

# *Memories*

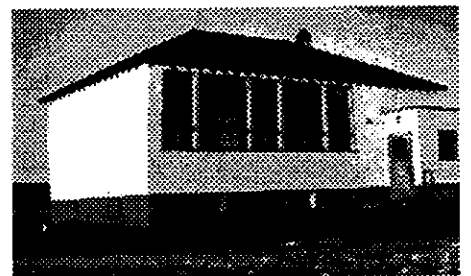
## Midland School District No. 845

1895-1995

"ONE HUNDRED YEARS SINCE FORMATION"



1895-1951



1951-1963



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Following the maps is a reproduction of "**Hi-Lites of New Haven Community**", Manitoba Centennial Edition, 1970, originally compiled by Mrs. Ward Davidson. Original typists Norleen Smith & Linda Foster.

## **FOREWORD**

In early January , 1995 a group of former and present residents of the Midland School District met to discuss the possibility of a reunion commemorating the 100th year since the formation of the school district. It was decided at that meeting that the Committee would proceed with the planning of a reunion. The date was set , the hall was booked and things began to happen. Plans began to have the reunion on July 7, 1995 at the St. Leon Recreation Centre.

On very short notice the committee began to arouse a great deal of interest.

With discussion of that days events, came the reminiscing and the "I remember" incidents.

Reference to "Hi-Lites of New Haven Community" added much of the community history .

The committee then decided it would be interesting to those attending the reunion to have some idea of who still lives in the district and what families they had as well as some information on some of the families that attended the school.

"Memories" has been compiled with that in mind. "Hi-Lites of the New Haven Community" has been reproduced for the community history and is part of the book.

We hope you will enjoy the Midland School District "Memories".

### **Organizing Committee:**

Ivan Bird, Gerald Coleman, Lloyd Coleman, Judy Young

### **Committee Members:**

Judy Bird, Irene Coleman, Joyce Hickey, Bill Jordan, Lorne Bradley, Rod Crampton

Ron & Karen White, Art & Kathi Klassen, Andre & Evelyn Sanders, Stan & Dorothy Bird

*Chapter ii*

The following is a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Pembina forming the Midland School Dist.

**BY-LAW NO. 54**

A By-Law of the Rural Municipality of Pembina to provide for the formation of a new school district and to re-adjust certain other school districts.

Whereas it is necessary to form a new school district in the Rural Municipality of Pembina and to re-adjust New Haven, McFadden and East St. Leon School Districts.

Be It Therefore Enacted, and it is Hereby Enacted:

- 1st That a new school district is hereby formed in the Municipality of Pembina comprising the following lands, viz: Section 17, E½ 18, all 19,20,21,22, W½ 27, all 28, 29, 30, E½ 32, all 33, and W½ 34 in Twp. 4, Range 8 West
- 2nd That the name of the said School District shall be Midland School District.
- 3rd That New Haven School District is hereby re-adjusted by striking off the following lands, viz: Sections E½ 21, Twp. 4, Rg. 8, West.
- 4th That McFadden School District is hereby re-adjusted by striking off the following lands, viz: Section W½ 22, W½ 27, and W½ 34, Twp. 4, Range 8 West.
- 5th That East St. Leon School District is hereby re-adjusted by striking off the following lands, viz, Section 17, E½ 18, all 19, 20, W½ 21, all 28, 29, 30, E½ 32 and all 33, Twp. 4, Range 8 West.
- 6th That this By-Law shall take effect and have force from and after the passing thereof

Done and passed in Council this 2nd day of April, 1895

Signed J.S. Miller, Reeve

M. Young, Clerk

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**STUDENTS 1906-1963**

Adams,	Margaret	1943-45	Bradley,	John C	1953-61
				Kathy	1953-61
Allen,	Kathleen	1916-19		Lorne	1953-61
	Kenith	1918-19		Leslie	1955-63
				Glenn	1955-63
Bailey,	Willie	1907-09		Fern	1956-63
				Margaret	1957-63
Betker,	Patsy	1950-53		Diana	1958-63
	Gloria	1951-53		Penny	1959-63
Biffin,	Edith	1916	Brick,	Fred	1925-26
	Kathleen	1916		Matilda	1925-26
Bingham,	John	1907-08	Coleman,	Maggie	1906-07
	Joseph	1907-09		Phoebe	1906-13
	Lennox	1907		May	1906-15
	Robert	1907-09		Agnes	1906-16
	Annie	1908		Bella	1908-14
	David	1908-09		Alice	1913-22
				Lloyd	1933-40
Bird,	Joyce	1949-58		Kenneth	1933-42
	Lyle	1950-58		Gerald	1938-47
	Ivan	1958-63		Merle	1941-50
	Patricia	1962-63		Judy	1958-63
				Shirley	1959-63
Bolton,	Norman	1928-29			
Bradley,	Clarence	1909-10	Crampton,	Stewart	1920-27
	Lila	1909-10		Samuel	1922
	Roy	1925-34		Harold	1922-32
	Howard	1927-35		Nina	1924-32
	Glen	1921-29		Grant	1930-39
	Russel	1930-39		Lalla	1948-56
	Clayton	1936-44		Shirley	1950-58
	Lindsay	1944-47		Harolyn	1951-59
	Douglas	1946-47		Rodney	1955-63
	Douglas	1953-54			
	Becky	1953-58			

Dawson,	Allan	1906-08	Hetherington,	Edward	1907-18
	Russell	1906-10		Wesley	1916-24
	Myrtle	1906-11	Hodgson,	Clarence	1920-21
	Stella	1906-13			
	Hilda	1906-16	Holstinson,	Edward	1924-25
	Willard	1906			
Enns,	Abram	1935-36	Hughes,	Earle	1919-28
	Susie	1935		Mary	1921-30
Friesen,				Clifford	1922-32
	Peter	1927-28		George	1924-34
	Henry	1927-31		Carl	1925-35
	Jacob	1927-32		Mabel	1926-36
Frisch,	Mary	1949-57	Huppie,	Annie	1952
	Bill	1951-59			
	Frank	1956-63	Isaak,	John	1929-34
Foster,				Peter	1929-36
	Marilyn	1959-60		Lydia	1930-37
	Linda	1959-61	Jackson,	Lily	1910-13
Georges,	Mary	1923-27		Bessie	1910-11
	Theresa	1923-28		Carrie	1910-17
	Theresa K.	1925-26		Cora	1910-17
	Helen	1925-32		Oliver	1911-21
	Joe	1925-33	Jordan,	Brooks	1906-11
	John	1926-28		Cecil	1906-13
	Leo	1926		Ida	1906-13
	Kate	1927		Clarence	1906-17
	Helen	1954-63		Myrtle	1906-13
	Jerry	1956-63		Roy	1908-18
	Larry	1956-63		Lorne	1910-17
	Anna	1957-63		Gordon	1913-21
Hamilton,	Carole	1948-56		Lila	1916-22
	Joan	1951-58		Alice	1917-22
	Judy	1951-58		Bill	1940-50
	Jack	1955-63		Murray	1943-52
	Brian	1960-63	Kotschorch,	Adline	1924
	Marilyn	1962-63		Berthold	1924
Hetherington,	Robert	1906-13		Flora	1924
	Olive	1906-15		Hugo	1924

Klassen,	George	1928-31	Oliver,	Jason	1906-07	
	David	1928-38		Lennox	1906-16	
	Jacob	1930-39		Edith	1906-16	
	John	1930		Annie	1909-19	
	Margaret	1933-35		Nora	1909-19	
	Peter	1933-41		Ruby	1910-20	
	Annie	1935-41		Pearl	1914-21	
	Johnny	1935-44		Lois	1919-25	
	Donald	1956-59				
	John	1956-61		Patterson,	Arthur	1907-08
	Reta	1956-63				
	Arthur	1957-63		Penner,	Magdalene	1927-34
	Wilhelm	1960-63				
				Piller,	Harold	1930-41
Klippenstein,	Bryan	1938		Wanda	1938-43	
Kaatz,	Patricia	1946-47	Polson,	Jack	1915	
Lowry,	Alice	1920	Price,	Herbert	1907	
McNab,	Alex	1906-1908	Ramsay,	Isabel	1927	
	Elsie	1906-08				
	Donald	1907-08	Rondeau,	Hilda	1940	
McNeil,				Damien	1940-41	
	Mary	1921-23		Muriel	1940-41	
	Eva	1921-25		Stephen	1940-41	
Milne,	George	1913-15	Savage,	Mabel	1919-21	
	Alexander	1913-19				
	Willie	1914-21	Sanders,	George	1920-25	
	David	1915-23		Leon	1947-51	
	Tom	1918-25		Maria	1947-52	
	Robert	1919-25		Godelieve	1947-54	
	Jack	1924-25		Andre	1947-54	
				Gaston	1947-55	
Moens,	Guido	1952		Gerard	1949-57	
	Marieta	1952-58		Marguerite	1951-59	
				Michel	1952-60	
Moorehead,	Samuel	1906		George	1954-62	
				Odiel	1957-62	
Oliver,	Angus	1906-13	Schraeder,			
	Mildred	1906		Kathleen	1946-51	
	Bessie	1906-07		Marjorie	1946-52	



Smith,	Billy	1930-32	White,	Ronald	1951-59
	George	1932		Marian	1954-62
				David	1960-63
Stockford,	Jonathan	1932		Ruth	1962-63
Talahoner,	Tommy	1911	Whittaker,	Harry	1907
Thompson,	Joyce	1944-46	Williams,	George	1922-28
				Charlotte,	1926-28
Tucker,	Stuckie	1906-13			
	Herbert	1906-16	Wruck,	Adeline	1950-51
	Violet	1909-16			
	Mary	1916			

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**TEACHERS 1895 - 1963**

1895	Leonard Crampton	1928-29	May Stockford
1896	Emma Calvert, L.W. Crampton	1929-30	May Stockford
1897	Edwin Ellis	1930-31	Electa Graham
1898		1931-32	Agnes Cumberland
1899	J.W. Rose	1932-33	Agnes Cumberland
1900	Chas. Creswell	1933-34	Jean McDonald
1901	Chas. Creswell	1934-35	Jean McDonald
1902	Mary Molly, Hugh Fairford	1935-36	Jean McDonald
1903	Frank McCallum	1936-37	Jean McDonald
1904	Hector McKay	1937-38	M.E. McDowell
1905	Hector McKay	1938-39	Nellie White
1906-07	Jessie Graham	1939	W.H. Bradley
1907	Lavina M. Wittaker	1939-40	A.J. Critchley
1908	Izzie M. McCaulay, Edith Gayton	1940-41	A.J. Critchley
1908-09	Edith Johnson	1941	G.A. Chunn
1910	Rebekah Burke	1941-42	Nellie White
1910-11	Belle Myles	1942	Freda Jones
1911	N. Mawhinney	1943	M. Helen Fairhall
1912	E. Emerson	1943-44	Joyce Jackson
1913	M.A. Rodger, Edna Daggett	1944-45	Eileen Rombough
1914	M. Stepler	1945-46	Mildred Hodgson
1915-16	Mary Irwin	1946-47	Marjorie Checkley
1916-17	M.M. Irwin	1947-48	Pearl Jones
1917-18	M.M. Irwin	1948-49	A. Mae Argue
1917-18	Mary Stepler	1949-50	A. Mae Argue
1918-19	Mary Stepler	1950-51	Edith Jean McMullen
1919-20	Estella Dawson	1951-52	Wilma Millar
1920	Buela Swain	1952	Wilma Millar
1921	Estella Dawson	1953	Thelma Sepke
1921	Uldene Simpson	1953-54	Mildred Snarr
1922-23	Estella Dawson	1954-55	Mildred Snarr
1923-24	May Mawhinney	1955-56	Mildred Snarr
1924-25	Ruby Fulford	1956-57	Mildred Snarr
1925-26	Ruby Fulford	1957-58	Mildred Snarr
1926-27	Ruby Fulford	1958-59	Mildred Snarr
1927-28	May Stockford	1959-60	Steve Cesmystruk
		1960-61	Steve Cesmystruk
		1961-62	Dolores E. Nauer
		1962-63	Theodore P. Lehn

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**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS 1906-1963**

<b>Secretary-Treasurers</b>		1919-1924	Chairman F. Hughes L. Crampton E. Oliver
1906-1935	E. Oliver		
1936-1956	L. Crampton		
1957-1963	H. White	1925-1932	Chairman F. Hughes L. Crampton A. Bradley
<b>Trustees</b>			
1906	Wm. Jordan E. Oliver Menessa Collins	1933-1935	Chairman F. Hughes Wm. Coleman A. Bradley
1907	E. Oliver P. Bingham G. Coleman	1936-1942	Chairman F. Hughes A. Bradley Wm. Coleman
1908	G. Coleman E. Bradley P. Bingham	1943-1947	Chairman Wm. Coleman A. Bradley B. Jordan
1909	W. Jordan G. Coleman E. Bradley	1948-1951	Chairman Wm. Coleman C.W. Hamilton B. Jordan
1910-1912	W. Jordan E. Oliver E. Bradley	1952-1956	Chairman C.W. Hamilton Stan Bird Howard Bradley
1913	E. Oliver W. Jordan J. Bradley	1957-1960	Chairman Howard Bradley Stan Bird Lloyd Coleman
1914	W. Jordan A. Savage E. Oliver	1961-1963	Chairman Howard Bradley Harold Crampton Lloyd Coleman
1915-1918	E. Oliver L. Crampton A. Savage		

## Chapter vi

### I REMEMBER

*Submitted by Mary Amy (Hughes)*

These are some of the things I remember about going to school in Midland:

- ▶ The first one I still remember is my first strap for thumbing my nose at the teacher with two old girls behind me. After getting the strap I asked her what I had done and what it meant as I didn't know. This was my first year.
  - ▶ I remember the Christmas Concert held in the school which always had chorus, a little skit and always a drill. After New Haven School was built, we were there for a joint concert.
  - ▶ I can remember the two floats we had for the Manitou Fair and that we won first prize for both. The first one was Indian poles with one horse and we dressed as an Indian with our face and hands painted with a mixture of cocoa and lard. "What a mess!"
  - ▶ The second was a real covered wagon with two horses and a cow tied behind.
  - ▶ At one time there were six Hughes' going to the Midland School.
  - ▶ My first teacher was Miss Dawson and May Stockford was my last one.
  - ▶ We lived almost two miles from the school and drive or were driven in the winter.
- I am looking forward to the reunion.

*Memories - submitted by Edythe Bradley*

- ▶ Transportation to Midland School - Lindsay started to school in Nov. 1944. Gordon had purchased a former "Raleigh horse" slow and steady, named "Birdie". Through the winter he drove her to the mailbox corner where they met Margaret Adams who gave her a ride the last mile. But in the spring the water was so high there were washouts in the road across the slough, so Gordon took her on horseback. A few times Gordon thought even Birdie wouldn't make it as you can see how high the mud and water came on Birdie's coat. In the summer Lindsay took the horse and cart by herself and one of the Jordan boys unhitched and then hitched the horse up for her.
- ▶ Immunization: One year, about 45 or 46; it was decided to have the doctor come to the school to give the students their shots to prevent Whooping Cough, etc. I took Doug and Lindsay to school even though they had their shots in the summer. Imagine my surprise to see the Doctor fill up the syringe and start sticking little arms one after the other. Then he filled it up again, not changing the needle and carried on! I hastily said, "my children had their shots when they had their check-ups in August" and took them home!! We have learned a lot since then about passing germs.
- ▶ Two years later there were only six children again so we had to let Doug start school the first of December, after his birthday. Then just as they started practising for the Christmas Concert the teacher became ill, scarlet fever, I think. There was going to be no Concert! The Coleman's offered to have a Christmas Party at their house with carols, treats and the children could say their pieces if they knew them. Doug learned his four line "Welcome" but when he stood up and saw all the people, he forgot them -- I said to him just "say the words, you know them." So he said "The farther up the mountains, the greener grows the

grass. Down came the Billy goat, sliding on his over coat" and everyone roared with laughter. It was a very good party!!

- ▶ Sports Days: I hope someone will write about the sports days when four or five of our country schools combined to take part in races, long jumps, high jumps, wheelbarrow races and baseball games. We enjoyed them so much we started doing the milking at four instead of five so we wouldn't miss any of it. I particularly remember Johnnie Jordan and the pole vault.

#### Memories submitted by Kathy Yager (Bradley)

- ▶ One of the things I remember when thinking about going to school at Midland is the Christmas concerts the students put on. From the youngest to the oldest grade eight students, everyone had a piece to say and everyone took part. Poems, songs, plays, skits, dances, alone or in groups, we all shared the program!! I remember the hall looked so BIG when I was up on the stage looking out at the audience! As a teenager I was back in the hall, I stood in the centre, listening to old memories of school years; I couldn't get over how the hall had shrunk! It was a small building, not the huge building I remembered.
- ▶ I remember the time Leslie took the strap for (I'm not sure who) talking outloud in class. It was just before noon, and no one would own up, the teacher said no lunch until someone confessed. Finally Leslie said Oh I did It! The teacher was reluctant to give it to her, and delayed it until after lunch. We went into the change room and Leslie put on everyones' petticoat (big crinolines were in) because we leaned over a chair and got a swat on the behind. Leslie claimed it didn't hurt but oh the humiliation!!!!
- ▶ Recess- Recess in the country school looked different then the groups of children we see playing in the yard today; then large and small, young and old played on the same teams if there wasn't enough players for two teams. I remember playing soccer one day when Mr. Cesmystruk had the ball, he was waiting for someone to get in position before he passed the ball. Short little Margie came up behind him, ducked under and between his legs and stole the ball before he realized she was there. I don't remember if she scored a goal, all I remember is the shocked look on his face that she had got the ball that easily.
- ▶ I remember going to Smith pasture when I was in the lower grades and participating against one or two other schools. It was a great honour to win for our school. But I remember better when it was just Midland students racing against each other. The little bit of money we won bought a lot of treats back then!!
- ▶ The community baseball games played late in the day was enjoyed by all, there was no need for fancy equipment, many played with no glove or a borrowed one. Our protective gear for the backstop was almost non-existence, the balls were often old and soft, the wooden bats often got broke, BUT BOY DID WE HAVE FUN.
- ▶ Transportation - Taking horse and cart or cutter to school was just a fact of life to me as a child. But thinking back to those times I realize John had a lost of responsibilities looking after the horse, the barn and us in between school and home. No matter the weather the horse and we made it to school! When I really appreciated the horse was the year after we sold her, then we walked the mile across the field and got a ride with Whites. There were many times that winter when we wished we had our horse back!!

## *Chapter vii*

### **BIRD**

**NW 28-4-8W**

Andrew McDowell came from Guilford, Ireland and homesteaded the NW 28-4-8W on June 14, 1880. On April 16, 1888 he also got title to the SW 28-4-8W. His wife Mary and 6 children joined him.

Children:      Alexander - married Agnes Montgomery  
                 Ellen - married Bill Medlicott  
                 Sarah - married Oliver Jackson  
                 Andrew - married Ella Bradley  
                 Mary - married George Faulkner  
                 Elizabeth - married William Faulkner

Sarah's husband died at 39 years of age leaving 6 children. She married Arthur Savage in 1910 and they had 2 children. They all lived on this farm. Sarah passed away in 1930 and Arthur farmed until 1945 when Stan and Dorothy Bird (Sarah's granddaughter) bought the NW1/4 and after the war (R.C.A.F) Earl McCaffrey (her grandson) got the SW 1/4. Later Earl and his wife and family moved to Winnipeg and Birds purchased his quarter. Stan and Dorothy are still living there.

The house is now on the SW 1/4 and Sarah's great and great great grandsons help out on the farm.

Stan and Dorothy's Family:

Joyce married Ron Hickey. They have a son and a daughter and live at Stonewall.

Lyle married Cheryl Stewart and they live at Balmoral. They have four of a family. Two are married and they have 2 grandsons.

Ivan married Judy Wiebe and they live on SE 30-4-8W. (Lloyd Coleman farm) They have 2 sons and 1 daughter.

Patricia married Brent Smith and they farm at Stonewall. They have a daughter.

*The farm has been in the family for 115 years.*

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**BRADLEY (ARTHUR & MARY)**

**NE 19-4-8W**

Arthur and Mary Bradley (Crampton) farmed NE 19-4-8W. They raised five boys, Glenn, Roy, Howard, Russell and Clayton who all attended Midland School (when not at home helping farm as most boys did in that era).

Glenn, Howard and Russell enlisted during the war.

***GLENN***

Glenn passed away in 1946.

***RUSSELL***

Russell settled in the Ottawa area and started an air service called "Bradley Air Service" which still operates under this name even though it has changed ownership a few times since his death in 1971.

***ROY***

Roy married Mina Simpson in 1942 and took over the Simpson farm SE 19-4-8W. They farmed it until his death in 1977.

Family: Fern who married Ron Lenton.

Child: Lori Lynn living in the Winnipeg area.

Child: Harley

Mina lives in Manitou as does Fern. Fern is a Home Care Worker.

***CLAYTON***

Clayton worked in the Manitou area and married Beatrice Charette. They moved to NE 30-4-8W and farmed for several years. Clayton moved to Carp, Ont. where he still lives. He worked for Bradley Air Services for several years and now has a small engine repair shop.

Family: Daughter Joan and a son Ken

Joan married Jim Carroll

Children: Matthew and Sarah both attending elementary school

## **HOWARD**

Howard returned to the home farm 19-4-8 after the war where his bride Jose DeBode of Belgium soon joined him. Arthur and Mary retired to Manitou in 1946. Arthur died that same year, while Mary died in 1964.

Howard and Jose raised three children: Lorne, Glenn and Diana. Jose returned to Belgium in 1949 after her father died. She took her young sons Lorne 2 1/2 years, and Glenn 6 months with her. Upon her return to Canada she was accompanied by her mother Leona DeBode known to all as "Ma" who lived with them. Howard, Jose and Ma retired to Manitou in 1976. Howard passed away in 1978. Jose remarried Dalton Hall several years later and now lives in Maple Ridge, B.C. Ma also lives in Maple Ridge, B.C. and celebrated her 90th birthday this spring. Lorne took over the family farm in 1976 after spending many years in Carp, Ont. flying for Bradley Air Services. Lorne now flies for an aerial photo company in Carman, MB. Lorne and Judy (Young/Kozak) reside on the home farm site (19-4-8) although he no longer farms.

Family: Lorne married Colleen (Watson) Raised three children.

Children: Sean killed in a plane crash while being flown to a job site in Ont in 1993.

Kraig is presently working in Vancouver, B.C.

Kristel lives with her mother in Morden and attends Morden Collegiate.

Glenn married Cheryl Clark. Glenn joined the R.C.M.P. after finishing high school. His first posting was Sherwood Park, Alberta. There he married Cheryl. After living in several towns, Glenn is again in Sherwood Park working for an insurance company.

Children: Jeff works as a welder

Danyn finishing her last year of high school

Diana married Marcel Fraser. Diana worked in Winnipeg after finishing high school. Marcel is a corporal with the R.C.M.P. They now live in Victoria, B.C..

Children: Daniel who is attending university

Renee who is attending high school



## *Chapter ix*

### **BRADLEY (GORDON & EDYTHE)**

**SW 32-4-8W**

#### ***LINDSAY***

Lindsay started school in Midland and attended grades 1 to 4 when we moved to Darlingford. After graduating from high school, Lindsay went to United College, U of M and Carleton College where she received her B.SC degree from Lester B. Pierson. In 1994 Lindsay received her Bach of Fine Arts degree from U.B.C. A large mural that Lindsay did for the Bradley reunion is at the Darlingford Museum. If you are in downtown Vancouver, go to see the murals on Granville Street which Lindsay co-designed and painted. Lindsay has worked a laboratory technician at Sick Kids and Womens Hospital in Toronto. She has also been active in community work. In 1985 the City of Toronto recognized her by awarding her a gold medal and attending luncheon with the Queen.

Family: Jonathan Wakelin and wife Carole.

Children Adam (1988) and Bethany (1989). Jonathan works in electronics at C.B.C. in Toronto.

Megan Wakelin - Bruce Pinkham work as English teachers in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Matthew Wakelin wife Michelle. Matthew is an electronics repairman at Nielson's Candy in Toronto.

Children Chantelle (1986), Brittany and Nicole (1988) and Alysia (1989).

#### ***DOUGLAS***

Doug went to Midland School for grades 1,2, and 8. He attended high school in Altamont. After a short time in the Navy , working in the mine in Thompson, Doug constructed elevators throughout Saskatchewan and Manitoba. He returned to Manitoba where he worked in construction around Winnipeg, He married Marilyn Bjornson and presently lives in St. Adolphe, Manitoba. Doug works as a carpenter and Marilyn is employed by Manitoba Hydro.

#### ***REBECCA (BECKY)***

Becky attended Midland for grades 4-8 and went to high school at St. Leon and Manitou. She has been studying at U. of W in recent years majoring in History. Becky has worked at Lucerne Foods Bakery for 25 years. She is active in her church and community.

Family: Regina Lange (Gina) married to Arnet Hales, family counsellor, lives in Port Hardy B.C.

Children: Abram (1986), Benjamin (1987) and Cord (1992)

Gabriel (Gaby) has worked in Security and Restaurants, now lives in B.C.

Child: Daynar (1990)

#### ***JOHN (J.C.)***

John attended Midland School for grades 2-8 and high school in Manitou. John built elevators for UGG and farmed for several years before he went to Red River Community College to earn his

papers for Diesel Mechanics. John then farmed and worked as mechanic at Grunthal and Steinbach. Sadly, John died at the age of 49 last year (1994)

Family: John married Karen McCallum. Karen works at Loewen Windows in Steinbach.

Children: Jarrod (1969) farm worker, Jeremy (1970) mechanic, Jaymie (1973) auto body mechanic

Jodie married to Barry Ritchot

Children Brian (1993) and Kayla (1994)

### ***KATHY***

Kathy attended Midland for grades 1-8 and high school at MCI and Nellie McClung. Kathy earned her LPN at RRCC. She worked in Morden briefly and since at the Manitou Hospital. She was also one of the first homecare workers in this area and still works there.

Family: married to Bill Yager, elevator construction for 20 years, now a general carpenter and gardener.

Children: Mylinda Murdy (1966) married to Tony Banman, autobody mechanic, living in Edmonton, Alberta. Mylinda is a restaurant worker

Children: Jeffery (1989) and Alexandria (1992)

Cara Murdy (1968) married to Don Kuzma, miner in Thompson. Cara is a secretary.

Children: Robert (1986), Timothy (1988) and Scott (1993)

Gordon Murdy (1970) and Tina Klassen. Gordon has worked as a carpenter and now does construction work for Canada Post.

Child: Paul (1991)

Daniel Yager (1979) active in hunting and fishing. He has received several awards on being Predator Award.

### ***LESLIE***

Leslie attended Midland for grades 1-8. She went to high school at MCI and Nellie McClung.

Leslie took her LPN training at St. Boniface and U.of M. She worked at the Municipal Hospitals and then moved to B.C. Leslie is now employed at George Darbey, Veterans Hospital in Burnaby, B.C. Leslie is involved in many community activities with her family in Port Coquitlam.

Family: married to Peter Hammond, metal fabricator.

Children: Ian (1981) football player, Allison (1983) ballet and jazz dancer.

### ***LEAH (MARGIE)***

Leah attended Midland for grades 1-6, Darlingford School and Nellie McClung for high school.

She has worked for Manitoba Telephone System for 30 years, mostly in northern Manitoba. She now lives and works in Thompson.

Family: Leah married Laurent St. Aubin, a forestry worker.

Child: Zoe Dances and teaches ballet and jazz dance.

***PENNY***

Penny attended Midland for grades 1-4 until Midland school closed and was then bused to Manitou for 1 year. Penny went to Darlingford School and then graduated from Nellie McClung. Penny earned her B.ED. from U of M and later took Special Education at Brandon University. Penny has taught at Brochet and Lac Brocket, Man at Pine House Lake, Sask. Penny is the most widely travelled of the family. She went around the world in 1977-78 and later travelled in Europe and Mexico.

Family: Debbie (1981) Busy with school and friends.

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**COLEMAN**

**NW 20-4-8W**

Thomas & Jane Coleman came west possibly from West Oxbridge, Ontario in the late 1870's or early 1880's settling on the NW 20-4-8W

Their son William George Coleman in 1885 married Isabella Lowry. From this union were: Adeline, Charles, Christopher, Ivison, William, Jane, Phoebe, May, Agnes, Isabella, Eddie and Alice. Three generations of the Coleman family attended Midland School. Adeline, Charles, Christopher, Ivison and William were pupils of the first class in 1895.

William George Franklin (Bill) Coleman married Mary Agnes Viola (Voilie) Lowry on Dec. 12, 1922. Settling on the E 1/2 17-4-8W Bill and Voilie raised a family of four: Lloyd, Ken, Gerald, and Merle.

In 1962 Bill, Voilie and Merle moved to Manitou. Bill enjoyed retirement in Manitou until his death in 1966. Voilie passed away in 1984.

**LLOYD**

In 1945 Lloyd settled on the SE 30-4-8W marrying Edith May (Dobson) of Manitou in October, 1945.

There they raised their family of four: Judy, Shirley, Garry, and Jim. In the fall of 1972 Lloyd and May retired from farming and moved to Manitou when Lloyd became employed and still works seasonal with flax straw business Kimberly Clark of Canada.

Judy married Malcolm Young of Manitou in 1973. They farm the SW 35-3-8W. Judy is the Municipal Administrator of the Rural Municipality of Pembina.

Family: Ryan (1975) works locally and operates his own computer business

Dena (1978) is attending McClung Collegiate in Manitou.

Shirley married Brian Follis in 1974. They farm in the Woodbay District at Pilot Mound.

Family: Terry (1977) graduate of Pilot Mound Collegiate this year

Leanne (1980) attending Pilot Mound Collegiate

Garry married Julie (Johnston) in 1979. They reside in Glenboro and both work at the potato plant in Carberry, MB

Family: Eric (1983)

twin daughters Deedra and Kyla (1986)

Jim and Pam reside in Manitou where both work locally.

Of Lloyd's family, Judy and Shirley were the only ones to attend Midland School until its closure in 1963. Judy attended Midland for grades 1-5 and Shirley grades 1-4. Both attended school in Manitou and graduated from McClung Collegiate.

### ***KEN***

In 1946 Ken left Manitou to join the service.

In 1947 he married Elaine (McLeod) and raised a family of three in Vancouver, B.C. Their family Barbara, Bruce and Deborah. All still reside in British Columbia.

In 1973 he married Lynne (Swanson) and continues to live in Vancouver, B.C.

### ***GERALD***

After his parents retirement to Manitou in 1962, Gerald and Marion (Snarr) of Morris settled on the E1/2 17-4-8W. After a lengthy illness, Marion passed away in 1974. Gerald continued to farm and on October 9, 1981 he married Irene McElroy of Morden.

Irene has a family of five: Dena, Calvin, Carla, Carol and Patti.

Gerald and Irene retired from farming in the fall of 1992 and enjoy their retirement home in Manitou. Gerald continues to have a keen interest in farming, helping out spring and fall (seeding and harvesting). He has been employed for five seasons with the Federal Government Seed Inspection Program in which his farming background has been an asset.

### ***MERLE***

Merle moved to Manitou with her parents in 1962 where she worked locally. Merle married Garry Young of Manitou in 1968. They continue to operate Young's Electronics in Manitou.

## CRAMPTON

NW 22-4-8W

Crampton History at Midland School:

### **LEONARD**

Leonard was the first teacher at Midland when it opened in 1895. The first class had thirteen pupils namely: Adeline, Chris, Ivison, Charles Coleman, Leonard's sister Mary Crampton (Bradley), Charlotte, Cornelius and Willard, Lila, Allen and Albert Dawson, and Alex and John Vance.

Leonard married Ethel Bradley in 1910 and all four of their children Stewart, Harold, Nina and Grant attended school there.

### **SAMUEL JAMES CRAMPTON**

Samuel was Leonard's nephew. He attended Midland School in 1922 but passed away in 1928 due to Diabetes.

### **STEWART**

Attended from 1920-27. Stewart also went to school at New Haven, Manitou Collegiate, the Provincial Normal School and the U. of Manitoba (agriculture); later serving in the Royal Canadian Air Force during the war. In 1945 he married Mabel C. Maxwell from Port Credit, Ontario. They were blessed with three children:

*Stewart William*, who married Carmel O'Sullivan. They live in Caledon, Ontario with their children Annmarie and Joseph.

Their 2nd son *Ronald* married Iris Friesen. They live in Oakbank, MB with their children Michelle, Amanda and Stephanie.

Stewart and Mabel's daughter *Maureen* died at two years of age. Stewart and Mabel have lived most of their adult life at Elm Park Rd. in St. Vital, MB. Mabel passed on in June of 1989.

### **NINA**

Attended Midland from 1924-32. Nina also went to school at Manitou Collegiate and later the Faculty of Home Economics at the U of Manitoba. In 1939 Nina married Alfred Strachan of Carman. After a few years at Minnedosa, they returned to Carman. They were blessed with three children who all live in the Carman area.

*Bonnie* their oldest married Charles Froebe, a farmer in the Homewood area. They have two daughters Karla and Nichole.

*Della* their second daughter married Ken Heaman, also a farmer from Carman; they have three children Kimella, Christopher and Jacki.

Their son *Neil* married Dorothy Kirkpatrick, both teaching school in Carman. They were blessed with three children Brady, Shaelyn and Morgan.

Alfred was killed in a car-truck accident in November, 1978. Nina continued to reside in Carman until her death in June, 1995.

## **GRANT**

Grant attended Midland from 1930-39. Grant also went to school at Manitou Collegiate and one year at Minnedosa Collegiate. He later joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and met his wife Grace McSorley while being posted in Vancouver. They were married in 1950 and lived at Burnaby where Grant worked for the Shell Oil Refinery. They have one son *Murray* who lives close to Grant and Grace's home. Grant passed on in June of 1993.

## **HAROLD**

Attended from 1922-32. Harold went on to school at Manitou Collegiate and graduated with a diploma in Agriculture at the U. of Manitoba. In 1940 he married Josephine Zilkey a school teacher. They lived on the Crampton home farm and were blessed with four children: Lalla, Shirley, Harolyn and Rodney. All four attended school at Midland. In 1988 the Crampton family celebrated their Farm Centennial. Harold and Josephine still live a mile from the Crampton home farm, where Rodney and Therese now live.

Harold and Josephine's Family:

*Lalla*: Attended Midland School from 1948-56. Lal completed high school at Manitou and then graduated as an R.N. from Misericordia School of Nursing in 1963. She married Earl Froebe, a Registered Seed Grower from Homewood. They have two sons Bruce who graduated from the U of Western Ontario (H.B.A.) and Murray who graduated from U of Guelph Ontario (B.Sc.Agr.). Lal continues to nurse at Carman Hospital.

*Shirley*: from 1950-58. Shirley also completed her high school in Manitou. She graduated from Misericordia Hospital as a Medical Laboratory Technologist in 1964, with the highest scholastic award. She worked at St. Boniface Hospital before marrying Dale Roberts from Miami. They moved to a farm near Morden where they raised their family (Two boys and a girl).

Carl lives in Vancouver and works as a salesman for Samuel Steel. He is planning a wedding in 1996.

Clinton graduated as a C.G.A. and works in Powell River, B.C.

Valerie has her Commerce Degree and works in Rankin Inlet as a Hotel Assistant Manager.

Dale passed away in 1987 after spending four years on dialysis. Shirley married Dave Zacharias in 1989 and they live in Miami, MB. Dave is retired from farming and has four children. Three are married and the youngest, Mark, plays hockey at Mankato State University. They also have two grandsons in Winnipeg and two granddaughters in Shellbrook, Sask.

*Harolyn*: from 1951-59. Harolyn went to high school in Manitou, then St. John's College at U of M. and Manitoba Teachers College. She taught 7 years at Hastings Elementary School in St. Vital. She married Cliff Shewfelt from LaRiviere, and after many moves now lives in Navan, Ontario. Cliff is area Manager for the Royal Bank in the Ottawa area. They have three children:

Geoffrey who lives in Kingston, Ontario and attends St. Lawrence Community College taking Electronic Engineering.

Mark is taking Physiology at McGill University in Montreal; he also plays on the varsity hockey team.

Karen is still at home in grade 11 at Sir Guy Carleton High School.  
*Rodney*: from 1955-63. Rodney attended Manitou high school and graduated from the U. of M. with a degree in Agri. He married Therese Oliverio from Rathwell in 1972. They lived in Winnipeg for 2 years where Rod worked for Man. Ag. Credit Corp. and Therese worked as a nurse at St. Boniface Hospital, before returning to the home farm where they now live. They have two children:

Patrick who is taking his degree in Agri. at the University of Guelph in Ontario

Tracy is taking Science at the U of Manitoba



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### GEORGES

NW 16-4-8W

This farm was occupied by a McNeil family until the Joseph Georges family moved on in 1924. It has been in the Georges family ever since. Joseph and Mary had a family of 5 daughters and one son. In 1951, Joseph Georges Jr. took over the farm. At the present time, Anna Georges, granddaughter of Joseph Sr. and her family reside on this farm site. Helen resides in Somerset, and Jerry and Larry live in Brandon.

### FRISCH

SE 20-4-8W

In 1914, a Milne family lived on this farm. Then an Alkerton family moved on in 1925 and stayed until about 1929. Then, the Cornie Klassen family immigrated from Russia and lived on this farm from 1930 to 1940. They then moved to the Lawrence Seymour farm SE 7-4-8W where Tom & Wrenda Clark now reside.

Cornie Klassen family:

*John* - has passed away , leaving wife Mary residing at Killarney, MB

*Peter* - married Magdalene Penner and lives in Killarney

*Mary* - married name Neufeld and lives in Kelowna, B.C.

*Margaret* - married Peter Harms and lives in Killarney

*Jake* - and his wife Mary Live in Leamington, Ontario

*Annie* - married Jake Unger and lives in Boissevain, MB.

In 1940 Bill Frisch bought the farm and in 1941 married Theresa Georges, daughter of Joseph Georges. Theresa still resides on the farm. Bill farmed until 1970 when his sons Bill and Frank took over. Daughter Mary Steffes lives in Glydon, Minnesota with her family three sons and one daughter.

Bill and his wife Willeen also reside on this quarter with their family Kathy, David, Ellen and Michelle.

Frank and Carol and daughter Julie reside on the SE 23-4-9W.

### ADAMS

NW 17-4-8W

Jack Smith lived on this farm from 1924-26. His wife, Anne, was the daughter of Joseph Georges, Sr. In 1926, the Joe Brick family moved on and remained there until 1928. The Penner family immigrated from Russia and lived on this farm until about 1936.

Penner Family:

*Henry*

*Magdalene* - married Peter Klassen and lives in Killarney

Magdalene attended Midland from 1927-34.

Then the Simpson family moved on, and in the late 40's, the Adams family bought this farm.

Later, son Jock and his wife Betty took over the farm. Jock retired and moved to town and Lawrie and Nancy Rendall lived in the house. The Frisch's bought the farm. The house has been vacant for a number of years.

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**HAMILTON**

**SW 20-4-8W**

Oct. 2, 1883	Crown to George Coleman
April 16, 1913	George Coleman to Christopher Coleman for \$1.00
May 19, 1928	Christopher Coleman to Sigurjar and Christian Sigmar
1946	Sigmar to Ella M. Hamilton
1950	Chester Hamilton inherited from Ella M. Hamilton
1975	Chester Hamilton sold to Ivan Bird

Chester Hamilton and family moved to SW 20-4-8W in 1946. At that time he and Olive had three daughters: Carole, Judy and Joan (twins). In 1949 Jack was born, in 1954 Brian and in 1957 Marilyn. Then in 1968 Chester left the farm but didn't sell it until 1975. In 1972 Chester, Olive, Brian, and Marilyn moved to Alberta. Judy and her husband Gerry followed a few years later. Then in 1985 Chester and Olive were killed in a car accident in Florida. At that time Jack took Chester's place in a business partnership in Olds, Alberta and moved his family there. So now Judy, Jack, Brian and Marilyn all live in Alberta. Joan lives in Idaho. U.S.A. and Carole lives in Ontario. There are now 22 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

# HUGHES

NW 27-4-8W

son William Franklin Hughes 1879-1951

April, 1910 married in Saskatchewan and then moved to Manitoba and farmed on 27-4-8W until 1949

Wm. F. Hughes was a school trustee of Midland from the time Earle started school until Mabel finished going to school.

Born May 17, 1912. Attended Midland School from 1919 to 1928 when he wrote the entrance exam. Worked with his father until the fall of 1929 and for different farms until 1934. Left to work for Inco Mines in Sudbury. Joined the Canadian Air Force in 1939 until October 1947. Earle married May Florence Shelton in 1941 and raised one son Keith, 1948. Earle presently lives in Vero Beach, Florida.

Attended school in Midland 1921-30. Estella Dawson was first teacher and May Stockford the last teacher. Grade 9 schooling taken in Manitou. At age of 17 left home to work at housework until Mother and Father moved to Altamont. Mary came to stay with George until she bought the Lunch Room in Altamont. After 3 years working at Altamont, married Phil Amy of Deerwood. Mary has lived at Deerwood ever since.

Mary writes "In 1987 our families and the community put on a grand come and go for our 25th which we will always remember".

Cliff started school at Midland in August of 1922. Estella R. Dawson teacher, and attended school until 1932. Cliff finished grade nine with teacher Miss Agnes Cumberland. After working on the home farm, he joined the Royal Canadian Army in the 5th army division supply. After the war Cliff was in partnership in the building of the Altamont Garage. Clifford passed away in December of 1982

### ***GEORGE***

George attended Midland School from 1923-34, Miss May Mawhinney was the teacher.

He took grade nine by correspondence (Miss Jean McDonald)

George worked for different farms for four years then came home to help his parents until 1947.

He then farmed the home place for 30 years.

George married Gladys (Jordan/Smith) in 1978.

George and Gladys reside on the home farm NW 27-4-8W.

### ***CARL***

Carl attended school fall of 1925 to 1935. Took Grade Nine by correspondence with the help of the teacher. Exam was to be in Manitou but did not have fee so there was no exam.

Left school on Friday, started work at Cramptons on Saturday until late fall. Worked at Roy Hughes', Russ Sherry's, Bob Shelton's and Moffatt Cook's at Portage la Prairie.

Carl went into the army in the fall of 1940 until 1946. Worked in Winnipeg part of the summer and then came home to help while Gordie was unable to work. Worked at home until fall and then went to Toronto from 1946 to 1966. From Toronto went to Florida where he resides today.

In Florida worked at Piper Aircraft until 1987 when the down sizing of Piper affected the workforce. At the age of 68 Carl left Piper Aircraft so that younger workers would have a chance at jobs. At that time his family was all grown up and away from home.

Carl enjoys his retirement by doing some travelling and works some for Vista Properties.

Carl resides in Vero Beach, Florida.

### ***MABEL***

Started her education at Midland School at Easter of 1926 with Grade Nine in 1935. First teacher was Ruby Fulford. Some of other teachers were Agnes Cumberland, Electra Graham with last teacher being Jean McDonald. After leaving school worked at home and also for Aunt Ethel Crampton and Mrs. Tucker.

Mabel met Otto Metzler in 1938 and was united in marriage by Rev. Frank Glover in Feb. 1942.

After Otto returned home from overseas in 1945 after serving with the Canadian Army, purchased the farm from the V.L.A. where Tom Moore (NW 15-4-8W) lived. Mabel and Otto farmed until moving to Winnipeg in 1950.

From this marriage there were five children:

Carol and Glenn who are both interned in New Haven Cemetery.

Bruce and family of New Westminster, B.C.

Betty Hirniak and family of Winnipeg

Reta Duseigne of Dryden, Ont.

Otto passed away in March 1986. Mabel lived in Winnipeg until Nov. of 1993 when she made the big move to Dryden. She now enjoys living in a clean, quiet, friendly neighbourhood after the big city life.

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**JORDAN (HAZSLEM & TRESSA)**

**SE 15-4-8W**

1891-1947

1882-1931

Hazslem was born in 1872, South March, Ont. came west in 1891 and worked at Holland, MB till 1900. His father was John Jordan born in Ireland - mother Katherine Armstrong. He bought the south 1/2 of 15-4-8W in 1901 from Sam Carruthers and batched till 1906 when he married Tressa McCaffrey - who was born in Opawaka, moving to 14-4-8W when she was 4 years old. Her parents were Thomas and Sara Ann (Paton). Tressa was the eldest of 9. Hazslem and Tressa were the first couple to be married in the present St. Matthews Church, New Haven. To this union there were seven children.

**CLARENCE** - 1907 died at 8 months

**CLIFFORD** - 1909-1945 educated McFadden, New Haven, and Manitou and farmed home farm.

**JAMES WESLEY** - 1910 - educated at McFadden school, farmed, married Mary Funk and raised 3 children.

Dennis - farms home farm. Married Arlene Holland and have a son and a daughter.

June - educated at New Haven and Manitou, has 2 boys, married Doug Best lives in Wpg

Reginald - carpenter and lives at Woodlands.

All took education in New Haven and Manitou.

**FLORENCE** - 1911-1991 - educated in McFadden and Manitou, went thru for teacher, then kept house for father. Married Otto Mueller (deceased in 1993), blacksmith, later hardware, lived in Manitou, raised 4 children

Walter married Bette Boote, have 2 boys. Walter is presently the Mayor of Manitou.

Lewis married Ella Brown, have 3 girls. Works in hardware with brother Walter.

Both Bette and Ella are teachers in Manitou.

Marie- thru for a teacher, married Pat Angers, now live in Neepawa. Marie teaches school and music. Raised 2 girls and 1 son.

Lorna - worked with government in Winnipeg, married Lloyd Rolling (Staff Sergeant), raised 2 boys and now live in Brandon.

**RICHARD** - 1913-1993 - educated in New Haven and Manitou. Owned and operated Dick's Lunch in Manitou, built what is now the Legion Hall for a cafe, entered the service, later moving to Snow Lake, then to Thompson, MB. Richard married Margaret Gill in Manitou before going north, raised 3 children. Margaret passed away in 1993.

Garth worked at Inco, Thompson, raised 3 children. Garth is now retired.

Joanne - secretary, has 2 sons, husband deceased. Joanne lives in Stratmore, Alta.

David - earlier played in band, lived in Regina. David passed away in May, 1995.

**RUSSELL** - 1918-1991 - educated at New Haven and Manitou. Worked in Sudbury (bakery), married Muriel Henderson, later jointed in service. On returning farmed at Manitou - later moved to Thompson (garage), to Gillam (clearing construction) then to Beausejour on an acreage where he passed away. Muriel still lives in Beausejour. Muriel and Russell raised 4 boys:

Larry - in Alberta, Wayne at Beausejour, Marvin deceased in 1977 and Weldon

**GLADYS** - 1920 - educated in New Haven and Manitou, kept house for father, married Charles Smith in 1945 and farmed the home farm SE 15-4-8W. Charles and Gladys raised 5 children:

Garry - married Heather (Klein) and farms on SE 16-4-8W and is also a truck driver.

Garry and Heather have 2 boys and a girl.

Keith educated at New Haven and Manitou, worked off farm for a number of years, later taking over home farm 15-4-8W, married Linda (Church). They have one daughter, Kim. Linda at present owns "Stretch a Dollar" store in Manitou.

Leona - educated in Manitou - ex-ray technician at Misericordia Hospital and Red River, married Jim Beauchamp, lived at Lac du Bonnet, raised 2 sons, now lives at Whitemouth.

Norleen - worked with government in Winnipeg, presently working as a legal secretary in Morden and Winkler, married Jim Wilson of Darlingford a C.A. and farmer.

Jim and Norleen raised twin boys Christopher and Michael.

Sydney - educated in Manitou. Worked for Kimberley Clark, now at Cold Spring Granite at Lac du Bonnet. Married Karen Kovacs and have one daughter Lorien. They live at Seven Sisters.

Charles passed away in 1974. Gladys married George Hughes in 1978. They live on the Hughes farm 27-4-8W. George and Gladys have spent the last 15 winters in Texas.

**JORDAN (WILLIAM HENRY)**

**SE 29-4-8W**

William (Red Billie) Henry Jordan, born October 8, 1867 in Torbolton Township, married April 26, 1893 at the bride's home, New Haven, Manitoba, Margaret Patterson born February 19, 1866 at Kinburn, Ontario daughter of James and Flora (Hannah) Patterson. From this union they had ten children - six sons and four daughters. They were all born in a log house on the SE 29-4-8W, Pembina Municipality, (New Haven). Now the home of Bill and Marilyn Jordan and their two sons Glenn and Donald.

William Henry's family all attended school at Midland and they are as follows:

***BROOKS***

Born January 17, 1894, married July 4, 1928 Leah Dorothy Anderson from Bearbrook, Ontario daughter of William and Mary Anderson. They had two sons William and Murray.

William (Bill) married Marilyn Hancock June 27, 1970. They have two sons Glenn and Donald. Bill attended school at Midland from Grades one to nine and then finished school at Altamont, MB

Murray married Effie Rebec and they had two sons David and Wayne. Murray attended Midland from grades one to eight then finished school at Altamont, MB He works as a draftsman in Winnipeg where he now resides.

***IDA***

Born February 9, 1895 at New Haven, married George Bishop July 18, 1923. They had two daughters Margaret and Muriel.

***MYRTLE***

Born November 9, 1896 at New Haven, married George Wiener November 28, 1925. They had no children.

***CLARENCE (BUNNY)***

Born May 25, 1898 at New Haven, married Edna Tierman November 25, 1937. They had one son - John.

***CECIL***

Born December 5, 1899 at New Haven

***ROY***

Born August 18, 1901 at New Haven

***LORNE***

Born June 6, 1903 at New Haven. He married Helen Lang and they had one daughter Judith.

***GORDON***

Born September 10, 1905 at New Haven. He now lives at Boyne Lodge in Carman.

***ALICE***

Born April 22, 1907 at New Haven. She married David Jamieson January 26, 1938. They had two daughters Joan and Brenda.

***LILA***

Born July 1, 1909 at New Haven. She married Frank Courtice November 27, 1936. They had one daughter Pearl. Frank passed away and she married Albert Clayton. Lila now lives at Boyne Lodge in Carman.



Klassen's that attended the Midland School included:

**GEORGE**

George farmed in the Hazel district and now resides near Manitou

**DAVID**

David lives in Winnipeg retired from his real estate business

**JOHN**

John also lives in Winnipeg retired from his teaching profession

**PETER**

Peter resides in Brandon and is also retired from his teaching job at Brandon University.

**JACOB**

Jacob farmed in the Midland District until his retirement to Manitou in 1975. He passed away April 2, 1994.

Jacob married Helen Martens of Manitou and their union was blessed with 7 children, some of which attended Midland School. Those included:

Don, married Susan (Dyck) in 1966, has 3 children and 2 granddaughters. Don works locally and lives in Manitou.

John, married Shirley (Friesen) in 1968, has 2 children and lives in Caronport, Saskatchewan

Reta, married Ron (Pauls) in 1973, has 3 children and lives in Fort McMurray, Alberta.

Willie, married Esther (Warkentin) in 1974, has 3 children and lives in Portage la Prairie.

Two other children, Abe who married Kathy (Descender) and Carol who live in Lanigan and Morden respectively did not attend Midland School.

Art, married Kathy (Schmidt) in 1973, and has 3 boys Nathan, Andrew and Colin. They have continued on the family farm after Jacob's retirement. Nathan is attending the University of Manitoba taking agriculture. Andrew and Colin are attending Nellie McClung Collegiate in Manitou.

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**RONDEAU**

**NE 31-4-8W**

The NE 31-4-8W now belongs to Etienne Rondeau. It was the homestead of Jeremie and Melina (Tessier) Rondeau acquired in May 1878. In 1978 the family celebrated 100 years of the Family Farm

Herve Rachel (Tessier) Rondeau owned the land and raised their family of five children on that farm. Four of the five attended Midland School for several years.

***HILDA***

Hilda Rondeau married Bertrand Lebeau and they farmed in the Greenway District. She is now widowed and resides in Swan Lake.

***MURIEL***

Muriel Rondeau married George Côté where they farmed until George's passing. Muriel still lives on the farm in Haywood. They have ten children.

***DAMIEN (DANNY)***

Danny married Irene Avanthay of Notre Dame de Lourdes. They farmed in the Minto District. They have three boys. Danny is now retired and lives in Killarney.

***ETIENNE (STEVE)***

Steve married Rita Durand of Notre Dame and still lives on the homestead. They have four children:

Marielle, Ronald, Normand, and André.

Ronald married Carole Benoit of Altamont. They have two children Jeremie and Kayla. Ronald and Carole now live on and farm the NE 31-4-8W.

*The farm has been in the Rondeau Family for 117 years.*

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**SANDERS**

**SW 21-4-8W**

Maurice and Gerarda Sanders family came to Midland School District in October of 1947 and with their arrival the school was opened because then there were enough students in the district to keep the school open. There were eight children when they came to Canada and two sons were born later.

**LEON**

Leon and his wife Elice settled on the Frank Dyck farm on NW 3-4-8W. They have eight children, six daughters and two sons. Roger and his wife Belita living on the home farm and Maurice and his wife Barb with their four children living on the Bill Williams farm SE 4-4-8W.

**MARIA**

The oldest daughter Maria married to Remi Demare farmed in the Somerset are, now living in Swan Lake. They have three children.

**GODELIEVE**

Godelieve married Roger Vanwysberghe and are farming in the Crystal City area. They have two children.

**ANDRE**

Andre and his wife Evelyn are living on the home place SW 21-4-8W. The Midland School was situated on the NW 21-4-8W and the cairn stands there today. They have four children, three sons and one daughter. Daniel, David, Theresa and Michael. The oldest son Daniel and his wife Michelle with their children Dylan and Shawn, live on 17-4-8W where Gerald Coleman formerly resided.

**GASTON**

Gaston and his wife Judy live in Morden. They have four children.

**GERARD**

Gerard and his wife Dorothy living in Regina and selling medi-chair. They have four children.

**MARGUERITE**

Marguerite married Gerard Raes, farm at Deloraine and have three children.

**MICHEL**

Michel and his wife Freeda farming at Manitou and Altamont. They have ten children. Michel and his family reside on the SE 25-4-9W.

***GEORGE***

George and his wife Sheila farming at Altamont and have nine children.

***ODIEL***

Odiel and his wife Margaret are also farming at Altamont and their family consists of three children.

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### **WHITE**

**SW 33-4-8W**

Harold and Adeline White raised a family of four on the SW 33-4-8W. All four White offspring attended Midland School for one or more years. Harold and Adeline are living in Manitou.

#### ***RON***

Ron attended Midland from 1951-59. He finished his high school education in Manitou. The following year he worked for Pioneer Electric. In 1968 he graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Degree in Agriculture. He worked for Allis Chalmers until 1975 when he returned to the family farm to take over when his father retired. In 1971 he married Karen (Denzin) of Craven, Sask., and they have three children: Tanis (22), Darren (20), and Dyane (17). They presently reside on the farm about 1 mile north of the Midland School site.

#### ***MARIAN***

Marian attended Midland from 1954-62. She finished high school in Manitou. The following year she attended the University of Manitoba. She then went to Regina, Sask. where she completed the 2 year R.N. program at the Regina General Hospital. Following this she returned to the University of Manitoba where she spent 2 years and received her B.N. She worked at Misericordia Hospital (Winnipeg), and the School of Nursing in Brandon. In 1974 she married Les Williams and they reside in Van Nuys, California to the present. Marian took her Masters Degree in Nursing at Northridge University in California. She has worked in Emergency Rooms since that time in various capacities including administrative positions. Most recently she has done work in the Home Health field.

#### ***DAVID***

David attended Midland from 1960-63. He attended grades 5-12 in Manitou. Following graduation, he received his pilots license from the Winnipeg Flying Club. He worked for Keewatin Air in Manitoba and the North West Territories for approximately 1 year. As well, he taught at the Winnipeg Flying Club, crop sprayed and worked for Prairie Flying Club in Sask. He started work with Air Canada in 1979 and continues to this present time. In 1978 he married Sandra (Clark) of Regina, Sask.. They presently reside near Gretna, Manitoba with their two children: Carla (16) and Chris (13).

#### ***RUTH***

Ruth attended Midland from 1962-63. She attended grades 2-12 in Manitou. Following graduation she attended the University of Manitoba studying Social Work until 1978 and received a Bachelor of Arts with Honors. In 1980 she received a Bachelor of Commerce with Honors from the University of Manitoba. Following this she worked for the Manitoba Government until 1987. Ruth married Dr. Paul Hawkins in 1983 and they moved to Toronto in 1987 where she has been employed by the Ontario Provincial Government and is currently Director of Government Projects.

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Wm. Shields 19 J.J. Moore- head	20 Geo. Coleman M. Collins	T. 21 Dawson	22 Joe Pickard J. & P. Pickern	23 John Fennell	24
T. Crosby 18 F. Langlois	17	Ed Jordan 16	Ravey 15 Luttrell	14	13 Thos. Crosier
Ed. Phair 7 Wm. Phair	8 Nick Keally	9 Robert Jordan	10 John Davidson J. F. Armitage	11	12 David Clark
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T. Jas. Sr. & Jas. Jr. Patterson 30 J. Robinson	R. Paul 29 W. H. Jordan	A. McDowell 28 E. Oliver	Dave Oke 27	G. Faulkner H. Lowry 26 Bob Briscoe John James	W. McFadden 25
A. McNabb 19 J.J. Moorehead T. Inch	G. W. Coleman 20 M. Collins	T. Dawson C. Dawson 21	S.S. & G.P. & L.W. Crampton S.A. Thompson 22	W. Moorehead J. Monahan 23 W. Clark	T. Crosier A. Crosier 24 W. Fetterly
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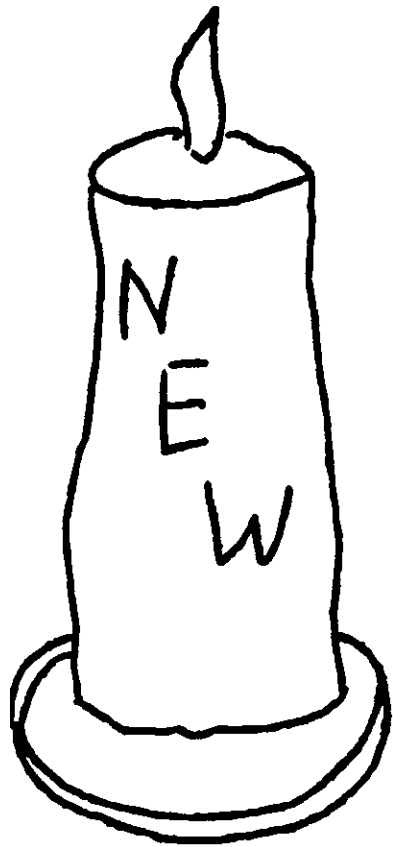
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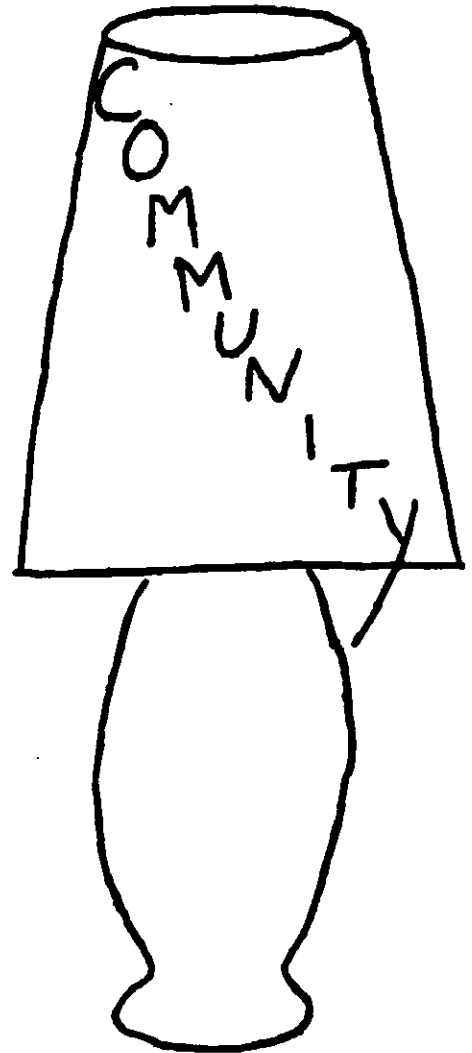
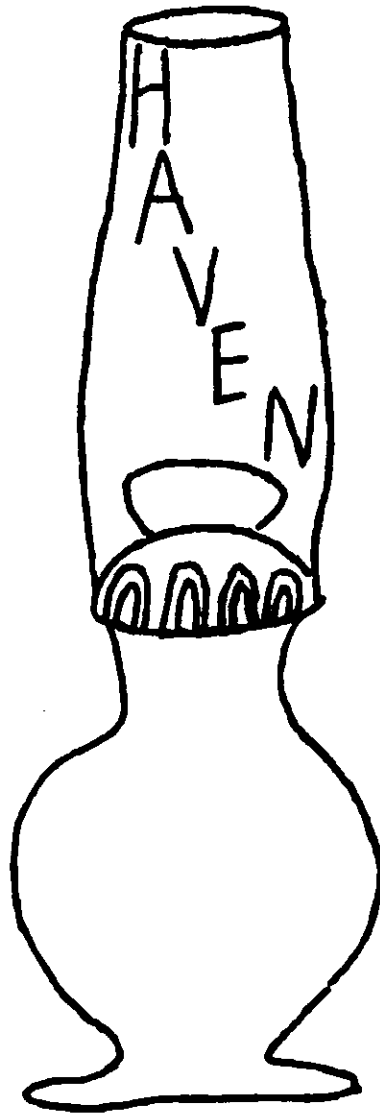
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30 Ivan Bird	29 Bill Jordan	28 Stan Bird	27 Allan Charbonneau	26	25 Murray Young
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19	20 Bill Frisch	21 Andre Sanders	22	23 Perry Zilkey	24
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## Introduction

### Homesteading Act

During 1872 Sir Clifford Sifton, Minister of the Interior of Canada announced that homesteads in the provisional districts of the North West Territories would be granted. One hundred and sixty acres would be given to every settler with the provision that he must bring fifteen acres under cultivation every year for three years and he must live on the land during six months of every year. The only cost was the \$10 fee to file a claim. A second quarter section called a pre-emption could also be obtained at a nominal cost of \$1 per acre if situated within three miles of the homestead.

Free land and an adventurous spirit brought many families west and thus "New Haven" became permanently settled with people mainly from Ontario and Quebec.

This booklet is compiled to preserve for future references some of the knowledge of pioneer life and work of the district. Stories and poems written by the pioneers of our community are re-printed here and express very adequately life of our fore-fathers in a new country. May you keep this booklet as a souvenir of New Haven's contribution to the Manitoba Centennial.

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## Chapter I

### Pioneer Life in Old New Haven

by Miss Kate Armitage

One of the chief delights of an older person is to recall the experiences of his early years, and I think the memories of those old pioneer days of the New Haven district cling around the hears of many of us.

Of those early days, away back in the seventies, we know very little, but we do know that by the time that Mr. John Davidson and his brother, Joe, arrived in the year 1878 and took up their homesteads, Mr. John Davidson, the old homestead (10-4-8) and Mr. Joe Davidson, the one just across the road (9-4-8), this district was fairly well settled by a class of people not over industrious, some of whom had half-breed wives. It was one of these women, named Bradley living on the farm where James McCaffrey (N1/2, 14-4-8) now lives, who gave the name New Haven to the district.

Mrs. Smith, nicknamed "Squealer Smith" lived south of Mr. Davidson; Mr. Ravey lived on the farm now owned by Mr. Sanders (N.W.). Mr. Ravey, being a boiler maker by trade, found farming rather irksome. His stock roamed the prairie at will, to the annoyance of his neighbours. Mr. Govier, a new comer, who lived where Mr. Headland (4-4-8) now lives, made a complaint that his stacks were being eaten until they were like umbrellas. Mr. Ravey's reply was, "Why, Mr. Govier, if you were hay they would eat you too."

Mr. Luttrell lived on the farm where Mr. Haszlem Jordan (15-4-8) now lives. There are many other names I might mention, such as the Pickerals, Perts and Morrisons - names which are now almost forgotten. (They wandered in somehow, and settled down.) They lived in their thatched log houses, broke some land and sowed some grain, principally oats and barley. Some had horses but nearly all had oxen. They raised some stock and made long trips to Winnipeg or Emerson, and later to Nelson, to exchange their produce for provisions and clothing.

In the later years they raised more grain, and when threshing time came around, Mr. John Davidson had a busy time of it, as he went from one neighbour to another with his little trampler, and threshed their grain for them. Such was the state of affairs at the time of the great land boom of '81. Those very early settlers had lived here many years, far from friends and relations, far from a town or railroad, almost dead to the outer world. No wonder when the chance came to sell their farms for a reasonable price, they, with their wives and families, abandoned their homes, some to wander back again to civilization, and a few who had half-breed wives to hit the old Hudson Bay Trail for the west, seeking new homes and new adventure, urged on by their wives who were well satisfied to wander again over the western prairies and mingle with the wandering native tribes of the West. Their old houses stood vacant for years, and at last fell down and

mysteriously disappeared log by log and board by board, till nothing was left but the old log walled cellars. Their farms, which had been bought by land speculators, were let run wild and became grazing grounds for the new settlers' cattle.

One by one new settlers were coming in, the great majority of them from Eastern Ontario. Men and women who knew not yet the hardships and disappointments they had to face, yet the same spirit which rested in the hearts of our Eastern forefathers, finally led those western pioneers on to victory and achievement.

They brought with them their household goods, a few pigs, fowl, horses and cattle, the latter they had to drive for many miles across country, there being no nearer railroad than Emerson.

Soon our little districts were inhabited. Many of those families lived in sod huts, or crude shacks, until they managed to build the more substantial log houses that were their homes for many years.

Messrs. Robert and Ned Jordan for a time lived in a little sod shanty on Ned's farm, where Mr. Joe Georges (12-4-8) now lives. In this little shanty they kept their provisions. One day while away to the bush getting logs for their new homes, the neighbour's pigs broke in. When Robert came home, he found they had rooted a hole into his flour sack and scattered the precious contents upon the ground. This was too much for Robert. Young and agile, he seized the first object his eyes rested upon, which happened to be a shovel. He took a swipe here and there. The pigs disappeared, but a few stray ears remained to tell the tale.

The new settlers also had oxen as well as horses. By degrees they cleared and broke the land and sowed their crops.

The barley, oats and wheat gave a wonderful yield, if the latter happened to escape the frost, which for many years in succession caused bitter disappointment to the farmers. It may have been owing to the fact that they sowed the Red Fife wheat, which took long in ripening.

In those days the grain was always stacked, and for many years the old horsepower ran the threshing machine. At threshing time the neighbours worked together, and, when the day's work was done and supper over, they sat around for an hour or so before starting for home. They sang songs and told stories which had been related many times before, but which never seemed to grow old.

Mr. John Davidson sang "The Queer Folk at the Shows", "The Old Folks at Home", or "We Won't go Back on Happly Jack for the Rising Generation". Mr. Joe Davidson sang "Annie Laurie" or "Three Crows sat on a Tree". Mr. Ted Toombs sang "You'll Never Miss the Water Till the Well Runs Dry".

Mr. James Metcalfe (5-4-8), his kindly face beaming with a smile, put in a joke now and then while he kept amusing the children who gathered around him.

Then Mr. John Armitage (10-4-8) gave some of his early experiences in the lumber woods of Ontario, or of the time when he and his old friend, Thomas Greenway, helped to build the first bridge over the Red River. He might also relate the story of a time, in the early eighties, that he and Mr. William Dickson raced a ten dollar bill down the streets of Winnipeg, and finally captured it in a mud puddle where the Union Bank now stands. Thomas Toohey, sitting smoking, would take his stubby clay pipe from his mouth, and with his forefinger shove his moustache to one side, and collaborate the story with an occasional, "that's right, Johnny", while at the same time he was perhaps wondering why the old McCormick binder had missed so many sheaves. Mr. Robert Jordan (9-4-8) sang "Larry McFlin", and gave some of his railroading experiences. But the evening was never complete till the old fiddle was placed in the hands of Moses Kealey, and Thomas Dawson (21-4-8) stepped on to the floor, and his feet kept time to the tune of "Money Musk", or "The Flowers of Edinborough".

If we could look back upon those landscape scenes of those early days we might think our eyes were deceiving us. In winter, perhaps dreary enough when the snow piled high and the old summer trails were hidden, when the chill winds swept down from the north, penetrating the stout buffalo coats of the men and making icicles on their long whiskers as they jogged along the bush, of an early morning, to draw home the great logs of oak and poplar for building and for firewood.

When summer came, the scene changed to a land of beauty and verdure. The prairie was covered with the most wonderful variety of beautiful wild flowers. Wild fruit also grew in abundance. Wild strawberries, currants and gooseberries grew almost everywhere on the prairie. Here and there, there were little ponds and lakes, long since dried up. Lizard Lake could be crossed by means of a row boat, and the early settlers fished many a fine pike from its waters. In winter, the boys and girls skated for miles on the Little Mary Jane, which wound its way through the district, on to the Pembina.

Out and in a stream is winding  
The links of it little chain,  
Through meadows of prairie grass, and willowy banks  
'Tis the Little Mary Jane.

Once in a while it widens out,  
To form a rushy pond,  
Past the old school house, past Ravies' house,  
And far beyond.  
Only at times a smoke wreath,  
O'er the tree-tops twines up and on,  
'Tis the smoke from the Indian's tent  
The tent of Lame Indian John.



It is the clang of the wild geese  
It is the wild wolf's yell  
That comes on the voice of the west wind  
This the tones of a far off bell

'Tis the bell from the Roman Mission  
Carrying its message "The day is done"  
And the ploughman hears it as he drives his ox-team home,  
'Tis the bell from St. Leon.

The farmer ponders as he listens  
To the sound that comes, as the day begins to wane,  
And he pictures the fields of grain he'll grow  
Near the banks of The Little Mary Jane.

There was an abundance of animal and bird life in those early days, and of a clear spring morning, as the farmer drove his team to the field, there might be the drum of the prairie chicken, the quack of the wild ducks on the ponds, and the honk, honk of the wild geese on their way to their summer home amidst the lakes of the north.

Wild animals, which are now scarcely ever seen, were then quite plentiful; but shot guns and rifles were scarce. Most homes possessed a single-barrel musket, which was generally hung to a high beam to be kept from the reach of the children; and when a herd of elk was seen crossing the field, or a prairie wolf sulking along the edge of the bluff, there was a dash for the old musket and a warning to the children to keep their heads in. But the process of loading, with powder shot and cap took so long that some little urchin, unable to resist temptation, had popped his head around the corner for a sneak look, and when the gun was ready, quite often the game was beyond reach.

The younger boys made for themselves bows and arrows, and became quite skilled in the use of them, shooting gophers, birds, and rabbits, and Robin Hood never felt prouder as he walked the green glades of Sherwood Forest than they as they walked home with a couple of rabbits slung across their shoulders. They also set traps for wolves and foxes but this could only be done if the dogs were tied up, but occasionally the traps were set and the dogs were forgotten. Then just about bed-time there would come across the field, on the frosty night air, the most dismal howling, at the first sound of which the boys would disappear, and were soon snugly tucked up in bed. Then "Daddy" Armitage would arm himself with a stout stick and start off across the moonlit field to find either his own black and white bulldog, or Mr. Davidson's old "Sanko" in the trap.

The Indians were plentiful in those days, and though seemingly harmless, yet ever in the hearts of those brave pioneer women, there lurked a dreaded suspicion, for they had not lived under the cloud of that terrible North-West Rebellion; and they had not listened to many a story

where the scalping knife and the tomahawk had figured, with the names of "Big Bear" and "Yellow Sky" fresh in their memories. So when the old caravan of painted Indians - men, women and children and lean looking dogs and shaggy ponies - wended their way to their trapping grounds at Lizard Lake, can we wonder that, if the women and children happened to be alone, the doors were barred, and from somewhere they watched unseen until the last Indian disappeared from sight.

In the year 1883, when the Canadian Pacific Railway, under the guidance of Donald Smith, had penetrated the solitudes of the vast and unshorn prairies of the West, and was well on its way to the Rockies, a branch line between here and Winnipeg was pushing its way forward and brighter days were dawning for the homesteaders.

When the railroad came in, it was the beginning of our little town of Manitou or "Manitoba City" as it was then called. Previous to this they had traded their produce and got their mail at the little place on the hill, which was called "Archibald" after our First Lieutenant-Governor.

Those were the days when butter sold for ten cents a pound, eggs seven cents per dozen, and beef cattle at 2 1/2 cents per pound.

Our little log school house, which stood just south-east of the cross-roads or almost on the exact spot where the Anglican Church now stands, was the centre of the community. From it, many prominent professional men of today, also equally successful farmers of our district, received their early education.

There were no direct roads in those days, just prairie trails, so the scholars came from all directions.

From the north they came,  
The McDowells, fresh from across the sea,  
The McKays, the Hughes, and the Grahams,  
And a little later on the Cramptons three.  
From the east the Olivers, (28-4-8)  
Also, the Toombses and Crosiers, (24-4-8) once in a while,  
Then the McCaffreys,  
Whose Daddy hailed from the Emerald Isle.  
From the south the Forrests, (33-3-8)  
And from Goviers just one, if any; (3-4-8)  
From Davidsons half a dozen,  
And from Armitages just as many.  
From the West the Coleman's (20-4-8) and the Pattersons (30-4-8)  
The Mooreheads and the Shields; (19-4-8)  
They follow the paths across the field.

It also served for many years as a church, and on a Sunday afternoon, if one arrived just a little late, they were liable to hear "Old Hundred" wafted to them on the summer air.

It was also the scene of many stormy political meeting. Many prominent politicians spoke within its four walls, and its old rafters have even echoed back the voice of our one-time premier, Hon. R. P. Roblin.

The first school concert was quite a success, and though I can remember very little of it, there are a few things in connection with it that still stand out clear in my memory. It was in the days of Mr. F. A. Collins. The school, being thought rather small for the occasion, it was held in Mr. Ned Jordan's vacant house. He, having given up farming, had gone school teaching. The log house was fairly large, and one-half of the upstairs was floored. On this floor a stove had been set up, and upon it had been placed a large boiler of water for tea. There was also something more - a barrel of apples had been placed there earlier in the day, purchased by the bachelors of the district. The stairs had been carefully guarded all evening, lest some child should go near the boiling water. Nevertheless, there where two small girls, who had seen the apples brought down, and who were determined to investigate. They watched their chance and at last it came. A dialogue was being acted by a number of boys. It was a representation of the life of Abraham Lincoln, and they had got to that most thrilling part, where the chains of slavery were rattling and the still small voice was calling to Abraham from somewhere unseen, "Come higher, child, come higher, thou are born for better things." The vigilance was relaxed. We mounted the stairs. The apple barrel was there, but the apples were beyond your reach. We tried to turn the barrel on its side but, alas, it fell over and the apples descended like a hailstorm upon the heads of the audience. Needless to say, we were sent down, just as fast if not faster than we had come up.

A little later there came to our district several new families whom, though late in coming, well deserve the name of pioneer. Mr. J. D. McIntosh (8-4-8), who for a number of years was our representative in the Manitoba Legislature, was a man of kindly disposition and one who worked for the advancement of his community and the good of his fellow man, and passed away in the prime of life.

Mr. Samuel Crampton (22-4-8) was another, whose kindly influence was felt in many ways. A lover of nature, his trees and flowers and grain fields grew side by side and prospered. He worked for the good of his community and, through his labour and influence, we have enjoyed for many years the rural mail. Hew urged on the building of our Anglican Church, and donated the land for a cemetery. He now sleeps within a stone's throw of the little church he loved so well and the tall fir tree he planted many years ago cast its long shadows o'er his grave.

Of those old pioneers, many have passed away, but many are still with us, enjoying the fruits of their labours in happy contentment, and they can look back on the "good old days", when men worked hard and endured countless hardships, yet never complained when they had few enjoyments, but were abundantly happy, their food coarse, their dress scant, and their shelter

often insufficient, yet their achievements were remarkable. They had faced the struggles of pioneer life fearlessly, honestly, independently and with good cheer.

## Chapter II

### An Old Time Raising and Dance at New Haven

by Miss Kate Armitage

'Twas the month of June  
The year was eighty five  
All nature was in tune  
'Twas good to be alive.

The sun shone clear and high  
O'er promising fields of grain  
The wild rose bloomed near by  
Summer was here again.

At an old pioneer's home  
There was to be a raising  
The neighbours would come  
The crowd would be amazing.

So forth he walked to see  
While he had time to spare  
If everything should be  
In readiness right there.

A man both tall and strong  
A hat upon his crown  
His hair was slightly long  
And of a golden brown.

He walked with steps so free  
For he had not to fear  
In middle age was he  
Type of the Old Pioneer.

The logs lay in a row  
All nicely hewed and peeled  
The hand that made them so  
No lack of skill revealed.

He looked at his broad axe  
He gazed upon the saw

And his mind did relax  
Back to the Gattineau.

A cedar barn in mind  
The one he left down east  
He'd build a similar kind  
Full thirty feet at least.

The crowd began to gather  
The wagons rattled in  
It was a gay sight rather  
With lots of noise and din.

From Smugglers' Point they came  
They came from all around  
Each one got in the game  
And each a task had found.

With tape-line and with chalk  
The logs were measured right  
And how these men did talk  
And work with all their might.

The corners must be made  
By men of strength and skill  
Men who could use a blade  
And use it with a will.

Each log was lifted up  
And notched to keep it sound  
Some thought they'd like a sup  
The little jug went round.

Inside the women folk  
Were hurrying to and fro  
They still took time to joke  
And yet kept on the go.

The floor devoid of paint  
Was scrubbed all white and clean  
The walls without a taint  
White-washed-looking no wise mean  
then.

And then for further space  
The spinning wheel set back  
The reel set in its place  
The wool put in the sack.

The old stove did its part  
High on its legs it stood  
Its oven held apple tart  
And roasts and pudding good.

The front, a deer adorned  
And it was ebony black  
It was so shapely horned  
And held its head thrown back.

The table laid with plenty  
The men were called to dinner  
In all they numbered twenty  
That satisfied the inner.

The old clock on the wall  
Struck off the hour of noon  
Each man did help himself  
The meal was over soon.

And so the hours went by  
The sun was very hot  
The walls were very high  
And to the rafters got.

And when the walls were done  
The rafters were put on  
Made by John Davidson  
He made them every one.

The hour was getting late  
And still the men felt gay

Another meal they ate  
And then they went their way.

For back the had to stray  
And bring their ladies fair  
And dance the night away  
In the new granary there.

The man in the moon looked down  
And bright the fire-flies shone  
And ever the dance went on  
At the home of Farmer John.

George Nairn played the fiddle  
And likewise Moses Kealey  
They sat up in the middle  
And 'twas good music, really.

Gideon Owens called off  
And also Matthew Riddall  
And some their coats did doff  
To keep time with the fiddle.

The ladies they did fine  
They stuck to it like bricks  
Their rosy cheeks did shine  
They needed not cosmetics.

They surely had good taste  
Stepped out and in so fine  
With slender waspy waist  
And awful crinoline.

Their hair in payche-know  
Their bangs all frizzed and curled  
Their steps ne'er forgot  
As round and round they whirled.

Of style there was no end  
They danced with ease and grace  
They had the Grecian-bend  
And they new how to lace.

Their skirts were long and wide  
And reached from waist to toe  
A polonaise beside  
Around their form did flow.

The men in long tailed coats  
Around and round did go  
With collars up to throats  
And shirts as white as snow.

The night was getting on  
And still they kept ago  
They danced the old bon-ton  
They danced the heel and toe.

They danced the eight-hand reel  
And the French Minuet  
And some old timers feel  
They'd like to dance those yet.

They danced another too  
The name I do not know  
The words will come to you  
"Put your foot out just so."

The morning came too soon  
They danced all night they say  
Till gone was Mr. Moon  
And gone the milky way.

The old log barn is gone  
A cyclone took it away  
A more substantial one  
Stands in its place today.

The grainery stands there still  
We hope that long it will  
So firm in beam and sill  
Brought from the Kilgour mill.

### Chapter III

#### From the Writings of the late Mr. Leonard Crampton

I have made an effort to gather together a few things about the early settlers of this district which may interest you for a few minutes; that is if you care to listen to date for perhaps that is the most I have jotted down.

It is said that far away fields look greener and they must have, when so many people from the East left their homes and came West on a long slow journey and settled from 50 to 100 miles from the railroad.

The first settlers who came in here were looking for land where they had good water and some bush. Most of them passed prairie land between here and Emerson that could be homesteaded but it was open prairie and in many places there was no good water. Quite a lot of the prairie land was settled by Mennonites but the Ontario and Quebec people were mostly heading for the Pembina Mountains.

I have not been able to find out who was the first to homestead in 4-8 but I believe that the Davidson family deserve the credit of being the real pioneer family of the New Haven district and that Mrs. Davidson was the first white woman to settle in 4-8. There was a man by the name of Bradley with a half-breed wife on the place where Jimmy McCaffrey (N 14-4-8) now lives, when the Davidsons came in. Messrs. John and Joe Davidson came to New Haven in the spring of 1878. (Some family records show that the Davidsons came in 1877. If not till 1878, it must have been very early because the homesteading deed for N.W. 1/4 of 10-4-8 was registered on May 3, 1878.) Joe homesteaded N.E. 1/4 of 9-4-8. They built log houses their farms that summer and got some breaking done. Then John Davidson went back east for his wife and family leaving Joe on the homestead. They got back to Fisher's Landing in October. Fisher's Landing was a place on the Red River about 90 miles south of Emerson and was as far as the railroad came. There was a boat running from there to Winnipeg. There were three routes to come to Manitoba at that time. One, all rail to Fisher's Landing and then north by boat. One from Sarnia to Duluth by boat and then by the railroad to Fisher's Landing and then north by boat again. The other route was by way of the Dawson Route which was the all Canadian route across Lake Superior by boat to Port Arthur and then by trail and canoe about 400 miles to Winnipeg.

The Davidsons came all rail by Chicago to Fisher's Landing where he bought a yoke of oxen and a wagon and he and Mrs. Davidson and five children started out for 4-8. They had a very rough trip as the weather got cold and then came snow and sleet. The sloughs froze over and the oxen would break through (there were no bridges) and they often got mired. He was saying that he remembered Clara (then 6 years old) saying when she was sitting on the bank waiting for them to get out of a slough that this country was fit only for skunks. However, they finally got to Section 10-4-8 making the whole journey in a little less than three weeks.



In the same spring, 1878, Bob Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Dawson, a Mr. White, and some others in the same party came in. They came by Sarnia to Duluth by boat, by rail to Fisher's Landing and north by boat to the boundary. They unloaded their stuff at West Lyne, a small place on the west side of the river opposite Emerson. From there they drove up to where Jack and Billie Jordan and Mr. Edwards were located near Darlingford. Billie had come a couple of years previous and Jack Jordan had been here five years then. It took this party 22 days to make the trip. Bob Jordan stayed to hoe Mr. Edward's potatoes while Mr. Edwards came up to 4-8- with the others and picked a homestead for him. Mrs. Dawson stayed with her brother Billie for a time until Mr. Dawson got a house up. So while Mrs. Davidson was the first white woman in 4-8, Mrs. Dawson was in the country. Mr. Dawson often walked to Darlingford from 21-4-8 where he homesteaded.

Bob Jordan, after claiming as his homestead walked to Winnipeg and worked on the C.P.R. which was then under construction between Port Arthur and Winnipeg. It reached Winnipeg in 1881. He worked there most of the time for four years before he settled on his homestead. He and his brother Ed lived together in a sod shanty on Ed's place for a while. While there, some pigs broke into their cabin one day and when they were away ate their flour. Bob was perhaps the most faithful in the building of the English Church.

Mr. Jonathan Hughes and James Swain walked from Winnipeg in April, 1878, coming by Headingly, Carman and the Kilgour Farm. They waded water most of the time being held up for nearly a week near Headingly when it froze up but the ice was not solid enough to carry them so they had to wait. They slept some of the nights in the open without any shelter. The first farms they picked were on the N.W. corner of 4-8 near St. Leon. They then walked to Emerson and found that the land they had chosen was homesteaded. They then took a chance and homesteaded farms they had never looked at. They came back and put houses on their farms and MR. Hughes went East to bring the two families. He was delayed some time and when he did get back in 1881, his homestead was cancelled so he had to make another trip to Emerson. This time he homesteaded the quarter section where they now live (33-4-8). Mr. Hughes spent most of the first years he was in the west working at his trade in Emerson, Morden, and Manitou leaving Mrs. Hughes and the family on the farm. He bought their first cow in Emerson and walked it home. Not a very long journey for an automobile, but quite a walk for a cow.

The Hughes and their five children came West by the Chicago route and were held up for four days on account of snow. They came by train to Emerson as the railroad was then built into Winnipeg. The first train was run into Winnipeg from Minnesota by Grand Forks and Emerson in December, 1878. They drove from Emerson in March with a yoke of oxen and were caught in the worst blizzard Mrs. Hughes says she ever saw and she has seen some since.

There were a few others who came in 1878. James Berry (2-4-8) and Elias and Pete Govier (N.E. 3-4-8) came by the Dawson Route. Chris Collins (didn't stay), Sam Moorhead (S.W. - 6) and William Shields (N 1/2 of 19), Metcalfe Brothers (N.W. - 5) and Ben Lafreneau were among the settlers of '78.

Among the settlers of 1879 were:

John Fennell	N.W. 23-4-8
Joe Pickern	N.E. 22-4-8
Pete Pickern	S.E. 22-4-8
Pattens	
Falls	S.W. 2-4-8
Saunders	S.E. 34-4-8
Bill Monahan	S.W. 30-4-8
Raveys	N.W. 15-4-8

Joe and Pete Pickern helped build the log school house for New Haven District on 15-4-8 in 1880.

Sam Moorhead's and T. Dawson's homes were built the same week in 1879. In 1882 the railroad reached within a mile of where Manitou now stands and many more settlers came in, among whom was the Armitage family. Mr. Armitage had been in some time before and had a house up. The same log house (or part of it) still stands in the yard today. Mr. Armitage worked on the C.P.R. Construction work east of Winnipeg before the railroad reached Winnipeg. He also hewed the timber used in the first bridge across the Red River at Emerson.

The Oliver Family came in 1879 and homesteaded the S.E. 1/2 of 27. Ernest took up the S.W. 1/4 of 28. They had worked on the railroad in Ontario a while before coming west. (They originally came from England.) They drove with oxen from Winnipeg. The father worked at his trade of plastering and the son worked on the farm. In 1880 Ernest built a house and plowed a good fire guard around it. One Sunday the father saw a fire in the West so he got on horseback and went over to burn around it. He rode over the fire guard without noticing it, started a fire inside the yard that cleaned everything inside the yard and never got out and the other never came up.

David Clark homesteaded 12-4-8 in 1878. He farmed near Lizard Lake and lived alone. One day he received word to go to Manitou so he walked rather than take the oxen. He reached town and died on the road home. His oxen were three days tied in the barn without food or water.

In 1880 came the McDowell Family fresh from the Old Pad to S.W. 1/4 28-4-8, bringing with them the manners and customs of the Emerald Isle. Those of you who were acquainted with them will remember Mr. McDowell was one whose life was rich with Irish wit and humour - a characteristic which he never forgot as he always had an Irish yarn for any occasion.

Those were some of the people who opened up this country. They were the ones who put up with hardships of pioneer life and made it possible for us who are now here to enjoy the many comforts and conveniences that they never thought of or even dreamed of and I think it is our

duty now to preserve and to further develop what they started for us, not only the agriculture resources for many of those early settlers brought with them a deep sense of morals and a religious duty. Perhaps the words of John McCrae written "In Flanders Fields" might be changed to apply.

"To use from falling hands they throw the cross  
Tis ours to hold it high."

## Chapter IV

### Geographical Aspects

This community was once described by a little girl - (a newcomer to the pioneer life) - as land "fit only for skunks." To others with its abundance of ducks and geese it had an entirely different look - fresh meat and open season all year.

Lizard Lake - now chiefly a hay meadow - was once deep enough to float lumber on a raft. The lumber for Davidson's house came from the saw mill the other side of Lizard Lake in just this manner. Sand from its shores were used to make bricks and Mr. Oliver - a plasterer by trade, made the bricks by hand and they were used in the chimney in Davidson's house (built by 1878). Lizard Lake could well have become a resort for one could travel by boat and at the south shore find a sandy bar. However, government permission was given to drain the lake to make hay land available and thus a natural sanctuary for wildlife was destroyed.

Hughes Lake - located on Section 33, once had cottages, campsites, picnic area, boating and racing. The road was from the west side. People came from as far away as Miami to enjoy a day at the lake. On one occasion people danced half the night in the open air on a newly laid floor of a cottage.

## Chapter V

### History of St. Matthews Church and New Haven W.A.

As Written By The Late Mrs. Arthur Bradley

We respect and honour the many loyal pioneers of this locality, who, in the early days, came here to make their homes, and the living conditions then were much more strenuous, than at the present time. These staunch early settlers felt the need of a "House of Worship" and to them we owe a debt of gratitude for laying the foundation which has grown through the years to the splendid state of fellowship we now enjoy.

As far back as the writer can remember which was in the early 1890's, Anglican and Presbyterian Church services were conducted on alternate Sundays, in the first New Haven School Building, which then stood just a few yards Northwest of the present church building. Soon other schools were built in the surrounding districts, and the Anglican people bought the old school and grounds. One of the first Rectors in charge was Rev. Tansey, who was also rector at several points north of us and later, the Rev. Noah Hewitt ministered here for several years, during which time this large mission field was divided into several parishes including New Haven, Rev. Baldock succeeded Re. Hewitt but owing to ill health resigned the ministry after a short time. In 1902 the late Rev. W. J. Rowe became our rector and during the seven years he was incumbent the present church buildings at both Manitou and New Haven were erected. To the late W. J. Rowe much credit is due for his untiring efforts toward the building of these "Houses of God" and at that time the status of the parish was raised to the of a self-supporting charge.

The first child to be baptized in the New Haven church was Miss Nellie Armitage, now of Manitou, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Haslem Jordan were the first couple married there. The late Mr. S. S. Crampton was the first adult laid to rest in the cemetery adjoining the church grounds. The site of the cemetery having been previously donated by him to the community and there many members of the district now peacefully sleep. The late W. J. Rowe resigned from the ministry in 1909, to study law and Rev. LaLouche Thomsom was with us for a year after which Rev. O'Donnel ministered to us the following year. Rev. A. Gibson then took this charge and remained with us form two years, during which time, due to the efforts of Mrs. Gibson, the ladies of the congregation discussed and formed a branch of the women's auxiliary, which was officially organized in 1912 at the home of Mrs. John Armitage by Miss Millidge, Diocesan organizer. Nineteen members joined at that time with Mrs. James Briscoe as president. Rev. Wm. Newman came to us in 1913 and was with us till 1917 when Rev. F. Glover, now Dr. Glover of St. Margaret's Winnipeg, became our rector. During Dr. Glover's five years of ministry here, a communion table, a pulpit, reading desk and hymnboard were placed in the church. All of them being carved and beautifully fashioned from oak by Mr. Robert Topham, a Manitou carpenter and put in by the wardens and vestry assisted by the W.A. The pulpit bears a bronze memorial plaque one which is engraved the names of the brave young men of our district who gave their lives for

their country during the first world war. The hymn board is in memory of Mrs. James Briscoe, our first W. A. president.

After Dr. Glover's departure, Rev. A. Ketterson was in charge for a short time, when Rev. A Walker became our rector and was with us for four years. Rev. P. C. Bays, now Canon Bayes, took over this charge in 1927 and remained with us for five years, going from here to St. Mary's, Portage La Prairie where he has ministered till quite recently, and while there he has visited us several times as a guest speaker. About this time a former Little Helper's Branch was re-organized and it has since grown to the thriving youth group it now is. In 1932 Rev. F. Trow came to this parish, followed by Rev. L. Taylor. In 1939 when war broke out again, the W.A. began doing Red Cross Sewing and Knitting and through the past years much work has been accomplished by the convenors and their helpers. Rev. Taylor enlisted in the services in 1940 and Mr. Grant, a student, filled in for a short period, till Rev. Davies came as our rector. He was with us a few years and was succeeded by Rev. Pierce Jones. In 1942 an Honour Roll containing the names of all the boys who were then in the services was placed in the church and the following year a new organ was installed in memory of two pioneer couples, namely Mr. and Mrs. J. Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Crampton.

Following Rev. Pierce Jones this charge was taken by Rev. G. Kelly for a few years, then Rev. J. Bethel came to us as a rector and remained four years. Both are now in Winnipeg parishes. In 1950 a cement basement to be used as a Sunday School Room was constructed near the church building. The church was moved and a furnace was installed.

Following Rev. Bethel's departure, Rev. Pierce was in charge for a year when our present rector Rev. Wilson became our incumbent. He and his wife and son were the first occupants of the new rectory which had just been built by the combined efforts of three parishes Manitou, Altamont and New Haven.

During the past fifty years in addition to the various rectors mentioned, many other workers including wardens, secretaries, vestrymen, organists, and Sunday School teachers and W.A. officers have laboured faithfully in this portion of "Our Master's Vineyard," and our thanks are due to all of them and our hope is that the future generations will "Take Up the Torch" by doing their share in the spreading of "God's Word" to all the World, as well as bringing about the lasting peace.

Rectors serving since this time were: Reverends J. G. Matthews, J. R. Lee, J. Folliot and J. Setter.

The present rector ministering to the needs of the parish is Rev. D. Jackson.

## Chapter VI

### The Presbyterian Church

During 1878 and 1879 the needs of this denomination were attended to by two missionary students, Donald McRae and G. E. Livingstone but in 1880 the members of the congregation felt that they were sufficiently strong to really organize as an independent, self-supporting body.

Rev. Jas. Farguharson was appointed interim moderator and a meeting was held in the little log school house at New Haven. This was situated on the present site of the Anglican Church.

A session was constituted with John Davidson, Samuel Forrest, John Moorhead and Benjamin Sinclair as the first elders of Archibald and New Haven charges. Steps were taken to issue a call for a minister and early in 1881 Rev. John A. Townsend was inducted.

The first annual congregational meeting was held on August 28, 1882 in the home of John H. Fargey. Chas. Strachan, Robert Penman, D. D. Campbell were added to the session. By-laws for the government of the Archibald Group of Stations were enacted and its boundaries defined as including Archibald, Forrests, New Haven, Lorne, Kingsley and Pembina Crossing. This covered considerably territory. Steps were taken for the erection of a church at New Haven. This was built on Section 20-4-8 (Frisches) in 1895. Previous to this, services were held in the New Haven Log School. Church relations were taken very seriously in those days. It is recorded in the minutes of session in 1883 that a resolution was passed by the session "Against Rumselling", which provided that "No person engaged in the sale of liquor shall be allowed at the Lord's Table."

At another meeting a summons was issued to bring a certain member before the session on a charge of "riotous living." It was found that he had left the country so no further action was taken other than striking his name from the roll.

In the same year, a member and his wife were suspended from membership for 12 months and if at the end of that time they had not expressed contrition for their offence, they should be excommunicated. The offence being that they had held in their home a dance, or a social, which had been announced from the pulpit as being for the benefit of the church, "Thereby crucifying afresh the son of God and putting him to an open shame."

Ministers who served before the New Haven Presbyterian Church was dissolved were Rev. W. Caven and Rev. Thos. Beveridge. The new church in Manitou was built in 1901 at a cost of \$13,000 but much free time and materials were donated. An interesting note was that Rev. C. W. Gordon ("Ralph Conner" the author) was approached with a view to accepting a call but he had other commitments.

The first register for baptisms, marriages and burials for the village of Archibald, Pembina Mountains, County of Marquette East, has been preserved.

The first entry in this register is the record of the baptism of Lillie Agnes Davidson, daughter of John Davidson and Cecilia Somerville, born June 26, 1879, in Township 4, Range 8, and baptized by Rev. D. McRae in February, 1880. She was the first white child born in the district and became the wife of Frank W. McIntosh.

The second entry is the marriage of William Wallace Dickson and Isabella Tait on December 28, 1880. Witnesses were Nicholas Kealey and Mary Graham.



## Chapter VII

### Community Hall

The first meeting to discuss the erection of a community hall was held May 22, 1929 at the W. Davidson home. The scouts of the district were given the old scout building in Manitou and because it was too old to move, it was decided to dismantle it and move the lumber to New Haven.

A committee of L. Crampton, A. Bradley, W. Davidson and F. McIntosh were elected to canvas the district in an effort to secure \$500.

A second meeting held at the home of J. Armitage on June 4 showed that the canvas gave them \$670 and it was decided that a hall 24' by 50' be erected.

This meeting also decided that the title for the land and hall held by St. Matthew's Church and a trust agreement be given by the church. F. McIntosh, J. Armitage and L. Crampton were appointed trustees. The site for the new hall was to be south of the cemetery and the Building Committee consisted of W. Davidson, Paul Clarke, W. Coleman, H. Jordan, Ben Armitage and A. Bradley. Paul Clarke was to be in charge of the erection of the building.

The meeting held August 7, 1929 was in the hall. Total cost - \$869.84 - without seats, chimney and some inside finishing. A bee was called for Saturday, September 28 to complete work and the opening of the hall was to October 16 with a program, lunch and dance. A program committee was appointed consisting of Miss Stockford, Miss Mandle, Miss Brown, Miss B. Armitage, Mrs. Davidson, Rev. Bays, F. Williams, R. Hughes, L. Crampton and F. McIntosh. Admittance fee for opening night be gents - \$1.00; ladies - \$.50; children - under 12 - \$.25, 12-16 - \$.50.

Fred Williams was the first caretaker - to heat, light and sweep hall at a salary of \$1.00 per time used.

In July, 1931, plans were made to build a 22 x 42 stable, estimated to cost \$225 - the building to be built after harvest.

At a later meeting, a building bee was to be October 12 and A. Bradley volunteered to get sand and J. Armitage and Bill Coleman volunteered to go for lumber. In 1933 plans were made to build a porch 6 x 10 over the west door. By 1935, F. Hughes was caretaker at \$1.50 per night. In 1937 the caretaker's salary was raised to \$2.00 per night and a motion was passed to finish lining up the hall.

During the war years, 1939-1946, there were no annual meetings, and on June 12, 1946, the meeting appointed a new slate of officers and decided to give the hall two coats of paint

beginning June 17, the cost of which was \$47.25 (excluding roof). In 1967 - Canada's centennial - the hall was given two coats of paint, again by local volunteer labour, the cost being \$143.71 (including roof).

During the 1930's, an open air skating rink was built on the east side of the hall, but because of the exposure to winds and cold, it was abandoned in favour of a rink in the shelter of Dawson's (Andre Saunders) wind break.

### Telephone

The first telephone in Manitoba was owned by McDougall, a telegraphic operator and electrician. On March 1, 1878, he rented two phones from the Bell Company, and set up his private telephone line between his home and the telegraph office on the same property. He set a fee of \$60 per year for installing two phones and those who could afford them had a new dignity in the community. The old phones used the same piece for speaking and listening and the only signal used to summon someone was a tapping sound made on the mouthpiece with a pencil or ruler etc.

Phones continued to work in pairs only until 1881, when the Bell Telephone Company of Canada brought the first switchboard to Winnipeg. It was located on the top floor of the Caldwell Building at McDermott and Main, and the wires were strung from roof to roof and on fences. Poles were used only when they ran out of roofs.

The first telephone operators were boys and young men. This proved popular with the ladies who would spend part of the evening in telephone conversation with the switchboard men. These operators often became impatient with subscribers (men) and often could be heard over the wire "Come up and fight like a man."

Because of this trouble and the fact that pranks were being played among the young men in idle moments, the first woman operator was hired.

After the Canadian Bell Patent expired in 1893, telephone companies sprang up all over and homes had to have as many telephones as there were companies in town. Companies cut each other's wires and sawed off poles. People supported a government owned telephone company and in 1906, 1907 and 1908 saw the passing of the necessary legislation for the creation of Manitoba Government Telephones. 1908 saw rural telephones extended to Township 4 Range 8W. Installation was free on all government road allowances, but farm lanes were the cost of the subscriber. There were a few "barbed wire" telephones. Telephone costs in 1908 were \$21 per year. During the depression of the 30's some people were forced to remove the phone because of the cost and the government reduced the rates to 50 cents per month plus 5 cents per call through central. This was raised after the war ended and at present are \$2.63 per month plus long distance charges. Dial phones were installed in 1967.

Rural telephone party lines have here as in all areas been a source of pleasure as well as being means of summoning help in time of need. I leave you now to reminisce the jokes and tricks told of the "rubbering" on the party line.

### Beef Ring

To assure a fresh supply of beef during the summer months, a local beef ring was in operation. These ran approximately twenty weeks and the number of shares controlled the length of the season. Sometimes one smaller family teamed up with another smaller family and took one half a share of meat each week and supplied an animal every second year.

The building was located on the N.W. of section 15 and had to pass Provincial Health Inspection Standards. The beef ring here began in the spring of 1921. The organization meeting was held at L. Crampton residence. E. Sanders was the first butcher. Other butchers were A. Dobson, Bob White, Mr. Boyd, O. Law, J. Adams, and L. Mitchell.

Certain rules agreed upon were:

- (1) All animals were to be steers or heifers. The butcher was to judge the animals.
- (2) A schedule was worked out for the date the animal was to be supplied.
- (3) The animal was to be delivered on Tuesday of each week at the slaughter house.
- (4) All animals were put in at 10 cents a pound.
- (5) The butcher was paid \$6 per animal.
- (6) There were 20 full shares.

The meat was delivered every Wednesday morning, usually before sunrise. A schedule was worked out whereby every member would receive a whole animal during the season. The hides were salted and sold to a dealer when the price was right.

Each fall a meeting was held to settle up and who had supplied a larger animal that others were paid 10 cents a pound by those supplying a smaller one. A schedule was drawn up for delivery of animals the following season.

About 1924 a second ring was organized.

After hydro, freezers became common and about 1950 this ring was dissolved. The slaughter house was moved to the J. Wilson farm at Altamont and some from here kept their shares and it continued in operation for a time. The members of the first Beef ring were:

L. Crampton	G. Headland	W. Faulkner	R. Bamford
G. Crampton	A. Bradley	F. Hughes	H. Bradley
W. Dawson	J. Bradley	G. Graham	A. Savage
W. Davidson	P. Clark	J. Holliston	F. Stockford
J. Armitage	F. McIntosh	H. Jordan	W. Rendall

### Military Service

In times of war, men have rallied to the cause and we find these names written on two plaques in St. Matthew's Anglican Church - New Haven.

#### First World War (1914-1919)

George Coble	George Sadler
Daniel Crozier	Albert E. Savage
Clifford C. Hughes	John Weller
Arthur Neil	John Owen

#### Second World War (1939-1945)

P. H. Bird	Glen C. Bradley
Stanley G. Bird	Howard A. Bradley
Clarence L. Bailey	Stewart S. Crampton
William E. Hughes	Edward E. Fowler
Carl F. Hughes	John Williams
Chas. Andrews	William Williams
Cecil B. D. Hubley	John Thompson
Herbert E. Davidson	Johnathan Stockford
John Bird	Earl McCaffrey
Clifford Beyers	Bert Hall
Russell Jordan	Harry J. Piller
Otto Metzler	Wm. Percival Tucker
Grant Crampton	Arnold Zilkey
Russell Bradley	

### Hydro

Perhaps no single act did more for rural life to keep young people on the farms and soldiers after World War II to return to the farms than the government act to bring electric power to all.

The rural farmer was asked to pay \$65 and buy at least five appliances - two large and three small ones. The money was returned to the farmer as monthly payments for his hydro.

Hydro came to this area in 1948. In a little over twenty years we have become so dependent on electric power that when a power failure results, we are helpless - no water, no stove, no washer, no clothes dryer, etc.

## Chapter VIII

### Education

From earliest times education was provided in the community and the first log school was built in 1880 and during its thirteen years of service provided education for the children from nearly the whole township. In 1893 by by-law 29 it was dissolved and three districts were formed and new schools erected. Midland (west), McFadden (east), and New Haven rebuilt on the S.W. 1/4 of 10-4-8. At this time the log school was purchased by the Anglican Congregation of the district.

New Haven was dissolved again in December, 1912 because of an enrolment of 11 pupils and part of the district entered consolidation with Manitou. Because of distance and cold stormy winters, transportation was difficult and a new New Haven School located on S.W. 15-4-8, was opened in 1925.

Consolidation with Manitou again took place in 1962. Because of low enrollment and teacher shortage pupils had been attending other schools for four years previous to this action. Much improved roads, heated buses, and government action to make schools larger, more economical units, have combined to make this move to consolidation a workable plan for families in this community and elsewhere.

The earliest records are missing but examination of the registers show some of the teachers from 1893-1912 for New Haven N. 78 were:

Sam H. Forrest	W. Humphrey Black
Andrew F. Anderson	Jennie Down
Madge McTavish	H. Harry Armitage
W. A. Cunningham	Bessie Perfect
M. J. McGaw	F. C. Balfour
K. McNaughton	Edith A. Young
B. McKinnon	Annie Swanson
A. Howard Armitage	Grace Maclean
Irving Stauffer	Emma E. Simmons
M. Forster	

The secretary treasurers for this period were J. R. Armitage and Geo. Whitney.

Teachers of New Haven, No. 2110 were:

Miss I. Sutherland - Mrs. J. Moody  
Miss G. Bradley - Mrs. Brownlee  
Miss C. Lynch

Miss T. Brown - Mrs. Forbes  
 Miss McCaskill - deceased  
 Miss E. Smith - Mrs. E. March  
 Miss M. Ridley - Mrs. C. Wilcox  
 Miss C. Sampson - Mrs. A. E. Hall  
 Miss E. Hunter  
 Miss Edythe Booker - Mrs. G. Cavers  
 Miss M. Cummings - Mrs. J. Amy  
 Miss E. Godkin - Mrs. G. Harde  
 Mr. M. McCulloch  
 Mrs. J. Jeffrey  
 Miss H. Compton  
 Miss J. Rowan - Mrs. L. Snarr  
 Miss D. Goldsborough - Mrs. W. Myskiw  
 Mrs. J. Van Den Bosche  
 Mr. W. Clark

Midland School District # 845 was incorporated on April 2, 1895. A frame school house was built at an approximate cost of \$600, the location being at the extreme N.W. corner of N.W. 1/4 of 21-4-8.

This building remained in service for 57 years. Three generations of Cramptons attended, as well as two generations of Colemans, Jordans and Bradleys. This school house was sold Mr. E. Landreville for \$425 on April 15, 1957.

Mr. L. W. Crampton was hired as the first teacher at a salary of \$400. There were thirteen pupils in attendance namely: Adeline, Chris, Ivison and Charles Coleman, Mary Crampton, Charlotte, Cornelius, Willard, Lila, Allan and Albert Dawson, Alex and John Vance.

The first School Board consisted of Messrs. G. W. Coleman, S. S. Crampton and Thos. Dawson as trustees, with W. G. Coleman as Secretary-Treasurer.

On September 28, 1951 a new stucco building erected just south-east of the former location, was officially opened. The approximate cost of this building was \$9000. At this time Mrs. L. Crampton donated a teacher's desk in memory of her late husband.

In 1963 the District decided to enter consolidation so in June of that year Midland School District was dissolved. Later in the year the school house was sold for \$1000.

The teachers for Midland School and their salaries were as follows:

1895	L. W. Crampton - \$400	1896	L. W. Crampton
1896	Emma Calvert		(second half)

1897 Edwin M. Ellis - \$420

1899 J. W. Rose  
1900 Chas Creswell  
1901 Chas Creswell  
1902 Mary Molloy - \$500  
Hugh C. Fairchild  
1903 Frank McCallum - \$480  
L. A. Wellwood  
Frances Graham  
1904 Hector McKay - \$550  
1905 Hector McKay  
1906 Jessie A. Graham  
1907 Lavina M. Whittaker  
Lizzie M. MacAulay  
1908 Edith N. Gayton - \$540  
1909 Edith N. Gayton  
Rebekah Burke - \$500  
1910 Ella Jacobs  
Belle Myles  
Estelle Howie  
N. Mawhinney  
1911 Estelle Howie  
E. Emerson  
1912 E. Emerson - \$600  
Mary A. Rodgers  
1913 Mary A. Rodgers  
Edna Irene Daggett  
M. S. Stepler  
1914 M. S. Stepler  
1915 Mrs. M. M. Irwin  
1916 Mrs. M. M. Irwin  
1917 Mrs. M. M. Irwin  
1918 Mary Stepler  
1919 Mary Stepler  
1920 Beula M. Swain  
Estella Dawson - \$850  
1921 Estella Dawson - \$1000  
1922 Estella Dawson  
Uldene M. Simpson  
1923 Estella Dawson - \$950  
1924 Estella Dawson  
May Mawhinney  
1925 May Mawhinney  
Ruby Fulford - \$750



1926	Ruby Fulford	1945	Eileen E. Rombough - \$850
1927	Ruby Fulford - \$800	1946	Mildred Hodgson
1928	May Stockford - \$750	1947	Marjorie Checkley - \$950
1929	May Stockford - \$800	1948	Pearl Jones - \$700
1930	May Stockford - \$850	1949	A. Mae Argue - \$1450
1931	E. C. Graham - \$800	1950	A. Mae Argue - \$1550
1932	Agnes Cumberland - \$600	1951	Jean McMullen - \$1100
1933	Agnes Cumberland - \$500	1952	Wilma Miller - \$1800
1934	Jean McDonald - \$400	1953	Wilma Miller - \$1850
1935	Jean McDonald - \$400		Thelma Sepke
1936	Jean McDonald - \$450	1954	Mildred Snarr - \$2500
1937	Jean McDonald - \$450	1955	Mildred Snarr - \$2600
1938	M. E. McDowell - \$480	1956	Mildred Snarr - \$2700
1939	Nellie White - \$500	1957	Mildred Snarr - \$3000
	W. H. Bradley	1958	Mildred Snarr - \$3200
1940	A. J. Critchley - \$500	1959	Mildred Snarr - \$3400
1941	G. A. Chunn - \$625	1960	Steve Cesmystruck - \$3000
1942	Nellie White - \$650	1961	Steve Cesmystruck - \$3300
1943	Freda Isabelle Jones - \$750	1962	Dolores E. Nauer - \$3100
	M. H. Fairhill	1963	Theodor P. Lehn - \$3000
1944	Joyce E. Jackson - \$800		

#### McFadden School District No. 774

- written by Mrs. C. B. Jordan

The first meeting of the McFadden School District was held at Mr. Thomas Crozier's on July 8, 1893.

The first trustees were:

Mr. James McGillivray  
Mr. Thomas Crozier  
Mr. Thomas McCaffrey  
Mr. William McFadden

A piece of land was bought from Mr. Wm. McFadden for the sum of one dollar (\$1.00). The school was built in the spring of 1894 on the N.W. corner of the S.W. 1/4 section of 24-4-8. Mr. Joseph Rombough was the contractor.

School opened in 1894 with Miss Penman as teacher. Total expenditures for the first year including the teacher's salary was 729.75.

The deed for the land site cost \$6.80 which was more than the land cost for the school site.

In those early days there seemed to be a quick turn-over of teachers, as the long list will prove.

#### Teachers 1894-1963

1894	Miss Penman Miss Hatie Findley Miss Sempel Miss M. Calder Miss Dobie H. H. McIntosh Miss Tillie McBallocks Miss M. Morison Miss J. McNaught		Miss Brad
1900			Miss Beatrice Burrs Miss K. Clench Miss Kate Armitage Miss B. Stevenson Miss Dorothy Gilbert Mr. Vernon Shewfelt Mr. Edward Marshall Miss Daisy Metcalfe Miss Milne
1902	Leonard Wilson Miss Mamie Brown Miss Ada E. McCullough Miss M. C. Wood Miss Annie McTavish Miss Flora G. Reives Miss E. Elizabeth Kinley Mr. Alex Cousins Miss Myrtle Aimey Miss Louise Savade Miss Myrtle Disney Miss Bertha Teeter Miss Jane McCaffrey Miss Nellie McNorran	1920	Miss E. Shore Miss Simpson Miss Mandle
		1930	Miss Nellie Armitage Miss Watson Miss Lola McDowell Miss Owens Mr. Steward Crampton Mr. Henry Goossen Miss Cruchshank Miss A. Sharpe
1909		1940	Miss Kester Mrs. A. Hall Miss. J. E. Baird Miss Norma Johnston Mrs. Gliddon Miss Sutton
1911	Miss Tressa Jackson Miss Myrtle Spencer Miss Hazel Bourden Miss Margaret McKay Miss Mary E. Taylor Miss Annie Douglas Miss McLeod Miss Peterson	1950	Miss Dorothy Madill Jerry South Miss Dorothy Madill Miss Edna White

Miss Marjorie Redpath  
Miss Ray Watson  
Miss Snyder  
Miss Marj Rasmussen

1960

Miss Alfrieda Hildebrand  
Miss Brenda Smith  
Mrs. Setter

In 1907 some of the rate payers wanted the school moved a half mile north, but this amendment was defeated. A school barn was built in 1909 at a cost of \$200.

The original school burned down in 1917 and a new school was built on the same site, which was continually in operation till consolidation.

Of all the original land owners in the District at the beginning only two farms are still in the same family. Namely, the Mrs. J and Royal McCaffrey farms now rented by Mr. Wm. Braun, and the Melvin Faulkner farm rented by Mr. Charlie Thompson.

In 1925 some of the land was withdrawn to form a new school district, the New Haven School.

In 1935 an acre of land was bought from Messrs. J. and R. Hubley to extend the playgrounds and tree shelter at a cost of \$40.00 an acre.

1951 saw the hydro installed in the school, flush toilets in 1957.

In 1954 there was a new basement and foundation made and the school moved onto it right beside the old one.

McFadden consolidated with Manitou in 1963. The school operated for seventy years. The last trustees were Mike Yurchuk, C. B. Jordan, Jack Hughes and Arnold Zilkey, Secretary-Treasurer.

#### Some of the first settlers were:

Dave Oke  
J. Brisco  
S. Brook  
J. Oliver  
Wm. McFadden  
R. Brisco  
W. Fetterly  
Andre Crozier

T. Crozier  
T. McCaffrey  
Mr. Tucker  
Albert Catt  
John Monahan  
Jason Kotschorek  
George Shewfelt  
Thomas Kivel

Edwart Hunt  
George Howland  
Wm. Clark  
J. C. Clark  
W. H. Jordan  
Hazzlem Jordan  
Mr. Fairchild

#### Other Facts

(1) T. McCaffrey walked from Ontario to Winnipeg via the Dawson Trail (North of Lake Superior) by Lake of the Woods and on to Winnipeg. He homesteaded in 4-7 in 1875 and came to section 16 in 4-8 later on.

(2) Wolsely Expedition - was a troop of soldiers sent from Ottawa to Manitoba to curb uprisings of Metis after the execution of Thomas Scott. Sam Forrest, often mentioned in these writings was a member of this expedition.

(3) Flour from Emerson - Grain was taken by cart to Emerson, ground into flour and brought back.

(4) Kilgour Farm - Home was built on the line between N.E. 17 and S.E. 20 of Township 4, Range 7W. He had a sawmill powered by a steam engine and many buildings were built of the oak lumber from the mill.

(5) Federal Education assistance gave one section in every 18 (in the prairie provinces) as an endowment for schools. Section 11 was a school section.

- (6) T4-8W     - was once part of the Municipality of Dufferin.  
                  - became part of R.M. of North Dufferin - 1881.  
                  - became part of R.M. of Carleton - 1886.  
                  - became part of R.M. of Pembina - 1890.

(7) Pembina Mountain or Pembina Hills refer to the forested sections, deep ravines, and elevated wood lands west of the grasslands of the Red River Valley.

(8) First representative in parliament in Ottawa was D. A. Smith - 1871-1880.

(9) Rural mail delivery came to this township about 1908.

(10) Pound Keepers - One per ward in the municipality. Local herd laws had to be obeyed or animals could be impounded. Owners paid for their keep when claiming them. Pound Keepers were Jim McCaffrey, Wes. Jordan, and C. Smith.

(11) Pembina - is one of the names we have adopted from the Cree Language. It means "Summerberry" - the Cree word for what we call the "Saskatoon."

(12) Market Prices - quoted from Mr. C. Vrooman's writing.

No. 1 hard wheat	- 75 cents per bu.
Oats	- 25 - 30 cents per bu.
Beef per 100 lb.	- \$6.50
Pork per 100 lb.	- \$6.50

Turkeys per lb.	- 12 cents
Chickens per lb.	- 8 cents
Eggs per doz.	- 12 cents
Wood per cord	- \$2 - \$2.75

(13) Thomas Turnbull's record of 1895 prices in Manitou.

No. 1 hard wheat	- 44 cents
Oats and Barley	- 12 - 15 cents
Dimension lumber	- \$20 per M
Flooring and siding	- \$28 per M

During the winter months of 1895 much of the grain was hauled on sleighs from where Minto, Elgin, Goodlands and Waskado now are and the price was 33 cents per bushel. Freight rates were so high that one farmer, with title to his homestead, declared he was farming on shares with the C.P.R. as it took nearly half the value of his crop to send it to Fort William.

(14) Remember the plays "The Red Headed Step-Child", "Yimmie Yonson's Yob" and "Silas Smidge from Turnip Ridge."

(15) The first combine was being used in this district in 1935 - custom combining rusty wheat on the J. W. Davidson farm. The first combine in this district was bought by J. W. Davidson in 1939.

(16) The first T.V. in this area was owned by Joe Georges and was bought in 1955. Stan Foster got one a couple of months later and because of the snow pulled it home on a toboggan from the mail-box corner.

(17) Remember the Fashion Parade in New Haven Hall presented by the men of the district, when Charlie Smith modelled the evening dress, Bert Hall the sun suit, Ward Davidson a bathing suit, Harold Crampton a frilly pink housecoat.

(18) Remember the paper, "New Haven Echo" from which current events were read every second week at New Haven Community concerts during the winters.

(19) Do you recall the story Mr. F. Dyck tells of his experience trying to catch a little skunk to take home. There weren't any pretty black and white striped animals at his home in the old country and he had never seen one before. Need any more be said!

(20) Did you hear this hunting story? Jock Jeffrey shot at raccoons up a tree near the garage. Next time he went to get the car - you guessed it! Broken glass. Oh Yes! he got the coons.

## CHAPTER IX

### The Emigrant

Manitou

March 1, 1887

"This place is also on the Pembina Mountain section of railway and was formerly known as Manitoba City, when the fancy for adding city to a country corner's name was at its height. It was moved from its old position across a wide coulee to its present gently sloping hill site. It had rapid growth and did much business with the terminus of the railway, but is no much quieter though all the merchants seemed busy during the visit, and stated they had little cause for complaint. It was not incorporated and has no debt; the valuation is \$200,000 and the rate of taxation less than 12 mills. Lands from one to ten miles away are sold at \$1 to \$7 per acre, and there is one free section 4 miles out not yet claimed, though it is said to be suitable for sheep keeping. Manitou has 24 business places, including a live paper, has 2 elevators of 65,000 bushel capacity, and draws the trade of a good class of farmers. It is a dairy and poultry centre; the butter from the hills is especially good; and it is also noted as a game district, from elk deer to grouse, and the day of call venison was in slow demand at a penny a pound. It has immense stretches of well-watered and sheltered grazing country, and small fruits and flowers are in great profusion and variety."

The following note was taken from the Morden write-up on the value of land:

"Land is cheap and easily had at reasonable prices in one case £540 were paid for 160 acres with a frame house and 50 acres seeded with crop, only 1 1/2 miles from Morden and another 5 miles out sold for \$10 an acre. In speaking with Mr. Dunsford, the banker, he gave 3 cases of many where farmers had thriven in the district. The first started on \$260 of borrowed money, three years since, and is now worth \$4000; the second began without a dollar seven years ago and is now worth \$7000, while the third man with \$1000 ten years back has increased it to 16,000, all of them making it in straight farming.

Pembina - Manitou Districts written for 1929 and filed in the Archives in Winnipeg.

In the spring of '78 settlers chiefly from Eastern Canada began to come into this district and settle in Archibald and New Haven to the north and Pembina Crossing and Kaleida to the south. They came usually to Fisher's Landing by train, on to Emerson by boat and the rest of the way mostly on Shank's mare in search of homesteads. They travelled light and trusted to a single blanket to keep them warm at night. When they picked their land, they went back to Emerson, about 75 miles from Manitou, to file their claims and procure the few things necessary to start farming. Soon a Land Titles Office was opened at Nelson, about half that distance away. After picking their men often found on going back that someone else had already taken it. The trail crossed a good many small streams and ponds and sloughs and most land seekers were glad to spend a night under a hospitable roof in the Mennonite village on the way. Other nights were

spent under the stars or a wagon box. They usually passed through Calf Mountain, an old frontier post close to where the old Missouri trail crossed the Boundary Commission trail. It took its name from an artificial mound resembling a buffalo calf. A spirit was supposed to frequent the spot. But ghost, buffalo calves, and trails have long since vanished. Archibald was named after our lieutenant governor and New Haven (where they still have a school and church) was named by a half-breed woman. The larger area no doubt took its name from the river flowing through it. For some time mail and supplies had to be brought from Emerson and until the railway came in Archibald was the nearest post office. A Mr. Brown whom the others found here in April '78 was probably the first man to break land in 3-8.

The C.P.R. built a branch line into Manitou in 1883. There was keen disappointment in Pembina Crossing where a store, blacksmith shop, stopping house and grist mill were already established in anticipation. Other points were also hoping. The station was first known as The Y and the village afterward as Manitoba City and was located on the hill just north of its present site. The first store was a tent. Sir. John A. and Lady MacDonald came through in a private car when the track was laid to La Riviere, stopped at Manitou and shook hands with those at the station. Lady MacDonald rode on to La Riviere on the engine.

With the advent of the railway, buildings had to be moved down from the hill. When the old Methodist Parsonage was brought across Miss Gordon, daughter of the pastor, rode in the house in state. The house is at present owned and occupied by Mrs. George Nairne, one of our early settlers. The old school was made into two dwelling houses, still occupied and comfortable and the old Presbyterian manse which remained on the hill is occupied too. Mr. W. F. Ellis who helped survey the site and start the town still lives here.

This was one of the first districts to introduce pure bred shorthorn cattle. Mr. J. S. Robson began recording in 1882.

The first elevator was built by Ogilvies in '83.

The Agricultural Society was incorporated in '89; Mr. R. D. Foley was president and Mr. S. MacDonald secretary.

The Board of Trade was organized in '89 and Chas. McNamara, at present as then running a harness business, was one of the charter members. So was Robert Ironsides (at one time M.L.A. for Manitou.)

Those were the good old days when butter was 10 cents a pound, eggs 8 cents a dozen, and dressed beef 7 1/2 cents a pound and wheat was generally frozen.

The first Bible Society meeting addressed by Rev. A. Dyke, representative of Upper Canada Bible Society, was held in 1890. Four local ministers - Rev. Argue (Methodist), Rev. Caven (Presbyterian), Rev. Barber (Anglican) and Rev. MacArthur (Baptist) - were the first

officers. The silver collection plates now used in the United Church were presented to the Presbyterian Church in 1882 and 1885.

The marquis of Lorne - governor general of Canada - paid a visit to Manitou, was entertained at the ranch by Sir John Waldron and while there signed the register of the newly erected Anglican Church.

Before there were any resident clergymen, the district was ministered by a highly educated Christian gentleman, Rev. H. J. Borthwick. He was appointed missionary to Manitoba by the Home Missionary Committee of the Presbyterian Church in 1876, and on his arrival was given charge of the Pembina Mountain District. In addition to his duties as a missionary, he acted as public school inspector, the first in southern Manitoba. No other man did so much to cheer, encourage and comfort the people of the whole community.

One June 29-30 and July 1, 1929, the Pembina Manitou Municipalities held an "Old Timers Re-Union". It opened with a reception in the town hall Saturday afternoon and evening. Sunday there was a community service in the Skating Rink and Monday, sports and a concert. The W. I. float took a prize in the monster parade which started the program for Monday. The music and speeches at night were largely from old timers or their children. One of our oldest school inspectors, E. E. Best spoke and his son Garnet sang. Miss Myrtle Norman Rattan, pianist, now of Winnipeg, but daughter of W. D. Rattan, a pioneer, storekeeper, played. 1970 people, outside of residents, signed the register. In the hall there was an exhibit of pictures, furnishings, implements and machinery used in the early days of settlement.



# Midland School Reunion

## Friday, July 7, 1995

### STUDENTS 1906-1963

Adams, Margaret	Coleman, Maggie	Georges, Jerry	Klassen, George
Allen, Kathleen	Phoebe May	Larry	David
Bailey, Kenith	Agnes Bella	Anna	Jacob
Betker, Willie	Alice	Carole	John
Gloria	Lloyd	Joan	Margaret
Edith	Kenneth	Judy	Peter
Kathleen	Gerald	Jack	Annie
John	Merle	Brian	Johnny
Joseph	Judy	Marilyn	Donald
Lennox	Shirley	Robert	John
Robert	Stewart	Olive	Reta
Annie	Samuel	Edward	Arthur
David	Harold	Wesley	Wilhelm
Joyce	Nina	Clarence	Bryan
Lyle	Grant	Edward	Patricia
Ivan	Lalla	Earle	Alice
Patricia	Shirley	Mary	Alex
Norman	Harolyn	Clifford	Elsie
Bradley, Clarence	Rodney	George	Donald
Lila	Allan	Carl	Mary
Roy	Russell	Mabel	Eva
Howard	Myrtle	Annie	George
Glen	Stella	John	Alexander
Russel	Hilda	Peter	Willie
Clayton	Willard	Lydia	David
Lindsay	Abram	Lily	Tom
Douglas	Susie	Bessie	Robert
Becky	Peter	Carrie	Jack
John C	Henry	Cora	Guido
Kathy	Jacob	Oliver	Marieta
Lorne	Mary	Brooks	Samuel
Leslie	Bill	Cecil	Angus
Glenn	Frank	Ida	Mildred
Fern	Marilyn	Clarence	Bessie
Margaret	Linda	Myrtle	Jason
Diana	Mary	Roy	Lennox
Penny	Theresa	Lorne	Edith
Fred	Theresa K.	Gordon	Annie
Matilda	Helen	Lila	Nora
	Joe	Alice	Ruby
	John	Bill	Pearl
	Leo	Murray	Lois
	Kate	Adline	Arthur
	Helen	Berthold	Magdalene
		Flora	Harold
		Hugo	Wanda
			Jack
			Herbert
			Isabel

Rondeau, Hilda	Klippenstein, Kaatz	McNeil, Mary	McNab, Alex
Damien	Bryan	Eva	Donald
Muriel	Patricia	George	Mary
Stephen	Alice	Alexander	Eva
Mabel	Alex	Willie	George
George	Elsie	David	Alexander
Leon	Donald	Tom	Robert
Maria	Mary	Robert	Jack
Godelieve	Eva	Guido	Marieta
Andre	George	Samuel	Angus
Gaston	Odile	Mildred	Bessie
Gerard	Kathleen	Jason	Lennox
Marguerite	Marjorie	Edith	Annie
Michel	Billy	Nora	Ruby
George	George	Pearl	Lois
Odile	Jonathan	Arthur	Magdalene
Kathleen	Tommy	Harold	Wanda
Marjorie	Joyce	Chunn	Jack
Billy	Stuckie	Crampton	Herbert
George	Herbert	Creswell	Isabel
Jonathan	Violet	Critchley	
Tommy	Mary		
Joyce	Ronald		
Stuckie	Marian		
Herbert	David		
Violet	Ruth		
Mary	Harry		
Ronald	George		
Marian	Charlotte		
David	Adeline		
Ruth			
Harry			
George			
Charlotte			
Adeline			

### TEACHERS 1895-1963

Argue, A. Mae	Cumberland, Agnes
Bradley, W.H.	Daggett, Edna
Burke, Rebekah	Dawson, Estella
Calvert, Emma	Ellis, Edwin
Cesmystruk, Steve	Emerson, E.
Checkley, Marjorie	Fairford, Hugh
Chunn, G.A.	Fairhall, M. Helen
Crampton, Leonard	Fulford, Ruby
Creswell, Chas.	Gayton, Edith
Critchley, A.J.	Graham, Electa
	Graham, Jessie
	Hodgson, Mildred
	Irwin, Mary
	Jackson, Joyce
	Johnson, Edith
	Jones, Freda
	Jones, Pearl
	Lehn, Theodore P.
	Mawhinney, N.
	Mawhinney, May
	McCallum, Frank
	McCaulay, Izzie M.
	McDonald, Jean
	McDowell, M.E.
	McKay, Hector
	McMullen, Edith Jean
	Millar, Wilma
	Molly, Mary
	Myles, Belle
	Nauer, Dolores E.
	Rodgers, Mary A.
	Rombough, Eileen
	Rose, J.W.
	Sepke, Thelma
	Simpson, Uldene
	Snarr, Mildred
	Steppler, Mary
	Steppler, M.S.
	Stockford, May
	Swain, Buella M.
	White, Nellie
	Wittaker, Lavina M.

# Midland 100th School Reunion (1895-1995)

"Dreams do come true", to quote Carol Pilkington (Hamilton) whose suggestion of having a 100th Reunion became a reality on July 7th, 1995.

Following several months of preparation, the planning committee was overwhelmed with the response from teachers, students and neighbourhood friends. Total registration numbered 182 with 11 former teachers responding. We were saddened however, to learn of the passing of Miss Beula Swain who taught in Midland in 1920. She had so wanted to be a part of the celebration. Also a former student, Nina Strachan (Crampton), passed away since registering. Health reasons prevented several others from attending as time drew closer.

Amid, "Do your remember?....and I can't believe it's...." the registered guests spent a wonderful afternoon reminiscing. Registration began at 1 p.m. and a time of socializing over coffee, punch



Old Midland School 1895-1951.

and dainties set the relaxed atmosphere in St. Leon Hall. The excellent facilities, space, air-conditioning etc. certainly added to our comfort on a hot summer day.

Family photo displays or other memorabilia had been set up for browsing, as far back as pictures of the beginning of the old school. Teacher photos were also on

hand, also various class pictures. Balloon and streamers made for a festive setting.

The afternoon program opened with the ringing of the school bell by Mildred Adams (Snarr) with an accompanying poem read by Irene Coleman entitled "The Old School Bell".

The chairperson for the  
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## Midland School

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program committee, Gerald Coleman, welcomed everyone to the reunion and introduced the M.C., Rod Crampton, great-grandson of the first teacher of Midland School (Leonard Crampton).

Greetings from the Rural Municipality of Pembina were brought by Reeve Bill Frisch.

Several persons were recognized at this time in the program:

Carol Pilkington (Hamil-

ton) for suggesting the Reunion.

Reta Moloney (McDowell) for the first person to reply.

The oldest teacher in attendance Agnes Crouse (Cumberland), Regina, 86 years young. Runner-up Electa Durham, La Riviere, 85 years.

The person travelling the

farthest, Marian Williams (White), Van Nuys, California.

The teacher who taught for the lowest salary, Mrs. Jean McIntosh (McDonald), 4 years - 2 years for \$400 per year.

The student who had the most number of his teachers in attendance, David Klassen, Wpg. (4).

The oldest student in attendance, Stewart Crampton, Wpg.

The youngest student, Marilyn Posffenoth (Hamilton), Calgary.

The men who married a Midland teacher were presented with a carnation for their wives, namely Andy Adams, Claude Durham, Vic Furniss, Bud Jackson, Jack McIntosh.

Ivan Bird introduced the former teachers in attendance. Each was presented with a miniature wooden school house (constructed by Michael Gillis).

The celebration coincided with Manitoba's 125th birthday and this was evident throughout the program.

A banquet was served smorgasbord style at 5:30, catered to by the St. Leon Motor Inn. Following the supper, many took the opportunity for picture taking.

The evening program included the Borderline Singers, a talented group of local singers under the capable leadership of Gloria Johnston. They favoured the audience with exposure to the Manitoba song "A Year To Remember" by Tim Elias of Winkler - written for the 125th celebration.

The audience was then treated to very enjoyable selections by the choir and following a short break they presented their ever popular "Surfing U.S.A." medley of songs.

Tales out of school days followed and some hilarious episodes and some not so hilarious were related. Teachers had aided in providing the material prior to the questioning period.

An interesting spot in the

program was the auctioning of a T-shirt and watch with the design of Midland School, made by Carol Pilkington, by auctioneer Harold Klassen and a surprise box added some fun. The Chinese auction provided some very interesting items for people to try their luck.

A very memorable item of the day was the provision of "Memories", a book of Midland School District. This was very capably compiled and produced by Judy Young (Coleman) and her son Ryan. This is a very updated history of the district and anyone wanting a copy can contact Judy.

The program was turned over for impromptu stories from anyone attending and the efforts of those participating were much appreciated.

The committee wishes to thank anyone who in any way, large or small, helped to make the reunion a day to remember. People, you made the day by being there and taking part.

Several families were represented by 100% attendance: the Maurice Sanders, the Harold Whites, W. Colemans, Stan Birds, Rondeau family, Howard Bradleys and the Harold Crampton family.



Former teachers attending the Midland School Reunion in July 7, were left to right, Mildred Adams (Snarr), Mae Jackson (Argue), Electa Durham (Graham), Agnes Crouse (Cumberland), Jean McIntosh (McDonald), Eileen Lav (Rombough), Reta Moloney (McDowell), Mildred Jackson (Hodgson), Wima Furniss (Miller).



Another group of former students at Midland School, back row, Marie Demare (Sanders), Gaston Sanders, Lorne Bradley, Gerard Sanders, Leon Sanders, Bill Frisch, Lyle Bird, George Sanders, Michel Sanders; Centre, Ron White, Joyce Hickey (Bird), Becky Lange (Bradley), Harolyn Shewfelt (Crampton), Marguerite Raes (Sanders), Joan Klassen (Hamilton), Judy Wheeler (Hamilton), Helen Messner (Georges), Andre Sanders; seated, Carole Pilkington (Hamilton), Lal Froebe (Crampton), Kathy Yager (Bradley), Marian Williams (White).



One group of former students attending Midland School Reunion, back row, left to right, Merle Young (Coleman), Clayton Bradley, Bill Jordan, Geordie Hughes, Ken Coleman, Muriel Cote (Rondeau), Damien Rondeau, Steve Rondeau, Gerald Coleman, Lloyd Coleman; front, Theresa Frisch (Georges) Wanda Bateman (Piller), Lindsay Wakelin (Bradley), Stewart Crampton.



Marian Williams (White) came from California, USA, for the Midland School Reunion.

Midland 1919.





1895-1995



## Midland School District No. 845

All former residents, teachers, interested community members and neighbours of the Midland School District are invited to attend a 100th year reunion.

**Friday, July 7, 1995 at the St. Leon Recreation Centre**

A century has passed since the formation of the school district. Imagine how many pictures and stories you could show and tell for this important occasion. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Please forward this information.

Registration begins at 1:00pm  
Followed by an afternoon of socializing  
Supper at 5:30pm

Registration fee \$12.00 per person, 12 & under \$6.00  
(includes supper)

Any pictures or other community information would be greatly appreciated.

If enough interest is shown, the planning committee will organize a short tour of the area on Saturday, July 8th. Please indicate below if you are interested.

While in the area, plan on attending the annual Manitou Fair Sat. and Sun. July 8th and 9th.

**Confirmation of your attendance is requested by March 1, 1995 to:**

Ivan Bird  
RR #1

Manitou, MB R0G 1G0

or

Gerald Coleman  
Box 98

Manitou, MB R0G 1G0

Phone Ivan at (204)242-2103 or Gerald at (204)242-2506

Registration fees may be made payable to "Midland Reunion Committee"

*Please detach and return*

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Bus Tour: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## **A YEAR TO REMEMBER**

### **125 YEARS CELEBRATE**

**In this land of many waters  
A dream has made its way  
As freedom, hope and history  
Have brought us here today**

**An ancestry of passion  
A love of earth and sky  
Alive within our hearts and minds  
As we hold our heads up high**

#### **Chorus:**

**It's a great time to be proud of Manitoba  
Celebrate the year with friends and family  
With our destiny in sight  
And the future burning bright  
A year to remember - 1995**

**Manitoba - where the spirit lives**

**We're a people brought together  
From places near and far  
We share the land and understand  
The language of the heart.**

**\*And the sound of distant voices  
\*Of the children yet to come  
\*Like those before who lived and loved  
\*The dream has just begun**

#### **Chorus**

**We will treasure all the days we filled with laughter  
And remember all of those who've gone before  
In a nation with a keystone in the centre  
We're Manitoba, now and forever more.**

#### **Chorus 2X**

**\* Sung in French.**



