her death in 1976. The McPhersons are buried in the Brandon Hills Cemetery.

### HOWARD McPHERSON FAMILY

Howard lived all his life in the Brandon Hills district with the exception of the time he spent in the R.C.A.F. He attended Brandon Hills School for ten years, taking Grade X by correspondence. He drove his pony and buggy to East Brandon School to get help with the French course from Betty Lowe (Mrs. W.G. Burton of Brandon). He remembers that he and his brother, Murray, lit the fire at the school in the winter of 1935-36. It was a very cold winter, the temperatures on many days of January and February are recorded as record low temperatures. It was consistently -40 degrees. The boys would be at the school about 7:30 a.m. and they received \$20 for their efforts that winter.

Howard boarded in Brandon the two years he took Grade XI and XII at Brandon Collegiate. At that time there were four students from the Brandon Hills district going to school in Brandon. He remembers well, the parents would begin about Wednesday to decide which family would be in town on Friday to bring the young folk home for the weekend.

After he graduated, Howard farmed with his father until he joined the Air Force in 1941. He served in Canada plus three years in the United Kingdom, returning in September, 1945. Upon his return, he continued to farm and bought a farm, 3-9-18, through V.L.A. in 1947.

In 1955, Howard married Jessie Walsh of Sceptre, Sask., who was working at the Canadian Wheat Board in Winnipeg. They made their home in his grandfather's house (the White House) on 10-9-18, until they built their new home "Shady Oaks" on 3-9-18.

Howard and Jessie have three children: Muriel, a school teacher at Pincher Creek, Alta., Nancy, a nurse in Thompson, Manitoba and Donald, who went to Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario for three years and is now living at home. All three children started school at Brandon Hills. They were transported by bus to Brandon the fall of 1968, when the small country schools were closed, and Brandon School Division No. 40 was formed.

By this time it was not uncommon to drive twice, or more, to Brandon in one day, let alone once a week.

#### **MURRAY AND MARGARET McPHERSON**

Murray McPherson, the second son of Angus and Ethel McPherson, attended Brandon Hills School, Brandon Collegiate, Brandon College, and the University of Manitoba. After a period of farming, Murray turned to a career in education. He taught school in Dauphin, Manitoba from 1948 until 1953 and then moved to Winnipeg to become a part of the Winnipeg teaching staff. In 1962, Murray joined the staff of the Faculty of Education at the University of Manitoba where he served as head of the Department of Mathematics and Natural Sciences for sixteen years. In 1968-1969, he spent a sabbatical year at Michigan State University earning a doctorate degree in education.

In 1951, Murray married Margaret Raven of Winnipeg who was also a teacher of mathematics. Their son Jack, born in 1955, attended Grant Park High School, the University of Winnipeg and the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Manitoba. At present he is a resident in orthopaedic surgery at the Health Science Centre in Winnipeg. In August, 1982, Jack married Christie Thorwaldson, a nurse in the Intensive Care Unit of the Children's Hospital. Born in 1957, Murray and Margaret's daughter, Katheryn, also attended Grant Park High School and the University of Winnipeg following which she attended Dalhousie University in Halifax where she received an M.A. degree. She is currently living in Vancouver where she is studying for a doctorate in Canadian social history at Simon Fraser University.

The Winnipeg McPhersons have maintained close ties with Brandon Hills throughout the years.

Many summers were spent in their small trailer at the home farm. Also, the Brandon Hills Old Timers' Picnic is an annual event that is always enjoyed and seldom missed. Murray still has farming interests at the "Hills".

#### **KEN AND MARY McPHERSON**

George Kenneth McPherson was born March 24, 1930 and has lived all his life on Watervale Farm at Brandon Hills. The youngest son of Angus and Ethel McPherson, Ken, like his older brothers, attended Brandon Hills School before taking high school in Brandon.

One winter the Brandon Hills School Board was unable to find someone to light the school fire. As Ken's dad was on the School Board at the time, he approached Norman Chapman suggesting Ken would do the job if Norman's eldest son, Jack, would help him. An agreement was made between the two boys that they would alternate on a monthly basis. The boys would light the fire and keep it stoked. The wood bin was kept full by all the pupils. Ken remembers vividly one particularly cold day, the first day of school following the Christmas holidays — after a brisk horseback ride, he arrived in the dark to a very cold school! Wages for lighting the fire were twenty-five cents a day!

Ken took Grade IX and X by correspondence at the local school and attended Brandon Collegiate and Brandon College for Grades XI and XII. During Brandon Centennial in 1982, Ken renewed acquaintances with former teachers and pupils at the unveiling of a cairn commemorating Brandon Collegiate (New Era School), 1883 to 1974.

Due to problems with erosion, salinity and the increasing cost of land, Ken has been continuous cropping since 1963. He has been the Manitoba director for Palliser Wheat Growers since 1976.

On October 5, 1956, Ken married Mary Spratt of Elgin. Following graduation as a registered nurse from Brandon General Hospital, Mary was on staff at Souris Hospital for a year. Mary, with several assistants, has been pianist at Brandon Hills Church since 1958. Ken has served on many church committees since 1950. They have two children, George Angus, born December 6, 1957 and Lea Marjorie, born January 3, 1961.

George attended Brandon Hills school where many noon hours in winter were spent building snow forts and sliding down the hills. Always one who liked to climb, he sustained a broken arm when he fell while swinging from rafter to rafter in the basement of the school. After studying at Neelin High School and Brandon University, George began farming with his dad. George bought the major part of NW 9-9-18 from Margaret Roddick. The remainder of the acreage and the buildings were purchased by John and Mary Friesen.

Lea was a pupil of the last beginners class at Brandon Hills School (1968) and attended Neelin High School. She is studying at the University of Manitoba to be a recreational director. Lea played basketball with the Manitoba Women's team at the Western Canada Summer Games held in Saskatoon in 1979. She also played one year of university basketball and is presently playing in a senior women's league. Lea enjoys poetry and literature.

In 1981 the McPherson family received a Manitoba Century Farm award. This award is presented to mark the continuous operation of the same farm by the descendants of the original homesteaders for more than one hundred years.

### FINLEY AND MARTHA McRAE

The origin of the Finley McRae family in the R.M. of Cornwallis, dates back to the 1880's. Finley sailed from London, England to Quebec with his mother and dad. On the way over both parents took sick and died, and were buried at sea, of the

dread disease called cholera. He was twelve years old and went to live in Quebec with cousins by the name of Shaw.

Finley worked on a road gang wherever jobs took him — even as far as San Francisco. He could not read or write but in later years he took a business course which helped him considerably. He met and married Martha Bevan in Ottawa, Ontario, on June 26, 1878, and they opened up a candy store in Ottawa. Kate, Mary, and John were born there.

Late in 1882 they came to Brandon and opened a candy store. In 1885 he bought a farm landsite, west half of 6-9-19, from the Western Canada Loan Co. for the sum of \$1,260 to be paid for in six years with interest at the rate of 8%. They built a log shanty in which Bertha, Donald, Gertrude and Lena were born, and lived in this log house until 1892 when they built the large family home now still standing. W.F. (Bill) was born in this new house, lived there all his life, and raised his family in the same home.

Finley McRae knew nothing at all about this new experience of farming. We are told that he



*Finley McRae family: Back row — Left to Right: Jack, Bertha, Donald and Mary. Middle row — Left to Right: Finley, Bill, Martha and Kate. Front row — Left to Right: Lena and Gertrude.*



bought a pair of ducks and brought them home and set them on the roost — when they wouldn't stay there he felt they were sick. He didn't know that ducks don't roost like hens do.

Most of his family remained in the South Brandon area. Kate married Jack Swanton and lived where Allan McRae now lives. They had four children: Bill, Henry, Clifford and Archibald.

Mary never married but stayed home and worked with her mother until her death.

Jack farmed on 5-9-19 and was a bachelor.

Bertha married Hugh McRoberts and lived on 7-9-19. They had two children, George and Eleanor, who both died in the bad flu epidemic. Bertha and Hugh then moved to Vancouver where Grace and Florence were born.

Donald lived on the farm until, at the age of 24, he died from appendicitis.

Gertrude was born and lived the first years of her life on the farm, going to school and later on driving 8 horses behind the harrow and doing a man's work breaking and tilling the land. She then went to Brandon College for two years and on to Winnipeg Agricultural College for another two years, training as a dietician. When the flu came in 1918 she returned home and cared for her sick family. She later worked at the Mental Hospital for eleven years and then went to work at Ninette Sanatorium, as a dietician, for another eleven years. She was a devoted worker and was never late for work or missed a day because of illness in all that time. Gertie has been a very active member at the Y.M.C.A. and remained so until she was over 90 years old. She now lives at Princess Towers in Brandon and enjoys good health at 93 years.

Lena married Ewart McConechy and lived on 8-9-19. They had three children, Jean, Edith and John, who are all around Brandon.

Bill was born in the new farm home. He lived there and farmed with his Dad and brother. He married Bertha Kirkpatrick in 1924 and lived there until their retirement to Brandon in 1958.

Times were hard but the McRae house always had a welcome sign on the door.

### **BILL AND BERTHA McRAE**

William Finley McRae, better known as Bill, was born in the original farm home in 1893. He went to school and remained on the farm at 7-9-19 all of his life. He married Bertha Kirkpatrick in Kemnay, Manitoba in 1924. They loved the farm and were very active in the community.

Bill was interested in horses and all sides of agriculture, and had a special interest in the Brandon Fairs, first showing Shire (heavy horses) and then, when heavy horses were replaced by machinery, he raised and showed light horses. He



*W.F. McRae Family — 1959; left to right — Gordon, Howard, Bertha, Bill, Pearl, Allan; front — Bernice.*

trained trick horses and did many acts to entertain at the fair. In later years, he drove "Flash" in the pace and action classes, which were a very lively part of the fair entertainment. Bill did much community work, was a Municipal Councillor, was on the School Board, and helped remodel many buildings such as the church and Beresford rink.

Bertha was a school teacher, and with her many talents, such as playing for concerts, etc., was a welcome addition to the district. She was always an active worker in the Red Cross, W.M.S., and the church. She was a good homemaker and cooked many a dinner for telephone men, fuel dealers and other men who dropped in for a visit and a good meal. Their big roomy house was the scene of many dances, meetings, and community socials.

Six children were born to Bill and Bertha — one son, Bobby, died at the age of three months and the rest of the family settled in this area.

Gordon was born in 1924 and attended South Brandon School. He married Margaret Brown of Souris in 1950 and they farm on 5-9-19. They have one son, Larry, who is now farming with his dad. Gordon has been a Municipal Councillor for 24 years taking over from his dad on his retirement. He is active in the Winter Fair and all agricultural events.

Pearl also attended South Brandon School and remained at home to help her busy mother for several years. She took a business course and has worked for the Manitoba Government for 23 years. She has three children, Bill, an L.P.N. in Winnipeg; Dianne Stawychny, a homemaker with two boys; and Bob, who works for the C.P.R. Pearl and her husband Jim Sheldon live in Brandon where Jim is a barber.

Howard was born in 1927 and lived all his life on the home farm 6-9-19. He raised Aberdeen-Angus cattle and was very busy showing cattle at the fairs. He was a Director of the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba. He married Marian McKinley in 1957 and had four sons, Malcolm, Glen, Doug and Bruce.

The boys loved the cattle and along with their father were very active in 4-H and won many ribbons at the fairs. Howard, Malcolm & Glen were killed in a tragic car accident in 1970.

Marian, Doug and Bruce moved to Manitou where she has been a teacher and school principal for many years. Doug took a course in auto body repair and is employed in Brandon. He has moved back to the original McRae home farm and is the fourth generation to live on 6-9-19.

Allan took up farming also and is just across the road in the R.M. of Whitehead. He married Margaret Reid in 1956 and they have three children, Janice Bokkel, living at Kemnay on a farm and working as bank teller; Blair, farming at home and Jeff taking Grade XII and helping on the farm. Allan and the boys are very active in fairs and raising and showing good Simmental cattle. Margaret has for many years, been a foster mother for many children.

Bernice was the youngest of the McRae family and was a school teacher. She married Doug Anderson in 1959 and lives on a farm at Swan River. She and Doug have also been interested in fairs, and raising and showing good cattle. They have three children — Maxine, a figure skating teacher at Edmonton; Scott and Bruce at home. Bruce is attending Swan River High School. Scott is farming with his dad and is also interested in cattle and fairs.

The McRae's have always been active in the South Brandon district. They moved to Brandon on their retirement where ill health forced Bill to spend his last days at Hillcrest Nursing home until his death in 1978. Bertha is living at the International Nursing Home and is in poor health.

The McRae name is well known in agricultural circles. Marian's farm on 6-9-19 will be a Century farm in 1985 and Gordon's farm will have been worked by McRae's for 100 years in 1987. It is hoped that the McRae boys will carry on these century farms for many more generations.

### **SAM AND HUGH McROBERTS**

Sam and Hugh McRoberts were early settlers in this area of the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis.

Sam settled on the NE corner of 7-9-19. He married Kate Switzer and had two children. Upon leaving the farm, where Hugh Jameson now lives, they went east and had a flower farm near Toronto.

Hugh McRoberts purchased the NW quarter of 7-9-19 from Harvey Woodhull in 1898. He married the former Bertha McRae. They have two children — George and Eleanor, who died in the bad flu epidemic. The Hugh McRoberts moved to Vancouver where Grace and Florence were born, and lived there until their deaths.

### **NEIL McTAGGART FAMILY**

They moved to Brandon from Glenboro in November, 1972 and Richmond Oaks Apartments was their home for a while. The move from a farming community, which had been their past history, convinced them they wanted to be a part of country life again. They ventured to different locations looking for a possible area to build a home and the decision was made to purchase an acre of land from Gordon Medd, in the Municipality of Cornwallis (SE 1-10-19).

In the spring of 1973 they began to build. It was a busy time for all and in September, 1973 they moved into their new home. A shelter belt of trees was started when the house was built.

They have a daughter and a son. Heather Anne was five when they moved to Brandon and attended Fleming School and Linden Lanes School to complete her elementary education, and Earl Oxford for her secondary education. She will be attending Crocus Plains High School in the fall of 1982. Heather's interests are piano, choral singing in school and church. Her hobbies are swimming and badminton.

Darren John was three when they arrived in Brandon. He attended Linden Lanes School and St. Augustine's School. He will go to Sacred Heart Secondary School in the fall of 1982. Darren is interested in hockey, soccer and swimming. He also plays the piano and sings in choral music at church.

Joyce is a cardiology technician at the Brandon Clinic. She enjoys gardening and working in the greenhouse. She also enjoys music and sings with a choral group at Trinity United Church.

Neil is a crane operator and is employed with R. Litz & Sons Co. Ltd., Winnipeg. His hobbies consist of fishing, flying and at present, his masonic duties.

The McTaggart family enjoy their country life immensely and the many folk who they meet.

### **GEORGE MEDD FAMILY**

George Medd came to Brandon from the Huntington district South of Griswold in 1903 and settled on Sec. 1-10-19 in the Cornwallis Municipality. In 1906 he married Mrs. Frances Powers, a widow from Fort Perry, Ontario, who had two small girls, Gladys and Ethel. Three boys were born to the Medd's — Gordon, Arthur and Harold. Frances was an invalid for many years and passed away in 1926. The girls and boys attended Cornwallis school and for many years the school picnics were held on the Medd farm. George was a councillor for the Municipality from 1935 to 1942. It was during this period that Anglo Oil Company built the refinery in the Municipality.

In 1941 Gordon married Cavell Hamlen and took over the family farm at which time Gladys,

Arthur and their father moved into Brandon. Gordon followed in his father's footsteps and was also a Councillor from 1943 to 1948. In 1978 Gordon and Cavell sold their farm and took up residence in Brandon.

Ethel married and resided in the Carnegie district. Arthur is now a resident of Fairview Home. Harold married Jean Beresford and they reside in Brandon.

George Medd passed away in 1951 and Gladys in 1959.

### **JOHN AND MARY MEDLAND**

John Medland, son of Stephen and Catherine Medland, was born at Brooklin, Ont. in August 1863. There were five in the family, John, Will, Albert, Lucy (Baillod) and Maude (Stephens).

John married Mary Jane Wickett. She was born in Myrtle Ont. in Dec. 1872, and came with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wickett, to Manitoba and settled in the Cornwallis Municipality. There were five others in their family, Annie (Brown), Alice (Watkins), Charlie, Bert and Frank.

John and Mary Medland farmed north of Brandon and at Little Souris, 10-9-19. They had three daughters — Florence, Annie and Hazel.

In 1908 the family moved to Ninga district, returning back to the farm at Little Souris in 1922. Mrs. Medland died in 1925. Mr. Medland retired to Brandon in 1930 and died in 1956.

Florence married William (Bill) Thompson of Ninga. They had two daughters — Grace and Marion. The family moved to Brandon in 1929. Bill worked on the "good roads" and was killed in an accident at work. Bill served in World War I.

Florence and girls moved to Vancouver, B.C. where Florence died in 1978. Grace married Jim Rorke of Vancouver. They have two children — Jimmie and Darice.

Marion married Jack Clark of Brandon. They have two children — Karen and Alan. They live in B.C.

Annie taught school, the last school being McKelvie. She married Lawrence Courtice in 1924. (see Courtice history). They had one daughter, Lorraine. Lawrence died in 1930. Annie and Lorraine moved to Vancouver, B.C. in 1956. Lorraine married Bill Stone. They have four of a family, Marilyn, L. Lindsay, Jeff and Laurie, and live in Mississauga, Ont.

Hazel married Lyle Harper of Hayfield in 1930. (see Harper history).

### **BOB AND BETTY MILLER**

Bob and Betty Miller moved into the Douglas area in 1972.

Betty, the former Betty Duchesneau, was born in Saskatchewan, as was Bob. Both moved to Winnipeg in early childhood where they attended school and later met and married. Their two oldest children, Robert (Robby) and Gayda, were born there.

Bob was transferred by his employer, Manitoba Telephone Systems, in 1959 to Dauphin where they moved in May of that year. Betty's widowed mother, Eva Duchesneau, moved with them. Tim, their youngest son was born there.

Bob was transferred again to Brandon in 1971, and as the family preferred the small rural communities to cities, they chose to build in Douglas. Their oldest son remained in Dauphin where he was employed. Gayda and Tim went to school in Douglas and Forrest. Gayda later married a Chater boy, John Rempel, and they reside in the Chater area with their two children, Gayda Lynne and Ryan. Tim now resides in Brandon and Robby occasionally makes his home in Douglas when his work as an electrician takes him into the Brandon area.

Bob and Betty have enjoyed their involvement on the Douglas Hall Committee and also curling in the Douglas Bonspiels. Betty's mother now resides at Assiniboine Centre in Brandon.

### **THE MINAKER FAMILY 30-9-17**

The first Minaker family to set foot on North American soil in 1776, was John Henry William. He was a soldier in General Burgoyne's Army, who at that time had been placed in the service of the British Government, at war with America. The 13 states had declared their independence, and were at war with Britain. At the end of the hostilities, at the "Battle of Saratoga", records show that the Minaker family settled on the Bay of Quinte with other United Empire Loyalists. The progenitors of this family are his three sons — Frederick William, Christopher Ludovick and Christian Andrew. The families in those pioneer days, endured many tragedies, and hardships of the times, but continued to flourish. There is reference to the Minaker family in "Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte", published by Rolph Clark & Co., 1906. Family records have been preserved for future generations to appreciate the ancestral endeavors as pioneers of the country.

John Milton Minaker and his wife, Annie, with five small children, came west on the first train into Winnipeg in 1879, and in April of that year, went to Rapid City. In 1880 they came down to Currie's Landing, and went south from there to the east half of 30-9-17 and squatted on this land, as it was not yet surveyed.

In the obituary of Annie Minaker (March 1918, Brandon Sun) it reads "At that time Mrs. Minaker was the first white woman south of Currie's Landing in that section". John Milton Minaker had predeceased his wife in July, 1917.

John's eldest son, Herbert Stanley, and his family stayed on at that farm until 1922, when they moved across the river. There they remained until Herbert's death in 1928. His eldest son, Herbert Milton, farmed there until 1935, when he left for the Peace River district of Alberta.

The seven daughters, and three sons of Herbert Stanley Minaker are scattered among the western provinces.

The youngest son, Calvin, chose to stay in Brandon, after service in the army during World War II. Cal's two sons, Brian and Keith, reside in Brandon. At this time (1983) Brian's son Christopher, is the 8th generation since the ancestor, John Henry William, came to this continent in 1776.

### **JAMES MITCHELL FAMILY**

James and Helen Mitchell came to the Little Souris district from Ile des Chenes, Man. with their young daughter, Wilma Mallen, in the fall of 1919. They bought the E½ of 13-9-19 from Hugh Courtice where they farmed and kept cattle and sheep, but found the wolves very troublesome with the latter.

While there, their second daughter, Helen Georgia (June) was born in June, 1920. They worshipped at the Little Souris Church and took part in the community activities.

In the spring of 1921 they sold the farm to Lawrence Courtice and held an auction sale. Dr. Harry Ross was the auctioneer and this was his first sale of the many he conducted throughout the years.

From here the Mitchells went back to Scotland to visit and, on their return to Canada, they moved about considerably — from a store in Winnipeg to the West Coast, settling in Mission City, B.C. where Jim returned to the butcher trade that he had followed in early years in Moosomin, Sask., after homesteading at Bladworth, Sask.

Jim retired in the late 1950's and they enjoyed their retirement in Mission City until Helen's sudden death April 4, 1959. Jim then sold their home and alternated the summer and winter seasons at his two daughters' homes — Wilma, Mrs. Ernest Nicol of Brandon Hills, now of Brandon, and June, Mrs. Arthur Blackmore, now Mrs. Wm. Armit, of Victoria, B.C.

When unable to travel, his last years were spent at Matson Lodge and Sandringham Nursing Home in Victoria. He passed away peacefully January 5, 1972. Both Jim and Helen are laid to rest in the Hatzic cemetery near Mission City, B.C. — a

very peaceful resting place.

Wilma (Mitchell) Nicol

### **BOB AND HELEN MITCHELL**

Bob and Helen Michell lived for 32 years in Kenora, Ontario and raised eight children. Bob was employed as a locomotive engineer for the Canadian Pacific Railway. We then moved to Brandon and in August 1975 purchased the property formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jonsson in the Municipality of Cornwallis. We lived there until June, 1982.

Bob retired from the railway in 1976. We enjoyed working in the garden and keeping the grounds as nice as possible, but due to some set backs in health, we decided to take life easier and do a bit of travelling. We now reside in the City of Brandon. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd R. Wersch took possession of this property on July 1st, 1982.

### **GEORGE AND BETTY MITCHELL**

George and Betty moved to Cornwallis Municipality in 1975. They came from Brandon and built a house on a parcel of land — part of 34-10-17. They lived there with their daughter Julie and son, Tim. George was doing carpenter work in Brandon and Betty was selling real estate.

An accident and sickness in the family meant a lot of time was spent at the hospital, so putting the house up for sale, they moved back to Brandon. This meant being closer to the hospital but it didn't solve everything.

One cold winter day just after a freezing rain, Tim was on his way home from school for lunch. Three little boys in Grade I were playing in the ditch on their way home. Not being used to too many cars and not watching either, Tim darted across the road. As a result of slippery streets he was struck by a car. What could have been a serious accident only resulted in a cracked collar bone.

Too many misfortunes meant only one thing — move back to the peace and quite of country living. Once again George and Betty were buying some land, selling their house and moving back to the country. Where else to go but back east of Brandon to Cornwallis and the best supply of water in these parts. Forty acres of land was being subdivided on the SE 22-10-17 into five acre lots. George and Betty bought a lot and built their dream home which they planned, designed and built themselves.

Once again the Mitchell family is enjoying lots of fresh vegetables from the garden, the song birds in the trees surrounding the home and country living. Which goes to prove: you can take the boy from the country but you can't take the country from the boy!

## **RON MOFFATT FAMILY**

Ron and Mary Moffat moved from Brandon when they purchased their farm from Gordon and Cavell Medd in the Municipality of Cornwallis (S.W. 1-10-19). Ron is employed at the Research Station and Mary works part time for the Manitoba Telephone System.

They have two boys — Dale and Greg, who are attending Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School.

## **THOMAS AND MARY MOFFAT**

Thomas Moffat was born in Cumberland, England, in 1848. He married Mary Telford in 1878. They first lived at Orillia, Ont. They came to Manitoba, and bought the NE¼ of 4-9-19 in 1889. A John Bennet was a former owner. The NW¼ was bought later. They had a family of six boys and three girls.

John died in 1880. He was one year and nine months old.

William died in 1884 at the age of three years.

James never married, he died in 1960.

Robert was born in 1885. (See Robert Moffat history.)

Joseph never married, he died at Birch River in 1972.

Thomas married Irene Goldie. They had two sons and two daughters. He died in 1970. Irene still lives in Quesnel.

Ruth got kicked by a horse and died in 1909 at the age of thirteen.

Jane married Arthur Gallert. They had one son and two daughters. Jane passed away in 1964. Arthur, and their son Alfred, and daughter Ruth are also gone. A daughter Marge and husband live in West Allis, Wis. U.S.A.

Margaret married Wm. Richardson. (See Wm. Richardson history). Thomas Moffat senior died at his farm in 1913. His wife Mary lived with Jim in Brandon for a few years, and then went to Birch River, where Joe and Tom were living. She died in 1933.

## **ROBERT AND MARGARET MOFFAT**

Robert, son of Thomas was born in 1885 at Orillia, Ontario. He came with his parents to N½ of 4-9-19 in 1889. He married Margaret Hays in 1911, and lived in Rapid City district until about 1919, and then moved to Brandon. He had a well-digging outfit, and dug many wells in the North Brandon district. In the winter he used to work in the ice packing house where they packed those large blocks of ice. They had a knitting machine and knit socks to sell.

In 1925 they moved out to the Moffat home farm, 4-9-19 and started up farming again. While they lived there he put up some of the road known

as the Hayfield road, using horses. They moved to Minnedosa in 1934. Robert died in 1970 and Margaret died in 1981 at Minnedosa.

They had one daughter, Mary (See Arbuckle History) and a son John.

John and his wife Alice live in Minnedosa and have a daughter Valerie and two sons — Clinton and Leslie.

## **MOGGACH**

In 1912 Mr. and Mrs. James Moggach and their eldest daughter, Ella, two years old, came to Canada from Scotland. They arrived at Virden, Manitoba, found work on a farm at Scarth, Manitoba and worked for people by the name of Hayherst. They then went to Mr. Willow Elder's in the Blyth district and worked for the winter while Mr. Elder was away working at a saw mill in the North. They also worked for Mr. Andrew Elder until they purchased a farm of their own in the same district.

Their second daughter Alva, was born in 1914, a son Murray in 1918 and Allen in 1920. They all attended Blyth school.

They moved to a farm at Rounthwaite, Man. in 1922, known as the Frank Graham place (Duces now live on that farm). They went from there to Glen Souris where they bought a farm known as the Pettit place and spent several years there. Allan took over the farm and Mr. and Mrs. Moggach retired to Brandon in 1951.

In 1956 Allan moved to a farm at Hamiota, Man., Ella (now deceased) lived at Trail, B.C. and Murray lives at Fruitvale, B.C.

Alva married Vincent Hedley in 1933. They lived at the Brandon Hills for two years, Glen Souris for two years and finally moved to Moore Park, Man. where they still live. They had a family of five children.

Mr. Moggach died in 1963 and Mrs. Moggach in 1966.

## **WALTER AND LENA MONCAUSKAS**

Thirty seven years ago on April 4, 1945, we moved from Souris to the Brandon district, in the Municipality of Cornwallis. We were renting a farm West of Souris and when this farm (3-10-19) was up for sale we bought it. It was closer to good markets, more shopping centres and good schools.

This farm was a grant to the C.P.R. for building the track across Canada but when the City of Brandon was built closer to the Assiniboine River the railway moved closer to the river and the C.P.R. sold this land.

The first family on this land were the Whites. Then it was bought by Dr. Sam Cox who was a Government Veterinarian and when he retired he



left the farm to his nephew, Jack Heal who sold the farm when he went overseas with the Air Force during the war.

In 1947 our son Horace was born and he still resides at home.

In 1947 the first farm electrification came through the area and horse power gave way to machine power as we know it today.

### **MELVIN F. MOORE FAMILY**

Mel and Audrey Moore came to NE 19-9-18 (the Bill Hargreaves farm in the Brandon Hills) in the spring of 1963, to run a dairy farm, which they rented from the Hargreaves who had just moved into Brandon. They came from Carroll with their two sons.

Donald was born in 1958. He began his schooling at Brandon Hills and continued his education in Brandon after his parents moved there in 1967. He is a welder and works for the Boilermakers across Canada.

Robert, born in 1961, received his schooling in Brandon and is now employed by Canadian Steel Tank Ltd., Brandon.

Mel and Audrey moved back to the country, to SW 36-9-19, south of the city of Brandon. Mel has an appliance repair service (Mel's Appliance Service) which he operates from his present residence.

### **WILLIAM A. MOORE**

Prior to moving to 17-10-19, R.M. of Cornwallis, in September, 1982, we lived at 443-22nd Street in Brandon.

I have two children — Andrea Ellen, who is a student at Brandon University, and John Alexander, who is a student at Neelin High School.

My community involvements have been with the Rotary Club, 1979 Winter Games, St. Leonard's Society, Brandon University Board of Governors, John Howard Elizabeth Fry Society and Manitoba Heart Foundation.

### **CHARLES AND EVA MORAVEK**

We, Charles (Karel) and Eva Moravek immigrated from Czechoslovakia to Canada and on to Brandon in October, 1968. I have been employed by the Manitoba Hydro in Brandon for thirteen years, presently as Technical Assistant in the Western Region Office. My wife worked in Brandon until our son Earl (we call him Orel) was born in 1977. Since then she has been in the home. She is very interested in pets and all nature. She hopes sometime to have a game farm, that we, as well as our friends, can enjoy.

In 1976 we bought forty acres NW 2-9-19 in the Brandon Hills. We built our bungalow on the

highest point of our acreage, and have a beautiful view of Lake Clementi on the south and can see the city of Brandon on the north. We like our environment very much, it reminds us of our old country. We have never regretted we chose Canada as our new homeland, and although we had not planned to live in the prairie region, we are more than happy to have a chance to live in such a location as on the Brandon Hills. It was not till September 1978, that we were able to move into our new home in the Cornwallis Municipality.

### **JOHN AND CHARLOTTE MORGANS**

John Morgans was born in South Wales, his wife Charlotte was born in McKellar, Ontario. They were married in 1916 and lived in Richlea, Sask. till 1937. They came to the Chater district in 1937 and moved to Little Souris in 1939, and then to Cornwallis in 1947, where they have resided ever since.

They had three children — Clara, Alvin and Ted. Clara and Alvin live on the home farm, at Cornwallis.

Ted joined the R.C.A.F. in 1942, and was killed in action in 1943.

John Morgans died in 1965. Charlotte now 93 years young is presently living in Hillcrest Place, Brandon.

### **MORGAN AND FRANCES MORGANS**

Morgan and Frances Morgans emigrated to Canada from Wales in the early 1900's. Their first home was at Melita, Man. and in 1911 they came to live South of Chater on 24-10-18, where for many years Mr. Morgans operated a successful dairy farm. He also served for some years on the Cornwallis Municipal Council, being the Councillor for Ward 5 until the time of his death.

They had two daughters — Gwen and Eiddwen. Eiddwen died in 1927 at the age of 23. Gwen married Wm. Franke and lives in Brandon. Mrs. Morgans died in 1939 and Mr. Morgans in 1944. They are buried in Chater Cemetery.

### **GEORGE MORISON**

George Morison was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland and immigrated to Canada as a young man in 1907. He had a great love for cattle, and worked for various cattlemen across the prairies before coming to "Glencarnoch" as a stockman for J.D. McGregor in 1923.

George married Nellie Hamacher, who was born in Plattsville, Ontario. Nellie came west in 1918 and worked in the Carberry area where she met George. In 1929, George and Nellie decided to start farming on their own, and purchased a farm north of Brandon, in the Powerville district. They had

seven children, the two eldest, Margaret and Helen, started school at Cornwallis School.

Margaret married Jack Tyreman and moved to Sudbury. They have two boys — Robert and Edward, and one girl, Marilyn. Jack passed away in 1969, Margaret married George Allen in 1980 and now lives in Lively, Ontario.

Helen married Percy Stanley. They have two girls — Edith and Nancy, and one boy — Jim. Percy and Helen are now retired and live in Brandon. (See Percy Stanley story).

Jean married Glen Lee and they live in Edmonton. They have one girl Shirley and twin boys, Bruce and Wayne.

Mae married Gordon Smith and lived in Meaford, Ontario until her death in 1974. They had two boys — Michael and Brian, and one girl — Vicki.

James died in 1927 at the age of eight weeks.

Bette married Pete Klywak and now lives in Winnipeg. They have one son — James.

Lillian married Walter Chernos and lives in Rivers. They have two girls — Diane and Beverly, and two boys — Barry and Perry.

George died in 1948 and Nellie is now a resident of Central Park Lodge in Brandon.

### **KEN AND ETHEL MORLING**

In 1931, at the age of 16 years, Ken Morling left his home in Ramsgate, Kent England and sailed for Canada on a Steamship that was later used in the Second World war to carry troops. He found employment on a farm at Craven, Saskatchewan, and then went on to Fishing Lake, Saskatchewan, where he worked on a farm for Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harrison. Ethel's Aunt and Uncle also lived at Fishing Lake, Saskatchewan and she lived with them for five years. So this is where they met.

In 1939 Ken came to Brandon Hills where he was employed on a dairy farm owned by the Bakers. From there he went to a lumber mill called Kippans Mill, south of Dauphin. In 1940 Ken and Ethel Wakefield were married, Ken joined the Royal Winnipeg Rifles Regiment, a sad day for his wife. He served overseas and during the Italian Campaign was wounded in action at Ortona and spent three months in a hospital near Naples. From there he was sent to England and back to Canada. He had a bout of Malaria and a badly wounded arm, so went to Deere Lodge Hospital in Winnipeg. He was given an Honorable discharge. When he was able he went to work at the Beresford Lumber. They now live at NW 7-10-18 on the outskirts of Brandon.

Ken and Ethel have two sons — Robert and Donald.

Robert Kenneth was born in 1941. Ken saw him when he was just a wee boy of three months and then not until he was three years old, as he was

serving in the Canadian Infantry. Robert married an English girl, Laureen Glover, in 1966 having met at Churchill. Bob is a journeyman electrician, and Laureen works as a secretary for the St. Albert schoolboard. They have three children — Blair, Lisa and Allison. They live in St. Albert, Alberta.

Donald Brian was born in 1946. (See Don Morling history).

### **DON MORLING FAMILY**

#### **SW¼ 2-9-19**

Donald Brian Morling, son of Ken and Ethel Morling of Brandon, born June 1, 1946, resides and operates his Plumbing and Heating business on SW¼ 2-9-19, R.M. of Cornwallis, which fronts Lake Clementi. This property was formerly known as "The Elks Kiddie Camp".

On June 7th, 1969, Don married Lexie Ardiel (born December 18, 1948), daughter of Catherine and Leonard Arthur Ardiel, who's roots stemmed from the NW¼ 2-9-19 R.M. of Cornwallis. As did her father before her, Lexie too attended Little Souris School for the first two grades of her education. At that time Lexie's parents lived on the NW¼ 24-9-19 R.M. of Cornwallis.

When Don and Lexie moved into their home March 24, 1973, they then purchased the adjoining property to the south, NE 35-8-19 R.M. of Oakland from Mr. J.A. Keddy, formerly of J.A. Keddy & Son's of Brandon. It was this property that the original road down around Lake Clementi passed through.

Don and Lexie's family consists of two children — Todd Leonard, born October 11, 1975, and Tracy Dawn born September 13, 1978.

### **ALEXANDER AND MARGARET MOWATT**

In 1944 Alexander Craigie Mowatt and his wife Margaret and their daughter Patricia moved to Little Souris District from Forrest, having purchased the Hugh Rice farm at 22-9-19 in late 1943. Alex was born in Orkney in 1910. He came with his widowed mother, Mary Mowatt, to Canada in 1921. In 1941 he married Margaret Elizabeth Cowan of Waskada. They chose dairy farming as a vocation.

Alex served on the Little Souris school board for several years.

Alex and Margaret had three children who attended Little Souris school.

Patricia Elizabeth born in 1942, married Clifford Bowslaugh in 1961. (see Bowslaugh history).

Margaret Mary (Margie) born in 1946 married Keith Hannah of Waskada in 1967. They have two children — Jason Gordon Keith born in 1976 and Leanne Evelyne, born in 1978. They live at Waskada where Margie continued teaching.

Robert Alexander, born in 1947, married Betty

Maureen Greenley of Coultervale, and a new house was built on the farm site.

They have three children — Robert Craig born 1968 and Daniel James born 1969, and Lori Lynn born 1973. Betty continues at hairdressing.

In April 1962, Allie passed away suddenly, only days before his fifty-second birthday. Margaret carried on the farm duties with endless fortitude until Robert was able to formally take over the farm.

A second house was built in 1973, when Jim Cowan joined the dairy business, along with his wife Lorna and her two sons Bill and Brian Howe. When they moved to Brandon, Don and Carol Breyfogle and their family occupied the house until 1981.

Margaret moved to Brandon in 1981, after 38 years in the Little Souris district. She continues gardening, sewing and grandmothering to each of her children's children.

In January 1982 a devastating fire destroyed the barn and all its contents including 124 registered holsteins.

The family had been awakened by a passing neighbor who had spotted the flames. Neighbors and friends from far and near rallied in overwhelming devotion after the fire and a new barn was erected. To this end the family can attest to the unequalled community support — the kind of support that will carry us all into the visions of the future: the next hundred years of the Cornwallis Municipality.

### MOYER FAMILY

Sylvester and Dorothy Moyer purchased a small dairy operation from Frank Pachal and moved to the Roseland District May 1, 1964, along with their five children: David, age 8; Wayne, age 7; Gary, age 6; Deborah, age 4; and Linda, who was 1 year old at the time. Sylvester operated the dairy for one year, then sold the cattle and went to work as bartender at Barney's Drive Inn on May 1, 1965.

The children were driven to Sacred Heart School by their parents until the school bus started transporting all the children from Roseland to Brandon, in 1967.

Blaire and Blaine (twins) were born September 7, 1965 and Maureen was born September 20, 1966.

The children attended various schools in Brandon — Sacred Heart, King George, Meadows, Earl Oxford, Neelin High and Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School.

David graduated from Dental College in 1980. He bought the dental practice in Neepawa in 1981 and married Isabella Siliwinsky from Winnipeg June 26 of the same year.

Wayne married Sandra Kettles from Souris on July 15, 1977 and they have two daughters — Ryna and Chandlie. Wayne is employed at Simplot Chemical Co. in Brandon, as a licensed millwright.

Gary graduated from Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School and is employed by the C.P.R. in Brandon, as a conductor and brake man.

Deborah was married to David Creighton from Brandon on October 10, 1980 and they have one son — Cory.

Linda is attending Keewatin Community College in The Pas where she is taking a course in dental hygiene.

Blair and Blaine are presently attending Crocus Plains School where they are taking shop courses.

Maureen is attending Neelin High School and is taking Grade eleven.

Sylvester still works as a bartender and operates the farm. He left the Victoria Inn and is now employed by the Red Fox. Dorothy is employed for 2 or 3 days a week at the Victoria Inn, as hostess.

This is a summary of 18½ years of living in one of the friendliest and best communities in Manitoba.

### JOHN MUNRO FAMILY

John Munro was born in Brandon, the son of Florence and John Munro. He has one sister, Margaret, who lives in Brandon.

John went to work for the Poole sisters in Cornwallis district (28-9-19) when he finished school and when Miss Poole went into a nursing home, John purchased the farm. He married Gloria Cox of Brandon and they have five children — Edward and his wife, Sheila, reside in Lethbridge, Alberta. They have two sons, Chad and Aaron. Margaret resides in Brandon with her daughter, Amber, and Shirley also lives in Brandon. William and Kenneth live at home. John sold the farm and now works for Wilton Motors in Brandon. They still reside at 29-9-19.

### NORRIS AND JOYCE MURRAY SE 32-10-19

Norris and Joyce Murray moved from Lyleton to Brandon in September, 1962 where the children started to school. In November 1963 they purchased section 34-11-19 and farmed it from Brandon for a number of years. In April, 1967, they purchased the SE 32-10-19 from Mrs. Bradley and built a home on the North-East corner. They moved into their new home with their children, Cindy, Sandra, Shaun and Teresa. In 1978 they purchased Black Bond Books which Joyce continues to manage today.

The children were active in the Poplar Hill 4-H Club and learned to ski at Mt. Glenorky, which their father managed for many years. Cindy is busy with her farm at Erickson as well as helping her father.

Sandra graduated as a registered nurse in 1981. Shaun is working his land at Erickson and also is helping his father. Teresa is at home, finishing her grade 12, and helping her mother in the book store.

### **DON MYKLE FAMILY**

Halvdan (Don) Mykle arrived in Canada from Norway in March, 1930, at the age of eighteen. Staying at the home of his brother and family, he soon learned the English language. He started working as a section man on the C.P.R., and during the "off season", carried on ice fishing on Lake Manitoba.

In 1943, he married a teacher, Gudrun Nordal, whose parents were among the early Norwegian settlers in a community near Bulyea, Saskatchewan. During the period of 1943-44, Don served in the armed forces at which time he was wounded in France. Upon returning home, he resumed work on the C.P.R., as foreman at Poplar Point.

Rodney Harold arrived on September 13, 1945, as our new family member, and the three of us moved into our newly built home.

Our move to Chater in the spring of 1948 brought us to a small community which gave us a warm welcome. Many fond memories of these wonderful people have lingered with us during the years. We enjoyed and appreciated the fun times in our social gatherings, with our neighbours who were as close as family.

Rodney also got his first lesson in proper conduct during church services. On one occasion, a strong hand was applied to reinforce the idea that one does not "Slide" back and forth along the pews during a worship service. Fortunately, one lesson was sufficient on that score!

In March, 1949, it was moving time again — to La Riviere in the Pembina Valley. This was Rodney's first introduction to school. Our second son, Iver Shelby, joined the family circle on July 1, 1952.

It was not long until our next move was announced — this time to Rosser, Man., and Grade II for Rodney.

Five months later, the move to Portage la Prairie was made, and that was our home for a number of years. Rodney completed Grades III to VII here. During our stay in Portage, illness claimed the life of our little son Iver, at the age of two and a half years.

In 1959, Don became assistant roadmaster stationed at Carberry. We spent several years there and Rodney completed his high school education at Carberry. We spent several years there and Rodney completed his high school education at Carberry Collegiate. Meantime, I resumed teaching in the elementary school.

Brandon University became the next centre in Rodney's education. Upon completion of studies for a B.A. degree, he attended Manitoba Law School in Winnipeg until 1969. He became a partner in a Brandon law firm, in 1975 was appointed as Family Court Judge, and in 1976, as Provincial Court Judge, Criminal Division of Western Manitoba Judicial District. He resides in Brandon.

Rodney married Lori McBeth on May 8, 1981. Lori is the daughter of Richard and Margaret McBeth of Brandon; a graduate of B.U. and Man. Univ. Law School.

In 1965, we moved to Virden, where Don was C.P.R. roadmaster for that division. This was our home until 1971 when we moved to Brandon and retirement.

Submitted by Gudrun Mykle



*Nadler family on arrival in Canada, 1925.*

### **PETER FRANCIS NADLER SEC. 8-10-19**

The first recorded land transaction regarding Sec. 8-10-19 described the sale of the entire section to Ernest D. Orde of Lindsay, Ontario by the Hudson's Bay Co. for a price of \$4,000 in 1891. In the same year it was sold to J. Henderson of Lachute, Quebec and then was purchased by John C. Valens, Brandon, Manitoba in 1904 for a price of \$19,000. The farm remained in the Valens family for the next twenty-five years with Arthur Ferrier Valens taking title to the East half in 1910. The lengthy tenure of the Valens family gave rise to the farm being known as the "Valens Farm" or the "Valen's Homestead".

In the depression years of the early 30's, the East half passed to William G. Lacey, then to William Arthur Franklin and finally to Peter Nadler Sr. in 1937. Peter Nadler Sr. gained clear title to the

East half on October 31, 1946, two months before he died suddenly on December 21, 1946. The present owners, Peter and Myrtle Nadler, took over the farm at this point and in 1951 purchased the West half from Malcolm McGregor of Brandon, thus reuniting the entire section.

Peter and Myrtle Nadler operated the farm as a dairy and mixed farm until the late 70's and still reside on the property. The "Nadlers" raised four children, three daughters and one son. The eldest daughter Marie, now Marie Popplewell of Ottawa, Ont., is a high school teacher. Mark Nadler is employed by the Social Services Dept. of the Royal Inland Hospital, Kamloops, B.C. Daughter Kathleen Maksymetz, resides in the Pas, Man., and works as a music teacher with Kelsey School Division. The youngest daughter Patricia, followed the family's love of music and now is a full time member of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra as well as a free lance violinist for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

Peter and Myrtle Nadler constructed a new home on the property in 1975 and the original farm house, built about the turn of the century, is now the home of Carol and John Stiles and family.

The Nadlers fortieth wedding anniversary will occur in 1984, the same year as Cornwallis 100th Birthday Celebrations and almost their entire married life has been spent as residents of Sec. 8-10-19W.

### **HAROLD AND AUDREY NESTIBO 17-10-19**

Harold and Audrey moved to 17-10-19 in September, 1980. They moved from the Brenda Municipality - NW 7-1-24.

Harold operates Peter's Place at 12 Street and Princess Avenue in Brandon. He also assists young people with various social problems and has always enjoyed fishing.

Harold and Audrey have six children: Gary farms at Goodlands, Bryn is a farmer at Melita, Delroy operates a farm at Melita, also, Daryl is attending Brandon University, Randal is farming at Goodlands, Gilbert is a cook in Brandon and Nadine attends school in Brandon.

The family enjoys swimming, roller skating, the church and its activities.

### **PETER AND VERA NEUFELD**

Peter and Verna Neufeld moved from Winnipeg to Brandon in 1973, where they bought property on Valley Road and built a home. They enjoy country living along with quick access to the facilities and services of the City of Brandon. They have three children: Glenda, born in 1966; Delwyn, born in 1969; and Dean, born in 1972. Peter

operates a recreational vehicle sales and repair business, known as R.V. Services.

### **CHARLES M. NICOL**

On April 1, 1910, Charles Morrison Nicol arrived in Brandon, and with him were, his wife, their three children, Maggie, aged 7, Charles, aged 4 and Jeannie, aged 2, and a sister-in-law, Maggie Craigen. It was a beautiful day and they were very happy to be on firm ground again after their long tiresome journey. They had come from Huntley, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, taking three weeks to make the trip. Coming as immigrants the accommodations were not of "luxury class"! Aunt Maggie was to work as a domestic, and was met by her employer. They took her in as one of their family and she was very happy there.

We were met by a young man by the name of Ernie Smith with a team of work horses and farm wagon. Mother was quite disappointed! She thought they might have brought the "carriage" as Dad was to be farm manager. The wagon was quite suitable as there were five of us plus trunks and luggage. Mother soon found there was no carriage and that Dad was the man of all trades, with Ernie as his helper - both inexperienced as to Canadian farming.

Ernie was a city boy and a splendid help to Mother in telling of Canadian ways and foods. After a weekend at his home in Brandon he would return with recipes and "samples" - generous ones - of the foods.

The farm was owned by Jas. Gibson, a Brandon business man and was located just east of 17 Street East, between Victoria and Richmond Avenues. As we drove along Mother said, "I see a fine big barn and hen hoose but where is the hoose"? What she thought was the hen hoose, was it - small, and cold in winter and hot in summer. The disappointment was great. Mother had been dreadfully seasick and now this! Then came homesickness to both Mother and Dad and they vowed to return to Scotland in the fall. Mother became ill with rheumatic fever and they had to hire help - so when harvest was completed there was not enough money to return to Scotland, and Mother was too weak, so they decided to stay one more year. By that time they were settled and had met so many nice people - the Imlacks, our nearest neighbor, were very kind and helpful, and also the Truscotts, Pacey's, Aberdeens and Mackisons. So they stayed!

We moved to Brandon that fall and Dad went threshing at Varcoe until nearly Christmas. The grain was stacked and could be threshed in the snow. It was dreadfully cold. Then Dad worked on the railroad until spring. 1910 is still a year of record heat and the 1911 winter was extremely cold. We



had moved into Brandon in the fall of 1911, but Dad wanted to farm, so in the spring he bought the SE ¼ 8-10-18 from Alex Aberdeen. Not being familiar with Canadian soil he chose poorly. The farm was very stoney with gravel sub-soil. A fortune has been made from the sale of gravel since, but at that time there was no use or sale for it.

Dad started a dairy, delivering milk from door to door with a milk can and a quart and pint measure, and poured it in each person's jug. Very different from today. Later came the glass bottles — easier for delivery but oh so much work. It fell to my lot to wash these bottles in soap and water with a brush, each day after school - then they were scolded by an adult. Herding cows, washing bottles, and missing social events because the cows had to be milked, are some of my early memories. Everyone was busy, each with his own chores to be done at a certain time, making for a very busy life.

Three more children were born in our family. John C, in 1913, Mary M. in 1915, and Wm. G. (Bill) in 1918.

Then came the flu. We all took it except Dad, but in time recovered, with the exception of Aunt Maggie. She was very ill and when she was able to be moved they brought her to our home. She became weaker and passed away in March, 1919 and is buried in Brandon Cemetery. Mother's health was not good, either but she made a slow recovery.

The farming was poor with drought, frost, hail and even a tornado that tore most of the roof off the barn and crashed a granary into splinters. In December, 1921, we moved to another farm west of Little Souris which Dad was renting. It was sold in 1925 and we moved again nearer Beresford where we lived until 1938, when Dad had a sale. He retired to Alexander and finally, as his health failed, to Brandon, where he lived with Margaret and her husband, Emrys Jones. Mother died in 1922 at age 42 and Dad in 1964, at age 84. They are both buried in Brandon Cemetery.

The family consists of: Margaret (Maggie), who married Emrys Jones in 1937, lived in Brandon and then moved to B.C. in 1966. They had no family and now reside in Victoria, B.C.

Charlie, married Nellie Cole from Elkhorn, Manitoba. He was in the Air Force during the war and when discharged they lived at Sault Ste Marie, Ont. He worked at the locks. They have two children, Merle and Calvin. Charlie died in 1963 and is buried at Sault Ste Marie.

Jeanie, married Ernest Granger of Rounthwaite in 1938. They farmed in the Rounthwaite district, and Ernest died in 1978. He is buried in Brandon Cemetery. Jean lives in Brandon. They had three sons, Norman and Brian are married and farming at Rounthwaite. Norman and Betty have two children, Ross and Sandra. Brian and Dorothy have three

children, Donald, Craig and Allison. Edwin and Leona live in Lethbridge where he is superintendent of transit. They have two sons, Gary and Brent.

John worked on farms, then with McDonald Aircraft during the war, and later worked for Manitoba Telephone System. He married Viola Hayes of Souris and they have three children, Beverly, Donna and Douglas. They are now retired and live in Winnipeg.

Mary married Paul Bulak in 1942. He worked in mines at Berens River and Red Lake, Ontario and in 1966 moved to Merritt, B.C. He is retired and they still reside in Merritt. They have two children, Marilyn in Toronto and Wayne in Kingston. Both are married.

Bill farmed with his father until he went overseas in WWII in 1940. When he returned he married Ferne Myers of Wawanesa. They live in Brandon. He had an Auto Repair Shop on 3rd and Rosser but retired on account of poor health. They have five children, Charles, Colleen, Gordon, Murray and Donald.

Dad was fond of gardening and the garden was one of his retreats when sad or troubled - "working it off", he said, and we always had an abundance of produce. He also played the accordion and loved music and dancing. He often played for dances. There was always room for one more at our table, and any newcomers to the district found a welcome in our home - an open door! He never forgot the kindness shown to us when we arrived in Canada.

### WILLIAM NICOL FAMILY

William and his wife, Jane, were both born in Elgin, Scotland - married in 1874 and soon after emigrated to Jarvis, Ontario where they purchased a small farm. In order to supplement his income, William also supervised a railroad crew, building fences.

The call to "Go West" didn't go unnoticed by William, so in 1885, with his wife, two sons and two daughters, he left Ontario and arrived in Brandon. They purchased W 18-9-18 and established what has been known as the Nicol farm for the past 97 years. They would be very proud to know that the 5th generation of their family is growing up on that land.

A third daughter, Emily, was born in 1887. All received their education in the Brandon Hills School. Prior to the turn of the century, William and his wife realized the need for advanced education for the family so moved to Brandon, taking up residence at 118-2nd Street. Robert, the oldest son, remained on the farm.

William Jr., became a bookkeeper.

Jessie, following a business course, found employment with Christie School Supply and was also organist in St. Andrews Church. She married

Chas. Meldrum of Springwater, Sask., and had two children. Douglas died in infancy - Jean is now Mrs. Charles Clark, resides in Brandon and has two daughters and a son, Gail, Karen and Bob.

Una was a stenographer and, upon retirement, moved to Victoria, B.C. where she died in 1952.

Emily was a milliner but, when the demand for beautiful hats waned, she turned her attention to the care of linens in the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa and the Brandon General Hospital. She retired to Victoria with her sister, Una, later moving to New Westminster where she died in October, 1979.

Grandfather, upon retirement from the farm, did carpenter work and in 1912 supervised the laying of the track for the Brandon street railway. He passed away in 1924, two weeks after celebrating their 50 wedding anniversary. Grandma died in 1935. They, with daughters Jessie and Una are buried in the Brandon Cemetery - Emily in a North Vancouver cemetery.

Edith (Nicol) Ruckle



*Isabella and Robert Nicol.*

### **ROBERT NICOL FAMILY**

Robert came with his parents from Jarvis, Ontario in 1885 to W 18-9-18. This was to be his home for the next 59 years. When his parents retired to Brandon, he remained to farm the land. In 1903 he married Isabella Dodds who had arrived in Brandon from Galashiels, Scotland on July 1, 1899. Prior to her marriage she had worked as a domestic for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patterson whose home is now the Rosewood Memorial Chapel. The kindly consideration she received from this family was never forgotten by Mother.

The marriage was blessed with four sons and four daughters. When the boys were old enough to assume much of the farm work, Dad turned more of his attention to gardening. During the war of 1914-1918 he supplied many of the vegetables required at Camp Hughes, as well as shipping a carload of potatoes and one of turnips to Winnipeg. During World War II many loads of turnips were delivered

to D. Town and Son who supplied the military camps in the Brandon area. Rhubarb was also a popular commodity from our garden and sold at ½¢ a pound.

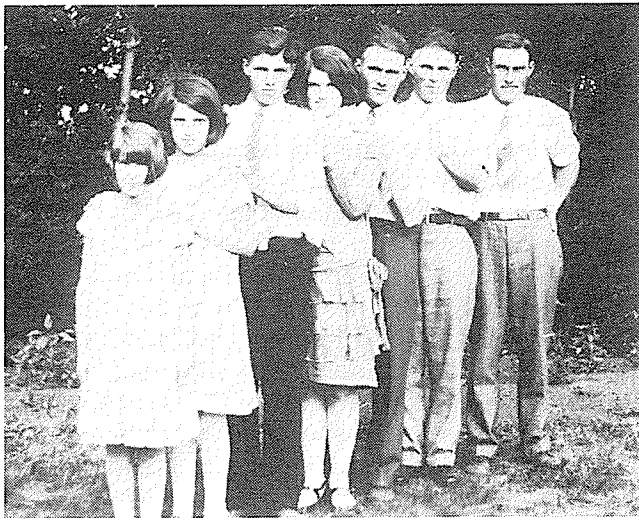
To feed and clothe the family required much hard work for both our parents. Fortunately, Mother was an efficient homemaker and it is fitting that we pay tribute to her. During the winter of 1911-1912 she became an invalid from rheumatism, having to do much of her work from a wheelchair. Christmas 1911 found Mother and Dad "farming out" their family of four among relatives and friends and heading for the hot springs at Harrison, B.C. The warm sulphur baths worked wonders and she was able to resume a fairly normal life upon their return.

Dad served as a school trustee and later as Secretary-Treasurer for 25 years. Both Mother and Dad believed in involvement in the endeavors of the community and raised their family to do likewise. In 1944 they retired to Brandon and their third son, Ernest, took over the farm. Dad passed away in 1950 and Mother in 1959. Both are buried in Brandon Hills cemetery.

Preston farmed with his father until 1939 when, following his marriage to Jessie Ardiel, they farmed briefly at Beresford. They then moved to Brandon where he worked at Wade's Lumber Co. In 1953 they moved to Calgary and he was employed as a foreman in the J.B. Cushing Sash and Door Factory. Their only son, Bert, is employed with I.B.M. in Toronto. He is married and has two sons. Preston and Jessie have retired and live in Brandon.

Bruce, upon leaving the family farm, worked at and managed stock and grain farms in the Brandon area before he joined Manitoba Hydro. In 1961 he was employed by Stramit Corporation at Carberry. This company manufactured building material utilizing straw. He married Violet Cady of Carberry in 1941 where they are now retired. They have a son, Jim, a printer in Calgary, married with a son and daughter, and their daughter, Margaret is a legal secretary in Winnipeg, married with one son.

Ernest, following his marriage to Wilma Mitchell of Greenway, a 1937 graduate of Brandon General Hospital, and the retirement of his parents in 1944, assumed the responsibility of the family farm. Ernest was a councillor for the R.M. of Cornwallis from 1957 to 1977. The work of the church, school and the Brandon Hills district as a whole have meant much to Ernest and Wilma, who have given much time to its growth and betterment. Their daughter Lynn is living in Winnipeg and works at the Manitoba Theatre Centre as well as teaching piano. Two sons, Glen and Terry, farm in the Brandon Hills area. Glen is married to Karen Templeton from Belmont and they have one son, Kevin. Terry married Heather Neets, a Brandon General Hospital graduate and they have a



*The Robert Nicol Family; left to right — Jean, Doris, Laurence, Edith, Ernest, Bruce and Preston.*

daughter, Cindy and a son, Kurt. It is Glen and his son, Kevin who are the 4th and 5th generation on the Nicol farm.

Ern and Wilma, now retired in Brandon, but their great interest still lies in Brandon Hills.

Edith chose teaching as a career and, by choice, always taught in rural schools, starting out in 1929 at Curried (MacGregor), Bluevale (Bois-sevain), Henderson (Bannerman), Carleton (Morris) and coming to Petrel in the Carberry area in 1935. Salaries were meagre in those years. At Carleton, which was for a nine-month term, the yearly wage \$360 - \$40 per month. Board was \$15 per month and a return fare via train from Morris to Brandon was \$12.00. So her December cheque left her with \$13.00 for family gifts. However, the friendliness of rural areas compensated considerably for the low salaries. In 1938 she married Clare Ruckle and they farmed at Petrel until 1970. Since then they have resided in Carberry and find retirement quite a busy life.

Laurence assisted on the farm until 1943 at which time he joined the R.C.A.F. and saw service in Britain. Upon his return from duty he worked for Imperial Oil, Brandon, then with Investors Group. He moved to Vancouver in 1966 and is employed by Richardson Securities. He is married to the former Joan Ellis whom he met in Bridlington, England and they have two sons - John, working in the computer field at U.B.C., Vancouver and Pat, married, and a production manager for a radio station in Vernon, B.C.

Dorothy, born in August 1914, lived only a few hours and is buried at Brandon Hills.

Doris, following schooling at Brandon Hills and Brandon Collegiate, worked at the Morgan farm at Chater. In 1936 she married Ken Bracken from Brandon and lived in Winnipeg until 1940 at which time they and their small daughter, Joan, moved to Island Falls, Sask., where Ken became head

mechanic for the Churchill River Power Corporation. Ken passed away in 1970 and Doris moved to Saskatoon where Joan, her husband and three sons, live.

Jean, after receiving her high school education at B.C.I., worked at McDonald Aircraft, Winnipeg during the war years and then took a business course. She was employed by the Prince Edward Hotel for several years and then transferred to the Prince Arthur Hotel in Thunder Bay, returning to Brandon in 1978 where she is employed in the accounting field.

As a family we all agree how fortunate we are to have been a part of this area.

Edith (Nicol) Ruckle

## **GARNET AND MARTHA NORTHCUT**

Garnet and Martha bought E ½ 22-9-18 from Bill and Jean Pugh (the former Prowse land), and moved to their new farm home in December, 1981. The Northcuts have four children: Ford of Rapid City; Daryl, Brandon; Luana Hiebert, Langham, Sask; and Annadee, who lives at home while attending high school and studying music. Mrs. Florence A. Harris, Martha's mother, also lives with them.

## **GEORGE L. OLIVER FAMILY**

George Lawrence Oliver, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. D.L. Oliver, was born on the family farm at Rounthwaite. He rented the E ½ 2-9-18 from C. Crawford and moved there October 31, 1952 with his wife, Marjorie, and daughter, Lois. They purchased the farm in 1971 and continued to live in the brick house originally built by William Maher until their new home was erected in 1977.

George's hobby is showing steers and it has given him much pleasure.

George and Marj. have four children: Lois, Glenda and Brenda (twins) and George Jr. They received their education at Rounthwaite, Brandon Hills and Brandon.

Lois married Robert Ross of Hartney and has two sons, Christopher and Vincent. She obtained her teacher's training, B.A. and 5 year B.Ed. at Brandon University. Lois teaches in Brandon and Robert is employed at C.K.X.

Glenda married Gerald Speers of Alexander and has one son, Garrett. She acquired her medical training at Red River and Westman Lab. She is engaged as a Registered Medical Lab Technologist at Westman Laboratories, and Gerald is a grain buyer for Federated Co-op.

Brenda is married to Steven Pennycook of Cromer. She obtained her nurses training at the Brandon General Hospital, and is a registered nurse in the B.G.H. emergency department. Steven is a sales representative for Federated Co-op.



*George D. Oliver managed to halter this complaining calf during the 4-H calf scramble competition at the Royal Man. Winter Fair in 1976.*

George David graduated from Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School in 1979. He has recently rented the Lloyd Cullen farm at Rounthwaite and farms with his father. Farming in the Cornwallis Municipality will continue to be a family tradition.

#### **R.H. (DICK) OLVER FAMILY**

Dick Olver (1893-1977) and wife Kate (1894-1973) arrived from near Killarney, Manitoba in January 1929, with two children.

They farmed the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  32-10-18 two miles west of Chater from 1929-1959.

Upon retirement they went to Vancouver, B.C.

Their children Flora and Jim attended school at Chater and Grand Valley before moving to Vancouver.

#### **OMILANOW FAMILY**

John Omilanow, born in the Ukraine in 1904, married Mary Dowechenko in Poland in 1923. They emigrated to Canada in 1929 and settled on a homestead in Junor, Saskatchewan. Here they cleared bushland, kept a few head of horses and cattle and cut pulp and cordwood in the winter months to supplement their income to raise and educate their children. They had five children: Paul, Anne, Mary Lou, Walter and Tony. They sold their homestead in Saskatchewan and moved to Brandon in 1944 where they settled on 9-9-19. Here John and Mary operated a grain and mixed livestock farm until their retirement to Brandon. They live in a fourplex they built, at 26 and Princess, in 1967.

Paul was born in 1929 and like his brothers and sisters, attended Little Souris School upon arriving in Brandon in 1944. Paul joined the R.C.M.P. in 1949 and left the force for a better paying job with an insurance company in Toronto in 1956. He married

Gertrude Allard in Timmins, Ontario in 1960 and returned to Brandon a couple of years later to work on the family farm, after hearing that his father wanted to retire. In 1967 he bought the family farm at 9-9-19 and the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of 5-9-19 and currently operates it as a grain farm along with his carpentry and cabinet work. They have four children: Marie, attending Brandon University, in second year computer science; Wendy, in Grade XI at Neelin High School; Paul Jr. studying mechanics at Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School; Cindy, attending Meadows Elementary School.

Anne, born in 1930, upon completing school, was a cashier in a grocery store in Brandon and Toronto. She married Jim Fedoruk in 1953 and for a time worked with her husband Jim at Fedoruk's Groceteria on 6th Street. Jim retired in 1980. They have three daughters: Pamela, married to Randy Zhuirl, is head x-ray technician at Brandon General Hospital while her husband, Randy, is head of biochemistry at Brandon General Hospital. Betty Anne is with the treasury department at Brandon City Hall. Debra married Richard Wedderburn and is currently taking nurses training. She has one son, Christopher, age 5.

Mary Lou was born in 1934. She lived at the home place while attending Little Souris and Brandon schools. She married Joe Michalyshen in 1969 and resides in Brandon. They both love heavy horses and have shown and driven Percheron horses at local and Royal fairs. They currently breed and raise Percheron horses and operate the Velvet Dip Ice Cream Parlor which they purchased in 1975.

Walter married Coreen Adolph of Carrol in 1957 and took up farming at 5-9-17 in 1958. Kenneth, Carole and Sandra were born there in 1958, 1960, and 1962, respectively. We sold the farm at 5-9-17 in 1963, and moved to Whitehead municipality where Sharon was born in 1968. We quit farming in 1971 to go into sewer and water construction with C. and C. Construction of Brandon. We lived in Brandon until 1978, when we built a home in the R.M. of Cornwallis at 17-10-19 and live there at the present time.

Tony, the youngest member of the family, was born in 1936. He helped on the family farm while attending school. He later left for Toronto, Ontario, and joined the Toronto Metro Police Department. He married Hella Stanley in 1962 at Toronto and entered university there to receive his Bachelor of Arts and Science Degree. Upon completion, he accepted a position with the Department of National Revenue and later transferred to his new position in Toronto as an investigative agent for the Customs and Excise Department. His wife, Hella, has been with Air Canada since their marriage.

## CHARLES PACHAL FAMILY

Carl Pachal (better known as Charlie) was born on December 8, 1895, in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He was the son of Godfred and Maria and had three brothers and one sister. When Charlie was very young his parents moved to Kipling, Sask., where they farmed until their deaths. Charlie met and later married Elizabeth Zaiser, daughter of Jacob and Mary, born on August 11, 1902 at Pine Ridge, Manitoba. She had two sisters and six brothers. Her parents also moved to Kipling, Sask., and started farming about two miles from the Pachal farm.

Charlie and Elizabeth were married on December 26, 1923. They had two boys, Ted and Frank. Both boys received their education at Edenland School and later they both went to the University of Saskatchewan, where Ted took a course in carpentry and also received a diploma in agriculture. Frank took a course in mechanics. In 1946 the family moved to the Roseland district, in the Brandon area, where Charlie bought a portion of 30-9-19 and the NE 19-9-19 better known as the Wesley Kidd farm. He farmed there with the boys until Elizabeth took ill with asthma and they had to leave the farm. They moved to Brandon where they bought a house at 1302-6th Street. Charlie worked as a beer waiter at the Prince Edward Hotel until he retired in 1968. Elizabeth passed away suddenly at home on July 1, 1970, and Charlie moved out to the farm where he lived with Ted and his family until his death on December 28, 1974.

Ted, (September 6, 1924) bought the E $\frac{1}{2}$  20-9-19 from his dad with no buildings, and started to farm on his own. On November 8, 1950 he married Lucy Scott of the Forrest district and together they built up their farm and planted trees. They have four children, Douglas, Katherine, Beverly and Karen.

Douglas, (Feb. 1, 1952) was educated at Roseland and Brandon. He worked for a number of years as an orderly at the hospital and spent 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  years in Whitehorse, Yukon. Doug married Myrna McKee of Brookdale on May 24, 1980. They have two daughters, Taryn Louise and Karleen Marie. Doug and Myrna are both employed by the Brandon General Hospital, Doug with Safety and Security and Myrna, with a Bachelor of Nursing degree is presently working at the Assiniboine Centre. They make their home on the NE corner of 30-9-19.

Katherine (Dec. 14, 1953) also received her education at Roseland and Brandon. She married Don Nelson on November 11, 1978 and they have one child, Lisa Dawn. Katherine is a Lab Technician at the West-Man Lab and Don is a maintenance mechanic at Metals Industries. He is formerly from Cordova, Manitoba. They are also living on the NE corner of 30-9-19.

Beverly (March 29, 1959) started school at Roseland and graduated from Crocus Plains

Regional Secondary School with an accounting major. She married David Drummond of Brandon on August 4, 1979. Bev. is presently employed by the Brandon Clinic as a medical stenographer, and Dave is an employee of Behlen Wickes. They are living in Brandon.

Karen (June 2, 1965) is presently in grade 12 at Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School and is working part-time as a receptionist at Murray Chev Olds Cadillac Ltd., and is still at home.

Frank (March 30, 1928) bought the home farm from his dad and started a dairy. He married Margaret Hamilton of Brandon on August 2, 1952. They had four girls, Dianne and Brenda started school at Roseland until, in 1964, Frank and Marg sold the farm to Syl and Dorothy Moyer and moved to Calgary, where they reside today. Frank went to school and received his Stationery Engineer papers and is Chief Engineer for Ttizec Equities.

Dianne (January 15, 1955) finished her education in Calgary and has an Environmental Biologist degree. She is working as a consultant.

Brenda (Sept. 10, 1956) also finished her schooling in Calgary and is a swimming instructor for the City of Calgary. Brenda married Les Ruff in 1975 and they have three boys, Christopher, Casey and Lee.

Carol (June 5, 1959) was educated in Calgary and is a Licensed Aircraft Maintenance Engineer. She is working for Stauffer Aero Ltd. at the Calgary Airport.

Sharon (March 13, 1963) went to school in Calgary and is a lifeguard and swimming instructor for the City of Calgary.

## ROSS AND MARGUERITE PADDOCK

I, Marguerite Chartrand was born in Pembroke, Ont. on July 29, 1946. Ross W. was born in St. John, N.B., March 10, 1941.

Ross and I were married in Pembroke, Ont. on June 13, 1964, and of our union four children were born.

Maria Bernadette, born April 13, 1965. Maria attended Douglas Elementary School and is in Grade Eleven at Elton Collegiate. Paula Tonia, born May 20, 1966, attended Douglas Elementary School and is in Grade Ten at Elton Collegiate. Diana Evangeline, born May 16, 1967, attended Douglas Elementary School and is in Grade Nine at Elton Collegiate. Ross Ronald, born May 27, 1968, is attending Douglas Elementary School, in Grade Eight, his last year at Douglas. Our family were born in Pembroke and Winnipeg.

Since our family has grown up Ross and I decided to give a foster child a home, so Billy Sherwin has come to live with our family.

Ross Sr. joined the army when a young man, and after our marriage we moved to a number of army bases in Petawawa and Winnipeg. We were



sent to Shilo, and after living two years near the base we purchased a portion of land, 16-10-17. We put a large trailer on this land for a home, and with our family have a place of our own out in the country. Here, we have a few cattle for milk for our family, some meat for our table, some home made butter, and also a place for a garden to help with our vegetable supply.

We enjoy our home in the Douglas District - a nice place for our family to grow up. They attend church and Sunday school, enjoy sports in school and at home, and so far are doing well in school.

I also work to help support our home and family. I worked at Carnation Potato Plant, Pioneer Electric and am now employed at C.K.L.Q. radio station as an accountant.

by Marguerite Paddock

### **J.V. AND EDITH PARKER**

Joe Parker was born at Strathclair and Edith Killoh was born at Hamiota, Manitoba. We lived at home with our parents until we were married in 1925. We then lived in Brandon where Joe helped build Farguson Tanning Mills, erected windmills for Ames Baker, and helped put up the radio tower on the old City Hall grounds. He also ran a service station where the Country Style Donuts is situated (10th and Victoria).

In 1935, Mr. Tinline, Superintendent of the Experimental Farm, (now known as the Research Station), asked Joe to go to Meltia as Farm Manager. They rented three sections of abandoned land to try to bring back the "blown out land" to production, seeding grains and grasses. It was really the "Dirty Thirties" - the dust storms and grasshoppers were many.

Men from the district were hired, horses were used as well as tractors, and wages were not very high. We also kept a record of temperatures, wind velocity, and precipitation every morning and sent in a weekly report. The men had a separate building to sleep in and got their meals in our house, cooked on a wood stove. Meals were .25¢ - round beef roast was .10¢ per lb. and butter was .25¢ a pound.

Our house was built in early 1900 and was made of stone. There was no electricity or running water at first. We had our own electric plant and had to shut the engine off at night. We soon had water on tap but no hot water tank. We got Hydro in 1950 and also had a kerosene fridge.

Mr. Jim Downey, former Minister of Agriculture, lives there now and has built more additions to the house.

Our family, Betty and Murray attended West Brenda School, 1½ miles East. When it closed we drove the children to Melita High School where they both graduated from grade 12. Betty attended

Winnipeg Normal School and Murray attended University of Winnipeg.

In 1950 Betty, my Dad, John Killoh and I went to Scotland and England for a visit. My Dad crossed the Atlantic by boat 9 times and was still a good sailor at 80 years of age. Betty and I were sick, both going and coming. When we got home Betty decided to go to Business College in Winnipeg. She worked in the C.N. station and married Norbert Wolfe. They now live in Calgary.

Murray worked at J.H. Ashdown's in Winnipeg. He married Joyce Sterling at Melita. He was a hardware traveller for Walter Woods for 26 years. He passed away suddenly on November 23, 1981.

In 1960 the experiments were completed and the Reclamation Station as it was called, closed. Everything was moved back to Brandon and we bought an acre of land from Les Gray on the Valley Road. We were the first settlers who didn't have a farm or were not farming. Our house was moved from St. Agathe, Manitoba and we were all settled by July.

We knew a few of the families before we moved to Cornwallis Municipality and have enjoyed having such good neighbors for twenty-two years.

Joe passed away after five months in hospital, on April 2, 1982. I intend to make my home here as long as I can or am able to.

Edith Parker

### **WESLEY AND MARY PARKER**

Wesley and Mary Parker, along with a hired man named Dave, moved to 7-9-19 in 1906 and remained there until 1950.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker were very good, quiet neighbors who were fond of their home and their farm animals. They had a special love for gardening and will be remembered for their lovely flowers. Their buildings were in the middle of the section. When they decided to move the house closer to the main road, with the help of skids and 12 horses, the neighbors helped with the moving.

Mrs. Parker passed away in 1949 and Mr. Parker sold the farm to Bill McRae in 1950. He moved to Ontario in 1950, and is now deceased.

The west half of 7-9-19 is now owned by Gordon McRae but is known by all as the Parker Place.

### **SAMUEL PARKS**

Samuel Parks emigrated from the Republic of Ireland to Canada in 1905. He worked for a farmer in the Deloraine district and later went to Winnipeg and worked as a machinist in Transcona.

He bought and received the title to the SE quarter of 20-10-17 in 1908. After a few years in Transcona, his yen for farming and the land brought

him back to his home here and so he lived on the farm and farmed by himself, until 1929, when his nephew, Robert Brown of Greenore, Republic of Ireland, came to Canada as a young man and joined him in farming.

Samuel Parks passed away on January 17, 1957 in his eighty-ninth year. He would have been ninety years of age on October 12, 1957. He is buried in Madford Cemetery.

Between Samuel Parks and his nephew, Robert Brown, they have owned the same piece of land for seventy-five years, 1908-1983.

by Mrs. Robert Brown

### MATTHEW PARROTT FAMILY

Matthew Parrott was born in Bandon, County Cork, Ireland, in 1829 and came to New Bandon, Glouster County, New Brunswick in 1834 with his parents, Richard and Mary Parrott. He grew up in New Bandon and married a school teacher, Frances Jane Hickson, who had been born in Bandon, Ireland and had come over on the same ship to New Bandon. He and his wife had ten children.

Following a severe depression in 1873, Matthew went west to cut timber in Wisconsin and later in Minnesota. In 1876 Matthew took his eldest daughter Mary Ann with him, and she taught school in Minnesota where she met and married Johnston Wagner.

In 1877 Matthew took the train for St. Paul, Minnesota, which was then the end of the steel. He walked 200 miles west to Fishers Landing on the Red River, then took a paddle-wheel steam boat north to Winnipeg and got work on the construction of the Pacific Railroad around the shore of Lake Superior until it reached Brandon in 1881. He continued working on branch line railroad construction until 1885 when he returned to Brandon and homesteaded SE¼ 16-9-17, one-half mile east of Glen Souris, then went east and brought his family out from New Brunswick.

Matthew's eldest son, Richard, born in 1853, had moved to Stonewall, Manitoba in 1882 where he married Mary Ella Nelson. They had a son, Alexander and a daughter, Frances. Richard and his younger brother Robert James, joined the Manitoba Grenadiers in Stonewall in 1885 and served in the North West Rebellion. Richard returned to Brandon in 1886 and homesteaded SE 20-9-17 at Glen Souris where he and his wife had three more children, Jenny May, 1886, Fleming, 1881, and Palmer, 1893. Jenny May took diphtheria and died in 1887 and was buried in the Brandon Hills Cemetery.

Frances, born 1858, taught school at Grand Valley, and died suddenly on November 8, 1887 at

age 25. She is buried in the Brandon Hills Cemetery.

Matthew Jr., born 1859, worked with his brothers on their homesteads, then moved to High River, Alberta, where he owned a market garden until he retired in Penticton, B.C. in 1930. He died in 1937.

Edward, born 1860, homesteaded the NW¼ 24-9-18 in 1886 and transferred it to his mother, Frances Jane Parrott in 1889. He purchased the SE¼ 24-9-18 which he rented out until he sold it to Bain Elder in 1929. Edward bought the hotel in Alexander in 1905 and ran it for 25 years before retiring in 1930. His wife, Emma Jane, died in 1922 and is buried in Alexander Cemetery. Edward died at age 77 and is buried in Penticton, B.C.

Hobart, born 1864, worked on railroad construction for many years before becoming a railroad conductor in Alberta. He retired at Burns Lake, B.C. and died there in 1940.

John, born in 1868, homesteaded NE¼ 16-9-17 at Glen Souris. He was a master carpenter and built houses and barns in the district. He moved west to Kelowna, B.C. in 1901 where he married and had one son and seven daughters. He retired in Penticton, B.C. and died in 1959.

Palmer, born in 1869, lived with his parents at Glen Souris until they moved north to Dauphin and homesteaded at Gilbert Plains in 1894. He became an ordained Methodist minister in 1913 and died suddenly in 1916, leaving a young widow with an infant son, Godfrey, who now is retired and lives in Toronto, Ontario.

Olivia, born in 1873, was a school teacher in the Grand Valley district. She moved west to Edmonton in 1895 where she married the Rev. Dr. T.J. Johnston, a Presbyterian minister. They had three daughters. Olivia died at age 93.

Matthew died in 1904 at age 75 and his wife died in 1922.

### PEARCE

Tom Pearce was born in England in 1906 and came to Canada at the age of 15, working at Snowflake and Crystal City for two years. He then came to the Little Souris District, where he worked on the farms of Jim Stewart, Ernie Anderson, Leslie Jameson, Hugh Rice, and D.A. Harper. While working at Rice's he met Jean Bollman at a ball-game held on the Empey farm. Jean was working at Jameson's with her father and mother. They were married in 1933, and lived on the farm now owned by Robert Mowatt.

Their family:

Douglas, born 1934, married Margaret Nevins in 1956. They had two children, Linda and Richard. Doug passed away in 1963 following a fatal hunting accident.

Gordon, born in 1939, married Margaret Birch

in 1960. They have three daughters, Terry, Tracey, and Tanis.

Allen, born 1943, married Gladys Outhwaite in 1963. They have three children, Rodney, Shannon, and Darren.

Edward, born 1945, married Sigrid Olson in 1969. They have three children, Kari, Tommy, and Joni.

Barry, born in 1947, married Marie McKinnon in 1970. They have two daughters, Sherry and Sandra.

Evelyn, born in 1949, lives with her mother in Brandon.

Kenneth, born in 1952, married Anita Taylor in 1977. They have three children, Mandy, and twin sons Kelly and Kevin.

Tom and Jean lived in several places in Little Souris, the Rice farm, Ardiel farm, Empey farm, and the Nicol farm. They moved to Brandon in 1950, where Tom worked for Binkley Motors for 16 years. He passed away in 1976.

Jean worked for the Agriculture Extension Centre for 18 years, retiring in 1976. She and daughter Evelyn reside in Brandon.

### PEAREN FAMILY

Gordon and Donna Pearen and daughter Angela Caroline, born February 22, 1972, moved from Brandon into the Roseland District on September 30, 1973 after building a home on NE 6-10-19. The land was purchased from J.C. Drysdale. At that time Gordon was in partnership in a plumbing firm in Brandon. Susan Lorraine was born on December 18, 1974. In the Fall of 1974 Gordon began his own plumbing, heating and air conditioning business. In 1978, with help from family and neighbors, a barn was built and with some horses added, our country home was more complete. In February, 1980, Gordon joined the Brandon Research Station as the maintenance supervisor. Angela and Susan are both attending Meadows School in Brandon.

### HENRY J. PENNER FAMILY

Henry J. Penner was born in Russia on November 26, 1897. He was married to Lena Thiessen on October 22, 1919. Mr. Penner, his wife and four children immigrated to Canada in 1927. He and his family settled at Brooking, Saskatchewan where they farmed until 1945. He bought the William J. Magill farm and in 1945 moved to the Brandon area to farm here. Together with his wife and family they enjoyed many years on the farm. In 1961 Mr. and Mrs. Penner bought a home and moved into Brandon to retire. Mr. Penner died in the year 1962 and Mrs. Penner in 1981.

Mr. and Mrs. Penner were blessed with six

sons and six daughters. Five of their children were born in Russia and seven more were added to the family while living in Saskatchewan. One daughter died in infancy.

Henry - married Mary Penner. Henry was killed accidently in 1959. They had four sons: Don, Barry, David and Dale who live in Winnipeg.

Jake - married Teeny Isaak. They retired from farming and now live in Abbotsford, B.C. They have a daughter, Terri Lynn.

Tiena - married John Epp. They live in Moosomin, Saskatchewan and have four daughters and one son; Elvina, Debbie, Valerie, Alfred and Alfrieda.

Lena - married John Neufeld. They are living on a farm in Manitou, Manitoba and have two children, Lorna and Gerald.

Abe - is an instructor at Grace Bible College in Omaha, Nebraska.

Ike - married Lee Isaak and they are living on a farm in the Brandon area. They have two children, Ken and Amy.

Dave - married Jessie Loewen. They are living on a farm in the Douglas community. They have five children; Larry, Rick, Kelly, Wendy and David.

Nettie - married Peter Wiebe. They are living in Swift Current, Saskatchewan and have two children, Charlyne and Cordell.

John - married Mary Loewen. They are farming on the home place in the Brandon area. They have two children, Douglas and Heather.

Sue - married Abe Heide. They are living in Brandon and have two children, Sherril and Kevin.

Lil - married Vernon Bartel. They are living in Swift Current, Sask., and have two children, Renae and Regan.

As a family we have had many enjoyable times together. We were taught to work together as well as play together. God was an important part of Dad and Mother's life so therefore, we were taught in our early years to have a real faith in God. Our parents were good examples to us and impressed deeply on our lives the importance of taking time for Sunday school and church.

Dad enjoyed playing games with the family around the kitchen table on winter nights while Mother was close by usually mending overalls or sewing clothes. This large family kept them busy. Both Dad and Mom showed us that we were all appreciated and loved. They gave us a happy home which we won't forget.

Mother enjoyed cooking and delighted in preparing good meals for her family as well as guests.

by Sue Heide



*Penner Family; John, Mary, Douglas, Heather.*

### **JOHN AND MARY PENNER FAMILY**

John was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Penner. He was born in Keedive, Saskatchewan in 1933, and together with his family moved to the Brandon area in 1945.

Mary is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David H. Loewen of Douglas, Manitoba. She was born in Foxwarren, Manitoba in 1936.

We were married in October of 1961. At this time John bought the farm from his father, which is located at 32-10-18. His parents then retired to the city of Brandon. We then took over the home place and went into full fledged farming.

We have two children, Douglas and Heather. Doug is completing his first semester at Columbia Bible Institute, Clearbrook, B.C. After which he will be home farming together with his Dad. Heather is still kept busy in Crocus Plains High School.

The first few years of our farming also included raising purebred Iacombe hogs, and purebred hereford cattle. John and Doug are both mechanics and enjoy working together in their shop on the farm.

Our family is active in the Richmond Park M.B. Church in Brandon. We enjoy serving in different areas such as teaching Sunday School and neighbourhood Bible studies.

We as a family are certainly enjoying this community and are proud to be citizens of it.

### **PHILLIPS FARM NW 26-10-18**

Heather and Garry Phillips bought this farm in 1970 from Larry Hyde. Heather is the oldest daughter of Thelma and Charlie Willis of Carberry, Man. and Garry is the son of Annie and Horace

Phillips of Forrest, Man. They were married in 1965. Garry worked at the Livestock Auction Mart in Brandon and also auctioneered at Gladstone, Man. every week. They divorced in 1974 and Garry went to Whitehorse, Yukon, where he has an auction service as well as doing carpenter work. Heather stayed on the farm, raising thoroughbred horses and working for the department of Agriculture, first in the Livestock Branch and later in the Manitoba Farm Credit Office. She was always interested in thoroughbreds and as a girl jockey won the running of the first Powder Puff Derby at Assiniboia Downs and the Linda Scott Memorial Trophy. In 1980, her dream of raising good thoroughbreds was realized when colts that she had raised and sold brought her a tidy profit in breeder's fees from races won at Assiniboia Downs in Winnipeg, Man.

In 1980, Heather left the farm to marry Everett Ray of Paradise Hill, Saskatchewan, where they have a ranch and are raising thoroughbreds and cattle. Heather still owns the farm at Chater.

When Heather left for Saskatchewan, her parents, Thelma and Charlie Willis moved to the farm at Chater. They had farmed at Sidney and Carberry until 1959 when Charlie went to work on construction. Ill health forced him to retire and in May, 1980 it was necessary for him to undergo an operation whereby he had two valves replaced in his heart.

Thelma is an operating room technician, employed at Fox Memorial Hospital, Carberry, 1959-1962 and 1965-1974, working in Brandon General Hospital from 1962-1965 and has been employed there since 1974.

Thelma and Charlie Willis had six children, Heather, Grant, Kenny (deceased), Laurel, Arthur, and Kathy.

Thelma also has a brother, Jim Durward who was section foreman at Chater in the winters of 1960, 61, 62 and 63. He periodically "bumped" Dave Smart at that time. He lived in the bunkhouse at Chater. He and his wife Enid are now living in Fort Garry, Winnipeg, Man. where he is Supervisor of Maintenance of Way for the Prairie Region, C.P.R.

by Thelma Willis

### **GORDON PINEO**

Gordon Wm. Pineo's ancestors came from England on The Mayflower. When they eventually came to Canada, they lived in London and Aylmer in Ontario.

His father John Marsh and wife Bertha ventured to B.C. and ran a trading post and did some gold mining. It was here their daughter Stella was born. Life was very hard, living in tents, etc. There were no white women, just Indians. Bertha took ill so they moved back to Ont. where John

Marsh ran a grist and saw mill. Here two children were born, Ada, in 1888, and Gordon in 1890. While they were in Lobo county Bertha died. At this time Gordon was only three and a half years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pineo adopted the two small children. The father John Marsh later married again.

Gordon worked on the fishing boats on the Great Lakes as a very young man. He came to Manitoba in 1910, working on a farm in the Melita area, and later farmed on his own.

In 1914 Gordon married a Scotch Lass, Margaret Morrice from Aberdeen, Scotland. Margaret came to Canada with her sister Mary (Kain) in 1909. They had two brothers already here. Margaret took nurses training and worked in Winnipeg and Brandon Hospitals until her marriage.

The Pineos farmed for the next twelve years. After leaving the farm Gordon sold Watkins Products, newspapers, and magazines. He also trucked cream from the farmers to the creamery in Brandon.

They moved to Chater in 1929-30 where they ran the General Store, Gas pump and Post Office. Mrs. Pineo was Chater Postmistress until her death in 1953.

Gordon for some years ran a chicken farm and hatchery. He spent his last years in Brandon, where he died in 1976 at the age of 86.

Gordon and Margaret had two sons and three daughters.

Bertha - married Glen Campbell, youngest of the Archie Campbell family. They had two children, William and Patricia.

John Alexander and wife Nora live in Vancouver. Jack is a motor mechanic and his son John is an airplane mechanic. They also have a daughter Mary Ellen.

Charles married Mae Summers of Brandon, and they had two sons and three daughters. Bob is a teacher in Minnedosa, Jim is at home, Mary is Mrs. Anderson, Margaret is Mrs. James, and Brenda is Mrs. Burgess. Mae passed away in 1979.

Mary married Ernie Forsyth and they live in Calgary. They have three sons Donald, Brian and Gordon and one daughter, Carol.

Margaret Bissett of Calgary, who has one daughter, Linda.

### **PONCSAK FAMILY**

Marla and Raymond Poncsak took up residence at Lot #2, Campbell's Trailer Court in February, 1980, after residing in Brandon three and two years respectively.

Married in July 1979, we were both from the McCreary - Kelwood area and had moved to Brandon in search of employment.

Raymond is currently employed at Metals

Industries Ltd. and I am on leave from Burns Meats with the intention of returning to work this summer following the arrival of our first child.

### **FRANK PIENKOWSKI**

I was born at Ozerna, a little country post office west of Erickson, Manitoba. I came to Brandon in 1945 and worked in the Cameo Cafe situated at that time on Eighth Street. I worked there for about a year, and then at the Cecil Hotel for a few years as a cook.

In 1949 I married Frank Pienkowski, a farm boy from the Cornwallis Municipality. After marrying Frank we lived with his parents Anthony and Victoria Pienkowski for a number of years.

Frank had many hobbies; he loved collecting stamps and coins. Gorrie School was the centre for many "get-togethers", dances and Christmas parties. Once in awhile at the dances, Frank would get to play on his violin, which he loved to do. These dances hold many happy memories of good neighbours and friendships.

Frank took a welding course and in 1954 used these skills to make and install metal railings on the new steps at Gorrie School. Frank was a trustee at Gorrie and was in office at the time of his death.

During this time of living with Frank's parents we had a Church picnic every Sunday on the home place. We were all busy preparing food and cooking hamburgers and hot dogs, serving soft drinks and coffee to the young and old. The good old summer and autumn days were filled with neighbours helping each other. In the autumn we would stook the grain and thresh it. After a day's work we would all pile into the car and go into Brandon to see a movie which at that time only cost 35¢ to see. Today the home place has been torn down, and a city garage is in the process of being built.

While living with Frank's parents we had two daughters, Diana Lynn and Valerie Jane.

In 1954 we bought a few acres of land from William Chapman and moved into a little house located on this land. We were one-half mile east of 17th Street East and Richmond Avenue on the south side of the road. A few years later another daughter was born, Virginia Gay. Frank farmed the home place and rented land from Mr. Rice in the Brandon Hills.

Our home was small but it was comfortable. The kitchen was very 'unique' in that its floor was slightly slanted in the middle of the room. Even our cat "Goldie" loved our home, and would let us know when he wanted inside by wiggling the door-knob with his paw. These were hard, but happy, years. Often late at night, we would sit outside and listen to the sound of the creek running and enjoy the added variety of frogs croakin' and crickets clickin'.

Later we built a new home and Frank bought a half section of land from Stanley Brandon. But in



September 1963 Frank died and Stanley Brandon somehow repossessed the land and sold it to Simplot Chemicals. During the next two years I worked at Barney's Cafe-Motel to support my family. All three girls went to Gorrie School which was located south-east of Brandon. Two of their teachers were Mrs. Kennedy and Diane Stuart.

My daughters used to keep me busy running back and forth from the house to the railroad tracks; picking stones, playing on the tracks and splashing through the water were some of their favorite pastimes. My eldest daughter Diane got quite a spanking when she was caught riding on the back of the caboose. Thank goodness for kind railroad men!!

In 1965 I remarried to a fine farmer named Paul Felawka from Rounthwaite. I don't think he knew what he was getting into with four women. A year later I sold our home near Brandon to Ken Morling and he still resides there. At this time, Diane was approximately 15, Valerie was 12, and V. Gay was 9 years old.

Diane went to Wawanesa Collegiate until she graduated. After working a few years in Winnipeg she married Danny Cowan in 1970. They resided in Winnipeg and had one son named Danny Paul Cowan. In 1978 Danny Sr. died from a lengthy illness. Two years later Diane met Paul Vinet and remarried in 1981. They have a little girl named Carolyn Mary Jean.

Valerie Jane and Virginia Gay attended school at Rounthwaite and then went to Wawanesa Collegiate where they both graduated.

In 1972 Valerie married Corporal Frederick Brett Henderson from Wawanesa. They lived in Ottawa for 3 years during which time Brett was sent to Egypt on a six-month peace keeping force. Then they moved to Winnipeg for 3 years, then to Dana, Saskatchewan. In 1982 they were stationed in Shilo, Manitoba. They have two girls, Charlotte Paula, age 10, and Jacqueline Dawn, age 4.

In 1976 our youngest daughter, Virginia Gay, married a Wawanesa boy, William Courtice. He is a welder for the Highways Department and Gay works for a clinic in Brandon.

At the present time Paul and I are still living on the farm in Rounthwaite, where we've shared many good years together.

by Mary Felawka(Peinkowski)

### JOHN GEORGE POOLE

J. George Poole was born in 1862 on the family farm in Lanark County, near Perth, Ont. His father was John Poole and his mother was Alice, nee Whyte.

He married Rebecca Moodie of Perth. Their family was three daughters, Mary Edna, Alice Rebecca and G. Isobel. His wife, Rebecca died while

visiting at Perth when Isobel was born in 1898, so George left Isobel with her mother's sister, Mrs. Armour, and brought Edna and Alice back to the Cornwallis District, where they attended school and later Manitoba Agricultural College. George married Mary Moodie, sister of his first wife Rebecca, who helped him raise Edna and Alice. Isobel came to join them in her early teens. She took a business course and worked for the Wawanesa Insurance Company, in Wawanesa until her retirement.

The Pooles were very active in their district and church. George was superintendent of the Sunday School, and served on the church board. Edna and Alice took their turn at teaching and playing for Sunday School and Edna played the Church organ.

### THOMAS POPIEN FAMILY

The Popiens came from Polonia, near Neepawa, in 1955 and rented the Oscar Brandt farm, SE 9-9-18, in the Brandon Hills. Tom and Annie have seven children: Norman, Bridget, John, Donald, Jeanette, Mary Ann and Patricia. Those attending Brandon Hills School were Bridget, John, Donald and Jeanette.

Norman works at Texaco at the junction of 1 and 10. He and his wife, Gail, have a daughter, Stacie.

Bridget and her husband Irwin Badowich have two children, Jim and Lisa, and are living in Phoenix, Arizona.

John is a meat manager with Safeway in Dryden, Ontario. He and his wife, Joyce, have two children, Robert and Jocelyn.

Donald is with the Federal Department of Food and Drug. He and his wife, Mary, live in Winnipeg.

Jeanette lives in Brandon and works for Manitoba Telephone System.

Mary Ann married Murray Pierce and has two daughters, Taryn and Alyson. They reside in Brandon where Murray is a Brandon fireman.

Patricia, born while the family resided on the Brandt farm, was a registered lab technician at Grand Prairie, Alberta, for some time. She is now in Brandon, married to Keith McTaggart and they have a daughter, Lindsay.

When Oscar sold the farm in 1958 to Ron Wilkinson, the Popiens moved into Brandon. Tom worked for a time with an oil drilling outfit before working for the City of Brandon for four years. In October 1974 Tom retired after nearly thirteen years working at Brandon General Hospital. He and his wife live in Brandon.



*Mr. and Mrs. William Porterfield.*

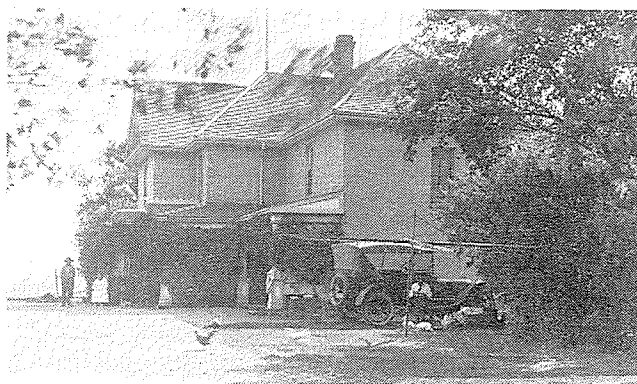
### **WILLIAM PORTERFIELD**

In 1884 Wm. Porterfield decided to move from Scotland to Canada to live, so he and his wife, Jane McIntosh and young son George, who was 3 years old at the time, set sail. They arrived in Brandon and stayed for a time at an immigrants home, which was situated on Pacific Ave. Later they moved south of Brandon on to a farm which now belongs to Gilberts. I am not sure how long they lived there but as they made friends they met J.A. Smart who owned NW 16-9-19, Gowan Park Farm. In 1897 the Porterfield family bought the farm and moved there. William Porterfield built the house as it is now, and had a grand opening to which they invited many of their friends and neighbours. At this time he presented his wife Jane with a Bell piano which is still in the family.

William and son George showed many prize animals at various fairs. He won a grand championship with a Black Angus bull at Chicago International Fair in 1912 and J.D. McGregor presented him with a gold watch. George won a gold medal for the best Clydesdale mare at Brandon in 1909.

George went to Red River College to study engineering for a time and won a gold medal for some of his work.

George met Mary Lockhart from Scotland, at J.D. McGregors and in June 1923 they were married in Beresford, and went to live near



*This is the Porterfield House on 16-9-19.*

Roseland. In October 1924 they had a son William. In December of the same year Jane Porterfield passed away, and George, Mary and son, William, moved back to Gowan Park Farm. Later they had a daughter Ieleen, and in 1929 William passed away.

George and family were very active in community life. He led the choir in Little Souris Church and Mary sang in the choir, she was president of the W.M.S. and has a life membership.

In the fall of 1934 George had a shooting accident and passed away.

That same year Jessie McMillan taught at Little Souris School and boarded at Porterfield's. Through Jessie, Hugh Miller came to help on the farm and was there until he passed away in 1958.

In 1954 Ieleen married Ross Turner in Little Souris Church and they have four sons. In 1955 William married Nancy Harkot and they have three daughters and one son. Bill moved to Brandon and was shop foreman for Powell Equip. for 19 years, and now works for Hamilton and Allen.

In 1964 Hugh Ferguson bought the farm from Mary Porterfield and she moved to Brandon. She now resides in Princess Towers.

### **JAMES AND GRACE POTTER**

James William Potter and Grace Helen Potter moved to Cornwallis with their sons, Doug and Kevin, in July, 1979 to lot SE 30-10-19. They had lived in Brandon for 13 years where Jim is a lawyer and Grace is a registered nurse. Jim and Grace grew up in Carievale, Saskatchewan, and both boys were born in Brandon. Doug was born in 1967 and Kevin in 1969.

### **PHIL AND ALANA PRICE**

Phil Price was born in Michigan and Alana was born in Oklahoma. We met in Texas at Christ for the Nations Inst. and moved to Canada where Phil's relatives are. Phil has lived in Canada for 18 years, mostly in Saskatoon. We moved to Deloraine, and then to Brandon in 1979, where we were caretakers of Greenwood Square, and Phil drove for the city transit.

Merrilea was born in April, 1981. In Sept., we purchased a mobile home from Wegenwys on #349, SW 16-9-19 and moved out to enjoy the country living. We both enjoy music, Phil plays the guitar and sings, and Alana teaches piano and voice, and have pleasure singing together.

### GEORGE PRINGLE FAMILY

George and Agnes Pringle emigrated from Melrose, Scotland, in 1881. They came west, by train, to Portage la Prairie. Here they secured a yoke of oxen and a Red River Cart before proceeding to Brandon, fording the river just east of the present townsite.

George and Agnes homesteaded the NW¼ 2-9-18, and farmed here for a few years before purchasing the W½ 12-8-18 in the Rounthwaite district.

Ten children were born to the Presbyterian couple - John, James, George, Helen, Sarah, twins Robert and Daniel, William, Thomas, and Belle.

None of the family is now living.



*Prowse Family, 1915; left to right — Daniel Woodley, Elizabeth Sarah, Mrs. McPhie, Thomas H.E., Eileen Ruth.*

### THOMAS PROWSE FAMILY

Originally the Prowse family came from Devon, England. The Hoe in Plymouth has a monument which lists Prowse as one of the men who manned the fireships that helped defeat the Armada in 1588.

Early in the 1800's our great-grandfather, Robert Prowse, was a merchant in Port-de-Grave, an outport near St. Johns, Newfoundland. Here our grandfather, Daniel Woodley Prowse, was born September 12, 1834. On January 12, 1837, Robert Prowse's house, store and warehouse were burned so he moved to St. John's, Newfoundland.

In 1859 Daniel Woodley married Sarah Anne Edleston Farrar in England. Three of their sons, George, Arthur and Thomas came to Manitoba. Our father, Thomas Holmes Edleston Prowse was born in St. John's Newfoundland on April 3, 1871. After attending school in England he worked in a

dye works and then came to Manitoba in 1891 to farm with his brother, Arthur, on NW¼ of 8-9-18. In 1900 our father took over the E½ of 22-9-18. One night about 1911, at a box social, Henry Dunbar introduced Dad to Elizabeth Sarah Wayland who had come from Tipperary, Ireland in 1910. Elizabeth (Lily) and Tom were married at the home of Rev. Lougheed in Brandon on March 27, 1912. They had a family of three girls and one boy.

Eileen trained as a teacher and taught in rural Manitoba and Winnipeg, for over thirty-two years, her first school being Aweme. On July 5, 1952 she married Archie Mainland. They live in Winnipeg, and have one son, Allister.

Woodley married Joyce Plowman on February 14, 1948. They lived on the home place until April, 1954 when they moved to their farm at Pipestone. They had six children. Daniel and Leonard of Winnipeg, Marilyn and Patricia of Saskatoon, Gwen of Maple Creek, and Tom, who is studying at Queen's University, Kingston, Ont.

Isabel trained as a teacher and taught at Mayne and Bradwardine. On December 29, 1942 she and Charles Lamb were married. They have two sons and a daughter: Russell of Edmonton, Terry of Vancouver and Noreen who lives in Montreal.

Margaret trained as a registered nurse in the Brandon General Hospital. At present she is Margaret S. Neylan, R.N., B.S.N., M.A., Department Head of Psychiatric Nursing at the British Columbia Institute of Technology. On July 4, 1959, she and Craig Neylan were married. They have one daughter, Meghan and two sons, Shawn and Michael. All the Neylans live in Vancouver.

We are grateful for our parents who instilled in us a concern for others and a desire to make this world a better place in which to live. In fact, all the Brandon Hills people were caring and helping people. This is shown in the story below.

Early in 1915, there had been so much snow that the snowplows, when clearing the track, had built up such high banks of snow the train could hardly be seen. Then came a terrible March blizzard. The train got stuck about half way on the track that runs through the SE¼ of 22-9-18. Mr. Pepper, the conductor, came to our house to phone the dispatcher in Brandon. When he came from the phone he blurted out, "There's a snowplow stuck south of me and the plow that is just out of Brandon is off the track. What am I going to do with a coach full of men, women, and children?" Mother and Dad did what they could - Mother got the rugs, blankets and food ready and Dad drove Mr. Pepper and the supplies back to the train. In the train the coal burning stoves and the kerosene lamps provided heat and light. Somehow the passengers got through the night. The next day the blizzard ceased and the sun shone. The McPhersons and other neighbors came with canvas covered sleigh boxes

to take the travellers to Brandon. They brought fur robes, blankets, hot bricks and foot warmers to provide warmth. It was some days before the railway was open again.

Our father died in 1955 and our mother in 1962. It was also very sad when our sister-in-law, Joyce, was killed in a car accident on May 23, 1967, and when Woodley died suddenly of a heart attack on July 10, 1969.

by Isabel Lamb  
and Eileen Mainland

### GEORGE ROBERT FARRAR PROWSE

G.R.F. Prowse was born on October 18, 1860, in St. John's, Newfoundland. Early in the 1900's he farmed with his brother, Tom, before attending the first session of the Manitoba Normal School. For twenty years he taught school in rural Manitoba. In 1926 he retired from teaching and went to live in Winnipeg where he was able to devote the remaining years of his life to writing booklets and pamphlets on the earliest explorations of Canada. He restricted his writings to what he learned from maps. This kindly and scholarly man, who never married, will long be remembered by his family, his students and those who shared his friendship.

by Isabel Lamb  
and Eileen Mainland

### ARTHUR HOLMES PROWSE

Arthur Holmes Prowse was born February 23, 1865 at St. John's Newfoundland. He was the son of Daniel Woodley and Sarah Ann Prowse. He was sent to England at the age of eleven to attend Sedbergh School in Yorkshire where, at sixteen, he was a star player in the rugby matches of the North versus the South. In 1882 he came west via St. Paul, Minnesota, and took up a homestead on SE¼ of 22-9-18 in 1883. He joined the Brandon troop of the Winnipeg 95th Regiment and saw service through the Riel Rebellion. In 1901 he bought the NW¼ of 8-9-18 and built a house on the bank of the creek. The farm was called "Cliff Hill" for his parents home in Newfoundland.

Arthur married Blanche Helen Simpson on January 14, 1892 at Liscard, Cheshire, England. They had four children; Annie, Woodley, Winnifred and Katherine. The first two died in infancy. Blanche Prowse died in March, 1904 and is buried in Brandon Hills Cemetery.

Arthur's second marriage was to Mary McLean. Arthur and Mary moved to Ochre River and from there to Saskatchewan. The last twenty years of their marriage was spent in Winnipeg where Mary died in 1949. Arthur passed away in Deer Lodge Veteran's Hospital in April 1953. They are buried in St. Vital Cemetery.

Winnifred was born in 1896, attended Brandon Hills School, Brandon Collegiate and trained as a teacher. She taught at Glen Souris, Wakopa, Dand and Regent. In 1926 Winnie married Alex Brown of Regent. They retired to Boissevain in 1960. Winnie died in 1970 and Alex in 1972. Both are buried in the Boissevain Cemetery.

Katherine (Kitty) was born in 1900. She attended Brandon Normal School and taught near Belmont, Burnbank (Elkhorn) and then three years at Cupar School in the Roblin area. While at the last school she met Frank Allbright of MacNutt, Saskatchewan. Frank and Kitty were married in July 1928. They settled on a farm on the banks of the Assinibone and lived there until 1937 when they moved to Vancouver Island. Frank and Kitty now live in White Rock and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1978. They have one daughter, Jean, married to Lloyd Webber of Winnipeg and four grandchildren; Gary, Sandra, Bryan and Coryn. Gary Webber married Katherine Brown of Richmond, B.C. in 1979. Bryan married Carolyn Lea Martens of Qualicum Beach, Vancouver Island, in 1980, and they had a son, James Lloyd, in December, 1981.

### WILLIAM PUGH FAMILY

William Pugh was born on July 23, 1921, at Sturgis, Saskatchewan. He resided there until he enlisted in the Army and spent four years overseas during World War II.

Bill returned to farm at Binscarth, Manitoba after the war and it was here he met Jean Tennant. Jean and Bill were married in January 1950 in Winnipeg. They ran a cafe in Shoal Lake as well as farming until 1952 when they sold the farm and moved to Brandon.

Bill worked at Lee Implements for a short time before renting the Albert Kreller farm (SE 24-9-18). They farmed here until 1964 then moved onto the T.H.E. Prowse farm here until June 1981 when they moved to the Elton Municipality, selling their farm to Garnet Northcut.

Bill and Jean have two sons, Willard and Donald. Willard, born at Shoal Lake in December, 1950, teaches at Justice. Donald, born in Hamiota in August, 1952, is a case worker with Brandon Children's Aid Society. Both Willard and Donald graduated from Brandon University.

Bill was a weed inspector for Cornwallis Municipality for several years and is employed at Simplot Chemical Company. Jean has supervised lunch hour at Meadows School in Brandon since 1970.

Jean's mother, Mrs. Ivy Tennant and Jean's sister, Mary Tennant, lived with Bill and Jean on the farms at Brandon Hills. Mrs. Tennant (Ivy May Ennor) was born in Bromley, Kent, England, on September 17, 1890. James Dick Tennant was born

in Edinburgh, Scotland and came to Canada before World War I. When war broke out in 1914, Mr. Tennant joined the Canadian Armed Forces and served overseas. During this time he met Ivy Ennor, and they were married and came to Canada in 1919, farming at Binscarth. Two children were born to them, Mary, on October 23, 1923 and Jean, on July 4, 1927. Mr. Tennant helped build bridges at Kettle Rapids. He passed away in 1949 at the age of 67.

Mrs. Tennant taught piano at Binscarth and taught piano to many children in Brandon Hills. Jean played the piano and Mary the violin at many Brandon Hills and Gorrie school dances. They also spent most of December helping the teacher at both schools prepare and put on their annual Christmas concerts. Mrs. Tennant sewed most of the costumes for the participants.

In spite of failing eyesight in later years, Mrs. Tennant continued to be very active. She enjoyed Sunday picnics at various Manitoba resorts, visits with friends and trips to Brandon. She took great delight in little children, and liked nothing better than to be visited by them. Many of them made special effort to come on Halloween to show her their costumes. Many new babies in the Brandon Hills district were presented with a knitted outfit or blanket from Mrs. Tennant, even after her eyesight began to fail. She passed away peacefully on January 18, 1979.

### **TOM AND LAURA QUAYE**

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Quaye came to the Gorrie district in Oct. 1928. They settled on 6 acres in 7-10-18. They worked on different farms in the Brandon Hills district. They had 7 children.

Stanley - never married, moved to B.C. where he died.

Henry and his wife, the former Ida Mason lived for a time in Brandon and then moved to NE 5-9-18 for two years while he worked for Wm. Roddick. He served in the World War II. He then moved back to Brandon until he passed away in 1973. Ida still resides in Brandon at 1 240-4th St. They have three children Mary, Thomas and Margaret.

Robert - deceased.

Harold - killed in action in war.

Vern - served overseas, then lived in B.C., now lives in Winnipeg.

Laura - married and lives in Campbell River.

Billie - lives in Welland, Ont.

This family will be remembered by many people in the Brandon Hills District.

### **SAM RAMSDEN FAMILY**

Sam Ramsden was born in England and came to Humbert, Ontario. He and his wife had four daughters and two sons. After the death of his wife in Ontario, Sam and the six children came to Manitoba and lived with a brother for two years. They farmed at Glen Souris and in the Gorrie district before moving to the Jimmy Baker farm.

Sam married Wilhemina Feadore Davey who was born in Gaspé, Quebec. She had a seventeen year old daughter named Winnie who later married Alden Blight. (See Alden Blight history).

Two of Sam's daughters died before his marriage to Wilhemina. Later the remaining two died of a contagious disease. All are buried at Glen Souris Cemetery. Both of Sam's sons homesteaded with him and later moved to a homestead at Dodsland, Saskatchewan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramsden attended Brandon Hills Church where Mrs. Ramsden was Sunday School Superintendent for many years.

Mr. Ramsden passed away at age 65. After his death Mrs. Ramsden resided with her daughter, Winnie, and son-in-law, Alden Blight. In later years, Mrs. Ramsden was a patient at the McCallum Nursing Home in Brandon. It was here she passed away in 1954 at the age of 94, and was buried at the Brandon Hills Cemetery.

### **PATRICK RAMSEY FAMILY**

Patrick and Albena Ramsey live at S.W. 19-10-17, Douglas. They previously lived in Winnipeg and Swan River and moved here in 1973 when Patrick was transferred to Brandon with Manitoba Hydro, where he is employed. They chose to live in the Douglas area because of Patrick's farm upbringing and their love of the country.

Patrick Arthur Ramsey was born at Winnipeg and raised near Swan River where he received his education.

Albena Alice Ramsey (nee Furber) was born at Tisdale, Sask, and was raised in Swan River where she received her education.

Pat and Albena were married in Swan River on July 30, 1966 and have 3 children: Cindy Anne Ramsey, born in Winnipeg on April 1, 1971; Sheri Lynne Ramsey, born in Swan River on Dec. 26, 1972; and Thomas Patrick Ramsey born in Brandon on October 8, 1975. The children are all presently attending Douglas School.

by Albena Ramsey





*40th Wedding Anniversary of Dick and Doris Reed.*

### **JOHN RICHARD REED**

I, John Richard Reed, came to Canada in 1929 on the S.S. Regina, arriving May 26, 1929, having just completed 4 years service with the British Army.

May 29, saw me getting off the train at Chater, where work had been found for me with D.A. Birdsell, by the CN railway, who had handled travel arrangements. I was born in Lartington, Yorkshire in (1905), and after four years in Chater, I decided to return to England in the fall of 1933 to stay. However the spring of 1934 saw me back in Canada. In 1935 I was again working with D.A. Birdsell. In 1942 I married Doris Mary Johnston. The wedding took place at her home on 1-11-18. in Elton Municipality. Rev. J.M. Wilson was the minister. I built a small home in Chater, where we lived for the next four years. In 1946 we moved to Doris's home and rented, we also rented from D.A. Birdsell the W½ of 33-10-18. After 10 years we gave up our interests in these two places, and moved back to Chater, so we could enlarge our dairy business; again we rented from Mr. Birdsell the W½ 27-10-18, and part of NE 27-10-18.

We have two children: Nelson Irwin, born 1945. Nelson graduated from Brandon College in 1965, with a Bachelor of Science Degree. In 1969 he obtained his Degree in Chartered Accountancy via the U. of Winnipeg. Nelson is Business and administration Superintendent with the Dryden, Ont. School Division. In 1966 he married Ann Patrish of Brandon, a graduate of U. of Manitoba, with a Master's Degree in Science. They have two children, Jennifer Allison, (1971), and Russell David, (1973).

Our daughter, Mary Elizabeth, (Betty), was born in 1947, like her brother she took her schooling at Chater and Elton Collegiate. She holds a Teaching Diploma in Piano with Trinity College, London, Eng. taking her training at St. Michael's

Academy, Brandon, where her mother teaches. In 1968, Betty graduated from the St. Boniface School of Nursing, and obtained her RN. In 1968 Betty married Brian Phillips, son of John and Audrey Phillips of Forrest. They live in Killarney, Man. where Brian is Area Chief Technologist of Southwest Lab and Xray Units of TriLake Health Centre and surrounding area. Betty and Brian have two children, Sean David, born 1973, and Trisha Dawn, born 1976.

In July, 1982, we celebrated our 40 wedding anniversary. It proved to be a most joyous occasion with our family and friends. Through the years we have been very active in church and community affairs.

### **ADAM REES**

Adam Rees was born in Austria in 1900, on the land given to Poland after WW 1. This is why Adam always said he came from Poland. Adam was a carpenter doing cabinet work in the old country. In 1929 he came to Brandon and worked for Haggis Smith, a gardener. He also worked for Duncan, Jack and Dan Campbell. In 1937-42 he worked in the goldmines in Quebec, and new construction for the C.P.R. north of Prince Albert to Meadowlake, Sask. In 1943 he bought the N½ 22-10-18 where he farmed until the city of Brandon bought the land for a sewage lagoon site in 1964. Adam then retired to Brandon where he lived until his death May 22, 1982.

### **RAYMOND AND BETTY ANNE RELF**

Raymond and Betty Anne Relf purchased a one acre lot from Mrs. Bradley, 28-10-19 in 1962 and later purchased an adjacent one acre lot from Mr. Hart. In 1964 a home was built. The Relf family moved to Swift Current, Saskatchewan in 1965 where Susanne Rae was born. The home was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Jackson.

The family returned in 1966 and in 1967 built the Colonial Lodge at 710 Braecrest Drive. Thomas Reid was born in 1968.

In 1971 the Relf's purchased the old Middleton farm from Nelson Plunkett, where Jennifer Janet was born.

The children attend school in Brandon.

### **REMPEL FAMILY**

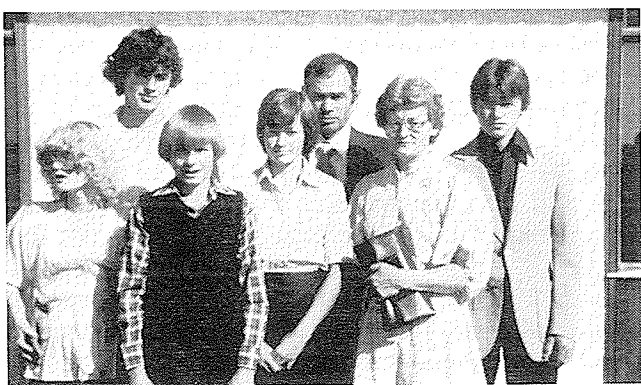
Harry Rempel was born at home in Beaver Flatt, Saskatchewan, on June 17, 1936. At the age of twelve, in 1948, his father moved his family to Austin, Manitoba. Harry grew up there and on July 6, 1958 he married Susan Sawatzky at MacGregor, Manitoba. She was born on November 30, 1936 at Gretna, Manitoba. In 1953 her family moved to

MacGregor when she was in her teens. Harry worked for the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture from 1957 to 1971 as a rider and later a pasture manager at White Beech, Sask. By this time four children were born to them.

Gerald Warren was born in Winnipeg, May 19, 1959. On August 3, 1979 he married Donna Michelle Legge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Legge from Alexander, Man. Gerald and Michelle live and are employed in Brandon, Manitoba.

Richard Allen was born at Val Marie, Sask., on November 11, 1961. On April 17, 1982, he married Pamela Joan Beaudin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lord H. Beaudin of Portage la Prairie, Man. Richard and Pam live and are employed in Brandon.

Sandra Faye was born at Herbert, Sask., on March 14, 1963. She lives and works in Brandon, Manitoba.



*Rempel Family; top, left to right — Gerald, Harry, Richard, Michelle, Lloyd, Sandra, Susan, 1979.*

Lloyd George was born at Benito, Manitoba on June 5, 1966. He is living at home and is working with his father.

In the fall of 1971 Harry and Susan moved to Douglas, Manitoba and rented the land they live on now from Jack MacDonald and bought it in 1978. (NW 18-10-17; SE 33-10-17; N 12-10-18). There Harry and Susan raised their children and now raise crossbred cattle along with some registered quarter horses.

All of their children grew up here and received their education at Douglas School and Elton Collegiate in Forrest, Manitoba.

### **MARVIN REMPEL FAMILY**

Marvin Rempel was born in December of 1931 at Beaver Flat, Saskatchewan and moved to Austin, Manitoba in 1948.

I was born Sarah Dyck in August 1935 at Lost River in Northern Saskatchewan, moving to southern Saskatchewan in the Herbert area as a baby and staying there until 1946. In the spring of 1946 my family moved to Austin, Manitoba.

Marvin and I were married in 1954.

We have lived in the Brandon area since we were married, moving to the farm at Chater SW 24-10-18 in 1964.

Marvin has worked as a carpenter in Brandon since 1954. When we came to Chater we also had a small herd of cattle. In 1973 we went into the P.M.U. business with Ayerst and are still working with the horses and enjoying it.

We have a family of six children - three boys and three girls. The oldest three are married now and we have three grandchildren.

by Sarah Rempel

### **JOHN AND GAYDA REMPEL**

John was born in Carberry, Manitoba, the eldest son of Marvin and Sarah Rempel of the Chater area. John attended school in Chater, Douglas and Forrest.

Gayda Miller was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba and moved with her parents to Dauphin where she attended elementary school. The family later moved to the Douglas area where she attended high school in Forrest. Gayda is the only daughter of Bob and Betty Miller.

Gayda and John were married in the Douglas United Church in 1976. They have two children, Gayda Lynne, born in 1977, who now attends Douglas School, and Ryan John, who was born in 1979.

Gayda and John still live in the Chater area.

### **WILLIAM IRWIN REID**

Our residence in Cornwallis Municipality on part of NE 3-9-19 W began in 1973 and to my knowledge we are the first to establish permanent residence at this location. I purchased the land in the fall of 1972 and can still see the look of dismay on my wife's face when I drove into the middle of a stubble field and announced this would be a beautiful place to build a home. However, after a lot of hard work planting trees and landscaping, she agrees the choice was right.

The family consists of my wife, Elizabeth, our daughter, Catherine Miller, son-in-law John Miller, grandson Thomas and son Cameron.

Catherine completed schooling in Winnipeg, attended the University of Manitoba, was employed by the Bank of Montreal and married John Miller, a consulting engineer. They reside in Winnipeg.

Cameron completed his schooling in Brandon and then followed in his father's footsteps. He is now employed by Manitoba Hydro as a journeyman lineman and resides in Dauphin.

My wife, the former Elizabeth Napastuik, was born and raised in Pine River, the daughter of Nettie and the late Joseph Napastuik. She was employed by Safeway in Winnipeg until our marriage on November 6, 1954.

I was born in Brandon and raised at Hartney,

the son of Zada and the late William James Reid. The most of my early years were spent on a farm which established a love of the land and animals that I have never been able to shake. They say you can take the boy out of the country but you can never take the country out of the boy. How true!

I have been employed by Manitoba Hydro for the past 36 years. I started out working as a lineman on the crews that first brought power to the rural communities during the late 40's and early 50's, including the Municipality of Cornwallis. I served as district supervisor at Pine River, Riding Mountain and Wawanesa before moving to Winnipeg and the Distribution Engineering Department in 1968. This department was decentralized in 1972 and brought about my move back to the place of my birth.

My wife and I have both decided that our present rural lifestyle suits our way of living best and we will retire here in the near future. Elizabeth enjoys many handicrafts and spends hours pursuing her hobby and attending craft shows. She enjoys her flower garden and plants and we both get involved with our vegetable garden, trees and shrubs.

I have been active in training and judging retrievers across Canada, the highlight of which was judging the Canadian National Retriever Championships at Montreal in 1977. I have now turned my interests to raising and training Arabian horses and derive a great deal of pleasure trail riding and driving a team on cutters I have restored.

Cornwallis is truly a lovely place in which to live and we are proud to be a part of it.

by Irwin Reid

## HUGH AND SUSAN RICE

Hugh Rice was born in 1845 and Susan Britton was born in 1848 in Stirling, Scotland. They came to New Glasgow, Nova Scotia in 1868. They were married in Jan. 1869.

Hugh was employed by the Drummond Mining Company of Montreal for twelve years. He installed their first engines.

In 1879 Hugh joined the Roddick party and came to Brandon Hills. Hugh and Susan had five children, Hugh Jr., Christina, Agnes, John, and Daniel. They lived in a tent the first summer then built a log house, and later erected a large frame house which still remains on N.W. 10-9-18. Hugh Sr. walked from his home to Winnipeg and back for supplies on several occasions. Their children all attended Brandon Hills School.

Hugh Jr. was born in 1871. He never married and was his mother's "right hand man" as in the winter his father worked at the saw-mill in Carberry. He walked to Carberry to see his father and to Brandon to get groceries. Later he moved to his farm at Little Souris, 22-9-19, where his sister Agnes

used to prepare the meals at harvest time. When Hugh was no longer able to do the work Tom and Jean Pearce came and worked the farm. Hugh lived with Pearces when they moved to Ninga and then to Brandon. He passed away on his eighty-eighth birthday, and is buried in the Brandon Hills Cemetery.

Christina was born in 1873. In 1896 she married Peter Lamont of Brandon Hills. They had two daughters, Susan and Edith, now living in St. Catherines. Peter and Christina lived on a farm in Ninga, and later bought and operated a coal and wood business in Brandon. In early 1920 they moved to Winnipeg. Christina is buried there.

Agnes was born in 1875. She took music lessons from Professor Grainger, and later taught music. She played the organ for the Presbyterian services in the Brandon Hills Church. She used to go two miles to choir practice on horse back. In 1903 she married John J. Field, formerly from England. John worked for Dave Roddick and conducted the choir. They moved to a farm at Ninga, travelling with a team of horses and a sleigh with all their belongings including a cow.

Agnes and John had two children, Dorothy Reynolds (Rennie) and Irene Rankin. Rennie married Leslie Boyd in 1930. They have three daughters and a son. Irene married Edward Weaver and they have a daughter. John and Agnes farmed until 1932 when Edward and Irene took over and farmed until they returned to Sheffield England. The next year Leslie and Rennie came to the farm. Leslie Boyd died in 1973 and Rennie now lives in Boissevain.

Agnes Field passed away in 1941 and John in 1964. They are buried at Ninga.

John was born in 1877 and in the early 1900's farmed near Killarney. The Little Pembina River ran through his farm and the Rhodes Dam was located at the north end of the farm. It was three miles away from the farm of his sister Agnes. John sold the farm and retired to Brandon. He passed away in 1959 and was buried at Brandon Hills.

Daniel was born in 1879. He attended Brandon College. He was first employed in the shoe department at Nation and Shewan, where he met and later married Myrtle Alexander. They had a son Maurice and a daughter Thelma. They moved to Edmonton where Dan was manager of the shoe department of the Hudson Bay Store for over forty years. Maurice passed away at an early age leaving his wife and three children. Thelma still resides in Edmonton.

Dan passed away at the age of 95, and is buried in Edmonton.

Hugh and Susan Rice had four more children who were born at Brandon Hills, Christopher Raney, Francis, Alfred, and Ebenezer Donaldson.

Christopher was born in 1882. He attended

Brandon College and became a doctor. In 1909 he was appointed to the staff of St. Boniface Hospital, and was head of the Gynecology Dept. After his retirement in 1945 he was made a consultant. He was also professor of the same department at the University Medical School.

Chris married Laural Stewart of Norwood. They had no family. He served as a doctor overseas in World War 1. Chris is buried in Memorial Gardens in Winnipeg.

Francis Rice known as Alex was born in 1884. He and his brother Dan had a shoe business in Brandon. Later he moved to Vancouver where he was a traveller. He never married and died at the age of 46. He is buried at Brandon Hills.

Alfred was born in 1886. He stayed at home with his younger brother, Ebe, and his father. He married Irene Madill of Souris and continued to live on the home farm. Later he bought George Johnston's farm S.W. 21-9-18. They have one son Frank who resides in Calgary. Alf is deceased, and his wife lives in Winnipeg.

Ebenezer was born in 1889. Ebe had a dairy business and delivered milk and cream to cafes in Brandon. One winter evening when Rennie Field was keeping house for him, he lit a lamp to go upstairs. He struck the match on the sole of his shoe and the head of the match flew onto the sofa. Later Rennie saw a red glow and yelled "fire", the sofa, cushions and drapes were already burned. There was a barrel in the kitchen with melted ice in it. This was used to extinguish the fire.

In 1927, Ebenezer married Oma Ross. Oma had one daughter, Bernice, and she made her home with them.

In the summer of 1931, Ebe went to check the cattle two miles from home. Oma became anxious when he didn't return, so she phoned Jack and Angus McPherson who went to the pasture. At first they did not see him as he had been gored by a bull, and was lying very still so not to attract the bull again. They took him to the hospital where the doctor made an excellent job of suturing a badly torn ear. The bull was disposed of very quickly.

They sold the farm in 1959 and Ebe and Oma moved to Brandon. Ebe passed away in 1966 and Oma in 1974. Bernice Ross died in 1959. They are buried in Brandon cemetery.

Susan Rice died in 1917 and Hugh Rice Sr. died in 1934. Both are buried in Brandon Hills cemetery. There is none of the original family left. It is to be hoped that the church that so many of these early settlers worked hard to build will be left as a memorial to all who lived there.

## JAMES AND ISABLE RIDDLE

James was born in 1863 and his wife the former Isable Brighton, was born in 1859. They had three children, Kathleen, Marjorie and Robert. They came from Wolverhampton, England to Kemnay, Manitoba in 1912. Later they came to work for John Campbell and lived on the N.E. 25-9-19 for one year and then rented the W½ 24-9-19 from him and were there about eleven years. They then rented W½ 31-9-18 from Dave Roddick. They moved to Wheatland, Manitoba about 1928.

Kathleen was born in 1894 and married Gus Anderson. He is buried in Brandon Hills cemetery. Kathleen married Magne Anderson, a brother of Gus. He is also deceased. She is living in St. Charles, Manitoba.

Marjorie was born in 1898 and married Roy Roddick of Brandon Hills. (See history of Roy Roddick).

Robert was born in 1900 and married Gladys Stevens of Roseland, and farmed at Treesbank until retiring to Wawanessa. They have three children, Eleanor, Gail and Robert. Eleanor married Ernie Swaluk and lives at Portage. Gail married Keith Francis and now live in Salmo, B.C. Robert married Wilma Paddock of Oak River, and they live at Treesbank.

James Riddle passed away in 1940, and his wife in 1956. They are buried in Brandon Hills cemetery.



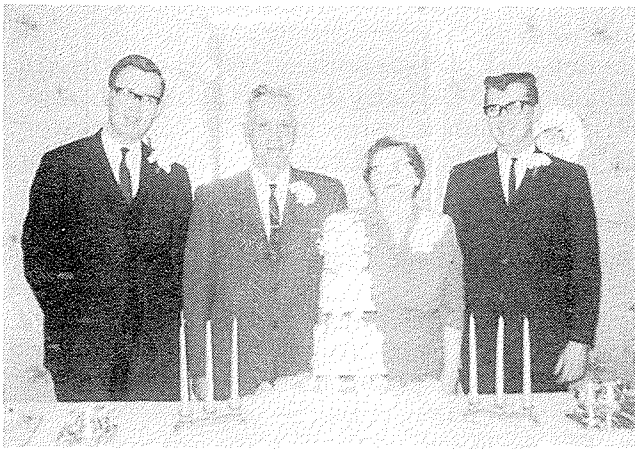
*William and Mary Richardson.*

## WILLIAM RICHARDSON FAMILY

William Richardson, grandfather of Bill and Norman Richardson, came to Canada from England in 1882 shortly after the railroad was built through this part of the country. On September 29, 1897 he married Mary Alexander who had come with her sister, Lizzie, (later Mrs. Ed. Slator) from Ireland, to stay with their sister Mrs. James Moore.

Three children were born in the years that followed: Frances 1898, James (Jimmie) 1901 and John (Jack) 1904.

Frances married Cecil C.P. Couling December 1916 and after Cecil returned from WWI they took up farming in the Lauder district. Cecil passed away in 1970 and Frances in 1982.



*Jack and Jessie Richardson and their boys, Gordon and Ronald on their 25th Wedding Anniversary held May 6, 1967 in Douglas United Church Parlour, Douglas, Man.*

James (Jimmie) married E. Ruth Duncan in December, 1925. They lived on the farm about one and one-half miles south of Douglas, NE 28-10-17, in the Lawrence district. They had two sons, Bill and Norman. Jim passed away suddenly in November, 1977, and Ruth still lives in the house in Brandon where she was born and raised.

Jack lived for a number of years in a set of buildings on NE¼ 26-10-17, south of Douglas. During the winter months when no work was to be found he always had a few bachelor friends move in. An auction sale was held on Tuesday, March 24, 1936 and at this time everything was sold, including horses, cattle, implements and household items, as well as harness, seed and poultry. Jack was then employed at Camp Shilo for several years. Then in 1942 Jack Richardson married Jessie Cameron and they took up residence in Douglas. Soon after his marriage Jack enlisted in the army. While Jack was stationed in Chilliwack, B.C., he had the misfortune to sustain a serious injury and later was discharged from the Army. Jack returned and was again employed at Camp Shilo.

Jack and Jessie had two sons, Gordon and Ronald. After four years at the University of Manitoba Gordon graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture and a Gold Medal for proficiency in that field. He also received a Gold Medal in horticulture. He later received a Master's degree in Guelph, Ont. Gordon married Judy Hughes of Ottawa and they have two children, Mark and Krista.

Ronald, the second son, married Shirley Wareham of Moore Park, Manitoba in 1968. Ronald worked in Brandon at the Land Titles Office, then was transferred to Winnipeg. He attended night classes and again another opening became available in Victoria, B.C. where he, Ronald Richardson, A.A.C.I. is a real estate appraiser for the Department of National Revenue. Ronald and Shirley have two sons, Chad and Evan.

Jack Richardson passed away in November 1967 and Jessie is presently living in Brandon, Manitoba in Winnipeg House.

### **BILLIE AND CHARLIE RICHARDSON**

The two nephews, Billie and Charlie Richardson, whom Mr. Wm Richardson brought back to Canada with him when returning from trips to his old home in England in 1896 and 1906 continued to live the remainder of their lives in the Douglas area.

Billie never married. He farmed south of Douglas about three miles (SW 15-10-17), not far from Camp Shilo, until his retirement in 1963. Then he moved to Douglas and lived in a mobile home near his nephew Jack and family. He passed away very suddenly August 1, 1966.

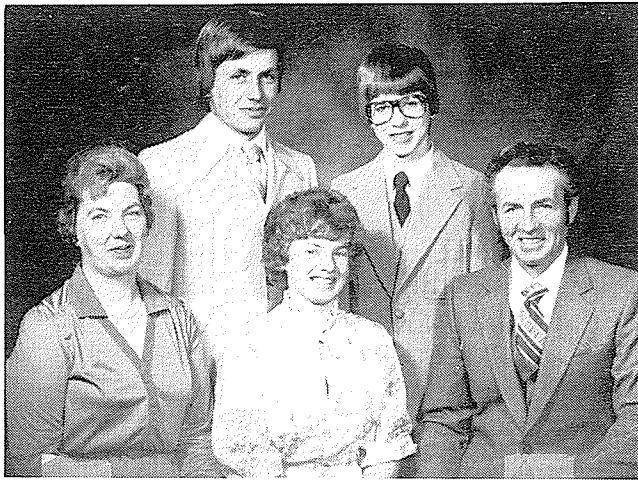
Charlie also farmed in the area south of Douglas about five miles (NE 24-10-17). He enlisted in the army during the First World War and went overseas with his regiment. He saw active service in the Medical Corps. Following his discharge from the Army, Charlie returned to his farm at Douglas.

In 1922 Elizabeth Basford of Lestershire, England, Charlie's Old Country girlfriend, came to Canada. She visited the William Richardsons at Douglas and while there she and Charlie were married at the Richardson home. They resided on the farm south of Douglas until retiring to live in Brandon in 1947. Mrs. C. Richardson passed away in 1954 and Charlie in 1967.



*Billie Richardson taken Nov. 1958.*





*Norm, Wilma, Murray, Beverly and Boyd Richardson taken in 1979.*

### **NORMAN RICHARDSON FAMILY**

Norman, second son of James and Ruth Richardson and Wilma Boyd, second youngest child of Arthur and Rose Boyd, were united in marriage June, 1954 at Bethany, Manitoba, near Minnedosa, Manitoba.

Norm has lived his entire life on this farm approximately one and one-half miles south of Douglas (NE 28-10-17). He received his education at Lawrence School No. 364 and at Douglas High School, which was held in the former Presbyterian Church. Norm served on the R.M. of Cornwallis Council, Ward 6, for ten years. He enjoyed his years as a 4-H leader's helper in the Derry 4-H Beef Club. He has served on the Manitoba Pool Elevators Board, Rink Board and Hall Board. Wilma has always tried to do her share in the community.

Along with Norm's parents, Jim and Ruth Richardson, we operated a dairy farm for many years. In 1962-63 Norm had only missed two milkings and with his father's health failing we sold most of the herd in 1964 to Sam Gurr, just keeping a few cows. We gradually kept decreasing the herd until we finally went into a beef cow-calf operation and grain farming.

In the fall of 1965 Norm's parents moved to Brandon and Norm and Wilma purchased their land and machinery. Over the years we have purchased more land and have gone into a larger beef cow-calf operation.

We were blessed with three children, all of whom were born in Carberry, Manitoba and attended elementary school in Douglas and high school at Elton Collegiate in Forest, Manitoba. Like their parents, they are interested and active in all community activities. They were members of the Derry 4-H Beef Club, Carberry Jr. Rifle Club, and enjoy most sports - especially curling.

Murray James was born in 1956. He was fortunate to receive the Rolling River Teacher's Society Citizenship Award in Grade XII, and now

farms with us.

Beverly Rose was born in 1960. She has been a member of the Carberry Jr. Rifle Club for ten years and is now a Junior Instructor. In 1977 Beverly won the Jr. Rifle Girls Championship trophy for Manitoba. She has attended Assiniboine Community College in Brandon, Manitoba and is now employed in Shilo, Manitoba at Army Headquarters.

Boyd Norman was born in 1964. He has signed up for a two year (1982-84) Farm Machinery Mechanics course at Assiniboine Community College in Brandon, Man.

For us, like other families, the last twenty-five years have gone quickly. The babies, toys, dolls, trucks and the first day of school have given way to teenagers, driving lessons, loud music and home work and now into careers of their choice. They value this community and friends that have helped to mature them and, like many other people, we feel this community will always be home.

This concludes some history of the Richardson family in this area. We know not what the future holds.



*Jim and Ruth Richardson with their two sons Bill and Norm taken on their 50th Anniversary, December 1975.*

### **JAMES ALEXANDER RICHARDSON**

James Alexander "Jimmie", the eldest son of William and Mary Richardson, was born in the R.M. of Elton, 33-11-17, December 22, 1901. He received his education at Matheson School and when the family moved in 1913 to Cornwallis Municipality, he attended Lawrence School.

In 1924 Jim started farming on the Thompson farm, one and one-half miles south of Douglas, NE 28-10-17. The next year he married Ruth Duncan of Brandon. We had two sons, Bill and Norman.

Bill is an employee of Wilton Implements in Brandon. He married Lavina Bannerman of

Douglas in June, 1951. They had a family of four: Diane, Wendy, Barry and Kenneth. Diane married Sheldon Leskiw of Brandon. They now reside in Thunder Bay, Ontario and have two sons, Christopher and Brian. Wendy married Dave Harder of Brandon. They reside at Campbells Trailer Court at Chater, Manitoba and have two daughters, Lana and Kari. Barry married Roberta, a Calgary girl and they are presently residing at Seebe, Alberta and have one son Paul. Kenneth is employed in Brandon and lives at home with his parents.

Norman, the second son lives on the home farm south of Douglas. In June 1954 he married Wilma Boyd of the Bethany district near Minnedosa. They have three children, Murray, Beverly and Boyd. (See Norman Richardson family story).

The old-timers well remember the ten years of the depression, the "dirty thirties", being in the dust bowl, plagued by millions of grasshoppers, drought and severe winters. Seed was blown out on countless occasions, and no one would print the thought and words of farm women as fine silt, the good top soil, blew into every nook and cranny of the house.

In 1932 the government set up work camps for men. They were paid 20 cents a day, room and board, and work clothing. Camp Hughes was moved to Shilo and a camp set up there where men made cement blocks for buildings at Camp Shilo. The work camps were closed July 1, 1936. Thousands of young men rode the freight trains from coast to coast looking for work. Finally the government placed men on farms at \$5.00 per month for the man and \$5.00 for the farmer who gave men board and room in return for labor. Cattle prices were very low. Usually the trucker or railway got most of the profit and sometimes you ended up owing the trucker or railroad.

During the year 1938 we had a few good rains and the fields turned green again. It had been dry a long time.

Jim served on the R.M. of Cornwallis Council for 16 years and was a board member of the Douglas United Church.

We operated a dairy farm for a good many years until ill health took its toll and Jim had to retire. Norm took over the farm and raised beef cattle. We moved to Brandon in 1965 and Jim passed away suddenly November 2, 1977. I am still living in the house I was born in.

by Ruth Richardson

## **WILLIAM JOHN RICHARDSON FAMILY**

William John Richardson was born in Listowel, Ontario, in 1887 and came to the Bradwardine district at the age of six. His family moved to Brandon in 1902 where he worked at a cigar factory. Margaret Moffat was born in the R.M. of Cornwallis in 1891.

They were married in 1913 and took up farming on the Moffat farm (4-9-19). In 1925 they moved to South Brandon district (18-9-19) and remained until 1932. They then moved to the Cornwallis district and rented 28-9-19 and 34-9-19 until 1940 when they bought the present Richardson farm (4-10-19) retiring to Brandon in 1952. William died in 1963 and Margaret in 1970. They raised a family of eight children.

Thomas William - married Beatrice Doram of Coaldale, Alberta. They bought the farm in 1952 and Tom was accidentally killed in Brandon the same year. Beatrice remained on the farm with her family Thomas Jr., Robert, Donald and Bernice.

Edith E. - married Gilbert Newcombe of Langley, B.C. They have two boys, Larry and Ronald and live at Langley, B.C.

George - married Lorraine Lang of Coulter, Manitoba, and they live in Brandon. They have two children, Ronald and Sharon.

Robert - married Fern McKenzie of Tisdale, Sask. They live in Langley, B.C. and have one son, Allan.

Dorothy M. - married Alex Meagher and lives in Brandon.

John J. - married Vera Tegg of Brandon and lives in Langley, B.C. They have two daughters, Vickie and Debbie.

Irene L. - married Wilfred Brown of Carroll and lives on their farm at Carroll, Manitoba. They have 3 children, Terry, Maxine and Murray.

Jack, Robert and George all served in the Canadian Army during World War II. Robert was reported missing in action in 1944 but later turned up a prisoner for war in Germany and returned home safely.

The Richardsons have lived in the R.M. of Cornwallis since 1913 and the grandchildren of Beatrice Richardson are the fourth generation. The children attended school at Cornwallis, Little Souris and South Brandon where for some of us our first teacher was Miss Mathews (Mrs. Hinch). Some of the enjoyable times remembered are the ball tournaments and barn dances at the Lowes Farm and Riendeau farm, also the old skating rink at Cornwallis school, the Harper farm and Lake Clementi and the old swimming pool in the Little Souris River.

## THOMAS WILLIAM RICHARDSON

Thomas was born March, 1914, in the Cornwallis District. He was educated at Little Souris and South Brandon Schools. At the age of 20 he moved to Alberta where he worked on the C.P.R. farm for 4 years and married Beatrice Doram of Coaldale, Alberta in 1938. He then returned to Manitoba and drove a truck for Gordon Hedges until 1946 when he moved to the L.H. Shepley farm, remaining there until 1952 when he took over the family farm.

In November, 1952, he died accidentally while working at the McCabe Elevator in Brandon. He had three sons and a daughter who were all educated in Cornwallis and Brandon schools.

Thomas Lawrence, born 1939, married Marie Marcin from Kemnay. They have four daughters, Sherry, Lisa, Tracey and Patti. He now lives in Drumheller, Alberta, where he is an Esso Bulk Sales Agent.

Robert William, born 1944, married Diane Shadlock. They have three sons and one daughter, Craig, Darren, Keith and Jill. Bob has worked for the Brandon Fire Department since 1967. In 1973 they built a house adjacent to his mother's home on the home farm.

Donald Wayne, born 1946, married Darlene Alderdice. They have one son Kevin. Don lives in Brandon and continues to work the farm.

Bernice Margaret Louise, born 1949, married John Deering. They have two daughters, Kelli and Stacey. Bernice is employed as a legal secretary in Victoria, B.C.

## REV. J.W. RIDD

Rev. Ridd served as the Methodist minister at Little Souris, Brandon Hills and Glen Souris from 1898-1901. While here Mr. and Mrs. Ridd and their children lived in the parsonage at Brandon Hills (one half mile north of church).

Elwood became a school principal and is retired in Winnipeg. Marjorie married Rev. H.A. Rivers and they are retired in Beamsville, Ont. Marion - Mrs. C.F. Caldwell is retired in Winnipeg. Dwight was born at Brandon Hills in 1900. Mrs. William Blight acted as midwife and her daughter Aletha looked after the rest of the family. Dwight also became a school principal in Winnipeg. He and his wife had two sons - Paul and Dr. Carl Ridd of Winnipeg.

Rev. Ridd returned to take part in the service at Brandon Hills in Sept., 1954 and grandson Carl was guest speaker at the centennial church service in July of 1979.

Mrs. Ridd passed away in 1930, Rev. Ridd in 1955 and son Dwight in 1975.

## FRANK AND PALMYRE RIENDEAU

Frank and Palmyre Riendeau moved to 18-9-10 on Good Friday, 1935 and remained until November 1941. They moved to Lewiston, Idaho, where they resided until their deaths, Palmyre in October, 1968, and Frank in April, 1969.

Frank, being an ambitious and adventurous person, decided the barn on the farm should be put to an extra purpose. So with a lot of extra work of turning every board on the loft floor, sanding and polishing, it became known as "The Big Barn Dance. In the years 1937-38-39, orchestras such as "Charley Carver's Cowboys", Glen Campbell, The Merry Makers, provided the music. Palmyre baked many pies, and sandwiches were sold over the counter at one end of the hall. Coffee was made in the house and carried to the barn. No liquor permits were needed, but extra fire insurance had to be bought as the regular insurance was cut off for 48 hours. However, the barn was "let", rent free, for a baseball Sports Day and Dance in the evening. This was allowed only once for Frank found out that extra insurance had not been attended to, and he never took the chance again.

Their family consisted of: Wilfred, who farmed in the Virden area, married and raised a family of three.

Joe and his wife, Audrey, and son Ray, reside in Port Richie, Florida.

Albert, married Betty and they have two sons. They live in Springfield, Maryland.

Ida, settled in Bridgeport, Conn., with her husband Jim Seymour, and they have five children.

Rene: married Ruby, they have three children and make their home in Clarkston, Washington.

Yvonne was but 14 years of age when an accident took her life.

Rose eloped with Hilton Attridge on September 23, 1941. They lived on 10-9-20 for the next 10 years, moving to Brandon in 1952. In 1965, Hilton suffered a stroke and was disabled until his death on June 12, 1980.

Our life was full of adventure, excitement and sharing in many ways. Three little girls helped fill our lives with ambition. June is married to Noel Therien and they have four children. Clayton married Brenda Gelsthorpe and they have a daughter, Sheena Maretta. Yvonne, Shane and Ronald are all at home. Mary Goring married Gordon Hurley, formerly of Brandon. They have three sons, Dennis, Richard and Darren, all residing in Winnipeg. Yvonne Donkey died from injuries received from a young colt on August 1, 1949, at the age of seven.

Rose still resides in Brandon.

by Rose Attridge, Brandon



*Evan and Florence Roberts and family, 50th Wedding Anniversary picture, 1931-1981.*

### EVAN ROBERTS FAMILY

Evan Roberts was born in North Wales on December 5, 1904, to Thomas and Mary Ellen Roberts, and immigrated to Canada with his parents, brothers, and sisters, in 1913, settling in the Melita area in Manitoba where they lived for two years. Then they moved to Markland, Manitoba, in the Interlake area, where his father established their permanent home on a homestead. Evan received his education in Melita and Markland, Manitoba. He liked farming and worked on farms in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

On March 21, 1931, Evan married Florence Pierce, who was born June 22, 1907, daughter of Myles and Luella Pierce of Croll, Manitoba. After they were married they went to Alberta and settled near Blackfalds in the Red Deer district of Alberta. Here their first son, Barry Evan Allen, was born on June 2, 1936.

In the spring of 1938, Evan and Florence, with their son, Barry, came back to Manitoba and farmed in the Croll district. Their second son, Trevor Oliver was born here on March 25, 1939. In April, 1940, with their two sons, they moved to the Riverside district where they rented land until the spring of 1944 when they moved to the Rounthwaite area and rented the Angus McDonald estate for one year. In the spring of 1945, Evan and Florence purchased, from Mr. Charles Barager, the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of 36-8-18 in Oakland Municipality and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1-9-18 in Cornwallis Municipality. A daughter Lynda Dawn was born on December 15, 1950 and a son Gordon Owen was born on Dec. 9, 1953. They rented the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of 6-9-17 in Cornwallis from Mr. Russell Maher in 1946 and bought it from him in the spring of 1948. Then in October, 1953, they bought the W $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1-9-18 from Mr. Woodley Prowse.

In the fall of 1967, Evan and Florence bought a home and moved to Brandon while Lynda attended Brandon University and Owen attended high school. In the winter of 1973-74 they sold this home and went back to the farm, moving into their new home on the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1-9-18 in December, 1974.

On Saturday, March 21, 1981, Evan and Florence celebrated their 50 wedding anniversary. Their family treated everyone to a delicious dinner at Kokonas restaurant in Brandon, where a private dining room was provided so the grandchildren could play after eating. They were presented with a solar chime mantel clock and a lovely floor lamp. These gifts were presented by all the Roberts relatives. Evan and Florence also celebrated by taking a six-week trip to Wales, April 6 to May 12, 1981, where they saw the old home the Roberts family lived in before coming to Canada in 1913.

Barry, the oldest son, received his education at Riverside, Stratherne, Rounthwaite, and East Brandon Schools and Brandon Collegiate Institute. He married Carol Douglas from Brandon on December 12, 1974. They farm and reside on the home farm E $\frac{1}{2}$  36-8-18, and also own and farm SE $\frac{1}{4}$  1-9-18. Barry has served as Councillor in the R.M. of Oakland since 1977 and is still active in this capacity. They have two boys, Darwyn Donald, born November 1, 1967, from Carol's previous marriage and Robbie Evan Arthur, born August 7, 1977. Darwyn and Robbie attend school and kindergarten in Brandon. They also attend Sunday School in Brandon.

Trevor received his education at East Brandon, Alexander, Earl Haig, Rounthwaite and Nesbitt Schools. He married Valerie Howlett from Brandon on October 3, 1964. They lived in Brandon and both worked there until the winter of 1964-65. They bought the N $\frac{1}{2}$  of 16-8-20 in the Hebron Riverview district in the Souris area from Mrs. Charlie Rogers, in November, 1964 and moved out from Brandon in the spring of 1965. The following spring, 1966, they increased their holdings when they bought the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of 4-8-20 and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of 9-8-20 in the same district, from Mr. Wilbert Fenwick. Trevor and Val moved to the Fenwick farm soon after buying it in 1966 and have made their home on the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of 4-8-20 since. This year, 1982 they moved, before harvest, into their new home to the north of the old house. They have three sons: Trevor Mark, born August 3, 1966; Vance Adrian, born June 16, 1969 and Sean Jason, born October 21, 1971. They attend school and Sunday School in Souris.

Lynda received her education at Rounthwaite and Harrison High Schools, and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Brandon University in May, 1970. She took teacher training the following year and began teaching at the Deloraine Collegiate in the fall of 1971. She married Thomas Ward Sclater of Oak River on August 11, 1973. Tom received a Bachelor of Science degree and teacher training at Brandon University, also, and taught school at Waskada before their marriage. Lynda and Tom resided in Deloraine for two years when first married and Lynda continued

to teach in the Collegiate in Deloraine while Tom commuted to Waskada to teach. Then they moved to Waskada and rented a bungalow where they have made their home since. They have purchased lots in Waskada and are building a new home there. Tom has been Vice-Principal of the Waskada School since 1979, and he and Lynda both received a Bachelor of Education degree a few years ago by attending summer school classes. They have one daughter, Bryna Dee, who was born on June 10, 1979.

Owen received his education at Green Acres, Harrison High and Neelin High Schools. He married Debra Giles from Winnipeg on February 5, 1977 and they farm the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of 6-9-17 and reside on the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the same. Owen and Deb have one daughter and two sons: Elena Dene, born May 23, 1978; Martin (Marty) Owen, born August 12, 1979; and Dana Scott, born October 2, 1982.

### **JIM ROBERTS FAMILY**

My name is Jim Roberts. My father was Sid Roberts who originally came from Wapella, Saskatchewan.

My mother was Charlotte Millar and though born in Souris, Manitoba, she lived all her life in Brandon. Father arrived in Brandon about 1930, soon met my mother and they married in 1935.

In 1962 I married Sherril Arde whose parents, Irvin Arde and Violet Whittingham had married and moved from the Elgin district to Brandon. Her father remains there.

Our first born, Pam, arrived in 1963 followed by Lisa in 1966 and by Kristina in 1973. At the present they are attending school at Forrest, Manitoba.

I have been employed in the pressroom at the Brandon Sun since October, 1957, except for a short stint at Lethbridge, Alberta, in which city Lisa was born.

We returned to Brandon in 1966 and lived there until 1969. when we moved to Chater, arriving on election day in June. We purchased a semi-finished home owned by a man named Wardle. It is situated at the corner of Third Ave. and Poplar St. which I am told was once covered by chicken runs belonging to Mr. Gordon Pineo.

Chater has changed considerably since we arrived.

There were only seven families and now there are nineteen.

At the present time we have no plans to change our place of residence. We enjoy living in a rural atmosphere.

by Jim Roberts

### **R. ROBERTSON FAMILY**

Mr. and Mrs. R. Robertson came to the Little Souris district (Cornwallis Municipality) from Brookdale, Manitoba, in 1940 and settled on SW $\frac{1}{4}$  24-9-19. Their family consisted of three daughters and one son: Mrs. Abbott (Minnie) of Neepawa; Mrs. Fraser (Laura) of Seattle, Washington; Mrs. Sandercock (Marjorie) of Neepawa, (formerly Mrs. Sparling); Albert, who lived at home and farmed with his dad.

Mrs. Robertson passed away in the spring of 1951, after a few years of ill health. During those years they employed Miss Hilda Reilly to care for her and keep house. Mr. Robertson passed away in January, 1964, at the age of 91. He was very active, enjoyed company and loved to play cards.

Hilda continued her duties until her death in June 1971

Albert continued to live at SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of 24-9-19. He passed away in September 1977 after a short illness, at age 78.

Douglas Ardiel bought SW $\frac{1}{4}$  24-9-19 in 1976 and still farms it.

### **ROBILLARD FAMILY**

We are relative newcomers to the area, in 1969 we purchased 46 acres of land from Joe McCabe in what was the original Cottonwoods area. In the spring of 1970, along with the Browns, McCabes and lots of volunteer help, we started building our homes on a work share basis. A very busy year ensued, with the Browns moving in September, and we moved in on Halloween day that year, a very cold and snowy day. McCabes moved in December as Joe had been called to the Quebec Crisis.

With us, and a great help, were our two younger daughters, Theresa Joyce, who is now Mrs. Ian Chrisitie of Rapid City, and our youngest daughter, Valerie Ann, now Mrs. Allen Timmons of Regina. Our oldest daughter had been married in the spring of 1970 to Averd Beirnes and they now reside in Red Deer, Alberta. As of this writing we have eight grandchildren so are busy grandparents.

It was a wonderful year of companionship that year as we worked on our homes. By then the Emonds had started to build also. Our next door neighbors were the Eddy Green family and we saw them fairly often as our children were friends. Many laughs were shared and I was known for my thin stew as we shared our meals as well as our work. (Never make a stew at lunch, put thickening in it and put a heavy lid on it and go to work)...

Art and Isabel arrived in Shilo area in 1967, having been transfered here from Wainwright, Alberta. We liked the area, got involved and decided to stay and have a hobby farm. For years we had horses, but one very ambitious year had chickens, pigs, turkeys and cows.



We have sub-divided our land and have sold some five acre lots, and our road through our property is called "Stair Way", Stair being my family name. Our trees have grown well and are getting tall, giving testimony that with water, sand will grow anything. We like the area and we are looking forward to spending our retirement years here in the Cottonwood area. Art retired from the army in 1974, is employed on Base Shilo, as is Isabel. This is our home and after many years of service moves we consider it just what our sign out front indicates, "Trails End".

by Isabel Robillard

### CLEMENT AUGUSTINE ROBINS FAMILY

Frederick Robins married Jane Akers and they had eleven children. One of these children was Clement Augustine, known as Ken. Ken was born in Bampton, Oxfordshire, England, on December 25, 1864. When Ken was fourteen years old, he came with his parents and brothers and sisters to Pendennis, Manitoba, in 1868, where they took up a homestead. In 1880, three children aged, seven, three and an infant, died of diphtheria on August 2, 3 and 4. They are buried on the home farm at Pendennis.

Ada Montgomery Stone was born January 21, 1867, at Longfleet Poole Dorsett, England. She came to Canada with a family from England who had employed her as a Nanny to look after the children during the voyage. The agreement was that her employers were to pay for her ticket back to England. Upon her arrival at Brandon, they refused to pay for her return passage or even give her food and lodging in the new country. Hugh McPherson happened along at the Brandon station and heard of the girl's plight. Ada Stone made her home with the McPhersons until her marriage. She and Ken Robins were married June 13, 1892, in Brandon and had nine children and an adopted daughter - Archie, Merle, Frank, Ivy, Doug, Clair, Lorne, Lyle, Elsie, and Phyllis.

Archibald Frederick was born May 19, 1893, in Brandon. He married Tena Meldrum Imlach in May of 1913. She was born in Ayr, Ontario, on August 31, 1888. They had six children. Kenneth, was born April 13, 1914, and lives in Alberta. Mary (Mollie), was born April 4, 1916, is married to Vic Baker and they live in Brandon Hills. (See Victor Baker history). Tena was born June 27, 1918, and lives in Brandon. Earl was born July 30, 1920, and lives in Burnaby, B.C. Lorne was born June 27, 1922 and lives in Brandon. Ivy was born July 30, 1933, and lives in Winnipeg.

Archie attended business college in Brandon. After he was married, he had the Grand Valley Dairy east of Brandon for a number of years. He

later left the farm and became an accountant. Archie died June 9, 1971, and his wife, Tena, died September 26, 1971.

Ethelinda Merle was born July 16, 1894, and for many years was a bookkeeper at Manco Dairies. She passed away May 4, 1969.

Frank Clement was born May 26, 1897. He died in 1942 from the effects of the First World War.

Ivy Roberta was born August 8, 1900, and worked for the City of Brandon. She passed away September 12, 1973.

Douglas Ralph was born February 11, 1902, and married Elizabeth Taylor of Rivers. They have five children - Keith, Betty, Rita, Brian and Sharon. Keith married Marlene Smith, Betty married Jack Antoniak, Rita married Al Chalmers, Brian married Arlene Johnson, and Sharon married Ron Basaraba.

Nelson Clair was born March 29, 1905, and married June Pollock on October 25, 1941. (See Clair Robins history).

Kenneth Wilfred Lorne was born January 20, 1907, and married Evelyn Gerry on June 20, 1939. (See Lorne Robins history).

Clarence Earle Lyle was born March 19, 1910, and farmed at Pendennis until the Second World War, at which time he enlisted and served overseas. When he returned from the war, Lyle worked for International Harvester and Graham Martin for twenty-five years. He retired in 1972. He married the former Barbara Frank of Carnegie, Manitoba and they had a daughter, Caroline. Caroline married Douglas Crawley of Clanwilliam and they have two daughters. Lyle passed away January 17, 1982 and is buried in Brandon Cemetery. His wife still resides in Brandon.

Phyllis Lillian (Toots) was adopted. She married Joe Setch and they had a daughter, Elsie, who married David Alexander and lives at Anchorage, Alaska. Phyllis' second marriage was to Michael Napady of Winnipeg. Phyllis passed away June 7, 1954.

In 1900, Ken and Ada Robins bought a farm (SE 30-9-18) from George Halse who had lived in Brandon. In 1914, when the war broke out, hired help was hard to get so the younger sons helped with the farming. Lorne bought the farm in 1931. Ken died on June 2, 1947, and his wife, Ada, passed away April 22, 1953.

Archibald Frederick Robins was born May 19, 1893. He married Tena Meldrum Imlach May 19, 1913. Archie attended Wheat City Business College in Brandon and after Charles Imlach died, Teen and Arch operated the Grand Valley Dairy and rented the farm from Mr. Imlach. They left the farm in 1928 and after working as foreman at the dairy at Brandon Mental Hospital for a year, Archie became an accountant and continued with that until his death on June 9, 1971. In later years his interest was

in the Brandon Retriever Club and his labrador dogs won many ribbons and trophies. Tena lived just four months after Arch's death, and died September 26, 1971. Tena and Arch raised six children, five of whom were born while they were on the farm.

Kenneth Archibald was born April 13, 1914. He is married and lives in Alberta.

Mary Helen was born April 4, 1916 and married James Victor Baker of Brandon Hills. (See Vic Baker history).

Clarence Earl was born July 30, 1920. He married Ella Hurd May 24, 1946. They have five children and now reside in Burnaby, B.C.

Lorne McGregor was born June 27, 1922. He married Isabel Little on July 16, 1955 and they reside in Brandon.

Ivy Myriel was born July 30, 1933. She married Norval Young of Winnipeg on July 7, 1962. They have three children and reside in Winnipeg.

### **NELSON CLAIR ROBINS FAMILY**

Nelson Clair Robins was born to Clement (Ken) and Ada Robins on March 29, 1905. He was raised in the Robins' home at the corner of First Street and McTavish Avenue and from there attended King George School. Beginning in 1917, Clair and his two brothers, Lyle and Lorne, worked and batched on their father's farm (SE 30-9-18), known later as the Blue Hills of Brandon Game Farm. In 1929, Clair went to work with McDiarmid and Clark Lumber Co., which had moved to a new location under the 8th Street bridge after a fire in their 7th Street and Princess Avenue location. Clair's job was described as a "cab finisher" - putting cloth tops on wooden cabs, installing windows, handles and other accessories. Clair was employed there for only four months, due to the financial crisis which struck Canada and caused the business to close. Clair moved back to Brandon Hills and lived with his brother, Lorne.

In the spring of 1937, Clair bought NW $\frac{1}{2}$  31-9-18 from George Medd who farmed on the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  1-10-19. He lived by himself a few years before his marriage to June Margaret Erica Pollock who was born in Winnipeg on June 11, 1917 to James and Jean Pollock. Clair and June were blessed with one son, Donald Nelson, born July 12, 1944.

Clair was a member of the Hereford Association and was an avid hunter and very active in community activities. June was secretary-treasurer of Cornwallis Community Centre for seven years and was also a member of the Brandon Hills Busy Bees.

Donald went to Cornwallis School for Grades 1-8 and then went to Brandon for high school at Brandon Collegiate Institute and Harrison High. He joined the Brandon Hills Seed Club at age 11

and participated in 4-H for 10 years. During those years he won awards including a gold watch, a trip to the Lakehead and Northern Minnesota, and an exchange trip to Nova Scotia. In 1963 he won the Imperial Bank of Commerce silver tray at the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair as the top 4-H judge of beef, grain and swine.

Donald was in Grade 12 when his father became ill on September 14, 1962 and was admitted to the hospital on the 18. On Saturday, September 22, 1962, Clair passed away. He had farmed in the Brandon Hills district for 45 years. Donald completed Grade 12 and had planned university, but with the death of his father, he decided to follow his father's footsteps and continue farming on the home place. Don gained a reputation, in his spare time, as a top-notch fastball pitcher, winning two Provincial Championships in 1971 and 1974.

On June 17, 1967, Don married Diane Emily De Backer who was born in Boissevain on March 25, 1946 to Ed. and Irene De Backer. Diane spent 17 years in Boissevain and moved to Brandon with her parents, where she completed her Grade 12 at Neelin High School. After graduating, Diane went to work for an optometrist, Dr. Gerald Dressler, for four years.

Don and Diane were blessed with two children, Michelle Lynn, born October 1970 and Trevor Nelson, born May 31, 1972. They are still farming and both Don and Diane are active in the community. Diane is a member of the Brandon Hills Fireflies and is presently working in Brandon at Westman Media Cooperative Ltd., a cable television company. Don is still playing baseball, currently with the Brandon Merchants and also participates in hockey as a coach for his son's 10 year old Tier 1V team.

June Robins married Norman Moldeen on October 9, 1976 and they reside in Brandon.

### **LORNE ROBINS FAMILY**

Kenneth Wilfred Lorne Robins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clement A. Robins was born in Brandon, Manitoba on January 20, 1907. Eva Evelyn Rose Gerry was born June 13, 1922 in Handle, Saskatchewan. Lorne left Brandon and came to reside in the Brandon Hills area at SE 30-9-18 when he was a boy of nine. Evelyn and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gerry, moved to the Brandon Hills area, farming at NW 20-9-18. Lorne and Evelyn were married in Edmonton, Alberta on June 20, 1939, returning to Brandon Hills where they resided all their lives.

Lorne was very active in community affairs and organizations, especially the local school board where he served as a trustee for nine years. Evelyn was active in the community also, and was past president of the Brandon Hills Busy Bees.

From 1956 to 1962, the Robins farm was crowded with children, young and old, all using the skating rink prepared each year by Lorne, in the old orchard.

Lorne and Evelyn were best known as the owners of the Blue Hills of Brandon Game Farm, which operated for twelve years until their accidental deaths on December 17, 1978. They had four sons: Larry, Ron, Dale and Lee.

Larry Lorne was born on March 26, 1941. He obtained his public schooling at Brandon Hills and, following graduation from the University of Manitoba in 1962 returned to assist his father on the home farm. On June 26, 1967, Larry married Donna Joyce McKenzie, lived at SW 25-9-19 until 1967, then they moved to the Hebron District near Souris. Larry still farms at Souris and runs a repair shop on his farm. He is presently serving a fifth term as trustee on the Souris Valley School Division Board, and Donna works at the Royal Bank in Souris. They have three children - Christopher Mark, born September 29, 1966; Craig Andrew, born September 14, 1968; and Jodi Lynn, born April 22, 1972.

Ronnie Wilfred was born on March 11, 1943. He attended public school at Brandon Hills and graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1963. He returned to Brandon Hills and took up farming with his father. On September 25, 1965, Ron married Linda Leslie Neilly and moved to SE 28-9-18, where they still reside. In 1972, Ron's farming activities were cut back to part-time and he began a new career in heavy construction, as an equipment operator and mechanic. Linda is employed as a staffing assistant for the Civilian Personnel Office at Canadian Forces Base in Shilo, Manitoba. Ron and Linda have two children - Timothy Ernest, born October 13, 1969 and Deborah Leigh, born November 4, 1970.

Murray Dale was born on August 23, 1951. Dale attended school at Brandon Hills and obtained his high school in Brandon. Following graduation from Neelin, Dale helped his father for a short period then took up employment with Burns Brandon. On November 25, 1972, Dale married Edith Adele Ryles. They lived in Brandon until moving to SW 29-9-18 to their new home in 1973. In September, 1977, Dale and Adele went to Thunder Bay, Ontario, where Dale attended aircraft maintenance engineering classes for two years. Dale and Adele now reside in Winnipeg where Dale works for Midwest Helicopters. Dale and Adele have two children, Sandra Adele, born September 10, 1979, and Kevin Murray, born July 29, 1982.

Kenneth Lee was born July 16, 1953. Lee has resided all his life in the Brandon Hills district, obtaining his public schooling at Brandon Hills and high school in Brandon. After leaving school, Lee farmed with his father. He married Dawnedith Ruth

Loree on July 27, 1974 and moved to the Robins homestead at SE 30-9-18, where he farms and his brothers farm as well. Lee and Dawn have three children, Pamela Dawn, born August 18, 1975, Tanya Evelyn, born January 18, 1979 and Kortney Keneen, born October 28, 1980.

### **ROBINSON FAMILY**

Our family left the small village of Freehay, Staffordshire, England, on March 20, 1973. Philip was 6 years of age and John was 4 years old when we came to Canada.

Landing in Saskatoon, Sask., we were met by relatives who are grain farming in the Kelvington district. After spending a few weeks with them we moved to Thompson, Man., spending two years there working for INCO.

We moved to Yorkton in the spring of 1975 and worked for the Artificial Breeding Service there for three months. Purchasing the Brandon A.I. Service in the fall of 1975 we lived on 8th street in Brandon before moving in August 1979 to our present location where we still run the breeding service and dairy farm on a small scale.

### **ALBERT ROBSON FAMILY**

Albert and Molly Robson were married in St. Helen's Church, Hexham, Northumberland, England on May 15, 1913. They sailed for Canada on their wedding day aboard the Empress of Ireland and arrived in Winnipeg on May 24, 1913.

For the first two months in Canada, they worked on a farm west of Killarney, Manitoba. They then moved to Chesley and worked for the next eight years on that farm.

In 1922 they moved to a rented farm in Chater. In 1939 they moved to their own farm, south of Chater and remained there until 1946. Mel Brown now owns that land.

In 1946, upon retirement, Albert and Molly moved to Brandon. They resided there for one year and then moved back to Chater. They lived in their own home on the farm of their daughter and son-in-law, Ethel and Ken McLean.

Molly entered the International Nursing Home in Brandon on April 23, 1960 and resided there until her death on Sept. 12, 1970. Albert remained with his daughter and son-in-law until his death on Feb. 8, 1968. They are both buried in the Chater Cemetery.

Albert and Molly had six children: John Lionel (July 26, 1914); Ethel Irene (see Ken McLean History) (April 18, 1919); William Archibald (July 14, 1920); Daisy Aline (Jan. 21, 1924); Aleck James (Dec. 31, 1926); and Kenneth Hugh (Sept. 25, 1939).

## JOHN LIONEL (LEO) ROBSON FAMILY

John Lionel (Leo) Robson married Hazel Rogers from Arden, Man. on Oct. 11, 1947. They lived on the family farm until 1968 at which time they sold and built a house in Chater where they still live. They both worked at Brandon Mental Health Centre. Leo is now retired.

They have four children.

Lyle Roger was born Sept. 24, 1950. He married Pat Brody from Kinistino, Sask. They reside in Brandon and have one son Shawn.

Joan Marie was born August 24, 1953. She married Richard Wainwright from Brandon. They reside in Brandon and have one son Marty.

Raymond John was born Oct. 28, 1954. He married Cheryl Cleaver from Justice, Man. They reside in Chater and have a son, Jeffrey.

Leslie Gale was born Nov. 10, 1957. She married Dale Hodge from Hamiota. They live in Brandon.

## RAYMOND ROBSON FAMILY

I was born October 28, 1954 and spent my childhood on a farm in the Chater district. At age thirteen I moved with my parents, Leo and Hazel Robson to the village of Chater.

In 1972, I graduated from Elton Collegiate and began working at C.P.R. yards, Brandon. After one year employment here I moved to Winnipeg where I worked at the C.P.R. as a carman's apprentice.

In July, 1975, I married Cheryl Lyn Cleaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Art Cleaver, Justice, Manitoba. We resided in Winnipeg for four months, then moved back home to Brandon. I started working at Simplot Chemical Co. and am presently an operator.

In 1975, we purchased lots 31-35 in the village of Chater from the R.M. of Cornwallis. In July of 1976 we started building our present home, moving in November 1, 1976.

On February 2, 1979, our son Jeffrey Raymond Robson was born, a healthy little boy who has added much love and happiness to our lives. More joy came to Raymond and Cheryl with the arrival of Jodelle Briana on June 15, 1981 another Chater Centennial baby.

## REV. GEORGE RODDICK

James Robert Roddick was born in Dumfriesshire, Scotland and married Lena Kinkley of Belfast, Ireland. Their son, the Rev. George Roddick, was born at sea on January 31, 1831 enroute from Dumfriesshire to Canada. In 1858 he was ordained and graduated from Durham Divinity Hall, first theological school of the Presbyterian Church in Nova Scotia.

On Dec. 28, 1859 he married a cousin, Elizabeth Roddick in Pictou, N.S. who was born in November, 1841. She was the mother of their five sons and three daughters: James Melville, 1860; David Roy 1862; Mary Harriet, 1864; Robert Fenwick, 1866; John Hardie, 1868; Helena Bessie, 1870; Georgina Russell, 1872; and William Henry, 1876, who died at age 3 months. On April 9, 1879, George and Elizabeth and family left Pictou to come west to give their four sons a better opportunity to farm. Several members of his congregation and friends came with him. The party travelled by rail via Montreal, Chicago, Minneapolis, arriving in St. Boniface on April 17. Oxen, implements and provisions were bought and they set out in a westerly direction. Some of the party remained at Grand Valley and some crossed the Assiniboine to establish the Brandon Hills settlement. They arrived at Brandon Hills May 24, 1879. The men selected their homesteads and Rev. Roddick homesteaded the E½ 17-9-18. Early church services were conducted by Rev. Roddick in the homes at Brandon Hills, Grand Valley and Carberry.

The first Post Office in Brandon Hills was opened at Rev. Roddicks in 1880. Before this they had to go to Grand Valley. The first church was built on Rev. Roddick's farm and dedicated on Oct. 18, 1896. The church has held service regularly since then. Its design is a replica of the church at Durham, Nova Scotia. The school was erected on Melville Roddick's farm opposite the church.

Elizabeth died April 13, 1895 and is buried at Brandon Hills. As the years went by Rev. Roddick returned to Pictou. He married Mrs. Margaret Logan who was prominent in church work and a schoolmate of early days. Margaret died in Pictou. Rev. Roddick died Feb. 22, 1910 in Pictou and his body was brought back to Brandon Hills for burial.

Rev. Roddick was the founder of the Brandon Hills settlement. A stained glass window in First Presbyterian Church in Brandon was dedicated to honour the memory of the Roddick family, and in Central United Church there is a large framed portrait of Rev. Roddick.

## MELVILLE RODDICK FAMILY

James Melville Roddick was born September 19, 1860, and came to Brandon Hills in 1879 with his parents and settled on Summerside Farm, 16-9-18.

In 1883 Melville married Gertrude Ann MacKay, formerly of Summerside, Prince Edward Island. They had two sons and a daughter: Hockin Mabel and Atley.

In the spring of 1911 the family moved to Colonsay, Saskatchewan where Melville and his sons farmed. Melville was weed inspector for the district for a number of years and was active in the school garden movement and the Farm Boys

Camp.

Hockin married Edith Jeffrey and they had five children: Reay, Gordon, Atley, Marguerite and Jean. Hockin and Edith are deceased.

Mabel, who taught piano, is now deceased.

Atley married Pearl Brown and they had one daughter, Marjorie. For a number of years Atley was a cattle buyer along with operating his farm. He is retired and lives in Saskatoon. Pearl passed away and is buried in Hillcrest Memorial in Saskatoon.

Melville and Gertrude Roddick, their daughter Mabel, and Hockin and Edith Roddick are buried at Colonsay, Saskatchewan.

### DAVID RODDICK FAMILY

David Roy Roddick, born August 20, 1862 at Durham, Pictou County, Nova Scotia, came to Brandon Hills in 1879 with his parents.

Phoebe Foxall, born in 1860 in Connecticut, came to Brandon Hills with her father in 1881.

Dave and Phoebe married on December 11, 1884 and homesteaded NW 9-9-18. They had four children: Bessie, Roy, Winfred and William Yates.

Phoebe Elizabeth, known as Bessie, was born in 1887. She married Rev. Ernest Waugh. They adopted Elma Booth who was orphaned when her father Joseph Booth and her sister Mabel were drowned in the Assiniboine River. (See Joseph Booth history.)

Bessie and her husband nursed patients at the west coast during the 1918 flu epidemic and as a result, Ern became ill and died. Bessie later returned to Brandon where she lived for eleven years until her death, at age 50, on December 7, 1937. Bessie and Ernest are buried in Brandon Hills Cemetery.

Benjamin Roy was born in 1889 and married Marjorie Riddle. (See Roy Roddick history.)

George Winfred was born April 13, 1891 and married Dorothy Holmes. (See Win Roddick history.)

William Yates was born in 1893 and married Margaret Wilkinson. (See W.Y. Roddick history.)

Dave and Phoebe farmed NW 9-9-18. Dave used to travel by oxen to Portage la Prairie for staples such as salt, flour and oatmeal. They later got supplies at Carberry.

Once Mrs. Roddick gave a large loaf of bread to an Indian who had come to the house and he returned her kindness by later bringing her a roast of venison.

Dave and Phoebe retired to Brandon and their three sons continued farming. Dave passed away May 14, 1934, and Phoebe October 31, 1935. They are buried in Brandon Hills Cemetery.

### ROBERT FENWICK RODDICK

Robert married Rachel Elizabeth Johnston on May 29, 1889 at Brandon Hills. She was called Bessie by her family and Aunt Bessie by nephews and nieces. Robert and Rachel homesteaded N½ 3-9-18 and named their farm Bell-view. Nine children were born.

Percy Bain was born in 1890. He died in 1915 from injuries sustained when a wheel broke on a feed cutter and struck him in the head.

Maude Jeanette (1891-1913).

Myrtle Lulu was born in 1894. She was organist at Brandon Hills Church and gave the Busy Bees their name. She died in 1919.

Mary Elizabeth was born in 1896 and married Willard Keys on Oct. 9, 1926. They had two daughters, Margaret and Harriet. Margaret is married to John Waines and they live at Jasper. Their son, Kenneth John, was killed in 1977, at age 21, in a helicopter accident north of Quesnel, B.C. Residing at home are Harriet Ruth, Carolyn Mary and Bruce Roderick. Harriet married Hugh Michaelson and they live at Pickering, Ontario with their children Croft, Korol and Troy. Mary passed away in 1968 and Willard in 1972. They are buried in Vancouver.

George William was born in 1898. He married



*R. T. Roddick farm in the late 1890's.*



Corinne Dawson of Brandon. George died March 11, 1945 as a result of burns sustained in a gasoline explosion in the machine he was operating at Hell's Gate on the Fraser River, on Dec. 14, 1944. He was working on the construction of the salmon fish ladders at the time. George and Corinne are buried in Brandon Cemetery.

Helena Ida was born in 1900. Lena married Frederick Adolph June 30, 1928. They have two daughters, Dorothy Ruth born in 1931 and Marie Elizabeth born in 1933. Dorothy married Rod Lindsay and they have two daughters, Heather Marie and Bonnie Jean. They reside in Nanaimo, B.C. Marie married Angie Defelice. Their son Steven Roddick resides with them at Binghamton, N.Y. Fred Adolph died in 1975 and is buried at Nanaimo. His wife Lena, is living in Nanaimo.

Robert Melville died in infancy in 1909.

Harriet Edna Aleta was born in 1910 and married Albert McCall Nov. 22, 1948. Al passed away in 1955 and is buried in Brandon. Harriet resides in Carthage, Texas.

Margaret Dorothy (Dimples) was born on Jan. 29, 1915. Outside the thermometer registered -30° F. Her sister Harriet was very ill with whooping cough and Dr. Edmundson advised Mrs. Roddick not to keep the baby in the same house for fear of her contracting whooping cough. Mrs. W.H. Dunbar (Robert Roddick's sister) wrapped the four hour old baby warmly in blankets and, covering themselves with a fur robe, were taken by team and cutter to the Dunbar home one mile away. Harriet, five years old when the baby was born, thought the black haired, red cheeked, baby looked like "Dolly Dimples" in the funny paper and this is how the name "Dimples" originated. Neighbours brought milk for the new baby but none was to her liking. After several nights and days spent walking the floor, Mrs. Dunbar heard of a new product on the market, condensed milk called Reindeer Milk. Dimples was raised on this milk and remained with her aunt and uncle for six weeks. At this time Harriet had recovered from the whooping cough and the house had been thoroughly fumigated and was safe for the baby to return. Dimples married Coy Rider Feb. 26, 1940 and they reside at Carthage, Texas.

Rachel Roddick was one of the founders of the Busy Bees Society and was instrumental in having the cairn erected honouring the pioneers who settled the district. Her husband, Robert, was a promoter in having the soldiers monument erected on the Brandon Hills Church grounds. Rachel died in 1939 and Robert in 1922. They, along with their children, Percy, Maude, Myrtle and Robert are buried in Brandon Hills Cemetery.

## JOHN RODDICK FAMILY

John Hardie Roddick, born March 27, 1868, came to Brandon Hills with his parents in 1879. He was too young to take up a homestead, so in later years took over the original Roddick homestead, 17-9-18.

John married Ida Johnston in 1898 and they had two daughters and a son: Eva, Georgina and Albert.

The family had one of the first cars, an Overland, bought in 1910. They retired to Brandon in 1921 but during the 1930's John and son Albert went back farming on 31-9-18.

Georgina born November 2, 1902, married Albert Hepinstall in 1925. Their son Albert (Bert) married Evelyn Ashford. They live at Nanaimo, B.C. and have two daughters, Nancy and Vicki. Georgina passed away August 12, 1954 and is buried in Brandon Cemetery.

Eva, born September 20, 1900, married Meredith (Med) Davis in 1931. (See James Davis history.)

Albert, born February 9, 1908, married Janet Grieve in 1933. They farmed for a few years before moving to Shoal Lake then to jobs with Saskatchewan Power at Kindersley, Kerrobert and Moosomin. Albert then worked for twenty-five years with Interprovincial Pipelines at Gretna and Edmonton, retiring in 1973. Albert and Janet live in Sherwood Park, Alberta. They have two sons and a daughter: Harvey, Margaret Ann and Garry.

Harvey married Jean Benoska of Saskatoon and they have a son Tom and a daughter Corinne. Harvey joined the R.C.A.F. at an early age. In 1976 he became Commandant of Royal Roads Military College at Victoria, B.C., and in 1979 held the rank of Colonel. In 1982 he retired as Brigadier-General from Camp Borden, Ontario.

Margaret Ann graduated from Misericordia Hospital in Winnipeg. She married Harvey Wilson of Nakusp, B.C. and they have a daughter Catherine and sons Guy and Craig.

Garry is married and has a daughter Lisa.

Ida Roddick passed away August 8, 1930 and John February 18, 1940. They are buried in Brandon Hills Cemetery in the family plot with Rev. George and Elizabeth Roddick.

## ROY RODDICK FAMILY

Benjamin Roy Roddick was born in 1889. In 1911 he bought the Melville Roddick farm, known as Summerside Farm. Marjorie Riddle was born in 1898 to Mr. and Mrs. James Riddle of Wheatland. On January 2, 1924 Roy and Marjorie were married. They had two children, Marion and David.

Marion was born in 1924. She passed away in 1969 and is buried in Brandon Hills Cemetery.

David Roy was born in 1934 and he attended Brandon Hills School. In 1956 he married Aline Landry of St. Rose and they have four children: Benjamin David, Caroline Elizabeth, Margaret Ann and William Yates. David and his family have been away from Brandon for a number of years. Caroline married Mark Raven in 1978 and Benjamin married Beth Hooke in 1982.

Many garden parties and school picnics were held under the shade trees on Roy and Marjorie's well kept lawn, and a number of dances were held in the large farm home.

Once a blizzard struck while the visiting Hayfield hockey team was playing the Brandon Hills team on the rink down by the creek. Weather conditions made it impossible for the visiting team to return home so it was decided the host team would entertain their friends for the night. They all went to Marjorie and Roy's where they visited and danced until dawn came and the storm cleared, enabling everyone to return home.

Roy kept sheep for many years. He and Marjorie moved into Brandon in 1958 and Marjorie worked at McCallum Nursing Home, known later as International Nursing Home.

Marjorie passed away November 11, 1964 and Roy passed away September, 1968, at the age of 79. They are buried in Brandon Hills Cemetery.

Mrs. Riddle lived with her daughter Marjorie then later with her son Robert of Treesbank. She passed away in 1956 at Treesbank in her 98 year. She and her husband are also buried in Brandon Hills Cemetery.

### GEORGE WINFRED RODDICK

George Winfred Roddick was born April 13, 1891, at the family farm in Brandon Hills. He attended Brandon Hills School with his sister Bess and brothers Roy and Will. Win had to leave school at an early age because of illness. He worked at home for several years before striking out on his own.

Win, always ready to help his neighbour, was very interested in sports and young people, and enjoyed taking ball teams and hockey teams to their games. Win worked with young people for many years, showing them how to care for their calves and how to show and exhibit them in the boys and girls calf competition at the Brandon Fair.

Win was a good cook, and enjoyed making candy to share with friends and neighbours at Christmas.

Win married Dorothy Holmes on December 4, 1939. They had a daughter, Dorothy, born May 6, 1941.

Because of ill health, Win and his family moved into Brandon in 1942. Win's health did not improve, his childhood illness having returned; he passed

away September 23, 1944.

Win and Dorothy's daughter Dorothy married Bill Zink and they have four children: Debra Mary, Edward Albert, Yvonne Louise and Lee Ann. Lee Ann and her husband John Main have a son Christopher and a daughter Sabrina, they reside in Vancouver. Debra and her husband Patrick O'Hara have a son Ryan, they live in Brandon.

In 1948 Mrs. Win Roddick married Steve Chubey. They reside in Brandon and have on daughter Judy Grant.

The Chubeys operate an auto business but because of Dorothy's interest in animals, she often neglects the auto business to work for The Humane Society.

### W.Y. RODDICK FAMILY

William Yates Roddick was born in 1893 and lived all his life on the farm where he was born, NW 9-9-18.

Margaret Wilkinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wilkinson, was born in Cleethorpes, Lincolnshire, England and came to Canada in 1904. Margaret learned to walk during their voyage to Canada. They docked at Halifax on her first birthday, and once on land it was several months before Margaret decided to walk again! Prior to moving to Brandon Hills in 1914, her parents lived at Terrence, Manitoba.

Will and Margaret were married on June 25, 1924. Margaret used to treat her younger brothers and their friends to cookies on their walk home from school. Margaret's matrimonial cake was a standard part of every Busy Bee Tea.

Margaret is a charter member of the Brandon Hills Busy Bees as she was at the founding meeting with her mother. When the membership roll was filled out, Mrs. Hugh McPherson insisted that Margaret although only thirteen, be allowed to join and paid her \$1.00 membership fee. In October 1976, at the 60 Anniversary of the Busy Bees, Margaret was presented an honorary membership certificate.

Will was trustee and treasurer of Brandon Hills School for 25 years. He was secretary-treasurer of Sunday School and served on the Board of Stewards of Brandon Hills Church. He was treasurer of the Old Timers' Picnic for many years as he was very interested in the community.

For a short time Will bought cattle for Canada Packers at the C.N.R. stockyards on Van Horne Avenue and ran a butcher shop in Brandon. Bill Chapman delivered meat with a motorcycle and side car from this butcher shop for one winter.

Lunch was often served at the second house in the Roddick yard during the years that the rink operated at the creek.

In 1946, Bennet Bergman, who had just lost his

father, came to live with Will and Margaret.

Will passed away in June 1964 and is buried in Brandon Hills Cemetery. Ben and Margaret moved to Brandon and Ben continued to farm the Roy Roddick farm. He married Lila La Clef on July 1, 1977 in the Brandon Hills Church.

In 1977 Margaret sold the yard and an acreage to Mr. and Mrs. John Friesen and the rest of the farm to George McPherson.

### **GLEN A. ROGERS**

I was born in the Shoal Lake district of Manitoba on December 22, 1953. I've worked in the Brandon area since the fall of '71 and I lived in the City of Brandon. I moved to the Chater area in the fall of 1976 where I reside in a mobile home in Campbell's Trailer Court. I have been employed by Canadian Pacific Railway since I moved to this district in November of 1976.

### **W. JAMES ROSS FAMILY**

James Ross was born in Neepawa on Aug. 10, 1890. He served in WW I. In 1918 he married an English girl and they had one son Robert James. Mrs. Ross passed away in the later part of 1920. On Jan. 12, 1922 James married Mrs. Sarah Ann Giddings, who was born in Peterfield Hants, England on August 3, 1888. She was very active as an officer in the Salvation Army for some time. On Jan. 14, 1915 she married Fred Diggings who was killed while serving in the army. In 1919 she came out to Saskatchewan and in 1920, arrived at Brandon. After the marriage to Mr. Ross they moved to Chater where James worked on the section for many years. They lived for some time in the boarding house (old hotel) where Mrs. Ross served a time as Postmistress. Mr. and Mrs. Ross had five children, four of whom are still living.

Robert served with the army in WW II and while in England married Margaret Crisp. They had one daughter Julia, now Mrs. Abramowich of Thunderbay. He later married Jessie Crocker and they live in Ignace, Ontario.

Hazel married Hugh Spencer who was killed in action in WW II. She later married John Ward. They have five children and seven grandchildren. They live in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

May served in the armed forces in WW II and married Len Mitchell of Brandon. They have two daughters and a son and live in Winnipeg.

Florence served with the Navy in WW II and on Feb. 4, 1945 married Clifford John and had four sons - Gordon, Clifford, Calvin and William. Mr. John passed away on August 22, 1966. She married Harry Dennis on Oct. 14, 1967 and they live east of Douglas, Man.

James and Sarah Ross lived in Chater until

their health forced them to leave. Mrs. Ross passed away on Nov. 9, 1965. Mr. Ross moved to Fort William, Ontario, where he lived until his death on March 20, 1968



*Dr. and Mrs. Harry Ross's 50th Anniversary (1965).*

### **DR. HARRY ROSS**

Dr. Harry Ross and his wife Elizabeth (nee Mackison) bought Hill View farm S½ 34-9-19, From Mr. Ed Fotheringham in the fall of 1949. Their daughter Elizabeth and husband Ron Godfrey and children, Rosslyn and Ronald, moved out to the farm. The family went to Little Souris Church and Sunday School, and Rosslyn attended Cornwallis school. They enjoyed taking part in community affairs. In 1956 they moved back to Brandon, and Harry and Elizabeth came out to the farm.

Harry served on the Cornwallis school board, and was instrumental in having the new school built in 1958. He was a well known Veterinarian in the Brandon district. He died in 1975, and his wife sold the property to Mr. Brawn in 1976. She now lives in Brandon and part time in Florida.

They had three children, two daughters and a son. Margaret married John Ward and lives in Florida; Elizabeth married Norman Mennie and lives in Brandon; and Jack, who is married, lived in Burlington, Ont.

### **ROWE - 16-10-19 1882-1941**

Edward John Rowe (Ted) and two cousins, Phillip and Nicholas Rowe arrived in Canada from Devonshire, England in 1880. They settled in Souris, but heard that the railway was going through Brandon so in 1882 they settled on Section 16-10-19 in the Municipality of Cornwallis. Ted's brother Mark Rowe arrived from England and they went to Rapid City and filed their claim on four quarter sections. Phillip and Nicholas went back to England but came back periodically.

Once they left Mark at home and when they arrived back there were Indians at their place and they were sure Mark would be scalped. When they



*Ted and Mrs. Rowe, 1919.*

went in he was frying bacon and everyone was having a real party.

When they got their supplies they had to leave them at a certain place until they were able to pick them up. When they arrived back some flour and tea had been taken by the Indians. The Indians always left enough furs to pay for whatever they took.

Phillip and Nicholas brought some saddle horses from England. At this time the only race track was at Rapid City and they went there to race. In later years a race track was built in Brandon. "One Hard", one of the horses ridden by Ted, always won the race.

In 1895 Ted married Catherine Irving and they had five children: Emeline - married Jack Bradley - children: Grace and Muriel. Eleonora (Nora) - married Charles Durnin - children: John (Ted) and George. Grace, a nurse, died in February 1921. Dorothea - married Captain W.C. Pack - children: Jennifer and Christopher. Edward (Ted) married Angelo Fort and had one son Charles.

Around 1900 Mark Rowe married Jeanette Irving and moved two miles West of Kemnay. At the same time Ted kept a pack of Fox Hounds, about 30, in a kennel, and a group of business people would come out and go fox hunting.

The Rowe children drove to Brandon to attend Park School and Brandon Collegiate.

In 1912 the farm was subdivided into lots but did not get any further. In 1916 the old barn was blown down, and a new one was built by Mr. Boles. The crop was hailed out. In 1917 the new barn blew down and the crops were ruined again. The barn was rebuilt again and part of that barn is still being used in 1982. The original house was burned down some years later.

### **JAMES RUSSELL FAMILY**

James Russell and his wife, formerly Janet Darrach, were born in Scotland in the years 1865 and 1864 respectively. They arrived in the Brandon

Hills district in the spring of 1910 when they rented the NW¼ 8-9-18 and also the E½ 7-9-18, collectively known as "Brookside Farm", presently owned by J.A. Arthur and Son. This property was then owned by James D. McGregor who, in later years, was Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba. Prior to the Russell family's arrival this farm was occupied for a short period by Mr. and Mrs. Gray. Mr. Gray met with a tragic accident when he was gored to death by an Ayrshire bull. Mr. and Mrs. Russell's large family numbered eleven - three boys and eight girls: Janet (Jessie Frame), Bella (Martin), James, Henry, Elizabeth (Lizzie Burke - see Russell Burke history), Margaret (Maggie Leggitt), Ina (Hay), Anne (Coxe), Marion (Potter), Hugh, Mary.

The Russell family remained at Brookside Farm until 1914 when they moved to a farm at Minitonas, Manitoba. The only surviving members are Elizabeth, Anne and Marion.

### **WILLIAM RYAN FAMILY**

Bill and Margaret Ryan bought five acres of land from Mr. Harold Simpson part of the South East quarter of Sec. 15-9-19 in 1968 and moved there with four of their seven children in 1969, namely Marilyn, Louise, Kimberley and Patrick. They also had several foster boys during that time. We always had a pony or two and the children belonged to the Brandon Light Horse and Pony Society and 4H Pony Club. The farm holding was sold to daughter Louise and husband Richard Bailey in July 1981. They have two children Jaimie and Mark.

Bill and Margaret Ryan retired to Brandon at that time. Mr. Ryan is a retired guard from the Provincial Jail at Brandon, a post he held for 22 years.

Three older girls, Beverley, Shirley and Elaine were married and had homes of their own at this time.

The Ryan's moved to Brandon in 1943 from Ninga, Mb. where Bill was born and raised. The children are all in the Brandon area except Beverley, who lives in Calgary, Alberta.

Beverley Ryan married Joe Henson in 1960. They have two children Michael and Brenda. Joe is a printer at the Calgary Herald in Calgary, Beverley works for Pembroke Meadows School Division.

Shirley married Bob Booth in 1968. He is an Electrician Teacher at Crocus Plains School, Brandon. Shirley is a homemaker and part-time hairdresser, they have six children, Nicole, Lisa, Thea, Rena, Alexis and Ted. They live near Beresford, Mb.

Elaine married Frank Watt in 1967. Frank is a nurse at the Brandon General Hospital. Elaine works for the Manitoba Government with Natural Resources. They have two children, Shaunna and

Todd.

Marilyn married Norman Middleton in 1978. Norman works for Motorways of Brandon and is part-time farmer at Minto. Marilyn is a R.P.N. and works at the Mental Hospital. They have three children Pam, Scott, and Ryan.

Louise married Richard Bailey in 1974. Richard is an employee of the City of Brandon. Louise is a government employee and works at the Assiniboine Community College and lives on an acreage in Cornwallis Municipality. They have 2 children, Jaimie and Mark.

Kimberley married Doug Nicholls in 1982. Doug is a mechanic, Kim is a R.N.R.P.N. and works at the Mental Hospital in Brandon, Mb.

Pat married Dorothy Gill in 1981 he is a machinist at Modern Machine in Brandon, Dorothy works for M.P.I.C. (Autopac).

### **LAWRENCE AND ELSIE RYSTEPHANUK**

We came to Brandon from Sandy Lake, Manitoba. In May, 1961, we purchased the farm from Roland Castonguay. It was the original site of the Willo Elder home. We had two children when we moved to the farm, Lindsay and Sherril. Beverly came along just shortly after we got settled.

Lindsay went to a one-room school house known as Stratherne for just a year, then that school district amalgamated with Wawanesa in 1962. Miss McGorman taught there that year. Many a dance was held there, usually a pick-up band, but everyone had a good time, young and old.

Then in January of 1964, an untimely fire swept our house with its contents. Thanks to our friends and neighbors who helped us pick up the pieces and start again. Rumor has it that pilots that flew overhead had that yard as a landmark, as the house was three stories high.

Lindsay got married in 1974 and at present is making his home in Yellowknife, N.W.T. with his wife and three children. Sherril is in Red Deer, Alberta and Beverly is in Brandon.

In May of 1974, a young couple by the name of Murray and Elaine Madsen, bought the land. Through the years that land has passed through many hands. We now make our home in the City of Brandon where Lawrence is doing carpenter work.

We had some hard, lean years but a lot of good times, too.

### **MURRAY AND CAROLE SANGSTER**

Murray Sangster, formerly of Kenton, Manitoba, moved to the Brandon area in January, 1966 to work at the Brandon Research Station. In 1967 he purchased part of the Bradley quarter. In July 1968 he and his new wife, the former Carole Pearn of Virden, Manitoba, established a new home there.

Murray and Carole have three children: Vaughn, born August 17, 1970; Jeffery born April 14, 1972; and Cheryl, born February 6, 1975. They all attend Fleming School in Brandon. Murray transferred to the Brandon Post Office in May, 1979 to work as a letter carrier. The Sangsters also operate a small farm.

### **DENNIS SAUNDERS FAMILY**

In the early summer of 1975 the Saunders family, Dennis, Bonnie and their son, Danny, moved from Lake Clementi, in the Oakland Municipality to make their home on an acre of land at the N.E. corner of 5-10-18 in the Municipality of Cornwallis.

In the fall of 1976 their second son, Christopher was born. Danny and Chris attend Meadows School in Brandon, and Dennis is employed with Custom Cylinder Head Rebuilders Ltd.

### **RON AND BEV SCHAEFFER**

Ron and Bev, from Stonewall and Grosse Isle, Manitoba, respectively, were married in 1962 and lived in Brandon until July 1969 at which time they moved to the R.M. of Cornwallis with their daughter Ronda who was born in 1965. They rented a home from Barry Drysdale on part of SE 6-10-19. A son Scott, was born in January, 1970.

In the spring of 1971 Ron and Bev purchased a small parcel of land from Cam and Alice Drysdale on part of SW 6-10-19 and constructed the home where they presently reside. This parcel of land was the original site for the elevator agent and the elevator was located across the road to the South and was on the rail line of the Great Northern Railway. Evidence of the elevator site and rail line is still available.

Ron is employed by the Federal Department of Agriculture, Health of Animals Branch, and Bev is a registered nurse working at the Brandon General Hospital.

The family is involved in the local Roseland Curling Club, Roseland Community Centre as well as Ronda's and Scott's activities in Brandon. Bev was a leader of the Roseland 4-H Home Economics Club. Ron coached the Cornwallis Little League Ball Club, was leader of Brandon 4-H Dairy Club and in January of 1977 became a councillor for the R.M. of Cornwallis from Ward 4 and at the time of printing of this book continues in this capacity.

### **ABE SCHROEDER FAMILY**

Who are the Schroeders and where did they come from? Back in 1962, under the Diefenbaker government, construction of the Gardiner Dam commenced. This dam backed up the Saskatche-



wan River and created Diefenbaker Lake. This lake flooded thousands of acres of river-bottom grassland that was leased by the ranchers adjacent to the area. We were one of them. We farmed and ranched near a little town called Main Centre, located at the end of the C.N. railroad, just south of the South Saskatchewan River. We lost 2094.5 acres and consequently were forced to relocate. We shopped around for several years and in the spring of 1965 we were contacted by realtor, Buster Rome, with regards to a parcel of land which was known as the Rolling Plains Cattle Co., then owned by Graham and Martin of Brandon. On the first of July, 1965 the deal was finalized and we took over the ownership of the Rolling Plains Cattle Co.

1965 was a hectic year for us. We had a crop to harvest in Saskatchewan, we had to make the move to Manitoba, and we had to put up the feed for the cattle for the coming winter. Abe made 13 trips back to Saskatchewan to bring our cattle, machinery, and household belongings, a distance of 400 miles from one farm to the other.

Rolling Plains Cattle Co. at that time consisted of 4200 acres, which also included the Taylor place. The Taylors had residential privileges in their old home for as long as they desired. Thus, upon our arrival here, Ernie, Barney and Mary, lived, so to speak, in our back yard. It was a pleasure to have them here and their departure came only too soon, for in February of 1966, Mary took suddenly ill and passed away. Ernie and Barney lived to a ripe old age. Ernie died in the 1970's in a Senior Citizens home in Brandon and Barney passed away in Saskatoon in March, 1982.

We had a family of six children, all born in Saskatchewan. All our children attended both public and high school in Shilo by special permission. Linda, our first born daughter continued on to university and became a high school home economics teacher. She taught a year in Glenboro, then three years in Bermuda and is presently teaching in Boissevain, Manitoba.

Our next blessing came in a set of twins, Robert and Beryl. Robert married Diane McIntosh of Shilo and they are living south of Griswold, where they purchased a piece of undeveloped property. They cleared land, built a new house, a small barn and other cattle facilities which they needed for their operation. Bob, like his father, is raising cattle. They have one son, Brett, born July 1, 1982.

Beryl went into training after graduation from high school and became an R.N. She married Calvin Southall of Sioux Lookout, Ontario. He is employed by the C.N.R. as a brakeman. Their latest venture has been the purchase and operation of a Home Hardware store in Sioux Lookout. They have one son, David, born November 12, 1981.

Our next daughter, Phyllis, developed many problems and spent many months in hospital. Her

happy personality and contagious smile endeared her to the hearts of all she came in contact with. She had a very active though short life. She went to her reward at the age of 18 on August 25, 1979.

Our son Stan, is learning his father's trade, in fact, he is his father's right hand, as well as his left hand. He works hard and plays hard. Both sons like to participate in their favorite sport on weekends — rodeoing.

Our youngest daughter, Gwen, just graduated from high school and is attending O.B.I. College in Kelowna, B.C. this year.

We, as a family, are proud to be among the friendly Manitobans and to be making our small contribution to society.

## **ED AND ISABEL SCHULTZ**

Ed and Isabel Schultz moved to 17-10-19 in August, 1975. Prior to the move to the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis they had resided in Brandon, Winnipeg and Vancouver, B.C. Ed is the Marketing Director of the Brandon Sun.

They have three children: Patricia, employed at the Bank of Nova Scotia, Brandon; Deanne, a student at Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario, and Glen, a student at Vincent Massey High School in Brandon.

## **SAMUEL KEITH AND NORMA ALMA SCOTT**

Keith and Norma (nee Brown) Scott moved with their family from Brandon in 1974 to their 40 acres of land technically known as NW 2-9-19, and situated seven miles south of Brandon in the Little Souris district. The Scott family consisted of Lyndon Darrell, their fourteen year old son, and Alison Deidre, a daughter of twelve years, both of whom are attending school in Brandon. They each were busy with their hobbies. Darrell's hobby was keeping chickens, whose eggs he sold for spending money, and the purchasing of snow-mobiling and skiing needs. Alison's spare hours were spent with her newly acquired horse "Star", and in the winter days on her snowmobile. Darrell is now employed with the Trans-Canada Pipelines and travels daily to Rapid City. He lives in Brandon with his wife Debbie (nee Keach, nee Schuetz) and the two children from her previous marriage. Alison is a business representative with the Manitoba Telephone System and lives in Brandon with her husband David Jurgens.

Keith has been with the M.T.S. for twenty-nine years and is a Central Office foreman.

Norma has been with McKenzie Steele Briggs for seventeen years, where she is a supervisor.

Five o'clock and weekends are eagerly looked forward to, so time may be spent with their sheep, and with enjoying the country air, the gorgeous scenery and the animals and birds which frequent their meadow.

### PERCY SEDDON FAMILY

Percy Seddon served in WWI and while in the army married Annie Edmison, daughter of Mrs. Harry Reid who lived on 20-10-17.

Following the war Mr. and Mrs. Seddon settled on NE 26-10-18 under the Soldiers Settlement Board. They remained there until their home was burned, coming to the village for a while and later moving to Winnipeg where they remained.

Mr. and Mrs. Seddon had a family of four children.

### SHADLOCK FAMILY

The Shadlock family moved into the Douglas area in the fall of 1957 when they purchased the farm from Mrs. Alma Van Devere — NW 20-10-17.

Nick was born in Brandon in 1918 and received his schooling there. He served overseas with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles during World War II. He is presently employed at C.F.B. Shilo and will retire in November, 1983.

Betty, formerly Betty McMurdo, was born at Lyleton, Manitoba in 1925 and attended school there. She moved to Brandon in 1946 and in November, 1949 married Nick in First Church United. They lived in Brandon for the next eight years.

Derek was born in Brandon in 1951 and was six when the family moved to Douglas. He moved to British Columbia in 1973 and came back home in 1979 to return to the University in Brandon, where he completed his Bachelor of Education and at present is teaching at Somerset, Manitoba.

Kevin was born in Brandon in 1952 and was five when we moved to Douglas. He moved to Edmonton, Alberta, in 1974 where he still resides. He married Kathy Bishop of Edmonton in February, 1976, and works for Custom Tool and Dye as a machinist.

Darcy was born in Brandon in 1962. He is now a student at Brandon University.

All three of the Shadlock boys attended elementary school in Douglas and graduated from Elton Collegiate at Forrest, Manitoba. They were all very active in school sports, student council, drama and choir.

The family was very active and interested in our community — taking part in church, rink, hall, baseball and school activities.

In 1972 we decided to sell some of our land. We divided 19-10-17 into small holdings of about 40 acres and at present 13 families are residing there in lovely new homes or mobile homes. In 1973 we moved into our new home which was built directly behind our old one.

### DR. VICTOR AND PHYLLIS SHARPE

In 1972 we visited a site in the Brandon Hills, S½ 2-9-19 owned by Gary Bartlett, which he had divided into 40 acre parcels. We decided that instead of running our dog out in the country twice a day we would do things the other way, run our dog at home and drive to Brandon to work. The adjacent hills offer good cross country skiing, and Lake Clementi offers skating and canoeing. We enjoy watching the deer, hearing the coyotes and seeing people skate and wind-surf on the Lake. There is an interesting old basement on our property, it is supposed to be the remnants of station #2 on the Wawanesa Trail. The blue birds make their nests in some of the blue bird houses along our fence.

At the time when we moved in 1974 from Brandon, our son Ian was still living at home attending Brandon University. Our daughter Jill was working as a nurse in Winnipeg and is since married to Rob Story, an architect living in Edmonton. Our son Paul was attending Manitoba University, faculty of Agriculture. He is at present doing research in Animal Science at Saskatoon, completing his PhD. His wife Helen is teaching in the Veterinary College at Saskatoon.

Phyllis worked as a public health nurse in Toronto and as a nurse in the Canadian Air Force. She now is active in the Hospital Auxillary.

With the help of a four wheel drive Scout, it is possible to get back and forth to perform the various medical duties, in 12 minutes to be exact. There are no stop lights to slow one down, so that the Doctor can be there as soon as the Ambulance.

As head of the Nuclear Medicine Department in the Brandon General Hospital since its inception in 1968, the work has expanded, so that "Dr. Sharpe's Office" has been closed for private practice, and I can devote full time to Nuclear Medicine.

### CHARLES AND MARGARET SHEPARD

Charles and Margaret Shepard are originally from Winnipeg, but relocated to Brandon in 1971. The family's love for the country life soon brought them to the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis, on a homesite purchased from their neighbor, D. Gray. Margaret designed their home, and Charles hand-built it on part SW 20-10-19 on Valley Road where they now reside.

The Shepard children, daughter Carla, born in 1965 and son Charles, born in 1964, have actively pursued their hobbies only offered in this rural lifestyle — horses, trail riding, snowmobiling, etc. As they progressed through their education, Carla and Charles attended Brandon schools — Meadows, Fleming, Earl Oxford and Neelin High.

Margaret is a freelance residential and commercial designer and drafts person. She has

designed numerous custom homes and commercial spaces in Brandon, rural Manitoba, and Saskatchewan.

Charles Sr. is a project developer and construction consultant with many successful landmark developments to his credit in Manitoba and other areas of Western Canada.

### ROBERT DOUGLAS SHEPHERD FAMILY

Robert Douglas Shepherd was born in April of 1913 at Moosomin, Saskatchewan. He was the third of ten boys and two girls born to James and Laura Shepherd.

Venie Melville Boyd (Mel) was born on August 17, 1918 in Brandon to William Stewart and Gosina S. Boyd, who came from Newton Stewart, Scotland in 1912 and 1914. William and Gosina farmed the old Vantassle homestead, NE $\frac{1}{2}$  25-9-19. Gosina attended Busy Bee meetings and knew most of the old timers of the area. William was a trustee of Cornwallis School for 12 years. Mel, her sisters, Florence and Eileen, and her brother Stewart attended Cornwallis School. Stewart took over the home farm when William and Gosina retired.

Doug and Mel were married on April 14, 1939. After a year at Elkhorn and some time on the John Kozak farm, they bought SE $\frac{1}{4}$  25-9-19 on the corner of the Sunshine Highway and the Detour, which is still known today as "Shepherd's Corner". A house was purchased at Lake Clementi and moved onto the property as there were no buildings. This house, incidentally, served as a honeymoon cottage for the James Creightons during the summer of 1931. Recovering from a pro-hockey injury, James Creighton, in 1930, rented from Mr. Arthur Keddy and operated the Store and Dance Hall at Lake Clementi. In 1931 this "rental package" included the cottage. James was mayor of Brandon for the years 1952 and 1955 and again from 1958 to 1961.

Doug and Mel had five children: Robert, Barbara, Beverly, Dianna and James. Mel was a member of the Busy Bees for nine years and Doug was a trustee of Cornwallis School for eight years, which is where the Shepherd children went to school.

Robert William, born on January 8, 1940, was a member of the Brandon Hills Seed Club and once won the oat championship at the Winter Fair. Bob went to high school in Brandon after Cornwallis. He married Ethel Warner of Dauphin and they have two children — Sharon, born May 11, 1963 and Ken, born May 30, 1967. Bob is the district manager of Crane Plumbing in Brandon.

Barbara Eileen was born on August 4, 1943 and passed away of a heart condition in December of 1946.

Beverly Florence, born July 2, 1947, married Bruce Preston of Kemnay. They reside in Brandon

and have two girls — Kerri, born February 19, 1972 and Stacey, born February 28, 1975.

Dianna Lee, born August 15, 1951, married Dawson Switzer and had two children — Becky, born April 14, 1973 and Jeffrey, born March 3, 1976.

James Douglas, born June 26, 1952, married Marilyn Brockest on November 27, 1982. They reside in Brandon.

Beverly and Dianna sang at concerts and on television for a few years and were on the Travellers Day floats for two years in a row.

In 1961 Shepherds sold their farm to Donald F. Baker and moved to Forrest where Beverly, Dianna and Jim finished school. The girls belonged to the Forrest 4-H Sewing Club and Jim belonged to the 4-H Tractor Club.

Doug and Mel now run a poultry farm and are involved in a chicken processing operation.

### SHIELDS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shields came to Canada from Ireland, in 1872, to Bracebridge, Ont. In the fall of 1881 they moved to Brandon and spent the winter in a canvas home. In the spring they moved to their homestead on 22-9-20, and built a sod house. Their children all attended South Brandon school. John and William, two of their eleven children, moved to Cornwallis Municipality 18-9-19.

William Shields married Winifred Way of Brandon. They had a family of two girls and four boys — Hazel, Susan, Charlie, Archie, Bill and Bob.

William left his farm in 1913, and went to Swift Current, Sask. In 1916 he went overseas.

John married Elizabeth Lloyd of Beresford in 1898, and lived on 18-9-19 where they lived for 48 years. They were active members in the district. John served on the South Brandon school board, where he and his family had attended school. He showed at the Brandon Exhibition where in 1913 he won the Grandchampionship for his Clydesdale stallion. He raised Clydesdale horses and Aberdeen cattle, and at one time had a flock of five hundred sheep.

John and Elizabeth retired to Brandon in 1948, and later to B.C. John passed away at the age of 93 in 1964, and Elizabeth in 1966.

They had nine children — Ed, George, Julia, Harvey, Claude, Mary, Annie, Lloyd and Jack.

Ed worked for the Co-op in Brandon and Winnipeg. In 1937 he married Dorothy Nash and made their home in Birtle. Dorothy died in 1942. Five years later he married Jean McCaskil of Birtle and moved to B.C., where he operated a filling station till his death in 1963.

George left the farm in 1926, and worked for MacArthurs in Brandon, and later went to Swan River and Dauphin and then to Birtle in 1949. He married Mary Derhouseoff and they operated a

second hand store. George also auctioneered. They now reside in Brandon.

Julia married Jack Roberds in 1927. They had a family of two girls and four boys — George, Don, and twins Harold and Harvey, Judith and Hazel. They farmed in the Glenwood and Whitehead municipalities. Jack passed away in 1978. Julia remained on the farm until 1981 when she moved to Brandon.

Harvey also worked for MacArthurs in Brandon. He married Edith Gray, and moved to Birtle where he operated a garage. They had a family of one boy and one girl — Sandra and Max. In 1941 they moved to B.C., where Harvey continued in the garage business. Edith passed away in 1968. Harvey and his family still live at Burnaby, B.C.

Jack married Peggy Ransom in 1948, and moved to B.C. They had a family of three girls — Patricia, Delma and Caren. Jack worked with the B.C. railroad. Peggy passed away in 1953. Jack later married Lauraine Miller. They have two children — Glenys and Dale, and live in New Westminster.

Claude married Elsie Englot, and has a family of four boys and one girl — Bill, Lloyd, Bob, John and Joan. Claude left the home farm in 1935, and was elevator agent at St. Owens. He became Branch Manager of B.A. Oil in 1946. Later he was appointed Field Auditor, retiring in 1976. He and his wife reside in Brandon.

Mary married Bill Williamson in 1938, and farmed at Roseland. In 1948 they moved to Brandon where Bill worked for Massey Harris for 20 years. They live in Brandon. They have one son, Kenneth, who resides in Calgary.

Annie married Carson Monteith in 1942. They had one boy — Jack, and twin girls — Carsa and Carole. They lived in Brandon a short time and then moved to B.C. where Carson worked with the C.P.R. Carson passed away in 1963, and Annie in 1966. Their son Jack died in 1978.

Lloyd, the only one of the family intending to farm, was killed when a bomb was dropped by mistake on an open air dance floor at a neighbors home.

### **SHOPLAND FAMILY**

James Shopland, son of Robert and Agnes Shopland, was born October 6, 1922 at McCauley, Manitoba. In 1928 the family moved to Saskatchewan, farming at Welwyn and Rocanville.

In the fall of 1938, at the age of 16, Jim came to the Brandon Hills District. Jim made his home with Walter and Julia Coate, and worked for several farmers in the district, Kent Construction and Reg. Pearen Construction — building roads.

On February 4, 1950, Jim married Grace Wakefield, daughter of Walter and Ingrid Wakefield, who lived at Forrest and Brandon Hills. Jim and

Grace have three children: Gary James, born June 30, 1956; Shirley Darlene, born June 30, 1958 and Garth Allan, born February 1, 1963.

In November, 1956, Jim, Grace and Gary moved to the Fred Baker farm, 21-9-19 in the Little Souris District, buying the farm in 1961.

Gary and Shirley started to school at Little Souris but with the closing of the school were transferred to Brandon. Gary finished his education at Neelin High School. He now farms and lives at home.

Shirley and Garth graduated from Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School. They both live at home and help with the farm work.

### **FRANK SHROPSHIRE FAMILY**

Frank Shropshire was born in Ontario and came west to Glenboro in the early 1900's. He met Amelia Thierry who had come west with her family from Montreal. They were married and moved to Brandon where Frank worked for the Manitoba Telephone System and later was helper to the electrician that wired the Prince Edward Hotel. Two girls were born in Brandon. After that they moved to Alexander and farmed there until 1924, moving back to a farm in Cornwallis (35-9-18) until 1927. They then moved to 30-9-17 which he bought and farmed until he sold it and retired to Brandon.

His family consists of:

Ruth, married Les Hutton, and they had three children — Olive, John and Alice. Ruth is now a widow and lives in Winnipeg.

Eleanor, married Fred Duce and they had three children — Irene, Evelyn and Robert. Eleanor is a widow and lives in Welwyn, Saskatchewan.

Bessie, married Wallace Elder. They had one boy — George, who is deceased, and they live in Brandon.

Ernest, lives in Brandon at Central Park Lodge.

Gertrude, married Roger Wilken and they have two children — Mark and Brenda. They also live in Brandon.

Frank Shropshire passed away in 1964 and Mrs. Shropshire in 1979. They are both buried in the Brandon Hills Cemetery.

Submitted by Bessie Elder

### **GARRY AND ELEANOR SHUEL**

Garry was raised in Hazelridge, Manitoba and married Eleanor Betker of Cloverleaf, Manitoba. We were transferred to Brandon from Chesterfield Inlet, N.W.T. in the fall of 1975. We moved to the R.M. of Cornwallis in 1978. We have two children: Tannis, ten years old, was born in Thunder Bay, Ontario, and Derek, six years old was born in

Brandon. Both children attend Fleming School. Garry is employed with transport Canada as Flight Service Specialist at the Brandon Airport.

### **SIBLEY FAMILY**

My parents, Fred and May Sibley, were born in Middlesex, England. My father came to Canada in 1912 and my mother in 1914. They both worked in Sask. and in 1917 were married. Of that union I was born, Dorothy May, on July 8, 1920. In 1923 my parents and I came to live at 1-10-18, better known as Currie's Landing.

My father and mother continued to farm at the Landing, milking cows, selling cream, raising pigs, chickens and turkeys, doing some grain farming and sowing tame hay for feed for our cows and horses. We also put up stacks of oat sheaves. We put in a good size garden with a big potato patch. There were lots of wild berries to be had, also lots of wild game, prairie chicken, grouse, wild deer and the bush bunnies were as thick as flies.

My growing up years were spent helping my father and mother make a living on the farm. On November 8, 1944 I married Robert Brown of Douglas and of that union a daughter, Carol Lynne was born on December 16, 1954.

My father and mother left the Landing to take up residence in the village of Douglas in 1952. My parents and I owned the Landing for fifty years, 1923-73. It was where I lived and grew up with my parents. I remember those years fondly and often think of them - it was my home.

My parents are both deceased and are buried in Madford Cemetery.

by Dorothy (Sibley) Brown

### **CLIFFORD SIFTON 9-10-19 W1**

The first owner, to our knowledge, was Clifford Sifton. He came to Brandon in 1882 as a new graduate in law and at the age of 21 years, set up a practice with his brother, Arthur, as Sifton and Sifton. In 1888, Clifford was solicitor for the City Council of Brandon, when he was asked to accept the Liberal nomination for the newly-created constituency of North Brandon. He was elected to the Manitoba Legislature and appointed Attorney-General in 1891. A long, distinguished, political career was thus launched - both in provincial and federal politics. He was Minister of the Interior from 1896, M.P. for Brandon from 1896 to 1919. At first distribution of honours in Canada following the war, on January 1, 1915, Mr. Sifton became Sir Clifford Sifton, KCMG.

### **FREDERICK JOHN SIMPSON**

Fred Simpson, a native of Mitchell, Ont. was born in 1871. While in his early twenties, he came to the West as a harvester, and worked with the Roddick threshing gang. Later he took over the south-east quarter of 25-9-19, which he worked for a brief time prior to moving to Little Souris.

On December 25, 1900, Fred married Maude Harris, whose parents, Ephraim and Mary Jane Harris, had moved to Little Souris in the same year. (See Ephraim Harris) They set up housekeeping on the north half of 15-9-19. It took a whole week with the help of neighbors and sixteen teams of horses to move the house to where it now stands on the south-east quarter of 15-9-19.

Fred and Maude both served over twenty-five years on the Little Souris school board. Maude sang in the choir. In 1900 Fred dug the basement of the Little Souris church for \$20.

Fred died in 1952 and Maude in 1959. They had four children; Selena, Harris, Ronald and Harold. The boys attended Little Souris school.

Selena was born in 1903 and died in 1905.

Harris was born in 1907. He married Verna Harper of Hayfield, in 1940, at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. D.A. Harper. They farmed the north half of 10-9-19. Harris served on the school board for over 25 years and Verna played the church organ for 10 years. Harris enjoyed playing the drums, and they had a great deal of musical pleasure in their home and district with family and friends. They retired to Brandon in 1974. They have three sons, Dennis, Wayne and Dale. They, also, attended Little Souris school.

Dennis born in 1942, was an Electrical Engineer, employed by R.C.A. Victor. He was constructing satellite tracking stations in Peking, Shanghai, Masset Cowichan and Halifax. He came home in 1974 and was employed by Federal Pioneer Electric in Brandon. He is now farming his Father's and his Grandfather's farms. In 1965, Dennis married Marion Harper, of Winnipeg, who was teaching in Winnipeg. Marion takes a great interest in her garden, as her Father before her did. She is also interested in the community and belongs to Club 349.

Dennis and Marion have two children, Michael and Denise, making five generations living in the Little Souris district.

Wayne, born in 1945 is also an Electrical Engineer, and was employed by Westinghouse in Ont. In 1971 he returned home and is now instructing at the Assiniboine Community College in Brandon. In 1979 he married Joan Bradford, who had three children, Jim, Kim and Mark. Joan is an R.N. at the Brandon General Hospital. They live in Brandon, and have purchased 80 acres on S.W. ¼ 34-9-18, where they hope to make their new home, in the Cornwallis Municipality.





*Fred and Maude Simpson's 50th Anniversary, 1950.*

Dale was born in 1947. He was employed by Gulf Oil and delivered fuel in the city and surrounding areas. He later worked for P. Quintaine trucking live stock to the States. He is now a Transport driver and travels across Canada.

In 1970 he married Jean Urquhart of Brandon. Jean is employed at MML Travel Agency. She is interested in Brandon Figure Skating. They have two children, Kristin and Blayne., Kristin has received several medals in Figure Skating competitions in Manitoba. They live in Brandon.

Ron, the second son of Fred and Maude Simpson, was born in 1909. He taught school for several years. His first school had 62 pupils. Later he went to University and became an Electrical Engineer, and worked for Dofasco in Hamilton, Ont. In 1937 he married Adeline Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F.E. Anderson of Hayfield. They have a daughter Eilleen and a son Gary.

Eilleen married Dr. Eugene Biagioni and lives in Hamilton. They have three daughters. Eilleen was a nurse.

Gary is an accountant. He married Carole Brewer. They have three sons and one daughter, and live in Dunnville, Ont.

Ron is now retired and he and Adeline live in Stoney Creek, Ont.

Harold Simpson, the third son of Fred and Maude Simpson, was born in 1915.

He lived on the farm home with his parents. After his parents died he continued to work the farm. He served on the church board until the church closed in 1968. He was active in all community affairs. In 1974 he moved to Brandon, having sold the farm to Dennis. He died in the

summer of 1976.

The Simpson farms, being near the corner of #349 and #10 highways, served as a stopping place for those catching the bus, running out of gas, needing a team of horses or tractor to get them out of a tough spot, or for the minister to get a snack before going on to his next service.

### **ALFRED SKILTON FAMILY**

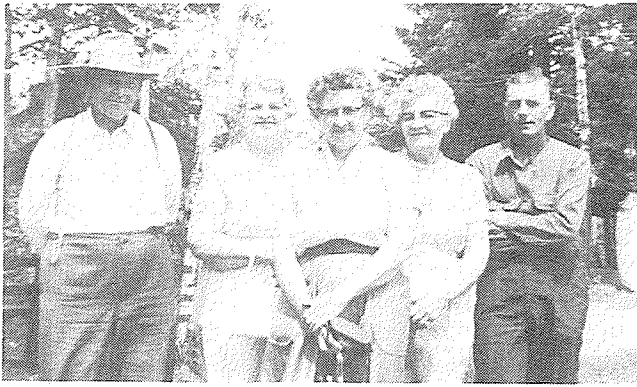
Alfred and Mary were married in England. One daughter Kathleen was born in May 1902, before they emigrated to Canada, in 1903. They first lived in Strathclair where two more children were born. These were Henry on June 21, 1905 and Alice on July 1, 1908.

In 1914 they moved to Chater where Alf was section foreman on the branch line until his early retirement due to ill health in 1939. They continued to live in Chater until his death in 1957.

Both Alf and Mary were very active in community affairs. Alf was caretaker of the Chater Church for years and Mary's good neighbourliness and sense of humor endeared her to everyone.

### **EDWIN SLATOR FAMILY**

Edwin Slator came from Dawsmere, Lincolnshire, England to Canada in 1891. He joined his brother, Arthur, who was already working for farmers in the Douglas area. From 1894 to 1895 Edwin worked for D.W. Agnew. One of his tasks was to dig two ditches in an attempt to drain part of the Douglas Marsh. Each ditch was seventy-two rods long, five feet wide and two feet deep. A hay knife and a pitchfork were the tools used for the job.



*Slator Family; Jack, Ethel, Evelyn, Annie, Fred, July 1959.*

He had to stand on planks as he worked as there was considerable water in the marsh. The bottom of each ditch was practically paved with buffalo bones. This was very hard work which proved futile. Edwin received twenty-five cents per rod along with his room and board. The ditches are still visible today from Provincial Road 340 just south of Douglas, but they are still of no use.

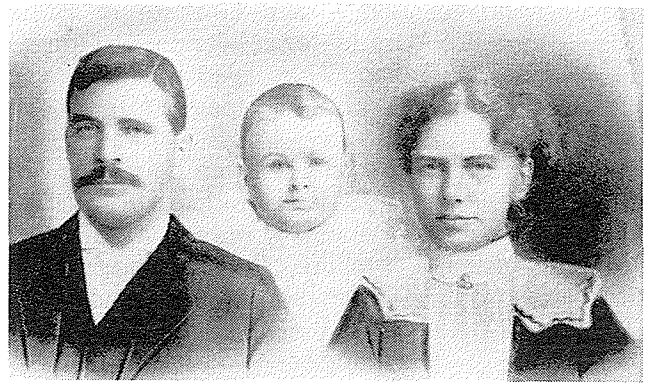
Both Arthur and Edwin continued to work in the Lawrence District until 1895, when Edwin rented the SE¼ 27-10-17, Ward 6, Cornwallis Municipality, and commenced farming on his own. In 1896 Arthur moved to Williston, North Dakota. Edwin purchased his rented property from Mr. J. Coxe and proceeded to build a log house there.

On December 20, 1899, Edwin married Elizabeth Alexander, who had emigrated earlier from Ballymena, Ireland and was working at the D.W. Agnew home. The wedding took place at the home of Jimmie Moore, three and one-half miles north east of Douglas.

In 1902 Ed and Lizzie moved to NW quarter 16-11-17, Ward 1, of Elton Municipality, which they rented from a Mr. McLean. In 1907 they returned to the old quarter south of Douglas. They felt it would be better to settle where the soil was light because crops in heavier soil were freezing before ripening. In 1908 they purchased the adjoining farm, east half 34-10-17 from William F. Brooks, and made use of the existing house there. The log home was moved from its previous location and used as an out building. The roof and upper row of logs are still being used.

The Slaters supplemented their mixed-farm income for many years by selling hay which was hauled to Brandon with horses. Wood was cut and hauled from the bush about nine miles east of the farm and also sold.

Ed was an avid reader and an amateur writer. He wrote many interesting articles of his experiences over fifty years on the farm in Manitoba and kept diaries quite faithfully. These tell of the lives of early settlers that he knew personally, some of their struggles and hardships, but mainly the friendship and social interaction of these people.



*Edwin and Elizabeth Slator with eldest son, Albert, 1902.*

Lizzie was a staunch Presbyterian who attended church regularly. The church was the centre of community life and Ed and Lizzie shared in many of these activities.

Ed was a member of the Municipal Board for fifteen years beginning in 1900. For many years he acted as a trustee on the local school board. He held the office of president of the local branch of a Manitoba Farm Organization and ardently supported both provincial and federal political parties.

The Slaters raised a family of eight children, all of whom attended Lawrence School during their childhoods.

Albert (deceased), employed by C.P.R. Winnipeg and Thunder Bay, married Margaret Davidson. Two children, Murray and Marion.

Annie (deceased). Married Joseph T. Wells, Douglas. Two children, Thomas and James.

John Arthur (Jack) - deceased. Single

Ivy (deceased). Single

Fred (deceased). Employed by C.P.R. Brandon. Married Mabel Hulley and had two children, Wilma and Doreen.

Ethel (deceased). Married Ivan Duncalfe, Douglas, and had two children, Lloyd and Verne.

Evelyn, married A.L. Smith, North Bay, Ontario and had two children, Edwin (Ted) and Ronald.

Lillian (deceased). Single

Lizzie Slator passed away in 1937 and Ed Slator in 1948. Son Jack remained on the farm until 1961 when he sold it to his nephew, James Wells. Jim and wife Edna reside on the farm today.

by Jim and Edna Wells

## SLAWINSKY FAMILY

Joe and Grace Slawinsky and family moved to NE 3-9-19 in July 1973. Property was obtained in the fall of 1972 with house building and tree planting undertaken in the spring of 1973.

Joe was born and raised on a farm homesteaded by his parents at McCreary, Manitoba. In 1957 he began a career with Manitoba Hydro working at various locations in the province.

In 1961 he married Grace Graham of Birtle, Manitoba, a R.N. Graduate of Misericordia General Hospital in Winnipeg. They lived in Wawanessa, Steinbach, Grunthal and Winnipeg before moving to Brandon.

Their family consists of three daughters and one son. Jo-Ann, a 1982 R.N. graduate from Grace General Hospital, Winnipeg, nursed at Brandon General Hospital. On July 9, 1983 she married Robert Norman Turner, son of Ross and Ileen Turner SE $\frac{1}{4}$  3-9-19. Marilyn entered Brandon University on an entrance scholarship in the fall of 1981 and is working towards a B.Sc. degree. Curt and Karen are attending school in Brandon. All have participated in sports - Jo-Ann and Marilyn in curling, Curt in volleyball and basketball and Karen in gymnastics.

We have enjoyed our ten years in Cornwallis and are looking forward to many more.

### **DARREL SITTER**

Darrel and Linda Sitter arrived at Chater from St. James on April 1, 1981. They purchased the home owned by Bruce and Linda Owens.

Darrel is presently employed by Interlake Foods and prior to this Darrel and Linda operated a grocery store at Grandview.

Darrel, son of Ruth and Walter Sitter, was born and raised in Regina. Linda, daughter of Rene and Edna Cote, was born and raised at Dunrea, Man.

The Sitters have 2 children. Nicole who is 6 years old attends school at Forrest after transferring from Heritage Parks in St. James. Joshua at the age of three is at home.

In November 1982, Darrel and Linda Sitter moved to Dunrea where they will operate a grocery store.

### **DAVE SMART FAMILY**

Dave and Dorothy Smart moved to Chater in 1955 with their three children, David, Danny, and Beverly. In 1963 another daughter, Valerie Ann was born.

Dave was born in Rathwell, Man., the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. David Smart. In 1939 he went overseas and served until 1945. On his return to Rathwell he started work with the C.P.R. The section foreman was Mr. William Smart. In 1947 he married Dorothy Smart, fifth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Smart. The two Smart families were not related.

After working as first man on the C.P.R. for eight years and living in Haywood, Stockton, High Bluff and Treherne, Dave and family moved to Chater. This was his first position as section foreman.

They resided in Chater until all the smaller stations closed and the main line became a single track. Following the closing of this section, Dave worked in many places as a foreman, while the family remained in the section house in Chater until 1971. When Dave became foreman in Brandon yards the family moved to 224 Louise Ave. where they still reside. Dave retired from the C.P.R. in July, 1980.

David Jr. was six years old when the family moved to Chater. He received all his education at Chater School and Elton Collegiate, where he was school president for one year. Following his graduation he worked in the Bank of Commerce for a while, then joined the Canadian Forces Air Navigation School. In June 1969, he graduated as a lieutenant at the age of twenty. He was a member of the Search and Rescue Unit in Winnipeg. He married Lorna Terry of Rapid City in July, 1969. In September, 1971 a daughter, Tanya Faye, was born. On Nov. 2, 1971 while on a Search and Rescue mission in the Northwest Territories the plane crashed and all eight members of the crew were killed. David was twenty-two years old. After two weeks time, they were flown home and memorial services were held in honor of them. David is buried in Rapid City Cemetery. Lorna and Tanya returned to Brandon where Lorna now owns and operates The Panhandler in the Brandon Shopper's Mall.

Danny was four years old when the Smarts moved to Chater. He graduated from Elton Collegiate at the age of eighteen, then attended Brandon University where he obtained his B.Sc. and later his B.Ed.

During the summer months he worked for the C.P.R. and farmers at Chater. Danny now resides in Portage La Prairie where he teaches physical Education in Yellow Quill Junior High School.

Beverly was two years old at the time of their arrival in Chater. She attended Chater School until its closing, continuing her education at Elton Collegiate and Brandon Collegiate.

Bev's favorite pastime was to go over to Reed's and help Dick clean out the barns. From this experience she obtained a deep love for animals. She had an everlasting line of pets including pigs, dogs, chickens, cats and even a crow. She was employed at the Brandon Co-op until her marriage to Wayne Slack in 1976. They live in Winnipeg, where Wayne is attending the University of Manitoba and will receive his degree in engineering this year. They have two sons, Jonathon Wayne and Daniel Logan.

Valerie reached her eighteenth birthday Jan. 2, 1981. How well we remember the New Year's Eve before she was born when we attended the party held at Ruth and Charlie Grant's home! Valerie received her early schooling at Forrest Elementary

and continued at New Era in Brandon. She is now attending Crocus Plains, obtaining a Marketing Major.

Dorothy worked part-time at Richmond's Shoes in Brandon, later joining the staff at the Brandon Mental Health Centre in 1969. She is now in her twelfth year of employment there.

While living in Chater, Dorothy was very active in community affairs, teaching Sunday School and acting as a leader in the Hi-C youth group.

The memories of their life in Chater will always remain very special.

by Dorothy Smart

### **ROBERT SMITH FAMILY**

Robert Mackie Smith, born in Scotland on December 10, 1888, and Mary Hendry Munro, born in Scotland on September 11, 1894, came to Canada as young adults. They were married in Brandon and had three daughters - Mae, Freda and Dorothy.

While Bob was overseas during World War I, Mary and their two young daughters, Mae and Freda, lived in Brandon Hills as Mary worked on the Dave and Roy Roddick farms. About 1924, Bob and Mary, with their young family, moved to Winfred Roddick's farm where Mae, Freda and Dorothy attended Brandon Hills School. The Smiths worked for Win for about 12 years. After leaving Roddicks, Bob and his family moved to a farm on the Sunshine Highway, where Donald Robins now farms. From there they went to the Morgan farm on First Street.

Mary Rachel (Mae) married James Stewart of Sinclair, Manitoba and they raised two children, Mary and Robert. Mae, now a widow, lives in Brandon and has nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Freda Alberta married George Legg of the Roseland district. (See George Legg history).

Dorothy Munro married Harry Clendenning, originally from the Harding area. They had five children - Linda, Vair, Grant, Meredith and Scott (deceased) and there are nine grandchildren. Harry and Dorothy took up residence in Edmonton after Harry's discharge from the RCAF. Harry died in 1980 and Dorothy still resides in Edmonton.

Bob and Mary eventually settled in the Gorrie district, one mile east of the Gorrie School where Bob became well-known for his sheep. They retired to Brandon, where Bob passed away in November of 1962 at 73 years of age. Mary passed away December 15, 1982. She had eleven grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

### **RON SMITHSON FAMILY**

Ronald David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bertram Smithson, was born in St. Catherine, Ontario on December 28, 1942. The family moved to the Ottawa Valley when Ron was twelve years old. Following high school, he attended Kemptville Agricultural College for two years. In 1964, he entered R.C.M.P. training in Regina, Saskatchewan, and was later posted at Chilliwach, British Columbia. In 1965 he resigned from the R.C.M.P. and moved back to Ontario to work for Ayerst Laboratories (a pharmaceutical company).

Ron married Betty Lynda Nesbitt, born August 1, 1945, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nesbitt. Betty spent most of her younger years in Renfrew, Ontario, and then took her Nursing Education at Brockville, Ontario. She completed her Nursing Education in Brandon and graduated as a Registered Nurse in 1969. After they were married, Ron and Betty lived in Toronto for one year. In the summer of 1966 they moved to Brandon and Ron worked at Ayerst Organics, helping to establish the P.M.U. business in Manitoba. They moved to the Brandon Hills district in 1969 and rented the home on the S.W. 27-9-18.

Ron and Betty have three children. David was born on May 11, 1966, Mark was born November 12, 1969 and Troy was born October 5, 1971.

The family enjoys country living and having their own horses. As they became more familiar with the community and took part in community affairs, they became attached to the Brandon Hills and the people living there; so purchased the N.E. 27-9-18 where they now reside and operate a P.M.U. farm. Betty is a member of the Brandon Hills Community Fireflies.

### **JOSEPH SMYTH FAMILY**

The south half of 7-11-17 was Crown Land until it was purchased in 1879 by Christine Morris. She in turn sold it to Mr. Joseph H. Smyth who had come out from Quebec and homesteaded south of Chater. When he and his wife (formerly Jan Amelia Hurley) moved to this farm, Mr. Smyth was his own carpenter and built the house and barn which still stands as a credit to his skill.

There were two daughters, Annie (Mrs. McKim), now in Vancouver; and Lottie (Mrs. Jim McCallum) who died in 1957. In 1912 their son Hubert D. (Bert) took over the farm. He and his wife, the former Annie Campbell lived there until the early 1920's. They moved to Brandon and started the Independent Oil Co., on the corner of 18th Street and Pacific Avenue, a business that flourished until destroyed in an explosion and fire in March 1926, in which Bert lost his life. His wife, Annie, passed away in 1961 (mention of her is also made in the Angus Campbell history).

Mr. and Mrs. Smyth, Sr., retired to Chater and Brandon (while in Chater he built the "west" Birdsell home, where the Aspelunds lived) which is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Elves. Mr. Smyth passed away in 1929 and Mrs. Smyth in 1943. The Smyth farm was carried on by Fred Wyton and wife, the former Jennie Johnston. Kenneth Scott and his wife Noreen are the present owners and residents of this farm.

### STUART SMYTH FAMILY

Thomas Stuart Smyth came to Chater in 1886 from St. Andon, Quebec at the age of 22.

Barbara Caroline Hurley came here in 1886 with her family from West Frampton, Quebec at the age of 13. Barbara and Stuart were married on Dec. 1, 1892. They homesteaded  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles east of the present Chater-Shilo corner. After a few years of hardship they walked off the homestead with only the clothes they wore, and moved to Chater where they ran the hotel and store.

They had five children: Emma Mary born Oct., 1894; Margaret Edna born Dec. 7, 1897; Addie May born Apr. 24, 1901; Joshua Joseph born Apr. 12, 1905; and John Wesley born July 5, 1911.

In 1910 they bought S $\frac{1}{2}$  26-10-18, just south of Chater. For the first year Stuart walked to the farm each day and tended the cattle and returned at night. In the fall of 1911 they built a new house on the farm and Stuart and Barbara farmed there until 1938, when their youngest son Wesley took over. They then retired to live in the Joe Smyth farm house on the south side of Chater.

Addie died Aug. 30, 1902 at the age of 18 months; Margaret Edna died in 1910 at the age of 13 years.

Emma Mary married Thos. Otley on Dec. 1, 1916. They had two children, Gordon and Betty. Emma died in 1940 at the age of 46.

Joseph married Hilda Wuttke on Sept. 20, 1939. They had one child, Barbara. Joe died on June 21, 1942 at the age of 37.

Wesley married Birdella Bennett on Sept. 26, 1942. Wesley was known for his raising of pure bred Holstein cattle, and was a member of the Holstein-Freisen Assoc. for fifty years. Wes and Birdie farmed the home place until their retirement in 1960, when they sold the farm to Lyall Brown. They lived in the Smyth house on the farm until Wes's death on Aug. 31, 1977. Birdie moved to Brandon in 1977.

Stuart Smyth died at the age of 80 years on Feb. 21 1944 at Chater. Barbara died at the age of 77 years, on April 3, 1945 also at Chater.

### PETER SOPCHUK

Mr. Peter Sopchuk came to Canada from the Ukraine in 1911. Mrs. Sopchuk, the former Mary Sopiak, also came to Canada from the Ukraine with her parents in 1911 and in 1914 married Peter Sopchuk.

Peter was employed by the Canadian National Railway Bridge Builders and lived in Brandon until 1930 when he decided he wanted to farm. He rented the Gibson farm in April 1930 (NW $\frac{1}{4}$  7-10-19) and a few years later he bought the farm.

Peter and Mary had a family of five girls and four boys and they all attended Roseland School. (Ann) Mrs. Emil Hominick; (Marjorie) Mrs. Paul Martinook; (Jean) Mrs. John Byers; Alice (Mrs. Allan Ring) all of Brandon; (Rose) Mrs. Rennie Trimble, Orillia, Ont.; Bill, at home; Mike, Minnedosa, Man.; and Walter, Calgary, Alberta. John passed away in February 1980 at the age of 50.

The original house was destroyed by fire and replaced with a new home. A large barn was built and many trees were planted.

Mr. Sopchuk passed away in March, 1965 at the age of 76. The eldest son, Bill, remains on the farm and lives with his Mother, who will be 82 years of age in July, 1982. Bill has added many more buildings, he still farms and raises beef cattle.

### SPRING VALLEY COLONY

On June 25, 1956, James Valley Hutterite Brethren of Elie, Manitoba established a colony in the Brandon area, in the Municipality of Cornwallis on Sec. 20-9-17 and called it Spring Valley Colony of Hutterite Brethren.

The land was purchased from Wilkinson, Moggach, Waldron and Hulsey.

### STAMP FAMILY

Harry Paul Stamp, his wife Anna (Nee Ryder), and their two small children, May, age 3 years and George, age  $1\frac{1}{2}$  years, arrived in Canada in the spring of 1908 from Masham, York, England where Mr. Stamp had served his apprenticeship and had been employed as a butcher. Mr. Stamp was bringing horses to the farm of Mr. Fred Trotter where he then worked for a short while after their arrival. The Trotter farm, located on Sec. 5-9-19 later became the Bowslaugh farm.

In June of that year Mr. and Mrs. Stamp's second son, Wilfred Henry, (Jimmie), was born while they resided with the Trotters. The birth was attended by Mrs. Finley McRae as midwife as Mr. Stamp had walked over to the McRae farm to ask for her assistance. Their youngest daughter, Mildred Blanche, was born later in 1916.

After working with Mr. Trotter for some months, the Stamp family moved to the Hayfield



district where they resided until 1934. They then moved to the Carrol district where Jimmie still resides on the home farm.

### HARVEY AND DARLENE STANGER

Harvey Arnold and Darlene Ann Stanger and their children Lisa Joanne and Darren Robert presently reside at 1307 White Swan Street.

In 1946 Darlene moved with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Swanson and her sister Anetta, to the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis from Parkman, Saskatchewan. She attended Central, David Livingstone and B.C.I. Schools in Brandon and obtained her R.T. in Laboratory and X-ray Technology at the Brandon Mental Hospital in 1961, at which time she temporarily left Cornwallis. In 1964 she married Harvey Stanger, a printer from Portage la Prairie and resided there for two years. In 1966 they moved back to Cornwallis to live at 15 Braecrest Drive. Harvey is Assistant Foreman in the composing room at the Brandon Sun. They have two children; Lisa, born in 1968 and Darren, born in 1971. They go by school bus to Fleming and Earl Oxford Schools.



*John and Isabelle Stanley — May 1926. John's ankle was broken when his team got away from him.*

### JOHN STANLEY

John Stanley, born in England September 28, 1850, came to Canada with his family in 1858. His wife, Isabelle Buchanan, was born in Perth County, Ontario on June 10, 1851. They were married in Grey County on September 28, 1870 and came to the Miami area in Manitoba in 1886. They had nine sons and two daughters: George, James, William, Alexander, Frederick, Ellen, Jessie, Henry, Chester (died in infancy), Benjamin and Oliver, the last three

being born in Manitoba.

In 1904 John purchased NW 1-10-19 and SE 2-10-19 from former Brandon mayor, Robert Hall. John dug young trees, hauled them by team and wagon from old Camp Hughes and planted the shelter belt which still stands around the building site on 2-10-19. Ben and Oliver attended Cornwallis School. John was weed inspector for the municipality for a while. He retired to Brandon in 1927. John passed away in 1928, Isabell in 1929, and they were laid to rest in Brandon Hills Cemetery.

Fred (see Frederick Stanley history).

Jessie and her husband Eli Griffith lived for a time on the Lorne Robins farm. Eli and an infant are buried in Brandon Hills Cemetery.

Ellen Agnes married George James Boles who came with his family in 1883 to 32-9-18 in the Gorrie district. They raised eight children. The eldest son, George Albert, farmed the family homestead until his death in 1976 and this farm remained in the Boles family until 1982. George and Ella passed away in 1964 and 1965 respectively.

Ben and his wife, Ella Nevins, lived for a time on the NW 1-10-19, then 18-10-19 west of Brandon, before going to farm in the Elton municipality, north of Chater, where their son Shirley was born. Many know of Shirley from his many years's association with the Brandon Winter Fair. Shirley and his wife Cordelia have four children, Priscilla, Frank, Cathy and Sandra. They lived from 1962 until 1965 in the Gorrie district on Dr. Fisher's farm SW 17-10-18 after Lon Dailey went to Oak Lake.

Oliver and his wife, Jennie Todd, lived for a time on the Harper farm (now Gilbert's) which they rented from Jack Mathews of Brandon Harness, then to the Cameron quarter NW 2-10-18, then after a short while on the home farm 1-10-19 they moved to the Poplar Hill district north of Brandon. They later moved north of Rapid City where they farmed for several years before moving into Brandon. Jennie passed away in 1977 and Oliver lives in his own home with son Ernie. Oliver worked for 14 years with the Brandon Fair Board, driving a work team and for 26 years for Hughes and Company.

### FREDERICK STANLEY

Fred Stanley was the fifth son of John and Isabella Stanley. He was born in Bruce County, Ontario, on February 23, 1880, and came to Manitoba at the age of four years.

On December 20, 1905, Fred married Edith Gerow who was born in Peterborough, Ontario, on February 20, 1886. Edith also came to Manitoba as a child, receiving her schooling at Miami, Manitoba. Fred and Edith had six sons and four daughters:

Luella married Stanley Trent and had two girls, June and Velma, and one son, Vernon. Stan and

Lue operated Trent's Bakery in Brandon for some years and also owned two farms in the Brandon Hills district, the E½ 18-9-18 and the NE¼ 12-9-19 and later the E½ 17-9-18 and NE¼ 8-9-18. Stan passed away in 1944. Luella later married Alex Ramsay and now lives in Victoria, B.C.

Harold married Ellen Durston, they had two children, Wayne and Eileen. Harold was a baker for Trent's, then moved to Rivers where he worked as a mechanic. He is now retired and they live in Lac Du Bonnet.

Gordon married Dorothy Horobin and had two children, Joan and Raymond. Gordon worked for North American Lumber. He also had a quarter section in the Brandon Hills from which many cords of wood were cut and hauled into Brandon for sale. Gordon and Dorothy live in Brandon and they operate a beef and grain farm in Whitehead Municipality.

Percy married Helen Morison, they have two girls Edith and Nancy, and one son, James. (See Percy Stanley history.)

Clarence served four years with the army overseas. Upon his discharge he started trucking and after a few years he switched to gravel hauling. He now lives in Brandon and works for Good Roads.

Isabelle married Robert Ferguson. They have two children, Ronald and Carole. Bob is retired from the C.N.R., and they live in Brandon. (See Robert Ferguson history.)

Albert also operates a gravel truck, lives in Brandon and works for The Good Roads.

Irene married Ronald Ward and lives in Calgary.

Jean married Wallace Ritch and they had five children, Elaine, Barbara, twin boys David and Bryan, and Douglas. Wally passed away in 1976 and Jean now resides in Victoria.

Kenneth married Elsie Templeton and they have two girls, Dawna and Debbie and a boy Bryan. Ken stayed on the farm continuing in the dairy business for a few years, then with the coming of bulk tanks he decided to quit the dairy, and is now a grain farmer.

Fred and Edith farmed in several districts. For some years they supplied the town of Rivers with bottled milk. They lived in the Rapid City area before moving to NE 5-10-18 in December of 1921. Teams and sleighs were used for moving and the cattle were driven on foot and by horseback, fighting a blizzard the last half of the trip. Jean was born here the end of this same month, also during a blizzard. The school age children attended Gorrie School.

Fred started selling milk in Brandon at this time and continued in the dairy business for many years. They moved west of Brandon, renting 17-10-19, known as the Sherrieff's farm, then rented the Fraser

farm, before purchasing 4-10-20 in Whitehead Municipality where they farmed until they retired to Brandon in 1955. Fred passed away in 1968 and Edith in 1975. They are laid to rest in Rosewood Memorial Gardens.

## PERCY STANLEY

Percy, son of Fred and Edith Stanley, started his schooling in the Rapid City area and attended Gorrie School when his family moved to NE 5-10-18 in 1921. As a young man Percy delivered bottled milk around Brandon for his father.

In 1940 Percy married Helen Morison, second daughter of George and Nellie Morison (see George Morison history), and they had three children: Edith born February 11, 1942, Nancy born October 5, 1943, and James born December 8, 1944. All three attended Brandon Hills and Gorrie Schools; the girls took high school at St. Michael's Academy and Jim attended Harrison High and Forrest Collegiate.

Edith is remembered as the four-year-old who was lost overnight in the Brandon Hills in July 1946. With the help of many volunteers who combed the bush throughout the night, and in spite of a heavy rain and thunderstorm, she was found the next morning by Ernest Nicol and Murray McPherson, safe and none the worse for her ordeal. Edith took a stenographer's course and then worked in the Garden Seed Office of A.E. McKenzie Company. On December 20, 1963 Edith married Norman J. Baker, second son of William F. and Helmi Baker of Brandon Hills. (See William F. Baker history.) Norm and Edith farm NW¼ 5-10-18 and have four children: twin girls Kathy and Karen, born March 25, 1965 and two sons, Kenneth, born September 19, 1967 and Kevin, born October 4, 1969.

Nancy got her B.A. at Brandon University, then taught at Major Pratt School in Russell, at Minnedosa Collegiate and after receiving her Bachelors and Masters in Education from the University of Manitoba, is now on staff at Brandon University as Assistant Professor of Physical Education and Recreational Services. Nancy's love of sports has won her many awards during her school and university years. In 1970 she represented Canada in the World Softball Championship at Osaka, Japan. On December 22, 1978 Nan married Lyle Baker, eldest son of Julia and the late Cecil Baker of Brandon Hills. (See Cecil Baker history.) Nan and Lyle farm south of the Hills in Oakland Municipality and Lyle is also a welding instructor at A.C.C. in Brandon. They have one son, Jonathon, born July 30, 1981.

Jim worked for some time at Western Grocers, also at MacArthurs Trucking. He now is employed by the City of Brandon, Water

Treatment Plant. Jim has a daughter Coralie, born October 9, 1973 and a son, James (Jr.), "J.J.", born August 22, 1975.

Percy worked in the fertilizer plant at Trail, B.C., spent a short time in the army, then came to work for Luella Trent on her farms in Brandon Hills. In 1948, Percy and Helen purchased her machinery and rented the farm until it was sold. In April 1955 Percy rented E 16-10-18 in the Gorrie District and started shipping milk to Brandon. In 1960 they moved to the Forrest district where they continued dairy farming until 1974 when they sold their farm, and retired into Brandon.

### **HAROLD AND BETTY STEWART**

The Stewart family has lived at 1915 Braecrest Drive since 1968. Harold has worked as an administrator in several Brandon schools, and Betty has taught for several years in Meadows School. Allan, born in 1961, attended Fleming, New Era, and Neelin Schools and is presently attending the University of Alberta. Heather, born in 1963, attended Fleming, Earl Oxford and Neelin Schools and has just completed a year with the Katimauik program. Tom, born in 1970 also began school in Fleming, and is presently attending Riverheights School. We have enjoyed raising our family in the Cornwallis Municipality.

### **JAMES GORDON STEWART**

James Gordon Stewart was born in Portage Du Fort, Quebec. He met the former Jennie Roan McCreary who was born on a farm near Smith Falls, Ontario, and they were married in Winnipeg. They moved to the Little Souris district in 1900 and settled on section 8-9-19. Mr. Stewart was a Municipal Councillor from 1916 to 1925. Mrs. Jennie Stewart was a great worker in the community and a great help in time of need. She died in 1921. James Stewart was remarried to Emma and lived happily until his death in 1946.

James and Jennie had four children, Glen, Bill, Helen and Dot. Helen was born July 31, 1902 and attended South Brandon and Little Souris Schools. In 1922 and 1923 she left for Winnipeg and trained as a nurse in Victoria Hospital. After her mother's death she went to California to visit and met and married Bob Dawes who was an oil engineer. Bob passed away a few years ago and Helen still lives in Long Beach, California.

Another daughter, Mary Dorothy, better known as Dot, got her early training at Little Souris School and Brandon Collegiate. She married Bob McCreary of Portage. A son, Bob was born, who with his wife, Shirley and family lives in Winnipeg. Following her husband's death, Dot married Leslie Morrow and they lived in Brandon. Leslie was a

music teacher and a dancer. He and Dot put on concerts for children. A son, David, was born when the family moved to Portage. Dot took sick and died of cancer leaving a seven year old boy.

Glen Stewart was the eldest son. He attended Little Souris School and then attended Wesley College in Winnipeg before enlisting in WWI in 1915. He went overseas as a Sergeant Major and then transferred to the Royal Flying Corps, being the first man from Brandon to win pilot wings in the RFC. He was shot down near Cambria and taken prisoner in 1919. Upon his return home he received a foreign university scholarship and graduated from the University of California in civic engineering, majoring in geology and oil engineering. He worked for many years in Texas. He married and had three daughters.

Another son, Bill Stewart, got his early education at Little Souris School, later going to Wesley College in Winnipeg. He taught for a number of years. He married Elsie Williams, and they had two children, Dorcas and Murray. He worked the home farm for a short time, and later moved to Edmonton, where he worked for the Hudson Bay Co. Bill rented the farm to Bill McRae for many years, and then sold it to Gordon McRae in 1966.

The Stewarts will long be remembered as their old farm is still known as the Stewart Place.

### **JAMES STILES**

James Stiles came west from Ontario around 1890. He purchased the NE¼ of 6-9-18 in the heart of the Brandon Hills shortly after his arrival. This being a quarter section of solid bush, he cleared enough land to build a small house and barn. He had a small market garden where he grew vegetables which he would store until the following spring. His root cellar was built beneath the main cellar. He would go away for days at a time during the winter and the vegetables would not freeze. He would sell the vegetables to the wholesale firms in Brandon in the spring when most local supplies were getting low. He usually got one of the neighbours with a team and wagon to deliver them.

Mr. Stiles' only means of transportation was a bicycle, but he seldom rode it. He would walk beside it when coming and going to Brandon for his household supplies. In the winter months he walked the ten miles to Brandon pulling a hand sleigh, and both winter and summer took the same route.

Mr. Stiles never married. He died in the early 1940's and a sister who lived in Ontario was the only survivor.

The Beresford family purchased the Stiles' quarter, and with a work crew, cut off the wood and sold it in cord-wood lengths in Brandon.

This property was sold by the Beresford family

to Lillian Krawchuk who only lived there a short time. It was then sold to the Provincial Government a few years ago and is now part of the Wild Life Management area.

## **JOHN THOMAS STILES**

**8-10-10**

After living in other areas of Cornwallis since 1963, John and Carol Stiles purchased this property from Peter and Myrtle Nadler in 1971.

John and Carol Stiles have two children, a son and a daughter. Todd is a grade 10/11 student at Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School, and Tracie is a grade VIII student at Earl Oxford Junior High.

The "Stiles" have a love of horses, all are members of the Manitoba Gymkhana and Rodeo Association, Brandon Light Horse and Pony Association, and the children are members of various fair boards and the Manitoba Rodeo Cowboy's Association. Horse Shows and Rodeos start early in the spring and the Stiles are likely to be "on the road" for the summer.

Todd and his pony "White Nag" have been M.G.R.A. High Point Champions for a couple of years. He passed "White Nag" on to his sister Tracie, who has followed in her brother's footsteps.

John has had his own masonry business "Stiles Masonry" for the past seven years, and Carol is employed by the Brandon General Hospital in the X-ray department.

## **EDWARD AND PHYLLIS STONE**

Edward L. (Rusty) Stone and his wife Phyllis and their three sons, Patrick, Richard, and Alan moved from Brandon in 1973 onto forty-two acres of S.W. 27-9-19, this location being an ideal spot for Rusty's hobby of gardening specializing in perennial plants and tomatoes.

Rusty served thirty-four years as a Letter Carrier in the Brandon Post Office, and Phyllis taught school for nineteen years in the Brandon School Division.

Patrick married Janice Macintyre in 1974, and has two sons, Christopher, and Michael. Richard (Larry) married Maxine White in 1977, and has one son, Dustin. They reside in the Municipality of Whitehead. Alan married Marilyn Westerby in 1980. They reside in Brandon.

## **STRUTHERS**

Allan and Marion (Forest) Struthers came to the Cornwallis district in 1882 from Glasgow, Scotland.

Allan Struthers was employed in the Coates Thread Co. in Glasgow, Scotland all his life. He had

started as a small boy and would have to run under the looms and tie up the broken threads in the weaving. This was in the time of "child labour", and he and his brother were put out to work at a very early age to help support his mother, who had been left a widow with a family to support. He worked up to be Manager and kept that position until he retired. Like many people the call to emigrate to Canada was very appealing so he came to Cornwallis with his wife, two sons and two daughters, one of which was to become my mother (Jessie). Grandfather never really attended school but was well educated. Having a thirst for knowledge he was self-taught, was an avid reader and enjoyed a good living.

I remember my grandfather as a stern old man who thought "children should be seen but not heard", so we never were very close to him. My mother adored him, and saw that we never bothered him, which was to our liking as we never felt wanted. He was of a very ruddy complexion and had red hair, which I seem to have inherited.

Grandfather bought a farm from a man on the boat coming over to Canada and as he knew nothing whatever about farming, he was soon disillusioned. One of his sons, Robert, died of pneumonia and is buried in Brandon Cemetery. The other son, Elphie, returned to Scotland as he too, did not like Canada. Mother (Jessie) married Robert Coombs, and Marion married Edward Neelin (or Nealon), and they lived on the farm for a number of years but finally lost it to a Trust Co. They had four children, Marion, Allan, Margaret and William, all of whom attended Cornwallis School. When they lost the farm they moved to Grandview. Marion was very popular as she could play the violin for all the country dances. She made a point of keeping her accent and Scottish ways.

My Grandmother never returned to Canada but Grandfather made two or three trips. He died in about 1913 and is buried in Glasgow.

by Allena Strath

## **J.A.D. STUART**

J.A.D. (Jed) and Paula Stuart rented the buildings on Don Baker's farm SE¼ 25-9-19. Jed was with The Brandon Sun for part of 1965 and most of 1966. Jed is the author of The Prairie W.A.S.P., a history of the Oakland municipality. His book was recognized by the Manitoba Historical Society and awarded the Margaret McWilliams medal in 1970. In 1971, it received an award from the American Association for State and Local History.

Jed and Paula's son, David, was born in Brandon in July of 1966. They moved to Winnipeg where Jed continued in newspaper work, and

became owner of Prairie Publishing Company, publishing such notables as *Faces Along My Way*, *Pioneers of Manitoba*, and *Petit Pettitt*.

A second son, Toreigh, was born in Winnipeg and a daughter, Sarah, was born in Vancouver. The Stuarts now live in Victoria and have a new baby daughter, Mary, born in September, 1982.

### **SUTHERLAND FAMILY**

James Sutherland and his wife, the former Helen Abercrombie came from Scotland to Canada in the early 1900's, and settled on section 24-9-20. James was well known for his championships in plowing matches, and as a judge of plowing matches in later years. He passed away in 1935. Helen and her family carried on until her death in 1957. They had five sons and one daughter. Two sons, Norman and Bill live in the Cornwallis Municipality. (See Norman Sutherland and William Sutherland histories).

### **NORMAN AND MARGARET SUTHERLAND**

Norman married Margaret McDonald of Moosomin, Sask. in 1939 and they took up residence on the Wm. McKelvie farm SE 19-9-19. Mr. McKelvie had farmed there from 1892 to 1926.

The family consists of three daughters, Joanne, Norma Jeanne and Kimberley.

Joanne attended South Brandon School and St. Michael's Academy and then to Moose Jaw to train as a psychiatric nurse. She married Bryce Parchman of La Fleche, who is Junior Administrator of Yorkton Union Hospital. They have three children: Penelope, Norman and Bradley.

Norma Jeanne went to school at South Brandon, and on to Neelin High School, after which she wrote a civil service test and obtained employment at the Department of Health and Welfare. She married David Miller who farmed south-west of Moosomin. They have two sons, Brennan and Daniel.

Kimberley took all her schooling in Brandon, as rural students were then transported by bus to Brandon. She went on to Red River Community College in Winnipeg. She was employed at Central Park Nursing Home and later at the Children's Hospital in Winnipeg. She married Axel Melquist of Winnipeg and they have three children: Scott, Cynthia and Samuel.

### **WILLIAM AND ELLA SUTHERLAND**

Bill was born in 1920 in Brandon, the fourth son of James Sutherland and received his education at South Brandon School. Ella taught three years in Saskatchewan and then came to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Turner in the Little Souris District. Bill and Ella were married in 1950, and

came to the farm at 17-9-19, which they bought from Bill's brother, Don. While Bill farmed, Ella taught at Cornwallis School. The cheque which came at the end of the month helped to keep the cold out and the wolf from the door. During these years we had no mortgages or unpaid bills, nor did we borrow money except once when we thought we needed a different truck, second-hand at that! This took a good amount of interest to pay back on what little we did borrow. We decided then and there, that anything we couldn't pay for we would do without.

We have two children, Brian Douglas, born 1953 and Phyllis Jean, born 1956. They both attended South Brandon School and then went on to Brandon schools.

Brian lives in Brandon and works in the oil business. He has worked in the Red Sea, out from Cairo, and off the coast of Singapore. Presently he is working in Southern Manitoba near Waskada.

Phyllis lives in Brooks, Alberta, and works for the Pan Canadian Oil Company. She is bookkeeper for supply orders and distribution.

In 1975 we rented out 280 acres reserving 40 acres for our personal satisfaction. In 1978 Bill was employed by the Manitoba government as a Sheriff's Officer. Ella works by the day as matron or guard for the jury, and as an escort for prisoners or mental patients.

### **SUTTON FAMILY**

The Sutton family farmed at Glen Souris for many years and Harry was the blacksmith. They had seven children: Jack Sutton married Maggie Reid; Eliza Sutton passed away at the age of 19; Beatrice married Willo Elder; Alice married Alfred Wells; May Sutton did not marry; Emily married Alfred Martin and Annie married William Forsyth.

### **SWANSON FAMILY**

In 1943 we bought an acreage of about 100 acres lying in the Municipality of Cornwallis on the northern outskirts of Brandon. In 1945 Harms, the movers from Kola, brought in a small house from eastern Saskatchewan, where we had lived and farmed. The house was standing vacant on some land we owned there. Our intentions were to live in this while we built our home. We rented this out, but being a war measure the tenant could not get another home so refused to move, so we built a two car garage and lived in it for the summer of 1946. We also built a barn 54 x 60 and used it as a piggery and sold registered and market hogs. We obtained buttermilk from the creamery and also fed grain, screenings, etc., from McKenzie Seeds.

We had twenty acres west of Roger Smith on



which Shurb had a gravel pit. We later sold this to Ron Relf on which he built the present North Hill Motel and Golf Course.

We built Swanson's White Swan Grocery in about 1949 and joined the I.G.A. food chain in about 1955 or '56. We operated this until 1961 when we sold the business to the Codville Co., and they developed the present I.G.A. Store that competes very successfully with the other outlets in downtown Brandon. Some trailer owners enquired and wanted to "park" in and we developed 10 spaces in about 1950, which I think was the first trailer court in Brandon. In 1956 we developed another 25 spaces, fully modern with power, sewer and water. Then this was not sufficient and in 1967 we made another 60 spaces. This was operated until 1971 when we sold to Phil Hall, and he later sold to Unrau and joined with Templeton who still operates it. Mr. Templeton has made more developments on lands he has purchased from us and operates a good, modern trailer court which is a popular establishment on the North Hill.

In about 1950 Bing Jukes started a "Drive In Lunch" on some space we sold on First Street. It, too, was a first for Brandon and a real success. Bach Brothers also started an Auto Wrecking which they operated for some time and later sold to Charlie Badowich who has the present Custom Marine. In 1972 the City of Brandon took us into the city and supplied us with sewer and water which was an advantage, but this was at a price. Our first tax bill on our 100 acre holding was \$60.69, payable to the Municipality of Cornwallis. Now our taxes with the City are about \$15,000 on the remaining properties we have.

We came from Parkman, Saskatchewan in 1946. We had the two daughters, Anetta and Darlene. Anetta was taking registered nurses training at the Mental Hospital and was in the third year when we had the misfortune of losing her in August, 1955, in a swimming mishap in the river. Darlene took laboratory and X-ray training, also at the Mental Hospital. She was a gold medal student and after graduation worked in Portage, Souris, Minnedosa, Virden, etc., and is still working (mostly part time) at the Brandon Clinic. In 1964 she married Harvey Stanger from Portage la Prairie and they now live near by on White Swan Street. They have two children; Lisa, born in 1968 and Darren, born in 1971 and I must say we are proud of them as they are both good students.

The North Hill has developed wonderfully since we came here 36 years ago, and I must say we are humbly proud of the way it has grown. We think the North Hill is a progressive area of the City of Brandon.

## SWIDNICKI FAMILY

In January of 1974, Roman and Margaret Swidnicki purchased 40 acres in the northwest corner of SW¼ 5-10-18, and during the summer months a house was built. They then moved from the City of Brandon with their one son and six daughters, David, Barbara, Lori, Carol, Myrna, Cheryl and Nadine.

David completed his education as an agricultural mechanic at Brandon Assiniboine College and is now working in Brandon.

Barbara is finishing her education at Brandon University. Lori completed her education at Brandon Assiniboine College as a bookkeeper accountant and is employed with Sheridan Hotels, Fort McMurray, Alberta.

Carol is attending senior high at Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School.

Myrna is in junior high at Earl Oxford.

Cheryl and Nadine are both attending elementary school at St. Augustine's.

## DAN TARDIFF FAMILY

The Tardiffs moved to Chater from Brandon in April 1979. They purchased their lot in 1976 and began construction in 1978.

Daniel teaches French Immersion in Grade 6 at Riverview School in Brandon.

Vera teaches Science at Elton Collegiate in Forest.

Daniel and Vera have a son, Craig, born on August 4, 1980.

Dan is formerly from St. Rose, son of Honore and Cecile Tardiff, who farmed until their retirement.

Vera hales from McCreary, the daughter of Kaye and Frank Muzyka, locker plant owners and formerly farmers.

## TAYLOR FAMILY

It was in the year 1874 that my grandfather came from England with his family of two girls and two boys. I have good reason to believe he came from London where he had been connected with the Taylor Company, makers of the well known Taylor Safe. They settled at Rounthwaite where they lived for some years, during which time my father, the oldest son, met and married my mother, Emma Day, who was also a new arrival from England. She came from Cannock, Staffordshire, England.

My mother and father were married by Rev. Rounthwaite who was minister at this time and who the town was named after. The family moved to Brandon later where my father taught school until about 1900 when he bought and moved onto the farm on the North side of the Assiniboine River, just

two miles East of Glen Souris. The two older sons, Herbert and Ernest, operated the farm and my father continued teaching. Our family increased to 9 but one boy, Cecil, died while still quite small.

My uncle Herbert joined the Gold Rush of '98 and never returned. We heard that the remains of a man were found in a cabin where he was known to have lived. The rest of the family grew up on the farm and finished school in Brandon. My father died in 1912 and the older boys continued farming. In 1925 Herbert and George left the farm and moved to Kinistino, Sask. where they got a government highway contract. Ernest continued to work the farm until his death after which Harold, the youngest brother, took over until the farm was sold.

When bad times came in the 30's, Herbert bought and settled on a farm at Goldburg, South of Rosetown, Sask. In 1929 George married Jessie Paynter of Kinistino, Sask., and later moved to Melfort where he started a grocery store and he also sold Renfrew machines. Three sons were born to this family. The two oldest, Roy and Glen are married and live in Saskatoon. The youngest, Keith, is a patient in Frank Eliason Centre.

Herbert Taylor - born at Rounthwaite, August 2, 1884. Married Annie Kneeshaw of Glen Souris. Had one son Dave, now married with two sons and one daughter and living in Saskatoon.

Jessie E. Taylor - born in Brandon, March 13, 1886 - married Roland Gale and settled in B.C. One son Pat now living in B.C. Roland and Jessie both deceased.

Ernest W. Taylor - born in Brandon, May 8, 1888 - never married - lived on the old farm until his death.

Cecil F. Taylor - born in Brandon, May 6, 1890 - died in 1891 and was buried at Elkhorn, Man.

George H. Taylor - born in Brandon, November 16, 1894. In 1916 joined the Canadian Army and spent two years overseas, one year in active service in Belgium and France. Discharged in April, 1919 and returned to Brandon. On June 10, 1929 married Jessie Paynter of Kinistino, Sask. and lived at Biggar until 1934. He had two sons Roy and Glen, born at Biggar. In 1934 moved to Melfort, Sask. and started a grocery store and filling station. One son, Keith was born handicapped in 1940 and is now a patient in Frank Eliason Centre, Saskatoon. Roy and Glen now married and living in Saskatoon. George retired in 1962 and moved to Saskatoon, where he still lives.

Harold L. Taylor - born in Brandon, February 24, 1897 - spent most of his life at Brandon but now a patient in Sherbrook Home in Saskatoon.

Edyth Mary Taylor - "Mary" was born in Brandon, April 10, 1900 and lived on the farm East of Glen Souris all her life.

Alice M. Taylor - born in Brandon, May 29, 1902. Alice taught school for some years then

married John McDonald of Red Jacket, Sask. They had two sons, Herbert and Donald and one daughter, Margaret. Herbert is not married. Donald and Margaret now married and living in Winnipeg, Man.

Lillian Elizabeth Taylor - born in Brandon, April 3, 1904. Lived mostly in Brandon until her death.

### TEGG FAMILY

Clarence and Dorothy, with their son Terry and daughter Betty, moved to the Cornwallis district in July 1971. Clarence was employed with the City of Brandon at this time as a dragline operator. He has been retired for nine years but has worked the summer months for Whitehead Municipality on the road grader. He also likes to garden in his spare time. Dorothy works at Stylerite Department Store in the fabric department.

Terry married Fay Bothe from Oak Lake. They have three children, Tyler, Brodie and Amy. Terry is chief accountant with the Utah Mining Co. Fay is a teacher and they live in Port Hardy, B.C.

Betty married Ron Ardiel from Brandon Hills district. She works at Stylerite Department Store as Assistant Manager and Ron is a Lab Technician for Simplot Chemical Co. They live South of Brandon and have no family.

### ROBERT THOMPSON

Robert Thompson's parents were pioneers of Gainsborough, Saskatchewan and his wife, Margaret, was originally from Belfast, Ireland. Bob, Margaret and their son Mark farmed at Chater and other parts of the province before coming to 35-9-18, one of Dr. Fisher's farms, in the Gorrie School District, in 1947. Here they farmed until 1968 when they sold the land to Ron Wilkinson. Bob and Margaret retained ownership of their home and continued to live there until Bob's death in November 1981. Mark is now in Revelstoke, B.C. where he works on government dams with B.C. Hydro.

Margaret moved to Brandon to the 200 block on 8th Street, where she lived until her death in March 1983.

### THOMSON

In loving memory of Alexander,  
Thomas and Simon W.B. Thomson  
Natives of Middlesex, Ont.  
Long residents of the Brandon District

This is the inscription on a tomb stone in the Glen Souris cemetery. Little is known of the two brothers, Alexander and Thomas. Simon W.B. Thomson and his sister Kate, lived on the W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of 20-9-17. Simon was an invalid and could only get

around with the help of crutches. I well remember the men at church helping him into his buggy. Once he was settled he was able to drive his team of horses. Kate managed the farm. They were very happy people, loved their animals very much, and made pets of them all. Jim Haines and Albert Pettitt were two men who worked for them.

Near the north west corner of their land the NW¼ of 20-9-17, there is a pile of stones. My parents always used to say that before the cemetery existed a man died and he was buried here.

by Eileen R. Mainland (Prowse)

### **ELBERT AND JANET THORNTON**

In 1895, Elbert Thornton arrived with his brother Hugh, and their families, from Wallaceburg, Ont.

Elbert, his wife Janet, their daughter Gladys, and infant son Girton went on to Arcola, Sask. They farmed there until 1900, when they returned to the Cornwallis Municipality, and rented the east half of 35-9-19.

Gladys and Girton attended Cornwallis school. Gladys then took a commercial course in Brandon, and became a stenographer with a local firm. The family regularly attended First Methodist Church in Brandon.

Girton fought in the First World War, and Gladys came home to help on the farm. In 1919, Girton married Marion (Mern) Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Allen of North Brandon. After two years on the McKay farm eleven miles south of Brandon, they moved to a farm in the Justice area. They had one son Jack. In 1938, owing to Mr. Allen's poor health they moved to the Allen farm where Jack still lives. Mern died in 1946. In 1951, Girton married Jean Maybin of Souris. Girton died in 1957.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Thornton moved to a farm north of Douglas, in the early 1930's where Elbert died in 1949. His wife died in 1955. Gladys moved first to Winnipeg and then to Vancouver, where she died in 1981.

### **HUGH AND ISABEL (BELLA) THORNTON**

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Thornton came from Wallaceburg, Ont., in 1895, to the Cornwallis district. They settled on a farm known as Hill View Farm, three miles south of Brandon on Eighteenth Street, S½ 34-9-19. After repeated crop losses, the Thorntons moved to White Rock, B.C. in 1934, where they lived until they both passed away in 1951.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Thornton were active in Church work and the United Farmers of Manitoba. Mr. Thornton particularly enjoyed leading community singing at the U.F.M. conventions held each winter. He also lead singing in the First Church United Sunday School, and was superintendent of

the Sunday School at Little Souris.

There are two daughters, presently living in B.C. Muriel (Mrs. Hugh Coldridge) lives in Vancouver, and Isabel (Mrs. Frank Robinson) lives in Osoyoos.

### **THORPE FAMILY**

We moved to Cornwallis Municipality from Minnedosa in June 1981 when we purchased the Brandon Boarding Kennels.

Our family consists of four members, my husband Darwin, our children Kevin, who is seventeen, Kathy who is sixteen and myself, Karen.

Last winter our family participated in curling at the Roseland Curling Rink where we met most of our neighbours.

Darwin's hobby is raising silver foxes. At the present we have three males, eight females and eight pups. My Hobby is showing dogs. I have an eight month old Doberman which I show at the moment.

In following years we hope to become more involved in the community.

Karen Thorpe

### **A. THIERRY FAMILY**

Ethel and Andrew Thierry moved into this district in early 1920's from the Glenboro district, where they had grown up and married. Times were hard, and I, as a child grew up hating every one of those coal burning freight trains, that started fires in our pastures. How we dreaded them and with good reason! We moved in 1934.

Ronald and I (Gwen) had our schooling in Chater and he later in Clear Lake District where he completed his High School, joined Hudson Bay Co. and worked in the Arctic many years before going into business of his own at a fishing camp in Northern Quebec. He and wife, Effie Leslie of Holland, Manitoba now reside in Ottawa. They have two children, a daughter, who is Wild Life technologist and works in Yellowknife, N.W.T., and their son in business in Kelowna. Ron and Effie plan on retiring to B.C. in the near future.

Myself, after a few years out of school married an R.C.A.F. man, H.B. Lee, Newdale, where we farmed successfully until retirement to B.C. in 1972. Ben passed away the following year. Our family, daughter, Carolyn, Mrs. John Nickel Home Economist Graduate, was a teacher. She is now a 4H assistant for Birtle area and active in community work. She is a farmer's wife with two wee ones, Gordon and Leanne. Our son, Douglas, graduate of U. of M. in Agriculture and U.B.C. in Business Administration, is now supervisor of Quality Control with Hoody Food Co. in Portland, Oregon. He is married and they have two wee ones.

My parents moved to the Clear Lake Community, where on a small farm they enjoyed the summer around Wasagaming and later their winters in Penticton. Mother passed away in the fall of 1973. Dad followed in the fall of '77.

by Mrs. Ben Lee (Gwen)

### J. HARVEY TOLTON

This property was acquired in 1948 from a Mr. French. It had previously been seeded down and used for pasture for approximately twenty years. A prominent real estate agent described it to me as being useless for growing grain but subsequent events proved how wrong he was. By 1950 the land was pretty well all under cultivation and in addition a number of drainage ditches were installed, these were instrumental in keeping the excess water off the lower areas.

It may be interesting to note that before being broken, there were patches of native flora such as wolf willow, oak trees and many varieties of wild flowers as well as wild strawberries. Also of interest to everyone was the wild life such as Hungarian partridge, pheasants, coyotes, deer and foxes. It seems regrettable when we undertake to bring land under cultivation that we lose forever the native habitat of our wild flowers and animals.

The character of the soil is variable, ranging all the way from river silt to upland gravel ridges.

In 1954 the Manitoba Hydro acquired the greater part of the land and we entered into a rental agreement for the Hydro land which was not being utilized for the generating station.

I had been a registered seed grower since 1926 on the home farm north of Oak Lake and reached top standing in the Canadian Seed Growers Association, receiving the Elite Grower award. This virtually assured my receiving an allotment of new varieties of grain. The rules and regulations of the Canadian Seed Growers have since changed the manner in which these new varieties are made available to the registered growers.

During the period I worked the land I successfully grew a number of varieties of pedigreed wheat, oats, barley and flax and more lately, Harmon oats. This variety has been instrumental in my winning prizes at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair (Toronto Royal) and the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair (Brandon). I received the All Grains World Championship in 1974, 1978 and 1979; Reserve Championships were also awarded over a number of years.

One of the sources of revenue from the farm was the sale of sand and gravel to local contractors. Western Concrete came into being in the early fifties and I was happy to be a part of this organization which had the vision to see the possibility of supplying ready mixed concrete,

winter and summer, to the people of Brandon and surrounding communities. The rapid growth in building has borne out that this assumption was justified.

I am very appreciative of all the assistance I have received over the years from the various seed grain companies as well as the ever present support of my wife, Eleanor, and family. During the past five years Bert Shuttleworth helped me considerably when I was overcome by a severe physical disability. McKenzie Seeds, Lindenberg Seeds and United Grain growers processed my grain and readied it for market.

An unfortunate accident in 1981 prevented me from continuing my farming operation and the land was sold to Mr. Walter Bradley in 1982.

### ALBERT TRIBE FAMILY

Albert and Katheren Tribe resided in Brandon with their two sons, Harry and Jack. Mr. Tribe met with an accident and died in December 1929. Katheren left Brandon to reside on the farm at Chater, Manitoba SE 25-10-18. She remained there until her death in October 1951. Harry took over the farm with his wife Margaret, son Hugh and daughter Lee-Ann.

The children attended school in Chater, Douglas, Forrest and Brandon. Hugh married Betty Watson of Napinka, Manitoba. Lee-Ann married Jack Bullee and they reside on the farm with Mrs. Margaret Tribe. There are two grandchildren, Todd and Sherri-Lee.

Lee-Ann was active in 4H while in attendance at Chater school and Hugh was active in sports.

by Margaret Tribe

### TROTTER

Alex and Beecham Trotter bought E½ 5-9-19 in 1905 from Fred Eames.

In 1908, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Trotter, apparently no relation, came from England and lived on the farm, and raised light horses. They had three children, Eric, born 1905, Harold, born 1910, and Jack born in 1914.

They left the farm in 1917. Mrs. Trotter died in Selkirk in 1951 and Fred in 1970. Eric lives in Belmont.

Alex Trotter's daughter Olive Burland, and his son Harold, took over the farm in 1920.

### TURNER FAMILY

Norman J. Turner, and his wife Wreatha, had been thinking it would be wise to move from Invermay, Sask. to Manitoba to live. Two of their daughters had already settled near Brandon, and were very anxious for the rest of the family to move

here, so in the fall of 1947 they had a farm sale and sold their machinery and the land. In the early spring of 1948 they came down to look at 4-9-19. When they arrived the only way to get here was on foot so they walked from No. 10 highway straight in over the fields. The buildings and farm site did not look too promising with snow 5 to 6 feet deep, but they finally decided to buy the farm.

Norman and Wreatha and their sons Ross, and Grant and their daughter Ruth moved here that spring and planted the crops. In July their daughter Ella, who had been teaching in Sask. at the time, came to live here too.

That fall Ella had decided not to teach but they needed a teacher at Cornwallis and she went. Ruth was asked to teach at South Brandon and went to board at McComb's.

Norman passed away in the spring of '49 at the age of 66, he was laid to rest at his old home town, Invermay.

In August, 1950 Ella married Bill Sutherland and moved to her present home at 17-9-19, they have a son Brian and a daughter Phyllis.

In 1952 Mrs. Turner (Wreatha) went to teach at Lemberg, Sask. She came home at Christmas time because it was so cold they closed the school. In January she went to teach at Hayfield because the teacher left there. She boarded at Charlie Littles.

In March 1953 Grant married Kathleen Scott and moved to Brandon. They have a son Fred and a daughter Ella Jane. Grant died in a boating accident at River's in 1982.

In July 1953 Ruth married Stewart Sutherland and moved to Brandon, they have two sons, Terrence and Donald, and one daughter, Marilyn.

Wreatha went to teach at Cecilia Jefferies Indian Residential School in Kenora, Ontario for the 1953-54 season. The school closed permanently in June and Wreatha came home to retire from teaching, at the age of 70. In September 1967 Wreatha passed away and was laid to rest at Invermay.

Ross met Ileen Porterfield shortly after moving here and in June 1954 they were married in Little Souris United Church. They went to live on the home place at 4-9-19 and are still there. We have four sons, Kenneth born June 4, 1957, Robert, Feb. 2, 1959, William, July 31, 1960 and Gordon Nov. 27, 1967. The boys started their education at Little Souris until it closed, and then went to Brandon. Ken has worked for the C.P.R. since Apr. 1976, and is a B&B foreman. Bob is a carpenter, working in Brandon. He completed his apprenticeship working in Brandon and taking his courses at Red River College. Bill went to Assiniboine College and took a course in auto body repair and painting and is employed in Brandon.

Gordon goes to Crocus Plains School and is in

Grade 10. He enjoys all sports, and is on the school curling and basketball teams. Gordon was one of the last babies baptized in Little Souris Church.

Ross and Ileen are still very active in farming. Ross enjoys ice fishing in the winter, and Ileen is most interested in her family, friends and handicrafts.

by Ileen

## STEVE AND LOUISE TUBA

Steve Tuba was born in Bereg Darocz, Hungary on April 25, 1903. He immigrated to Canada and in 1925 proceeded to Whitemouth, Saskatchewan to his uncle, Joe Tuba, who ran a garage and movie theatre.

Steve worked on the railway most of the time since coming to Canada. He served the railway for some years in Chater where he was foreman on the north line to Forrest and north.

In August 3, 1929, he married Louise Tarr, daughter of a farmer in the Kipling area, where Steve worked on the section. Louise was born in Kipling on June 25, 1911. She and Steve lived in Kipling for some time. While there, two sons were born. Steve, June 25, 1930 and Bert, July 13, 1931. Steve married Betty McViegh, April 16, 1955. They have three sons; Michael, Patrick and Barrie. Bert married Lynne Farncomb, Sept. 19, 1964 and they have three children; Diane, Joey and Donald.

Steve and Louise left Chater in 1963 to live in Brandon. They are now residents of Fairview Nursing Home. Louise passed away May 31, 1982.

## KEN AND HAZEL VAIL

Ken and Hazel Vail moved from Twin Pines Trailer Court in Brandon to NW 34-10-19, R.M. of Cornwallis, in 1965.

There are four children in the family: David was born in Brandon in 1961 and attended Fleming, Earl Oxford and Neelin schools in Brandon, the University of Manitoba and then Assiniboine Community College. He presently works for the Manitoba Telephone System.

Gordon, born in St. Boniface in 1966, attended Fleming School, Earl Oxford school and is presently at Neelin School.

Cathy, born in Russell in 1967, attended Fleming school and is currently attending Earl Oxford.

Suzanne, born in St. James-Assiniboia in 1971, attended Fleming School and is now at Riverview School.

Ken works for the Manitoba Telephone System in Brandon.



## **JOHN AND JOAN VAN DEN HAM**

In 1953, John and Joan left Holland to come to Canada. After eleven days on a boat and three days and nights on a train they had at last arrived at Chater. There was a man standing outside the station, they hoped it would be Mr. Abey, the farmer who had sponsored them.

Mr. Abey took them in his car to his house where Mrs. Abey had coffee ready for them. Immediately they got out their Dutch-English dictionary and that was how they communicated. Their belongings - one crate with a bed, blankets, linens, pots and pans had not arrived yet, so they stayed with the Abeys.

John spent the first few days splitting wood from morning to night. Soon he was asked to do chores such as harnessing the horses. The harness was so different from that in Holland that it took a while before he was able to put it on the horse properly.

Joan pitched in with the housework and learned not to put a mixture of flour and water into the turnips when it was supposed to go into the gravy!

The crate with their belongings finally arrived and they could go to their house on the hill! One of the reasons they had left Holland was because there was such a shortage of houses that one could be on the waiting list for years. The house was heated with a cook stove and a tin heater. In the evening after work they would both get on the ends of the saw and cut railroad ties for firewood.

They had a good refrigerator too, their milk and cream were kept down in the well! They bought a second-hand Anglia, and would venture into town to pick up ten dollars worth of groceries, enough for a month!

They spent two very enjoyable years at Chater. They then bought the Fraser Clark farm northwest of Brandon, and went into the dairy business.

John and Joan raised a large family who have taken an active part in 4H through the years. The farm is now operated by their two sons.

## **JOHN AND KATHY VANSANTEN**

The VanSantens originally came to Canada from the Netherlands to settle in Manitoba. Kathy travelled with her family to the Winnipeg area in 1953 and John came to the Brandon area in 1954.

Their life in Cornwallis Municipality has included living on Aberdeen Avenue, which is south of Brandon, for nine years until the City of Brandon extended its boundaries. Then John and Kathy moved their family to their new home on Grand Valley Road where they have been since 1972.

John and Kathy have three children; Arnold, John and Allan. Arnold has attended Brandon

schools and is presently at Brandon University. John is at Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School in Brandon and Allan is attending Fleming School.

John is self-employed as a building contractor.

## **THOMAS VOSPER FAMILY**

Thomas Vosper was born in 1836. He lived in Ontario where he married Elizabeth Gerry (nee Baker) who was born in Mitchell, Ontario.

Elizabeth was the widow of William Gerry who, with their son James, was drowned in the Thames River in Ontario. The tragedy occurred when father and son attempted to cross the river after the bridge was washed out. Elizabeth and William had six children besides James; their story is told in the Gerry history.

In 1904 Thomas and Elizabeth Vosper came to the Brandon Hills area to live with Elizabeth's son, Arthur Gerry, on N.E. 21-9-18. Elizabeth's only daughter, Sarah Jane, came with them.

Elizabeth was called Auntie Vosper or Grandma Vosper by almost everyone. She made beautiful homemade quilts. Grandma Vosper was a great influence on her grandchildren (Walter Gerry's family) after their mother died.

Thomas Vosper died in 1915 and Elizabeth in 1918; both are buried in Brandon Hills Cemetery.

## **VOY AND MOWATT FAMILIES**

Alexander Voy and his brother, James, came to Canada from the Orkney Islands, Scotland in 1911. After working in Winnipeg for a short time they decided to move to Brandon where Alex was hired by Mr. Duncan Gray. James joined the Armed Forces and was killed in action.

Alex returned to Orkney to marry Ina Walls, bringing her as a bride to the "Irwin Farm". In November, 1920, when a baby girl, Ina, was born to them, Mrs. Voy passed away.

Meanwhile, in Orkney, Alex Voy's sister, Mary Voy Mowatt had just been bereaved by the loss of her husband, Robert, in World War I and also the loss of her eldest son, Robert Jr. in 1919. She accepted her brother's invitation to come to Canada with her younger son, Alexander Craigie Mowatt so they could make a home together and help raise baby Ina.

In 1921 Mary Mowatt, Alex Mowatt and Eleanor Voy arrived from Orkney and eventually made their home with Alex Voy on the "Bill Gray Farm", Valley Road. They were joined by brothers John and Alf.

After working at Dauphin and the Brandon Hospital for Mental diseases, John moved to Winnipeg where he married Bessie Wilson. Following a move to Chicago they had two children;

Phyllis, who was a paraplegic and Allan, who still lives in Chicago. John's first wife passed away and he remarried. Predeceased by Frances, his second wife, and daughter, Phyllis, John passed away in 1980

Alf Voy worked at the Experimental Farm for three years and then joined Brockie's Funeral Home. Shortly after his marriage to Bertha Davis of Winnipeg on October 27, 1928, he went into partnership with Mr. Brockie. After learning the furniture business he opened his own store on 9th Street. Later, his son Ron, joined him and they operated Voy's Furniture on 7th Street for several years until Alf went into a "hobby retirement" picture framing business at which he worked until 1980. Ron Voy married Amy Moffat and they have a family of two, Craig and Holly. Alf now lives in Fairview Personal Care Home and Mrs. Voy visits him from their suite in Boreham Park Apartments.

Eleanor Voy lived and worked in "the Valley" until her marriage on June 20, 1928 to William Donaldson who had also come from Orkney and was working at the Experimental Farm. Following their marriage they moved to Vancouver where Billie worked for the Postal Service until his retirement. They now live in Richmond, B.C. where they are visited by their only daughter, Elaine Kaludis, her husband Tom, two granddaughters, Lenor and Kristine, and six great-grandchildren.

Alex, Mary and "Allie" moved from "The Valley" in 1939 when the Bill Gray Farm was sold. They lived at the Jim Grant farm at Forrest during which time Allie married Margaret Cowan from Waskada, in 1941.

When the Jim Grant farm was sold in 1943, Alex and Mary decided to retire. Allie and Margaret Mowatt and small daughter, Pat, moved to the Little Souris District, south of Brandon, where they bought the farm at 22-9-19. Margaret and Allie had two more children, Margie and Robert. When Allie passed away suddenly in April 10, 1962, Margaret continued with the dairy business until retiring to Brandon in June, 1981.

Upon their retirement, Mary Mowatt and Alex Voy moved to Queens Avenue where they became involved with church work and their hobby of gardening. They had two more moves before going to Fairview. Alex Voy passed away on April 11, 1970 at the age of 87 and Mary Mowatt, after enjoying an active and full life to the age of 87, passed away on September 7, 1971.

## **THOMAS B. WADDINGTON FAMILY**

### **9-9-17**

Thomas Braim Waddington was born in Leeds, Yorkshire, England, in 1846, and came to Canada with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Waddington, at the age of 12 years. The sail boat

took 6 weeks to come across the ocean. They settled in Hastings County, Ontario, where he later met and married Amelia Jane Bennett. In 1882 they came west where he bought C.P.R. land - the section South East of the Glen Souris bridge, twelve miles South East of what is now the City of Brandon, Manitoba.

T.B. Waddington must have been really industrious as he was one of the very first men to bring a steam traction engine and threshing machine to this part of the country, and did stack threshing in those days up to Christmas and New Years, every year for some time.

Later he built a cheese factory across the creek, straight west of where he lived. A Mr. Bootland ran it for some time. I think Bootland must have been his uncle as his mother's name was Bootland before she married John Waddington.

Then he built and operated a felt factory, now known as the Frank Mason building on Rosser Avenue and fourth street in Brandon. He had a partner in this venture. It was here in 1898, the C.P.R. was switching a car back of the building when a man was run over with a freight car and killed. It so affected T.B. that it caused him to have a stroke, which paralyzed the right side of his body and affected his speech, from which he never fully recovered. With this disability, he was faced with the formidable task of caring for and providing for his wife and family. His wife looked after the correspondence and with the aid of members of the family and hired help, they managed.

It was at this time that T.B. Waddington and family moved away from Glen Souris to North Portal, Sask. and bought the farm on which Everton Aspinall now resides. He built a few houses in North Portal which he made collections from in later years, after 1913, when his daughter, Annie, and her husband, Everton Fox, and their family took over the responsibility of the farm and the care of the two old people.

T.B. Waddington passed away in the autumn of 1923. Death was caused by a final stroke.

The Waddingtons had eight children: William, January 27, 1870 - June 4, 1901; Elysibeth Alberta (Mrs. J.K. MacKenzie) Dec. 4, 1871 - Mar. 8, 1949; Annie Effie (Mrs. Everton Fox) Born May 1, 1873; John, Jan. 24, 1875 - Feb. 6, 1961; Sarah Ruth (Mrs. Nelson J. Clark) Aug. 27, 1879 - Feb. 27, 1943; Mary Braim (Minnie) (Mrs. Arthur Johnston) Feb., 1882; Thomas Richard, born February 26, 1884; Henry Edwin (Harry) Jan. 8, 1887 - Aug. 3, 1969.

With all our conveniences and luxuries today, it is almost impossible for us to understand the loneliness, privation and hardships endured by the pioneers of the western prairies, their sheer determination and indomitable will to succeed and provide something better for their children and grandchildren than they had. Their faith in the new

land has been justified. They planned and built perhaps better than they realized. We owe them so much. Let us try to keep the inheritance they left us, Free and Clean.

by Mrs. A. Viola Waddington  
and Mr. T. and Carol Clark

### WALTER AND INGRID WAKEFIELD

In the year 1904, Walter Wakefield left his home in Mansfield, Nottingham, Eng. and immigrated to Canada, arriving at Griswold, Manitoba, where he was employed by Mr. Robert Hall, a farmer. From Griswold he went to a homestead in Saskatchewan which he left to come back to Manitoba to the Little Souris District, where he was employed by Dr. Doran to help with the farming. This was when he first came to the Municipality of Cornwallis. From here he moved to the Municipality of Elton, and was employed by Mr. Wm. Croy. In 1915 he married Ingrid Reid Croy.

In 1944 Walter and Ingrid moved back to the Municipality of Cornwallis. They chose a lovely spot at the foot of the Brandon Hills, where the creek flowed close by the farm buildings. Many pleasant hours were spent swimming in its waters. This farm was sold, so they bought a farm NE 21-9-18 which was also close by the Brandon Hills, which they moved to in 1951.

They had a family of twelve children, Ethel, William, Gladys, Dorothy, Wilfred, Donald, Grace, George, Douglas, Ralph, Garth and Blaine.

Ethel married Ken Morling, (see Morling history)

William passed away in infancy.

Gladys married Harvey Nelson in 1943, and they live in Vancouver B.C. Harvey was with the ground crew of the R.C.A.F. and stationed at what is now the Brandon Airport.

Dorothy served with the R.C.A.F. in Clinton Ont. She met an untimely death, when she was stuck down by a hit and run driver, while she was riding her bicycle.

Wilfred served overseas with the 12 Manitoba Dragoons of the Armoured Corp Division. He was wounded in action but was able to return to active duty. In 1956 he married Margaret McNish of Nesbitt. They live in Brandon where Wilfred is employed at the Steamplant.

Donald married Eunice McQuarrie of Brookdale. Donald has worked for Imperial Oil for over 25 years. He and Eunice live in Winnipeg.

Grace married James Shopland (see Shopland history)

George married Leah Kirk of Kirkella, Man. They live in Winnipeg where George works for Gulf Oil.

Douglas married Darlene Green. They live in

Brandon where Doug is employed by Westman Tire.

Ralph married Joan Robinson. Ralph was killed in a farm accident in 1971 and is buried in Brandon Hills Cemetery.

Garth married Dorothy Embury of Baldur. They live in Brandon where Garth works for Wilton Motors.

Blaine married Linda Stephens of Brandon. They have two children, Kenneth and Tara-Lynne. They live on the home farm NE 21-9-18 in Brandon Hills.

Grace, George, Doug, Ralph, Garth, and Blaine all went to Brandon Hills School.

Walter passed away in 1965 and Ingrid in 1966.

### WALDRON FAMILY

19-9-17

Mary Bywater and Fred Waldron were born in Ontario. She was born in Trenton in 1876 (approx.) and died in Brandon, June, 1969. Fred was born in 1874 and was brought up on a farm near Trenton. He died in Brandon in 1956.

Mary and Fred were married in Winnipeg by Ralph Connors in approximately 1907. He was in the real estate business in Winnipeg at that time. Their son, Arthur Edwin Robert, was born in Winnipeg in 1911.

The real estate business collapsed so the Waldrons went farming near Rapid City, Man. A few years later they moved to Glen Souris and started a purebred dairy herd. When the depression came in 1929 the price of milk went down to where it was impossible to continue and the dairy cattle had to be sold.

Fred loved fine riding horses and Art started riding almost as soon as he started walking. He had a good teacher as his father was a fine rider. Art trained, showed and jumped horses for years at the Brandon Winter and Summer Fairs. The riding club gradually evolved as the Waldrons acquired more horses, and was a great success, both at Glen Souris and in Brandon.

Art was an instructor in the anti-aircraft division of the Army and was stationed in Eastern Canada and overseas for six years during the war. He returned to the farm at Glen Souris in 1945.

In September of 1946, Art married Jessie Elizabeth Harwood, daughter of P.J. Harwood, jeweller, of Brandon, and Alice Harwood. In October, 1948, their daughter Mary Anne, was born.

After Fred Waldron died in 1956, the farm was sold and we moved to Brandon. Six years later we went to Churchbridge, Sask., where Art was an instructor in the electrical training division of International Mineral and Chemical potash mine of Esterhazy. I taught commercial subjects in the local

high school.

Our daughter, Mary Anne, took her Grade XI and Grade XII in Churchbridge, winning a scholarship awarded by the International Minerals and Chemical Company and the Governor-General's Medal at the conclusion of Grade XII. She then attended Brandon College for her B.A. and from there went to the University of Manitoba to take law. She graduated three years later as a gold medalist and was awarded \$5,000 scholarship by Canada Council to continue her studies. Mary Anne took her Master's Degree in Law at the University of British Columbia and articulated and practiced law in Vancouver. In 1975 she married Guy Charles Whitman, also a lawyer, and they moved to Victoria where Mary Anne teaches law at the University of Victoria and Guy practices law. At this time they have one child, Justin Guy, and are expecting their second.

Toward the end of Mary Anne's third year at Brandon College, Art and I moved back to Brandon. The potash business had fallen on hard times and Art's job in the training division disappeared. He worked for a while with Simplot Chemical Co., and then started his own electrical contracting business. He sold the business in 1976 and in April of 1977 we bought a house in Victoria and moved there. Art died in Victoria, July 20, 1981, of a heart attack. I sold the house shortly after his death and now live in an apartment.

by Jessie Elizabeth Waldron (Harwood)

### **CHARLES DONALD AND LOUISE WARBURTON**

We, Charles (Flynn) and Louise (nee Vinie) Warburton, moved to the Cornwallis municipality in 1977 from Sioux Lookout, Ont., where Flynn had been working for the C.N.R. as a field maintainer for six years.

There was an opening in the Brandon area, and he bid on it, got the job in the fall of 1976, doing the same work. We are both from Gladstone, so we were glad to come back to Manitoba.

We bought our forty acres of land on sec. 2-9-19, from Guy Sumida, in 1976. We had always wanted to live in the country, and have some cattle and horses and chickens, so this was the ideal thing for us.

### **CHARLES WARDELL FAMILY**

Mr. and Mrs. Wardell and their son farmed over the river on the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  15-9-17. There was a ford on the Assiniboine River near their home. Forging a river with a team of horses hitched to a wagon box is a tricky business as the higher, firmer part of the river bed, the ford, is generally in the shape of a curve. The spring floods also make forging a river

treacherous because the high waters wash out new holes and fill in some of the old ones.

Mrs. Wardell served tea biscuits every morning for breakfast. To bake these biscuits early in the morning on a wood stove was quite an achievement as they needed a hot oven.

Mr. Wardell served on the Cornwallis Council for many years. When he died, Mrs. Wardell and their son moved to B.C.

by Eileen R. Mainland (Prowse)

### **LEN WEARE FAMILY**

You were asking about our stay at Chater. We don't have a diary of these days, just a few pictures and our memories.

It was about June of 1945 that we moved to Chater and lived in the section house opposite the Kain farm. Nell (my wife), Bill and Doreen came up from Fort William after school was out. I had come up earlier, transferred from Ft. William yards to Minnedosa and then to Brandon as roadmaster on the Rapid City, Lenore, Miniota Subdivision.

As we couldn't get a house in Brandon at the time, the section house at Chater, being unoccupied was just the thing for us as it was close to the branch lines and also to school. Bill and Doreen were about eleven and nine years of age at the time. We were there until the summer of 1947 when we moved to Brandon where we had purchased a house. The Chater house was required for a new section foreman.

We enjoyed our time at Chater and well remember the storm in February 1947 when we could just see the roof of the station east of us - from the upstairs window! My branch lines were blocked for over a week!

We also remember the baseball games as Chater had quite a good team that challenged all comers.

Just because we had moved to Brandon did not mean that we had left Chater as we were out anytime there was a ball game - or any other excuse! Bill couldn't be kept home if he could drive a tractor for Mr. Kain or Jack or Dan Campbell or visit with the Gillespie's.

We have fond memories of Chater and the good friends made and the good times had while there.

by Len Weare

### **FELIX AND CECILIA WEISGERBER**

After many moves and tours of duty, we were posted to Shilo in October, 1955. Arriving with us were four of our children, Valerie, Patricia, Lawrence and Gerald. My tour of duty with the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

was terminated in 1962 in order to devote my full time to a business that we had already established in NE 12-10-17. In 1961 we commenced building a residence and moved in 1962. In the early years of retirement we operated a garage and appliance repair in the building known now as Tempo. In 1963 we discontinued being involved with the garage business and concentrated on appliance repair, and took on an additional line of serving the farmers and ranchers in almost anything they requested to be done, which is the line of work we still carry on.

After arriving in Shilo we added two members to our family, Raymond and Daniel. All of our family became very involved in community and church activities. Cecilia became very active with the C.W.L. of Our Lady of Shilo Chapel and remains so to this date. I became involved with the Shilo Community Council and immersed myself very deeply into the work of the chapel and the Knights of Columbus, culminating in my being appointed Master of the Knights of Columbus for the Province of Manitoba. I have since retired from most of these activities, however, the second generation, in the person of Lawrence (Larry) and his wife, is taking up the challenge and continuing.

I was requested by the Council of the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis to serve on the advisory committee for planning in 1967 and served there until I became Councillor for Ward 6 by acclamation in 1970, for a two year term, after which I declined nomination. In 1977 I allowed my name to stand for Reeve and was elected and again re-elected in 1980. In that time I had the honour of serving as the founding chairman of the Brandon and Area District Planning Board.

Our family consists of:

Valerie, born 1948, married Richard Livingstone, has three children and resides in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Patricia, born 1950, married George Wolchuk, has two children and presently resides in Brandon, Manitoba.

Lawrence (Larry), born 1952, married Diana Hazard, has two children and resides in Shilo, Manitoba.

Gerald, born 1954, resides in Victoria, B.C.

Raymond, born 1956, married Michelle Laurochelle, and resides in Victoria, B.C.

Daniel, born 1958, resides in Victoria, B.C.

by Felix (Rusty) Weisgerber



*James and Edna Wells Family; left to right — Cindy, James, Edna, Sherri, Kent; March 1982.*

Slator.

In the fall of that same year, Jim and his family moved to Douglas where he attended elementary and high school. Beginning in 1951, he worked on road construction for four years. During this time he met his future wife, Edna Smith, who was born in 1935 at Portage la Prairie and was raised at Bagot, Manitoba.

Edna received her elementary schooling at Bagot and attended high schools in Brandon, Carberry and finally Shilo. She taught school for one year at Glenella, Manitoba.

Jim and Edna were married in 1954 at Carberry, Manitoba. In 1955 Jim commenced work for the Department of National Defence at Shilo, where he has worked since that time. They resided in Douglas until 1961 when we moved to the Lawrence district to the farm where Jim's mother was raised.

They have one son and two daughters, all of whom were born in Carberry and attended elementary school in Douglas and high school at Elton Collegiate in Forrest.

James Kent was born in 1954. He has always enjoyed working with motors and has been involved in car and go-cart racing in which he is a keen competitor. He now lives in Brandon where he works in the field of mechanics.

Cindy Jo-Ann was born in 1957. She married Bob Wright of Rapid City in 1974 and they have one son, Paul Richard, born in 1975, who now attends Douglas School. Cindy is now divorced and lives with Paul in her new home on NE 1/4 27-10-17. She works in Brandon and pursues her hobby in leathercraft as well. She enjoys caring for animals, especially her horse.

Sherri Dawn was born in 1962. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brandon University and lives in Brandon. She is a bookworm with aspirations to be a librarian and has a very extensive library of her own. She pursues book-related activities during work and leisure time.

## **JAMES AND EDNA WELLS AND FAMILY**

Jim was born in 1934 in Brandon, Manitoba while his parents, Joe and Annie Wells were living at Justice, Manitoba. In the spring of 1937 the family moved to the NW quarter 26-10-17 in the Lawrence district. It was owned by Jack Richardson and adjoined the farm of Annie's parents, Ed and Lizzie



Kent, Cindy and Sherri were all fortunate enough to receive the F.R. Wilmott Memorial Scholarship for academic achievement upon completion of Grade VIII in Douglas School.

In 1962 we purchased the farm which belonged to Jim's uncle, J.A. Slator. It consisted of the east half of 34-10-17 and the NE quarter of 27-10-17. Jim's grandfather, Ed. Slator, had purchased the farm in 1908 and a clear title had not been received until the final payment was made in 1947. We think times are tough now, but feel rather lucky when we consider the stories revealed in diaries of these early settlers.

Jim carried on his job at Shilo and farmed with help from his dad, Joe Wells and good neighbour, Clifford (Chip) Coxe who owned adjoining farms. After Chip and Joe retired, Jim bought his dad's land, SW quarter 35-10-17, and continued farming by himself until 1978. Since then he has rented most of the farm to N.H. Richardson.

In 1966 Edna started teaching school at Shilo and continues to do so. We travel to work together and continue to live on the farm.

### **WELLS FAMILY**

The Wells family lived in Glen Souris district for many years. They had four children: Lizzie Wells married Jack Croston, Alfred Wells married Alice Sutton, Jess Wells married Alice Brown and Fred Wells married Jessie Stapleton.

### **MARION WELLS**

In 1974, Marion (Mrs. Allen Wells) nee Kopachinski, and her family moved from Brandon to Campbell's Mobile Home Park 33-10-18. She is a widow with four children. The two girls, Kathie and Debbie, were born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and are now living in Winnipeg. The two boys Bob and Rick, one born in Brandon, and one born in Carton Place Ont. are both at home.

Since coming back to Manitoba in 1970 Marion has been employed at the Brandon Mental Health Centre, now as Director of Housekeeping.

After living and visiting a lot of different places in Canada, we find the Chater area very quiet and peaceful; a nice place to live!

### **J.W. WESSELIUS FAMILY**

Jeremias Wilhelmus Wesselius was born in the Haarlemmermeer area of the Netherlands, seventh child in a family of nine. During his teens he worked in the shipbuilding industry. After completing his term in military service in 1955 Bill came to Canada and since then has lived in the Brandon area.

Dian te Hennépe was born in Gelderland, the Netherlands, second in a family of three. The family came to Canada in 1948. For ten years they lived in

the Image Creek School district north of Bagot. In 1958 her parents and brothers moved to Michigan, USA and Dian came to Brandon.

Bill and Dian were married in the Christian Reformed Church in Brandon in 1958. In 1962 they moved to a farm (se 12-10-17) near Shilo where Bill was employed by Vercaigne Enterprises, a job he still holds.

Bill and Dian had eight children, six of whom are now living.

Alynne 1960-71, Henry 1962-62.

Janet (1964) and Cornell (1965) both graduated from Princess Elizabeth High School in Shilo and now attend university in Edmonton. Eric (1967), Darren (1969), William (1971) and Charles (1972) are all attending school in Shilo.

The family still lives in the Sprucewoods community on what is now known as Yorkshire Drive.

### **EARL WESSELMAN FAMILY**

Earl and Betty Wesselman came to the Municipality of Cornwallis in 1972. They purchased forty acres of land from Cameron Drysdale on Sec. 6-10-19, where they built the Brandon Boarding Kennel. The business was successful beyond their hopes and an addition was added two years later. The Kennel was run by Betty, as Earl was in the R.C.M.P. during this time.

The boarding business was sold in 1976 and the Wesselmans built their present home on Sec. 1-10-19, bordered by First Street and Patricia Avenue.

Earl is now retired from the R.C.M.P. after twenty seven years of service and works as an Insurance Adjuster. He enjoys golf and curling and Betty spends her time gardening and raising Registered Cairn Terriers.

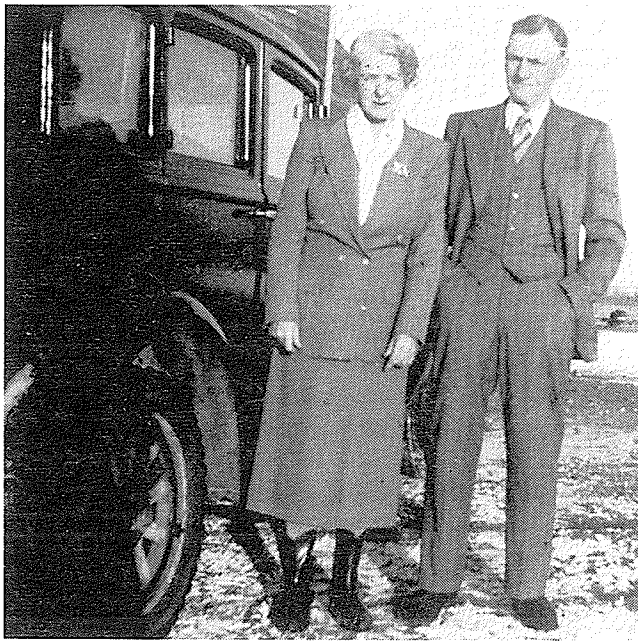
They have two married daughters: Beverly in Meadow Lake, Sask. and Sandra in Calgary.

### **CLEMENT WEST FAMILY 2-10-18**

The mid thirties was not the time to start farming but that is what my parents decided to do. My dad "Clem" was born in England in 1886 and came to Canada and settled in Prince Edward Island as a young boy. Mother - Margaret Ann (Annie) was born in Prince Edward Island in 1885. They were married in Charlottetown in 1911 and came to Brandon in 1912.

Dad worked at odd jobs for a while then was employed by the C.N.R. In the early 30's he worked for the railroad in Churchill, Manitoba, which was starting to develop.

Then came the farm. Both my parents were raised on the farm so I guess that is why they wanted to return to it. They settled about nine miles southeast of Brandon at a place known as Currie's



*Mr. and Mrs. Clement West.*

Landing. As for me it was a different story. I was only on the farm during summer holidays so sure didn't think much of the idea but learned a lot before too long. My dad had me do the chores with him (all but the milking). I will never forget those trips to Brandon - two to three hours in a box sleigh. He only made those trips when the groceries got low.

Dad was a mixed farmer but more for cattle and pigs. Times were hard but we did have the cream and egg money sometimes. The grasshoppers took their toll on everybody. My parents were always ready to lend a hand to anyone.

They left the farm in 1956 due to ill health and moved back to Brandon. Mother passed away in June, 1963 and Dad in June, 1964.

I married Mel Drysdale in 1940 and we have two sons, Wesley in Brandon and Ronald in Winnipeg.

by Frances Drysdale (West)

### **CLARE WHEATON FAMILY**

We, Patti and Clare Wheaton came to Douglas November 2, 1977. We located on SW 34-10-17, Ward 6, Rural Municipality of Cornwallis. Previous to this we resided at 26 Confederation Bay, Brandon, Manitoba for seven years. During our years in Brandon we found it very confining and wished to have more space.

Because we both come from farming backgrounds we wished to have our children enjoy the same pleasures. Clare has always had a desire to raise quarter horses and this wish we have been able to fulfill.

We have two children; Kristin, age 10 years and Kent, age seven, who both enjoy their schooling at Douglas School.

### **ROBERT WHEELER FAMILY**

Robert Wheeler was born in Bobcaygeon, Ontario, in 1862. He came to the Brandon Hills District in 1891, and worked until winter when he returned to Kinmount, Ontario. The next year he brought out his wife, Mary Ellen (Nee hunter), born in 1866, and their four year old son, Grant Charles. Their first home was on the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of 7-9-17. Later they purchased and moved to the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1-9-18.

Robert Wheeler was a member of the United Grain Growers. He was also a charter member of the Manitoba Wheat Pool in the Rounthwaite district.

Grant, their son, married Bertha Chapman on March 19, 1913, and they raised two sons and a daughter. This three-generation family farmed together on the "Wheeler Place" until 1945. After selling their property, they moved to the Sardis B.C. area. Grandma Wheeler had passed away two years previously. The family was sorely missed by neighbors and fellow members of the Anglican community.

To this day, their home site is marked by a stone foundation which, in its time, supported three different barns. The first one was destroyed by fire in 1924. Entering the burning building to release the horses, Grant Wheeler received severe burns to his legs and arms. In 1941 the second barn blew down, leaving only the west wall standing. Then in 1956 the Spring Valley Hutterite Colony purchased the farm and, several years later, moved the third barn to their Glen Souris location. With painstaking care, they also moved the three-storey house to Dunrea.

Robert Wheeler died in B.C. in 1947. His son, Grant, died in June, 1965, and is survived by his wife, Bertha, who lives in Chilliwack. At age 88, she enjoys good health and is still an ardent dancer.

The third generation Wheeler history reads as follows:

Clare Grant married Martha Lindsay of the Brandon Hills District on November 11, 1943. They now reside at Sardis, B.C., and their three children, Robert, Joyce and Donald are all married.

Alvin Lloyd married Lillian Hanson of Montreal in June, 1943, and they reside there with daughters Louise and Linda. During the war, Lloyd was a radio officer with the Ferry Command.

Verna Hazel married Jack Moffat of Forrest, Manitoba, on February 12, 1949. They still farm in the Forrest area, and have two children - Grant and Janie, who is now Mrs. Clifford Kindree of C.F.S. Dana, Saskatchewan.

Buried in the Brandon Hills Cemetery are the senior Wheelers, Robert and Mary, and an infant son of Grant and Bertha's.

## LES WHITE FAMILY

Les White, his wife Dorothy, and children, Linda and Barry, moved from Brandon in 1975 to live on ten acres of Norm Baker's NW¼ 5-10-18. This hobby farm, known as Bloom'n Acres Pony Farm, was purchased in 1973. Linda lived at this R.R. #4 address while she completed a Bachelor of Arts course until 1977, when she married and moved to Brandon. She is presently employed as a social worker at the Brandon Hospital for Mental Diseases. Barry went to high school, worked at Burns' Meat Packers, and then in 1978 he left for Calgary. He is employed there by Western Caisson Co. Les is the Deputy Chief of the Brandon City Police Force. Dorothy is an elementary school teacher at King George School in Brandon's east end.

## ERNEST JAMES WHITE

(See William F. Baker history.)

## WHITLEY FAMILY

Taken from the autobiography of  
H.J. (Bert) Whitley 1912-1921

W.J. and Annie Whitley, son H.J. (Bert) Whitley, came to Shilo, Manitoba, April 1912 and homesteaded on ½ section 26-9-17. Bert and his brother, Jack, built a 12' x 24' shack at Brandon, Manitoba, and later moved it in sections and erected it on the site.

We had one team and an old plow, then purchased a wagon. That first summer a prairie fire let loose and we had to plow several fire guards around the house but saved it. We also had a fine garden.

Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Whitley had a very lonely, long winter with only Mr. and Mrs. Darroch and Earnest Taylor as visitors and the latter travelled on snowshoes from down by the river.

The following year we had a crop of sweet clover (white) (*Mellowlollius Alba*). It was the first of its kind grown in Manitoba. The Experimental Farm was upset about it, but after some time H.L. Patmore bought it for .25¢ per lb. and then he was in it also. Next trouble was when we introduced Durum Wheat, but it went over big in the end and made money for the Dand District near Hartney, Manitoba, (Thanks to W.J. Whitley).

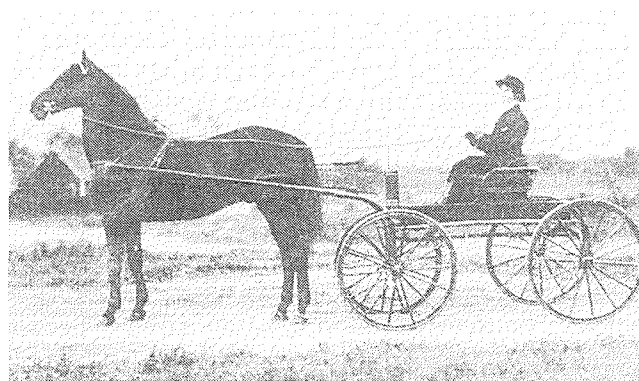
Winter came on and Bert was caught in a train crash from Shilo to Brandon which took 3 days and 3 nights before being plowed out and food brought to the passengers and crew.

By this time more family arrived in Douglas, Man. - Walter and Eva (Whitley) Avis, children Buster, Annie, Nona and Allan, sister Pattie and brother, Percy (Joe) Whitley. They all went to school. Walter went overseas with the 181st

Regiment and brother Jack came and stayed with Eva. In 1921 crops improved some and we were able to purchase an I.H.C. threshing machine through Thos. Greenwood in Douglas. Did some custom work. On this threshing crew was a cook, Mrs. Calverley and her daughter, Margarita, who later became Bert's wife in 1925. Bert and the family moved to Hayfield, Manitoba in the winter of 1922.

## KELLY AND BETTY WHITTINGHAM

We, Kelly and Betty, bought our farm from Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fenwick. We moved to the farm August 1, 1969. Kelly works in Brandon as a firefighter. We bought the farm as a hobby to start with, and now it is a full time job. Our family has always loved the country living, and showing horses. We have one son Wayne, who married Judy Stinton. They live in the Nesbitt area, and are still showing horses and raising and selling them. Our daughter, Vicky, married Ron Wilson. They live in Brandon and have one child, Lorraine. Ron's family have farmed in this district. Our youngest son Harold, is still at home.



*Gladys Wilcox, Brandon, Man., and her good horse Sir James. Gladys won three first prizes at the recent Winnipeg Horse Show. First in the open road class, first in the run-about class and first in the combination driving and saddle class. Gladys is a farm girl and won her way into the hearts of the Winnipeg people.*

## JOHN WILCOX FAMILY

John Wilcox was born in Pembrokeshire, Wales, on June 8, 1876, and arrived in Manitoba about 1902. He received a cold introduction to his new home when he made the trip from Rounthwaite to Mr. Griffith's farm, in the winter, wearing his Welsh "fox-hunt" attire - breeches, high boots, long tailed coat and black hat. Although he suffered frozen ears and toes, his feelings for the new land were warm.

John married Jessie Wood, born on December 28, 1875, at Port Hope, Ontario. She had come to this area about 1901, and kept house for William Andrews. John and Jessie farmed for a while on the William Andrews' land, then moved to W½ of 12-9-18 where they remained and raised six children.

This homesite is marked to the present day by an artesian well which has continued to overflow since it was dug in 1911. It answered many purposes when they were on the farm. They used it for keeping cream sweet, butter cool and also meat was kept in crocks in the cement box that was built in the basement where the water ran in and ran out down a hill into a trough to water stock. It never froze over in winter.

The Wilcox family participated in most community activities and attended the Presbyterian Church in Rounthwaite. John served as trustee of a local school board. His wife took many prizes at local fairs with her good bread and butter. The family loved the outdoors and the animals, showing stock at both summer and winter fairs. Mabel and Gladys, in particular, took many prizes for their riding and driving abilities in their youth. When John Wilcox passed away in 1937, his wife and two sons, Bill and Tom, remained on the farm for one year. In 1938 they moved to Brandon where Mrs. Wilcox lived until her death in 1955. The land is now worked by Wilbert Chapman.

John and Jessie's six children were: Sarah Jessie (Sadie), died at the age of 17 in 1923, Mabel Maude died in 1928 at the age of 20, and Llyewellyn Morgan was just five years old when he died in 1915.

Gladys Leatha married E.S. Jack, son of Ransom Rice, an early Brandon settler. They have two sons, Thomas John, who is living in Winnipeg and Gordon Ransom, now living in Cranbrook, B.C. Jack is retired from the Manitoba Telephone System and they still reside in Brandon.

William John George (Bill) married Cecilia Jackson of Treesbank and had two sons, Gary and Douglas. Gary married Faye Jordan of Oak Lake and they have three sons and a daughter. Gary is an electrical contractor in Brandon. Bill died in 1968.

Thomas Henry Wood (Tom) was in the RCME from 1942 until January, 1946. He was an engineer on the Canadian Pacific Railway and lives in Kenora, Ontario. He retired in March, 1982. Tom married Ruby Robinson and had one son James, who lives in Kenora.

Gladys and her husband Jack, regularly visit the Brandon Hills Cemetery where her loved ones are buried.

### **HARRY WILLDEY FAMILY**

Harry Willdey was born in Birmingham, England, on June 26, 1863. He immigrated to Canada in 1884 and after a brief stopover in Woodstock, Ontario area he and his brother Thomas trekked west to Winnipeg. From there the brothers travelled by river steamboat to the Chater area. They took up a homestead in the prairie south and east of the present Camp Shilo. Here they were joined by their younger brother, Baron. Later Harry

Willdey moved to the farm south and east of Chater where the Willdey family lived and farmed until the city of Brandon beckoned in 1923.

The mother Sophia (Sophy) Sanford Grant was born in Hamilton, Ontario on August 17, 1879. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grant, pioneer farmers of the Chater scene. Harry Willdey and Sophia were married in 1898. The Willdey's had seven children: three girls Hazel, Vera, and Madge; and four boys Jack, Vernon, Austin and Reginald.

The family took an active part in the social and recreational life of the then thriving community. The surviving members of the family often speak of the good times they had visiting the neighbouring farms. They recollect the years of toil and hardship as they struggled to wrest a living from a borderline prairie farm. They all agree that the good times outnumbered the bad and all look back with pleasure on their days in Chater.

The older children attended both Lawrence and Chater Schools and tales of their school escapades would fill a small volume. It is evident that the Chater Community was a wonderful place to grow up in and the lives of the Willdeys have been made richer by their years in this prairie settlement.

Sophie Willdey passed away in Saskatoon on November 30, 1942. She was predeceased by her lovely daughter Vera in 1919. Vera had contracted spinal meningitis while in nurses' training at Saskatoon. She was nineteen years of age at the time of her death. Hazel moved to Saskatoon and married Herman Haugen. They had one child, a daughter Eldene (deceased). Hazel died on Jan. 4, 1949 at the age of 85. Austin was born in 1909, served as a Staff Sergeant with the Royal Canadian army Service Corps in Canada, the United Kingdom and North west Europe in WW II. On his return to Canada he travelled for Firestone until his retirement. He married Miss Verna Ellis of Reston. Their son Robert lives in Vancouver. Austin died in Victoria, B.C. on Nov. 4, 1973. Vernon was born in 1905. He made his way to Prince Albert where he operated service stations for many years. His wife the former Beatrice Hunley and their daughter survive him and currently reside in Prince Albert. Vernon passed away on March 13, 1979.

Jack Willdey was employed by the C.P.R. for many years. He married Louise Grassie in 1931 and they reside in the city of Brandon. Jack and Louise celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 23 of Chater's Centennial year. Jack passed away Sept. 1981. Reginald Willdey served with the R.C.A.S.C. in Canada, the United Kingdom and Northwest Europe. On his return home after the War Reginald was employed by the C.P. express until his retirement. He married Evelyn Holdaway in 1950. They had one child, a daughter, Diane, who lives in Brandon. Evelyn died suddenly in 1958. Reginald married Doris Cromb in 1959 and they live

in Brandon. Madge Willdey the youngest child of Harry and Sophia Willdey married John Miller in 1947. They have two children; a daughter Eldene residing in Calgary and a son Grant currently living in Winnipeg.

Mr. and Mrs. Willdey, their daughter Vera and son Vernon are buried in the family plot in the Chater Cemetery.

### **VERNON AND MARGARET WILKINSON**

Vern and Margaret Wilkinson, with their daughter, Marjorie, came to Chater in 1934 from Bede, Manitoba. Vern was employed with the C.P.R. and worked with the Chater gang. While they were at Chater their sons Wiliam (Bill) and Glen were born. In 1937, they moved to Tilston and then to Arden. They eventually moved to Winnipeg where Margaret died in 1975. Vern still makes his home in Winnipeg.

Marjorie married William McLarty and lives in Brandon. She is a medical record technician. They have four children; two sons and two daughters, and three grandchildren.

William is married and has two daughters. He is Assistant Administrator at Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto.

Glen is married and has one boy and one girl and is Staff Sergeant with the R.C.M.P.

### **GEORGE WILKINSON FAMILY**

George Wilkinson, born September 4, 1882 in Cleethorpes, Lincolnshire, England, married Lillian Agens Beresford who was born October 27, 1881.

George and Lillian being an adventurous couple, decided to make their home in Canada. They worked for a farmer first, but wanting a place of their own, they purchased Brookside Farm (Alex Arthur location), NW 8-9-18 from J.D. MacGregor in 1914. From 1914 to 1934 they grew grain and raised pigs, sheep and cattle in the Brandon Hills district. George's Red Poll cattle became internationally known. He was an active member of the Grain Growers Association and was trustee of Brandon Hills School. George and Lillian moved to a farm at Portage la Prairie in 1934. They had nine children: Margaret, William, Allan, Frederick, Arthur, Harold, James, Donald and Stuart.

Kathleen Margaret, the eldest, was born in England in 1903. She married William Yates Roddick. (See W.Y. Roddick history.)

William George, born October 23, 1905, married Frances Hunter, a Brandon Hills girl. They have two sons and their farm is near Carberry.

Allan was born September 17, 1908 and married Winnifred Hunter. (See Allan Wilkinson history.)

Frederick Wesley, born on June 9, 1911, married Marion Peden from Portage. She is deceased and Fred resides in Portage.

Robert Arthur, born January 25, 1913, married Evelyn Henessey. Their farm is in the Flee Island district, north of Portage. They have five daughters and two sons. Art was Manitoba's welter-weight champion in 1933 and 34.

Harold, born May 24, 1914, married Audrey Cheater. They farmed in the Flee Island district before retiring to Portage. Harold passed away December 21, 1978.

James Beresford, born April 7, 1916, married Margaret Cuthbert. They farmed near Portage where Jim was an elite seed grower for many years. They had a son and a daughter. Jim passed away in 1971.

Donald, born December 9, 1918, married Christine Finnie. In February, 1942, Donald enlisted in the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders and went overseas in September of that year. He was killed in action at Normandy.

John Albert Stewart, born March 4, 1920, married Muriel O'Donnell. They reside in Selkirk and have four sons and four daughters.

Allan, Art and Harold showed Red Poll cattle at many fairs in Western Canada and the United States for a number of years.

Lillian Wilkinson passed away on April 3, 1951 and George Wilkinson passed away on December 6, 1960.

### **ALLAN WILKINSON FAMILY**

Allan Wilkinson was born in Terrence, Manitoba on September 17, 1908 to George and Lillian Wilkinson. In 1932 Allan married Winnifred Hunter who was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Hunter in Brandon on January 5, 1914.

Winnie and Allan farmed 27-9-18 and here raised their five children:

George Ronald, Kenneth Allan, Joyce Agnes, Jane Gayle Sharon and Sandra Lee.

Ron and Chris have five children, Audrey Lee born in 1956, Bonnie Lynne born in 1957, Cindy Lou born in 1959, Dawn Loree born in 1961 and Lawrence Ronald born in 1964.

Ken and Beth have four children, Murray Allan born in 1959, Cheryl Yvonne born in 1960, Ronald Kenneth born in 1964 and Terry Lee born in 1968.

Allan passed away in 1965 and Winnie in 1973.

### **WITT FAMILY**

Samuel Gibbs and wife June Nancy, sons Stephen Alfred and Jack Anthony, reside at "Witt's End" in Cottonwoods Community.

The Witt family were all born in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Sam and Nancy were married in 1948,

and Shilo was their first home. Sam was stationed in Shilo in 1940, returned in 1946 to 1952 and again in 1968 to 1975. He retired as Base R.S.M. of Camp Shilo in 1975 and the family moved to their present home in Cottonwoods.

Sam is presently employed as a Magistrate, in and for the Province of Manitoba, Nancy works for Planned Parenthood in Brandon, and Stephen and Jack are with the Fire Department in Shilo.

### **TRUMAN AND CATHERINE WOODHULL**

Truman Benjamin Woodhull was born in 1841 and Lambeth, near London, Ontario. In 1862 he married Catherine McLellan and they had eight children. He taught school in Ontario for many years before coming to Manitoba and buying a farm south of Brandon in 1884. He settled on the NW of 7-9-19 and lived there until he sold the farm to Hugh McRoberts in 1898. He then moved to Hartney and for many years worked as a bookkeeper for his eldest son, Dr. Woodhull, who bought a drug store. He was hired as secretary-treasurer at \$200 a year for the R.M. of Cameron. In 1905 he was appointed secretary-treasurer of the town of Hartney and remained there until his death in 1930. One of his sons, Harvey, helped him with his farm work. Harvey had a sister, Mrs. S.H. Forest, who was the mother of Harry Forrest - a practising lawyer at Souris.

Mr. Woodhull was a quiet family man who was very fond of literature and music. He was of the Methodist faith. He and his wife took great pains to provide each of their children with a good education. Mr. Woodhull and his family, over the years, contributed a great deal to the development and progress of Hartney.

### **THOMAS AND MARGARET WOODS**

I was born near Rivers in 1927, the oldest son of William K. Woods - now of Brandon, Manitoba. My parents farmed in the Lothier district near Rivers until 1930, then moved to Kenton, Manitoba. I attended Kenton school along with my three brothers and three sisters. As my father was in ill health I spent much of my time running the family farm. Winter months I ventured to Snow Lake and Flin Flon areas. There I worked at a variety of jobs, among them were tractor train operator, riveter on high steel and in the mines. In 1948 I went to Rivers and worked there as a butcher and milkman.

It was on Christmas eve of 1948 that I met Margaret Rose Beever. Her parents farmed near Rivers and she was the youngest of a family of seven. We were married October 18, 1950. Together we farmed for two years at Kenton, before once again moving back to Rivers to work, this time, at Duncan Dairies.

In August of 1954 a chance came to purchase a small business along with a quarter section of land, so we packed up our three children and moved to 12-10-17 in the R.M. of Cornwallis. This land, previously owned by Bill McLaren, was too sandy to farm - so a few years later we decided to subdivide this area. It is now known as Sprucewood Community.

Our first venture into trucking was to deliver groceries from Shilo Stores, then known as Shilo Merchandising Institute. We also delivered freight from the C.N.R. depot. In 1958 we changed our line of work to gravel trucking, later expanding to excavating. In 1980 we incorporated Sprucewoods Contracting Ltd. Many interesting stories can be told of our experiences with trucks and situations that we have met along the way.

We have raised seven children, all of whom attended Princess Elizabeth School in Shilo. Brian and his wife live in Winnipeg; Dennis is married and he and his son, Chris, now live in Edmonton; Sherron and her two children live in Shilo; Patricia and her husband, Doug and two children live in Brandon; Donna also lives in Brandon, and Kelly, at this writing, is at home. A son David is deceased.

Over the years the family has enjoyed a number of different sports, snowmobiling being of top interest, followed by broomball and curling.

### **CHRISTOPHER WRIGHT FAMILY**

Christopher (Chris) Wright came to Canada from Blackpool, England in July 1963. He was accompanied by his parents Charles and Louise (Charnock). His mother is since deceased.

Chris purchased his Chater home from Barry Wilkinson and moved here in September 1976. He has two sons Andrew and Anthony (Toby).

Chris does carpentry work in Brandon. Andrew, born September 18, 1970 and Anthony, born August 19, 1972 attend Betty Gibson School in Brandon.

The Wright home was built with lumber from the former boarding house (hotel) and rests on part of the old basement. While digging for an addition to the home in 1980, Chris dug up various antiques and some of the former foundation.

### **DANIEL DICKSON WRIGHT**

Daniel Dickson Wright was born in 1886 in Henham, Essex County, England. He came to Canada in 1911 and lived in the Stockton area for two years before moving to farm in the Rounthwaite district on 5-9-17. He married Mary (Maisie) Good in 1913. Maisie was born in County Cork, Ireland in 1881, and came to Canada in 1911. Mr. Wright was a well known farmer of the Rounthwaite district, and a popular councillor of the Municipality of Cornwallis. He passed away in 1929 at the age of





*Mrs. Daniel Dickson Wright (Maisie).*

43. At the time of writing, Maisie resides in Fairview Home, Brandon, and is recovering from a broken hip. Mr. and Mrs. Wright were members of the Rounthwaite Anglican Church.

They had three children: Margaret (Millie), Dickson, and Walter, who attended Blyth, Stratherne and Glen Souris Schools.

by Mrs. Allan Clark (Millie Wright)  
Wawanesa, Manitoba

### **DICKSON WRIGHT FAMILY**

In 1942 Dickson and his mother lost their home by fire. A plane from No. 12 Air Force Base at Brandon, flew around and alerted the neighbors of the fire, and Dickson and his mother woke up and were able to get out of the house, although they lost everything. A great many thanks go out for all the assistance, and also to the neighbors for their kindnesses.

Dickson moved from the farm 5-9-17 at Rounthwaite in 1942 to the McGill farm north of Brandon. In 1943 he married Janet Drader of Brandon and moved to Bunclody on the farm 26-6-20, in 1945. They have three children who attended Bunclody School, which was the last school in the Whitewater Municipality to be closed. Later it was used as a community centre, which was dissolved in 1981. Later their children attended the Souris School.

Dale, the oldest girl, born in 1946, is married to Dave Baldwin and they live at Kamloops B.C. and have one daughter. Dave is a world sales broker for Evans Products of Kamloops.

Wendell, born in 1959, is the Service Supervisor for Picker Xray International of Saskatchewan. He is married to Darcia Roney of Souris and they live in Regina. They have five children, three boys and two girls.

Clare was born in 1955 and is married to Kathy Beard of Boissevain. He is on the home farm and they have on boy and one girl.

Dickson and Janet retired in 1973 and still live on the same farm.

### **MILLIE WRIGHT (MRS. ALLAN CLARK)**

I, Margaret (Millie) married James Allan Clark of Treesbank, Manitoba, on October 2, 1935. We lived on the farm with Allan's parents until we moved to Meadow Lake, Sask., in 1939, taking seven cows, 12 hens, small machinery and all our belongings in a C.P.R. "Settler's Car", for about \$92.00.

We lived in Meadow Lake until 1948, when we returned to Treesbank and bought the Clark home farm, S. 17-8-16. We have two boys and two girls.

James Beverley, a beekeeper, and councillor in Ward 6, South Cypress, Manitoba. He married Lorna Cowling, nee Toews and has one son Dana and one step-son, Will.

John Dickson R., who is a Canadian Pacific Railway Constable and also does some beekeeping, married Louise Turcotte and they have five daughters. Diane, a lab technologist, married Brian Kon, who is a respiratory technologist, and they live in Winnipeg. Betty Ann, a nurse's aid in Wawanesa Hospital, Sheila, Pauline and Celina. Both families live at Treesbank.

Margaret Elaine married Mervin Robinson, a civil engineer with the Department of Highways, Carmen. They have three girls, Kimberley, Karen and Tracey.

Wendy Ann married Pierre Perron who is a member of the Canadian Airforce. They have one son, Patrick and one daughter Christine and live in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

### **WALTER WRIGHT FAMILY**

I, Walter Lenard Wright, was born in the Rounthwaite district in 1922. While I was very young when our Dad passed away in 1929, I do remember him as he used to give me rides on his back when he got down on his hands and knees. I remember him with the horses and all the cows. How Mother, Dickson and Millie kept things going, I will never know.

I attended Blythe School, also Stratherne. Edith Morgan was my favorite teacher and school was very hectic. I can remember riding in the back of the buggy, and if big brother Dickson thought I was safe there, I had my doubt. Those buggy races out of the school grounds, in and out of ditches, left me with some bumps. School never came hard to me, if I put in half the required time I was lucky, and if I hussled with the chores, there was hunting and later on trapping. I liked baseball and hockey, but there was never enough kids. My liking to boxing lasted one night, when I think Stanley Maher landed me one on the chin.

Being unable to join the Forces because of a heart murmur, I went to Brandon and started at Johnson's Hardware on 9th Street. Fred Summer-ville was my first boss, and I always looked up to him

and still do. The Johnsons and John Popkins certainly gave me good direction and good training.

I took several business night courses at the Wheat City College, was active with Lions, U.C.T., Toastmasters, and always helped the Kinsmen with their carnivals.

In 1946 I married Zelda Maguire of Elgin, and moved to Durban, Man. A little over a year later we were to go to Rosburn. We never did, and in 1948 moved to Winnipeg. I started working in Eaton's hardware as stockman in the catalogue dept. As I look back now I think I spent as much time in training, taking company courses, high school and Red River College courses, as I did in grade school. Thanks to a real good manager, Thursday nights were for curling.

Come January, 1983, I will have 35 years with Eatons. It will be my 10th year as Quality Control Supervisor, as in 1973, four areas from Vancouver to Montreal commenced a quality control programme. Our manager was in the Research Bureau, Toronto.

We have three children: Valerie Maier, B.P. Ed., Whitehorse. She and Charles have two boys, Russell and Christopher. Janice Innes, B.S.W. and Don in Winnipeg, have a son, Brendon. Daryl, with Entamology at U. of M., Winnipeg and Lindsay have a daughter, Tiffany.

In 1973, when celebrating 25 years with Eatons, we travelled to England and Ireland, looking up as many of the relatives as possible.

by Walter Wright

### WRIGHT FAMILY

Henry Thomas Wright arrived in Methvan, Man., from Essex, England in 1913. He worked for Len Henry and Ken Sloughten of Stockton, Manitoba. Later he worked with his brother, Dick Wright, near Rounthwaite. In 1919 he bought a farm in Glen Souris district, 29-8-17. That October, Bessie Grace Hammond arrived in Winnipeg from London, England and they were married in Winnipeg. Mr. and Mrs. Wright had a family of three.

Mary Margaret who, in 1942, married Kenneth H. Hawkins, son of Jack Hawkins of Nesbitt and they lived in Brandon.

Reginald Henry, married Freda Sedora from Zephyr, Ontario in 1981.

Donald Keith married Isabelle Leitch from Zephyr, Ont. in 1975.

Henry Wright was a grain farmer, but also raised cattle and pigs. He died at the age of 70 in 1959. Following his death Mrs. Bessie Wright spent some years with her sons until moving into Fairview Home where she passed away in 1979 at the age of 88.

Donald Wright left the farm at the age of 17 to work in a lumber camp near Kenora. Reginald left the farm a year later to work there also. In 1949 they bought the Shropshire farm in Glen Souris where both are farming now.

### ALEXANDER WYLIE

Alex and Annie Wylie arrived in the Brandon Hills district in the early 1920's when they rented the Tom Baker farm. Prior to their arrival here they operated the canteen at the Wheat City Arena during the 1920-21 season, the year when Brandon had a top-notch Senior hockey team losing out to Toronto Varsity in the Allan Cup final. The Wylies remained in the district until 1933 when they moved up to the Coombs farm, south of Brandon on Richmond Avenue.

Although they had no family of their own, they raised four of Annie's brother's family. These children were Lena, Grace, Frank and Phyllis Gordon. They all attended Brandon Hills school during the 1931, 32 and 33 terms, as well as the local Sunday School.

Annie was a member of the Brandon Hills Busy Bees. Alex died at the age of 46 years in 1937. Following his death Annie moved to British Columbia to reside with her nieces.

Frank, her nephew, enlisted in the Army in March 1941 and went Overseas in November of the same year. In February 1945 word was received by his wife, the former Eileen Patterson of Griswold, that Trooper Gordon was reported being prisoner-of-war in Germany, but word was received a bit later that he was presumed dead.

Some years after Annie moved to the Coast she married a Mr. Cornelius and made her home in Sacramento, California, until his death when she moved back to Vancouver. In 1966 she came back to visit old friends in Brandon and had a great-nephew, Henry Gordon, with her. Since then contact with the family seems to have been lost.

### THOMAS WYTON FAMILY

Thomas Wyton Sr. (1885-1939) and his wife Anne Maria, emigrated to Canada from the village of Hook Norton, near Banbury, Oxfordshire, England. After a voyage of eight or ten days from Southampton to Halifax, they arrived by train at Chater in 1891, where they were met by Joe Smith. They had a family of twelve children; Ellen, Tom, William, Frank, Carrie, Kate, Sid, Joe, Jack, Fred, Augusta, and a baby, Wilmot, one and one-half years old, who died of flu ten days after their arrival. He is buried in Madford Cemetery.

The Wytons lived on the SW quarter of Joe Smith's land for two and one-half years, also rented land near Waggle Springs, and put in their first crop with one ox and a horse. They bought their first cow



*Harvey and Judy Wyton.*

from Joe Smith for twenty dollars. They moved to land near Mowat's Lake, three and one-quarter miles south and one-quarter mile west of Douglas and two and one-half years later bought the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Currie at Currie's Landing. They farmed and operated a ferry crossing the river. Boats coming up the Assiniboine River brought supplies. About 1907 Mr. Wyton bought the old Geo. Brooks house in Douglas on the south side of the tracks near Greenwood's store (where C.H. Plowman now lives). The Wyton boys, Joe and Will, lived there three years and ran a butcher shop.

Thomas Wyton Sr. owned the first car in Douglas, a Model A Ford. In 1910 he had his house moved to its present location, now owned and lived in by Mr. Joe Wells, and there he and his wife spent their retirement years.

Before the army base was built at Shilo, there was a station called Shilo Siding located two and one-half miles west of the present Shilo Station. With the establishment of Shilo Base, confusion arose between the two similar names. Since Tom Wyton Sr. was the oldest living early settler in the Douglas-Shilo district, Shilo Siding was renamed Wytonville in 1939. The old station house has been removed.

Tom Wyton Jr. (1875-1950) made several trips back to England. In 1902 he married Ethel Eden (1884-1957), in Hook Norton, England. In 1910 they came to live in the Douglas area, with their three eldest children and Mrs. Wyton's brother, Fred Eden. They farmed one mile south and one mile west of Douglas on land owned by his father. Later they rented the Thompson farm (now owned by N. Richardson), adding the farm now owned by R.S. Brown. Next they bought a farm near Currie's Landing. In 1925 they moved to N $\frac{1}{2}$  31-9-17 where they remained.

They lived in a two-room house, later adding two more rooms. Their family included Thomas, William, Melvin, Emily, Clarence, Mabel, Walter, Harvey and Leonard.

Only prairie trails connected the farms in that area. During the winter the roads were often

impassable. A trip to town meant going ten miles north-west by team and sleigh, across the Assiniboine River to Brandon. It was 1960 before a gravel road was built up on the four miles from the Low Road to the farm.

Tom Wyton Jr. drove a school van, a Model A Ford, for many years, taking his own children, the Cutter and Haverstock families, to Lawrence School, as there was no school in the Currie's Landing District. They could not attend school in winter.

It was at Tom Wyton's request that he and his wife were laid to rest in Chater Cemetery. Fred Eden died in 1937 when he was struck by a car while he was walking on Highway #10 South, near Little Souris.

Tom Jr's children were:

Thomas married Gladys Plowman and had one daughter, Ethel. He is now deceased.

William Leslie of Rivers, married Elsie Foster. They have two daughters, Mavis and Bonnie.

Melvin did not marry, and is now deceased.

Emily Elizabeth Mary (deceased), married Arthur Jackson and had five children; Myrtle, Belle, Jasper, Alva and Marie.

Clarence Donald married Joyce Borrowman. Their children are Vi, Thomas, Donna, Darlene, Vera, Gordon, Bernice, Janet and Kevin.

Mabel married Jim Jackson of Onanole and had five children; Murray, Gary, Pearl, Elaine and Nancy.



*Tom and Ethel Wyton, 1938 history.*

Walter Vincent married Lillian Orr. He passed away on January 1, 1961.

Harvey and his wife, Judy, now live on the family farm. Judy is the former Julia Josephine Johnson, daughter of Joe and Elsie Johnson, who grew up at Moosomin, Sask. Her grandparents emigrated from Sweden. She taught school for twenty years in Brandon, Moosomin and surrounding areas.

Leonard was born on the farm where he grew up and attended Lawrence School, travelling the six miles each way on horseback. He farmed until 1955 when he moved to Brandon and worked at Western Motors. In 1957 he married Ena Nicol who was born in Chilliwack, B.C. and lived in several places in

Manitoba where her mother taught school. She also became a teacher and taught in three country schools before teaching in Brandon. In 1968 they and their two sons, Allan and Robbie, moved to Douglas where they bought the H.T. (Pete) Ardron garage, and have since operated it under the name of Len's Service. Allan Leslie, born 1961, attended school in Douglas, Elton and Assiniboine Community College, and is now working in Brandon. Robert Grant, born in 1964, has completed Grade XII at Elton Collegiate and is attending Assiniboine Community College, 1982-83.

by Leonard and Ena Wyton  
and Harvey and Judy Wyton

### **NORMAN WYTON AND FAMILY**

Norman was born at his Grandma and Grandpa Wyton's in Douglas, known as the Joe Wells home. He and his mother went home to 10-17-24, where he grew up and attended Lawrence School in that district.

In the spring of 1933 the family moved north of Douglas to the farm where Joe Wyton lived, and is now farmed by his brother Robert. Later Norman lived with his sister and brother-in-law, Jack Cutter, until the spring of 1939, then kept house for himself from 1939 until 1947.

In December 1947, he married Phyllis Jahring. They lived on this farm until May 1950, moving to the hog ranch until October 1950, when another move was made to the Kiskoek farm, known as Charlie Richardson's homestead.

Douglas was born in January 1951 and lives on the home farm. Janice, born 1953, married Dennis Woods, and is now living in Edmonton with two children, Chris and Kim. Heather, born 1955, is now married to Ronald Dalgleish and living at Spruce Woods, Shilo. Kenneth was born in 1958, deceased in February, 1960. Dale is at home.

Over the years Norman worked on the C.P.R. sections at Douglas and Chater, and four years at Camp Shilo.

In the fall of 1978 they retired and moved to Douglas for three years. In 1981, they moved to Rivers, Man., and are happy in their new home.

### **ROBERT VICTOR WYTON**

Mother, the former Elizabeth Anne Sibley, and my father, Joseph Wyton were married September 25, 1907.

I was born on February 24, 1923, the fourth child of Joseph and Elizabeth Wyton. My sister Isla married John Cutter, and they live in Erickson. She is the oldest of our family. Norman Charles, the second child married Phyllis Jahrig. My brother George remained a bachelor, and because of ill health, he is in the Cornwallis Home.

My early years were spent at S½ 6-10-17. I attended Lawrence School until May 1934, when we moved to the Elton Municipality on the N½ 20-11-17. I continued my education at Campbell School to Grade Nine, and then with the help of the teacher, I took Grade Ten by correspondence.

I was interested in the wonders of nature; the birds and wild animals were of special interest to me. As a young boy, I used to make wagons and different wooden articles in miniature size.

My parents celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on September 25, 1957.

My mother was a wonderful gardener and enjoyed her flowers. My father was a good farmer, purchasing good Hereford cattle, and to this day I still have some of the same breed. We raised some sheep for a few years, and kept some very fine horses and drove a good team.

When we moved to 20-11-17, I finished my schooling, and as I grew older I began to farm with my father and brothers. Like my father and brothers, I enjoyed hunting water fowl, such as ducks and geese; prairie chicken, and also deer. I liked to do a little trapping too, but I still have a love for nature.

As time went on my brothers moved away and I became more the mainstay of the farm.

My father passed to his reward on April 15, 1960 at seventy-six years of age. My mother and I lived on together until she passed away May 15, 1965, at the age of eighty-three.

I continued to live here at 20-11-17, and still have Hereford cattle. I now have some of my land rented, but have kept enough pasture for my cows.

I enjoyed my life as a young boy at 6-10-17 and later at 20-11-17. I studied farming as I grew older and tried to improve the land.

After seventeen years of bachelorhood I married Maxine Garden on February 5, 1982 and we continue to live on the home farm.

by Robert Wyton

### **JOSEPH YAWORSKI FAMILY**

Joseph Yaworski was born in Warsaw, Poland, on Jan. 12, 1893 and emigrated to Canada in 1912. His wife Nellie was born in Krauka, Poland, Oct. 1, 1888 and arrived in Canada in 1913.

They resided on their farm west of Chater for 34 years until his death. She then moved to Brandon, and resided in a nursing home until her death.

The Yaworski's had three sons and a daughter. Frank lives in Ingersoll, Ont., with wife Jean, two children and two grandchildren.

Walter resides in Brandon.

Jennie and husband Bub Chamberlain live in Brandon. They have three children and two grandchildren.

Joe and his wife June live in Brandon and have three children and three grandchildren.

The Yaworski family attended school at Chater and Grand Valley.

### **SOUTH HALF GRAND VIEW SUBDIVISION 18-10-18**

Sometime between 1912 and 1916, two houses were moved to Dundas St. and Wadell Avenue. I don't know if any one lived in them very long - they were moved away or burned about the time the Grand Trunk Railway was being built. The grade was built but the track was never laid. We have been told that the Grand Trunk Railway would not grant a crossing at Glenwood Street (now 17th Street east) so the railway was never completed in spite of the money spent to build the bridge crossing the river three miles east.

There were many lots and blocks sold to persons all over the world in this subdivision. Like the north half, they gradually went back to the municipality for taxes. Some time in the late 20's the Brodies and Campbells bought some blocks of land and moved a house and some barns onto it. The Campbells spent some time there until Mr. Campbell passed away. In the summer the Brodies ran a dairy from there, and in winter they kept their cows at their place on Percy Street. In about 1934, the Brodies all moved to British Columbia and Geof. Holmes moved onto their place. He was there until 1939 when the Bill Wilsons moved there, (Gladys Connon). They were there for a number of years until the house burned down one afternoon when no one was home. Some years later the Steels (Agnes Brodie) came back to Brandon and built another house on the old foundation. They stayed until 1960 when their interest was sold to Steve Chubey. Mr. Chubey built a large shop for auto wrecking and living quarters. In 1965 Simplot Chemical Co. bought some land to put up the manufacturing plant. In 1971 the whole section was annexed by the City of Brandon in spite of many protests.

### **THE CORNER SOUTH OF THE TRACKS**

In about 1933, Glen Campbell built a house there and lived there until he sold to Mr. Pollock, who in turn sold to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Smith. Smiths planned to retire there but later moved to town and sold to Wilf and Marg Wakefield, who, with their family, still live there. This corner was also annexed by the City of Brandon in 1971.

### **HISTORY OF NORTH HILL MOTEL**

In 1954 Mr. Ronald Relf of Relf Plumbing and Heating, Brandon, Manitoba, saw a need for a motel accommodation in Brandon. He proceeded to acquire the land necessary on Government Road in the Municipality of Cornwallis. In August of 1955 the North Hill Motel opened for business. The original building housed 24 deluxe motel units and a lobby and coffee shop. The manager's quarters were over the office lobby and coffee shop.

Mr. Fred Seamer of Brandon managed the motel until he resigned in April of 1956, whereupon Mr. Relf hired his son-in-law, Norman Breen of Brandon to manage the motel.

The motel became very popular with the commercial travellers and with the ever increasing tourist trade, it soon became apparent that expansion was necessary. In 1958 plans were drawn up to expand to an additional 13 units. These units were completed by late summer of 1958 and the motel enjoyed a high occupancy rate. In 1960 a Golf Driving Range was built on the north side of the motel and was an immediate success.

Then Mr. Relf envisioned a major expansion in 1963. Plans were drawn up to add an additional 22 motel units, a new office and lobby, a 100 seat dining room, a 50 seat cocktail lounge and a 500 seat banquet hall. Plans were also made to expand the driving range to a 9 hole golf course. Construction began in early 1964 and was completed in December of the same year. On January 1, 1965, the new complex opened for business.

The North Hill Motel was a family operation with Mr. Relf's son, Ray, Robert and his wife, Georgia, daughter Elaine and husband Norm, playing major roles in the operation of the complex.

All the trees and landscaping was done by Mr. Ron Relf, sons Don, Bob, and Ray and son-in-law, Norm Breen, and the grounds were a show piece which Mr. Relf was very proud of.

The motel complex was sold to Mr. Wayne Boles in 1974, and has since been acquired by Mr. Stuart Craig of Brandon.

by Elaine Breen

### **HISTORY OF SW 10-10-19**

Mr. Duncan Shaw was the homesteader of the quarter section which is SW 10-10-19. He also worked for the Municipality of Cornwallis.

In 1912 it was rented to a Mr. William Hugh Pitfield who resided there until 1922. After Mr. Shaw passed away it was left to a daughter, Dora Jackson, who sold the land to Jim Gillespie. Due to financial difficulties it was repossessed by Dora Jackson, the previous owner, who then rented it to a Mr. Nichol.

Mr. George W. Fergusson then purchased the land. I would like to mention here that Campbell

and Fergusson was one of the early Funeral Homes in Brandon.

George Fergusson gave this parcel of land to his son, Don S. Fergusson, who through the course of his life, sold parcels of land in two acre lots, etc. which are now part of 34th Street.

Upon his death, he left the remainder of the property to three nephews which was later sold to Progress Properties, who are presently the owners but rent the land to Mr. Don Gilbert.

## **SECTION 18-10-18 R.M. OF CORNWALLIS N $\frac{1}{2}$ 18-10-18 RIVER VIEW HEIGHTS**

In September of 1912, William McPhillips, a land surveyor, was hired to survey the N.W. quarter and south half of 18-10-18 for the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis, into lots and blocks. The north east quarter was left in acres. The streets were named from west to east; Glenwood Street, was the one next to the City limits, later called Sunshine Highway and now is 17th Street East. Next was Dundas Street, Scarth, Perry, Grandville, Cascade, Hasting, Campbell, Light, Huron, Bruce, King, Queens, Bloor, Hambury, and Brandford.

The avenues were named, from north to south, Victoria, McTavish, Van Horne, College, Park, Hopper, Scott, McCulloch, Waddell, Church, and in the south west corner by the railway were two short avenues called Eighth and Second. What is now called Richmond Avenue was then named First Avenue.

It is too bad those naming our streets and avenues in later years did not do some research first. It is also sad that the hydro surveyor dug up many of the surveyor's markers.

The north half of 18-10-18 was registered as River View Heights Subdivision. We are told that after the land was surveyed, land auctions were held down on Rosser Avenue, and people from all over the world bought lots on speculation. Some were from Europe, U.S.A., Australia, England, Scotland and Ireland. However, with the war, and money becoming scarce, most of those who bought, after several years of paying taxes, let it go to the municipality again.

In the early 20's Manitoba Hydro bought a block on the corner of Glenwood Street and Victoria Avenue and built a substation. Just south of that a gravel pit was opened up where many just took gravel any time they needed it, and it was also used as a garbage dump for several years. In 1933 Geof Homes moved some buildings onto block 30, and lived there until 1936 when he moved down to the Brodie Farm (South half) 18-10-18.

At one time Anglo Oils were going to build on the north east quarter near Victoria Avenue as they owned 40 acres there. Cumming and Dobbie also have a sand pit there as do the Bensons. Dr. Fisher

also had acreage in this quarter that Mrs. Fisher sold to Simplot Co. in 1965. Simplot dug a well on that land and we are told it is a very deep well that supplies their plant.

In the late forties a young couple bought half a block (20 lots) next to the substation and moved some buildings out from town. They lived there for a short time then sold the place to Clarence Wyton. Mr. and Mrs. Wyton and family lived there a few years before they sold to Steve Chubey. Mr. Chubey used it as a compound for several years before selling to Mr. Mike Pulak who ran an auto body shop. Mr. Pulak sold his business to Mr. Romanyszyn. He carried on the body shop until about 1980 when he rented the shop to Mr. Weitman who now has a furniture repair shop there. It was named Sunshine Auto Body when Mike Pulak operated it because of the Sunshine Highway address.

About the time the Wytons bought the north half of block 16, Mr. Whitehouse and Mr. Borman bought the south half of the block. They each built houses. Mr. Whitehouse passed away a few years later and his niece, Mrs. Gowanlock, with her husband and family came to live there and are still there. Mr. Borman sold his home to the Stiles family. Stiles still live there and operate riding stables and a trucking business.

About 1960 Mr. Dmytrow of City Meat Market bought Block 11 and built a slaughter house to serve the district. Later he built a locker plant and a butcher shop. About 1963 or 1964 he sold the business to Bruce McMillan of Carberry. The McMillans now have a complete slaughter house and processing plant plus a butcher shop.

## **SHILO FARMS**

Shilo Farms was started in 1978 by a group of area farmers and business men. The idea developed through work done by Wayne and Ross Mitchell of Ross Farms Ltd. on 75,000 acres of land purchased from Elwood Downie Estates in 1976. In 1977, they installed a Lockwood 520 acre pivot on section 3-10-17. Douglas area people involved were Donn, Wayne, and Ross Mitchell, Russ and Mona Green. By 1981, Shilo Farms was the biggest corn farm in Manitoba and probably in all of Canada. There were 27 quarter-section pivots, and 1 one-section pivot, which provides water to just 5,000 acres.

They have also constructed dryers and storage for almost one-half-million bushels of corn, which must be handled in October and November. This storage area is connected to the C.N. railway by a spur line for direct loading.

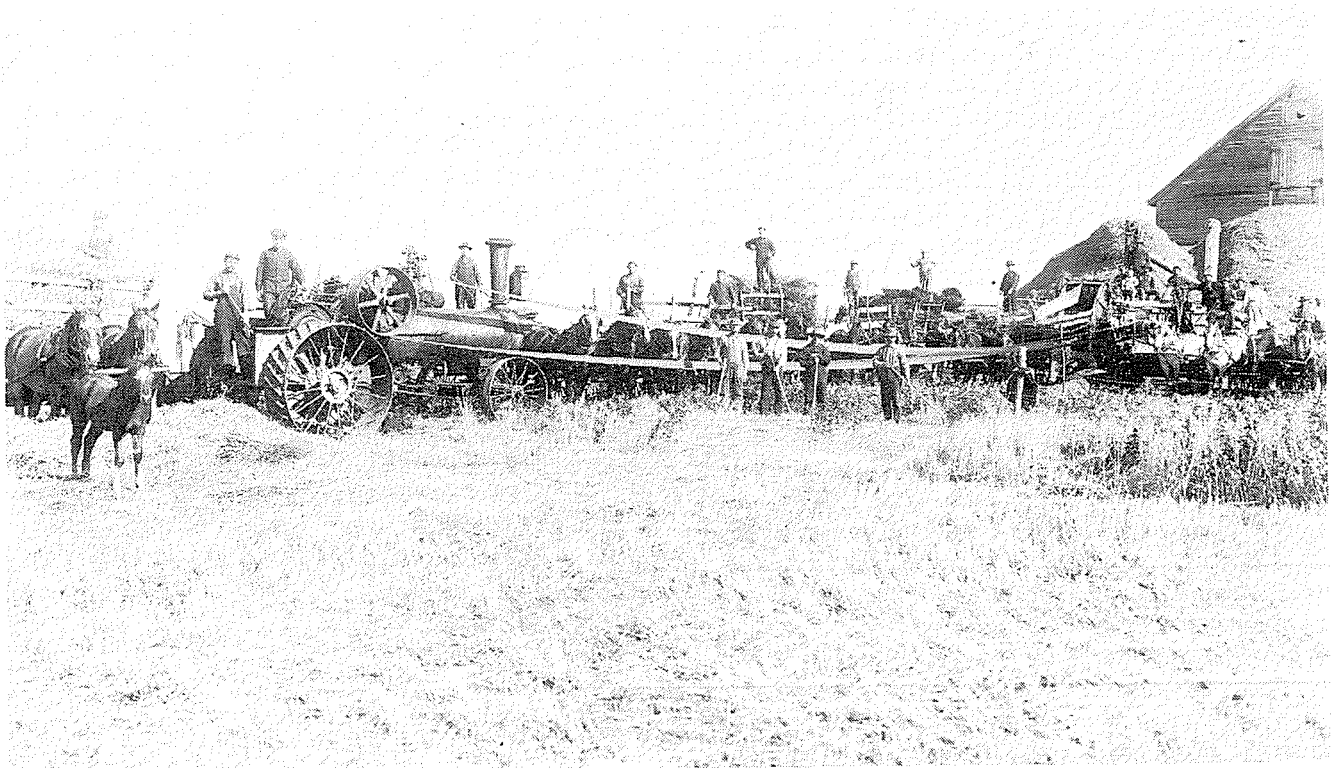


### **SOUTH OF THE RIVER 19-10-18**

The Assiniboine River runs through this section as does the main line of the C.P.R. The iron bridge is also on this section. The transfer track is also there as it is used to run the gravel cars out to the C.P.R. pits. Manitoba Hydro has a connecting track for moving coal cars to their steam plant. This section was never subdivided but there were quite a few small holdings there.

Jackson's piggery, later Miller's piggery, was located on this land; Cristall's have land there, and Barter's slaughter house was also in that area, next to the river for easy disposal of garbage. The large hydro towers cut the property up badly. This land on the south side of the river was annexed by the City of Brandon in 1971.

In the later 20's a Mr. Kidd built near Victoria Avenue about where the Manitoba Hydro new buildings are. He lived out there in the summer months and raised leghorn chickens. Later he moved and the Pat Cullen family lived there for some time. Some of the buildings burned down and some were moved away.





# CENTURY

## FARMS

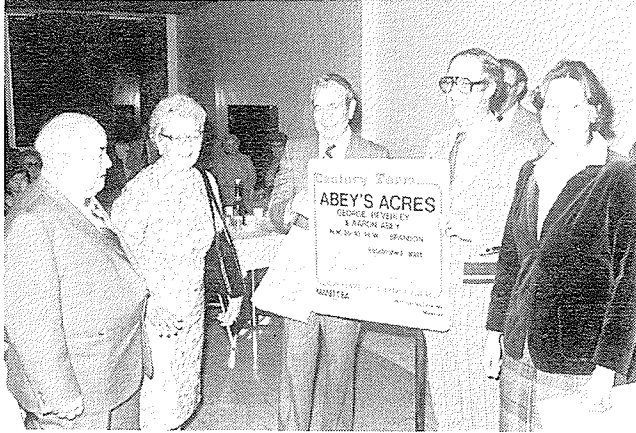
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*A Log house, found on most farms in the 1890's. Art  
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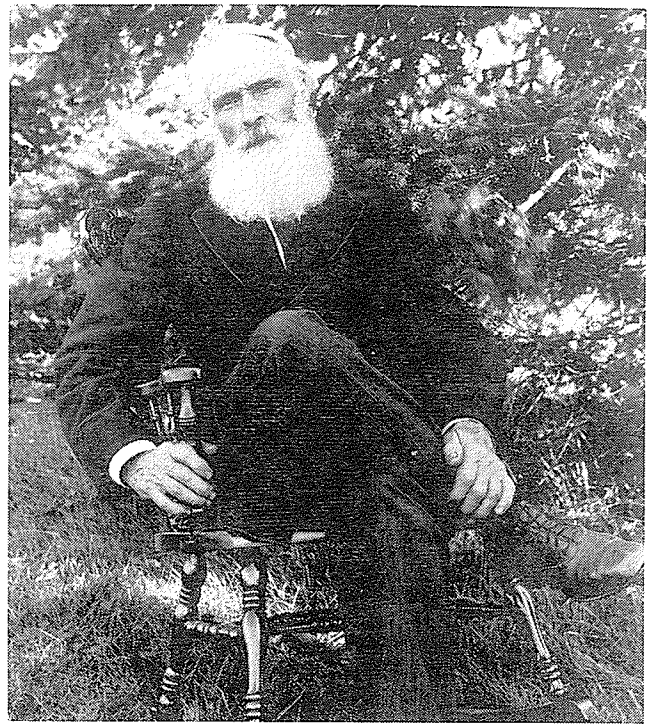
## ABEY FARM

36-10-18

Present occupants are George and Bev Abey



Abey first century farm gate sign honored by the government homesteaded by Charles Abey, 1881. Left to Right — Ewart and Jean Abey, Ed Magill, George and Bev Abey and Dept. Representatives.



## CHARLESON FAMILY

28-9-17

Century Farm certificate — occupants of farm are Murray and Lorna Blight.

George Charleson homesteaded this farm in 1882.

# Manitoba Century Farm 100 Years Award

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<u>WILLIAM &amp; MARGARET BLIGHT</u>	<u>1879</u>
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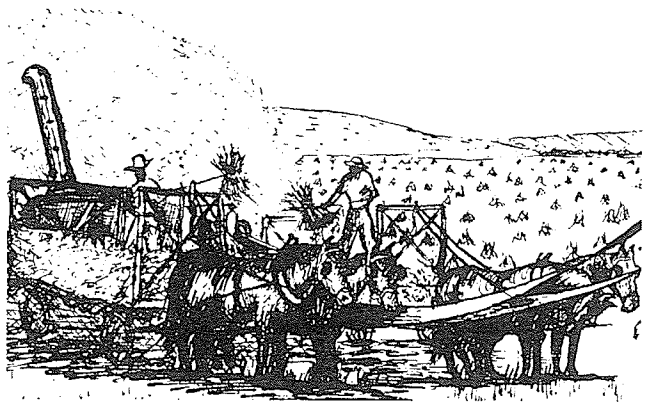
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*Andy Charleson, 1900's familiar farm scene..*

### **CHAPMAN FARM 11-9-18**

Thomas Chapman — homesteader. Present occupants — Keith and Jean Chapman.



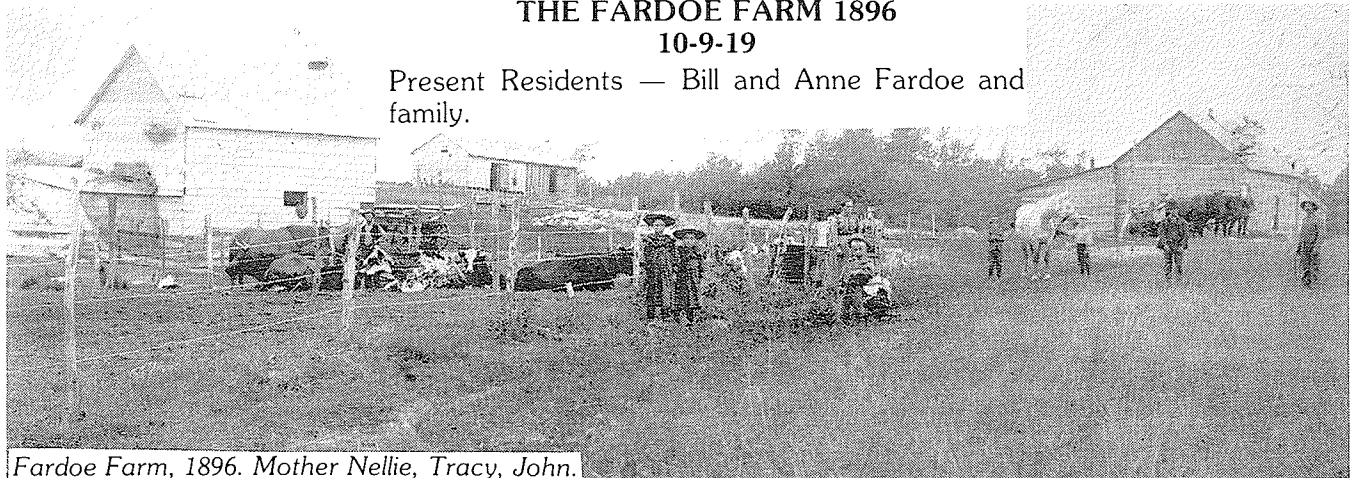
*A familiar scene on every farm in the 1890's. Art work by Emily Turner of Carroll, Man.*

### **EMPEY FARM 16-9-19**

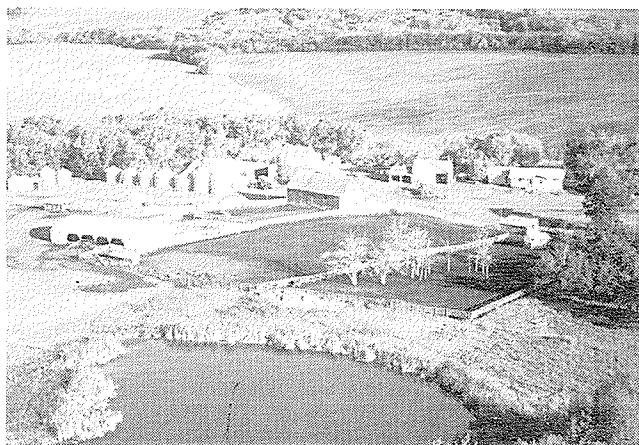
Gordon Empey — present occupant.

### **THE FARDOE FARM 1896 10-9-19**

Present Residents — Bill and Anne Fardoe and family.



*Fardoe Farm, 1896. Mother Nellie, Tracy, John.*



*Aerial picture taken in 1978.*

### **CENTURY FARMS**

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Evans — Sonny Evans is the present owner. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fardoe — Bill and Anne farm the Century Farm. Both moved to the Brandon Area in 1879.





Doug and Lillian Coate present owners.



*Home of Walter Gerry — 1906.*



*In 1881. Mr. Walter Gerry named his farm. Meadow Lea. On NW¼ 20-9-18 he built a log house in 1881, which served as home for him and his family until 1906 when a new brick house was built. This home is still in use. It was remodelled in 1967 by his grandson Doug Coate and is still used as his home.*

Ruth Grant the present owner and occupant



## Farm Picture

**"Application for Homestead Patent"**

Under the Provisions of the Dominion Lands Act, R.S. Chap. 27, S. 7; Chap. 28, S. 6; Chap. 29, S. 10.

To the Agent of Dominion Lands, Winnipeg:

Sir,—I have the honor to apply, under the provisions of "The Dominion Lands Acts" and amendments thereto, for a Patent in fee simple for my Homestead, upon grounds set forth in the annexed application.

Dated 22<sup>d</sup> May 1888

C. R. Grant

County of Brampton, Province of Manitoba, of the Township of Electrical Township, Range 18, Township 10.

I, C. R. Grant, of the County of Brampton, and Province of Manitoba, farmer, make oath and say:—

I am Single aged 34 years.

1. The land for which I claim a Homestead Patent, under the provisions of section 27 of the "Dominion Lands Act," is situated in the Quarter of Section No. 34, Township 10, Range 18, Township 10, and the Wood Lot I hold with said Homestead is No. 1 and describes as the same of legal subdivision.

Section No. 34 of Township 10, Range 18.

2. I obtained entry at Dominion Lands Office at Pembina, Minnesota, on the 1st day of September, 1887, and have been actually residing on my Homestead and cultivating the same continuously since the 1st day of August, 1880, and I am still residing upon and cultivating the said lands.

3. I had last season during the year this application is made 20 acres under crop, and have at the date of this application altogether 26 acres broken and under cultivation, with 20 acres fenced and enclosed on the lands for which I make this my application for Patent.

4. My improvements in buildings are of the following descriptions and dimensions:  
One frame house 14 x 16 ft. built July 1882  
One log house 14 x 20 ft. built July 1880  
One cow stable 14 x 15 ft. built Sept. 1882  
One pig sty 14 x 5 ft. built June 1881  
One well 14 ft deep with pump built Aug. 1880

A. I am a British subject by birth.

Sworn before me this 22<sup>d</sup> day of May, 1888.  
C. R. Grant

## Application for Homestead

THE GRAY FARM  
30-10-19

Pat and Les Gray — present residences, Don and Shirley. Gray.



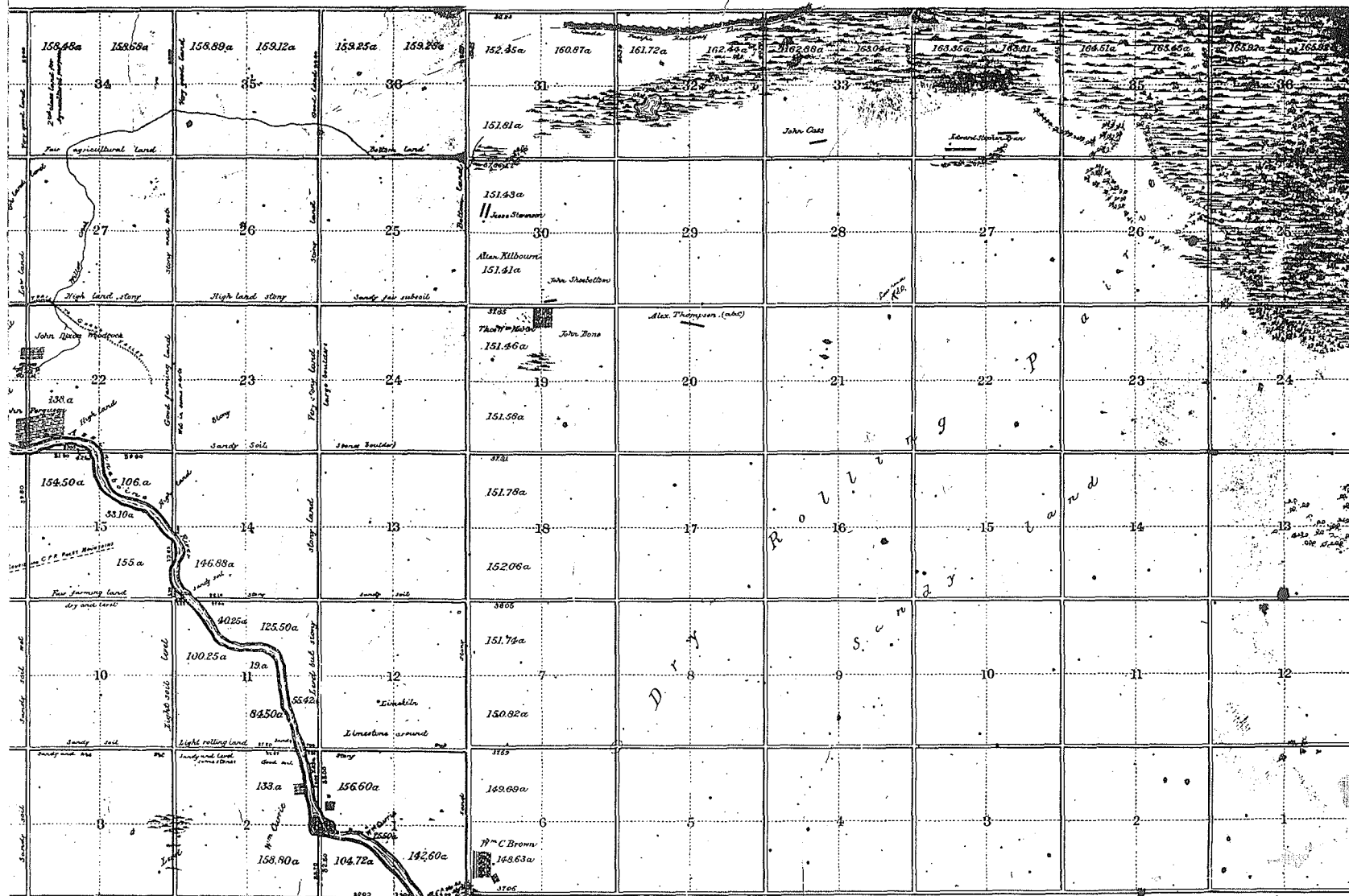
The Gray Family — Century Farm Homesteaders.  
Left to Right — John L. Bill, Donald, Ann, Jack,  
Euphemia

# OF FIRST MERIDIAN

# TOWNSHIP N<sup>o</sup> 10 RANGE 17 WEST OF FIRST MERIDIAN

0 Chains to an inch.

Scale, 40 Chains to an inch.



LANDS OFFICE  
IWA.

Contents.

August 1881.  
confirmed  
Surveyor General.

Nett Area 22577.08 Acres.  
Roads 857.10 "  
Water 380.36 "  
Total Area 23814.54

Surveyed by the Undersigned

Joseph Doupe

July 1881

Field Book No.

DOMINION LANDS OFFICE  
OTTAWA.

Contents.

10th October 1881  
Approved and confirmed  
Surveyor General.

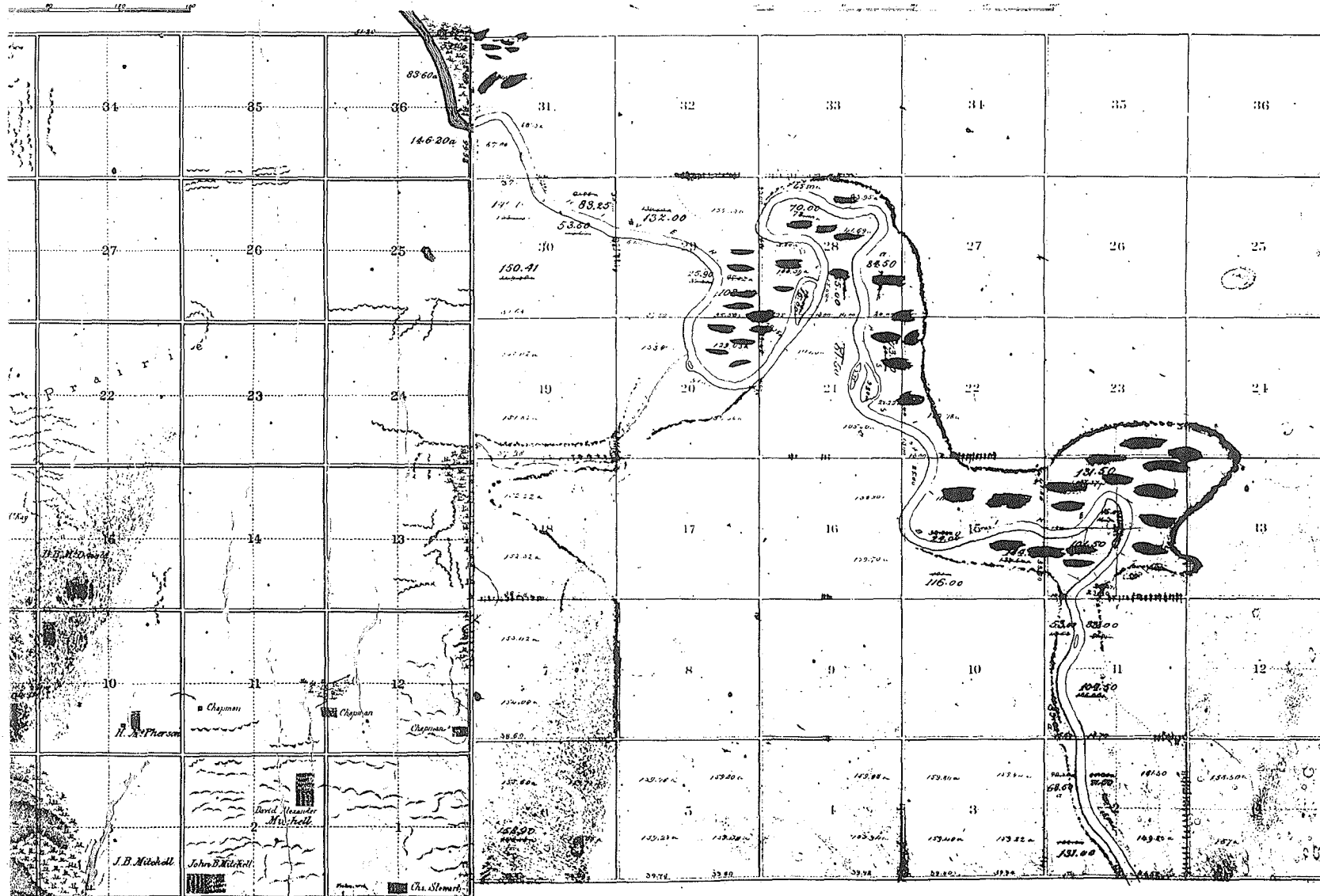
Nett Area 22973.97 Acres.  
Roads 870.81 "  
Water 380.36 "  
Total Area 23844.78 "



TOWNSHIP No 9  
RANGE 17 WEST OF 1<sup>ST</sup> MERIDIAN

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40 Chains to an inch.

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LANDS OFFICE  
OTTAWA

## Contents

Nett Area 13009.77 Acres

Roads \_\_\_\_\_ \$1.00 \_\_\_\_\_

30:23

DOMINION LANDS OFFICE  
OTTAWA.

21st. March 1882

Approved and Confirmed

Superior Genetics

## Contents.

Well Area. 22452.54 Acres

Roads 870.14  
242.00

**Water** \_\_\_\_\_

Total Area \_\_\_\_\_

*Attest by the Undersigned*

The Prince D.L.S.

Adm. Galt Dec 1 July, 1850/51

Field Book No 7

*W. B. Russell*  
Surveyor General.

**LOWES FARM**  
32-9-19

Ralph and Fay Lowes present occupants.



*This beautiful Cairn was built on the farm and was part of the Century Farm Celebration.*

**McPHERSON FAMILY**  
10-9-18

Present occupants — Ken and Mary McPherson.



*Location, NE 10-9-18W, S Central, Cornwallis; Present use, vacant; Present owner, G.K. McPherson; Original owner, Hugh McPherson; Construction date, 1881-1883. This house once served as a stopping house for both incoming settlers and for local farmers who stayed overnight during their trips to the Brandon markets. The original southern section on the right was enlarged, substantially, with a long wing on the back. The pedimented window caps, arched windows, peaked gables and decorative trim comprise the variety of architectural elements used to animate this design. The house is currently vacant and shows some signs of neglect.*

*Empey Farm — 16-9-19. Gordon Empey — present occupant.*



*This is the trophy presented to all Century Farms in R.M. of Cornwallis.*

# HOMESTEADERS



## WARD 1

Range 17 — Township 9 — March 1882

Section:

1. <u>NW — CPR Grant</u> Geo. S. Charleson	<u>SW — CPR Grant</u> Geo. S. Charleson	<u>NE — CPR Grant</u>	<u>SE — CPR Grant</u> John Lonsberry
2. <u>NW — Homestead</u> D. McIntyre	<u>SW — Sale</u> D. McIntyre	<u>NE — Homestead</u> Thomas Fortune	<u>SE — Homestead</u> S. Criddle
3. <u>NW — CPR Grant</u> Cullen Coy	<u>SW — CPR</u>	<u>NE — CPR</u> J. Elder	<u>SE — CPR</u> J. Elder
4. <u>NW — Homestead</u> Orlando Cullen	<u>SW — Homestead</u> P. Elder	<u>NE — Homestead</u> O. Cullen	<u>SE — Homestead</u> A.G. Small
5. <u>NW — CPR</u> J. Graham	<u>SW — CPR</u> A.G. Small	<u>NE — CPR</u> P. Elder	<u>SE — CPR</u> J. Graham
6. <u>NW — Homestead</u> J.H. Mouat	<u>SW — Homestead</u> E.J. Macklin	<u>NE — Homestead</u> Allen Quarrie	<u>SE — Homestead</u> A. Quarrie
7. <u>NW — CPR</u> J. Maher	<u>SW — CPR</u> Land Company	<u>NE — CPR</u> "	<u>SE — CPR</u> Wm. Andrew T. Chapman
8. <u>NW — HB Coy Grant</u>	<u>SW — HB Coy Grant</u>	<u>NE — HB Coy Grant</u>	<u>SE — HB Coy Grant</u>
9. <u>NW — CPR</u> J. Waddington	<u>SW — CPR</u> J. Waddington	<u>NE — CPR</u> "	<u>SE — CPR</u> "
10. <u>NW — Homestead</u> W.B. Foster	<u>SW — Homestead</u> T. Elder	<u>NE — Sale</u> R. Phipper	<u>SE — Sale</u> R. Phipper
11. <u>NW — Withheld</u>	<u>SW — Withheld</u>	<u>NE — Withheld</u>	<u>SE — Withheld</u>
12. <u>NW — Homestead</u> J. Bruner	<u>SW — Homestead</u> J.R. McManus	<u>NE — Man. University Grant</u>	<u>SE — Homestead</u> P.R. Smith
13. <u>NW — CPR</u> "	<u>SW — CPR</u> "	<u>NE — CPR</u> "	<u>SE — CPR</u> "
14. <u>NW — Homestead</u> S.P. Fox	<u>SW — Sale</u> J.A. McManus NE-LS-14SW-T Waddington	<u>NE — Homestead</u> Clare Fox	<u>SE — Homestead</u> A.D. Birdick
15. <u>NW — CPR</u> D. Fox NW-LS-15NW- E & J Barczay	<u>SW — CPR</u> W.B. Foster	<u>NE — CPR</u> S.P. Fox	<u>SE — CPR</u> "
16. <u>NW — Homestead</u> Duncan Rowan	<u>SW — Homestead</u> D. Rowan	<u>NE — Homestead</u> T.P. Parrott	<u>SE — Homestead</u> M. Parrott
17. <u>NW — CPR</u>	<u>SW — CPR</u>	<u>NE — CPR</u>	<u>SE — CPR</u>
18. <u>NW — Homestead</u> C. Lemeran	<u>SW — Time Sale</u> D. Reed	<u>NE — Homestead</u> E. Green (Widow)	<u>SE — Time Sale</u> B.S. Dixon
19. <u>NW — CPR</u> "	<u>SW — CPR</u> J. Waddington	<u>NE — CPR</u> W.H. Hannimum	<u>SE — CPR</u> J. Waddington
20. <u>NW — Homestead</u> S. Thomson	<u>SW — Homestead</u> S. Thomson	<u>NE — Homestead</u> M.C. Kennedy	<u>SE — Wil-Ham</u> R. Parrott
21. <u>NW — CPR</u> D.R. Noble	<u>SW — CPR</u> Tom Kneeshaw	<u>NE — CPR</u> G.S. Charleson	<u>SE — CPR</u> G.S. Charleson
22. <u>NW — Homestead</u> J. Matthews	<u>SW — Homestead</u> J.M. Milsted	<u>NE — Homestead</u> I. Mindlevich	<u>SE — Homestead</u> G. Matthews

23. <u>NW — CPR</u> "	<u>SW — CPR</u> I. Pickering	<u>NE — CPR</u> "	<u>SE — CPR</u> Man. Govt.
24. <u>NW — Homestead</u> P. Taylor	<u>SW — Homestead</u> A.A. Taylor	<u>NE — Homestead</u> P. Taylor	<u>SE — Homestead</u> A.A. Taylor
25. <u>NW — CPR</u>	<u>SW — CPR</u>	<u>NE — CPR</u>	<u>SE — CPR</u>
26. <u>NW — HB Coy Grant</u> "	<u>SW — HB Coy Grant</u> "	<u>NE — Homestead</u> H.J. Scott	<u>SE — HB Coy Grant</u> "
27. <u>NW — CPR</u>	<u>SW — CPR</u>	<u>NE — CPR</u>	<u>SE — CPR</u>
28. <u>NW — Homestead</u> N½ - R.B. Ramsden S½ - D.R. Noble	<u>SW — Homestead</u> D.R. Noble	<u>NE — Homestead</u> D.R. Noble	<u>SE — Homestead</u> G.S. Charleson
29. <u>NW — Withheld</u> "	<u>SW — School Land Sale</u> T.B. Waddington	<u>NE — Withheld</u> "	<u>SE — Withheld</u> "
30. <u>NW — Homestead</u> T. Green	<u>SW — Sale</u> T. Green	<u>NE — Homestead</u> J.M. Minaker	<u>SE — Sale</u> J.M. Minaker
31. <u>NW — CPR</u>	<u>SW — CPR</u>	<u>NE — CPR</u>	<u>SE — CPR</u>
32. <u>NW — CPR</u> H.S. Bushell	<u>SW — Homestead</u> A.W. Gourley	<u>NE — Homestead</u> Wm. Mansell	<u>SE — Homestead</u> T.S. Taylor
33. <u>NW — CPR</u>	<u>SW — CPR</u>	<u>NE — CPR</u>	<u>SE — CPR</u>
34. <u>NW — Homestead</u> E. Gough	<u>SW — Homestead</u> P. Wigle	<u>NE — Homestead</u> Sam Coxie	<u>SE — Homestead</u> W.H. Chorley
35. <u>NW — CPR</u>	<u>SW — CPR</u>	<u>NE — CPR</u>	<u>SE — CPR</u>
36. <u>NW — Homestead</u> A. Cowan	<u>SW — Homestead</u> H.F. Taylor	<u>NE — Homestead</u> W.J. Whitley	<u>SE — Homestead</u> H.J. Whitley

#### WARD 6

Range 17 — Township 10 — October 1881

Section:

1. <u>NW — CPR</u>	<u>SW — CPR</u> "	<u>NE — CPR</u> "	<u>SE — CPR</u> D.H. Purdon
2. <u>NW — Man. University Grant</u>	<u>SW — Homestead</u> I.W. Johnson	<u>NE — Man. University Grant</u>	<u>SE — Homestead</u> M. Solomovitz
3. <u>NW — CPR</u>	<u>SW — CPR</u>	<u>NE — CPR</u>	<u>SE — CPR</u>
4. <u>NW — Homestead</u> E. Kinney	<u>SW — Homestead</u> J.A. Kinney	<u>NE — Homestead</u> G. Maidment	<u>SE — Sale</u> G. Maidment
5. <u>NW — CPR</u> "	<u>SW — CPR</u> "	<u>NE — CPR</u> J. Crawford	<u>SE — CPR</u> J. Crawford
6. <u>NW — Homestead</u> W.H. Brown	<u>SW — Homestead</u> W.C. Brown	<u>NE — Sale</u> W.H. Brown	<u>SE — Homestead</u> G.W. Johnson
7. <u>NW — CPR</u> J.D. McBurnie, Sr.	<u>SW — CPR</u> J.D. McBurnie	<u>NE — CPR</u> J.D. McBurnie	<u>SE — CPR</u> J.D. McBurnie
8. <u>NW — HB Coy Grant</u>	<u>SW — HB Coy Grant</u>	<u>NE — HB Coy Grant</u>	<u>SE — HB Coy Grant</u>
9. <u>NW — CPR</u>	<u>SW — CPR</u>	<u>NE — CPR</u>	<u>SE — CPR</u>
10. <u>NW — Man. University Grant</u>	<u>SW — Man. University Grant</u>	<u>NE — Man. University Grant</u>	<u>SE — Man. University Grant</u>
11. <u>NW — Withheld</u> SW-SE of NW- Man. Schools	<u>SW — Withheld</u> "	<u>NE — Withheld</u> SW-SE of NE Man. Schools	<u>SE — Withheld</u> "
12. <u>NW — Homestead</u> W.J. Whitley, Jr.	<u>SW — Homestead</u> ACK Ground	<u>NE — Homestead</u> H.R. Vote	<u>SE — Homestead</u> W.J. Patterson
13. <u>NW — CPR</u>	<u>SW — CPR</u>	<u>NE — CPR</u>	<u>SE — CPR</u>
14. <u>NW — Homestead</u> J. Nicholl	<u>SW — Withheld</u> "	<u>NE — Homestead</u> D. Nicholl	<u>SE — Homestead</u> J.M. McCort
15. <u>NW — CPR</u> A. Calquhoun	<u>SW — CPR</u> "	<u>NE — CPR</u> "	<u>SE — CPR</u> "
16. <u>NW — Homestead</u> J.H. Smyth	<u>SW — Sale</u> S. Parks	<u>NE — Homestead</u> J.H. Smyth	<u>SE — Homestead</u> J.A. Hollingshead
17. <u>NW — CPR</u> Horace Henry	<u>SW — CPR</u> "	<u>NE — CPR</u> H. Henry	<u>SE — CPR</u> "
18. <u>NW — Homestead</u> Jane Culbertson	<u>SW — Homestead</u> Robert Wilson	<u>NE — Homestead</u> J. Cameron	<u>SE — Homestead</u> F.E. Lawrence

19.	<u>NW — CPR</u> N½ - T.W. Martin S½ - W.L. Parrish and W.S. Lindsay	<u>SW — CPR</u> J.D. McBurnie	<u>NE — CPR</u> J.A. Smyth	<u>SE — CPR</u> J.D. McBurnie
20.	<u>NW — Homestead</u> A.I. Marshall	<u>SW — Homestead</u> H.H. Hurley	<u>NE — Homestead</u> A.I. Marshall	<u>SE — Homestead</u> Wm. Finch
21.	<u>NW — CPR</u>	<u>SW — CPR</u>	<u>NE — CPR</u>	<u>SE — CPR</u>
22.	<u>NW — Homestead</u> H.W. Speers	<u>SW — Homestead</u> Chas. Kidd	<u>NE — Homestead</u> Elizabeth Currie	<u>SE — Homestead</u> Walter Gray
23.	<u>NW — CPR</u>	<u>SW — CPR</u>	<u>NE — CPR</u>	<u>SE — CPR</u>
24.	<u>NW — Homestead</u>	<u>SW — Homestead</u>	<u>NE — School District of Lawrence No. 364</u>	<u>SE — Homestead</u>
	E. Basenack	H.W. Speers	W.J. Darroch	R. Baker
25.	<u>NW — CPR</u> "	<u>SW — CPR</u> W.B. Thomson	<u>NE — CPR</u> "	<u>SE — CPR</u> "
26.	<u>NW — HB Coy Grant</u>	<u>SW — HB Coy Grant</u>	<u>NE — HB Coy Grant</u>	<u>SE — HB Coy Grant</u>
27.	<u>NW — CPR</u> "	<u>SW — CPR</u> "	<u>NE — CPR</u> Sam Coxe	<u>SE — CPR</u> "
28.	<u>NW — Homestead</u> H.S. Reed	<u>SW — Homestead</u> T. Reed	<u>NE — Homestead</u> A. Thomson	<u>SE — Homestead</u> W.B. Thompson
29.	<u>NW — Man. School Lands</u> A.M. Foster	<u>SW — Withheld</u> "	<u>NE — Man. School Lands</u> A.M. Foster	<u>SE — Withheld</u> "
30.	<u>NW — Homestead</u> J.K. Stevenson Jesse Stevenson	<u>SW — Homestead</u> A. Kilbourn T.S. Smyth	<u>NE — Sale</u> W.M. Stevenson	<u>SE — Homestead</u> J. Shoosbottom W.M. Stevenson
31.	<u>NW — CPR</u> Helen Wilkie	<u>SW — CPR</u> David McKnight	<u>NE — CPR</u> A. Fraser	<u>SE — CPR</u> M. Mulrie
32.	<u>NW — Homestead</u> W. Chipperfield	<u>SW — Homestead</u> A.J. Gay	<u>NE — Homestead</u> C. Ferguson	<u>SE — Homestead</u> E½ - A. Foster W½ - I. Foster
33.	<u>NW — CPR</u> Rev. J. Mowat	<u>SW — CPR</u> J. Cass	<u>NE — CPR</u> J. Mowat	<u>SE — CPR</u> J. Mowat
34.	<u>NW — Homestead</u> D.W. Agnew	<u>SW — Homestead</u> D.W. Agnew	<u>NE — Homestead</u> E. Slator	<u>SE — Homestead</u> W.F. Brooks
35.	<u>NW — CPR</u> T. Morris	<u>SW — CPR</u> J. Blight	<u>NE — CPR</u> T. Morris	<u>SE — CPR</u> "
36.	<u>NW — Time Sale</u> J. Brennan	<u>SW — Homestead</u> S. Broad	<u>NE — Govt. Holdings</u> Govt. Council	<u>SE — Homestead</u> S. Broad

# WARD 2

Range 18 — Township 9 — June 1881

## Section:

1.	<u>NW — CPR</u>	<u>SW — CPR</u>	<u>NE — CPR</u>	<u>SE — CPR</u>
2.	<u>NW — Homestead</u> G. Pringle	<u>SW — Homestead</u> J.B. Mitchell	<u>NE — Homestead</u> D.A. Mitchell	<u>SE — Pre Sale</u> D.A. Mitchell
3.	<u>NW — CPR</u> Rev. Geo. Roddick	<u>SW — CPR</u> "	<u>NE — CPR</u> R.F. Roddick	<u>SE — CPR</u> J.B. Mitchell
4.	<u>NW — Homestead</u> H.P. Bedford	<u>SW — Homestead</u> R.F. Roddick	<u>NE — Pre Sale</u> W.H. Dunbar	<u>SE — Homestead</u> H. Rice, Sr.
5.	<u>NW — CPR</u> "	<u>SW — CPR</u> "	<u>NE — CPR</u> Rev. G. Roddick	<u>SE — CPR</u> "
6.	<u>NW — Homestead</u> L. Heal	<u>SW — Homestead</u> P.S. Taylor	<u>NE — Homestead</u> J. Stiles	<u>SE — Homestead</u> A. Ross
7.	<u>NW — CPR</u> G.V. Halliday	<u>SW — CPR</u> A. Graham	<u>NE — CPR</u> R.A. McCabe	<u>SE — CPR</u> "
8.	<u>NW — HB Coy Grant</u>	<u>SW — HB Coy Grant</u>	<u>NE — HB Coy Grant</u>	<u>SE — HB Coy Grant</u>
9.	<u>NW — Homestead</u> D.R. Roddick	<u>SW — Pre Sale</u> D.R. Roddick	<u>NE — CPR</u> S.F. McKay	<u>SE — Homestead</u> W.H. Dunbar
10.	<u>NW — Homestead</u> H. Rice	<u>SW — Pre Sale</u> H. Rice	<u>NE — Homestead</u> H. McPherson	<u>SE — Pre Sale</u> H. McPherson
11.	<u>NW — Man. School Land Sale</u> H. McPherson	<u>SW — Homestead</u> T. Chapman	<u>NE — Man. School Land Sale</u> I. Doherty	<u>SE — Pre Sale</u> T. Chapman

12. <u>NW — Homestead</u> Wm. Doherty	<u>SW — Homestead</u> T. Sterens	<u>NE — Homestead</u> Wm. Doherty	<u>SE — Homestead</u> T. Sterens
13. <u>NW — CPR</u>	<u>SW — CPR</u>	<u>NE — CPR</u>	<u>SE — CPR</u>
14. <u>NW — Man. School</u> <u>Lands</u> J. McPherson	<u>SW — Man. School</u> <u>Lands</u> J. McPherson	<u>NE — Withheld</u> "	<u>SE — Man. School</u> <u>Lands</u> J.F. Fisher
15. <u>NW — Homestead</u> B.B. McDonald	<u>SW — Homestead</u> B.B. McDonald	<u>NE — CPR</u> H. McPherson	<u>SE — CPR</u> "
16. <u>NW — Sale</u> J.M. Roddick	<u>SW — Homestead</u> J.M. Roddick	<u>NE — Homestead</u> J.W. McKay	<u>SE — Homestead</u> J.W. McKay
17. <u>NW — Homestead</u> Wm. Foxall	<u>SW — Sale</u> Wm. Foxall	<u>NE — Homestead</u> Geo. Roddick	<u>SE — Sale</u> Geo. Roddick
18. <u>NW — Homestead</u> G. McLaren	<u>SW — Homestead</u> Thomas Davis	<u>NE — Sale</u> J. Davis	<u>SE — Homestead</u> J. Davis
19. <u>NW — Homestead</u> L. McLean	<u>SW — Sale</u> L. McLean	<u>NE — CPR</u> C. Lamont	<u>SE — CPR</u> C. Lamont
20. <u>NW — Homestead</u> W.W. Gerry	<u>SW — Homestead</u> W.J. Martin	<u>NE — Homestead</u> J. Baker	<u>SE — Homestead</u> O. Harris & F. Bowen
21. <u>NW — Homestead</u> Wm. Johnson	<u>SW — Sale</u> Wm. Johnson	<u>NE — CPR</u> "	<u>SE — CPR</u> "
22. <u>NW — Homestead</u> L. Crosthwaite	<u>SW — Homestead</u> T.H. Beckwith	<u>NE — Homestead</u> A.H. Prowse	<u>SE — Sale</u> A.H. Prowse
23. <u>NW — CPR</u> "	<u>SW — CPR</u> S.W. Barber	<u>NE — CPR</u> "	<u>SE — CPR</u> S.W. Barber
24. <u>NW — Homestead</u> R.J. Parrott	<u>SW — Sale</u> E.W. Parrott	<u>NE — Homestead</u> R.J. Parrott	<u>SE — Homestead</u> M. Parrott, Sr.
25. <u>NW — CPR</u>	<u>SW — CPR</u>	<u>NE — CPR</u>	<u>SE — CPR</u>
26. <u>NW — HB Coy Grant</u> "	<u>SW — HB Coy Grant</u> "	<u>NE — HB Coy Grant</u> D.G. Ellden	<u>SE — HB Coy Grant</u> "
27. <u>NW — CPR</u> "	<u>SW — CPR</u> E.B. Shuttleworth	<u>NE — CPR</u> W. Brigham	<u>SE — CPR</u> E.B. Shuttleworth
28. <u>NW — Homestead</u> W.H. Baker	<u>SW — Homestead</u> W.J. Baker	<u>NE — Homestead</u> W.H. Baker	<u>SE — Homestead</u> W.J. Baker
29. <u>NW — School Lands</u> <u>Sales</u> W. Blight	<u>SW — School Lands</u> <u>Sales</u> W½ - C.H. Halse E½ - E.P. Harris	<u>NE — Homestead</u> W. Blight	<u>SE — Homestead</u> E. Harris
30. <u>NW — Sale</u> H. Lamont	<u>SW — Homestead</u> H. Lamont	<u>NE — Sale</u> J. Blight	<u>SE — Homestead</u> G.H. Halse
31. <u>NW — CPR</u> Allen Graham	<u>SW — CPR</u> Allen Graham	<u>NE — CPR</u> "	<u>SE — CPR</u> "
32. <u>NW — Homestead</u> J. Harris	<u>SW — Homestead</u> G. Hanley	<u>NE — Homestead</u> J. Courtice	<u>SE — Homestead</u> A. McCallum
33. <u>NW — CPR</u> "	<u>SW — CPR</u> J.H. Hughes	<u>NE — CPR</u> "	<u>SE — CPR</u> "
34. <u>NW — Special Sale</u> N½ - A.D. Gamley S½ - A.D. Gamley	<u>SW — Homestead</u> A.M. Peterson	<u>NE — Sales</u> E. Sproule	<u>SE — Homestead</u> G.T. Duncan
35. <u>NW — CPR</u>	<u>SW — CPR</u>	<u>NE — CPR</u>	<u>SE — CPR</u>
36. <u>NW — Homestead</u> R.W. Currie	<u>SW — Sale</u> R. Rowan	<u>NE — Homestead</u> W.C. Currie	<u>SE — Homestead</u> R. Rowan

WARD 5  
Range 18 — Township 10 — August 1881  
Section:

1. <u>NW — CPR</u>	<u>SW — CPR</u>	<u>NE — CPR</u>	<u>SE — CPR</u>
2. <u>NW — Homestead</u> W.W. Longworth	<u>SW — Homestead</u> C. Goldstone	<u>NE — Homestead</u> Wm. Currie	<u>SE — Homestead</u> Mary Jane Magwood
3. <u>NW — CPR</u> "	<u>SW — CPR</u> W.N. Ironside	<u>NE — CPR</u> "	<u>SE — CPR</u> "
4. <u>NW — Sale</u> D. Milne	<u>SW — Homestead</u> D. Milne	<u>NE — Homestead</u> P. Milne	<u>SE — Pre Sale</u> P. Milne



5. <u>NW — CPR</u> " "	<u>SW — CPR</u> John Leech	<u>NE — CPR</u> " "	<u>SE — CPR</u> J. Leech
6. <u>NW — Homestead</u> J. Coxé	<u>SW — Homestead</u> T. Heal	<u>NE — Homestead</u> S. Coxé	<u>SE — Sale</u> G. Winters
7. <u>NW — CPR</u>	<u>SW — CPR</u>	<u>NE — CPR</u>	<u>SE — CPR</u>
8. <u>NW — HB Coy Grant</u>	<u>SW — HB Coy Grant</u>	<u>NE — HB Coy Grant</u>	<u>SE — HB Coy Grant</u>
9. <u>NW — CPR</u>	<u>SW — CPR</u>	<u>NE — CPR</u>	<u>SE — CPR</u>
10. <u>NW — Homestead</u> G. Keeble	<u>SW — Homestead</u> A.J. Bromley	<u>NE — Sale</u> G. Keeble	<u>SE — Sale</u> A.J. Bromley
11. <u>NW — Man. School Plan</u> W. Robinson	<u>SW — Withheld</u> " "	<u>NE — Withheld</u> " "	<u>SE — Man. School Plan - W of River</u> H. Thomas
12. <u>NW — Sale</u> J. Butler	<u>SW — Sale</u> J. Butler	<u>NE — Sale</u> Wm. Murgatroyd	<u>SE — Sale</u> Wm. Murgatroyd
13. <u>NW — CPR</u>	<u>SW — CPR</u>	<u>NE — CPR</u>	<u>SE — CPR</u>
14. <u>NW — Homestead</u> A. Leslie	<u>SW — Homestead</u> W. Murgatroyd	<u>NE — Homestead</u> J.W. Leslie	<u>SE — Homestead</u> J.E. Smith
15. <u>NW — CPR</u> G. Keeble	<u>SW — CPR</u> J.C. McBurnie, Sr.	<u>NE — CPR</u> " "	<u>SE — CPR</u> J.D. McBurnie
16. <u>NW — Sale</u> R.R. Sutherland	<u>SW — Sale</u> R.R. Sutherland	<u>NE — Man. School Lands</u> J.F. Fisher	<u>SE Homestead</u> H. Cardiff
17. <u>NW — CPR</u> H. Bradford	<u>SW — CPR</u> " "	<u>NE — CPR</u> " "	<u>SE — CPR</u> " "
18. <u>NW — Sale</u> H. Andrews	<u>SW — Withheld</u> " "	<u>NE — Homestead</u> D. McVicar	<u>SE — Withheld</u> " "
19. <u>NW — Sale</u> —	<u>SW — Sale</u> H. Bradford	<u>NE — Homestead</u> J. McVicar	<u>SE — Sale</u> D. McVicar
20. <u>NW — Pre Sale</u> D.W. McVicar	<u>SW — Homestead</u> D.W. McVicar	<u>NE — Sale</u> J.B. Stewart	<u>SE — Homestead</u> J.B. Stewart
21. <u>NW — Homestead</u> T.D. Woodcock	<u>SW — CPR</u> " "	<u>NE — Sale</u> T.D. Woodcock	<u>SE — CPR</u> " "
22. <u>NW — Homestead</u> G.W. Woodcock	<u>SW — Homestead</u> J. Ferguson	<u>NE — Homestead</u> F.D. Woodcock	<u>SE — Sale</u> J. Ferguson
23. <u>NW — CPR</u>	<u>SW — CPR</u>	<u>NE — CPR</u>	<u>SE — CPR</u>
24. <u>NW — Sale</u> W. Cuthbertson	<u>SW — Sale</u> J. Stewart	<u>NE — Homestead</u> W. Cuthbertson	<u>SE — Homestead</u> J. Stewart
25. <u>NW — CPR</u> H. Hurley	<u>SW — CPR</u> H. Hurley	<u>NE — CPR</u> T. Willdey	<u>SE — CPR</u> H. Willdey
26. <u>NW — HB Coy Grant</u>	<u>SW — HB Coy Grant</u>	<u>NE — HB Coy Grant</u>	<u>SE — HB Coy Grant</u>
27. <u>NW — CPR</u>	<u>SW — CPR</u>	<u>NE — CPR</u>	<u>SE — CPR</u>
28. <u>NW — Homestead</u> D. Archibald	<u>SW — Sale</u> P. Dickson	<u>NE — Homestead</u> D. Archibald	<u>SE — Sale</u> P. Dickson
29. <u>NW — Withheld</u> " "	<u>SW — Homestead</u> J.H. Stewart	<u>NE — Man. School Lands</u> J. Blight	<u>SE — Man. School Lands</u> A. Johnson
30. <u>NW — Homestead</u> H. Foster	<u>SW — Sale</u> H. Foster	<u>NE — Time Sale</u> A.J. Munroe	<u>SE — Homestead</u> J.T. McFadyen
31. <u>NW — Pre Sale</u> A. Smyth	<u>SW — CPR</u> " "	<u>NE — Homestead</u> A. Smyth	<u>SE — CPR</u> " "
32. <u>NW — Homestead</u> R. Smyth	<u>SW — Sale</u> R. Smyth	<u>NE — Homestead</u> J.M. Smith	<u>SE — Homestead</u> R. McKay
33. <u>NW — CPR</u>	<u>SW — CPR</u>	<u>NE — CPR</u>	<u>SE — CPR</u>
34. <u>NW — Homestead</u> J.R. Gray	<u>SW — Sale</u> J.R. Gray	<u>NE — Sale</u> C.R. Grant	<u>SE — Homestead</u> C.R. Grant
35. <u>NW — Sale</u> Marg. McLeod	<u>SW — Homestead</u> C.R. Grant	<u>NE — CPR</u> M. McLeod	<u>SE — CPR</u> John Abey
36. <u>NW — Sale</u> J. Gay	<u>SW — Homestead</u> J. Gay	<u>NE — Homestead</u> C. Abey	<u>SE — Homestead</u> C. Abey

WARD 3

Range 19 -- Township 9 -- Surveyed by G.B. Abrey -- 1880

Section:

1. <u>NW -- CPR</u>	<u>SW -- CPR</u>	<u>NE -- CPR</u> Barker Vosborgh	<u>SE -- CPR</u>
2. <u>NW -- Homestead</u>	<u>SW -- Homestead</u>	<u>NE -- Homestead</u>	<u>SE -- Homestead</u>
3. <u>NW -- CPR</u>	<u>SW -- CPR</u> Chas. Whitehead	<u>NE -- CPR</u>	<u>SE -- CPR</u>
4. <u>NW -- Homestead</u>	<u>SW -- Homestead</u>	<u>NE -- Homestead</u>	<u>SE -- Homestead</u>
5. <u>NW -- CPR</u>	<u>SW -- CPR</u>	<u>NE -- CPR</u>	<u>SE -- CPR</u>
6. <u>NW -- Homestead</u>	<u>SW -- Homestead</u>	<u>NE -- Homestead</u>	<u>SE -- Homestead</u>
7. <u>NW -- CPR</u>	<u>SW -- CPR</u>	<u>NE -- CPR</u>	<u>SE -- CPR</u>
8. <u>NW -- HBC</u> W. Sinclair	<u>SW -- HBC</u> W. Sinclair	<u>NE -- HBC</u> Wm. Sinclair	<u>SE -- HBC</u> Wm. Sinclair
9. <u>NW -- CPR</u>	<u>SW -- CPR</u>	<u>NE -- CPR</u>	<u>SE -- CPR</u>
10. <u>NW -- Homestead</u> Wm. Little	<u>SW -- Homestead</u>	<u>NE -- Homestead</u>	<u>SE -- Homestead</u> Wm. Fardoe
11. <u>NW -- Withheld</u>	<u>SW -- Withheld</u>	<u>NE -- Withheld</u>	<u>SE -- Withheld</u>
12. <u>NW -- Homestead</u>	<u>SW -- Homestead</u>	<u>NE -- Homestead</u> John Davis	<u>SE -- Homestead</u>
13. <u>NW -- CPR</u> Wm. Evans	<u>SW -- CPR</u> Wm. Evans	<u>NE -- CPR</u> Owen Jones	<u>SE -- CPR</u> Owen Jones
14. <u>NW -- Homestead</u> John Doran	<u>SW -- Homestead</u> Chas. McLean	<u>NE -- Homestead</u> J. Doran	<u>SE -- Homestead</u> Chas. McLean
15. <u>NW -- CPR</u> John Doran	<u>SW -- CPR</u> John Doran	<u>NE -- CPR</u> Thos. Hyndman	<u>SE -- CPR</u> Thos. Hyndman
16. <u>NW -- Homestead</u> M. Doubiney	<u>SW -- Homestead</u> J. Empey	<u>NE -- Homestead</u> Ed. Grome	<u>SE -- Homestead</u> John Empey
17. <u>NW -- CPR</u>	<u>SW -- CPR</u>	<u>NE -- CPR</u>	<u>SE -- CPR</u>
18. <u>NW -- HBC</u>	<u>SW -- HBC</u>	<u>NE -- HBC</u>	<u>SE -- HBC</u>
19. <u>NW -- CPR</u>	<u>SW -- CPR</u>	<u>NE -- CPR</u>	<u>SE -- CPR</u> Elihu Stewart
20. <u>NW -- Homestead</u>	<u>SW -- Homestead</u>	<u>NE -- Homestead</u>	<u>SE -- Homestead</u>
21. <u>NW -- CPR</u>	<u>SW -- CPR</u> W.H. Daubnew	<u>NE -- CPR</u> S.G. Hamburg	<u>SE -- CPR</u> Ambrose
22. <u>NW -- Homestead</u> John Doran	<u>SW -- Homestead</u> Thos. Hyndman	<u>NE -- Homestead</u> John Doran	<u>SE -- Homestead</u> Thos. Hyndman
23. <u>NW -- CPR</u> John Doran	<u>SW -- CPR</u> John Doran	<u>NE -- CPR</u> Hector McLean	<u>SE -- CPR</u> John Doran
24. <u>NW -- Homestead</u> John McLean	<u>SW -- Homestead</u> G. Fraser	<u>NE -- Homestead</u> J. Doran	<u>SE -- Homestead</u> H. McLean
25. <u>NW -- CPR</u>	<u>SW -- CPR</u> G. Fraser	<u>NE -- CPR</u> David Sheriff	<u>SE -- CPR</u> H.R. Jones
26. <u>NW -- HBC</u>	<u>SW -- HBC</u>	<u>NE -- HBC</u>	<u>SE -- HBC</u>
27. <u>NW -- CPR</u> J. Doran	<u>SW -- CPR</u> J. Doran	<u>NE -- CPR</u> J. Doran	<u>SE -- CPR</u> J. Doran
28. <u>NW -- Homestead</u>	<u>SW -- Homestead</u>	<u>NE -- Homestead</u>	<u>SE -- Homestead</u>
29. <u>NW -- Withheld</u> School	<u>SW -- Withheld</u> School	<u>NE -- Withheld</u>	<u>SE -- Withheld</u>
30. <u>NW -- Homestead</u>	<u>SW -- Homestead</u> Chas. Magee	<u>NE -- Homestead</u> A. Fisher	<u>SE -- Homestead</u> A. Fisher
31. <u>NW -- CPR</u> R.H. Ferguson	<u>SW -- CPR</u> R.H. Ferguson	<u>NE -- CPR</u> R.H. Ferguson	<u>SE -- CPR</u> R.H. Ferguson
32. <u>NW -- Homestead</u>	<u>SW -- Homestead</u> R.H. Lowes	<u>NE -- Homestead</u> J.A. Lowes	<u>SE -- Homestead</u> J.A. Lowes
33. <u>NW -- CPR</u>	<u>SW -- CPR</u> Alonzo Rowe	<u>NE -- CPR</u> Margaret Ferries	<u>SE --</u> John Ferries
34. <u>NW -- Homestead</u> James Alford	<u>SW -- Homestead</u> Rev. J. Ferries	<u>NE -- Homestead</u> Thos. McGill	<u>SE -- Homestead</u>
35. <u>NW -- CPR</u>	<u>SW -- CPR</u>	<u>NE -- CPR</u>	<u>SE -- CPR</u>
36. <u>NW -- Homestead</u>	<u>SW -- Homestead</u>	<u>NE -- Homestead</u>	<u>SE -- Homestead</u>

WARD 4  
Range 19 – Township 10  
Section:

1. <u>NW – CPR</u>	<u>SW – CPR</u>	<u>NE – CPR</u>	<u>SE – CPR</u>
2. <u>NW – Homestead</u>	<u>SW – Homestead</u>	<u>NE – Homestead</u>	<u>SE – Homestead</u>
3. <u>NW – CPR</u>	<u>SW – CPR</u>	<u>NE – CPR</u>	<u>SE – CPR</u>
4. <u>NW – Homestead</u>	<u>SW – Homestead</u>	<u>NE – Homestead</u>	<u>SE – Homestead</u>
5. <u>NW – CPR</u>	<u>SW – CPR</u> R.W. Lowes	<u>NE – CPR</u>	<u>SE – CPR</u>
6. <u>NW – Homestead</u>	<u>SW – Homestead</u>	<u>NE – Homestead</u>	<u>SE – Homestead</u>
7. <u>NW – CPR</u> Horatio Way	<u>SW – CPR</u> Horatio Way	<u>NE – CPR</u>	<u>SE – CPR</u>
8. <u>NW – HBC</u> Thos. McInnes	<u>SW – HBC</u> Thos. McInnes	<u>NE – HBC</u> Hector McLean	<u>SE – HBC</u> Thos. McInnes
9. <u>NW – CPR</u>	<u>SW – CPR</u>	<u>NE – CPR</u>	<u>SE – CPR</u>
10. <u>NW – Homestead</u>	<u>SW – Homestead</u>	<u>NE – Homestead</u>	<u>SE – Homestead</u>
11. <u>NW – Withheld</u> School	<u>SW – Withheld</u> School	<u>NE – Withheld</u> School	<u>SE – Withheld</u> School
12. <u>NW – Homestead</u>	<u>SW – Homestead</u>	<u>NE – Homestead</u>	<u>SE – Homestead</u>
13. <u>NW – CPR</u> John McKay	<u>SW – CPR</u> Roy O'Laughlin	<u>NE – CPR</u> B.F. Woodward	<u>SE – CPR</u>
14. <u>NW – Homestead</u> Jas. Johnston	<u>SW – Homestead</u> H. Way	<u>NE – Homestead</u> Joseph Vivian	<u>SE – Homestead</u>
15. <u>NW – CPR</u> Crown	<u>SW – CPR</u> Crown	<u>NE – CPR</u> Crown	<u>SE – CPR</u> Crown
16. <u>NW – Homestead</u> Crown	<u>SW – Homestead</u> Crown	<u>NE – Homestead</u> Crown	<u>SE – Homestead</u> Crown
17. <u>NW – CPR</u> Jas. Vivian	<u>SW – CPR</u> Vivian & Co.	<u>NE – CPR</u>	<u>SE – CPR</u> J. Johnston
18. <u>NW – HBC</u>	<u>SW – HBC</u>	<u>NE – HBC</u>	<u>SE – HBC</u>
19. <u>NW – CPR</u> John McVicar	<u>SW – CPR</u>	<u>NE – CPR</u> J. McVicar	<u>SE – CPR</u>
20. <u>NW – Homestead</u> D. McVicar	<u>SW – Homestead</u> D. McVicar	<u>NE – Homestead</u>	<u>SE – Homestead</u> J. Chipman
21. <u>NW – CPR</u>	<u>SW – CPR</u>	<u>NE – CPR</u>	<u>SE – CPR</u>
22. <u>NW – Homestead</u>  Neil McDonald	<u>SW – Homestead</u> Power of Atty. to Sec. 22 Neil McDonald	<u>NE – Homestead</u>  Neil McDonald	<u>SE – Homestead</u>  Neil McDonald
23. <u>NW – CPR</u>  D.H. Adamson	<u>SW – CPR</u> Q.C. Deed D. Adamson	<u>NE – CPR</u> Q.C. Deed D. Adamson	<u>SE – CPR</u>  D. Adamson
24. <u>NW – Homestead</u> J.E. Woodworth	<u>SW – Homestead</u> J.E. Woodworth	<u>NE – Homestead</u> B. Woodworth	<u>SE – Homestead</u> J. Woodworth
25. <u>NW – CPR</u>	<u>SW – CPR</u> J. Arthur	<u>NE – CPR</u> G.A. Laird	<u>SE – CPR</u> G.A. Laird
26. <u>NW – HBC</u> A.W. Ross	<u>SW – HBC</u> A.W. Ross	<u>NE – HBC</u> A.W. Ross	<u>SE – HBC</u> A.W. Ross
27. <u>NW – CPR</u> Katherine Stewart	<u>SW – CPR</u>	<u>NE – CPR</u> Watson Stewart	<u>SE – CPR</u>
28. <u>NW –</u>	<u>SW –</u>	<u>NE –</u>	<u>SE –</u>
29. <u>NW – Withheld</u> School	<u>SW – Withheld</u> School	<u>NE – Withheld</u> School	<u>SE – Withheld</u> School
30. <u>NW – Homestead</u>	<u>SW – Homestead</u>	<u>NE – Homestead</u> London & Ont. Investment Co.	<u>SE – Homestead</u> London & Ont. Investment Co.
31. <u>NW – CPR</u> John Henry	<u>SW – CPR</u> John Henry	<u>NE – CPR</u> John Henry	<u>SE – CPR</u> John Henry
32. <u>NW – Homestead</u>	<u>SW – Homestead</u>	<u>NE – Homestead</u> West. Can. Loan	<u>SE – Homestead</u>
33. <u>NW – CPR</u> J.P. Stafford	<u>SW – CPR</u> J.P. Stafford	<u>NE – CPR</u> J.P. Stafford	<u>SE – CPR</u> J.P. Stafford
34. <u>NW – Homestead</u>	<u>SW – Homestead</u>	<u>NE – Homestead</u> E. Archibald	<u>SE – Homestead</u>
35. <u>NW – CPR</u>	<u>SW – CPR</u> R. Huston	<u>NE – CPR</u> J. Clarks	<u>SE – CPR</u> R. Huston
36. <u>NW – Homestead</u> Jas. Lawley	<u>SW – Homestead</u>	<u>NE – Homestead</u>	<u>SE – Homestead</u>

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AND DEREK SHODLOCK

## WARD I

Township 9 — Range 17

### Section 1

#### NW

1893 George Charleson  
1912 Alsip Brick Co.  
1915 W.P. Alsip  
1933 E. Criddle  
1938 Ron Whitehead  
1941 N.V. Criddle  
1952 Criddle Brothers  
1960 Triple Crown Ent.  
1965 K.T. Macpherson  
1974 Bar 5 Simmental Breeders  
Ltd.  
1980 Shilo Farms

#### NE

1892 J. Houston  
1897 P. Criddle  
1898 N. Criddle  
1915 S. Criddle  
1927 N.V. Criddle  
1952 Criddle Brothers  
1960 Triple Crown Ent.  
1965 K.T. Macpherson  
1974 Bar 5 Simmental Breeders  
Ltd.  
1980 Shilo Farms

#### SW

1891 Campbell Hooper  
1893 George Charleson  
1912 Alsip Brick Co.  
1915 W.P. Alsip  
1933 E. Criddle  
1938 Ron Whitehead  
1941 N.V. Criddle  
1952 Criddle Brothers  
1960 Triple Crown Ent.  
1965 K.T. Macpherson  
1974 Bar 5 Simmental Breeders  
Ltd.  
1980 Shilo Farms

#### SE

1892 John Lonsberry  
1899 F. Cullen  
1908 J. Galbraith  
1912 G. Finnups  
1949 Joe Vanstone  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1965 K.T. Macpherson  
1974 Bar 5 Simmental Breeders  
Ltd.  
1980 Shilo Farms

### Section 2

#### NW

1884 D. McIntyre  
1901 W.J. Elder  
1945 W.C. Elder  
1948 Roland Castonguay  
1961 Lawrence Rystephanuk  
1973 Murray Madsen  
1977 Allan Kent

#### NE

1884 Thomas Gibson  
1891 Thomas Fortune  
1904 F. Arthur  
1910 E. Wellhand  
1912 Alsip Brick Co.  
1915 W.P. Alsip  
1933 E. Criddle  
1938 Ron Whitehead  
1941 N.V. Criddle  
1952 Criddle Brothers  
1960 Triple Crown Ent.  
1976 Crown

#### SW

1884 D. McIntyre  
1901 W.J. Elder  
1945 W.C. Elder  
1948 Roland Castonguay  
1961 Lawrence Rystephanuk  
1973 Murray Madsen  
1977 Allan Kent

#### SE

1891 Campbell Hooper  
1892 Francis Little  
1894 John Walker  
1898 Thomas Fortune  
1919 S. Criddle  
1938 Ron Whitehead  
1941 N.V. Criddle  
1952 Criddle Brothers  
1960 Triple Crown Ent.  
1976 Crown

### Section 3

#### NW

1884 Robert Phippen  
1887 C. Shipman  
1889 Tully Elder  
1898 T.J. Elder  
1947 Catherine Elder  
1950 Andrew Forson  
1973 Allan Kent

#### NE

1884 J.F. Elder  
1895 W.J. Elder  
1898 A.T. Elder  
1947 G. Wallace Elder  
1974 Jacob Buhler  
1978 D. & S. Mooney

#### SW

1889 James McManus  
1900 C. Fox  
1903 S.E. Fox  
1917 A.T. Elder  
1947 G. Wallace Elder  
1974 Jacob Buhler  
1978 D. & S. Mooney

#### SE

1884 J.F. Elder  
1895 W.J. Elder  
1900 A.T. Elder  
1947 G. Wallace Elder  
1974 Jacob Buhler  
1978 D. & S. Mooney

### Section 4

#### NW

1884 A. Phippen  
1888 O.H. Cullen  
1922 T.H. Johnson  
1943 S.W. Elder  
1952 D.B. Pierce  
1957 Evan Roberts  
1966 Albert Baker

#### NE

1884 A. Phippen  
1888 T. Waddington  
1900 W. Clark  
1913 N.J. Clark  
1959 Tom & Carol Clark  
1972 James B. Clark

#### SW

1884 Peter Elder  
1922 Bain Elder  
1925 D. Wright  
1943 Mrs. M. Wright  
1945 A.H. Wesche  
1954 Walter Demchuk  
1958 Spring Valley Colony  
1972 Clendon Baker  
1981 Neil Chapman

#### SE

1884 A. Small  
1891 A. Quarry  
1892 A.G. Small  
1894 Peter Elder  
1922 Bain Elder  
1925 D. Wright  
1943 Mrs. M. Wright  
1945 A.H. Wesche  
1954 Walter Demchuk  
1958 Spring Valley Colony  
1972 Clendon Baker  
1981 Neil Chapman

### Section 5

#### NW

1884 John Graham  
1894 Noble Graham  
1915 W. Henry  
1918 L. Henry  
1920 Dickson Wright  
1950 Andrew Kolada  
1958 John Omilanow  
1965 John Dyck  
1967 Len Friesen

#### NE

1884 Peter Elder  
1893 O.H. Cullen  
1922 T.H. Johnson  
1943 S.W. Elder  
1952 D.B. Pierce  
1957 Evan Roberts  
1966 Albert Baker  
1976 Elmer Wilson

#### SW

1884 A. Small  
1891 A. Quarry  
1995 John Fraser

1902 Noble Graham  
1915 W. Henry  
1918 L. Henry  
1920 Dickson Wright  
1950 Andrew Kolada  
1958 John Omilanow  
1965 John Dyck  
1967 Len Friesen

#### SE

1884 John Graham  
1894 Noble Graham  
1915 W. Henry  
1918 L. Henry  
1920 Dickson Wright  
1950 Andrew Kolada  
1958 John Omilanow  
1965 John Dyck  
1967 Len Friesen

### Section 6

#### NW

1884 J.K. Mowat  
1898 W. Reddick  
1903 R. Wheeler  
1911 Grant Wheeler  
1922 Robert Wheeler  
1949 Maria Auremenko  
1958 Spring Valley Colony

#### NE

1885 Allan Quarry  
1890 S.B. Flower  
1895 W.H. Maher  
1920 T.R. Maher  
1949 Evan Roberts  
1975 Gordon Roberts

#### SW

1884 E.J. Macklin  
1895 Wm. Glen  
1901 W.H. Maher  
1908 R. Wheeler  
1911 Grant Wheeler  
1922 Robert Wheeler  
1949 Maria Auremenko  
1958 Spring Valley Colony

#### SE

1885 Allan Quarry  
1890 S.B. Flower  
1895 W.H. Maher  
1920 T.R. Maher  
1949 Evan Roberts  
1975 Gordon Roberts

### Section 7

#### NW

1884 John Maher  
1919 S.W. Maher  
1953 C.W. Chapman

#### NE

1884 S.W. Maher  
1950 John F. Maher  
1970 John Earl Maher

**SW**  
 1886 George Harley  
 1889 D.C. McNabb  
 1895 Robert Wheeler  
 1949 A. Auremenko  
 1953 Maria Auremenko  
 1958 Spring Valley Colony  
 1973 Neil Chapman

**NE**  
 1884 S.M. Packett  
 1886 W. Andrews  
 1936 Maher & Wilcox  
 1945 John F. Maher  
 1970 John Earl Maher

## Section 8

**NW**  
 1884 Hudson Bay Co.  
 1892 Alfred Wells  
 1950 Ken Harris

**NE**  
 1884 Hudson Bay Co.  
 1892 Geo. Palvir  
 1894 Alfred Wells  
 1933 Cyril Harris  
 1976 Ken Harris

**SW**  
 1884 G.C. Watson  
 1892 David Watt  
 1895 Ellen Flatt  
 1905 H. Falls  
 1910 H. Vosper  
 1950 Sam Chalanchuk  
 1971 Eugene Chalanchuk

**SE**  
 1884 G.C. Watson  
 1892 David Watt  
 1895 Ellen Flatt  
 1905 H. Falls  
 1910 H. Vosper  
 1950 Sam Chalanchuk  
 1971 Eugene Chalanchuk

## Section 9

**NW**  
 1884 John Waddington  
 1915 Mrs. S. McPhee  
 1920 S.A. McPhee  
 1945 T.H. Prowes  
 1958 Dan W. Prowes  
 1968 Clendon Baker

**NE**  
 1885 Kelly & Maxwell  
 1888 A. Kelly  
 1889 E.W. Dertcher  
 1892 John Bain  
 1949 Andrew Forson  
 1971 Allan Kent

**SW**  
 1884 John Waddington  
 1915 Mrs. S. McPhee  
 1920 S.A. McPhee  
 1945 T.H. Prowes  
 1958 Dan W. Prowes  
 1968 Clendon Baker

**SE**  
 1885 Kelly & Maxwell  
 1888 A. Kelly  
 1889 E.W. Dertcher  
 1892 John Bain  
 1949 Andrew Forson  
 1971 Allan Kent

## Section 10

**NW**  
 1884 William Foster  
 1899 H. Humphrey  
 1904 C. Shurman  
 1929 Waldron/Charleson  
 1949 Andrew Forson  
 1971 Allan Kent

**NE**  
 1885 R. Southerland  
 1889 H. Sutton  
 1920 A.T. Elder  
 1947 G. Wallace Elder  
 1974 Jacob Buhler  
 1978 D. & S. Mooney

**SW**  
 1884 Tully Elder  
 1899 F.J. Elder  
 1901 J.F. Elder  
 1947 Catherine Elder  
 1949 Andrew Forson  
 1971 Allan Kent

**SE**  
 1885 R. Southerland  
 1889 H. Sutton  
 1920 A.T. Elder  
 1947 G. Wallace Elder  
 1974 Jacob Buhler  
 1978 D. & S. Mooney

## Section 11

**NW**  
 1891 School Land

**NE**  
 1891 School Land  
 1892 Josiah Bruner

**SW**  
 1886 T. Chapman  
 1891 School Land

**SE**  
 1886 Thomas Chapman  
 1891 School Land

## Section 12

**NW**  
 1884 Josiah Bruner  
 1905 J. Barclay  
 1914 M. Shrinkman  
 1949 Elwood Downie  
 1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
 1965 K.T. Macpherson  
 1974 Bar 5 Simmental Breeders Ltd.  
 1980 Shilo Farms

**NE**  
 1884 P. Smith  
 1891 Manitoba University  
 1949 Joe Vanstone  
 1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
 1965 K.T. Macpherson  
 1974 Bar 5 Simmental Breeders Ltd.  
 1980 Shilo Farms

**SW**  
 1884 Josiah Bruner  
 1889 John McManus  
 1899 F. Cullen  
 1909 Jacob Brown  
 1949 Elwood Downie  
 1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
 1965 K.T. Macpherson  
 1974 Bar 5 Simmental Breeders Ltd.  
 1980 Shilo Farms

**SE**  
 1884 P. Smith  
 1889 Thomas Fortune  
 1905 J. Arthur

1917 Wm. Irish  
 1922 S. Lerner  
 1926 Charles Wardell  
 1949 Elwood Downie  
 1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
 1965 K.T. Macpherson  
 1974 Bar 5 Simmental Breeders Ltd.  
 1980 Shilo Farms

## Section 13

**NW**  
 1927 J. & F. Wyton  
 1964 Robert Wyton  
 1976 Crown

**NE**  
 CPR  
 1949 Elwood Downie  
 1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
 1965 K.T. Macpherson  
 1974 Bar 5 Simmental Breeders Ltd.  
 1979 Bar 5 Growers  
 1980 Shilo Farms

**SW**  
 CPR  
 1940 John Kent  
 1968 Bruce & Allan Kent

**SE**  
 CPR  
 1949 Elwood Downie  
 1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
 1965 K.T. Macpherson  
 1974 Bar 5 Simmental Breeders Ltd.

## Section 14

**NW**  
 1884 S.P. & C.D. Fox  
 1892 D.W. Fox  
 1901 R. Denny  
 1907 O. Ellis  
 1910 Charles Wardell  
 1963 James Richardson  
 1965 Norm Richardson

**NE**  
 1884 C.L. Fox  
 1901 R. Denny  
 1907 O. Ellis  
 1910 Charles Wardell  
 1963 James Richardson  
 1965 Norm Richardson

**SW**  
 1890 James McManus  
 1897 A.W. Peterson  
 1903 B.C. Parker  
 1906 F.C. Bell  
 1934 F.C. Bell & W.H. Maher  
 1941 John S. Kent  
 1966 Bruce & Allan Kent

**SE**  
 1884 D. Burduk  
 1887 I. Swarsland  
 1892 Robert Nicholson  
 1905 J. Morris  
 1912 D. Playfond  
 1918 Charles Wardell  
 1942 Allan Kent  
 1966 Bruce & Allan Kent

## Section 15

**NW**  
 1884 C.D. Fox  
 1908 J. Taylor  
 1909 Emma Taylor  
 1910 S.F. Taylor  
 1923 E.W. Taylor  
 1942 Lillian Harris (West of River)

1964 Rolling Plains Cattle Co. (East of River)  
 1958 Ken Harris (West of River)

**NE**  
 1884 S.P. Fox  
 1901 R. Denny  
 1907 O. Ellis  
 1910 Charles Wardell  
 1963 James Richardson  
 1965 Norm Richardson

**SW**  
 1895 William Foster & E.J. Barclay  
 1899 H. Humphrey  
 1905 C. Shurman  
 1927 Waldron & Charleson  
 1935 E.W. Taylor  
 1950 Clarence Hughes (South of River)  
 1955 Ron Hughes (South of River)  
 1959 Victor Hughes (South of River)  
 1964 Rolling Plains Cattle Co. (North of River)  
 1966 Bruce & Allan Kent (South of River)

**SE**  
 1895 P. Parrott  
 1952 Bruce Kent  
 1966 Bruce & Allan Kent

## Section 16

**NW**  
 1884 Duncan Rowan  
 1887 G.D. Gibson  
 1889 Charles Tran  
 1910 T. Kneeshaw  
 1916 Kate Kneeshaw  
 1940 Lillian Harris  
 1952 Cyril Harris  
 1977 Ken Harris

**NE**  
 1884 Alex Crawford  
 1886 J.D. Parrott  
 1903 B.C. Parker  
 1906 F.C. Bell  
 1938 J.S. Kent  
 1968 Bruce & Allan Kent

**SW**  
 1884 Duncan Rowan  
 1887 G.D. Gibson  
 1889 Charles Tran  
 1910 T. Kneeshaw  
 1916 Kate Kneeshaw  
 1940 Lillian Harris  
 1952 Cyril Harris  
 1977 Ken Harris

**SE**  
 1884 Alex Crawford  
 1886 M. Parrott  
 1903 B.C. Parker  
 1906 F.C. Bell  
 1936 J. Stein  
 1940 Walter Cousins  
 1950 Clarence Hughes  
 1961 Ron Hughes  
 1968 Ken Harris  
 1973 George Demyen

## Section 17

**NW**  
 1884 T. Waddington  
 1897 Tully Elder  
 1906 W. Good  
 1911 C. Beaurest  
 1914 J. Williamson  
 1916 T. Elder  
 1931 Frank E. Elder  
 1949 Allan Wilkinson  
 1958 Spring Valley Colony

**NE**  
 1884 T. Waddington  
 1897 Tully Elder  
 1906 W. Good  
 1911 C. Beaurest  
 1914 J. Williamson  
 1916 T. Elder  
 1931 Frank Elder  
 1949 Allan Wilkinson  
 1958 Spring Valley Colony

**SW**  
 1884 T. Waddington  
 1897 Tully Elder  
 1906 W. Good  
 1911 C. Beaurest  
 1914 J. Williamson  
 1916 T. Elder  
 1931 Frank E. Elder  
 1949 Allan Wilkinson  
 1958 Spring Valley Colony

**SE**  
 1884 T. Waddington  
 1897 Tully Elder  
 1906 W. Good  
 1911 C. Beaurest  
 1914 J. Williamson  
 1916 T. Elder  
 1931 John J. Elder  
 1947 Allan Moggach  
 1958 Spring Valley Colony

#### Section 18

**NW**  
 1884 John Green  
 1886 C. Lameran  
 1909 D. McPhee  
 1922 R.H. McPhee  
 1925 F.G. Henderson  
 1931 C. Chapman  
 1960 Spring Valley Colony

**NE**  
 1885 Charles Lameran  
 1886 H. Brinton  
 1894 Mrs. J. Halse  
 1897 Mrs. McPhee  
 1903 D. McPhee  
 1922 R.H. McPhee  
 1925 Mrs. M.G. Waldron  
 1947 A. Waldron  
 1958 Spring Valley Colony

**SW**  
 1884 John Green  
 1886 D. Reid  
 1903 William Doherty  
 1906 H. Feuwel  
 1911 W. York  
 1915 R. Wheeler  
 1927 Grant Wheeler  
 1950 A. Auramenko  
 1953 Maria Auramenko  
 1958 Spring Valley Colony

**SE**  
 1885 Charles Lameran  
 1886 B.S. Dixon  
 1898 D. Reid  
 1903 William Doherty  
 1906 H. Feuwel  
 1911 W. York  
 1915 R. Wheeler  
 1927 Grant Wheeler  
 1950 A. Auramenko  
 1953 Maria Auramenko  
 1958 Spring Valley Colony

#### Section 19

**NW**  
 1884 Thomas Waddington  
 1889 N. Kneeshaw  
 1903 Mrs. A. Pettitt  
 1924 Herbert Taylor

1949 J. Moggach  
 1952 Allan Moggach  
 1958 Spring Valley Colony

**NE**  
 1884 Thomas Waddington  
 1887 W.H. Hannam  
 1892 N. Kneeshaw  
 1903 Mrs. A. Pettitt  
 1924 Herbert Taylor  
 1949 J. Moggach  
 1952 Allan Moggach  
 1958 Spring Valley Colony

**SW**  
 1886 Robert Allen  
 1892 John Waddington  
 1898 Mrs. S.M. McPhee  
 1922 R.H. McPhee  
 1926 McPherson Brothers  
 1949 J. Moggach  
 1952 Allan Moggach  
 1958 Spring Valley Colony

**SE**  
 1885 Mrs. S.M. McPhee  
 1922 R.H. McPhee  
 1925 Mrs. M.G. Waldron  
 1947 A. Waldron  
 1958 Spring Valley Colony

#### Section 20

**NW**  
 1884 W.B. Thomson  
 1885 S.T. Thomson  
 1920 F. Cowan  
 1931 Roy Pope  
 1947 Allan Wilkinson  
 1958 Spring Valley Colony

**NE**  
 1884 James Taylor  
 1886 R. Kennedy  
 1892 M. Kennedy  
 1896 W. Waddington  
 1899 S. Ramsden  
 1903 S.E. Fox  
 1918 D.R. Noble  
 1929 Mary Noble  
 1960 Ann Noble & E. Backman  
 1966 James Cullen  
 1970 Crown

**SW**  
 1884 S.T. Thomson  
 1920 F. Cowan  
 1931 Roy Pope  
 1947 Allan Wilkinson  
 1958 Spring Valley Colony

**SE**  
 1884 James Taylor  
 1886 R. Parrott  
 1896 T. Kneeshaw  
 1916 Kate Kneeshaw  
 1940 Lillian Harris  
 1950 Cyril Harris  
 1964 Ken Harris  
 1970 Crown & B.A.C.M.

#### Section 21

**NW**  
 1884 D.R. Noble  
 1929 Mary Noble  
 1960 E. Backman  
 1965 T. Cullen  
 (North of River)  
 1965 Ken Harris  
 (South of River)

**NE**  
 1884 G.S. Charleson  
 1920 Marg. Charleson  
 1935 Andrew Charleson  
 1962 Lily Charleson  
 1978 Geo. G. Charleson

**SW**  
 1884 W.T. Kneeshaw  
 1916 Kate Kneeshaw  
 1941 Cyril Harris  
 1965 Ken Harris

**SE**  
 1884 G.S. Charleson  
 1920 Marg. Charleson  
 1935 Wm. Charleson  
 1949 Andrew Charleson  
 1962 Lily Charleson  
 1978 Geo. G. Charleson

#### Section 22

**NW**  
 1884 Jonathan Matthews  
 1892 Thomas Spence  
 1911 W. Thomson  
 1916 R. Ford  
 1919 J. Ford  
 1925 J.S. Charleson  
 1949 J.S. Kent  
 1952 Bruce Kent  
 1964 Rolling Plains Cattle Co.

**NE**  
 1884 Jonathan Matthews  
 1892 Issac Middlewich  
 1906 L. Hemingway  
 1949 Elwood Downie  
 1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
 1964 Rolling Plains Cattle Co.

**SW**  
 1884 Jonathan Matthews  
 1892 J.M. Milshed  
 1897 T. Taylor  
 1920 Emma Taylor  
 1927 Thomas Taylor  
 1933 E.W. Taylor  
 1964 Rolling Plains Cattle Co.

**SE**  
 1884 George Matthews  
 1892 Thomas Spence  
 1912 Dr. B. Ralph  
 1927 Sarah Bourne  
 1933 Charles Wardell  
 1948 E.W. Taylor  
 1964 Rolling Plains Cattle Co.

#### Section 23

**NW**  
 1884 CPR  
 1949 Elwood Downie  
 1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
 1964 Rolling Plains Cattle Co.

**NE**  
 1884 CPR  
 1949 Elwood Downie  
 1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
 1964 Rolling Plains Cattle Co.

**SW**  
 1884 Mrs. L.J. Fox  
 1886 P. Bruner  
 1889 L.O. Barley  
 1892 Issac Pickering  
 1901 George Everest  
 1915 A. Urguhart  
 1941 Bruce Kent  
 1964 Rolling Plains Cattle Co.

**SE**  
 1884 CPR  
 1910 A.G. Charleson  
 1920 Marg Charleson  
 1931 Crown

#### Section 24

**NW**  
 1884 Peter Taylor  
 1896 George Dixon  
 1908 A. Lamerant

1917 S. Blank  
 1922 Joe Dahl  
 1949 Elwood Downie  
 1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
 1964 Rolling Plains Cattle Co.

**NE**  
 1884 Peter Taylor  
 1896 George Dixon  
 1908 A. Lamerant  
 1917 S. Blank  
 1949 Elwood Downie  
 1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
 1964 Rolling Plains Cattle Co.  
 1965 K.T. Macpherson  
 1974 Bar 5 Simmental Breeders Ltd.  
 1979 Bar 5 Growers  
 1980 Shilo Farms

**SW**  
 1884 A.A. Taylor  
 1896 B.S. Dixon  
 1908 A. Lamerant  
 1917 S. Blank  
 1922 Charles Gates  
 1949 Elwood Downie  
 1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
 1964 Rolling Plains Cattle Co.

**SE**  
 1884 A.A. Taylor  
 1896 B.S. Dixon  
 1908 A. Lamerant  
 1917 S. Blank  
 1922 Charles Gates  
 1949 Elwood Downie  
 1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
 1964 Rolling Plains Cattle Co.  
 1974 Bar 5 Simmental Breeders Ltd.  
 1979 Bar 5 Growers  
 1980 Shilo Farms

#### Section 25

**NW**  
 1949 Joe Vanstone  
 1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
 1964 Rolling Plains Cattle Co.

**NE**  
 1949 Joe Vanstone  
 1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
 1964 Rolling Plains Cattle Co.

**SW**  
 1949 Joe Vanstone  
 1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
 1964 Rolling Plains Cattle Co.

**SE**  
 1949 Joe Vanstone  
 1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
 1964 Rolling Plains Cattle Co.

#### Section 26

**NW**  
 1949 Joe Vanstone  
 1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
 1964 Rolling Plains Cattle Co.

**NE**  
 1884 H.J. Scott  
 1895 D. Scott  
 1900 H.B. Scott  
 1906 L. Hemingway  
 1949 Joe Vanstone  
 1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
 1964 Rolling Plains Cattle Co.

**SW**  
 1949 Joe Vanstone  
 1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
 1964 Rolling Plains Cattle Co.



**SE**  
1949 Joe Vanstone  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1964 Rolling Plains Cattle Co.

### Section 27

**NW**  
1949 Elwood Downie  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1964 Rolling Plains Cattle Co.

**NE**  
1949 Elwood Downie  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1964 Rolling Plains Cattle Co.

**SW**  
1941 J.S. Charleson  
1949 J.S. Kent  
1957 Bruce Kent  
1962 Crown

**SE**  
1949 Elwood Downie  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1962 Crown

### Section 28

**NW**  
1892 D.R. Noble  
1926 Mary Noble  
1956 J.S. Kent  
(North of River)  
1960 E. Backman  
1965 Bruce & Allan Kent  
(North of River)  
1965 Glen Charleson  
(South of River)

**NE**  
1886 D.R. Noble  
1926 Mary Noble  
1960 E. Backman  
1965 James Cullen  
(North of River)  
1965 Glen Charleson  
(South of River)

**SW**  
1884 D.R. Noble  
1926 Mary Noble  
1960 E. Backman  
1965 James Cullen  
(West of River)  
1965 Ken Harris  
(East of River)

**SE**  
1884 G.S. Charleson  
1920 Marg Charleson  
1939 Charleson Brothers  
1962 Lily Charleson  
1978 George G. Charleson

### Section 29

**NW**  
1884 Crown

**NE**  
1884 Crown

**SW**  
1888 Thomas Waddington  
1903 R.E. Fox  
1917 O. Cullen  
1919 Harry Wright  
1960 Elizabeth Wright  
1968 Don & Reg Wright

**SE**  
1884 Crown

### Section 30

**NW**  
1884 Thomas Green  
1895 A. Gawley  
1899 Thomas Green  
1917 Robinson, Little & Co.  
1921 J.H. Cowan  
1930 Charles Hazelwood  
1931 Thomas Hazelwood  
1952 George Gibb Jr.

**NE**  
1884 J. Minaker  
1918 H.S. Minaker  
1947 Frank Shropshire  
1951 Reg & Don Wright

**SW**  
1884 Thomas Green  
1895 A. Gawley  
1899 Thomas Green  
1917 Robinson, Little & Co.  
1921 J.H. Cowan  
1930 Charles Hazelwood  
1931 Thomas Hazelwood  
1952 George Gibb Jr.

**SE**  
1884 J. Minaker  
1918 H.S. Minaker  
1947 Frank Shropshire  
1951 Reg & Don Wright

### Section 31

**NW**  
1895 David Kinsey  
1898 M. Thompson  
1899 W.C. Johnson  
1908 I. Ingram  
CPR  
1931 Tom Wyton Jr.  
1936 Ethel Wyton  
1957 Walter Wyton  
1962 Harvey Wyton

**NE**  
1897 G. Johnson  
1913 T. Johnson  
1916 Thomas Wyton  
1924 Tom Wyton Jr.  
1936 Ethel Wyton  
1957 Walter Wyton  
1962 Harvey Wyton

**SW**  
1884 John Green  
1885 A. Grant  
1895 George Dixon  
1899 Thomas Green  
1901 A. Gawley  
1910 W.J. Dunseith  
1970 Spring Valley Colony

**SE**  
1897 G. Johnson  
1913 T. Johnson  
CPR  
1933 Wm. Wyton  
1943 Mel Wyton  
1959 John T. McGregor  
1963 Reg & Don Wright

### Section 32

**NW**  
1884 David Wilson  
1887 H. Bushill  
1899 J. Lindsay  
1905 P. Wegwagon  
1908 Ethel Robinson  
1919 D.F. Bangman  
1926 Joe Wyton  
1952 E. Downie  
1977 Ross Farms

**NE**  
1884 William Mansell  
1889 B. Park  
1892 A.W. Goulay  
1899 G.W. Johnson  
1905 P. Wegwagon  
1908 H. Osborn  
1910 J. Bleese  
1926 Joe Wyton  
1952 Elwood Downie  
1977 Ross Farms  
1979 Bar 5 Growers  
1980 Shilo Farms

**SW**  
1884 Thomas Wilson  
1887 C. Mardmint  
1889 B. Park  
1892 A.W. Goulay  
1895 R.J. Wilson  
1899 T. Wilson  
1911 A. Oakes  
1914 E. Peterson  
1924 Hilda Gregg  
1931 Tom Wyton Jr.  
1936 Ethel Wyton  
1958 Harvey Wyton  
1971 Reg & Don Wright

**SE**  
1884 Mr. Heuley  
1885 H. Munson  
1892 William Shepard  
1899 T. Wyton  
1906 T. Taylor  
1912 D. Churchill  
1931 Tom Wyton Jr.  
1936 Ethel Wyton  
1958 Harvey Wyton  
1971 Don & Reg Wright

### Section 33

**NW**  
1884 R. Davis  
1908 T. Wyton  
1919 John Wyton  
1927 Joe Wyton  
1951 Elwood Downie  
1977 Ross Farms  
1979 Bar 5 Growers  
1980 Shilo Farms

**NE**  
1884 R. Davis  
1908 T. Wyton  
1919 John Wyton  
1927 Joe Wyton  
1951 Elwood Downie  
1977 Ross Farms  
1979 Bar 5 Growers  
1980 Shilo Farms

**SW**  
1884 R. Davis  
CPR  
1946 Otto Fiedler  
1949 Elwood Downie  
1977 Ross Farms

**SE**  
1884 R. Davis  
1899 J. Pontas  
1910 CPR  
1940 John Cutter  
1954 Joe Wyton  
1958 Elwood Downie  
1977 Ross Farms

### Section 34

**NW**  
1884 L. Gory  
1886 Frank Gowgh  
1889 M. Middlewich  
1895 M. McDonald  
1905 S. McLaughlin  
1912 R.J. Armstrong  
1949 Elwood Downie

1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1964 Rolling Plains Cattle Co.

**NE**  
1884 W. Franklin  
1892 Samuel Cox  
1912 F. Peters  
1919 F.E. Scott  
1949 Elwood Downie  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1964 Rolling Plains Cattle Co.

**SW**  
1884 Philip Wigle  
1892 David Reid  
1899 H. Scott  
1907 H. Jauwier  
1911 D. Filkins  
1949 Elwood Downie  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1964 Rolling Plains Cattle Co.

**SE**  
1884 W. Franklin  
1892 J. Nichol  
1895 E. Campbell  
1899 H. Scott  
1908 W. Chorley  
1916 W. Dowdell  
1920 Samuel Scott  
1922 Robert Vollans  
1923 J.B. Tubotta  
1924 W.G. Whewell  
1926 Frank Willsey  
1949 Elwood Downie  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1964 Rolling Plains Cattle Co.

### Section 35

**NW**  
1949 Elwood Downie  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1964 Rolling Plains Cattle Co.

**NE**  
1949 Elwood Downie  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1957 Crown

**SW**  
1949 Elwood Downie  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1964 Rolling Plains Cattle Co.

**SE**  
1949 Elwood Downie  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1957 Crown

### Section 36

**NW**  
1884 Alex Cowan  
1889 Dr. L.M. More  
1913 H.M. Belcher  
1949 Elwood Downie  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1964 Rolling Plains Cattle Co.

**NE**  
1884 Alex Cowan  
1892 J. Nichol  
1895 J. Ferguson  
1914 W. Whitley  
1949 Elwood Downie  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1964 Rolling Plains Cattle Co.

**SW**  
1884 Geo. Leadbeater  
1892 J.J. Radford  
1908 H. Church  
1949 Elwood Downie  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1964 Rolling Plains Cattle Co.

**SE**  
 1884 Geo. Leadbeater  
 1892 R. Radford  
 1914 W. Whitley  
 1949 Elwood Downie  
 1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
 1964 Rolling Plains Cattle Co.

**WARD II**  
**Township 9 Range 18**

**Section 1**

**NW**  
 1884 W. Andrews  
 1936 Jessie Wilcox  
 1940 Woodley Prowse  
 1954 E. & F. Roberts

**NE**  
 1884 G. Corrie  
 1886 T. Watkins  
 1888 W. Doherty  
 1901 Robert Wheeler  
 1949 Alex Auramenko  
 1957 Spring Valley Colony

**SW**  
 1884 W. Andrews  
 1936 Jessie Wilcox  
 1940 Woodley Prowse  
 1954 E. & F. Roberts

**SE**  
 1884 Charles Stewart  
 1888 J. Graham  
 1910 F.E. Graham  
 1926 Charles Barager  
 1947 B. Roberts

**Section 2**

**NW**  
 1884 George Pringle  
 1911 T. Chapman  
 1926 Cliff Chapman  
 1980 Gwendolyn Woodcock  
 1981 Kenneth Chapman

**NE**  
 1884 D. Mitchell  
 1888 Wm. Maher  
 1924 T.R. Maher  
 1941 Charles Crawford  
 1972 George Oliver

**SW**  
 1884 J. Mitchell  
 1895 T.J. Kelly  
 1908 R.F. Roddick  
 1923 Rachael Roddick  
 1940 Harriet Roddick  
 1949 Cliff Chapman  
 1980 Gwendolyn Woodcock  
 1981 Kenneth Chapman

**SE**  
 1884 D. Mitchell  
 1888 Wm. Maher  
 1924 T.R. Maher  
 1941 Charles Crawford  
 1972 George Oliver

**Section 3**

**NW**  
 1884 George Roddick  
 1887 Robert Roddick  
 1923 Rachael Roddick  
 1940 Harriet Roddick  
 1948 Howard McPherson

**NE**  
 1884 J. Mitchell  
 1885 George Roddick  
 1887 Robert Roddick  
 1923 Rachael Roddick  
 1940 Harriet Roddick  
 1948 Howard McPherson

**SW**  
 1884 G. Smith  
 1890 F. Russell  
 1895 T.J. Kelly  
 1932 H.M. Graham  
 1955 Chalanchuk  
 1973 Howard McPherson

**SE**  
 1884 J. Mitchell  
 1892 T.J. Kelly  
 1908 Robert Roddick  
 1923 Rachael Roddick  
 1940 Harriet Roddick  
 1949 Howard McPherson

**Section 4**

**NW**  
 1897 H. Bedford  
 1906 George Roddick  
 1912 R.H. McPhee  
 1926 Aaron Hargraves  
 1968 Hargraves Family

**NE**  
 1884 W. Dunbar  
 1922 Oscar Brandt  
 1959 Ronald Wilkinson  
 1975 Crown

**SW**  
 1907 E. McKinnon  
 1909 Robert Roddick  
 1922 Rachael Roddick  
 1940 Gordon Stanley  
 1963 R. Anderson

**SE**  
 1907 T.J. Little  
 1912 Hugh Rice

**WEST HALF**  
 1931 Alf Rice  
 1934 Aaron Hargraves  
 1968 Hargraves Family

**SE**  
 1907 T.J. Little  
 1912 Hugh Rice  
**WEST HALF**  
 1931 Alf Rice  
 1934 Aaron Hargraves  
 1968 Hargraves Family

**EAST HALF**  
 1931 E.D. Rice  
 1960 Alvin Johnson  
 1962 Pete Kardash  
 1963 H. Hansen  
 1975 Crown

**Section 5**

**NW**  
 1884 W. Anderson  
 1897 A.J. & W.W. Gerry  
**WEST HALF**  
 1951 Wm. Harwood  
 1961 Brandon College Inc.

**EAST HALF**  
 1931 J. Kram  
 W. Coates  
 1953 Walter Wakefield  
 1966 Blaine Wakefield

**NE**  
 1884 George Roddick  
 1891 Robert Roddick  
 1897 John Roddick

**NORTH HALF**  
 1922 Winn Roddick  
 1949 Dorothy Chubey

**EAST HALF OF SOUTH HALF**  
 1931 Roy Roddick  
 1956 Ben Roddick  
 D.R. Roddick

**WEST HALF OF SOUTH HALF**  
 1912 W.J. Mann  
 1965 Charles Mann  
 Crown

**NW CORNER OF NORTH HALF**  
 1947 Leonard Ardiel

**SW**  
 1917 Mrs. E. McLean  
 1952 John McLean  
 1963 William Henderson  
 1969 Thelma Henderson  
 1973 Henry Rempel  
 1976 Crown

**SE**  
 1884 C. Belaney  
 1917 Mrs. E. McLean  
 1952 John McLean  
 1963 William Henderson  
 1969 Thelma Henderson  
 1973 Henry Rempel  
 1976 Crown

**Section 6**

**NW**  
 1884 M. Heals  
 1896 George Harris  
 1902 William Evans

**WEST THIRD OF QUARTER**  
 1903 William Evans  
 1956 Elizabeth Evans

**CENTRE THIRD**  
 1915 Fred Simpson  
 1954 Harold Simpson

**EAST THIRD OF QUARTER**  
 1908 John McLean  
 1963 William Henderson  
 1969 Thelma Henderson  
 Crown

**NE**  
 1890 S.M. Cox  
 1892 H. McLean  
 1895 J. Styles  
 1936 L. Beresford  
 1965 Mrs. S. Beresford  
 1969 Lillian Krawchuk  
 1974 Crown

**SW**  
 1887 P.S. Taylor  
 1889 T. Heals  
 1892 P. Taylor  
 1894 A. Ross  
 1902 J. Donaldson  
 1917 O.L. Harwood  
 1936 Albert Beresford  
 1960 Arthur Gosnold  
 1968 David Krawchuk  
 1972 G. & M. Heuchert

**SE**  
 1895 A. Ross  
 1902 J. Donaldson  
 1915 S.H. Bonbridge  
 1936 Albert Beresford  
 1969 Lillian Krawchuk  
 1974 Crown

**Section 7**

**NW**  
 1884 G. Halliday  
 1887 A. Prowse  
 1898 T.H. Prowse

**NORTH HALF**  
 1901 T.H. Prowse  
 1956 Elizabeth Prowse  
 1963 Prowse Family  
 1977 Glen Nichol

**SOUTH HALF**  
 1905 Robert Nichol  
 1951 Ernest Nichol  
 1977 Glen Nichol

**NE**  
 1884 A. Prowse  
 1898 T. Prowse  
 1907 A. Hitchcock  
 1908 J. McGregor  
 1921 George Wilkinson  
 1948 Ted Woodley  
 1951 Oscar White  
 1952 Wesley Smythe  
 1955 Alex Arthur  
 1981 Edwin Fardoe

**SW**  
 1885 A. Graham  
 1895 R. Phillips  
 1901 H. McPherson  
 1918 A. McPherson  
 1927 J. McPherson  
 1955 Ken McPherson

**SE**  
 1884 S.M. Cox  
 1890 A. Prowse  
 1898 T. Prowse  
 1907 A. Hitchcock  
 1908 J. McGregor  
 1921 George Wilkinson  
 1948 Ted Woodley  
 1951 Oscar White  
 1952 Wesley Smythe  
 1955 Alex Arthur  
 1974 Crown

**Section 8**

**NW**  
 1884 A. Prowse  
 1898 T. Prowse  
 1907 A. Hitchcock  
 1908 J. McGregor  
 1921 George Wilkinson  
 1948 Ted Woodley  
 1951 Oscar White  
 1952 Wesley Smythe  
 1955 Alex Arthur  
 1982 Stewart Brandon

**NE**  
 1884 George Roddick  
 1892 John Roddick  
 1921 Winn Roddick  
 1945 Stan Trent  
 1951 L. Ramsey  
 1955 Norman Chapman  
 1963 John Chapman

**SW**  
 1884 C. Whitehead  
 1887 A. Prowse  
 1898 T. Prowse  
 1956 Woodley Prowse  
 1963 Alex Arthur  
 1974 Crown

**SE**  
 1884 C. Whitehead  
 1887 J. Baker  
 1903 Cecil & Norm Baker  
 1950 Baker Family

**Section 9**

**NW**  
 1884 Dave Roddick  
 1924 William Roddick  
 1952 Mrs. Wm. Roddick  
 1978 George McPherson

**10 ACRES IN NW CORNER**  
 1977 John Friesen

**NE**  
 1884 S.F. McKay  
 1889 J. Freer

1901 J. McPherson  
1968 Murray McPherson

**SW**  
1884 Dave Roddick  
1924 William Roddick  
1952 Mrs. William Roddick

**NORTH HALF**  
1978 George McPherson

**SOUTH HALF**  
1974 Crown

**SE**  
1884 W.H. Dunbar  
1922 Oscar Brandt  
1959 Ron Wilkinon  
1976 R. & G. Walther

### Section 10

**NW**  
1884 Hugh Rice  
1931 Ebe Rice  
1960 Alvin Johnstone  
1962 Peter Kardash  
1963 H. Hansen  
1972 Ed Hudzik

**NE**  
1884 H. McPherson  
1918 Angus McPherson  
1955 Ethel, Ken, Howard  
McPherson  
Ken McPherson

**SW**  
1884 Hugh Rice  
1931 Ebe Rice  
1960 Alvin Johnstone  
1962 Peter Kardash  
1963 H. Hansen  
1972 Ed Hudzik

**SE**  
1884 H. McPherson  
1918 Angus McPherson  
1955 Howard McPherson

### Section 11

**NW**  
1890 H. McPherson  
1912 A. McPherson  
1949 Murray McPherson

**NE**  
1899 I. Doherty  
1949 Norm Chapman  
1973 Keith Chapman

**SW**  
1884 T. Chapman  
1927 Norm Chapman  
1973 Keith Chapman  
1980 Gwen Woodcock &  
Mildred Needham  
(SW corner 16A)

**SE**  
1884 T. Chapman  
1927 Norm Chapman  
1973 Keith Chapman

### Section 12

**NW**  
1884 W. Doherty  
1906 J. Doherty  
1908 W. Andrews  
1915 John Wilcox  
1947 Cliff Chapman  
1969 Wilbert Chapman

**NE**  
1884 T. Stevens  
1890 J. Maher  
1911 Sam Maher  
1951 Wilbert Chapman

**SW**  
1884 W. Doherty  
1906 J. Doherty  
1908 W. Andrews  
1915 John Wilcox  
1947 Cliff Chapman  
1969 Wilbert Chapman

**SE**  
1884 T. Stevens  
1892 W. Doherty  
1897 Isaac Doherty  
1947 Robert Halsey  
1956 A. Auramenko  
1957 Spring Valley Colony  
1974 Neil Chapman

### Section 13

**NW**  
1884 A. Bright  
1886 D. McMillian  
1889 G. Cruickshank  
1906 J. Doherty  
1912 John Wilcox  
1941 D.B. Elder  
1945 Joe Kaczar  
1948 R.E. Meadows  
1949 Mrs. Ann Kreller  
1963 Orville Kreller  
1976 Wayne Kreller

**NE**  
1884 G. Dixon  
1892 E. Reed  
1898 R.H. McPhee  
1924 John Wilcox  
1941 D.B. Elder  
1945 Joe Kaczar  
1948 R.E. Meadows  
1949 Mrs. Ann Kreller  
1963 Orville Kreller  
1976 Wayne Kreller

**SW**  
1884 J. Souch  
1886 D. McMillian  
1889 G. Cruickshank  
1906 J. Doherty  
1912 John Wilcox  
1947 Norm Chapman  
1976 N. Chapman

**SE**  
1884 A. Wells  
1902 T. Chapman  
1927 Cliff Chapman  
1969 Wilbert Chapman

### Section 14

**NW**  
1908 Johnson McPherson  
1968 Ken & Howard McPherson  
1969 Howard McPherson

**NE**  
1908 H. Roddick  
1919 Crown  
1931 E.D. Rice  
1960 Alvin Johnstone  
1961 Peter Kardash  
1963 H. Hansen  
1972 Gordon Hansen

**SW**  
1908 H. McPherson  
1919 Johnson McPherson  
1969 Howard McPherson

**SE**  
1908 Dr. J. Fisher  
1924 Sam Maher  
1950 Wilbert Chapman  
1968 Ken McPherson

### Section 15

**NW**  
1884 B. McDonald  
1886 S.F. McKay  
1888 W.H. Dunbar  
1922 Oscar Brandt  
1959 Ronald Wilkinson  
1976 R. & G. Walther

**NE**  
1884 H. McPherson  
1920 Johnston McPherson  
1966 Ken McPherson

**SW**  
1884 B. McDonald  
1886 S.F. McKay  
1888 W.H. Dunbar  
1922 Oscar Brandt  
1959 Ronald Wilkinson  
1976 Rudolf Walther

**SE**  
1884 John McKay  
1886 H. McPherson  
1911 Angus McPherson  
1953 Ken McPherson

### Section 16

**NW**  
1884 J. Roddick  
1912 D.R. Roddick  
1924 Roy Roddick  
1955 Ben Roddick  
1971 David Roddick

**NE**  
1884 Joel McKay  
1892 D.R. Roddick  
1924 Roy Roddick  
1960 David Roddick

**WEST HALF**  
1972 Don Hargraves

**EAST HALF**  
1972 Blaine Wakefield

**SW**  
1884 J. Roddick  
1912 D.R. Roddick  
1924 Roy Roddick  
1955 Ben Roddick  
1971 David Roddick

**SE**  
1884 J. McKay  
1889 H. McPherson  
1915 J. McPherson  
1968 Ken McPherson

### Section 17

**NW**  
1884 W. Foxall  
1889 B.J. Foxall  
1917 Dave R. Roddick  
1924 William Roddick  
1952 Mrs. Wm. Roddick  
1971 J. & M. Chapman

**NE**  
1884 George Roddick  
1902 J.H. Roddick  
1922 Winn Roddick  
1945 Stan Trent  
1951 Luella Trent Ramsay  
1954 Norm Chapman  
1961 John Chapman

**SW**  
1884 W. Foxall  
1889 B.J. Foxall  
1917 Dave R. Roddick  
1924 William Roddick  
1952 Mrs. Wm. Roddick  
1971 J. & M. Chapman

**SE**  
1884 George Roddick  
1902 J.H. Roddick  
1922 Winn Roddick  
1945 Stan Trent  
1951 Luella Trent Ramsay  
1954 Norm Chapman  
1961 John A. Chapman

### Section 18

**NW**  
1884 J. Barber  
1885 G. McLarin  
1886 Mr. Gilchrist  
1889 W. Nichol  
1914 Robert Nichol  
1951 Mrs. R. Nichol  
1952 Ernest Nichol  
1978 E. Glen Nichol

**NE**  
1884 James Davis  
1931 Medd Davis  
1945 Stan Trent  
1951 Luella Trent Ramsay  
1955 Andrew Hudzik  
1977 Edward Hudzik

**SW**  
1884 T. Davis  
1888 W. Courtice  
1889 W. Nichol  
1914 Robert Nichol  
1951 Mrs. R. Nichol  
1952 Ernest Nichol  
1978 E. Glen Nichol

**SE**  
1884 James Davis  
1931 Medd Davis  
1945 Stan Trent  
1951 Luella Trent Ramsay  
1955 Andrew Hudzik  
1977 Edward Hudzik

### Section 19

**NW**  
1884 L. McLean  
1908 John McLean  
1954 Fred Pratt  
1972 W. & F. Hargreaves

**NW CORNER 40A**  
1975 Wm. Couling

**NE**  
1884 H. Lamont  
1906 Trottier & Trottier  
1911 William Lippe  
1920 Buch Trottier  
1943 Albert Zink  
1947 Wm. Hargreaves  
1980 C. & S. Hargreaves

**SW**  
1884 L. McLean  
1908 John McLean  
1954 Fred Pratt  
1972 W. & F. Hargreaves

**SE**  
1884 H. Lamont  
1906 Trottier & Trottier  
1911 William Lippe  
1920 Buch Trottier  
1943 Albert Zink  
1947 Wm. Hargreaves

### Section 20

**NW**  
1885 Walter Gerry  
1942 Fred Gerry  
1955 J. Doug Coate

**NE**  
 1884 J. Baker  
 1902 Thomas Baker  
 1933 Mrs. Ann Baker  
 1974 Harleigh Hargreaves  
 1976 Hargreaves Farm

**SW**  
 1884 W. Maher  
 1885 George Stair  
 1887 S.M. Cox  
 1889 T. Harkness  
 1891 Walter Gerry  
 1942 Gordon Gerry  
 1949 Fred Gerry  
 1955 J. & M. Coate

**SE**  
 1884 Oliver Harris  
 1927 W. Roddick  
 1943 W.L. McGregor  
 1948 Aaron Hargreaves  
 1959 Wm. Hargreaves  
 1973 Harleigh Hargreaves

**NE CORNER 2A**  
 1978 Jim Hargreaves

## Section 21

**NW**  
 1884 W. Johnson  
 1902 R.J. Johnson  
 1906 George Johnson  
 1918 Alfred Rice  
 1947 Harleigh Hargreaves

**NE**  
 1884 J. Harris  
 1889 A.J. Gerry  
 1931 Joe Kram  
 1940 J. Coate  
 1947 Mrs. W.D. Coate  
 1953 Walter Wakefield  
 1966 Blaine Wakefield

**SW**  
 1884 W. Johnson  
 1902 George Johnson  
 1918 Alfred Rice  
 1947 Harleigh Hargreaves

**SE**  
 1884 G. Harris  
 1912 George Johnson  
 1918 Alfred Rice  
 1947 Aaron Hargreaves  
 1973 Harleigh Hargreaves

## Section 22

**NW**  
 1884 L. Croswaithe  
 1885 Mark Hill  
 1890 J.M. Grahame  
 1901 A.J. Gerry  
 1931 Joe Kram  
 1940 J. Coate  
 1947 Mrs. W.D. Coate  
 1953 Walter Wakefield  
 1966 Blaine Wakefield

**NE**  
 1885 A. Prowse  
 1897 T. Prowse  
 1956 Elizabeth Prowse  
 1963 William Pugh  
 1981 G. & M. Northcut

**SW**  
 1884 J. Birkwith  
 1888 Dave R. Roddick  
 1924 Elizabeth Waugh  
 1931 Phoebe Waugh  
 1948 Wm. Roddick  
 1971 Ron Wilkinson  
 1976 R. & G. Walther

**SE**  
 1885 A. Prowse  
 1897 T. Prowse  
 1956 Elizabeth Prowse  
 1961 William Pugh  
 1981 G. & M. Northcut

## Section 23

**NW**  
 1884 William Barber  
 1902 H. Rice  
 1912 Alfred Rice  
 1920 Ebenezer Rice  
 1947 Wilf. Coate  
 1960 Harleigh & Wm. Hargreaves  
 1973 H. & M. Hargreaves

**NE**  
 1884 William Barber  
 1887 S. Barber  
 1891 W.J. Barber  
 1905 Peter Elder  
 1908 John Elder  
 1949 Jessie & Russell Elder  
 1975 Russell Elder

**SW**  
 1884 William Barber  
 1902 H. Rice  
 1912 Alfred Rice  
 1920 Ebenezer Rice  
 1947 Wilf Coate  
 1960 Harleigh & Wm. Hargreaves  
 1973 H. & M. Hargreaves

**SE**  
 1884 William Barber  
 1887 S. Barber  
 1891 W.J. Barber  
 1905 Peter Elder  
 1908 John Elder  
 1949 Mrs. Jessie & Russell Elder  
 1975 Russell Elder

## Section 24

**NW**  
 1884 R.J. Parrott  
 1889 T. & M. Dunseith  
 1905 W.J. Barber  
 1918 R.H. Gardner  
 1923 G.J. Jackson  
 1929 William Roddick  
 1947 William Dunseith  
 1953 Allan Wilkinson  
 1956 Spring Valley Colony

**NE**  
 1884 R.J. Parrott  
 1889 T. & M. Dunseith  
 1905 W.J. Barber  
 1918 R.H. Gardner  
 1923 G.J. Jackson  
 1927 H. Green  
 1929 William Roddick  
 1947 William Dunseith  
 1953 Allan Wilkinson  
 1956 Spring Valley Colony

**SW**  
 1884 E.H. Parrott  
 1898 J. Wells  
 1901 W.J. Barber  
 1905 P. Elder  
 1907 D.B. Elder  
 1922 Peter Elder  
 1945 Joe Kaczor  
 1948 R.E. Meadows  
 1950 Mrs. Ann Kreller  
 1967 Orval Kreller  
 1976 Wayne Kreller

**SE**  
 1884 M. Parrott  
 1887 G. Maulson  
 1892 Mrs. Waddington  
 1901 L. Lameran

1908 H. Fuenell  
 1919 D.B. Elder  
 1922 Peter Elder  
 1945 Joe Kaczor  
 1948 R.E. Meadows  
 1950 Mrs. Ann Kreller  
 1967 Orval Kreller  
 1976 Wayne Kreller

## Section 25

**NW**  
 1884 R.W. Currie  
 1902 W.J. Dunseith  
 1952 William Dunseith  
 1969 Spring Valley Colony

**NE**  
 1884 R.W. Currie  
 1894 Alex Gawley  
 1902 W.J. Dunseith  
 1952 William Dunseith  
 1970 Spring Valley Colony

**NE CORNER 40A**  
 1970 William Dunseith

**SW**  
 1884 R.W. Currie  
 1905 W.J. Barber  
 1918 R.F. Gardner  
 1923 G.J. Jackson  
 1927 H. Green  
 1929 William Roddick  
 1947 William Dunseith  
 1969 Spring Valley Colony

**SE**  
 1884 R.W. Currie  
 1905 W.J. Barber  
 1910 Emil Zavislak  
 1918 R.F. Gardner  
 1923 G.J. Jackson  
 1929 William Roddick  
 1947 William Dunseith  
 1969 Spring Valley Colony

## Section 26

**NW**  
 1884 J. Eaton  
 1911 R.H. McPhee  
 1929 Alfred Rice  
 1948 Aaron Hargreaves  
 1949 Harleigh & Wm. Hargreaves  
 1972 H. & M. Hargreaves

**NE**  
 1884 D. Elden  
 1905 W.J. Barber  
 1912 J.J. Williage  
 1919 W.C. Hamilton  
 1924 T.H. Prowse  
 1953 Dr. Woodley Prowse  
 1958 Geo. Gibb

**SW**  
 1884 J. Eaton  
 1909 T.H. Prowse  
 1953 Woodley Prowse  
 1959 Harleigh & Wm. Hargreaves  
 1972 H. & M. Hargreaves

**SE**  
 1884 J. Eaton  
 1909 T.H. Prowse  
 1953 Woodley Prowse  
 1958 Geo. Gibb

**SE CORNER 6A**  
 Dan W. Prowse

## Section 27

**NW**  
 1887 George Halse  
 1902 C.A. Robins  
 1934 Lorne Robins  
 1979 K. & E. Robins

**NE**  
 1884 William Brigham  
 Irene Rice  
 1947 Aaron Hargreaves  
 1951 Harleigh & Wm. Hargreaves  
 1971 Ronald Smithson

**SW**  
 1884 J. Shuttleworth  
 1915 W.J. Barber  
 1922 P. Stouffer  
 1924 J.R. Bond  
 1936 Allan Wilkinson  
 1965 Ken Wilkinson  
 1969 H. & M. Hargreaves  
**SW CORNER 48A**  
 1976 Westman Dairy Ltd.

**SE**  
 1884 J. Shuttleworth  
 1915 W.J. Barber  
 1922 P. Stouffer  
 1924 J.R. Bond  
 1936 Allan Wilkinson  
 1965 Ken Wilkinson  
 1969 H. & M. Hargreaves

## Section 28

**NW**  
 1884 William Baker  
 1905 H. Roddick  
 1912 W.H. Baker  
 1945 Aaron Hargreaves  
 1958 Don Hargreaves  
 1977 Manshanden Dairy  
 1980 N. & D. Michaluk

**NE**  
 1884 William Baker  
 1905 H. Roddick  
 1912 W.H. Baker  
 1945 Aaron Hargreaves  
 1958 Don Hargreaves  
 1977 Manshanden Dairy  
 1980 N. & D. Michaluk

**SW**  
 1884 Walter Baker  
 1890 James Baker  
 1905 W.J. Baker  
 1927 Herb Baker  
 1969 Ronnie Robins

**SE**  
 1884 Walter Baker  
 1890 D. Baker  
 1905 W.J. Baker  
 1927 Herb Baker  
 1969 R. & L. Robins

## Section 29

**NW**  
 1888 T. Pomeroy PT  
 1888 Wm. Blight PT  
 1933 Margaret Blight  
 1949 Alden Blight  
 1971 Keith Blight  
 1976 Murray Blight

**NE**  
 1884 Wm. Blight  
 1931 Alden Blight  
 1971 Keith Blight  
 1976 Murray Blight

**SE CORNER 31A**  
 1975 M. & L. Kaminski

**SW**  
**EAST HALF**  
 1884 E. Harris  
 1901 T. Baker  
 1933 Mrs. Ann Baker  
 1976 Hargreaves Farm

WEST HALF  
1889 G. Halse  
1902 C.A. Robins  
1934 Lorne Robins  
1973 D. & E. Robins

SE  
1884 E. Harris  
1901 Thomas Baker  
1933 Mrs. Ann Baker  
1976 Hargreaves Farm

SE CORNER 4A  
1980 Ron Hargreaves

### Section 30

NW  
1884 H. Lamont  
1888 Trottier & Trottier

WEST HALF  
1890 J. Campbell  
1947 William Baker

EAST HALF  
1915 Noah Hargreaves  
1930 Purcell Baker  
1951 Victor Baker  
1953 Lorne Robins  
1979 K. & E. Robins

NE  
1884 J. Rouncefill  
1887 W. Gerry  
1892 Frank Baker  
1950 Victor Baker  
1972 Roy Baker  
Dixon Baker

WEST HALF  
Gordon Baker

EAST HALF  
James Baker

SW  
WEST HALF  
1890 J. Campbell  
1947 William Baker  
EAST HALF  
1915 Noah Hargreaves  
1930 Purcell Baker  
1951 Victor Baker  
1953 Lorne Robins  
1979 L. & E. Robins

SE  
1884 G. Halse  
1902 C.A. Robins  
1930 K. Robins  
1934 Lorne Robins  
1977 L. & E. Robins

### Section 31

NW  
1885 A. Grahame  
1892 D. Baker  
1906 Dave R. Roddick  
1934 John Roddick  
1938 G.A. Medd  
1940 Clair Robins  
1963 June Robins Moldeen

NE  
1884 A. Sifton  
1887 A. Grahame  
1892 J.D. Baker  
1951 Norm & Cecil Baker  
1969 Ellen & Julia Baker  
1972 Dennis Baker

SW  
1885 A. Grahame  
1892 D. Baker  
1906 Dave R. Roddick  
1934 John Roddick  
1938 G.A. Medd  
1940 Clair Robins  
1963 June Robins Moldeen

SE  
1884 A. Sifton  
1887 A. Grahame  
1892 J.D. Baker  
1951 Norm & Cecil Baker  
1969 Ellen & Julia Baker  
1972 Dennis Baker

SW CORNER 20A  
1975 Ivan Baker

### Section 32

NW  
1884 J. Harris  
1887 J. Boles  
1899 S.J. Boles  
1922 George Boles  
1947 Mrs. G. Boles  
1952 Albert Boles  
1977 Grace Boles

SW CORNER 5A  
1978 Leonard Boles

NE  
1884 J. Courtice  
1889 J. Boles  
1899 S.J. Boles  
1922 George Boles  
1947 Albert Boles  
1977 Grace Boles

SW  
1884 G. Hanley  
1889 J.D. Baker  
1901 W.H. Baker  
1905 O. Heals  
1920 Fred Baker  
1949 Keith Blight  
SW CORNER  
1982 Richard Gregoire

SE  
1884 A. McCallum  
1889 J.D. Baker  
1901 W.H. Baker  
1905 O. Heals  
1920 H.N. Baker  
1922 Fred Baker  
1949 Keith Blight

### Section 33

NW  
1884 W. Hamilton  
1886 C. Weston  
1891 J. Ferguson  
1913 Dr. A.T. Condell

WEST HALF  
Aaron Hargreaves  
1968 Don Hargreaves  
1977 Manshanden Dairy  
1979 Lorne Albert Chapman

EAST HALF  
1924 CNR

NE  
1917 M. Hargreaves  
1920 Aaron Hargreaves  
1963 Don Hargreaves  
1977 Manshanden Dairy  
1981 M. & L. Kaminski  
(Half of Dairy Property)

SW  
1884 P. Hughes  
1886 J.H. Hughes  
1892 M. Hargreaves  
1920 Aaron Hargreaves  
1968 Don Hargreaves  
1977 Manshanden Dairy  
1979 Lorne Chapman

SE  
1884 A. Sifton  
1888 M. Hargreaves  
1929 Aaron Hargreaves  
1963 Don Hargreaves  
1979 Lorne Chapman

### Section 34

NW  
1884 J. Johnson  
1887 A. Gambley  
1892 J.H. Robinson  
1910 Noah Hargreaves  
1924 Caroline Hargreaves  
1929 E. Grantham  
1948 Henry Green  
1966 Keith Blight

NE  
1884 J. Johnson  
1888 Mrs. Sproule  
1907 George Hadley  
1912 G. Down  
1920 F. Grant  
1948 Henry Green  
1966 Keith Blight

SW  
1884 B. Crunman  
1888 J. McMillian  
1894 A. Peterson  
1898 W.H. Baker  
1918 Baker Brothers  
1950 Ann & Lillian Baker

EAST HALF  
1977 W. & K. Blaine

WEST HALF  
1977 Keith Blight  
1980 Ross McKague  
1982 Wayne Simpson

SE  
1884 G. Duncan  
1889 J. Pearl  
1894 Mrs. Sproule  
1897 M. Hargreaves  
1924 Aaron Hargreaves  
1963 Don Hargreaves  
1977 Manshanden Dairy  
1979 Blaine Wakefield & R. Smithson

### Section 35

NW  
1884 W. Currie  
1892 H. Howell  
1913 J. Fisher  
1919 Thomas James  
1922 Dr. J.F. Fisher  
1957 Robert Thompson  
1968 Ron Wilkinson  
1976 R. & G. Walther

NE  
1884 W. Currie  
1894 W. Sanford  
1900 T. Elder  
1906 W.J. Good  
1913 J. Fisher  
1919 Thomas James  
1922 Dr. J.F. Fisher  
1957 Robert Thompson  
1968 Ron Wilkinson  
1976 R. & G. Walther

SW  
1884 W. Currie  
1888 R.M. Currie  
1892 H. Howell  
1908 W.J. Good  
1913 J. Fisher  
1919 Thomas James  
1922 Dr. J. F. Fisher  
1957 Robert Thompson  
1968 Ron Wilkinson  
1976 R. & G. Walther

SE  
1884 W. Currie  
1900 T. Elder  
1906 W.J. Good  
1913 J. Fisher  
1919 Thomas James  
1922 Dr. J.F. Fisher  
1957 Robert Thompson  
1968 Ron Wilkinson  
1976 R. & G. Walther

### Section 36

NW  
1884 R.M. Currie  
1908 Robert Vance  
1913 J. Sanderson  
1919 Robert Timmons  
1945 Clement West  
1957 John Bokhorst  
1981 Robert Elves

NE  
1884 R.M. Currie  
1892 W.C. Currie  
1904 F. Wyton  
1909 W.H. Maher  
1912 Thomas Maher  
1936 Clement West  
1957 William Dunseith  
1969 Spring Valley Colony

SW  
1884 R. Roman  
1889 G. Smith  
1892 John McRae  
1900 L. Paton  
1905 R. Vance  
1913 R. Booth  
1919 Robert Timmons  
1931 William Dunseith  
1969 Spring Valley Colony

SE  
1884 R. Roman  
1889 G. Smith  
1892 John McRae  
1900 L. Paton  
1905 R. Vance  
1913 J. Sanderson  
1919 Robert Timmons  
1931 William Dunseith  
1969 Spring Valley Colony

## WARD III

### Township 9 Range 19

#### Section 1

CPR

NW  
1901 John Empey  
1929 Albert Empey  
1934 Robert Nicol  
1951 Ernest Nicol  
1981 Terry Nicol

NE  
1883 Barker Vosburgh  
1901 John Empey  
1928 Albert Empey  
1934 Robert Nicol  
1951 Edith Ruckle  
1981 Terry Nicol

SW  
1886 James Davidson  
1920 M.E. Davidson  
1944 Wm. Dawkins  
1950 James Hampton  
1970 Mary Hampton  
1971 Joseph Perry

CPR

**SE**

1897 R. Evans  
1901 John Empey  
1928 Albert Empey  
1934 Robert Nicol  
1951 Bruce Nicol  
Glen Nicol

**Section 2****NW**

1884 Wm. McCandish  
1890 H. Stady  
1891 Robt. Alexander  
1904 John Ardiel  
1946 Gordon Tickey  
1947 Frank Poets  
1960 Walter Dilley  
1972 Garry Bartlett  
1973 Wm. Eisler

**ACREAGE**

1973 Dr. Victor Sharpe 40A  
1977 Chas. Warburton 40A  
1977 Keith Scott 40A  
1979 Karel Moravik 40A

**NE**

1884 Wm. McCandish  
1890 H. Stady  
1891 R. Alexander  
1904 John Ardiel  
1946 Gordon Tickey  
1947 Frank Poets  
1960 Walter Dilley  
1972 Gary Bartlett  
1973 Wm. Eisler

**ACREAGE**

1979 Brigitte McQueen 80A

**SW**

1883 Wm. Bennett  
1885 W.H. Hooper  
1891 James Davidson  
1944 Wm. Dawkins  
1945 James Hampton  
1970 Mary Hampton  
1971 Joseph Perry  
1973 Don Morling (acreage)

**SE**

1889 J.C. Kavanagh  
1891 James Davidson  
1944 Wm. Dawkins  
1950 James Hampton  
1970 Mary Hampton  
1971 Joseph Perry

**ACREAGE**

1970 Antoine Mayer 5A

**Section 3****NW**

1882 Wm. McCandish  
1889 Wm. Hooper  
1891 Wm. Fardoe  
1943 John Fardoe  
1975 Wm. & A. Fardoe

**NE**

1885 S. Clement  
1896 Chas. Wicket  
1904 W.E. Lawson  
1907 Ed. Ravenhill  
1914 Thos. Patterson  
1945 Geo. Beach  
1964 Mrs. Beach  
1970 Eilleen Hurd

**ACREAGE**

1973 Wm. Reed 5.41A  
1973 Joe Slawinski 5.41A

**SW**

1884 D.M. McMillan  
1893 Chas. Whitehead  
1899 Wm. Fardoe  
1943 John Fardoe  
1975 Wm. & A. Fardoe

**SE**

1884 Wm. Bennett  
1885 Wm. Hooper  
1891 D. Albert Harper  
1897 John Wicket  
1904 W.E. Lawson  
1907 Ed. Ravenhill  
1914 Thos. Patterson  
1945 Geo. Beach  
1964 Mrs. Beach  
1970 Jack Beach  
1971 Wm. & A. Fardoe

**Section 4****NW**

1884 Mr. Young  
1892 Chas. Sherwood  
1898 Thos. Moffat  
1920 Mary Moffat  
1926 Company  
1927 Robt. Moffat  
1944 Gordon Hedges  
1950 Turner Bros.  
1956 Ross Turner

**NE**

1884 John Bennett  
1890 Thos. Moffat  
1920 Mary Moffat  
1926 Company  
1927 Robt. Moffat  
1944 Gordon Hedges  
1950 Turner Bros.  
1956 Ross Turner

**SW**

1892 James Davidson  
1901 James Hedges  
1927 Gordon Hedges  
1950 Turner Bros.  
1956 Ross Turner

**SE**

1884 James Davidson  
1885 H.M. Sade  
1889 T. Spence  
1892 Mr. McCulloch  
1898 James Hedges  
1927 Gordon Hedges  
1950 Turner Bros.  
1956 Ross Turner

**Section 5****NW**

1884 Telfer Hay  
1887 Finley McRae  
1908 John McRae  
1941 Wm. McRae  
1943 Bertha McRae  
1957 G. & M. McRae

**NE**

1884 Chas. Whitehead  
1890 Joe Barrows  
1899 Frank Eames  
1904 Trotter  
1917 Fred Gilbert  
1932 Mrs. O.B. Burland  
1939 Lloyd Bowslaugh  
1964 John Omilanow  
1968 Paul & G. Omilanow

**SW**

1884 Telfer Hay  
1887 Finley McRae  
1908 John McRae  
1941 Wm. McRae  
1943 Bertha McRae  
1957 G. & M. McRae

**SE**

1884 Chas. Whitehead  
1890 Joe Barrows  
1899 Frank Eames  
1904 Trotter  
1919 Fred Gilbert  
1932 Mrs. O.B. Burland

1939 Lloyd Bowslaugh  
1964 John Omilanow  
1968 Paul & G. Omilanow

**Section 6****NW**

1884 A. McLure  
1885 Finley McRae  
1925 Wm. McRae  
1959 Howard McRae  
1974 Marion McRae

**NE**

1884 James McClure  
1885 Finley McRae  
1925 Wm. McRae  
1959 Howard McRae  
1974 Marion McRae

**SW**

1884 A. McLure  
1885 Finley McRae  
1925 Wm. McRae  
1959 Howard McRae  
1974 Marion McRae

**SE**

1884 James McClure  
1885 Finley McRae  
1925 Wm. McRae  
1959 Howard McRae  
1974 Marion McRae

**Section 7****NW**

1884 Harvey Woodhull  
1898 Hugh McRoberts  
1906 Wesley Parker  
1950 Wm. McRae  
1959 G. & M. McRae

**NE**

1884 Harvey Woodhull  
1898 Sam McRoberts  
1920 Harris McKee  
1921 Edith McKee  
1941 Company  
1944 Leslie Jameson  
1964 Hugh Jameson

**SW**

1884 Harvey Woodhull  
1898 Hugh McRoberts  
1906 Wesley Parker  
1950 Wm. McRae  
1959 Gordon McRae

**SE**

1884 Harvey Woodhull  
1898 Sam McRoberts  
1920 Harris McKee  
1921 Edith McKee  
1941 Company  
1944 Leslie Jameson  
1964 Hugh Jameson

**Section 8****NW**

1884 W.R. Sinclair  
1894 H. Winnett  
1897 James Cumming  
1903 J.A. McConechy  
1920 Ewart McConechy  
1935 Company  
1951 Lena McConechy  
1952 Lorne Benoit  
1955 Walter Demanski  
1974 Laurie Harp

**NE**

1890 J.B. McKillop  
1892 Chas. Hutchinson  
1894 Thos. McGaw  
1897 James Cumming  
1901 James Stewart  
1948 Emma Stewart

1951 Wm. Stewart  
1966 Gordon McRae

**SW**

1885 C.H. Hutchinson  
1890 H. Winnett  
1894 Thos. McGaw  
1897 James Cumming  
1903 J.A. McConechy  
1920 Ewart McConechy  
1935 Company  
1951 Lena McConechy  
1952 Lorne Benoit  
1955 Walter Demanski  
1974 Laurie Harp

**SE**

1890 J.B. McKillop  
1892 Chas. Hutchinson  
1894 Thos. McGaw  
1897 James Cumming  
1901 James Stewart  
1948 Emma Stewart  
1951 Wm. Stewart  
1966 Gordon McRae

**Section 9****NW**

1887 John Empey  
1927 Albert Empey  
1935 Company  
1944 John Omilanow  
1968 Paul & G. Omilanow

**NE**

1887 John Empey  
1927 Albert Empey  
1935 Company  
1944 John Omilanow  
1968 Paul & G. Omilanow  
LITTLE SOURIS HOLDINGS  
L. & O. Happychuk  
C. & E. Gillander  
A. & M. Klingenberg

**SW**

1885 J.S. Elliott  
1896 Geo. Davis  
1897 Peter Lamont  
1906 John Lowes  
1935 Company  
1944 John Omilanow  
1968 Paul & G. Omilanow

**SE**

1885 J.S. Elliott  
1896 Geo. Davis  
1897 Peter Lamont  
1906 John Lowes  
1935 Company  
1944 John Omilanow  
1968 Paul & G. Omilanow

**Section 10****NW**

1881 Wm. Little  
1892 Thos. Hutchings  
1894 John Medland  
1899 Albert Wicket  
1909 Thos. Kelly  
1913 Mr. Doig (Non Res.)  
1915 Geo. Williamson (Non Res.)  
1922 John Wicket Est.  
1932 Chas. Bullied  
1945 Harris Simpson  
1978 Dennis & M. Simpson

**NE**

1883 D. McFadyen  
1892 James Nealon  
1897 Albert Wicket  
1909 Thos. Kelly  
1913 Mr. Doig (Non Res.)  
1915 Geo. Williamson (Non Res.)  
1922 John Wicket Est.  
1932 Chas. Bullied



1945 Harris Simpson  
1974 Dennis & M. Simpson  
ACREAGE  
1973 W. & B. McDonald 2A

**SW**  
1884 Roger Kinsey  
1897 Wm. Croy  
1908 J.W. Ball  
1918 Wm. Richardson  
1920 Wm. Reddock  
1926 Peter Nadler  
1935 John Fardoe  
1971 Wm. & A. Fardoe

**SE**  
1880 Wm. Fardoe  
1946 John Fardoe  
1958 Wm. & A. Fardoe

## Section 11

**NW**  
1892 James Nealon  
1898 John Wicket  
1909 Thos. Kelly  
1913 Mr. Doig (Non Res)  
1915 Geo. Williamson (Non Res)  
1922 John Wicket Est.  
1932 Frank Bullied  
1962 Jack Ardiel  
1979 R. & E. Ardiel

ACREAGE  
1960 Gas Station 2A  
1969 Henry & A. Fifi  
1972 Wilf Gastonguay 2A  
1976 Wilf Hammond 2A  
1977 Thos. Waroniski  
1980 Little Souris Holdings

**NE**  
1899 Harry Eames  
1917 Emil Zawislak  
1919 Wm. Boyd  
1920 Geo. Janicki  
1950 Herb McDowell  
1955 Ernest Nicol  
1973 Terry Nicol

**SW**  
1899 John Wicket  
1909 Thos. Kelly  
1913 Mr. Doig (Non Res)  
1915 Geo. Williamson  
1922 John Wicket Est.  
1932 Frank Bullied  
1971 R. & J. Lacey and  
E. & L. Chorley

**SE**  
1904 Harry Eames  
1917 Emil Zawislak  
1918 Wm. Boyd  
1920 Geo. Janicki  
1950 Herb McDowell  
1955 Ernest Nicol  
1973 Terry Nicol

## Section 12

**NW**  
1884 Ben Foxall  
1892 Wm. Foxall  
1902 Wm. Courtice  
1920 Hugh Courtice  
1951 Jean Nicol &  
Doris Braken  
1974 Terry Nicol

**NE**  
1879 John Davis  
1898 James Davis  
1931 Medd Davis  
1943 Stan Trent  
1951 L. Trent Ramsay  
1955 E. Hudzik

**SW**  
1884 J.S. Vosburgh  
1891 Saul Doran &  
John Doran  
1964 Roy Cotton  
1972 Ernest Nicol  
1973 T. Nicol

**SE**  
1884 John Davis  
1898 Mr. Evans  
1899 Wm. Nicol  
1912 Robt. Nicol  
1950 Preston Nicol  
1959 Ernest Nicol  
1973 Glen Nicol

## Section 13

**NW**  
1879 Wm. Evans  
1927 Mrs. Wm. H. Evans  
1935 Wm. H. Evans  
1970 Peter Evans

**NE**  
1879 Owen Jones  
1887 Wm. Courtice  
1918 James Mitchell  
1920 Hugh Courtice  
1921 Lawrence Courtice  
1930 Annie Courtice  
1947 Jack Ardiel  
1979 D. & D. Ardiel

**SW**  
1879 Wm. Evans  
1927 Mrs. Wm. H. Evans  
1935 Wm. H. Evans  
1970 Peter Evans

**SE**  
1879 Owen Jones  
1887 Wm. Courtice  
1918 James Mitchell  
1920 Hugh Courtice  
1921 Lawrence Courtice  
1930 Annie Courtice  
1947 J. & A. Ardiel

## Section 14

**NW**  
1884 Richard Earl  
1920 Nick Fedoruk  
1924 Howard Earl  
1929 Wm. Esau  
1932 Chas. Smith  
1943 Allan Bell  
1972 Alberta Bell  
1981 Jack Ardiel

**NE**  
1884 Richard Earl  
1920 Nick Fedoruk  
1924 Howard Earl  
1929 Wm. Esau  
1932 Chas. Smith  
1943 Allan Bell  
1972 Alberta Bell  
1981 Douglas Ardiel

**SW**  
1879 Chas. McLean  
Hector McLean  
1898 Chas. McLean  
1956 Dan McLean  
1964 Neil McLean  
1981 R. & J. Lacey

**SE**  
1879 Chas. McLean  
Hector McLean  
1898 Charley McLean  
1956 Dan McLean  
1964 Neil McLean  
1981 R. & J. Lacey

## Section 15

**NW**  
1879 John Doran  
1884 W.J. Brown  
1886 Mr. Harris  
Thos. Hyndman  
1900 Ephraim Harris  
1912 Jas. D. McGregor  
(Non Res)  
1935 Jacob Penner  
1949 J.E. MacArthur  
1959 Robt. Cooper

**NE**  
1881 Thos. Hyndman  
1900 Ephraim Harris  
1912 Jas. D. McGregor  
(Non Res)  
1935 Jacob Penner  
1949 J.E. MacArthur  
1959 Archie MacArthur  
1977 Barry Foote & Neil  
McLeod (Thunderbird  
Horse Centre Ltd.)

**SW**  
1879 John Doran  
1884 W.J. Brown  
1886 Mr. Harris  
Thos. Hyndman  
1900 Fred Simpson  
1954 Maude Simpson  
1959 Harold Simpson  
1976 Dennis Simpson

**SE**  
1879 John Doran  
1881 Thos. Hyndman  
1900 Fred Simpson  
1954 Maude Simpson  
1959 Harold Simpson  
1976 D. & M. Simpson

ACREAGE  
1971 Wm. Ryan 5.27 A  
1981 Richard Bailey  
1973 Steve Kovach 42A

## Section 16

**NW**  
1881 Mr. Doubiney  
1889 J.A. Smart  
1897 Wm. Porterfield  
Geo. Porterfield  
1935 Mary Porterfield  
1964 Hugh Ferguson

**NE**  
1879 Edward Groome  
1948 Arthur Cooper

**SW**  
1880 John Empey  
1927 Mrs. Empey  
1946 Gordon Empey

ACREAGE  
1974 Mel Mulligan  
1980 Jim Empey  
1974. Carl Hansen  
1982 Ralph Lambert  
1975 David Kusela

**SE**  
1880 John Empey  
1929 Mrs. Empey  
1946 Gordon Empey  
1964 Walter Demanski  
ACREAGE  
1982 Clarence Foster

## Section 17

**NW**  
1885 J.A.M. Arkins  
1898 Wm. Porterfield  
1921 Hugh Greenshields  
1926 C.C. Frost

1932 Alex McRoberts  
Company  
1939 Herb. McDowell  
1950 Norman Sutherland  
1974 Chas. Hamilton  
1975 Don Hamilton

ACREAGE  
1973 W. & I. Bygarski 40A

**NE**  
1885 J.A.M. Arkins  
1898 Wm. Porterfield  
1921 Oliver Frost  
1933 Monty Groome  
1947 Gordon Udell  
1951 Mrs. Joynt  
1952 Adela Chojnaska &  
Walter Kudlak

**SW**  
1885 J.A.M. Arkins  
1898 J.A. McMillan  
1904 Dave Black  
1913 E.J. Peltier  
1919 Mr. McArthur  
Company  
1944 James Wilson  
1948 Jack Romanuk  
1950 Don Sutherland  
1951 Wm. Sutherland  
1980 S. & L. Kovach

ACREAGE  
W. Sutherland

**SE**  
1885 J.A.M. Arkins  
1898 J.A. McMillan  
1904 Dave Black  
1913 E.J. Peltier  
1919 Mr. McArthur  
Company  
1944 James Wilson  
1948 Jack Romanuk  
1950 Don Sutherland  
1951 Wm. Sutherland  
1980 S. & L. Kovach

## Section 18

H.B. Co.

**NW**  
1884 B. Mitchell  
1887 Chas. Shields  
1897 John Shields  
1947 Mrs. McNaughton  
1949 Thos. Farguson  
1976 Murray Farguson

**NE**  
1885 J.S. Dennis  
1895 Mr. Osler  
1901 Wm. Shields  
1913 Jack Patterson  
1918 Nick Fedoruk  
1920 Jack Patterson  
1925 Company  
1935 Frank Riendeau  
1942 Mrs. Marion Fry  
1946 Richard Beaver  
1971 Kenneth Beaver

**SW**  
1884 B. Mitchell  
1887 Chas. Shields  
1879 John Shields  
1947 Mrs. McNaughton  
1949 Thos. Farguson  
1976 Murray Farguson

**SE**  
1885 J.S. Dennis  
1895 Mr. Osler  
1901 Wm. Shields  
1913 Jack Patterson  
1918 Nick Fedoruk  
1920 Jack Patterson  
1925 Company

1935 Frank Riendeau  
1942 Mrs. Marion Fry  
1946 Richard Beever  
1971 Kenneth Beever

## Section 19 CPR

**NW**  
1884 Thos. Fawsett  
1889 T. Hamlen  
1899 John Best  
1903 Wm. Shields  
1913 Jack Patterson  
1918 Nick Fedoruk  
1920 Jack Patterson  
1925 Company  
1935 Frank Riendeau  
1942 Mrs. Marion Fry  
1946 Richard Beever  
1971 Kenneth Beever

**NE**  
1884 Thos. Fawsett  
1899 Wesley Kidd  
1938 Company  
1951 C.F. Pachal  
1958 Walter Moncauskas

**SW**  
1885 J. Hogan  
1897 Wm. Shields  
1913 Jack Patterson  
1918 Nick Fedoruk  
1920 Jack Patterson  
1925 Company  
1935 Frank Riendeau  
1942 Mrs. Marion Fry  
1946 Richard Beever  
1971 Kenneth Beever

**SE**  
1884 A.G. Jerdon  
1892 R.B. Dodd  
1893 E.A. Judson  
1895 Wm. McKelvie  
1927 Norris Emery  
1941 E.W. Powers (Non Res.)  
1950 Norm Sutherland

## Section 20

**NW**  
1885 John McKelvie  
1895 Wm. Anderson  
1904 Thos. Chambers  
1905 Wm. Platten  
1908 Wm. McKelvie  
1927 Norris Emery  
1928 Robt. Ferguson  
1968 Gordon Ferguson

**NE**  
1885 Donald McKelvie  
1890 Jack McKelvie  
1919 John Hutton  
1934 Wm. McKie  
1960 Mrs. M.E. McKie

**SW**  
1885 Wm. McKelvie  
1927 Norris Emery  
1949 C.W. Powers (Non Res.)  
1974 Chas. Hamilton  
1975 Don Hamilton

**SE**  
1905 Jack McKelvie  
1919 John Hutton  
1934 Wm. McKie  
1960 M.E. McKie

## Section 21 CPR

**NW**  
1885 E.R. Armstrong  
1897 A. McElroy

1904 Geo. Poole  
1935 Edna Poole  
1962 Alice Poole  
1971 John Munro  
1974 Vercaigne Farms

**NE**  
1881 W.G. Hamborony  
1887 J.P. Jackson  
1897 Lockie Arthurs  
1935 Hubert Arbuckle  
1942 Fred Baker  
1961 J. & I. Shopland

**SW**  
1881 W.H. Daubnev  
1889 J.A. Smart  
1894 A.B. Collins  
1911 Wm. Porterfield  
1935 Mary Porterfield  
1964 Hugh Ferguson

**SE**  
1881 Mr. Ambrose  
1885 W.G. Hamborony  
1887 J.P. Jackson  
1902 E.J.B. Croome  
1946 Company  
1948 Arthur Cooper

## Section 22

**NW**  
1879 John Doran  
1892 Peter Dawley  
1895 Hugh Rice  
1939 Company  
1945 Alex Mowatt  
1963 Margaret Mowatt  
1973 Inganess Dairy Farm  
1976 Robert Mowatt

**NE**  
1879 John Doran  
1892 Peter Dawley  
1895 Hugh Rice  
1939 Company  
1945 Alex Mowatt  
1963 Mrs. M. Mowatt  
1973 Dairy Farm  
1976 Robert Mowatt

**ACREAGE**  
1975 E. & A. Desmarais 10A  
1976 Clifford Bowslaugh 10A

**SW**  
1881 Thos. Hyndman  
1900 Ephraim Harris  
1912 Jas. D. McGregor  
1931 Jacob Penner  
1940 Company  
1949 J.E. MacArthur  
1959 Robert Cooper

**SE**  
1881 Thos. Hyndman  
1900 Ephraim Harris  
1912 Jas. D. McGregor  
1931 Jacob Penner  
1940 Company  
1949 J.E. MacArthur  
1959 Chas. Donogh  
1977 W. & F. Lockhart

**ACREAGE**  
1976 Ralph Huchert

## Section 23

**NW**  
1879 John Doran  
1894 Wm. Hamilton  
1897 Jas. Johnston  
1904 Saul Doran  
1942 Henry Demanski  
1947 F.C. Bennest  
1949 H. Udell  
1951 Chas. Donogh

**NE**  
1879 John McLean  
1920 Flora McLean (Non Res.)  
1932 Kate Robertson (Non Res.)  
1946 Chas. Donogh  
1981 B. & C. Donogh

**ACREAGE**  
1976 Allan Parker 4A  
1978 Joe Legault 4A  
1976 Marius Bok 3A

**SW**  
1879 John Doran  
1897 Jas. Johnston  
1904 Saul Doran  
1942 Henry Demanski  
1947 F.C. Bennest  
1949 H. Udell  
1951 Chas. Donogh

**SE**  
1879 John Doran  
1897 James Johnston  
1904 Richard Earl  
1930 Mrs. R.E. Poldon  
1946 Wm. H. Evans  
1974 Gary Donogh

## Section 24

**NW**  
1879 John McLean  
1920 Flora McLean  
1932 Kate Robertson  
1936 John Hesson  
1946 Chas. Donogh  
1981 B. & E. Donogh

**NE**  
1879 John Doran  
1886 J. Lerrin  
1888 Chas. Doran  
1905 Saul Doran  
1964 Roy Cotton  
1973 Evelyn Cotton  
1974 D. & P. Ardiel

**SW**  
1882 Geo. Fraser  
Jas. Brownlee  
1889 John Campbell  
1921 Murdie Campbell  
1924 Saul Doran  
1941 Albert Robertson  
1976 D. & P. Ardiel

**SE**  
1883 Hector McLean  
1884 John Leifer  
1885 Mr. Flock  
1888 Chas. Doran  
1904 Saul Doran  
1964 Roy Cotton  
1973 Evelyn Cotton  
1974 D. & P. Ardiel

## Section 25

**NW**  
1884 Mr. Cameron  
1885 W.H. Anderson  
1892 Joe McRae  
1894 T.E. Kelly  
1897 T.W. Vantassel  
1902 Robt. Scott  
1905 John Campbell  
1928 Saul Doran  
1940 Geo. Medd  
1944 Harold Medd

**NE**  
1885 James Duff  
1906 John Campbell  
1939 Company  
1944 Wm. Baker

**SW**  
1885 T.E. Kelly  
1900 T.J. Burton  
1905 W.M. Harcourt  
1928 Jack Hesson  
1935 Harold Medd

**SE**  
1885 D. Carle  
1892 Wm. Foxall  
1900 T.E. Tully  
1904 Saul Doran  
1939 Company  
1946 D. Shepherd  
1961 Donald Baker

## Section 26

**NW**  
1884 C.E. Hall  
1897 James Gibson  
1917 L.E. Bowslaugh  
1940 Company  
1945 Gordon Udell  
1948 J. & M. Kozak

**NE**  
1885 Daisy Place  
1887 J.W. Vantassel  
1908 Mrs. Vantassel  
1912 Chas. Boyd  
1920 Wm. Boyd  
1947 Stewart Boyd  
1975 G. & P. Rahnefeld

**SW**  
1884 Rev. R.L. Jones  
1894 John Campbell  
1897 James Gibson  
1917 L.E. Bowslaugh  
1940 Company  
1945 Gordon Udell  
1948 J. & M. Kozak

**SE**  
1885 C.E. Hall  
1894 T.E. Kelly  
1900 J. Burton  
1905 W.M. Harcourt  
1926 Wm. Boyd  
1947 Stewart Boyd  
1975 G. & P. Rahnefeld

## Section 27

**NW**  
1881 John Doran  
1897 Wm. Porterfield  
1906 Saul Doran  
1910 Jas. D. McGregor  
1935 Fotheringham Dairy  
1940 Company  
1943 Geo. Brockie  
1948 F. & P. Zavislak

**NE**  
1881 John Doran  
1897 Wm. Porterfield  
1906 Saul Doran  
1910 Jas. D. McGregor  
1935 Fotheringham Dairy  
1948 F. & P. Zavislak

**ACREAGE**  
1957 John Kasiurak  
1958 Stan Anderson  
1961 Reg. Sutherland  
1966 Edward Elliott  
1969 Leo. Clement  
1976 Stanley Bomak  
1977 E. & D. DesRockert

**SW**  
1881 John Doran  
1894 Wm. Hamilton  
1897 James Johnston  
1906 Saul Doran  
1910 Lockie Arthurs

1935 Hubert Arbuckle  
1943 Mrs. G. Boyd  
1958 Stewart Boyd  
1963 Allan Sigurdson  
1971 Robert Mowatt

#### ACREAGE

1966 Geo. Vercaigne 9A  
1972 Edward Stone 42A

#### SE

1881 John Doran  
1894 Wm. Hamilton  
1897 James Johnston  
1906 Saul Doran  
1947 Mrs. G. Boyd  
1958 Florence McLennon  
Johnston  
1975 F. & M. Mavislak

#### Section 28

##### NW

1885 Chas. Koester  
1892 Thos. Millard  
1896 John Donaldson  
1898 Zeke Evans  
1928 Jas. D. McGregor  
1935 Fotheringham Dairy  
1949 Robt. Brown  
1968 Mrs. Brown  
1974 James. A. Brown

##### NE

1885 J.M. Croston  
1889 W.H. Greer  
1892 Thos. Millard  
1896 John Donaldson  
1898 Zeke Evans  
1944 Edna Poole  
1963 Alice Poole  
1972 John Munro  
1974 Vercaigne Farms

##### SW

1885 F. Koester  
1892 Thos. Millard  
1896 John Donaldson  
1894 Zeke Evans  
1944 Robt. Ferguson  
1968 Gordon Ferguson

##### SE

1885 D. Smith  
1892 Robt. Marshall  
1895 Thos. Millard  
1897 Geo. Poole  
1935 Edna Poole  
1963 Alice Poole  
1971 John Munro  
1974 Vercaigne Farms

#### Section 29

School

##### NW

1892 James Kidd  
1896 Wm. Hamilton  
1943 Mrs. Hamilton  
1945 A. Hanson  
1947 Allan Donogh  
1953 Chas. Hamilton  
1976 Joan Hamilton

##### NE

1892 Allan Struthers  
1904 E.J. Walon  
1918 Mrs. Coombs  
1920 W.E. Strange  
1929 Company  
1938 Robt. Cruikshanks  
1960 Chas. Hamilton  
1976 Joan Hamilton

##### SW

1900 John Blight (Non Res)  
1917 Harris McKee  
1927 Thos Blight (Non Res)  
1964 Lancelot Blight (Non Res)

1966 Robt. Ferguson  
1968 Gordon Ferguson

#### SE

1893 Robert Marshall  
1897 John Lowes  
1906 Wm. Platten  
1909 John McKelvie  
1913 Robt. Ferguson  
1968 Gordon Ferguson

#### Section 30

##### NW

1885 T. White  
1892 Wesley Kidd  
1909 W.D. Graham (West R.R.)  
1920 Company  
1943 W.E. Williamson  
(West R.R.)  
1949 C. Williamson (West R.R.)  
1950 Frank Pachal  
1951 Ken Beever (West R.R.)  
1964 S. & D. Moyer

##### NE

1885 A. Fisher  
1892 Jas. Kidd  
1920 Wesley Kidd  
1936 Company  
1950 T. & L. Pachal

#### ACREAGE

1976 Murray Pachal 1.43A  
1978 Katherine Pachal 1.43A

##### SW

1884 C.J. Magee  
1892 Thos Kidd  
1909 W.D. Graham (West R.R.)  
1920 Wesley Kidd  
1943 W.E. Williamson (West R.R.)  
1949 C. Williamson (West R.R.)  
1950 Frank Pachal  
1964 S. & D. Moyer

##### SE

1889 A. Fisher  
1892 Andy Kidd  
1920 Wesley Kidd  
1936 Company  
1956 T. & L. Pachal

#### Section 31

##### NW

1885 R. Hunter  
1904 E. Hunter  
1907 John Bryson  
1920 Peter Johnston  
1928 Geo. McMaster  
1932 John Bryson  
1947 Albert Clark

##### NE

1885 James Kidd  
1904 Andy Kidd  
1919 John Stott  
1921 Wesley Kidd  
1926 Wm. Pitfield  
1951 Jack Pitfield  
1965 Flora Stott  
1966 Ada Cameron  
1978 Jimmie R. Brown

##### SW

1885 P. Ferguson  
1895 R. Hunter  
1904 E. Hunter  
1907 John Bryson  
1920 Peter Johnston  
1928 Geo. McMaster  
1951 Jack Pitfield  
1965 Flora Stott  
1966 Ada Cameron  
1978 T. & L. Pachal

#### SE

1885 James Kidd  
1904 Andy Kidd  
1919 John Stott  
1921 Wesley Kidd  
1926 Wm. Pitfield  
1951 Jack Pitfield  
1965 Flora Stott  
1966 Ada Cameron  
1978 Jimmie Brown

#### Section 32

##### NW

1885 W.H. Greer  
1900 Wm. Hamilton  
1943 Mrs. Hamilton  
1945 A. Hanson  
1947 Senkbeil Bros.  
1948 Harold Lowes  
1965 Lowes Farms

##### NE

1885 J.A. Lowes  
1904 Tom Lowes  
1946 Harold Lowes  
1965 Lowes Farms

##### SW

1885 J.W. Lowes  
1904 Tom Lowes  
1965 Harold Lowes  
(Lowes Farms)

#### SE

1885 J.A. Lowes  
1904 Tom Lowes  
1946 Harold Lowes  
1965 Lowes Farms

#### Section 33

##### NW

1885 S. Clement  
1892 Allan Struthers  
1898 Heal Bros.  
1900 Lon. Hamilton  
1943 Mrs. Hamilton  
1949 Chas. Hamilton  
1976 Joan Hamilton

##### NE

1884 W.J. White  
1895 Company  
1905 Jas. D. McGregor  
1920 Ken McGregor  
1935 Fotheringham Dairy  
1949 Robt. Brown  
1968 Mrs. Brown  
1974 Marsh & Allan Brown

##### SW

1884 Allan Struthers  
1904 E.J. Walon  
1918 Mrs. Coombs  
1920 W.E. Strange  
1929 Company  
1938 Robt. Cruikshank  
1961 Ralph Lowes  
1965 Lowes Farms

#### SE

1884 W.J. White  
1895 Company  
1905 Jas. D. McGregor  
1920 Ken McGregor  
1935 Fotheringham Dairy  
1949 Robert Brown  
1968 Mrs. Brown  
1974 Marsh & Allan Brown

#### Section 34

##### NW

1885 Carl Koester  
1900 Heal Bros.  
1903 Dave Black  
1906 Wm. Laird  
1918 Lesley Shepley

1954 Robt. Brown  
1964 Marsh & Allan Brown

#### NE

1881 Thos. McGill  
1899 Heal Bros.  
1903 Dave Black  
1906 Wm. Laird  
1918 Lesley Shepley  
1954 Robt. Brown  
1964 Marsh & Allan Brown

#### SW

1885 Carl Koester  
1900 Heal Bros.  
1903 Dave Black  
1905 Hugh Thornton  
1935 Company  
1945 Brandon Creamery  
1951 Dr. Harry Ross  
1975 Marsh & Allan Brown

#### SE

1884 Wm. Whitten  
1891 J.M. Croston  
1892 Peter Mitchell  
1897 Hugh Thornton  
1935 Company  
1945 Brandon Creamery  
1951 Dr. Harry Ross  
1976 C. & D. Braun

#### Section 35

##### NW

1885 J.W. Vantassel  
1894 Patterson Bros.  
1897 Al. Collins  
1947 John Morgan  
1966 Alvin Morgan  
1972 Clara Morgan

#### ACREAGE

Brandon Gun Club

##### NE

1885 Thos. Morgan  
1892 W.H. Cater  
1894 Geo. Sparling  
1928 Mrs. Thos. Morgan  
1946 Clarence Morgan  
1949 Purcell Baker  
1973 Dunc. McCallum

##### SW

1885 J.W. Vantassel  
1894 Patterson Bros.  
1897 Al. Collins  
1947 John Morgan  
1966 Alvin Morgan  
1972 Clara Morgan  
1975 S. & I. Gilbert

##### SE

1885 Thos. Morgan  
1892 W.H. Cater  
1894 Dave Plise  
1928 Mrs. Thos. Morgan  
1946 Clarence Morgan  
1949 Purcell Baker  
1973 Dunc. McCallum

#### Section 36

##### NW

1884 Mr. Cameron  
1885 W.H. Anderson  
1888 Joe McRae  
1894 T.E. Kelly  
1897 T.W. Vantassel  
1902 Robt. Scott  
1905 Wm. Anderson  
1920 W.H. & G. Medd  
1950 Arthur Medd  
1964 Stewart Boyd

#### ACREAGE

Carl Gollatz  
John Draper  
David Draper

**NE**  
 1884 D.M. McMillan  
 1885 Richard Philips  
 1924 John Hutchinson  
 1969 Wallace Hutchinson  
 1976 D. & D. Robins  
**ACREAGE**  
 J. Hutchinson

**SW**  
 1885 T.E. Kelly  
 1900 J.W. Burton  
 1905 W.M. Harcourt  
 1920 Geo. Medd  
 1950 Arthur Medd  
 1964 Douglas Coate

**ACREAGE**  
 1975 Melvin Moore  
 1975 Morley Rolfe  
 1976 Carrol Verner  
 1975 Geo. Gilchrist  
 1980 Wilf. Coate  
 1980 Ross Carvey  
 1980 H. & M. Carrol

**SE**  
 1885 T. Philips  
 Chas. Boyd  
 1892 Richard Philips  
 1920 Mervin Philips  
 1921 Chas. Boyd  
 1922 Lorrie Beresford  
 1951 Wm. Fenwick  
 1970 K. & G. Whittingham

# **WARD IV** **Township 10 Range 19**

## **Section 1**

**NW**  
 1884 G.P. Moore  
 1897 J.P. Jackson  
 1898 William West  
 1902 A. Place  
 1904 B. Trottier  
 1905 A.W. Harper  
 1947 Lloyd French  
 1950 William Scott

**NW CORNER**  
 1910 J.W. Stanley  
 1933 H. German  
 1947 A. Hesson

**1/3 PARCEL**  
 1979 T. & I. Mann  
 1979 Earl Wesselman  
 1979 R. & S. Perchaluk

**NE**  
 1884 G.P. Moore  
 1897 J.P. Jackson  
 1898 W.H. Hellyer  
 1908 C.E. Melson  
 1910 W.J. Lindsay  
 1941 G.S. Morris

**WEST ½**  
 1914 Subdivided

**EAST ½**  
 1947 Alma French  
 1950 William Scott

**SW**  
 1884 W.H. Dellman  
 1891 A. Spinks  
 1903 G.A. Medd  
 1905 W.H. Medd  
 1924 Geo. Medd  
 1979 R. & M. Moffat

**NW CORNER**  
 1974 J. Bilinski

**SE**  
 1884 Robert Johnson  
 1896 Stan Edgar

1898 H. Hamilton  
 1903 G.A. Medd  
 1905 W.H. Medd  
 1922 George Medd  
 1974 A. & P. Elliott  
**SW CORNER**  
 1975 Neil McTaggart 1A

## **Section 2**

**NW**  
 1884 W.D. Matheson  
 1892 John Galbraith  
 1894 J.S. McMillan  
 1903 A.W. Harper  
 1914 Subdivided  
 1980 Kate Gilbert  
 1972 City of Brandon 40A N

**NE**  
 1884 J.W. Cameron  
 1912 W.O. Cameron  
 1922 Mrs. M. Cameron  
 1967 Knowlton Enterprises  
 1969 Goodman Industries

**NE CORNER**  
 1973 M. & A. Mealy &  
 R. & M. Manthe 7A

**EAST SIDE**  
 1975 Randy Goodwin 1A

**SW**  
 1884 W.D. Matheson  
 1889 G.V. Fraser  
 1892 William Porterfield  
 1894 John Empey  
 1897 J.S. McMillan  
 1903 A.W. Harper  
 1913 J.H. Mathews  
 1942 Annie Mathews  
 1950 Kay Gilbert

**SE**  
 1884 J.C. Kavanagh  
 1893 Robert Hall  
 1904 J.W. Stanley  
 1926 Herbert Fogal  
 1945 R.G. Grant  
 1969 D. & M. Goodman

## **Section 3**

**NW**  
 1884 Charles Whitehead  
 1897 S. Cox

**WEST 3/4**  
 1954 Thos. Richardson  
 1958 Bea Richardson

**EAST ¼**  
 1940 Emma Cox  
 1942 John Heale  
 1947 W. Moncauskas

**NE**  
 1884 Charles Whitehead  
 1897 S. Cox  
 1940 Emma Cox  
 1942 John Heale  
 1947 Walter Moncauskas

**SW**  
 1884 Charles Whitehead  
 1897 S. Cox  
 1954 Thomas Richardson  
 1958 Bea Richardson

**SE**  
 1884 Charles Whitehead  
 1897 S. Cox  
 1954 Thos. Richardson  
 1958 Bea Richardson

**NE CORNER**  
 1979 W. & E. Courtice 2A  
 1959 M. Gibson 1A  
 1979 B. Gibson 1A  
 1979 D. Gibson 1A  
 1978 F. & E. Borowski 4A

## **Section 4**

**NW**  
 1884 A. Kinleyside  
 1889 H.L. Dance  
 1892 George Kidd  
 1893 Thomas Chambers  
 1902 Alfred O'Neil  
 1931 Thos. Stephens  
 1938 V. Smith  
 1946 Thos. Richardson  
 1948 Robert Stewart  
 1962 John Hutton

**NE**  
 1884 A. Kinleyside  
 1889 H.L. Dance  
 1892 George Kidd  
 1893 Thomas Chambers  
 1902 Alfred O'Neil  
 1931 Thos. Stephens  
 1938 V. Smith  
 1946 Thos. Richardson  
 1958 Bea Richardson

**NE CORNER**  
 1976 R. & D. Richardson 1A

**SW**  
 1884 J.S. Popham  
 1895 Fred Smith  
 1920 V. Smith  
 1946 John Yacysen  
 1957 Robt. Hutton

**SE**  
 1884 T.F. Tigar  
 1889 Fred Smith  
 1920 V. Smith  
 1946 John Yacysen  
 1957 Robt. Hutton

## **Section 5**

**NW**  
 1884 James Dickson  
 1886 A.D. Birhand  
 1890 J.R. Pelton  
 1898 James Robinson  
 1900 Mrs. A.L. Pelton  
 1920 Geo. Hamilton  
 1949 John Hutton

**NE**  
 1884 D.M. Shahan  
 1886 A.D. Birhand  
 1890 J.R. Pelton  
 1898 James Robinson  
 1900 Mrs. A.L. Pelton  
 1920 Geo. Hamilton  
 1949 John Hutton

**SW**  
 1884 D.H. Parker  
 1889 J. Stockdale  
 1892 R.W. Lowes  
 1920 J.R. Hicks  
 1929 H. Lorree  
 1949 Robert Brown  
 1957 James Brown

**SE**  
 1884 E. Dickson  
 1889 W.F. Irwin  
 1895 L. Hamilton  
 1938 Mrs. J. Hamilton  
 1950 Charles Hamilton  
 1973 Joan Ward Hamilton

## **Section 6**

**NW**  
 1884 S.S. Phillips  
 1888 James Leeson  
 1895 Andy Kidd  
 1903 R. Robinson  
 1920 G.C. Randall  
 1949 M. Meagher  
 1961 Gordon Meagher  
 1974 J. & E. Hutton

**NE**  
 1884 D. Wiggins  
 1889 S. McAdoo  
 1894 Geo. Poole  
 1898 Charles Greenlaw  
 1917 Robert Drysdale  
 1958 Cameron Drysdale  
 1976 G. & D. Pearen

**NE CORNER**  
 K. & D. Thorpe 20A  
 1978 B. & A. Topp 15A  
 1978 Crocus Obedience Kennel

**SW**  
 1884 S.S. Phillips  
 1888 James Leeson  
 1895 Andy Kidd  
 1903 Charles Greenlaw  
 1917 Robert Drysdale  
 1958 Cameron Drysdale  
 1976 Doug. Williamson

**SW CORNER**  
 1972 R. & R. Schaeffer 1A

**SE**  
 1884 D. Wiggins  
 1889 S. McAdoo  
 1894 George Poole  
 1898 Charles Greenlaw  
 1917 Robert Drysdale  
 1958 Cameron Drysdale  
 1976 Doug. Williamson

**SOUTH SIDE**  
 1976 Drysdale 13A  
 1976 Clarence Tegg 2A

## **Section 7**

**NW**  
 1884 J.A. Johnson  
 1892 John Hageman  
 1897 Wm. Andrews  
 1909 A. Campbell  
 1915 J.O. Cloutier  
 1919 T.D. Stewart  
 1922 J.S. Gibson  
 1948 Peter Sopchuk  
 1965 Mary Sopchuk

**NE**  
 1884 Alex Fleming  
 1903 G. Ferrier  
 1919 W. Fidler  
 1938 George Ferrier  
 1947 John Nadler  
 1958 Cam Williamson

**SW**  
 1884 J.A. Johnson  
 1892 James Hageman  
 1897 William Andrews  
 1909 A. Campbell  
 1915 J.O. Cloutier  
 1919 T.D. Stewart  
 1922 J.S. Gibson  
 1948 Peter Sopchuk  
 1965 Mary Sopchuk

**SE**  
 1884 Neil McKechnie  
 1892 James McKay  
 1895 Robert Morrison  
 1896 Robt. Robinson  
 1920 G.C. Randall  
 1949 M. Meagher  
 1961 Gordon Meagher  
 1966 Graham & Martin

**SOUTH HALF**  
 1969 Doug Graham

**NORTH HALF**  
 1969 Dumyr Ltd.

**Section 8****NW**

1884 J.R. McInnes  
1890 E.D. Order  
1892 James Henderson  
1904 J. Vallens  
1924 Eliz. Vallens  
1939 M. McGregor  
1956 Peter Nadler

**NE**

1884 J.R. McInnes  
1890 E.D. Order  
1892 James Henderson  
1904 J. Vallens  
1912 A.F. Vallens  
1924 Ed. Cassan  
1928 W.G. Lacy  
1933 W.A. Franklin  
1944 Peter Nadler

**SE CORNER**

1974 A. & J. Dyck 2A

**SW**

1884 J.R. McInnes  
1890 E.D. Order  
1892 James Henderson  
1904 J. Vallens  
1924 Eliz. Vallens  
1939 M. McGregor  
1956 Peter Nadler

**SE**

1884 J.R. McInnes  
1890 E.D. Order  
1892 James Henderson  
1904 J. Vallens  
1912 A.F. Vallens  
1924 Ed. Cassan  
1933 W.A. Franklin  
1944 Peter Nadler

**NE CORNER**

1973 J. & C. Stiles

**Section 9****NW**

1884 A.L. Sifton  
1887 Francis Reid  
1890 O.S. Fraser  
1899 W. Wolverton  
1906 J.D. Ross  
1907 Robert Park  
1922 Jessie Park  
1937 Mrs. M. Proudlock  
1947 William Webster  
1958 Doug. Graham  
1969 Dumyr Ltd.

**ACREAGE**

R. Creighton  
F. & M. Gunn  
G. & A. McKay  
D. & E. Tomlinson  
A. & M. Gelsthorpe

**NE**

1884 A.L. Sifton  
1887 Francis Reid  
1890 O.S. Fraser  
1899 W. Wolverton  
1906 J.D. Ross  
1907 Robert Park  
1922 Jessie Park  
1937 Mrs. M. Proudlock  
1947 William Webster  
1958 Bob Martin  
1870 Brookwood Farms  
1972 City of Brandon

**SW**

1884 Cliff Sifton  
1887 Robert Reid  
1890 O.S. Fraser  
1892 Francis Reid  
1899 W. Wolverton  
1906 J.D. Ross  
1907 Robert Park

1922 Jessie Park  
1937 Mrs. M. Proudlock  
1947 William Webster  
1958 Doug. Graham  
1969 Dumyr Ltd.  
1969 Doug. Graham  
(SW Corner 40A)

**SE**

1884 J.W. Sifton  
1887 Robert Reid  
1890 O.S. Fraser  
1892 Francis Reid  
1899 W. Wolverton  
1906 J.D. Ross  
1907 Robert Park  
1922 Jessie Park  
1937 Mrs. M. Proudlock  
1947 William Webster  
1958 Bob Martin  
1970 Brookwood Farms

**Section 10****NW**

1884 D.W. Shaw  
1913 Subdivided  
1972 City of Brandon

**NE**

1884 C.H. Helliwell  
1914 City of Brandon

**SW**

1884 D.W. Shaw  
1913 Subdivided  
1924 James Jackson  
1927 Dora Jackson  
1933 G.W. Ferguson  
1958 Don Ferguson  
1972 Hugh Ferguson

**NORTH SIDE**

1959 J. Rice  
1976 E. & G. Rice

**WEST SIDE**

1974 N. & B. Vinther  
1977 P. Fleming  
1976 A. & I. Hyde  
1976 R. & H. Mitchell

**BALANCE OF ¼**

1976 A. & H. Bessette  
1977 P. Cormillot  
1977 A. & S. Lapko  
1978 L. & S. Curtis  
1979 Progressive Properties

**SE**

1884 C.H. Helliwell  
1916 R.E. Palmer  
1920 A. Palmer  
1926 W. Scott

**SOUTH ½**

1972 R. Anderson  
1979 P. & C. Hall

**NORTH ½**

1977 Mazur Equipment 11A  
1978 Green Acres Landscape  
12A  
1979 H. & C. Elves 11A  
1969 Core Building 20A  
1979 Daphne Werner 1A

**Section 11****NW**

1889 Subdivided  
1972 City of Brandon

**NE**

1889 Subdivided  
1972 City of Brandon

**SW**

1890 J.A. Henderson  
1903 Geo. Medd  
1910 H.L. Patmore

**NORTH ½**

1915 Subdivided

**SOUTH ½**

1947 Patmore Nursery (West)  
1947 W.L. Udel (East)  
1958 Jim Young (East)  
1972 City of Brandon  
(All SW ¼)

**SE**

1899 M.J. Medd  
1903 Geo. Medd  
1907 A.E. McKenzie Co.

**NORTH ½**

1913 Subdivided

**SOUTH ½**

1957 William Hamilton  
1963 Hugh Knowlton  
1972 City of Brandon  
(All SE ¼)

**Section 12****NW**

1884 C.B. Dundas  
1901 J. Neumeyer  
1912 Subdivided  
1972 City of Brandon

**NE**

1884 R.M. Coombs  
1897 Jessie Coombs  
1912 D.A. Campbell  
1933 Moffat Ross  
1945 C.M. Blackwell  
1950 A. Pienkawski  
1972 City of Brandon

**SW**

1884 C.B. Dundas  
1901 J. Neumeyer  
1912 Subdivided  
1972 City of Brandon

**SE**

1884 R.M. Coombs  
1897 Jessie Coombs  
1912 D.A. Campbell  
1933 Moffat Ross  
1945 C.M. Blackwell  
1950 A. Pienkawski  
1972 City of Brandon

**Section 16****NW**

1884 P.D. Rowe  
1897 E.J. Rowe  
1913 Subdivided

**NORTH ½**

1965 Wm. Fotheringham  
1968 Assiniboine Invest.  
1972 City of Brandon

**SOUTH ½**

1945 E.B. Scott  
1949 Joe Bodnar  
1957 Sam Gurr  
1971 John Donohoe

**NE**

1884 E.J. Rowe  
1892 William Flaherty  
1905 M.T. Abey  
1912 Subdivided  
1972 City of Brandon

**SW**

1884 P.D. Rowe  
1897 E.J. Rowe  
1945 E.B. Scott  
1949 Joe Bodnar  
1957 Sam Gurr  
1971 Donfield Farms  
G. & G. Donohoe

**SE**

1884 E.J. Rowe  
1945 E.B. Scott  
1949 Joe Bodnar  
1957 Sam Gurr  
1972 City of Brandon

**Section 17****NW**

1884 J.A. Johnson  
1888 D. O'Connor  
1905 Wm. Ballantyne  
1913 R.E. Denny  
1916 Ed. Cassan  
1922 W. Flaherty  
1935 Muriel McGregor  
1956 Hugh Jackson  
1960 Josephine Jackson  
1963 Chris Harrison  
1975 Subdivided

**ACREAGE**

J. & V. Emerson  
E. Schultz  
C. & J. Fullerton  
H. & M. Martin  
A. McGuiness  
D. & R. & R. Kile  
A. & G. Anderson

**NE**

1884 J.A. Johnson  
1888 D. O'Connor  
1905 Wm. Ballantyne  
1913 R.E. Denny  
1916 Ed. Cassan  
1922 W. Flaherty  
1935 Muriel McGregor  
1956 Hugh Jackson  
1960 Josephine Jackson  
1963 Chris Harrison  
Subdivided  
G. Sutherland  
G. & V. Barker  
R.E. Ewert  
D. & L. McGill

**SW**

1884 J.A. Johnson  
1888 D. O'Connor  
1905 Wm. Ballantyne  
1913 R.E. Denny  
1916 Ed. Cassan  
1922 W. Flaherty  
1935 Muriel McGregor  
1956 Hugh Jackson  
1960 Josephine Jackson

**NORTH OF R.R.**

1963 Chris Harrison  
A.W. Cook

**SOUTH OF R.R.**

1950 Wishart Park  
1971 Mr. Rowe  
1975 Subdivided  
J. Campbell  
H.A. Nestibo  
A. Cook  
J. & C. Stiles  
F. & M. Warren  
W. & C. Omilanow  
M. Harder

**SE**

1884 J.A. Johnson  
1888 D. O'Connor  
1905 Wm. Ballantyne  
1913 R.E. Denny  
1916 Ed. Cassan  
1922 W. Flaherty  
1935 Muriel McGregor  
1956 Hugh Jackson  
1960 Josephine Jackson

**ACREAGE**

R. & D. Stokes  
E. & C. Kokorudz  
Yvul Ltd.  
N. & M. Hemstad  
R. & C. Forbes

NORTH OF R.R.  
1963 Chris Harrison  
Norm Hemstad

SOUTH OF R.R.  
1950 Wishart Park  
1961 Robert Clement  
1975 Yvaul Ltd.

### Section 18

NW  
1884 G.H. Starr  
1890 T. Robinson  
1899 E. Morris  
1906 W. Flaherty  
1912 O.G. Mullen  
1917 M.J. Abey  
1930 First Presbyterian  
Church  
1946 John Martinook

NE  
1884 J.G. Hargreaves  
1889 J. Saunders  
1892 C.F. Ferguson  
1899 M.S. Fraser  
1904 Wm. Ballantyne  
1913 R.E. Denny  
1919 Philip Detrich  
1924 James Kirkland  
1933 John Hadley  
1946 Walter Martinook

SW  
1884 G.H. Starr  
1890 T. Robinson  
1899 E. Morris  
1908 W. Flaherty  
1917 M.J. Abey  
1930 First Presbyterian Church  
1946 John Martinook

SE  
1884 J.G. Hargreaves  
1889 J. Saunders  
1892 C.F. Ferguson  
1897 W. Flaherty  
1913 R.E. Denny  
1919 Philip Detrich  
1924 James Kirkland  
1929 Ada Kirkland  
1933 John Hadley  
1946 Walter Martinook

### Section 19

NW  
1888 J. McVicar  
1893 H.H. Selby  
1898 Thomas Abey  
1906 Mrs. M.F. Wilton

NORTH OF RIVER  
1927 A.P. Wilton  
1949 P.G. Marsden

SOUTH OF RIVER  
1933 Thomas Lane  
1965 Robert Lane  
1980 Dan W. Lane

NE  
1887 J.L. Gray

NORTH OF RIVER  
1919 W.L. Gray  
1945 Doris Gray Tague  
1950 Leslie Gray  
1975 Homecrest Farms

SOUTH OF RIVER  
1919 CPR  
1933 Thomas Lane  
1965 Robert Lane  
1980 Tim R. Lane

SW  
NORTH OF R.R.  
1933 Thomas Lane  
1965 Robert W. Lane

SOUTH OF R.R.  
1955 E. & L. Martinook

SE  
NORTH OF R.R.  
1933 Thomas Lane  
1965 Robert Lane  
1980 Andrew Lane

SOUTH OF R.R.  
1955 John Martinook

WEST 2/3  
1957 John Martinook  
EAST 1/3  
1957 Walter Martinook  
1977 Caroline Martinook

### Section 20

NW  
1885 James McFayden  
1897 A.D. Cameron  
1902 W.F. Wilson  
1907 A.D. Philip

NORTH OF RIVER  
1903 Geo. Marsden  
1945 David Hunter  
1973 Glen H. Hunter

SOUTH OF RIVER  
1915 J.C. Murray  
1931 Wm. Martinook  
1959 W. & P. & J. & B.  
Martinook

NE  
1884 J.H. Chipman  
1890 J.C. Murray  
1901 Mrs. A. Caldwell

NORTH OF RIVER  
1906 George Marsden  
1945 David Hunter  
1973 Glen Hunter

SOUTH OF RIVER  
1959 Frank Duke  
1965 M. & M. Sparrow

SW  
1884 N.W. Rowe  
1897 E.J. Rowe  
1911 G. Ruler  
1915 J.C. Murray  
1931 Wm. Martinook  
1959 Walter Martinook  
A. & R. Martens

SE  
1884 J.H. Chipman  
1890 J.C. Murray  
1912 Subdivided  
1975 Walter Martinook  
M. & M. Sparrow

### Section 21

NW  
1890 J.T. Arthur

NORTH OF RIVER  
1936 Dr. G.H. Manchester  
1940 J.W. McKay  
1957 Walter Hill

SOUTH OF RIVER  
1908 William Bushill  
1944 Brandon Golf &  
Country Club  
1972 City of Brandon

NE  
1889 Bushill and Holmes

NORTH OF RIVER  
1905 Joe Matuska

SOUTH OF RIVER  
1908 William Bushill  
1944 Brandon Golf &  
Country Club  
1972 City of Brandon

SW  
1892 James Sampson  
1924 Brandon Creamery  
1958 Ed. Fotheringham  
1965 Wm. & Mrs. Amy  
Fotheringham  
1970 Assiniboine Invest.  
1972 City of Brandon

SE  
1894 L.M. Hamilton  
1924 Brandon Creamery  
1958 Ed. Fotheringham  
1965 Wm. & Mrs. Amy  
Fotheringham  
1970 Assiniboine Invest.  
1972 City of Brandon

### Section 28

NW  
1884 James Stewart  
1886 D.G. Stewart  
1890 Sam Jory  
1910 A.T. Arthur  
1916 John Hinch  
1919 Brandon Country  
Club  
1944 Gilbert Bradley  
1959 Gertrude Bradley  
Subdivided

NE  
1884 James Stewart  
1892 Indian Residential  
School

SW  
1884 E.W. Lowe  
1886 H.J. Dexter  
1890 Sam Jory  
1916 John Hinch  
1917 Geo. W. Marsden  
1929 Phoebe Marsden  
1936 Dr. G.H. Manchester  
1945 David Hunter  
1971 Dorothy Hunter

SE  
1884 James Stewart  
1892 Indian Residential  
School

### Section 29

NW  
1892 W.E. Philp  
1899 John Durnin  
1919 Charles Durnin  
1925 Mary Durnin  
1950 William Durnin

NE  
1892 A.E. Philp  
1899 Geo. Marsden  
1945 David Hunter  
1971 Dorothy Hunter

SE CORNER  
1979 B. Pernal 5A  
1979 J. Vansanten 4A  
1979 R. Kuiper 4A  
1979 L. Mann 2A

SW  
1892 John L. Gray  
1918 W.L. Gray  
1944 Doris Gray Tague  
1949 Leslie Gray  
1975 Homecrest Farms

NW CORNER  
1974 Joe Parker 1.5A  
1976 Charles Shepherd 2A

SE  
1892 A.E. Philp  
1899 George Marsden  
1945 David Hunter  
1969 Glen Hunter

### Section 30

NW  
1884 Bryan Cain  
1902 E. Evans  
1905 J. Lambert  
1916 Mrs. M.F. Wilton  
1931 A.P. Wilton  
1948 Robt. MacPherson  
1959 Richie MacPherson  
1963 Mary MacPherson

NE  
1884 J.L. Gray  
1918 W.L. Gray  
1944 Doris Gray Tague  
1949 Leslie Gray  
Part Subdivided

SW  
1884 W.E. Lambert  
1896 Thomas Abey  
1905 Mary Abey  
1906 Mrs. M.F. Wilton  
1941 P.G. Marsden

SE  
1884 J.L. Gray  
1918 W.L. Gray  
1944 Doris Gray Tague  
1949 Leslie Gray  
1975 Homecrest Farms  
North part subdivided

### Section 31

NW  
1884 A.E. Philp  
1894 C.T. Card  
1902 A. Carswell  
1910 G.A. Maher  
1919 Henry Fisk  
1922 W.H. Maher  
1924 T. Carswell  
1927 C.E. Turnbull  
1935 Mary Turnbull  
1940 William Bates  
1973 L.S. Bates

NE  
1884 A.E. Philp  
1894 L. Card  
1902 A. Carswell  
1910 G.A. Maher  
1919 Henry Fisk  
1922 W.H. Maher  
1924 T. Carswell  
1927 C.E. Turnbull  
1935 Mary Turnbull  
1940 William Bates  
1973 L.S. Bates

SW  
1884 A.E. Philp  
1902 William Baker  
1903 J. Durnin  
1908 William Groves  
1915 Albert Cooper  
1917 Owen Grenan  
1918 W.L. Burnie  
1927 Herbert Fogal  
1936 Ellen Fogal  
1944 Ivan Hamilton  
1965 Peter McPhail  
1977 Norbrand Stock Farms

SE  
1884 A.E. Philp  
1902 William Baker  
1903 J. Durnin  
1908 William Groves  
1915 Albert Cooper  
1917 Owen Grenan  
1918 W.L. Burnie  
1927 Herbert Fogal  
1936 Ellen Fogal  
1944 Ivan Hamilton  
1965 Peter McPhail



WEST 40A  
1974 Stan Durnin  
1978 Robert Durnin  
EAST 120A  
1977 Norbrand Stock Farms

## Section 32

**NW**  
1884 J.J. Miller  
1889 Mrs. M. Bower  
1898 Charles Koeshier  
1906 Alex Smith  
1912 O. Heal  
1913 J. Dagg  
1919 A.L. Jory  
1925 T.B. Lane  
1927 Charles Lane  
1949 James Croy  
1982 George Croy

**NE**  
1884 J.E. Smith  
1890 William Rennie  
1892 James Halliday  
1905 A.L. Jory  
1913 J. Dagg  
1934 Thomas Lane  
1939 N.J. Shaw  
1950 John Cole  
1962 Clarence Brock  
1969 Ernest Nunn  
1972 Rudy Pilous

**SW**  
1884 J.J. Miller  
1888 Geo. Smith  
1892 William Duncan  
1912 C. Brofman  
1917 M. Brofman  
1940 A.P. Wilton  
1946 James Reid  
1958 Rita Anne Reid  
1962 Kruger Bros.  
1981 Van Heyst Farms

**SE**  
1884 D.G. Stewart  
1894 R.M. Coombs  
1899 S. Jory  
1913 J. Dagg  
1939 N.J. Shaw  
1955 Gilbert Bradley  
1959 Gertrude Bradley  
1974 Norris Murray

## Section 34

**NW**  
1884 D.G. Stewart  
1893 J.C. Longstaff  
1897 T. Codvillefo  
1899 R. Magwood  
1904 Miss M.J. McCane  
1926 Experimental Farm (W)  
1930 Subdivided (East)  
1970 Experimental Farm

**NE**  
1884 E. Archibald  
1905 A. Hamilton  
1930 Ivan Hamilton  
1930 Subdivided  
1972 City of Brandon

**SW**  
1884 D.G. Stewart  
1897 T. Codvillefo  
1899 R. Magwood  
1904 Miss M.J. McCane  
1926 Experimental Farm (W)  
1930 Subdivided (East)  
1970 Experimental Farm

**SE**  
1884 E. Archibald  
1905 A. Hamilton  
1930 Ivan Hamilton

1930 Subdivided  
1972 City of Brandon

## Section 35

**NW**  
1884 J. Clarke  
1937 D.J. Black  
1940 Some Subdivision  
1972 City of Brandon

**NE**  
1884 J. Clarke  
1937 D.J. Black  
1940 Some Subdivision  
1972 City of Brandon

**SW**  
1884 R.H. Huston  
1897 S. Jory  
1899 John Medland  
1903 John Wickett  
1908 Clement Bros.  
1915 Subdivided  
1972 City of Brandon

**SE**  
1884 R.H. Huston  
1897 S. Jory  
1899 John Medland  
1903 John Wickett  
1908 Clement Bros.  
1915 Subdivided  
1972 City of Brandon

## Section 36

**NW**  
1884 James Lawley  
1904 John Hogben  
1912 Mental Hospital Farm  
Crown  
1972 City of Brandon

**NE**  
1884 D.M. McMillian  
1902 Robert Smyth  
1912 Mental Hospital Farm  
Crown

**SW**  
1884 James Lawley  
1904 John Hogben  
1912 Mental Hospital Farm  
Crown  
1972 City of Brandon

**SE**  
1884 Gordon Bowers  
1888 W.J. O'Brien  
1894 Mrs. O'Brien  
1905 Robert Smyth  
1912 Mental Hospital Farm  
Crown

## Landowners of Small Holdings (Ward IV N. of Assiniboine River)

**NW 28-10-19**  
1967 M.W. & C.M. Sangster  
D.H. & B. Aberson  
Verna C. Neufeld  
D.R. & K.A. Kadambi  
Edward W. Good  
D. & T. Beddome  
J.M. & L.A. Grill  
Ray & Betty-Anne Relf  
W.C. Jackson  
W.J. & D.R. Bjornsson  
J.P. & B.A. Holmes  
Vincent Barcelona  
G.A. & L. Bartlett  
Brooke Wallace  
Roy M. & B. Dale Harris  
R.G. & L.B. Watson

**NW 29-10-19**  
1910 Morris Cole  
Percy Ashbey  
Richard Slifka  
Ernest Butcher  
A. & T.G. Dingwall  
Jack Parsons  
Lynn W. Manns  
Andrew Pernal  
John Vansanten  
Rudy Kuipers  
Joe Parker  
C. & M. Shepard

**NE 30-10-19**  
1971 Subdivided  
T.L. & L.F. Price  
Kenneth A. Doan  
W.A. & E.R. Haberman  
Robert W. MacKalski  
W. & M. Hamilton  
L.W. & C. Kristalovich  
K.C. & B.E. Williamson  
M.A. & M.P. Scinocca  
D.J. & S.F. Ackimenko  
James W. Potter  
M.E. & E.M. Kufflick  
A.B. Klippenstine  
B.D. & S.D. Kolesar  
D.P. & D.G. Jones  
A.F. & A. Haslbeck  
Frank Bartunek  
S. & J.R. Lamont  
G.M. & E.L. Shuel  
J.R. & S.E. Gregory  
Joseph C. Yaworski  
R.L. & A.F. Habing  
Kenneth L. Carton

**SW 31-10-19**  
Robert McPhail  
W.F. & S.B. Hjelmeland

**SE 32-10-19**  
Stephen Magnacca  
Mario Adamo  
Gordon Raymor  
D.D. & J.A. Giesbrecht

## WARD V Township 10 Range 18

### Section 1

**NW**  
1884 William Currie  
1897 Thomas Wyton  
1913 William Richardson  
1915 Tom Wyton  
1920 Thomas Wyton  
1924 F.J. Sibley  
1963 Dorothy Brown  
1974 William Higgins

**NE**  
1884 William Currie  
1897 Thomas Wyton  
1913 William Richardson  
1915 Tom Wyton  
1920 Thomas Wyton  
1924 F.J. Sibley  
1963 Mrs. Dorothy Brown  
1974 William Higgins

**SW**  
1884 William Currie  
1897 Thomas Wyton  
1910 T.F. Maher

**NORTH OF RIVER**  
1920 Thomas Wyton  
F.J. Sibley  
1963 Dorothy Brown  
1974 William Higgins

**SOUTH OF RIVER**  
1928 Fallis  
1936 C. West

1957 John Bokhorst  
1980 Patrick Elves

**SE**  
1884 William Currie  
1897 Thomas Wyton  
1910 R. & J. Wyton  
1913 William Richardson  
1915 Tom Wyton

**NORTH OF RIVER**  
1920 Thomas Wyton  
1924 F.J. Sibley  
1963 Dorothy Brown  
1974 William Higgins

**SOUTH OF RIVER**  
1928 Fallis  
1936 C. West  
1957 John Bokhorst  
1980 Patrick Elves

## Section 2

**NW**  
1884 M.W. Longworth  
1892 William Currie  
1899 Charles Goldstone  
1919 Mrs. C. Goldstone  
1925 Joe Wheeldon  
1940 C. West  
1947 Reg Pearen  
1956 Allan Wilkinson  
1968 Winnie Wilkinson  
1975 Duffield, Wilkinson &  
McColman

**NE**  
1884 William Currie  
1893 D.H. Harrison  
1899 Thomas Wyton  
1914 William Currie  
1919 N.W. Kerr  
1940 Clement West  
1956 Allan Wilkinson  
1968 Winnie Wilkinson  
1969 Geo. & Ken Wilkinson  
1976 Rudolf Walther

**SW**  
1884 M.W. Longworth  
1890 Charles Goldstone  
1919 Mrs. C. Goldstone  
1925 Joe Wheeldon  
1940 Clement West  
1947 Reg. Pearen  
1956 Allan Wilkinson  
1968 Winnie Wilkinson  
1975 Duffield, Wilkinson &  
McColman

**SE**  
1884 William Currie  
1897 Mrs. Magwood  
1905 S.H. Bower  
1911 William Currie  
1913 S.H. Bower  
1917 John Crawford  
1940 Clement West  
1956 Allan Wilkinson  
1968 Winnie Wilkinson  
1969 Geo. & Ken Wilkinson  
1976 Rudolf Walther

## Section 3

**NW**  
1884 R.H. Bramley  
1891 H.W. Thomsett  
1914 A.C. Douglas  
1936 Ed. Boles  
1955 Kenneth Wilde  
1977 Eleanor Wilke

**NE**  
1884 R.H. Bramley  
1889 A.J. Bramley  
1894 W.A. Robinson  
1907 T.H. Bentley  
1911 J.F. Fisher

1915 C.G. Bennest  
1920 William Bennest  
1947 Reg. Pearen  
1956 Allan Wilkinson  
1968 Winnie Wilkinson  
1975 Duffield, Wilkinson & McColman

#### SW

1884 R.H. Bramley  
1892 Frank Russell  
1899 Wm. Ironside  
1920 M.B. Turner  
1928 Tony Patrick  
1944 Robt. Devins  
1949 Reg. Pearen  
1956 Allan Wilkinson  
1968 Winnie Wilkinson  
1976 Rudolf Walther

#### SE

1884 R.H. Bramley  
1891 CPR  
1903 W.H. Ironside  
1920 CPR  
1947 Reg. Pearen  
1956 Allan Wilkinson  
1968 Winnie Wilkinson  
1975 Duffield, Wilkinson & McColman

#### Section 4

##### NW

1884 David Milne  
1891 B. Sheris  
1903 Robt. Smith  
1918 Dr. W.S. Condell  
1924 W.H. Sproule  
1943 R.M. Smith  
1954 Allan Wilkinson  
1968 Winnie Wilkinson  
1975 Duffield, Wilkinson & McColman

##### NE

1884 Peter Milne  
1891 B. Sheris  
1903 Robt. Smith  
1918 Dr. W.S. Condell  
1924 M. Steldan  
1943 R.M. Smith  
1956 Allan Wilkinson  
1968 Winnie Wilkinson  
1975 Duffield, Wilkinson & McColman

##### SW

1884 David Milne  
1891 B. Sheris  
1903 Robt. Smith  
1918 Dr. W.S. Condell  
1924 W.H. Sproule  
1943 R.M. Smith  
1956 Allan Wilkinson  
1968 Winnie Wilkinson  
1975 Duffield, Wilkinson & McColman

##### SE

1884 Peter Milne  
1891 B. Sheris  
1903 Robert Smith  
1918 Dr. W.S. Condell  
1924 Anne Steldan  
1943 R.M. Smith  
1956 Allan Wilkinson  
1968 Winnie Wilkinson  
1975 Duffield, Wilkinson & McColman

#### Section 5

##### NW

1884 R.E. Leech  
1904 Robert Melvin  
1910 R.E. Leech  
1918 J.H. McKee

1920 R.A. Leech  
1932 Aaron Hargreaves  
1949 Mrs. L.A. Dauncey  
1951 H. & C. Elves  
1955 C. & N. Baker  
1964 Norman Baker

#### SW CORNER

1971 John Elder 15A  
1975 G. Paddock 5A  
1975 Leslie White 10A  
Gerald Young  
Frank MrKvicka

#### NE

1884 John Leech  
1904 Robert Melvin  
1910 John Leech  
1918 J.H. McKee  
1920 R.A. Leech  
1932 Aaron Hargreaves  
1949 Mrs. L.A. Dauncey  
1951 H. & C. Elves  
1955 C. & N. Baker  
1971 Ernest J. White  
1963 Clendon Baker  
1968 John Stiles  
Brian Hearn  
Dennis Saunders

#### SW

1884 J.H. Leech  
1893 R.E. Leech  
1904 Robert Melvin  
1910 R.E. Leech  
1918 J.H. McKee  
1920 R.A. Leech  
1932 Aaron Hargreaves  
1947 S.E. Dixon  
1950 Victor Baker

#### NORTH ½

1974 R. Swidnicki

#### MIDDLE ½

1974 A. Gertz

#### SOUTH ½

1973 J. Baker

#### SE

1884 John Leech  
1893 George Leech  
1904 Robert Melvin  
1910 George Leech  
1918 J.H. McKee  
1920 R.A. Leech  
1932 Aaron Hargreaves  
1957 Donald Hargreaves  
1978 Dennis Stiles

#### Section 6

##### NW

1884 James Cox  
1891 E.S. Cox  
1894 L.A. Cox  
1900 William Cox  
1904 Higgins Bros.  
1909 William Buchanan  
1911 George Higgins  
1934 Morgan Morgan  
1941 James Hunter  
1967 Bruce Kent  
1971 Macey Foods

##### NE

1884 Sam Cox  
1891 E.S. Cox  
1900 William Cox  
1904 Higgins Bros.  
1909 William Buchanan  
1911 Geo. Higgins  
1916 Arch Little  
1936 Adam Little

#### WEST ½

1969 Del Chapin

#### EAST ½

1969 Andrew Little  
1971 Norm Brown  
Morris Elliott

#### NW CORNER 10A

E. Kilmury

#### NW CORNER

1972 J. Jenks  
1972 H. Kilmury

#### SW

1884 Tom Heal  
1891 Henry Heal  
1894 Oliver Heal  
1900 Mrs. Henry Heal  
1904 J.D. Baker  
1951 Norman & Julia Baker  
1972 Garth Baker

#### SE

1884 George Winters  
1889 R.E. Leech  
1904 Robert Melvin  
1910 R.E. Leech  
1918 J.H. McKee  
1921 R.E. Leech  
1928 J.D. Baker  
1951 Norman & Julia Baker  
1972 Garth Baker

#### Section 7

##### NW

1884 M. Benorte  
1886 Joe Burke  
1888 E. Evans  
1902 Charles Stewart  
1904 Dugal Morrison  
1906 T.A. Featherston  
1910 J. McKinnon  
1911 Dave Beaubier  
1913 Subdivided  
1948 Mary Hudzik  
1972 City of Brandon

##### NE

1884 W.H. Anderson  
1947 William Grant  
1964 Mary Dixon  
1972 City of Brandon

##### SW

1884 M. Benorte  
1886 Joe Burke  
1887 E. Evans  
1894 Thomas Huckson  
1909 R.S. Alexander  
1913 Subdivided  
1948 Mary Hudzik  
1972 City of Brandon

##### SE

1884 R.T. Evans  
1887 E. Evans  
1894 Thomas Huckson  
1909 R.S. Alexander  
1916 T.H. Myers  
1920 Mrs. R. Myers  
1923 J.S. Jackson  
1928 R.J. Cornell  
1940 Mary Dixon  
1972 City of Brandon

#### Section 8

##### NW

1884 C. Hay  
1890 E.H. Webbowen  
1899 J.S. Tice  
1905 W.H. Mortson  
1909 Howard McKay  
1911 T.R. Strome  
1912 Geo. Dicbell  
1955 George Boles  
1972 City of Brandon

##### NE

1884 J.G. Morgan

1890 E.H. Webbowen  
1894 J.G. Morgan  
1904 Alex Aberdeen  
1920 W.G. Aberdeen  
1940 H.V. Holdaway  
1972 City of Brandon

#### SW

1884 C. Hay  
1889 Gibson & Fraser  
1890 E.H. Webbowen  
1899 J.S. Tice  
1905 W.H. Mortson  
1909 J.R. Wilson  
1911 T.R. Strome  
1912 George Dicbell  
1931 Kate Heal  
1940 J.G. Boles  
1955 George Boles  
1965 Lloyd Boles  
1972 City of Brandon

#### SE

1884 J.G. Morgan  
1890 E.H. Webbowen  
1894 J.G. Morgan  
1904 Alex Aberdeen  
1912 C.M. Nicol  
1922 Alex Aberdeen  
1932 E.P. Aberdeen  
1951 Russell Roe  
1972 City of Brandon

#### Section 9

##### NW

1884 Thomas Selby  
1886 Mr. Mitchell  
1891 J.R. Grant  
1928 W.T. Maddaford  
1933 K. Maddaford  
1939 Kate Dewar  
1947 CNR  
1972 City of Brandon

##### NE

1884 Thomas Selby  
1886 Mr. Mitchell  
1891 J.R. Grant  
1928 W.T. Maddaford  
1933 K. Maddaford  
1939 Kate Dewar  
1947 John Keeble  
1972 City of Brandon

##### SW

1884 Thomas Selby  
1886 Mr. Mitchell  
1891 G.W. Allan  
1900 J.R. Gibson  
1908 O.H. Oleson  
1914 J.S. Gibson  
1936 H.M. Gibson  
1943 H.V. Holdaway  
1948 Mrs. E. Holdaway  
1972 City of Brandon

##### SE

1884 Thomas Selby  
1886 Mr. Mitchell  
1891 G.W. Allan  
1900 J.R. Gibson  
1908 O.H. Oleson  
1914 J.S. Gibson  
1936 H.M. Gibson  
1943 H.V. Holdaway  
1948 Mrs. E. Holdaway  
1972 City of Brandon

#### Section 10

##### NW

1884 George Keeble  
1926 J.D. Connon  
1951 Keith Connon  
1972 City of Brandon

**NE**  
 1884 George Keeble  
 1926 J.D. Connon  
 1951 Keith Connon  
 1972 City of Brandon

**SW**  
 1884 R.H. Bramley  
 1888 W.H. Thomsett  
 1902 A.D. Tamley  
 1911 R.E. Rice  
 1925 Mrs. R. Rice  
 1926 Roy Rice  
 1935 James Mearns  
 1951 Keith Connon  
 1971 Dennis Baker  
 1972 City of Brandon

**SE**  
 1885 R.H. Bramley  
 1888 W.H. Thomsett  
 1902 A.D. Tamley  
 1907 W.H. Mortson  
 1908 R.E. Rice  
 1911 C.E. Northcott  
 1920 R.E. Rice  
 1925 Mrs. R. Rice  
 1926 Roy Rice  
 1938 James Mearns W½  
 1951 Keith Connon W½  
 1950 Crystal Bros. E½  
 1972 City of Brandon

## Section 11

**NW**  
 1900 W.M. Robinson  
 1907 W. Switzer

**NORTH OF RIVER**  
 1947 Ken McLean  
 1958 Gib Gillespie  
 1964 Ross Campbell

**SOUTH OF RIVER**  
 1950 Hugh Robinson  
 1960 Robert Elves  
 1972 City of Brandon

**NE**  
 1902 G.E. Thomas  
 1903 Mrs. Thomas  
 1918 Charles Everney

**NORTH OF RIVER**  
 1947 Ken McLean  
 1958 Gib Gillespie  
 1964 Ross Campbell

**SOUTH OF RIVER**  
 1950 Hugh Robinson  
 1960 Robert Elves  
 1972 City of Brandon

**SW**  
 1907 Oliver Heal  
 1918 Charles Everney

**NORTH OF RAILWAY**  
 1950 Hugh Robinson  
 1960 Robert Elves  
 1972 City of Brandon

**SOUTH OF RAILWAY**  
 1956 Edwin Baker  
 1960 Wm. Boorman  
 1966 Tim Bass  
 1970 Robert Elves  
 1972 City of Brandon

**SE**  
 1900 Charles Goldstone  
 1902 G.E. Thomas  
 1903 Mrs. Thomas  
 1918 Charles Everney

**WEST OF RIVER**  
 1950 Hugh Robinson  
 1960 Robert Elves  
 1972 City of Brandon

**EAST OF RIVER**  
 1949 Gib Gillespie  
 1961 W. & H. Kain

## Section 12

**NW**  
 1884 J.M. Butler  
 1885 W.H. Sanford  
 1889 W.E. Sanford  
 1906 C.E. Rector  
 1951 Ken McLean & Leo Robson  
 1964 Jack McDonald  
 1978 H. & S. Rempel

**NE**  
 1884 William Mingabray  
 1886 W.E. Sanford  
 1891 Dave Dunseith  
 1897 Robert Bowsfield  
 1900 W.E. Sanford  
 1906 C.E. Rector  
 1951 Ken McLean & Leo Robson  
 1964 Jack McDonald  
 1978 Harry Rempel

**SW**  
 1884 J.M. Butler  
 1885 W.H. Sanford  
 1889 W.E. Sanford  
 1906 C.E. Rector  
 1949 Gib Gillespie  
 1961 W. & H. Kain

**SE**  
 1884 Wm. Mingabray  
 1886 W.E. Sanford  
 1891 David Dunseith  
 1897 Robert Bowsfield  
 1900 W.E. Sanford  
 1906 C.E. Rector  
 1938 F.J. Sibley  
 1963 Dorothy Brown  
 1974 W. & E. Higgins

## Section 13

**NW**  
 1939 Gwen Morgan  
 1941 Frank Morgan  
 1946 Ken McLean  
 1964 Jack McDonald  
 1978 Marvin Rempel  
 1981 Joe McCabe

**NE**  
 1939 Gwen Morgan  
 1941 Frank Morgan  
 1946 Ken McLean  
 1964 Jack McDonald  
 1978 Marvin Rempel  
 1981 Joe McCabe

**SW**  
 1941 Gwen Morgan  
 1946 Ken McLean  
 1964 Jack McDonald  
 1978 Marvin Rempel  
 1981 Joe McCabe

**SE**  
 1941 Gwen Morgan  
 1946 Ken McLean  
 1964 Jack McDonald  
 1978 Marvin Rempel  
 1981 Joe McCabe

## Section 14

**NW**  
 1884 Jim Costigan  
 1885 Wm. Murgaboyd  
 1899 Allan Leslie  
 1943 J. Bullee  
 1959 Lyall Brown

**NE**  
 1884 Robert Warram  
 1885 A.D. Owens  
 1892 Thomas Wyton  
 1902 Allan Leslie  
 1943 J. Bullee  
 1959 Lyall Brown

**SW**  
 1885 Wm. Murgaboyd  
 1893 A.B. Dockstaden  
 1900 F. Woodcock  
 1902 John E. Smith  
 1905 William Chalmers  
 1931 Geo. Chalmers  
 1941 Herb Chalmers  
 1959 Wes. Smyth  
 1964 L. & G. Brown

**SE**  
 1884 Robert Warram  
 1885 A.D. Owens  
 1902 John E. Smith  
 1905 William Chalmers  
 1931 Geo. Chalmers  
 1941 Herb Chalmers  
 1959 Wes. Smyth  
 1964 L. & G. Brown

## Section 15

**NW**  
 1884 A.W. Ross  
 1892 J.D. McBurnie  
 1899 George Keeble  
 1920 John Keeble  
 1972 City of Brandon

**NE**  
 1884 James Costigan  
 1892 John Kydd  
 1897 Frank Woodcock  
 1900 John Blight  
 1910 L. Blight  
 1920 Thomas Blight  
 1960 Margaret Blight  
 1972 City of Brandon

**SW**  
 1885 J.D. McBurnie  
 1892 William Mansell  
 1897 Charles Hill  
 1902 George Bohing  
 1909 C.W. Chapin  
 1912 Mrs. Edith Hitchcock  
 1919 J.F. Margoliouish  
 1922 S.J. Hitchcock  
 1924 Harry Hill  
 1943 J. Nearns  
 1949 Keith Connon  
 1972 City of Brandon

**SE**  
 1885 J.D. McBurnie  
 1892 William Mansell  
 1897 Charles Hill  
 1902 George Bohing  
 1909 C.W. Chapin  
 1912 Mrs. E. Hitchcock  
 1919 J.F. Margoliouish  
 1921 S.J. Hitchcock  
 1924 Harry Hill  
 1944 John Connon  
 1949 Keith Connon  
 1972 City of Brandon

## Section 16

**NW**  
 1884 Sarah McVicar  
 1889 Mrs. Blanchard  
 1892 Charles Hill  
 1894 Mrs. J. Queen  
 1903 Ross Sutherland  
 1908 Dr. J.S. Fisher  
 1912 F. Mackison  
 1915 W.M. Cassan  
 1920 H.B. Gerdell  
 1923 CPR

1927 Subdivided  
 1972 City of Brandon

**NE**  
 1891 Mrs. Murgaboyd

**PART**  
 1908 M.T. Headley  
 1908 Dr. J.S. Fisher  
 1915 M. Headley  
 1949 H. Demanski  
 1954 Minnie Krupa

**SW**  
 1884 Sarah McVicar  
 1890 Mrs. Blanchard  
 1892 Charles Hill  
 1894 Mrs. J. Queen  
 1899 Mrs. John Turner  
 1900 Ross Sutherland  
 1908 T.B. Noble  
 1909 Dr. J.S. Fisher  
 1912 F. Mackison  
 1915 W.M. Cassan

**NORTH ½**  
 1920 R.M. Cassan  
 1925 Dr. J.S. Fisher  
 1948 Ruth Fisher

**SOUTH ½**  
 1949 H. Demanski  
 1954 Minnie Krupa  
 1965 Charles Ruben  
 1972 City of Brandon

**SE**  
 1884 H. Cardiff  
 1892 John Bryfield  
 1897 Ed. Johnston  
 1900 M.E. Hutchinson  
 1905 James Turnbull  
 1908 Dr. J.S. Fisher  
 1912 F. Mackison  
 1915 W.M. Cassan  
 1920 R.M. Cassan  
 1925 J.S. Fisher  
 1949 H. Demanski  
 1954 Minnie Krupa  
 1965 Charles Ruben  
 1972 City of Brandon

## Section 17

**NW**  
 1884 W.H. Bradford  
 1906 Charles Imlack  
 1934 D.W. Mel  
 1953 Patrick Cullen  
 1958 Harold Elves  
 1972 City of Brandon

**NE**  
 1885 J.D. McBurnie  
 1892 P.M. Percival  
 1897 Robert Wilson  
 1904 John Horton  
 1905 W.H. Mortson  
 1910 W.H. Maher

**WEST ½**  
 1913 J.R. Fisher  
 1954 Ruth Fisher

**EAST ½**  
 1954 CPR  
 1972 City of Brandon

**SW**  
 1885 J.D. McBurnie  
 1892 R.M. Percival  
 1897 Robert Wilson  
 1904 John Horton  
 1905 W.H. Mortson  
 1910 W.H. Maher  
 1913 J.F. Fisher  
 1954 Ruth Fisher  
 1972 City of Brandon

**SE**

1885 J.D. McBurnie  
1892 R.M. Percival  
1897 Robert Wilson  
1904 John Horton  
1905 W.H. Morton  
1910 W.H. Maher  
1913 J.F. Fisher  
1954 Ruth Fisher  
1972 City of Brandon

**Section 18****NW**

1884 J.W. Graham  
1885 William McFarlane  
1897 W.H. Bradford  
1906 S. McGinnis  
1909 Robert Rogers  
1912 S. McGinnis  
1913 Subdivided  
1972 City of Brandon

**NE**

1884 Dan McVicar  
1891 Dan McVicar (Part)  
1891 R. Anderson (Part)  
1913 Subdivided  
1972 City of Brandon

**SW**

1884 J.W. Graham  
1885 Burns & Patterson  
1892 Rich Wayling  
1897 J.H. Judd  
1904 J.S. Gibson  
1913 Subdivided  
1972 City of Brandon

**SE**

1884 J.W. Graham  
1885 Burns & Patterson  
1892 Rich Wayling  
1897 J.H. Judd  
1904 J.S. Gibson  
1913 Subdivided  
1972 City of Brandon

**Section 19****NW**

1884 James McVicar  
1888 S. Clement  
1895 John Blight  
1917 William Clement

**EAST ½**

1924 Lance Blight  
1949 Thomas Blight  
1964 John D. Weir

**WEST ½**

1934 William Cram  
1958 John Cram  
1972 City of Brandon

**NE**

1884 James McVicar  
1888 S. Clement  
1895 John Blight  
1947 Thomas Blight  
1960 Margaret Blight  
1964 John D. Weir

**NORTH OF RAILWAY**

1924 Lance Blight  
1949 Thomas Blight  
1964 John D. Weir  
1981 G. & L. Neudorf

**SOUTH OF RAILWAY**

1981 John D. Weir

**SW**

1884 W.H. Bradford  
1920 R.J. Bradford  
1943 Hugh Jackson  
1944 Harold Crystall  
1968 Eve Samuel  
1972 City of Brandon

**SE**

1884 Dugal McVicar  
1890 A.J. McMillan  
1899 Thomas Morris  
1912 Ed. Morris  
1953 Bernard Morris  
1961 Manitoba Hydro  
1972 City of Brandon

**Section 20****NW**

1884 Dugal McVicar  
1890 H.H. Hurley  
1894 Rich Johnson  
1902 Robert Darrach  
1905 A. Hinson  
1909 Rick Johnson  
1920 Percy Johnson  
1949 Ralph Nichol  
1966 Marg Nichol

**NE**

1884 Joe Stewart  
1887 J.B. Smart  
1889 W.P. Taylor  
1892 Rich Johnson  
1920 Stacy Johnson  
1947 Percy Johnson  
1949 Ralph Nichol  
1966 Marg Nichol

**SW**

1884 Dugal McVicar  
1888 Mrs. Wilson  
1890 McGregor & Munn  
1895 H. Dodd  
1897 Rich Johnson  
1920 Stacy Johnson  
1947 Percy Johnson  
1949 J.H. Tolton  
1955 Crown  
1972 City of Brandon

**SE**

1884 Joe Stewart  
1887 J.B. Smart  
1889 W.P. Taylor  
1892 Rich Johnson  
1920 Stacy Johnson  
1947 Percy Johnson  
1949 J.H. Tolton  
1955 Crown  
1972 City of Brandon

**Section 21****NW**

1884 R. Elliott  
1885 T.D. Woodcock  
1897 Mr. Hurley  
1902 Thos. Williamson  
1906 M. Headley

**NORTH OF RIVER**

1920 W.F. Reid  
1924 Morgan Morgan  
1949 Mrs. E.G. Frank  
1950 M. Brazzell  
1964 Russ Gurr

**SOUTH OF RIVER**

1920 G.E. Headley  
1924 M.O. Headley  
1934 S.C. Harrison  
1960 Cliff Bradley  
1972 City of Brandon

**NE**

1885 T.D. Woodcock  
1897 Mr. Hurley  
1902 Thos. Williamson  
1903 Thomas Reid  
1920 J.B. Reid  
1924 Morgan Morgan  
1949 Mrs. E.G. Frank  
1950 M. Brazzell  
1967 Russ Gurr

**SW**

1885 R. Elliott  
1886 H. Bradford  
1920 J.R. Bradford  
1930 B.R. Ainsley  
1947 S.C. Harrison  
1960 Cliff Bradley  
1972 City of Brandon

**SE**

1884 James Ferguson  
1892 John Ferguson  
1900 John Blight  
1909 L. Blight  
1960 Mrs. M.E. Blight  
1972 City of Brandon

**Section 22****NW**

1884 George Woodcock  
1920 F. Woodcock  
1927 Fred Lowden  
1943 Adam Reiss  
1965 City of Brandon

**NE**

1884 F.D. Woodcock  
1927 John Lowden  
1943 Adam Reiss  
1965 City of Brandon

**SW**

1884 James Ferguson  
1892 John Ferguson  
1900 John Blight  
1914 Thomas Blight  
1960 Margaret Blight  
1965 City of Brandon

**SE**

1884 James Ferguson  
1892 John Ferguson  
1900 John Blight  
1909 Thomas Blight  
1935 F.F. Blight  
1950 Lane Blight  
1960 Margaret Blight  
1965 City of Brandon

**Section 23****NW**

1899 O.A. Chevins  
1932 Morgan Morgan  
1933 William Ledat  
1940 A. Robson  
1956 Leo Robson  
1969 Roy & Mel Brown  
1977 Mel Brown

**NW CORNER 3A**

1966 Jim Burney

**NE**

1897 O.A. Chevins  
1932 Morgan Morgan  
1933 William Ledat  
1940 A. Robson  
1956 Leo Robson  
1969 Roy & Mel Brown  
1977 Mel Brown

**SW**

1900 A.J. Marshall  
1907 O.A. Chevins  
1932 Morgan Morgan  
1933 William Ledat  
1940 A. Robson  
1956 Leo Robson  
1969 Roy & Mel Brown  
1977 Mel Brown

**SE**

1920 O.A. Chevins  
1931 Morgan Morgan  
1942 Gwen Frank  
1956 Leo Robson  
1969 Roy & Mel Brown  
1977 Mel Brown

**Section 24****NW**

1884 W.H. Cuthbertson  
1888 A.J. Kinney  
1899 W.J. Kinney  
1911 A.E. Hurley  
1949 Fred Curtis  
1971 Bruce & Geo. Curtis

**SW CORNER**

1968 Elizabeth Frank  
1977 Lyle Jones  
1982 A. & H. Campbell

**NE**

1884 W.H. Cuthbertson  
1888 A.J. Kinney  
1911 A.E. Hurley  
1949 Fred Curtis  
1971 Bruce & Geo. Curtis

**SW**

1884 James Stewart  
1887 A. Leslie  
1907 Thomas McKeag  
1910 Allan Leslie  
1912 Thomas McKeag  
1915 M. Morgan  
1946 Ken McLean  
1964 Jack McDonald  
1978 M. & S. Rempel

**SE**

1884 James Stewart  
1888 A. Leslie  
1907 Thomas McKeag  
1910 Allan Leslie  
1912 Thomas McKeag  
1915 M. Morgan  
1946 Ken McLean  
1964 Jack McDonald  
1978 M. & S. Rempel

**Section 25****NW**

1890 H.H. Hurley  
1891 E.A. Hurley  
1920 S.L. Hurley  
1950 Thomas Cullen  
1958 Douglas Campbell

**NE**

1891 A.S. Haddess  
1892 Thomas Wildey  
1905 E. Abey  
1913 P. Hope  
1919 Charles Abey  
1927 William Smith  
1936 Ewart Abey

**SW**

1891 E.A. Hurley  
1950 Thomas Cullen  
1958 Douglas Campbell

**SE PART**

1975 R. Potter  
1980 G. Hissock

**SE**

1891 Henry Wildey  
1924 Thomas McKeag  
1946 Katherine Tribe  
1949 Harry Tribe  
1975 Margaret Tribe

**Section 26****NW**

1884 Tom Howard  
1900 Alex Foster  
1912 W. Foster  
1916 F.C. Grant  
1960 Maxwell Grant

**NORTH OF RAILWAY**

1972 H. Philip  
1981 C. Reid

SW CORNER  
1972 J. Coleman

NE  
1884 Tom Howard  
1886 James Eaton  
1892 Tom Howard  
1897 Stewart Smith  
1902 A.J. Hadden  
1907 J.J. Armstrong  
1911 Ned McGregor  
1915 J.T. Cassan  
1918 M. Morgan  
1920 J. Seddon  
1922 Percy Seddon  
1928 W.H. Sandercock  
1948 Mrs. C.T. Sandercock  
1958 K. & S. Campbell

SW  
1885 James Eaton  
1900 E.S. McDonald  
1907 John Crawford  
1909 S. Smith  
1920 Mrs. A.T. Smyth  
1945 Wesley Smyth  
1960 Lyall Brown

SE  
1885 James Eaton  
1892 John Crawford  
1899 E.S. McDonald  
1907 John Crawford  
1909 S. Smyth  
1920 Mrs. A.T. Smyth  
1945 Wesley Smyth  
1960 Lyall Brown

SE CORNER  
1973 Frank McKay

#### Section 27

NW  
1900 W.H. Birdsell  
1920 D.A. Birdsell  
1967 James McKeand  
1977 Barry Coulter  
1979 K. & C. Kelly

NE  
1885 F.D. Woodcock

WEST PART  
1920 D.A. Birdsell  
1969 John & Doris Reid

EAST PART  
1949 M.M. Kain  
1958 John Kain

SW PART  
Chater Townsite

SW  
1901 W.H. Birdsell  
1920 D.A. Birdsell  
1969 James McKeand  
1977 B. & M. Coulter

SE  
1885 S. Hobb  
1949 M.M. Kain  
1958 John Kain

#### Section 28

NW  
1885 Mrs. Archibald  
1892 Don Archibald  
1894 A. McTavish  
1898 W.J. Smyth  
1900 W.J. Hurley  
1911 George Curtis  
1947 Mervin Curtis  
1959 Russ Gurr

NE  
1885 Mrs. Archibald  
1892 Don Archibald  
1894 A. McTavish

1898 W.J. Smyth  
1900 W.J. Hurley  
1912 George Curtis  
1947 Mervin Curtis  
1959 Russ Gurr

SW  
1884 P.H. Dickson  
1892 John Dickson  
1901 C.H. Shillingham  
1943 Tim Bass  
1949 Dora McCurdy  
1955 Vern Fisher

SE  
1884 J.M. Dickson  
1892 John Dickson  
1901 G.H. Shillingham  
1943 Tim Bass  
1949 Dora McCurdy  
1955 Vern Fisher

#### Section 29

NW  
1894 Angus Munro  
1904 Mrs. A. Munro  
1912 M.L. Evans  
1914 John Blight  
1932 M.A. Curtis  
1956 Mental Hospital Farm  
1972 A.G. Long

NORTH OF RAILWAY  
1977 A. & G. Aagard (W 1/3)  
1977 C. Gibb (C 1/3)  
1977 H. Long (E 1/3)

SOUTH OF RAILWAY  
1977 A. George Long

NE  
1900 John Blight  
1926 Mrs. Agnes Blight  
1956 Thomas Blight  
1964 Lance Blight  
1969 George Long  
1972 HDC Holdings

SW  
1884 J.H. Stewart  
1888 Rich Johnson  
1920 Annie Johnson  
1933 Percy Johnson  
1955 Stacy Johnson  
1967 Mabel Johnson  
1976 Ben Friesen

SE  
1900 Mrs. A. Johnson  
1933 Percy Johnson  
1955 Stacy Johnson  
1967 Mabel Johnson  
1976 M. & E. McMillian

#### Section 30

NW  
1884 Henry Foster  
1890 J.T. Arthur  
1907 Rifle Range  
1930 Crown

NE  
1884 E.J. Curran  
1888 Angus Munro  
1904 Mrs. A. Munro  
1917 William Johnson  
1920 Stacy Johnson  
1967 Mabel Johnson  
1980 J.A. Howden

SW  
1884 James McFadzin  
1885 Henry Foster  
1890 J.T. Arthur  
1907 Rifle Range  
1930 Crown

SE  
1884 John McFadzin  
1886 D.A. Spencer  
1902 A. Hinson  
1905 William Chalmers  
1919 George Chalmers  
1967 Russ Gurr

SOUTH SIDE  
1977 B. & C. Gurr

#### Section 31

NW  
1884 Andy Smyth  
1905 Thomas Greyson  
1907 I. Cookman  
1913 D.W. Beaubier  
1917 James Young  
1923 Matthew Brandon

NE  
1884 Andy Smyth  
1905 Thomas Greyson  
1907 I. Cookman  
1913 D.W. Beaubier  
1917 James Young  
1923 Matthew Brandon

SW  
1884 George Harvey  
1886 Rich Johnson  
1905 T.J. Jobb  
1908 Rich Vance  
1911 Robert Vance  
1920 Stacy Johnson  
1956 Crown

SE  
1884 George Harvey  
1886 Rich Johnson  
1905 T.J. Jobb  
1908 Rich Vance  
1911 Robert Vance  
1920 Stacy Johnson  
1956 Crown

#### Section 32

NW  
1884 Robert Smyth  
1904 Joe Doupe  
1916 J. McClement  
1920 John Senstoski  
1922 Joe Doupe  
1927 William Magill  
1949 John Penner

NE  
1884 J.M. Smyth  
1892 Robert Smyth  
1904 Joe Doupe  
1916 J. McClement  
1920 John Senstoski  
1922 Joe Doupe  
1927 William Magill  
1949 John Penner

SW  
1884 Robert Smyth  
1904 Joe Doupe  
1916 J. McClement  
1920 John Senstoski  
1922 Joe Doupe  
1927 William Magill  
1949 John Penner

SE  
1884 Rod McKay  
1904 J.E. Smith  
1912 William Archibald  
1915 J. Skowiouck  
1920 William Archibald  
1928 R. Oliver  
1941 Albert Zink

#### Section 33

NW  
1885 Robert McBurnie  
1892 Dave Glidden  
1896 H. McKay  
1902 John Lawley  
1904 Mr. Noble  
1905 W.H. Birdsell  
1932 D.A. Birdsell  
1967 James D. McKeand  
1969 Ross Mitchell  
1976 J. & B. Bouchard

NE  
1885 Robert McBurnie  
1895 Dave Glidden  
1900 E.S. McDonald  
1927 John Campbell  
1972 Allan Campbell

SW  
1885 Robert McBurnie  
1892 Dave Glidden  
1896 H. McKay  
1903 John Lawley  
1904 Mr. Noble  
1905 W.H. Birdsell  
1932 D.A. Birdsell  
1967 James McKeand  
1969 Ross Mitchell  
1976 J. & B. Bouchard

SE  
1885 Robert McBurnie  
1895 Dave Glidden  
1900 E.S. McDonald  
1927 John Campbell  
1972 Allan Campbell

NE CORNER  
1980 Allan Campbell

BALANCE OF ¼  
1980 Morris Earl

#### Section 34

NW  
James McNulby  
1889 George Bremner  
1894 Allan Leslie  
1950 Thomas Gillespie  
1964 Stan Gill

NE  
1884 Charles Grant  
1916 F.C. Grant  
1960 Maxwell Grant  
1961 Charles A. Grant  
1977 Lorne Ewasiuk  
1982 M. & J. Hoffer and  
J. J. & S. Hoffer

SW  
1884 James McNulby  
1890 George Bremner  
1894 Allan Leslie  
1950 Thomas Gillespie  
1964 Stan Gill  
C. & M. Otsig  
B. & M. Kehler

SE  
1884 Thomas Sherly  
1885 Charles Grant  
1916 F.C. Grant  
1960 Maxwell Grant  
1961 Charles A. Grant  
1977 Ruth Grant

#### Section 35

NW  
1884 Mary Foster  
1891 Mrs. A. Foster  
1909 Arch Campbell  
1920 K.L. Campbell  
1964 Glen Campbell

**NE**

1884 Mary Foster  
1891 Mrs. A. Foster  
1903 M. Abey  
1920 John Abey  
1944 H. Ewart Abey

**SW**

1888 Charles Grant  
1917 F.C. Grant  
1935 Maxwell Grant  
1961 Charles A. Grant  
1977 E. & J. Duncan

**SE**

1892 John Abey  
1944 H. Ewart Abey  
1974 G. & B. Abey

**Section 36****NW**

1884 Joe Gay  
1891 Albert Gay  
1897 John Abey  
1944 H. Ewart Abey

**NE**

1885 Charles Abey  
1926 Mrs. C. Abey  
1927 William Smith  
1935 Cliff Abey  
1974 G. & B. Abey

**SW**

1884 Joe Gay  
1910 Charles Abey  
1926 Mrs. C. Abey  
1927 William Smith  
1935 Cliff Abey  
1974 George Abey

**SE**

1884 Gideon Bowers  
1885 Charles Abey  
1926 Mrs. C. Abey  
1927 William Smith  
1935 Cliff Abey  
1974 G. & B. Abey

**Residents of Chater  
As At October 1982**

Alvah & Alice Young  
Station Grounds  
Doris Reed  
Lots 24 & 25, Block 19,  
Plan 18  
Henry Hlady  
Lots 26 & 27, Block 19,  
Plan 18  
Raymond & Cheryl Robson  
Lots 31 to 35, Block 19,  
Plan 18  
George Feledchuk  
Lots 36 to 40, Block 19,  
Plan 18  
Reynald & Celine Lebeau  
Lots 1 to 6, Block 20,  
Plan 18  
Albert & Therese Beasse  
Lots 7 to 12, Block 20  
Plan 18  
John & Hazel Robson  
Lots 13 to 20, Block 20,  
Plan 18  
Kathrine Stanley  
Lots 21 to 25, Block 20,  
Plan 18  
Gilbert & Delores Battersby  
Lots 26 to 29, Block 20,  
Plan 18  
Darrell & Linda Sitter  
Lots 30 to 34, Block 20,  
Plan 18  
Russell & Doreen Little  
Lots 35 to 40, Block 20,  
Plan 18

James & Sharon Gray  
Lots 1 to 4, Block 21,  
Plan 18

Daniel & Vera Tardiff  
Lots 5 to 9, Block 21,  
Plan 18

Thomas & Valerie Hunter  
Lots 10 to 15, Block 21,  
Plan 18

James & Janet Angus  
Lots 16 to 21, Block 21,  
Plan 18

James & Sherrill Roberts  
Lots 23 to 25, Block 21,  
Plan 18

Leonard Battersby  
Lots 26 to 30, Block 21,  
Plan 18

Richard & Brenda Clark  
Lots 36 to 40, Block 21,  
Plan 18

Arlene Elves  
Lots A & B, Plan 1279

**WARD VI****Township 10 Range 17****Section 1****NW**

1884 CPR  
1949 Joe Vanstone  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1957 E. Downie  
1977 Ross Farms  
1980 Shilo Farms

**NE**

1884 CPR  
1943 M. Morgan  
1949 Crown (PMQ Shilo)

**SW**

1884 CPR  
1949 Joe Vanstone  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1957 E. Downie  
1977 Ross Farms  
1980 Shilo Farms

**SE**

1884 George Griffith  
1887 J. Greenfield  
1890 D.H. Pricdon  
1905 Frank Vaughan  
1913 D.W. Beaubier  
1915 A. Bartlett  
1916 P.C. Hanson  
1940 M. Morgan  
1949 Crown (PMQ Shilo)

**Section 2****NW**

1884 H. Douglas  
1891 University Land  
1949 Joe Vanstone  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1957 E. Downie  
1977 Ross Farms  
1980 Shilo Farms

**NE**

1884 H. Douglas  
1891 University Land  
1949 Joe Vanstone  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1957 E. Downie  
1977 Ross Farms  
1980 Shilo Farms

**SW**

1884 J.W. Johnson  
1891 T. Wildey  
1907 F. Thompson  
1909 P.C. Hanson

1949 Joe Vanstone  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1957 E. Downie  
1977 Ross Farms  
1980 Shilo Farms

**SE**

1884 J.W. Johnson  
1892 Moses Solomivitch  
1905 D.W. Shaw  
1907 Thomas Langley  
1912 J.E. Gray  
1919 Mary Gray  
1949 Joe Vanstone  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1957 E. Downie  
1977 Ross Farms  
1980 Shilo Farms

**Section 3****NW**

1884 R. Phippen  
1891 CPR  
1892 James Bowsfield  
1897 J. Tranaway  
1949 Joe Vanstone  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1957 E. Downie  
1977 Ross Farms  
1980 Shilo Farms

**NE**

1884 W.H. Franklin  
1891 CPR  
1894 George Maidment  
1949 Joe Vanstone  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1957 E. Downie  
1977 Ross Farms  
1980 Shilo Farms

**SW**

1891 CPR  
1892 Samuel Cox  
1949 Joe Vanstone  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1957 E. Downie  
1977 Ross Farms  
1980 Shilo Farms

**SE**

1884 W.H. Franklin  
1891 CPR  
1949 Joe Vanstone  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1957 E. Downie  
1977 Ross Farms  
1980 Shilo Farms

**Section 4****NW**

1884 E. Kinney  
1906 J.C. Davis  
1909 J.H. Kelsey  
1928 Harriet Poulton  
1949 Joe Vanstone  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1957 E. Downie  
1977 Ross Farms

**NE**

1884 Geo. Maidment  
1905 P.W. Wegwagon  
1906 F. Osbourn  
1908 T.N. Annable  
1912 A. Suaigher  
1915 S.W. Montgomery  
1917 E.A. Pridham  
1924 Heber Archibald  
1949 Joe Vanstone  
1957 E. Downie  
1977 Ross Farms

**SW**

1884 E. Kinney  
1892 A. Kinney

1897 J.A. Kinney  
1934 Joe Wyton  
1953 E. Downie &  
Joe Vanstone  
1957 Elwood Downie  
1977 Ross Farms  
1980 Shilo Farms

**SE**

1884 Geo. Maidment  
1899 E.A. Hurley  
1905 P.H. Wegwagon  
1906 F. Osbourn  
1908 T.N. Annable  
1912 A. Suaigher  
1915 D.W. Shaw  
1916 L. Brown  
1927 Joe Wyton  
1953 E. Downie &  
Joe Vanstone  
1957 Elwood Downie  
1977 Ross Farms  
1980 Shilo Farms

**Section 5****NW**

1884 H. Bushill  
1896 W.H. Sandercock  
1901 H. Clay  
1903 W.J. Lindsay  
1906 T.A. Anderson  
1918 D.F. Bangman  
1934 W.L. Wyton  
1940 Thomas Wyton  
1953 Ethel Wyton  
1958 Len Wyton

**NE**

1884 D. Pullen  
1886 C. Cook  
1887 R.J. Dand  
1890 J. Crawford  
1892 W. Reid  
1895 J.H. Langham  
1902 W.J. Reid  
1903 R. Reid  
1912 Joe Wyton  
1947 Thomas Wyton  
1953 Ethel Wyton  
1958 Len Wyton  
1974 Ross Mitchell

**SW**

1884 H.J. Bushill  
1896 W.H. Sandercock  
1901 H. Clay  
1903 W.J. Lindsay  
1906 T.A. Anderson  
1918 D.F. Bangman  
1934 W.L. Wyton  
1940 Thomas Wyton  
1953 Ethel Wyton  
1958 Harvey Wyton

**SE**

1884 D. Pullen  
1886 C. Cook  
1887 R.J. Dand  
1890 J. Crawford  
1892 W. Reid  
1895 J.H. Langham  
1902 W.J. Reid  
1903 N. Reid  
1912 Joe Wyton  
1947 Thomas Wyton  
1953 Ethel Wyton  
1958 Len Wyton  
1974 Ross Mitchell  
1980 Shilo Farms

**Section 6****NW**

1884 W.H. Brown  
1895 J.G. Henderson  
1900 G.W. Johnson  
1906 P.H. Wegwagon  
1908 C.J. Lucken



1920 B. Tufte  
1926 Thomas Wyton Jr.  
1947 Tom Wyton  
1957 Walter Wyton  
1961 Sarah Lizzelle Wyton  
1963 Harvey Wyton

#### NE

1884 W.H. Brown  
1895 R.J. Henderson  
1900 G.W. Johnson  
1906 P.H. Wegwagon  
1908 C.J. Lucken  
1920 B. Tufte  
1926 Thomas Wyton Jr.  
1947 Tom Wyton  
1957 Walter Wyton  
1961 Sarah Lizzelle Wyton  
1963 Harvey Wyton

#### SW

1884 William Brown  
1886 P. Dickson  
1888 John Dickson  
1897 G.W. Johnson  
1903 E. Lindsay  
1918 William Nesbitt  
1928 Joe Wyton  
1954 Elwood Downie  
1977 Ross Farms

#### SE

1884 William Brown  
1886 P. Dickson  
1888 John Dickson  
1890 G.W. Johnson  
1909 Joe Wyton  
1954 Elwood Downie  
1977 Ross Farms

#### Section 7

##### NW

1884 J. McBurnie  
1894 Robert Wilson  
1898 F.E. Lawrence  
1902 Edwin Lindsay  
1906 J.H. Currie  
1915 E. Lindsay  
1918 William Nesbitt  
1949 Joe Vanstone  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1957 Elwood Downie  
1977 Ross Farms

##### NE

1884 J. McBurnie  
1894 Robert Wilson  
1898 F.E. Lawrence  
1902 Edwin Lindsay  
1906 J.H. Currie  
1915 E. Lindsay  
1918 William Nesbitt  
1949 Joe Vanstone  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1957 Elwood Downie  
1977 Ross Farms

##### SW

1884 J. McBurnie  
1894 Robert Wilson  
1898 F.E. Lawrence  
1902 Edwin Lindsay  
1906 J.H. Currie  
1915 E. Lindsay  
1918 William Nesbitt  
1949 Joe Vanstone  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1957 Elwood Downie  
1977 Ross Farms

##### SE

1884 J. McBurnie  
1894 Robert Wilson  
1898 F.E. Lawrence  
1902 Edwin Lindsay  
1906 J.H. Currie  
1915 E. Lindsay  
1918 William Nesbitt

1949 Joe Vanstone  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1957 Elwood Downie  
1977 Ross Farms

#### Section 8

##### NW

1884 HBC  
1907 H.E. Mills  
1949 Joe Vanstone  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1957 Elwood Downie  
1977 Ross Farms

##### NE

1884 HBC  
1907 H.E. Mills  
1910 J.H. Kelsey  
1928 Harriet Poulton  
1949 Joe Vanstone  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1957 Elwood Downie  
1977 Ross Farms

##### SW

1884 HBC  
1949 Joe Vanstone  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1957 Elwood Downie  
1977 Ross Farms

##### SE

1884 HBC  
1907 F.O. Falsom  
1910 J.H. Kelsey  
1928 Harriet Poulton  
1949 Joe Vanstone  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1957 Elwood Downie  
1977 Ross Farms

#### Section 9

##### NW

1908 H.O. Hermanson  
1915 L.A. Sevald  
1934 Wm. Richardson  
1960 William Kuiper  
1965 Elwood Downie  
1977 Ross Farms

##### NE

1908 H.O. Hermanson  
1910 F.E. Carson  
1922 Edwin White  
1924 H.E. Ullerich  
1926 George Spengler  
1949 Joe Vanstone  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1957 Elwood Downie  
1977 Ross Farms

##### SW

1908 H.O. Hermanson  
1915 L.A. Sevald  
1949 Joe Vanstone  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1957 Elwood Downie  
1977 Ross Farms

##### SE

1908 H.O. Hermanson  
1910 F.E. Carson  
1922 Edwin White  
1924 H.E. Ullerich  
1926 George Spengler  
1949 Joe Vanstone  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1957 Elwood Downie  
1977 Ross Farms

#### Section 10

##### NW

1884 T. Walton  
1890 University Land  
1950 Elwood Downie  
1977 Ross Farms

#### NE

1884 J.A. White  
1890 University Land  
1950 Elwood Downie  
1977 Ross Farms

#### SW

1884 T. Walton  
1890 University Land  
1950 Elwood Downie  
1977 Ross Farms

#### SE

1884 J.A. White  
1890 University Land  
1950 Elwood Downie  
1977 Ross Farms

#### Section 11

1884 Crown Land

#### Section 12

##### NW

1884 A.C. Grounds  
1915 William Whitley  
1939 Bill Kowtuski  
1949 Joe Vanstone  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1957 Elwood Downie  
1977 Ross Farms

##### NE CORNER

1965 Joe McCabe  
1979 Murray Coulter  
1981 J. Winzek & W. Fuchs

##### NE

1884 Sarah Grounds  
1915 Henry Voke  
1939 Bill Kowtuski  
1943 R. De Delly  
1950 William McLaren  
1957 Tom Woods

##### SOUTH 40A

1960 Sprucewoods Community

##### NORTH 120A

1978 H. Martin & Al  
1980 Parkway Construction

##### SW

1884 A.C. Grounds  
1905 Rev. T. Eggen  
1949 Joe Vanstone  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1957 Elwood Downie  
1977 Ross Farms

##### SE

1884 Sarah Grounds  
1916 W.J. Patterson  
1939 Bill Kowtuski  
1945 Brandon Creamery

##### NE CORNER

1960 Max Gladstone  
1963 Sprucewood Community

##### BALANCE OF ¼

1960 Hugh Jackson  
1966 Geo. Vercaigne

#### Section 13

##### NW

1953 Elwood Downie  
1965 Ross Mitchell

##### NE

1953 Elwood Downie  
1965 Ross Mitchell

##### SW

1953 Elwood Downie  
1965 J. & M. McCabe

##### SW CORNER

1969 A. & V. Gradwell 3A  
1980 Murray Coulter 20A

BALANCE OF ¼  
1978 McPhail Agency

#### SE

1953 Elwood Downie  
1965 J. McCabe

#### NORTH 40A

1973 J. & M. McCabe

#### SOUTH 120A

#### WEST 40A

1973 D. McCabe  
1981 Dunes Enterprizes

#### CENTRE 40A

1973 O. Martin  
1981 Dunes Enterprizes

#### EAST 40A

1973 W. Hebner  
1981 Dunes Enterprizes

#### Section 14

##### NW

1884 James Nichol  
1897 J. Millar  
1905 G.E. Penley  
1913 F.B. Loomis  
1943 Nelson Conrad  
1958 K.M. Reid  
NORTH OF RAOD  
1965 Ross Mitchell  
1976 Susan & Mabel Mitchell

##### SOUTH OF ROAD

1965 Edith Downie  
1977 Ross Farms

##### NE

1884 D. Nichol  
1907 W.J. Twiss  
1912 J.W. Briggs  
1917 P.C. Hanson  
1953 Elwood Downie  
1965 Ross Mitchell

##### SW

1884 James Nichol  
1913 Max Fox  
1917 Thomas Morris  
1927 Nelson Conrad  
1954 Peter Callahan  
1958 K.M. Reid  
1965 Edith Downie  
1977 Ross Farms

##### SE

1884 D. Nichol  
1893 Fred Baker  
1907 John McCourt  
1924 Blanche Hamilton

##### NORTH OF ROAD

1965 Ross Mitchell

##### WEST PART

1976 Barb. Mitchell

##### EAST PART

1976 Judy Lang  
1979 A. Buckman

##### SOUTH OF ROAD

1950 Elwood Downie  
1977 Ross Farms

#### Section 15

##### NW

1906 Alex Colquhoun  
1948 E.B. Feighen  
1958 J.J. Bullee  
1966 Henry P. Penner  
1969 Hillside Colony

##### NE

1884 Robt. Ferguson  
1892 Alex Colquhoun  
1900 J.M. Wessell

1948 E.B. Feighen  
1958 J.J. Bullee  
1966 Henry Penner  
1969 Hillside Colony

#### SW

1895 S.J. Greenwood  
1902 T.E. Greenwood  
1915 R.H. Swallow  
1928 Wm. Richardson  
1958 William Kuiper  
1963 Elwood Downie  
1977 Ross Farms  
1980 Shilo Farms

#### SE

H.E. Geiger  
1950 Elwood Downie  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1957 Elwood Downie  
1977 Ross Farms  
1980 Shilo Farms

#### Section 16

##### NW

1884 Joss Smith  
1889 George Hutton  
1898 Henry Sibbet  
1908 F.O. Thompson  
1912 L.T. Olsen  
1915 A.W. Johnson  
1918 B.A. Peterson  
1926 Herman Nelson  
1948 F.S. Geiler  
1959 Duncan Paige

##### ¼ PART

1972 R. & M. Paddock

##### ¼ PART

1972 Joe McCabe  
1974 L. Johnson

##### ¼ PART

1972 Joe McCabe  
1974 Bill Burke

##### ¼ PART

1972 A. Riddell  
1976 H. Buffi

#### NE

1884 Joss Smith  
1887 J.H. Mason  
1898 Henry Sibbet  
1908 J.N. Richardson  
1913 Frank Bushman  
1916 D. McDonald  
1925 Paul Barnblott  
1938 Wilf Dalgleish  
1948 Bill Richardson  
1958 William Kuiper  
1960 Ted Pike  
1968 Art Penner

##### SOUTH 1/3

1969 Hillside Colony

##### NE CORNER

1978 R. & F. Allan (Part)  
1974 D. Gradwell (Part)  
1974 J. & W. Gradwell (Part)

##### BALANCE OF ¼

1973 A. Kenny

#### SW

1884 A. McKay  
1888 J.A. Hollingshead  
1915 Samuel Parks  
1929 Francis Morgan  
1948 Wm. Richardson  
1966 Alma McKinnon  
1973 Joe McCabe

##### NORTH ½

1974 Joe McCabe

##### SOUTH ½

1979 D. Brad (South Part)  
1974 D. & K. Chegwin (North  
(North Part)

#### SE

1884 A. McKay  
1888 J.A. Hollingshead  
1909 J. Millar  
1948 Wm. Richardson  
1960 Ted Pike  
1968 Art Penner  
1969 Hillside Colony

#### Section 17

##### NW

1884 George Holgar  
1890 H. Henry  
1905 A.S. Wishart  
1910 J.A. Macbray  
1922 E.J. Jackson  
1926 H. McGregor  
1927 J.A. Macbray  
1936 O.L. Harwood  
1950 Robert Brown  
1966 Art Penner  
1969 Hillside Colony  
1972 W. & S. McMillan

#### NE

1884 George Holgar  
1890 H. Henry  
1905 A.S. Wishart  
1910 J.A. Macbray  
1922 E.J. Jackson  
1926 H. McGregor  
1927 J.A. Macbray  
1936 O.L. Harwood  
1950 Robert Brown  
1966 Art Penner  
1969 Hillside Colony  
1972 George Klassen  
1975 Klondike Farms

#### SW

1884 C.A. Baskerville  
1899 J.C. Sinclair  
1903 A.J. Irwin  
1908 H. Lee  
1912 C.E. Miliston  
1949 R.M. Cassan  
1966 John Hooke

#### SE

1884 C.A. Baskerville  
1899 J.C. Sinclair  
1908 H. Lee  
1912 C.E. Miliston  
1949 R.M. Cassan  
1966 John Hooke

#### Section 18

##### NW

1888 A. Culbertson  
1896 H.J. Andrews  
1907 John Gleason  
1915 F. Wolf  
1918 J.A. Grantham  
1931 J. Gaffney  
1941 Mrs. E.G. Franke  
1947 Ken McLean  
1964 Jack McDonald  
1978 H. & S. Rempel

#### NE

1884 F. Chillcott  
1887 James Cameron  
1901 R.H. Cheavies  
1912 George Schumon  
1917 D.H. Allan  
1919 E.H. Ellis  
1921 Martha Hestman  
1925 C.N. Northrup  
1949 Elwood Downie  
1952 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1957 Elwood Downie  
1977 Ross Farms

#### SW

1888 Robert Wilson  
1894 Mrs. M. Wilson  
1901 R.H. Cheavies

1910 M. Kealey  
1914 Mrs. C. Alward  
1919 J.B. Dunlop  
1949 Elwood Downie  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1957 Elwood Downie  
1977 Ross Farms

#### SE

1884 F. Chillcott  
1889 Fred Lawrence  
1906 W. Tentler  
1949 Elwood Downie  
1953 Rolling Plains Ranching  
1957 Elwood Downie  
1977 Ross Farms

#### Section 19

##### NW

1884 C.H. Huffman  
1890 W.B. Merrick  
1896 F.W. Williamson  
1905 W.J. Lindsay  
1907 William Moffat  
1910 E. Gilroy  
1913 R. Slettebak  
1940 Franz Schubek  
1944 Frances Farrar  
1952 Peter VanDeveire  
1954 Alma VanDeveire  
1958 Nick Shadlock  
1972 J. & G. Giesbrecht  
(Part ¼)  
1973 R. & G. Miller  
(Part ½)  
1973 B. & C. Hearn  
(Part ¼)

#### NE

1884 C.H. Huffman  
1890 Joe H. Smith  
1896 F. Maycock  
1905 W.J. Lindsay  
1907 William Moffat  
1910 E. Gilroy  
1913 R. Slettebak  
1940 Franz Schubek  
1944 Frances Farrar  
1952 Peter VanDeveire  
1954 Alma VanDeveire  
1958 Nick Shadlock

##### PART 1/3

1974 P. & D. Evans

##### PART 1/3

D. & M. Sopp

##### PART 1/3

1974 Murray Coulter  
1981 Westcanna Ent.

#### SW

1884 J. McBurnie  
1905 W.J. Lindsay  
1907 William Moffat  
1910 E. Gilroy  
1913 R. Slettebak  
1940 Franz Schubek  
1944 Frances Farrar  
1952 Peter VanDeveire  
1954 Alma VanDeveire  
1958 Nick Shadlock

##### PART ¼

1973 Lyle Mansfield  
1980 Barry Foote

##### PART ¼

1973 Jake Wieler  
1975 Mike Stinchcombe  
1980 B. & D. Kirkpatrick

##### PART ¼

1973 A. & K. Furber

##### PART ¼

1973 P. & A. Ramsay

#### SE

1884 J. McBurnie  
1905 W.J. Lindsay

1907 William Moffat  
1910 E. Gilroy  
1913 R. Slettebak  
1940 Franz Schubek  
1944 Frances Farrar  
1952 Peter VanDeveire  
1954 Alma VanDeveire  
1958 Nick Shadlock  
1972 W. & M. Stewart  
(Part ¼)  
1973 P. & E. Burney  
(Part ¼)  
1980 M. Flock (Part ¼)  
1980 Les Mansfield (Part ¼)

#### Section 20

##### NW

1884 A.J. Marshall  
1902 Andrew Kidd  
1910 A. Hinson  
1913 Henry Reid  
1924 Minnie Reid  
1928 Sidney Wyton  
1940 Frances Farrar  
1952 Peter VanDeveire  
1954 Alma VanDeveire  
1958 Nick Shadlock

#### NE

1884 A.J. Marshall  
1902 Andrew Kidd  
1910 A. Hinson  
1916 J.A. Vance  
1927 F. Wyton  
1929 C.H. Newton  
1948 C.O. Baker  
1966 E. Donn Mitchell

#### SW

1884 H.H. Hurley  
1888 J.A. Fenwick  
1892 John Camp  
1894 J.R. Henry  
1905 A.S. Wishart  
1922 E.J. Jackson  
1927 Ernest Barr  
1929 Thomas Wyton  
1944 Frances Farrar  
1952 Peter VanDeveire  
1954 Alma VanDeveire  
1958 Nick Shadlock  
1972 G. & V. Kissock

#### SE

1884 H.H. Hurley  
1888 J.A. Fenwick  
1890 W. Finch  
1898 W. Cowan  
1899 O.A. Cheavins  
1908 Samuel Parks  
1956 Robert Brown

#### Section 21

##### NW

1884 A.J. Marshall  
1902 Andrew Kidd  
1910 A. Hinson  
1912 J.T. Wilson  
1914 T.D. Wickman  
1916 G.S. Wickman  
1926 Samuel Park  
1939 Robert Brown  
1966 Art Penner (R. Brown kept  
48.45 A)  
1969 Hillside Colony

#### NE

1884 A.J. Marshall  
1902 Andrew Kidd  
1934 Thomas James  
1951 Ed. Feighen  
1958 J.J. Bullee  
1966 Henry P. Penner  
1969 Hillside Colony

**SW**  
 1884 A.J. Marshall  
 1902 Andrew Kidd  
 1910 A. Hinson  
 1912 J.T. Wilson  
 1914 T.D. Wickman  
 1916 G.S. Wickman  
 1926 Samuel Parks  
 1939 Robert Brown  
 1966 Art Penner  
 1969 Hillside Colony

**SE**  
 1884 A.J. Marshall  
 1902 Andrew Kidd  
 1934 Thomas James  
 1951 Ed. Feighen  
 1958 J.J. Bullee  
 1966 Henry P. Penner  
 1969 Hillside Colony

## Section 22

**NW**  
 1884 H.W. Speers  
 1910 Josiah Bremner  
 1913 M. Sinclair  
 1947 R.W. Hurley  
 1956 Mabel Abrey  
 1969 Roy Hooper  
 1974 Louis Hill  
 1977 Acorn Estates  
 1978 Cottonwood Subdivision

**NE**  
 1884 H.W. Speers  
 1888 J. Currie  
 1905 D.W. Agnew  
 1916 F.J. Reid  
 1947 Horace Geiger  
 1955 Dorothy Geiger  
 1977 Acorn Estates  
 1978 Cottonwood Subdivision

**SW**  
 1884 Walter Gray  
 1890 C. Kidd  
 1902 A. Kidd  
 1934 Thomas James  
 1951 Ed. Feighen  
 1958 J.J. Bullee  
 1969 David Bullee (North 40A)  
 1974 D. & A. Brow (East 60A)  
 1978 Ed. Riesmeyer (West 5A)  
 1978 D. McCullough (West 5A)

**SE**  
 1884 Walter Gray  
 1890 C. Kidd  
 1902 A. Kidd  
 1934 Thomas James  
 1951 Ed. Feighen  
 1958 J.J. Bullee  
 1966 Henry Penner

**NORTH OF ROAD**  
 1968 Ed. Green  
 1972 Cottonwood Subdivision

**SOUTH OF ROAD**  
 1968 Joe McCabe  
 1972 Cottonwood Subdivision

## Section 23

**NW**  
 1884 George Griffith  
 1890 W.T. Dunseith  
 1895 John Currie  
 1905 D.W. Agnew  
 1916 F.J. Reid  
 1931 Joe Ernest  
 1950 Helen Schroeder  
 1958 Julius Orobko  
 1977 R.M. Kycia

**NE**  
 1884 George Griffith  
 1887 C. Worthington

1895 H. Bell  
 1898 S.J. Greenwood  
 1902 T.E. Greenwood  
 1910 J. Miller  
 1950 J.D. Mitchell  
 Mitchell Estate

**SW**  
 1884 W.J. Ferguson  
 1897 John Geiger  
 1910 J. Miller  
 1947 Tom James  
 1950 James Richardson  
 1968 N. & M. Richardson

**SE**  
 1884 George Griffith  
 1895 S.J. Greenwood  
 1902 T.E. Greenwood  
 1910 J. Miller  
 1950 J.D. Mitchell  
 Mitchell Estate

## Section 24

**NW**  
 1884 Frank Basinac  
 1888 Mrs. M. Baker  
 1907 R. Baker  
 1915 William Capps  
 1920 Chas. Richardson  
 1948 John Kissock  
 1956 Norman Wyton

**NE**  
 1884 Robert Baker  
 1887 Emma Patterson  
 1918 William Darrach  
 1950 Helene Darrach  
 1953 Ella Cullen  
 1956 Frank Heatherington  
 1965 Joe McCabe  
 1971 Ross Mitchell

**SW**  
 1884 Frank Basinac  
 1892 William Chipperfield  
 1896 W.H. Spear  
 1908 Clarence George  
 1912 H.B. Fitzmaurice  
 1926 T.E. Greenwood  
 1929 W.J. Darrach  
 1953 Elwood Downie  
 1965 Ross Mitchell

**SE**  
 1884 Robert Baker  
 1898 F. Baker  
 1899 R. Baker  
 1915 William Capps  
 1920 Chas. Richardson  
 1948 John Kissock  
 1956 Norman Wyton

## Section 25

**NW**  
 1958 E. Donn Mitchell  
 1968 Klondike Farms

**NE**  
 1958 E. Donn Mitchell  
 1968 Klondike Farms

**SW**  
 1884 George Griffith  
 1891 R.H. Huston  
 1898 W.B. Thompson  
 1909 Simon Thompson  
 1910 R.H. Swallow  
 1945 Mitchell Brothers  
 1954 J.D. Mitchell  
 1974 Donn & Ross Mitchell

**SE**  
 1958 E. Donn Mitchell  
 1968 Klondike Farms

## Section 26

**NW**  
 1889 Robert Smyth  
 1911 A.J. Smith  
 1917 W. Richardson  
 1936 John Richardson  
 1945 James Richardson  
 1968 N. & M. Richardson

**NE**  
 1887 H. Scott  
 1890 Sam Coxe  
 1896 Thomas Muir  
 1899 H. Bell  
 1919 W. Richardson  
 1936 John Richardson  
 1940 Fred Westcott  
 1968 N. Richardson

**SW**  
 1894 R.J. Doud  
 1896 Thomas Muir  
 1899 H. Bell  
 1907 Thomas Muir  
 1908 J. Coxe  
 1935 G.C. Coxe  
 1974 N. & M. Richardson

**SE**  
 1892 D. Nichol  
 1896 Lillie Twiss  
 1899 W.J. Twiss  
 1905 J.C. Berry  
 1915 R.H. Swallow  
 1945 Mitchell Brothers  
 1954 J.D. Mitchell  
 1974 Ross & Donn Mitchell

## Section 27

**NW**  
 1884 R. Leckie  
 1889 G. Greenwood  
 1895 D.W. Agnew  
 1943 C.O. Baker  
 1966 Ross Mitchell  
 1974 N. Richardson

**NE**  
 1884 R. Leckie  
 1886 Samuel Coxe  
 1890 William Coxe  
 1898 Edwin Slator  
 1941 John Slator  
 1965 J. & E. Wells

**SW**  
 1887 W.P. Merrick  
 1890 Joe Coxe  
 1935 George C. Coxe  
 1973 N. & M. Richardson

**SE**  
 1884 F.J. Jones  
 1890 Joe Coxe  
 1935 George C. Coxe  
 1973 N. & M. Richardson

## Section 28

**NW**  
 1884 H. Reid  
 1918 Mrs. B. Ferguson  
 1924 Annie Greenwood  
 1933 Mrs. Z. Latimer  
 1965 N. & M. Richardson

**NE**  
 1884 Alex Thompson  
 1894 W.B. Thompson  
 1909 Simon Thompson  
 1910 R.H. Swallow  
 1927 Catherine Thompson  
 1936 James Richardson  
 1968 N. Richardson

**SW**  
 1884 Thomas Reid  
 1912 H. Voke  
 1918 Mrs. M. Curtain  
 1934 Chas. Richardson  
 1936 James Richardson  
 1968 N. & M. Richardson

**SE**  
 1884 Alex Thompson  
 1890 W.B. Thompson  
 1909 Simon Thompson  
 1910 R.H. Swallow  
 1950 N.H. Swallow  
 1968 John M. Swallow

## Section 29

**NW**  
 1884 B. Wildey  
 1903 Alex Foster  
 1912 W. Foster  
 1922 A.M. Foster  
 1949 Frances Farrar  
 1952 Peter VanDeveire  
 1954 Alma VanDeveire  
 1958 Nick Shadlock  
 1965 Klondike Farms

**NE**  
 1892 Alex Foster  
 1954 William Fardoe  
 1958 E. Donn Mitchell

**SW**  
 1884 Thomas Reid  
 1890 Henry Reid  
 1925 Minnie Reid  
 1929 Crown  
 1956 E. Donn Mitchell

**SE**  
 1885 Henry Reid  
 1925 Minnie Reid  
 1929 Crown  
 1956 James Richardson  
 1962 Norm Richardson  
 1974 Klondike Farms

## Section 30

**NW**  
 1884 Jesse Stevenson  
 1900 D. Kinney  
 1903 Sahman Denny  
 1908 J.J. Armstong  
 1912 E. Knight  
 1919 P. Hope  
 1931 Fred Wyton  
 1950 Ewart Abey

**NE**  
 1884 Wm. Stevenson  
 1905 E.H. Sisley  
 1910 Wm. Stevenson  
 1919 T.R. Black  
 1930 Edwin Slator  
 1945 H. Starkell  
 1962 E. Donn Mitchell

**SW**  
 1884 Jesse Stevenson  
 1890 S. Smyth  
 1907 N.R. Robinson  
 1912 J.W. Cravius  
 1915 Mrs. M. Johnson  
 1971 John Nichol

**SE**  
 1884 Wm. Stevenson  
 1905 E.H. Sisley  
 1910 Wm. Stevenson  
 1919 T.R. Black  
 1930 Edwin Slator  
 1945 H. Starkell  
 1962 E. Donn Mitchell

**Section 31****NW**

1884 Robert Ray  
1886 T. Wilkie  
1890 H. Mitchell  
1894 Charles Abey  
1936 H. Ewart Abey

**NE**

1893 Arch Fraser  
1910 John Abey  
1925 Mitchell Brothers  
1949 William Wyton  
1972 Howard Scarrow  
1978 Geo & Bruce Curtis

**SW**

1889 D. McKnight  
1909 John McCallum  
1920 A.E. Mitchell  
1953 V.W. Bertrand  
1960 Lydia Bertrand  
1966 Ed. Ostapuk  
1974 G. & B. Abey

**SE**

1890 M. Mutric  
1910 Arch Campbell  
1928 John Campbell  
1975 Wm. G. Campbell

**Section 32****NW**

1884 R.T. Evans  
1890 M. Chipperfield  
1902 James Boles  
1938 George Boles  
1956 Lawrence Andrews

**NE**

1884 R.T. Evans  
1889 H. Bacon  
1893 Nathan Rae  
1896 J. Ferguson  
1912 T.E. Greenwood  
1922 Bert Wilkie  
1954 E. Donn Mitchell (A.  
Wilkie retained 30A)

**SW**

1884 J. Stevenson  
1890 A. Gay  
1897 Robert Smyth  
1917 R.J. Black  
1958 Black Brothers  
1971 Glen A. Campbell

**SE**

1884 H. McLean  
1888 M. Carney  
1891 A. Foster  
1954 William Fardoe  
1958 E. Donn Mitchell

**Section 33****NW**

1896 Rev. J. Mowah  
1918 Samuel Askins  
1953 Elwood Downie  
1977 Ross Farms

**NE**

1896 Rev. J. Mowah  
1918 Robert Johnson  
1958 Frank Roberts  
1965 Andrew Dmytrows  
1969 Reg & Don Wright &  
Rolling Plains Cattle Co.

**SW**

1892 R.E. Fell  
1896 T.E. Greenwood  
1898 Thomas Wyton  
1932 James Plowman  
1939 Mrs. A. Rogers

1954 Elizabeth Grasbey  
1960 E. Donn Mitchell

**SE**

1892 Julius Bonsfield  
1898 Rev. J. Mowah  
1918 D.W. Agnew  
1943 C.O. Baker  
1969 Joe McCabe  
1978 H. & S. Rempel

**EAST 2A**

1956 Tony Glasier  
1974 J. & B. Gullet

**Section 34****NW**

1884 Thomas Abey  
1889 D.W. Agnew  
1943 C.O. Baker  
1965 E. Donn Mitchell  
1969 Klondike Farms

**NE**

1884 W.F. Brooks  
1910 Edwin Slator  
1945 John Slator  
1965 J. & E. Wells

**SW**

1884 Thomas Abey  
1889 D.W. Agnew  
1943 C.O. Baker  
1974 Triple C. Chianina  
1979 Klondike Farms

**SE CORNER**

1974 R. Hildebrandt  
1976 George Mitchell  
1978 C. & P. Wheaton

**SE**

1884 W.F. Brooks  
1910 Edwin Slator  
1945 J.A. Slator  
1965 J. & E. Wells

**Section 35****NW**

1893 J. Morris  
1918 Sylvia Mitchler  
1924 John Blair  
1941 Wallace Blair

**NE**

1893 J. Morris  
1919 Louise Almas  
1924 W.D. Moore  
1954 James Moore  
1962 Russell Muirhead

**SW**

1890 R.H. Huston  
1898 J.T. Arthur  
1912 Joe Cox  
1929 M. Morgan  
1946 Joe Wells  
1957 J. & E. Wells

**SE**

1890 Walter Gray  
1926 W.D. Richardson  
1936 Joe Wyton  
1958 E. Donn Mitchell  
1969 Klondike Farms

**Section 36****NW**

1903 S.N. Nevins  
1917 Josiah Bremner  
1940 Wm. Moore  
1954 Wm. Moorehead  
K. & A. Moorehead

**NE**

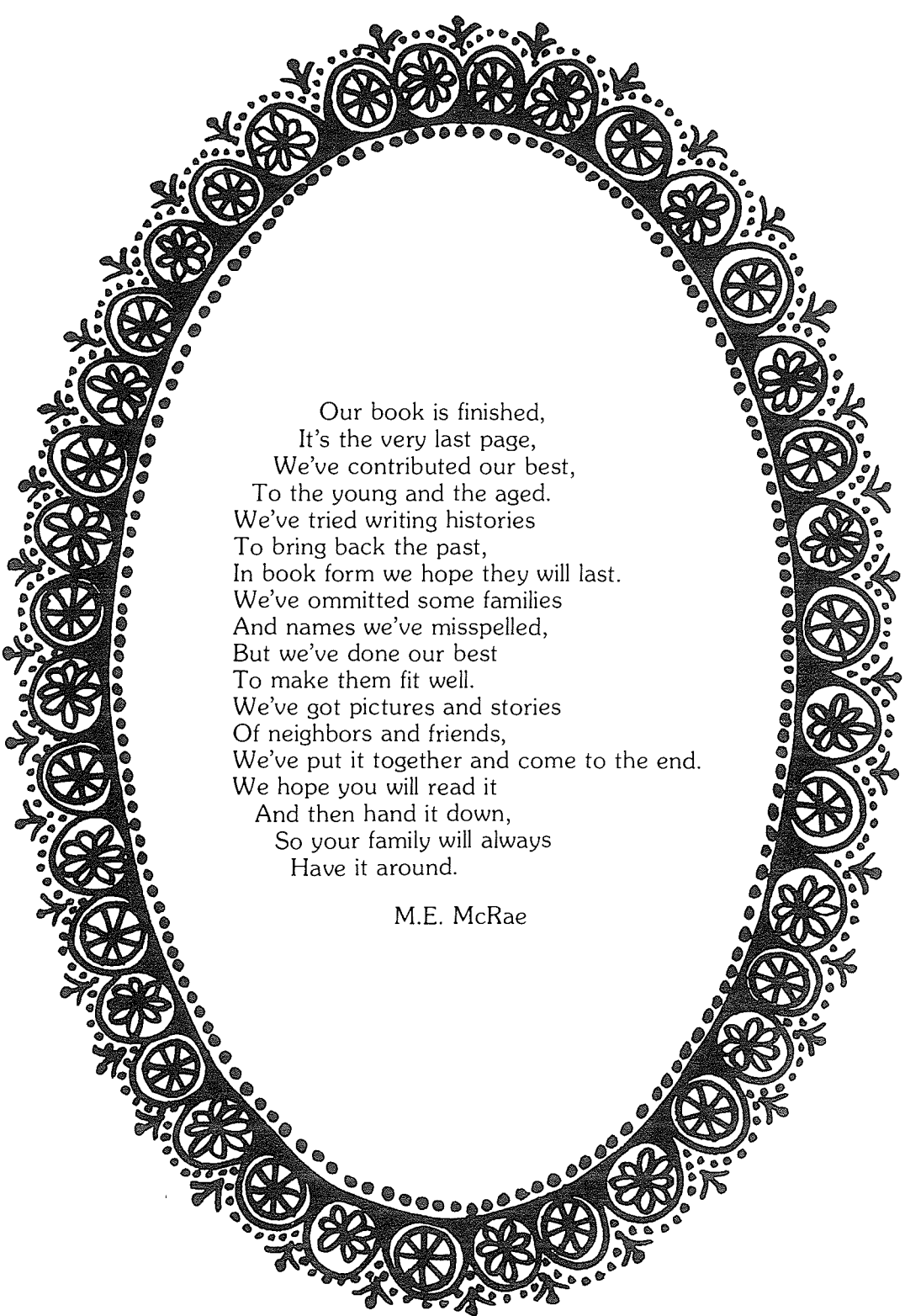
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**SW**

1903 S.N. Nevins  
1917 Mrs. Susan Broad  
1940 Crown  
1958 E. Donn Mitchell  
1969 Klondike Farms

**SE**

1902 J. McCallum  
1934 Crown

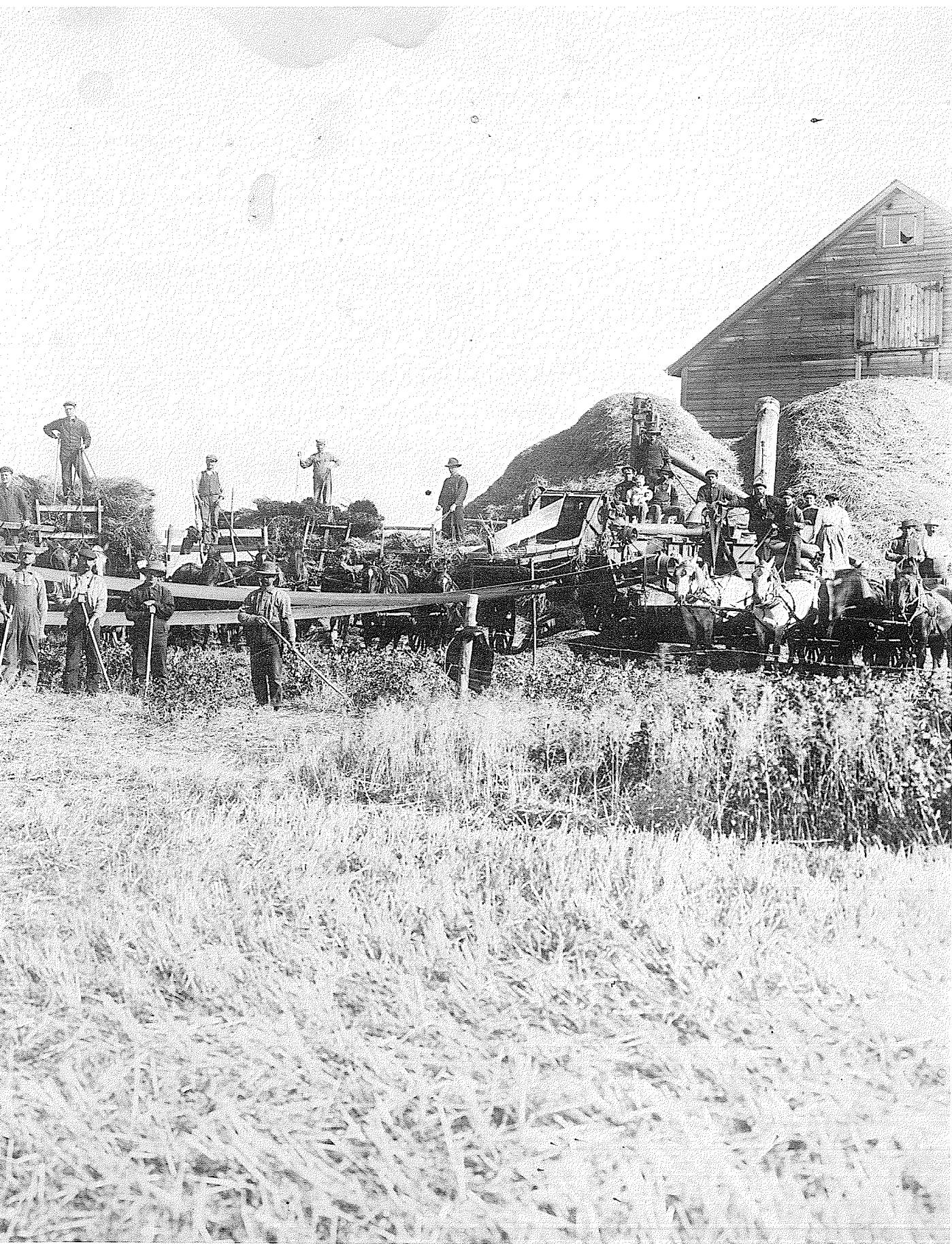


Our book is finished,  
It's the very last page,  
We've contributed our best,  
To the young and the aged.  
We've tried writing histories  
To bring back the past,  
In book form we hope they will last.  
We've ommitted some families  
And names we've misspelled,  
But we've done our best  
To make them fit well.  
We've got pictures and stories  
Of neighbors and friends,  
We've put it together and come to the end.  
We hope you will read it  
And then hand it down,  
So your family will always  
Have it around.

M.E. McRae







McPherson's Threshing Outfit.