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Aerial view of Darlingford - 1982

From The Centennial Book Committee

As Darlingford is celebrating more than its one hundredth anniversary of its heritage and community spirit, it was decided to update the Darlingford Saga. As with the first Saga, 1970, we wanted to pay tribute to our pioneers who through their foresight, provided for us a way of life which we enjoy today and to see and read of the development of a community in which we take great pride. To update this Saga II many letters were written, phone calls

made, faxes sent and received; and modern technology of e-mail was used to contact relatives; for without their co-operation the efforts of this committee would have been futile. The committee is grateful to those who responded and humbly regret any errors or omissions. The committee is also grateful for the work of the previous book committee upon whose histories and stories this book is based.

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From The Centennial Committee

In early 1997, Barb Nichol organized a meeting of interested people to discuss the idea of celebrating the Centennial of the Darlingford Community. 1999 would be one hundredth anniversary of the filing of the town plan by Mr. James Law. This idea was presented to the annual Community Meeting held April 8, 1997, and it was decided to proceed with plans for the Darlingford Centennial Celebration to be held on July 9, 10 and 11, 1999. An executive was formed with myself, Ed Giesbrecht as chairman, Barb Nichol as secretary, and Murray Seymour as treasurer. Since then dozens of meetings have been held, committees formed and many hours put in by the numerous volunteers.

Early on it was decided to begin a build up to the Centennial, by organizing or encouraging the organization of community activities during the twelve months prior to July 1999. The objective was to have at least one activity each month.

A variety concert was held on February 15, 1998, with local and area people entertaining us with their talents. This event was used to provide the community at large with information on plans for the centennial. It is interesting to note that the concert had been scheduled for the night before and had to be rescheduled due to weather, yet all the performers were still able to come.

We soon realized that a good deal of fundraising would have to be undertaken to finance the Centennial celebrations. It was decided that most of the Centennial related activities should at least be self funding, that is expenses would be covered by income from the event itself. If a surplus of money is left at the conclusion of our centennial, we have declared in general that the funds will be allocated to existing community organizations. Our efforts in this area have been assisted by a budget allocation from the Rural Municipality of Pembina and the Darlingford Village Committee and by various donations.

The sign that proclaims our community and its heritage at the Highway #3 turnoff was unveiled July 5, 1998. This sign is constructed of bricks manufactured by the Darlingford Brick and Tile Co. many years ago. Donations of \$5 per brick were used to finance the construction and a list of the donors will be published in this book and placed in the time capsule that will be set in the sign at the end of the celebrations. It was interesting to see this

sign develop from a rough hand drawn sketch by Bob Jordan, to a computer design by Patti Barclay and Emily Kunzelman, to the finished product by Chris Block. Depicted on the sign is Calf Mountain symbolic of the area's early history, a grain elevator and head of grain as a tribute to the generations of hard working farmers, and the war memorial which symbolizes the community's high ideals of citizenship. The completion of this project was possible in part to Gerald Barclay who gathered and cleaned many of the bricks, and Lorna Barclay who supervised the final details of painting and installation. Special thanks to brick layer Daryl Smith and to landowner Steve Barron.

A tour highlighting local historic homes and lovely gardens took place on August 23, 1998. This Tour with Tradition was spearheaded by Ruth Nichol and included the homes of Helen Johnston, Don and Donny Rogers, Bob and Ruth Johnston and Jean Stevens. The gardens belonged to Frank and Barb Edwards, and Danielle "Butch" Scott and Ike Schmidt. We certainly appreciated the willingness of these people to make their properties available.

Grain cutting with a horse-drawn binder was demonstrated on August 29, 1998, at the Scott and Donna May Nichol farm, whose children are the fifth generation to reside on that land. The sheaves will be stored and threshed during the Centennial weekend. Murray and Alice Nichol, and John Moloney headed up the organizing of this project. Spring field work and seeding with horses will be demonstrated in the spring of 1999.

On Sunday, September 27, 1998, a Centennial Car Rally and Scavenger Hunt was held. The eighty plus kilometre route highlighted area historical sites and points of interest. This event helped to stimulate Centennial "fever" thanks to Barb Nichol's research and imagination.

Our Centennial Costume Ball was held on October 31, 1998, and was ably organized by Craig and Brenda Storey. This fun event was well attended with some families represented by three generations. The imagination shown in some of the costumes was incredible. Imagine a dancing pair of Levi's with the upper body torso and head missing. November of 1998, we published our Centennial Cook Book, "Cooking With Tradition." This collection of family tested recipes is an excellent addition to any kitchen. The first printing of five hundred

copies sold quickly and a second printing will be considered. The cookbook has turned out to be a significant source of funds for the Centennial committee and we are especially grateful to all the contributors of recipes.

With 1998 rapidly drawing to a close, we realized that it was now time to involve more people in the Centennial preparations. A community information meeting was held on Thursday, November 5, 1998, and the following committees were formed: program, parade, registration, entertainment and food. Many more volunteers were added and the steering committee and executive breathed a little easier with this extra help.

A much anticipated event was the December 31, 1998 New Year's Eve Dance, which would usher us into the Centennial year. As with the costume ball, we again had a well attended multi-generation event. At midnight, 1999 received an enthusiastic welcome. The organizing committee headed by Margaret Cram and Patti Barclay did an excellent job and realized a good profit to assist in our plans. 1999 began with the Centennial Bonspiel held January 28 to 31. It was the largest bonspiel in some time with fifty-six rinks registered and with an additional four sheets of curling ice in the skating rink. The curling club did an excellent job, in spite of some mild weather, and we congratulate President Howard Morrow who was assisted by Larry and Murray Seymour. We certainly appreciate the club's decision to donate a portion of the profits from the bonspiel to our Centennial committee.

At the writing of this foreword we are anticipating several events prior to the Centennial weekend in July. On April 30, 1999, an Old Time Dance will be held at the hall. This will feature a live orchestra and box lunches. On May 12, 1999, the re-enactment of the North West Mounted Police expedition of one hundred twenty five years ago will pass through our area with several people from our community participating as riders or teamsters. It will stop at Calf Mountain for lunch and a ceremony to commemorate the event and to highlight our area's historical significance. Former RCMP officer, Lyle Switzer, is heading up this committee.

A major project for our committee was the updating and rewriting of this book, the "Darlingford Saga II." Like the sign, this will be a lasting monument to our heritage and community spirit. The early settlers saw more than the frontier land, they envisioned homes and communities with

schools and churches. Everyone has benefited from their courage, foresight and optimism for the future. That spirit fostered by the early settlers has survived one hundred years through growth, prosperity, disaster, and loss.

It is our desire that through our various centennial activities, the value of that community spirit and heritage will be recognized, enhanced and perpetuated for future generations.

During the Centennial weekend I hope you have been able to enjoy most of the activities that have been organized. I know that I am looking forward to the pancake breakfasts, the parade, the opening and closing ceremonies, the entertainment, the visiting and socializing, the sports, the threshing demonstration, the dance, the fireworks, the reminiscing, the memorial service and the placing of the time capsule. As you visited our community, I am sure you noticed how plentiful the "Dreams Neon Rose" petunias (our Centennial flower) were. In addition to beautifying our community, may they serve as a reminder that many meetings and events led up to this Centennial, only a portion of which I have mentioned. May they also remind us that this centennial is possible only through the combined efforts of many people, only some of whom I have mentioned here.

It has been great working with everyone and I have appreciated their willingness and enthusiasm.

- Ed Giesbrecht, chairman

Foreword by Dr. J.E. Robbins

Canadian Ambassador to the Holy See

Rome, Italy - 1970

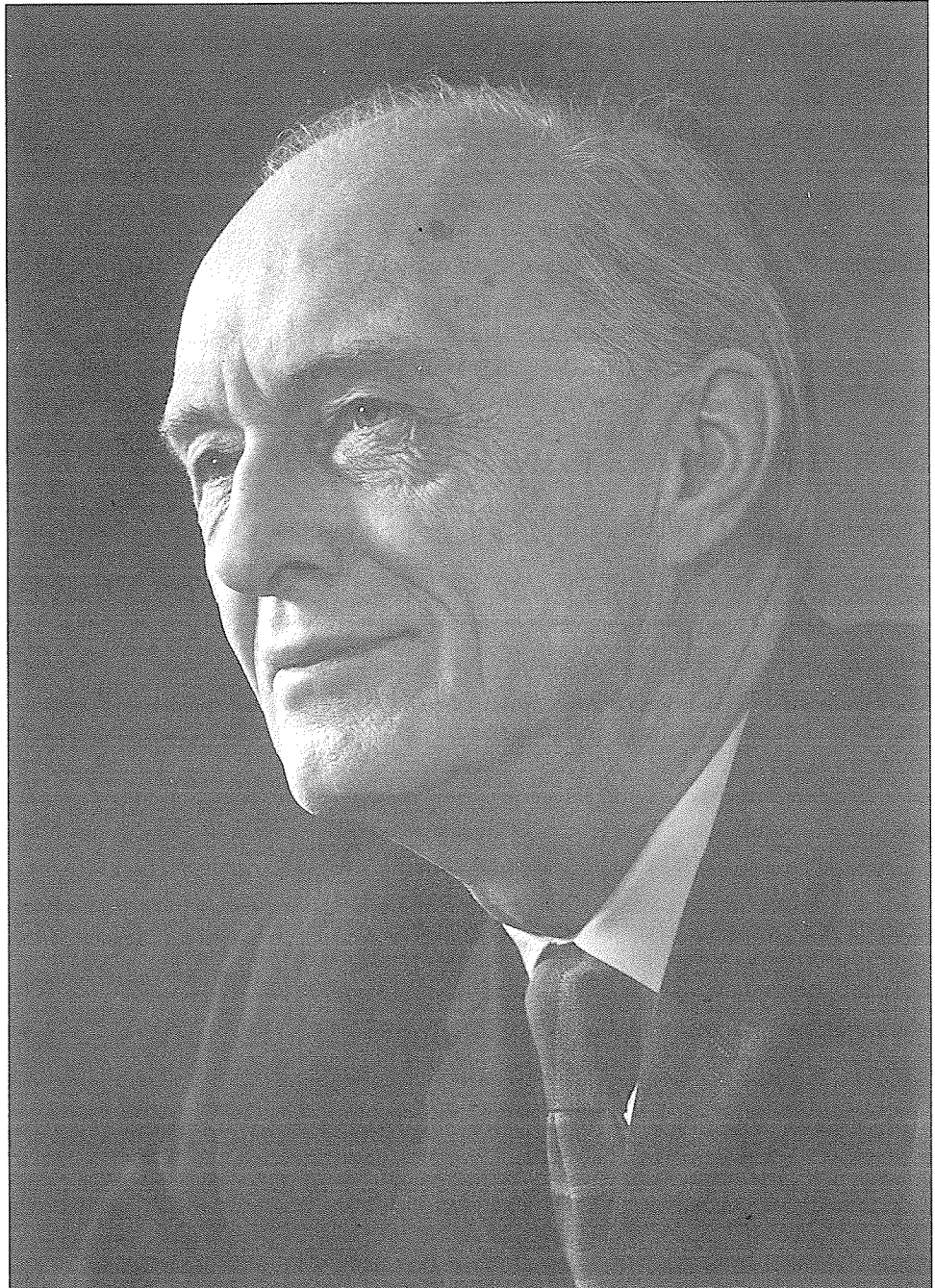
My earliest memory dates from the early spring of 1906 – the Ontario memory of being carried down to the barn by my grandfather to say goodbye to his horse and cow, preparatory to taking the train for Manitoba. My earliest memory of Darlingford dates from later that spring when a grass or prairie fire threatened our house on the old Durnin farm west of the village. My dad got ready the horse and buggy and hustled my mother, sister Winnie and me off toward Darlingford, so he could give his full attention to the fire.

By the next spring we had moved to the Fred Oke farm east of the village. We stayed there to take off six crops, and memories are many. They include seeing an automobile for the first time, the early Ford of Doc McIntyre, the vet from Morden, chugging along the country road in front of our house that is now Highway three.

Winnie and I had our first taste of school at the one room Darlingford school off to the northeast of the farm. It became a casualty to consolidation in 1910, and from that time we were taken to the village by horse-drawn van, attending classes the first year in Law's Hall while the new four room school was being built.

All of this was sixty or more years ago, but even so, it is hard for me to take the

view of the Centennial Book Committee that I was a part of the early history of Darlingford. I grew up hearing tales of the really early days from Ferris Bolton, Martin Nichol, W.C. White (who became



Dr. J.E. Robbins

my stepfather in 1914) and others who had come out from Ontario twenty-five or more years earlier than I had, and who were the real pioneer settlers of the community.

I agreed with the Committee, though that it's first rate idea to take stock of the past, and to record what we can of it before it's forgotten. As simple a matter as the origin of the name of the village eluded me when I was preparing the Encyclopedia Canadiana fifteen years ago, even though I made an honest effort to discover it. On the prairies our history has been short, but there is much of interest and value in it, and the time to record it is now.

As I write I look out my window to the ancient Roman (Aurelian) Wall at the foot of our garden, built 1700 years ago. Every day on the way to the office I pass the Coliseum, where the early Christians were thrown to the lions. Not without reason is Rome called the Eternal City. In comparison Darlingford is indeed new. But early Rome had its chroniclers, to whom we are still today grateful. And I dare to predict that those who make

Darlingford their home a hundred or several hundred years from now will thank those who thought enough of posterity to put in print what they knew of the beginnings.

As the story is read by today's citizens, it is safe to say that old and young alike will find much in it that gives them cause for pride. And pride in one's community, like pride in one's home or farm is the mainspring of improvement.

Darlingford is where I spent most of my formative years, and for better or for worse, it is still very much a part of me, even though in recent years I have been able to see little of it except on visits to brother Clayton and his family. I still name it as the place I come from, and am proud to do it. To those on the book committee, most of whom I remember as schoolmates, I would like to express my warm thanks for the worthwhile job they are doing for the old home community.

John E. Robbins

The Old Trail

1818 to 1900

A mark there is – 'twas once a teeming highway.
By settlers travel-trod in days of old:
'Tis sunk with time – a now forgotten byway.
A faded track, deep hid in leafy mould:
Where one may search in vain and scarcely feel
Old scars of hoofs, and ox-carts creaking wheels.

But o'er the golden fields and prairie grasses
A little ridge yet marks its onward way.
And through old minds the vision often passes
Of long, hard trips they made in other days.
We have our graded roads – our iron rail.
And memory claims "The Old Commission Trail."

This life is but a trail o'er which we wander
On through the years, as swiftly time flies back.
On to Life's goal, towards the bright "Up Yonder."
Leaving behind – perhaps a fading track.
Perhaps a broad, bright road o'er hill and hollow.
Making a pleasure trip for those who follow.

To you, Old Timer, these rough rhymes are offered.
To you, who knew that trail in days of yore.
To you, whose ready help was ever proffered.
Cheering the stranger, travel-stained and sore:
Trusting that some crude line may hit the spot,
And wake again some memory, half forgot.

*by A.O. Berry,
Editor of the Darlingford weekly newspaper
"The Comet", 1910-1913*

Good Community

The good community is more than the sum of its members. It can be the author of ideas that the same people acting alone would never think of. Members of the good community develop sympathies with one another. They weave together many small threads of interest in a fabric of relations which tends towards the ideal life for everyone.

- J.R. Herron

The Pembina Valley

The Pembina River - that thin silver stream.
It glistens and gleams in the moonlight.
My boyhood memories come back like a dream
Of happy days there long ago.
The Pembina Valley that runs through our land.
With its breath-taking views no matter where you stand.
T'was an Indian playground before white man came
With its store-house of food and its fur.
If you come back again when autumn draws nigh
You'll see gorgeous colours from the water to the sky.
And its memories will linger wherever you roam
Of the Pembina Valley back home.

- Anonymous

THE BOLTON STORY

The Bolton Story

Excerpts from "Memoirs of the Bolton Family"

It has been suggested to me by the younger members of the Bolton family that I should leave something as to the history of the family. This seems to be a fitting time to do so, just at the close of the centenary year of their residence in Canada, and in my eightieth year.

I have written this from memory of what I have seen and heard, and thought it over while sawing wood. I have tried to portray the spirit of the century just passed; and of the courage and heroism of the pioneers, who subdued the forests of Eastern Canada as well as those who settled on the Prairie plains of the West.

I have found it hard to curtail, and keep this yarn within bounds, but if you knew one half of what has passed through my mind that I have omitted, you would forgive me.

- Ferris Bolton

I could just get a ticket as far as Minneapolis and left Brillion on the last day of April 1877. I found on leaving that I had a number of true, warmhearted friends to part from. The art of making friends is a great asset. I stayed over night in New London and the next day crossed Wisconsin to Winoma in the Mississippi Valley where I was held up for the evening and night, reaching Minneapolis next day. Next morning when I inquired about a ticket for Winnipeg, I was told there was no such place on their map. I explained as near as I could, where Winnipeg was located. The agent said he could give me a ticket to Fort Garry if that would do. It sure would. I could not cross Minnesota as I expected to, but had to go by St. Paul and North Duluth. I spent that night on the train, and next day reached Fisher's Landing on Red Lake, where we transferred to the deck of the old international flat-bottomed, stern wheeler Red River boat. After crossing Red Lake we entered Red Lake River. The bow of the boat would hit a point in the crooked river, and swing

around to stern first, until another point was hit. Thus we swung around till we were dizzy headed. I had taken the precaution to get a first class passage on the boat with room and meals. I heard a young man telling, presumably his sister, that he could not secure a berth for her, as all the space was taken, and those without had to do the best they could. By the appearance of the deck, smeared with Red River mud, the outlook was anything but pleasant. I tried the good Samaritan stunt and offered to trade tickets.

As I took lunch with the boys that evening, I found one was S.A. Bedford and the other Martin Nichol. They were going out to Pembina Mountains district, so I decided to jump my ticket at West Lynne and go along. What a little thing turns the current of our lives. I often wonder if it had not been for this incident, where my life would have been cast, and would I have made a success or failure of it. This incident in my life comes to my mind each time I pass the Great Divide in the Rockies. — The little stream trickles down from the glacier. An obstruction is placed in its path, so one half turns to the Pacific and the other half to the Atlantic.

We docked at West Lynne Saturday afternoon, May 5, 1877, stepping off the gang plank into Red River mud up to our ankles. In the Hudson Bay Company store I learned that Ab., Tim and Jack Bell, the three Newboro boys, were living at old Fort Dufferin, a few miles down the river. I walked down and put in with them until Monday morning. Nelson Bedford, who with his brother Frank had been out in Manitoba a year, met his brother and sis-



Pioneer Bolton enjoying a few moments in the evening of his life

ter with a yoke of oxen and a wagon. We started out Monday afternoon and made Smuggler's Point that evening. We put up with Joe McDaniel's, who kept a stopping place across the line in Dakota. Next day we reached Nelson Bedford's homestead. We were joined by Sam Scott next morning, and started out on a land hunt: of course to find our "Ideal Farms", with timber on the north for protection against the cold winds, and nice level, rolling prairie to the south. We went so far that day, we decided to camp for the night. We had a duck apiece for supper, and a slice of bread each left for breakfast. We slept with our heads on a poplar log, and a big fire at our feet. After breakfast we hunted for our farms again, but could not locate them.

Being hungry, we started for the nearest settlers (ten miles away) three brothers: Jim, Charlie and Harry Bonny. We reached their shack at 1 p.m., where our hunger was satisfied on bread and bacon. That afternoon we looked over several sections, but none suited us. I never was as tired in my life as that evening when we reached the Bedford's.

I must relate a little incident that took place that day and which left an impression on my mind ever after. As we walked along the Missouri trail, we came to a little stream and lay down to quench our thirst. Then we stretched out to rest, hungry, weary and foot sore, I closed my eyes in relaxation, and dozed off in a half sleep in the warm May sun. In my dream I had a vision of that vast expanse of prairie, covered with happy homes, fenced farms and graded roads. That vision remained with me – my goal was set up: sore feet and aching joints did not matter. My life work was before me. Twenty-five years later, I was approaching my home from the east just at sunrise on a beautiful June morning. As I gazed on my home, nestling among trees of my own planting so peaceful in the glorious morning sunshine, I thought of my little family in their comfortable morning slumber and knowing that they would arise happy, and be clothed and fed, a spirit of thankfulness came upon me. My Home! Surely my vision had come true. In fact it was more than fulfilled, as I had not seen a brick house nor a stone basement barn in my vision of a quarter of a century before. The spot where this day dream took place was on the quarter section I afterwards homesteaded and not over twenty rods from where I built my home. It has always been a sacred spot in my memory.

I think our greatest need, especially among our young people, is to get a vision of life and its great

possibilities. Then their prayer should be: "Lord, help me to prepare for my life work that I may do my best for Thee and for my country." Idleness and selfishness are the causes of nine tenths of our national and social worries. Get all we can, give as little as possible in return and blame the Government for everything, seems to be the order of the day. We never thought of blaming the Government for frozen crops or low prices in the early days – no Communist or Socialist ideas were held by the pioneers. Nor would we have been satisfied to work as we did for someone else – all for a lease on our land.

The following is a speech of Lord Macaulay's, given in the British House of Commons in 1830, comes to mind, and I think is applicable in this day as it was when uttered over a century ago.

"Our rulers will best promote the improvement of the nation by strictly confining themselves to their own legitimate duties, by leaving capital to find its most lucrative course, commodities their fair price, industry and intelligence their natural reward, idleness and folly their natural punishment, by defending property, by diminishing the price of law, and by observing strict economy in every department of the State. Let the Government do this: the People will assuredly do the rest."

– Lord Macaulay, 1830

It rained next day, so we had a rest and on Saturday went on a hunt for open prairie farms, and were soon suited. We chose sections 33 and 34 in Township 2, Range 7, West and never regretted our choice. Monday we started to Emerson to locate our claims. We walked to Osterwick, the first Mennonite village, bought a yoke of oxen, borrowed a wagon, filled the box with hay, and took the trip in comfort and ease. We camped in the wagon over night and reached Emerson the next day, May 15, 1877, in time to enter our claims. Sam Scott took the west half of 33. I took the east-half. S.A. Bedford took the west half of 34 and Martin Nichol the east-half. We also located a twenty acre bush lot on section 16 and 17 in the same township. This gave us each 340 acres. Some land owners! All we had to put up was \$10 per homestead, and \$20 for the bush lot. We also paid \$160 for pre-emption when we proved up on the homestead. When I paid my \$160, the agent handed me fifteen cents and said there was only one hundred fifty-nine and 85/100 acres in that quarter section.

My winter's earnings were about done by this time, so I wrote home for \$300, and got it in three

weeks. When I had bought oxen, a wagon, cow, plough, and other articles including provisions for the summer, I had \$12.50 left. \$12 of this I lent to our nearest neighbour, five miles away, to procure provisions for his family, keeping the fifty cents for postage.

I wish I could wield the brush of an artist, or swing the pen of an author to give you some adequate impression of the beauty and splendour of the virgin prairie, with its ever changing panorama of colour and perfume, from the crocus in April to the late autumn flowers of October. The advent of the white man, with his wheat fields and herds has changed all this, and the real beauty of the prairie flower is a thing of the past. How like life, in our mad rush for wealth and pleasure, to trample underfoot the real blessings of life, that our all wise Creator has strewed in our pathway.

We were very fortunate in our location, being almost in the centre of an oasis of rolling prairie eight miles square – bounded on the south by the Pembina River, with its heavy fringe of timber, on the west by the Little Pembina River and Calf Mountain's ridge with light timber and scrub, on the north we had the heavy timber of Opawaka and Mount Nebo, on the east the six hundred foot raise of the Pembina Mountains with its gravel beds and sand ridges, where the old shore of a prehistoric lake could be easily traced. Often in the morning mirage, the Red River Valley could rise to view. We could also see the Mennonite settlement, with its numerous villages and the timber of the Maray and Red Rivers, over fifty miles away.

Bedford, Nichol and I pooled our capital \$375 each and went partners. We lived in a tent that summer and broke sixty acres, cut a good quantity of hay by hand and built a log stable on Bedford's place. West Lynne was our post office, sixty miles away. Needless to say we did not visit it very often, but got our mail quite frequently by settlers coming out. The Missouri Trail from Missouri River to Lake Winnipeg, and the Boundary Trail from the Red River to Rocky Mountains, ran through and across our homesteads, so we were right in front as regards highways.

Our first Sunday in camp I had my first experience with baking. We had three cows, one each, and left them with Bedford's brother and had our butter made and also our bread baked. Spencer had left Saturday evening, expecting to return Monday with a week's provisions on his back. He had a walk of only fourteen miles each way. Nichol and I had

enough grub to last out but a bunch of hungry land hunters came along for dinner on Sunday and ate everything in sight. After dinner they started out, but saying they would be back for supper. Mark went with them on their hunt, so it fell to me to improvise a supper of some kind. I inspected the commissariat department and found we had flour, bacon, salt and black tea. Of course I could get water in an alkali pond near by. I got a flat stone I had noticed on the banks of a ravine not far away. This stone was two and one half inches thick and about ten inches across – my bake pan, the end out of a packing box for my bake board, a glass sealer for a rolling pin and there I was, fully equipped. I put my flour in a circle on my bake board, leaving space for the water inside, after first straining it to remove the wiggers. I mixed my flour, water and salt, rolled it out, built a fire with dry willow, put my dough cake on my stone bake pan and leaned it against a stick, driven into the ground beside my fire. When this was baked enough to stand alone I placed it against another stake, placing a fresh cake on the stone. I soon had a circle of cakes around my willow fire, in all stages, from dough, to the finished product – all more or less covered with ashes. When the boys got back I had a very generous supply of bannock and bacon ready, at least I thought so. But it is surprising how much five hungry men will eat, especially if you only have one course and great big appetites for dessert. Our bannock and bacon may seem a little crude, but it was always eaten with relish, and it stayed with a fellow until the next meal.

When we got our house completed, Bedford's sister, Grace, came out and kept house for us. Life took on a different aspect, especially when we came in for meals. The winter of 1877 and 1878 was very mild, with no snow. We ploughed one round with our oxen on Christmas day, and the day after we ploughed all day. We were busy all that winter getting logs for Nichol's house and stable, also mine. We got our seed from the Boyne River, forty miles away; and our potatoes from the settlement in the Liffie. Before seeding started we got our other log houses and stables erected. We had a raising bee every day through March and April, and I became expert as cornerman, and in demand. The houses were built of oak logs – 18x24. We got two windows and pine lumber for a door from Emerson. The oak logs were hauled to a saw mill at Nelson, twelve miles away, to be made into lumber for the floors. Sand was hauled seven miles, lime from a kiln ten miles, a Mennonite to thatch the roofs and the hous-

es were completed. Then you had only to make your own table, benches and bedstead and there you were, with less than \$25 outlay.

It makes me smile to read in the papers of credit being given a man who makes good on a prairie farm. If he is not lazy and has any gumption at all he could not help but make good; and therefore deserves no credit or praise. Our first crop in '78 was a whopper. We cut it with a Maxwell Reaper, propelled by ox-power, bound it by hand and threshed it by horse-power. We got a team of our own for threshing. We grew Goldenrod wheat and Black Tartarian oats. Since we had no way of knowing just what the yield was, we used all we needed and sold the rest to the Western Settlers: wheat at \$2.50 a bag, and oats at \$1 a bag.

On November 23, 1878, I took my first trip to Winnipeg. The first stages of the trip I took on foot and alone on the Missouri Trail to Pomeroy on Tobacco Creek nearly thirty miles away. It was a dark November day, with soft snow falling. I had to wade many a slough and stream full of water with unmelted snow lying on the top that certainly made it feel cold. I had a chunk of bannock in one pocket and a roll of pemmican in the other, like John Gilpon, to make my balance true. This I ate as I travelled along because there was no place to sit down. All was wet snow, and time was precious as the days were short, and if I did not make my destination before dark, I was doomed to a cheerless, cold, wet and hungry night on the prairie. The next day was Sunday. The Reverend J.M. Harrison, a Methodist Missionary, who claimed his field extended from the International Boundary to the Assiniboine River on the North, and from the Red River to the Rocky Mountains, held service in Mr. Philip's house. I went on with him to Livingstone's, where the town of Carman now stands. Here he held the evening service.

I might mention here that pemmican was buffalo meat, killed on the plains, and boiled until it fell from the bones. The meat was then packed in bags, made of hides not fit for robes. The hair side was supposed to be on the outside, but frequently quite a lot was found inside. The bags were sewn with sinew string. The lard was rendered and poured over the packed meat to seal it. It would keep indefinitely and was guaranteed to keep in any climate. Pemmican was a very useful form of food in the early days of the West.

In company with Jas. Currie, the Blacksmith of Pomeroy, and Wm. Boyle, a homesteader near by, I

started for Winnipeg with oxen and a wagon, on November 25. We reached Dave Taylor's, situated in a bluff, east of the Boyne River. Next day we struck East across the low marsh prairie, with no road, to Union Point on the Red River. Here we camped over-night, then down the Moorehead-Winnipeg stage road, camping at Stinking River (now La Salle); on through the heavy bush, where Fort Rouge now stands, crossed the Assiniboine River Ferry, now Main Street bridge.

On a clear night, November 27, 1878, at seven o'clock, I had my first view of Fort Garry. How much I had given up and sacrificed for this view! But my school day dreams had come true, all was well. Winnipeg of that day was a little nucleus of buildings on the bend of Main Street, where the City Hall now stands, and in no way like the Winnipeg of a half century later. My first act in Winnipeg was to get a haircut, shave and shoe shine and a new suit of clothes, and once more enter civilization.

We got started home on Saturday afternoon, with quite a heavy load on our wagon, three yoke of oxen, two cows and a pony – quite a caravan. On reaching the Assiniboine we found the ferry frozen in and no way of crossing but on the smooth ice and our oxen not shod. We hacked the ice with our axes, but not too deep as there was not much ice to spare. We were very much delayed here and got away shortly after dark, making St. Norbert late at night. All being church members, we remained there till early Monday morning. We made good time that day while on the stage road, but after leaving it we got into low land where the frost was not sufficiently deep to carry our load, so we had to unpack and pry our wagon out. Finally we reached a Mennonite village on Scratching River, where we put up for the night, enjoying the Mennonite hospitality. Early next morning we struck out on our twenty-five mile, unmarked road, facing a heavy snow storm, that developed into a little blizzard, changing into a real Blizzard, one that you spell with a big "B". The butcher, whom I had bought the oxen from in Winnipeg, had given me a generous supply of beef steak to use on the homeward trip. We had enough of this steak left for dinner, which was supposed to be our last camp meal. We had brought three bran bags of hay for our stock too, so camped for noon. We gathered dry willow twigs for our fire and made several attempts to kindle them, but all of no use. The snow would pour into it and out it would go while we became more cold and hungry. So at it we went, and I partook of my first and last meal of raw

meat. We had ample time to prove the staying powers of this raw diet. We made slow progress, the snow ever getting deeper. We could not avoid the ice, which was covered from view, slowing up our unshod steeds. Night came on. We thought of hot supper, warm fireside and loved ones and went to bed, supperless, in a snow drift – one buffalo robe under and two over. Soon the snow had covered all the air spaces, and we were quite comfortable. In the morning we had considerable trouble, extricating our robes and ourselves out of the hard drifted snow. Our half famished animals were a sorry sight tied to the wagon. Had I known of the near advent of the moving picture craze, and had a camera, my fortune would have been made on that trip. But there was no time to think of anything. Action was necessary, and we were not long in hitching our four best oxen to our load and getting out of there. The storm had subsided: the sky was clear, but oh so cold. One of us went ahead on the pony, to locate the higher ridges and least snow. We reached Dave Taylor's at 10:30 a.m. and we and our animals were housed, filled and made so comfortable. We remained till next morning. Every December 3 since, I think of and almost feel the cold and hunger of that night over fifty-three years ago. We reached Currie's home next day, where I remained a few days, helping him to move a hay stack from out on the prairie. I also built myself a sleigh to carry myself and Winnipeg purchases home. I reached home three weeks from the day I departed. With what ease and comfort this trip can be taken at the present time by train or auto in a few hours!

In the summer of '79 a stage route was opened up from Emerson to Carman, Mountain City to Clearwater and from Calf Mountain to St. Leon and Baconsfield. S.A. Bedford was appointed Post Master of Calf Mountain. Our crop that year was good, and we had horse-power on our Maxwell Reaper, but had to tie it all by hand. We disposed of it to the homesteaders west of the Pembina River.

My elder brother, James, came to Manitoba that autumn, and located in the Turtle Mountain district. Afterwards he went west and died in June 1912, and was buried at Hand Hill, Alberta. My sister, Minnie, (afterwards Mrs. S. A. Bedford) came out the following spring to assist with our housekeeping. She passed away in Winnipeg, March 1919, and was placed in Elmwood Cemetery.

The winter of '79-80 was the most severe of any in my experience of fifty-five years, and in our busy life we were exposed to the very worst of it. Bill

Simpson, who had a homestead in the Pembina Valley, left a gang of men to complete his house and barn and went to Emerson to meet his wife, who was coming from the East. They left the stage at our place, and after a day or two I was to take them out to their ranch. It was December 23. We planned to take a leisurely trip to Reilley's for dinner, and get to the valley by night. We made Reilley's in good time. Anyone who ever partook of Mrs. Reilley's Irish hospitality will know that we had a good dinner and a jolly time, so were in no hurry to leave. We had no road from there on, and every bunch of tall grass, wolf willow or scrub had a mountain of snow banked around it. Each time I faced the wind to guide my team, my nose would freeze and Bill would thaw it, by rubbing with his fur gauntlet. We reached the ranch just at sunset. The workmen had gone home when the weather became cold. The house was hewn poplar logs, shingle roof, with two floors laid, windows and door placed but had no chinking or plastering done between the logs. Consequently the floors were covered with snow. (Anyone can do some kind of a carpenter job, but only a genius could build a corner or chink and plaster a log building, properly). The stable was built of small poles with a little slough hay on top – no door, also full of snow. There was a little lean-to kitchen 8x8, where we found "Scotty" Graham, trying to keep warm. His bunk was on one side of the stove and a bin of potatoes (which had been frozen every night and partly thawed out each day and possessed an odour that would make a modern drug store weep) on the other side. Bill had won honours and degrees at college, but unfortunately was not versed in pioneer ways. Bill and his wife walked a mile to Archie Connor's for the night. I don't think they ever inhabited their home. Mrs. Simpson could never see the beauty of the prairie scenery as described in Bill's summer letters, and soon left for the East. Bill made his exit shortly after.

I dumped my load of trunks and band boxes off in the snow and struck back. But I had not gone eighty rods on my back track before it was entirely obliterated by the wind and snow. I guided myself by the wind and stars to Reilley's, where I was warmed and fed, and decided to stay for the night. The stable was cold, so I put blankets on the horses as well as the harness to keep them warm as possible. The house was log with a clay roof – kitchen, dining room, parlour, bed rooms and upstairs all in one, with a platform on the joists over the stove 6x10. Three of us climbed up a ladder and put in the

night on this roost. It was fine and warm for a while, but toward morning real cold. At the first peep of day I got up, but did not have to dress, as by this time I had all my clothes on – even my overcoat, mitts and cap pulled over my ears. I ran to the stable and found my horses shivering in the cold. After rubbing the frost out of the bridle bits and hitching up, I was not long getting on the road and was home in time for breakfast.

We had threshing still to do, and needed floors for our granaries. Nichol and I, with our teams, went to the saw mill at Mountain City, where we had delivered some oak logs earlier in the season. These we dug out of the snow and hauled around to where the men were working; and then carried the boards out to our sleighs. At dusk on Christmas Eve we left the mill with two heavy loads of green oak lumber for our twelve mile trip. There was a good northwest wind blowing in our faces, and we heard afterwards that it was fifty-eight degrees below zero. In Winnipeg they have it recorded sixty degrees below – the coldest since a record has been kept. All went well till we came to the hill on the west side of Dead Horse Creek. Here the snow had blown from the plains, moving the hill east and making it very steep. (It put me in mind of an Upper Ottawa shanty teamster, who said he did not mind a hill that was straight up, but didn't like those that hung over.) We doubled on this hill but had not taken the precaution to bind our loads, and off the first load went down the hill. We had to place our sleigh at the top of the hill and carry this green oak up, board by board. We sure got warmed up. We bound the other load and made sure. We had time to cool off, however, on our six mile drive home. I think I would have frozen stiff that night, if I hadn't covered myself over with the horse blankets. Our local horse-power threshing machine was over-run with work, so we only got part of our threshing done in the fall and we had great difficulty doing the balance, owing to deep snow and cold stormy weather.

I will here insert a page of my diary to give you some idea of what we had to contend with:

February 2, 1880, Candlemas Day, clear and cold. Any bear that was foolish enough to come out of his hole this morning, would have other and stronger reasons for returning than seeing his own shadow. Dandy our pony, never known to lose a trail, brought Bedford and Gosnell home sometime in the night from a land hunting expedition on the plain, west of the Pembina River. Next morning Gosnell struck across to Nelsonville to locate his

claim, while eleven of us with two teams worked all day, shovelling and hauling snow to make room for the machine in a set of stacks out in the field. Bill Cookston came along for dinner, looking for his dog "Jerry." He and Harry Ferguson homesteaded on section 19-3-7, and never got along well together. Bill owned the stove, oxen and Jerry, while Harry owned the shack, cow, plough and wagon.

Their jangling came to a climax one day when Bill's ox ate some of the thatch off Harry's shack. They had a pitched battle, which resulted in a draw. Harry would not turn Bill out, for he would not have any stove or oxen, and Bill could not leave because he had no shack or plough. They agreed to disagree and so put the stove in the centre of the shack opposite the door. Each had to keep on his side of the mark and never speak to the other. This last clause being rigorously kept, no doubt saved the community a funeral. Bill worked the oxen one day, and Harry the next; Harry milked the cow in the morning and Bill milked at night; but as each tried to milk late to get ahead of the other, very soon Harry milked at night and Bill in the morning. But their meals were different as the first one tried to get his cooked and then threw water on the fire and have it out before the other came in. So after many days they had breakfasts the night before and supper the next morning. But they could not speak, therefore could not fight. But the dog "Jerry" would cross the line to Harry's side. Bill could not go across the line to get him so would wait for him to come back and then kick him. As Harry was kind to the dog he soon stayed on his side of the line all the time and would follow him through the day. This made Bill very wrathful and he would lie in the scrub for hours, waiting for Harry and Jerry to come along; when he would pepper the dog with a charge of "salt" from his muzzle-loader. Bill at last got a strap and one day caught Jerry on his side and tied him to the bed post, leaving him there while he went to work. But as Jerry was nearly starved he soon gnawed the raw-hide strap. Then he waded in and ate nearly everything Bill had in the shack, including a dozen candles and a package of yeast cakes. When Bill came home he hardly knew Jerry, as the yeast had nearly "ris" him off his feet. This act of gross disobedience and gluttony so raised Bill's ire that he gave Jerry such a kicking that he decided to migrate to our ranch.

But Bill had other reasons for visiting us besides looking for Jerry. He called me to one side and gave me a letter to read. Now Bill could neither read nor

write, and as he had a girl "down East", he would bring her letters to me to read and also answer for him. On this occasion he offered to shovel snow while I wrote "love", and as writing love letters was more congenial than shovelling snow at forty-five degrees below, I readily consented. I might mention in passing, it took me almost all afternoon to perform my task. I have often wondered since why Bill did not get that girl, for I am sure I put love enough in any one letter to "fetch" any twentieth century girl, but in the old days they were not so easily caught. How Bill's eyes did twinkle when I read the love sentiments contained in that letter. As he kept me for half an hour facing the cold north-west wind, listening to him tell of the manly traits displayed by the cur, Jerry, my teeth chattering and Jerry sitting on his tail, shivering, I thought that when a man loves he loves everything. It is said that a man under the pressure of love has even been known to feed a sucking calf in his Sunday clothes, without losing his temper. Just as the sun, with its brilliant array of sun-dogs, was setting behind old Calf Mountain, Bill at peace with himself and the whole world except Harry, took the trail for his seven mile tramp home: Jerry tied with a three foot shaganapy string, dejectedly walked behind, with his tail and ears pointed towards mother earth. All evening as I thought of Bill and his happiness, a feeling of depression came over me and the saddest of all words, "it might have been," echoed and re-echoed through my mind. I will not say anything more about Bill, Harry and Jerry, as I intend, when I am too old to work, to write a book about them".

In 1880 our part of Manitoba was organized into rural municipalities. I was elected Councillor for Ward Three, South Dufferin Municipality. That year a great matrimonial fever struck Manitoba and we lost five housekeepers from the plague. Finally we decided to get permanent housekeepers, and dissolved partnership, each going on to his own homestead. We had trouble in disposing of our crop in '81, with no local market and all granaries full. Emerson was the nearest market. Many a weary trip was taken – sixty to one hundred miles, some with oxen and the trip taking two weeks. Expenses while on the road were not high. You could get shelter for man and team in a Mennonite house and stable, combined, with hay, eggs and coffee for twenty-five cents. To enter the house you must first go through the horse stable, then the cattle, then hens and pigs and finally the residence. We were furnished with a bundle of hay or straw on the earth floor and used

our own blankets. Sixty cents per bushel for Number one wheat was the price realized. I disposed of most of mine by having it ground at the Nelsonville grist mill, and supplying the stores at Pembina Crossing and Pilot Mound with flour. When returning one evening from one of my trips, I just reached the foot of the Pembina River hill on the Boundary Commission trail, when I heard a great racket coming down the hill. It sounded like an Indian war whoop and a mountain land slide combined. Bill, who had a homestead north of Rock Lake, had been holidaying and lubricating for a couple of weeks in Nelsonville. He had traded one of his oxen to Billy Tracy for a mule. (I had witnessed the trade a week or so previously.) They were making a leisurely homeward trip, the mule-ox team mating all right on the level but when they came to this three hundred foot descent, the mule undertook to do all the travelling, and Buck all the holding back. Soon his neck strap broke, and the mule, relieved of his load, shot ahead at a great pace. Buck got out of the way but when his traces tightened and brought him and the sled together, down he went and the sled 'on top of him. I got my team out of the road just as they went past like a whirlwind. The load got too heavy when they hit level ground and the mule stopped and I went to the rescue. We first got the sled off the ox, but old Buck took a bit of persuading to convince him that he was still alive, but we finally got him on his feet. The road on the side of the hill was very rough so the hair and part of the skin was missing on his star-board side: otherwise he was none the worse for his free slide down hill.

In 1881 we formed Calf Mountain School District, and I was appointed secretary treasurer, a position I held for thirty-six years. The school was used as a community hall until 1887, when it was opened with four boys and a dog in attendance: one of these boys was my eldest son, then only four years old. The old school house is still in use.

In 1882 the S.W. Branch of the C.P.R. was built to the "Y", near where Manitou was located the next year. I went to Winnipeg on the first train, travelling on a pass given me by John Stewart, the contractor, then via Chicago, to the old home for Christmas. Oh, the joy of getting back to the old home and all my friends, after an absence of six years. In 1883 I made my first trip west. Wm. Pierce, a friend of mine employed in the Land Office in Winnipeg, asked me to inspect the land in what was then known as the C.P.R. mile belt, from the western

boundary of Manitoba to Grand Coulee, west of Regina.

In 1883 we had our first really frozen crop. The summer was wet and cold, with no ripening weather, and the grain just stood there, green. Had we known and cut it in this green stage, we would have been much better off. I started the binder on September 6 and that night we had twelve degrees of frost. Next day was clear and warm and by ten o'clock everything was sure ripe - not a green thing to be seen. All garden stuff was completely ruined and many potatoes frozen. We sold the best of our wheat for fifteen cents a bushel and carried the poorest out in bag fulls and scattered it on the ground for the cattle, pigs, and fowl. Talk about hard times! Judging by what people are doing without now, compared with what we sacrificed and did without, there is no such thing as hard times at the present time. I knew men who gave up smoking because they could not raise the price of a plug of tobacco. Three families lived on what flour and meal they could grind with one coffee mill between them. Another family lived on potatoes for three weeks. Yet no one complained or thought we were hard up.

That fall I was elected reeve and the following year, member of the County Council, which only lasted one year, with headquarters in the old, defunct town of Nelsonville. The business places of Nelsonville were moved over to Morden, and the County Buildings left to decay where they stood. In 1886 I was a member of South Eastern Judicial District Board, meeting in Winnipeg. This board was abandoned and all inter-municipal work left in the hands of the Municipal Commissioner. In 1889 our municipalities were re-adjusted. Morden, on the east, was made the centre of Stanley Municipality; and Manitou, on the west, the centre of Pembina. I became first Reeve of Pembina. Those were interesting, busy, happy days. Everything had to be organized, and how the political pot did boil with John Norquay, Tom Greenway, Joe Martin, James Fisher, W.F. Luxton, R.P. Roblin, Dr. Wilson, Charlie Douglas of the Emerson International and G.F. Galbraith of the Nelson and Morden Mountaineers. We often came home in broad daylight after attending an all night rag-chewing over C.P.R. monopoly, provincial rights, Red River Valley railroad, Manitoba School questions, etcetera. These great and momentous problems and the amount of fire and oratorical power put into their discussions make the present petty public questions look small and

insignificant in comparison.

In 1881 S.A. Bedford moved to Winnipeg, taking up the duties with the Scottish Ontario Land Company. Calf Mountain Post Office was then moved to my place. First we got our mail by stage from Emerson, then carried it from Darlingford siding and later from Thornhill. In 1900 Darlingford Post Office was established and Calf Mountain was discontinued. In 1888 while on a visit to Ontario, I gathered a package of seed from the Elm trees on the old farm and brought them home and got them to germinate that summer. The next year we started tree planting, which proved a very interesting hobby as well as a very successful one. S.A. Bedford being at the time manager of the Government Experimental Farm at Brandon, tree planting received a great stimulus and many prairie homes became beautified and sheltered by a well nourished bluff, first of cotton-wood, box elder and willow, followed by a more permanent growth of elm, ash, spruce and larch.

In the fall of 1889, my younger brother Albert, Dr. A.E. Bolton, and his young bride made us a visit, while enroute to Port Simpson, British Columbia. There he took up the work of a medical missionary among the Indians of northern British Columbia. He spent the best part of his life at this work, building three hospitals at Port Simpson, Port Essington and Rivers Inlet, as well as a church and boys and girls school at Port Simpson. This was before the Church or Missionary Board sent medical men out into the foreign or home mission field. He went on his own responsibility and expense. He died in Vancouver in 1914. My father visited me in the summer of 1891. 1891 was the year of our heaviest crop which was so lodged that much of it had to be cut one way. I started to cut on September first and finished the thirtieth. We spent October stacking and then threshed again in the spring before seeding and finished up the next fall. The grain that we threshed in the spring heated in the granaries and was of no use; but what stayed in the stacks over summer, came out in fine shape. In 1895 we had our best yielding crop and at the same time it was easy to handle. But our price was the lowest - Number one selling as low as thirty-eight cents per bushel.

In 1896 I interviewed Mr. Whyte and Mr. Murray of the C.P.R. at Winnipeg and got them interested in moving Darlingford siding from where it was then located to the present location, and the village of Darlingford was placed on the map. In 1899 G.W. Ullyott, A. Lawson, R.A. Scott and myself built the

first grain elevator at that point. I managed it for six seasons, handling nearly one million bushels of grain in that time. In 1903 the long distance telephone was built through Darlingford and in 1906 the first rural line was run out to the south of the town. I was appointed post master of Darlingford in 1913. On the first day of January, that same year, I accompanied Albert Turner on his first trip over the south rural delivery route.

In 1914 the Great War started, caused by Germany seeking world power. At first all Britain held its breath, but soon buckled on the armour and went in to win. Canada sent five hundred thousand of her best men, who proved a credit to their country. Of these, fifty-five thousand did not return, three of my sons - Bert twenty-two years old, Harry twenty, and Elmer eighteen, enlisted in 1915 and went over to France and into the firing line the following year. They remain with those who sleep in Flander's Fields. Bert was killed at Vimy Ridge, April 9, Harry at Lens, June 20 and Elmer at Hill 70, August 15, 1917. Our only daughter, Mary (Mrs. A.O. Berry) died October 25, 1917. I was elected a member of the Federal Union Government of Canada, December 17, the same year.

The Parliament of Canada opened that year on March 18, 1918 in the Museum Building. The new buildings on Parliament Hill were under reconstruction, after the disastrous fire of two years before. The Parliament Buildings were opened February 26, 1920. I am not going to give my impressions of the House of Commons: that would be a whole book in itself. I might mention one impression which was ever present with me each dreary hour I sat in that chamber - abolish the Senate, pick out forty statesmen from among the members, (that is if you could find that many), let them transact the business of the country in a business-like manner; and send the other two hundred members home, where they could be of some use and not an expense to the country. The life did not appeal to me. My indemnity was the only money I received in all my life that I felt I had not given one hundred per cent for value received.

Circumstances forced me to sell my possessions in 1920 and since then I have been in a very small degree trying the life of the idle rich, and find it very uncongenial to my make-up. I soon found there was far more fun and pleasure in working and making money than in spending it in idleness. Leaving the old home with its kindly associations and happy memories was about the hardest trial of my life. The

man who first originated the idea of a farmer retiring and moving to the town or city did not leave any creditable monument to his memory. Where can a man spend what should be the best time of his life but among the things that have interested him all his days - and where he can still be of some use, doing the little things so necessary around a farm home, and leave the influence of his life among those who knew him best.

When I came to Manitoba I had never heard of electric light, automobile, radio, aeroplane, gas engine, gramophone, telephone, or even ice cream, cigarettes or moving pictures. There was no railroad in Northern Ontario west of Pembroke: and not a foot of railroad in the four Western Provinces. It took six weeks to carry the mail from Winnipeg to the foothills, with ox and Red River cart. The luxuries of the past have become the necessities of the present; but they do not add to the pleasures of life or the joy of living. These things are from within, and were not diminished by the hard strenuous days of the past; nor are they added to by the ease and comfort of the present. I have never learned to play poker, use liquor or tobacco in any form, but can safely say I have taken more pleasure and fun out of life than the average man. I am now in my eightieth year, hale and hearty, satisfied with the past and hopeful of the future, ready for whatever it may bring.

Now that I have had a sail on the Hudson, a trip in an aeroplane and received a broken arm in an auto wreck, I do not expect much more of adventure in my life. But I am looking forward to that greatest of all adventures that comes to every human being - the passing over to that great unknown life beyond. My request is that this may be preserved and that my descendants may add to it their experiences in life and pass it on.

Hoping and trusting that the future generation of the family may play the game of life as fairly and honestly as those who have passed on: and that we may have one great family reunion in the Land Beyond, I leave this with you.

Ferris Bolton
Brandon, Manitoba
April, 1932

It is reported that only six of these little books were ever published. We were fortunate in locating the lone survivor of them. Our thanks for the use of it goes to Mr. G.E. White, of Morden.

FROM
THE
BEGINNING

Tete De Boeuf Buffalo Head - Calf Mountain

Approximately one and three quarter miles S.W. of Darlingford, as the crow flies, there is a large grass covered earthen mound.

It was the central point of numerous buffalo paths that developed into native hunting trails. It was used for burials and became a revered native religious site. From the southeast, a trail came from the junction of the Red and Pembina rivers; from the northeast, the junction of the Red and Assiniboine rivers; from the north, an overland route from the vicinity of present day Portage la Prairie and from the northwest, where Brandon now stands, a trail also led to Calf Mountain. Directly to the west, the trail came from the Souris river and from the southwest, the Missouri river.

The first European known to have entered this area was Pierre Gaultier de Varennes de la Verendrye. He used the trail "from his Fort la Reine (now Portage la Prairie) to travel south overland to visit the Mandans along the Missouri river in December 1738. From his journal description of the trip, it appears that he camped at Calf Mountain.

The next known white visitor to Calf Mountain in August 1806, was Alexander Henry, the younger, employed by the North West Company trading in furs. He kept a diary and part of an entry, reads as follows: "At day-break, on horseback, we rode through marshy land for several leagues until we arrived at Tete de Boeuf, at ten o'clock and unloaded. This appears to be the highest point of the mountain and there is a good view in all directions as the land appears to fall away for a considerable distance, except on the north, which is quite heavily wooded. There is a small lake, about a half mile in circumference on the north side of a small hillock in the shape

of a beehive. On the top of this hillock, the Assinaboines and Crees make sacrifices of tobacco and other trifles, and place a number of bulls' heads (buffalo skulls) which they daub with red clay on the forehead and have the nose always pointing to the east." Alexander Henry in his journals, has also called the mound "Buffalo's Head" or "Bull's Head."

In 1857 the Palliser Expedition dubbed it "Beef Lodge" and noted it a "very curious hill." Two years later in 1859, the Hind Expedition called it "Calf's Tent Hill". The Boundary Commission records of 1873 and those of Lieutenant French of the N.W.M.P. in 1874, called it "Calf Mountain." It appears on the land survey map of 1873 as "Calf Mountain", on the S.W. 1/4 of section 5 of township 3 of range 7.

Annie, the youngest daughter of Reverend Andrew Gordon of Alexandria Bible Christian Church (later Ebenezer), wrote in her later years of the family's life at Alexandria from 1882 to 1884. Recalling her visits to Calf Mountain, she said, "It was one of those mounds of a long forgotten Indian tribe. The slough by it was a favourite stopping place for migrating ducks and when hunting them, their dog Rover would retrieve those that fell in the water. Here many prairie wild flowers grew and here, they first found the pink and yellow lady slipper".

Other travellers along the Boundary Commission Trail described, "the very curious hill" in a report to the Winnipeg Daily Tribune in 1881, "as being fifty feet high and about one hundred feet in diameter at the base and shaped perfectly like a round ball."

The first recorded excavation by curious travellers, took place in 1886, when a number of buffalo skulls, human bones and Indian relics were uncovered. Twenty years later in 1906,



Atop Calf Mountain



Professor Montgomery - Winnipeg, E.H. Stevens (buggy). Archie Ferguson, Walter Martin, these new territories now becoming a part of the Dominion of Canada. These factors caused the formation of the Northwest Mounted Police. Agitation had been made in the western part of the plains to encourage the areas to join the United States, however, this was not the American government, but certain citizens from south of the border, not officially sponsored.

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Due to unrest and political disturbances in the areas west of Manitoba, as well too in parts of Manitoba, it was considered necessary to establish a federal force to maintain law and order in

Dr. Henry Montgomery of Victoria College of the University of Toronto, after investigating the burial mounds of Sourisford and Pilot Mound, dug into Calf Mountain in nine locations. During the thirty days spent in excavation, Professor Montgomery discovered in addition to large numbers of buffalo bones, twenty or more human skeletons. Like the burials discovered within another mound near Alexandria, opened in 1879, the skeletons were in an upright position. Of particular interest was the discovery of beads, manufactured from copper, native to Michigan and large sea shells from the Gulf of Mexico, each bearing an engraved human face.

Northwest Mounted Police Expedition To The Rockies (1874)

After Manitoba had become a province of the Dominion of Canada the Federal Government sent survey parties to the west to establish a system of land measurement: this was the beginning in Western Canada of the formation of 'sections' and 'townships' as we have them now. The sections, one mile square of six hundred forty acres, and the townships of thirty-six sections, (six by six miles). These land divisions were established in Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan. This latter province and Alberta were still called the Northwest Territories, known as Alberta, Edmonton the Capital; Assiniboia, Regina the Capital; and Saskatchewan, Prince Albert the Capital.

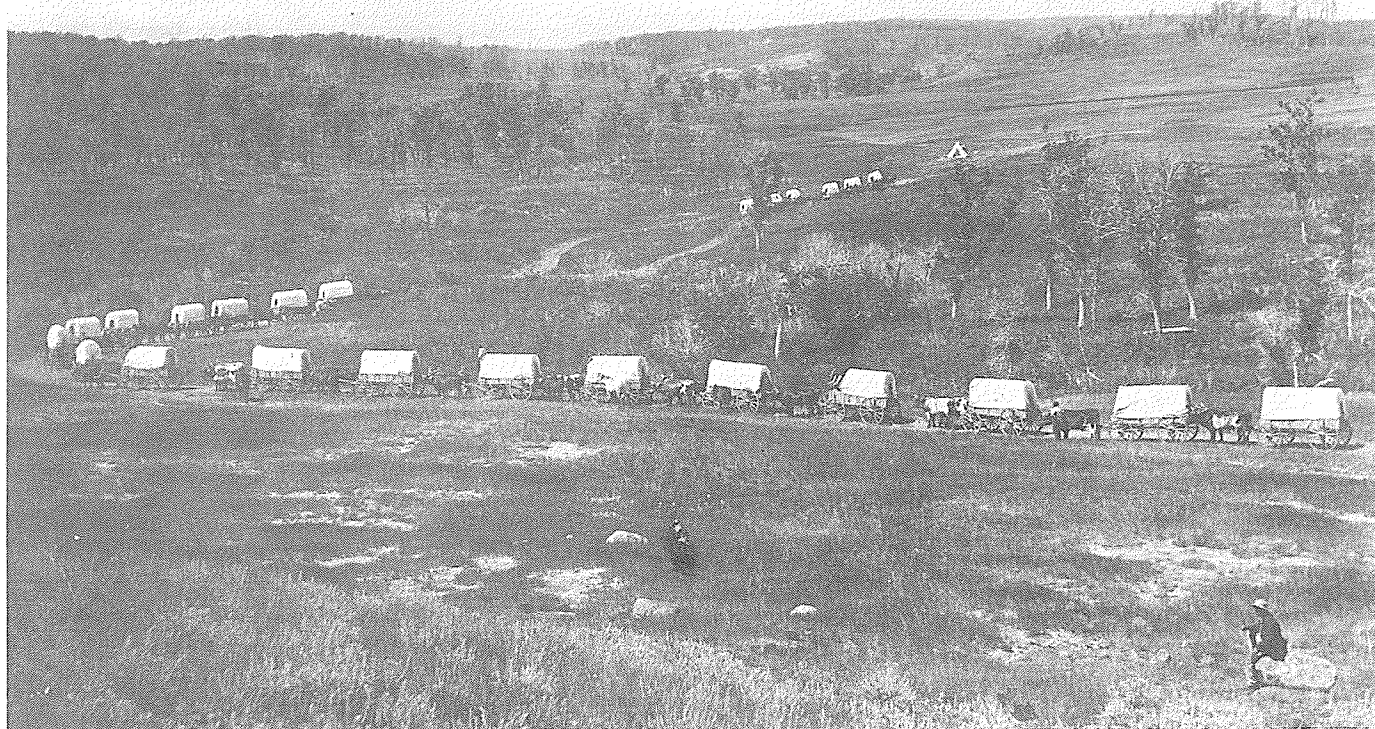
The Canadian Land Survey parties had finished their work by 1873. They, together with American

survey parties established the exact position of the forty-ninth parallel of latitude, from a point on the western shores of the Lake of the Woods to the Pacific Ocean. However, the survey of the "Western Plains", reached only to the present British Columbia boundary.

The Northwest Mounted Police was formed as a police unit in 1873 with orders to set up camps and police posts throughout Western Canada. The force consisted of about three hundred police and officers. They formed an expedition at Fort Dufferin just north of present Emerson, and left there in 1874. It included about another three hundred men and some local guides who accompanied the expedition; there were also many wagons, carts, provisions, cattle for fresh meat, cooking equipment and military ordinances. Some of the wagons were drawn by oxen, and some by horses.

The route taken was from Fort Dufferin west following roughly the forty-ninth parallel about twenty-five miles, thence northwesterly passing the site where Glencross is now then uphill westerly up the Pembina Hills slope to where later was the village of Mountain City and southwest of the present Stanley Centennial Park, crossing the Dead Horse Creek, following westerly to Calf Mountain, which at that time was known as Bulls Head, (Tete de Boeuf). This junction point would be a little over a mile south of present Darlingford. This was at that time an important crossroads junction.

Here there were six trails that lead to all directions. From this point the caravan crossed the



1873 - Her Majesty's Boundary Survey Commission on the trail crossing the Dead Horse Creek south of present day Thornhill.

Pembina River via present Kaleida, and Pembina Crossing, thence west to near Purves, then towards Clearwater, and from there southwest to Wakopa, then around the north side of the Turtle Mountains to near Deloraine, Melita, thence westerly to Roche Percee on the way to the Alberta country.

- by Adolph Dack, Morden and also credits to Mr. A.D. Doerksen, Winnipeg.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police patrolled the boundary on horseback during the first world war, arrayed in their scarlet tunics. Smuggling, and possibly, boot-legging, were their major concerns at that time. They boarded at the Joseph Scales home, and three that we remember were Jack Lilycrap, Fred Orr and a chap named Conley. Manitou detachment now serves this area.

During May 1999 the R.C.M.P. planned a re-enactment of the arduous trek west by the N.W.M.P. This was an elaborate undertaking, as a group of riders set out to trace the route of the early expedition, through the three prairie provinces. There was a scheduled lunch stop at Calf Mountain on May 12, 1999. Due to rain, the luncheon was served in the Darlingford School yard and curling rink. Over 450 people attended.

Old Darlingford

History tells us that the United States-Canadian boundary survey started from the Red River at Fort Dufferin (now Emerson) about 1873 and proceeded west as far as the Rockies. The survey line created what came to be known as the "Old Boundary Commission Trail". Many years later this trail was travelled by the incoming settlers trekking west. It faded out of use with the turn of the century, but during the years of the heavy influx of settlers the Old Boundary Commission Trail served as the thorough-fare of the pioneers.

Crossing the Pembina Mountains north of the Pembina River, the Old Boundary Commission Trail came to a point that was known far and wide as Calf Mountain. A half mile west of this point was a smaller river, the Little Pembina, which had to be crossed. A low, flat place in the stream provided a convenient ford. During the spring turbulence of the river the Little Pembina was only crossed in the daylight hours.

A small village sprang up one-quarter of a mile south of the ford. It came to be known as Old Darlingford, and was among the first landmarks in Southern Manitoba.

The pioneers of this district arrived here by

horse or ox-drawn wagons between 1875 and 1885, mostly from Ontario. They settled on the heavily wooded homesteads and eked out a meagre existence during those first years. At this time speculators from Winnipeg became interested in the new land. As a result, the town of Old Darlingford was staked out on the homestead owned by W.C. Alderson who was associated with Honourable John Norquay, Premier of Manitoba from 1878 to 1887, and financiers W.A. Ross, G.S. Farrel and G.A. Muttelbury.

The village grew and prospered until 1882. This was the year that the Canadian Pacific Railway came through this area. It by-passed the town site by less than two miles. This spelled doom to Old Darlingford, but during its short existence it had been able to provide the necessities of life to a growing and thriving community.

There were a number of business places. The two stores were owned by T. McHaffey and Medinger and Clark; a saw and grist mill was run by Findlay Brothers. There were two blacksmiths, James Whenham and P. McKinnon. A boarding house was run by D. Brown and a hotel by George McGregor. F.H. Pound ran a wagon shop and A. Jopp a feed and livery stable. There was an office where council meetings were held. Ferris Bolton was Reeve of the Municipality of South Dufferin, with Secretary treasurer William Connor and Councillors H. Edwards and Mart Nichol.

A good school was built and a teacher's residence. The first teacher was Reverend H.J. Borthwick. Medical care was provided by Doctors Klock and Fraser.

A mail and stage service from Emerson to Clearwater with headquarters at Darlingford was run by "Big Alex" McKenzie, and a stage line from Darlingford to St. Leon, Beaconsfield and Holland was run by F.J. Halliwell.

The town even boasted a race track where many exciting races took place. In 1881 the Calf Mountain post office was moved over from the Bedford farm, and Mr. Alderson became the postmaster, but the old name was retained.

When the town site became impractical due to the by-passing of the railroad, some people moved their buildings to Manitou, while some buildings were sold to farmers near by. One of the houses was sold to the Waddingham family in the Calf Mountain district. It served several generations of this family until it was claimed by fire in 1952. Another was purchased by the late Mr. Ernest

Stevens for his farm home.

One oldtimer's tale of driving horse-drawn wagons recalls that one fine April evening they came to the Little Pembina, which was in full flush of the spring thaw. They camped until daylight, and he describes the ensuing night:

"We used to roll up in blankets under our wagon. That night the champing and commotion of the horses in their harness was so close I just couldn't sleep, so I got out and found a nice little mound close by and rolled in again. Next morning my buddy put his toe in my ribs and said, "Come on Joe! You're sleeping in." When I threw back the blankets I was showered with soft wet snow. About three inches had fallen during the night."

Another incident he recalled was how two green Englishmen had gone fifty-fifty on buying horses, a wagon, etcetera, and had quarrelled every mile of the trail. When they were ready to cross the ford in the morning the big guy told the little guy to stay on shore as he knew what he was doing and could handle the horses better by himself. He then drove into the eight feet of water. The horses and wagon followed the team ahead, but the wagon-box floated away down stream carrying Mr. Big who was hollering for help. The gang had a good laugh, and most humiliating of all, his little partner hauled him out when they managed to catch him in a bend in the stream further down.

The rigors of homesteading would soon bring them all to learn what Robbie Burns meant when he wrote: "A Man's a Man for A' That."

Survey of New Darlingford

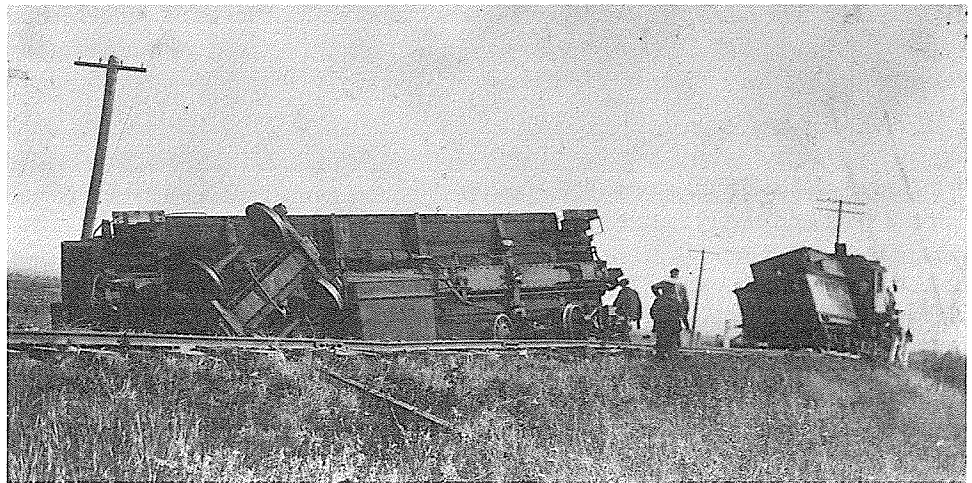
It was in 1898 that James Law purchased the N.W. 1/4 8-3-7, and soon had surveyors on the job to survey a portion of the farm for the village which was to follow. Mr. Law showed considerable sagacity in his plans which was borne out by the fact that on the north-west corner of his townsite was the inevitable "dump" or "nuisance ground" as it was known, while on the south-west was the section house and stockyards.

The extreme north-east corner once boasted a mink ranch, with a population of over four thousand, but is now all residential property. The south-east corner is our cemetery, and below that the Manitoba Telephone System microwave tower. Between these four points, where once grew timber and scrub, lies the village with most of the lots being used. Few remain vacant.

A good-sized file has been built up trying to authenticate the name of Darlingford. One legend is that the name was used by the C.P.R. to commemorate the name of one of the earliest surveyors of the eastern Canadian Pacific lines but their historical records in Montreal seemed unable to help. The Manitoba Provincial



Darlingford - 1908



1922 - derailed engine - caboose

Archives reveal that Darlingford was named by early settlers who came from Darlington, Ontario. The village in Ontario was named after Darlington in Dunham County, England.

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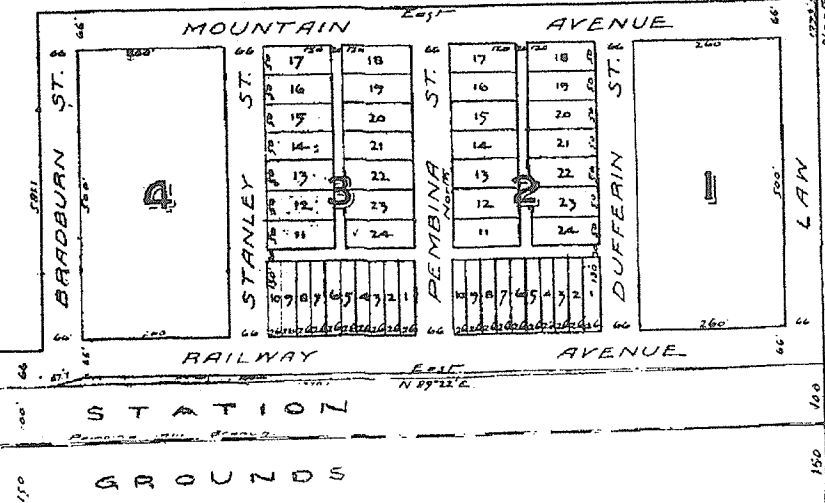
J. Headburn Joint Owner.

I, Joseph Doupe of the City of Winnipeg Provincial Land Surveyor make oath and say that I was present at and did personally superintend the survey represented by this chart and that the survey and plan are correct -

Sworn before me at Winnipeg
This 12th day of Aug 1899

John Hamilton Joseph Doupe
F.L.S.

The Portion registered by this plan is colored
Lot angles are defined by pine posts 2" x 16".



New Darlingford

To record the early beginnings of this fair village, we are indebted to the late Ferris Bolton, who left us some dates of the early happenings in his little book of memoirs recorded elsewhere in this book.

"In 1882 the south-west branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway was built to the "Y" between Darlingford and Manitou."

The writer located a copy of an old C.P.R. map, dated 1883, which clearly shows the line branching due west from a spot marked "junction" later called Rosenfeld, proceeding through to just west of the ridge, turning slightly north-west and then terminating five miles out.

Only two points marked west of the junction, Thornhill and Darlingford on that line.

Further Mr. Bolton reports his interview with the Messrs. Whyte and McMurray of the C.P.R. at Winnipeg "and got them interested in moving the siding from where it was located out on the flats to its present location." Darlingford was in business.

It is also reasonable to expect that the C.P.R. soon saw the need of a long passing track here as in those early days of light rails (replaced about 1950), the smaller steam locomotives were forced to bring only one quarter of a train of grain at a time out of La Riviere. This would be left at a siding called Binny, just west of Manitou while they returned to La Riviere for the second quarter, say about fifteen cars, pick up the cars at Binny and bring the "half train" (twenty-five to thirty) up to the top at Darlingford. The operation would be repeated for the second half; then oh, what joy as they went rolling down the hill, east with no steam required. Special attention was taken to check all brakes.

Those same old maps we referred to record the elevation (above sea level) as La Riviere 1,324 feet, Darlingford 1,600 feet and Morden 991 feet. When one loaded box car of wheat got out of the elevator man's control it meandered down the line, past Thornhill, past Morden (at about fifty miles an hour they said) and past Winkler. It was boarded and stopped some few miles east of Plum Coulee by the courageous agent, who then passed the good news back over the wire to a few very worried fellow agents. This resulted in the company installing a derailing device at the east end of the Darlingford yards. They don't get away now but just politely roll over off the track, which prompted one lad to remark, "Gee, a whole car load of rolled oats, should do this town for a while?" The gadget has

rolled, at least, a dozen cars off in the last fifty years.

In 1922, while switching these cars at Binny, one of the crew had the misfortune to slip under the wheels of a car and had both legs severed just above the knees. He was placed in the caboose and the conductor instructed the engineer to get that caboose to Morden as fast as he could. Knowing he faced the downhill run, he tested his air brakes about one mile west of the hill top, which resulted in rolling the caboose over into the ditch and pulling the coal car off the rails. One of the crew men ran up to our depot and Mr. Jensen enlisted the use of a new truck just purchased by Messrs. Smith and McCormick. It was the task of Mr. McCormick to drive the injured man to the hospital at Morden, but, unfortunately, the man died almost on arrival. A very bad day for all concerned.

At first, the village boasted an ancient box car for a station and it was soon replaced with a hand-me-down which arrived on a flat car from Manitou about 1904. A new freight shed was added in 1914. In 1924 this station was sold to a Mr. C.A. Briggs and moved to the southeast corner of Stanley Street. The moving job was handled by the late William Rombough, who had a liking for the hard jobs.

Our new C.P.R. depot was built on the spot and, after the job was completed, the late Chris H. Jensen set about a "clean up" that never ended as long as his health would allow. He soon had trees, hedges, flower beds and grass, that brought favourable comment from many who rode the trains, as well as the local citizens.

When the construction crew discovered a good water supply here, the C.P.R. sank a well about twelve feet square and forty feet deep, installed a high water tank, to supply the locomotives, at the east end of the depot platform. After the track passed La Riviere, the tank was moved west and the hole filled. Several cave-ins gave the section crew more than one headache-even as late as the 1940's to 1950's. As long as the old steamers were used, it was a common sight to see the crews filling their drinking cans at the town well close by. "Best water on the line" was what they called it.

The passenger train's arrival always drew a few onlookers to check up on who was travelling. They got the nick-name of the "Train Meeters Association" and some were very faithful in their attendance-rain or shine.

The railway was the life-line for all heavy freight and, from the 1900's on, it was a common

thing for merchants to receive thirty ton car loads of merchandise in the spring and fall. Heavy machinery all came in on flat cars and it was a thrilling sight to see a brand new steam outfit at the unloading platform, always regarded as a sign of progress.

In these days of cars and trucks it is hard to understand the important role played by the station agents. The telegraph was the pipe-line by which most news, good and bad, was brought in. The sad news sent to Darlingford parents, and wives, from the War Office in Ottawa of so many casualties during two world wars was an unpleasant job, to be sure.

The first agent, back in the "Box Car Station" days was a Mr. Allen Pickel, followed by Mr. Owen Berry, who later married the daughter of Ferris Bolton. Following Mr. Berry, who also was editor

of "The Comet" came J.C. "Jack" Herron, who was here during the early years of World War I. His successor was the late Chris H. Jensen, who carried the post for the term of thirty-seven years.

The stock yards of yesteryear were another busy spot. Seldom did a regular Tuesday stock train pass without one or two carloads of cattle, and many horses as well.

The section crews of from two to five men, with the venerable John Carswell at the head, provided stable employment for many of the local lads. Now, we witness a visit from a C.P.R. service truck. Another function of the old hand pumped cars was that, in an emergency, they would be used for a trip to hospital, when all other means of transport were counted out, yes, and even used to attend hockey games by quite a few, and dances too.

The LaVerendrye National Historic Park

The idea of building of the LaVerendrye National Historic Park was because LaVerendrye was actually the first Canadian to traverse and explore this part of Manitoba. It was established that they passed within a mile of the present site of Darlingford in 1738. This party of fifty men consisted of soldiers, voyageurs, traders, Canadian trappers and native Indians, who knew the country well.

To build LaVerendrye National Park people from Morden, Darlingford, Manitou and Winkler got together and formed a delegation to present their case to the National Historic Sites Committee, headed by the chairman, the late Reverend Antoine D'Eschambault. The delegation met the board in Winnipeg at the Legislative Buildings in 1947.

Among those who attended were: W.R. Leslie, D.A. Duncan, A. Dack all of Morden; Peter Brown of Winkler, W.E. Veals of Darlingford and Frank McIntosh of Manitou, who was also the Reeve of Pembina.

Later when the Pembina Hills Historical Society was formed in Morden, a committee was formed especially to acquire the two acres of land at the Windygates Road (Highway #31 and Highway #3). The land was purchased from Earl McElroy, and the money to pay for it was collected from many people in an area extending from Winkler to Pilot Mound. The two acre plot

was given to the Province of Manitoba by three representatives of the Society, on March 29, 1949, by Peter Brown of Winkler; George Doney of Thornhill and W.R. Leslie of Morden.

The park was completed by September 1, 1949 and was "officially" opened by Adolph Dack, President of the Pembina Hills Historical Society. The Lieutenant Governor R.F. McWilliams gave the main address. The Honourable Erick Willis, D.G. McKenzie, Reverend Antoine D'Eschambault, R.W. Leslie, and the Reeves of Pembina, Thompson and Stanley Municipalities; and the mayors of surrounding towns also took part. The total attendance was approximately five hundred people.

The actual place the La Verendrye expedition camped in October 1738 was one mile south-west. The junction point of six trails, in all cardinal directions, was the Calf Mountain Mound.

The large boulder for the monument, weighs over seventeen tons and is flanked on either side by a small cairn, containing twenty-four Indian stone hammer heads. These hammer heads were gathered from all sections of this area: from Altona to Pilot Mound. The inscription on the 2x3 foot plaque reads:

Erected by the
Government of Canada

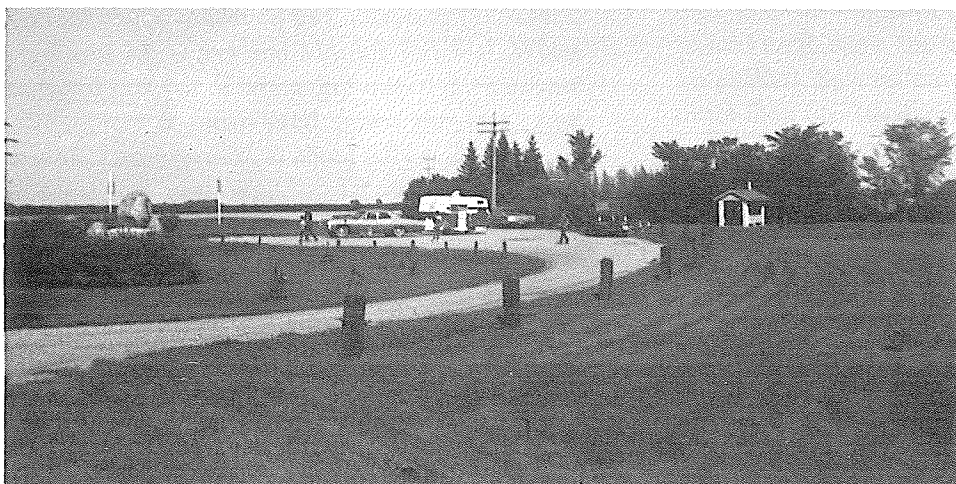
LaVerendrye's Journey to
the Mandans

Having left Fort La Reine October 18, 1738, the Canadian explorer with his sons Francois, Louis and Joseph crossed this region on his way to the country of the Mandan Indians, whence by following the Missouri he hoped to reach the Western Sea.

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Canada



The stone cairn and plaque



Laverendrye Park

Windygates

Windygates! Where the heck is that? Is the usual response one gets after being told I come from Windygates but to anyone who lived and grew up in this community it was home.

Prior to the International Boundary Survey and the Dominion Land Surveys this area of the country was hunting grounds for the Sioux, Assiniboine and Chippawa Indians. Metis hunters and fur traders hunted and trapped the waters of the Pembina River and valley and hunted buffalo and other game where wheat and canola fields now flourish.

When the Dominion Land Surveys under Lacklin Kennedy surveyed this area in September and October of 1876 it became known as township 1-7 west. In his field book Kennedy gave this description of the township: "the township is for the most part broken by the Pembina River and Valley which enters it from the west in section 19 proceeding in a northeasterly direction through section 30 and 31 leaving the township to the north of section 32 re-entering in the north of section 33, runs in a southeasterly direction finally leaving the township in section 13. As the valley has an average width from two to three miles and is much broken by numerous ravines it is rendered unfit for settlement. From section 1 to 9, section 16, 17 and portions of 20 and 21 comprise the best portions of the township and are convenient to the timber which abounds in the valleys and ravines in sufficient quantities for fuel, although difficult of access. The running water is generally good, soil inclined to be light especially throughout the broken portion of the township."

With the completion of the section survey the land was ready for homesteading with the first homestead being filed on the S.W. 6-1-7 W. on October 27, 1880 by Francis Huston. With subsequent homesteads being filed a community began to take shape. Most of the settlers were of English, Scottish or Irish descent and came from eastern Canada or Great Britain.

With no graded roads or railways and with the difficulty of crossing the Pembina Valley and River to the north the early settlers got many of their necessities in the United States border communities of Elkwood and later Maida, North Dakota.

The establishment of the Windygates Post Office in May of 1889 designated the district known as Windygates. No record can be found of where the name Windygates came from. One theory is that an early settler visiting the district saw two gates

blown down. Another theory is that because a number of the early settlers were of British or Scottish descent and there being a high hill between England and Scotland called Windygate Hill when they were trying to come up with a name for their new post office which was near a high hill on 9-1-7 W. someone may have suggested the name Windygates.

In 1889 the North West Mounted Police supplied by "B" Division, Regina operated a small detachment here under the name Windygates.

Shortly after 1900 with the construction of a bridge across the river and the coming of the railway in 1908, life became a little easier for the residents of Windygates. Mail and supplies were brought in and produce shipped out.

With the building of the elevator in 1917-18, grain grown in Windygates could be shipped to destinations throughout the world. Freight and passenger service was very good from 1908 to 1933. A train came Monday, Wednesday and Friday from La Riviere. A trip was made early in the morning and another in the late afternoon making it possible to go to Morden or Manitou and return the same day.

In 1930 Mr. A. Collard was sent to open the new Windygates custom office and staff residence on the corner of section 5-1-7 where the road ran south from Maida, North Dakota to Langdon. The port still remains open today serving as an important link to our American neighbours.

In 1938 a small store and gasoline pump was opened by the Rutledge family on the N.E. 4-1-7 along with the post office. Could this have been the fore-runner of today's convenience stores? We know it was very convenient for the residents of Windygates.

Life in the early years of Windygates was hard but good. Most of the residents' time was spent growing crops, clearing and breaking land, tending to livestock and raising families. However there was also time for socializing with friends and neighbours. Some of the popular activities included pie and box socials, card parties, dances, picnics, concerts and ball games. Many of these activities were sponsored by the Windygates Red Cross and Ladies Aid, two very active organizations in the district for many years. With two schools in the district, Sunday church services, a store, post office, elevator, custom's house and train service, Windygates was a thriving community. However times changed and with better roads and vehicles, we now travel far and wide to obtain the necessities of life. Nowadays, most people think nothing of

driving to Winnipeg for a days shopping or an evening of entertainment.

The 1960's saw the closing of the schools, post office, store and elevator and with the removal of the railway track the only thing keeping Windygates on the map is the custom office.

I am sure that anyone who has lived, grown up, and raised families in Windygates will agree its a good place to call home.

Manitoba's Centennial - Darlingford Version

In 1970 Manitoba celebrated it's centennial. Darlingford celebrated with a variety of social events.

The Centennial project was to renovate the basement of the Community Hall. The junk-laden cellar was transformed into a wood grain paneled banquet room with a modern kitchen and washrooms, for a total cost of \$4,854.17. \$1,384 was received by way of grants, with the balance covered by the community.

The Centennial celebrations started on December 31, 1969 with an afternoon "Light Up and Sing" program in the hall. All districts participated in the entertainment. W.E. Veals' centennial song was a hit. The conclusion to the afternoon was a birthday cake with one hundred candles and punch.

January saw the official opening of the new arena. The first Figure Skating Club had a membership of seventy-two. The first ice show had a centennial theme with all members dressed in Manitoba tartan costumes "Skating for '70".

Variety Concerts were held in April and October. May attracted people of all ages to "The Centennial Ball", which started with The Grand March led by Mr. and Mrs. Herb Stevens and ended with a buffet supper.

June 26 was the highlight of the Centennial year. A luncheon to honour our district's pioneers was held in the United Church, at which time, special Pioneer Recognition Pins were presented to everyone over seventy-five. Antiques were displayed in the hall, arts and crafts displayed in the church. People played horseshoes, baseball or visited during the afternoon. A short afternoon program took place on the street by the hall, at which time Darryl Peter Hoepfner (son of Peter and Erna Hoepfner) was presented with a silver cup as this district's Centennial Baby.

A supper of barbecued buffalo and buffalo stew

was enjoyed by about five hundred people. A street dance ended the day. On July 1 a huge helium balloon was to have been sent aloft. However, it was a very windy day and the balloon slipped its moorings and was not discovered until the spring of 1971, when Doug Law received word that the remains had been found by a lady in Sperling.

About two hundred people attended an Oldtime Threshing Day held at the farm of Ross Griffin in October. The Hunt Brothers' threshing machine was kept busy by three stook teams and a large number of field pitchers. Power for the machine was supplied by two vintage tractors owned by the Hunt Brothers and Gordon Cram. A traditional lunch of sandwiches, cake and coffee was served.

An old fashioned Halloween party was held in the hall. Centennial activities concluded on December 29, 1970 with a program in the hall with guest speakers, Andy Kidd, Councillor and George Henderson, M.L.A. Haref Rasmussen showed slides of 1970's highlights from the community. Reverend Walter McLean representing the Manitoba Centennial Corporation, was introduced by Wm. Nichol. He commented that small communities where the "Spirit of '70", it was demonstrated with enthusiasm. Doug Law led the audience in prayer for Manitoba's second century. Group singers accompanied by Betty Bond closed the evening with the singing of "Let There Be Peace On Earth." The committee was deeply grateful to the entire community for the cooperation received in the Centennial project and events sponsored.

The Manitoba Centennial Corporation and Shell Oil awarded farm recognition to those whose farms had been in the family name for four generations: Thomas Murray Nichol, Allan Storey, Richard Murray Ching, Robert J. Lawson and Donald A. Currie.

On December 30 a "Hands across the Mountains" telegram bearing sixty-eight names, was sent to Mayor Gardner of Williams Lake, British Columbia on the eve of British Columbia's Centennial.

Members of the Darlingford Manitoba Centennial Committee were: Bill Nichol, chairman; Roy Fields, secretary treasurer; Edith Amy, Harvey Robinson, Doug Law and Ruth Nichol.

1970 Manitoba Centennial Pioneers

A luncheon was given for the senior citizens who received the Pioneer Recognition Pins.

The following are the names of those who

received an award even though they did not all attend the luncheon: Mr. and Mrs. R.V. Arnott, Mrs. Lily Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. R. Bond, Mr. William Coates, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Compton, Mrs. Annie Cowan, Mrs. Clara Degen, Mr. Alf Fry, Mr. J. Grettum, Mr. A. Henderson, Mr. E.F. Jordan, Mr. J. Kidd, Mr. and Mrs. S. Lowry, Mrs. L. McElroy, Mrs. H. Nadin, Mr. M.D. Nichol, Mr. and Mrs. T. Pearce, Mrs. W. Robinson, Mrs. A. Spangelo, Mrs. Swerdfeger, Mr. and Mrs. G. Schindel, Mr. William Veals, Mrs. Elizabeth Waddingham, Mrs. Eva Ashley, Mr. Q. Blair, Mrs. J. Carswell, Mr. William Ching, Mr. S. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Cummings, Mr. Tom Fields, Mrs. M. Galloway, Mr. Ted Haresnape, Mr. and Mrs. J. Jacobs, Mr. Ed. Kroetsch, Mrs. A. Kinnaird Sr., Mrs. J. Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Moore, Mr. A. Noheil, Mrs. L.V. Nield, Mrs. Ettie Porter, Mrs. Joe Rands, Mrs. M. Sprung, Mrs. J. Strong, Mrs. J. Ticknor, Mrs. H. Veals, Mr. and Mrs. George White, Mr. and Mrs. William Barclay, Mr. and Mrs. B. Bloxom, Mrs. R. Chaytors, Mrs. Wes Ching, Mr. and Mrs. D. Cowan, Mr. and Mrs. John Denyer, Mr. C. Fields, Mrs. William Griffin, Mr. Errol Hunt, Mr. R.T. Jordan, Mr. R. Kilgour, Mr. H. Leatherdale, Mrs. W. Lumgair, Mr. Fred Miller, Mrs. Tom Nichol, Mr. S. Oblinski, Mrs. J. Ramsay, Mr. and Mrs. T.H. Rex, Mr. and Mrs. H. Stevens, Mr. Fred Simmans, Mrs. F. Ticknor, Mrs. H. Ward, Mrs. M. Williams.

Two of the songs sung at Darlingford's Manitoba Centennial Celebrations:

Manitoba

Some folks like the east coast, and some
like the west;
I built a home in the spot I like best.
There's so much to be done and so much
we can give,
I've found a good place where I want to live.

Chorus:

Manitoba, I'm in love with you;
Sunny open space, and skies of blue.
You are the garden that I call my home,
Your mem'ries linger wherever I roam.
Keystone province of the world around,
Kindly folks, the best I've ever found.
Green in the spring-time and gold in the fall,
Manitoba, you're the best of all.
- anonymous

Manitoba

Anne Collier

(lyrics)

Let's sing a song and sing loud and clear,
Sing it for all to hear.
Let's tell all people the world around,
That we're glad to be living here.
Let's sound the cymbals, let's beat the drum,
Send forth a loud hurray;
We've got something, come on let's sing,
for Manitoba's on its way;
Manitoba gate to the West,
Manitoba home of the blest,
Years will pass, and times change too,
But Manitoba we'll stand by you.

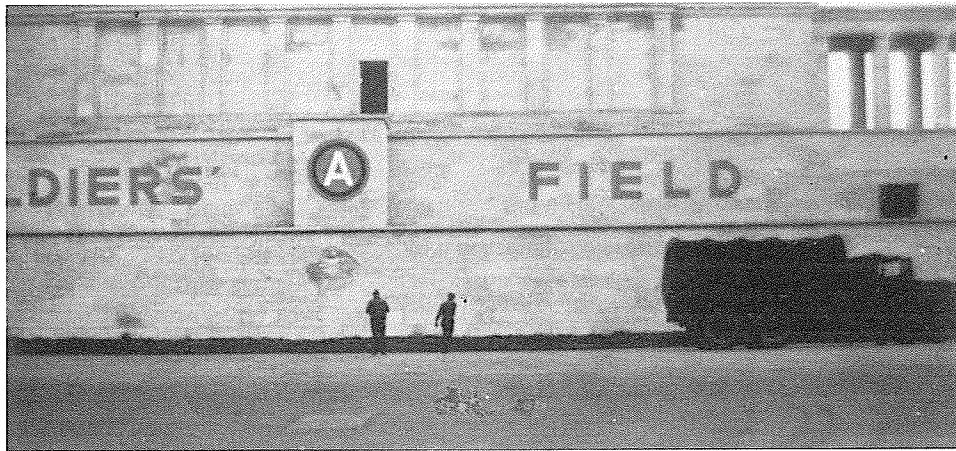
Chorus:

Let's sing a song of lakelands and fields,
Blue skies and golden grain;
Tell of the beauty of sunsets rare,
Then add to our grand refrain
That, we face the future with faith and hope
Thinking as high as the blue,
Our dreams will be a reality,
To Manitoba, we'll be true.

WAR YEARS

World Wars I and II

In 1938, two World War I veterans listened to broadcasts from Nuremberg, Germany, on short-wave radio. A man stood on a balcony, addressing thousands of men and youths. He was telling them of a scheme he had that would enable them to conquer the world. He barked and screamed his boastings. With every brash statement there would come a thunderous roar from that innocent throng of gullible humanity.



Lorry driver, Errol McLean at Nuremberg, Germany, under Adolf Hitler's balcony

To get the nitty-gritty of what he was saying, meant that he and his henchmen would come from that balcony right to Darlingford. He was hopelessly wrong! The picture of an allied vehicle just under the balcony proves that Darlingford went to Nuremberg. Mr. Errol McLean, one of our local farmers, drove it there and this incident is shown in the accompanying picture. Thanks boys!

Darlingford War Memorial

In August 1914, World War I came as a great shock to most of the civilized world. Recruiting depots were opened at both Morden and Manitou and in the next four years, over one hundred young men left our district, some never to return.

In 1918, when the survivors began to return the loss of so many fine local lads intensified the feelings of both the folks at home and the lads who left loyal friends behind. At the very outset of the proposed memorial it was stressed that it should be placed in memory of all who gave their lives for their country, unfettered by affiliation with any creed or cult, or even with the municipality or the provincial government - just Darlingford people - young and old alike. This has been adhered to.

The ground work was started in 1920 by several

committees and by Ferris Bolton, who drove the first spike by donating the property, close by the school, so that all school children would see and memorize those three words "Lest We Forget" worked in stone in front of the memorial property.

Through some oversight in storing of the early records, we have no specific mention of the actual people involved but we do have a large minute book dating from 1923. To overcome the loss, we turned to any other sources available and an excerpt from

the "Western Canadian", Manitou, reports as follows: "It was on July 5, 1921 that the grand opening of the memorial and dedication of the plaque of names of those who fell and "sleep in Flanders fields" as McCrea so aptly put it. The main speaker for the event was Sir James A.M. Aikins, the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba and the Honourary Colonel of the 90th Winnipeg Rifles. To grace his arrival a body-

guard of lads from the Manitoba Mounted Rifles of Morden were waiting at our C.P.R. Depot and, after the customary ritual, the M.M.R.'s, together with the band led the parade up to the newly completed grounds. Other speakers were the late Honourable J.L. Brown of Pilot Mound, Member for Lisgar Constituency, Ferris Bolton and others. The rest of the afternoon was enlivened by three baseball games and races held on the school grounds. A fitting celebration to be sure.

While prices were not so high in those days, it is understood that the actual cost of the building and legal fees, etc., came to well over \$5,000, and we do have one definite reference to finances. At the outset over \$1200 was received in personal pledges and a like amount in cash. Naturally the rough labour was done gratis and all bills paid by a bank loan, with the board members as signers for its repayment in 1923. This prompted the same board men to roll up a "really big show" for the next year.

On July 12, 1923, a monster picnic and sports day was planned by joining forces with the Grand Orange Lodge. Pages could be written of this event but a few facts will have to suffice.

From the Minute Book we find the baseball tournament cost \$150 in prizes, etc. The band received

\$34, bread almost \$20, meat \$150 (cooked ham came at fifty cents per pound), rent of dishes used for meals (served in rink) \$27.50, and so on, to a total of \$1,100 paid out, of which the L.O.L. received \$115. The great news next day was that all indebtedness was paid off with \$220, to the credit in the bank account.

The next problem was not so easily solved: planting grass, shrubs, trees and landscaping as well as endless hours of caretaking in the years that followed. We must mention that the entire layout was set up by the Superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Station, Morden, and trees, etc., provided by them. If it was not Dr. Leslie in that early beginning, it must be recorded that he often dropped by to keep a watchful eye on the many plantings and for many years was on call in case of problems.

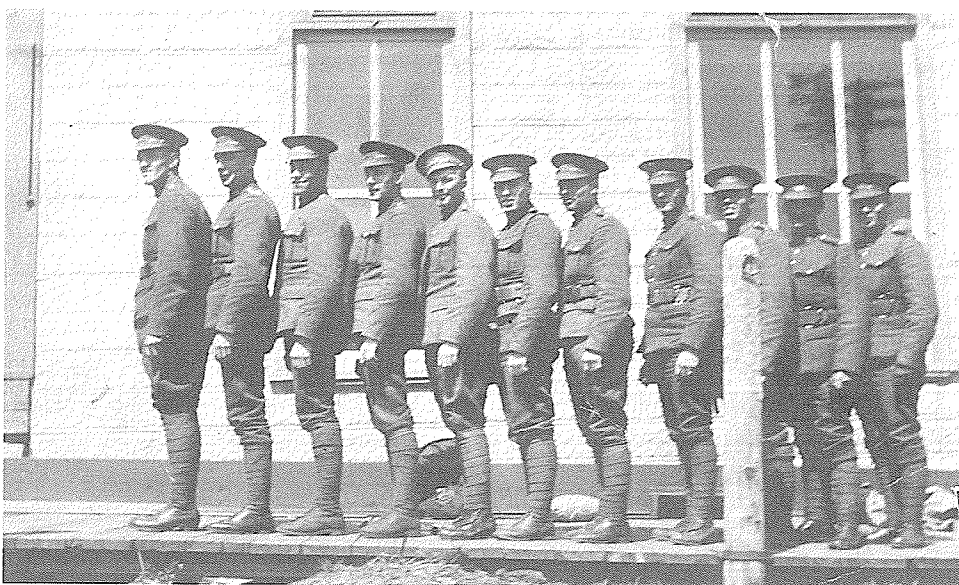
One project that made this park possible was the installation of a huge metal tank at the school to catch rain water, which was piped underground across to the park. Perhaps, one of Manitoba's first pipe lines. It worked wonders.

To Mr. James Rice fell the task of caretaker and, even though partially crippled, he really took care of it all for several years, until his health forbade. The Darlingford ladies' groups also were often quite militant if the work got behind and joed hubby on to the hoe handle in the evenings. With the only revenue for up-keep coming from annual services, it is remarkable how, even through those dry thirties the park was always well kept. The other names of long standing service are Messrs. Dan Kelly, Griff Williams and David Hunter.

From the very outset the hope was that an annu-



Dedication Ceremony Memorial Park



A few of our lads from the 184th Battalion - Jack Kelly, Joe Compton, unknown, Maurice Smith, Frank Bond, Harry Bolton, Dave Nichol, Jack Lovell, Walter Nichol, Mark Cockle, Bert Bolton

al Remembrance Service at the memorial would involve the younger children. It was also stressed that it be kept as non-military as possible with little pomp and show. To achieve this end a service was laid out where, after the formal opening, the list of names of those who did not return would be called out in pairs while two small children carried up small bouquets of flowers to be placed on a large cross held for that purpose.

During and for some years after World War II, the practice of having children present floral tributes as a part of the annual Memorial Service was discontinued. In 1959 a group of young mothers

helped to re-institute this ceremony. Roy Fields constructed two white crosses to receive the flowers presented in commemoration of the sacrifice of thirty young men who, in two world wars, gave their lives for freedom. Some of the children now participating are the fourth generation of their families to do so.

Many grown-ups will remember the rich stentorian voice of World War I veteran, Mr. Compton, reading the names. As far as is known, Mr. Compton served in this capacity from the first service in 1921 until his death in 1957. For most of the next thirty-seven years the roll call was conducted by Bill Nichol, a World War II veteran. Glen Rasmussen,

Darlingford War Memorial
Veterans of the Great War 1914-1918
Passchendaele - Vimy Ridge - Ypres - Cambrai - Mons - Lens - Hill 70

Killed in Action:

Alvin Andrew
 Fred Barnes
 Bert Bolton
 Elmer Bolton
 Harry Bolton
 Lewis Bond
 Mark Cockle
 James Dudgeon,
 Henry Keown
 David McKenzie
 James McKenzie
 William Martindale
 Charles Masson
 John Mitchell
 David Nichol
 Howard Scales
 Garfield Swire
 James Taylor

Served in France:

William Adam
 Alex Adam
 Daniel Allen
 David Alsop
 Fred Amy
 James Barclay
 Dr. Clayton Blight
 Melvin Bond
 Frank Bond
 Henry Brice
 Robert Brown
 William Chaytors
 Sherman Collins
 Joseph Compton
 William Connely
 Harry Craig
 Carl Cummings

John Davidson
 Ernest Deamel
 Herbert Dellar
 Andrew Dudgeon
 A. McBain Dudgeon
 Peter Dudgeon
 James Duncan
 Wilbur Durnin
 Tomas Galbraith
 Edwin Harris
 Elbert Holgate
 Robert Johnston
 John J. Kelly
 Bert Kinsman
 Fred Knowles
 Edward Kroetsch
 Frank Kroetsch
 John Livingston
 John Lovell
 Walter Martindale
 Arrol McElroy
 Lorne McElroy
 Walter Nichol
 George Nigh
 William Peacock
 David Reid
 William Rombough
 Wesley Scales
 Beattie Shields
 Edwin Southworth
 George Smith
 John Smith
 Maurice Smith
 Harmon Sweet
 Ed Swain
 Albert Swayze
 James Swayze
 William Swire

Mark Tovey
 Fred Tumber
 Richard Tumber
 Roy White
 Griffith Williams
 John Wilson
 Alex Wishart

Served in England:

Harford Ashley
 John Carswell
 George Forsythe
 Fred Jordan
 Lewis McLeod

Served in Canada:

Herb Aggas
 Myron Amy
 Percy Connolly
 Henry Cranshaw
 Ralph Currie
 Fred Dodge
 Charles Dodge
 Harry Dunbar
 John Duncan
 Louis Fortney
 Percy Law
 *George McKeen
 James McKeen
 Charles Morrow
 Frank Scales
 William Shields
 William Steenson
 *Thomas Wilson
 Peter Young
 *Died in service.

whose parents, Haref and Beatrice (Lowry) Rasmussen were both members of the Royal Canadian Air Force, has taken over this responsibility since 1995. Guest speakers and visitors to the Memorial Service invariably commend Darlingford for involving young people so meaningfully in this service of remembrance.

The names of one hundred and five local persons of all ranks who served in the Great War are carried on the plaque.

Veterans of World War II 1939 to 1945:

James Amy	+Harvey Kinsman	Melville Pearce
Russel Amy	Elmer Kinsman	James Poole
Allan Arnott	Orval Kinsman	William Poole
Verna Arnott	Bruce Karr	William Porter
Kenneth Ashley	Frank Kinnaird	Leslie Provo
Howard Bond	Clifford Kinnaird	Clair Purse
Frank Bond	Amy Kinnaird	+William Ramsay
*Ross Brogden	Melville Keown	Alec Ramsay
Albert Carson	+Albert Law	James Ramsay
Evelyn Ching	Douglas Law	Ruth Rombough
Victor Ching	Haig Law	Hugh Rombough
+Keith Collins	Fred Law	Raymond Rudd
Kenneth Compton	+Kenneth Lawson	Elmer Rutledge
Harold Compton	Robert Lawson	Ben Schindel
William Compton	Edward Lawson	Ewald Schindel
Frank Cowan	Kenneth Lambrecht	Arthur Schultz
Herbert Cowan	Harry Laing	Nick Shaventoski
Eva Cummings	Alec Laing	Roy Seymour
Leo Degelman	John Laing	*William Steenson
Alex Dressler	+Andrew Laing	Bert Stevens
Robert Dudgeon	John Leeson	Walter Slute
Wallace Duncan	Howard Leeson	Grant Smith
Martin Dushenko	*Roy Lovell	Alec Smith
Elmer Geving	Beatrice Lowry	Wesley Smith
Leonard Gibbons	+Lloyd McElroy	Sam Southworth
Allen Griffin	William McFadden	William Storey
Carl Gysi	James McFadden	Edith Swerdfeger
Alfred Harris	Earl McLean	Richard Ticknor
+Ralph Hawken	Harold McCulloch	Don Ticknor
Elgin Hawken	Allen McCulloch	Arthur Thomas
James Hamilton	Reinold Mikolasek	Joseph Vessley
Ivan Jacobs	George Mitchell	Heneage Ward
Henry Johnston	Robert Mitchell	Fred Ward
Clarence Jordan	Elgin Morrow	Cecil Ward
Robert Jordan	Elmer Morrow	Reginald Ward
Jessie Jordan	Joseph Morrow	Harry Ward
Ross Kendall	George Mutton	Wesley White
Thomas Kendall	*David Nichol	Lorna Wood
Cecil Kidd	William Nichol	+ Killed in action
William Kidd	Leslie Nield	* Died in service

Darlingford War Memorial - World War II

It might be fair to mention that during those dark days of 1939 to 1945, many different lodges, clubs and similar institutions were closed down for the time being but we can truthfully state that not one year slipped by without the annual service nor was the park and shrine neglected. It was no easy task to stand in front of a congregation comprised largely of mothers, wives and loved ones, whose men were once more at war.

The year 1941 was a very low point for the Allied Forces and that year the speaker for the July 6th address was a Mr. D.R.P. Coates of Winnipeg, a long time C.B.C. Radio announcer and well known by his voice. Not only did he deliver a very serious and cheering program but his speech was published by an insurance company. We would like to quote Mr. Coates' description of our memorial to his readers. "Memorial Park at Darlingford, Manitoba, is a credit to the district and a most appropriate shrine to

its heroes. The park is in a beautiful setting with a lawn and flower beds backed by blue spruce and other trees of considerable size."

"The shrine, or sanctuary, as it might be called, is a red brick building with a sharp gabled roof. Stone steps lead to the heavily studded door. Inside is a large tablet of glass bearing in gold lettering the names of those who gave their services, many of them their lives, to the Great Cause in 1914-1918."

"There is a bench or altar beneath the tablet and around the walls are relics of the war, German helmets, a gas mask, parts of trench mortars and machine guns, a trench periscope, photographs of local boys who served, and other objects of interest as well as the visitor's register."

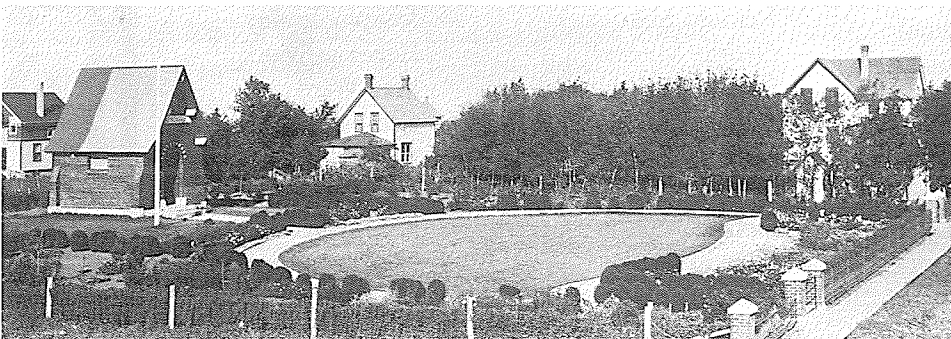
When in 1967 it was found almost impossible to get a suitable speaker for the annual service it was decided to have three Senior Scouts read the Coates' address over the sound system and many were there who recalled those sage remarks.

When, at long last, the veterans of 1939 to 1945 began to return, a welcome committee was set up to arrange special gatherings in the hall. A small token gift of a leather purse with their name in gold lettering was presented to each one of the long list of one hundred eighteen veterans. As in all wars some did not return and the Memorial Board soon set up a group to attend to the purchase and placing of a second plaque to carry the names of all who took part in active service from 1939 to 1945.

A special committee to attend to the purchasing of the new World War II plaque was set up and to canvass for funds. Mr. Ernest Nield was a committee member and it was largely he who did most of the foot work making three trips to Winnipeg, the last time he took a hammer and saw to carpenter a huge crate for its truck ride home for the firm was not able to haul the



Memorial Service



Original Memorial Park



Guard of Honor - Memorial Day, Darlingford - 1921



Archway through which the soldiers marched



Memorial Day Parade - 1921

crate made owing to a strike.

When the same committee sent out a letter asking for donations to pay the \$800 their request was promptly covered with donations totalling just over \$1,000. "It's for our memorial" was all it needed.

It is impossible to see into the future but it is logical for one and all to hope that no more of these mass tombstones will be required of us.

In the last thirty years much work has been done to rejuvenate the park. The aging spruce trees that formed the background for the chapel have been replaced as have the ailing ash trees at the front of the grounds. The crumbling sidewalks were removed and new concrete walks installed in 1985. New shrubs were added in 1987, and a cotoneaster hedge along part of the east side in 1993. A small garden shed houses lawn and garden equipment and protects an underground water tank and pump which makes irrigation possible. Each spring, community volunteers plant a lively array of annual flowers to enhance the summer scene. Inside the Memorial building a gun cabinet built by Bert Wilson in 1990 displays the World War I firearms collection.

In 1992, the Province of Manitoba designated the Memorial Park a Provincial Heritage Site. At the service that year we were honoured to have Mrs. Barbara Burr, a great granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Boulton, unveil the heritage plaque located just inside the southwest gate.

As it has in the past, the Darlingford community continues its strong support, both financially and with volunteer work, for the Memorial Park. To the many citizens who have devoted much time and talent to the park, we are deeply grateful. We especially remember Mr. W.E. Veals who, for many years, was a leader in planning the July ser-



Sir James Aikens, J.C. Smith, Ferris Bolton - 1921



Memorial Park in winter

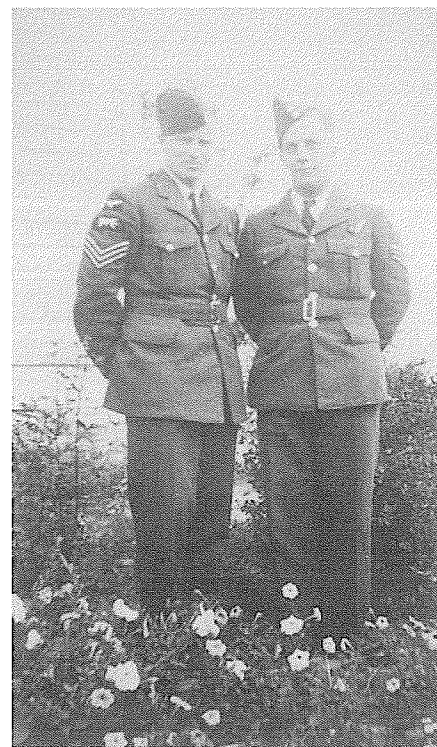
vice. Haig Law, Jack Amy and Mary Aerrsens spent many hours carefully tending the grounds and chapel. The present Memorial Park committee members are: Jack Jacobs, Glen Rasmussen, Brian McElroy, JoAnne Robbins, Howard Morrow, Doreen Treichel, Harvey Kinsman, Garry Hunt and Ruth Nichol.

As time passes, fewer and fewer veterans are able to attend the Memorial Service, and fewer and fewer citizens have first hand memories of the dark days of war. Many families represented in the names on the memorial plaques are no longer a part of our community. Yet we hope that the sacrifices made on our behalf will never be forgotten, and that the annual Memorial Service on the first Sunday of July will continue to be a reminder that our freedom has come at a very high price. "The beginning of

the end of the war lies in remembrance." - Herman Wouk.

Darlingford Salvage Drive

In the autumn of 1940 there was an urgent appeal to every Canadian to assist the war effort by collecting badly needed items, such as scrap iron and metals. This was to enable the munitions factories to keep



Howard Bond and Ralph Hawken (l-r)
home on leave before going overseas
- 1942

going at top speed, while mines and smelters were being built or enlarged.

Darlingford had lost a really good school teacher to the R.C.A.F. when a Mr. Findlay enlisted. He had organized a group of about twenty young lads into what they chose to call "The Happy Gang". They had spent many hours in the United Church basement doing all sorts of calisthenics, tricks and stunts, as well as boxing, wrestling, etc. When October rolled around these lads seemed lost and used to gang up to while away the time.

When a group of five or six were told "The Happy Gang" meets tomorrow evening at the church, as usual, the question was asked "By Who?" "You be there and see for yourself." Then the informant set up a slightly different program consisting of one

half hour of sports followed by a half hour of salvage collection.

Seventeen boys attended and accepted the challenge to see if they couldn't help all those boys overseas. A list of wanted items was read off with the point values of each, such as: one dozen bottles (any kind) - two points; or one pound of old, green or dry bones (wanted for making explosives) would be five points; etc. Paper, rags, cast iron, steel, and most important that long list of non-ferrous metals, lead, zinc, copper, etc., and old tires.

The reward offered was a trip to Winnipeg to visit points of high interest, such as the C.B.C. Broadcasting Station, and the airport with a chance to sit in the pilot's seat of the big ones. The first night the seventeen boys were asked for a show of hands of all those who had been to the city before, and only three hands went up.

The promise of the trip the next spring to all boys who earned one thousand points worked well. Each lad was given a list of names he could canvass for material. When Jack and Bert Stevens made a cleanup of the old pastures on the flats west of town they landed in with almost a ton of old bones earning enough points to take them to Toronto. But others had gimmicks too, and so by February the boys had piled up so many points the committee was in trouble. That was overcome with cash prizes. The boys all had the spirit of the campaign and went on piling it up. Most of the salvage was stored in the hall basement.

Jack Bryson was the winner of the first prize. But most of the boys topped the two thousand points. Early one morning in late April the boys loaded into seven trucks and two cars for the big event and a crowd of about fifty people gathered to see them leave. Each truck had a large sign, "Darlingford Salvage" and the convoy caused more than one Manitoban to gape as it rolled along.

Although it was to have been a donation to the Winnipeg Patriotic Salvage Corps, they insisted on handing over a cheque for \$300 which came in handy to help finance the welcome home to the happy lads and lasses that returned. Salvage collecting was not dropped

that spring but the following years saw three C.P.R. carloads shipped, largely old farm implements and tractors, until the dire shortage was met.

The rather singular result of all this effort came in 1944 when a letter from the office of the Salvage Commissioner, Ottawa, came asking for details of how our campaign was conducted as they were about to set up a National Drive. That effort was based on awards of little felt stars, stripes and a four inch by four inch felt shield and crown to be worn on the lad's coat or jacket.

Another letter was received from Washington, United States of America. Having read of Darlingford's success, they wanted information about organizing a salvage drive. The committee members were: Messrs. F.R. Amy, Robert Watt, W.E. Veals and Reverend T.W. Marchant. Just another way to solve the pollution problem.

Victory Loans 1939-1945

It is common knowledge that war requires men, munitions and money. In late 1939 the first Victory War Loan was floated across Canada and in Darlingford. It was handled by Mr. Harold Lyons, the local Federal Elevator agent. In a few months a change of plans brought about a War Finance Committee of three or more persons in each centre. Darlingford fell in line and the Second Victory Loan was given much more impetus and backed with several new ideas and many forms of advertising. One of these was to have convoys of trucks and mini-tanks, etc., loaded with soldiers in training to travel to all larger rural centres. One such convoy visited Morden for an over-night stop and were then persuaded into making a swing through our fair village. All eighty-six vehicles fitted nicely into our



The Happy Gang - 19 teenage boys who reached the competition quota of 1,000 points in a salvage collection competition at Darlingford, Man. - were photographed with their trucks as they arrived at the Patriotic Salvage Corps. headquarters Saturday. Shown in the picture are: (l-r) front row: W.E. Veals, of Darlingford, Ernie Gould, vice-president of the Patriotic Salvage Corps, who welcomed the party and C.H. Barkley, Principal of Darlingford School. The boys and their drivers are also shown in the picture.

Front Street and, with amplifier at the ready, the local minister, Reverend J.E. Scharfe, made a very brief speech of welcome, then invited about fifty school children to do a couple of vocal numbers. While this was going on, boxes of soft drinks were passed around, then the O/C took over and said nice things about Darlingford.

The next day a local citizen happened to meet up with some of the convoy boys who were loud in their praise, such as "The only little town to pack so much into so few minutes."

That this local committee pulled its weight was registered when the late Mr. W.J. Rowe, Chairman for Pembina War Finance Committee, phoned to advise the committee that Darlingford had rolled in forty-eight per cent of the Pembina total - that from townships 1-7, 2-7, and 3-7. In other words, three townships out of thirty-six.

That committee was comprised of Mr. W.E.

Veals, as chairman, Mr. Robert Watt as secretary treasurer, and all the people of our community. The theme used was "Either lend it to the government now or give it over to a Mr. Adolph Hitler later on." It seemed to work and we are glad to report that every Victory Bond was redeemed at full value and the three percent interest paid to the last cent. Thanks boys.

The Willing War Workers

The Willing War Workers were formed during the second world war. The ladies did their bit to add to the comfort of the men in the armed forces by knitting them mitts, helmets, socks and sweaters. They also made quilts, and the material for these articles was sent out from Red Cross headquarters. Packing food parcels for the men who had enlisted from the district was another of their wartime projects.

CHURCHES

As the world economy has changed, farming practices have changed. The community which used to be the distance we could travel in an hour by horse or on foot has expanded. After the second world war, opportunities for exploring greener pastures presented themselves at an ever increasing pace. A university or college education, employment in the city, and travel further afield were at one and the same time options, and in some cases necessities. Farming could no longer support all the sons and daughters, grandsons and daughters of those who had settled in the Darlingford district. The population was in decline. Farms have increased in size. The land has emptied of farmsteads. That close-knit community centred around the church or the school which very often doubled as the church is fraying.

Churches which had been so lovingly built and so proudly dedicated began to close earlier in this century. The people who had tended these buildings with care and diligence; teaching their children the stories of the faith, passing on as we have been commanded to do the story of God's graciousness, closed these churches with regret. Though we know the building is not really the church, these places had become as all church buildings do, sacred spaces. Churches house memory - the memory of God with us in trial and tribulation, the memory of the community of faith gathered in joy and in sorrow, the joining together of two people in marriage, the commending to God of a beloved member of the community at a funeral, the welcoming of a new member to the family of Christ at baptism. Buildings become sacred space for they house both public and personal memories; the community's memories, family's memories, individual memories. These buildings have been the places where we have praised and prayed, laughed and lamented, cheered and cried.

At one time there were seven churches in the reformed tradition that were active in the Darlingford area. This gradually became two churches, St. Andrew's at Pearce, and Zion-Calvin in Darlingford. In 1971 the Darlingford-Pearce and Morden-Thornhill Pastoral Charges of the United Church of Canada joined to become the Pembina Parish. In 1990 St. Andrew's Church in Pearce closed. And even though we know, as the childrens' song says, "The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is a people", there is a longing for the familiar places, a tugging from the past that binds us to

the places of our childhoods.

Time like an ever rolling stream bears all of us away, including our edifices. In these pages we remember and give thanks for the faith and commitment of our ancestors. God has built and continues to build. In each and every age God has raised up and will raise up people of faith.

- The Reverend Kerry M. Craig

Barclay School District Church Services

Barclay School district church services were held in the homes before the school was built in 1890. Some of these were those of Peter Stewart, Robert Barclay and J. Hoskins. It is believed that Reverend Borthwick, as missionary organizer, was the first minister to preach at these home services. After the school was built, Presbyterian church services were held there. In a few years a second church entered the field with Reverend Litch as the first Baptist minister, and this district had the Presbyterian service in the morning and the Baptist in the afternoon, the minister driving around fifteen miles from Morden with horse and buggy.



Sunday School at Barclay School. back row: Bertha Storey, Lyle Switzer, Edith Storey, front row: Shirley Cowan, Murray Ticknor, Louise Cowan

However, from 1915 to 1931 there were very few services of this denomination held. Mr. Litch returned from British Columbia at this time and succeeded in getting Baptist services started again, these continued until the early 1950's when all were discontinued. Sunday School had been organized by Mrs. J. Ticknor, and continued until they decided to unite with the Darlingford Sunday School.

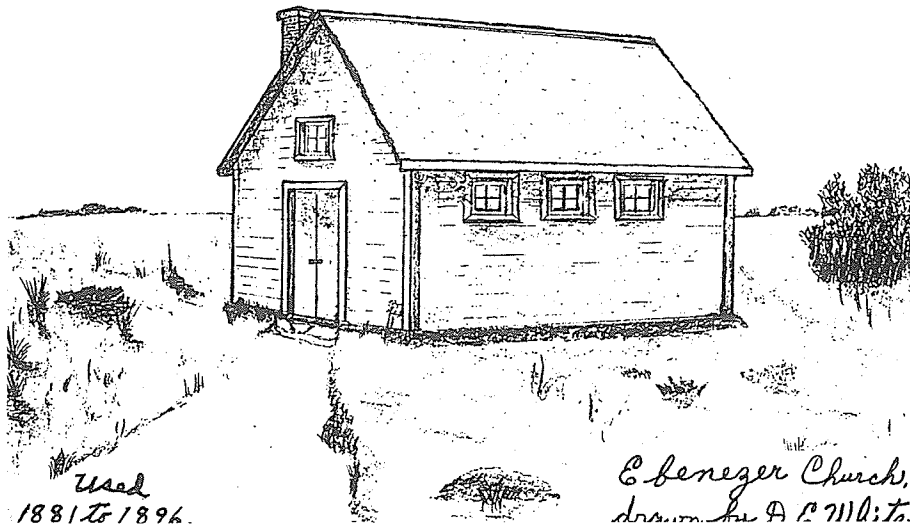
Barclay & Darlingford Ladies Meeting - 1938 at home of John and Mary Switzer. standing: (l-r) Mrs. Hawkens, Pearl Compton, Mrs. Ed. Jordan, Eva Hunt, ?, Ida Hancock, Jane Stone, Rose Collins, Nellie Ticknor, Grace Barclay, Cathy Barclay, Elsie Cowan, Grace Cowan, Jessie Barclay, Nell Collins, Flo Tickner, Peggy McDonald, kneeling: Georgie Fields, ?, Annie Cowan, seated: Floss Robinson, Carrie Cram, Muriel Jordan, Ida Compton, Minnie Ticknor, Alice Storey, front: Louise Cowan, Edith and Bertha Storey



Sunday School at Barclay School. back row: Bertha Storey, Lyle Switzer, Edith Storey, front row: Shirley Cowan, Murray Ticknor, Louise Cowan

Ebernezer Methodist Church

A 20x20 foot handsome frame building, which cost \$416, was built by the Bible Christian Church (a branch of the Methodist Church) in 1891 on the N.W. 1/4 19-2-6, six miles southwest of Thornhill and just west of the Alexandria town site.



Ebenezer Church

This was the only church erected by the Bible Christians in Manitoba (or western Canada). This church was the first to welcome women as preachers. The first preachers were the Reverend J.W. Greenway, Reverend W. Kinly (1881-82) and the Reverend Andrew Gordon (1882-84). The various Methodist denominations were united into one church in 1894.

Originally located just a few yards off the Boundary Commission Trail, the church was moved three miles west to the N.E. 26-2-7, still on the Commission Trail, in 1886. Here it became known as Ebernezer Church and remained in use until 1896 when it was replaced by the building of a larger Zion Church, one mile west. The name Ebernezer is referred to in the bible, I Samuel 7:12. It is generally translated as "stone of help."

In 1896 the church building was moved to the yard of a nearby farmer where it remained until it was demolished about 1982.

Methodist Church History (1884-1925)

The official board meeting held at Alexander July 4, 1884. Reverend Colwell in the chair with stewards for the circuit; Alexander - J. Thompson, J. Elliott; Lorne School - James Ching; Calf

Mountain - F. Bolton; Darlingford - Edward Oke and Wm. Boyle; Thornhill - E. Allen; F. Bolton elected Rec. secretary.

Trustees for Alexander church appointed a committee to find a suitable parsonage, the furnishings not to exceed \$60.

Board meeting Shadeland August 1887, Reverend Hoskins in chair. Voted \$500 for salary.

Board meeting Darlingford May 12, 1888, with all the board present. A motion was passed that the name of the mission be changed from Alexander to Thornhill.

At the August 17, 1889 board meeting the following motion was passed, "That we desire to express our gratitude to the Missionary Society for the help they have so freely given us in the past, and think that the time has come when we must walk alone. We purpose to support our minister in the future and

we ask to be placed on the list of circuits." The salary to be \$625. Reverend Wilson followed Reverend Hoskins. Motion passed we organize a Sunday School with Mr. Riggs as superintendent.

Board meeting August 14, 1893 moved ministers salary by \$700 a year. Reverend Kenner 1896-1899. Reverend Hughes 1899-1903.

Zion church was built in 1896, to replace Ebenezer (one mile east). In 1901 Albert Law was appointed local preacher. 1902 Darlingford church was built. Reverend Teeter 1903-1907.

In 1905 minister's salary raised to \$900 per year.

Board meeting 1906. Vote of thanks to F. Bolton for his service as recording secretary for twenty-two years. 1884-1906.

Reverend Finch 1907-1911. Salary paid \$1,000, horses keep \$60. Telephone installed in Thornhill parsonage 1909. Reverend Hellyar 1911-1915. Same salary.

July 1913 the brick parsonage was purchased from J.H. Bolton for \$2,550, and the minister stationed at Darlingford.

1914 ministers salary \$1,100 and 1917 \$1,200, including horses keep. Motion passed that this board express its appreciation of the services rendered by brother F. Bolton as steward during the past thirty-three years and that we feel honour has



Methodist Church - 1903

been conferred upon this board by his election to the House of Commons, Ottawa.

Reverend Scott 1915-1919. Salary \$1,300 including horses keep.

Reverend Price 1919-1922.

After thirty-four years on the board Wm. Compton was appointed as society representative, 1920 salary \$2,000.

Reverend E. Taylor 1922-1925. Salary \$2000, \$150 horses keep.

1925 - This year will go down in church history as notable for the fact that three great denominations united their forces for the advancement of God in Canada, namely Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregationalist.

This sketch is dedicated to the memory of those who have taken their part in our church life: to those noble men and women, who in the early days of this community, amidst poverty and hardship, and in the face of temptations and great difficulties, did their bit heroically in the battlefield of life. In those trying days, they kept the torch of truth and righteousness lighted and have passed it on to us. May we be faithful to the trust they

have committed to us. - J.W. Miller, secretary, 1925

Zion Methodist Church History

This district was first served by a church called Ebenezer, which was about one mile east of the Zion Church site.

In 1896 Zion was built to replace Ebenezer. All the particulars are included in the Methodist church history 1884-1925.

Zion church served a large district, as the Darlingford church was not built until 1902. There was great fellowship among the people

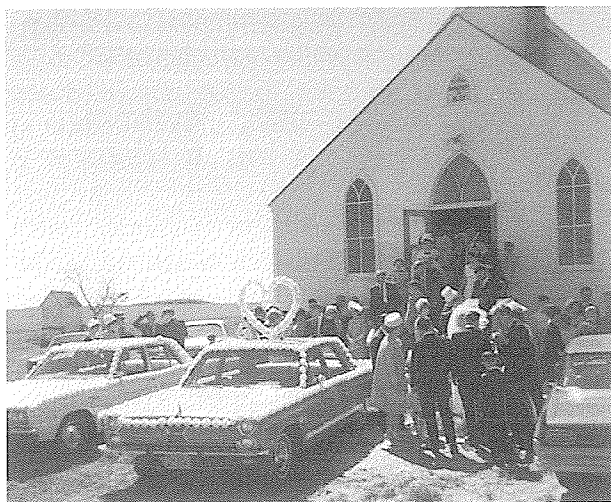
and the drive around the circuit with horse and buggy was quite relaxing. At Easter in 1908, the choirs from the three churches formed a joint choir and went to all the churches, where the music was enjoyed by all. Reverend Finch, the minister, had the misfortune of having his foot stepped on by one of the horses so Mrs. Finch read his sermon at Zion and Darlingford.

They formed a Ladies Aid in early years and were soon having fowl suppers and Sunday School picnics. Christmas concerts were enjoyed by all.

The Women's Missionary Society was formed in 1903, and when Reverend Kennedy came in 1925,



Zion Church - 1896



Last wedding at Zion Church - July, 1966
Fern Wood and Bob Brick

his wife formed Kennedy A and B Mission Bands. At the time of church union the members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church gathered at their church in the morning, took their hymn books and Bibles and walked in rows north one mile to Zion church. The Methodist minister and congregation were waiting outside, so they all went into the church together to worship. It was a very solemn occasion.

In June 1952, the church was remodelled making it warmer and more convenient.

On January 1, 1967 Zion church closed and part of the congregation went to Darlingford under the name Zion-Calvin, and the other part of the district went to Pearce.

A special service at Zion of all the congregations on the charge was held to mark the closing of the church, and all the church groups ceased functioning at this time. A sale was held, the furnishings sold, and in 1971 a Mr. Penner of Winkler purchased the building and dismantled it. Thus ended a much valued place of worship and a well loved landmark.

In 1901 a group of Zion young people formed the Epworth League with Reverend Hughes conducting the meeting, where active and associate members were elected.

The first active members who took the pledge to take part in the meetings of the Christian Endeavour Department and to be true to all duties pertaining to the church were Albert Law, Henry Bolton, Mary Bolton, Emma Jacobs, Willard Stevens, Edith Irvine, Maggie Crawford, M. Harris, Ida Harris, Oliver Law, Gladys Andrew, W. Hughes and Wm. Ford.

The associate members were to serve on committees and to work for the advancement of the league. These members were Harry Frank, George Jacobs, E. McElroy, F. Frank, Percy McElroy, May Ching, Maude Law, A. Gellatly, E. Patterson.

In 1912 Reverend John Tucker, a missionary from Africa, addressed the Epworth League in Darlingford.

Ties that Bind - Zion Church and Community

Taken from the July 18, 1997 issue of "The Southern Shopper"

Picture it, a Sunday Morning, families walking together, young couples strolling along a dirt road all to join at the country church on the corner for fellowship and friendship. The place: the Shadeland District, the year: 1897 and the church: Zion Methodist.

In the beginning, the Pastoral charge included: Zion, Thornhill, Opawaka and Kaleida. The opening of the church was held in January after the enormous job of constructing the church was complete. The church had a stone foundation and hauling and collecting the stones was an extremely manual job but like all things, the district pulled together and got the job done. The carpenters and stone masons were hired from out of the district. The January opening was a major event as the church had become the social and spiritual cornerstone of the community. The church was known as Zion Methodist Church until 1925 when the church union took place and the United Church was formed. The first minister of the church was Mr. Kenner.

The Zion United Church closed in 1967 and the members of the church went to Morden, Darlingford or Pearce.

The Zion community celebrated its one hundredth year Centennial with a rededication of the church on Sunday, July 13, 1997 with various past and present Zion church members participating in the service. Mr. Harry Wood and Jonathon Nichol took part in the dedication of the Zion sign. Following the rededication a potluck supper was held at the home of Jim and Barb Nichol, which proved to be a great time for the community to join together and reminisce.

Although a lot has changed in the one hundred years, it is evident that the ties of the church and community still bind the district together.

Darlingford Presbyterian Church History

In 1876 the union of the Presbyterian churches of Canada took place. The field at that time extended from the Boyne River at Carman, south to the international boundary, and from Morris to the Turtle mountains; an area of three thousand two hundred square miles. From 1880 to 1900 many missionaries served this large territory.

In 1880 Reverend Borthwick started missionary work in this district by preaching in rural homes. In 1888 he was relieved by Reverend Bruce Innis who held services at Thornhill, Barclay School and Kaleida. From 1890 to 1908 Reverend McLennan, Reverend Bowman, Reverend Gourlay and Reverend McKay were resident ministers.

In 1908 Darlingford built their own church where Reverend McKay preached the first service. He stayed until 1910, In the years following, to 1924, the ministers were Reverend Wilson, Reverend Stewart, Reverend Robinson, Reverend McMillan and Reverend Ralston. They resided in the manse at Thornhill and served the circuit from there.

In 1925 union of Methodist and Presbyterian churches took place. Reverend Taylor at the time was minister in the Methodist church and Reverend Smalley in the Presbyterian. It was decided the

Presbyterian church would be the place of worship and Reverend Taylor would stay on as minister.

On July 1, 1925 the first union service was held. An addition was built in 1928, with folding doors between the addition and the sanctuary.

Darlingford United Church

The local vote favouring church union between the Methodist and Presbyterian church in Darlingford was passed June 6, 1924.

Reverend Taylor was the Methodist minister and Reverend Smalley, the Presbyterian minister at Thornhill. Reverend Taylor was asked to stay on for one year, July 1924-1925 and was therefore the first United Church minister. There was considerable new ideas to cope with.

July 1, 1925 became the official date when the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches joined together to become the United Church of Canada.

On June 10, 1925, a large gathering of church officials and members from the three denominations, from many provinces, was held in the Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto, as there was not a church large enough to hold so large an assembly.

Reverend Brown, an evangelist from Brooklyn, New York, came here in May 1925, and held special meetings in the rink for three weeks. Quite a number joined the church through his influence; other groups joined the church at Easter season.

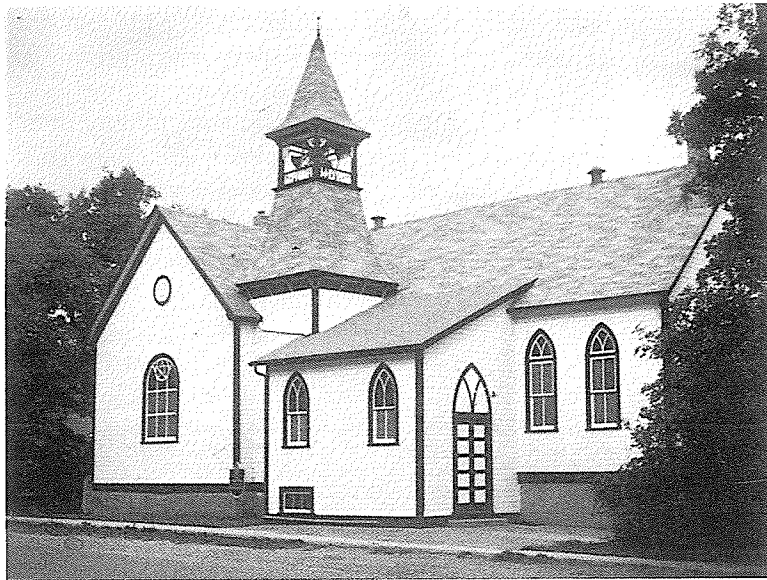
The Presbyterian church was to be used for the United Church, and in 1928 an addition was built to it, as it was not large enough for efficient Sunday School work. The Methodist Church was sold February 17, 1927 to Mr. J.C. Smith. For a time the post office and telephone office was located in the building, with a suite of rooms upstairs.

Through the years many other improvements have been made on the church building. In 1962 the chimes were installed by Mr. Robert Compton, in memory of his wife, Nettie.

In 1964 a Hammond electric organ was purchased with gifts, and with money donated to an Organ Memorial Fund, in lieu of flowers. In 1970, as a centennial project, the choir loft was redecorated by the purchase of new drapes and indirect lighting. A wooden cross with copper inlay was added. This was dedicated on July 10, 1971, with Mrs. Mattie McElroy representing the older congregation, Harvey Kinsman the youth, and Bob Jordan for the session, reading the presentation address, which honoured the memory of friends who now



Presbyterian Church, Darlingford - 1908



Zion Calvin United Church, Darlingford - 1970

have gone on before. Reverend Rutley accepted the gift.

When Zion church closed January 1, 1967, part of the congregation came to Darlingford and the church name was changed from Calvin to Zion Calvin.

Darlingford Sunday School

The Town of Darlingford began its growth in the fall of 1899. In the early part of 1900 was comprised of the elevator, lumber yard and three homes: James Law, W. Shields, M. Ferguson.

The nearest church was Zion, six miles south-east. These three families missed Sunday service so they decided to begin a Sunday School meeting for the first time on June 3, 1900, at the home of Mr. James Law.

The erection of the Methodist church took

place in 1902 and the residents were so pleased to have a church they began holding Sunday School there before the building was finished. The attendance increased up to 1923, when there were so many classes, separated just by curtains, that the teachers found it difficult to do justice to their pupils. The only solution to the problem was to ask permission of the school trustees to have the use of the day school for Sunday School classes. With their consent it was held in the school from June 17, 1923 to October 7, 1928. Mr. J.O. Law was Sunday School Superintendent for many, many years.

1925 saw the Methodist and Presbyterian churches united. The Presbyterian Church was chosen for the United Church, and was enlarged for the purpose. It was a day of rejoicing when our Sunday School once more could be carried on in the church, with room for all the classes. Attendance then was 90 to 100. Easter time was for joining the church, Christmas concerts



Drill in Hall - 1935

back row: Alice Bond, Ruth Hunt, Mrs. Edith White, Norma Amy, Mrs. Manning, Blanche Boyle, front row: Mary Collins, Ethel Coleman, Annie Henderson, Estelle Rombough, Jennie Jacobs, Beatrice Veals



Sunday School

Gail Nichol, Lenore Purse, Pat Gysi, ?, Beth Hawken, Shirley Law, Betty Joan Marchant, ?, Don McElroy, Earl Law, Phyllis Neighbour, Anne McDonald, Frank Ramage, Edith McElroy

were held for many years, and now discontinued in favour of the day school.

Darlingford took a pilot project, the teaching of the new curriculum for one year, then accepted it and demonstrated the method to other schools. Now all United Churches use this material.

Calvin United Church

Following Reverend Taylor (1925-34) as ministers, after church union, were Reverend Haw, Reverend J.S. Leith (1934-39), Reverend J.E. Scharf (1939-43), Reverend Thomas Marchant (1943-50).

Roy Schneider came as a student minister in 1950-52 when he was ordained. He and his wife Donna lived in the brick manse at 29 Pembina Street, Darlingford. Reverend Hugh Bill and wife and daughter Judy 1952-57 also lived in the brick manse and during this time, the interior and porch were remodelled.

Reverend Mike Skibiniski, also a student minister, was ordained during the five years he and wife Zen were in the area. He dedicated a Badwin electric organ at Pearce and helped in organizing the building of a new manse at Darlingford.

Reverend Trevor Rutley, a student minister, his wife Elsie, Cheryl and Jill came in 1963 and were the first occupants of the new manse, just north of the brick manse. He was ordained in 1965 and transferred to McCreary. He received a call back to Darlingford in July 1968. Elsie was head of the committee to do extensive renovations to the choir loft.

Reverend Donald Smith, wife Sydney and son, Thomas were here 1965-67. He was the first ordained minister in many years. His work with the Scouts and Rovers was outstanding. He compiled reference books for various groups.

Garry Scherbain, a theology student employed by the Department of Health and Public Welfare in Winnipeg came in 1967 and conducted Sunday services.

In 1967 Zion Church closed. Part of that congregation came to Darlingford and the name changed to Zion Calvin United Church.

Zion Calvin United Church

On July 1, 1971 Darlingford/Pearce pastoral charge amalgamated with Morden, Thornhill pastoral charges and became known as Pembina Parish served by team ministry. The first team ministers were Trevor Rutley, who lived in Darlingford and Paul Campbell who resided in Morden. Then Bob Haverluck who lived in Darlingford and Paul Campbell, Paul Campbell and Nate MacIntosh who was the last minister to reside in the Darlingford manse, Nate MacIntosh and Peter Douglas who resided in Morden, Peter Douglas and Alistair Riddell and Alistair Riddell and John Freeman.

In June 1990 Pearce Church closed. Some of the congregation went to Morden and some to Darlingford. Both Alistair Riddell and John Freeman moved in June 1990.

Kerry Craig and Jim Penhale came in July 1990 to serve Darlingford and Morden (Pembina Parish). Thornhill church closed sometime in the 1980's.

Through the years the congregation has become smaller and smaller. Death has taken its toll of course and many moved to Morden. As the twentieth century comes to a close we wonder how much longer the last of our early churches will be open for Sunday worship.

Zion Calvin Sunday School

Sunday school in Darlingford remains active. There have been many people, over the years, who have generously given of their time and talents to ensure this presence in our community. The curriculum uses stories, group discussion, activities, crafts and of course music to teach the children.

At present Sunday school classes coincide with the worship service. Throughout the year, the chil-



Sunday School sleigh ride - 1997



Sunday School sleigh ride

dren join the adults for intergenerational services. Mother's Day or Christian Family Sunday continues to be a special service. Participation in the services by the children is always special and the Sunday school gives the children ample opportunity to speak and sing in the form of worship.

Pearce St. Andrews Church History

In 1880 Reverend Borthwick was giving missionary service in Calf Mountain, Lorne School and Mountain City, where a Presbyterian church was built. In 1888 an ordained minister Reverend Innis took his place, and the field was Thornhill, Barclay School, Calf Mountain School and Kaleida. A Reverend Fisher took over for a year then moved to Morden. Through the efforts of Andrew Chisholm, a student minister, Thornhill and Calf Mountain both agreed to build churches. St. Andrews, a mile south of Zion, opened in the fall of 1890. Reverend Robertson, Superintendent of Missions was present at the opening, and congratulated the Presbyterians of the district on becoming self-supporting. When Mr. Chisholm left for college Reverend McLennan was next, followed in 1894 by a Mr. Bowman, who later became Superintendent of the Immigration Hall in Winnipeg for many years. Reverend John Gourlay officiated at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Laing in 1900.

Reverend Charles McKay, in 1901, succeeded in getting the church debt cleared. Mr. J.K. Duncan was the first elder elected. Mr. George Phillips, a student with authority to conduct funerals came in 1908. Reverend Robinson came in 1913, living at the Thornhill manse. When he left the church was closed for lack of supply.

In 1919 the people of Pearce built a school, and being true pioneers, wanted a church service. Reverend Ralston, a war padre, came from Morden, and services were held in the school. In 1921 the people of the district, through the good services of Reverend Rumble of Morden, were permitted to move St. Andrews church to its present location at Pearce. It was a large undertaking and credit goes to Mr. Oscar Hansen who with the help of a number of local farmers, three engines and four horses, moved the building. The following summer cement work was done and the interior finished. Reverend Ralston gave them three years of service.

The Lumgair family went to Zion church

and Mr. and Mrs. Charter to Morden, so the Sunday School was taken over by Mr. James Dudgeon and his brother Alex. Later Mrs. Spangelo taught the children, and Mr. Robert Laing led the Bible class. Even if families moved, the attendance increased. Dr. Rumble drove from Morden in 1924 and gave them service.

Church union came in 1925. Pearce, Thornhill and Mountain City were served by Reverend Ralston until 1930, after which Reverend Haw of Darlingford charge agreed to take the services at Pearce. Thornhill was to get service from Morden.

Reverend J.S. Leith came to the charge in 1934. There were a lot of Czech families in the district who needed a service in their own language, so Mr. Leith arranged for a minister to come once a month from Winnipeg and they were very grateful to him for this thoughtfulness.

Reverend J.E. Scarf came in 1939. While on the field fifteen young people joined the church at Pearce and a fourth generation Dudgeon took sacrament. Mr. Scarf accepted a call from a church in Port Arthur.

Reverend Thomas Marchant, his wife and family of five children were here from 1943-1950. During this period, the community at large gave of its young men and women. In the past two wars, the district was well represented, as witness the Roll of Honour in the church.

Reverend Roy Schneider came as a student minister in 1950, and after his ordination in 1952 he and his wife Donna, and two sons went to Japan as missionaries for two years. While here they organized many church groups.



Pearce St. Andrews Church - 1900

Reverend Hugh Bill, his wife Olga and daughter Judy came here from Waskada, and stayed from 1952-1957. While here the church interior and porch were remodelled. He enjoyed outdoor sports.

Reverend Mike Skibinski, also a student minister, and his wife Zen, were here for five years. While here he dedicated a Baldwin electric organ at Pearce and helped in organizing the building of a new manse at Darlingford. He was ordained while here.

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It may be of interest to note with the closing of Zion church and Windygates congregation - although sad occasions for these two points - it was with pleasure Pearce received many new members. Their desire is to serve varied religious and ethnic groups of the district equally and impartially.

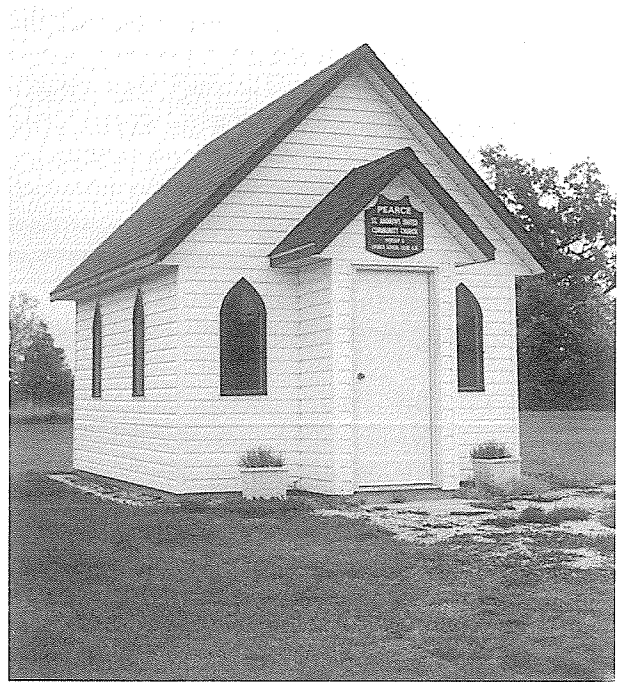
The day school closed in 1965, the children going by school bus to Morden. The school building is kept for a community centre.

Pearce Community Church

The Pearce Church was a strong bind that held the Pearce community together, long after the Pearce school closed. It shared ministers from Morden and Darlingford and was well known for the great food at the board meetings.

Everyone arrived early and stayed late just to get caught up on how much rain, hail or snow everyone got, who bought something new or traded in something old. The conversation was always lively.

By the end of the 1980's the conversation headed towards how much longer the church could stay open. Finally in June of 1990 the church closed. At the last service, all former members were invited and lots came. There were two babies baptized, Alex Dudgeon, son of Bobbie and Gil and Gavin

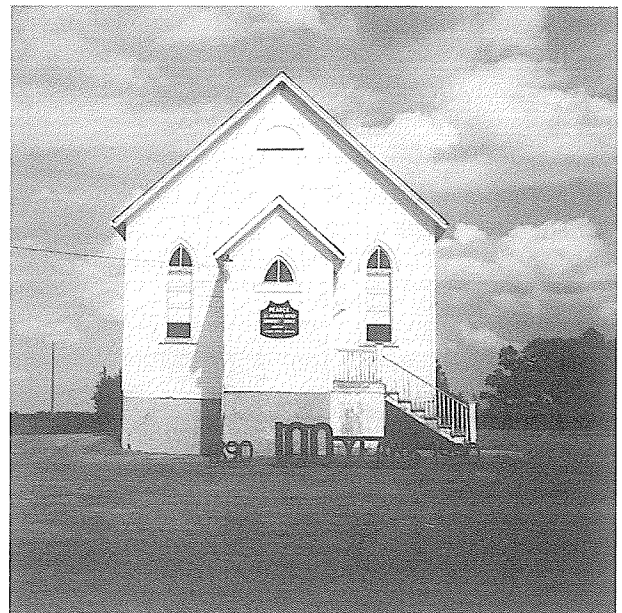


Pearce Chapel

Holenski, son of Shannon and Glen and of course, there was lots of food.

There was a lot of talk as to what should be done with the old church and what should go in its place. The final outcome was to sell the church to a couple who wished to move it to Thornhill and make it a private home. Then Joe and Kola Holenski came up with the idea of building a small version of the church on the site.

In August 1993 the Pearce Chapel was dedicated with several former ministers from the old church



Pearce Church - 1890-1990

present. Now people from all over stop and visit the chapel and sign the guest book.

The Pearce School closed in 1965. The Sunday School, from the church, used it on Sundays for years as well as the Windygates 4-H Club. Now it's used mainly just for community showers and gatherings. The yard and building are still maintained by the Pearce Community Club.

Darlingford Church Groups

The Woman's Missionary Society

The Woman's Missionary Society was formed at Darlingford in 1903. Mrs. James Law was president. The monthly studies gave the women a new outlook as they studied about the lives of women in other parts of the world, and of the missionary work carried on by them.

In 1905 Mr. J.H. Bolton married Miss Jennie Elliot, a missionary at Port Simpson, British Columbia. Her help and influence meant a great deal to our W.M.S. Dr. Albert Bolton of Port Simpson was a brother of J.H. and Ferris Bolton.

The W.M.S. had visits from missionaries home on furlough, some of which were Miss Hargrave (twenty-five years a missionary in Japan) and Miss Isobel Leith from Japan, a sister of Reverend Leith. Three missionaries from India were Miss Margaret Drummend, Miss Robertson, and Miss Zell Clark, a Baptist missionary who was an aunt of Mrs. Scott Leith.

The missionary project was mostly supported by systematic giving, while the Ladies Aid pledged themselves to help the church board meet its obligations. The annual fall bazaars and fowl suppers were affairs which were a lot of work, but the ladies learned the value of working together in accomplishing a valued project.

A young women's club had its beginning from an adult ladies Bible class taught by Mrs. W.E. Veals. From this they organized themselves into a group equivalent to the Ladies Aid, and continued as such until 1961 when the amalgamation of the Womens Missionary Society and Ladies Aid took place across Canada.

Now called United Church Women, it includes all the women of the church who study and carry on various projects.

For many years the supervision of the youth groups have been under the guidance of the ladies church organizations.

Baby Band

Baby Band was started about 1919, when all the babies in the district were enrolled and a birthday card sent each year until they graduated to Mission Band at school age. Once a year meetings were held in the church and the mothers and children came, bringing their "mite boxes". It was nice seeing the little folks, but the joy of being together often disrupted the good leaders intentions of making her program entertaining.

Mission Band

Mission Band was started by Mrs. Carswell in 1914. The children receiving mission studies every two weeks. They received recognition from Presbytery for their good standing and the money contributed. Later years we were allowed to hold the meetings in the day school from three to four, so were able to give the message to more children. Mrs. Mary Aerssens was the last leader. It was discontinued when the girls joined Explorers and the boys scouts.



Baby Band - 1933:

Jack Bryson, Gerald McElroy, Lyall Collins, Phyllis Jordan, Thelma Harper

Explorer's Girls Group

A girls group, ages nine to twelve, was formed in Darlingford in 1959 under the leadership of Zen Skibinski as chief counsellor. This group was non-

denominational but was sponsored by then W.M.S. of Zion Calvin United Church. Meetings were held at the manse and at the home of Jean Stevens.

The group soon grew in numbers and we were able to hold the Expeditions (meetings) in the basement of the church.

When Reverend and Mrs. Skibinski left our area in 1962 Jean Stevens became chief counsellor, and continued in this capacity for approximately ten years.

During these years, because of the willing cooperation of parents, many varied Expeditions were enjoyed by the girls. Mission studies, cooking, health, handicrafts, babysitting, just to mention some activities.

Each year we held an initiation ceremony in the fall and a graduation ceremony in the spring. Relationships were formed. For example, last summer I was greeted by one of my first graduates. It was such a pleasure to renew our friendship which was established during Explorer years.

The Explorer motto is: "Be a doer of the world and not hearers only." The Explorer hymn is: "This is My Father's World."

Because the moms and dads encouraged their daughters, and willingly took part themselves in the Expeditions - Explorer years, during this period were very meaningful.

- P. Jean Stevens

The Canadian Girls in Training

The Canadian Girls in Training (C.G.I.T.) was organized about the year 1921, with Miss Lowry and Miss Christie as leaders. Among the first fifteen

girls to enroll were: Eva and Cora Law, Jeans and Helen Cocks, Nora Gibbons, Ethel and Edith Young, Elva Frank, Florence Carswell, Christine McGillivray, Lena Knisley, Edith Swerdfeger.

Throughout the years the C.G.I.T. has carried on its useful and inspiring work, with the help of the leaders, who have given guidance and created worthwhile interest for the members. In 1965 the fiftieth anniversary of the C.G.I.T. was held in Winnipeg and the Darlingford group were among the many who attended. In 1970 the Darlingford group had a very active membership of thirty, under the leadership of Mrs. Townsend, Mrs. L. Seymour and Mrs. D. Hunt. As with other groups, this group is no longer running in Darlingford.

Darlingford Youth Group

Through the years many youth groups have been started under different names, one being the "Hi C". In 1970 Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Sprung guided a group of twelve members, meeting every two weeks in homes and the church school. The group stresses group participation and individual involvement. Contemporary topics, such as drugs, alcohol and the lowering of the age of majority, have been presented and discussed at great length by the group. The latest film on the use and misuse of drugs in today's society was also studied. The lowering of the voting age to eighteen years prompted an open meeting with Mr. Bobby Bend, of Morden as guest speaker.

They joined forces with Manitou Alliance Young people in organizing a seminar held in Darlingford, which featured a guest speaker. They also met in Morden with groups from Morden and Altona.



C.G.I.T. - 1922:

Miss Christie, leader, Nora Gibbons, Eva Law, Florence Carswell, Edith Young, Ethel Young, Lena Knisley, Christina McGillivray, Jean Cock, Helen Cock, Elva Frank

Darlingford United Church Women

The Darlingford United Church Women (U.C.W.) was formed January 1, 1962, combining two women's groups that had long been active in the United Church. The Women's Association (W.A.) worked in local congregations, and its prime function was fundraising for the care and upkeep of the churches. The Women's Missionary Society



Going to Rock Lake Church Camp - 1942
Helen Phipps, Beth Arnott, Ethel Arnott, Bertha Law, Elaine Amy, Iris Arnott, Phyllis Jordan, Verna Storey

(W.M.S.) was a strong, study oriented and financially autonomous group, organized nation wide. It also raised money, a lot of money, but for projects of its own choosing to further the mission work of the church. There was now a parallel with the Church Courts Congregation, Presbyterian Conference and General Council at Darlingford, the amalgamation also included Barclay Ladies Aid.

On January 24, 1962, forty members were present at the inaugural meeting of the Darlingford U.C.W., chaired by Nora (Les) Hunt. The Devotion was given by Laura (John) Hamilton and Margaret (Gordon) Cram. Nominating committees: Stella (William) Rombough, Flora (Lloyd) Lowry, Elva (Don) McDonald, Daisy (Allen) Griffin, presented the officers. President, Margaret Cram; Vice President, Eva (Joe) Hunt; Recording Secretary, Beth

(Haig) Law; Corresponding Secretary, Stella Rombough; Treasurer- Laura Hamilton. After one year the secretary positions were combined. There were eight committees. By 1966 many were combined to suit a smaller rural church. There were three units, each with a leader, secretary and treasurer meeting monthly and each unit gave a report at the general meetings held quarterly.

Allocation to Presbyterial was based on so much per member. Later this was changed to active members, as many U.C.W.'s including Darlingford, had problems with finances and making the allocation.

As well as Presbyterial allocations, Darlingford U.C.W. gave to Rock Lake Church Camp, Prairie Christian Training Centre and Robertson Memorial. Locally they gave to the church board - in the past



top row: Mrs. Shields, Mrs. Smith, Miss Collins, Mrs. Rife, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Swerdfeger, Mrs. White, Mrs. Amy, Mrs. Young, middle row: Mrs. Groom, Mrs. Crosby, Mrs. Tovey, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Sprung, Mrs. Frank, Mrs. Carswell, Mrs. Phipps, bottom row: Mrs. J.C. Smith, Ethel Coleman, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. McGillivray, Mrs. Boyle



Women's Missionary Society:
Miss Forrest, Mrs. D. Duncan, Mrs. Ellwood, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. S. Lowry, Mrs. J.K. Duncan, Mrs. McKenzie, Mrs. Young, Miss Collins, Miss J. Jordan, Mrs. Crosby, Mrs. Sam Lowry, Mrs. Scammell, Mrs. E. Jordan, Miss McKenzie, Mrs. Knisley, Mrs. J. Switzer, Mrs. Ashley, Mrs. Manning, Mrs. E. White



U.C.W. Christmas Party - 1974. (l-r) Marg Cram, Mrs. G. Stevens, Mrs. R. Bond, Mrs. A. McElroy, Mrs. G. Jacobs



U.C.W. Christmas Party - 1974. (l-r) Viola Jacobs, Grace Robinson, Bessie Barnhart, Karen McElroy



U.C.W. Christmas Party - 1974. (l-r) Eva Hunt, Donna Robinson, Mary Aerssens, Muriel Jordan, Flora Lowry, Mary Wood

that helped to build the new manse, build Sunday School cupboards (Roy Fields did most of the work during the winter), the organ fund, cover for the organ in 1965, cupboards in the kitchen (a time for celebration with the modern kitchen, and washroom, hot and cold running water on tap), dishes for head table at weddings and other banquets, carpet on the steps.

Fundraisers were Mother/Daughter banquets, Father/Son banquets, wedding receptions, school sports day suppers. Prices in 1962 - hot plate \$1.50, cold plate \$1.25, sandwiches and dainties 90 cents, Fall fowl suppers prices in the 60's - adult \$1.25, under 12 years 50 cents. Lunches at auction sales were served as well.

By 1999 the membership has dwindled, many moving to Morden and younger women working out of the

home. An average of nine members met in the basement of the church the first Wednesday of the month 9:30 a.m. Fundraisers remain the same, bazaars, teas, auction sale lunches, small banquets and the Strawberry Social in July has become very popular. The U.C.W. still gives to the church board Mission and Service Fund, P.C.T.C., Rock Lake Camp Bursary Fund.

For over thirty years a few U.C.W. ladies have been volunteering at Tabor Home, Morden. First carpet bowling with the residents and for over twenty-five years have a sing-a-long every Monday afternoon in the activity room. The last Friday of every fourth month a few ladies go to Manitou Personal Care to provide entertainment and a birthday cake for all those who celebrate a birthday that month.



Darlingford W.M.S. - 1919. back row: (l-r) Mrs. Tom Hunt, Mrs. Fred Amy, Mrs. Carswell, Mrs. Amy, Sr., Mrs. Swedfeger, Mrs. Nadin, Mrs. English, front row: Mrs. McGillivray, Mrs. Abe Coleman, ?, Eva Stevens, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Robt. Griffin, Mrs. George Jacobs, Mrs. Gabe Sprung

Darlingford Boy Scouts

Darlingford Boy Scouts, after a lapse of some years, re-organized in 1963 with Scoutmaster Harold Lyons and thirty boys. Records of scout groups in the years before seem to be lost, but Rev. Marchant, Mr. John Carswell, and Mr. F.R. Amy, are names we recall as leaders. The group committee consisted of Ken Compton, as chairman; Mrs. A. Kidd, as secretary and Mrs. Stan Maxwell as treasurer. Other members were Jim Wood, Andy Kidd, Mr. and Mrs. Russ Amy, Stan Maxwell and Rev. Rutley.

In 1964 a Cub group was formed with twenty boys and Jerry Moore as Cub-master. The same year the scouts had an enrolment of thirty-four boys. Each year the committee names changed by a few.

In 1965 a Rover group was formed for boys seventeen to twenty-one years, with Rev. Smith as leader and six boys enrolled. This same year there were eighteen scouts and eighteen cubs enrolled. In 1966 there were twenty scouts and nineteen cubs. Rev. Smith again led the Rover group of six boys. Jim Wilson, Jim Hunt, Ron Maxwell, Ricky McElroy and Tom Hamilton attended the World Jamboree in Idaho, U.S.A.

In 1967 three leaders, Ross Smith, Jim Duncan and Stan Maxwell took the Wood Badge training course at Portage la Prairie.

As a point of interest, Darlingford branch of the La Verendrye Trail Boy Scouts was the only small

community in Manitoba with all five groups: Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, Rovers and Queen Scouts.

Each year a few top ranking scouts across the province are chosen to be honoured as Queen's Scouts. Of the eight lads honoured in 1967, five were from Darlingford. They were Thomas Duncan, Jim Hunt, Rick McElroy, Ron Maxwell and Jim Wilson. In reporting the event the Free Press quipped, "There's lots of good scouts in Darlingford". To us, that was not news.

In 1968 the committee formed a new Venturer group for boys fourteen to seventeen years and enrolled twelve boys. Ten Scouts and twenty Cubs also enrolled that year.

In May, Darryl Ticknor, Gregg Stevens, Dennis Wood and Ian Hamilton attended the Yellowknife Scout Jamboree.

In 1969 Ricky McElroy and Jim Nichol attended the Ottawa Scout Conference.

In 1970 there were sixteen Scouts, thirteen Cubs and eleven Venturers.

Fundraising was done by sale of candy, nuts, pancake suppers, bumper stickers, scout calendars, lunches at skidoo meets, by bottle drives and car washes. Scouting activities are the Boys Parliament, St. Johns Ambulance courses, exchange trips, hunter safety courses and the annual father and son banquet.

In 1989, a group of eight boys and two leaders went to the Canadian Jamboree at Fort Amyherst, Prince Edward Island. A car was raffled to help cover expenses and the winner was Lorne Schultz of Manitou. Interest in scouting waned and by 1991, the local scouting program no longer existed in Darlingford.

Darlingford Full Gospel Mission

In the fall of 1962, under the vision of the late Ross B. Morrow, the Full Gospel Mission was started. A group of "born again" believers decided to purchase the Middleton School for a place of worship in Darlingford. Two lots were purchased on the north side of town from Allen



La Verendrye Boy Scout float



Darlingford Boy Scout Troop. (l-r) Darren Seymour, Dale Seymour, Daryl Smith, Kevin Johnston, Michael Hemminger, leader, Bob Jordan, on step: Marie Seymour, Edith Johnston, Betty Jordan, Charisse Smith

Stevens. Due to the open fall of 1962, immediate moving plans were made. Hildebrand Construction of Morden was hired to dig the basement. Arrangements were made with Wiebe and Enns of Winkler, building movers, to move the building from Middleton to Darlingford. Early in December the building was moved to the present location. Pews were purchased from a church in Glencross and a piano from the Mountain School District. The church was officially opened on March 1, 1963, with Hugh Morrow as pastor.

The thrust of the Darlingford Full Gospel Mission was threefold: evangelism, Daily Vacation

Bible School for youth and world missions. The church had such an interest in evangelism that it sent Pastor Morrow to India fifteen times. It also sent him to Mexico, South America, Japan, Malaysia, and the United Kingdom. Daily Vacation Bible School was held every year in the first week of August with one hundred children attending at times. It then became necessary to use the school for classes. The achievement night was held in the community hall on Friday night. The church was also very active in world missions, placing thousands of Bibles in Russia and India.

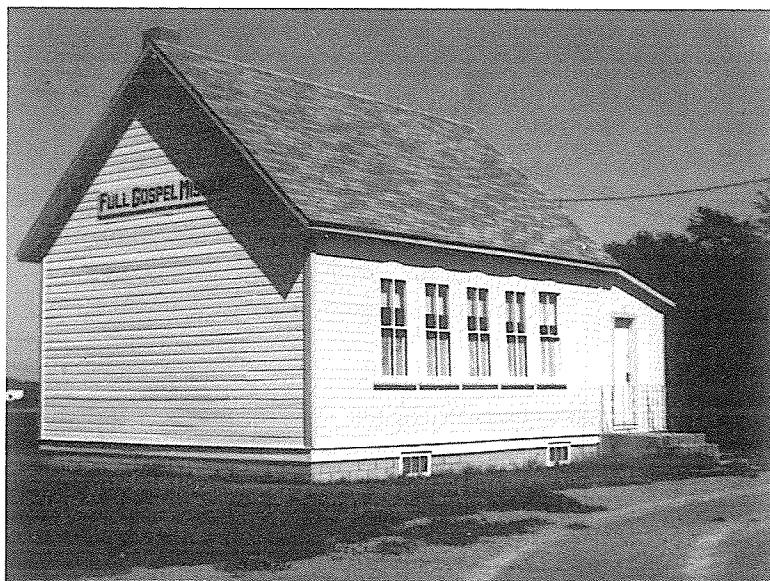
In the late 1980's the congregation began to wane with people moving away, and the young people moving on to higher education. As a result the church was closed on March 12, 1989.

Opawaka Church History

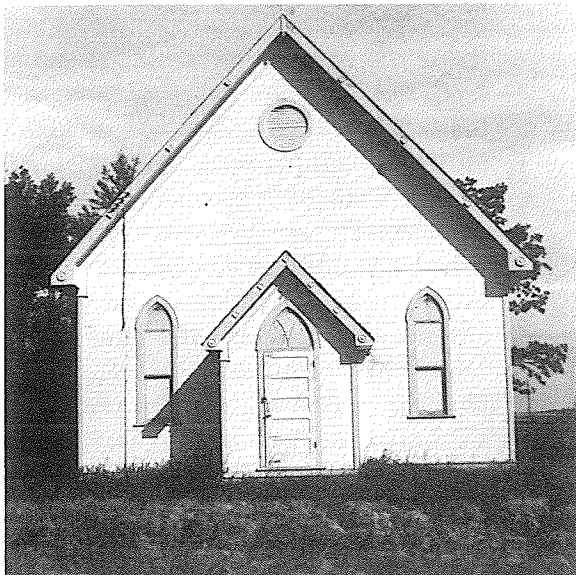
Opawaka Church services and Sunday School were held in the farm homes as early as 1883, and later in the Mound School, which was on the farm of John Wood, now owned by Albert Wood. Opawaka belonged to the Thornhill circuit, with Reverend Hughes as one of the first ministers. Church services were held in the school until the church was built in 1909. It was dedicated by Reverend Geo. McCullough of Roland and Reverend Patterson was the first minister. He lived at Altamont, as Opawaka was part of that circuit at this time. Reverend Patterson returned on five occasions for anniversary services, in 1912, 1915, 1923, 1939 and 1945, the latter occasion was the church's fortieth anniversary. The ministers who served from 1903 to 1913 were Reverend Morrow, Reverend Sidney Brook, Reverend Swyers, Reverend Abegglen, Reverend Marlen, Reverend Patterson, Reverend Oakes and Richard Stook.

Starting in 1883 and through the years there has always been an active ladies group, Sunday school, the Epworth League, C.G.I.T. and young peoples. It had a good choir with many faithful organists, among these were Mrs. Thomas Compton, who served for forty years.

In 1913 Opawaka became part of the Darlingford circuit. The ministers who served from then to church union in 1925 were Reverend Hellyar 1913; Reverend



The Gospel Mission, Darlingford - 1963



Opawaka Church - 1909

Scott 1915; Reverend Price 1919; Reverend Taylor 1922-1925. Ministers officiating between 1925 and 1958 were Reverend Kennedy, Reverend Haw, Reverend Leith, Reverend Scharfe, Reverend Marchant, Reverend Schneider, Reverend Bill and Reverend Skibinski.

In 1958 Opawaka became part of the Miami circuit with Reverend Thomson as minister. The fiftieth anniversary was held December 20, 1958 with Reverend Thomson and Reverend Skibinski taking the service. A good turn out of former members were present. In 1961 church services were discontinued at Opawaka and the members went to Miami, or to the church of their choice. The church building was moved one mile north.

Church Services in the Pembina Valley

Church Services were held in neighbourhood homes until 1909, when the Point Douglas School was built. The supply ministers came from Kaleida until church union, and among them were Norman Matthews, Mr. Caldwell, Homer Lane and Mr. Downing, who came from Nova Scotia.

In 1927 Windygates again came under the Snowflake charge, with the Reverend Linton as the minister and Mrs. Linton very capably filled in for him when he was not well. Some of the others who served here were Reverend Armistead, Reverend Anderson, Reverend Robinson, Reverend Wiznick, Reverend Roberts, Reverend Williams, Mr. Eaton, Reverend Wynne and Reverend Baker.

In 1959 the Mowbray congregation divided, and those living west of the village went to Snowflake,

and those to the east to Point Douglas, at that time served by the Darlingford charge. In 1967 the Windygates members transferred to Pearce and Darlingford and services were no longer held in the school. Sunday School and Bible school have been held there at various times throughout the years, and the Pentecostal minister from Morden held services at the Chicken Hill School around 1960.

Will Swayze recalls a Negro minister, remembered as an impressive singer, whom they called Preacher Brown. He held services in the homes in 1896.

The Realm of Music

The musical history of Darlingford goes a long way back, and we can boast a very good showing down through the years. When the first musical festivals were inaugurated our gang were in there and each year received their share of the prizes.

About 1922 a talented music teacher landed from England, in Crystal City, the late Professor John Horrocks. Before long he had classes and gave lessons in adjoining towns. For many years he taught in Darlingford every Wednesday. His many pupils, now parents and grandparents can vouch for his good work.

Among his Crystal City pupils were the Greenway sisters, who soon climbed high on the musical ladder. Their vocal, piano, and violin selections were always in demand for concerts. Miss Dorothy Greenway took over the work started by Professor Horrocks and not only did she have a good number of pupils in Darlingford but she was also employed by the school board to instruct in vocal and rhythm classes. These classes were held regularly at the school and her able talent and pleasing way with the students left its mark.

It was one of Miss Greenway's students, Mrs. Betty (Amy) Bond who carried on and was soon travelling to neighbouring towns to teach an ever growing list of pupils.

Mrs. Bond also played the piano and/or organ for the church for many years.

We might also mention another old timer who, when he arrived here in 1914, soon gravitated to the church choir and became its leader for over thirty years. Only when the late Mr. Harry Veals left to live in Winnipeg did the choir lose his assistance.

Among other names of church organists, pianists, choir leaders, and assistants, we find Mrs. Ed Law, Mrs. John Lowry, Miss Jessie Jordan, Mrs. T.M. Marchant, Mrs. Les Hunt, Mrs. Jack Amy and



Gypsy Singers: Eva Law, Florence Carswell, Nora Gibbons, Cora Law - 1925

Mrs. Allen Stevens. There was always a willing standby when one was needed.

Someone once wrote, "Music hath charm to soothe the savage beast." This fact was proven by using a brass band in a zoo many years ago, but it seems that the last number of years have gone all out to try and stir us up to a frenzy, rather than any soothing affects. Ah well, the pendulum swings back and forth.

Choral Music

On celebrating our Centennial year, it seems fitting to remember the important part choral music has always played in the lives of many Darlingford citizens.

In the late thirties and early forties, an excellent Senior Church Choir was formed under the direction of Mr. H. R. Veals, owner of one of our local stores. Some active members of this group included Earl, Les and Len Hunt, Elgin Hawkens, Eva, Cora and Albert Law, Florence and Edith Carswell, Evelyn Swerdfeger, Ella McElroy, Gladys Mitchell, Griff Williams, Vi Knisley, Nellie Hunt, Bill Lithgoe, Marj Hunt and Norah Gibbons. Pianists were Mary Kelly and Mrs. Will White.

Also during this period (1936) the Darlingford School Board had the foresight to hire a music specialist to teach choral music in our school. This per-

son was the competent and inspiring Dorothy Greenway (Lawson) from Crystal City, Manitoba. She spent each Friday in the school and Friday evenings were highlighted by attending Junior Church Choir, which she initiated. Members of this choir included: Doreen and Betty Bailey, Marj, Mary and Bertha Law, Betty and Elaine Amy, Beatrice and Eva Stevens, Ruth and Eileen Rombough, Eva, Mildred and Helen Cummings, Lois and Edna Stevens, Helen Swerdfeger, Beth Kilgour, Alice Veals, Ella and Roseline Dushenko, Marguerite Coleman, Merle Manning, Helen Phipps and Isabelle Powell. Pianist for this group was Georgina Jensen. Mrs. Evelyn Barclay succeeded Dorothy as director until moving to Rivers, Manitoba

After the war years and the revival of the Pembina Valley Music Festival, many parents expressed the desire to once again have an active Junior Choir in our church. This was done in 1961 under the leadership of Mrs. Jack Amy, assisted by Norah Hunt.

Pianist was Mrs. Betty Bond. New white gowns with black ties were made by the parents for all members. This group sang at church services and did extensive festival work until 1970. Some of the children passing through this choir were: Heather McDonald, Wendy Clayton, Lee Lyons, Beth, Edith and Linda Lowry; Karen, Shannon and Vaughan Skogstad; Cheryl, Karen and Colleen Johnson;



Darlingford Junior Choir - 1936-40. front row: (l-r) Eileen Rombough, Alice Veals, Helen Cummings, Elaine Amy, Helen Phipps; second row: Isabelle Powell, Merle Manning, Mildred Cummings, Eva Cummings, Evelyn Barclay (director), Beth Kilgour, Ruth Rombough, third row: Lois Stevens, Mary Law, Betty Amy, Bertha Law, Marguerite Coleman, Edna Stevens

Joanne, Roberta and Laurie Lawson; Lucille, Lisa, Barbara and Myra Amy; Mavis and Marie Hunt, Joan and Janis Amy, Edith and Carol Ramsay, Tannis Spangelo, Gloria Stevens and Lorie Aerssens.

During this same period, "The Leslie Hunt Singers" made their debut. This was a fine group of ladies who practiced together for a couple of years, just for the sheer pleasure of singing. They donned their formal gowns and took part in local concerts and were invited out of town on rare occasions. Isabelle Degen was pianist for this group and Norah Hunt director.



Darlingford Junior Choir - 1961

Moving on to the late seventies, the Junior Choir was again revived for two years under the direction of Marj McCallum with pianist, Betty Bond. Personnel of this group was: Jennifer Sprung, Sheryl Schmidt, Chris Sprung, Jason Hamilton, Joan Jordan, Bonnie Kae Stevens, Leanne Sprung, Phillip Sprung, Wendy Law, Janet Hemminger, Marylee Dudgeon, Laurie Sprung.

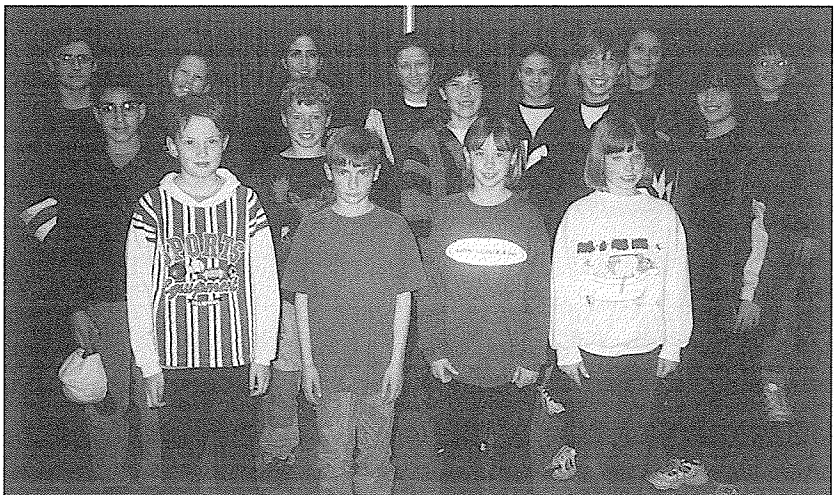
In 1981 Junior Choir was reorganized by Mid Amy and Betty Bond and has been active to the present time. Myra Amy-McElroy took over direction of the choir in 1992. Betty continues to accompany and Mid and Eileen Law assist with rehearsals and the general organization of the group. Members of the choir are mostly from the Darlingford area but children from Miami and Manitou have also belonged over the years.



Darlingford Junior Choir - 1980. front row: (l-r) Jennifer Sprung, Sheryl Schmidt, Chris Sprung, Jason Hamilton, second row: Joan Jordan, Bonnie Kae Stevens, Leanne Sprung, Phillip Sprung, third row: Wendy Law, Janet Hemminger, Marylee Dudgeon, Laurie Sprung, Marj McCallum

These members have been dedicated young people who love to sing. Commitments throughout the years numbered forty to forty-five which included weekly rehearsals, festival concerts and regular church services.

Much time and cooperation was required from these young people and their parents. This all around effort, along with potential and desire to participate in the art of singing has contributed to the success of the Darlingford choir over the years. At special ceremonies, Betty and Mid have both been presented with Honourary Life Memberships



Darlingford Junior Choir - 1998. front row: (l-r) Eric Ching, Brian Nichol, Jennie Hemminger, Arleigh Maddison, second row: John Fayed, Jonathon Nichol, Stacey McElroy, Amber Frost, Krista Robinson, third row: Robert Nichol, Jennifer Ching, Kadria Fayed, Kristy McElroy, Holly Robinson, Callie Hemminger, Kristen Maddison, missing: Arli Cruikshank, Melanie Ching, Garnet Ching, Kristin Ching

in Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals. Probably most gratifying is to see former choir members now leading choral groups of their own - namely Jan Henderson, Barbara Strong, Arlene Orchard, Myra Amy-McElroy, Wendy Ewert (Law) and Wendy Giesbrecht.

(Pictures 1981-98)

Choir members from 1980 to 1998 not shown in photos: Joey Tickner, Cindy Richardson, Trevor Richardson, April McFadden, Wendy Giesbrecht,

Chris Wilson, Michael Wilson, Kirk Griffin, Wade Griffin, Michelle Henderson, Amanda Hamilton, Onalea Orchard, Angela Orchard, Cathy Peters, Kevin Fidler, Gareth Hunt, Candice Collins, Crystal Morrow, Heather Knox, Theresa Knox, Dale Knox, Evan Nordquist, Keri Griffin, Chris Maxwell, Tiffany Buelow, Kaleigh Griffin, Travis Buelow, Reagan Boulton, Maris Krahn, Tina Krahn, Peter Krahn, Gillian Madison.

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CEMETERY PLOT DEED.

Richardson & Bishop, Ltd., Winnipeg, 1923

Know all Men by these Presents, that the Darlingford Cemetery Company

Darlingford in consideration of Five Dollars,
paid to it by J. C. Smith of Darlingford
in the Province of Manitoba, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, doth grant unto
the said J. C. Smith his heirs and assigns, a certain plot in the
Darlingford Cemetery situate on the S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 8 T, 3, Range 7 in the Province of Manitoba,
which plot is delineated and laid down on a map of the said Cemetery and is therein
designated as Lot number Six (6) Blk., Number Thirty Six (36) and containing
by admeasurement 288 superficial feet.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the herein above named premises unto and to the use of the said
J. C. Smith
his heirs and assigns, forever. PROVIDED ALWAYS that the same shall only be used as a place of
Sepulchral; and that the same shall be used subject in all respects to the by-laws of the said Rural
Municipality, now or hereafter to be in force affecting the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Secretary Treasurer of the said Darlingford Cemetery Co. hath
signed his name hereto, this 13th day of Jan A. D. 1923



Wilfred Highnam
Sec.-Treas. of Darlingford Cemetery Co.

Darlingford Cemetery

In the early days the settlers were often faced with the death of a loved one which brought up the problem of a community burial place. In this matter, Darlingford was no exception, except for the fact that, as one writer put it, "The little town on the top of the hill" held many good suitable locations from a drainage stand point. The purchase of land did have to be agreed upon, and the where withall to purchase the land found, and the matter of ownership and other details taken care of.

Thanks to the care and business acumen of some of those farsighted gentlemen, we can record the story just as it happened as we are in possession of the Minute Book of records from the very first account.

We can do no better than quote a somewhat abbreviated version of some of these meetings:

June 18, 1907 meeting to form cemetery company held in the Coleman Tinshop. Mr. James Rice in the chair.

- Moved by Mr. James Rice that Mr. W.J. Coleman act as president and Mr. J.H. Bolton be secretary treasurer. Carried.

- Moved by A. Lawson, seconded by D. McGillivray that we form a company called Darlingford Cemetery Co. Carried.

- Moved by D. McGillivray that we raise money by joint-note to the Bank of British North America. Carried.

- Moved by Messrs. W.J. Coleman and J.H. Bolton that we consult a lawyer regarding forming a joint stock company. Carried. Adjournment. Signed J.H. Bolton, secretary treasurer.

At the next meeting held in the Coleman Tinshop on July 27, 1907, we find a list of those present as follows:

Messrs. W.J. Coleman, A. Lawson, J.H. Bolton, D. McGillivray and Joe Knisley.

- Moved that instead of forming a company we buy land required and all sign deed to share equally. Carried.

- Moved that we buy four acres from Mr. A. Lawson in north-east corner of S.W. 1/4 8-3-7 at \$50 per acre in four equal payments. Carried.

- Moved that Messrs. A. Lawson, J.H. Bolton and James Rice be a committee to look after surveying the land and financing same. Carried. Adjourned. Signed J.H. Bolton.

At a meeting held December 5, 1907, we find that a report showed that the surveying had, in fact, been done and bills accepted.

- Moved that each shareholder put up cash for his share of expenses.

- Moved by Messrs. J. Rice and Mr. J. Knisley that centre lots be \$10 each and outer lots be priced at \$8 each. Carried. Adjourned. Signed J.H. Bolton.

At further meetings such matters as caretaking, fencing and fees were discussed and dealt with in the same astute business like manner. We also note by 1909 the matter of planting one hundred Maple trees was agreed to and cedar posts and horizontal pipes were to be installed in front of the cemetery for the tying up of horses while services were in progress.

In a 1910 meeting it was passed that all the shareholders spend May 9 hoeing and fixing up the grounds.

It is noted that July 8, 1911, when one of the shareholders was leaving the district, his share was bought up by the fellow shareholders for a nominal price of \$60. Then too, the record shows that other shareholders were re-imbursed from the general fund, for diverse reasons, so we can hardly accuse these worthy gentlemen of being "out to make a fast buck."

Further along in the record is mention of the desire to replace the Maple trees with spruce but to keep them on the outer perimeter in case they might hold an excessive amount of snow in winter. Today, we can see the maples in rows down the center drive way with evergreens all around. The seedlings they planted then are now thirty foot trees, forming a most worthy monument to the little group of local residents who got busy and did something for the good of their district.

As we read through the record, there are many, many local family names mentioned as attending the annual meetings but havoc wrought by two world wars and, at least one depression has brought about a situation where it is increasingly hard to keep up the interest in locally operated services such as a cemetery. It is not surprising to learn that those annual meetings soon became fewer and it became increasingly hard to attract public interest.

A movement was started some years ago to instigate a fund for the perpetual care of any plots the owners so wished. Over forty plot owners availed themselves of this feature by depositing either \$100, or a bond of that figure, with the Darlingford Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund, which is mostly held by the Bank of Montreal. The annual interest is credited to the cemetery account to pay for the upkeep of the plot.



Cemetery

A further study of the old Minute Book tells of motions passed allowing the secretary to hire helpers for the magnificent sum of thirty cents per hour for hoeing weeds for which service the secretary, was to charge plot holders \$1.50 per annum and look after the collecting of this fee. It is simple arithmetic to deduct that the annual fee would be spread pretty thinly over the plots after the general expenses had been paid. It might also be noted that the same lad that would be hired at thirty cents per hour up to 1930, in 1970 could earn as much as \$7 per day, driving a tractor in the field.

Another meeting in 1929 was taken up largely with the matter of keeping all curbing down to one inch above the ground level so as to facilitate the job of nice clean mowing. Regretfully, this was not followed closely by all owners. We might mention that a fairly close check-off was done regarding the number of plots sold and those still available and it was found that out of the total of three hundred twenty-five plots, one hundred forty have been sold

in a period of sixty-three years.

From the record, it seemed that the secretary treasurer was always the "high man on the totem pole" responsible for the major part of the work involved in keeping the institution alive and solvent. It is difficult to follow the names of succeeding chairmen but the secretary treasurer list reads as follows: Mr. J.H. Bolton, 1907 to 1918; Mr. W. Highnum, 1918 to 1926; Mr. W.F. Hawken, 1926 to 1937; Mr. James Baillie, 1937 to 1938;

Mr. A.S. Knisley, 1939 only; Mr. F.M. Hawken, Mr. Mel Compton and Mr. Tom Carruthers.

The Cemetery Committee members in 1970 were Mr. M. Shaventoski, president; Mr. Fred Hawken, secretary treasurer; and Mr. Keith Dushenko, member. Down through the years the Darlingford Cemetery has gone through both good times and bad.

It is to the everlasting credit of the many citizens who did their bit, large or small, to maintain the grounds in a reasonable state of preservation, to keep records of over two hundred burials and to keep the accounts solvent at all times.

Looking to the future with its changing times and customs, we are fortunate to have sufficient space in the east end of the property, as yet unused which may soon be required to be re-surveyed into smaller plots to accommodate the customary burial of ash urns. Fortunately the space is there, if and when needed.

Darlingford Cemetery

- Formed 1907

Adam, Alexander T., 1891-1959,
husband of Jessie.
Adam, Jessie F., 1900-1986, wife of Alexander.
Amy, Fred R., 1895-1950, son of James H.
Amy, Helen Elizabeth (Hall), 1851-1927,
wife of James H.
Amy, James Hoskin, 1844-1928,
husband of Helen Elizabeth.
Amy, John "Jack", 1924-1992, son of Fred,
husband of Mildred Cummings.
Amy, Norma E. (Wilkins), 1900-1976,
wife of Fred.
Aerssens, John, 1917-1973,
husband of Mary Frank.
Aerssens, Mary (Frank), 1912-1995,
wife of John.
Aerssens, Robert, 1947-1991, son of John, hus-
band of Cecile Rostad.
Aerssens, William, 1948-1972, son of John.
Anderson, Charles A.E., 1908-1966,
husband of Jean Sprung.
Andrew, Alice (Ching), 1875-1956,
wife of Samuel.
Andrew, Alvin Norman, 1927-1956,
son of Melvin.
Andrew, Alvin W., 1898-1918, killed in action,
buried in Ballacourt Military Cemetery,
Riviera, France.
Andrew, Barry, 1939-1946, son of
Chester and Gladys.
Andrew, Bessie (Anderson), 1899-1990,
wife of Melvin.
Andrew, Chester, 1904-1983, husband of Gladys.
Andrew, Gladys (Hunt), 1906-1988,
wife of Chester.
Andrew, Melvin T., 1901-1979,
son of Samuel, husband of Bessie Anderson.
Andrew, Morris, 1925-1949, son of Melvin.
Andrew, Nelda Elizabeth, 1896-1960,
daughter of Samuel.
Andrew, Samuel, 1867-1933,
husband of Alice Ching.
Andrew, William, 1870-1938, brother of Samuel.
Armstrong, Albert, 1876-1958, husband of Nettie.
Armstrong, Nettie (Cowan), 1880-1965,
wife of Albert.
Arnott, Albert A., 1854-1929,
husband of Letta Jane.
Arnott, Ethel M., 1927-1991, daughter of Russell.
Arnott, Letta Jane (Oke), 1860-1944,

wife of Albert A.
Arnott, Mabel (McElroy), 1892-1972,
wife of Russell.
Arnott, May (Waddingham), 1865-1913,
wife of Howard.
Arnott, infant daughter of May and Howard
Arnott, Russell V., 1887-1975, son of Albert A.,
husband of Mabel McElroy.
Ashley, Elgin H., died 1977, son of Hartford,
husband of Violet Robertson.
Ashley, Eva Margaret (Switzer), 1880-1974,
wife of Hartford.
Ashley, Hartford, 1874-1951, husband of Eva.
Ashley, J. Ralph, 1906-1917, son of Hartford.
Ashley, Violet M. (Robertson), died 1997,
wife of Elgin.
Baloun, Anna (Statni), 1905-1982, wife of Jerry.
Baloun, Jerry, 1898-1982, husband of Anna.
Barclay, 1959, baby of Lorna and Gerald.
Barclay, Cathie (Cartney), 1902-1997,
wife of Will.
Barclay, Jessie (Johnston), 1854-1917,
wife of Robert.
Barclay, Robert, 1846-1932, husband of Jessie.
Barclay, J. Samuel, 1891-1908, son of Robert.
Barclay, Will, 1887-1974, son of Robert,
husband of Cathie Cartney.
Bedford, Alfred, 1864-1934, brother of Spencer.
Bedford, Elizabeth Maud "Bessie", 1896-1953,
daughter of Alfred.
Bedford, Margaret (Wilson), 1866-1954,
wife of Alfred, daughter of William.
Bennett, Andrew, 1888-1960,
husband of Charlotte and Lily.
Bennett, Charlotte May (Jordan), 1885-1943,
wife of Andrew.
Bennett, Lily (Jordan), 1890-1974,
wife of Andrew.
Bloxham, David, 1868-1940.
Bloxham, Francis E., 1876-1960.
Bloxam, George W., 1904-1942,
brother of Richard.
Bloxom, Grace R. (Bowie), 1881-1964,
wife of Robert.
Bloxom, Robert, 1868-1937, husband of Grace R.
Bond, Alice (Shelle), 1891-1975, wife of Roy.
Bond, Elizabeth (Oke), 1869-1914, wife of Jesse.
Bond, Jesse, 1858-1937, husband of Elizabeth.
Bond, Roy, 1889-1978, husband of Alice.
Bolton, Albert Elliot, 1906, infant son of Ferris.
Bolton, Bert, 1894-1917, killed in action,
buried overseas.

Bolton, Edith, 1882-1883,
infant daughter of Ferris.
Bolton, Elmer, 1897-1917, killed in action,
buried overseas.
Bolton, Elizabeth Jane "Jennie" (Stewart),
1862-1939, wife of Ferris.
Bolton, Ferris, 1853-1937,
husband of Elizabeth Jane.
Bolton, Harry, 1896-1917, killed in action,
buried overseas.
Bolton, John "Jack" Ferris, 1892-1900,
son of Ferris.
Bolton, Mary B., 1887-1917, wife of O. Berry,
daughter of Ferris Bolton.
Boyle, Blanche (Rombough), 1882-1958,
wife of Edgar.
Boyle, Edgar O., 1889-1952, husband of Blanche.
Boyle, Edward, 1855-1923, husband of Emily
Mason.
Boyle, Leonard, 1899-1983
Boyle, Sarah Jane (Owens), 1852-1935,
wife of Thomas.
Boyle, Thomas, 1847-1921,
husband of Sarah Jane, father of Edgar.
Boyle, William H., 1891-1963
Brady, 1843-1917, wife of Andrew.
Bryson, Ethel M., 1923-1925, daughter of James.
Bryson, Helena A. (Pearce), 1877-1945,
wife of Hugh.
Bryson, Hugh Henry, 1870-1948, son of Samuel,
husband of Helena Pearce.
Bryson, Jack, 1930-1994, son of William and Ruth
(Ticknor), husband of Merle Beckett.
Bryson, James A., 1875-1954, son of Samuel,
husband of Jessie Rombough.
Bryson, Jessie May (Rombough), 1890-1975,
wife of James.
Bryson, Marina, 1901-1923.
Bryson, Walter, 1932-1997, son of William
and Ruth (Ticknor).
Bryson, William A., 1910-1936, son of Hugh,
husband of Ruth (Ticknor).
Buelow, Hertha (Schwartz) Schindel, 1912-1996,
wife of Adolph Schindel and Robert Buelow.
Buelow, Robert, 1905-1977, son of Samuel,
husband of Hertha.
Buckland, George, 1867-1921,
Darlingford shoe repairman.
Campbell, M. Adeline (McElroy) Lowry, 1900-
1986, wife of Alex Lowry and William Campbell.
Campbell, William Harold, 1901-1979,
husband of Adeline (McElroy) Lowry.

Carrol, Leslie Blair, 1990, infant son of Lyle
Carrol, grandson of Gwen (Moore).
Carrol, Leslie Lynn, 1955, infant daughter of
Les and Gwen (Moore).
Carruthers, Daniel David, 1882-1962,
husband of Ida May.
Carruthers, Ida May (Wilson), 1878-1961,
wife of Dan, daughter of William.
Carruthers, Mervyn Wilson, 1916-1993,
son of Dan, husband of Dorothy Ward.
Ching, Mary (Bryson) McCulloch, 1904-1994,
wife of H. McCulloch and Will Ching.
Clayton, Charles, 1869-1962, husband of Mary.
Clayton, Mary (Hunt), 1880-1965,
wife of Charles.
Coates, Beatrice Louise (Glover), 1888-1934,
wife of William.
Coates, William L., 1886-1972,
husband of Beatrice Louise.
Cock, Emily G., 1899-1910, daughter of Lewis.
Cock, Lewis, 1868-1959, father, husband of Susan.
Cock, Mary, 1904-1927, daughter of Lewis.
Cock, Robert, 1860-1920, brother of John.
Cock, Susan (Martin), 1877-1964, wife of Lewis.
Coleman, Edwin Abram, 1878-1948,
husband of Francis Ethel.
Coleman, Ethel Mae (Cooper), 1905-1972,
wife of Harry K.
Coleman, Francis Ethel (Magee), 1875-1937,
wife of E. Abram.
Coleman, Harry Keith, 1904-1974,
son of E. Abram, husband of Ethel.
Collins, Arnold, 1944-1990, son of Ralph,
husband of Elaine Guderian.
Collins, Charlotte Ann (Wright), 1862-1918,
wife of Paul.
Collins, George, 1854-1926,
brother of Paul and William.
Collins, W. Jarvis, 1901-1974, son of William,
husband of Mary Haresnape.
Collins, Julia Ann (Fox), 1868-1933,
wife of William W.
Collins, Mary E. (Haresnape), 1907-1991,
wife of Jarvis.
Collins, W. Marjorie, 1919-1989,
daughter of Morley.
Collins, J. Morley, 1892-1968, son of Paul,
husband of Rosie Sandercock and Mary Shepherd.
Collins, Nettie Victoria, 1886-1926,
daughter of William W.
Collins, Paul, 1859-1947, son of John,
husband of Ann Wright.

Collins, Rosey (Sandercock), 1891-1964, wife of Morley.
 Collins, William W., 1864-1937, husband of Julia Ann.
 Compton, Edgar, 1921-1926,
 Compton, Eva Pearl (Owens), 1884-1945, wife of Joseph.
 Compton, Joseph, 1880-1957, son of William, husband of Pearl Owens.
 Compton, Marjorie A. (Wilson), 1920-1996, wife of Bill.
 Cowan, Annie (Stewart), 1888-1976, wife of John.
 Cowan, Elizabeth (Buchanan), 1905-1998, wife of Robert.
 Cowan, Elsie M. (Oblinski), 1912-1966, wife of Stewart.
 Cowan, Harvey W., 1923-1992, son of Andrew, husband of Violet Swayze.
 Cowan, John, 1881-1969, son of John Sr., husband of Annie Stewart.
 Cowan, Lloyd F., 1924-1957, son of William Jr.
 Cowan, Robert, 1888-1959, son of James A., husband of Elizabeth Buchanan.
 Cowan, H. Stewart, 1908-1996, son of John, husband of Elsie Oblinski.
 Cowan, William J. Jr., 1885-1946, son of William Sr., husband of Mary Porter.
 Cram, Alex, 1863-1930, husband of Caroline H.
 Cram, Caroline H. (Hollingworth-Swain), 1870-1959, wife of Alex.
 Cram, Gordon, 1913-1973, son of Alex, husband of Margaret Potter.
 Cummings, Carl, 1882-1978, husband of Lily M.
 Cummings, Lily M. (Simpson), 1893-1980, wife of Carl.
 Denyer, John Joshau, 1888-1970, husband of Jennie Willcot-Jacobs.
 Dahl, Lawrence, 1904-1989, son of Ole.
 Dahl, Ole, died 1944, father of Lawrence.
 Dodge, Addie, 1896-1930, wife of Victor Cowan.
 Dodge, Elizabeth, 1851-1931, wife of Thomas Sr.
 Dodge, Thomas M. Sr., 1852-1940, husband of Elizabeth.
 Duncan, Bessie, 1898-1989, daughter of John K.
 Duncan, David, 1902-1930, son of John K.
 Duncan, Jacqueline, 1942-1978, daughter of Thomas G., wife of Dimitrov.
 Duncan, John G., 1897-1984, son of John K., husband of Bessie Wallcraft.
 Duncan, John K., 1864-1925, husband of Wilhelmina.
 Duncan, Margaret Isobel (McCormick), 1913-

1973, wife of Thomas G.
 Duncan, Thomas Gorrie, 1900-1959, husband of Margaret McCormick.
 Duncan, Wilhelmina (Gorrie), 1860-1944, wife of John K.
 Dushenko, Amelia "Nellie" (Rogodinski), 1899-1986, wife of Tony.
 Dushenko, Keith, 1927-1992, son of Tony, husband of Lily Kochka-Kuchera.
 Dushenko, Tony, 1889-1969, husband of Amelia.
 Dyck, Evelyn (Braun), 1913-1998, wife of John F.
 Dyck, John F., 1912-1996, husband of Evelyn.
 Dyck, Melvin H., 1951-1952, infant son of John F.
 Edwards, Hammnet, 1834-1918, husband of Rebecca.
 Edwards, Rebecca, 1845-1935, wife of Hammnet.
 Elliott, John G., 1859-1928, husband of Mary Jane.
 Elliott, Mary Jane, 1857-1911, wife of John G.
 Ellwood, Margaret (Hogg), 1874-1926, wife of Matt.
 Ellwood, Matt, 1868-1947, son of Mark, husband of Margaret.
 Fields, Georgina R. (Switzer), 1890-1962, wife of Thomas.
 Fields, Thomas M., 1888-1975, son of Charles, husband of Georgina Switzer.
 Fields, Roy Henry, 1920-1992, son of Thomas.
 Forrester, Olive B. (Hunt), 1897-1968, wife of William.
 Frank, Eliza (Bosman), 1855-1920, wife of William.
 Frank, Everton Russel, 1914-1992, son of Harry, husband of Ina Ramage.
 Frank, Henry Mervin "Harry", 1877-1940, son of William, husband of Zilda.
 Frank, William Fletcher, 1849-1905, father of "Harry", husband of Eliza.
 Frank, William Leonard, 1882-1949, son of William.
 Frank, Zilda Jane (Beebe), 1873-1968, wife of "Harry".
 Galloway, Mary Edna (Porter-Cowan), 1893-1978, wife of Thomas.
 Galloway, Thomas, 1891-1959, husband of Mary Edna.
 Garner, Angeline (Peck) Collins, 1832-1917, wife of John Collins-Garner.
 Geving, Caroline (Talerud), 1876-1953, wife of Louis.
 Geving, Donald William, 1933-1957.
 Geving, Louis, 1878-1956, husband of Caroline.

Gibbs, Albert E., 1892-1960, husband of Alice.
 Gibbs, Alice R., 1895-1977, wife of Albert E.
 Grigg, infant, baby of Eva and Gordon.
 Guderian, Alex Sr., 1909-1970, son of William,
 husband of Emma Noheil.
 Guderian, George, 1917-1963, son of William,
 husband of Shirley Gillespie.
 Guderian, Olga, 1882-1961, wife of William.
 Guderian, Marian, 1946-1947,
 daughter of Alex Sr.
 Guderian, William, 1873-1953, husband of Olga.
 Hale, Mary (Tovey), 1873-1906, wife of Albert,
 daughter of Jonah Tovey.
 Hamilton, James F., 1916-1982, son of Richard Sr.
 Hamilton, Jessie (Ford), 1893-1964,
 wife of Richard Sr.
 Hamilton, Richard Sr., 1887-1943,
 husband of Jessie.
 Hamilton, Richard Jr., 1919-1992,
 son of Richard Sr.
 Hancock, 1941, baby of Clarence and Ida.
 Haresnape, Jimmy, 1940-1942, son of Wilbert.
 Haresnape, Richard Wilbert, 1911-1972,
 son of Ted, husband of Alice Hinton.
 Haresnape, Teddy, 1942-1943, son of Wilbert.
 Harper, Murray Allen, 1887-1938,
 father of Thelma.
 Harris, Alfred, 1923-1944, son of Edwin.
 Harris, Edwin L., 1893-1964, husband of Lily M.
 Harris, Lily M. (Mitchell), 1901-1968,
 wife of Edwin.
 Hawken, Caroline E. (Dodge), 1879-1961,
 wife of Frank.
 Hawken, W. Frank, 1870-1937,
 husband of Caroline.
 Hawken, Fred, 1904-1988, son of Frank.
 Hawken, F. Vern, 1902-1942, son of Frank,
 father of Bill and Beth.
 Hawken, Ralph E., 1913-1943, killed in action,
 buried in Yugoslavia.
 Hersack, Nellie R. (Hunt), died 1995,
 wife of Peter.
 Hemminger, 1956, baby of Ben and Phyllis.
 Hoeppner, John, baby.
 Holstenson, Forrest H., 1911-1970, son of Knut.
 Hope, David, 1865-1940, husband of Frances
 "Nellie" Burkett.
 Hope, Frances "Nellie", 1876-1960,
 wife of David.
 Hope, Howard John, 1900-1957, son of David.
 Holmes, Winnifred Emily (Robbins), 1902-1991,
 daughter of Gertrude (Robbins) White.

Hunt, Cecil, 1900-1989, son of Thomas J.,
 husband of Elsie Mitchell.
 Hunt, Douglas C., 1911-1997, son of Frank,
 husband of Vera.
 Hunt, Ella J., 1898-1918, daughter of Thomas J.
 Hunt, Ellen (Latimer), 1822-1911,
 wife of Robert Hunt.
 Hunt, Elmer C., 1897-1918, son of Thomas J.
 Hunt, Elsie E. (Mitchell), 1909-1991,
 wife of Cecil.
 Hunt, Errol Clifford, 1895-1972, son of Robert.
 Hunt, Eva (Law), 1907-1995,
 wife of Harold "Joe".
 Hunt, Ferris J., 1909-1966.
 Hunt, Francis A., 1864-1936, brother of Thomas J.
 Hunt, Harold "Joe", 1902-1974, son of Robert,
 husband of Eva Law.
 Hunt, Howard C., 1903-1962, son of Thomas J.,
 husband of Ruth Ticknor-Bryson.
 Hunt, Irvin T., 1905-1989, son of Thomas J.,
 husband of Jessie Scott.
 Hunt, Jessie L. (Scott), 1906-1985, wife of Irvin T.
 Hunt, Josephine (Boyle), 1865-1941,
 wife of Robert.
 Hunt, Leslie E., 1905-1993, son of Robert,
 husband of Nora Gibbons-Christie.
 Hunt, Margaret Ann (Stevens), 1874-1936,
 wife of Thomas J.
 Hunt, Margaret (Bell), 1875-1958,
 wife of Francis A.
 Hunt, Mildred E., 1937-1945, daughter of Cecil.
 Hunt, Robert, 1856-1936, husband of Josephine
 Boyle.
 Hunt, Thomas J., 1859-1939, brother of Francis,
 husband of Margaret Stevens.
 Hunt, Vera M. (Ching), 1919-1997,
 wife of Douglas C.
 Hunt, Wesley E., 1904-1992, son of Frank,
 husband of Lillian McMillan.
 Hunter, David, died 1946.
 Irvine, Elizabeth, 1858-1950, wife of William.
 Irvine, William, 1858-1941, husband of Elizabeth.
 Jacobs, Allice J., (Willcot-Denyer) "Jennie", 1893-
 1991, wife of George N.
 Jacobs, Ansel G., 1851-1932,
 husband of Clementina Hamilton.
 Jacobs, Beulah (Ellwood), 1894-1988,
 wife of John R.
 Jacobs, Clementina (Hamilton) 1861-1914,
 wife of Ansel G.
 Jacobs, George N., 1888-1958, son of Ansel,
 husband of Jennie Willcot.

Jacobs, John R., 1892-1973, son of Ansel, husband of Beulah Ellwood.

Jensen, Christian H., 1891-1958, husband of Julia.

Jensen, Julia N. (Jordan), 1898-1993, wife of Chris.

Johnson, Alfred, 1910-1967, son of Levi.

Johnson, Charles, 1915-1976, son of Levi, husband of Mildred Moffatt.

Johnson, Harve, 1906-1974, son of Levi.

Johnson, Harvey, 1930-1951.

Johnson, Levi, 1871-1955, husband of Martha M. Reilly.

Johnson, Martha M. (Reilly), 1873-1950, wife of Levi.

Johnson, Rachel, 1904-1936, daughter of Levi.

Johnston, Elva Mae (Jickling), 1905-1986, wife of Harry.

Johnston, J. Harry, 1906-1980, son of Henry, husband of Elva.

Johnston, John, 1843-1930, father of Mrs. Ed Jordan.

Johnston, Neil, 1937-1952, son of Harry.

Johnston, Orville R., 1930-1990, son of Harry, husband of Helen McDonald.

Johnston, Sharon R. (McNaughton), 1940-1992, wife of Robert.

Johnston, Susan (Serson), 1842-1922, wife of John.

Jordan, Clarence, 1901-1970, buried Victoria, British Columbia, son of Ed.

Jordan, Ed, 1860-1944, son of Thomas, husband of Miriam "Minnie" Johnston.

Jordan, Elizabeth "Bessie" (White), 1850-1937, wife of William.

Jordan, Estella (Slute), 1907-1983, wife of Robert T.

Jordan, E. Fred, 1895-1980, son of Ed, husband of Muriel Jacobs.

Jordan, Mary Isabelle "Bella", 1883-1909, daughter of William.

Jordan, John "Jack", 1853-1944, son of Thomas, husband of Ruth Harper.

Jordan, Miriam (Johnston), 1869-1948, wife of Ed.

Jordan, Muriel (Jacobs), 1900-1996, wife of Fred.

Jordan, Reginald, 1898-1950, buried Burbank, California, son of Ed.

Jordan, Robert Sr., 1856-1944, son of Thomas.

Jordan, Robert Thomas, 1887-1985, son of William, husband of Estella Slute.

Jordan, Ruth (Harper), 1868-1927, wife of John "Jack".

Jordan, William, 1850-1924, son of Thomas,

husband of Bessie White.

Kelly, Asenath (Hoskins), 1870-1957, wife of Dan.

Kelly, Daniel J., 1869-1939, husband of Asenath "Sinny" (Hoskins).

Kelly, A. Neil, 1872-1947, brother of Dan.

Keen, Elizabeth "Beth" (Pearce), 1914-1990, wife of Mac.

Kidd, Cecil, 1921-1988, son of John, husband of Helen Cassin.

Kidd, John M., 1877-1970, husband of Margaret.

Kidd, Margaret (McLaren) 1883-1949, wife of John.

Kidd, William, 1916-1985, son of John, husband of Yvonne Decosse.

Kilgour, Maggie (Nichol), 1890-1954, wife of Robert.

Kilgour, Robert G., 1892-1979, son of Dave, husband of Maggie Nichol.

Kinsman, Anna M. (Kroetsch), 1898-1981, wife of William B. "Jim".

Kinsman, Bert, 1877-1953, son of Ezra "Dick", husband of Hannah M.

Kinsman, B. Clair, 1914-1997, son of Bert, husband of Esther Cowan.

Kinsman, H. Esther (Cowan), 1916-1997, wife of Clair.

Kinsman, Gordon I., 1932-1998, son of Jim, husband of Lois McNaughton.

Kinsman, Hannah Mary (Deamel-Falls), 1869-1947, wife of Bert.

Kinsman, Nora E. (Snyder), 1926-1953, wife of Orvall.

Kinsman, Otto, 1903-1970, son of Ezra "Dick" Kinsman.

Kinsman, Valerie J., 1960-1963, daughter of Gordon and Lois.

Kinsman, William B. "Jim", 1887-1962, husband of Anna M. Kroetsch.

Klippenstein, Helena, 1911-1989, wife of Ben.

Klippenstein, Robert E., 1941-1986, son of Ben.

Knisley, Gordon, 1914-1920, son of Joseph.

Knisley, Joseph, 1874-1920, husband of Christine McGillivray.

Knisley, Lillian Ada Mae, 1906-1906, infant daughter of Joseph and Christine.

Laing, Doreen, 1930-1971, wife of Harry, daughter of Gordon Stevens.

Laing, Ernest, 1921-1995, husband of Alice (Boyle-Shaver).

Lantz, Henry, 1909-1988, husband of Ella Porter.

Latimer, Arina E. (Carr), 1905-1977, wife of "Frank".

Latimer, Francis Milton "Frank", 1901-1955,
husband of Arina.

Law, Albert, 1915-1943, killed in action, buried
overseas, son of Oliver, husband of Betty Amy.

Law, Douglas, 1922-1990, son of Oliver,
husband of Eileen Rombough.

Law, Elizabeth J. "Beth" (Kilgour),
1920-1972, wife of Haig.

Law, Fred, 1916-1969, buried at St. Stephen, New
Brunswick, son of Oliver, husband of J. Crawford.

Law, A. Haig, 1918-1995, son of Oliver, husband
of Beth Kilgour and Eileen (Mack) Neighbour.

Law, J. Oliver, 1880-1959, son of James E.,
husband of Sarah Campbell.

Law, Sarah (Campbell), 1885-1962, wife of Oliver.

Lawson, Albert B., 1866-1945,
husband of Catherine.

Lawson, Catherine C. (Mason), 1895-1954,
wife of Albert.

Lawson, Glen C., 1925-1926, infant son of Albert
and Catherine.

Lawson, Ken, died 1942, killed in action,
buried overseas, son of Albert, husband of
Marjorie Law.

Lawson, Robert J., 1919-1998, son of Albert,
husband of Phyllis Gibbs.

Leggett, Martha (Bryson), 1901-1923, wife of
Howard, daughter of Hugh Bryson.

Lindsay, Bruce H., 1921-1982, son of Sandy,
husband of Florence Smith.

Lindsay, Josephine, 1890-1977, wife of Sandy.

Lindsay, A. J. Sandy, 1883-1971,
husband of Josephine.

Lipscombe, Charles A., 1872-1956,
husband of Martha.

Lipscombe, Martha, 1874-1959, wife of Charles.

Lowry, R. Alexander, 1884-1942,
husband of Adeline McElroy.

Lowry, Alda Lila (Storey), 1885-1961,
wife of Hamilton.

Lowry, Bruce, 1944-1964, son of Lloyd.

Lowry, J. Charles, 1887-1969, son of Michael.

Lowry, Diana (Maxwell), 1893-1967,
wife of William George.

Lowry, Elsie, 1885-1915, daughter of Savage,
married Will Moorehead.

Lowry, William George, 1880-1968, son of
Michael, husband of Diana Maxwell.

Lowry, Hamilton A., 1881-1960, son of Savage,
husband of Lila Storey.

Lowry, Henry N., 1882-1962, son of Michael.

Lowry, John G., 1883-1964, son of Savage,

husband of Mary Nairne.

Lowry, Kenith, 1907-1927, son of John G.

Lowry, Lois M. (Peto), 1929-1989, wife of Elmer.

Lowry, Margaret Ann (Scott), 1858-1946,
wife of Savage.

Lowry, Mary E. (Nicholson), 1852-1929,
wife of Michael.

Lowry, Mary E. (Nairne), 1883-1948,
wife of John G.

Lowry, Michael, 1848-1922, husband of Mary
Nicholson.

Lowry, Ross, 1922-1964, son of Hamilton,
husband of Mary Law.

Lowry, Samuel D., 1888-1975, son of Michael,
husband of Grace MacMillan.

Lowry, Samuel G., 1879-1963, son of Savage,
husband of Isabelle Anderson.

Lowry, Savage, 1849-1931,
husband of Margaret Ann Scott.

Major, Marton, 1848-1933, aged 85,
worked for William Jordan.

Marsh, Arthur, 1878-1962,
husband of Esther Nichol.

Marsh, Esther (Nichol), 1883-1925,
wife of Arthur.

Matthews, Reginald, died 1936,
husband of Mrs. Matthews, father of Joyce.

Maxwell, Stan, 1926-1992,
husband of Beatrice Stevens.

McCallum, Donald C., 1906-1991, husband of
Marjorie Hunt.

McClay, J. Alvin, 1914-1996,
husband of Eva Stevens.

McCormick, Ida (Murch), 1873-1938,
wife of John H.

McCormick, John H., 1875-1943,
son of Robert, husband of Ida Murch.

McDonald, Annabella, 1849-1950, wife of John A.

McDonald, Don. D., 1903-1994, son of John,
husband of Elva Frank.

McDonald, Donald Wayne "Jake", 1948-1994,
son of Don. D.

McDonald, Elva L. (Frank), 1906-1988,
wife of Don. D.

McDonald, Jack A., 1906-1989, son of John,
husband of Peggy Adam.

McDonald, John, 1861-1952, father of Don. D.
and Jack, husband of Jean Dalgleish.

McDonald, John A., 1848-1916,
husband of Annabella.

McDonald, Margaret "Peggy" (Adam),

1907-1980, wife of Jack A.
 McElroy, G., Alvin, 1899-1968, son of Joseph, husband of Mattie Ellwood.
 McElroy, Donald H., 1939-1995, son of Alvin, husband of Karen Spencer.
 McElroy, Dorothy, 1894-1980, wife of Robert.
 McElroy, W. Earl, 1903-1969, son of Joseph, husband of Mildred Lee.
 McElroy, Eloise (Hunt), 1906-1933, wife of Morrison.
 McElroy, Frances Mary (Greenacre), 1896-1988, wife of Lorne.
 McElroy, Francis R. "Frank", 1929-1974, son of Morrison, husband of Irene McFee.
 McElroy, Gerald E., 1929-1982, son of Earl, husband of Margaret Latimer.
 McElroy, Hugh John, 1906-1933, son of Joseph.
 McElroy, Joseph, 1866-1946, husband of Mary Lougheed.
 McElroy, Karen A. (Spencer), 1940-1994, wife of Donald.
 McElroy, W. Lorne, 1888-1959, son of Robert, husband of Frances Greenacre.
 McElroy, Mary (Lougheed), 1869-1945, wife of Joseph.
 McElroy, Mattie B. (Ellwood), 1901-1990, wife of Alvin.
 McElroy, Mildred A. (Lee), 1910-1997, wife of Earl.
 McElroy, Morrison, 1903-1963, son of Robert, husband of Eloise Hunt and May Haresnape.
 McElroy, Robert, 1898-1975.
 McElroy, Robert E., 1935-1981, son of Earl, husband of Donald Slute.
 McElroy, Shaun P., 1967-1990, son of Donald.
 McGillivray, Annie E. (Jacobs), 1881-1958, wife of Donald.
 McGillivray, Donald D., 1872-1922, husband of Annie.
 McGillivray, Willard J., 1910-1910, infant son of Donald and Annie.
 McKenzie, Agnes, 1889-1959, sister of John Jr.
 McKenzie, David A., 1887-1918, killed in action, buried in France, brother of John Jr.
 McKenzie, Elizabeth, 1859-1933, wife of John Sr., mother of John Jr.
 McKenzie, James, 1894-1917, killed in action, buried in France, brother of John Jr.
 McKenzie, John Sr., 1851-1911, husband of Elizabeth, buried in Scotland.
 McKenzie, John Jr., 1886-1967, husband of Margaret E. Mitchell.

McKenzie, Margaret E. Mitchell, 1895-1965, wife of John Jr.
 McLean, Errol R., 1917-1993, husband of Elyda Rands.
 McNichol, Ed.
 Meek, James N., 1891-1913.
 Melbourne, R., Joe, 1904-1985, husband of Alice Harkness.
 Mitchell, Albert F., 1898-1958, son of Thomas H.
 Mitchell, Emma (Hamilton), 1871-1939, wife of Thomas H.
 Mitchell, Helen (Thiessen), 1932-1968, wife of Jim.
 Mitchell, Hilda (Volda), 1903-1986, wife of William H.
 Mitchell, Nellie (Klym), 1913-1989, wife of Wellington.
 Mitchell, Thomas H., 1855-1934, husband of Emma Hamilton.
 Mitchell, G. Wellington, 1907-1972, son of Thomas H., husband of Nellie Klym.
 Mitchell, William H. "Bill", 1891-1963, transfer trucker, husband of Hilda Volda.
 Moore, Beatrice M., 1912-1975, wife of Les.
 Moore, Leslie, 1900-1981, husband of Beatrice M.
 Moore, Florence (Rombough), 1884-1964, wife of Willis.
 Moore, George, 1914-1935, son of Willis.
 Moore, John Powell, 1881-1974, brother of Willis, husband of Nellie.
 Moore, Nellie S. (Pike), 1889-1984, wife of J.P.
 Moore, Roseline A. (Dushenko), 1924-1964, daughter-in-law of J.P., wife of Stratford.
 Moore, J. Wayne, 1942-1943, infant son of Stratford.
 Moore, Willis, 1878-1934, brother of J.P., husband of Florence.
 Moorehead, Elsie (Lowry), 1885-1915, daughter of Savage, wife of William Moorehead.
 Morrow, Alice M. (Channin), 1930-1989, wife of Elmer.
 Morrow, Clara Beatrice (Rombough), 1897-1929, wife of Ross B.
 Morrow, Elmer R., 1918-1994, son of Ross B., husband of Alice Channin.
 Morrow, Janet A. (Carry), 1860-1936, wife of John.
 Morrow, John, 1865-1935, husband of Janet A. Carry.
 Morrow, Dorothy "Merle" (Deamel), 1929-1998, wife of Hugh.
 Morrow, Ross B., 1896-1962, son of John,

husband of Clara Rombough and Olive Williment.
 Morrow, W. Ross, 1952-1998, son of Elgin,
 husband of Nancy Barron.
 Nadin, Beatrice, 1889-1977, wife of Harry.
 Nadin, Harry, died 1948, husband of Beatrice.
 Newman, Helen (Johnston), 1879-1947, daughter
 of John Johnston, sister of Mrs. Ed Jordan.
 Nice, Henry, 1910-1980.
 Nichol, Antony J., 1973-1973,
 infant son of J. and B. Nichol.
 Nichol, Catherine (Scott), 1859-1930,
 wife of Martin.
 Nichol, Pte. David Scott, 1888-1917,
 killed in action, buried in France, son of Martin.
 Nichol, L/Cpl. David Scott, 1921-1942, prisoner
 of war, buried in Hong Kong, son of Walter.
 Nichol, Leona L. (Duncan), 1898-1988,
 wife of Murray.
 Nichol, Martin, 1853-1923, husband of Catherine
 Scott.
 Nichol, Murray, 1892-1975, son of Martin,
 husband of Leona Duncan.
 Nichol, Olive E. (Johnston), 1894-1967,
 wife of Walter M.
 Nichol, Virginia B., 1958-1958, infant daughter of
 W. and R. Nichol.
 Nichol, Walter M., 1894-1964, son of Martin,
 husband of Olive Johnston.
 Nichol, William M., 1923-1994, son of Walter M.,
 husband of Ruth McDonald.
 Noheil, Anton, 1883-1976, husband of Rosie.
 Noheil, Rosie, 1886-1959, wife of Anton.
 Oblinski, Coleen M., 1948-1968, daughter of Reg.
 Oblinski, Edward, 1910-1996, son of Stephen,
 husband of Maria N. Mulholland.
 Oblinski, Reese A., 1956-1968, son of Reg.
 Oblinski, Reginald, 1915-1968, son of Stephen,
 husband of Margaret Harris.
 Oke, Chester, 1903-1986, son of Fred,
 husband of Gladys Robbins.
 Oke, Emma Jane (Brown), 1870-1955,
 wife of Fred.
 Oke, Frederick W., 1864-1951, husband of Emma
 Jane.
 Oke, Howard, 1905-1996, son of Fred,
 husband of Thelma Keith.
 Oke, Thelma (Keith), 1906-1997, wife of Howard.
 Owens, Ed, died 1964, brother of Pearl Compton,
 brother-in-law of Joe Compton.
 Parsons, Edith M., 1881-1931
 Pearce, Ada May (Shewfelt-Stevens),
 1898-1986, wife of Thomas.

Pearce, Henry "Harry", 1878-1959,
 husband of Elizabeth Grietchen.
 Peske, Edward W., 1956-1981, son of Lloyd and
 Grace (Mitchell) Peske.
 Phipps, James W., 1860-1943,
 husband of Lida J. Stevens.
 Phipps, Jessie (Nichol), 1905-1959,
 wife of Marvin.
 Phipps, Lida J. (Stevens), 1872-1951,
 wife of James.
 Phipps, Marvin, died 1963,
 husband of Jessie Nichol.
 Poole, Eliza B. (Mitchell), 1899-1981,
 wife of William J.
 Poole, Thomas E., 1932-1936, son of William J.
 Poole, William J., 1879-1964,
 husband of Eliza Mitchell.
 Porter, Dorcus Maria (Corr), 1856-1916,
 wife of James Sr.
 Porter, Eva (Pearce), 1884-1932, wife of James C.
 Jr.
 Porter, James Sr., 1849-1930, husband of Dorcus
 M. Corr.
 Porter, James C. Jr., 1885-1967, husband of Eva
 Pearce.
 Price, Essie J., 1871-1940, wife of Heber.
 Price, George M., 1911-1913.
 Price, Heber C., 1878-1939, husband of Essie.
 Purse, Douglas Clair, 1951-1984, son of W. Clair.
 Purse, W. Clair, 1914-1997, husband of Ella
 McElroy.
 Ramsay, Alex, 1920-1959, son of James Sr., hus-
 band of Leonore Currie.
 Ramsay, Ann (Ogilvie), 1893-1983, wife of James
 Sr.
 Ramsay, Cecil, 1927-1968, son of James Sr.
 Ramsay, James D. Sr., 1891-1956, husband of Ann
 Ogilvie.
 Ramsay, Lorne W., 1959-1978, son of Alex.
 Rands, Agnes May (Kirkham), 1889-1970, wife of
 Josiah.
 Rands, Josiah, 1879-1958, husband of Agnes May
 Kirkham.
 Rasmussen, Beatrice I. (Lowry), 1925-1995, wife
 of Haref.
 Rasmussen, Haref A., 1919-1993, husband of
 Beatrice.
 Revine, Andrew, husband of Mrs. Revine.
 Revine, Ginger, son of Andrew.
 Revine, James, 1905-1983, son of Andrew.
 Revine, Mrs. Andrew, wife of Andrew.
 Rice, James, 1856-1932, husband of Mary Slute.

Rice, Mary J. (Slute), 1864-1940, wife of James.
 Robbins, Clayton M., 1908-1980, husband of Mae Lumgair and Evelyn Rudd.
 Robbins, Gertrude Mary (Brown-Robbins), 1873-1951, wife of William White.
 Robbins, Patricia Anne, 1953-1953, infant daughter of C. and E. Robbins.
 Robinson, Donna M. (Lougheed), 1915-1996, wife of Harvey.
 Robinson, B. Florence (Griffin), 1883-1976, wife of William J.
 Robinson, Kenneth, 1913-1984, son of William J., husband of Grace Cowan.
 Robinson, William J., 1886-1955, son of John, husband of Florence Griffin.
 Rombough, George P., 1852-1928, husband of Sarah.
 Rombough, Sarah (Wheeler), 1852-1929, wife of George.
 Rombough, Stella M. (Bryson), 1897-1991, wife of William.
 Rombough, William R., 1886-1961, son of George, husband of Stella Bryson.
 Rossington, Lillian I., 1897-1978, daughter of George Sandy.

Sanderson, Kenneth, 1926-1990, husband of Mary Baloun and Lorraine (Boulet) Girouard.
 Sanderson, Mary (Baloun), 1925-1986, wife of Ken.
 Sandy, Elizabeth (Dudgeon), 1861-1939, wife of George.
 Sandy, George W., 1867-1943, husband of Elizabeth.
 Scammell, Ada M. (Marshall), 1898-1978, wife of Edwin.
 Scammell, Edwin G., 1889-1953, husband of Ada.
 Schultz, Edith, 1903-1962, wife of Emil.
 Schultz, Emil, 1897-1958, husband of Edith.
 Scott, May Fern, 1902-1919
 Scott, Samuel R., 1897-1965, son of Essie Price.
 Seymour, Brendon Curtis, 1992, twin baby of Dale and Angela.
 Shaventoski, Nettie (Winter), 1920-1990, wife of Mike.
 Slute, F. Clair, 1905-1988, son of Thomas, husband of Rosina Nault.
 Slute, T. Leonard, 1903-1990, son of Thomas, husband of Myrtle Hunt.
 Slute, Mary Ann "Minnie" (Frank), 1877-1956, wife of Thomas R.
 Slute, Myrtle E. (Hunt), 1902-1992,

wife of Leonard.
 Slute, Opal E. (Bedford), 1904-1978, wife of William R.
 Slute, Rosina (Nault), 1908-1990, wife of Clair.
 Slute, Thomas R., 1861-1935, husband of Mary A. Frank.
 Slute, William R., 1898-1982, son of Thomas, husband of Opal Bedford.
 Smith, Alfred, 1875-1919.
 Smith, Anna M. (Wilson), 1870-1962, wife of Harry, daughter of William.
 Smith, Arabella (Waddingham), 1884-1961, wife of J.C.
 Smith, Florence A. (Gill), 1913-1978, wife of Grant.
 Smith, Frank, 1908-1986, son of J.C., husband of Helen McCormack.
 Smith, J. Grant, 1913-1988, son of J.C., husband of Florence Gill.
 Smith, Greg, 1946-1997, son of Frank.
 Smith, Harry Gilmore, 1889-1958, husband of Anna Wilson.
 Smith, Helen (McCormack), 1916-1979, wife of Frank.
 Smith, John Coyle, 1873-1952, son of J.F. Smith, husband of Arabella Waddingham.
 Smith, Wilmet M. (Bowler), 1903-1976, wife of William E.
 Smith, William E., 1906-1954, son of J.C., husband of Wilmet Bowler.
 South, Henry "Harry", 1883-1958, husband of Laurel Broadbent.
 South, Laurel (Broadbent), 1883-1966, wife of Harry.
 Southworth, Ann, 1856-1936, mother of Edwin.
 Southworth, Edwin, 1889-1961, son of Ann, husband of Gladys Andrew.
 Southworth, Gladys (Andrew), 1894-1969, wife of Edwin.
 Southworth, Herbert, 1893-1948.
 Southworth, Joseph Alvin, 1920, infant son of Gladys and Edwin.
 Southworth, Margaret L. 1890-1983.
 Spangelo, Alma J. (Spangelo), 1891-1973, wife of John.
 Spangelo, John, 1881-1928, son of Nels, husband of Alma.
 Sprung, Alberta S.M. "Berta", 1920-1928, daughter of Gabriel.
 Sprung, Alberta (Shobbrook), 1879-1920, wife of Gabriel.
 Sprung, Bruce J.G., 1913-1988, son of John.

Sprung, Ellen E. (Scharf), 1906-1982, wife of Gordon.
 Sprung, Fitz Allen, 1846-1920, husband of Martha Locklin.
 Sprung, Frederick E., 1913-1979, son of Gabriel, husband of Jeanette "Bea" Alexander.
 Sprung, Gabriel, 1872-1939, son of Fitz Allen, husband of Alberta Shobbrook and M.J. Storey.
 Sprung, Gordon L., 1909-1987, son of Gabriel, husband of Ellen Scharf.
 Sprung, Jeanette I. "Bea" (Alexander), 1922-1986, wife of Fred.
 Sprung, John, 1887-1954, son of Fitz Allen, husband of Martha "Martie" Lowry.
 Sprung, John A., 1955-1955, infant son of F. and B. Sprung.
 Sprung, Martha E. "Martie" (Lowry), 1888-1984, wife of John.
 Sprung, Martha J. (Locklin), 1849-1906, wife of Fitz Allen.
 Sprung, Minnie Jane (Storey), 1879-1954, wife of Gabriel.
 Sprung, Stephen E., 1967-1967, infant son of M. and E. Sprung.
 Steenson, William J., died in service 1944, Canada, R.C.A.F., son of William Sr.
 Steffenson, Eileen Hannah, 1942-1944, daughter of George.
 Steffenson, George, 1902-1972, son of Chris, husband of Lillian Kinsman.
 Steffenson, Lillian (Kinsman), 1907-1981, wife of George.
 Steinke, Adolph, 1903-1972, husband of Nancy.
 Steinke, Kimberley Dawn, 1971-1978, daughter of John and Alice.
 Steinke, Michael John, 1958, infant son of John and Alice.
 Steinke, Nancy E., 1917-1975, wife of Adolph.
 Stevens, Adam, died 1897, brother of Alfred and Fenton.
 Stevens, Adelaide M. (Stiven), 1877-1950, wife of Earnest D.
 Stevens, Alfred John, 1902-1981, son of Earnest D.
 Stevens, Bertie E., 1914-1982, daughter of Alfred F.
 Stevens, Bonnie Kae, 1964-1986, daughter of Jean and Allen.
 Stevens, Earnest D., 1866-1933, husband of Adelaide Stiven.
 Stevens, Emma Irene (Windsor), 1891-1982, wife of Herbert W.

Stevens, Everett Howard Sr., 1864-1937, son of Alfred F., husband of Margaret E. Hunt.
 Stevens, Gladly I., 1907-1986, daughter of Earnest D.
 Stevens, Gordon W., 1897-1941, son of Everett H. Sr., husband of Ada Shewfelt.
 Stevens, Herbert W., 1893-1977, son of Everett H. Sr., husband of Emma Windsor.
 Stevens, Margaret Ellen (Hunt), 1863-1927, wife of Everett H. Sr.
 Stevens, Mary A., 1900-1944, daughter of Earnest D.
 Stewart, Barclay, 1880-1938, son of Peter.
 Stewart, Josephine Goodess (Barclay), 1852-1908, wife of Peter.
 Stewart, Peter, 1850-1944, husband of Josephine.
 Stone, Ada, wife of Herchel, buried in Ontario.
 Stone, Hershel, 1875-1949, husband of Ada, buried in Ontario.
 Stone, Donald J., 1940-1980, son of Mel and Jane, husband of Joyce Lone.
 Stone, Mel, 1911-1988, son of Herchel, husband of Jane Dobson.
 Storey, Alice E. (Craig), 1895-1990, wife of Howard A.
 Storey, Allen G., 1927-1989, son of Howard A., husband of Marilyn Guderian.
 Storey, Bertha May (Storey), 1885-1911, wife of Edwin Storey.
 Storey, Charles James, 1858-1942, husband of Margaret A.
 Storey, Elizabeth A. (Latimer), 1851-1933, wife of William Jr.
 Storey, George Edwin, 1872-1958, husband of Bertha May.
 Storey, Howard A., 1895-1961, son of Charles J., husband of Alice.
 Storey, Irene (Waddell), 1906-1984, wife of Ivan.
 Storey, Ivan, 1901-1980, son of Charles J., husband of Irene Waddell.
 Storey, Margaret A. (Boyle), 1859-1949, wife of Charles J.
 Storey, Martha Jane (Hunt), 1853-1929, wife of Thomas.
 Storey, Ross, 1921-1921, infant son of Howard and Alice.
 Storey, Ruby Vera, 1891-1977.
 Storey, Thomas, 1851-1934, husband of Martha Jane.
 Storey, William Jr., 1855-1938, husband of Elizabeth A. Latimer.
 Strong, Jessie M. (Stewart), 1888-1980,

wife of James.
 Sutherland, Robert, 1886-1956,
 worked for Thomas R. Slute.
 Svoboda, G. Isabelle (Heath), 1936-1995,
 wife of Tony.
 Svoboda, Joanne, 1967-1967,
 infant daughter of Tony and Isabelle.
 Swerdfeger, Cyrenus, 1874-1954,
 husband of Emma.
 Swerdfeger, Emma (Jacobs), 1888-1974,
 wife of Cyrenus.
 Swerdfeger, Mervin, 1916-1917,
 infant son of Cyrenus and Emma.
 Switzer, James, 1837-1909, husband of Margaret.
 Switzer, John James, 1893-1956, son of James,
 husband of Mary Henderson.
 Switzer, Margaret, 1856-1946, wife of James.
 Switzer, Mary Ann (Henderson), 1898-1957,
 wife of John James.
 Thomas, Arthur, 1913-1969, son of Mrs. Nadin,
 buried at Oakville, Ontario.
 Thompson, Margaret Jean (Steen),
 1895-1932, wife of Reginald.
 Thompson, Reginald R., 1900-1980,
 husband of Margaret Jean Steen.
 Ticknor, David Maurice, 1929-1931, son of Jack
 and Mary Ticknor.
 Ticknor, J. Bruce, 1914-1992, son of Jack,
 husband of Phyllis Williams.
 Ticknor, John Scott "Jack", 1880-1968,
 husband of Maude Switzer and Minnie Finlay.
 Ticknor, Mary Rachel (Finlay), 1889-1984,
 wife of Jack.
 Ticknor, Sam H., 1889-1939, son of George.
 Ticknor, Sarah Nelson, 1877-1930,
 daughter of George.
 Tovey, Charles, 1885-1961, son of Jonah.
 Tovey, Elizabeth (Bowdich), 1854-1927,
 wife of Jonah.
 Tovey, James, 1875-1952, husband of Verda.
 Tovey, Jonah, 1845-1907, husband of Elizabeth,
 daughter Mary married A. Hale.
 Turner, Albert E., 1888-1935,
 husband of Lily Conley.
 Turner, Lily M. (Conley), 1894-1979,
 wife of Albert.
 Treichel, Ruth E., 1938-1994, wife of Robert.
 Veals, Beatrice (Ching), 1888-1972,
 wife of Harry R.
 Veals, Alvin William "Billie", 1918-1941,
 son of Harry and Beatrice.
 Veals, Harry R., 1888-1964, brother of William,

husband of Beatrice.
 Veals, Henrietta A. (Kelly), 1904-1965,
 wife of W.E. Veals.
 Veals, William E., 1895-1982, brother of Harry,
 husband of Henrietta.
 Waddingham, Albert V., 1913-1984,
 son of Victor, husband of Evelyn Hood.
 Waddingham, Elizabeth (Tovey), 1891-1971,
 wife of Victor.
 Waddingham, Franklin, 1880-1903,
 son of George and Jane "Jennie".
 Waddingham, George, 1846-1895,
 husband of Jane "Jennie" Trick.
 Waddingham, Herbert, 1889-1951,
 son of George and Jane "Jennie".
 Waddingham, Jane "Jennie" (Trick),
 1852-1925, wife of George.
 Waddingham, Ronald G., 1912-1994,
 son of Victor, husband of Vera.
 Waddingham, Vera (Jacobs), 1914-1945,
 wife of Ron.
 Waddingham, Victor Charles, 1881-1949,
 son of George, husband of Elizabeth.
 Wavey, Deborah Ann, 1958-1973,
 step-daughter of Garth Robinson.
 Weiss, Edward, 1906-1997, son of Julius, husband
 of Hattie Buelow.
 White, Emily Grace (Pound), 1863-1912,
 wife of William C.
 White, George E., 1893-1980, son of William C.,
 husband of Kathleen Stokley.
 White, Kathleen M. (Stokley), 1907-1992,
 wife of George E.
 White, Valora C., 1903-1903,
 infant daughter of William and Emily.
 White, William C., 1859-1938,
 husband of Emily Pound and Gertrude Robbins.
 Williams, Griffith "Griff", 1886-1960,
 husband of Sarah Ann Mitchell.
 Williams, Sarah Ann (Mitchell), 1892-1945,
 wife of Griff.
 Wilmot, James D., 1904-1971,
 husband of Jessie A. Jordan,
 buried at Newmarket, Ontario.
 Wilmot, Jessie A., Jordan, 1896-1982,
 wife of James D., buried at Newmarket, Ontario.
 Wilson, Bert M., 1922-1993, son of Will,
 husband of Doreen Collins.
 Wilson, Elizabeth (Carson), 1842-1925,
 wife of William.
 Wilson, William, 1839-1908,
 husband of Elizabeth.

Wilson, William Halliday, 1888-1939,
husband of Victoria, storekeeper.
Winter, Paulina, 1890-1959, wife of Stefan.
Winter, Stefan, 1884-1949, husband of Paulina.
Wood, Ann (Black), 1883-1954,
wife of Francis H. "Frank".
Wood, Francis H. "Frank", 1869-1956,
husband of Ann Black.
Wood, Thomas Alfred, 1911-1911,
infant son of Francis and Ann.

Yager, Ermina V. (Davis), 1902-1985,
wife of Henry.
Yager, Henry H., 1908-1989,
husband of Ermina Davis.
Young, Anna C. (Martin), 1885-1964,
wife of George.
Young, George, 1882-1938, husband of Anna.
Young, Maurice Clark, 1923-1992,
husband of Ina McElroy, son of Dawson Young.

Jackson Cemetery

1. Mrs William Burkett, 1851-1909
2. John Drennan, 1886-1910
Mrs. J. Drennan, 1862-1955
John Drennan, 1830-1910
Angus Drennan, 1890-1902
3. Berle Jackson, 1923-1924
Joseph Parker, unknown-1910
James Hogarth
4. Mrs. R. Jackson, 1864-1941
Richard Jackson, 1859-1936
John Jackson, 1889-1978
Ida Jackson, 1891-1946
Lloyd Jackson, 1914-1927
5. Mrs. Hugh Shaver, 1898-1985
Hugh Shaver, 1896-1960
6. Mrs. A. Johnston, 1876-1959
Adam Johnston, 1863-1937
Charles Johnston, 1898-1913
Robert G. Johnston, 1956-1979
Gordon Johnston, 1909-1973
G. Johnston Baby
7. Mrs. Ann Johnston, 1836-1910
Andrew Johnston, 1834-1897
8. Mrs. Mary Johnston, 1874-1912
Tom Johnston, 1878-1978
Vernon Johnston, 1903-1990
Ethel Johnston, 1903-1987
Mrs. James Johnston, 1844-1927
Mrs. Lydia Johnston, 1885-1981
9. Mary Spanier, 1915-1989
Ida Neufeld, 1907-1996
Lena Neufeld, 1901-1985
William Johnston Sr., 1831-1917
Annie Rehill, 1904-1973
10. Mrs. R. Johnston, 1854-1917
Robert Johnston, 1838-1917
Art Johnston, 1879-1940
George Brand, 1860-1918
Mrs. R. Brand, 1894-1991
Robert Brand, 1883-1958
12. E.W. Foster, 1877-1943
Mary Foster, 1895-1971
Harvey Foster, 1929-1929
Baby Foster, 1962-1963
Ray Foster, unknown-1921
F. Selwyn, 1860-1910
14. Gwenth Foster, 1936-1993
Russel Foster, 1923-1982
William Parker, 1885-1975
E. Parker, 1895-1973
15. Letitia Livingstone, 1878-1915

- William Keown, 1849-1929
Ivan Parker, 1921-1982
16. Baby Finley, 1916-1916
Mrs. C. Finley, 1858-1935
D. Finley, 1843-1926
Mary Finley, 1841-1926
 17. Mrs. M.A. Leslie, 1831-1910
 18. Baby Johnston
Frank DeCrane, 1899-1972
 19. Eileen Johnston, 1917-1984
Margaret Johnston, 1879-1979
J.W. Johnston, 1872-1939
Marya Johnston, 1912-1980
 20. William Huston, 1888-1918
Alice Huston, 1850-1936
Charles Huston, 1858-1915
Andrew Huston, unknown-1925
 21. H.P. Johnston, 1885-1918
W. Kinsman, 1891-1954
John H. Mitchell, 1873-1915
Fred Knowles, 1886-1965
Mrs. Knowles, unknown-1960
L.A. Dauphinais
 22. Mrs. Lone, 1887-1972
Hank Lone, 1881-1966
Alice Lone
 23. Ernest Nield, 1880-1957
Mrs. E. Nield, 1880-1973
Neville Nield, 1913-1916
 24. Baby Clark
 25. Baby Nadin
 26. Hannah Carrie, 1853-1932
Isaac Martindale, 1845-1911
Mrs. Sarah Cowan, 1875-1948
William Cowan, 1857-1936
 27. Harry Forsythe, 1882-1940
Mrs. Robert Forsythe, 1854-1936
Robert Forsythe, 1841-1916
 28. William Ehnes, 1876-1943
A. Ehnes, 1914-1916
 29. Baby Burrows
 30. Isaiah Barnhart, 1901-1948
Mrs. I. Barnhart, 1859-1934
Mrs. A. Thompson, 1890-1918
Z. Barnhart, 1855-1939
John Barnhart, 1903-1968
 31. Mrs. E. Mitchell, 1848-1926
William Mitchell, 1880-1961
Mrs. M. Lund, 1863-1940
M. Lund, 1863-1949
 32. Elliot Fairbairn, unknown-1921
Ken McLeod, 1976-1994

33. Earl Jackson, 1917-1973
 Sadie Jackson, 1889-1984
 Gilbert Jackson, 1883-1953
 Baby Jackson
 Alex Milroy, 1916-1992
 34. Mrs. Johnston, 1882-1966
 H. Johnston, 1876-1964
 35. Mrs. A. Gellatly, 1879-1954
 A. Gellatly, 1875-1938
 B. Gellatly
 36. Frank Huston, unknown-1931
 Barry Grettum, 1964-1983
 37. Duane Deason, unknown-1996
 Fred Deason, 1904-1936
 Harold Deason, 1931-1984
 38. Mary Ann Keown, 1882-1968
 Tom Keown, 1873-1958
 39. H. Higgins, 1865-1914
 40.
 41. John McLeod, 1876-1953
 42.
 43. Mrs. William Swayze, 1893-1960
 William Swayze, 1884-1976
 Hazel Swayze, 1928-1948
 Keith Swayze, 1924-1950
 Cyril Swayze, 1931-1957
 44. Martin Kapchinsky, 1907-1985
 Mildred Kapchinsky, 1921-1998
 Kathleen Dianne Labossiere
 45. Mrs. E. Scott, 1873-1954
 Ed Scott, 1855-1939
 Isabel McLeod, 1902-1983
 Dan McLeod, 1895-1959
 46. Darwin Kinnaird, 1942-1942
 Wilfred Kinnaird, 1917-1938
 Geneva Kinnaird, 1922-1942
 A. Mitchell, 1942-1942
 47. Baby Jackson
 Mrs. A. Jackson, 1901-1961
 Robert Jackson, 1891-1956
 48. Angus Sinclair, 1864-1926

Mrs. R. Sinclair, 1869-1926
 49. Brian Huston, 1939-1986
 Mrs. Irene Huston, 1902-1986
 Charlie Huston, 1900-1949
 Glen Huston, 1927-1976
 50. Eva Jackson, 1899-1993
 William Jackson, 1900-1982
 Baby Jackson
 June Jackson, 1926-1978
 Gerald Jackson, 1927-1987
 Mrs. William Rutledge, 1874-1959
 William Rutledge, 1864-1944
 Tom Rutledge, 1906-1939
 52.
 53. Beverly Swayze, 1947-1947
 Henry Swayze, 1921-1985
 54. Thomas Gradwell, unknown-1937
 55. Jean Davis, 1930-1931
 Leola Davis, 1917-1917
 56. John Kinnaird, 1888-1923
 John Elgert, 1896-1918
 57. Ernest Gradwell, 1912-1932
 Baby Gradwell
 Raymond Gradwell, 1922-1929
 58. Baby Wilson
 59. Julius Grettum, 1888-1972
 Mrs. Julius Grettum, 1884-1957
 Ethel Yonkers, 1911-1929
 Gordon Grettum, 1919-1998
 60. Mrs. E.M. Harvey
 M.J. Harvey
 61. Brian Lone, 1959-1991
 Marion Lone, 1929-1986
 Harvey Lone, 1908-1973
 62. Mrs. A. Swayze, 1861-1948
 A.B. Swayze, 1855-1931
 63. Eileen Swayze, 1928-1984
 Baby McLeod
 64. Mrs. L. McLeod, 1868-1941
 L. McLeod, 1875-1953
 65. H. Buller, 1860-1931

BUSINESS

B.A.R.C. Marketing Concepts

- The Southern Shopper & Review

B.A.R.C. Marketing Concepts was started in December of 1996 and is located at and operated from the farm home of Kent and Patti Barclay (McElroy) on S.W. 26-3-7 W. The business is a printing and publishing company providing a full range of commercial printing services, desktop publishing and also produces a semi-monthly regional newspaper, The Southern Shopper & Review.

The Southern Shopper and Review is a regional free distribution publication that currently circulates twice a month to over 14,000 mailboxes in the Pembina Valley area, including the community of Darlingford. Publisher: Patricia Barclay.

Banks

From the Bank of Montreal files, we learn that a petition was circulated early in 1906 to obtain a banking service in the village and district. The Bank of British North America accepted the challenge and opened a small office in the Coleman Bros. Hardware Store on the seventh of September the same year. The following year it moved to new premises, in a lean-to built onto the south-east corner of the J.H. Bolton store, then operated by R.A. Fines. On this same corner lot stood another small building, used as a drug store.

In 1909 the drug store moved north to allow a larger building, which occupied the corner frontage, covering the first lean-to. It also contained a large cement, steel reinforced vault on the ground floor. This vault was built by the late Joe Compton, who was around to see it demolished in 1947. There were also comfortable living quarters at the north end for the staff.

This property changed hands when the amalgamation of the Bank of British North America and the Bank of Montreal took place in 1918 and the business continued under the latter name. A few old cancelled B.N.A. cheques are held as souvenirs by at least two people in the district.

The first manager was C.C. MacRae, followed by Henderson, McLaren, Darby, and the late P. M. Hunter who ended his bank-

ing career in Vancouver. "Pat", as he was known locally, was a very active member of the community from 1918 to 1923. He was followed by F.W. Blackwell, who stayed until the bank closed in May of 1932. Mr. Blackwell was secretary-treasurer of our local curling club during most of his years in Darlingford. He managed to keep all accounts paid and a little in the bank too. No easy task in those days.

The local bank attracted several of the community's younger folk and many made banking their career. Robert Cock heard the call of the West and was manager of several Bank of Montreal branches. Bert Bond was a Manitoba manager for many years. Dave Mitchell also served here.

While Jake Dick, who was born in Altona, was a teller here, he chose a life-partner, Florence Carswell. He retired as General Manager of the Bank of Montreal, Regina Main Office and was a member of the Board of Directors.

Another Darlingford teller, William Palidwar, retired to Victoria.

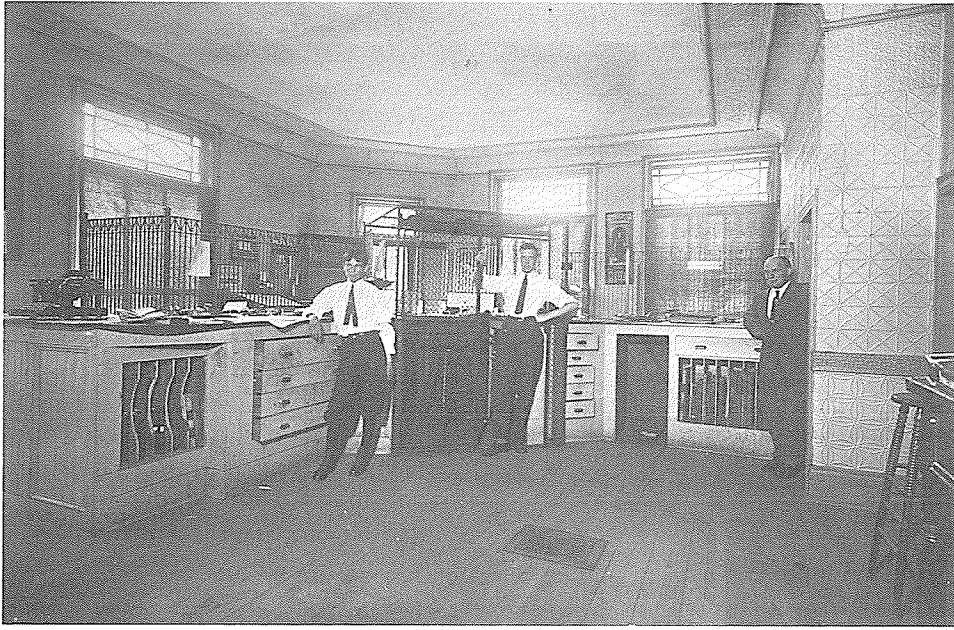
Among the female staff were Mabel McElroy (Arnott), Vera Fairbairn (McMunty-Anderson) who served in the 'teens and early twenties. Another lady banker, from 1917 to 1924, was Muriel Jacobs (Jordan). During the seven years she spent considerable time as teller and later continued to flip currency at the register of Jordan's store.

After the closing of the bank in 1932, most of the banking business was done by mail, either to Morden or Manitou. During this time, not one deposit has been reported to have gone astray in the mail.

In the spring of 1961, the Bank of Montreal had a change of heart and, retracing their steps, opened a small sub-office of the Morden Branch, providing



Bank of British North America



Bank of British North America. Reg Jordan - ledger, Harry Bolton - teller, H. Dickson - manager

service twice a week, on Tuesdays and Fridays. The Morden manager at this time was Mr. R. Holmes and the Darlingford satellite branch was staffed by Mr. L.C. Holmstrom with Mr. I.D.M. Gibb as teller-ledger keeper. The bank opened in the M.D. Nichol building and was moved across the street in 1963 into a small building owned by Frank C. Smith, of Smith Fuel and Lumber which was renovated especially for the Bank of Montreal's use.

The building was small. It was tidy and well kept and really it did not deserve the rough treatment it received. On two different occasions, heavy transfer trucks were left parked up on the hill and rolled down, driverless, crashed into the bank and left it in a sorry state. Fortunately both accidents happened in the evening and no one was hurt. In each case, the building was rebuilt "better than ever" and served the district well.

Darlingford Branch of Morden Credit Union

In 1975 the Manitou Branch of Morden Credit Union Ltd. began providing two days a week service to the community of Darlingford. This service was further enhanced by moving in a newer building in 1993.

Area residents who have been employed in the Darlingford office are Lori Nadin (McElroy), Linda MacGregor (Shaventoski), Dennis Penner, Danielle "Butch" Scott (Johnston), Catherine "Kate" Nichol, and Ed Giesbrecht, who has been the Manitou

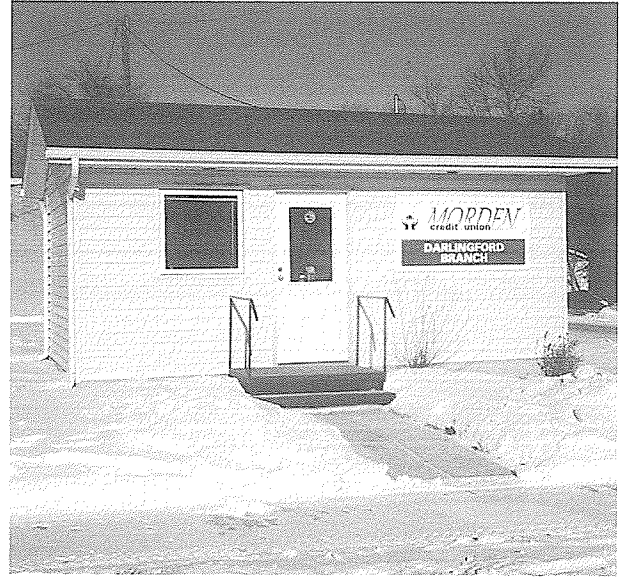
Branch Manager since 1987.

Board members who have served from this area over the years are Barb McLean (Veals), Bob Jordan, Wilf Klippenstein, Don Compton and Ian Hamilton.

Morden Credit Union Limited is proud to be associated with this community and along with the staff, management, directors and members, congratulate the Village of Darlingford on its Centennial.

Barbers

Darlingford has never wanted for barbers. Frank Pickel installed the first barber chair in the pool room of the hotel about 1905. It was common in the early days to have barbers in



Darlingford Branch - Morden Credit Union

pool rooms and not a bad idea either, as the customer could watch the game as he was shaved and shorn.

Following Frank Pickel came Andy Irvine, Jesse Bond, and his son Frank, while in 1916, a lad from England, by the name of George Hobbs, was a good barber and took top place as a story teller, as he worked, at no extra charge. Shave fifteen cents, hair cut twenty-five cents. Then came Toot Nairne, William Smith from Carman and, later a Frenchman

from St. Boniface.

With the closing of the hotel, Albert Stevenson of Dunstan set up business in the old radio shop but, he being a baseball pitcher of high degree, soon moved to greener pastures.

Jack Edinborough held sway in the Smith building, next to the post office and carried on until 1938 when Matt Ellwood took over the chair, while resting from his farm labours. Mr. Ellwood had barbered for many years in Ontario and had tales of the old days when the trade played tricks on the young lads.

In 1938 Darlingford had two barber shops. Mr. Ellwood completed the year in the Smith building, but left the next summer. Fred Hawken had returned from Calgary where he had been employed for a couple of years with Massey-Harris in the parts department, and had taken barbering instruction during that time and was ready to hang out that old familiar sign.

Fred opened his first shop in the C.W. White radio shop and continued there until 1942 when he built his own shop next door, on rented property. Fred realized that he might be here for some time so purchased frontage next to the post office and moved his building to its present site in 1968. While barbering was his main business, Fred also carried on as local agent for an undertaking firm at Pilot Mound. Upon retiring in the early 1980's he moved to Winnipeg.



Mike Shaventoski and Fred Hawken
in 1940

Blacksmiths

We are tempted to start this portion with "Under a Spreading Chestnut Tree" but that particular tree is not native to Manitoba. However, there was lots of bush and scrub in Darlingford when, in 1900, the first "Smithy", the late William Shields located his shop on the east side of Pembina Street, south of where the United Church now stands. Mr. Shields was a man of large frame and, like the blacksmith in the poem, "with strong and sinewy hands". Even after he had retired and nearly eighty years old, he still bought the odd cord of oak wood, to have in the back yard and every day he would go out, cut a couple of sticks and split the blocks, just for the love of the exercise.

The blacksmith of that day was called on to do more than just repair tools and implements. He actually made them. The writer watched Mr. Shields complete a set of farm bobsleighs and they were identical with the factory product - only a wee bit stronger; being made from the very best material.

Mr. Shields was a man of few words. When a younger and more vocal customer came in with a rush job and explained at length why it had to be done "at once", he would just say "throw it down there" and proceed without another word. If you quietly showed him your job and said, "No rush, Bill," he would take it saying, "Might just as well do it now." Can we blame him?

It was in 1912 that Mr. Shields turned over the shop to another blacksmith of the same calibre, a Mathew Bisset, who carried on the business until an unfortunate fire cleaned out the premises.

In 1908 another blacksmith shop was built on the east of Railway Street where an old cement block can be found to this day, west of the Bank of Montreal building.

This shop had numerous owners, Clark, Andy Irwin, Thomas Hunt and Sandy Howe. It was the latter gentleman who had another unfortunate fire that raised the building to the ground. It was never rebuilt. In 1918 William Shields came back from the war and returned to his trade in the building on the south side of the railway which is standing at the end of 1971. Mr. Shields was not only a blacksmith but a determined big game hunter. He was an excellent shot, notwithstanding the fact, he lost one eye while in the army. One of his trophies, a very large elk head hangs in the museum.

In the late 1920's, Mr. Shields rented his shop to younger men who came along. There were, at least,

four of these short term blacksmiths. In 1934 to 1940 Harold McCullough operated the blacksmith shop.

In April 1941, Dave E. Cowan bought the shop, installed some up-to-date equipment and settled down to a long term of business which was only interrupted by ill health for a few odd days. Mr. Cowan, known as Dave, came at the time of the big changeover from horse power to tractor power. The age of hydraulic controls also posed many a problem. The customer would drag in a machine, throw down a hydraulic cylinder and leave it to the ingenuity of Dave to do the rest and, heaven help him, if the customer experienced any difficulties!

There were changes in harvesting methods about this time, from binders and threshers, to swathers and combines. It was a common sight to see one of these large new machines at the shop. All the local "smith" had to do was repair the broken parts and it would not break again! Often he improved on the manufacturer's design to meet the challenge of heavy crops, and rough terrain in this bush land.

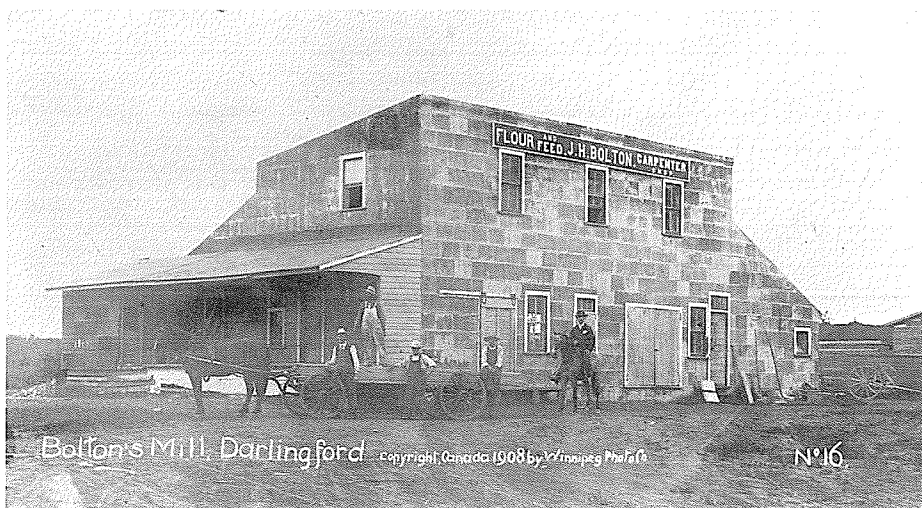
The early 1940's brought the advent of homemade power mowers, garden tractors, snow pushers and blowers. Many were the problems involved in manufacturing these items to suit the customer and make sure that the unit would be operative for years to come. It was in these small country shops that many labour saving devices were spawned. The ideas were picked up by the large manu-

facturers, mostly in the East, and no credit has gone to the original inventors.

It is safe to state that in Mr. Cowan, Darlingford had a dedicated mechanic, with the patience of Job, who accepted tasks, both large and small, giving to them the professional finishing touches that are the mark of the artisan.

James Henry Boulton

If this village had an "unsung hero", it was a certain James Henry Bolton, a younger brother of Ferris Bolton. "J.H.", as he was so often called, started his first enterprise shortly after the first store opened here. He built a fairly large and spacious building on the south side of South Railway Street, just east of where the lumber yard was soon to be built. It housed a carpenter shop, storage space for flour and feed, such as bran, shorts, etcetera, as well as a power-driven saw and a fairly large grain grinder, to do custom feed grinding for the surrounding area.



Boltons Mill and Woodwork - 1908



Blacksmith Shop corner North Railway and Dufferin

J.H., a contractor and a born promoter, soon set to building the Empire hotel which he owned and operated for some time. Next, he built the second general store building, fifty feet to the east of the hotel, which he owned until 1926 when he sold it to W.E. Veals.

He built the Darlingford Consolidated School in 1910, which is still serving the town and district. He

built the large brick Presbyterian manse, the bank building, the second drug store, the first separate telephone office building, and the post office, which he built for his brother, Ferris, when he became the postmaster. It is almost impossible to compile a complete list of the buildings he built in the village and the surrounding territory.

His first shop and mill, on the lumber yard site, burned down in May 1912, and was not rebuilt.

Mr. and Mrs. Bolton moved to Vancouver about 1912, where he continued his trade until he retired.

Brick Yards

Darlingford had two brick yards in its early years and they operated in time spans, only a few years apart. About 1898, a certain Mr. Whelan appeared on the business scene and proceeded to have the C.P.R. run a short spur line on the north side of the track to the S.E. corner of the S.E. 1/4 13-3-8. This was one and one half miles west of Darlingford on the railroad track. He soon had some machinery shipped out and with the help of ten local labourers, set up a brick making plant called Whelan's Brick and Tile. Amongst his equipment was a steam boiler, of which the whistle blasts could be plainly heard in town.

The Manitou weekly paper reported on September 24, 1901 that "George Whelan has made 400,000 bricks this summer." Ferris Bolton's house was built of these bricks in 1900 on the E. 1/2 33-2-7 and Martin Nichol's on the E. 1/2 of 34-2-7 about the same time. These two houses are in still in use.

Financial difficulties caused the yard to close down after a few years of operation. All that remains today is a flooded pit the clay was removed and the odd broken brick laying about. This land is owned by Duane Williams who pastures Charolais there. The cattle use the old pit as a watering hole.

The Darlingford Brick and Tile Co. Ltd., was formed in the spring of 1910 by local businessmen with Lewis Cock as the manager. He had been a brickmaker in Campbellford, Ontario. He had been riding horseback west of Darlingford and discovered brick clay on the N.W. 1/4 of 7-3-7, just south of the railroad tracks and about a mile and one-eighth

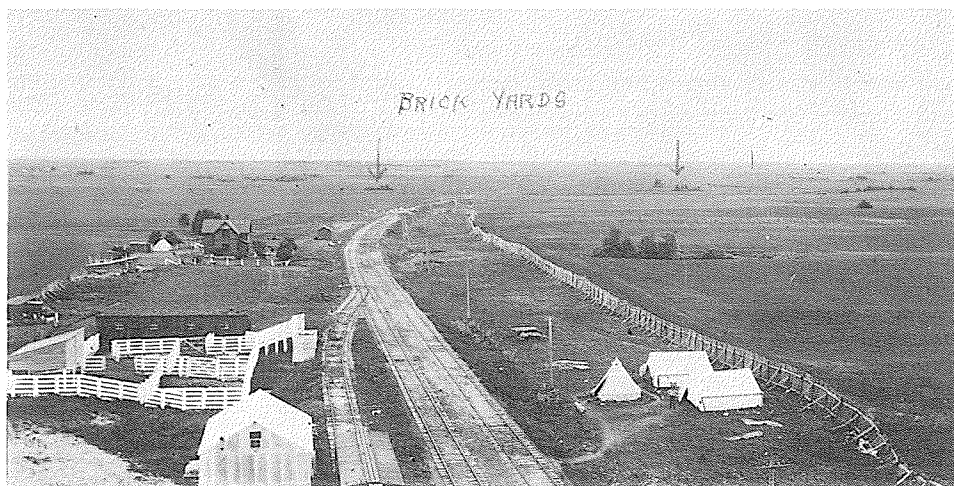
from the village. Equipment was brought in and a brick yard was started at this location.

The Darlingford "Comet" reported the progress of the brick yard in 1910. The June 2 issue contained an advertisement for seven labourers and on August 4 we read: "The directors and stock holders of the Darlingford Brick and Tile Co. can scarcely realize the magnitude to which the brick company has attained. Manager, Lewis Cock has at present 90,000 bricks at his disposal, with orders for at least 200,000 in demand. Hinds and Mitchell, contractors of Winnipeg, have already ordered one million bricks and the Hambury Manufacturing Co. of Brandon have ordered 120,000 bricks. The kiln as burnt to date, contains almost 90,000 of first class bricks and the second kiln is well underway and will be fired next week. In the past the boarding house at the works has been anything but satisfactory to either management or labourers but now, under new management, it is run to the satisfaction of all."

The new Darlingford School was built of Darlingford brick in 1910 as was the Presbyterian Church manse about the same time, at 29 Pembina Street. Both of these buildings are still in use.

By 1914, the Darlingford Brick and Tile Co. Ltd. was also in trouble. A large Winnipeg firm decided they wanted all the business. By cutting the price in this area, they soon coaxed the trade their way until all the little yards were gone. The brick yard closed at the beginning of World War I.

Two large oblong pits filled with water where the clay was removed, rows of decaying post stubs that formed the foundation of drying sheds, a large stone, mortar and cement machinery base with mounting bolts sticking out and a few scattered broken bricks are all that remain today of the once



Stockyard - brickyard

flourishing brick yard.

From the Darlingford "Comet", June 30, 1910 issue, "The directors of Darlingford Brick and Tile Co. were: A. Lawson, M. Nichol, J.C. Smith, L. Cock, R.H. Stevens, F. Bolton, R.A. Fines and J.H. Bolton. Manager Cock is making 10,000 bricks a day and could make 12,000. The first kiln will be fired July 15th when 115,000 bricks will be burnt."



"Bulk Oil Agents"

C.A. Briggs - Butcher

In 1913, Charles A. Briggs, a butcher from England, opened up a butcher shop in the store vacated by Mr. Fines. We can recall the fine large "walk-in" cold storage box he installed which required an almost daily supply of ice. This had to be harvested the previous winter and kept in an ice house packed in sawdust. Some chore! To the butcher business, he added flour and feed, but latterly his main operation was the buying and shipping of a C.P.R. car load of livestock each week. The driving, bartering, buying and selling in those days, with no market quotation service on radio, made the life of a drover very interesting to say the least.

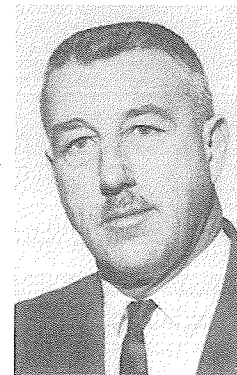
Miss Grace Lee of Ilford, England, came over and married Mr. Briggs in 1924 and, in 1927, they returned to England. The building was later purchased by W.E. Veals and used for his farm implement business.

Bulk Oil and Farm Supply

Early in 1950, Mr. D.K. Compton took over the agency for bulk sales in Darlingford territory, from W.E. Veals who continued the service station only. Since Ken had conducted the oil end of this business almost from his return from the R.C.A.F., he was well acquainted with the trade. It was not long



before he acquired a large regular tank truck to handle the ever increasing business, especially with the advent of oil heating. The Imperial Oil Limited built up an entirely new plant closer to the main thoroughfare in 1952 and installed modern equipment. By 1965 the fertilizer line was added and suitable storage for both the liquid and dry chemicals were built on the site of the old bulk oil plant. "D.K." operated one of the most successful bulk agencies for Imperial Oil, winning several proficiency awards for his efforts.



It was about this time that the oldest son, Mel Compton, D.K. Compton, owner Bulk Oil & Farm Supply

joined the operation. The fertilizer business was expanded and custom application became a big portion of the business. The youngest son, Don Compton, joined the business in 1976 and the business was expanded to include the Manitou Imperial Oil Bulk Agency and ag products. Mel and Don continued in the fertilizer and chemical business after D.K.'s retirement in 1984 until they sold out to Manitoba Pool Elevators in 1991.

Our two pictures record the progress seen over fifty years.

Butcher Shops

Darlingford's first butcher shop was built about 1907 by Fred Conway. It was a small 16 x 20 foot, one storey building with a good sized ice house at the rear. The following year Mr. Conway sold to Percy Law. When Mr. Law took over the butcher shop he built a small house on the same lot. This house was in constant use until it was demolished in 1968. Mr. Law sold out and left for Saskatchewan.

The butcher of that day had to have a good supply of ice. It was, no doubt, this fact that led Mr. Law to partition off a portion of the building for the sale of ice cream and soft drinks. Later the shop was purchased by Ed Scammell and used for shoe and harness repairs until about 1922, when, once more, the front part was back in the butcher trade with Roy Bond behind the counter. A good trade was enjoyed because in those days there were no refrigerators or freezers.

One of Mr. Bond's steady customers was a C.P.R. employee's wife living at Thornhill who travelled twice weekly on the passenger train, up at 11:30 a.m. and back at 1:45 p.m. She owned a large brown Spaniel dog who also loved fresh meat, as it would board the passenger train at Thornhill, get off at Darlingford, sally up to Roy's shop for his little feed of fresh meat scraps, then make the return journey in the same way.

In 1924 Mr. Bond discontinued this venture and the workshop once more became Mr. Scammell's harness and shoe repair business.

C.J. Massage Clinic

Owned and operated by Charlene Morrow. In 1996, after a three year course, Charlene opened a therapeutic massage clinic in their home. She has built on a room and offers relief for the following: sciatic problems, frozen shoulders, back pain, muscle injury, gentle relaxations.

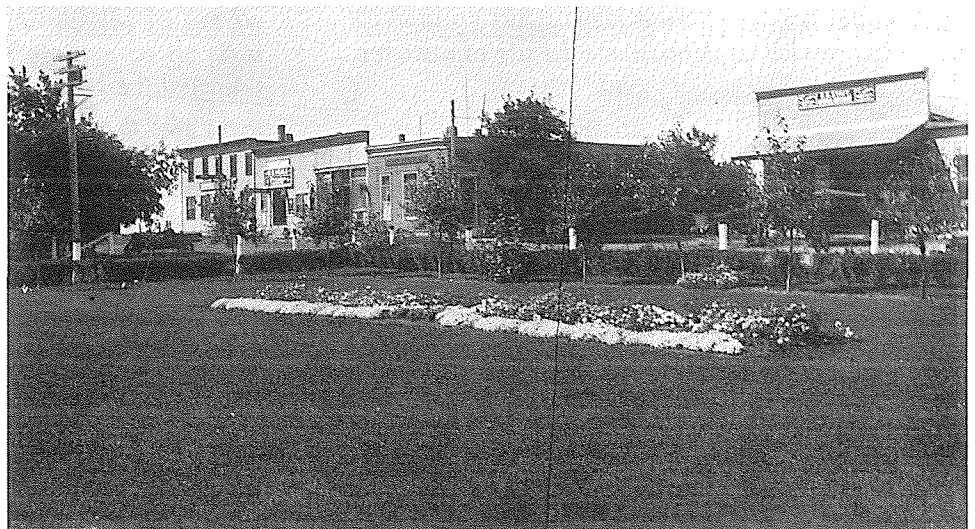
C.P.R. and Elevators

The C.P.R. built the railroad from Mowbray to Windygates in 1908 and a "spur line" was built into Maida, North Dakota, some time later. American grain was carried in bond from Maida until approximately 1945 when the American elevator companies were moved away and the railroad track was removed. The three acres of elevator land in Maida were bought by J.H. Ridley who planted hundreds of trees, creating a fine "wild life refuge", as well as as much needed protection for the village.

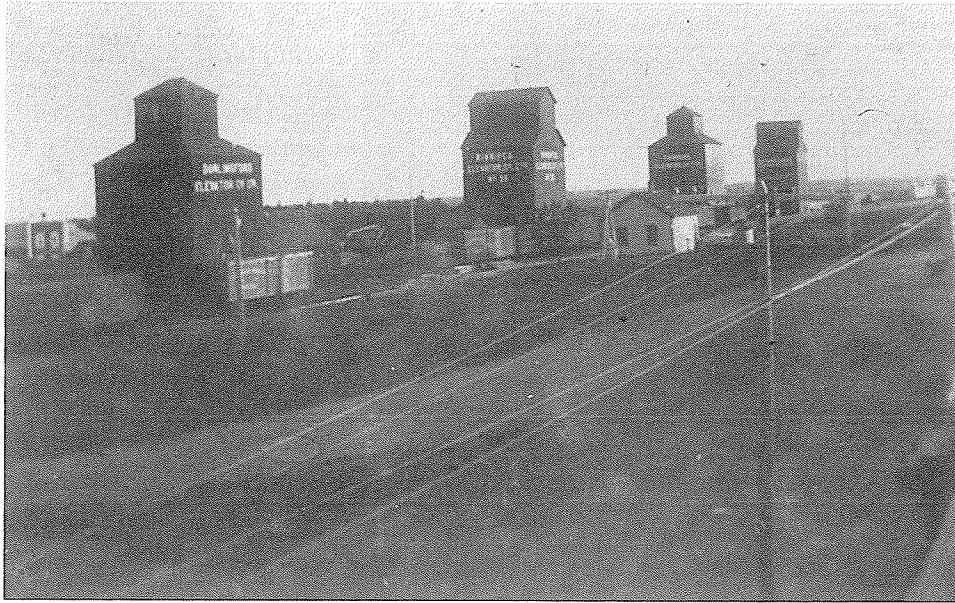
The grain elevator was built in Windygates in 1917-18 by Ole Jefferey, who owned and operated it.

Some of the succeeding operators were Jack Lane, Nickel, W.M. Manning, Clark, Digby Frith, Perkes, Murray Harper, Harold Lyons, Harold Cousins, Kitch Keown and H.T. "Buck" Haldorson, who was the last man.

Freight and passenger service was very good from 1908 to 1933. A train came Monday, Wednesday and Friday from La Riviere, making a trip in the early morning and another in the late afternoon, so that it was possible to go to Manitou or Morden and return the same day. This was quite a convenience since there were few cars and the roads were poor. The mail also came by train on these same days. However, by 1935, there was only



C.P.R. grounds - 1922



Elevators - 1910

one train a week, on Wednesday evenings, so the mail was brought in from Darlingford.

During the days of fast train service, the platform of the little railroad station would be lined with cream cans, full ones for shipping and the empties returning. Some of the cream found its way into North Dakota. The price was better there and it made no difference whether the cream was sweet or sour. It was no mean feat to keep cream sweet without refrigeration during the summer and it was a cool job waiting



Darlingford Farmer's Elevator built in 1903, destroyed by fire in 1920. Rebuilt the following year and continued until 1948, when sold to Manitoba Pool



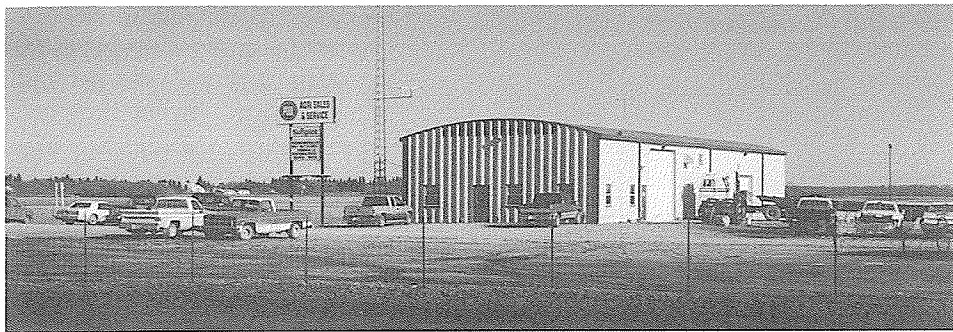
Federal Elevator built in 1950's, purchased by Manitoba Pool Elevators - demolished in 1995



Windygates Federal Grain Elevator

at the station in the winter with a team of horses. The drivers had to be alert when the steam whistle blew.

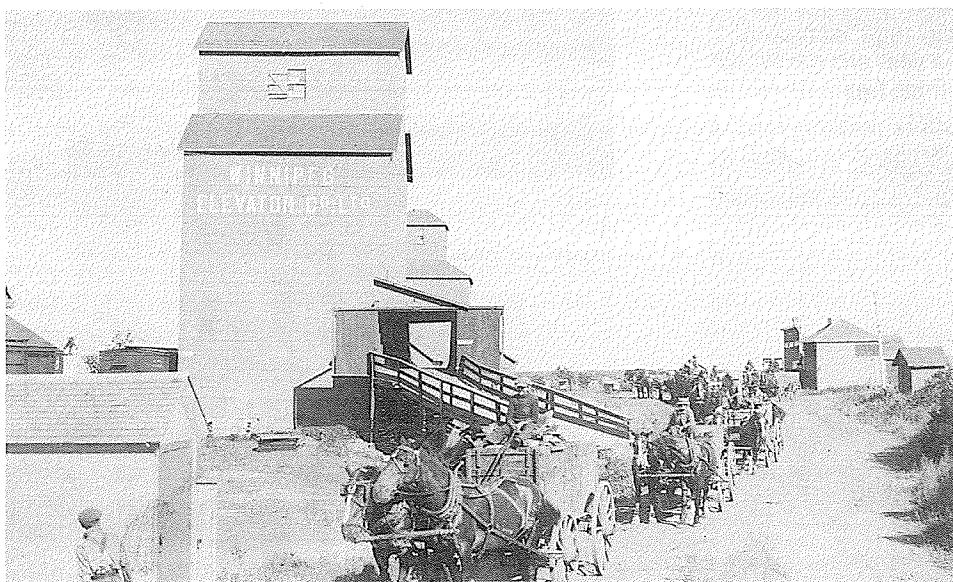
In spite of much protest, the C.P.R. deemed this line unprofitable and in 1964 the roadbed from Snowflake to Windygates was torn up and the land



Pool Agri Sales & Service - now known as Agricore



Loads of grain - weigh scales on corner



Darlingford Elevator - 1922. Howard Storey's team (Jennie & Maude) in front, Johnnie Unger driving, Allan Bryson walking

levelled, leaving little trace of a railroad having ever existed. This caused much inconvenience and expense to the farmers on the south side of the Pembina River ever since as all the grain must be

hauled by truck to Darlingford or Snowflake, distances of up to sixteen miles.

Few of us know what a mule looks like, but the men who helped to build the railroads did. Eighteen mules that were being used to build the road to Windygates in 1908 perished in a big fire at Mowbray, which gutted a blacksmith shop, hall and livery barn. This barn was rebuilt.

Grain Elevators

Grain growing in this district was first recorded in 1878. The nearest market at that time was Emerson, some sixty long miles away. Some stalwart souls did make that trip with either horses or oxen, but much of the harvested grain could be sold locally to the incoming settlers who needed seed, and wheat for grinding into flour.

The little colony of Messrs. Bolton, Nichol, Bedford and others who located close by, were fortunate in being near to the Old Boundary Commission Trail, so these farmers had ready access to the settlers who were moving into the area, or passing through.

By 1880 some good crops were grown, and others were reported as failures. In 1891 a very heavy crop was beaten down by winds and torrential rains, and little was saved.

In the early years a grain warehouse was built by four of the older settlers, Messrs. G.W. Ulyott, Albert Lawson, R.A. Scott, and Ferris Bolton. The latter reports that he managed this business for six years and shipped nearly

a million bushels of grain during that period. The magnitude of this operation can only be appreciated if we understand how the grain was handled in those days. Every bushel had to be moved by shovel, grain scoop, and strong muscles. The grain was bagged and loaded onto hand cars to be moved into the warehouse and later into the boxcars. Besides the bagging of the grain, there would be at least four operations of hand loading and unloading of the heavy bags of grain.

What a contrast to this age of automation when the farmer can load the grain by auger from his granary to his truck. The modern country elevator of the 1970's could take delivery of a hundred loads (fifteen thousand bushels) in an eight hour day. A boxcar could be filled (two thousand bushels) in twenty minutes.

The four men of the warehouse partnership erected the first elevator in Darlingford in 1899. It was built on the east side of their old warehouse and was known as the Darlingford Elevator Co. They were now able to handle the grain in bulk for shipment. In about 1920 this building was sold to the Wiley Low Co. of Winnipeg. This elevator is the first one on the left in the accompanying 1910 photo. It might be mentioned here that the Mr. Scott of the Darlingford elevator partnership had a brother, Sam Scott, who about that time obtained a seat on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, which he held until his retirement.

The second elevator in the photo was built by the Winnipeg Elevator Company and then sold to the Canadian Consolidated Elevator Company. It was managed by a Mr. Wynn Thompson who left to work for the company in Winnipeg, leaving many good friends behind. In the late 1920's this building was sold to the Wiley Low Company who now owned both the first and second elevators in the picture. They proceeded to tear down the first one, and used the material to enlarge the second one. This elevator was sold to the Federal Grain Company of Winnipeg. This firm added an annex on the west side, and about 1956, another elevator was added on the east side. The Federal now had a storage space of roughly eighty thousand bushels.

About 1908 the International Grain Company located an elevator at the west end of the string, near the stock yards. This building was in business for a few years and was then torn down and shipped elsewhere.

The third elevator was the Darlingford Farmers' Elevator built about 1903 and operated until the

winter of 1920 when it was burned to the ground. The fire was caused by an overturned lantern in the pit when a transient teamster was snitching oats for his team. The elevator was rebuilt the next summer and continued in business until sold to the Manitoba Pool Elevators in 1948. In 1950 an annex was added to hold forty thousand bushels. This doubled the former capacity. In 1957 a completely new style annex was added which raised the total storage capacity to over one hundred twenty thousand bushels. Other buildings on the Pool site include storage tanks for liquid and dry fertilizer.

Both the Pool and the Federal Companies owned homes in the village for their managers, and these gentlemen played an important part in the farmers' annual business affairs. With quota books and cash advances, and all the ramifications involved therein, it is a far cry from the days shown in our picture when grain was hauled in small horse-drawn loads. It was strictly a buyers' market then when the grain agent strolled leisurely out, took a sample of your grain in his hand, gave it a couple of puffs and then said, "Number three - thirty-two cents today."

It should be recorded here that the old Darlingford Farmers' Elevator, under the ever watchful eye of the late Mr. George Young, brought business here for miles around, even from other towns' preserves.

Some of the elevator operators whose names will be remembered from across the years are the late Lewis Cock, whose family grew up here, and the late Messrs. A Lawson, James Rice, Murray Harper, Louis Clement, Thomas Storey and Orren Pickel. In later years we find names like Carl Cummings, Austin Henderson, Norman Hope, Ellwood Dixon, Harold Cousins, Harold Lyons, Jerry Moore, and no doubt some we have missed in the roster.

It was always considered a fairly high-risk vocation, but we can only report one encounter where Mr. Austin Henderson had a bout with a balky gas engine. He received a broken arm, but we are glad to say that he has outlasted that engine by about forty years.

The Farmers' Elevator was managed by the late Mr. Harry South in 1938 after Mr. George Young's death. It was during Mr. South's term of office that the Manitoba Pool Elevators bought the Farmers' Elevator and was under the management of Mr. D.W. Williams, with Mr. Reg. Clayton as second man. The Federal Grain Elevator was ably managed by Mr. C.W. Townsend. They reported that a rea-

sonable year found them shipping about three hundred car loads, and one year piled up a total of three hundred ninety-six cars.

As a flash back to those early days we must record an old story that went the rounds back in the teen years:

An elderly gent who operated one of the four elevators was hauled into court. He was accused of lifting some fifteen hundred dollars of company funds. He was let off, and some weeks later a friend walking home with him asked, "Well, you old grain thief, how are you getting along with your \$1,500?" The old lad replied, "Them people is awful poor bookkeepers, Joe. I used to get that much every month!"

True or false, we'll never know, but it does make us wonder about the expression, 'the good old days'.

Federal Grain was taken over by Manitoba Pool Elevators in the 1970's. The new one hundred thousand bushel crib annex was constructed in 1977 on the east side of the existing Manitoba Pool Elevators main elevator. The overguard annex on the west side was dismantled after the completion of the crib annex. The last of the old Federal Grain elevator was dismantled in August 1994.

In the early 1960's Manitoba Pool Elevators got involved in the fertilizer, chemical and twine sales. In the early 1970's a six hundred tonne bulk dry fertilizer shed was built west of the elevator where the stock yards once existed.

Duane Williams managed the Manitoba Pool Elevators elevator from 1965 until 1992 with the assistance over the years of Reg Clayton, Ron Brunn, Dale Gall, Shorty (Doug) Clayton, Doug Williams and Don Cassels. In 1992 Dale Gall took over as manager with the assistance over the years of Don Cassels, Trevor Cobb, and Don Beer. At the present time Dale Gall, as manager, and Don Beer, as assistant, run the elevator. The elevator over the years has handled over a million bushels per year on average.

In July of 1992 Manitoba Pool Elevators bought the Compton Agro fertilizer and chemical business at the corner of Highways #3 and #240. The business was managed by Duane Williams from the grain elevator until 1995 and is now under the leadership of Chris Lea. This facility sells over three million dollars per year in agriculture inputs.

On July 31, 1998 the Delegate Body of Manitoba Pool Elevators along with Alberta Wheat Pool voted in favour of merging to form a new

organization called Agricore. The Manitoba Pool Elevator in Darlingford has now been renamed Agricore. There has been no change in the staffing at the elevator. The new organization will retain the co-op structure. The Agricore head office is located in Winnipeg. The official amalgamation occurred November 1, 1998.

Cafe and Ice Cream

To follow the story of that old popular dish of ice cream in Darlingford starts back with the A.D. Cardno store in 1903. Percy Law added that favourite dish as a side line, along with soft drinks, in part of his butcher shop about 1907. No doubt, this was done because he had an icehouse and froze his own. The Crosby store also served the younger set with cones and the Veals store added an ice cream parlour to cater to the sit-down trade.

It was not until 1949 that Darlingford had a full time Snack Bar when Bruce Lindsay bought the butcher shop building and renovated it to be a cafe. Small, but very effective, and many were the "coffee break" gangs who dropped in for a quick one.

In early 1951 Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bender started a cafe in the old M.D. Nichol building, owned by Mel Stone, and this project went along with the Stone pool room very well, until Cecil's road work demanded he move to Winnipeg.

In 1953, the building and equipment was purchased by Bruce Lindsay and once more, he served those quick snacks and meals to the many service men, such as telephone and hydro crews, as well as the local trade.

In 1957 Bruce sold the property to Howard (Bill) Hunt who conducted the business until his death in 1962, when it was continued by his widow, Ruth and family, until Claire and Esther Kinsman bought it in the spring of 1968.

In the spring of 1972 the property again changed hands when it was purchased by Alex and Elsie Davidson. Since then other owners have been Emma Guderian, Jackie Heaton, Biggs, Clemis, Jean Compton, Jim Svoboda and Kathy Lagimodiere. The town was without a restaurant for about a year when Jim and Barb Nichol opened Pembina Hills Repair and Restaurant further up the street, on the property of the old W.E. Veals business. Jim did agricultural repair (overhauling tractors, welding, metal lathe work) in the back part of the newer building; while Barb had the cafe in the front smaller part of the building. In 1994 (after eight years) they sold the business to Dave and

Karen Sibbick. Dave was tragically killed in 1997 and his mother, Fran Sibbick, ran the restaurant.

In 1999 Wanda Loeppky and her mother, Mary, purchased the cafe. It is now called "The Hitching Post".

Calf Mountain Hotel

Of modern architecture with something of a rustic appearance, as described by a correspondent for the "Winnipeg Free Press". Running from east to west, the Boundary Commission Trail crossed the Missouri Trail coming from the northeast four miles from Alexandria and two miles from Calf Mountain, this crossroad was on S.W. 1/4 34-2-7.

In 1877, Spencer A. Bedford built his log house, which later became the Calf Mountain Hotel and two years later the Calf Mountain Post Office. Spencer Bedford was postmaster from 1879 to 1881, when he moved to Winnipeg.

Spencer Bedford, Ferris Bolton, Martin Nichol and Sam Scott were the first four settlers to take up land in 2-7 (known as Mills Township). Mills Township was named after Robert Mills an assistant of F.T. Bradley, Custom Collector from Emerson, the other assistant was E.G. Simcox, a cousin of R.N. Lea of Pembina Crossing. Ferris Bolton kept a diary of their activities and experiences, and published his memoirs in the early 1920's. His memoirs are among our finest accounts of the early history of the community. (See Ferris Bolton memoirs.)

There can be little doubt that Spencer Bedford's choice for his yard site was influenced by the finding of a flowing spring on his quarter, which still bubbles out of the ground. This spring and a few trees are the only witnesses to the former location of the yard site.

Some distance away, the exact location long since forgotten, is another site that bears silent witness to the hardships endured. In 1878 a party of ten young men left Paris, Ontario to seek their fortunes in the Great Canadian North West, within weeks three had passed away, possibly as a result of drinking from some alkaline slough. After taking ill not far from Nelsonville, Alfred Dodge, of Oxford County, asked to be taken to Bedford's at Calf Mountain, where he soon passed away. He was buried by Spence Bedford, in a coffin constructed from the lumber of the pioneer's wagon box.

A.D. Cardno Store

The name of the late A.D. Cardno belongs to the earliest group of Darlingford's businessmen.

Arriving in 1903, Alex, as he was known locally, was a true western optimist. He is reported to have brought considerable merchandise and equipment with him, ready to face the whimsies of lady luck in his new venture.

His main stock in trade was confectionary and ice cream, soft drinks and a light line of groceries, which seemed to fill a need in the fast growing hamlet.

In 1917 a disastrous fire cleaned out the stock and building, leaving an ugly burnt-out basement on Darlingford's Front Street. He did not rebuild, but sold the property to a younger man who carried on business for another twenty-eight years.

Alex Cardno had one son, Baden, who followed in his father's footsteps for, after schooling, he worked for General Steel Wares in Winnipeg, as credit manager.

Coleman Brothers

The inflow of settlers to our district in the early days of, say 1900, created quite a boom for trade and commerce in all the small towns and hamlets across the length and breadth of the prairies. Darlingford district was no exception.

When the late Abe E. Coleman found himself working for a hardware firm in Manitou, he, no doubt, dreamed of a business of his own. He started a tinsmithing business in Darlingford in a small shed and, being a skilled tradesman, he soon found need of larger quarters.

By 1904, he and his brother, William, had established a new building located about midway on the main business street, between the Jordan and Cardno stores. This business included hardware and tinsmithing and they were sales agents for Deering farm implements, Fairchild wagons and American-Abel steam engines and threshers. An interior picture shows a well-stocked store with cook-stoves, a pot bellied heater, hand-wringers, lamps, lanterns, a good assortment of buggy whips and, last, but not least, a choice of bird cages.

While a large volume of business was done in the first few years, there were poor crops and tough times ahead. Much of the merchandise was let out on terms, with the local merchant in the middle between a penniless farmer and a stone-hearted supplier. As a result, this business was taken over in 1907 by two Martin brothers, of whom we have little record. However, we can report that, as William Coleman was a licensed school teacher, he returned to that calling. He taught at the nearby Calf



Coleman Brothers - 1904. Hardware-Tin Shop and Implements

Mountain School and at Opawaka and, a few years later, left for Saskatchewan. He lived at Vanguard until his death in 1950.

In 1912, with the grim determination that some men have for their chosen calling, Abe Coleman was soon re-established in his business in a new building which he occupied for the major part of his life on the west side of the Martin brothers.

By 1912 the new Coleman Company was meeting some of the latest demands of the changing times. Steam engines consumed large quantities of coal in land breaking and clearing scrub and bush. As better times returned, the farmers were turning from wood to coal for heat. Coleman Co. built a coal shed beside the C.P.R. line and the firm handled approximately thirty carloads annually. The automobile added to the long list of goods and services required as they became popular. A gasoline pump was installed in 1914, in front of the store, and a line

of Prairie Cities fuels and lubricants swelled the volume of sales.

In the early 1920's, Mr. Coleman's only son, Harry, had completed his schooling and was, naturally, closely involved in all phases of the business. When there was a market for bulk fuel to be delivered to farms, it was Harry who took care of most of the trucking. There were no driver training classes in those days. Any young lad who peddled oil in an overloaded truck through country roads, up hill and down, only to find the final destination was out in the middle of twenty acres of new

breaking, learned to drive the hard way.

In 1929 Coleman Co. branched out, building a new garage business, where Harry held sway for many years. With the brisk sale of Essex and Hudson cars, the gasoline pump and the repair shop, the automotive future seemed very bright, but 'hoppers and drought had their effect. Harry returned to the blow torch and soldering iron for there was always plenty of repairing to be done. The fewer new items the farmer was able to buy, the more times the older units came in for repairs. It is quite safe to state that the name of Coleman was



Coleman Bros., Fairchild Wagons, Cardno Store

associated with tinsmithing for many miles, far and near.

In the 1930's, the transfer business began to develop and Coleman's transfer was a common sight, anywhere from cow pasture to the St. Boniface Stock Yards. The stories of some of those trips lasting from four in the morning to eleven at night are another book. We'll not dwell on the tough spots in the trucking business because no one would believe it anyway!

Rural electrification came in 1948 and there was a real boom in farm home plumbing and heating. The hydro, when it crossed the Pembina River in 1951, was the convenience that, perhaps, made the greatest change in the way of life in the Windygates district, with no more lamp chimneys to polish, a light in every room and in the barn as well. The resulting installation and sales kept Harry on the go early and late. This together with his many interests in all forms of sports and village affairs, took their toll on his health. In 1970, he had a series of slight strokes which resulted in the partial paralysis of his right arm, and his soldering days were over.

It can be stated that, all down through the years, it was a rare occasion that we saw a Coleman soldering job that did not outlast expectations.

We might point out that the heat for soldering irons used to be supplied by a firepot, or blow torch, operated on high octane gasoline and that these risky fuels were handled in such a manner that all three of the Coleman Co. buildings in use for sixty-six years, are still standing. No explosions or fires can be remembered, worthy of mention. That's not luck!

Abe Coleman, who died in 1948, was an active community worker. He was secretary for the first village committee formed in 1927 and always willing and ready to serve on both curling and skating rink boards. An aggressive curler, attending both local and district matches, was always a "must" and, until his health gave out he never missed a provincial bonspiel in Winnipeg and he brought many trophies home.

Darlingford Community Hall

When in 1930, with poor crops and dust storms, heat, hoppers, low produce prices, etc., the local populace felt the need of a big new hall where all and sundry could gather together and forget their troubles for a few hours at least. Meetings were held and a

canvass of opinion gave it the green light. In May 1931 with teams of horses and hand labour the excavation started for the basement of the building. It measured 40x90 feet and as the ground was being moved over to fill a nearby slough the men noticed many pieces of brown bones rolling out of the dark clay. Closer examination disclosed that these bones were actually human skeletons all facing to the west where the pond used to be, so it was decided this spot had been an Indian burying ground. About two wheel barrows of these bones were saved by the late Mr. W.F. Hawken, who then notified the provincial government. They sent a man to see them but his advice was to forget it.

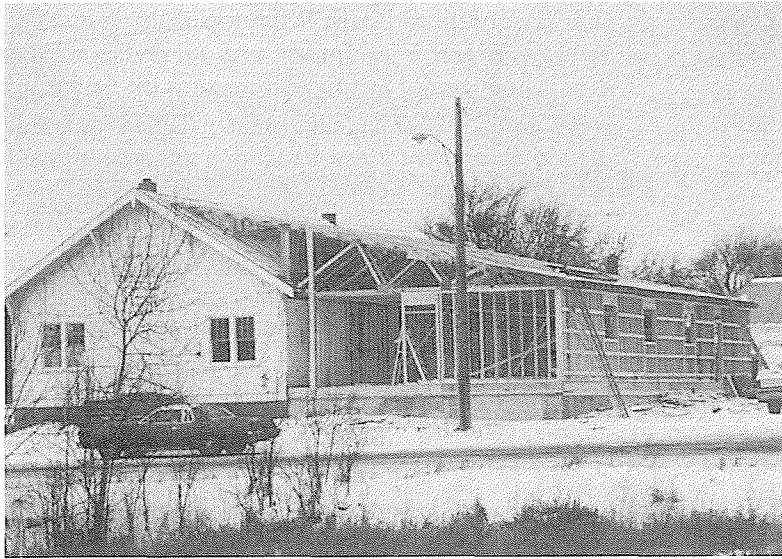
Practically all the labour was done gratis and the work went merrily along and by autumn it was nearly completed.

As we look back today, it seems the canvassers who gathered up the cash to clear the cost of land, lumber and hardware, should have been awarded medals, as barley was selling as low as ten cents per bushel, while eggs could be had for nine cents a dozen and \$3.65 cream cheque for five gallons was O.K. - I guess. The wheat price was of no consequence because little or no wheat was harvested on account of the drought. However, the bill was cut down to \$500 and that was borrowed from Walter Martin who, like the girl in Oklahoma, "Just couldn't say no", but we are glad to report that he too was paid off in two years.

With concerts, plays, whist drives, meetings, political and otherwise, dances, Christmas affairs, a constant round of inexpensive entertainment was kept going. A young lad brought a 16 m.m. movie



Darlingford Community Hall - 1921



New addition Darlingford Hall 1980-1981

machine here every Thursday evening for two shows 7 and 9 p.m. The admission was thirty-five cents. When the local merchants found that this young chap was engaged to a Darlingford girl they caught him off guard and purchased his equipment. They now were able to continue these pictures every Thursday at ten cents a show for adults, children free. However, you had to have a ticket obtained free at any of the participating merchants' stores. The hall would be filled with men, women and children, yes, even babes in arms as the two words "baby sitter" had yet to meet. My oh my, what some merchants will do to sell their wares!

It was the late Mr. George Jacobs who took on the hall as his hobby. He painted the whole building and built extra seating. He was the first operator of the movie projector. And continued to do so until forced to give it up by ill-health. His job was taken over by his brother-in-law, Mr. Cyrene Swerdfeger. While he was the loudest grumbler in town he carried on under adverse circumstances, until he also had to give up for health's sake. May it be told he had the patience of Job.

The basement was not finished during these years but was used at different times for a rifle range, and to store the many, many tons of salvage collected during the dark days of World War II.

While thinking of that second war it just came to mind that a gent came out from Winnipeg in the fall of 1938 and staged a rally for the Nazi party. About forty gathered to hear him, but they just laughed if off. Many road shows used to drop in and these folks had a custom of writing the names of their troupe on the new lumber walls back stage. Some of

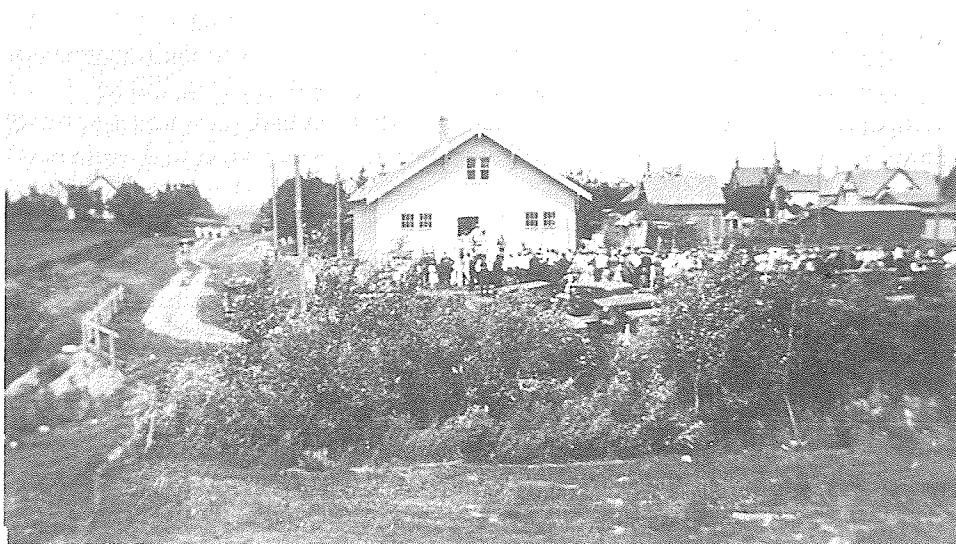
these names in time became high ranking entertainers.

During war time many amateur shows were staged, bringing out budding toplineers. Old-time fiddlers contests and curling banquets were held in the hall. We feel it is a great shame that the late Mr. J.O. Law was never able to appear on T.V. to hear him deliver his favourite "In Texas - Down by the Rio Grande." When Mr. Wilbert Haresnape hit town in the 1960's, he became caretaker of the hall. To play host to modern dance band with their own following of hard-of-hearing dancers must call for considerable forbearance plus earmuffs. Wib took it all in his stride and smiled blandly if you offered condolences.

How times do change. Our little "Ole Hall" has changed with the times too. In 1969 the hall basement fever broke out. In 1970 it was one of our major Manitoba Centennial projects. Basement windows were bricked in and it was stuccoed outside, a complete cement floor was poured with a well and plumbing set in beforehand. A full kitchen was built in, two wash rooms, tables, etc. Before the floor was laid down a little metal box, containing some 1970 newspapers on our Manitoba Centennial year and a few other interesting baubles, was buried below the floor to be discovered years hence, like the old skeletons found in 1931.

To drop in on an evening when some of the younger set have it all decorated for, say a 4-H Club Achievement night, or a wedding reception, makes one feel that the pessimists who cry havoc are only half right.

Darlingford Hall built in 1931, is still in use today. Many socials, family dances, fall suppers, meetings and Christmas concerts have been held in the hall over the years. In 1979 a group of people got together and decided the hall needed an addition built to accommodate the many events held by our community as well as the surrounding area. Doug Clayton was hired to do the construction. Building was begun in late 1979 and completed in 1980. The total cost was approximately \$72,000, including renovations to the old hall which had to be made to meet fire regulations. The project was completed with the support of the community and surrounding areas. With business and individual loans, donations, money from Nevada lottery tickets, a donation from Sill, Strueber, Fiske & Co. the hall was able to finance the renovations. Over the next ten



The Darlingford Hall - 1933

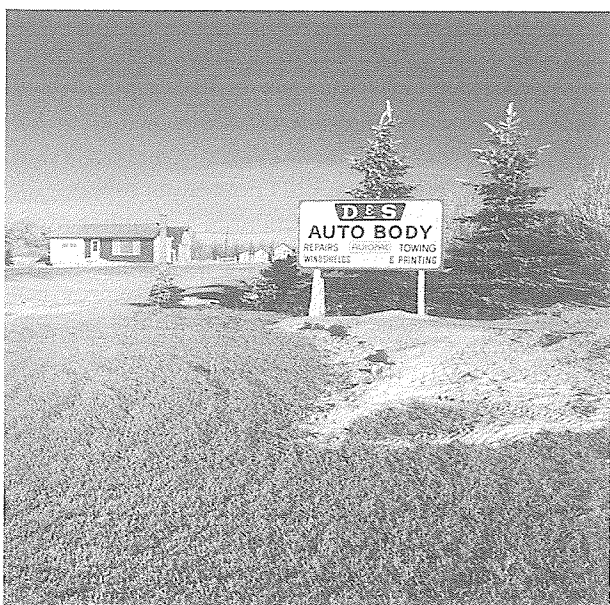
years the business and individual loans were repaid. Ken Compton chaired the grand opening with Roy Fields having the honour of cutting the ribbon. Greetings were heard from M.P. Jack Murta, Mrs. Annie Arriss; M.L.A. Don Orchard, the Rural Municipality of Pembina, Stan Maxell; the Village of Darlingford, John Schmidt and Mr. Thomas Sill.

The hall is still going strong to date, with family dances making a return and people still enjoying the dancing and comradeship.

D & S Autobody

D & S Autobody, owned and operated by Don and Shirley Pantel.

In the fall of 1981 Don and Shirley purchased



D & S Auto Body - 1986

some acreage from Gerald Loeppky, this was on the S.W. 11-3-7 W, known as the Andy Kidd farm. The purchase was made with the intention to open an auto-body shop on the yard. Don had been in the autobody repair and painting business since 1962, except for 1973 to 1982 when he was employed by the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation as an estimator. Don fixed one of the buildings on the yard and in September of 1982 opened

for business. D & S Autobody

did private work, Autopac repairs and windshield replacement, etcetera.

After every job was completed, Shirley would clean the vehicle, exterior and interior. We would purchase (vehicles, write offs) from Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation salvage department, repair and test drive for a while, then put them for sale at the end of the lane. We sold many a vehicle from there.

In 1994 we sold the property, due to changing times and new government regulations being implemented, we decided to make a change at something different. We are presently living in Morden, Manitoba.

Darlingford Electric Ltd.

Darlingford Electric & Plumbing was started in 1948 as a partnership between Russ Amy and Hugh Rombough. Rural electrification was in progress in the Rural Municipality of Pembina at this time. Electricity to the rural areas made it possible to modernize the country homes as well as livestock and other farming operations. Without the availability of power equipment, backhoes, etcetera, much of the work was done by hand.

The partnership ended in 1952 with Hugh moving to Winnipeg to work for McDonald Brothers Aircraft. Russ carried on installing and servicing oil burning and electric furnaces, offering emergency service twenty-four hours a day.

Some of the men who worked part time were Haig Law, Elmer Nordquist, Bob Johnston, Orville Johnston, Gordon Harde, Brent Amy, Alvin Hunt and Errol McLean.

In 1969 Darlingford Electric & Plumbing was incorporated as Darlingford Electric Ltd. Larry Robbins was hired in 1973 on a full time basis. The following year Henry Giesbrecht joined the staff with Doug Law joining a year later. Larry stayed until Russ retired in 1987. At this time Larry took over the business and it is now known as Robbins Electric.

Darlingford Hair Care

In October 1983 Phyllis Carlson returned to Darlingford so her mother Muriel Jordan could stay in her home. Phyllis had completed a cosmetology course and set up hairdressing in Bob and Betty Jordan's house.

On June 13, 1984 her shop in her mother's house was completed. A grand opening was held with about eighty people attending. The ribbon was cut by the town fathers, Ron Waddingham, Duane Williams, and Elmer Morrow. Door prizes were won by Jean Ching, Marie Seymour, Betty Jordan, Pat Hamm and Doreen Clayton. Cookies and coffee were served.

In 1998 Phyllis moved to Saskatchewan and the business closed.

Darlingford Fire Department

The Fire Department is and always has been manned by dedicated volunteers from Darlingford and the surrounding community. The equipment used in fighting fires has evolved over the years. Bucket brigades and hand pumps have been replaced by trucks with pumps, capable of applying five hundred plus gallons per minute of water on fires.

Darlingford bought its first fire truck, a used 1950 Ford from the Winkler Fire Department in 1974. The fire hall was built the same year with funding from Darlingford and the Rural Municipality of Pembina. Before that a vehicle drawn apparatus was used. It relied on pressurized cylinders of carbon dioxide for the power to propel the water. A mixture with calcium chloride so the water wouldn't freeze in winter.

In 1993, a 1962 Dodge fire truck was moved from Manitou to Darlingford. The Rural Municipality of Pembina purchased a new fire truck that year and placed it in Manitou. Both the Ford and the Dodge are still being used by the fire department.

Protective clothing, equipment and training have also evolved over time. Turnout gear: boots, pant,

jackets, gloves, balaclava and helmets specifically designed to protect firefighters in the hostile environment encountered fighting fires. SCBA, a self contained breathing apparatus designed to protect the firefighters from the super heated, poisonous gas, chemicals and smoke produced by all fires. A multitude of other specialized tools and equipment are carried on the fire truck to aid in safely and quickly extinguishing fires.

The basic concept of putting the wet stuff on the hot stuff has remained constant. There is a very intensive training program a volunteer fire fighter has to complete in order to be a part of the fire department. NFPA Level One Firefighter training is the course taken by members of the Darlingford Volunteer Fire Department. This is the same course taken by professional fire fighters and is standardized and recognized across Canada.

The first group of Darlingford Volunteer Firefighters to complete the Level One training were: Tom Hamilton, Glenn Rasmussen (fire chief), Darren Seymour, Larry Robbins, Ike Schmidt and Raymond Halabicki. Others successfully completing the training were: Bob Hunt, Dwight Seymour, Larry Hemminger, Jeff Johnston, Jeremy Rasmussen, Kelly McElroy, Bill Nichol, Glen Lowry, Joe Frank, Raymond Hofer of the Pembina Hutterite Colony.

CPR and Standard First Aid is a part of the Level One training. Darren, Dwight and Glenn went on to complete the First Responder First Aid Course. Dwight went on to complete training as a paramedic. Further training programs offered through the office of the Fire Commissioner have been taken by different members of the department. Larry Robbins and John Schmidt have taken a pump operators course. Other courses taken have been: anhydrous ammonia incidents, vehicle extrication, farm accident rescue, fire group management, fire investigation, plus numerous others.

Darlingford Fire Department is a member of the Pembina Valley Mutual Aid District. Mutual Aid Districts have been set up throughout the province. They are supervised by the offices of the Fire Commissioner. Mutual Aid is a system where reciprocal fire fighting assistance is provided by neighbouring fire departments in dealing with large fires. Fire departments responding to a Mutual Aid call are in turn covered by another department. The departments making up the Pembina Valley Mutual Aid District are: Darlingford, Manitou, La Riviere, Pilot Mound, Crystal City, St. Leon, Somerset,

Swan Lake, Rathwell, Holland, Treherne and Cypress River.

One of the biggest problems uncounted fighting fires in rural areas is an adequate supply of water. The municipal tanker truck is located in La Riviere and is on call to respond to fires throughout the rural municipality. For years the Darlingford Fire Department and the Pembina Hutterite Colony have co-operated in the area. The Pembina Hutterite Colony has a three thousand gallon pumper truck equipped with a eight inch dump valve which can fill our two thousand four hundred gallon portable tank in minutes. Raymond Hofer, a member of the Darlingford Fire Department and the Pembina Hutterite Colony have modified their truck to make its fittings compatible with those on the Darlingford Fire Truck. Agricore Agri Sales Centre at the junction of Highways #3 and 31 is also an important source of water during the spring, summer and fall seasons. The assistance provided by the Pembina Hutterite Colony and Agricore Agri Sales Centre is an invaluable source of water and is greatly appreciated by the fire department and rural municipality.

The ability to respond quickly to a fire situation is of vital importance. Darlingford used to have a number of fire phones. When a call came in these people would phone members of the department. This worked well only if someone was home to answer the fire phone and if members were near the phone to answer a fire call. Today all members carry a pager. By dialling 246-2399 the call is answered at the hospital in Manitou. The page is then put out to all members simultaneously.

The Rural Municipality of Pembina is presently looking into setting up a 911 phone system. Everyone hopes to never hear the pager sound off except for test pages but it is a comfort to know the fire department is there if an emergency does happen.

Darlingford Hardware

The Darlingford Hardware store had been managed and operated by Burl Haygard of Treherne, in the early 1940's. It was owned by the Veals brothers and they sold out to William Coyles. He improved the business and put in a line of North Star Oil products and fuel. He sold to Fred Smith in 1944, who operated it until he sold to George Abel in 1945.

George Abel had a hardware store previously at Carroll, Manitoba. His business experience, good stock and reasonable prices, brought trade to his

store. He died in 1962 and his daughter Phyllis took over the business.

Phyllis had been working for a hardware store in Winnipeg and put her business acumen to good use. Now, Mrs. Edgar Spangelo, increased her stock of hardware, sporting goods, china-ware and gift items and kept up with the times. Phyllis sold out to Frank Plaxton (a former R.C.M.P. constable from Manitou) and Tony Svoboda (the local T.V. and radio repairman) in 1975.

In 1976 Frank Plaxton became sole owner and in 1977 sold out to Tony and his wife Isabelle Svoboda. They operated the hardware store and T.V. shop until 1986 when the stock was sold to Jordan's Store and the store closed.

Robert Aerssens and his wife Cecile bought the building from the Svobodas and operated the "This and That" variety store from 1987 to 1990 when they had an auction sale of the stock and closed the store.

The building reverted back to the Rural Municipality of Pembina and it was demolished in 1994. The Rural Municipality of Pembina filled in the basement and placed a trailer for recyclable materials on the lot. This trailer was replaced by the former insurance office building of Linda Griffin which was moved down the street from Lot 7, Block 2. It was fitted with bins inside for recyclable materials.

Darlingford School Heritage Building Museum and Evergreen Senior's Club

The Darlingford Consolidated School, built of Darlingford brick in 1910, closed it's doors as an educational institution in 1984. The building remained with the school division for five years and then reverted back to the Rural Municipality of Pembina.

The first meeting to save the building was held by Darlingford area citizens in 1986. The old school was designated a heritage building by the Rural Municipality of Pembina, October 15, 1987. The Evergreen Senior's Club renovated the basement in 1989 to be used as a meeting room. It was complete with a wheel-chair lift. The building was completely renovated inside and an official opening as a Heritage Building was held on July 5, 1992. Alice (Veals) Hurd donated new front doors and they were dedicated on September 8, 1993.

A museum committee was formed in 1994, consisting of Bob Jordan, chairman; Debbie Hamilton,

secretary; Phyllis Carlson as treasurer and the following members: Tom Hamilton, Florence Lindsay, Howard Bond, Edythe Bradley, Marg Cram, Verna Heppner, Garth and Doreen Robinson and Lyle Switzer. Bob Jordan and Phyllis Carlson took eight short courses on managing museums and displaying artifacts. Marg Cram donated most of Gordon Cram's collection in 1994, which was a big start for the museum. Nora Hunt, Haig and Eileen Law and Edythe Bradley were also major donors. The work of collecting and displaying artifacts is ongoing. There have been visitors from all parts of Canada, and from the United States and Mexico.

Darlingford Transfers

From Robert Kilgour, we learn that the first truck load of merchandise from Winnipeg landed in town the day after it got stuck in a mud hole just by the Kilgour farm one spring evening in 1923. Next day, after lunch, the vehicle was "drug" out by four whopping Clydes owned by Alf Fry, and the trip was completed, but only that one trip. "Bill Veals, just trying to jump the gun!" they said.

In 1928 the Southwest transfer called, but since there were no regulations regarding licences, there were numerous starters, good for a few trips. When Highway #3 was mostly gravel, in 1929, the Manitoba Public Utilities Board issued private or C.T. and public P.S.V. licences to sort things out.

Veals Brothers operated a C.T. service from 1929 until 1950. William Mitchell operated a P.S.V. until his son, Jim took over after William's death. Jim operated mainly out of Kaleida.

Two transfers operated out of the Darlingford area. The first one the Coleman Transfer started

about 1931. Charlie Cook bought this transfer in 1946 and operated it for a year when Haig Law bought and ran the business until 1950.

The second transfer was started in 1936 by Walt Tickner. Walt ran this business from his farm north of town until 1947 when he sold to Howard "Bill" Hunt. Bill ran the transfer for a year and then sold to Mel Stone. Mel operated it from 1948-1955. Stan Maxwell purchased the transfer and sold it in 1963, due to ill health, to Aimie Piche.

In March 1964, Gerry Simonson bought the business and ran it until June 1965 when Graham McKennitt took over. Over the years some of McKennitt's drivers were: Dick Jones, Don McElroy, Haig Law, Garry Hunt, Dave Wolfe, John Morrow, Shorty Clayton, Glenn Klatt, just to name a few. Jack McKennitt ran the transfer until the mid to late 1980's, when due to ill health, ceased to run the transfer in Darlingford.

South West Transfer hauled freight to Darlingford for a number of years until they were bought out by Gardewine Transfer, who still serves the town.

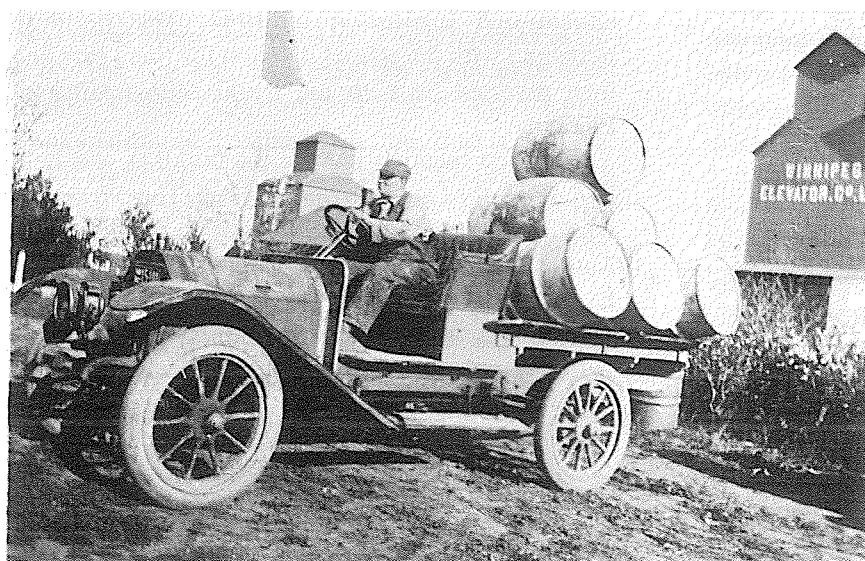
Darlingford Village Committee

While it was due to our request for hydro power and light for the residents and businesses we would hate to create the impression that our village was in the dark prior to 1928. Far from it!

Crosby's store had a thirty-two volt engine driven outfit to light the old store on the corner and gas pump, with a line over to the Bank of Montreal, C.W. White, at the opposite end of the street, had a similar plant and an outside light. H.R. Veals also had a plant for his store and residence. W.E. Veals,

up next to the hotel, had a plant for his shop, office, gas pumps and a line to his room in the hotel. Another plant was in the Knisley house, south of the United or Presbyterian church, which served both. The lively barn had a plant that went down in history. The skating rink also had a plant to take care of both skating and curling lighting and water pumping.

This novel arrangement started in 1919, while prior to that date and, even in the 1920's, there were the most bright and smelly kerosene lanterns atop six foot posts at most corners of the village and it was the



First truck to haul freight from Winnipeg to Darlingford - 1923

task of a faithful brother, Hyman, to make the rounds and make the lights shine.

Notwithstanding the above, there was an almost, unanimous vote for hydro at the many mini meetings held in the "gossip shops", as one unworthy citizen once called them, and then at a maxi meeting in the radio shop, action was demanded. At that meeting, a committee of three was elected to attend a meeting in the Manitou Town Hall called by the Reeve of the Municipality of Pembina with the Power Commissioner, a Mr. Glendenning.

Messrs. H.H. Bryson, C.W. White and W.E. Veals made the trip in February by hitchhiking a ride in the caboose of the stock train. They attended the meeting, made their notes, then met with the commissioner after the meeting and, out of this came such a good deal for Darlingford residents that, in 1931, a large indignation meeting was held in Pilot Mound with the new commissioner. One of the Darlingford delegates happened to look in on the meeting and was advised to "keep away - it's Darlingford they're mad about." It was all talked over nicely and "a new system of billing is being arranged" and it was put into effect later on but Darlingford had cheap power for eight years. The Darlingford delegates had counted noses and marked down the amount each could pay per month, multiplied that by twelve, and made their deal. It was Mr. Glendenning who decreed that steel towers, not wooden poles, be used in the line to Morden and for this the line got the nickname of "Glendenning's Folly." Be this as it may, he gave Darlingford eight years of hydro at bargain prices.

During the first ten years our power came from the west, and a few unavoidable breakdowns in the power supply left the village stranded for days, even a week or more. This weakness was overcome by linking the supply lines both east and west and from that time service has been very good.

The initial committee was comprised of George Young, Harry Frank and A.E. Coleman, as secretary treasurer. As their terms expired other citizens took over. The care of such services as sidewalks, culverts, street paving and lighting, while in 1966, the largest undertaking was the installation of a network of sewage pipes which leads to a large lagoon three-quarters of a mile east of the village and has been a most successful project.

Local Urban District (L.U.D.) of Darlingford 1970-1999

Among changes in the Municipal Act, effective January 1, 1997, was the change of Darlingford's designation as an unincorporated village district to the L.U.D. of Darlingford. In addition to three committee members elected by village residents, the municipal councillor for the ward in which the village is situated also sits on the L.U.D. committee. While this committee assesses the needs of the village and prepares a budget to provide for them, administration is taken care of by the Rural Municipality of Pembina. The Fire Department also falls under municipal jurisdiction.

Among the responsibilities of the L.U.D. committee are the repair and improvement of streets and sidewalks. In 1998, the paving of Law Street South completed the hard surfacing of all the streets in Darlingford - a luxury many small villages do not enjoy. The care and maintenance of public and C.P.R. property, decorative Christmas lighting, snow removal, playground, weekly collection of household garbage are all parts of the L.U.D. of Darlingford Committee's mandate.

Our citizens can be commended for the neat, attractive appearance of our village. Homes are well



1920 - Donald McGillivray standing by a kerosene street lamp, replaced by hydro in 1928

kept and yards are nicely landscaped. The beautiful Memorial Park attracts many visitors as do the spectacular seasonal lighting displays and lovely garden of Frank and Barbara Edwards. The museum in the school has a very interesting collection reminiscent of farm, home and school life in days gone by.

Many changes have taken place in Darlingford since 1970. The closings of the school, the two grocery stores, the hardware store, the barber shop, the insurance agency and the Full Gospel Mission Church, have changed the face of the village. Giesbrecht Cabinets and Photography by Tony have filled two of the main street gaps but we are challenged to find new and innovative projects to revive the business section. The coffee shop, The Hitching Post, continues to be a very important meeting place.

Families, resident here for many years, whose contributions to life in Darlingford have been greatly appreciated, are no longer represented in our community. Their homes are, in many cases, now the homes of young families who choose to live in Darlingford, although their jobs take them to neighbouring towns. We welcome them. Together we can continue to be a strong community.

Serving Darlingford as members of the village's governing body over the years since 1970 were: Reg Clayton, Tony Svoboda, Mel Compton, John Schmidt, Ron Waddingham, Elmer Morrow, Duane Williams, Michael McGregor, Raymond Halabicki, Jim Nichol, Bob Hunt and Jim Svoboda. In 1997 the position of secretary-treasurer was no longer required. That post was held by Mel Compton, Allen Stevens, Patricia Bourns and Danielle Scott. Currently, the L.U.D. of Darlingford Committee members are: Bob Hunt, Jim Cram, Ruth Nichol and Murray Seymour (Rural Municipality of Pembina).

Doctors Who Served the Darlingford District

For a few years in the early 1900's, Darlingford had resident doctors. The first came in 1907, a Dr. Stewart, who boarded at the hotel and had an office at the back of the drug store. In 1909, Dr. A.B. Watt, and his wife, came from Scotland. They lived in the house where Ottey Abel now lives. There was a small pox outbreak and quite a few families were quarantined. All the school children of that time will remember being vaccinated by Dr. Watt. It happened to be a vaccine that did not take properly so

everyone had a big arm, and the common school ground talk was a warning "watch out for my arm". Ill health took the doctor back to Scotland.

Dr. Duxberry came in 1912 and opened an office in the Jacobs house, which had been purchased from Abe Coleman. He moved to Killarney the next year.

Dr. Groulitz was here in 1914 and Dr. Blight came in 1915. His office was upstairs in the Bolton block. He enlisted in the first world war from Darlingford. He returned, but to Miami, and practiced there until his death.

In 1907 Ven Allen opened a drug store and was assisted by his brother-in-law, Bill Beatty.

After 1916 the community relied on doctors from Morden and Manitou, namely Miller, Everson, Holmes, A.F. Menzies and, Colert, Unruh, Jim Menzies and Enid McRuer.

The story of Dr. H. Davidson and his sacrificial service will represent the country doctor in the days before it became the vogue to go to a hospital.

The doctor was born December 6, 1876, in Quebec and came west with his parents in 1878, who settled in the New Haven district, north of Manitou on the N.E. 1/4 10-4-8, where the youngest brother, Wendell lived in 1970.

He was the average farm boy, attending a country school. There were no fences so cattle had to be herded. Herb always had a book with him. Early in life he decided to be a medical man, a healer of the sick, and worked with that end in view.

Coming from a large family, he realized he must work his way through college. He received his M.D. in 1903 from the University of Manitoba. He came back to Manitou to service his friends and neighbours. He took over Dr. Cook's practice and remained twenty-six long hard years, driving over bad roads, night and day, especially during the winter of 1918 when Spanish influenza was so bad. Many tell of him watching by the sick bed until a fever broke, then he would lie on a couch to get a bit of rest before going on. Ward Snyder was driving him one night and, after plunging in deep snow in Amos Dobson's yard, they got on better footing but, on investigating, they found they were on top of the hen house.

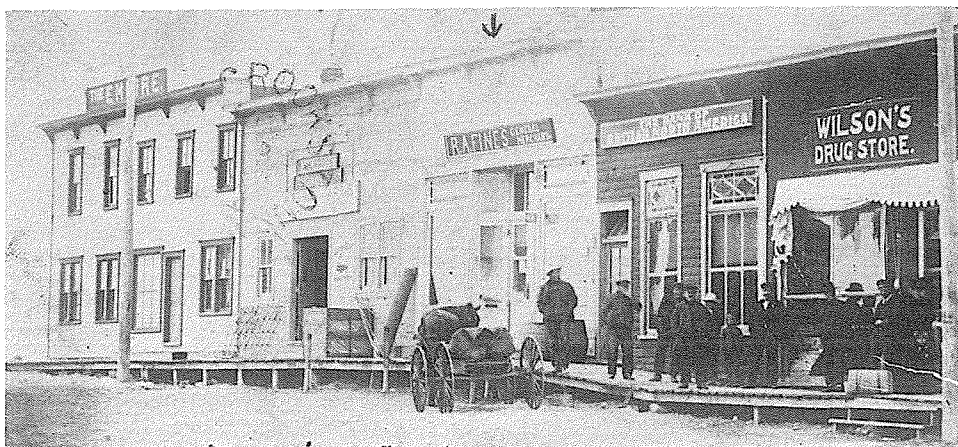
Dr. Davidson did not pretend to be a miracle man but never refused a call to a patient. Often using horses, some of these trips took him as far as Windygates. Mrs. Davidson took his phone calls and sometimes drove with him. After leaving Manitou, he was an anesthetist in St. Boniface

Hospital and died in Deer Lodge Hospital on March 30, 1944.

Manitou has had a number of doctors in the past years, among these, Dr. Wood and Dr. McCharles. Quite a number only stayed for a few years.

Fines Store

In 1904, J.H. Bolton built a general store between the hotel and the bank and the first occupant was a James Thom, who, in 1904, took in a partner, Richard Fines. In the village, with three grocery stores for a time selling food and other wares, competition was keen. After a couple of years, Mr. Fines was alone. He purchased a large quantity of little round aluminum tokens which were valued at five cents, ten cents, and twenty-five cents. Customers could buy these with paper dollars



Fines Store - 1907

at a bargain price, to be used for further purchases at a later date. Those worth a quarter carried the wording, "Good for 25c at the Fines Store In Darlingford." Mr. Fines was a family man and left the business when offered the post of principal at the Darlingford School. The "Comet" carried an advertisement of his stock sale in June 1912. The school surely benefitted by his change of vocation.

Garages and Garage Operators

When the late Mr. James Law erected the building which became known as Law's Hall, he expected to use the ground floor for an implement sales shop. The demand however for dwellings, or as we now say, "low rental housing," was such that he had it renovated into living quarters for several small families. In the spring of 1919 it was converted to

an auto sales and service shop by a Mr. Carl W. White from Manitou. This marked the beginning of Darlingford's first garage and service station.

The late Mr. Carl White found plenty to keep him busy. Besides his mechanical trade he had a sales agency for G.M. cars, the Chevrolet '490' and the 'Baby Grand', as they were called. During the war years (1914-18) no cars had been allowed to the civilian trade, so by 1920 Carl had more orders than G.M. could supply.

After several years Carl employed Mr. John (Johnny) Morrison who moved his family to Darlingford from the Snowflake district. Carl and Johnny teamed up very well. The shop kept busy and cars were still in demand. G.M. sent out their men to make a sales splash of the new models as they rolled from the manufacturing plants. They

sponsored the showing of silent films in the hall upstairs.

In 1929 Mr. White returned to his old home in the United States. Mr. Morrison carried on the garage business for several years before he too left. The Morrisons moved to British Columbia.

During the time Carl White was in business in Darlingford he opened the town's first radio sales shop. This was in a small building across the street from his garage (the south-west corner

of North Railway Avenue and Pembina Street). It was in this old radio shop (see Bennett buggy photo) that many Darlingfordites heard their first wireless. As for the writer of this yarn, he happened into the garage in time to hear the first four tube Westinghouse, operated on the cement floor by the salesman. Four wide-eyed residents, sitting on soft drink boxes, listened to screeches, squawks and squeals coming out of the head sets held to the ear.

About 1925 Carl was bitten with a broadcasting bug from a United States magazine. He came up with a plan to build a mini-station with four tubes "guaranteed to reach out twelve miles on a seven hundred kilocycle wavelength." Starting with a Japanese orange box, he tangled in all the weird bits and pieces. After a couple of weeks of very late nights (or early mornings) he was ready to broad-

cast. Now he needed a program. This detail was overcome when the quite considerable musical talent of the Massey-Harris agent was combined with the oldtime fiddle playing of the C.P.R. section boss. The music was relayed from the hotel to the radio shop by telephone when the obliging telephone operator agreed to leave the line connected for one hour. The program began. When the two players became tired they stopped to chat.

Section Boss: "Say Bill, isn't it illegal to broadcast without a licence?"

Massey-Harris: "Sure, but the fine is only \$1,500."

Section Boss: "Well, I hope Carl has that kind of cash, because I don't."

Massey-Harris: "Cheer up. If we go to the clink we'll at least have music if they put us close together."

The program was interrupted when a jubilant Carl White came in and announced, "O.K. boys. You can quit anytime. Bert Bloxam phoned in that he heard Jack Carswell arguing about going to jail with Bill Veals. He found us at fifteen hundred kilocycles - almost off the dial - but I can fix that easily." That was the only program ever broadcast from Station MUD Darlingford.

After the aforementioned garage operators both left town the sole remaining garage was Mr. H.K. Coleman's. The old building that had been hall and garage for so many years was taken away, and became the late Oliver Law's barn. When the late thirties showed signs of the farmers growing grain again, W.E. Veals began to work into the auto repair business. From 1934

through to the commencement of World War Two the Veals dealership handled Dodge cars and trucks. Some forty units were placed in the area. Mr. Veals' Esso sign at the intersection of Main Street was to be a familiar part of the local scene for many years.

In 1945, Mr. Maurice Cowan bought the H.H. Bryson livery barn and set about renovating it to be used as a repair shop for the whole line of cars,



The Morrison boys try out one of their early model motor powered Sno-flyers



Bennett buggy



Valley S & S Service

trucks, tractors, combines, and literally anything that needed repairing. A curb pump was installed and Texaco products sold to the trade. Mr. Cowan had just finished a term as repair service man for a machine firm in Brantford, Ontario, and his new location soon filled with work to be done. But heavy trucks seemed to be Maurice's favourite job, and in 1947 he sold his business to Mr. Howard Bond, while he took to gravel hauling. He followed this for years, and if all that gravel that Maurice hauled could be put into one pile just west of town it would make the Saskatoon Mountain look like a badger hill.

When Howard Bond took over the repair shop in 1947 it was not a new and strange trade to him. He had been employed in this work in Darlingford, Pilot Mound and Clearwater before he served overseas for five years. He was an air gunner in the R.C.A.F.

After the fire in 1976, Howard conducted his garage heating oil company in the shop formerly known as Coleman's Garage. He finished his working days in the garage in the back yard at his brother Frank's. Poor health forced him to move to Tabor Home Apartments in 1996.

Valley Esso Service

John Schmidt came to Darlingford in 1966 and in 1972, went into partnership with his younger brother Ike in an automobile service garage called Valley Esso Service. A new building was constructed by Doug "Shorty" Clayton on the foundations of the service garage building (5 Dufferin Street), built by Murray Nichol in 1949. Murray sold to Henry Lantz in 1966, who operated it until 1973 when it was sold to Elmo Baloun, who moved the whole building to a site, just southwest of Manitou.

The Schmidt brothers built up a good business,

repairing cars and tractors, selling and fixing tires and selling gasoline.

John sold his share of the partnership to Ike in 1994 and the business was taken over by Ike and "Butch" Danielle (Johnston) Scott. The business is now known as Valley S & S Service. Gasoline was 55.9 cents per litre in 1998.

Giesbrecht Cabinets

Pete and Mary Giesbrecht bought the old Shaventoski store in 1995, where Pete started his own cabinet making business.

He had been building cabinets in Mexico with his Dad from the age of fifteen years. He moved to Manitoba in 1983 and soon after started working for Triman Industries in Morden. He also worked for Decor Cabinets and Maryanne's Kitchens.

Pete started doing some small jobs, evenings and weekends, in the basement of his home at 25 Dufferin Street in Darlingford. Then when he couldn't keep up with working part time on all the jobs coming in, he quit his job at Maryanne's Kitchens and moved his business into a larger place at the Shaventoski store, 6 North Railway Ave.

Soon after he moved into the store, he started shipping cabinets to a contractor in Ontario. In the first two years, he had shipped thirty-eight sets of kitchen cabinets to Ontario and built and installed a number of cabinets around the area.

Hotels

In 1903 Mr. Henry Bolton decided that Darlingford should have a hotel. He chose the site at the west end of Railway Avenue, across from the C.P.R. depot. This was handy for the scores of commercial travellers and others who arrived by train in the years to follow.

It was a fairly good sized building for those times. There was a nice lobby, big enough for those ever-present arm chairs, and for the desk and register, and the stairway leading aloft. The large dining room was on the south-west corner, and the kitchen on the north-west. The back stairway to the second floor led off the kitchen. There were twelve rooms upstairs which accommodated transients, boarders and staff.

The north-east portion of the ground floor was used as a pool room, with three tables. It also served as a sample room for the travellers for wholesale companies. They arrived with trunks full of samples, and here they could display their wares to the retail merchants. The pool tables were busy most



Empire Hotel

evenings, and it was not uncommon for some of the elite to drop in for a spot of pea pool in the afternoons. How that little leather bottle could disappear if a stranger happened in sight! All forms of money pool were illegal, even then. The writer has fond recollections of dropping in one afternoon and having to donate three dimes before even getting one shot, and just after that one shot, a young lad called out that he was wanted outside. That hurt a bit - a dime was worth ten cents in those days.

Mr. Bolton kept on improving the hotel. He installed a swinging door between the dining room and the kitchen, and eventually hung out a sign which read, 'Empire Hotel'. He built a barn at the rear of the hotel where he housed a milk cow. He also had a good well close to the back kitchen door. This is not to infer that the milk pail was "topped up" at the pump.

It is reported that a Mr. Andy Irwin was manager, and Mr. A.A. Gellatly was boss-cook in the kitchen. It might be mentioned that Mr. Gellatly farmed for many years in the Windygates district, but no one seems to know what happened to his apron and chef's hat. They would be valuable antiques if still in existence.

The list of succeeding managers' names includes Frank Pickel, Bob Johnston, George Highnam, and a Mr. and Mrs. Remple. This brings us up to 1918 when an English couple bought the hotel. They were Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Whitbread who had hotel experience. They did a good job of renovating and refurnishing the whole building, giving it a new lease on life. Their two daughters, about ten and

twelve years, were also very courteous and helpful as waitresses. The house received a good name from the commercial travellers and provided living accommodation for bank employees, store clerks, and others. It was a real home away from home in the early twenties.

There were no intercoms in those days, and on a Sunday morning the half dozen boarders would lie in bed and holler slanderous remarks about the service not including breakfast in bed. It was all taken in good

part by the staff.

The dining room boasted a grand piano, and Mr. Whitbread was an accomplished violinist. Many Sunday evenings were passed in entertaining guests and drop-ins who would request favourite numbers. Another item in that old room was a set of three murals. These were painted directly on the plaster walls. One of these was fifteen feet long by six feet deep; the other two were six feet by four feet. These paintings were done by a transient English artist who worked for his board and pocket money. He was a remittance man - a happy renegade who sang as he worked.

It seems that some of this chap's expertise rubbed off onto Doris, the older Whitbread daughter, for she took to sketching and did some painting. Her best work was as a cartoonist, and we still have one - preserved by chance in an old book - that can speak for itself.

In 1923 Mr. Whitbread was very disappointed when the Manitoba Liquor Commission referendum for a licensed beer parlour was voted down. He forthwith held a sale of the furniture, including the piano, and left for England. They left the hotel to be rented by some dryer soul who could see merit in the project - sans beer.

In April 1924 a Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McDonald rented the hotel and bought new furniture. As they had experience in a Dauphin hotel, they seemed to be just what the district needed.

Mr. Duncan McDonald had a great interest in horse racing. He owned a really good nag called Wallace Hal who could be depended on to lead the

way home. This old stager was not satisfied to just win a race for his driver-owner. After the whole race program had been run, a loud announcement would come from the judges' stand, "Don't leave yet, ladies and gentlemen. We are now going to witness a stunt by Mr. McDonald's pacer. He will do the half mile track without his driver, and will cut some seconds off his established record here today. Are you ready? Go!" The horse would do the track, pacing hobbles and all, and never breaking into a gallop. He would manage to clip seconds from his record too, just for good measure. Some horse!

In 1926 Mr. and Mrs. Whitbread returned to Darlingford. The pub they had bought in England failed when the main highway where it was located was rerouted, leaving them away from the through traffic area. They relocated in their hotel in Darlingford, but business dwindled and they were forced to close in the depression years of the dirty thirties.

The Whitbreads left Darlingford and located in a brewery-owned hotel where their livelihood was secure. The old Empire Hotel was torn down, and the lumber hauled away and used in the building of a Catholic church on Stephen Street in Morden.

Years after the oldtimers passing through town would look in vain for the familiar landmark which the hotel had been for so many years. A passer-by to the post office would be asked, "Say, where's the old hotel I used to stay in?" One such person asked about the field in front of the hotel where he and his brother had set up a dozen binders about 1922. The local yokel answered, "Your name must be Klassen. I'm the guy you did the work for, and I still can't pay you." Today his field is all black top pavement.

Hunt's Painting & Carpets

Founded in 1977 by Robert Hunt who had worked in this line of endeavour since graduating from high school. Bob saw a need for someone to do this type of work in this area. In 1983 Bob Hunt and Frank Edwards from Edwards Construction joined forces to offer their customers a wider range of services. Both are still in business today and going strong.

IHC Dealers

In the autumn of 1920 Everett H. Stevens sold his property and business to John McCormick and J.C. Smith, who came into the business from their farms and brought with them the actual knowledge of the service required of a dealer.

The main line was the International Harvester's machines, to which they added the B.A. bulk oil sales and a number of lesser side lines, such as harness and grain handling machinery. Their three years were blessed with a good demand for tractors and implements. During the early twenties the district was moving into power machinery and relying less on horses. One of the highlights of their term was the purchase of a new International one ton truck; the first new one in the district, even though many were driving light trucks made from touring cars.

Both partners had other interests and, in the winter of 1923-24, they sold the business to Murray D. Nichol. He carried on until 1949 when he purchased the site where Law's Hall stood. Here he erected a modern steel building with a steam heat plant, spacious parts area, a good-sized workshop, with a cement floor and good lighting. It was about this time that the law came into force removing gasoline vending pumps from the main streets of Manitoba villages. It was a good move for Murray's customers too, because the old pump was on the side hill and more than one car had taken off down the street into the curb when left unattended.

In 1927, Robert Kilgour, Murray's brother-in-law, joined him and was a very able and faithful pump attendant for forty-one years while Murray was busy with sales and bookkeeping.

In the early 1950's Murray introduced the sale and use of Elephant Brand fertilizer, which entailed many hours of selling, driving and walking the fields and, through perseverance, a good trade was



Murray Nichol, Tom Pearce, Bob Kilgour

worked up until the fertilizer sales were finally taken over by grain and oil firms.

In 1930 Marvin Phipps joined Murray and took over the task of delivering the B.A. bulk sales, hauling in farmers' grain (all hand loaded in those days) and the setting up and delivery of machinery.

As only a few merchants owned the larger trucks, it was a common sight to see Nichol's truck, driven by Marvin, doing the non-paying, thankless jobs of hauling children, seating, gravel or salvage or anything else that may require transportation.

Another phase of the oldtime implement shop and service station was the several arm chairs, ash trays and "ye old spittoon" together with heat and light and, most times, a welcome committee of one to entertain the farmer whose wife attended meetings, or whose kids took music lessons. This task usually fell to the boss who had to be a veritable set of three monkeys who would see, hear and speak no evil; listen, agree and sympathize, but never repeat.

In the 1960's most of the farm equipment supply houses decided to withdraw from the smaller towns and villages. Murray then revamped to a straight automotive service and repair shop which he carried on until, due to ill health, he sold the business in 1966 to a local farmer, Henry Lantz.

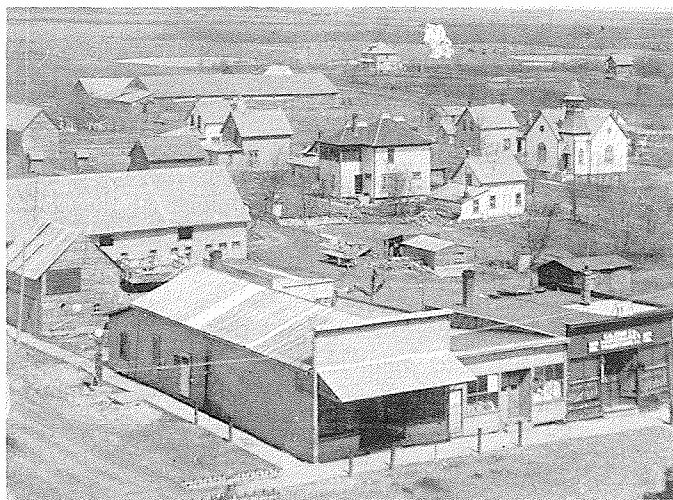
Mr. Lantz, together with his two sons, operated the business for a couple of years, when the building was sold and moved to Manitou. The cement floor remained uncovered until the spring of 1972 when a new building was erected by John Schmidt.

Insurance Agencies

In the early days most up and coming merchants took over an agency for insurance firms. Among those were Crosby, Jordan, Veals, Smith and Nichol. One unfortunate merchant wrote up his first application for life insurance on Thursday for a local store clerk and mailed it with the premium to Winnipeg on the Friday which was received in the office on Monday morning. In the meantime, he drowned at Letellier in a car-ferry accident. The insurance company paid the \$1,000 insurance and the local agent returned his books to the firm and quit underwriting life insurance. He didn't like the writing on the wall.

Perhaps, the first fulltime insurance agent here was Thomas Pearce, who took over from a local merchant and carried on until his health failed.

Allen Stevens, who had been employed by Singer Sewing Machine Company and Swift Canadian Company, as a territory salesman and



"Jordans" on the corner

supervisor, left the latter in 1957 and began underwriting life insurance for the Monarch Life Insurance Company, and soon added other firms to cover all phases of the trade.

In 1969, Mr. Stevens turned over the general insurance line to Roy Fields who had his office in his home. Roy also handled Autopac when it came into effect. Linda Griffin and Roy Fields became partners in the 1980's and the business was known as L&R Insurance. Linda became sole owner and had an office in Darlingford. She later moved her office to her farm home.

Jordan's Store

Mr. Ed Jordan operated a general store in partnership with John Kilgour at Thornhill in 1888. In 1896, the Kilgours moved to Winnipeg and Ed bought out their interest in the store.

In 1898, Ed erected the first store building in Darlingford, which Reg Clayton's father, Charlie, helped to build. Little did Ed dream that this same store building would be in the family name, ninety eight years later. Ed's brother-in-law, Bob Johnston, ran the Darlingford store and had a small shop on the east side where he sold and repaired bicycles. In 1900, the store in Thornhill burned down and Ed rebuilt it. He later traded the Thornhill store for a house in Winnipeg, but the new owner never took over. In 1903, Ed moved his family to Darlingford.

The first post office in New Darlingford was in this store from 1900 to 1913. There were living quarters in the back end. The stock was a mixture of groceries, hardware, horse harness and dry goods. Cousin Julia (Jordan) Jensen remembered Ed's sister-in-law, Helen Johnston working in the store. Helen would take little Julia and her sister Jessie

and their cousins Fred, Reg and Clarence (Ed's boys) outside, where for a treat she would dole out peanuts, one by one so they all had an even number as they sat in a row on the step.

In 1905 Ed sold the store to J. Frank Crosby, who had recently arrived from Quebec. Crosby sold to J. Broadfoot in the same year and went to a general store in Dubuc, Saskatchewan. Crosby came back and bought the store from Broadfoot in 1913. Mr. H.R. Veals had clerked for Crosby in the store in Saskatchewan. When that store was sold, he came in 1914 and worked in the Darlingford store for two years. Mr. Crosby ran the store for thirteen years, but due to ill health, he sold the store to Mr. Forshaw in 1926 and moved with his family, back to Quebec.

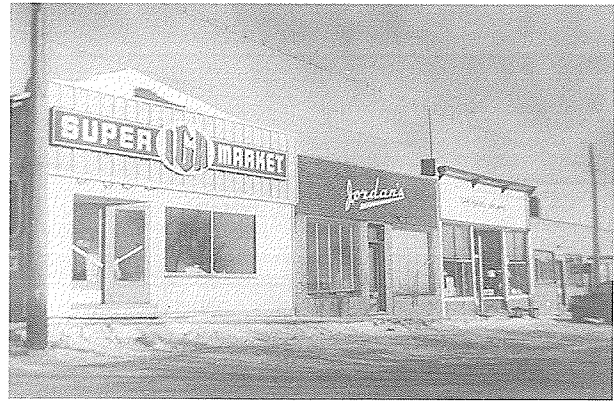
Mr. Forshaw sold in one year to Thomas Stait (1927), who sold the next year (1928) to Bill Wilson.

Mr. Wilson ran the store for ten years and enlarged the business by running a delivery truck, driven by his clerk, Arthur Knisley. The truck delivered store goods south of town to the United States border one day and north of town, the next day. Mr. Wilson and his wife Victoria worked long and hard hours in the store, which affected his health and he died in 1938. Mrs. Wilson operated the store until 1939, when it was purchased by Ed Jordan's son Fred.

Fred Jordan was familiar with the business as he had clerked for Wilson at times and sometimes drove his delivery truck. A new adjoining store was built on the east side of the original store in 1946 and was used to display new lines of furniture, appliances, hardware, giftware and dry goods. In 1952, the store was leased to Mr. A.M. "Toby" Tobias of Morden. He managed the store until 1956 when it again reverted to Fred Jordan.



Jordan's General Store - 1950



Jordan's Super I.G.A. Market

Fred's son, Robert "Bob" had taken a business course and he joined his father as a partner in operating the store from 1956 to 1966. In 1956 the original store was converted to a self serve grocery store under the I.G.A. name. Bob took courses in meat cutting and won several prizes in meat sales contests staged by the supply companies. Store advertising fliers were mailed to Darlingford and surrounding areas to promote the store. In 1967, Bob became sole owner of the store and with the help of his wife Betty, they won numerous holiday trips for selling groceries. In 1980 the store name was changed to Food Town. Bob retired in 1996 after more than forty years in the grocery business. He sold off the stock and sold the building to George Klassen of Winkler. The store has not been reopened at this date (1998).

Law's Hall

The first house in the village was the residence of Mr. James Law. This house was last used as a residence by Mr. James Ramsay. It was demolished and a new house was built with present residents being John and Laura Hamilton. Mr. Law also constructed a large, two storey building on the east side of Dufferin Street, just north of the C.P.R. crossing. Originally the ground floor of the building was intended for implement sales, with a large assembly hall above on the second floor. However, instead of implements, the ground floor was divided into living quarters and rented to transient families. It was also used as a school in 1910 until the new brick school was completed. It was finally converted to a garage and finished its career in the town in this capacity.

The building became known far and wide as Law's Hall, due to having the assembly space on the second floor. It served this area for many years, until the present community hall was built in 1931.



Law's Hall on corner of North Railway and Dufferin

The story of Law's Hall would make a book in itself. It provided a meeting place for groups such as the Orange Lodge and the Foresters, both of which had active branches here. Campaigning political meetings were held there. In the early days these often took on a pretty riotous colour, with the old "Come on outside and I'll show you" bit. Early movies were shown by firms such as General Motors, or by the Department of Agriculture, etcetera. The annual oratorical contests gave a fine demonstration of local talent of children of all ages and adults.

Mrs. Nellie McClung entertained large audiences there in the old hall. Dances at times filled the floor to overflowing, with standing room only. Darlingford had its own orchestra in those days, which often played for dances in nearby communities. Many adults will remember their mothers taking part in a play put on by the Ladies Aid Society back in the 1920's. This was an ambitious venture for a women's organization in those times, and it was an outstanding success. Then there were the school Christmas concerts.

This report would not be complete without mention of the large Nordheimer grand piano which visiting musicians would be amazed to find "out in the sticks". One person fell in love with it and called back the following year, just to have another go at it. He was from one of the many Chatauqua programs run in the early twenties.

The Chatauqua was a travelling troupe of very talented people. They were named for their place of origin, Lake Chatauqua, New York. Their programs were a good variety of vaudeville. They were backed under contract by the local merchants. The largest loss was one year when each merchant had

to put up \$6. They made just about that amount in previous years.

Law's Hall has long since gone from the corner where it stood. It was moved by Mr. Oliver Law to his farm, and converted to a barn. It was used by the grandson and great grandsons of the original builder. It is now on the farm owned by Ike Schmidt and Butch Scott.

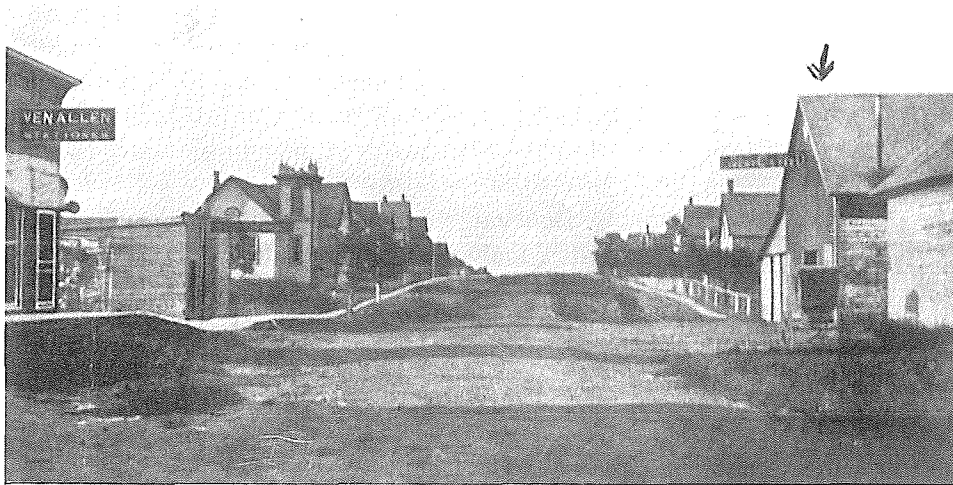
Livery Barn

1903 was a boom year for the Darlingford business section and, among the newcomers, Mr. Robert Reid built what was then considered a really fine livery barn. This business had many phases to be sure. There must be accommodation for, at least, twenty teams with food and water handy. The town dray business included handling many carload lots of coal, lumber and heavy freight and there must be a good team of drivers with both summer and winter vehicles at the ready at all times. Trips in blizzards, thunderstorms and terrible road conditions phased them not. The spring water under ice and snow sometimes caused havoc, but all you had to do was name your destination and soon the ponies were off and away.

Following Robert Reid, came Wes Oke, whose brother farmed southeast of town. However, Mr. Oke soon heard the call of the great open spaces in Saskatchewan and sold. A partnership of the late Donald McGillivray and Cyrene Swerdfeger operated the business from 1906 to 1920. Of these two illustrious gents a book could be written that Hollywood would soon snap up and film. Just one anecdote will have to suffice. In early spring an active merchant had roughly a ton of freight at the depot. In spite of urging it lay there for four days, the newcomer appealed to a fellow merchant, "What can I do?" The reply came: "Just wait until some farmers are in town with teams and sleighs then go tell the old lads you can get a farmer to haul it for a dollar. Try it." It worked like black magic, the team left the lumber job and delivered the freight pronto.

With the advent of the auto, a livery car was added. The Model T Ford was the real puddle-jumper for this rough country.

In April 1920, the livery barn changed hands



Livery barn - 1915



Livery Barn

again and this time to two younger men, R. Johnson and R. McLelland. During their short term of ownership there was a fire in the spacious office in the southwest corner. The barn had been wired for electric light from a gasoline driven generator in the office. When a young lad decided to look into the gas tank to check the fuel supply, he struck a match for light. He and the gas can were blown out of the office and, strange to relate, he received hardly a scratch. The office was like a furnace and the loft above contained some fifteen tons of loose hay. A bucket brigade soon formed and the late Will Rombough took the risky job of carrying the water back into the corner over the office and soon had his very own little sprinkler system at work. The temperature was below zero and the writer recalls one young lady, up on a ladder, in slippers and stockings, handing up pails of water. The building burnt in 1976.

In 1921, the late Hugh Bryson and William

Rombough, as assistant manager, took over the business and continued through to 1945, when the horse era was considered a thing of the past. During these years the firm also took over the rural mail delivery and one or more school vans.

To step into a livery barn when the teams on either side of the center passage were all chomping their hay and oats was a most pleasant experience. Most farm-

ers, during the changeover period, kept a chore team and, when in the early fifties, we had two winters with a heavier than usual snowfall, that old reliable chore team was brought back into service. By then, the livery barn was a garage but the unused Methodist Church stable was emptied of private cars and "Old Dobbin" got in out of the wind, at least.

During Mr. Bryson's later years, he was often far a field on construction work and road building. He built many of the old bridges over creeks and rivers, and bossed the job of laying miles of our Highway #3. When

the same #3 came to the hamlet of Brunkild, they were faced with the problem of an "S" turn to carry the road over three bridges, all close together, and the Highways Branch had Mr. Bryson go over there to supervise the job.

When, in his seventy-eighth year, he was puttering around home, the village committee wanted a cement curbing formed around the mouth of a culvert close to Mr. Bryson's front gate. He undertook the job, obtained the materials and mixed the cement by hand. About 5 p.m., he smoothed it off and then added his initials "H.H.B." in the soft cement and went to supper. After his meal, he complained of dizziness and was advised to lie down and rest. He did - and slept out of this humdrum world.

Lumber Yards

The year 1899 saw the start of the first lumber

yard in the village and this was a branch of the Davidson Brothers Lumber Yard at Manitou. It was operated by the late Gill Davidson until about 1912. With all the settlers streaming in, wanting lumber and supplies for building, but with little or no cash available, it must have taken a stout heart to hand out thousands of dollars of goods on credit to a host of people who had not yet proven their ability to use it wisely and well. However, Mr. Davidson had the moral fibre to have faith in his fellowmen. He seemed to have done quite well for he returned to a business venture in Manitou and often visited his early stomping ground.

The lumber yard was taken over by a Winnipeg firm, the Home Lumber Company. A gentleman by the name of William Groom held sway until the late twenties when it was again sold to the Winnipeg based Monarch Lumber Company.

Mr. Groom was a proficient carpenter and was always busy making wagon boxes, hay racks, and granaries. He even made coffins and rough boxes. He was a family man with two sons, Dick and John, and a daughter, Mary.

A municipal scale was erected for the use of the public, on the west side of the lumber yard office to weigh wagon loads of grain, coal, etc. This can be seen in a picture showing the loads of grain waiting their turn at the elevators. Mr. Groom, who also did the intricate job of weighing loads was always ready to assert his rights and see justice done.

In those days the huge piles of lumber stacked in the yard were well protected with a high board fence, which served to keep out livestock and the odd marauder, except, of course, on Halloween night when the manager was pestered beyond relief.

Among the Monarch Lumber Company managers, we recall a Robert Watt whose term covered most of the second world war years who was very active in the Red Cross, salvage drives, victory loan campaigns, and other wartime projects.

Another really active member of the community was James Baillie who married Edith Carswell of Darlingford.

Barney Huxley was the manager for several years and both he and his wife left

many friends in our district whom they have returned to visit through the years.

In 1959 the company decided to close the yard here in favour of their Morden branch. Larry Hoffus, the manager at that time, was posted to Morden.

Believing that there was still "gold in them thar hills", Melvin Stone bought the premises and did a thriving business for some time, selling lumber, fuel and supplies. He also contracted for the construction of several houses and barns with Frank Bond as his right-hand man. Mr. Bond had taken up carpentry and cabinet work in 1946 after his service with the R.C.A.F. and did a multitude of repair jobs as well as new construction projects.

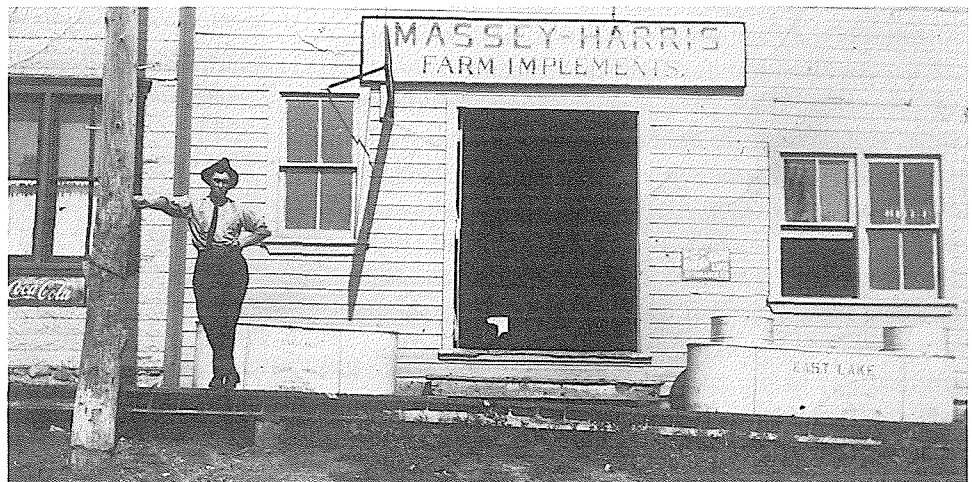
In 1968 the yard was purchased and operated by two Morden businessmen, Cornelius Ens and A. Fehr. These gentlemen built, sold and delivered over sixty plywood grain bins in one year. They saw even greater opportunities in the town of Manitou and located there, under the name of Western Building Materials.

Massey-Harris

In 1904 the Massey-Harris Agency was opened by Everett H. Stevens and Robert Cock between the Hotel and Bolton building. The latter had just sold his farm one mile south of town, which he bought from William Eaton, son of the mail order magnate, Timothy Eaton.

Stevens and Cock did a large business with Massey-Harris implements and several side lines, such as buggies, cutters, grain cleaners, harness and barbed wire and the then popular line of Fairbank Morse gas engines.

Mr. Stevens had a driving team always ready to



W.E. Veals Shop - 1920

nip out into the country on both sales and service. In later years Mr. Cock procured a roadster to travel around the district and it was a standing joke among the younger set how Mr. Cock would often say "whoa" or "gedap" when on the go. One legend is that he turned into a farm lane with a wide gate at the entrance and, in spite of his loud "whoa" the car proceeded into the yard, gate and all. Note: his car sports a buggy top but no doors in 1910.

This partnership lasted until 1913 when Frank Hawken took it over and Robert Cock left to travel as blockman for Massey-Harris.

In 1914, Everett Stevens was back in business until the fall of 1915 when he went down the street to take over the International line of machinery vacated by Martin and Miller, and Robert Cock went back as Massey agent.

Due to ill health and advanced age, Mr. Cock resigned from the dealership in the spring of 1918 and moved his harness and small machine business next door to Mr. Stevens.

Since the farmers' need of repair parts for the many units in the district was vital, the key for the building was left with the manager of the Farmer's Elevator, who was able to pinch-hit in the busy seasons for the Massey-Harris firm.

Mr. W.E. Veals took over the agency and continued in the business for a number of years.

Pembina Valley Camp

The Pembina Valley Camp and Retreat Centre is an interdenominational Christian camp serving youth and families. In 1978, two hundred forty-five acres of property were purchased for future development into a year round campsite and retreat centre.

The first camps were operated in 1979 with Dan Unger heading up the first work camps. Under his capable leadership several existing trails were made. George and Pam Bock from Winnipeg headed up the first outpost program at the camp in 1979 as an extension to some of the programs at the Winkler Bible Camp.

1982 marked the begin-

ning of separate programming at the Pembina Valley site. Dave Hildebrand served as the first program director to oversee and guide the camping program. The first number of years, campers lived in tents and made all of their own meals over an open fire because there was no hydro available on the site.

In 1986 the program changed from strictly a wilderness camp to that of a resident camp as well. The next six years saw the development of the skills areas and the movement of the program to reflect the intended goals. The horse corral was built, an archery area developed and the twenty-five foot simulated rock climbing/rappelling tower and obstacle course constructed.

In the fall of 1991 it was proposed by the board of the Winkler Bible Camp Association that the camp be closed down due to lack of funds. The camp was closed for the summer of 1992 and 1993. In 1994 the camp was reopened under a group from the board who saw the potential of the site and were willing to invest time and effort into its development.

January 1, 1995 saw the camp hire its first full time director. Brent and Arlene Ankrom were asked to come and spearhead the development of the camp.

The camp operates summer youth camps for youth going into grades six and up. Two camps for grades six to eight, a teen's camp, two horsemanship camps, two theatre and arts camps and two canoeing/rock climbing trips to northern Ontario



Keith Dushenko

make up it's summer program. Two single parent family camps are also operated with one being held in the spring and one in the fall.

The camp is also available year round for rental by youth groups, church groups, and for family gatherings. The camp operates public trail rides in the fall, is available to the public for hiking, wiener roasts, picnics, enjoying the view of the valley off of the observation deck and for tobogganing in the winter.

Plasterers

In 1945 this Darlingford School boy left the scholastic world with grade eleven to enter the then common method of learning a trade. In August 1945, he hired with the late Mr. Joe Compton who was a master plasterer and had a wide experience with most all phases of that trade and was an excellent boss, but a hard working artisan. Keith "carried the hod" for Mr. Compton for four years then when Mr. Compton's health failed Keith carried on the trade in the local district in summer time and took to the major centres during winter months - on large construction, in places like Winnipeg, Shilo, Moose Jaw, and the daddy of them all was the Federal Building in Regina.

He was once asked about the lowest wages received, his reply was "fifty cents an hour."

Most anybody can sling mud or plaster but few have made it stick better than Keith Dushenko, our plasterer.

Post Offices

From the "Bolton Memoirs", we learn that S.A. Bedford was appointed postmaster for Calf Mountain district in 1879. "Her Majesty's Mail" was carried by the new stage coach line from Emerson that also started that year. The post office was then moved to the Ferris Bolton residence, across the road in 1881. In 1883, it went to

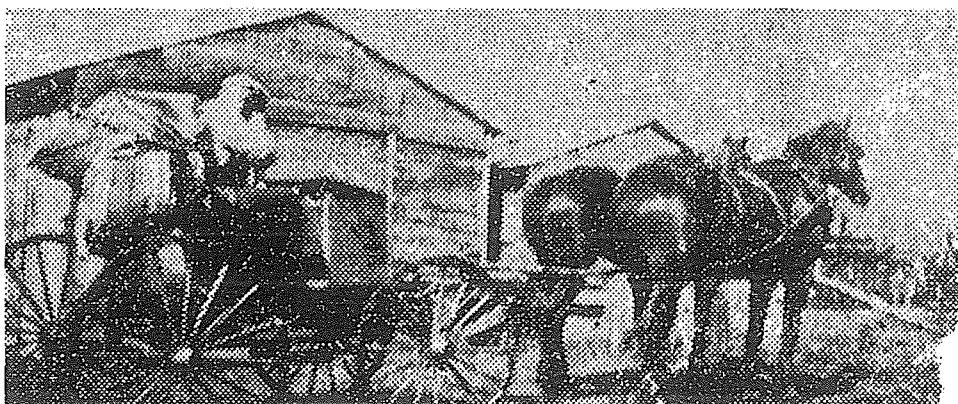
Alderson's store in Old Darlingford, retaining the old name.

In 1900 a post office under the Darlingford name was opened in the Ed Jordan store, remaining there until 1913 when Mr. Bolton was again appointed postmaster and it was moved to a separate office in the Bolton Block. This building was a sort of composite made up of the first drugstore which was moved north to make way for the New Bank of British North America, on the south-east corner of the same lot. The Bolton Block was later taken over by Amy Brothers (the late Fred and Miram Amy) who ran both the post office and the store, handling stationery, patent medicines and other goods. Also housed in this building was the first Manitoba Telephone System switchboard and living quarters.

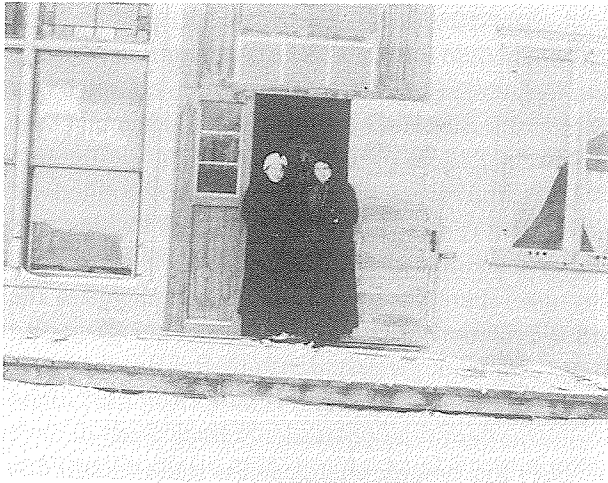
The Bolton Block burned down in the winter of 1925, perhaps, one of Darlingford's most colourful fires. It occurred just an hour after a big dance in Law's Hall had ended. It is remembered that the caller at the dance, who had been brought in from Maida, North Dakota, took over at the fire. There are those around who recall his stentorian voice -



Penner mail truck - 1970



The mail arriving at a farm with Wm. Rombough in the driver's seat



Ada (Shewfelt) Stevens and Blanch (Rombough) Boyle in front of old Darlingford Post Office - 1917



Fred Amy, Postmaster for Darlingford



Jack Amy with mail cart

both his daughter, Betty, and son, Jack, were duly sworn in as assistants.

J.W. "Jack" Amy took over after his father's

above all the racket. The adjoining property was saved and the hotel served free coffee to all and sundry between five-thirty and six o'clock that morning.

The postmaster, Fred Amy, was soon serving the public in somewhat smaller quarters, in the Smith Building, recently taken over from the Methodist Church, after church union. Mr. Amy served the district as postmaster from 1919 until his passing in 1950. Invalided home from World War I, his health became more and more of a problem, and, for this reason,

death. In 1951, land was purchased on Railway Street and a post office building erected with the regular Dominion of Canada lock boxes and wicket. The mail had to be carried back and forth to the two daily trains. In 1962, mail was delivered by truck.

Jack remained postmaster and continued to serve the public in his own charismatic way until ill health and several major operations forced him to retire in 1980. This position was then filled by wife Mildred, until her retirement in 1994. On February 1, 1982, Darlingford Post Office gained special recognition as we celebrated our Centennial year Jack received a special award for thirty-two years of service. Trained assistants from this period were Sharon McFadden, Betty Fillion, Linda McGregor, Lisa Sprung and Linda Maxwell. In 1995 Lisa (Amy) Sprung made a successful bid for the position and is presently performing all duties. Her assistants are Dawn Clayton and Coreen Cram. The Darlingford postal service has been in the Amy family name for an accumulation of eighty consecutive years. Over these years, we have seen many changes in rates, procedures and methods of delivery but customer count and satisfaction remain constant.



Jack Amy, Steve Burara, Postmaster for Morden, presenting framed certificate, Mid Amy

Postmasters having served Darlingford area:

T.E. Mahaffy, location: 6-3-7, 01/02/1882 to 20/03/1882, resigned;

Thomas W. McBain, location: 6-3-7, 1882-83,

left the place;

W.C. Alderson, location: 6-3-7, 01/04/1886 to 01/10/1887, closed;

Edward Jordan, re-opened: 8-3-7W, 01/02/1900 to 03/11/1905, resigned;

J. Frank Crosby, location: 8-3-7W, 24/01/1906 to 15/09/1910, resigned;

J.F. Broadfoot, location: 8-3-7W, 01/11/1910 to 02/04/1913, resigned;

Ferris Bolton, location: 8-3-7W, 25/04/1913 to 08/11/1917, resigned;

Fred Russell Amy, location: 8-3-7W, 25/09/1918 to 26/03/1950, deceased;

John Wilkens Amy, location: 5/6-3-114, 01/05/1950 to 14/03/1980, retired;

Mildred Amy, location: 5/6-3-114, 22/05/1980 to 30/12/1994 retired;

Lisa Sprung, location: 5/6-3-114, 08-05-95 to present day.

Rural Mail Carriers

In the early days before the railway came to Windygates in 1908 the mail was delivered by the stage to Snowflake, Mowbray, Windygates and Penesa on Mondays and Fridays. Mr. Hanford was awarded the new mail contract between Windygates and Mowbray in 1901. In 1904 M.W. Mitchell was contracted to provide service to

Lisa (Amy) Sprung, Postmistress - making a combined total of 80 years service for the Amy Family

Windygates twice a week.

With the arrival of the train, mail was brought in from La Riviere three times a week. However by 1935 with train service down to one engine a week mail was brought in from Darlingford. With the closing of the Windygates Post Office in September of 1969 rural delivery began with Bruce Lindsay as the mailman.

Darlingford Rural Routes #1 and #2

Bruce Lindsay continued as rural route courier

until early 1982 when due to health problems he was not able to continue. Bruce's daughters, Debbie and Pat, continued the route until the contract was awarded to Bob Hunt in July 1982 and he continues in this capacity to present.

Over the years Mr. Hunt has been aided by Cathy Perry, Linda Maxwell, Velma Collins and Dawn Clayton, to insure the mail always goes through. There have been very few changes to the route over the years, the number of people being served remaining fairly constant and the length of the route about the same, reaching from the United States border to the Opawaka School road.

The most notable change in the route occurred in the early 1980's. Until this time the mail was being delivered six days a week, Monday through Saturday. After the change, the mail is being delivered three times a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Nobody knows how long this service will continue, but we hope it continues for some time to come.

Windygates Post Office and Store

The Windygates post office was established on the first of May 1889, on the N.W. 1/4 of 4-1-7 W. The first postmaster was Charles J. Huston who served until his resignation on November 7, 1898. William Wilson was appointed postmaster on April 1, 1901, serving till his death in 1909. A change in location took place with Joseph Scales being appointed postmaster. The decision to move the post office to the N.W. 16-1-7 W. was not approved of by a majority of the residents, so the post office was moved back to its former site on the N.W. 4-1-7 W. J.A. Wilson was appointed postmaster on August 1, 1912 and served until the end of 1924 when he resigned. He was replaced by his sister and her husband, Harry and Anna Smith. In the spring of 1929, William Rutledge rented the west half of 4-1-7. William was appointed postmaster on February 1, 1929 serving until his death in 1944.



Margaret Kinnaird,
Postmistress for Windygates

Mail came to Manitou when the railroad came through, and was picked up there by Sam Handford and delivered three times a week to a post office near Hamilton, south of Snowflake and then to the post offices at Mowbray and Windygates. Later it came directly by train and was picked up by the postmasters Wilson, Smith and Rutledge.

Around this time a small business of gasoline and oils began to build. This was handy for those calling for their mail. In 1938 another change came about when the Rutledge family moved back to the north east quarter of 4-1-7 W. and added a small store to the house. They stocked a line of groceries and small wares, catering to the local trade. A gasoline pump was added and with the post office the yard took on a busy atmosphere. William passed away in 1944 and his daughter Elizabeth took over the duties of postmistress. In 1949 the Rutledge family sold their farm and business to James Kinnaird. James "Jimmy" and his wife Margaret continued to provide excellent service to their customers until the post office was closed on September 30, 1969. Without the postal service the Kinnaird's felt it was time to close the store also and another of our early memories passed into history.

In 1935 the train service was cut and the mail was brought from Darlingford twice a week. The fall of 1970 brought rural delivery to the district with Bruce Lindsay as the mail man.

Postmasters of Windygates Store Post Office:

Charles J. Huston, 1/5/1889 to 7/11/1898,
resignation;

M. Wilson, 1/4/1901 to 1909, death;

Joseph Scales, 1/9/1909 to 17/6/1912,
change in site;

J.A. Wilson, 1/8/1912 to 12/12/1924,
resignation;

H.G. Smith, 19/3/1925 to 26/10/1928,
resignation;

William Rutledge, 1/2/1929 to 23/5/1944, death;

Miss Elizabeth Rutledge, 9/6/1944, acting;

Miss Elizabeth Rutledge, 28/8/1944 to
2/11/1949, resignation;

James Kinnaird, 9/11/49, acting; James
Kinnaird, 29/12/49.

R.M. Ching & Sons

Murray Ching first started selling Yamaha snowmobiles in the fall of 1971 purchasing new units from Yamaha's main distributor in Winnipeg, Northwest Cycle & Motor Co.

At first Murray modified an old shed that was on his home farm and used until 1975, when a new building was erected and is still in use today.

As years went by, snowmobiles became more updated and more complicated to work on so Yamaha set up service schools that dealers, or shop managers had to attend.

In 1985 Murray passed the business on to sons Hal and Mark. The boys ran the business for several years and Mark later left to seek other employment. Hal is still running the shop hiring local help for seasonal employment.

Over the years it has been a very learning and interesting experience for all involved and we hope to keep running the shop in the family for another thirty years or more.

Roger's Auction Service

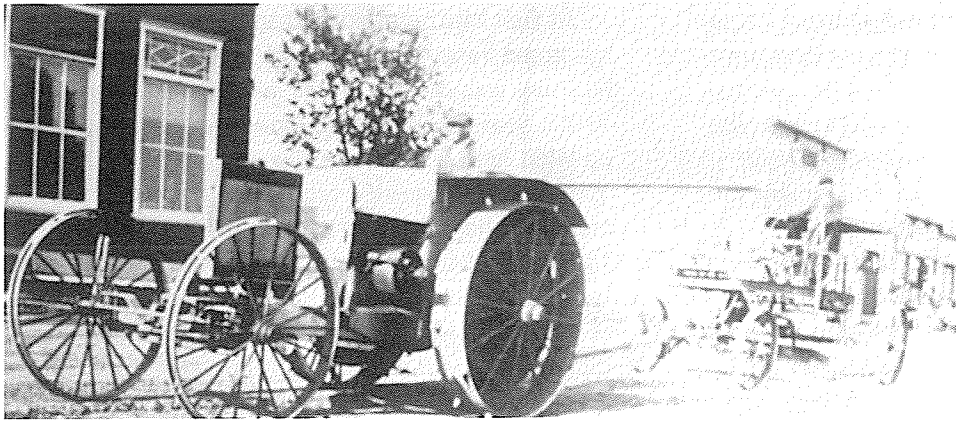
The business of Double R Auctions was started in Darlingford about 1990 by Don and Donny Rogers. The name was changed a few years later to Roger's Auction Service, auctioneering farm sales, stock reduction, antiques, livestock and household sales, estates, etcetera. Don has thirty-five years of experience as an auctioneer.

Municipalities

From the archives we learn that "The Homestead Act" was put through the Ottawa House in 1872. A cynic might say that this was the first big sell out of Western Canada. The deal was in the form of a bet on your ten dollars that you couldn't live three years on a given one hundred sixty acres and cultivate at least forty acres, to win the title to the land. We have never heard of a list of the names of the losers being published, but it would make quite a large book.

When, in 1880, the Provincial Government decided to survey central Manitoba, they chose Carman as the central point. The district to the north was called North Dufferin and to the south to the international boundary was known as South Dufferin. Our territory was known as ward three and the late Mr. Ferris Bolton was its councillor with an office in Nelsonville for one year. In the fall of 1883 he became reeve for one year then councillor for a five year term. In 1889 a re-adjustment was made and the north portion of the district became ward six and the south portion became ward one of the new municipality of Pembina with the head office in Manitou.

The first council of the Municipality of Pembina consisted of Ferris Bolton, as reeve, and Martin



Darlingford road maintainer - 1920



Darlingford road maintainer - 1970 - on the same spot

Nichol and H. Edwards, as councillors representing this district. From the records, we quote "The first meeting of the Rural Municipality of Pembina was

with the job of pathmaster who represented "the establishment" of that period. There was seldom much friction and the pot holes were a little better



Coleman Bros., Fairchild Wagons, Cardno Store

held in Town Hall, Manitou, January 6, 1891, Reeve Bolton in the chair. After the swearing in of the council members the meeting adjourned for one hour." One of the first motions passed was that the secretary treasurer receive a salary of \$200 per annum.

In the early days, a taxpayer could pay his tax bill with cash or he could option for working it off with what was known as "statute labour", either so many days of manual labour or less time, if he provided a team of horses to haul ploughs and scrapers to fill pot holes in the roads, or installing bridges and culverts. It was a common sight to drive over a hill and behold six or eight teams with a crew of eight to a dozen men resting and chatting over the news of the day until the horses looked up, which was a signal for all to move along - never know who it might be

- as there was a gentleman with the job of pathmaster who represented "the establishment" of that period. There was seldom much friction and the pot holes were a little better after the visit of the gang. In the late 'teens, there were new ideas for road building. First came the big Fresno scraper using four horses, then the road grader, a steel frame with a blade two feet high and ten feet long which was a "humdinger" when hauled by eight, ten or twelve horses, until it hit a solid boulder, then things became unpredictable.

The next step was the elevator grader with a plough picking up the dirt on to a four foot wide belt which

hoisted anything and everything up and over to build a still higher road.

The road grader was the "granddaddy" or our maintainer of the present time, with its self-propelled power and speed and comfort built in.

While the dirt road, which was soft, and smooth in dry weather, served quite well, with the advent of motor travel and extremely heavy loads, something had to be done and road builders turned to shale and gravel, both were a great help but had their disadvantages.

With the increased use of petroleum products, there were literally oceans of black gooie residue that refineries had to dispose of, so on to the highways and village streets it came and our village has received its full share. To be able to walk out of our house on cement sidewalk, step into our vehicle and drive almost from coast to coast on blacktop did not happen by chance, but to the utmost energy and, sometimes, the lives of many who we might well remember.

Until 1928, the legal status of our little village was an "Unincorporated Hamlet" meaning we were under the care of the councillor for ward six who appointed a pathmaster for the village. With the advent of hydro to Morden and Manitou, a move was made to bring hydro service to Darlingford. In order for this to happen, it was necessary for Darlingford to become an unincorporated village and elect a committee of three persons to take over certain responsibilities from the councillor of ward six and to work with him for minor requests to the municipal council. During the winter of 1927-28 these matters were attended to.

Councillors of Rural Municipality of Pembina:

Reeve Ferris Bolton, 1891-09
J. Storey, Ward 6, 1895
G.W. Ulliyot, Ward 1, 1891-97
J. Storey, Ward 6, 1898
Geo. Trick, Ward 1, 1898
F. Bolton, Ward 6, 1909-17
Sam Andrew, Ward 1, 1916-19
John Morrow, Ward 6, 1912-20
John McCormick, Ward 1, 1920-23
W. F. Hawken, Ward 6, 1920-23
James Rice, Ward 6, 1923-24
John McCormick, Ward 1, 1925-31
Charles J. Storey, Ward 6, 1924-28
Reeve - Willis Moore, 1931-34
H. H. Bryson, Ward 6, 1928-30
H. M. Frank, Ward 6, 1930-34

Fred Miller, Ward 6, 1934-45
John Morrow, Ward 1, 1931-34
Harry Smith, Ward 1, 1934-45
R.V. Arnott, Ward 1, 1945-50
Wm. J. Robinson, Ward 6, 1945-52
Harry Smith, Ward 1, 1950-55
Wm. Rombough, Ward 6, 1952-56
Vern Spangelo, Ward 1, 1955-63
R. B. Morrow, Ward 6, 1956-63
Morrison McElroy, Ward 1, 1963-64
Morley Collins, Ward 6, 1963-66
Robert C. McElroy, Ward 1, 1964-67
Andrew Kidd, Ward 6, 1966-1976
Victor Ching, Ward 1, 1967-1979
Stan Maxwell, Ward 6, 1977-1989
Tom Carruthers, Ward 1, 1980-1986
Tom Hamilton, Ward 6, 1989-1995
Rienhold Holenski, Ward 1, 1986-1995
Murray Seymour, Ward 6, 1995 to present
Jim Nichol, Ward 1, 1995 to present

Each year council prepares an estimate of operating revenue and expenditures for the following fiscal year as well as a five year capital expenditure program. This financial plan includes the estimated amount of money required to provide for council's policies and programs such as road maintenance, road re-construction, snow removal, fire protection and waste management facilities. As well, the financial plan includes amounts to pay a requisition or any amounts that a municipality is required under an act to collect such as school division and provincial education levies. A mill rate is determined from the financial plan and applied to property assessments giving the property owner an annual request for taxes.

Reeves of the Rural Municipality of Pembina

Ferris Boulton, 1891-94
Adam Rinn 1900-01, 1906-10
J.S. Miller 1895-97
John Storey 1903
John Woods 1898-1899, 1902-04
William Hamilton 1905-06
George Compton 1907-08
John Wood 1909-11
Wesley Webber 1912
J. Stratford 1913
J.D. Southern 1914-1921
Donald Morrison 1922-23, January to July 1924
Frank W. McIntosh 1924-31, 1937-49
Willis B. Moore 1932-34

Hugh B. Morrison 1935-36
Charlie F. Cousins 1950-65
Dave Harms 1966-92
William J. Frisch 1992-98
Robert McLean January 1998 to present

Secretary-Treasurers of the Rural Municipality of Pembina

Clerk, Matthew Young, 1891-95
Treasurer, John H. Fargey, 1891-94
Clerk, John E. Gayton, 1896-1902
Treasurer, J. Huston, 1895
Treasurer, T.W. Alexander, 1896-1902
Secretary-Treasurer, John E. Gayton, 1903-22
Secretary-Treasurer, J.A. Fenton Hill, 1923-April 1950
Secretary-Treasurer, Gordon L. Davidson, April 1950-March 1957
Secretary-Treasurer, Dave F. Rankine, March and April 1957
Secretary-Treasurer, Albert W. Durham, May 1957-February 1980
Secretary-Treasurer, Richard J. Moore, March 1980-July 1989
Secretary-Treasurer, Judy D. Young, August 1989 to present

In January 1997 the secretary-treasurer is now called Chief Administrative Officer.

Shaventoski's Red and White Store

Mike Shaventoski came to Darlingford in the fall of 1935 and started a harness and shoe repair business, first in his house at 27 Dufferin Street and later in a small shop, east of the H.R. Veals store at 6 North Railway Avenue. The Veals store was sold to Tom Pearce and his son, Bert in 1944 and then Tom's son, Ken took over in 1946.

In 1954 a disastrous fire destroyed both the

Pearce store and Shaventoski's shop. Mike then purchased the Pearce store property. Within a short time, he had a crew cleaning up and building a new, almost fireproof, cement block building with a steel roof.

A full line of groceries, boots and shoes, and dry goods were laid in and soon he was back in business. He still repaired canvas, shoes and harness in the basement. In 1955 the store was affiliated with the Red and White Stores. A meat counter and walk-in refrigerator were added to conduct a full fledged butcher business. He specialized in custom cutting for home freezers and processed many cattle, hog and deer carcasses. The store also collected for Manitoba Hydro, Manitoba Telephone System and Manitoba Medicare, all of which required considerable bookkeeping.

A daughter, Linda and her husband, Michael McGregor took over the store in 1976 and operated it until 1981. The store was sold to Ike and Helen Letkeman from Morden, who ran it for approximately a year and then sold to it Marvin and Coreen Richardson who operated it for several years. They sold out and the store remained vacant until 1995, when Peter Giesbrecht purchased it. He renovated the building and made it into a kitchen cabinet manufacturing shop.

Smith Lumber & Fuel

Frank Smith (1908-1986) worked at painting, wall papering and carpentering after he finished school at Darlingford. He was working on the roof of the Opawaka Church, when the scaffolding gave way and he fell, severely injuring his back.

When World War II came in 1939, he tried to enlist, but he was rejected because of his bad back. He was sent to Terrace, British Columbia, to build and repair army barracks. His wife, Helen and son, Allan joined him there.

When the war ended, they returned to Darlingford, where Frank got into the coal selling business. The coal would be shovelled off of railway box cars by hand and into farmer's wagons or sleighs. It was then weighed at the Darlingford Public Scales. The coal that wasn't sold was stored in a small shed on the south side of the railway tracks.



Shaventoski's Red and White store

Frank built an addition to the east side of Jordan's Store for Fred Jordan in 1946. He remodelled the inside of the old Methodist Church on Pembina Street. He built two suites upstairs and when the post office moved out in 1951, made the bottom part into a dwelling for his family.

Around 1949, Frank built a cement block building (which is still standing today), at the southeast corner of South Railway Avenue and Dufferin Street. This was known as Smith Lumber and Fuel, which was enlarged about 1951 and a lumber shed built at the back at a later date. Frank put in gas pumps and sold Shell gasoline along with all kinds of building supplies, lumber and paint.

About 1980, he had an auction sale of his stock and sold the buildings to Tellem Agro.

Storey Enterprises

Farm truck, tractor and agri repairs, metal cutting, welding, lathe and machining work. Located on the Storey Centennial Homestead N.W. 1/4 27-3-7. Business established in 1981, where repair work was completed out of a barn renovated into a heated workshop for nine years. In 1991, a new 50 x 50 foot workshop was built, attached to existing workshop, to accommodate larger tractors and trucks.

Employees since 1991 have been: Joey Tickner, Darlingford; Scott Alton, Manitou; Glen Lowry, Darlingford; Curtis Wiebe, Winkler.

T.V. - Radio Shop

In 1963, Tony Svoboda purchased the old United Church manse (29 Pembina Street). He built a cement block building at the rear facing Mountain Avenue for a television and radio shop. Erected on top was a large illuminated sign that read: "T.V. - Radio Sales and Service". This enterprise enjoyed a good trade from local and distant customers.

In 1975, Phyllis Spangelo sold the Darlingford Hardware to Tony Svoboda and Frank Plaxton and the television business was moved to this new location on North Railway Avenue. In 1977, Tony and his wife Isabelle bought out Frank Plaxton. Tony continued in the television business at this location until 1986 when the hardware stock was sold and he moved east, next door to the old restaurant building.

He continued with televisions at this new location but took up photography and picture framing besides. In 1993 he got out of the television business and kept busy with photography and picture framing.

In 1998 he moved the business back to the original cement block building behind his house, facing Mountain Avenue.

Telephones

The Bell Telephone Company started operations in Eastern Ontario in 1881 and, by 1887, had made a start to service the City of Winnipeg but, not until 1903 did they get up the hill to Darlingford.

The first phone here was a pay station located in a store. This served until a switch board was installed in the residence of William Coleman. Several town phones were installed. Then, in 1906, the farmer was invited to join on a "do-it-yourself" basis. The farmer was expected to build his own pole line, the wire and phone supplied by Bell Company. As late as the mid-twenties, one could see little short telephone poles planted in fields, the result of taking the shortest route from one farm to another, but they worked just as well.

When the Manitoba Government took over with the Manitoba Telephone System in 1908, the switchboard was moved into an office in the north half of the Bolton Block and continued in this location until the disastrous fire which demolished the whole building in the fall of 1926. The chief operator, Miss Nettie Collins, was on duty that night and stayed at the board calling farmers in, to help save the bank and other buildings close by, until she was actually led out of the smoke and flames. Truly a service beyond the call of duty.

After the fire, another switchboard was installed in an office in the old Methodist Church building, then owned by J.C. Smith, and service was soon restored. This shuffle must have prompted the company to erect their own separate building. The switchboard was moved into a new "telephone office" in February 1927.

It was not all plain sailing for the Manitoba Telephone System for we find an article in the February 1933 issue of the "Western Canadian": "Far reaching plans for maintaining of rural telephone service in the face of depressed farm prices and poor crops have been announced by Commissioner J.E. Lowry. Farm rates were to be \$2 per month in towns while farmers could have free use (farm to farm) on their own line and pay a five cent charge for calls through the exchange. It also stated that it would be some time before all the hundreds of phones could be reinstalled." It would appear, quite a number had been removed for non-payment.



Darlingford Telephone Exchange

Telephones were installed in the homes of Tom Keown, Daniel D. Carruthers and the Sinclairs by 1912, and a little later, in the elevator and the customs officer's house. These first phones were used by the neighbours in emergencies, and in the case of accident, illness or a death in the family. During the 1950's telephones were installed in almost all of the homes, and on July 15, 1971, direct long distance dialing was introduced on this exchange.



1971 Staff of Darlingford Telephone Office. (l-r) Jane Stone, Eileen Scammell, Mid Johnson, Jean Stevens, Betty Jordan, Ethel Coleman

From memory a list of names of the staff has been compiled. Darlingford phone operators (1904-1970): Mr. William Coleman, Mrs. William Coleman, Miss Nettie Collins, Miss Ada Shewfelt, Miss Blanch Rombough, Miss Ottie Collins, Miss Lizzie Stepler, Miss Annie Smith, Miss Pearl Griffin, Miss Maude McMurtry, Miss Phyllis White, Miss Louise White, Miss Edith Fry, Miss Edith Swerdfeger, Miss Florence Carswell, Miss Nan Paterson, Miss Winnie Robbins, Miss Helen Swerdfeger, Miss Verna Keown, Miss Ethel Cooper, Mrs. Cora Gysi, Miss Joyce Lone, Miss Joyce Friesen, Mrs. Ethel Cowan, Mrs. Lois Kinsman, Mrs. Sid Scammell, Mrs. Mel Stone, Mrs. R.D. Jordan, Mrs. P.J. Stevens, Mrs. Mid Johnson.

Darlingford went to the new direct dial system on July 15, 1971. This did away with the local switchboard and put the subscribers on the do-it-yourself bit. This created no great rejoicings in the district. True, progress marches on, like it or not, but the personalized service that had been enjoyed by all and sundry came to a halt.

Down through the years, when unusual problems and calamity struck, you just called central and you felt free to go back to the problem, knowing that help would be on its way.

For many years a contest, with suitable recognition, was sponsored for the best kept premises. The Darlingford staff were the happy winners on several occasions.

The Manitoba Telephone System office was sold by tender to Frank Smith in 1971. He later sold it to Frank Bond who turned it into a woodworking shop. Part of the office counter was sold and installed into the Post Office in 1981 and is still being used there today. In the mid 1980's Frank Bond sold the lot and building to Butch Scott. The building was demolished by Tom Hamilton.

The Darlingford "Comet"

Darlingford had a weekly newspaper, the Darlingford "Comet", published every Thursday, with the first edition printed April 28, 1910. The yearly subscription rate was \$1 per year in Canada. Halley's comet made it's appearance in 1910, hence the name as suggested by Mr. Thos. Duncan in a contest held by the paper.

The principals of the Darlingford Publishing Co. as listed in the first edition of the "Comet", were: President - Mr. Ven Allen (druggist); Vice-President - Mr. R. Fines (merchant), Treasurer Mr. R. MacLaren (bank manager); Editor and Secretary - A.O. Berry. The directors were: J.H. Bolton (contractor); R.A. Fines; R. MacLaren, Ferris Bolton (farmer) and Ven Allen. Mr. J.C. Herron (station agent) was appointed auditor.

The first subscription was bought by Mr. Manning of Crystal City, Manitoba. The printing plant was set up by J.H. Tuson, late of the Holland "Observer". The plant must have been in a building near the Fine's Store as Mr. Fines allowed the use of his phone No. 8, until a new phone could be installed. J.H. Tuson stayed about two months, in charge of printing and getting things in running order. He then left for a job at Carberry and editor A.O. Berry was on his own. In the first part of July, 1910, the "Comet" shifted it's quarters to the handsome and commodious new home in the Bolton Block on Pembina Street. Mrs. Robert (Boyle) Hunt saved some copies of the first issues of the Darlingford "Comet". They were passed down to her daughter-in-law Nora (Christie) Hunt who donated them to the museum. A lot of information on the "Comet" has been gleaned from these papers.

The "Comet" printed news events of Darlingford and Thornhill, with Kaleida Klips, Shadeland Snips and Boultonville Bits. Sports was covered to great extent. Curling and hockey in winter and baseball in summer. The town men's hockey team played spirited games against the country team. A baseball match in 1912, pitted the Darlingford Ladies against the Barclay Ladies, all unimpeded by long,

ground dusting skirts. Darlingford businesses advertised in the "Comet" quite profusely.

The "Comet" published for the years 1910-1913 and then closed up and faded away. There seemed to be lots of advertisements to bring in revenue, but maybe the \$1 a year subscription fee was not enough.

Valley Esso Service

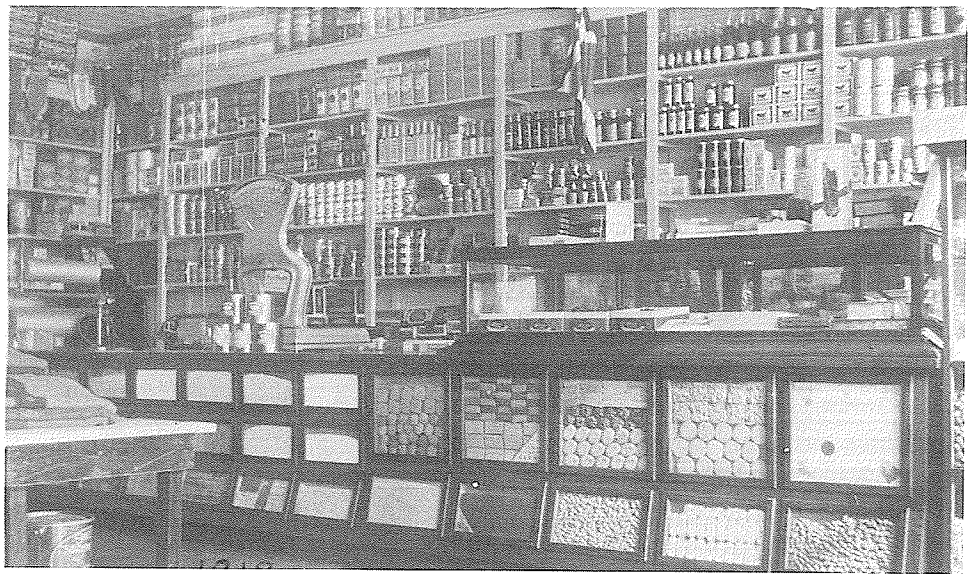
Combined with Garages & Garage Operators

H.R. Veals General Store

When, in early 1918, H.R. Veals purchased the former Cardno store location, he immediately moved in a building from the east side of Pembina Street and renovated it to suit the general store he had in mind. At later dates, two large extensions were made, one to the east for an ice cream parlour and another to the north for a heated warehouse.

During the Cardno fire a considerable amount of merchandise had been stored in the E.H. Stevens warehouse which he purchased.

Mr. Veals' first female clerk, a Miss Ada Shewfelt, had been carrying on a retail grocery business in the office of the implement shop but it was transferred into the newly located buildings, and a long hard battle for business was engaged with the Crosby store on the corner. It can be safely said that Mr. Veals had benefitted from the time he was in Mr. Crosby's employ. Though lacking capital, he was ready to test his business acumen with his old mentor. This all resulted in a really



Interior H.R. Veals Store - 1918



H.R. Veals Store - 1918



Harvey Stevens, Christine McGillivray, Harry Veals in front of Harry Veal's General Store - 1919

active shopping centre for the Darlingford trade. They loved it.

While the "Veal's Store" did not become involved in hardware and furniture, it was always a trading center for butter, eggs, poultry and later, meat. Of this group, it was poultry that seemed to be his weakness for it snowballed up to a large

poultry trade during the 1930's and early 1940's. The biggest harvest being slightly over six carloads from this store, consigned to private buyers, butchers and small packers in Fort William, and other points in that area.

At the time of the death of a Thornhill merchant, James Broadbent, in the early forties, Mr. Veals purchased the merchandise, rented the building and conducted business there until it was sold to the Shortridge Brothers on their return from overseas with the armed forces.

About the same time there was a possibility of the local hardware store being closed and the stock sold to

a Winnipeg firm. In order to avoid this, it was purchased by the Veals brothers. This was operated for a time by a very capable manager, Burl Haygard of Treherne. Later the business was sold to William Coyles, who not only operated the hardware line but added a line of North Star oil products, both bulk and retail.

In 1945 Mr. Veals' health was beginning to give trouble and within a few weeks he had disposed of his three stores, two as outlined above. The original establishment was sold to Thomas Pearce of Saskatchewan, who wished to set up his sons in the retail business. The dwelling was also disposed of and the Veals family moved to Winnipeg.

W.E. Veals Farm Equipment Dealer

Mr. Veals took over the Massey-Harris agency in 1920 and a stock of harness was added as the previous dealer, Robert Cock, had passed on. He also sold "Briscoe" cars, a car with a short life as the manufacturers went out of business the next year.

Finding no Imperial Oil Limited outlet in Darlingford, he ordered a car load supply and sold barrels of gas and oil from an ugly pile of sixty-five barrels on the Main Street. The cars were, at first, filled by hand pump, funnel and measure.

In 1921, both Imperial and Winnipeg Oil

Companies erected bulk storage tanks. The latter firm was managed by Fred Jordan for Crosby's store.

By 1923, Mr. Veals still had the auto dealer bug and brought out the first "Star" cars sold in the district. Lady Luck again turned sour, as the Star automobile also folded.

In 1925, radio sales and service was added. The "F.A.D.A." four tube radio set, with speaker and batteries, sold for \$86. Mr. Veals stayed with the many new names and styles through to 1941, when radios were no longer made due to wartime shortages of metal. He recalls that in 1937, with the advent of the two volt battery set, he sold seventy-seven new radios, mostly cabinet models, while close to one hundred sets were retubed to operate on the two volt battery. In 1939, his nephew, the late Billy Veals, while working in a Winnipeg radio store, built the public address system that served both this district and neighbouring towns from Morden to Crystal City for field days and other occasions.

By 1928, the Massey-Harris firm was promoting the sale of the "Wallace" tractor and, to show it off at its best, a new "J.B. Humdinger" hammer mill was brought from Winnipeg and the two new machines were demonstrated on Front Street. The hammer mill, being far too large for the farm tractor bit the dust that day.

When the dry thirties struck, this shop turned to one specific type of farm service, i.e. repairing cream separators, by rebalancing the fast running bowl and dunking the parts of the machine in molten tin. This work, done by the Jones boys, and others, brought business from as far away as

Killarney and Winnipeg.

In 1931 the Imperial firm of Winnipeg interrupted Mr. Veals' curling game one night to invite him to act as supervisor salesman on a block from Morris to Killarney, which was accepted for that year, during which time the local business was managed by Allen Bryson, F.M. Hawken and others.

In 1933 several farmers elected to buy tractors and threshers and Mr. Veals received top award and a silver tea service for his Massey-Harris sales.

Another major line that came and went was the Chrysler products, Dodge cars and trucks, from 1933 to 1940. In 1937 this shop was equipped with a complete set of Sun Manufacturing Company tune-up equipment, which was said to be the first of its kind in smaller garages in rural Manitoba.

Mr. Veals has a list of staff employed down through the forty-eight years which numbers one hundred and eight names. This list might afflict the patient reader, but he was always proud to point out the many young lads who put their first "business foot" on the ladder at the old stand.

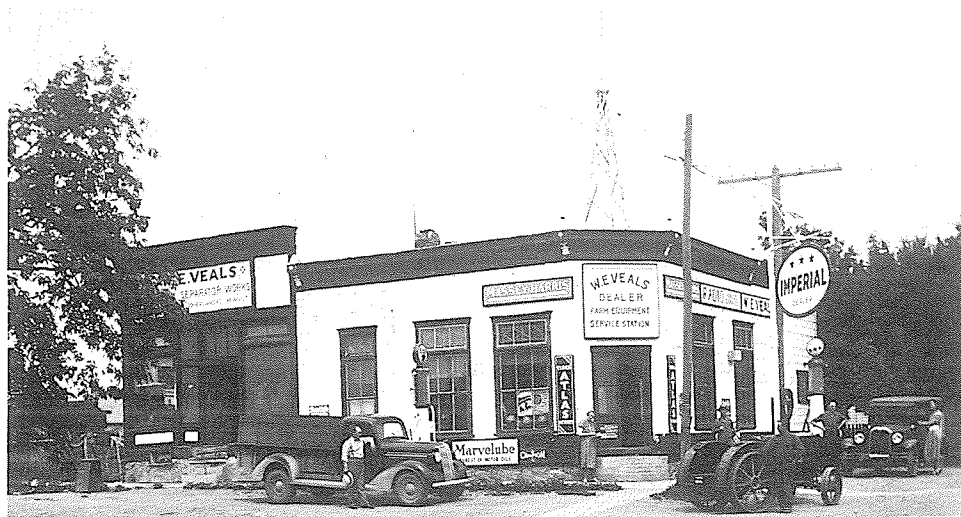
The business was sold in March 1968 to Kenneth Rombough, who operated the business as an automotive service shop and service station until it was destroyed by fire in the early 1970's.

Wilson Seeds Ltd.

Owned and operated by James M. Wilson, Wilson Seeds Ltd. started operation in 1993 and built a plant on S.E. 1/4 29-2-7. The business cleans wheat, barley, oats, flax and peas. The business offers general service cleaning and sales.

The Windygates Canadian Customs Port

The first Canadian Customs Port to serve the area which was opened in the 1920's, was located by the bridge in the Pembina Valley. As this was several miles from the border, local people often had to drive several miles out of their way to report and, as a consequence, many took the



The Veals Shop - 1938 (l-r) W.E. Veals, Jessie Jordan, Harry Frank, Cliff Jones, Grant Frame, Kay Frame

apparently acceptable alternative of leaving their teams or cars on the Canadian side and walked across the line.

Mr. Bert Evans was the first customs officer, and in 1930 Mr. A. Collard was sent to open the new Windygates office and staff residence which was built just across from Maida, where the road runs south to Langdon.

When Mr. Frank Fargey and his family came to take charge, their house and fuel was provided for them, in addition to a salary of \$980 per year. The house was quite small, with the basement entrance outside. This was not too convenient, especially when the wind came sweeping across the open country to the north and west. Mr. Fargey started a windbreak and began gathering and planting shrubs. In 1937, the government provided eleven hundred more trees and shrubs. Most of these survived the dry years, and by 1944 the shelter belt was well established.

As the water supply at the port had been condemned by the Department of Health, water was brought from Maida for thirteen years, until a new well was dug in 1944. The Fargeys were transferred to Winnipeg in the same year.

A windmill-type electric plant, installed in 1938, supplied power for the lights and charged the radio battery.

Because the road north closed with the first

snow storm, the children attended school in Maida until they finished grade six. In 1939 the highway was rebuilt; its course through the Pembina Valley was changed somewhat, and this combined to improve travelling conditions considerably.

In the fall and winter of 1939, when the price of oats was high in Canada and large quantities were imported from the United States, some two hundred thousand bushels of oats came through the Windygates port, in spite of the road conditions, which, at that time, were far from ideal. In 1936-37, hay bound for drought areas in southern Saskatchewan came through from as far away as Minnesota.

Mr. Les Moore took over from Mr. Fargey in 1944, and was joined by Mr. C.L. Sanders in 1957. When Mr. Moore retired in 1966, Mr. Sanders became the senior customs officer, and on June 3 of the same year. Mr. E.R. Rudd came to take over the duties of officer in charge.

In 1971, Cecil Sanders transferred to Snowflake Port of Entry. Borden Ellis and Barry Warsaba then joined Ray Rudd at Windygates. Since 1971 a number of Customs Inspectors have worked at Windygates, including: Don Carlow, Larry Bilton, Neil Stewart, Bob Clarke, Henry Klassen, and Glenn Schultz. At present, Windygates Customs is staffed by Shelley Drew, Stan Johnston and Barry Warsaba.

While You Go Travelling Through Darlingford

Sung to the Tune of "Marching Through Georgia"

If any here are strangers and you feel you'd like
to know
The business folks of Darlingford, who keep it on
the go.
We'll introduce the people who'll relieve you of
your dough
While you go travelling through Darlingford.

Chorus

Hurrah, hurrah, our song may not be sweet,
Hurrah, hurrah, but our town is hard to beat
For here you see prosperity on every busy street,
While you go travelling through Darlingford.

If you are strange you must arrange for a place to
sleep and dine,
Whitbread keeps a house that all the travellers
say is fine,
You're used as well at the hotel as any on the line.

William Veals is stationed right up,
next to the hotel,
With Massey Harris implements and
gasoline to sell,
He sometimes goes to hospital,
tho' looking fairly well.

If you have more gold, when your crop is sold,
than you will need this fall,
Or if you need to buy your feed and have
no cash at all,
Call on Mr. Blackwell at the Bank of Montreal.

If you like, we next will hike, to they
busy corner store,
It's run by Strait, it's up to date from
the ceiling to the floor,
There's groceries here or underwear,
or hinges for you door.

As tinsmith, oil and hardware man,
not one is here so long,
As Coleman, who is looking well, and
still is going strong;
He still can shoot a curling stone and
sing a snappy song.

Nichol, of the I.H.C., is busy every day

Selling his machinery in the International way
But if your girl is pretty, then look
out for his coupe.

H.R. Veals, the merchant, all your wants
he gladly fills,
Confectionery, groceries, clothing -
plain or else with frills.
And if you're sick, he'll cure you quick
with castor oil or pills.

Carl White sells the Chevrolet, a car
hat always goes,
Where most cars die, it runs on high,
that's what his business grows,
You'll find him in his office demonstrating radios.

Fensom is our blacksmith, always working
with a will;
Hand that man a plough-share and he'll
beat it out with skill,
But he never beats it when you call to
pay your bill.

Hawkins next, can take a text and
readily converse,
At woodwork few are better, but there's
dozens who are worse;
He sometimes hits his finger, but you
never hear him curse.

Mr. Groom, of the Lumber Yard, is famous
for his chicks,
He can furnish wood that's straight and
good in any size of sticks,
But here's a tip: Don't make the trip if you
can't be there by six.

George Young has been here for many a year,
and plenty long enough.
That long now there'd be a row if he stole
the farmers stuff.
He causes pain when he says your grain
was rejected tough.

The other elevator owned by Wiley Low
Is run by Mr. Harper, who's man
we secretly know,
But it's modern quite and looks alright,
so we'll just say, "hello."

Jensen, of the C.P.R., of work is not afraid

You'll always find him busy, never
lounging in the shade,
He'll be chewing gum and going some
and wielding hoe or spade.

Next we'll hop to the barber shop,
if there you haven't been,
Edinburgh'll cut your hair and shave
you smooth and clean;
He'll never quit till you are fit to call
upon the queen.

Stop in the Post Office which obligingly is run,
Buy our friend Fred Amy and his work
is never done;
Handling stamps and letters, cards and
papers by the ton.

Now, if you are putting thro' a phone call,
long or brief,
The Misses Fry or Carswell or Miss Patterson,
the chief,
Will gladly make connections with
a speed beyond belief.

If you would feast on any beast that could
ever grunt or bawl,
Call on Roy Bond's butcher shop, as tasty,
neat and small,
I hear they eat his toughest meat without any
teeth at all.

Bryson runs with his two sons, the livery
stable here,
With the dray and hauling hay, he's busy
all the year,

They hit the trail with loads of mail in
weather most severe.

If you have some geese or turkeys or some
hens that don't lay eggs.
Some marketable cattle or a bunch of thrifty pigs,
Don't delay, but phone today,
our general Mr. Briggs.

If your boots are worn or harness torn by
usage or mishap,
And you want repairs, right then and there
Ted Scammel is the chap.
That man, so thin, will start right in,
repairing every strap.

If you should meet some maiden sweet
And in Cupid's net get caught,
And the little dame will take your name
and with you share her lot,
Just see our Reverend Kennedy, he'll tie
the needed knot.

We thank you all here in the hall,
the ladies and the gents,
For listening long to this our song,
that has so little sense,
It's all in fun, we hope no one, will take
the least offence.

This was an item intended for the concert,
Saturday, July 29th, but due to a shortage of time,
was omitted. It was written in 1926, by the late
Errol Hunt and used at a concert in the old Law
Hall.

FARMING

Thru the Years

Well - Well

The Village of Darlingford, always enjoyed a good water supply in both quantity and quality. The actual ground formation along the Pembina ridge is black rich loam over a yellow clay that covers a layer of quicksand and it is from the quicksand that the water is obtained.

From the early days, wells were hand dug or bored at numerous locations, some of which are still being used to this day. In the early 1900's Mart Nichol was having a well cleaned by two men, one on the windlass and one went down the well. The man on the top sensed trouble and called to the quiet victim below. When he received no answer, he too went down. Both men were overcome by what was believed to be carbon dioxide. They were retrieved from the well but later died.

In the late 1920's a farmer was alarmed to see the barn floor under his driving mare disappear into a well. The rope broke and horse sank down about sixteen feet. All nearby farmers managed to fill the hole and allow her to climb out. An unfortunate farmer had his team of horses disappear into a bog hole that was eighteen feet deep and twelve feet across.

In 1932 a lady from Darlingford hung out her laundry in the morning. When she returned to the line (about twenty-five feet from her back door) in the afternoon, she dropped straight down about eighteen feet. Her calls for help were heard and she was rescued unhurt.

More fortunate was the gentleman who returned late one night and noticed something black in the backyard. With the help of a flashlight he discovered a cave-in about four feet square. The next day it was discovered that the hole was twenty feet deep and to add to the mystery the local dray team had passed over this very spot the week before with a load of coal.

Trees

It was the late Mr. James Rice who tended and nurtured the Darlingford Memorial strippling evergreens, while to the late Mr. Dan Kelly goes the credit for planting those hundreds of evergreens and poplars to form a windbreak at the school and this labour of love was done along with caretaking of the Darlingford Consolidated School at \$45 per month, but what a memorial they represent to the old gentlemen.

Mr. E.H. Stevens planted some willows around his garden about fifty years ago. The big daddy of

the string measures one hundred thirty-nine inches around at the bole. Some willow!

In 1929 a severe ice storm loaded both the telephone and hydro lines and every tree in the village suffered more or less. Many were taken out. While again, in 1953, a bug was noticed in early spring on the evergreens. Morden Dominion Experimental Station was consulted. Spray them with malathion and that was done with a tractor sprayer pump and a long hose and wand at ten cents each - all six hundred eighty of them.

There is a legend here that one hard working early settler, the late J.C. Smith, was responsible for clearing scrub and timber off of over one thousand acres using his own muscle, horses, oxen, steam engines and later on gas tractors. While many others, would register at one hundred acres and, if you, dear reader, have ever grubbed out trees and cleaned up the land afterward ready for cultivation, you will recall that it is no child's play.

From the Darlingford "Comet" dated March 1913, we read: "It has taken Canada a long time to realize that the forests were one of the most important assets of the country. We must preserve what nature has intended should be preserved." Sir Wilfred Laurier at the Thirteenth Annual Canadian Forestry Association Conference in Ottawa, 1913.

One forty foot oak, standing alone, across the street from an old bachelor's window, at sunset forms a picture no artist could dream of. Perhaps the poet was right when he wrote, "Only God can make a tree."

"This Neck of the Woods"

Strange as it may sound, this virgin land on the Pembina Mount in 1870 was a very important "neck of the woods." If we consider this Pembina mountain, or escarpment as it is often referred to, it was and still is, quite interesting.

When the C.P.R. went through in 1882 they chose a route that would take them over the ridge, through a ravine that lead through the center of a veritable hourglass of heavily timbered country, at an elevation of roughly sixteen hundred feet above sea level.

It is common knowledge that the townsite was covered with a heavy growth of trees and shrubs, leading out onto swamp flats to the west and fairly open park land to the east.

To the south of the townsite the timber belt fanned out many miles in width. The same pattern followed to the north. heavily wooded from the hills

west of Miami across to a point close to Altamont.

The old Kilgour saw mill, located six miles due north of our village, which continued operation until World War I was proof that there must have been a good deal of heavy timber around. Several smaller, tractor-operated mills ran until well into the dirty thirties.

While no evergreens grew in a wild state, there were large oak, ash and elm trees scattered through the ever present poplars, as well as plenty of scrub oak and Manitoba maple. The countless cherry trees and wild plums supplied winter food for the birds and animals survival, and acres of wild filbert or hazel nut was food for the lesser fry. With tons of acorns and nuts it must have been a squirrel's paradise.

Thousand of acres of this timber and scrub have been rooted out by hand, oxen, horses, steam engines, gas and diesel tractors. The bush land, once reclaimed, grew excellent crops and still does. It is a common sight to see a forty bushel wheat crop waving in the breeze on land that has been in some cases cultivated for ninety years. It is no wonder that the Indians crowded into this area in winter. according to all the early historical records of our province.

It is interesting to note that when the early settlers in our fair village got through clearing out most of the natural growth, they set right to work to replant their favourite trees and hedges. One of the first recordings of tree plantings started at the local cemetery in 1912. By the early 1920's the Dominion Experimental Station was able to supply trees for our Memorial Park, the church and the school grounds. Messers Bryson and Rombough made several trips to Treherne, Manitoba, to dig up young spruce trees and bring them home in cars. These same trees today are thirty to forty-five feet high, and a pleasure to behold. Mr. Bryson gave one of these little trees to a lad for his help in planting and carrying water. See it now.

Ploughing Matches

We all recognize the great advances made in modern agricultural equipment, but if we pause to think of man's early battles for existence, we find him - in ancient times - tilling the fields with cattle, or even, human power, dragging various kinds of sticks and wooden tools across the fields in his fight "to make two blades grow where only one grew before." Equipment was hard to come by and fairly primitive, compared to what we use at this time.

The tidy appearance of well ploughed fields with straight furrows, spawned the idea for ploughing matches. Every plot of ground carried the workman's signature - for better or worse. No matter what age, father or son, the best team of horses, the best harness and the pick of the ploughs were used to compete and amazed the judges with such fine work.

Shadeland and Calf Mountain Ploughing Association was organized on February 28, 1913. It was moved by John Ching and seconded by William Lumgair that a Ploughing Match be held that year. Carried. Appointed officers were as follows: president - James Dudgeon; Secretary Treasurer - J.C. Smith; directors - John Ching, Jim Hill, W.C. White, Martin Nichol, George Sandy and Alex Lumgair. Meetings were held on March 22 and April 10 to work out the details.

Committees were set up to locate a suitable field of stubble for ploughing, to organize races and baseball games for the younger set, to build a refreshment booth out of lumber, poplar poles and a good covering of young trees. Non-contestants were to be charged thirty-five cents per plate - competing contestants were not charged.

The first match was held on June 19, 1913 on the S.E. 1/4 27-2-7, with five different classes: Walking Plough - Classes 1 and 2; Gang Ploughs - Classes 1 and 2; and a class for beginners. First prize was \$15, second \$12, third \$8, with thirteen contestants taking home some cash.

Funds came from a local canvass of \$121, entrance fees totalling \$12 and a government grant of \$50. E. Martin of Roland was the judge and was paid \$15 for his efforts. After all bills were paid there was a balance of \$46.55 in the Bank of British North America, no talk of deficit financing. After another successful "Ideal Farmers Holiday" the balance on hand was \$144.50. Merchants and other interested parties were canvassed resulting in a long list of "Special Prizes" for the oldest, the youngest, best strike out, best finished land, highest points scored and best looking outfit in all the classes. The winners were often doubly blessed and this tended to bring more entries in the following years.

Some of the "special prizes" donated were: a \$5 hat, a pair of rawhide halters, a set of whipple trees and neck yoke, a stable wheelbarrow, and a \$6 set of spread rings. A prankster topped the list by donating a prize for "the best looking plough man" and the judge had Miss Pearl Amy assist him.

Each year is reported in the Minute Book. Some

items of interest: "I move that the secretary treasurer send a letter to the Morden Times to apologize for our error." "\$5 paid to Mr. X for scrubbing the church basement" Wow - what a meeting!

In later years the farm tractor made its appearance and it was noted that Chester Andrews was the first farmer, in all Southern Manitoba, to purchase a tractor with rubber tires. Neighbours were amused that a tractor with soft wheels could pull a load.

Winners as recorded:

1913 - W.L. Wilson, A. Dudgeon, Thomas Duncan, George Stepler, G.W. Sandy, George Jacobs, J. Knisley, William Morrow, W. Lumgair, William Tremble.

1914 - Andrew Dudgeon, Wes Ching, William Morrow, William Lumgair, William Tremble, J. Jackie, Bert Wilson, Alvin McElroy, Arrol McElroy, G.W. Sandy.

1915 - Wes Ching, R.V. Arnott, J. Jackie, William Lumgair, Alex Lumgair, William Tremble, Frank Gould, Alex Dudgeon, G.W. Sandy, Arrol McElroy, Garnet McElroy, Leonard Hunt.

1916 - George White, Wes Ching, Will Lumgair, Alex Lumgair, William Tremble, V.C. Waddingham, John Duncan, Alvin Andrew, Arrol McElroy, Garnet McElroy, Leonard Hunt, David Duncan, Bob Dudgeon.

1917 - William Lumgair, Neil McNaughton, George White, Alex Lumgair, William Tremble, V.C. Waddingham, Len Hunt, Garnet McElroy, Melvin Andrew, Will Wilson, Dan Watts, David Duncan, Robert Lumgair, Arthur Aspevig.

1918 - No match held.

1919 - William Lumgair, Cecil Hunt, Bert Bloxam, John Duncan, David Duncan, Robert

Dudgeon, George Sandy, C. Johns, A. Aspevig, F. Gould. Bert Bloxam won the Armstrong Cup.

1920 - William Lumgair, Frank Gould, Bert Bloxam, George White, C. Hunt, George Sandy, Robert Dudgeon, Charles Simmons, M. McElroy, Ron Charters, Orleon Hanson, David Kidd, Bert Bloxam. Bert Bloxam won the Armstrong Cup.

1921 - Class 1 - William Lumgair, F. Gould, V.C. Waddingham, James Mackie; Class 2 - Bert Bloxam, George White, Cecil Hunt; Class 3 - Robert Dudgeon, David Duncan, Chester Andrew, A. Aspevig; Class 4 - Mel Andrew, Earl Hunt, R.V. Arnott, Percy McElroy; Class 5 - Ron Charters, David Kidd; Class 6 - Murray Nichol, Orleon Hanson, Alex Dudgeon, Bert Bloxam. Bert Bloxam was awarded the George Armstrong Cup.

1922 - W. Lumgair, Frank Gould, James Mackie, V.C. Waddingham, Robert Morrison, Harry Leatherdale, Melvin Andrew, Thomas Duncan, Earl Hunt, Arthur Aspevig, Chester Andrew, Grif Williams, Clarence Rudd, Joe Carson, David Kidd, Murray Nichol, Orleon Hanson, Robert Lumgair, Alex Dudgeon. Mr. Bert Bloxam won a cup donated by the provincial government this year.

1923 - Class 1 - William Lumgair, William Rogers, F. Gould, R. Morrison, James Mackie; Class 2 - Mel Andrew, George White, C. Rudd, D. Duncan; Class 3 - Arthur Aspevig, Ron McGregor, Telfer McGregor; Class 4 - Otto Kinsman, Arthur Pratt, Joe Carson; Class 5 - Albert Waddingham, Chester Geving; Class 6 - John Cameron, Orleon Hanson; Class 7 - M.D. Nichol, Clifford White, Robert Lumgair.

1924 - Class 1 - William Lumgair, F. Gould, V.C. Waddingham, J. Mackie; Class 2 - Bert Bloxam, George White, Cecil Hunt; Class 3 - A. Aspevig, Chester Andrew, Robert Dudgeon, D. Duncan; Class 4 - George Sandy, Mel Andrew, Tom Duncan, R.V. Arnott, P. McElroy, E. Hunt; Class 5 - Ron Charters, David Kidd; Class 6 - Orleon Hansen, M.D. Nichol; Class 7 - Fred Spangelo. Club Trophy to W. Lumgair and the Honourable George Armstrong Trophy to Bert Bloxam.

1925 - Class 1 - R.



Plowing match

Morrison, F. Gould, G.W. Sandy, Alex Minty; Class 2 - Bert Bloxam, C.S. Rudd, M.T. Andrew, George Topley, P.H. Fraser; Class 3 - J. Switzer, Garnet Bloxam, Arrol McElroy; Class 4 - Chester Andrew, George Bloxam, A. Aspevig; Class 5 - Clayton Robbins, Ron Charters; Class 6 - Albert Waddingham, Ernest Elliot; Class 7 - Cecil Hunt.

1926 - Class 1 - William Jessiman, R. Morrison, George Andrew, James Mackie, F. Gould; Class 2 - J. Switzer, Garnet Bloxam, C.S. Rudd; Class 3 - Charles Simmons, J. Mariland, Ron McGregor, D. Duncan; Class 4 - Wallace Lumgair, Robert Hill, James Laing, Bert Wilson; Class 5 - Albert Waddingham, Peter Aspevig; Class 6 - Cecil Hunt, George Bloxam.

1927 - No ploughing match was recorded in the books.

1928 - Class 1 - F. Gould, William Jessiman; Class 2 - Garnet Bloxam, C. Robbins, J. Switzer, M.T. Andrew; Class 3 - M. McElroy; Class 4 - Wallace Lumgair, David Lumgair, Ron Waddingham; Class 5 - Albert Waddingham; Class 6 - David Duncan, R.V. Arnott, C.S. Rudd

1947 - The Minute Book records a meeting in the Zion Church to wind up the affairs of the Shadeland and Calf Mountain Ploughing Association. A motion shows that \$25 was donated to the "beef ring" and the balance to the Morden Hospital.

Down through the years certain cups and trophies were donated to the association. The first one recorded was donated by Mr. George Armstrong, M.L.A. The next was purchased by the Shadeland and Calf Mountain Ploughing Association and then a cup was set up by the province.

Bert Bloxam won the Armstrong Trophy in 1919, 1920 and 1921 and the Provincial Cup in 1922, plus more awards at other matches, including the Provincial Match at Portage la Prairie. He also acted as a judge at the Provincial Matches for some forty years.

Another champion to the art, was William Jessiman of Morden. Distance meant little when there was ploughing to be done. In 1930, Albert Waddingham won a trophy at the Provincial Match at Portage la Prairie, keeping Darlingford's name on the map.

John S. Tickner is to be praised for his clear and concise recordings as secretary-treasurer for most of the years. T.M. Nichol took over the custody of the three books from J.S. Tickner and helped the committee with the Darlingford Saga as did A.G.

(Gang Plough) Bloxam and William (Walking Plough) Jessiman.

In 1970, the farmer had many new and wonderful machines to till the soil that would have caused quite a stir at a 1913 Ploughing Match. The plough has been the inspiration for many songs and poems, including Bobby Burns who, sitting on the handles of his walking plough, lamented that he had just ploughed up a mouse's winter nest and caused him to write "ah wee moosie, the plans of men and mice oft gang aglae".

In 1999, the farm equipment is bigger than ever. What took all day can now be done in a matter of hours.

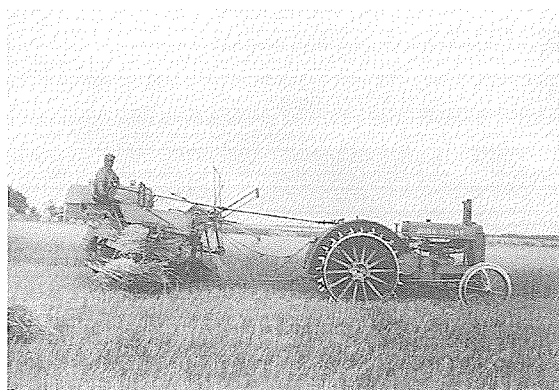
Farming Through Time

Farming and agriculture has always been the dominant industry in the Darlingford community. It also is one of the industries which has seen the most change in the past century.

Grain growing in the district was first recorded in 1878. The nearest location to market the grain was Emerson. However, the great distance was impractical and although a few farmers made the trek with horses or oxen, many farmers sold their grain to settlers arriving in the district who were in need of seed or wheat for grinding into flour. Crops were considered good by 1880 although in 1891 crops were ravaged by winds and rain and little was salvaged.

The early 1900's saw more people arriving in the area.

The 1920's were considered good after the first world war soldiers returned home to settle down and start families. People had cars and farmsteads could be found on every half section. Settlers first homes were replaced by better ones which were heated with wood and coal and lit with gas lamps



Mel Stone cutting grain, steering tractor from binder and binder controls



Miami Fair - 1965 - Ron Waddingham and John Maloney with Topsy and Queen



Cutting field of oats with binder in 1981
excellent saskatoon crop because of the amount of snow. Large families especially found the 30's difficult so they were given \$10 a month from the municipality. Those people living close to the border made use of needs which were less expensive in the United States.

Teachers who made their living in the district at this time were paid \$45 to \$50 a month and had to pay room and board out of their salary. Hired men worked in the winter for room and board and recall some wages being \$7.50 to \$9 a month. Although times were tough, people found joy in simple things



Harrowing with four horses in 1981
and lanterns. Farms were not large as cultivation was done with horse power. In the rural area the schools were seen as the social centre of the community and people socialized with their neighbours.

The prosperous 20's were followed by the depression in the 1930's. The cars which people once owned were being pulled by teams of horses because of the high price of gasoline. Dust storms blew across the prairies taking much of the precious top soil with it. There was little crop to sell so farmers turned to milking cows and selling the cream. There was a great amount of snow although it melted by February which left the soil to dry out. Although there were poor field crops, there was an



Ron Waddingham and John Maloney stooking in 1981

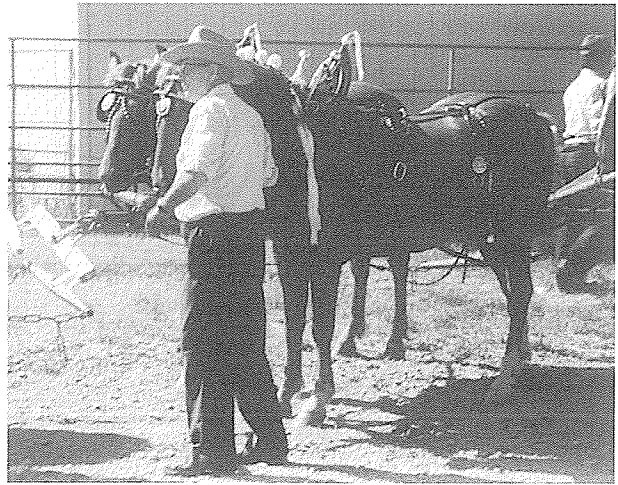


A load of oat sheaves waiting at the threshing machine

such as house parties and dances at the community halls.

The 1940's brought better crops because of precipitation, although the wartime prices and trade board kept grain prices low. Rationing was also in effect and coupons were required to buy flour, butter, gasoline and sugar. A social uprooting was witnessed as many of the men did not return home from the war. The 40's were also a decade of mechanical transition and the first self propelled combine was used in the community.

The 1950's saw many improvements in farming equipment and by 1955 everyone owned combines. Roads were maintained better this led to more travelling and increased peoples' business circles which was unfortunate for the small town storekeepers. A major outing in the 50's was when the entire family would go to town on Saturday night the men would



Ron Waddingham helping John Maloney at Manitou Fair in 1981

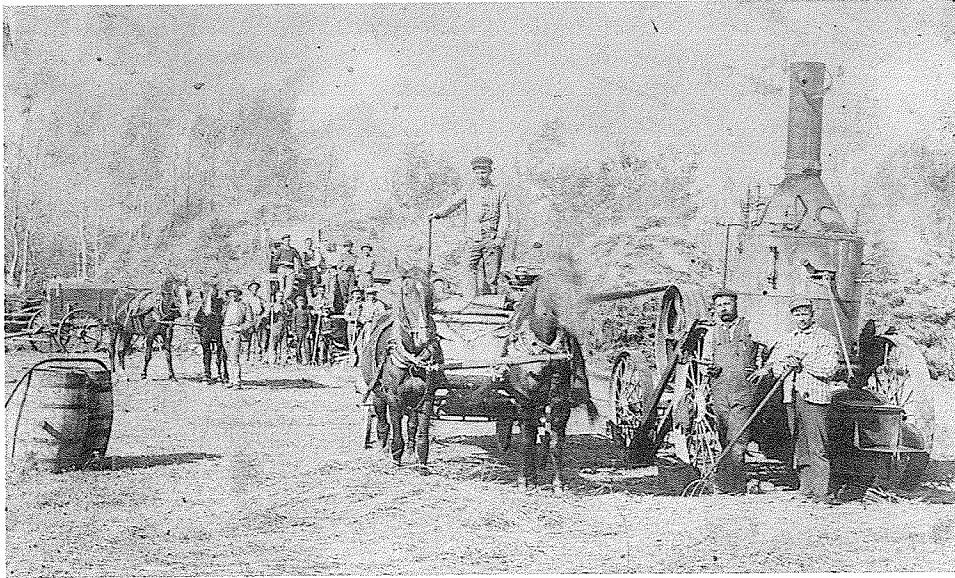


Duane Williams with team and rake

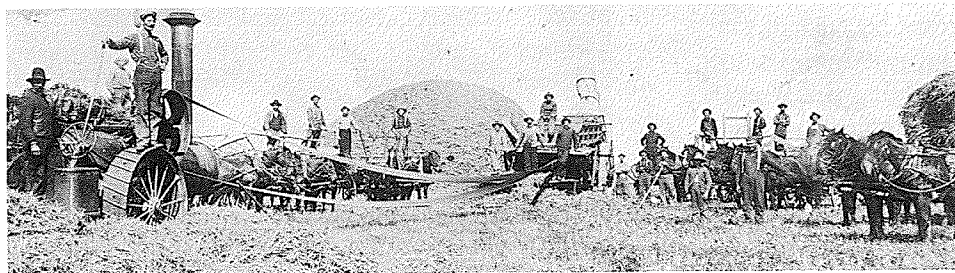
visit the local establishment, kids would go to the dance, while the women would visit in the coffee shop or in cars.



Threshing unit



Hank Lone's outfit taken in Windygates about 1899 - note upright boiler



Tom Cooper's outfit at Windygates.

The 1960's saw greater specialization in agriculture, fewer mixed farms and also began the use of fertilizer on crops.

The 1970's were known as "the golden time" for many farmers in the area with excellent grain prices and with the use of chemicals better crops were grown. The decade also saw people from outside the community buying land in the Pembina Valley because of reduced land prices and their own land being used to grow potatoes.

The 1980's saw farming, like everything else, affected by the recession as input costs such as fertilizer, machinery and high land prices were higher than the farmers' outputs. The 80's also saw farmers and their wives working off the farm to supplement the family income.

The 1990's have seen many changes such as large hog operations, and increased technology in machinery. A few people can farm a large amount of land. Diversification has almost become a necessity. A unique operation that a few local farmers have invested in is Pregnant Mares Urine (P.M.U.) or the Equine Ranching Association as it is known today.

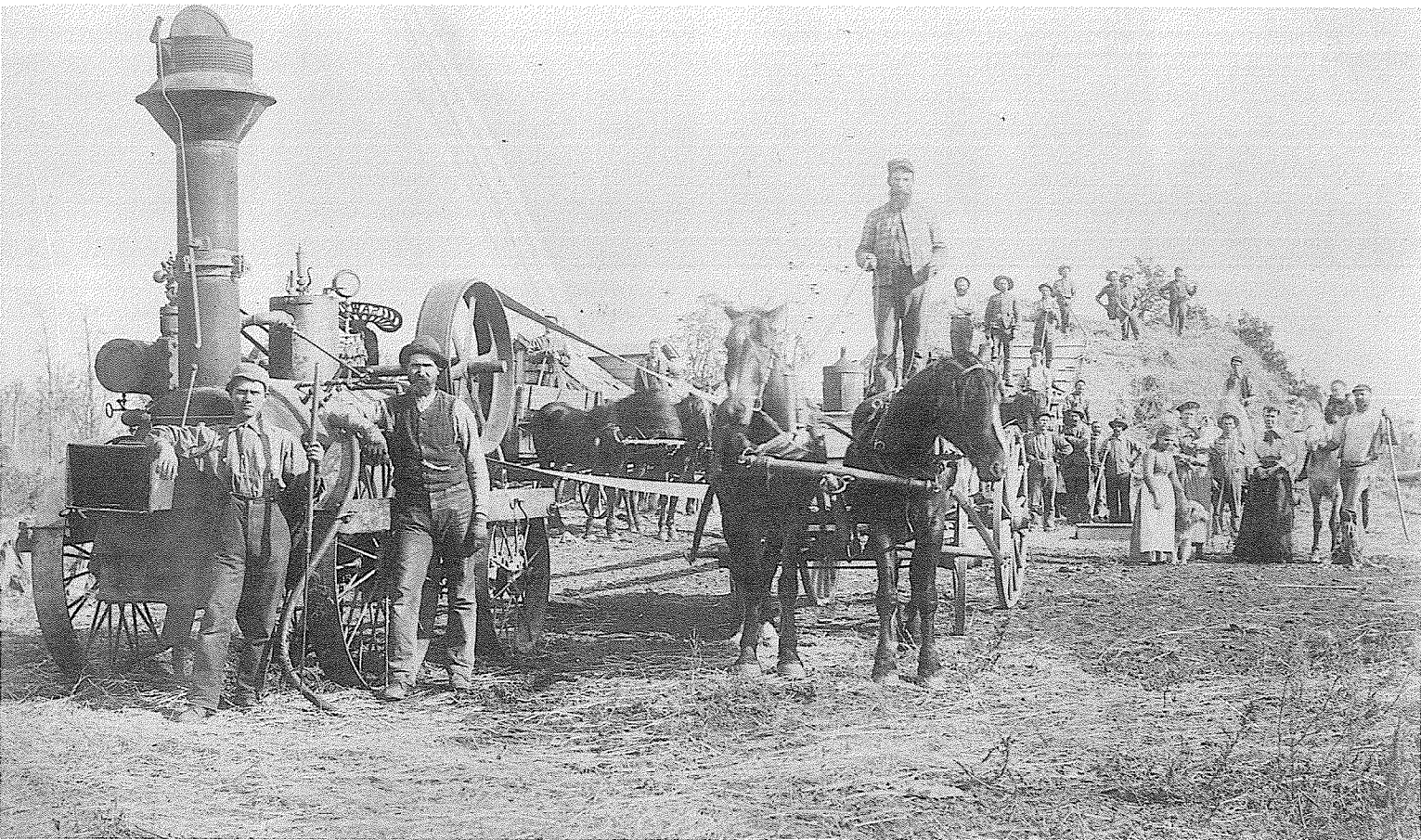
The rancher is awarded a contract for a certain number of horses. The mares must be pregnant one hundred and twenty days. They are kept in a barn with other mares for six months and their urine is measured and shipped weekly to Ayerst in Brandon where the estrogen found in the urine is used as a hormone in different medications. Ayerst is the only plant of this kind in western Canada. This type of farming existed for about thirty five years. Recently farmers have been experimenting with various crops such as beans and hemp. Operating costs are extremely high and it has been said, "If you can afford to start farming today, retire."

As we look to the next century it is difficult to tell where farming is headed. It is obvious from the number of century family farms that

still operate in the community today, that agriculture, no matter how it may change through the years and the basis of hard work and making a living from the land, remain as strong in the Darlingford district as they were a century ago.



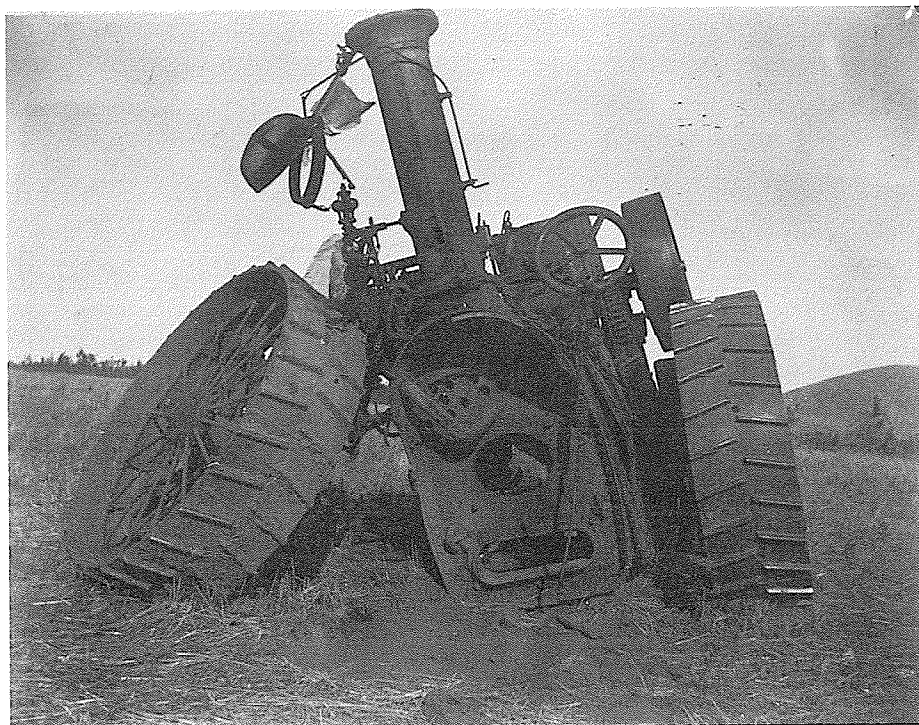
The old case - 1912 tractor, once owned by the late "Bill" Mitchell, Gordon Cram, leaning on the wheel, Ross Griffin, Wm. Nichol, Len Hunt who provided the ancient thresher, Manley Mitchell in the cab



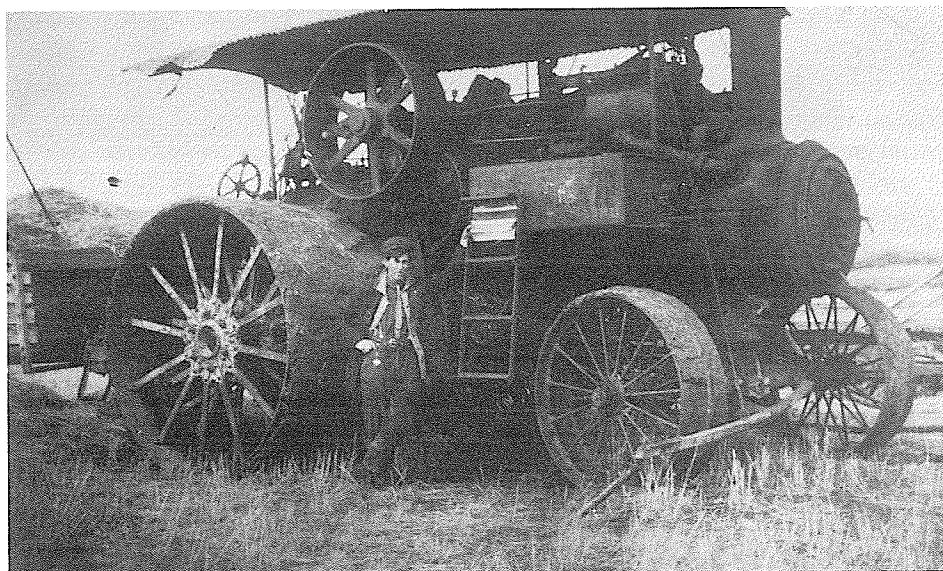
James Boyle outfit - Take at Darlingford, 1895



The Savage Lowry outfit threshing on the Wm. Jordan farm - 1901



"Oops' she blew up!"



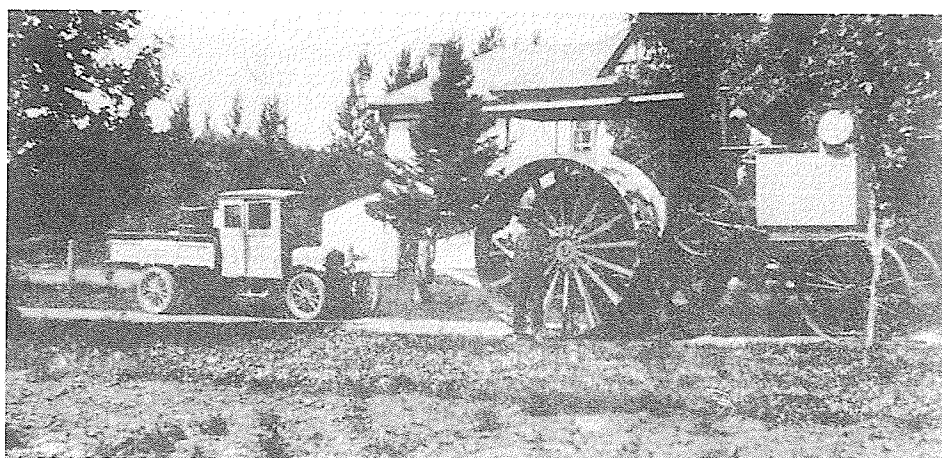
"The Daddy of all" American Able Co. 145 horse power pulled 14 plows and harrows - 1914



The Diemerts, Sr. and Jr. breaking bushland with 8 horse team



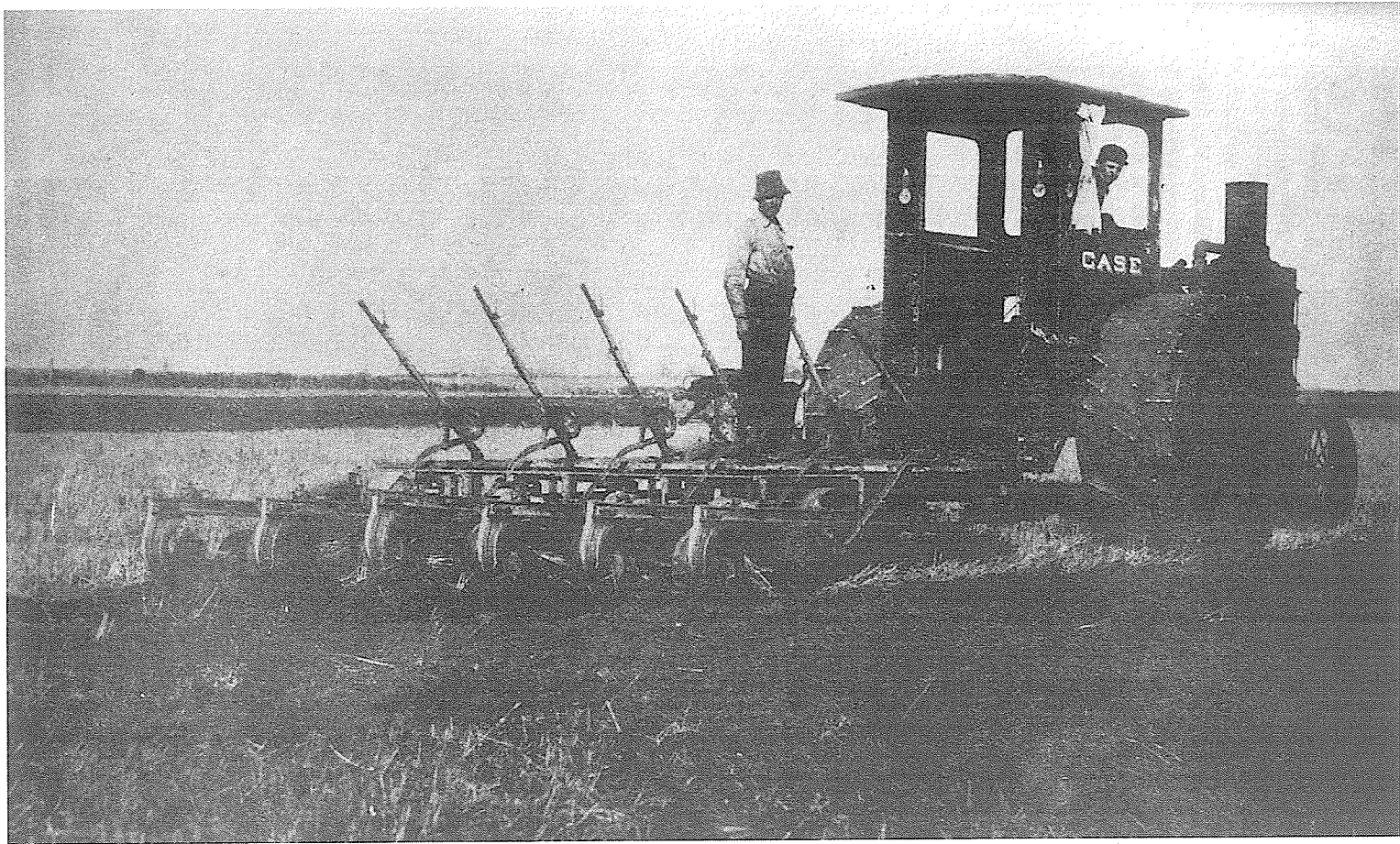
Breaking on the Nairn farm - 36-3-7 about 1915 Engine is the 18-25 Rumley universal gas tractor



The late Mr. Ralph Currie with his 12 plow "Flower City"



Breaking scrub land - 1925 - Seymour farm



R.T. (Bobby) Jordan and "Ole Nellie" about 1914

SCHOOLS

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Barclay School

A cairn, suitably inscribed, now marks the site of the Barclay school, which burned to the ground on July 3, 1962. The records were destroyed, which made it very difficult, if not impossible, to reconstruct the history of the school without errors and omissions.

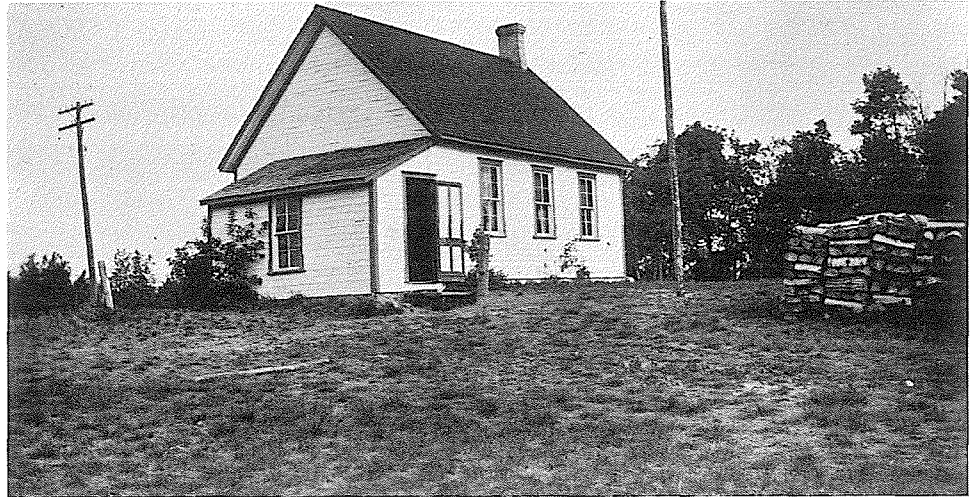
When, in 1891, the people of the district decided to build a school, the site chosen was the south-west corner of the S.W. 1/4 34-3-7, owned by Mr. Robert Barclay. He donated one acre of land on which to build, and this was how the school came by its name. It was about four and a half miles north, north-east of Darlingford. The carpenter in charge of the work was a Mr. Rombough, related to Douglas Rombough of this district. The material had to be hauled from Emerson.

The school was typical of rural schools of that era. It was, in effect, a community centre, being used for concerts and other social activities, and also for church services. but more on that later.

It was built on a fairly high rise of ground with a creek at the bottom. Great enjoyment was to be had sliding down the hill, and in the spring, if the creek

froze over, there was the added pleasure of ice sports. Of course, there were the usual games played in summer, mostly football and baseball.

Two of the outstanding annual events, always looked forward to and enjoyed, were the Christmas concert and the picnic at the end of the school term. Many excellent programs were put on by a great many teachers, and, of course, a great many different students over the years. It was astonishing what could be accomplished by a group so limited in numbers. The annual picnic was always a time of



Barclay School

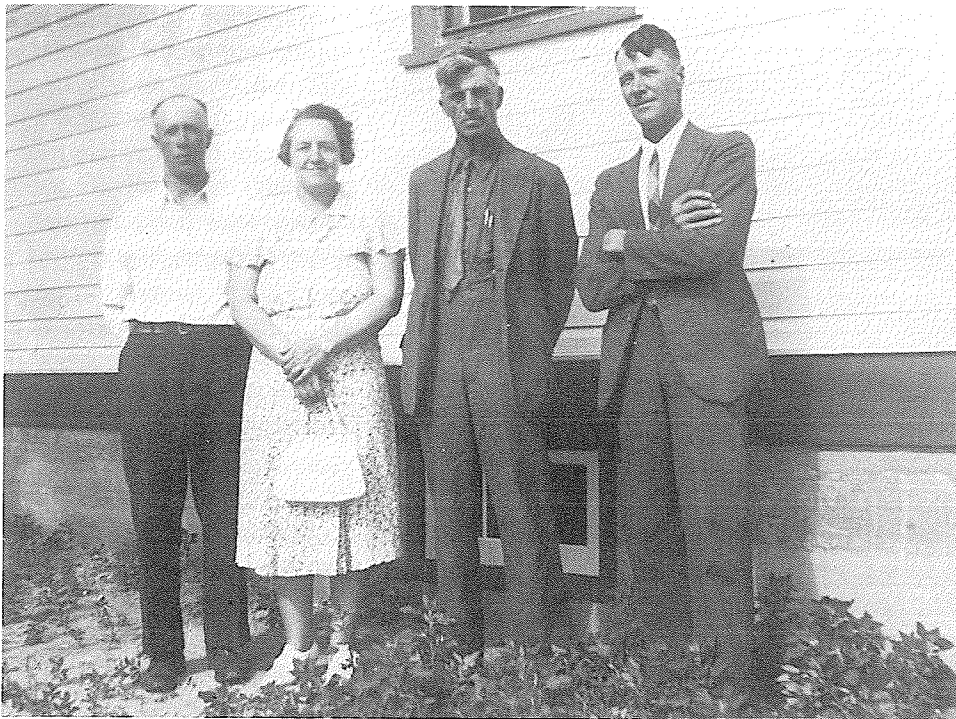
good fellowship, augmented by a delicious meal, revealing the capabilities of the ladies in the culinary art. Races and ball games formed the entertainment.

There is no official record, so we must just name some of the teachers from memory. Misses Addie Wilson and Nellie Hobkirk were the first two. The following may not be in the proper order of their years of service: Chas. Parker, Allan Patterson, Garnet Harland, Misses Viola Pollock, Bertha Stewart, Sadie Stevenson, Bessie Grain, Ella Compton, Georgina Switzer, Jean Wilkie, Alma Umphry, Olive Whiteford, Nellie Amy, Isabel Calder, Cora Ingram, Esther Phipps, Berle Forrest, Kathleen Kelly, Mary Cock, Hilda Evitt, Irene Mitchell, Martha Aspevig, Irene Waddell, Nettie Forrest, Pearl Reid, Annie Sprott, Donna Lougheed, Dorothy Howatt, Margaret Chambers, Ruth Lowe, Irene McPhee, Ina Swain and Miss Marion Snarr who was the last teacher at Barclay before the fire.

After the fire of 1962, at the beginning of the school year, Barclay united with Darlingford Consolidated.



Barclay School Students - 1949. (l-r) Louise Cowan, Duane Compton, Bertha Storey, Lyle Switzer, Edith Storey, Murray Ticknor, Shirley Cowan, front row: Jim Ticknor, Elaine Tickner



Barclay School Trustees - 1940
John Switzer, Mrs. Tom Compton, John S. Ticknor, Howard Storey

Calf Mountain School

In 1964 Calf Mountain School District became a part of the Consolidated School District of Darlingford. First organized in 1880, Calf Mountain was one of the oldest operating schools in Manitoba. The educational needs of the vastly changing agricultural community could no longer be met by one room rural schools; but in the nearly eighty years in which classes were conducted there, Calf Mountain School made a significant contribution to the development of this community and to

the world beyond its boundaries.

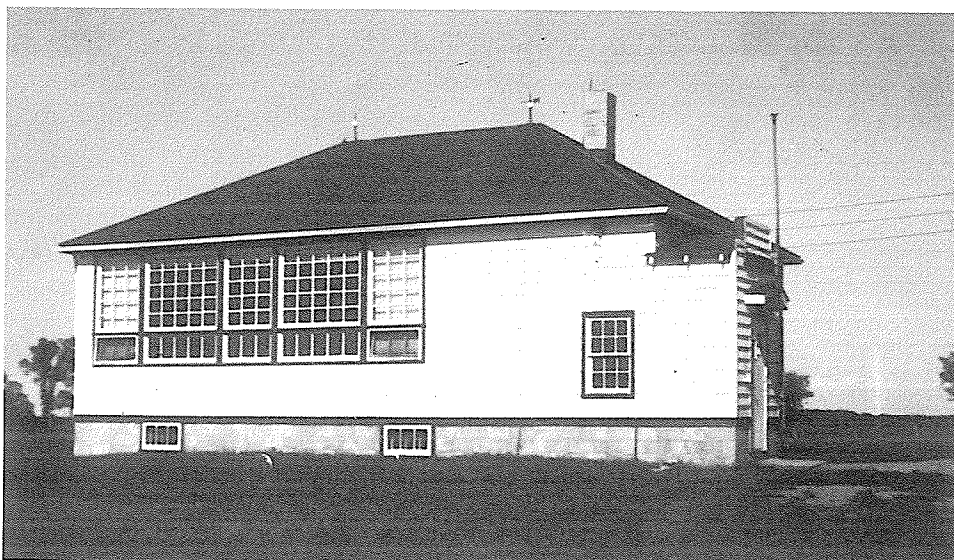
Calf Mountain School District took its name from the Indian burial mound located near its northwest corner, 5-3-7. Legend has it that the name resulted from the sighting of a buffalo calf on this mound - believed to have been built by the Assiniboine Indians, perhaps as long ago as one thousand years.

The first school district meeting was held in 1880. A. Stevens, S.A. Bedford and Noah Snyder were elected to the first board of trustees. They decided to build a log school house but by 1884, decided a frame one more practical. A Mr. Ulyot constructed the school which was

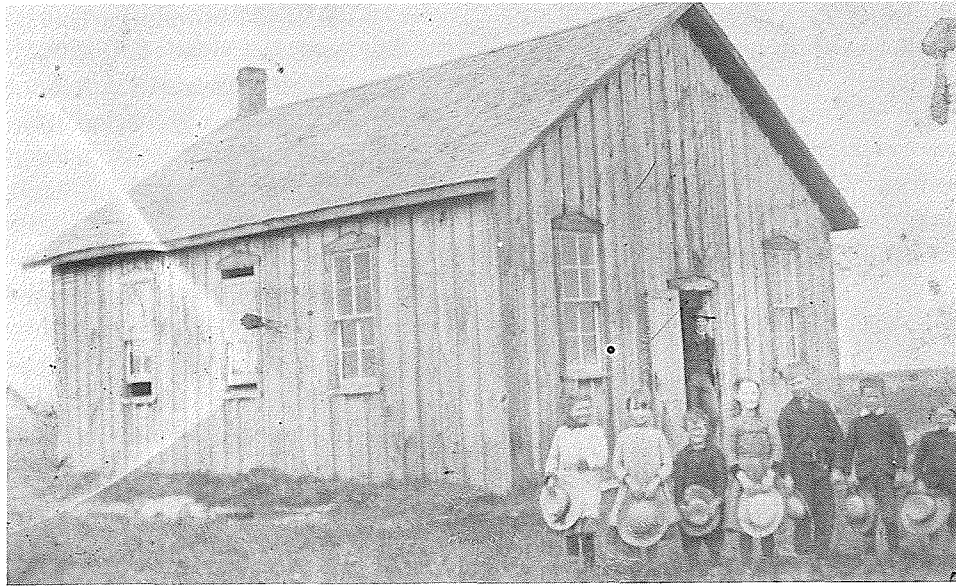
18 x 24 feet for \$925. There were three windows on the east and three on the west. Later, these were changed to four on the east and two small ones on the west, which aided lighting and ventilation. The heating system consisted of a box stove in the centre of the room, fired with wood. The purchase of twenty-two cords of wood on April 5, 1890, at ninety cents per cord was a big expense. This old building was insulated with sphagnum moss, one hundred percent in 1935.

The school was located on the S.W. corner of S.E. 33-2-7, owned by Mr. F. Bolton. The purchase was made in 1895 for the sum of one dollar on condition "that should the said land cease to be used for public school purposes, it should revert back to the Bolton farm or any following owners." The school yard was rented for three dollars per year. When it was enlarged in 1959, the rent was increased to five dollars to Mr. Degen.

The original school was



Calf Mountain School built 1949



Calf Mountain School built 1884

replaced by a modern frame school house in 1949. By this time rural electrification was a reality and the new school was brightly lit with fluorescent lights and heated with an oil furnace. Modern plumbing replaced the outhouses.

For eighty years, scores of children received part or all of their education at Calf Mountain School. The first class in 1887, Neil Lightly, Frank and Victor Waddingham, Frank Bedford, Earl Bolton and Lily Cowan, accompanied by her dog, began school with Miss Findlay. Victor was only three years old, but his attendance was essential to bring the total enrollment up to the required number.

During the first few years the school term was from March 1 to October 1. Miss Bell received \$40 per month and two weeks vacation. A year later Miss Best was hired from November to September of the next year and allowed two weeks vacation at Christmas and in July. It is not known when the ten month term was instituted, but budgeting the time was a problem with the numerous grades enrolled.

Until consolidation, the two highlights of the year were the Christmas concert and the June picnic. The word "smorgasbord" was not known in those days, but a sumptuous array of food was enjoyed by all at the picnic. After the games, the treat of the day came in the form of home-made ice cream, as much as two or three servings.

Through ledgers and minute books one senses the concern which the people of the district felt for their school. As well as budgeting for salary, lighting, cleaning, etcetera, fifty cents worth of flower seeds were purchased in the spring of 1900.

The hiring of teachers appears to have been an informal, unrecorded business until the late 1950's, other than those previously quoted.

There were just eight secretary-treasurers from 1881 to 1964, namely: S.A. Bedford, F. Bolton, H. Frank, E. Stevens, F. Wood, R.V. Arnott and Jas. Wood. Comparisons from their records show: 1889 teacher (four and one half months) \$135, 1889 cleaning school \$4.50, 1890 secretary's salary \$10, 1963 teacher (ten months) \$3,200, 1963 cleaning \$40, 1962 secretary's salary \$40.

Through the years there were forty-eight teachers listed in the register. Almost every family in the district had been represented on the school board; three generations of the Waddingham, Arnott and Nichol families and four generations of the Wm. Frank family, Wm. Slute, A. Waddingham and M. McElroy formed the board which worked hard for the new school. The members of the last board of trustees were E. Arnott, Murray and Bill Nichol.

"Women's Lib" came early to Calf Mountain when, in 1929 Ethel (Dave) Cowan was the first woman trustee to be elected.

Some daring capers are recounted. Mr. Herb Stevens tells about the time he and other boys were playing on forbidden ground, around freshly planted trees. The strap was administered to all ten, and Herb, being the last, figured the teacher was far from tired.

Gladys Stevens recalled the day when, although most of the children had arrived at school, very few were in class. The early birds had put a ladder to the trap door in the attic. Miss Sanderson removed the ladder and the attic prisoners played Button, Button with a pin until noon when the ladder was replaced. Who was the joke on?

M.D. Nichol placed a live mouse under the bell on the teacher's desk. By touching the bell, his friends attempted to make themselves accomplices. The plan did not work. Murray was singled out and received a strapping when the frantic mouse headed straight for the teacher.

Calf Mountain graduates served their country

with honour in the two world wars. A poem "Heroes of Calf Mountain School" was found in a collection of war poems written by Owen Berry, editor of "The Comet". The six he spoke of were Roy White, Bert, Harry and Elmer Bolton, Dave and Walter Nichol. Roy and Walter were the only ones who returned. Both were awarded the military medal for bravery and devotion under fire with Walter receiving the bar as well. It is understood that Harry Bolton was also awarded the military medal. Those who joined in World War II were Allan and Verna Arnott, Edward, Kenneth and Robert Lawson, David and William Nichol, and Lorna Wood. Dave Nichol and Kenneth Lawson paid the supreme sacrifice.

Calf Mountain alumni have entered many and varied fields of endeavour.

Chicken Hill School No. 581

There is no record of how, or where, the Chicken Hill School was built but, from the oldest register available, the school was in operation in 1890, with District No. 581. and an enrollment of thirteen pupils. There was a high hill near where the school was built so they called the school Chicken Hill.

The school house was situated on the N.E. 1/4 4-1-7 and served all Windygates and later became two separate school districts.

The first annual meeting on record was in 1904 and William Wilson was elected for three years, as trustee and, as secretary-treasurer, for one year.

In 1909 it was decided to build a second school and, according to the minutes of the annual meeting of that year. Chicken Hill School, the stable and stove, were sold to George Kerr, who represented the school board, by public auction at a sale conducted by Mr. Selwyn. The school was sold for \$75, the stable for \$11 and the stove for \$7.50.

The buildings were moved to the east and placed on the S.W. 1/2 11-1-7 and the school shingled. A new school was built on the N.E. 1/4 8-1-7. and given the name Point Douglas.

According to the records the first storm windows were installed on Chicken Hill School in 1912 and a new stable was built the same year.

The school house was heated by a wood burning stove and the price of wood was \$2.20 per cord.

Classes were held until 1964 when the two districts united under the name of Point Douglas, which in turn consolidated with Darlingford in 1967. The building is still standing. It was sold to Herbert Cowan and is now being used for a granary.

Chicken Hill School Teachers 1892-1959

Susan Johnston, S.E. Wallace, E.A. Carter, Margaret Moffatt, Emma Higgins, George Lamb, Violet Argue, Rosa Johnson, Miss Clench, Vera Meilicke, Frank Morrison, Alma Smith, Tina Goertzen, Florence Jaeger, Margaret Harder, Ernie Klassen, John Vanderstoel, Lily Robinson, Annie Gunness, John Houston, Annie Johnston, Vera Fox, Christina Allan, Marian Hurst, Natalie Newcomb, Beryl Forrest, Vivian Durden, J.A.F. Hill, Lydia Steeves, Mrs. Thomson, Annie Kehler, Andrew Brown, Margaret Wiebe, Mary Georzen, Barbara Loree, Mrs. H. Dobbin, Lena Doney, John Black, Roland North, Thomas Mawhinney, Minnie Finley, Margaret



Chicken Hill School - 1898 front row: (l-r) Albert Swayze, Gordon Maldney, Annie Johnston, teacher - unknown, Etta Cowan, second row: Ed Cowan, Will Swayze, Will Cowan, Jack Drennon, Gordon Forsythe, Alden Maldney, Lizzie Moloney, Allie Smith, back row: Mary Maldney, Laura Barnhart, Lottie Forsythe, unknown, Lillie Keown, Lottie Martindale, Susan Swayze, Mott Drummond on horse

Marshall, Anna Bruce, Mrs. Ardington, Edith Miller, Margaret Todd, Louise Kristjanson, Mary Hammond, Martha Treichel, Sadie Hoepfner, Annie Kehler, Lila Garrett, Lois McNaughton.

Chicken Hill School Reunion

July 31 to August 1, 1993

To know where you are going, you have to know where you have been.

Under sunny skies and much anticipation we gathered at the curling rink in Darlingford for a Chicken Hill School Reunion. This school was open from 1892 to 1962. We met with old friends, renewed acquaintance and met many new friends.

Sixty-four people registered in the guest book. All the way from Florida, United States to British Columbia with people coming from Ontario, Alberta and many from Manitoba.

A great supper was prepared by local residents and ably served by Linda, Angie and Morris. Edgar Cowan from Morden said the grace.

A short program was held with Ervin Davis from Perryvale, Alberta being master of ceremonies. With his words of wisdom and humour how could we go wrong. A tape of "Listen to the Mockingbird" brought back many fond memories. We were serenaded by Orlin Davis from Warberg, Alberta on the bagpipes. Al Swayze from Keewatin, Ontario played us some enjoyable guitar music.

Mrs. Henrietta Swayze of Wheatlands, Manitoba and Mrs. Elydia Snowden of Pilot Mound, Manitoba won the prizes for the eldest persons present. Both ladies have attained the grand age of eighty-seven years. Mrs. Swayze lived in the Windygates area for many years and Mrs. Snowden was a pupil attending Chicken Hill School in 1914. Bob Cowan from Morden won the door prize.

The evening consisted of much visiting and we later gathered outside for a wiener and marshmallow roast. Weary but happy we retired around midnight. A great day of fellowship, some tears, but many hugs and smiles, plus memories, memories, memories.

Sunday morning after a hearty breakfast at Barb and Gerald Keown's we gathered at the Chicken Hill School. A dedication service at the marker commenced at 11 a.m. with Ervin Davis and Lorraine Saramaga, a former student and teacher respectively. A few comments were offered by Elmer Rutledge at this time.

Doug and Isabelle Rombough from Morden, Manitoba, made the marker and generously donated their time and effort. Gerald Keown and Elmer Kinsman erected the marker.

Old Darlington School

This school was opened in 1886 and was located on the N.W. 1/4 10-3-7. The records up to 1906 are missing so we presume many families besides those



Chicken Hill School No. 581 Reunion - August, 1993. front row: Lorraine Hildebrand, Edna Kinsman, Esther Kinsman, Mrs. R. P. Swayze, Marj Perrin, Thelma Davis, Eileen Schindel, Mary Cowan, Jacqui Tickner, sitting at table: Dale Swayze, Gerald Keown, Shirley McElroy, Doreen Marten, Bev Wilson, Judy Hodgson, standing: Elmer Rutledge, Leonard Swayze, Gloria Mussell, Erwin Davis, Allan Swayze, Myra Hutton, Dorothy McEachern, Lois Kinsman, Joan Mikolosek, Edgar Cowan

mentioned below attended until Barclay school was built. Some of these could have been Michael Lowrys, Robert Griffins, William Jordans and H. Edwards.

The information starting in 1906 shows a Miss Collins as teacher, with trustees Lewis Cock, A.G. Jacobs and H. Edwards who was also the secretary-treasurer. There were twelve pupils attending, as follows: Albert, Florence and Thomas Hale, Jessie and Julia Jordan, Mel and Frank Bond, Veda, Errol, Lennie, Ruby and Olive Hunt, John Jacobs, Maude Tovey, Freeda and Edna Irvine, Evelyn and Mae Oke, Emily Cocks and Lily Jordan.

The teachers from 1906 to consolidation in 1910 were Miss McTavish 1906, Miss McDonald 1907, Miss Berry 1908, Miss Pogson 1909 and Miss Rose Crossland 1910.

After consolidation in 1910 the school house was purchased by the Orange Lodge members and moved to Darlingford to become a small meeting place for them. They found it unsatisfactory and sold it to Pete Storozuk who tore it down and found wonderfully preserved oak beams and lumber which he used to build a house for himself. He later sold it to Mrs. Gordon Stevens (Mrs. Tom Pearce).

Darlingford Schools

From information available there were two schools in operation in the 1870's in this part of the country. One was a log building situated on the south-east corner of the S.E. 1/4 21-3-7, which was then owned by Michael Lowry. It was erected sometime between 1875 and 1877 and served the community until 1886 when Darlington School District was formed. Darlington school was situated on the N.E. 1/4 10-3-7.

The other school was built in the original town of Darlingford on the east side of the Little Pembina river, about one-half mile south of what is now Highway #3. It served this community until the townsite of Darlingford was moved to the present location.

An item of interest is the fact that Ernie Stevens purchased the house used as the teacher's residence in the old town and moved it to his farm, the N.E. 1/4 29-2-7. The old school building was moved to Manitou, divided and renovated to make two dwellings.

The Rural School District of Darlingford was formed in 1903 and the first school was erected



Darlingford Consolidated School - 1913

(l-r) Principal - R.A. Fines, Stella (Bryson) Rombough, Eva (Stevens) Henderson, Maude (Scarrow) McMurtry, Evelyn (Oke) Darling, Lizzie Duncan, Nelda Andrew, Bessie Bedford, Clarence Bedford, Clarence McMurtry, Fred Amy, Gordon Stevens, Reg Jordan, front row: Muriel (Jacobs) Jordan, Mae (Oke) Lowes, Julia (Jordan) Jensen, Lela Durnan, Ottie (Collins) Davis, Baden Cardno, Harvey Stevens, Beattie Shields, Fred Jordan, Elmer Bolton



Darlingford School Teachers - 1925. standing: (l-r) Miss Brown, Miss Ina Lee, Miss Leona Duncan, seated: Mr. Blackwell



Darlingford School Teachers - 1968. Mrs. Nora Hunt, Mrs. Lee Lumgair, Mr. Wayne Kroetsch, Miss Lucille Amy, Miss Myrtle Scharf



Darlingford Consolidated School - 1932



Darlingford School Grades 1 & 2 - 1928. back row: (l-r) Beatrice Stevens, Eileen Lowry, Phyllis White, Dorothy Jacobs, Dorothy Scammell, Elmer Morrow, Russ Amy, Eddie McNichol, Elgin Morrow, Miss Lillian Brown - teacher, middle row: Dave Klassen, ?, Lois Stevens, Beatrice Scammell, Cornelius Martins, Doug Law (?), Mary Warkentin, Helen Swerdfeger, Ada Porter, Eva Cummings, Hugh Rombough, seated: Chester Morrison, ?, ?, Ross Lowry, Ginger Revine, Alice Veals, Iris Henderson, Eunice Henderson, Beth Kilgour

north of town on the S.W. 1/4 17-3-7.

The first trustees were Robert Graham who then resided on the S.W. 1/4 16-3-7; Edward Jordan, who built and operated the first general store in town; and Robert Cock who farmed the N. 1/2 5-3-7. The original school building is now occupied by the Gordie Clayton family.

The school was not large enough to accommodate all the pupils in 1909 and some of the classes had to be moved to the Law Hall until June 30, 1910. It was at this time that the trustees decided to build a larger school and to form a Consolidated School District No. 1228 by including the rural district of Darlington on the east side and part of a district, known as Stanley Rural District, on the south-west side. Building commenced in the spring of 1909 and the four-room school was ready for operation by the first part of September of the same year. Only the lower rooms were finished then and accommodated all the pupils until 1912, when it was necessary to complete the third room. By 1921 the attendance had increased and made it neces-



Darlingford School - Grades 5 & 6 - 1967. front row: Debbie Cowan, Gloria Stevens, Kathi McElroy, Marnie Lindsay, Iona Johnston, Laurie Lawson, Danielle Johnston, Linda Shaventoski, Sophia Davidson, Sharon Fijala, middle row: Kelly Smith, Maxine Jacobs, Roberta Storey, Kathy Law, Dawn Svoboda, Myra Amy, Vickie Arnott, Eileen Griffin, Bob Morrow, Jack Nichol, back row: Wayne Kroetsch - teacher, Terry Hemminger, Jim Zacharias, Howard Morrow, Marvin Shiskoski, David Kinsman, Bob Lantz, Ron Fijala, Calvin Hemminger, Robert Storey



Darlingford School Grades 7 & 8 - 1970-1971. back row: Barb Barclay, Tom Arnott, Calvin Hemminger, John Frank, Craig Storey, Bob Thiessen, Brenda McElroy, Mrs. F. Brooks - teacher, middle row: Lois Shaventoski, Cindy Hemminger, Barb Nichol, Dianne Weiss, Mary Cram, Jean McElroy, Valerie Morrow, front row: Pat Hemminger, Bob Stevens, Rob Griffin, Bruce Mulholland, Glen Clayton, Hal Ching, Scott Nichol

sary to open the fourth room for the fall term.

The school district also decided to build a teacher's residence to accommodate the principal and it was constantly occupied until about 1963. It was sold to Mr. Jerry Baloun in 1968.

The following is a list of the school districts which were included in the Darlingford Consolidated School District:

Lorne School District situated on the N.W. 1/4 14-2-7, then owned by William Hood, started about 1886



Darlingford Teachers - June 1954. (l-r) Miss Wall, Miss McCutcheon, Howard (Bill) Hunt, J.F. Morrison, Ray Simms



Darlingford School approx. 1918. Gabe Sprung - front seat - far row

and consolidated in September 1967.

Darlington School District located on the N.W. 1/4 10-3-7, owned by Alex Leddingham, started in 1886 and consolidated in 1910.

Barclay District located on the S.W. 1/4 34-3-7, then owned by Robert Barclay, opened in 1891 and consolidated in 1963.

Calf Mountain District located on S.E. 1/4 33-2-7 then owned by Ferris Bolton opened in 1895 and consolidated in 1964.

Middleton District located on the N.E. 1/4 26-3-8, then owned by Andrew Rutherford, commenced in 1900 and consolidated in 1962. Part of this district came to Darlingford and part to Manitou.

Darlingford District, located on the S.W. 1/4 17-3-7, then owned by Robert Graham, commenced in 1903 and consolidated in 1910.

Point Douglas District, located on the N.E. 1/4 8-1-7, then owned by Thomas Maloney, started in 1909 and consolidated in 1967.

Chicken Hill District, located on the S.W. 1/4 11-1-7, then owned by William Cowan, commenced in 1890 and consolidated in 1967.

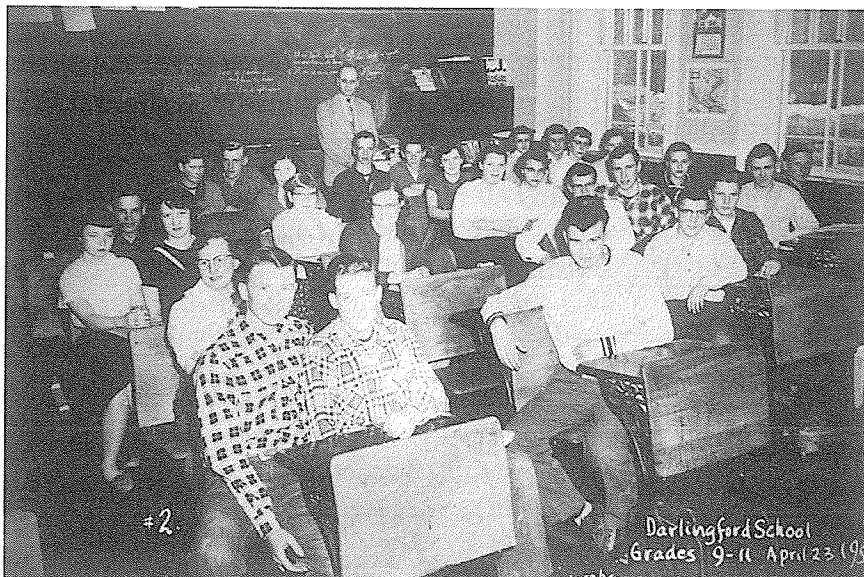
Rosythe District, located partly in 2-7 and 1-7, had no school and the pupils attended the surrounding schools until 1964 when it consolidated.

The Darlingford Consolidated District continued

to function under this name until 1971 when, due to an Act in the Legislature, all districts in the Pembina School Division were conducted by the Division School Board, thereby eliminating all local boards.

The Darlingford School still accommodated all elementary classes with the four rooms being occupied. The high school pupils (grades nine to twelve) were conveyed to Manitou by buses.

School principals of Darlingford Consolidated School, 1910-1984: Ruth and Rose Crossland 1910-1913, Mr. R.A. Fines 1913-1920, Mr. McCormick one month, Miss Robinson 1920, Mr. Gordon Grigg 1921-1923, Professor Smith 1923-1924, Mr. Blackwell 1924-1927, Mr. J.B. Day 1927-1932, Mr. Rife 1932-1939, Mr. Cecil Barclay 1939-1950, Mr. Frank Morrison 1950-1956, Mr. Doughty 1956-1957, Mrs. Gall 1957-1958, Mr. Glen Olmstead 1958-1963, Mr. Epp (assistant) 1961-1962, Mr. Allen Thiessen 1963-1967, Mr. R. Theo (assistant) 1963-1964, Mr. Wayne Kroetsch 1967-1968, Mrs. Lee Lumgair 1968-1969, Mrs. Brooks 1969-1971.



Darlingford School Grades 9-11 - April 23, 1956. 1st row: front to back: (l-r) Murray Tickner, Ross Smith, Marilyn Oke, Wilma Mitchell, Walter Lechner, 2nd row: Don Stone, missing (Myrna Waddingham), Julia Minarz, Bernice McDonald, Bev Lawson, Robert Klippenstein, Glenn Hunt, 3rd row: Allan Smith, Morris Kinsman, Earl Law, Duane Compton, Donna Hall, Gail Moore, Betty Neufeld, Ray Schultz, Leonard Neufeld, 4th row: Bob Sothern, Doug Bradley, Beth Hawken, Edith McElroy, Donna Collins, Gail Nichol, Pat Gysi, principal - Frank Morrison



Drama Festival Trophies - 1957
Murray Ticknor, Mr. Frank Morrison, Pat Gysi



Play - 1957
Glen Hunt, Marilyn Oke, Duane Compton, Pat Gysi, Frank Morrison (Principal) Gail Nichol, Ross Smith

1971-1981 Jake Martens; 1981-1982 Jake Letkeman; 1982-1983 Ray Mutcheson; 1983-1984 Shayla Levin. Due to decline enrollement, the school was closed in 1984. The children now attend school in Manitou.

Darlingford School 1903-1906

The teachers were Miss Ruth Owens and Miss Ethel Armitage. A list of the scholars who attended those three years were: Robert Curiston, Charlie Curiston, Annie Porter, Willie Porter, Maria Porter,

Ena Kirker, Alma Cardno, Fred Jordan, Reggie Jordan, Beattie Shields, Mabel Wakefield, Lawrence Wakefield, Lela Durnin, Bessie Durnin, Wilbur Durnin, Mae Selby, Maude Selby, Maretta Graham, Pearl Amy, Fred Amy, Nellie Amy, Willie Edmunds, Katie Armstrong, Lizzie Stepler, Alice Stepler, Wally Stepler, Gilbert Davidson, Gray Selby, Eva Stevens, Herb Stevens, Gordon Stevens, Harvie Stevens, Mary Clark, Harold Clark, Jean Reid, Richard Groom, John Groom, Stella Bryson, Eva Bryson, Alvin McElroy, Adeline McElroy, Eva Rice, Stewart Lowry.

Darlingford School Reunion

The population of Darlingford increased enormously the weekend of July 28, 1978 when Darlingford held their School Reunion. When registration ceased, approximately eight hundred seventy-five had signed their names in the record book.

The Friday evening program at Darlingford hall began with Jake Martens, principal, ringing the old school bell to officially open proceedings. Ken Compton was chairman and Mr. Martens gave the invocation. Doug Law, in giving the past history of the school gave recognition to Mr. Harry Brice, who was in attendance and who helped build the school in 1909 and 1910. Mr. Brice lived in

Riverhurst, Saskatchewan.

Representatives from each decade who participated in the program included: 1920-1930 the Law sisters: Cora Gysi, Eva Hunt, Bertha Fraser, Ella Cox, Mary Campell and Marj Orchard; 1930-1940 Elmer Lowry, Ted and Isabel Degen; Mid Amy who brought together Dorothy Lawson's original choir from 1940. 1940-1950 Lee (Lyons) Lumgair reminisced in prose, 1960-1970 songs by Myra Amy with Linda McGregor at the piano.

1970's all present day pupils of Darlingford who

sang, "This school was your school, this school is our school," to the tune of "This Land is Your Land." Following this entertainment those in attendance spent some time visiting and getting reacquainted with old classmates.

Saturday started with a parade, followed by luncheon in the school for Darlingford teachers and their spouses. Wendy Law proposed a toast to the teachers, replied to by Frank Morrison. Bus tours of the district, including sites of rural schools were also held. During the weekend the school was open for everyone to view the classrooms, pictures and history which were on display.

A smorgasbord was held Saturday at the rink and approximately eight hundred fifty were served. This was followed with stage entertainment at the rink, a teen record hop at the hall, and a dance at Miami Hall.

Hugh Morrow was master of ceremonies for the program at the rink. Two songs (among others) with words and music written by Mr. W.E. Veals were sung. Also playing that night was the old Darlingford Orchestra with Harold Deason, Charlie Stambuski, Elmer Lowry, Ted and Isabel Degen. Solos were rendered by Wendy Law and Myra Amy, and a 1940 "Al Jolson" performance was given by Cecil McCulloch.

On Sunday, the Memorial Park had a very large attendance at their annual Memorial Service. Doug Law was chairman, with Marge Clayton at the organ. Hugh Morrow, pastor of the Full Gospel Mission, gave the prayers and Lord's Prayer.

During the Act of Remembrance, Howard Bond lowered the flag while Bill Nichol read the names of those who gave their lives in the two Great Wars. A floral offering for each name on the honour roll was made by members of the Explorers, C.G.I.T., Cubs and Scouts. Dr. John Robbins, an old Darlingford school boy, was guest speaker, and his address was reminiscent of the days he spent going to school in Darlingford.

After the service, awards were given to a number of people:

Teacher with longest service in Darlingford School - Leona Nichol, fifteen years.

Principal longest service - C.H. Barkley, eleven years.

Person travelled the farthest - Mrs. Edith (Young) Moskowitz from Gilroy, California.

Single family with the largest number of members in attendance - the Law family, ten members were present.

Family with longest service as van drivers - Mary Collins on behalf of Collins family, about twenty-five years, (Hugh Bryson held bus contracts from 1910-1948).

Student having contributed most students to Darlingford School - Mrs. Don MacDonald with seven children and eleven grandchildren.

Teacher from earliest date - Mrs. Pearl Amy Rice 1911 (nine years).

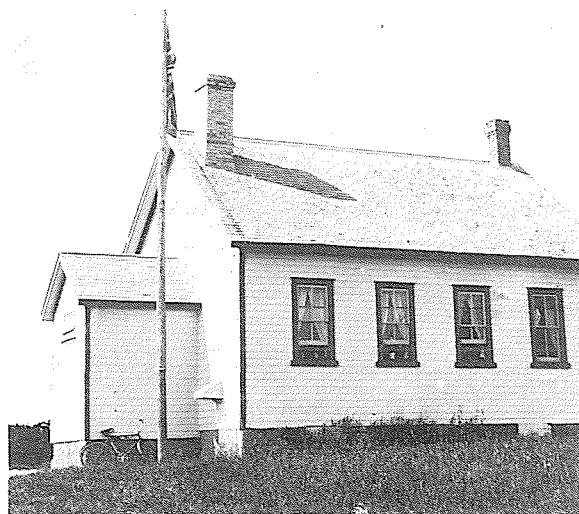
Mrs. Ruth Nichol was overall chairperson of this event.

A cold plate lunch was served to a large number following the Memorial Service. Throughout the entire event, hospitality centres were open serving complimentary coffee and cookies.

Lorne School

The Lorne School District No. 56 was formed September 5, 1878. The details of how this was secured are missing. It being the first school in a big district, they took in part of Pearce, Rosythe, Calf Mountain and Elam. Boundary adjustments were made later. In 1880 Calf Mountain School was built and Lorne felt they needed a bigger and better school. The old building was sold to McElroy for \$28.50 and the porch for \$5.75. A new school 22x30 feet was built for \$690 by a Mr. Charles Lyon. Six hundred dollars had been borrowed by means of debentures and the whole was insured for \$500 when completed. Fifty-one teachers have come and gone over the eighty-six years, the first being Mr. Martin who was to receive \$300 but by the end of the first term found himself \$20 short.

The highest taxes paid in the district were \$30.02 by H. Landerkin. There were thirty-nine taxpayers but only thirty horses and mules so there wasn't



Lorne School - about 1930

much grain to sell. A half section of land was worth \$1280. Money was scarce so even the forty cent box of chalk was not wasted. Fires for the year were lit for four dollars. At the end of the year the board decided he hadn't filled the bill and refused to pay. A lawsuit followed and the school board lost the case. In 1901 the fire insurance premium was \$1.50. In 1909 a desk and a football were purchased. Apparently the scholars had provided their own recreation without money being involved previously. In 1911 we read that the secretary was paid for the first time.

In 1914 a vegetable show was included in the school program. Seeds were supplied by the Department and in the fall a school fair was held with prizes ranging from \$1 to twenty-five cents. The next year each child was supplied with five eggs of the white leghorn variety and two birds were to be shown at the fair. The club expanded to include woodwork for the boys and crocheting and sewing for the girls. This continued until 1922.

In 1923 the school district of Rosythe was formed but plans to build a school did not materialize. The children attended Lorne school paying \$3 per month per pupil and providing their own transportation. These conditions continued for many years.

In 1926 an organ was purchased for \$70, a gramophone in 1930 and a piano in 1938. The school board considered the grounds too small, so purchased two acres from Jock Duncan in 1940 and planted trees for shelter.

In 1951 the problem of building repairs arose so the board was authorized to sell \$4,000 in debentures. The contract was given to Mr. Klassen of Winkler. A new foundation, a cement basement, a porch which included two bathrooms and a kitchen, oil heat and a pressure system were installed. While this was being completed, school was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Duncan. In 1960 the floor was tiled. What a change from the log school house! It took seventy-nine years of work and planning on the part of literally hundreds of people to reach this state of modernization.

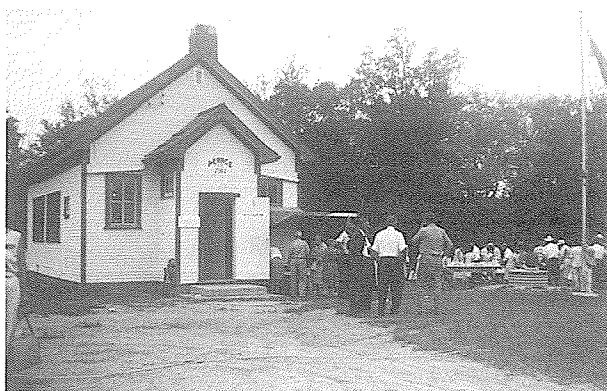
The Lorne school was used for Mission Band, Christmas concerts, dances, card parties, box socials, bingo and even bridal showers and farewells were held there.

The students who passed through these doors have gone to take up work in many fields, while others settled in the district to carry on the work of their forefathers.

In 1967 the Department of Education saw fit to sanction, at the request of the residents, a petition to consolidate with Darlingford, thus closing a vital chapter in the history of this district. Time marches on. The school served well, fulfilling the dreams and faith shown by the pioneers so long ago. Lorne school will be remembered!

Pearce School District #1981 1919-1965

The following are excerpts from meetings held between 1919, when Pearce School was at it's beginnings, and 1965, when it was closed due to consolidation.



Pearce School Closing - July 1965

June 23, 1919 - First meeting called to order by Inspector Finn at the home of Harry Pearce. First trustees are: John Spangelo, Harry Pearce and Mina Spangelo.

July 8, 1919 - Albert Spangelo, Secretary Treasurer.

July 16, 1919 - School site decided on, S.E. 12-2-7. Organ purchased from money received from social.

January 1920 - School opened. Built with no basement.

March 1920 - Section 34, W. 1/2-3, S.W. 1/4-10 were added to the school district.

July 17, 1922 - Motion to allow grade nine to be taught.

May 4, 1923 - Motion to pay O.S. Aspevig for school lot, \$60 plus \$16 interest. Set aside \$20 to be used at Fall Fair at Pearce School.

July 20, 1925 - Motion to enlarge the school grounds to 4.5 acres at \$30 per acre.

June 11, 1926 - Secretary ordered fence supplies: 60 rods of 4 wire, 9 gauge wire; three 4 x 6 timbers, 14 feet long, one roll of brace wire, 3 bags

of cement, one 3' by 4' high gate; one 14' by 4' high gate (both with scroll tops) \$5 is allowed for one load of gravel to be delivered to the school. Any rate payer wishing to help with the fence will be paid 40 cents per hour.

June 13, 1927 - Joint meeting to celebrate Diamond Jubilee of Confederation, with Lindal, Lorne, Alexandria and Rosythe school districts.

February 2, 1931 - Purchased phonograph and six records.

July 1934 - Pipeless furnace to be installed for heating school. Labour for digging cellar under school to be hired at 25 cents per hour for man, and 15 cents an hour for team of horses.

January 9, 1941 - Trees ordered for west and north of school grounds.

July 17, 1944 - New hardwood floor laid.

July 5, 1946 - Special meeting held, basement was remodelled. Some felt school should be moved one mile west. Vote taken and defeated.

1947 - Annual meeting changed from July to January. Electric lights installed in school.

May 16, 1955 - Special meeting called to discuss installation of oil furnace and flush toilets. Vote taken and passed by large majority.

April 15, 1960 - West wall and west wall windows were to be remodelled (\$975).

January 22, 1962 - Petition circulated in district re: transfer of Pearce School District #1981 from Pembina Valley School District to Western School District; response unanimously in favour. Arbitration board met March 12, 1962 - request granted.

1964 - School interior refinished.

March 10, 1965 - Special meeting of electors. Speaker Mr. J. Chalaturnyk, to discuss possibilities of consolidation with Morden.

March 23, 1965 - Special meeting, vote on consolidation, vote favourable. Plans made to hold Reunion at Pearce School, July 31, 1965.



Pearce Concert

back row: Margaret Laing, Tena Laing, Edna Sanderson, Greta Rudd, Bessie Young
front row: Minnie Dudgeon, Celia Aspevig, Effie Young, Bessie Scales

Trustees:

Harry Pearce
Mina Spangelo
John Spangelo
Alex Dudgeon Sr.
Ed Southworth
S.B. Charters
A.H. Dudgeon
Peter Dudgeon
Frank Porter
Elizabeth J. Pearce
Melvin Andrews
Tom H. Rex
Walter Keen
John Dudgeon
Fred Dreger Sr.
George Beer
R.J. Dudgeon
Jim W. Pearce
Joe Holenski
Earl Porter
Vernon Spangelo
R.J. Dudgeon
Joe Melbourne
J.P. Holenski
Alfred Rex
Mel Lambrecht

Secretary Treasurers:

1919-20 Albert Spangelo
1920-1931 O.S. Aspevig
1932-1942 Arthur Aspevig
1942-1945 A.H. Dudgeon
1946-1953 Tom H. Rex
1954-1965 Bert M. Rex.

Teachers:

1920 Miss M.A. Godkin
1920-22 Miss Kathleen Walmsley
1922-23 Miss E.G. Nichols
1922-23 Miss E.F. Hammond
1923-24 Miss Margaret Pearce
1923-24 Miss Edith M. Dow
1924-26 Miss Evelyn Doak
1926-27 Miss Isabel Milne
1927-28 Miss L. Reichert
1928-30 Miss Martha Aspevig
1930-33 Miss Evelyn Waldon
1933-34 Mr. J.C. Hinds/Miss Evelyn Spangelo
1934-35 Miss Hazel Frazer
1935-39 Miss Isabel Milne
1939-41 Miss Verna Arnott
1941-43 Miss Annie C. Pyziak
1943-44 Miss Zelly Hammond
1944-45 Miss Ruth Rothenburger
1945-53 Miss Eileen Dudgeon
1953-54 Miss Doreen Shapansky
1954-55 Miss Ella Wieler/Mr. B. Berg
1955-57 Miss Helen Moore
1957-58 Miss Ella Shiskosky
1958-59 Miss Marion May
1959-61 Miss Marjorie Albrecht
1961-62 Miss Betty Janzen
1962-64 Miss Doreen Vassart
1964-65 Mr. Bert Friesen

Note: In 1935-36, the teacher's yearly pay was \$480.

When Pearce School District #1981 was formed in 1920, it included thirty-two quarter sections in Pembina Municipality and twelve quarter sections in Stanley Municipality, and was situated between the school districts of Lorne, Alexandria and Rosythe; which did not have an actual school building. The school was in operation from 1920 to 1965, when consolidation brought about its closing.

After Pearce School was officially closed, it became the centre for Pearce Community Club, and has been used for Sunday School classes, meetings,

showers and reunions. The inside of the building is much as it was, when in use as a school, with the exception of the toilets. All plumbing was removed as the building is heated only when necessary.

The following is an article taken from the "Morden Times", dated August 4, 1965.

"Pearce School District Closes

Another One-Room School Marks Consolidation...

On Saturday July 31st, under mostly sunny skies, nearly 300 former residents and teachers re-united with the people of Pearce for the closing exercises of Pearce S.D.

Following registration, old and young enjoyed softball, races and renewing friendships. One ball team versus a team of the first students to attend, was a rousing success and a tie-game.

One attraction of the reunion was the Memory Museum which included over one hundred snapshots and photographs taken of residents, students, interesting buildings and events in Pearce district over the past half century. Almost all the registers were available and on view, plus text books studied when Pearce School began operations.

After a picnic supper, Mr. J.P. Holenski, chairman of the school board called on Mr. Mel Lambrecht who read Psalm 100. He then introduced Mr. Joe Melbourne, who had attended Pearce school when it opened in January 1920. Mr. Melbourne gave an address on the history of the school how it was formed with Mr. Harry Pearce, Mr. John Spangelo and Mr. Alex Dudgeon as the first trustees and Mr. O.S. Aspevig as the first sec. treas."

Acting as Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Melbourne then read through the list of 29 teachers who spanned the forty-five years.

Letters were read from many of the teachers who were unable to attend. To everyone's great pleasure, Mrs. E. Ross, nee Margaret Godkin, Pearce School District's first teacher was present. Other teachers attending are identified under the picture. Seven pupils of Miss Godkin also attended Pearce Reunion. Of the thirty-one students attending in 1920, only one remains as a resident at the present time, Mr. J. Melbourne, seen receiving an honorary strapping.

Sherry Pearce, granddaughter of one of the original trustees, lowered the flag for the last time as Mr. Joe Melbourne read a poem he composed, entitled "Requiem to a School":

And so old school we say farewell
Your place you found in the sun
We came by the score,

through your hallowed door,
 And had our share of learning and fun.
 So once again we say farewell,
 Your time and hour has come.
 And to our teachers from first to last,
 To you both we say, "Thanks for a
 job well done."

Point Douglas School

Point Douglas School District No. 1475 was formed in 1909. The name was suggested by Mr. Scales, as he had come from a district by that name in Winnipeg. The original school was located on N.E. 1/4 8-1-7. Heating was done with pot-bellied wood burning stoves, so of course, the fire went out before morning and the ink froze solid. Double desks were occupied by two boys or two girls. A number of registers are missing but we note in 1918 the school was closed all winter due to the influenza epidemic.

On July 3, 1947 a mighty tornado roared over the Alec Kinnaird farm yard, snatching tops from evergreen trees and touching the ground before reaching the next yard to the east, where Vaclav Mikolasek was alone at the time. The house was demolished and Mr. Mikolasek instantly killed. The tornado bore straight east and tore Point Douglas School to shreds. The piano that was found in the yard was repaired and used again. The funnel continued east and south toward the Martin Keown home. Fred Knowles, who

was visiting there, advised that they all take shelter in a large culvert about three hundred yards from the house. They reached it just in time and the funnel passed near by. The three adults and six children clasped hands to remain in the culvert. Their home was badly damaged and had to be replaced. Mr. and Mrs. Grettum who were on their way to Mowbray with a team and buggy when it struck took refuge in the grove at K. Finlays. They told of seeing parts of the barn flying overhead, for the building was completely destroyed. The barns on the William Ehnes and Forsythe farms were shifted and damaged considerably by the wind. The tornado passed into North Dakota and Minnesota causing great damage there. On July 3, 1948, exactly a year after the tornado, another cyclone struck which lasted nearly an hour. This storm completely destroyed the farm buildings of Mrs. Sarah Cowan, who was fortunately away at the time. The winter of 1955-56 was one long storm with snow coming early and often.



The old Point Douglas School, built in 1909, blown away in a cyclone in 1947



Original Point Douglas School - built 1909, named by Joseph Scales, who came from Point Douglas District in Winnipeg

A new school was built across the road on the S.W. 1/4 17-1-7.

In 1963 Chicken Hill School closed its doors because of the small enrolment and consolidated with Point Douglas, the children being brought there by van. By 1966 there were just eight pupils enrolled at Point Douglas so it became part of the Consolidated School District of Darlingford and the students were transported to Darlingford.

On August 13, 1967 a class reunion and closing exercises were held at Point Douglas. Four of the pupils who attended the school in 1909, namely Mrs. Mabel Pateron, Mrs. Dorothy Brockett (Selwyn girls), Eldon Sinclair and John Barnhart were present

at this occasion.

The Windygates Community Club purchased the land and buildings for a nominal fee and is used as a community centre.

Point Douglas Teachers 1909-1965: Minnie Finley, E. East, S.M. Scales, M.M. Irvine, B.M. Bedford, Ellen Hunter, Audrey Kline, Lois Stevens, Mrs. H. Johnston, Alvina Harvey, Phyllis Swanky, Mrs. B. Hemminger, Ben Penner, Mrs. Sarah Purkess, Irene Forbes, Viola McCabe, Myrtle Argue, Eva Sweet, M.R. Blackwell, Mr. G.W. Denstedt, Hilda Michelmores, Edna McLean, Jessie Uswack, Dorothy Janick, Mr. H. Babbings, Ann Kvorik, Mr. Jack Stewart, Mr. Ed Kostecki, Brenda Smith, Nancy Copeland, Myrtle Jackson, E.M. Bryson, Irene Mitchell, Caroline McBain, Ruby Lyons, Lillian Beavis, Mrs. F. Fargey, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. H. Neufeld, Bernice Last, Mrs. B. Bloxom, Joan Friesen, Sharon Fallis, Mrs. L. Hunt, Janice Loewen.

Rosythe School

The Rosythe School District No. 2030, was formed in the fall of 1922. It was located partly in 1-7 and 2-7. The origin of the name is not known.

As there were few families in the district with school-age children and much of the land was owned by people not living in the district, after much debate, the rate payers voted down the building of a school.

In 1923 a van route took what children there were to Lorne School located on 14-2-7. The first van, driven by Jim Kinsman, was a horse drawn vehicle, in the summer a glorified democrat with canvas top, and in winter, a house-like caboose with a little wood-burning stove for warmth.

Ratepayers and families living in the district at that time were: Albert Armstrong, Jim Kinsman, John McCormick, Frank Hunt, Jack McKenzie, Ed Kroetsch, Bert Kinsman, Albert Cherpaw, Ole Dahl, Garfield McCormick.

At different times the van was driven by Jim Kinsman, J.H. McCormick, Gordon Huston, Claire Kinsman and Alex Guderian. One teacher, Evelyn Hunt (Mrs. Dave Lumgair) rode in the van with the children. In 1930 there were not enough children so van service was discontinued. For the few children left, the parents were paid fifty cents per day to take them, some to Point Douglas, Overdale, Calf Mountain and Lorne schools. In 1952 the children went by van to Darlingford.

It is impossible for children born after World War II to imagine the hardships of travelling on the roads in those days. When Gordon Houston, living in the

valley, drove the van, it was necessary at times, to change horses on the route. In the spring the old style wagon on high wheels was used to get through. However, if transportation lacked the comfort that the present day children take for granted, the quality of education received at those schools was excellent. Riding in vans would not be complete without mentioning the singing by all and the arguing of the pro's and con's of various subjects which helped to pass the time and the miles.

In 1964 Rosythe district consolidated with Darlingford school district and the children were transported by regulation school buses to Darlingford. Those attending high school boarded other buses and were driven to Manitou to Nellie McClung Collegiate.

Thus ended Rosythe No. 2030. Few districts can claim a more varied history. We should be thankful that the scholars of today no longer must endure the rigors of the roads as they were in those days.

Rules for Teachers - 1872

1. Teachers each day will fill lamps, clean chimneys.

2. Each teacher will bring a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for the day's session.

3. Make your pens carefully. You may whittle nibs to the individual taste of the pupils.

4. Men teachers may take one evening each week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if they go to church regularly.

5. After ten hours in school, the teachers may spend the remaining time reading the Bible or other good books.

6. Women teachers who marry or engage in unseemly conduct will be dismissed.

7. Every teacher should lay aside from each pay a goodly sum of his earnings for his benefit during his declining years so that he will not become a burden on society.

8. Any teacher who smokes, uses liquor in any form, frequents pool or public halls, or gets shaved in a barber shop will give good reason to suspect his worth, intention, integrity and honesty.

9. The teacher who performs his labour faithfully and without fault for five years will be given an increase of twenty-five cents per week in his pay, providing the Board of Education approves.

- From the Printery at the Mennonite Heritage Village, Steinbach, Manitoba.

ORGANIZATIONS

Beef Rings

Back in those "good old days" about which we hear so much, it is difficult to see what was so good, especially meat-wise. Today our butcher boys kill, dress, cut up and wrap a whole or a part of a beast ready for the deep freezer.

In those early days a deep freezer for home use was unheard of. Even electric refrigerators were a scarcity except in the cities. Therefore, there was no way of keeping fresh meat any longer than a day or two. Necessity being the "mother of invention" the meat problem was solved by forming a club or Beef Ring as they were known.

Darlingford was very fortunate in not only having a large group who could form such a ring but there was one among them who just naturally fell into the roll of the butcher and record keeper, namely John Oliver Law. About 1916 five beef rings were formed in this area with Mr. Law looking after them all. For the people of the Miami area the slaughter house was at Morton's, for Opawaka it was at Alf Fry's, for Thornhill it was at Arnold White's, for Shadeland it was at George White's and for Darlingford it was at Mr. Law's home. These beef rings continued until 1947 when the hydro came through the rural areas. It is difficult to understand how one man could have done so much. In England a man might be knighted for less.

A rough outline of how the beef rings were set up might be of interest. The members of the new beef ring would each contribute a few dollars with which to build the small slaughter house and buy the required equipment, such as the knives, scales, etcetera. The building always had a small lean-to built on the side large enough to house the unsuspecting victim whose turn it was to decorate the tables of the beef ring members. Each member furnished one beef each season and as his turn came around he would deliver his steer to the little lean-to and go merrily home. The steers were to weigh dressed not under four hundred pounds and not over six hundred pounds. That evening, rain or shine, "John Oliver", as he was known, would arrive and start the night's work: He had to kill and dress the beast and cut it into twenty or thirty portions. A full share a week consisted of a roast, a boiling piece and a steak. As each member's meat was weighed, it was recorded in a book and placed in a clean flour sack which was hung on a hook with the member's name above. A chart was followed so that each member would receive his fair share. This was no simple task and Mr. Law never returned home

before 4 or 5 a.m. In the morning each club member picked up his allotment and left a clean sack for the next week. It was possible for the small family to take a half share.

The final accounting was all completed at a wind-up meeting in the fall. If a member's steer was light and he had received more meat than his steer had weighed, he paid for the difference at eight cents a pound. Imagine being able to get good tender fresh beef at that price today! Likewise, if a member's steer weighed more than he received, he was paid accordingly.

What pay did Mr. Law receive for the job of being butcher and record keeper for so many years. He received \$4 or \$5 a week from each point, depending on the distance that he had to travel. He also received the hide, heart, sweetbreads, or any part the members didn't want. Today, this doesn't seem like very much but to Mr. Law, with his family of thirteen, it was very thankfully received. He gave an excellent service to a wide area for over thirty years.

Canadian Lady Foresters

Canadian Lady Foresters organized a society about 1925 and were quite active for a number of years. There were no insurance benefits. They attended a Church Memorial Service each year, with the men's lodge, and placed wreaths on departed members' graves.

Royal Templars of Temperance

Royal Templars of Temperance was organized in 1908. They had regular monthly meetings and their goal was to work for prohibition. The pledge of the council was "total abstinence for individual and state". This organization discontinued when prohibition came. Each year they had a Gold and Silver Elocution Contest, mostly girls took part, and Mrs. Abe Coleman was one of the tutors. In 1918 there was one held in the old Methodist Church. Some of those who took part were Mrs. Coleman, Pearl Owens, Jennie Jacobs, Ethel Cowan. Ethel Cowan won the gold medal and Jennie Jacobs the silver.

The Community Club

The Community Club was formed in 1925. Season tickets were sold and during the winter months entertainment was planned for something to be held in the hall every two weeks. This took the form of whist drives, variety concerts, social evenings (games and contests), dances and three act

plays. The plays were directed by Mr. Chris Jensen. Among the plays staged were "The Country Doctor", "Light House Nan", "Too Many Relatives" and others. The Dramatic Club travelled to other towns with the plays, including Manitou, Kaleida, Thornhill, Morden and Altamont. The reception at the various places was good and a warm audience made the efforts worth while. The proceeds from these plays went towards the Darlingford Community Hall Fund. One thing that the club purchased was the stage curtains that are in use today, and add that little touch of Broadway we all love.

The Canadian Order of Foresters

The Canadian Order of Foresters Court, No. 1004, was instituted in Darlingford in the Rural Municipality of Pembina in November 1911. Meetings were held in Law's Hall and, later, they made a donation to help build the new community hall. One of the charter members was Roy Bond. The fraternal society of eighty-four members functioned actively for a number of years, mainly for insurance benefits. Later it discontinued at Darlingford and the members transferred to other Courts within the province.

The Darlingford Hospital Aid

The Darlingford Hospital Aid was started in 1950 when on November 7, Mrs. Jessie Phipps, Mrs. Henrietta Veals, Mrs. Norma Amy and Mrs. Julia Jensen attended a Hospital Aid meeting in Manitou with the intention of starting an Aid in Darlingford.

In order to get the organization under way, a Jamboree was held in the community hall on December 1 at which \$131 was cleared. On March 22, 1951, the first official meeting was held and the following officers were elected: President - Julia Jensen, Vice-President - Mary Collins, Treasurer - Florence Lindsay, Secretary - Elsie Kendall. Representatives from the W.A., W.M.S., L.O.B.A., and Young Women's Society were on the executive.

By March 1953, with an average of thirty-nine members, the Aid was able to pay \$1,012.34 to furnish a ward in the Morden Hospital as well as \$347.32 to the Manitou Hospital for miscellaneous items.

From 1953 to 1961 many items were purchased for both hospitals. However, after 1961, many members had too many other interests so they dropped out of the Hospital Aid. With fewer mem-

bers the Aid had to dissolve.

The Darlingford Orange Lodge

The Darlingford Orange Lodge was instituted in the early 1900's by residents who came from Ontario. Michael Lowry was initiated in the Thornhill L.O.L. in 1881. He then became the First Grand Master when the Darlingford L.O.L. was instituted. He was also County Grand Master of Rock Lake for a number of years. When he retired from this office he was presented with a badge of honour. They met regularly and had a big parade, picnic and speeches every twelfth of July. Four o'clock in the morning was get up time when the drums started beating. King William on the white horse was taken by many a willing rider: the last one we remember was Stewart Lowry in the red velvet jacket and white plumed hat who headed the parade for thirty years. James E. Law held the office of chaplain for many years. The Darlingford L.O.L. closed a number of years ago and the members transferred to the Altamont or Pilot Mound Lodge, as they chose. They made a donation of money to the rink committee when the cement block waiting room was built.

The Ladies Orange Benevolent Association

The Ladies Orange Benevolent Association was instituted in 1926 with around twenty chartered members. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller were the means by which the organization was formed as members had to be canvassed for. Ursula Cunningham (Mrs. Dr. Holmes) was the first Worthy Mistress. The prime objective of the L.O.B.A. was to support an orphanage on West Portage Avenue, Winnipeg. After about fifteen years the orphanage had to be closed for financial reasons. The local lodge continued quite actively for a number of years and later was discontinued.

The Windygates Ladies Aid

The Windygates Ladies Aid was organized in 1927 by Mrs. E. Nield, with Mrs. Carruthers as the president and Mrs. William Cowan as the secretary. Soon there were twenty-five members and monthly meetings were a friendly get-together for the women. Attending meetings was a "must" for most of them, even if walking was the only possible mode of travel. Sometimes they rode in tractor drawn hay racks through the mud, or braved the winter snow storms behind a team of horses, if the



top row: Mrs. A. Kinnaird, Mrs. M. Mitchell, Mrs. Rutledge, Mrs. T. Keown, Myrtle Kinsman, Mrs. G. Meyer, Mrs. W. Cowan, Mrs. Les Moore, Mrs. J. Kinsman, middle row: Mrs. Sinclair, Miss B. Forsythe, Mrs. E. Nield, Mrs. H. Smith, Miss Rutledge, Mrs. Carruthers, bottom row: Mrs. E. Kinsman, Mrs. E. Schindel, Marie Keown, Mrs. H. Johnston, Bobby Johnston, Doreen Kinnaird, Gerald Keown, Maxine Meyer, Mrs. J. Kinnaird

drifts were too deep for a car. Road conditions have improved a great deal over the years.

The major role of the Ladies Aid was the raising of funds for the United Church, and for various charities. Many box and pie socials were held: the ladies and their older daughters bringing boxes they had decorated and filled with goodies baked for the occasion. After the evening's entertainment - often a whist drive - an "auctioneer" would be named and the gentlemen would have the opportunity to bid on the boxes, and share the lunch with its donor. Usually there was a young lady or two in the crowd who wished to sit with a certain fellow, so it was not by accident that he often had to pay dearly for that special box, much to the amusement of the crowd and the embarrassment of the couple. There was always extra food on hand to serve to those who did not have a box. Plays and recitations were on the programs of the community concerts which were another source of enjoyment in those days, and our friend, Bruce Carr, whistling "Listen to the Mocking Bird" was always a favourite with the audience.

Sausage suppers proved to be profitable, netting as much as \$164, and bake sales were another good source of revenue. Cakes and cookies, bread and pie were baked and taken to

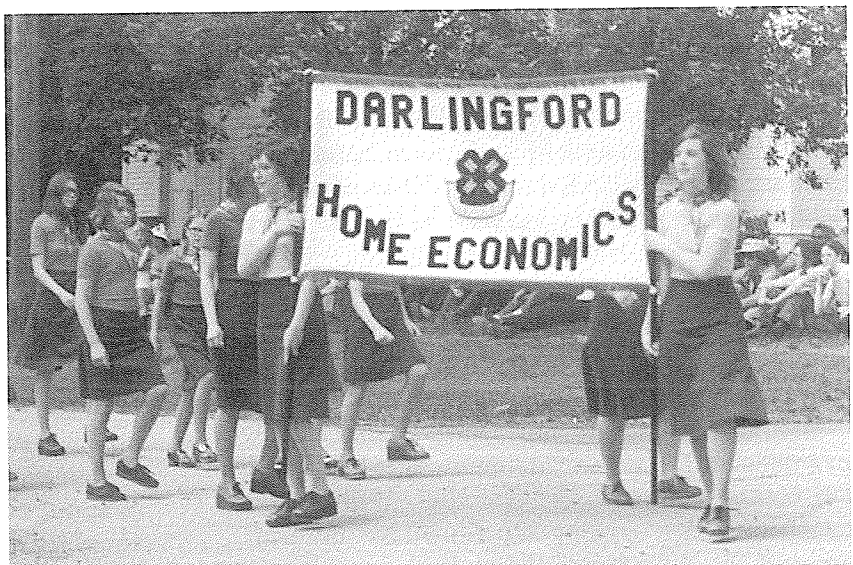
Morden to be sold, very often on a Saturday afternoon.

In 1959 the Ladies Aid was dissolved and a community club formed. The funds were given to charitable organizations and \$100 dollars a year, for a six year period was set aside to support a boy in a Korean orphanage. For the past two years, proceeds from fund-raising projects have gone to the Morden and District United Way as well as towards the maintenance of the community centre.

The Darlingford Home Economic Club

The Darlingford Home Economic Club started in 1950 under the leadership of the Morden Home Economist and from 1951 has been under the leadership of the following: Elyda Booker 1951-53, Elva McDonald and Eileen Neighbor 1953-54, Edna Compton 1954-59, Mildred McElroy 1959-61, Isabel Rombough and Dorothy Collins 1961-63, Phyllis Lawson 1963-71. Other leaders have been: Evelyn Robbins, Mid Johnson, Ruth Ching, Marion Dudgeon, Marj Lyons, Mary Skogstad, Mary Wood, Edith Hokanson, Phyllis Dudgeon, Edith Bradley, Doreen Clayton and Lorna Barclay.

The club consists mostly of the sewing project, but cooking, handicrafts, home nursing and home design have been taught. Several of the girls have also been junior leaders. The membership varied from eighteen to twenty-eight girls.



Darlingford Home Economics

They have had six Dress Revue Queens at district rallies, namely: Marilyn Oke, Linda Robbins, Barbara Compton, Karen Johnson, Linda Collins and Jo-Anne Lawson. Linda Collins and Linda Robbins were also queens at the inter-district rallies at Carman.

Educational displays have been made; two having been chosen champion and two having been chosen reserve champion at district rallies and later entered in provincial competition.

Several members competed in public speaking; Ruth Rombough and Kathleen Ching in provincial competition and Colleen Johnson, Lois, Linda and Judy Dudgeon in district competition.

The teams of Barbara Compton and Berla Oke, Ruth Rombough and Linda Collins, and Jo-Anne Lawson and Kathleen Ching entered demonstrations in provincial competition in Winnipeg. The teams of Sharon Hunt and Jo-Anne Ticknor; Janis Amy and Bobbi Lawson; and Barbara Barclay and Lauri Lawson entered demonstrations in inter-district competition at Carman.

Barbara Compton, Kathleen Ching, Sandra Lawson and Judy Wilson completed eight years of project work.

Several members of the club have been awarded trips to other parts of Canada and the United States.

From a mere spark in 1950 the Darlingford Home Economics Club had flamed into a most successful organization. This too, has disbanded due to a decline in membership.

The Darlingford Playground

In 1968 mention of a playground for Darlingford was brought up as a Centennial Project. A committee was formed consisting of Phyllis Spangelo, Charles Townsend, Allen Stevens. A government grant was obtained by the committee and work began.

Two lots were purchased from Roy Bond on the north end of Pembina Street, and, with many hours of volunteer labour, earth was brought in and the land levelled and seeded down with good grass seed. A schedule was drawn up for the mowing of the grass. Trees were planted and a tool shed built, as well as sand boxes and slides. Phyllis Spangelo donated a large swing in memory of her father, George Abel; Gordon and Lois Kinsman donated a smaller one in memory of their daughter, Valerie.

Ken Beavis from Crystal City, a student from the University of Manitoba, carried on a youth program

during the 1971 holiday season which was very well received.

In later years Parks and Recreation held summer workshops for children in the playground. Children in the community continue to enjoy and use the park.

Walkathons

Two Walkathons have been held, the first in 1967 to raise money for setting up schools in a needy country called "Share Canada" - India. The second one was in 1970 when \$1800 was raised to help rebuild the skating rink.

Each time the goal was Morden and back, a distance of twenty-nine miles. Each participant received so much per mile completed which was paid in by the sponsors.



Alright - scram



Are you ready?

Polka Dots

The Polka Dots orchestra got together on April 1, 1991 with Alex McDonald, mouth organ; Harold Sims and Elmer Lowry, violins; Bill Nichol, violin, died July 1994; Murray Nichol, banjo; Bert Keen, banjo, died November 1995; Harvey Robinson, snare drum, has since joined The Entertainers; Robert Nichol, Bill's grandson, percussion; Lorraine (Sanderson) Riddell, piano; and her husband Robert Riddell joined in March 1994, drums; Bill Webber, joined in May 1996, guitar.

The group ranges from fifty-five to eighty-eight. After brainstorming one evening to name the group, Elmer Lowry came up with "The Polka Dots." Their type of music provides good entertainment for seniors so they became quite popular for personal care homes, friendship centers and at old time dances. The group has travelled as far west as Brandon and east to Stonewall.

One man expressed that, "by bringing pleasure to others through music, it has been good therapy for the members themselves."

Darlingford Foodgrains Bank Project

The Canadian Foodgrains Bank, a partnership of thirteen Canadian churches, was established in 1983 as a practical way for Canadians to share their abundant harvests with the less fortunate of the world. Believing that access to adequate food is a basic human right, the Foodgrains Bank provides grain and other raw agricultural commodities to those who need them most. It works with indigenous peoples to find and implement long term solutions to hunger.

At its 1997 annual meeting Zion Calvin United Church congregation passed a motion pledging support for a Canadian Foodgrains Bank growing project in our community. Agreeing to act on a steering committee were: Gerald Barclay, Duane Williams, Jim Nichol, Jim Wilson and Ruth Nichol. Mr. Stan Schroeder of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank organization was invited to address a public meeting in the church in February. Although attendance was small, much enthusiasm was generated.

With forty acres of land available, the committee chose to grow Glenlea wheat. Donations of labour, product and money were sought with exceptionally generous results. When news of the project appeared in a local paper, Dale and Gil Dudgeon immediately offered to plant the crop. The men of the committee each contributed to some aspect of the pre and post seeding and post harvest work;

Tom Carruthers and McElroy Seeds provided seed; Darlingford Agri Sales and its chemical suppliers donated chemicals and their application. Shannon Holenski won the admiration of her fellow farmers for her excellent job of swathing a much lodged and twisted crop. David Lumgair, who came to watch the harvest demonstration by Greenvale, Southman and Little Morden went home and returned with his trusty Massey combine when he saw that more help could be used. Many individuals made cash donations which were used to purchase hail insurance, to send a financial contribution to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, and to provide a small nest egg for a 1999 project. Shell Oil donated the fuel used to harvest the crop.

The harvest resulted in two thousand four hundred bushels of #1 high protein wheat shipped to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, to be sent where it is most needed, enough to feed one hundred sixty-three thousand four hundred fifty people for a day! Was it coincidence that, on the day of combining, rain and hail fell to the north and to the south of that area while only a brief, light shower, not enough to stop the combines, dampened the project field?

Dwight Rutherford, student intern minister in Pembina Parish in 1998, was an enthusiastic promoter of the project from the beginning, and thoroughly enjoyed the hands-on farming experience part of his internship. Dwight conducted a short blessing of the seed service in the spring and offered a prayer of thanksgiving at the harvest.

Plans are underway to grow forty-five acres of canola in 1999. The initial growing project was truly a community affair and one of which we can be proud. With ongoing community participation Darlingford can continue to fight hunger in the world as long as there is need.

Darlingford 4H Club

The District Rally was held in Darlingford in 1976 which was exciting for the club. Darlingford Home Economics Club became known as The Darlingford 4H Club in 1977 because boys joined doing woodworking, photography and other projects. New projects regularly were introduced as the need arose e.g. snowmobile safety, when snowmobiling became popular.

Friendly competition developed between Darlingford 4H Club and Windygates Beef Club for the educational displays. Many times one club would be awarded Champion and the other awarded Reserve Champion. Lots of hard work was done

to beat those guys and girls.

Members participated in all 4H competitions and many received gold watches for outstanding work.

Our club attended 4H Day at Carman Fair many ribbons were brought home. The club marched in the 4H Parade. It was a lovely sight to see so many young people, in their smart uniforms, proudly carrying their banners.

In 1978 Jean Janick, the 4H programme assistant created "Fletcher" and our club won him, for overall participation in all club activities. Fletcher was awarded annually to different clubs. Interprovincial Exchange Trips sponsored by the Royal Bank were won and enjoyed by several members. But in 1988, due to many changes in peoples lives, the club closed.

One of our former members, Leanne Sprung is the 4H and Youth Specialist for the Central Region.

There are memories for many people - boys, girls, parents and leaders, of a great club. A tea and display of uniforms and 4H articles will be available for viewing during the Darlingford Centennial weekend.



Phil Sprung, Roy Fields, Leader of Wood Working, Cody Arpin, Chris Sprung - 1980-81

Windygates 4-H Beef Club celebrates 50 years

This fourth of July will be an opportunity for former and present members of The Windygates 4-H

Beef Club to gather at the Manitou Fair and celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the club. Mervyn Carruthers was the founding leader of the club in 1948 in the small community south of Darlingford with the assistance of Eugene Laing, agricultural representative at the time from Morden, who was instrumental in helping to start many of the 4-H clubs in the area and went on to become the Dean of Agriculture at the University of Manitoba.

The first year of the Windygates club saw thirteen members raise their prize calves with Achievement day being held June 30, 1949 at Point Douglas School. Enrolment remained about the same for many years staying in the mid teens, declining to nine and ten members some years and increasing to thirty members during the late sixties. The calves were not sold at auction the first years but Mervyn would deal with a cattle buyer for a lot price for the red ribbon and blue ribbon groups of calves. Reinhold Holenski, former Windygates member and leader, recalls selling the calves for 27 to 29 cents a pound in the early fifties. The achievement days were held at Point Douglas until the mid fifties when it was moved to Manitou and the club competed against Manitou and La Riviere clubs. There was one year, 1951 when the calves were not shown due to Hoof and Mouth Disease.

The Windygates club has always been very well rounded in the 4-H experience, participating in yearly achievements and rallies where the club displayed their unique marching style (which former member Dwight Morrow named the "Windygates Shuffle") and also in club displays. During the 1960's the club won the provincial display competition with "Guide these Hands," a display about road safety.

Windygates has also excelled in public speaking, performing skits participating in district and regional communications for many years. Many former members have also been awarded trips across the globe through their 4-H involvement. A few members in particular being Mel Johnston who travelled to Nebraska in 1963, Kevin Johnston received a trip to The U.S. National 4-H Conference in Washington D.C. in 1983, Andy Keen participated in the 1997 Japanese 4-H Exchange.

Many former Windygates members have gone on to become 4-H leaders passing their knowledge on to the next generation of 4-Hers. Mervyn Carruthers was a leader for 27 years, and Reinhold Holenski was a leader for 25 years and a member for seven. They, along with many other leaders over

the fifty years have successfully guided the members through their years in the club. Currently the 1998 Windygates club has 15 members and two leaders. Although many things have changed in the past fifty years the lessons 4-H continues to teach remain the same, as the Windygates club continues to "Learn To Do By Doing."

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Darlingford Bridge Club

Norma Amy, Leona Nichol, Ada Pearce, Marj Lyons, Jennie Jacobs, Beth Law, Muriel Jordan, Jessie Phipps, Merle Morrison, Nora Hunt. front row: Ethel Cowan

SPORTS

Badminton

Badminton was organized about 1931 and carried on for a few years in the community hall. They had a fair sized club and a number of married couples played at chasing the "birdie". The club had thirty-six members at one time.

Baseball

The Darlingford Comet - May 30, 1912:

"Barclay vs. Darlingford

The Ladies Baseball Match on Saturday evening created a great deal of interest and a large crowd attended. The game was the best ever seen here for some time, the visitors being very much in evidence at all times. With the exception of one disastrous inning, when pitcher M. Marshall weakened, they played great ball and were coming strong at the finish. V. Hunt, A. Craig, Jessie Jordan, C. Switzer, L. Duncan and M. Marshall were the stars of the contest and all played a fine game. The final score was Barclay - 14, Darlingford - 18.

After the game both clubs visited Mr. Cardno's ice-cream parlour, where the game was re-fought over ice-cream and fruit and where a most enjoyable time was spent. The umpire was J.C. Herron.

Ladies Fastball

Enthusiasm for sports did not end with the winter months. Darlingford was well represented in the fastball world in 1947, with a team comprised of five local girls - M. Lawson, P. Spangelo, M. Amy, I. Rex, E. Arnott, and the remainder coming from surrounding communities. This team, in one season's play, had a win-loss record of 21-0. It could be pointed out that much of the credit should go to the pitching arm of Ethel Arnott. This team played in sports days and tournaments from Clearwater to Carman.

Personnel of the team:
Pitcher - Ethel Arnott,
Catcher - Laura Olafson.
First Base - Marjorie
Lawson. Second Base -
Phyd Spangelo, Third Base -
Millie Dudgeon, Short Stop
- Mid Amy, Left Field - Jean
Wood, Centre Field Isabelle
Rex. Right Field - Olive
Johnston. Coach - Bert
Lawson.

Little League Baseball

After a lapse of a number of years when there was no organized baseball in the community a number of people met in Darlingford school on April 16, 1962 to elect a committee with the purpose of joining the Pembina League Baseball Club. At this meeting Russ Amy was elected president and Aileen Kidd as secretary-treasurer. Four teams were entered in the league, namely the 16 and unders, coached by Ed Spangelo, Glen Olmsted and Reg Clayton; the 14 and unders, coached by Russ Amy and Haref Rasmussen; the 12 and unders, coached by Ken Compton, Bruce Lindsay and Doug Hunt and the 10 and unders, coached by Allen Stevens and Don Stone. Season tickets were sold by the various players at \$1.50 each from which funds were raised to purchase uniforms for the players and during that first year the four teams were outfitted with uniforms. Each player paid a registration fee of fifty cents and the club sponsored dances and these funds were used to purchase equipment and benches for the ball players and spectators.

Since the league was organized much time and energy has been expended by a great number of coaches in giving numerous children the opportunity to participate in the sport of baseball and the interest of the community has continued through the years. In 1970 the president of the club was Robert C. McElroy and the secretary treasurer was Doreen Clayton.

Through the years the teams have travelled to Lyndal, Kaleida, Snowflake, Manitou, La Riviere and Pilot Mound, which districts throughout the years also had teams entered in the Pembina League.

The picture shows the team coached by Russ



Darlingford and Barclay ladies baseball teams: John Switzer, Cora Switzer, Pearl Griffin, Veda Hunt, Alma Cardno, Lizzie Duncan, Julia Jordan, Bessie Bedford, Nelda Andrew, Katie Martin, Mabel McElroy, Jessie Jordan, Jack Herron, Annie Craig, Jessie Strong, Owen Barry, Edna Griffin, Georgina Switzer, Ottie Collins, ?, Annie Marshall, Maggie Marshall



Darlingford Demons Softball Team - 1977-82. back row: (l-r) Jean Clayton, Pat Hamm, Bruce Lindsay (coach), Laura Buelow, Jacqui Tickner, center row: Rish Law, Debbie Hamilton, Janet Hemminger, Betty Waddingham, front row: Donna Compton, Brenda Hemminger, Angie Compton, Tracie Waddingham, Marilyn McClay, Juanita Clayton, missing: Tina Waddingham, Marnie Lindsay, Amy Young, Gwen Elias, Gordie Clayton (assistant coach). This team played against Windygates, Manitou, Pilot Mound, Snowflake, La Riviere, Thornhill, Morden, Kaleida

Amy which won the league for the years 1962 and 1964.

The Darlingford Imperials

The Darlingford Fastball Club under the name of the "Imperials" was organized under the leadership of Ed Spangelo, Gerry Moore, Alvin and Glen Hunt in the year 1963.

The first team consisted of Taylor Moloney, Abe Friesen, Bruce Lindsay, Ed Spangelo, Glen Hunt, Gerry Moore, Doug Hunt, Alvin Hunt, Joe Aerssens, Bob Johnston, Garry Simonson, Allen Stevens, Dale Klippenstein, Mel Compton and Jim Kostal. The players played in different positions until they found their niche in the team.

To say the least, the team was green and took a few sound trouncings until more players were added, such as

Charlie Townsend, Duane Williams, Brent Amy, Greg Richardson, Marvin Hunt, Greg Kidd, Mel Johnston and Barry Kidd played for a short time, and, perhaps a few more who have been overlooked unintentionally.

The team stayed in the league through good and bad years and travelled to many tournaments such as Baldur, Belmont, Notre Dame, Treherne, Somerset, and Winkler, some times reaching the finals and some times they were not quite so fortunate.

The coaches throughout the years were Charlie Townsend, Andy Kidd, Ken Compton and Duane Williams.

The 1971 team consisted of Mel Johnston (catcher), Abe Friesen (pitcher), Morley Wilson (first base), Jim Hunt (second base), Gordie Clayton (short stop), Dale Dudgeon (third base), Bill Liptak and Dennis Pearce (left field), Greg Stevens (centre field), Bob Lantz

and George Elias (right field), with Bruce Lindsay and Alvin Hunt as spares.

The Pearce Fastball Team

The year 1946 saw the formation of the locally



Little League ball team, Darlingford Mel Lantz, Russ Amy, Taylor Moloney, Ken Law, Greg Kidd, E. Dickson, Warren Clayton, Brent Amy, Greg Smith, LLOYD Hemminger, Bob Aerssens

famous Pearce Fastball Team. Baldie Berg was instrumental in its organization and remained to coach it successfully for several years.

During its years of operation, 1946 to 1957, the team travelled to many tournaments and games, far and wide, mostly in the back of Spangelo Bros. Ford two-ton truck. Some of those places included Olsen, Loma and Osnabrook in North Dakota and Morden, Manitou, Somerset and Notre Dame in Manitoba.

They were seldom beaten. For two years in succession, they were never beaten by Osnabrook, who were at that time North Dakota's State Champions. The team was made up of the following players: pitchers - Bruce Lindsay and Artie Dudgeon, catchers - Stewart Beatty and Mel "Spike" Collins, first base - Edgar Spangelo, second base - Ole Dudgeon, third base - Allan Dudgeon, short stop - Morris Andrew, right field - Jim Dudgeon and Duane Deason, centre field - Adolf Treichel, left field - Alf Rex; Sam Berg, Dale Dudgeon and Bert Treichel as utility.

Of these, a few were outstanding players. Morris Andrew was a fantastic bare-handed shortstop. It was a sad blow to the team when he passed away in August 1949. "Spike" Collins lived up faithfully to the commandment, "Thou shalt not steal." Bruce Lindsay, another Darlingford import, had no trouble striking out eight to ten batters in a single game. In fact, at Loma, North Dakota, one Sunday, with second and third bases occupied and two out, an intentional pass was indicated. What did Bruce do but strike the third batter out!

At one tournament in Somerset, Pearce was tied 0-0 with Swan Lake at the end of the sixth. In the bottom of the seventh, Pearce exploded with six runs. They held on to this 6-0 lead to win the game and then went on to win the tournament.

There was always that good-natured kidding present among the players and, of course, humorous incidents did occur.

At Osnabrook one

Sunday, the opposition put in a drunk as the umpire. The first three Osnabrook batters filled the bases all walks, since all pitches were balls! Earl Harris of Langdon saw this injustice, so grabbed the mask off the drunk and put it on a sober bystander. This game ended in a shutout for Pearce!

Pearce was a well organized team and perfect harmony prevailed. They first went to church on Sunday mornings, from there to Spangelos to change clothes and a bite to eat and then off to a game or a tournament. They played for keeps, but good sportsmanship was their strong point.

Shadeland Fastball Team

Not to be outdone by the Pearce fastball team, Shadeland team was formed in approximately 1961. They played in a league with Morden, Rosebank, Dunston, Altamont and Darlingford.

Like the Pearce team, they were also very successful, playing and winning many tournaments in southern Manitoba in towns like Plum Coulee, Morden, Miami and Darlingford, to name a few.

They also won the league trophy many years in succession from 1961 to 1971.

The reason for their great success as a team, if you were to ask anyone of the players was: teamwork, determination and the ability to pull together.

The original team of nine was made up of the following: Art Dudgeon, pitcher, "They have to hit



Barclay Ball Team - 1940

back row: Brian Ticknor, Don Ticknor, Harold Compton, Murray Ticknor, Jim Barclay, Don Cowan, front row: Joe Lowry, Gerald Barclay, Alex Ticknor, Eldon Storey, Allen Storey



Shadeland Fastball Team Champions - 1965. Otto Treichel, Bert Rex, Allan Dudgeon, Don Lumgair, Dale Dudgeon, Robert Treichel, Art Dudgeon, Bob McElroy, Lyle Lumgair, Norman Rothenburger

it to get on base"; Bob McElroy, catcher - "No one cruises home base when I have the ball"; Allan Dudgeon, first base, "Throw it where I can reach it and they're out"; Robert Treichel, second base - "I'll cover everything around second base"; Lyle Lumgair, short stop - "I'll do my damage with the bat."

Dale Dudgeon pitched four consecutive games one year in a playoff series walking only two batters, and one of those walks was intentional.

We had no spare players, and all the team were farmers, so when a game was scheduled for Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, and you still a lot of seeding to do, some players were known to have started working in field at midnight on Sunday night in order to be done in time to make the game at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening.

This team played together for two or three years and then they added three more players, namely, Eddie Lumgair, Norman Rothenberger and Allister Duncan. Eddie played third base, Norm was short stop, and all played first base along with Allan Dudgeon. Dale Dudgeon began pitching along with his brother Arthur. Their main objective as pitchers was: "Don't give anyone a walk. They have to earn their way to first base."

Art Dudgeon, in a two game series against the eastern league champions from Reinland, pitched eighteen innings of ball and did not give up one walk. Shadeland won that total score series. Reinland winning 8-6 and Shadeland taking the

second game 4-0.

Glencross joined this league in the later years and Shadeland and Glencross had many very interesting games.

One of the final games for the league trophy one year was won by Shadeland 2 to 1 over Glencross. Both Shadeland runs were home runs by Don Lumgair.

When this league finally folded, in approximately 1971, many of the players from the team joined forces with players from Dunston and Morden, and enjoyed many more years of playing the game they all loved to play.

This team was called "The Farmers."

Curling

According to the items as gleamed from The Darlingford "Comet" published in the early part of the 1910's, there was considerable interest in the game of curling in the community, in spite of the fact that there was only one sheet of ice. The reports of the annual meeting, the schedules and all events pertaining to curling were all published in the newspaper and the following is the report of the annual meeting held on October 1, 1910 as reported in the November 3, 1910 issue of The Darlingford "Comet":

Curlers Meeting

On Saturday evening, October 1, a meeting of those interested in curling, gathered in the Empire Hotel. A good percentage of last year's members were present, and all immediately rejoined. A number of new candidates also asked permission to join. The club will suffer a loss this season in the absence of Mr. Crosby, who has severed his connection with Darlingford, and leaves shortly for the East. The present outlook is of the brightest. The secretary's report shows a balance on the right side of the ledger. For the ensuing year the following officers were elected: Patron - Mr. W.H. Sharpe, M.P. and Dr. B.J. McConnell M.P.P.; Honourary Members - Mr. J.A. Hobbs, Mr. J.F. Crosby, Mr. J.J. Scott, and Reverend C.W. Finch; President - Mr. J.C. Herron; First Vice President - Mr. R.A. McLaren; Second



Windygates - Mowbray team - 1908 top row: Jack Larson, Tom Johnson, Archie Cundle, Hank Lone, Win Mitchell, Billie Huston, Herb Green, Wm. Swayze, Joe Deason, bottom row: Fred Deason, Art Brown, Harry (Skinny) Larson, Freddy Estherman, Ed Henessee

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The following are a list of the various rinks entered in the 1910-11 curling season: E. Boyle, A.J. Irvine, E.C. Law, J.C. Herron (Skip); N. Checkley, A.D. Cardno, A.O. Berry, A. Lawson (Skip); R.A.S. MacLaren, C. Martin, E.A. Coleman, R.A. Fines (Skip); J.E. Law, J.F. Broadfoot, R. Cox, P.W. Law (Skip); Geo. Martin, J. Knisley, J. Carswell, J. Bond (Skip).

During the 1912-13 curling season the most winning rink was the rink composed of Jack Carswell (Skip), Percy Law, Roy Bond and E. Boyle and they received a gold medallion on a chain.

The Darlingford "Comet" of December 29, 1910 contains the following special event held by the curlers on Christmas day: "The Tory Curlers took their Grit opponents into camp in regular provincial election style on Christmas Day, both Conservative rinks winning their games. In the morning Tory Law out-voted Grit Lawson by the narrow margin

of one, 9-10. and in the afternoon his running mate, Heron, kept up the streak by polling a majority of eight over Bond. Score: Tories 26, Grits 17."

Crosby Curling Trophy

It was typical of Mr. J.F. Crosby to leave to us a spanking fine Cup to be put up for competition of the local curlers of that day. He was a sport in the finest sense of the word.

While we list below the annual winners, we can only dream back to the many, many games involved in finding those winners, and the fun enjoyed at the roaring game.

1923 - Joseph Compton, M.A. Harper, Harry Leatherdale, E.O. Boyle (Skip).

1927 - Thos. Stait, Julius Degen, C.N. Bedford,

Reverend D.B. Kennedy (Skip).

1929 - Dan Kelly, W.H. Wilson, J.C. Smith, John A. Morrison (Skip).

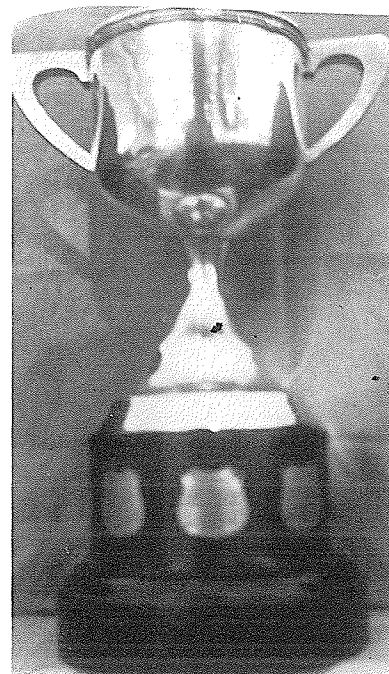
1930 - Lloyd Morrison, Geo. Young, J.C. Smith, M.A. Harper (Skip).

1931 - Joe Ticknor, Joseph Compton, Wm. R o m b o u g h , Walter Ticknor (Skip).

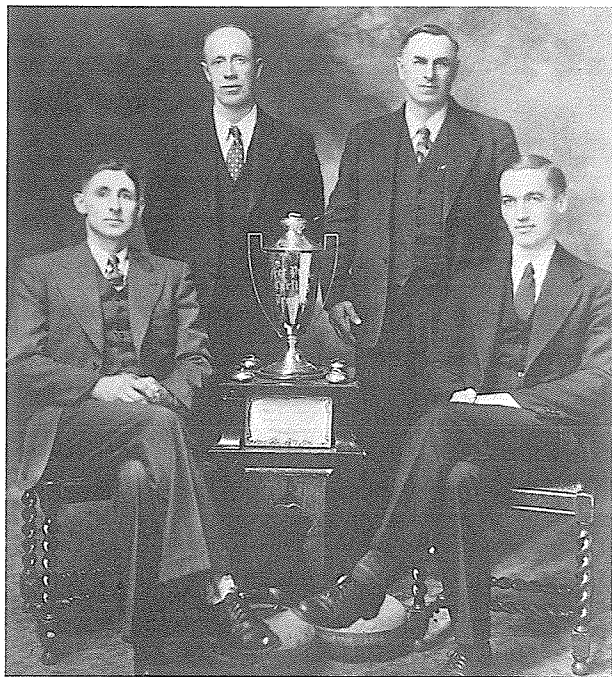
1932 - W.C. White, Geo. Young, M.D. Nichol, J.A. Morrison (Skip).

1933 - Everton Frank, Keith Collins, Elgin Hawken, M.A. Harper (Skip).

1934 - Geo. W. Sandy, W.C. White, Bert Bloxam, M.A. Harder (Skip).



Crosby Curling Trophy 1923-1934



Darlingford Curling Club - winners of Free Press Trophy - M.C.A. bonspiel - 1940 Les Hunt - 3rd, J. Switzer - 2nd, J. Degen - lead, J.H. Cousins - skip

Rural Curling Rink

Southeast of Darlingford, during the 1930's a rural curling rink was operated by the local farmers. The first year it was held on N.E. 24-2-7 in Lumgair's machine shed. The equipment went outside and the eighty foot long shed was flooded for the curling rink. The first year they used wooden blocks to curl with, which were soaked in water and then frozen. The rink was lit by a Delco light plant.



Curling - 1939 Bryson, Degen, Veals, Cousins - skip won third prize in Dingwall and Capital Coal

The second year the rink was moved north to N.E. 25-2-7. They dug out the side of the hill in the creek. The building was made of scraps of lumber found in the community. The roof was straw and sometimes the straw would fall onto the ice surface, which would make for some interesting curling. Gas lanterns were used to light the building.

In the third year, Darlingford had purchased new rocks and this rink got their old stone rocks. People used to come from Thornhill and Darlingford to try the wooden blocks.

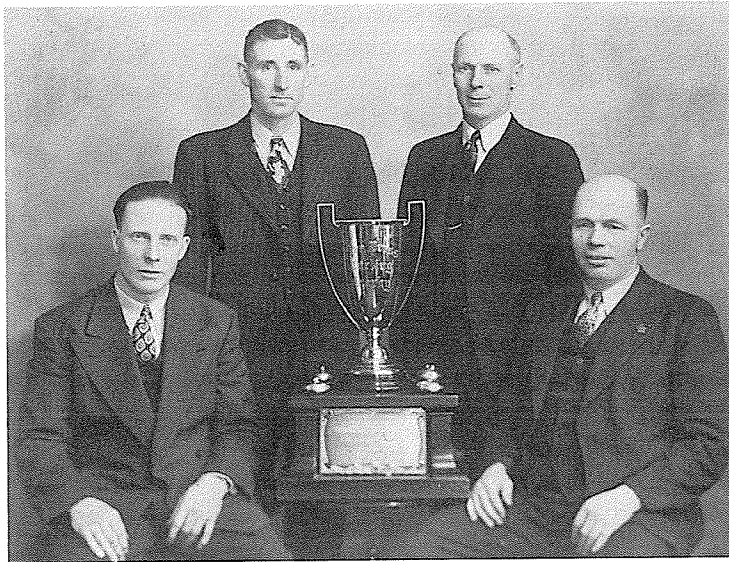
It cost \$1 per winter to curl and this was to pay for the lights. Some who used to curl on this rink were: William Lumgair, Alex MacDonald, the Wilsons, Billy Rombough, Bill Coates, Edgar Boyle, M.D. Nichol. The rink operated for about four years.

Skating and Curling Rinks

The first skating rink in Darlingford was situated in the area south of the railroad, where the old F.C. Smith's Lumber Yard is still standing. It was built of lumber in the early part of the 1890's. In order to support the roof, a row of posts were placed down the centre of the rink and lanterns were used for lighting the building when it was used in the evening. It must have been quite interesting when the skaters had to skate around the posts and especially when they were playing hockey. It is believed that the rink was also used for curling before a curling rink was built.

In 1906 a new modern skating rink was built at 19 Dufferin Street. It was constructed of lumber, paid for with cash donations and erected with volunteer labour. A curling rink consisting of one sheet of ice was attached to the new rink in the form of a lean-to. Both the skating and curling rink were lighted with a 32 volt plant.

Huge crowds attended the hockey games. Brackets were put along the south wall of the rink to hold planks for seats. A ladder was used to climb up and down. These brackets were still there in 1947 when the rink became unsafe for use



Winners of the Free Press Trophy M.C.A. Bonspiel - 1947 H.K. Coleman, Les Hunt, B. Bloxam, W. Nichol

and was torn down. The C.P.R. put on "hockey specials" to take players and spectators to the various towns from Morris to Pilot Mound, where the games were played. The C.P.R. was guaranteed so much to make the trip. Some of the caretakers that looked after the rink were C. Swerdfeger, Roy Bond (sixteen years), Haig Law, Wib haresnape, Bob Lawson and Reg Clayton.

After the rink was dismantled in 1947, an open air skating rink was used with poor waiting room facilities until 1954. A public meeting was held in the community hall and a committee was formed to

erect a new waiting room at the rink. A donation was received from the Orange Lodge and sufficient funds were raised from the district to erect a cement block building with volunteer labour that was in use until 1969.

In 1960 interest was generated for the erection of a new regulation sized rink, to be paid for by a levy on the properties in a proposed area. A plebiscite was held and the by-law was defeated by two votes. The following year another plebiscite was held and was defeated by eleven votes. Up until that time it was necessary to obtain a sixty per cent majority before a by-law passed. In 1966, the municipal act was amended and it was only necessary to have a fifty per cent majority to pass a money by-law.



Wood Trophy - hand carved by Billy Wilson



Curling - Edith Fry, Irene Morrison, Winnie Robbins, Ida Slute, Edith Young, Beatrice Andrew, Eva law, unknown

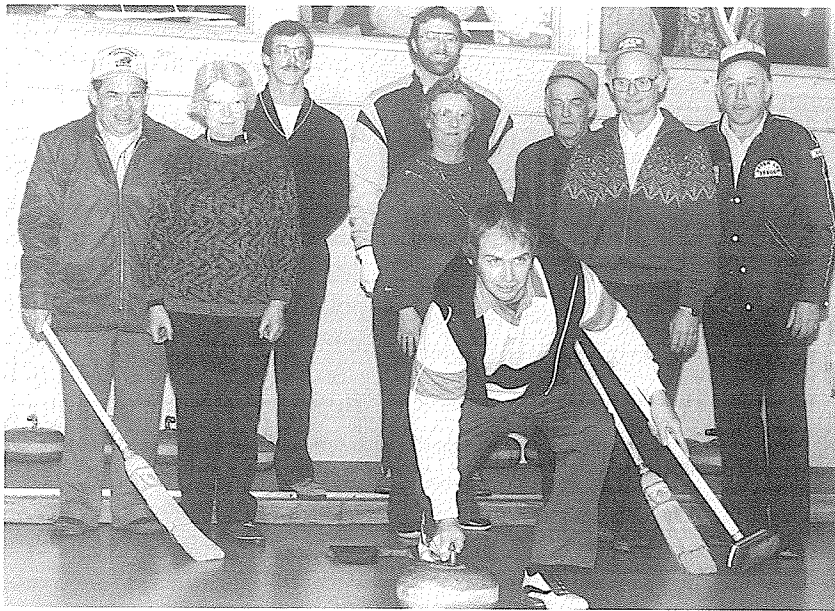
In 1969 another by-law was presented and it was passed with a small majority.

The new skating rink was erected with volunteer labour under the supervision and assistance of Alfred Deiner, a carpenter from Tisdale, Saskatchewan. The rink was officially opened in January 1970 as part of Manitoba's Centennial celebrations. The rink was used extensively by the community in this first season of use and many people who hadn't skated for years, put on their blades to try out the new rink.

However, in the late spring of 1970, disaster struck the skating rink when twenty



Senior curlers at official opening of new Darlingford Curling Rink, February 2, 1987. (l-r) Marg Cram, Ruth Hunt, Haig Law, Joe Tickner, Elmer Lowry, Henry Lantz, Elmer Morrow. Les Hunt throwing first rock



Darlingford Curling Club Executive at official opening of new curling rink - February 2, 1987. (l-r) Walter Lechner, Marg Cram, Bob Davidson, Howard Morrow, Ruth Ching, Gordon Ching, Jack Barnet, Dale Dudgeon. Throwing first rock is president Murray Seymour

inches of wet snow fell in the district and the weight of this snow on the roof, caused the rink to collapse. Once again, the community rallied behind the committee and with many countless man-hours of volunteer labour, the rink was re-built and in operation for the 1970-71 season. The total expense

of rebuilding was \$5,250. The young people put on a walk-a-thon and raised \$1,800. The balance was made up by various fundraising projects and private donations. Generous donations were received from our friends in the surrounding towns and at the opening of the new season, the debt was cleared off.

The Darlingford skating rink was a busy place during the winter months. There was a full slate of minor hockey teams playing organized hockey out of Darlingford against neighbouring towns in the Pembina Valley Minor Hockey League which went as far west as Mather and east to Altona. Minor Hockey in Darlingford came to an end in the early 1980's due to a shortage of kids in the area and the need for artificial ice for a longer season to compete with other towns.

Senior hockey in the new rink wasn't too competitive for a few years but Darlingford had a team that played what they called "bush league hockey" against the neighbouring towns like Snowflake, Swan Lake and Somerset. As the years went by, senior hockey got a little more competitive as the kids from minor teams got old enough to play senior hockey. Then the senior hockey team became known as the Darlingford Millionaires and played very entertaining hockey in the Pembina Hill Hockey League. Other teams in this league were Manitou, Clearwater, Mather, Crystal City,



Centennial Bonspiel - January 28-31, 1999. 1st in 1st event (l-r) Brian Sibbick presenting David Sibbick Memorial Trophy to Rod Powell - skip, Kerwin Basler, Steve Plett, Dan Dynes. photo by southern shopper



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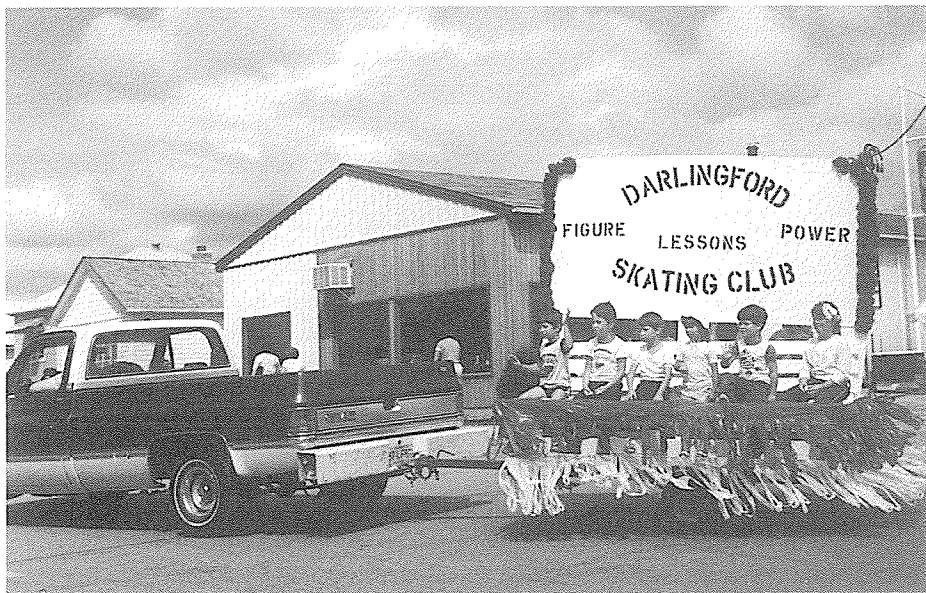


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Darlingford Skating Club float

McLeod, third Bob Hunt, fourth Paul Link; second event - first Murray Seymour, second Morden Day Care, third Doug Griffin, fourth Grant Howatt and third event first Tom Pearce, second Ken McElroy, third Jerry Kelner, fourth Cory Walske.

McKennitt/Compton Trophy for Annual Competition

1959 - E. Lowry, K. Compton, B. Bloxom, T. Compton

1960 - D. Cram, G. Sager, H. Sager, W. Bollenbach

1961 - A. Schultz, R. Jordan, W. Lechner, A. Booker

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1966 - Charles McElroy, V. Ching, F. McElroy, C. Hemminger

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1976 - H. Knox of Miami

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In the early days sports played an important part in the social life of the Darlingford community.

Hockey

Hockey held no second place in the life of the residents during the winter months and it was indeed fortunate that one of our local citizens, namely Mrs. Stewart Lowry, had several issues of "The Comet", a newspaper published in Darlingford during the years 1910-13. With the assistance of these newspapers and a number of our older citizens we were able to put together some of the goings on at the time.

The editor of "The Comet", Mr. A.O. Berry, surely did justice to the coverage on the events and the following are a number of excerpts taken from the newspapers:

December 8, 1910.

"A fair representation of the hockey supporters gathered in the Empire House on Thursday last, to discuss the prospects of a team for the coming season. Mr. J.C. Herron occupied the chair, and after a report of last season's business it was again decided to form a club and place a team on the ice, and the secretary was instructed to communicate with neighbouring clubs with regards to again forming a league. The following officers were elected: Patron - Mr. W.H. Sharpe, M.P.; President - Mr. A. Lawson; Vice-President - Mr. V. Allen; Honourary

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In the February 9, 1911 issue of the newspaper it is noted that Mr. R.A.S. MacLaren, the manager of the Bank of British North America "has donated a cup for competition in a series of six games, the first to be played on Friday night."

Competition was between the Town team and the Country team and, after five games, the Country team had won two games and the Town three games and the final game was held on Friday, March 10, and the following is the write-up on the game:

Town Wins The Cup

In the final match for the MacLaren Cup the spectators were treated to the best game of the season and one of the fastest and most exciting events ever played on Darlingford ice. At full time the score was a tie, 6-6. Five minutes each way failed to break this, and it was decided to play until a goal was scored. Play had been going on for three minutes, when Law broke away, and after a brilliant run netted the puck for the winning tally. Some few minutes before time, Martin received a nasty crack in the face from the puck, and was forced to retire, his team playing five men to six for the balance of the game, but even this handicap did not prevent their winning in the playoff. Arnott and Berry made satisfactory officials. The line-up: Country: Goal - Nichol, Point - Werner, C. Point - Biggar, Centre - Jopp, Right - Morrison, Left - F. Bond; Town: Goal - M. Bond, Point - Irven, C. Point - P. Law, Centre - R. Bond. Right - Bolton, Left - Martin, Umpires - Wm. Manning and F. Arnott, Time-keepers - C. Amy and W.J. Oke. Scores as follows: Town - Law 4, R. Bond 2, Bolton 1; Country - F. Bond 1, Jopp 5.

January 25, 1912 edition:

"After a strenuous seven game series last season, the town was declared winners. This year, the country, represented by the Kaleida Hockey Club, sent in a challenge and games were started, without, it appears, any set number being mutually agreed upon. Unfortunately Mr. MacLaren did not leave any rules governing the contests for the Cup, and Monday night's game has been protested by the Kaleida team on account of the Darlingford team playing R. Arnott.



Hockey - 1907 top row: (l-r) J.F. Corsby, P. Law, O. Hudson, Ed Law, A. Lawson, Geo. Hudson, E.A. Coleman, A.O. Berry, J. Harris, L. Tweed

Nothing can be definitely decided until word is received from Mr. MacLaren, regarding the rules governing the trophy. As far as we can learn about rules governing such matters, if the Cup was donated for a single year trophy and was won by the Town club permanently last year, then, they have a perfect right to defend it with any player in the district they wish. On the other hand, if Mr. MacLaren intended it to be played for as a yearly Challenge Cup, and strictly Town vs. Country, then R. Arnott should not have played with a Town team. Their protest thus leaves Kaleida, "we don't want Arnott on our Country team; but we are afraid to see him on a Town line-up." However Kaleida have shown they are good sportsmen in many a long drive this year, and are deserving of every consideration from their opponents in town.

"Three games have already been played and in all probability two more will be played. The first was a fair representation of an open-dash, go-as-you-please, shinny match, and was won by Darlingford by a 5-3 score. The second was won by Kaleida 4-5 and was clean, but not particularly fast from a spectator's point of view, as Judge-of-play McLean penalized all offenders pretty severely and kept down rough-house work.

"Monday night's game was the fastest seen on the local rink for the past two years and was witnessed by a large crowd of enthusiastic rooters. Play opened fast and clean, every man being right on his mettle and ready to take advantage of the slightest opening. The rushes of Law and Morrison were features all through the game. It would be impossible to name any of the other players as individual stars as each and every one was constantly performing some extra brilliant stunt. J.O. Law and Ferguson were continually saving sure-enough shots in their respective goals. Some little mix-ups occurred towards the end of the third period that caused a few excursions to the fence. The teams line up

as follows: Darlingford: Goal - O. Law, Point - Irven, C. Point - F. Bond, Centre - R. Bond, Rover - P. Law, R. Wing - Arnott, L. Wing - Bolton, Kaleida: Goal - Ferguson, Point - M. Morrison, C. Point - C. Jopp, Centre - Biggar, Rover - Chaytors, R. Wing - H. Morrison, L. Wing - Stanton.

The score: first period - Law, 4 min.; Biggar, 6 min.; Stanton, 2 min.; Law, 5 min.; second period: Chaytors, 3 min.; Jopp, 7 min.; R. Bond, 4 min.; Stanton, 2 min.; third period: F. Bond, 3 min.; Law, 8 min.; Bolton, 7 min. Darlingford 6, Kaleida 5. Umpires - Dr. Morrison and Wm. Manning. Timekeepers - David Brown and John Carswell. Referee - A.O. Berry."

February 1. 1912.

The MacLaren Cup

The following letter has been received from Mr. MacLaren regarding the rules governing his trophy: Bow Island, January 26, 1912. A.O. Berry, Darlingford. Dear Sir: Yours of the 23rd to hand. I am glad to hear the Cup still lives. Darlingford Town won the Cup last year and should they win it twice more in succession it would be theirs to do what they like with.

The teams are to be composed as follows:

(1) Darlingford Team - Only residents of the town who have resided in town since 1st November each year they play.

(2) Country Teams - Composed of players living in the country within a radius of nine miles of Darlingford and who have resided in the district since November 1st, each year they play.

(3) The Cup is to be played for each year by as many teams as compete. On ice to be mutually agreed upon in a series of at least three games, more if agreed upon, but not more than seven games.

(4) The Trustees of the Cup will be A.O. Berry, James Rice, and A.A. Jopp. Anything these three agree upon outside of the regulations noted here, will be entirely satisfactory to me.

"I shall watch with interest the accounts in the Darlingford paper and hope to hear that the games are keenly contested in a clean manner and that no more disputes or protests will be necessary. (Signed) R.A.S. MacLaren."

February 15, 1912 edition:

"Trustees' Decisions. That we endorse Referee Stanton's decision and place the game of February 9, as a win for the Kaleida team. That the disputed game of January 22, be thrown out, on account of there being no rules governing the games at the time it was played.

"That a final game for the possession of the Cup be played on the Darlingford ice, on Friday, February 23, and that only the players who participated in the last two matches be eligible to play.

"That Stanton, of Kaleida, and H. Bolton, of Darlingford, be rated as eligible spares for this match.

"That the Officials for the match be secured from Manitou - Reverend Mr. Bracken and Mr. W.A. Parker preferred.

"That, on behalf of the two teams, we gratefully accept Mr. Cardno's offer of an oyster supper on the evening of the match."

There is no record of the final game in this series.

In the early days of hockey the game became quite spirited at times which made the job of refereeing quite interesting to say the least. The following is an article taken from "The Comet" of January 25, 1912:

Hockey Officials

Graduated "with honours" as a "dirty" hockey official! Yes, we are now regulated to a reserved seat with Coleman, Herron, Chaytors, McLean and

Bond! Who's next? Had Kaleida nosed out a victory in Monday's game we might still have retained our former glory (for a week) and the magnificent salary attached thereto. But the fates decreed otherwise. The old saying "You can't please everybody," will have to be revised. "You can't please anybody," and applied to fourteen so-called "sports" who are battling for the MacLaren Cup. Any bunch of boys can win a hockey match; but it always takes gentlemen to lose one! Coleman was the first to secure a few pet names last year and very properly left the ice; Herron wisely followed suit a game or so after. Chaytors came up from Kaleida, with the intention of "letting 'em at it," and lasted one game; McLean followed and decorated the fence two and three deep all round the time-keepers, and his services were promptly dispensed with. Bond went on to do the best he could and it was, "No more Roy." Then your humble servant, like the proverbial fool, stepped in where an angel would fear to tread, and emerged with a hand-painted, 18-karat reputation for crookedness. Oh! It's a merry position! Unless a Daniel soon comes to act as judge-of-play the prospects of a completion of the series is pretty hazy. Talk about a bunch of school kids! The official is always the pet of the winners in that particular game, but should he be unlucky enough to be persuaded to act again, and the same team lose! Well, he may just as well steal someone's mill-stone and hunt up a nice pond!

Kaleida has no one in their district, with the exception of their own players, who understands the difference between a cross-check and an offside, and Darlingford has run out of fools, who are willing to be blackguarded for the sake of a 2 by 4 hockey match.

It is a great pity that the treasuries of the two clubs will not permit the employment of a reliable outside man, but in that case the spectators wouldn't see much of a game between the two goal-keepers, with both teams decorating the fence."

Following the earlier accounts of hockey in the community many good teams of hockey players took part in competition in what was known as the Southern League. Around the 1920's, Darlingford sponsored an excellent hockey team, and many of the players had formerly competed for the MacLaren and McConnell cups, along with a few newcomers.

During the depression years of the 1930's, Darlingford had two teams, a junior and a senior, that provided plenty of excitement for the specta-

tors. Around 1935 the Senior team played against Pilot Mound in the finals for the season and a special train was chartered to take the players and spectators to the game.

The Darlingford News in the "Western Canadian" - February 2, 1933:

Hockey

The present high school hockey girls battled a team of "has beens" on Friday night and just managed to emerge victorious by a 2-1 score. Judging only from remarks of those who observed this event, it was surely a thriller action galore and plenty of spills along with the thrills. We didn't see it so details are lacking. The line-up may prove interesting: Presents - E. Smith, E. Carswell, V. Frank, D. Pearce, Evelyn Swerdfeger, Marjory Law, L. Duncan, G. Mitchell; Has Beens - Eva Law, Nellie Hunt, Stella Slute, Florence Carswell, Ella Law, Louise White, Ida Slute and Edith Fry.

Flying Fannies Ladies Hockey Club

In the winter of 1946-1947 this hockey club was formed. Their uniforms consisted of gold bloomers, black sweaters and gold ties.

For practice, the local boys team provided opposition, and actual gruelling games were played against the towns of Morden and La Riviere. Records of performances are not remembered, but judging from Linda Christie's and Joyce Ramsay's missing teeth, the team was not comprised of softies. Coach for the girls' team was Mr. Bert Lawson.

Tennis

Tennis became popular in the 1918's. J.F. Crosby was one of the organizers of a club at this time. The first court was on the grounds of the Methodist church, where the phone office was built, and then a court on the C.P.R. grounds across from the stores, where some fast games were played for a number of years. Other times the courts were put on Fred Amy's lawn and the school grounds.



Flying Fannies - back row: M. Amy, P. Spangelo, M. Lawson, F. Gysi, J. Ramsey, middle row: B. Law, N. Christie, J. Veals, M. Coleman, P. Jordan, front row: F. Collins, L. Christie, B. Veals, missing: Eileen Law, B. Lawson (coach)



Darlingford Pee Wee Hockey Team Champions - 1971-72. back row: (l-r) Myron Nichol, Lyle Hope, Bob McElroy (coach), Neil McElroy, Gil Dudgeon, middle row: Mark Ching, Barry Treichel, Doug Treichel, Larry Hemminger, Dale Lowry, front row: Dwayne Hope, Darrell McElroy, Jim Cram, Howie Sanderson, Terry Mulholland



Darlingford Hockey Team. back row: Ed Giesbrecht (coach), Doug Fijala, Barry Grettum, Andrew Heaton, Darren Seymour, front row: Dale Seymour, Daryl Smith, Rick Thiessen, Glen Grettum, Michael Hemminger



Windygates Broomball Team - early 1970's. back row: (l-r) Abe Friesen, Terry Hemminger, Tom Carruthers, Mel Johnston, Fred Carruthers, Rod Hemminger, Peter Hoepfner, front row: (l-r) Howard Lone, Arthur Hemminger, Bernard Weiss, Lloyd Hemminger, Marvin Shiskoski



Darlingford Raiders, Winners of the Darlingford Hockey Tournament, Valley Esso Trophy, February 1977. back row: (l-r) Ed Giesbrecht, Larry Hemminger, Myron Nichol, Ike Schmidt, Brent Checkley, Glenn Clayton, Darrell McElroy, front row: Michael McGregor, Jim Svoboda, Barry Treichel, Warren McKennitt, Brian McElroy, Barry Stevens, Blaine Gould

PEOPLE

The Scattering of Seeds

George Abel

George Abel, whose parents came from Bruce County, Ontario, married Maude Huddlestone of Russell, Manitoba. They had two daughters, Vivian and Phyllis. Maude Abel died in 1937 and in 1945 George Abel came to Darlingford where he bought the hardware store from Fred Smith. George married Ottie Maloney in 1950. Upon George's death in 1962, his daughter, Phyllis, took over the hardware business until she sold it in 1975.

Vivian (deceased 1986) married Rowland Purkis (deceased, 1966) in 1936 and they had two children, Brian and Elaine. Brian married Tress Ames in 1962 (divorced) and they had one son and two daughters: Cory, Tannis and Carrie. Elaine married Gren Peterson in 1970.

Phyllis married Edgar Spangelo in 1946 and they have one daughter, Tannis Kae. Tannis married Jack Moore in 1968 and they had three sons: Corey, Chad and Craig. Jack died in 1985. Tannis married Marcel Pelletier in 1989. Corey married Michelle Desjardins in 1995 and they have one son, Jack. Craig married Dana Wood in 1998 and they have one son, Cole. Chad works in Winnipeg.

Bill Adams

Bill Adams was a bachelor who lived for a few years on a farm near Mr. Cranshaw.

John Aerssens

John Aerssens (1917-1973) was born in Belgium. He came to Canada in 1920, with his parents and their other children. They settled first on a farm in the Swan Lake district and later moved to Altamont.

John came to the Darlingford district in 1942 and worked for different farmers. He married Mary Frank (1912-1995) and they resided in Darlingford where he worked on the C.P.R. section gang for a number of years. He then worked on the Manitoba Pool Elevators construction gang where he died accidentally in 1973. Mary died in 1995 at the Tabor Home, Morden. They had four children:

Joe (1946) joined the R.C.M.P. and is now retired and lives at Houston, British Columbia. He had married Annette Belgrove of Chilliwack, British Columbia, and they are now divorced. They had one daughter Terra. She married Scott Duncan and they live at Agassiz, British Columbia.

Bob (1947-1991), worked at different jobs around the country. He opened a "This and That" variety store in the old Darlingford Hardware building in 1987. He

married Cecile Rostad from Fort Que Appelle, Saskatchewan not long after starting the store. He died in 1991.

Bill (1948-1972) worked in the Darlingford area after leaving school and died in 1972.

Lorie (1952) finished school at Darlingford and married Cliff Williams of Manitou. They had two daughters, Tracey and Barbara. They have since divorced. Lorie is now married to Keith MacPherson and they live in Brandon.

James Hoskin Amy

James Hoskin Amy was born in Cornwall, England, in 1845. He came with his parents and family to Little "Muddy" York (now Toronto) when he was two and one-half years old. Later the family settled on a farm near Elora, Ontario, where they partook of all the joys and hardships of hewing for themselves a home in the bush of Ontario. There were no schools within miles so the mother taught her children, as well as coping with her many other duties.

Helen Elizabeth Hall was born in Edstone, Oxford, England, on February 17, 1851. Her parents died when she was thirteen and, at sixteen years of age, she came to the United States to live with her aunt and uncle in Illinois. Some years later she was visiting friends near Elora and met James Hoskin Amy at a strawberry social. The attraction was mutual and, on February 9, 1876, they were married and settled on his farm near the family homestead.

Bad luck seemed to be their portion. She helped out with finances by cooking for sawmill gangs at ten cents a meal, and also by nursing. She assisted a Dr. Paget at one of the first appendix operations on a neighbour's boy at his home. In 1899 their whole crop which was stored in the barn was lost when the barn was struck by lightning. Discouraged, they decided to emigrate to Manitoba where their two oldest sons were working. He was to rent a farm owned by a Mr. Scott but, while enroute to take over this farm, it was sold, so the family, after landing here, lived in an empty house on a farm owned by Wellesley White. The children attended Elam school and all went to Sunday school, walking one and one-half miles to Zion church.

Three years later Mrs. Amy took over the management of the boarding house at Darlingford. Mr. Amy purchased five acres of land north east of town from James Law and built a barn, made a garden and started a basement for a new house. Then bad luck struck again, as the boarding house, owned by Mr. H. Bolton, was sold, and Mrs. Amy was given

two weeks notice to vacate. It was near winter, so the barn was turned into a house and a smaller barn built for the cow and chickens. It was hard going but with all their hardships, they were a happy family. A new house was built in 1915. They had some income from gardening and nursing. They were active members of the Methodist Church. Mr. Amy, at one time an elder, Sunday school teacher, and at times taking an occasional service, was what was known then as a "local preacher".

Mr. and Mrs. Amy had a family of nine children: Martha, Melville, Myron, Hoskin, Mary, Cedric, Pearl, Helen and Frederick. Martha married Richard Williams, an upholsterer, before the family moved to Manitoba, and had two daughters. Melville married Bessie Nichol and lived in Saskatchewan and British Columbia. Myron and Hoskin never married. Mary married Freeman Frank and lived at Wasketnau, Alberta and then at Salmon Arm, British Columbia and had a daughter. Cedric married Lena Martin whose father was in the hardware store at Darlingford, and had a son. Pearl, a teacher, who married Henry Brice after his return from World War I, lived at Riverhurst, Saskatchewan, and had four daughters and a son. Helen, a teacher, who married Monteith Fargey of La Riviere, had a daughter and a son.

Fred was born in Ontario in 1895 and moved to Manitoba with his parents in 1900. He obtained his education starting at Elam then Darlingford one

room school and was one of the first pupils to attend Darlingford Consolidated School in 1910. After completing high school he went to Normal School at Manitou and obtained his teaching certificate. Rather than get a teaching job he chose to enlist in the Canadian army and was sent to Europe where he developed lung problems and was invalided back to Rochester, Minnesota for treatment.

On his return to Darlingford he was appointed postmaster and together with his brother, Myron, they ran a gift shop as well as the post office and mail delivery to and from the train. At this time the post office was relocated in what was the Boulton Block. In 1925 fire destroyed the Block so the post office was relocated in what was previously the Methodist Church.

Fred was an avid gardener so spent many hours tending to trees, lawns, etc. He was also interested in all sporting activities as a spectator as well as a participant.

Norma Elizabeth Wilkins was born in Rochester, Minnesota on July 10, 1900, where she also received her schooling. She moved to Manitoba in 1918 where she married Fred and by 1928 with a young family of four moved to the house on the hill built by grandfather Amy and is still occupied by Betty Bond, third generation Amy to live there. Norma was an ardent church worker helping to arrange for and serving at many fall suppers. She was superintendent of the Sunday School for many

years as well as leader of Mission Band. She was also a receptionist at Morden hospital for nearly twenty years. Fred spent a winter in Ninette Sanitorium when the family was young and Norma took over the duties of post master. Fred died in March 1950 and Norma died in July 1975. Fred and Norma had six children: Betty, Russel, Jim, John "Jack", Elaine and Bill.

Betty, a music teacher in Darlingford, Morden and Manitou, married Ab Law who was killed overseas during the second world



James H. Amy



Mrs. J.H. Amy

war. She later married Howard Bond. They lived at 30 Law Street. Betty plays the piano every Sunday at church. Betty still lives in her house.

Russell and Edith were both born in Manitou. Russ grew up in Darlingford and Ede in Manitou. When Russ returned from World War II, working in radar for three and one half years, he decided to take up electrical work. He and Edith Anning were married in Winnipeg, in 1947. They settled in Darlingford and Russ started Darlingford Electric, along with Hugh Rombough. Later he took the business over himself, and after working at it for thirty-nine years he retired. In this time also Russ, along with brother Jim and then Jack, operated Amy Brothers Mink Ranch. Russ and Ede retired in Darlingford and are still living in the house they built in 1950. They celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in May 1997. They have a family of three: Brent, Joan and Janis.

Brent and Bonnie live in Winnipeg. Brent works for the city and Bonnie is a school secretary. Brent took a course at Red River College in Civil Technology. They have two sons, Kevin and Ryan. Joan and David Kidd live in Winnipeg. David is in the lumber business and Joan is secretary-receptionist at Zeneca Seeds. they have two sons, Derek and Brian. Janis and David Henderson live on their farm in the Kaleida area. Janis is teaching at Thomas Greenway Collegiate. They have two daughters, Crystal and Michelle.

Jim also served during the second world war and married Norah Chapman while in England, and lived in Calgary. They have five children. Jim Jr., who married Trudy McFarlene lives in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and has two sons, Darren and Scott and one daughter, Cathy. Terry married Sharon Walker. Terry lives in St. Albert and has two sons, Paul and Justin and one daughter, Cheryl. Elaine married Rick Webb. Elaine lives in Claresholme, Alberta and has two sons, Russell and Robbie and one daughter, Leanne. Russ is not married and Norman has two daughters, Andrea and Jennifer. Both Russ and Norman reside in Calgary. Jim and Norah Amy lived the remainder of their lives in Calgary, Alberta. Jim was employed as maintenance carpenter for the army base there until his retirement. He died in 1992 and Norah in 1997.

Jack Amy and Mildred Cummings were married in 1946 and lived their entire lives in the village of Darlingford. In addition to serving thirty-two years as postmaster, Jack was always concerned with preserving community and the continuous improve-

ment of our village. This was evident in his efforts while serving on the church board, community hall, skating rink and town committees. During his term, Darlingford realized the installation of the sewer system and the paving of many streets. He died in 1992.

Mildred taught school five years before and after marrying Jack. She was acting postmistress in Darlingford from 1967-1970. In 1971 she gained employment as supervisor at Gemini Outerwear, Morden, Manitoba and then took over full duties at the Darlingford Post Office in 1980. She retired December 31, 1994. Jack and Mildred had five daughters: Lucille, Lisa, Barbara, Myra and Jacqueline.

Lucille taught school in Darlingford, Miami and Winnipeg. She married George Phillips of Miami, Manitoba in 1970. They reside in Langdon, North Dakota and are in the restaurant business. They have two married sons, Tony of Langdon, North Dakota married Towny Dietz and had twin boys, Michael and Christopher (1996) and Daniel of Fargo, North Dakota married Melissa Haakenson and they have one son, Cole (1995).

Lisa married Tom Sprung. (See Tom Sprung story.)

Barbara married William Strong, La Riviere, Manitoba in 1975 and resides in Winnipeg. They are both employed by Manitoba Hydro. They have two children, Jessica age twelve and Paul age eight.

Myra graduated from Nellie McClung Collegiate in 1974, attended Brandon University for two years and then moved to Winnipeg where she lived for two years. In 1978, Myra travelled to Germany where she lived until 1987. Upon returning to Darlingford she worked toward her Bachelor of Education degree and presently teaches at the Manitou Elementary School. Myra and husband Brian McElroy and two children, Kadria and John, live on the McElroy farmstead five miles south of Darlingford. Brian farms and runs a seed cleaning and treating operation. Kadria (sixteen) and John (thirteen) both attend high school in Manitou.

Jacqueline graduated from Nellie McClung Collegiate in 1977. She moved to Winnipeg where she worked the next five years. In 1983 she married Chris Hink of Miami, Manitoba. They built a house and resided in Darlingford until 1989. They then moved to Stonewall where Chris has been employed as an electrician for the past fourteen years. They have two children, son Justin (1985) and daughter Rachel (1990).



Jack Amy Family. back row: Liza, Mid, Jack, Barb, front row: Lucille, Jacqueline, Myra

Elaine Amy married Joe Schmidt, a war veteran, and lives in Winnipeg. Their family consists of Fred, Corinne, Debbie, Jack, Kerry and Tannis.

Fred married Shirley (Nicholas) and has two children from a previous marriage, Natasha and Ashley.

Corinne and Marvin Richardson are now living in Darlingford. Their children are Cindy and Trevor. Cindy is married to Jeff Pierce and they live in Winnipeg. Cindy is a nurse and Jeff works for Safeway. Trevor is married to Florena (Platio) and their children are Kyla, Brady, and Alysia. They live in Baldur, Manitoba.

Debbie and Barry Carr live in Winnipeg. Their children are Amanda and Andrew. They are both at home. Amanda

attends University of Manitoba and works part time. Andrew is also working.

John "Jack" and Gail (Blowers) live in Winnipeg. Jack works for Safeway and Gail for Zellers. Their daughter Tammy is a licensed hairdresser and lives in an apartment in Winnipeg. Son Joey works for Safeway. He and Corrin have a one year old son, Cyrus. Son Johnny attends school in Calgary for a three year computer course.

Kerry lives in Winnipeg and has been divorced and has no family.

Tannis is married to Barry Ho. He works for the federal government. Their children are Kyle (nine) and Danielle (seven).

Bill Amy married Morag Angst from Grosse Isle, Manitoba. Together they raised a family of three sons and one daughter. They worked in the printing business and did so in various places. They retired in Airdrie, Alberta and later moved to Three Hills, Alberta. Morag died in 1995 and Bill and son Doug still live there.

Ross and wife Marianne live in Saskatchewan and work with Wycliffe College. Upon completing university Ross worked in northern Alberta translating the Bible into Cree. They have six children: Heather, Rebecca, Daniel, Steven, Jesse and Sarah.

Bill and wife Terry have a trailer manufacturing business in High River, Alberta. They have two sons, Michael and Christopher.



Russ and Ede Amy Family

Doug is in the trucking business. He is not married.

Anne and Andy Pinder live in Airdrie. They have three children: Kandas, Duncan and Kayla.

Tom Anderson

Tom Anderson, a tinsmith from Souris, worked for Coleman Co. about 1919.

Samuel Andrew

Samuel Andrew came from Cornwall, England in 1829. He married Agnes Jane Wright of Picton, Ontario, in 1843. They settled on a farm near Flinton, Ontario, and spent the rest of their lives there.

Two of their sons came to Manitoba, Sam in 1890 and William a few years later. Sam married Alice Ching in 1894 and settled on section 15-2-7, which was their home until 1929. They were always active and very interested in community affairs, helping to build and maintain Zion Church. The family of seven attended Lorne School, getting most of their education there. Their children were: Gladys, Nelda, Alvin, Melvin, Chester, Beatrice and George.

Gladys married Edward Southworth. They had four children: Anne, Samuel, May and Joe who died as a child. (See Southworth story.)

Nelda was never married. She died in 1960.

Alvin enlisted in the Canadian Engineers in

1916 and was killed in action in 1918.

Melvin married Bessie Anderson and had a family of four: Morris, Alvin, Merle and Fay. The two boys died with polio, Morris in 1949 and Alvin in 1956. Melvin died in 1979 and Bessie in 1990. Merle married Reg Blackman and lives at Westbank, British Columbia. They have a family of three: Debbie, Nadine and Andrew. They have seven grandchildren. Faye is in a home at Notre Dame de Lourdes.

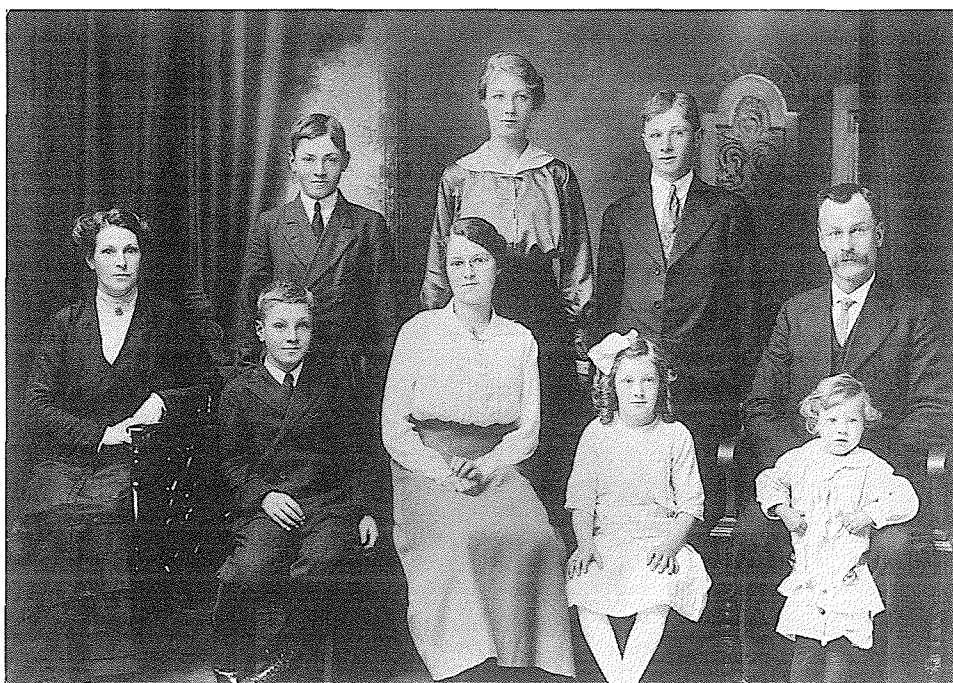
Chester married Gladys Hunt. They had four children: Duane, Barry, Diane and Terry. Chester died in 1983. Gladys died in 1988. Duane lives at Nanaimo, British Columbia. Diane lives at Edmonton, Alberta. Terry lives at Kamloops, British Columbia. Barry died in 1946. There are eleven grandchildren.

Beatrice married Robert Hill in 1932. They had two children, Lois and Harvey. Beatrice died in 1976. Robert died in 1990. Lois and Harvey both live in Winnipeg. There are five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

George born 1914, is the only one of the Samuel Andrew family left. He grew up on the family farm E. 1/2 15-2-7, now owned by Murray Ching. The district was known as Shadeland and the post office was at their farm until about 1920, when rural routes were established for mail delivery.

In 1929 Sam suffered a stroke, and was never able to get around after that and moved to Darlingford later that year where George attended high school. Sam Andrew died in 1933 and Alice and George moved back to the farm, where Chester and Nelda were living. In 1943 Alice and Nelda moved to Winnipeg, where Alice died in 1956. In 1936, George bought a farm at Thornhill, the Minty farm, E. 1/2 18-3-6.

In 1943 George married Lydia Bollenbach, of Thornhill and lived on that farm for over fifty years. They moved to Morden (345 - 9th Street). Their son, Brian took over the farm and lives there with his wife, Lesley and their family of three, two



Sam Andrew Family taken in 1916. back row: (l-r) Melvin, Nelda, Alvin, front row: Alice (Ching), Chester, Gladys, Beatrice, George, Dad, Sam Andrew

girls and one boy. Sam, the oldest, is a Chartered Accountant with Sill & Co., married Merle Duncan, of Flin Flon and lives in Morden. They have a family of four, two boys and two girls. Elaine married Keith Wasylik and lives in Unionville, Ontario. They have two daughters who are as active in sports

as Elaine! Daphne married Richard Peers and has two boys. They live on a farmyard near Thornhill where Brian and Lesley lived for twelve years. Melvin and Bessie lived on this same farm for a number of years.



George Andrew Family 1993 - George and Lydia's 50th wedding anniversary. (l-r) back row: Matt, Tim, Rene Burton, Duncan, Kiera, Leah, Evan Andrew, 2nd row: Phil Burton, Lesley Andrew, Rick Peers, Daphne, Tyler, Keith Wasylik, Kelsi, Merle Andrew, seated 1st row: Carol Burton, Brian Andrew, Joceylen, Lydia, Drew, George, Elaine, Sam Andrew, front row: Scott, Megan Andrew, Tesoa Wasylik

Brent Ankrom

Brent and Arlene moved to the Pembina Valley Camp N.W. 12-1-7W on January 1, 1995 to be the directors of the camp. They have two children, Caleb (April 6, 1996) and Katie (November 26, 1997). Brent is originally from Winnipeg and Arlene from Aberdeen, Saskatchewan.

Hughie Armstrong

Hughie Armstrong and his wife, came from near Ottawa and homesteaded the S.W. 1/4 11-3-7. They had four sons: Lanty, Albert, Arthur, and George.

Lanty married Susie Morehead and homesteaded the S.E. 1/4 9-3-7.

Arthur went west.

Albert married Nettie Cowan of the Thornhill district and farmed the N.W. 1/4 11-3-7, where they farmed for many years. Later they moved further south to S.E. 1/4 8-2-7. They were interested in community affairs and were both members of the

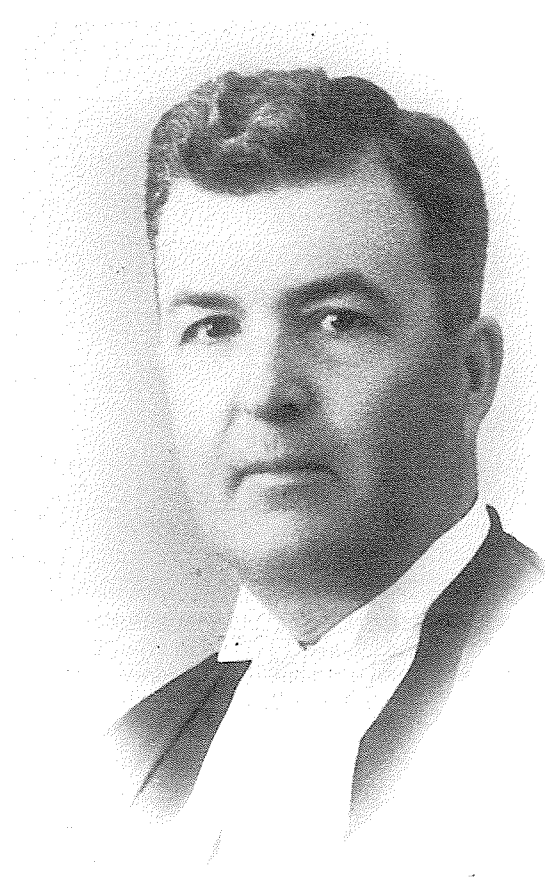
Forester Lodge. They sold their farm and bought a home in Darlingford. Mr. Armstrong died in 1958 and Mrs. Armstrong took up residence at the Tabor Home in Morden, where she died in 1965.

The Honourable Justice George Armstrong attended school in Darlingford, Manitou and later in St. Johns College, Winnipeg, and graduated from the University of Winnipeg. He articulated in Law in 1902 with W.F. Ellis, in Manitou, and was admitted as a solicitor and called to the bar in 1905. He practiced law in Manitoba and in October 1920, was appointed a King's Counsel and in 1923 appointed a Benchler of Manitoba Law Society for the Southern Judicial District. He continued as its representative until his appointment to the Bench in 1929.

He was a Liberal member for Manitou in the provincial government in 1915 and 1920. He was a member of the Odd Fellows and of the Masonic Order and in 1916 was Deputy Grand Master of the

I.O.O.F. in Manitoba.

He married Miss Margaret Ethel MacTavish, daughter of Robert T. MacTavish of Manitou, in 1907. Judge Armstrong possessed a most likeable personality. He was a sound lawyer and in the discharge of his duties on the Bench, displayed an outstanding trait of humaneness, which endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. He died in 1941 at the age of sixty years.



Judge Armstrong

Arneson

Arnesons lived on E. 1/2 31-2-7 before Joe Knisley purchased it.

Albert A. Arnott

Albert A. Arnott and Letta Jane Oke were born in Bowmanville Ontario. They were married in 1878, came to Manitoba in 1883 and lived in the Darlingford area until the S.E. 1/4 29-2-7 (school land) was surveyed in 1887, where they settled and built a home then later bought the west half.

They built a good set of buildings and developed a well equipped farm. They supported and contributed in building the community, namely Calf Mountain School, Zion Church, Farmer's Elevator

and Darlingford rink. Mrs. Arnott was interested in the activities of Zion Church, playing the organ for many years. When a mid-wife or practical nurse was needed she was often called to give a helping hand. Albert was known as a quiet friendly, and generous man to those who knew him. They retired to Morden.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnott had five sons: Luther, Levi and Howard went to Saskatchewan and homesteaded. Later Luther and Levi went to British Columbia. Luther entered the barber trade and died August 16, 1952. Levi worked as a cook on boats and served overseas during World War II. In 1948 he was washed overboard in a storm and drowned. Howard married May Waddingham and homesteaded at Bateman. May died in 1913 and he later married Grace Thompson. They had six children. The two boys served in World War II and the four girls married. Howard, a pioneer homesteader of Bateman died February 10, 1970 at age eighty-five. Fred worked as a bookkeeper and later as a grain elevator inspector. He and his wife Ettie had two children. They retired to Biggar, Saskatchewan.

Russel Victor Arnott was born in 1887 and stayed on the home farm. He married Mabel McElroy in 1919 and retired to Morden in 1951. Mrs. Arnott was active in church and Sunday school, Red Cross and other community organizations. Russel was a director of the Farmer's Elevator, trustee of the Calf Mountain School Board, elder in Zion Church, member of the Morden District Hospital Board and councillor of Rural Municipality of Pembina for fourteen years. Through his efforts on council, Highway #31 was constructed.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnott contributed much in assisting many individuals, particularly during the depression years, and continued to be involved in community projects after moving to Morden. Mabel died in 1972 and Russel in 1975.

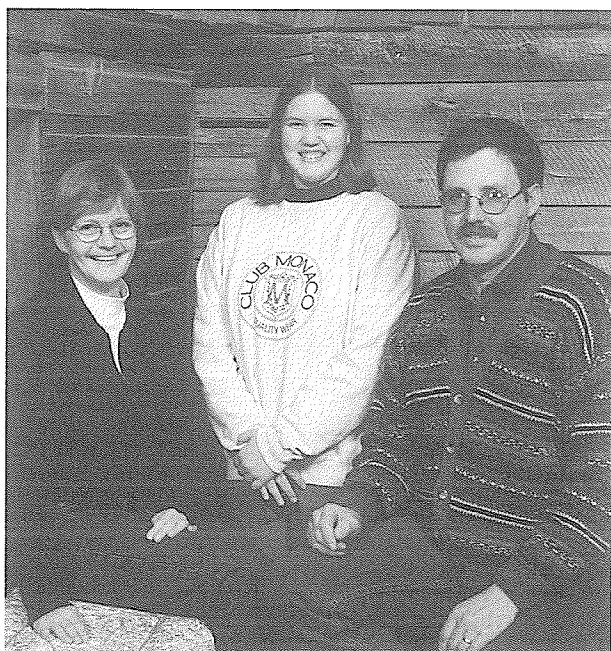
They raised five children. Verna Walsh and Beth Hariman, who lived and worked in Vancouver and each have three children. Beth died in 1994. Allan farming at Darlingford, Ethel taught high school in Winnipeg and died in 1992. Iris married Clarence Lechner, they raised four girls in Winnipeg.

Allan V. Arnott, son of Russel and Mabel was born in 1924 and attended schools at Calf Mountain, Darlingford and Morden. In 1942 he joined the R.C.A.F. and served as a pilot flying instructor until transferring to the British Royal Naval Fleet Air Arm in early 1945.



Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Arnott, Russell, Howard, Luther, Levi and Fred.

In March 1945 Allan married Edythe Rex, who went to school at Pearce and Morden. She attended Success Business College and was employed as a secretary with the army engineers at Fort Osborne. Allan and Edythe were active in community, serving on school and church boards. Allan was a director of the provincial and national Seed Growers



Yvonne, Kristen, Tom Arnott

Associations. He spent several years on the advisory committees of Farm Credit Corporation and the Bank of Montreal. From 1986-92 he served as a member of Farm Debt Review Boards. They have four children: Valerie, Diane, Vicki and Tom.

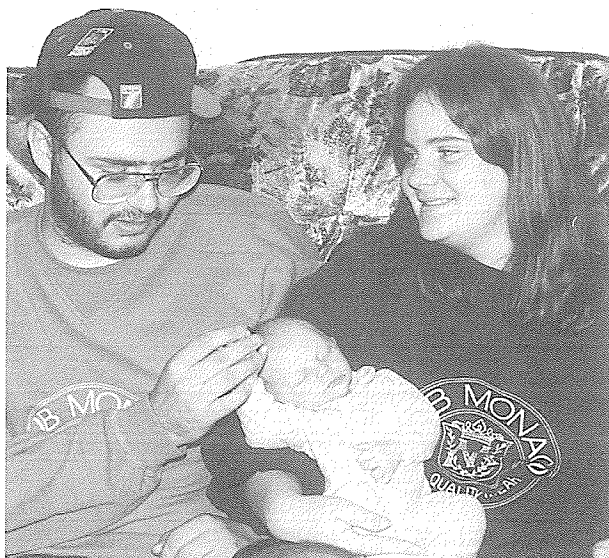
Valerie (Registered Nurse, Bachelor of Nursing, Masters in Hospital Administration) and Richard Stove live in Mississauga where Richard is director of Atlas Alloys. Valerie is senior project manager of two hospitals in Oakville and Milton, Ontario.

Diane, (Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Education) and Barry Sadler are teaching in Portage La Prairie high schools and are involved in

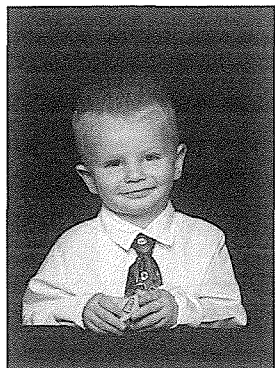
many community activities, especially golfing and curling.

Vicki (Bachelor of Administration, Chartered Accountant) and Mark Truman live in Mississauga, Ontario. Vicki is vice president of finance and administration for three amalgamating hospitals outside greater Toronto and Mark is comptroller of TSN Interactive Network.

Tom has a Diploma in Agriculture. He spent



Jason Carriere, Lisa Arnott, baby Desmond



Desmond Carriere

nearly fourteen years working in the trucking industry and is now employed by C.P. Rail in Winnipeg. He has also been involved with the armed forces reserves for many years and was one of the many people who went out and fought the flood in 1997. Tom and his wife Yvonne have two daughters, Lisa and Kristen. Lisa and Jason

Carriere have one son, Desmond (July 11, 1995). Kristen is in grade ten, and involved in several sports; baseball and basketball are her favourites.

Allan was discharged in January 1946 on his return from training in England to fly off aircraft carriers. Attending University of Manitoba, Allan completed a veteran's short course in agriculture. In spring 1946 he purchased a quarter section of the home farm and farmed in partnership with his father until 1950 when he purchased the balance of the home farm and equipment. The farm operation expanded to fifteen hundred acres, all the buildings were replaced, a hog operation, three different seed processing and marketing companies were formed, six hundred acres of land were cleared and farmed on a lease at the Swan lake Indian Reserve. In 1975 Allan and Edythe leased their land and seed businesses and moved to Nigeria, Africa. Under a Canadian International Development Agency project they managed the construction of a demonstration mechanized farm for a technical institute. In 1977 they returned and Allan worked as Special Crops Manager for Pioneer Grain in Winnipeg. They returned to farm from 1979-93. Retired, they travel to Arizona in the winter months.

Harford Ashley

Harford Ashley was born in West Huntingdon, Ontario, in 1875. In 1895, he came west on the harvest excursion to La Riviere and worked for Mr. Fargey. The following years he returned and worked for Charlie Storey, Jim Switzer and the Kellys. He also worked on a bridge gang at Fort William and in lumber camps. In 1903, he rented the N.W. 1/4 23-3-7 from Charles Hoskins, and he and Eva Switzer were married in August and lived there until 1915. At one time, he drew cream to Manitou, a hard trip for horses. In 1915, Harford enlisted with the 90th Battalion (Little Black

Devils) and, the next year went overseas where he suffered so much with rheumatism, he was invalided home and, after his discharge, became a carpenter. While he was away, the family lived in Darlingford in the Shields' house (36 Dufferin Street).

In 1919, the family moved to the N.W. 1/4 29-3-7 in the Barclay district. This land, together with horses, machinery and material for a house, was bought through the Soldiers' Settlement Board. They lived in a granary while the house was being built. That year, because of a railroad strike, some of the material had to be brought from Winkler, but, by November, they were in their new home. Harford and Eva spent thirty years on this farm. He died in 1951, at the age of seventy-six. Mrs. Ashley lived on the farm with her son, Ken, until 1958 when she purchased a house in Darlingford from Maurice Cowan (42 Bradburn Street). In 1960, she took up residence at Prairie View Lodge, at Pilot Mound and rented the farmland to Ross Griffin. Harford and Eva had five children. Eva died in May of 1974 at the age of ninety-four years.

Ralph, who was born in 1906 was accidentally shot, at the age of eleven (1917), with a revolver in the hands of a young relief station agent "who didn't know it was loaded".

Norman married Loveday McKay of Lenora and operated Pembina Motors Ltd., in Manitou, until his death in 1968, when his son McKay took over the business. They had three children. McKay who married Elaine Moore of Pilot Mound had two children. McKay died in 1990. Gaye who married Cameron Munro, of the R.C.M.P. has three children. Carol, who married Bob Kidd lives in Brandon and has two children. Loveday died in 1998.

Evelyn married Howard Foster and lived in Glenboro. Her son, Ralph Foster lives at Fort Chipewan, Alberta. They have three girls. Howard Foster died April 6, 1986 at age seventy-five years. Evelyn Foster died October 14, 1986 at age seventy-seven years.

Elgin married Violet Robertson and lived in Ottawa, where he was a salesman for Palmer Automotive. Vi was a secretary for Mr. Robert Thompson, M.P. for Red Deere. Elgin Ashley died July 24, 1977. Violet Ashley died July 23, 1997. Both are buried in the Darlingford Cemetery.

Kenneth and his wife, Ruth Jagger, lived in Portage La Prairie, where he worked in a service station, and Ruth nursed. Their children, Dwayne

and Myrna, are employed out of province. Dwayne lives and works at Fort Simpson North West Territories. He is still single. Myrna married Richard Pears and lives in Ottawa, Ontario. Kenneth died July 1986. Ruth retired from nursing and is living in their home at Portage La Prairie.

Ole Aspevig

A local history of Ulen, Minnesota says of Ole Aspevig, who lived there, "This fellow was a real live wire, who suddenly caught the Canadian fever." Thus it was that in 1912, Ole Aspevig, at the age of thirty-two, with his wife Ellen (1880) and their four children, Cecilia, (1902), Arthur (1904), Martha (1907) and Peter (1911) pulled up their American stakes and emigrated "across the line" to Canada. They settled in the Pearce district southeast of Darlingford, where their dreams, ambitions and energies found expression in clearing the land, farming, and helping to build and nurture a newly developing community. Here Elmer was born in 1922, and about the same time, another boy, Kenneth Keller (1919-1994). Mrs. Aspevig's great-nephew, joined and completed their family.

In 1931 Ole, Ellen, Pete, Elmer and Ken moved to Manitou. Arthur remained in the Pearce district until 1943 when he moved to Flin Flon to work in the mines. Cecilia, married Alexander Dudgeon in 1923, remained on their Pearce district farm. Martha attended Manitou Normal School. She married Freddie Deason of Mowbray.

However, Manitou held meaning for the

Aspevigs before they made the town their home. Can you believe this? At the time of Manitou Fair, Ellen and her friend, Mrs. Gunder Berg, painstakingly prepared, packaged, and packed their specialty, angel food cakes, and other baked delicacies, and trekked their entries all that way to compete in the fair! It is interesting to note that the family's connection to Manitou's educational facilities and the fair continues today in the persons of Robin and Alexander Dudgeon, great, great-grandchildren of Ellen and Ole.

In Manitou, O.S. Aspevig, managed the local branch of the Massey Harris Company, Pete operated the Red Indian Gas business.

The Aspevigs enjoyed their new home and the company of a young boarder, Otto Mueller. However, the Aspevigs lived in Manitou only a few years before tragedy struck. In 1936 Martha's husband, Freddie Deason, died at age thirty-two. One year later, Mrs. Aspevig died at age fifty-eight. During the ensuing years, Martha and her two little sons, Harold (1931-1984) and Duane (unknown-1996) lived briefly with her father in Manitou prior to her resuming her teaching career in Alexandria, Lindal, Morden and Darlingford schools.

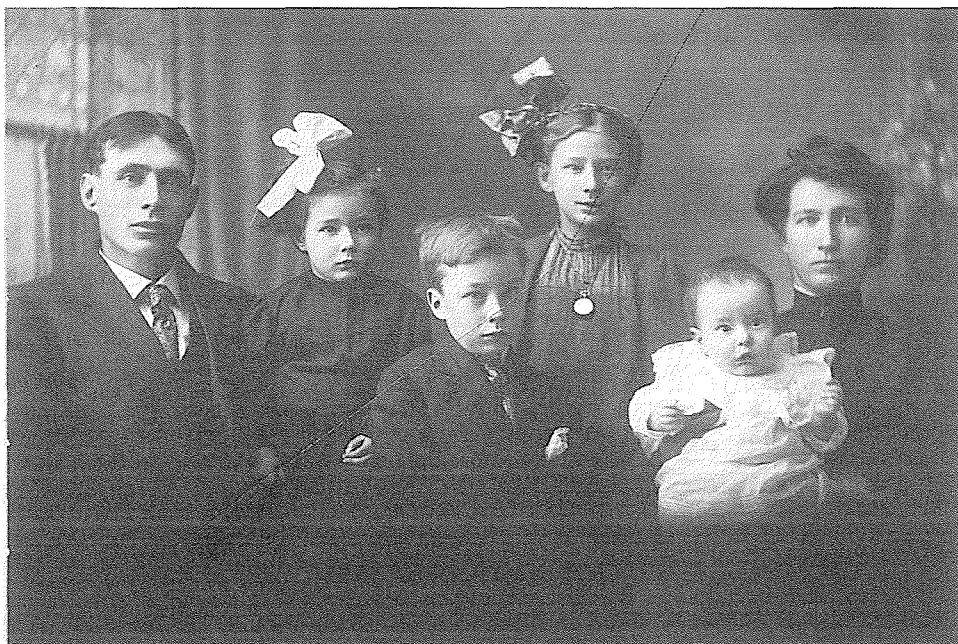
In 1949 Martha married Tom Kendall. They made their home in Winnipeg where Martha continued to teach.

Pete married Marj Scott in 1938. They had no children.

Elmer and Ken both served in World War II and upon discharge settled in Winnipeg.

Elmer married Lillian McKay in 1946 and after Pete and Marj moved to the city, both Elmer and Pete were involved in the insurance business. As well, both pursued their interest in curling and golf as well as in music. Pete organized a dance band while in Manitou. Elmer enjoyed playing several musical instruments including his favourite, the electric organ.

In time, Ole moved to the Morden area. In honour of his eightieth birthday in 1960, his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren hosted a celebra-



Ole, Martha, Arthur, Celia, Peter, Ellen Aspevig

tion at Pearce Church, the church which had been pulled to that site by Ole's huge steam engine. Across the road was Pearce School, centre of the school district, which Ole's foresight, initiative and energy had been instrumental in establishing.

Thirty two years after his death (1964) his grandchildren warmly remember that "Grandpa was always ready to go." The senior Aspevigs are buried in Manitou Cemetery. Deaths of the following family members are as follows: Arthur 1975, Cecilia 1983, Martha 1990, Pete 1991, Elmer 1992, Ken 1994, and Marj 1996.

Lionel Asselstine

Lionel Asselstine, a native of Winnipeg, lives in the former Stan Maxwell home on S.E. 5-3-7. Lionel is the Maintenance Engineer at the Morden Research Station.

James Baillie

James Baillie came to Darlingford in 1929 to operate the Home Lumber Yard, vacated by William Groom. His mother and sisters, Betty and Doreen, came to live with him. Doreen worked in the H.R. Veals store for a number of years and Betty trained as a nurse in Brandon. A brother, Andrew, taught school at Opawaka and after returning home from the war, went to university in Winnipeg, where he received his Ph.D. in Geology. He moved to Calgary, Alberta.

Jim married Edith Carswell of Darlingford and then was in the lumber business for a number of years at Morden. He then was transferred to Brandon and later Portage la Prairie where he retired and later died. Edith has moved to Barrie, Ontario.

Jerry Baloun

Jerry Baloun (1898-1982) and his wife Anna (Statni, 1909-1982) and daughters Mary and Teenie, came to Canada from Lutsk, Poland in 1928 and settled in the Brown district, better known as "1-6". Edward (Eddie) was born in 1931. They farmed in the 1-6 district for sixteen years and in 1944 moved to the Middleton district where they farmed the S. 1/2 25-3-8 until retiring to Darlingford in 1967.

Jerry was chairman of Middleton School District for many years, a director of the Manitoba Pool Elevator at Darlingford and a member of the Manitoba Farmers' Union. In 1961 he went fishing with a party to Cross Lake in northern Manitoba



Jerry Baloun

where he caught a thirty-two pound jack fish and was Manitoba Champion for that year. He was mentioned in fifty-one newspapers in the United States and forty people wrote to find out where Cross Lake was located.

Mary (1925-1986) married Ken Sanderson in 1947 at Port Alberni, British Columbia. They moved to Powell River, British Columbia where Ken had a logging camp. In 1966 they moved to the Baloun farm at Darlingford. Mary and Ken had two children: Barbara and Howard. Barbara married Owen Smith in 1980 and they now live in Morden. Owen is employed by Manitoba Hydro and Barbara by Bethel Hospital in Winkler. They have four children: Gerry, Crystal, Cherrie and Brent. Howard (Howie) married Brenda (Renton) in 1983 and they have two daughters, Amy and Rachel. Howie is employed with McLean Farm Supply in Manitou. They live in the Kaleida district.

Ken remarried Lorraine Girouard of Somerset in 1989. Ken died in 1990. Lorraine remarried (1996) Robert Riddell, a retired school teacher from Miami and they live on S.W. 25-3-8.

Teenie (1926) married Gordon Webster in 1947. Gordon was in the Canadian Air Force and they retired to Sorrento, British Columbia. Gordon died in 1993. They have two sons Robert and Miles. Teenie is now deceased.

Eddie (1931-1993) married Merle Entner in 1956, in Powell River, British Columbia. They have one son, Les and two daughters, Cheryl and Marci.

Eddie worked for the Powell River District Hospital until his retirement in 1991. Eddie died in 1993.

Robert Barclay

Robert Barclay married Jessie Johnston in 1879. They sailed from Scotland after the wedding and came to Canada on their honeymoon. He bought the S.W. 1/4 34-2-7 from his brother, James Barclay. This had been "script land" - which James had purchased after he and Peter Stewart had helped build the Stony Mountain Penitentiary in 1874. Script land was given by the government to those born in Manitoba before 1870. Barclay school was built on the south west corner of this farm in 1891. It served as a school, a place for church services and a community centre, until it was destroyed by fire on July 3, 1962. A cairn now stands on the school site.

Robert and Jessie Barclay raised a family of seven: Katie (Bob Cassels), Lizzie (Harry Cockshott), Sammy, Jim and Stewart are deceased. Jessie lived at Chilliwack, British Columbia and William in the Barclay district. Jessie died in 1917 and Robert in 1932.

Stewart, who married Grace Finnie of Homewood, farmed the home place until poor health forced him to



Robert Barclay



Mrs. Jessie Barclay

move to Chilliwack in 1948. They had three children, George, Robert and Ruth, who were born while they lived in the Barclay district. Stewart died in 1966

William Barclay

William Barclay purchased the S.E. 1/4 34-3-7 from Peter Stewart in 1920. In 1926, he married Catherine Cartney of Hamiota. They had two sons, Jim and Gerald. Their home was always a scene of lovely flowers, gardens and crops, flocks of chickens, turkeys, horses and cattle. Their door was always open to travellers, salesmen and neighbours. A fine couple.

In 1972 Cathy and Will moved to McKinnon House in Winnipeg, an apartment building where some of their church friends resided. Will died in 1974. Cathy remained there until 1991, when she moved to the Tabor Apartments in Morden. She died in 1997.

Robert James Barclay (Jim) eldest son of Will and Catherine was born at Manitou, Manitoba in 1927. He received his education at Barclay School north of Darlingford. In 1946, he received a certificate in heavy machinery repair at Edmonton Technical Collage.

Upon returning to the family farm helping summer months, he worked in garages at Darlingford and Manitou helping bring the first mechanized machinery to a farm which had been totally horse operated. He rented S.W. 34-3-7 from his Uncle Stuart Barclay of Darlingford, who moved to British Columbia in 1948, buying the same farm in 1952. This farm celebrated its centennial in 1979, standing on the corner of this property is a cairn to the old school district as well as a farm plaque. Also stands a replica of the old Barclay school house.

Working for the Rural Municipality of Pembina for several years as a Caterpillar scraper operator he met with an accident, though uninjured, while crossing the bridge on Pembina River on the Snowflake road, suddenly he found himself, machinery, oil wagon in the river bed. It has been said his only comment was, "I lost my cap."

In 1957 Jim left Darlingford and farm for Winnipeg where he was employed by Powell Equipment as a field serviceman for thirty-one years. Upon retirement he had to find new things to occupy his life. This he has done by working at Manitoba Agricultural Museum, where he has been a director for nine years. Helping with schools, "hands on tours" in summer months, gardening and



4 Generation Barclay's Catherine Barclay, Gerald Barclay, Cathy Lone, Graham Lone - taken in 1990 standing beside the cairn erected to commemorate Barclay School. Replica was built for the RM of Pembina Centennial Parade

keeping the old farm yard tidy and clean, plus his own yard in the city of Winnipeg!

Jim married the former Gladys Harde of Opawaka, in 1950. Together they have a family of four children: Stanley, Merle, Philip and Leslie.

Stanley married Donna Gaudhe and has two children, Michael and Melissa. Stan is a computer systems engineer.

Merle, married Andre Desrosiers and has two children, Chad and Shauna. She pursued a dream and received her Bachelor of Education in 1997 and is teaching in Transcona.

Philip after leaving school worked for Boeing Aircraft of Winnipeg before joining CAF training in Cornwallis, Nova Scotia. He was posted to Cold Lake aerospace engineering. After a few years he was posted to 409-F18 Tactical Fighter Squadron in Baden, Germany. Returning to Canada and a posting in Edmonton, he is now with 435-Herc Squadron in Winnipeg. He married Carol Mykytyn and has two children, Drew and Trevor.

Leslie married Kerri Baergen and has three children: Joshua, Jesse and Rebecca. He works for

the City of Winnipeg. He and Kerri can be found on amateur radio call numbers VE4CCC & VE4EEE.

Gerald Barclay married Lorna Pockett of Winnipeg and they live on the S.E. 1/4 34-3-7, where his father had lived. At this time Mr. and Mrs. William Barclay moved to the S.E. 1/4 33-3-7, known as the Alex Lowry farm. Gerald and Lorna have three children: Barbara, Cathy and Kent. In 1961, the house built by Peter Stewart on their farm burned and it was replaced by a modern farm

home. Gerald and Lorna continued to farm, renting Jim

Barclay's land. In 1979, a farm centennial celebration was held, at the original Barclay farm S.W. 1/4 34-3-7. In 1971 Lorna accepted the position as a registered nurse at the Morden Medical Centre, she retired in 1995. She enjoyed working with doctors



Barclay family at the wedding of Kent and Patti, October 23, 1993. back:(l-r) Doug Lone, Gerald Barclay, Conrad and Barb Grexton, middle: Cathy Lone, Lorna Barclay, Patti and Kent Barclay, Shannon and Sara Grexton, front: Graham Lone, Jennifer Grexton, Grandma Catherine Barclay, Ava Grexton, missing: Kelly Lone

and meeting so many people while there. Lorna and Gerald love travelling and hope to visit many lovely spots in Canada in their retirement.

After graduating from Nellie McClung Collegiate in 1975, Barbara received her Bachelor of Education and Bachelor of Arts from the University of Winnipeg. She began teaching in Grandview, Manitoba in 1980 where she continues to teach, being able to pursue her interested areas of drama and home economics. She married Conrad Grexton, a farmer and musician from the area, in 1982. He has three daughters, Erin, Shannon and Sara. Conrad and Barbara's children are, Ava Marie (1988) and Jennifer Vivian (1991). In 1992 they built a house on their farm that borders the scenic Duck Mountain Forest Reserve.

Cathy married Doug Lone in 1984 and they have two children: Graham and Kelly. Cathy, Doug and family live in Morden, Manitoba where Cathy works as a registered nurse at Morden Hospital and Doug is employed at Fehr Glass.

Kent attended school in Darlingford and Manitou prior to taking up full time farming with his father. In addition to farming, Kent has been employed full time since 1978 with Fehr Glass and Huron Windows of Morden where he currently works as a service representative. Kent married Patti McElroy of Morden, Manitoba on October 23, 1993. They reside on their farm yard located in the Barclay district (formerly Roy Fields farm).

Cecil Barkley

Cecil Barkley (1908-1979) with his wife Evelyn (1905) and two sons came to Darlingford in 1939, where he became principal of the school. A daughter Janie was born in 1948. They all took active part in community life, church and rinks and have many fond memories of Darlingford. After eleven years, in 1950 they moved to Rivers, Manitoba where Cecil taught school until he retired. He died in 1979 and Evelyn still lives in Rivers.

Kenneth (1934) who was well advanced in music, married and had two daughters. His first wife died and he remarried. He is now retired and living at Kelowna, British Columbia.

Donavan (1937) married and had two daughters. He lives in Toronto where he works with the International Scholarship Foundation.

Janie (1948-1964) was fatally injured in a car accident in her sixteenth year.

Jack Barnet

Jack Barnet was born in Regina, Saskatchewan and grew up on his father's farm at Hunton, in south central Saskatchewan. The entire family moved to a farm near Fergus, Ontario in the fall of 1947. Jack finished high school at Fergus and attended Radio College of Canada in Toronto. He worked there first in a radio/television repair shop and then for Bell Canada for twenty years, first in the plant department, then teaching in the Plant Training Center for three years, and on to engineering for ten more years, working on the major project of changing the City of Toronto from mechanical to electronic switching.

In 1973 Jack came to the Darlingford area of Manitoba to take up grain farming. He and his wife Joyce (Neighbour) bought the three quarter sections owned by Chester and Mabel Geving. The home yard site (S.W. 1/4 1-3-8W) had no buildings other than a few wooden granaries. Across the road was (S.E. 1/4 2-3-8W) and the (N.E. 1/4 35-2-8W) was just across the correction line on the south side.

Joyce was a registered nurse and worked for several years at the Morden District General Hospital. Getting to and from work was on occasion a problem, especially in the winter months and in part because the farm was located off the highway. Jack had a tractor with cab, heater and equipped with a front end loader, all of which was required one stormy night when it was snowing and blowing so hard you couldn't see much past the hood of the car. It was about 4:30 when I ploughed my way to the highway, turned and waited with all lights and flashers on, waiting for Joyce in our white car to come out of this blinding snow storm. The tracks filled in so quickly behind the tractor it was necessary to drive close. This is just one of many stories that mother nature has created for us in Manitoba. Jack didn't actually move from Mississauga, Ontario until the spring of 1974, retiring from Bell Canada in March of that year. A new house was started after seeding was completed and they moved in the first week of August. During the winter months he completed the interior, adding the two car attached garage the following year. Jack made ice in the old curling rink in Darlingford for five winters and spent many hours working with the community crew when the new rink was erected near the school. He also served on the Zion Calvin Church board for five years.

Daughter, Lesley came that hectic spring of 1974 to finish high school at Nellie McClung in

Manitou. She then went on to work for the Red Cross in Winnipeg and eventually married Brian Andrew of Thornhill, Manitoba. They have three children Jocelyn, Megan and Scott.

Daughter, Beverlee spent a couple of summers in Manitoba. The first summer she mixed cement for house construction. The next summer she was life guard at the Manitou pool. She attended University in Toronto and has worked there most of her life, the past three years teaching English in South Korea. On the farm some new steel grain storage was built, mostly by Curry Bros. Manitou and delivered complete and ready for cement foundation. The machine shed (40x84') was erected in 1980-81. Morden Concrete poured the pillars and foundation walls as well as the 30x40' floor pad for the workshop area. The walls were prefabricated on the ground in 16 foot wide sections and stood in place with the front end loader, then bolted to the foundation and the adjoining section. The building projects never seemed to end as additional steel hopper bins were added and a couple five thousand bushel bins were erected on the premises.

Good crops prevailed throughout the years Jack farmed in Darlingford area. He rented the W. 1/2 9-3-7W from Margaret McElroy in 1983 through 1987. This land was located just east of Darlingford bordering Highways #240 and #3. In 1988 through 1990 he rented the S. 1/2 30-3-7W from Ray Waddingham. In 1991 Jack farmed only his own three quarter sections and decided to retire from farming. He had an auction sale on April 23, 1992, disposing of all machinery and shop equipment.

The west quarter (S.E. 2-3-8) was sold to John and Nadiene Frank who operate a dairy/grain farm adjoining this quarter on the west. Brian Andrew (Jack's son in law) rented the remaining two quarters for two years after which the south quarter (N.E. 35-2-8) was bought by Gilbert Dudgeon and the home quarter was sold to Grant Howatt.

Jack moved to the Morden area where he bought a half section of land with an interesting yard site. The land is rented and he lives a semi-retired life there with his wife Donna (Waddingham-Compton) whom he married in June 1993 and who is Assistant District Registrar at Morden Land Titles office.

Isiah Barnhart

Isiah Barnhart was born in Cornwall, Ontario, in 1859. He and his wife, Alice Kane, came west and settled near Langdon in 1892 and then moved to Windygates in 1900, homesteading the N.W. 1/4

18-1-7. He lived there until he died in 1939 and she in 1934. Mr. Barnhart had been crippled for a number of years. He is remembered by his family for his love for music and the collection of songs he sang. They had six children.

James worked with travelling fairs in the United States and died in 1950.

Annie (William Ehnes) lived in Windygates with her family: Gordon, William, Alex and Grace. She died in Vancouver in 1961.

Eva (Alex Thompson) died in 1916.

Laura (Quinton Blair) had a family of three: Verna, Alice and Earl.

Charles died in 1948.

John married Bessie Leonard in 1934. They left the farm in 1959 and lived in Winnipeg until 1962 when they bought Mrs. Nield's house in Darlingford. He was caretaker of the church and both were active in church life. John died in 1968 and Bessie in 1998. They had four children: Eva (Les Meyers) has three children, Charlie who married Connie Moloney has one daughter, Orville who is not married, and Jimmie who married Ellen Rinn has two children.

Ken Barron

Ken Barron married Noreen Waddingham in 1965. Ken was raised on a farm in the Purves area until age twelve at which time a tragic fire took the life of Ken's father, Laurence. The family moved to Crystal City and at age eighteen Ken went to work for INCO at Thompson and worked there for ten years. In 1970, Ken and Noreen returned to farm life and purchased four hundred acres of 5-3-7. Noreen had acquired a nursing degree in 1967 and worked in Thompson for five years and continues to nurse in Morden. Ken and Noreen have two children: Steven is a grain buyer and Alison a school teacher.

Menno Bartsch

Menno Bartsch moved to Windygates area in September of 1997. They have four children, three boys and one girl. They attend school in Manitou. Menno and Brenda are both employed and working at Darling Pigs Ltd.

William Baumgart

William Baumgart and his wife, the former Emma Juliana Figur, moved to the Middleton district in 1943 from a farm in the Calf Mountain district, and settled on the S.W. 1/4 31-3-7. They

retired in the fall of 1992 to the town of Winkler.

They have two sons, Lloyd and Charles, and four daughters, Esther, Elaine, Sharna and Charlotte.

Esther married Gordon Sawka in 1973 and live in Duncan, British Columbia with their son, Kelly. Esther is employed with the Duncan School Division.

Elaine who married Arnold Hundt in 1974, lives in Steinbach. Elaine is employed with Derksen Printers as an office administrator.

Lloyd who married Shyrrol Zacharias in 1981, they have three children: Jonathan, Kaleigh and Courtney. They reside in the town of Morden. Lloyd is employed with the Winkler Credit Union as the agricultural loans officer.

Charles lives in Calgary Alberta. He obtained his degree in mechanical engineering at the University of Manitoba and is employed with Renaissance Oil Co. as a sales representative.

Sharna lives in Huntsville, Alabama. She graduated from the University of Brandon with her teaching degree and has presently received her speech pathology degree in Alabama.

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Alfred Bedford was born at Goderich, Ontario, in 1864. His parents had come from England and farmed in Ontario. In 1882 Alfred came to the Darlingford district at the age of eighteen. His brother, Spencer, had been out West a number of years before and had located land for the Scotts, Boltens and Nichols.

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Edith Bolton (1882-1883) died at fourteen months of age.

Earl Bolton (1883-1960) graduated in medicine in 1909 and practiced at Irvine, Saskatchewan. In 1910, he married Lois Williams and moved to Brandon in 1916 where he was Medical Health Officer for the city. He was president of the Brandon Male Choir and his wife commented on the doctor's voice by saying, "If he hadn't been a doctor, I'm sure he would have gone far in the singing world." They lived at Brandon for thirty-five years and had a cottage at Clear Lake, where only twenty families lived and the roads were so bad it took eight hours to go by car from Brandon. Dr. Bolton suffered a heart attack and stroke and after being an invalid for nine years, died in 1960. His widow died some years after him. They had three children: Fred, Bert and Mary.

Fred (unknown-1960) enlisted in the Canadian Army Engineer Corps during World War II and took his training at Camp Petawawa. He became a demolitions instructor. He married Gladys Bengy of Toronto in 1941. Upon his return from overseas, Fred completed an engineering course and in a tragic accident in 1960, he and another man were drowned while crossing to a friend's cabin at Portage Narrows. Fred and Gladys had three daughters: Louann Rawsthorne, Lynn Tregaskes who had a son Shane, and Barbara who married Raymond Burr. They have two sons, Ryan (1974), Pat (1976) and they live in Winnipeg.

Bert joined the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in 1943 and served overseas until his discharge in 1945. He then completed his studies in engineering. He married Mary Lambert of Toronto and they had three children: Michael, Katherine and Caroline.

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James Henry Bolton

under business

Vernon Bolton

Vernon Bolton was a cousin of J.H. and Ferris Bolton, who came from Ontario to carpenter in the district. One barn we know he built in 1910 was on William Storey's farm. He married an Ontario girl while here and they had a son and daughter. They moved to Winnipeg where he continued his trade.

Jesse Theodore Bond

Jesse Theodore Bond's parents were born in England and came to Canada to settle at Bowmanville, Ontario. Jesse and his brother, Amos came to Manitoba in 1885. Amos settled at Roland. Jesse homesteaded the N.E. 1/4 4-3-7. Jesse married Elizabeth Oke in 1887 and farmed until 1911, when they moved to Darlingford (37 Pembina Street). Elizabeth died in 1914, Jesse in 1937.

Jesse did barbering in the hotel and spent a number of years working in the hardware store for Abe Coleman. Maude West, a niece who later became Mrs. Wes Oke, made her home with the Bonds, and received her education in the Darlington school. Jesse and Elizabeth had five sons: Lewis, Frank, Melvin, Bert and Roy.

Lewis was killed during World War I.

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Roy married Alice Shelle and spent most of their married life in the Darlingford district where he operated a butcher shop and farmed as well. In 1922, Roy had a sale on S.W. 1/4 34-3-8, now owned by Ron Dobson, and moved to Darlingford to live with his father, Jesse Theodore Bond. This move was made in November 1922. The boys, Howard and Frank started school again, after going

to Manitou for a short time. They took all their schooling in Darlingford, graduating in June 1935. After a very brief summer holiday, they both hit the employment force. (See Garages and Garage Operators, Butcher Shops and Lumber Yards.) Frank, who is a cabinet maker, started a woodwork shop with Mel Stone in 1946, after serving in the R.C.A.F. during World War II. In 1950, he went to work for a company in Ontario, building houses, etcetera, for ten years. In 1973 he purchased the telephone office building and re-opened his wood-working shop and continued his woodworking until he retired in 1982. He is living in the house which has been in the Bond family since 1911.

Mrs. Roy Bond was very active in Red Cross work during the war years and she took part in church groups. Through the years the Bond men were all interested in the sports of the season, lacrosse, hockey, curling and baseball.

Howard married Betty (Amy) Law, a music teacher and lived at 30 Law Street. He served in the R.C.A.F. during World War II and when he returned he operated a garage. He lives in Morden, at the Tabor Apartments.

Albert D. Booker

Albert D. Booker is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Booker, who came to Manitoba from South Cayuga, Ontario, in 1901, and homesteaded in the Snowflake district. They had a family of eight sons and three daughters, and four of the boys served in the second world war.

Albert married Elyda Brown and farmed in the Snowflake district for four years before moving to the Darlingford district. They farmed the Albert Lawson farm on the S.E. 1/2 (the E. 1/4 10-3-7) for one year, and then purchased the N.W. 1/4 11-3-7. They had three daughters.

Doreen married Tony Fijala in 1954. They farmed south of Darlingford and raised their four children, Ron, Sharon, Dennis, and Doug there. They were active in community affairs, church, school, etcetera. Tony died in October 1977, as the result of a tractor accident. Doreen continued to stay on the farm until October 1983 when she married Ben Hemminger and has lived in Morden since. (See Tony Fijala story.)

Jean married Allen Lovell. He has an electrical business in Manitou, and has four children: Jack, Brian, Brenda and Lori. Allan Lovell is the second son of John Henry Lovell and Doris Mary Neighbour. Born November 10, 1932 at

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After attending high school at Darlingford, Jean was employed at the Royal Bank at Manitou 1951-55. In June 1955 Allan and Jean were married. During Allan's hydro career they lived in different towns in the province. They presently live in Manitou. They have four children.

John Richard Lovell was born June 11, 1958 at Virden, and married Angela Rose Hickman, July 26, 1986 in Witney, Oxfordshire, England. They have two sons, John Edward (April 12, 1995) and William Richard (May 4, 1998). Both born in Manitou.

Brian Allan Lovell was born June 3, 1961 at Morden, graduated from Nellie McClung Collegiate in Manitou. Jack and Brian live in Manitou and are employed in their electrical manufacturing business, known as JR Lovell Inc.

Brenda Lee Lovell (June 3, 1963) graduated from Nellie McClung Collegiate in 1981. She married Ken McElroy of Darlingford, March 26, 1983. They have one daughter, Kenda Lee (December 11, 1990). Brenda works for Arthur Anderson Worldwide in Winnipeg and is taking courses in the accounting field.

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Bill & Anne Bourns

Combined with W.E. Veals

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James Boyle, a brother of Thomas, homesteaded the S. 1/2 32-3-7, the fourth section north of Darlingford, and built a large frame house. He sold out in 1909 and moved to Lintlaw, Saskatchewan. There were three half-brothers who farmed in the district and left early in the 1900's. Parker Boyle married Bertha Stewart and Harry Boyle married Jenny McNabb. Both couples moved to Grandora, Saskatchewan. Charlie Boyle married Lottie Stevens and moved to Manitou. Charlie drove horses on the rural mail delivery in the 1930's. Lottie died in 1944 and Charlie died in 1948.

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Thomas Boyle (1847-1921) came to Manitoba in 1878, in the company of Mr. and Mrs. William Storey from Pakenham, Ontario and settled on S.E. 30-3-7. He first built a log house and later a large frame house. When he first came to his farm he slept on the ground and had to shake the snakes

out of his blankets in the morning. He returned to Ontario and married Sarah Jane Owens (1852-1935) and the following is an account of their wedding which took place in 1888: "In the St. John's Church, Antrim, Ontario, Wednesday, January 3 at 3 p.m., in the presence of a large circle of friends and acquaintances, Mr. Thomas Boyle of Manitou, Manitoba, was indissolubly united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss S.J. Owens, daughter of Mr. J. Owens by the Rev. S. McMorn. The bride was handsomely attired in maroon silk, with trimmings of silk velvet to match, and a Kate Greenway bonnet with ostrich tips. Miss Munro, garnet silk with plush trimmings to match. After the ceremony the wedding party returned to the residence of the bride's father, where a recherche dinner was partaken of. The happy couple leave in two weeks time for their farm in Manitoba." Thomas Boyle died in 1921 and Mrs. Boyle in 1935. They had two children.

Their son, Edgar Owens Boyle (1889-1952) married Blanche Rombough (1887-1958) on November 8, 1922, and they had one daughter, Alice May. He took over his father's farm in 1921. He was an excellent farmer and had well cared for cattle and horses, especially a team of dappled greys. Edgar was fond of curling and enjoyed many games. Blanche took part in community and church activities and organizations. Their farm was sold to Ron Waddingham and they moved to Morden in 1945. Edgar died on December 18, 1952 and Blanche on June 16, 1958.

Their daughter, Alice married Dick Shaver in 1948. They had five children. Ruth married Jerry Shumey. They live in Morden and have a daughter Debbie. Doreen married Ian McShane and had two children, Bobby and Sandra. She later remarried Claude Marshall and they live at Sundre, Alberta. Donald married Gail Iverson. They have two daughters, Lindsay and Jennifer and live in Winnipeg. Allen married Debbie Jones. They have two daughters Tina and Jackie and live in Winnipeg. Jeffrey lives in Winnipeg. Dick Shaver died in 1988. Alice married Ernest Laing of Miami in 1985. Ernest died in 1995 and Alice now lives in Morden.

Thomas and Sarah Boyle had a daughter, Laura Jane who married Herb Storey on December 6, 1922. (See Herb Storey). When Thomas Boyle started farming he naturally built up some debts. The first years were rough with crop failures due to frost. When threshing time came the sheriff would

watch the threshing so he could seize the grain. The hard part was having to feed him and he wouldn't leave until threshing was done. One fall there was no crop and Thomas couldn't make the payments on a threshing machine so the company came and took his best team of horses. Times eventually improved and farming became a paying proposition.

Gordon Bradley

Gordon Bradley married Edythe Smith in 1935 and farmed in the New Haven and Darlingford districts. They have eight children: Lindsay, Douglas, Rebecca, John, Kathy, Leslie, Margaret and Penelope. Gordon died in 1962. Edythe taught school in Manitou in the field of special education, retiring in 1982.

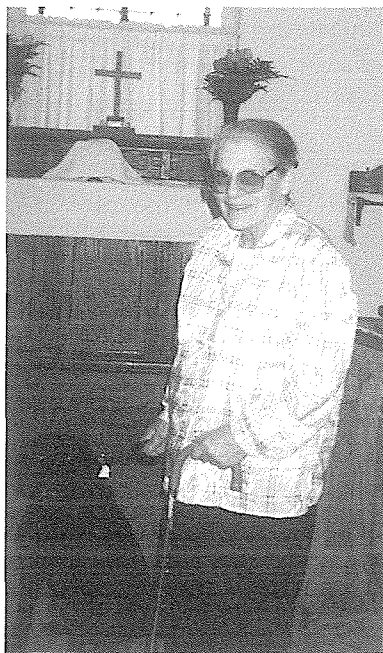
Edythe has travelled extensively in Canada, Europe, and Asia. Edythe lives in Darlingford (33 Stanley Street). Lindsay married Richard Wakelin and lives in Kenora. They have three children: Jonathon, Anne and Matthew.

Douglas married Marilyn Bjornson and lives in Winnipeg, where he builds homes. Rebecca married Whilham Lange and farms at Kleeftield. They have two daughters: Regina and Gabrielle.

John married Karen McCallum and lives at Rosser. They have four children: Jarrod, Jeremy, Jamie and Jodi. John died in 1995.

Kathy married Bill Yager and lives in Manitou. Kathy has three children from a previous marriage:

Myllinda, Cara and Gordon. Kathy and Bill have a son, Daniel. Myllinda married Tony Banman and lives in Edmonton. They have two children, Jeffrey and Alexandra. Cara married Don Kuzma and lives at Thompson. They have three sons: Robert, Timothy and Scott. Gordon lives in Morden with Tina and Paulie. Kathy is



Edythe Bradley

the only member of the family living close to home.

Lesley married Peter Hammond and lives at Port Coquitlam, British Columbia. They have two children, Ian and Allison.

Leah (Margaret) married Laurent St. Aubin and lives at Thompson. They have a daughter, Zoe. Penny (Penelope) married Joe La Riviere and lives at Pinehouse, Saskatchewan.



Bradley Family. back row: (l-r) Becky, John, Karen, Bill, Doug, Fluffy, middle row: Edythe, Kathy, front row: Leslie, Penny, Lindsay, Marilyn, Leah

Alex Bradner

Alex Bradner was a labourer here in the early 1900's. He lived on the N.W. 1/4 6-1-7.

David Brown

David Brown was born in 1888 in the Kaleida district, his parents were of Scottish descent. As a young man, he and Joseph Stanton "batched" on N.W. 1/4 36-2-9 for a number of years.

In 1914 David married Edith Kirkham, whose parents John and Sarah (Jackson) Kirkham came to Canada in 1881. David and Edith lived on section 12-3-8. In 1920 they took over the Kirkham farm in the valley south of Kaleida. They had three daughters, Elyda, Ethel and Thelma. David died in 1958. Edith moved to Winnipeg and died in 1990.

Elyda married Albert Booker and farmed N.W.1/4 11-3-7, until they retired and moved to Morden. Albert died in 1987. Elyda continues to live in Morden. They had three daughters: Doreen, Jean and Rita.

Ethel married Ron Baker, of Manitou, and lived in Winnipeg. They had two sons: Robert lives in

Alberta and Douglas lives in Winnipeg. Ethel died in 1997. Ron died in 1991.

Thelma married Jim Kidd, of Manitou, and lived in Winnipeg. They had three children: Donald lives in Alberta, Merrilyn McKenzie lives in Thompson and Darrell lives in British Columbia. Thelma died in 1993 and Jim has since died.

Rod Brown

Rod Brown was raised in the Middleton district on the S.W. 6-4-7. His parents were Jack and Mildred Brown. He attended school in Manitou and went to Cubs and Boy Scouts in Darlingford where he also played minor hockey.

He lives on S.E. 32-3-7 which he purchased from Bruce and Phyllis Ticknor in 1992. This had been the Ticknor farm for many years. He also owns the Ashley farm, N.W. 1/4 29-3-7, just across the road. He farms with his brother Richard, who lives on the home place, feeding cattle and grain farming.

Hugh Bryson

Hugh Bryson's father Samuel lived in Carrickfergus, near Belfast. Samuel went to sea when he was thirteen, and finally came to Canada. Some time later Anne Hoy came from Ireland and she and Samuel were married. Samuel's brother Allen, who was lost at sea, bequeathed his estate to build a hospital in Belfast, which is known as the "Bryson Bequest."

Samuel and Anne had nine children, and he died when the family were quite young. She raised them with the help of the older children. When she was on her death bed she asked Hugh to care for the youngest child, Jim, who later came west to live with him.

Hugh came to this area in the 1890's and worked for Mr. William White near Zion church. On December 9, 1896 he married Helena Pearce, and they had six children. Hugh lived near Old Nelson before moving to the Henry Elliot farm section 26-2-7. In 1904 he bought E. 1/2 1-3-8, near Darlingford and lived there until 1921 when they moved to the village and took over the livery barn. Mrs Bryson died in May 1945 and Mr. Bryson August 1948.

Estella married William Rombough.

Eva married P.R. Lupton, a member of the R.C.M.P. They lived in Regina until her death in 1928. Their family of three are all married.

Martha married Howard Leggette in 1923. A son

William lives in Winnipeg.

Mary and Harold McCulloch of Wawanessa were married in 1926 where they lived for a number of years, moving to Darlingford in 1934. There are three sons. (See Harold McCulloch story.)

Allen worked for W.E. Veals for several years. He then built a service garage in Portage la Prairie. In 1935 he married Dora Oddson, who had obtained her registered nursing from Morden Hospital. Their children Robert, Hugh, Greg and Patricia are all married. Dora nursed at the Holiday Retreat, a home for the aged. Allen had later worked on the roads. Allen and Dora Bryson are both deceased.

William married Ruth Ticknor in 1929. They had two sons, Jack and Walter. William died in 1936 and in 1938 Ruth married Howard (Bill) Hunt. Bill Hunt died in 1962. Ruth lives in Darlingford. Jack married Merle Becket of Manitou and lived at Thompson, where he was an accountant for the International Nickel Company. They have three children: Ricky, Rodney and Susan. Jack died in 1991. Walter never married. He worked at Thompson before returning to Darlingford to live with his mother and worked for the Morden Creamery. He died in 1997.

During the years the Brysons lived on 1-3-8, there was lots of hard work. Most of the land had to be broken. When threshing time came around, there were large gangs of men to work. The threshing machine took several men to operate it: a separator man, an engineer, and fireman, a tank man to haul water for the engine, and two lads who rode a horse, one on each end of a long pole, to buck the straw away from the separator. Later the separators had a blower which blew the straw into stacks. The stacks of straw that were not needed for the livestock were burned. There were six to eight wagons with racks to bring the sheaves from the fields to the machines, with extra pitchers to help load, as well as pitchers at the machine to feed the sheaves into the separator. Men or boys drove horse-drawn wagons which were loaded with grain which came down a large spout from the separator. When filled they were taken right to the elevator, in the nearest town along the railroad. It was quite the usual sight to see long lines of wagons waiting to be unloaded at the elevator.

To supplement his income, Hugh built bridges and did road construction. He did considerable work on Highway #3. The work at that time was done with horses hauling scrapers full of dirt. Hugh drove a school van for many years; served on the



BACK ROW: Stella, Martha, Eva, MIDDLE ROW: Mrs. Bryson, Mary, Allen, Mr. H. Wayne and his wife, Diane Bryson, FRONT ROW: W. Bryson



Jim and Hugh Bryson Family - 1927, Uncle Jim Bryson, Aunt May Bryson, Allan Bryson, Harold McCulloch, unknown, Mary McCulloch, Dora Bryson, Aunt Lena and Hugh Bryson, William Bryson, Stella (Bryson) and Will Rombough, Children: Howard, Helen, Hugh and Doug Rombough

school board, and promoted consolidation. He also had a term as councillor of the Rural Municipality of Pembina..

James Bryson

James Bryson married May Romough in 1917 and took over the N. 1/2 1/2 1-3-8. He moved the house from Darlingford to the farm. They had six children, Howard and Helen (twins), Gladys, Ethel (deceased), Ralph and Gordon. In 1929 the family

moved to Manitou where Jim worked with the Manitoba Telephone System during the summer and as caretaker of the curling rink in the winter. James died in 1952. May lived in Winnipeg with son Howard and his family until she died in 1975.

Howard worked in Sures Store until he joined the air force in 1942. He served in England with the Pathfinders and received the Distinguished Flying Cross. He made his home in Brandon and Winnipeg while working as a manufacturer's agent. Howard married Doris Keyte and they have three children; live at Coquitlam, British Columbia and their daughter

Miko. Susan and Delphine and granddaughter, Delphine lives in Winnipeg.

Doris died in 1987. Howard married Kathy Dunn and lives in Winnipeg and Magic Valley, Texas.

Helen married Robert Rendall and lives in Manitou. They have four children: Harold (Gay), Grace Symons, Lawrence (Lawrie and Nancy) and Roberta (Bruce) Parker.

Gladys married Lorne Young and lives in Morden. They have four children: Joan, Donald, Barbara and Gerald. Lorne died in 1983.

Ralph worked for farmers, until 1941 when he joined the armed forces and served in Germany, France and Italy. He married Anne Laurynuik and worked for the Manitoba Telephone System from 1945 to 1979, when he took early retirement. They moved to Winnipeg in 1985. Ralph died July 25, 1998 at Deer Lodge Centre, Winnipeg. They have four children: Janice, Jacqueline, Ronald and Brenda.

Gordon married Eileen Pedersen and has three sons: Allen, Garry and Kenneth. In 1951 they moved to Sydney, British Columbia and Gordon worked for the Sydney Water Works until he retired

in 1994. Howard, Helen and Gladys attended school in Darlingford for three years. The van was driven by Mr. or Mrs. J.P. Moore. The van from the east would sometimes meet them at the Darlingford corner, and both drivers would see who had the fastest team. They all enjoyed a very exciting race in the "dear old vans". If the boys (seldom the girls) misbehaved in the van, Mrs. Moore would make them get out and jog along behind the van for a mile or so.

George Buckland

George Buckland had a shoe repair shop about 1914.

Samuel Buelow

Samuel and Mary Buelow were born in Russia and went to Germany. Due to the compulsory military system in Germany at this time, the family decided to come to Canada. Samuel sailed from Bremen, Germany in 1908 and his wife followed him in 1911. They first went to the 1-6 district



Jas and May Rombough on left

and in 1915 he started farming in the Pearce district. Mrs. Buelow died in 1920 and the family moved to the Mowbray district. In 1939 they returned to the area south of Morden for a number of years, until Samuel died in 1948.

Robert went out on his own in 1926, and for a number of years worked many jobs including cow-punching from Colorado to Alberta. In 1941 he enlisted in the Canadian army and served with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles during the second world war. He took part in the invasion of Normandy on D Day, June 6, 1944, where he was wounded and returned as a stretcher case to spend one and a half years in Deer Lodge Hospital.

In 1949 Robert married Hertha (Adolph Schindel) Schwartz, who had two children, Caroline and Ron Schindel. Together Robert and Hertha had three children: Sharon, Robert Jr. and Linda. Robert purchased the Elliott Fairbairn farm

through the Veterans' Land Act, which he farmed until 1972. The farm was then sold in 1973. Robert died in August 1977, and Hertha joined him in spirit in November 1996.

At present Caroline (late husband Clarence Campbell) is living in The Pas, Manitoba. Ron (wife Diane) is residing in Fort Frances, Ontario. Ron has two grown children, David and Colleen, and also two grandsons, and four step-children. Sharon (Allan Babey) and their son Tyson is also in The Pas. Linda (late husband Ed Hawes) is living in Sechelt, British Columbia. Robert Jr. and his wife Laura and their children, Travis, Tiffany, Evan and Natasha, are living at Darlingford. Robert has purchased the N.E. 1/4 of the family's "home" farm and at present they are making plans to move "home" to Windygates.

Thos. Campbell

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Campbell lived close to the boundary, on the S.E. 1/4 1-1-7, so the children went to a school in the United States as it was closer than Chicken Hill School, which at that time, was three miles further west than the present location.

Alex Cardno

Alex Cardno, wife Sarah, and family, Alma and Baden Powell, came from Seaforth, Ontario, in April 1903. They came by train, with a car load of household effects, two horses to sell and lumber, cut to build a store. Two men came to help with the construction. Mrs. Cardno and the children went to Ninga for three weeks while Mr. Cardno bought a lot and started building. Alma thought it was going to be a good place to come to - no school, two stores and two elevators, which she thought she could ride all day. She was thinking of the big Eaton's store at Toronto, which had elevators. There were only three houses in town and in a few years a school was built. They did not know anyone but the local families of Arnotts, Bonds, Laws, Griffins, Okes and others were soon to become friends. Often there would be as many as fifty at a Christmas dinner. Cardnos had an organ and when Christmas concerts were held in the country school houses, they would load the organ in a bobsleigh and a group of the towns people would go along.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cardno were interested in all local projects. They built the big, two storey house by the church at 9 Dufferin Street. This house has been torn down and replaced by a smaller bungalow. The Cardno's were one of the first in town to

own a new Ford car. The store at 6 North Railway ave., burned to the ground in 1917 and the family moved to Winnipeg. Mr. and Mrs. Cardno both died there. They had three children: Baden Powell, Alma and Fred.

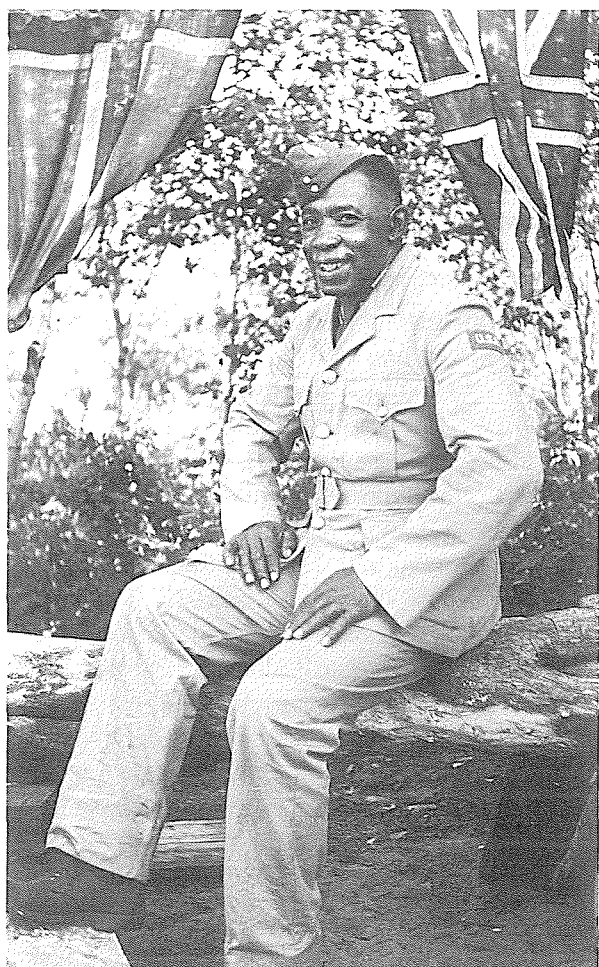
Baden won a Shetland pony, when he was a boy, for selling subscriptions for the "Telegram", a Winnipeg newspaper. All the kids in town enjoyed many a ride. He went to work for the Bank of British North America in Darlingford in 1916 and later worked for many years for General Steel Wares in Winnipeg. He is deceased.

Alma married William Van Iderstine and lived in Winnipeg and Calgary. They are both deceased.

Fred married and lived in California. He is deceased. He had a son, Donald who married Sallie. They live in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.

Bruce Carr

Bruce Carr came from Denver, Colorado to settle in the Windygates district in 1921. He worked for Fred Simmons during the harvest season for two years. However, he decided to stay in Manitoba in



Bruce Carr

spite of the severe climate and made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith for twenty-six years. He worked for Harry most of this time, and also did construction work for Louis McLeod on a part time basis.

At the outbreak of the second world war, Bruce was one of the first volunteers, serving as a cook at various army camps in Canada. After the war he returned to purchase the farm which formerly was owned by Fred Simmons.

Bruce was a friend to all who knew him, especially the children. He would walk two miles to Point Douglas school to play his guitar for the children practicing their Christmas songs.

He had a kind way and happy disposition that will never be forgotten. Bruce was only able to farm for four years before his health failed. He underwent two major operations for lung cancer and died in Tucson, Arizona at the home of his sister, Mrs. Chas. Wilkerson, in 1956. His remains are buried in the military cemetery at Tucson.

George Carr

George Carr owned section 3-1-7. He farmed there for years and the children went to Chicken Hill School. About 1910 they moved to Tompkins, Saskatchewan where a number of the Windygates neighbours had gone to homestead. Ernie McGregor married Ettie Carr and went to Saskatchewan with them.

Daniel David Carruthers

Daniel David Carruthers was born in Kent County, New Brunswick in 1882. In his teens he went to the State of Maine where he worked as a lumber jack and stream driver (riding the logs). He came to Manitoba in 1906 on a harvest excursion, with only his personal belongings and thirty dollars. He worked for W.G. Wilson of Mowbray and a year later rented eighty acres on the S.W. 1/4 22-1-7. In 1913 he purchased the E. 1/2 20-1-7, now the home farm, from Jas. Kirby.

On April 8, 1914, he married Ida Mae Wilson and they had one son Mervyn. In January 1930 they lost their house and belongings in a fire. Mr. Carl Cummings was hired to build them a new home with help from Mr. Carruthers, and others, and it is still in use.

The 1930's were difficult years. After being forced to build a house, the price of grain fell to very low levels with wheat selling at thirty cents a bushel, barley seven cents to nine cents, oats even

less, and rye at fourteen cents a bushel.

Livestock prices suffered too - an eighteen month old steer or heifer would bring as little as six dollars. Then the dry years came and one year the three quarter sections produced only two hundred and fifty bushels of grain. However, with hard work and perseverance, they survived to establish a successful farm.

Mr. Carruthers took an active part in all community affairs, being president of United Grain Growers in its early years and a trustee of Point Douglas school. He taught adult Bible class and was an elder of Windygates United Church. He was a hard working, honest, religious man, always willing to help anyone in need, and helped build up the community. He died suddenly on December 11, 1962, from a severe stroke.

Mrs. Carruthers was born in Grey County, Ontario, in 1878. Stricken with polio at the age of twelve she was forced to use a crutch for the rest of her life. This did not prevent her from performing all the duties of a good wife and mother. Her ability to overcome her handicap was a wonder to all who knew her. She was president and secretary of the Ladies Aid for a number of years and treasurer of Point Douglas school. She taught Sunday School as she was always fond of children. She died on March 25, 1961, after a short illness.

Mervyn Carruthers (1916), their only child, completed his grade nine and, in 1939, took a two-year diploma course in agriculture. In 1944 he married Dorothy Ward (1924) who came with her parents to Canada from England in 1927, taking her schooling in Darlingford followed by a homemaking course in Winnipeg. She is active in the Community Club and Morden branch of the Eastern Star, Chapter No. 54.

Mervyn formed the Windygates 4-H Beef Club in 1948 and continued as leader. He was also trustee on the Pembina Valley School Division for eleven years, retiring in 1970; a Past Master of Morden Masonic Lodge; he was District Deputy Grand Master of District 4 in 1967.

Mervyn and Dorothy farmed in the Windygates district for thirty years before moving in 1975 to a



Dan and Ida Mae Carruthers, son
Mervyn - 1918

new home on 13th Street in Morden. Dorothy was employed in food services at the Morden Hospital. Mervyn continued to help his sons during the farming season, and enjoyed his hobbies of horticulture and photography. Mervyn died in 1993 at age seventy-six. Dorothy now lives in an apartment in Morden. Their children and grandchildren are as follows.

Harold (1945) and two sons, Dave and James, of Lauzon, Quebec.

Tom (1948) and Fay (Howatt) and three sons, Robert, Danny and Brett, of Windygates.

Anne (1949) and partner Gary White, of Mississauga, Ontario.

Fred (1951) and Sophia (Davidson) of Windygates, and two daughters Carrie and Greg Grift, of Morden and Stacey, of Windygates.

Cathy (1961) and Dick Guenther and two daughters, Amanda and Charlotte, of Morden.

Marilyn (1966) of Vancouver, British Columbia.

The year 1998 was the fiftieth anniversary of the Windygates 4-H Beef Club, founded by Mervyn in 1948. Many of the Carruthers, as former and present members, attended a Reunion on 4-H Day at the Manitou Fair. The steer shown by Brett Carruthers placed first at the 1998 Windygates Achievement; thus Dorothy was able to present the M.W. Carruthers Championship Trophy to her youngest grandson.

George Henry Carson

George Henry Carson was the grandson of James Carson Sr. (1811-1884), who emigrated from the town of Ballymote, County of Sligo, Ireland in 1846 with his wife, Elizabeth (Carey) Carson (1819-1885), and their three children, John, James and Elizabeth. They emigrated, it is believed because of the terrible conditions in the country at the time. They came to Canada and settled in the County of Mulmer, Ontario near the village of Rosemont. Other families from the Ballymote area also emigrated during the same period. Among these were the Armstrongs, the Boyles, and the McElroys.

James Carson Jr. (1839-1915) married Maria Armstrong (1851-1925) and they had six children, the fifth of whom was George Henry Carson (1878-1958). George grew up with his brothers and sisters

learning the skills of farming and attending Earnscliffe School. The school stood at the corner of the Carson farm, on land that James Jr. had sold especially for the purpose.

George left Rosemont in the spring of 1899 to visit his sister Jane, married to John McElroy at Morden, Manitoba. He worked that summer two miles north of Morden on the Jarvis Mott farm. In the fall, he returned to Ontario. Four years later, in 1903, George married Alzina Boyle and they decided to move to the West to begin their new life.

Alzina Boyle was the third of six children born to Carter Boyle and Mathilda (Morrison) Boyle. Alzina grew up in the area of Rosemont. She completed high school, obtained her teacher's certificate, and taught at Earnscliffe School during the last years of the nineteenth century. She was known for her lovely singing voice and artistic ability, but her main love was helping other people.

George and Alzina Carson lived first in Shadeland district where they rented eighty acres of 23-2-7. In 1906, they located on S.E. 31-2-6 in the Elam district and farmed there for seven years. In 1913, they moved to N.W. 30-2-6 where they remained until their deaths. (The farm 30-2-6 is owned in 1998 by their grandson Dennis Carson and his wife Bonny).

Six children were born to George and Alzina. Wilma (1904-1969), the eldest and the only girl, was born at Shadeland. Five boys eventually completed the family. They were Gordon (1906), Albert (1908-1980), Joseph (1910-1994), Harold (1916), and Norman (1921-1964). All of the children were educated at Elam and Wellington (Thornhill) Schools and all made their living from farming, including Wilma. It was Wilma's industry with poultry, cream and garden produce which, during the Depression, was especially significant to the survival of the family.

George and Alzina's lives were ones of devotion to their family and service to the community. Organizations which benefited from George's influence were Elam School, Zion Church, United Farmers of Manitoba, Darlingford Horse Club, Thornhill Beef Ring, Shadeland Ploughing Matches, and Consumers Co-operative. He was a member of the first board of directors of the Thornhill Co-operative Store which was formed in 1928. He served on the board continuously until 1950, acting as president from 1945-1950. He also served on Elam School board for thirty years and for approximately half that time was chairman of

the board. George was a faithful member of Zion Methodist/United Church, serving on the Board of Stewards, as well as being an elder and a Sunday School teacher for many years. He was very active in church work at the time of the organization of the United Church of Canada and was instrumental in bringing some Presbyterians into Zion United congregation.

Alzina, known to her friends as "Allie", was also an active participant in the life of the church. Both she and her daughter, Wilma, were faithful members of the Women's Missionary Society for many years. Alzina also served the community by her frequent assistance to those who were in trouble. One of the neighbours who benefited from this was Mrs. Albert Wilson who, when forced to have her leg amputated, received care at the hands of Alzina.

George died in 1958 and Alzina the year following. Wilma and Norman remained on the family farm until 1964 when Norman also died. Wilma then purchased a home in Morden and moved there, where she began a new life marked by her involvement in a number of organizations. She belonged to the Morden Art Club, and enjoyed painting as well as photography. She loved gardening and was a keen participant in the Morden Horticultural Society. Wilma continued her membership in United Church Women at Morden until her health began to decline.

Gordon, the oldest son of George and Alzina, began early to help his father on the farm. By the time he was fifteen, Gordon had become the "machine operator" and later took responsibility for tractor, power binder, and threshing outfit. In 1934, Gordon married Amy Simmons at Thornhill. They moved to N.E. 26-2-7 and farmed there until 1981 when they retired to Morden. Amy enjoyed her work at Morden District General Hospital where she nursed for many years. Gordon and Amy had one son, Glen (1938) who married Norma Dyck. Glen and Norma also have one son, Kimberley.

Albert, the second son, completed his grade twelve in Manitou, and then worked on the home farm and neighbouring farms. In 1940, he joined the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry and went overseas. While in England, he met Alma Long who came to Canada in 1948 to marry Albert. They settled on S.W. 19-3-6 where they farmed until retiring to Roland. Albert studied for most of his life, spending many evenings reading German and Greek literature. His children had the pleasure of growing up to the sweet sound of his violin music.

Albert and Alma had three children: Dennis (1952), Valerie (1956), and Sherril (1958). Dennis married Bonny Miner of Winnipeg and they have four children: Jeffery, Christopher, Kelly, and Shawn. Valerie married Robert Fehr of Winkler (later divorced). Their five children are Melodie, Daniel, Andrew, Aaron, and Emily. Sherril married Florent Gaudry of Winnipeg and they have two sons, Justin and Colin.

Joseph (Joe), the third son, like Albert, worked on the family and neighbouring farms. He especially enjoyed working for Will Wilson whom he respected and admired. Joe later remembered with gratitude the many farming skills he had learned under the guidance of Mr. Wilson. In the fall of 1921, when Joe was eleven years old, Gordon and Albert fell ill with Scarlet Fever. George pointed Joe towards the plough, and between father and young son, they completed the fall work before the snow flew. Joe later served the community on the boards of Thornhill Co-operative Store, Thornhill curling rink (he loved curling and was skilled at the game), and Thornhill United Church. Joe married Mary Bent of Lauder in 1941. They farmed S.W. 19-3-6 until 1947 when they purchased the west half of 24-3-7. That farm remained their home until 1971 when they retired to Morden.

Joe and Mary had three children: Sharon (1943), Patricia (1946), and Betty (1953-1996). Sharon married William McCullough of Carman. They have four children: Scott, Brett (married Margaret Riches and later divorced), Colleen and Garry Hunt have two daughters, Megan and Mandi, and Amber married Myron Pauls. Pat married Randolph Neuman of Morden and they have two children, Dallas and Lana. Betty married Harvey Hamm of Morden and they have two children, Jennifer and Wesley. Betty died in 1996.

James Harold (Harry), the fourth son, completed grade eleven at Wellington in 1932. Except for a few days of "harvest work" in 1932 and 1934, Harold worked on the home farm. In 1935, Harold began the Carson Fur Ranch and continued in the mink business until 1977. He specialized in developing new colours and shades, notably the Carson Blue Iris. Many awards were won at live mink shows, including the Royal Winter Fair, Toronto, 1954. Breeding stock was sold in Canada, U.S.A., and Europe.

In 1945, Harold married Helen R. Bent, a sister of Mary, Joe's wife. Helen had taught at Elam School 1941-1943. Harold and Helen moved to S.E.

30-2-6 which had been purchased in December 1943. In April 1966, they moved to Morden but continued the farm operation.

Harold and Helen had three children. Beverley (1948) taught school and in 1978 married Wilfred Cooper. They live in Calgary and have a daughter, Allison. Shirley (1950), after teaching school for twenty-one years, moved on to the Harold Carson farm in 1994 and is involved in the farm operation. Alan (1955) and Karen Pellatt live in Winnipeg where Alan, who has a Master of Science in Agricultural Economics degree, is employed by Manitoba Agriculture.

Norman, the youngest son, farmed with his father when the older brothers married and moved away. He and his sister, Wilma, managed the farm together after their parents, George and Alzina, died. Norman owned an extensive and varied collection of records. It was in part through listening to these records that his nieces and nephews gained an appreciation of classical music. Norman was well known for his blue car, which he kept spotless and glistening at all times.

It is a century and a half since the Carsons came to Ontario, to a frontier of which they knew little, and with which they struggled to survive. It is a hundred years since they repeated their frontier experience in Manitoba. Today's Carsons face frontiers that are not new lands, but instead, difficult national and world problems. The present generation can profit from pondering the qualities that assisted the early Carsons in their ventures. Courage, ingenuity, and endurance were critical characteristics that turned challenge into success. May current and future generations of Carsons draw on the strengths of their ancestors and continue to prevail over their challenges.

John Carswell

John Carswell's parents pioneered in the Manitou district. John and his wife, Hattie Everson, were neighbours, south east of Manitou, and this is where they met and married.

Mr. and Mrs. Carswell came to Darlingford in January 1908, to be section foreman for the C.P.R. in this district. They lived in the house where Elmer Kinsman now resides, until the C.P.R. built a section house where they lived until his retirement in 1939. A house was not available in town, so they moved to La Riviere for fourteen years and later to Morden for a few years. Mr. Carswell died in 1957. Mrs. Carswell celebrated her ninetieth birthday in



John and Hattie Carswell

November 1970, with her family home and many friends calling. She resided in the Tabor Home, Morden until her death.

Through the years, Mr. and Mrs. Carswell were interested in all community affairs. Mrs. Carswell organized a Mission Band and she was always busy in ladies' church groups. Their sons, Richard, Everson and Maurice all married and moved to Whitehorse, Yukon. Florence married Jake Dyck who is a retired Bank of Montreal manager and they lived in Regina. Edith married Jim Baillie who managed Monarch Lumber Yards at Morden, Brandon and Portage la Prairie.

James Wellesley Cave

James Wellesley Cave emigrated from the United States to Canada in 1916 and settled in the Windygates district. In 1919 he married Mary Elizabeth Cowan of that district. They had one daughter, Sadie Pearl. In 1952, they moved to Morden. Wellie as he was known to his neighbours, died in 1964 and Mary died in 1978. Pearl married Harold Windsor of Pilot Mound. They had two sons, Brian and Larry. Brian died in 1997. Harold died in 1979 and Pearl died in 1995.

Bill Chaytors

Bill Chaytors married Mrs. Ham Howatt of Maida and lived on the N.E. 1/4 18-1-7. They later moved to McCreary where they passed away some years later.

Albert James Cherpaw

Albert James Cherpaw came to Morden, Manitoba from Uxbridge, Ontario with his four children in the early 1900's. His wife had died from tuberculosis prior to the move. Albert was a stone mason by trade. He helped to construct many of the field stone buildings in Morden. After a few years in Morden, Albert moved to the Pembina Valley south of Darlingford. He homesteaded a quarter section of bush land on the east side of the Pembina River.

Albert's eldest daughter, Emily Jane, married Michael Cox. They had a family of four daughters and nine sons. The family farmed in the Elm Creek and Rosebank areas. Following her husband's death, Emily lived for a short time with her daughter, Esther Kroetsch, in the valley south of Darlingford. Most of Emily's children had taken up residence in the United States so she moved from the Darlingford area to reside there. She died in Milwaukee at the age of eighty-nine.

Benjamin Franklin was the eldest son. During the first year that the family lived in Morden, Ben who was ten years old helped to supplement the family income by delivering bottles of milk by pony and cart to the residents. He was on the streets by five o'clock in the morning so that he could have his deliveries completed prior to noon so that he could join his Dad at work in the afternoon. Ben lived with his Dad in the Pembina Valley for many years. During this time, he cut hundreds of cords of wood by hand. A cord of wood was four feet high, four feet wide and eight feet long. Ben worked for the railroad for a couple of years. He was employed as a wood cutter along the railway tracks in Edmonton. He was involved in logging activities in the Riding Mountain National Park as well. Ben married Annie Klassen. They had three children: Alvin James, Hannah May and Marianne. Alvin was unable to speak or hear. He spent a number of years living in residence at the School for the Deaf in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. As a young man, Alvin worked for many years at Canadian Cannery in Morden prior to moving to British Columbia where he presently resides. Alvin never married. Hannah is married and is living in Saskatchewan. Marianne married Mike Kisley and is living in Brandon. They have two daughters, Vera and Zorra. Ben lived alone for many years on the Kroetsch farm in the Pembina Valley. He built a log cabin as his residence when he was eighty-two years old. Ben was quite self sufficient with his gardening and

berry picking. Ben died on October 15, 1984 at the age of one hundred and eight years. He is buried in the valley that he loved so much.

The youngest son, William, farmed in the Rosebank district for many years. His wife and several of his children died at an early age from tuberculosis. Will moved to Winnipeg and was employed at an industry there for several years. He was hit and killed by a taxicab in Winnipeg while crossing the street.

Albert's youngest daughter, Hannah May, married Adam Huget from Morden. They had no children. After Adam died, Hannah moved to Winnipeg where she worked for many years in the dry cleaning business. In her later years, she moved back to Morden.

John Ching

John Ching was born February 1850 in Exeter, Ontario, of English parentage. He and his wife the former Sarah Heman and three small daughters came to Manitoba in 1878, and homesteaded the S.W. 1/4 23-2-7 in the Shadeland district. Like other pioneer farmers, he brought with him a team of horses and a hand plough. Being an industrious farmer, he soon progressed and a new barn was built in 1899 by Sam Oke, a carpenter who had also come out from Ontario. One of the first windmills in the district was erected on this farm. To beautify the place, trees were planted on two sides of the farm and around the buildings. His well kept farm yard, gardens and fields won him a Master Farmer Award and his herd of Shorthorn cattle and pigs won many ribbons at the Carman, Brandon and the Royal Winter Fairs.

Before the railway was built, Mr. Ching drove settlers from Emerson to the Crystal City and Snowflake districts to locate their homesteads and, among these pioneers was the Honourable Thomas Greenway, who became Premier of Manitoba.

Mr. and Mrs. Ching were lifelong members of Zion Church, which he helped to build. Shadeland post office was in their home and the sorting boxes are still on the farm. To ensure an education for their families, Mr. Ching and a few other pioneers were instrumental in starting Lorne School, which was named for his eldest son, Thomas Lorne, the first boy born in the district.

Mr. and Mrs. Ching had a family of eight daughters and three sons. Sarah Ching died in 1895 and in 1897 John married Margaret Andrew of Morden, whose brother was a jeweller. John died in 1927 and

his wife, Margaret a few years later.

In their family were: Mary (Sam Penhale), who lived in Ontario; Wilmot married Robert Scott who farmed the S.E. 1/4 33-2-7 and who later became a real estate agent in Winnipeg. Her daughter, Jessie married Irvin Hunt. Alice married Sam Andrew who farmed the E. 1/2 15-2-7 and their family have farmed in and around Shadeland. Marie married Ed Affleck who farmed at Clearwater. Louie married R.W. Lumgair of Thornhill. Beatrice married H.R. Veals and lives in Winnipeg. May who lived in California for many years and Nellie who died in her teens.

Thomas L. Ching married Ella Watt and took over the home farm, the S.W. 1/4 23-2-7. They had five children.

Evelyn (1923) attended Lorne School until grade nine and took grade ten and eleven in Morden. In 1942 she joined the air force in which she served for three years. She attended Commercial College in Winnipeg, then moved to Edmonton where she worked in the travel industry, later becoming regional vice president, in Saskatchewan and Alberta for P. Lawson Travel. In December 1978 she retired to Maui, Hawaii until 1988. She now lives in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Marjorie (L. Lumley) died in 1975 leaving two children, Joan and David.

Frances married Ron Schultz and lives in Winnipeg. They had two sons, Garry and Kenneth, Kenneth died in 1986.

Harry married Isabel (Pearce) McElroy.

Murray, who farmed with his father on W. 1/2 23-2-7 until his father's death in 1957, stayed on the family farm. Murray married Jean McDonald in 1954, living in the big house with his parents. Mrs. Ching (Ellen) moved to Winnipeg to reside in the Eastern Star Lodge. Ellen died in 1985. Murray and Jean had four children: Terry, Pamela, Hal and Mark. They all had the privilege of going to Lorne School across the road from home, until the school closed in 1967. They then went to Darlingford and then to Manitou to finish their education.

Terry (1954) married Darryl Morrow of Pilot Mound in 1974. In 1977 Terry married Larry Klein and they live on S.E. 15-2-7 and keep a few cattle, pigs, and chickens. Terry is a "Jack of all trades," and is currently employed by Maple Leaf School in Morden as a teachers assistant. Larry works for United Grain Growers. They have two children: Amanda, now in third year of agriculture at the University of Manitoba. Adam graduated in 1998

and is currently seeking work.

Pam (1956) married Ross Maxwell in 1974. They had two children, Angela and Megan. Pam and the girls moved to Morden in the late 1970's where she took employment at the Royal Bank as receptionist and still works there. Pam now shares her life with Bill Lone and they live on twenty-one acres along Highway #3, three miles west of Morden. Bill is a construction worker for F.W. Sawatzky Co., building huge grain elevators. Angela and Megan both work in Winnipeg.

Hal (1957) married Karen Esler in 1980 and live on W. 1/2 20-2-7. He has farmed all his life with his father. He raises cattle and has a snowmobile business in a shop at Murrays. As Murray is semi-retiring in 1998, Hal has taken on his Dad's five quarters of farmland. He is also very active in the snowmobile club in this area. After their marriage, Karen worked as the respiratory technician/ambulance co-ordinator for Morden Hospital for three years. She now teaches CPR and ambulance training courses and is active in school, church and community committees.

Hal and Karen have two children: Jennifer (thirteen) who is a grade A student at Nellie McClung Collegiate, loves reading, singing and piano. Eric, (eleven) a student at Manitou Elementary is interested in sports and outdoor activities. This year he joined the Windygates 4-H Calf Club.

Mark (1959) worked at various jobs along with

helping on the farm. Mark married Debbie Tack in 1986 and bought the N. 1/2 24-2-7 from Edna Lumgair. In 1991 he quit farming. He kept ten acres of yard and now shares his life with Cathy Holenski, a childhood sweetheart. They both enjoy the outdoors and spend many hours on their yard. Cathy is the librarian at Morden Collegiate and a sports enthusiast, doing well in marathon running. Mark is now working on the pipeline, currently in Saskatchewan. Mark and Cathy spend a lot of hours walking in the Pembina Valley where Mark has a quarter section of bush pasture. Mark and Cathy were married December 24, 1998.

The mother, Ella Ching, lives in Winnipeg.

William married Ella Henderson and farmed the N.W. 1/4 18-2-6. Their daughter Vera married Doug Hunt who farmed the S.W. 1/4 35-2-7, and have three children: Marvin, Morris and Sharon. Will sold his farm to Kola Holenski and retired to Morden where Ella died shortly after they moved. In 1953 he married Mary (Bryson) McCulloch. Will died in July 1971 and Mary lived in Morden and died in 1994.

Wesley married Alice Neil of Winnipeg and operated the family farm for some time, moving with their sons, Victor and Gordon, to the S.W. 1/4 13-2-7, until their retirement to Morden in 1954. Wesley died in 1968 and Alice in 1971.

John Victor (April 15, 1922) returned from overseas and married Norma Spangelo of the Pearce district on June 29, 1946. They built their farm site on the S.E. 1/4 of 23-2-7, where he resided until his death in December of 1986. Vic was very active in the Royal Canadian Legion, having served in the air force in World War II. He was also active in his community, serving on the Lorne School Board, as well as the Zion Church board. He also acted as a councillor for the Rural Municipality of Pembina for fourteen years. Norma was also involved in community activities, participating in the Legion ladies auxiliary and in the church. Together they farmed the S.E. 1/4 of 23-2-7 and the N. 1/2 11-2-7. They had two children, Lloyd (1947) and Gail (1952).

Their eldest Lloyd, after



John and Sarah Ching with Beatrice, Louie, Wesley

working briefly in Winnipeg, joined the Department of Natural Resources and worked as a surveyor out of Morden until he took up farming full-time in 1972. Vic suffered a stroke in February of 1977 and Lloyd took over the day-to-day operation of the family farm. In July of 1978, Lloyd married Susan Arksey. Susan was working as a teacher in Morden at the time. They had three children: Melanie (1981), Kristin (1985), and Garnet (1986).

Gail left for Winnipeg following graduation from high school using her business education background to gain employment. Her last position in the city was with Royal Trust where she spent ten years. In 1979 she married James Blahey and moved to her home near Arborg. She worked for several years in Arborg Personal Care Home until the arrival of their little one, Jeffrey James (1993). Jim and Gail run a cow-calf livestock operation and Jim also works with his brothers in heavy equipment construction. They live in the Chatfield area southwest of Arborg.

In December of 1986, Vic died just days before the birth of his first grandson. Norma remained on the farm until 1996 when she moved to Morden. Lloyd and Susan had lived on the yard site in a mobile home until that time and now live in the family farmhouse. At present, the cropland is rented out, but they continue to run a cow-calf operation.

Gord (May 20, 1923) married Ruth Brenner in 1951. They farmed the W. 1/2 13-2-7 until 1978 when they rented out the land. They lived on the farm until 1996 when they moved to Morden. Gord died in 1997 after a lengthy battle with cancer. They had three daughters: Kathleen, Bev and Sandra.

Their eldest daughter, Kathleen, entered the field of nursing. In Thompson where she worked, she met Cyril Connors. They were married and continued to live in Thompson. They had one child, Kara. In 1987, Kathleen (having always been very active in the nurses' unions) was asked to go to Ottawa to sit as the President of the National Federation of Nurses' Union. Cyril, Kathleen and Kara moved to Kanata, just outside of Ottawa. Cyril works for the City of Kanata, while Kathleen continues her battle to improve the working conditions for nurses.

Bev also entered the nursing field and she has nursed for several years in Morden. In August of 1978, she married Darryl Martens and they reside in Manitou. Bev and her Mom continue to maintain the farm yard site and grow a beautiful garden there.

Sandra pursued a career in accounting. She worked for many years in the Morden/Winkler area until her marriage in 1996. She married Kent Hamilton of Glenboro. Kent farms in the Glenboro area while Sandra has established her own accounting business there.

The Ching farm is one which has been farmed by four generations and, in the Centennial year - 1970, Murray and Jean were honoured, receiving a plaque at a ceremony in the Centennial Hall in Winnipeg.

The children of these families living in the district have all been active in 4-H, sports and church groups.

Charlie Clayton

Charlie Clayton was born at Lambton Mills, Ontario, in 1869. His parents who migrated from Ireland were market gardeners. In 1895, harvest excursions came from the east and worked west to Calgary, as the crops matured. Charlie came on one of these in 1899 and, on arriving at Darlingford, worked for J.C. Smith. Unable to harvest because of wet weather, he came into town and helped build the corner store for Ed Jordan. He served in World War One for three years. During this time, he transported guns with horses through France, while a friend, Charlie Rogers, drove mules loaded with shells in packsacks. After the war, Charlie farmed at Kaleida. He married Mary Hunt and they had two sons, Reginald and Stewart. At the age of ninety he was able to put up stooks. He lived to be ninety-two.

Reg was born in Morden on May 31, 1922 to Charles and Mary Clayton of Kaleida. He attended school at Kaleida as well as at Overdale. He joined the army in 1942, going overseas with the Algonquin Regiment, and served in the European theatre, returning home in September 1945.

In June 1946, he married Doreen Norman. They farmed W. 1/2 30-2-7 for eleven years, working nights for seven years at Allan Arnott's seed plant, and on pipeline construction. They moved to Darlingford and bought the house on Dufferin Street formerly owned by Mrs. Florrie Robinson in 1966 and sold the farm to the Penner Bros. Reg spent the next twenty-four years working for Manitoba Pool Elevators, retiring in 1986.

In 1929 Doreen and her younger brother accompanied their parents John and Emily Norman from England to a farm at Newton, Manitoba. They attended East Curtis School. Doreen later worked at 7 A.O.S. Winnipeg and Selkirk. Reg and Doreen

have six children, thirteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Wendy (September 28, 1947) married Jim McLeod in 1970, they farm in the valley south of Kaleida. They had two children. Kenneth (June 3, 1976) died accidentally while snowmobiling November 22, 1994. Brian (December 13, 1980) graduated from grade twelve in 1998 at Manitou and he enjoys music and volleyball.

Warren (January 5, 1949) married Lana Gardiner in 1975 and lives in Manitou. They have Lana's two children, Allan married Angela Crivici and Jodi who married Greg McLean. Warren is owner-operator for Cheval Transport.

Douglas (November 21, 1949) married Jean Haresnape in 1974. They have two sons, Dustin (October 11, 1981) is in the Nellie McClung Collegiate and enjoys volleyball and Cory (March 4, 1985) plays baseball, and hockey. Doug played baseball and hockey and is owner-operator for Cheval Transport.

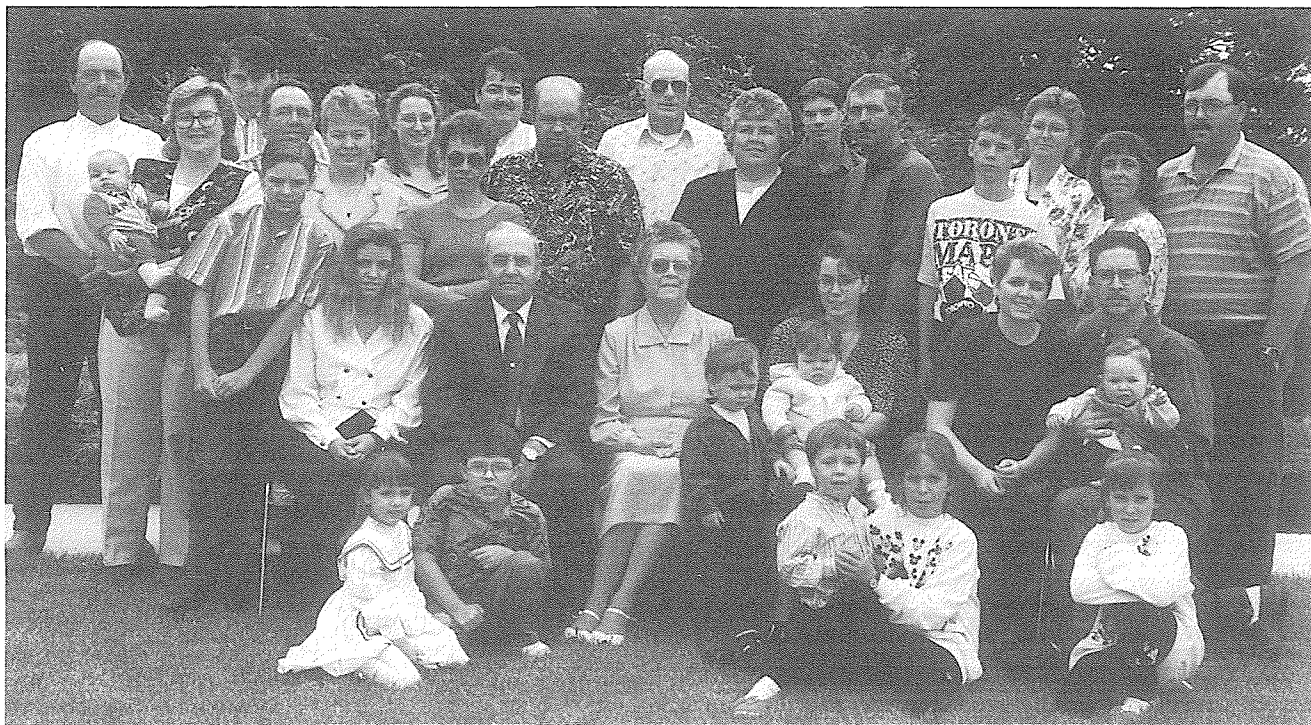
Gordon (September 21, 1953) married Dawn Svoboda September 21, 1979. Gordie worked for Manitoba Pool Elevators up until 1992. Since then he has done carpentry work. Dawn had her own hairdressing business in Darlingford. Since 1985, Dawn and Gordie have had a greenhouse and land-

scaping business. They have three children: Gregory James (November 5, 1983) and twin girls, Jennifer Lynn and Candace Lee (May 23, 1987). All three children attend school in Manitou and are active in Manitou Minor Hockey and baseball. Dawn, Gordie and family live in the former Dushenko house.

Glenn (December 6, 1957) married Jacalyn Jones in 1985, they have two sons, Derek (February 17, 1993) and Chad (March 12, 1996). Glenn enjoyed playing and coaching hockey and baseball. He is employed at the golf course and curling rink in Manitou, where they live.

Shelley (December 3, 1959) married Vince Hink in 1985 and farm in the Miami district. They have 2 children, Matthew (February 26, 1987) and Samantha (December 15, 1991). Shelley taught figure skating and Sunday school, worked in Winnipeg for several years and Hartry Agencies in Morden.

Stewart Clayton remained at Kaleida to operate the home farm. He married Margery Redpath and they have five children: Wilfred, Randell, Gregory, Lorian and Jaunita.



Reg Clayton Family taken June 22, 1996. back row: (l-r) Glenn, Dustin, Angela and Alan Clayton, Jim McLeod, Brian McLeod, Dawn Clayton, Vince Hink, second row: Chad and Jacalyn Clayton, Doug and Jean Clayton, Lana and Warren Clayton, Wendy, Gordon, Greg Clayton, Shelley Hink, third row: Cory, Nancie, Reg and Doreen Clayton, Holly Ramage and Kennedy, Jodi, Greg and Cole McLean, front row: Samantha and Matthew Hink, Brendan Ramage, Derek, Candace and Jennifer Clayton, missing: Griffen McLean

William Coates

William Coates and his wife, Beatrice Glover of Roland, came to the Darlingford district in 1921. They had two children, John and Alice.

While living on the Scammell farm, he drove a school van for sixteen years. Later he bought the house which was once the C.P.R. station from Charlie Briggs. He also operated a dray business for several years. When Mrs. Coates died, he left Darlingford and worked at the Morden Experimental Farm. He died in Morden in the fall of 1971.

John who married Beatrice Scammell, has three children: Murray, Trudy and Gerry.

Alice who married Thomas McNaughton has eight children: Lois (Gordon Kinsman), Barry, Joan, Patsy, Leslie, Kay, Joyce and Shirley.

Lewis Cock

Lewis Cock and his wife, Susan Martin, with Emily and Robert, came to the Darlingford district in 1902 and settled on the S.E. 1/4 9-3-7. While residing on the farm, their children attended the Darlington school. They rode a white pony to school, which allowed all the scholars to have rides. Emily, the eldest child, developed pneumonia and died in 1910.

In 1911 the family left their farm home and moved into the village. The family now consisted of two boys and three girls. They resided in the corner house by the town pump. Lewis became a director



Bessie Cock, Lewis Cock, Mrs. Cock, Helen Cock

and manager of the Darlingford brickyard, which was a mile west of town. He had been a brick maker in Campbellford and, while riding on horseback one day, in the area west of town, discovered beds of clay. He took a sample of it home, and by heating it, made it into bricks. The bricks in the Darlingford school were manufactured from kilns in the Darlingford brickyard. Quantities of bricks were shipped and sold to residents of Portage la Prairie. The Darlingford Centennial Sign is made from original bricks from this brick factory.

When the brickyard was forced to close, at the beginning of World War I, in 1914, Lewis bought grain for the Canadian Grain Company. He later transferred to the Wiley Low Grain Company.

Lewis took an active interest in community affairs and made his contribution by helping to build the Presbyterian church. He served on the school board as chairman and, when consolidation came in 1909, he advertised the sale of the old school.

In 1924 the Cock family left Darlingford to reside in Gainsborough, where Lewis was employed by the N.M. Patterson Company. He continued to work for this company until he retired in 1937. He died at the age of ninety-two in 1959. Susan, his wife, died in 1964. She also made her contribution by being a devoted mother who will always be remembered for her kind hospitality.

As for the family, Mary, the eldest daughter was a school teacher and she died in 1927. Robert, a retired Bank of Montreal manager, resided with his family in Regina. William, Reginald and Helen were in garage and hardware businesses in Gainsborough. Jean was an elementary school principal and Elizabeth was a Saskatchewan Government employee, in Regina.

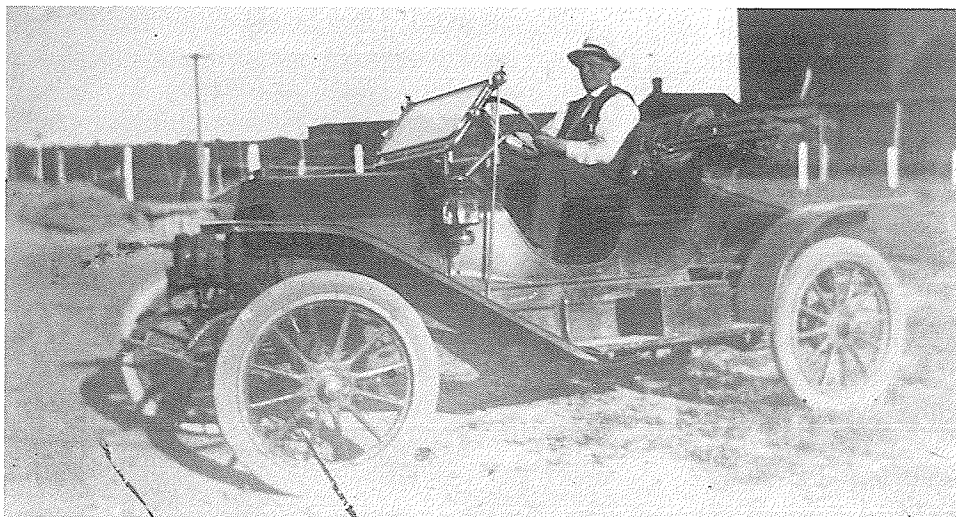
The family comment at this time is that "We always remember Darlingford as home."

The family plot is in the Darlingford cemetery.

Robert Cock

Robert Cock came to the Darlingford district in 1900 from Campbellford, Ontario. He purchased a farm, on section 5-3-7, which was located a mile south of Darlingford. His farm had originally belonged to John and William Eaton. These brothers erected the first buildings on it from lumber which they brought with them from Toronto.

Robert's brother, John, pioneered with him for several years before going to Maidstone, Saskatchewan.



Robert Cock Sr. and car

Youngman are involved in the travel business in Windsor and Amherstburg, Ontario. Their daughters Wendy White and Paula Rigg help them in this work. All the family have had the opportunity to travel to many countries in the world. Mae and Don have five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Howard and Marguerite moved to Pilot Mound in 1997 after spending many years on the farm. Their

In 1912, Robert moved to Darlingford where he had a Massey-Harris implement business. During World War One, he took an active part in Red Cross work and helped to organize groups of young people to assist the farmers stook their bumper crops. He remained a bachelor and to everyone was known as "Uncle Bob". He made many trips back east during the winters to visit his mother in Campbellford. He died at the age of sixty years.

Edwin Abram Coleman

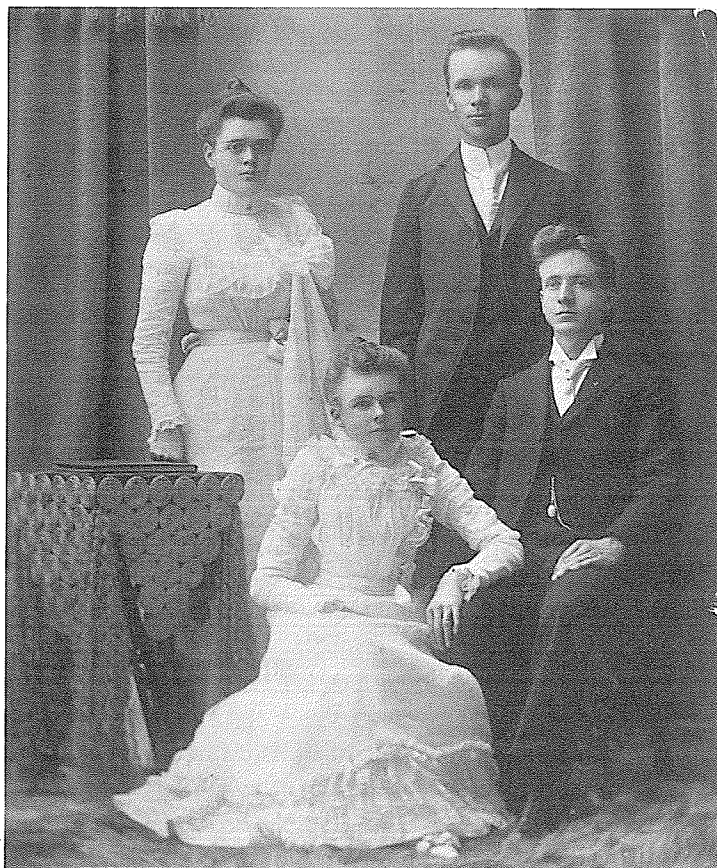
Edwin Abram "Abe" Coleman came to Manitou in 1895 and worked for Chalmers Hardware. He received \$125 and board the first year, \$150 for the second year and \$175 for the third year.

While in Ontario, he was a friend of Jack C. Smith. They flipped a coin to see whether they would go to Texas or Manitoba. Manitoba won and Abe came out and deciding it was a good place, wrote to Jack to come the next year.

In 1900 Abe married Francis Magee of Manitou and in 1904 they came to Darlingford (see business section). Mrs. Coleman died in 1937 and Abe in 1948. They had two children, Nellie and Harry.

Nellie, who married George LeMay, lived near Calgary.

Harry, who married Ethel Cooper, a telephone operator from Morden, had two daughters. Marguerite who married Howard Johnston farmed at Pilot Mound and have three girls: Linda, Sharon and Gayleen. Mae who married Don Youngman of Moose Jaw and has three children: Wendy (B. Anderson), Paula and Joe. Both Mae and Don



Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coleman, Abe and Francis Coleman

three daughters all live and work in Winnipeg. Linda, the eldest daughter, married Allan Gould in 1997.

Ethel died on March 10, 1972 and Harry Coleman died in 1974. Harry's sister, Nellie, died in Calgary in 1976. Thus, ended the Coleman name in Darlingford since the early 1900's.

John Collins

John Collins married a young woman from Hastings County, Ontario, and they had three sons: Paul, William and George. After John died, she married a Mr. Gardner, and came to Manitoba. She lived out her eighty years in the Darlingford district.

Paul Collins (1861-1947), son of John Collins of Hastings County, Ontario, married Anne Wright in 1880. In 1887, he and Ike Peck came west to Griswold looking for a homestead. After renting a farm, Paul returned east to get his wife, Anne, and Carrie, their five year old daughter, who, nursing a badly scalded stomach and shoulders, made the trip in her father's arms to ease the pain from the jolting wagon. Their daughter Nettie had died at the age of three. After staying on the rented farm for a year, Paul bought a farm at Darlingford where his four sons, Morley, Sherman, George and Floyd were born. In 1913 Paul bought W. 1/2 23-3-7 where the Morley Collins families have stayed. Anne died in 1918. Paul later married Mrs. Nell Russell.

Carrie (1882-1964) married Reg Pearen. Their children were: Morley, Reg, Muriel and Lorna. After Reg died, Carrie married Herb Post.

Sherm (1895-1973) returned from overseas in 1919, went into the livery business in Miami and, in 1922, returned to farming. In 1925, he married Verna Keown (1905-1996) of Windygates and, in 1929, they moved to Spirit River, Alberta, to homestead. They had four children: Clayton, Anne (deceased at eleven years), Mel and Vernon.

George (1898-1988) married Mildrew Spencer (1898-1985) of Morden in 1921, and went farming in 1922. In 1937, they moved to Ogilvie and in 1952, to Brandon. They had four children: Eileen (Sigurdson) deceased, June (Jim Ferguson), Gwen (L. Ferguson) deceased, and Don (Vivian) on the home farm at Ogilvie.

Floyd (1901-1968) left the district in his teens. He and his wife Nellie of Winnipeg had one son, Ken. Floyd died in 1968

Morley Collins (1892-1968) married Rosie Sandercock (1891-1964) of Morden, in 1915, and they took over the W. 1/2 23-3-7 which had been purchased by Paul Collins in 1913. They had four children: Beatrice (1917), Marjorie (1919), Ralph (1923) and Doreen (1924). Morley became interested in registered Hereford cattle and took many prizes with his stock, including a Reserve Champion Bull at the Toronto Royal Winter Fair. After Rosie's death, Morley married Mrs. Mary Shepherd of Brandon.

Beatrice married Roy Seymour of Manitou; they farmed at Thornhill. Their children are: Larry (1942) and Marie (Hunt) of Manitou, Ron (1949) and Marilyn (Johnson) of Stonewall, who recently moved to Vancouver, British Columbia, and Murray (1951) and Susan (McDonald) on the home farm at Thornhill. Beatrice and Roy are retired in Morden.

Marjorie (1919-1989) lived in Brandon after her parents' deaths.

Doreen married Bert Wilson (1922-1994) of Darlingford. Their children are Morley (1946) and Bev (Kinnard) on the home farm at Darlingford; Judy (1948) and Rick Jolin of Morden, and Jim (1951) and Norleen (Smith) of Darlingford. (See Wilson story).

Ralph Collins (1923) remained on the farm with his father and in 1943, married Dorothy Howatt (1920) of Manitou, who taught at Barclay School. In 1945 they built a home in the Collins yard. They had three children: Arnold, Linda and Sherman. Dorothy returned to teaching in Morden, from 1963-1978. In 1978, Ralph and Dorothy sold the farm to Arnold and Sherman, and moved to Sherm's farm (the Lowry farm) where Ralph managed a sow barn until 1988 when he retired. In 1995, Ralph and Dorothy moved to Morden where they still reside.

Arnold (1944-1990) married Elaine Guderian of Windygates in 1967. They stayed on the family farm where their three daughters Anita Lynn (October 31, 1968), Tannis Jeanette (November 11, 1969) and Vonnie Michelle (April 13, 1980) were born. From 1970-78, Arnold and Elaine lived on the Guderian family farm at Windygates. In 1978, they moved back to the Collins family farm, in partnership with brother Sherman, as Oak View Enterprises. After Arnold's death, Elaine and Vonnie moved to Margaret Cram's yard, where they still live. Anita married Terry Klassen of Morden (divorced); their children are Brittany Lynn (January 9, 1991) and Blayne Terry (July 30, 1994). Anita lives in Darlingford and works in Morden. Tannis graduated from Nellie McClung in 1987; worked in Mississauga, Ontario and Winnipeg, and is presently living and working in Morden. Vonnie graduated from Nellie McClung, June 1998.

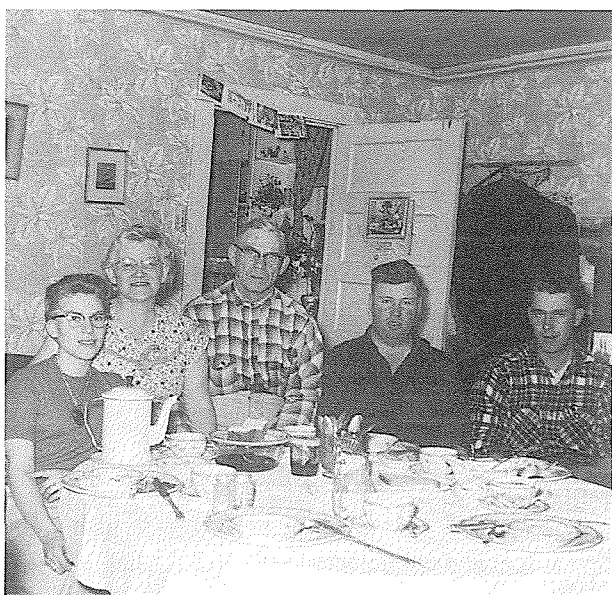
Linda (1946) was in the last graduating class of the old Manitou High School in 1964. She graduated from the University of Manitoba with a B. H.Ec. and a B. Ed. Linda married Gerald Hallworth in 1973 (divorced) and reclaimed her maiden name. She worked in Manitoba (1971-76), Dallas, Texas (1977-80) and Mississauga, Ontario (1980-94). She

moved back to Manitou in 1994, where she presently lives with her son, Matthew Adam Collins (March 29, 1989), who completed grade three at Manitou Elementary School in 1998.

Sherman (1948) took Diesel Mechanics at Red River Community College, and in 1972, bought the Leonard Lowry farm (N.E. 17-3-7 W) when he started farming. In 1974, he married Velma Heppner (1957) and they lived on that farm until 1978, when he and Arnold bought the home farm and formed Oak View Enterprises. They farmed together until Arnold's death in 1990. Sherm and Velma have three children: Chad Morley (December 24, 1976); Candace Robin (September 29, 1979) and Todd Robert (May 26, 1982). Chad married Rhoda Fehr of Manitou, in 1997. They have two sons: Kenton Riley (August 2, 1996) and Brendon Chad (June 19, 1998). They are currently living on Sherm's original farm, N.E. 17-3-7 W, where Chad was born. Chad has worked at Manitoba Pool Agri for the past three years. Candace graduated from Nellie McClung Collegiate in Manitou, in 1997, and completed her Medical Office Administration Certificate Course at Brandon College, spring of 1998. Todd completed grade ten at Nellie McClung in 1998.

William Collins

William Collins was born in 1863 in Hastings, Ontario. In 1884 he married Julia Fox and resided on a farm at Madoc, where he served as councillor and was the sheriff. Hearing of the land boom in the west, he sold his farm, came to Manitoba, and set-



Jarvis and Mary Collins Family - 1958

tled on the N.E. 1/4 23-3-7 in the Orangehill district. A year later his wife and family joined him and they resided on this farm for sixteen years. In 1928, Mr. and Mrs. Collins moved to Darlingford where they spent their remaining days. They had five children.

Nettie, who worked as a telephone operator for twenty years, died in 1926.

John served as a pilot during the first world war, and when he returned, went back to teaching school. He married in the west, raised a family and resided in Regina.

Ottie, who was a school teacher, married William Davis of the Orangehill district and raised a family.

Keith enlisted during the summer of 1943 and was killed in action in 1945.

Jarvis married Mary Haresnape, of Kaleida, where they lived on a farm before coming to Darlingford and purchasing a home from William Coats. They drove school vans for a number of years and enjoyed driving the school children to various sports meets and field days at the different schools in the district. They always kept a team of good driving horses. They had four sons and two daughters.

Jarvis died in 1974 at the age of seventy-three years. Mary continued to live in Darlingford, grandfather Haresnape lived with her until he went into the nursing home in Manitou in 1976. Mary then moved to Isabella to live with sons, Mick and Mel on the farm. She died in 1991 at the age of eighty-four years.

The oldest brother Gerald took up garage work, specializing in wheel alignment, married Irene Hunter in 1953, and lived at Neepawa. Gerald and wife Irma and son Glen lived in Winnipeg. Gerald died in October of 1978 of cancer. Irma now lives in Victoria, British Columbia. Glen lives and works in Winnipeg.

Lyall, who took up electrician work, trained at Weyburn where he married Terry Saborian. Lyall and Terry live in Halbrite, Saskatchewan. Lyall worked on the oil, hauling oil. He is now retired. They have four children. The two oldest girls live and work in Regina. Son works in Alberta, driving an oil truck. Youngest daughter and husband live in Weyburn, Saskatchewan. They have six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Faye, who became a hairdresser, married R.H. Schweitzer and farmed at Decker. Faye and Russ moved to Hamiota from the farm in 1989. They

built a new home when they moved to town. Russ continued farming until his death in July of 1998, from cancer. They have four children. The three boys farm in the Decker and Hamiota area. Larry also is head of a big feed lot in Hamiota area. Cameron is into registered Simmental cattle. Wayne is in mixed farming and does carpenter work too. Daughter, Lee Ann and husband Kelly Haggarty, live in Hamiota. Lee Ann works in medical records at the health clinic and Kelly works at the feedlot. Faye and Russ also have nine beautiful grandchildren: Shelly, Jody, Kyle, Stacey, Ashley, Torey, April, Danielle and Ryan. They are all in sports and 4-H showing cattle. Faye still lives in Hamiota keeping busy with the grandchildren, curling and crafts.

Donna who received her Registered Nursing degree at the Winnipeg General Hospital, travelled in Europe for a year before going to the Calgary General Hospital where she was employed and later met and married Elmer Udell. Donna and Elmer Udell live in Calgary and have two children, Kevin and Karen. Both children graduated from university in 1998, in journalism. Donna is still nursing. Elmer is now retired. Donna is active in curling and Elmer in music. Kevin does a lot of work for newspapers.

Melvin and Milton who worked for the Rural Municipality of Pembina as maintainer operators and farmed at Birtle raising purebred cattle. Mel and Mick lived and farmed in Isabella from 1968 to 1996. They have now retired to Forrest, Manitoba where they built a beautiful new home. They take in all the activities at the Keystone Centre in Brandon. Mel had a stroke in June of 1998, but has made a good recovery. They also enjoy their antique car and truck.

William Compton

William Compton and his wife, Mary Haddrell, were born in Wiltshires, England. In 1875, with three children, they immigrated to Ontario with the two year contract service. He worked on the Welland Canal.

In the spring of 1877, he came west by Duluth, and stayed in the immigration shed in Winnipeg. He walked thirty miles to Greenwood, wading knee deep in water. This was during the big flood of 1877 when water came from the West quicker than it could get away. A common trip at the time was by boat from the corner of Notre Dame Avenue to Eaton's store and further. With a party of land



William and Elizabeth Compton Family — Lester, Edith, Elizabeth, William, Howard, Jim, Frank



Tom and Ida Compton - March 25, 1920

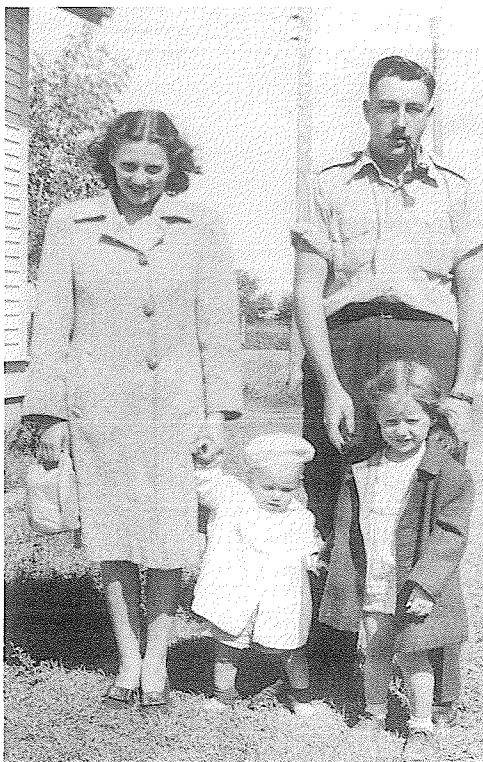
hunters, he went west to the Boyne Marsh and higher elevation, for by this time, they had concluded that Manitoba was a series of rivers and lakes. At the foot of the Pembina Mountain, they met Tom Duncan (who later became a Member of Parliament during the Greenway Regime). He questioned Mr. Compton for fear he might be a spy. However, Mr. Compton finally secured four hundred and eighty acres of land for \$300, which included the home-
stead on S.E. 1/4 9-4-7.

His next walk was sixty-four miles to Whitemouth, where he worked for the C.P.R., later going to Ontario with samples of wheat, oats and potatoes grown at Winnipeg. Mr. Compton returned in the spring with his family and faced the usual hardships of the new settlers in getting supplies from Nelson. He traded machinery with the neighbours and there was plenty of game, fish and fowl to be had for the table. He saw the development of the country and was elected a member on North Dufferin council. Without changing his residence, over the years his post office was Nelson, Thornhill, Altamont and Darlingford. The Methodist church circuit was the same. Mr. Compton and his three sons were Sunday school superintendents for many years.

William and his wife, Mary had eight children: George, Joseph, Bob, Thomas, Charles, Eliza (Craig), Edith (Craig) and Florence (Ticknor). Mary died in 1893 and in 1895, William married Elizabeth Berry, and they had five children: Frank, Jim, Howard, Lester and Ruth. Elizabeth died in 1920 and William in 1925. They also raised a granddaughter, Edith Craig.

George married Nellie Hunt in 1895 and he was a member of the Legislature from 1922-27. He died in 1950 and Mrs. Compton in 1965. In their family were Clarence, Lillian (Aggis), Ellen (R. Pearen), Dorothy (Berry), Laura (Russell), Roy and Clifford.

Clarence married Kathleen Hill in 1925. They had a daughter, Velma who married Don Hamilton. In 1931 Kathleen died and he married Irene McTavish in 1936. Their son, Duane, lives on the home farm and was married to Donna



Edna and Ken Compton taken in fall of 1945. Children: Mel and Barbara

Waddingham.

Roy farmed the N.W. 1/4 16-4-7 with his wife, May McTavish. In 1943 they moved to Miami to run a machine business, contracted bulldozer work, and in 1956, a service station and cafe. They retired back to the farm. Both have since died. Their nephew Duane lives on the farm.

Clifford married Josie McFadden and lived on the N.W. 1/4 3-4-7, they had a son, George who lives on the farm. Clifford died and Josie lives in Tabor Home.

Joseph, a brick layer and plasterer, enlisted during the first world war. On his return in 1919, he married Pearl Owens and farmed the S. 1/2 5-4-7, until they moved to Darlingford in 1945. They had two children.

Lorna who married Mel Cassels has two children, Marianne and Daryl. Lorna Cassels died in 1978. Marianne married Steven Hawkins and they live in Minneapolis. Marianne is a speech therapist. Darryl is not married.

Bill who married Marjorie Wilson farmed the home place until 1955 when he sold to Doug Rombough and moved to Winnipeg. Bill worked with heating firms until retirement. Bill and Marjorie continued to live in Winnipeg. Marjorie died in December 1996. They had three children: Allan Beverley and Dianne. Allen married Lorraine Hadder and they live in the Cooks Creek area near Garson. Their son, Darryl married Dawn Piluk and they have a son, Korban. Tammy, their daughter, married Grant Burham and has three children: Evan, Kristen and Ryan. Beverley married Blaine Ward and live in Winnipeg. They have three children. Kris is in computer field and living in Halifax. Niki is studying and doing research at Halifax University. Kathy married Steve McBride and living in Winnipeg. Dianne married Bruce Urguhart and live in Winnipeg. They have two children, Ean and Alanna, attending school.

Pearl died in 1945 and Joseph in 1957.

Roblin "Bob", named after the first Premier Roblin, married Nellie Wood, and had a daughter

Pearl who married Lloyd Wilton. Nellie died in 1911 and later Bob married Nettie Kivel and retired to Darlingford in 1958. Mrs. Compton died in 1961 and Bob in 1963. The chimes on Zion Calvin Church are in her memory.

Thomas Compton (1889-1974) married Ida Wood (1898-1995) in 1920 and they farmed the S. 1/2 4-4-7 until 1958 when they sold it to E. Treichel and moved to Morden. They had three children: Kenneth (1921-1996), Harold (1924-1980) and Phyllis (1930-1992).

Ken married Edna Stevens (1923-1962) of Darlingford in 1942 and they had three children: Barbara, Melford and Donald. Ken enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in February 1940. During 1942-43 he was a flight instructor and during 1944-45 he was bomber pilot in active service with coastal command, totalling over 3800 hours. He was honourably released April 3, 1946 with the rank of Flight Lieutenant. Upon his return to Darlingford, he worked for W.E. Veals until 1950 when he purchased the Imperial Oil Bulk Agency, later adding retail fertilizer. He operated this business successfully until his retirement in 1984.

Ken was a member of the Pembina Valley School Division Board from its inception in 1959 until 1984. He was chairman of the Division Board from 1962-66 and a member of the provincial asso-

ciation executive since 1962, first with USTAM and then with MAST (Manitoba Association of School Trustees) since the amalgamation in 1965. Ken also served one term as president of MAST. Ken was a family man interested in all community activities.

He was an active member of the United Church in Darlingford and was superintendent of the Sunday School for a number of years. He was also very involved with baseball and curling. Ken married Jean Wallace of Pilot Mound in 1965.

Barbara married Don Scharf of La Riviere in 1963 and they have two children: Paul and Paula. Paul married Michele Remillard of La Riviere in 1991 and they have two sons, Colin and Joel. Paula has a son, Brent.

Mel married Vi Borysowich of Winnipeg in 1965 and they have two children, Angela and Shawn. Angie married Keith McLean of Kaleida in 1988 and they have two children, Mercedes and Kelsen. Shawn has a daughter, Kayla. He married Jennifer Mueller of Manitou in 1993 and they have one son, Braden and a daughter, Darian.

Don married Adel Curry of Manitou in 1975 and they have three children: Kris, Carla and Hannah.

Harold married Dorothy Baird (1928-1980) of Manitou in 1949 and they had two children: Greg and Laurie. Greg married Leona Dumontet of Winnipeg in 1976 and they have two sons, Adam

and Brian. Laurie married Ross McDiarmid in 1991 and they have two sons, Joshua and Sean.

Phyllis married Murray Bennett in 1956 and they had three children: Ronald (1956-1995), Brenda and Allan. Brenda and Chris McAvoy have two children, Lisa and Sean.

Ronald has a son, Nicholas. Allan married Cheryl Brown in 1995 and they have a daughter, Julia.

Francis Ritchie "Frank" married Honora Galbraith and resided in Winnipeg.

Frank was a driver for the city's electric street cars, for bus lines out of



Ken Compton Family taken August 2, 1996 - on Ken's 75th birthday. back row: Shawn, Jennifer, Mel and Vi, Paul, Colin and Michele Scharf, Barbara and Don Scharf, Kris, Adel and Don, middle row: Angie, Keith and Kelsen McLean, Ken, Mercedes McLean, Jean, Hannah, Carla, front row: Kayla, Paula and Brent Scharf, insert: Braeden Compton

Winnipeg, taxis and a school bus within Winnipeg. They had two children. A daughter, Hilda, married Wilbur Speirs. They live in Winnipeg and have three children: Murray, Brenda, Orville, all married. A son Orville, was killed in World War II and is buried in Hamburg, Germany. In 1997, a lake north of Snow Lake, was named Compton Lake in his memory. Frank died in 1968 and Honora in 1986.

James Arthur "Jim" married Gladys Deacon and farmed on the homestead until 1946 when they moved to Teulon for two years as a truck driver for the Compton Transfer run by his brothers, Frank and Howard. The move to Winnipeg in 1949 was the last move. Jim worked for Bird Supplies and Kilberry's Industry until retirement. There were four daughters. Gwen married Walter Wela and resided in Hilo, Hawaii. They have two sons: Kawehi and Kalani, both married. Gwen died in 1990. Helen, a retired teacher, resides in Winnipeg. The twins, Fern and Florence. Fern resides in Thunder Bay, Ontario and is married to Gary Garner. They had two children, Wendy and David. David was killed in a ski accident in Czechoslovakia, (he was employed there) in 1993. Florence resided in British Columbia in her later years and was married to Tom Browning. She died in 1994. Jim died in 1974 and Gladys in 1995.

John Howard took up flying as a civilian pilot of the 1930's. He came to Winnipeg and was a pilot instructor of the Air Observer School No. 5 during the second world war. In 1944 he married Lil Galbraith, a sister of Frank's wife. Both are deceased.

Adam Lester considered farming but was drawn to flying as well. He trained in Montreal where he met and married his wife Irene. They moved to Winnipeg where he too became a pilot instructor for the Air Observer School No. 5 during the war years. Lester was killed in a plane crash caused by a severe electric storm on a regular training flight on July 1, 1942. Irene remarried.

Peter Conley

Peter Conley (1860-1947) and his wife Sarah Green were born at Madoc, Ontario and came west in 1907 with their children: Lily, William, Percy, Edith, Orville, Gertie and Earl. They lived at Darlingford and Manitou, and then moved back to the Barclay district where the children attended school. Mr. Conley worked for Alex Cram and other farmers there. Jennie and later the twins, Ethel and Blanche were born at this time. Mrs. Conley

died in 1914 giving birth to the twins and Lily and Edith (age fourteen) left school to care for the family. On December 18, 1918 Lily and Edith were married and Jennie and Gertie then took over the housekeeping. The children attended Darlingford school. Mr. Conley took the three younger girls to Port Arthur, Ontario to live. Later he went to Saskatchewan to farm with his sons William and Earl. He died in 1947 at Burnaby, British Columbia at the age of eighty-seven.

William enlisted in World War I and was seriously injured overseas, returning home in 1919. He died at Burnaby, British Columbia in 1967, leaving his wife and six children.

Percy also enlisted in World War I and served in Canada. He lived at Belleville, Ontario and worked as a gardener. He had a wife and one child.

Jennie married Jim Rozel and farmed at Limerick, Saskatchewan. They had seven children. Gertie married Fred Dodge and had two children. Fred operated a barber shop and hairdressing business in Calgary. He died in 1949 and Gertie later married Jimmy Smith of Winnipeg.

Blanche married Clark Wilson and they had two children.

Ethel married Jonas Frid and they had two children. She has since died.

Earl was in the interior decorating business at New Westminster, British Columbia.

Orville was married and had a paint body shop at Belleville, Ontario. They had one child.

Lily married Albert Turner. (See Albert Turner story.)

Edith married Thomas Dodge Jr. (See Thomas Dodge Sr. story.)

David Cowan

David Cowan's father, Robert, was born in Edwards County near Ottawa and, after spending some time in the talc mines in New York State, came to Manitoba and settled on a farm north of Morden. He married Sarah McIntyre of Kempville.

In 1918 David moved to the Calf Mountain district and purchased the N.W. 1/4 28-2-7 from Harry Frank. He married Ethel Sexsmith who was a teacher at Morden. David, took over the Robert and Sarah's farm when they retired to Morden. David sold his farm and purchased the repair shop from Harold McCulloch in Darlingford and continued in that business until his retirement. He died in 1978 when his car overturned. Ethel was Chief Operator for Manitoba Telephone System in Darlingford. She

retired in 1963, after twenty years, and died in 1986. They had two children, Maurice and Lorraine.

Maurice now living in Morden was born in Calf Mountain district in 1919. He went to work for Cockshutt in Winnipeg and then was transferred to a factory in Brantford, Ontario. In 1943 he married Gladys Lipscombe. In 1945 they moved back to Darlingford and ran a garage for a few years. Later he started trucking - hauling gravel, shale and livestock. They purchased Revine property and lived there until 1964 when they moved to S.W. 1/4 28-1-7 in Windygates. They have one daughter Grace who married Edward Kochka. They had three children: Myles, Angela and Pamela. Edward died in 1986. In 1993 Grace married Wilbert Steffenson. In 1997 Maurice and Gladys retired to Morden.

Lorraine who, after completing her high school education at Gordon Bell and Wesley College, attended Normal School and, in 1941 taught in the primary school in Darlingford. She later attended the University of Toronto, and Dalhousie in Nova Scotia. Ill health forced her to retire and she died in November 1969.

Ethel's father, Matthew Sexsmith, came from Napanee, in 1874 and settled near Tobacco Creek. He was married that year to Isabella Martin of Belleville. They later moved to Baldur, where the usual hardships of early settlers were endured. Mr. Sexsmith was a staunch Orangeman and nothing stopped him from attending the Orange Lodge or the twelfth of July celebrations. He would ride horseback five miles to Baldur to attend the meetings. Mrs. Sexsmith was terrified of staying alone at nights with the children and grew to hate the Orange Lodge. One night she was awakened by the sound of a wagon travelling at high speed and the singing and cursing of the driver. She was sure it was Indians and that her husband would find them all murdered in bed. It was found later that a neighbour who had been imbibing too freely had caused the disturbance.

Mr. and Mrs. Cowan were interested in all community affairs. She was noted for her reciting ability and willingness to help with the many concerts put on to aid worthwhile projects.

James Cowan

James Cowan was born in 1855 at Hemmingford, Quebec and came to Manitoba about 1877, with his mother and lived southeast of Manitou.

In 1866, he was married by Rev. Borthwick to Margaret Hoskins, of the Darlingford district. She had come west in 1877, with her parents, from Bruce Mines, Ontario. Their son Robert was born in 1888.

In 1891, the Cowans purchased the S.E. 1/4 23-3-7 in the Thornhill district. Grandmother Cowan died in 1889 at Manitou. James died in 1928 and Margaret Cowan in 1929.

Robert received his education at Orangehill School. He was active in the local sports, baseball being his choice. He took over his father's farm and married Elizabeth Buchanan of the Mountain City district in November, 1929 and they had four children. James who lives at Morden. Alva who married June Fossay lives in Winnipeg. They have two children, Anna-Christine and Ken. Gordon lives at home. Margaret married to Lindsay Munro lives at Portage La Prairie and their sons, Robert, Kevin and Douglas make the fourth generation.

Robert Cowan died in July 1959 and Elizabeth died April 21, 1998 at the age of ninety-three. Gordon still lives on the family farm raising cattle. His farm would be a century farm in the year 2,000 which has been in the Cowan name for one hundred years.

John Cowan

John Cowan, the son of John Cowan, Sr. and his wife the former Grace McNabb, was born in 1881 in the Thornhill district, on the E. 1/4 18-3-6, the present George Andrew farm. In 1907, he married Annie Stewart, who was born in the Barclay district in 1883. After the marriage, John and Annie took up farming on the N. 1/2 26-3-7, where they raised five children: Stewart, Grace, Jack, Frank and Donald. In 1967 John and Annie celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary. They lived with their son Frank until John's death in 1969, and Annie moved to the Tabor Home in Morden, residing there until her death in 1976.

Stewart (1908-1996) the eldest child, married Elsie Oblinski (1912-1966) of the Boultonville district, in 1934, they farmed the W. 1/2 35-3-7. He too, loved the outdoors. One of his greatest pleasures was hunting and wondering in the hills of 36-3-7, a script of land purchased by Grandpa Peter Stewart in 1877, to this date being left in its natural state. From this union two girls were born, Louise and Shirley. Louise (1936) married John Johnson of Clearwater in 1958 and resides on a farm at the east end of Rock Lake, N.E. 6-3-12. They have two



John and Annie Cowan Family, Stewart, Grace, Jack, Frank, John, Donald, Anne

boys, Stephen (1960) and Lyle (1964), who live at home and run a mixed farming operation with their father. Shirley (1938) married Lawrence "Laurie" Richards (1936) in 1960 and lived on W. 1/2 35-3-7. They have three children. (See Richards story.)

Grace (1910) the only daughter, married Ken Robinson in 1939. (See Robinson story.)

Jack (1913) married Kae Knight, of Cypress



Stewart Cowan Family - 1954, Louise, Elsie, Stewart, Shirley

River, and worked for the "Good Roads". He now resides in Calgary near his daughter, Joanne and son, John.

Frank (1917) the fourth child, helped farm until he volunteered his service overseas from May 1943 until coming home October 1945 to take over the home farm. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and nature's beauty in S. 1/2 36-3-7 until he retired to Darlingford in the fall of 1990.

Donald (1926) the youngest son, married Kaye, a girl from Nova Scotia and adopted one girl, Judy. He trained as a chemical engineer and now resides near Boston, Massachusetts.

William Cowan Sr.

William Cowan Sr. and his wife Henrietta Sodon were married in Ontario in the 1890's. They had two sons, William Jr. and Edward who died at the age of eighteen and a daughter, Ettie (Frank Porter) of Morden.

After his wife's death, he married Sarah Martindale and they had four children: Andrew, Susan (Earl Rondall), Mary (W. Cave) and Hannah (George Meyer). They lived south of Morden before moving to Windygates on the N.E. 1/4 2-1-7. They lived there until he died in 1936 and Sarah died in 1948.

William Cowan Jr. married Mary Porter of Treherne. They lived on section 11-2-7. They had four children. Lloyd died September 1957. Herb married Margaret Oblinski, and is now deceased. Esther (Clair Kinsman) deceased and Edna (Elmer Kinsman) lives in Legion House Two in Morden, Manitoba. William Jr. died in 1946 and Mary married Thomas Galloway, a barber in Morden in 1956. Mr. Galloway died suddenly in 1959.

Andrew Cowan married Natalie Newcom in 1920. Natalie was a school teacher at Chicken Hill School and later held the office of secretary for the school district for forty years. As a couple they were interested in all community affairs. They were staunch conservatives and followed the political affairs closely. They farmed until their retirement to

Morden in 1967. They lived on the N.W. 1/4 12-1-7 and had six children.

Edgar married Mary McLeod and they had two children, Myrna and Bob. Myrna married Art Wiens, they have three children: Dorea, Clayton and Valdena. They live in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Bob, has two children Sheila and Harley. Bob lives in Morden, Manitoba and is married to Karen.

Harvey married Violet Swayze in 1949. They have six children: Dennis and Ronald both of Winnipeg, Debbie, Bobbie and Sherry all of Portage la Prairie, Garry of Morden. They are all married and have families. Harvey died April 16, 1992.

Eileen married Edward Schindel in 1943. They have two children Joan and Rick. They farmed in Windygates district until 1973 when they sold the farm and moved to Morden. Joan is married, has three children, Josie, Doug and Kim. Joan and Tony Mikolasek live on an acreage west of Miami. Josie married Richard Stewart, they have two children, Sheralee and Colton and live on a farm outside of Morden. Doug married Crystal Danielson, they have three children, Ryan, Kyle and Brittany, they live in Miami, Manitoba. Kim died November 3, 1987 and was never married. Rick married Carol Derksen and lives in St. Adolph, Manitoba. They have no children. Edward died September 26, 1991.

Myra married Bob Hutton and they live in Edmonton, Alberta. Myra had three children from her first marriage. Murray, Dwight and Blake. They have married and have families and live in Alberta and British Columbia.

Leona married Bill Johnson and they live in British Columbia. Leona had two children from a previous marriage, Miles and Robin. Miles is married and has three children and lives on the Gillis Centennial Farm in the 1-6 district. Robin lives in Nevada where she is nursing.

Dorothy lives in Carman and has four children from a previous marriage to Roy Schindel. Connie, Butch, Ken and Larry. Connie is married and lives in British Columbia. Butch and Larry both live in Calgary, are married with families. Ken lives in Winnipeg and has two boys.

Andrew died February 3, 1977 and Natalie died March 23, 1993.

Alexander Cram

Alexander Cram was born at White Lake, Ontario, in 1863. His father, Peter Cram, came to Canada from Scotland and married Tressa Box, and

when Alexander was three months old, the family moved to Renfrew, Ontario, which became the home of the Crams.

At the age of sixteen years, Alexander spent his first winter in a logging camp and, in the spring on the "river drive". Like many other young men he went west to harvest each fall and then back to logging each winter. After ten years of this, he decided to settle in Manitoba, looking at land as far west as Battleford. Then in May 1893, he purchased the N.E. 1/4 21-3-7 from Albert Owens, who had homesteaded it in 1883 for \$1250.

In 1909 Alexander (1863-1930) married Mrs. Caroline (Hollingsworth) Swain (1870-1957) who had pioneered with her family in the Altamont district about 1883. Mrs. Swain brought two children to the Cram home; Elva who became Mrs. Wendell Davidon of Manitou, and Edward, who after serving in the first world war, spent most of his life with the Federal Grain Company at Saskatoon. One son, Gordon A., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cram in 1913. After he was married he bought the S.W. 1/4 33-3-7 from John Storey, brother of Charlie Storey.

Gordon became an antique collector. Many items of local history are in the collection. Several old tractors and automobiles are on display also, and the automobiles are in demand for parades, weddings, anniversaries, etcetera. The oldest tractor in the group has a little local history behind it. This is the 20-40 Case purchased in 1912 by the late William (Billy) Mitchell at a time when gasoline engines were trying to compete with steam. This engine broke many acres of land and threshed many falls in this area.

In 1951 Gordon married Margaret Potter of Pilot Mound, who was teaching at Darlingford. They had two children, Mary and Jim. In the late 1940's Gordon purchased the N.W. 1/4 21-3-7. He farmed the three quarters until 1972 when he rented the land to Bob and Edith Holenski. After Gordon's untimely death in May 1973. Margaret and the children Mary and Jim continued living on the farm, renting the land to the Holenski's.

Mary and Jim completed their elementary school at Darlingford and high school at Manitou. Mary attended Brandon university where she attained a Bachelor of Arts and Education degree. For eight months (1978-1979) Mary was on an agricultural exchange in Western Australia. In 1985-1986 she spent eighteen months with CUSO at Ganham Teacher Training School, Papua, New Guinea; followed by a three year term in an international



Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cram and Gordon beside farm home - 1914



Margaret and Gordon Cram with Jim and Mary - 1964

school, Port Moresby, Papua, New Guinea. In Manitoba she taught at Churchill, Morden, Berens River and Sundance. In June 1997 she married Les Wardle. They moved to Bissett where Mary is teaching (1997-1998). After high school, Jim attended Assiniboine College, Brandon. In 1979 he graduated from Automotive Mechanics, now called Technician. He took his apprenticeship at Kimberly Chev Olds, Manitou. He worked at Border Motors, Emerson; Carter Motors, Winnipeg and Midtown, Morden. In June 1991 Jim married Coreen Bessant, daughter of Doreen Robinson, and they live in Darlingford, in the former home of Bessie Barnhart. Jim is presently working at Farm and Auto Supply, Manitou. Coreen worked at Nickel Photography and Clinton Drugs, Morden but is now babysitting in their home and employed (on the job training) with Don Boulton, Thornhill and in the Thornhill Post Office.

During the years, Margaret found new homes for



Les and Mary Wardle, Margaret, Jim and Coreen at farm home - 1993

the antique tractors Gordon had collected: Manitoba Agricultural Museum, Pembina Threshermen's Museum and Turtle Mountain, and the Fly Wheel Club, Killarney. They are fully restored and on display.

In August 1993, the Crams celebrated the farm centennial and paid tribute to Gordon with antiques and music, which included the Manitoba Band, Polka Dots Orchestra and Lynn Mitchell playing Gordon's fiddle. That fall most of the small artifacts were placed in the Darlingford Museum.

In the fall of 1994, Margaret sold the mobile home to Elaine and Vonnie Collins and they reside in the yard. In the spring of 1997 Margaret sold the S.W. 1/4 33-3-7 to Craig Storey, great nephew of John Storey. Margaret is living in Manitou Apartments, Main Street, Manitou, where she continues her involvement in the Agricultural, Pembina Threshermens and Darlingford Museums and is active in senior curling, square dancing, old time dancing and golf.

William Crankshaw

William "Norman" Crankshaw was born July 24, 1864 in Denbigh, Canada West to Ernest "Henry" and Ecenith "Henrietta" (Benn) Crankshaw. He was the first white child born in that area. He was known as Norman all of his life. He married Mary Storing in Plevna, Ontario March 23, 1886. Norman and Mary were the first couple to get married in the new Church of England church. Norman was a farmer in the area. Both of Norman and Mary Crankshaw's children, Etta Mabel and William "Henry", were born in Clarendon

Township, Frontenac County, Ontario. In 1895 the young family moved to Denbigh. In the spring of probably 1898 Norman went west by train. When he arrived in Morden, Manitoba various farmers were going through the train looking for men to hire. George Howett, who lived in Madion, North Dakota, hired Norman. The family moved out there shortly afterwards and lived in North Dakota quite near the border. In fact they had a cow in Manitoba that Mary went across the boundary (the border between Canada and the United States) every day to milk. Around 1900 Norman got a homestead down in a valley, near the Pembina River and built a log house there for them to live in. Norman Cranshaw and his wife lived on a farm later owned by William Mitchell the N.E. 1/4 30-1-7, in the Pembina Valley. Their daughter Etta met and married James Martindale on June 25, 1904 in Windygates, Manitoba. The son's name was Henry. About 1921 Norman and Mary moved to British Columbia and settled across the Vedder River from Norman's uncle, Peter Crankshaw. Norman was a great gardener and he judged the field crops at all the local fairs in the 1930s. Mary (Storing) Crankshaw died April 30, 1944 and her husband, Norman Crankshaw died February 21, 1946. Norman's cause of death was listed as Pneumonia and Myocarditis. They are buried in the Chilliwack Cemetery.

Norman Crankshaw with William Crankshaw

Jack F. Crosby

Jack F. Crosby was born in Darlingford in 1908. He received his education at Darlingford public school and St. John's College in Winnipeg.

After becoming a licensed pilot, Jack flew for North-West Aero Marine and progressed manager and Instructor for the company. In the late 1920's he received front page headlines when he succeeded in rescuing the notorious bush flier "Wop May" who was forced down on a remote lake in the far north with one passenger, a certain Miss Fay Baker, who was notorious for her fan dance. After a week in the plane in sub-zero weather, they were very grateful to our "Mr. Jack" for the lift.

From 1934-36 he had various jobs and posts, such as manager and instructor at the Winnipeg Flying Club, a mail run to Pembina North Dakota, joined Canadian Airways Ltd. and moved to Sioux Lookout, Ontario as a pilot. In 1936 he went to

Vancouver and took an Instructors Instrument course at the Aero Club of British Columbia. In 1937 he was transferred to Vancouver on the Zeballos, Victoria, Alberni, etcetera run and from there took a big hop to Edmonton where he flew the Yellowknife and MacKenzie run. In 1939, he left the bushline and joined Trans Canada Airlines in Winnipeg.

During his career with Trans Canada Airlines he had many posts, every one a step to the position he held with Trans World Airlines, at the time of his death in 1965. Some of the posts were: a pilot, instructor at Winnipeg, check pilot in the Western Region, chief pilot at Toronto and Moncton and Winnipeg, finally Superintendent of Flight Operations in the Eastern Region. In 1953 he joined Pacific West Air and became Director of Instrument Flight Operations. Through all these years he logged over three million miles and twenty thousand flying hours.

In 1931 Jack married Jean Estelle Morris of Winnipeg, who worked at the Winnipeg Free Press. They had two sons, John Francis and Richard Michael and two daughters, Linda Jean and Elizabeth Jane. Jean died in 1962.

Richard was born in 1938 at Sioux Lookout, Ontario. He received his high school education from Vancouver. He became a pilot and joined Trans Canada Airlines in 1965. He is married and has no children.

John Francis was born in 1933 in Winnipeg. He joined the R.C.A.F. and learned to fly in 1951. He joined Air Canada (Trans Canada Airlines) in 1952. John is married and has three children.

Linda Jean was born in 1939 in Edmonton. She received her high school education at Vancouver. She was a stewardess with Trans Canada Airlines from 1959 to 1960. She married Rufus L. Savage and has three children.

Elizabeth Jane was born in 1945 at Toronto. She



Jack F. Crosby

received most of her education at Vancouver and has been a stewardess with Trans Canada Airlines since 1966.

One of the highlights of Jack's life was when he pinned the wings on his son's chest; he was the first father to ever have this honour in British Columbia. When at last the end came in 1965, the name of Jack Crosby was known through out Canadian aviation as one of Canada's most widely experienced pilots.

Carl Cummings

Carl Cummings was born in Franklin County, New York State, and went to Edmonton, in 1905, where he worked for many years as a labourer throughout the district.

He enlisted with the Railway Troops (C.R.T.) and went overseas at the beginning of the first world war. In 1919 he married Lily May Simpson, in St. Mary's Church, Plaistow, West Ham, England. Sixteen couples were married at the same ceremony.

Carl and his wife, sailed from England on the troopship Metagama on May 24, 1919, and arrived in Winnipeg when the general strike was on. On coming to Darlingford, Carl worked as a labourer and later took up carpentry. When Billy Groom's house burned, Carl built a new house for him. This same house is now owned by his daughter, Mildred. Mr. and Mrs. Cummings have four daughters: Alice (Reuben Marsh) of Selkirk, Eva (Nickerson), Mildred (Jack Amy) and Helen (Jack Cockerline).

Mr. and Mrs. Cummings maintained their own home in Darlingford until Carl's death in 1978. He was in his ninety-seventh year. Mrs. Cummings then moved to Prairie View Lodge, Pilot Mound, Manitoba where she died two years later at the age of eighty-six.

Alice (Marsh) was widowed in 1961 and moved from Selkirk to Winnipeg. She was a long term employee with Manitoba Telephone System. She died in 1981. She leaves daughter Marilyn married to Charles McDonald and presently lives in California, U.S.A. They have three children: Nancy, Bradley and Bruce. Alice's son Doug, lives in Winnipeg and works as a resident contractor and interior decorator. He has one daughter, Sarah.

Eva (Nickerson) is widowed and lives in Victoria, British Columbia. She has four children and several grandchildren, all living at the west coast. Daughters Sandra and Brenda live in Victoria, Nancy in Edmonton and son Lawrence in Chilliwack.

Mildred married Jack Amy. (See Jack Amy story.)

Helen (Cockerline) is widowed and lives in Pilot Mound, Manitoba. Her daughter Kim married Mike Sterling, Pilot Mound, Manitoba and has two sons, Shawn and Taylor. They reside in Winnipeg. Daughter Sharon married Scott Turner, Pilot Mound, Manitoba and also resides in Winnipeg. After her husband's death, Helen was employed with Manitoba Telephone System (sixteen years) and later with the health care system (fifteen years) until her retirement in 1993.

Charles Curiston

Charles Curiston farmed the Ben Klippenstein farm 1905.

Susan Curr

Susan Curr, a protege of Mr. Bolton's, came from Coalbridge, Scotland in 1912 with her mother. She kept house for the Boltons and worked in the post office. When the first world war broke out, she went back to Scotland and worked in a munitions factory. On her return to Canada in 1919, she stayed with Dr. Bolton for a year and went to college to prepare herself for a nursing course at Brandon General Hospital. She married Arthur Lewis of Carrol and three of their four daughters are nurses.

Adam Currie

Grandfather Adam Currie arrived in Manitoba during Riel Rebellion from Almonte, Ontario after which he was given a script of land being N.E. 13-3-7 (Pembina Municipality). He took S.E. 13-3-7 as a homestead and a pre-emption on N.W. 13-3-7. His brother Arthur homesteaded S.W. 13-3-7.

In 1876 he built his first house (sod) on the homestead, later a log house. In 1885 he married Margaret Campbell (also from Almonte, Ontario). In 1894 he built the big house on N.E. 13-3-7 where Lyn and Velda Currie now live. In 1901 he built a new house for his brother Arthur, sister Elizabeth and his mother on S.W. 13-3-7. His mother died before the house was completed. Don and Evelyn Currie now live in that same house. Adam and Margaret had four children: Ralph (1887-1952), Ethel (1888-1966), John (1889-1977) and Laurel (1899-1989).

John Currie married Maud Hunt (oldest daughter of George and Emma of Thornhill) December 10, 1924. They took up residence on S.W. 13-3-7 where they lived and raised their family of five. October

1962 they bought the Shields house and retired to Darlingford.

Leonore was educated at Orangehill and Thornhill Schools. She married Alex Ramsay December 27, 1948. They had four children: Edith (October 14, 1949); Carol (September 16, 1950); Leonard (May 23, 1956); Lorne (March 14, 1959). Alex was killed in a single car accident March 14, 1959. They lived in Darlingford until June 1964 at 40 Stanley Street, where Ruth Moser now lives. June 14, 1963 Leonore married Bill Porter, Darlingford farmer in April 1964 they bought a farm in the Kaleida area (formerly owned by Frank and Lillian Russell). February 20, 1968 daughter Leanne was born. October 1997 the farm was sold and Bill and Leonore retired to Manitou.

Edith attended Darlingford school grades one to nine and graduated from Nellie McClung Collegiate June 1967. This was the first class to graduate from Nellie McClung. July 13, 1968, Edith married Peter Konoplenko and they reside in Winnipeg. Peter is a steam engineer at University of Manitoba. June 1983, Edith graduated from Red River College as a Library Technician and now works for MSWD in Winnipeg. They have two children. Terri now lives in Calgary where she works and attends the University of Calgary. Dan lives in Winnipeg and is a welder at Winnipeg Wheel.

Carol attended Darlingford School, grades one to eight and graduated from Nellie McClung, June 1969. She married Len Robinson in September 1974. Carol has worked many years for Westfair Foods. They have two children. Cresta has attended three years at University of Manitoba. Jeff is working for Vansicon Electronics.

Leonard attended Darlingford, Overdale and Manitou schools and now lives and works in Winnipeg.

Lorne graduated from Nellie McClung June 1977, worked a short time in Winnipeg and returned to Manitoba to work for United Grain Growers elevator. On September 27, 1978 he died in a single car accident near Kaleida. Leanne graduated from Nellie McClung June 1986, worked for Westfair Foods for six years and married Jeff Stein in July 1994. They have one son Jesse William. Jeff is a welder at Motor Coach in Winnipeg.

Eileen is a licenced practical nurse. She graduated in 1947 and moved to Davidson, Saskatchewan to nurse in 1951, where she met and married Grant Russell, a Bladworth farmer. They are now retired and live in Davidson. They have two girls. Marilyn

married Terry Barros and their two daughters, Calli and Kenley, live in Beaver Lake, Alberta, where Terri works for Cargill Elevators. Cheryl married Darwin Demeester and they have three children: Dillon, Raylene and Jordon live in Saskatoon. Darwin works as an upholsterer for Wind Airlines of Saskatchewan.

Ruth graduated Morden Collegiate June 1947 and married Gary Goach of Winnipeg, September 1957. They lived in Montreal and Utah, Northwest Territories for a few years. Returning to Winnipeg in 1977 to assist at his father's business (Gooch Bicycle Shop) which he still operates. Ruth took her registered nursing while in Utah but is now retired from nursing. They have three children. David (November 6, 1959) married 1984. He and his wife Lisa and their three children: Mathew, Melissa and Marcus reside in Winnipeg. David works part time for his Dad and Lisa runs a day care from her home. Val (April 1961) married Randy Borkowski August 1983. Val works for the Manitoba Government and Randy is a self employed carpenter. They and their son, Elliot, reside in Winnipeg. Judy (May 4, 1964) married Garnet Racier. They and their two daughters, Rebecca and Samatha, live in Victoria, British Columbia where he runs his own bicycle shop business.

Donald Arthur Currie, elder son of Maud (Hunt) and John Currie, married Evelyn Stewart, a school teacher from Deloraine, on April 23, 1962. Don and Evelyn purchased the Currie farm which had been homesteaded by Don's grandfather in 1877, and continue to farm it to the present time. It was interesting to discover that Evelyn's grandfather, Charles Hainsworth had inspected sheep at the Currie farm in the 1930's. Mrs. Currie had served rabbit for a meal while he was there. Little did she know that rabbit was his favourite meat. The farm was designated as one of the oldest farms (continuously farmed by the family) in Manitoba in 1970. In June of 1977, the family dedicated a cairn to honour the farm's centennial.

Don has diversified the farm, planting it to alfalfa and has started a small nursery selling spruce, poplars, and a large variety of shrubs and junipers. Don has a collection of stationery engines which he enjoys tinkering with in his spare time. He also enjoys photographing birds and wildlife. He loves his annual fishing trips.

Evelyn taught in Darlingford and Morden before leaving to raise a family. She returned to teaching in Morden and is presently resource teacher and coun-

sellor at Morden Collegiate. After returning to work Evelyn attended Brandon University during the summers upgrading her qualifications. She received a Bachelor of General Studies and Bachelor of Education along with her Special Education Certificate. Evelyn enjoys working with stained glass, volunteering with Morden's Corn and Apple Festival as well as Child and Family Services of Central Manitoba. Both enjoy reading and working in the perennial and vegetable gardens and fruit orchard. Don and Evelyn have three children: Lisa Dawn (June 5, 1963), Robert Stewart (July 20, 1965) and Katherine Ruth (December 15, 1967).

Lisa married Scott Martin, Brandon in 1986. They live on an acreage near Shoal Lake where Scott teaches. Lisa is Coordinator of Special Education for Birdtail River School Division. They have two children, Tyler Stewart (June 7, 1993) and Alexandra Christina (November 13, 1996). They keep busy with the children, their jobs and volunteer work.

Robert attended University of Manitoba earning a Bachelor of Science and his Masters of Science degree. At present he works for Department of

Fisheries and Oceans in Winnipeg and runs a canoeing business on the side. He loves to travel (Europe and India), canoe and be outdoors. Soccer is sport that he has continued to play since high school.

Katherine earned a Bachelor of Human Ecology from University of Manitoba, worked in Ottawa as National Youth Coordinator for the Liberal Party of Canada for a time before returning to Manitoba to work on her Social Work degree. At present she is an intake worker for Child and Family Services in Winnipeg. She married Rory Macleod in 1995 and they have a son, Liam Donald Currie Macleod (April 29, 1997). They live in LaSalle where they built a new home. They keep busy with their travels, and landscaping their yard.

Dick attended Orangehill and Darlingford School. He married Mrylene Popkes of Rosebank April 16, 1960. They have farmed north of Carman since 1964. They have three children. Roger (May 11, 1964) married Janet Wiebe, July 1988. They reside in Carman where Roger works for Manitoba Hydro. Glenn (May 14, 1966) married Gail Durbak November 1997. They and their two sons, Taylor and Sheldon live in Rimbey, Alberta where Glenn is a accountant for Rimly Co-op. Heather (August 9, 1972) married Roger La Tourelle August 1998. They reside in Winnipeg. Heather is employed by St. James School Division. Mrylene taught grades one and two at Darlingford, 1954-57.

Grandfather Currie died October 24, 1915 at age of sixty-three after a long struggle with pneumonia. Grandmother lived with her daughter Ethel in Winnipeg where she died November 1936 at age of eighty-three. Maude died March 1963, after a courageous battle with cancer. John Currie continued to live in Darlingford at 34 Dufferin for a few years. Later moving to Winnipeg, where he died after a short illness, June 1977. This house is now owned by Doreen Newing.

Ole Dahl

Ole Dahl came from Norway in 1881 and homesteaded at Copperstown, North Dakota. Three other Norwegians homesteaded near him and at that time their nearest neighbours were fifty miles away.

He learned the furrier trade in Norway and while in the United States worked for McMillan Fur Co., finishing beaver coats. He lived on his farm three years, then sold and moved to Winnipeg. In 1910 he was able to get a homestead in the Pembina Valley, south of Darlingford. People say he chose this location because it was much like Norway.



John and Maude Currie - 1924

His four sons and one daughter were born in the United States. Oscar, who joined the Little Black Devils during World War I and Lawrence were the only ones who came to Canada.

Ole died in 1944 at the age of eighty-seven and is buried in the Darlingford Cemetery.

Lawrence owned a quarter in 2-7 near the Pembina River. He carried on trapping for fifty years. Lawrence died on August 7, 1989, and is buried in the Darlingford Cemetery.

Wiclef Cleo Dailey

Wiclef Cleo Dailey (1894-1982) tells how in 1842 both his maternal grandparents (Benjamin Harman and Sarepta Cobler) and his paternal grandparents (Jacob Dailey and Angeline Wright) came to Iowa as children with their parents via covered wagon and settled in Wapello County, near the town of Blandensburg. His parents, John Dailey and Nancy Harman, were married in 1880 and raised seven children. Cleo married Mabel Davis in 1916. Her parents, Isaac Davis and Mary Dudgeon, were early settlers in Iowa.

Cleo and Mabel farmed at Agency, where their son Earl was born in 1916. The next year they moved to a farm near Blandensburg, where their daughter Pearl was born in 1918.

In 1920 they left Agency for McTavish, Manitoba, where they had purchased a half section of land. The boxcar was packed with horses, chickens, ducks, sheep, grain, farm machinery, furniture, two bushel baskets of food and a corner for Cleo. The journey was quite eventful. The second night out, fourteen cars were derailed, and he was awakened by one of the horses landing on his bed. By noon the next day they were underway but he was awakened again that night by the smell of smoke and discovered one of the wheels was on fire. He lengthened a ladder and climbed to the roof of the boxcar. He ran over forty boxcars, with the train going sixty miles per hour, to the caboose for help. The conductor signalled the engineer to stop and the fire was put out. Repairs were made in Minneapolis. They had more wheel trouble at St. Cloud and again at Warren, Minnesota which further delayed the trip. He finally arrived in Winnipeg and the next day continued on to McTavish by C.P.R. where he was met by neighbours.

A few necessary articles, including the two bushel baskets of food and two heaters were moved to the new home on the farm. The heaters were started so as to have a warm house in the morning.

They overheated but luckily the fire smothered itself out, with little damage done, but still no heat in the house. Mr. Dailey stayed overnight with a neighbour and a snow storm set in which lasted for three days and two nights. The travel weary animals could not be feed until the storm was over.

On March 24, 1920, Mrs. Dailey and the two children arrived at Morris, after travelling two days and one night.

In March 1946, the Daileys moved to a farm near Portage la Prairie and stayed for three years. He then purchased a five hundred fifty acre farm from Bert Lawson and lived on S.W. 8-3-7 just south-west of Darlingford. Mrs. Dailey died in 1951 and the farm was sold in 1962 to Dave Zacharias. Mr. Dailey retired to Darlingford where he lived at 39 Pembina Street until he died in 1982.

Their daughter Pearl married Olan Leazer, a native of Iowa where they have lived since. They have two children. Patricia Louise Plepla has a grandchild Paige Lorine Plepla. Lynn Leslie Leazer has a grandchild Jodi Lynn Leazer.

Their son Earl married Audrey Meakin in 1944 and they moved to Darlingford where they purchased the S.E. 1/4 8-3-7. They sold out to Elwood Jacobs in 1964. Earl then drove a mail truck for Neil Penner, transporting mail from Pilot Mound to Winnipeg. The family lived at Starbuck and Pilot Mound until 1968 when a new mail route from Virden to Winnipeg, caused them to move to Virden. Audrey died in 1971 and Earl died later. They are both buried at Virden. They had three children. Their daughter Marion married Grant Meggison of Virden. They have two children: Anita Louise (1968) and Stephen Grant (1970). The Meggisons live at Lethbridge, Alberta.

Their two sons, David Ross (1951) and Robert Darrel (1952), live at Regina, Saskatchewan.

Alex Davidson

Alex Davidson, son of Alexander and Mary Davidson, resided at Cupor Fife, Scotland, where he married Elsie McKenzie, daughter of John and Sophie McKenzie of Montrose, Angus, Scotland in 1954.

In 1957, a friend of Alex saw an advertisement for a mink ranch helper, which had been placed in a Scottish newspaper, by Mr. Harold Carson, of Thornhill. Alex and Elsie decided to come and make a new home in Canada. They worked for two and one-half years on the Carson farm and then moved to the Howard Bennett mink ranch at

Carman, where they worked for a short time. They then moved to Darlingford to help the Amy brothers with their ranch. Leaving the mink ranch business, they bought the Hammy Lowry estate house at 36 Stanley Street and Alex started working for the Rural Municipality of Pembina as a road maintainer operator. In 1972 they took over the restaurant from Claire and Esther Kinsman and operated it for four years. In 1976 the restaurant was sold to Jackie Heaton and Emma Guderian. Alex then went back to work on the maintainer for the municipality until he retired in 1994. They moved to Morden in 1998. They had five children.

Bob (1954) was born in Scotland and went to school in Darlingford. He married Brenda McElroy (1958) in 1978. They have two boys, Johnathon (1979) who works for Huron Windows in Morden and Robert (1983) who is still going to school at Manitou. Bob works for the Eden Mental Health Centre in Winkler and Brenda works as a Registered Nurse at Winkler Hospital.

Sophie (1956) was born in Scotland and went to school in Darlingford. In 1974, she married Fred Carruthers, a farmer at Windygates. They had two daughters: Carrie Ann (1976), finished school at Manitou and married Greg Grift of Swan Lake in 1998. They live in Morden. Stacey (1979) finished school at Manitou and works for Foodland in Morden. Sophie works for Appelt's Jewellery in Morden and Fred works for the Morden Motor Inn.

Christine (1960) was born in Canada and finished school in Manitou. She married John Pedersen of Manitou in 1982. John works for Manitoba Highways and Christine works for the Manitoba Telephone System. They live in Morden and have two children: Andrew (1985) and Brittany (1987).

Colleen (1961) was born in Canada and went to school in Darlingford and Manitou. She lives in Morden and has a daughter Crystal (1986).

George (1963) was born in Canada and finished school in Manitou. He married Donna Rempel from Morden and is now divorced. They have a daughter Jody (1987) who lives with George in Dryden, Ontario where George works for an automotive parts store.

Percy Davis

Percy Davis was raised in the Kaleida district. He met Cornelia Maude Allen in Red Deere, Alberta. After they were married on January 24, 1917, they moved often and worked at a lot of

places from British Columbia to Windygates, to which they have returned many times. They are now at Rivers, Manitoba where all the family, except for a few grandchildren, gathered for a reunion in July 1971. They were living in Brandon when they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1967.

Their family consists of Gladys, Elmer, Thelma, Viola, Elvin, Orville, Ervin, Margaret, Marvin, Orlin, Doreen, Floyd, fifty-three grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Leopold Degelman, Sr.

Leopold Degelman, Sr. was born on June 4, 1870 in Austria and migrated to the United States in 1902. He came to Winnipeg in 1904 and worked for the C.N.R. until 1910, when he moved to the Darlingford district with his wife and son Frank, where he purchased the N.E. 1/4 35-3-7 from Bob Stevenson. His wife died in 1915. He later married Rosalie Dedemus of Winnipeg, who had three children: Jennifer, Anthony and Kenneth. Five children were born to this union: Pauline, Leo, Violet, Norbert and Alvina. Rosalie died in 1925 and in 1929, he married Christine Wenezenki, who had one child, Julius. To this marriage one son, Harold was born. Leopold and Christina retired to Morden in 1945 where he passed away in 1952. Christina resided at the Tabor Senior Citizens Home at Morden.

Frank Degelman (deceased) of Fort Francis, married Annie Hink who died in 1962. They had two children, Paul (deceased), and Jennifer Anderson lives in North Carolina.

Jennifer Dedemus (deceased) married Joe Cabula of Vancouver. They had two children, Ted of San Francisco and Joyce (Mike Norton) lives in Vancouver with their two children, Nicole and Michelle. Joe died in 1966.

Anthony Dedemus (deceased) married Alice Williment and lived in Vancouver, British Columbia. They had four children: Earle, Doreen, Lloyd and Bob. Earle lives in Vancouver and has two children, Susan and Wendy. Doreen Gottschan lives in Vancouver and has two children, Laura and Corinne. Lloyd lives in Vancouver and has three children: Louise, Richard and Brian. Bob lives in Vernon, British Columbia and has three children: Derek, Michael and Tracey.

Kenneth Dedemus (deceased) lived in San Francisco. His daughter, Marjorie Arychuk lives in Vancouver and has two children, Julie (deceased)

and David.

Pauline "Lena" Degelman married Arthur Moore of the Opawaka district and lives in White Rock, British Columbia. They have five children: Louise, Valerie, Lorrie, Kathy and Calvin. Louise Beasley of North Vancouver has two children, Teri and Lori. Valerie (Bob Hayward) of Vancouver Island has two children, Mark and Shelly. Lorrie is deceased. Kathy Bootle of Calgary has two children, Leslie and Keith. Calvin of North Vancouver has three children: Clayton, Michael and Danny.

Norbert Degelman (deceased) lived in Sanford, Florida. His children, Kim and Dale, live in Florida.

Violet Degelman Hulteen (deceased) lived in Seattle, Washington. She had four children: Pat, Tory, Grant and Mary Jill. Pat Whittendale of Seattle has three children: Alexi, Cole and Westin. Tory lives in Seattle. Grant lives in Seattle with his child, Devon. Mary Jill Nelson lives in Seattle.

Alvina Degelman Collier (deceased) had a daughter living in the United States.

Julius Wenezenki married Olga Dodge and lives in Comox, British Columbia. They have four children: Diane, Sharon, Sandy and Larry, who all live in British Columbia.

Harold Degelman lives in Winnipeg and has four children.

Leo Degelman joined the army in 1942 and after serving overseas, he returned to Vancouver where he married Dorothy Wilson in March 1946. They then returned to Darlingford where he took over the family farm until 1965, when they moved to British Columbia. They had four children: Linda Bayliss, Darlene, Dan and Glen, who all live near Leo at Chilliwack, British Columbia.

Julius Degen

Julius Degen was born April 7, 1878, in Worms on the Rhine, Germany, a city of forty thousand people. He went to school and technical school there. His first job was with Schmaltz Hardware, Worms. In 1895 he emigrated to the U.S.A., on the President Grant with many other emigres, to join his half brothers, and reluctantly turned down a career in his aunt's New York electrical business. His father, Philip Degen, had ordered him to deliver a trunk of belongings to his brother Carl in the Iowa area. Things didn't work out well, either with work or his half brother, so he left and wandered through the country seeking farm work, or any work. A lifelong friendship sprang up between him and the Schreiber family at Sibley, Iowa, who

befriended - the hungry seventeen year-old boy, who was in sore need of friends. He worked on farms in summer and lumber camps in winter, and became a U.S. citizen before 1900. When Schreibers moved to North Dakota, Julius worked his way up to Sheldon, North Dakota. In 1907, Schreiber introduced him to H.L. Emmert, a Sibley, Iowa banker who formed the Emmert Land Agency, that bought up huge tracts of Manitoba land. Schreiber was managing the area around Oak Bluff, Manitoba. On Schreiber's recommendation, Mr. Emmert hired Julius and sent him to LaSalle, Manitoba, to turn three sections of virgin prairie into a profitable farm. Rainy weather and Red River gumbo guaranteed misery for transport and living condition for the men in bunkhouses and thirty-two horses, plus four huge mules in tents. There was a big crew of men to manage, of several nationalities and languages, in various stages of experience and inexperience. "Green-horns" took a ribbing, especially the three new English immigrants who came to the tent looking for a hotel and a bath. The bulk of the men howled as they were thankful if they ever got dry feet. In spite of all handicaps, that first fall the farm shipped thirty thousand bushels of wheat through La Salle.

Julius' main hobbies were hunting deer, ducks, geese, prairie chickens, also wolves and hawks when necessary. His main transport was by horseback. His favourite horse, Dick, got expert at jumping "government ditches" once roads were made. Dick refused to pull a buggy with a woman driver as he never forgave the "lady" who once poked him with her parasol.

While visiting relatives in Germany in early 1913, Julius met Clara Schilling, a nurse at the Darmstadt City Hospital who was visiting her sister in Worms. That meeting, plus six months of correspondence, resulted in their engagement, and Clara sailed for New York on the *Imperator*. Julius enlisted the help of the Mayor of Hoboken (Was the Mayor touched solely by the young man's heartfelt plea?) who donned his impressive chain of office and escorted him to the boat. Stewards blocking the gangway, gave way on seeing that chain of office, so they were able to rescue Clara from a trip to Ellis Island. The Mayor took them to his office and married them there. A few days for honeymoon in New York, then a long train ride to La Salle, broken by a stop in Chicago to visit the bride's brother Otto, and his fiancée, Marie Eriksen.

The big house and farm with its unfamiliar activ-

ities and languages (English, French and bilingual muleskinner) and especially the bitter cold startled the new bride from a city and climate nurturing vineyards and orchards. In the spring of 1914 they both took out Canadian citizenship. Mrs. Degen aroused the ire of her husband's boss, Mr. Emmert, when he found her bouquet of pretty yellow flowers in a vase in the parlour – his bane, sow thistles!

Their first child, Emma, was born in Misericordia Hospital, Winnipeg, on December 10, 1914. Mrs. Degen was deathly ill after delivery of the baby, and only got home January 2. That year they left the Emmert Land Agency, and settled on their own half section near St. Agathe – just in time to harvest the “bumper crop” of which all farmers dream. In 1917 Julius bought their first car – a Model T Ford (for \$550) and on August 13 put it to good use racing the stork to the hospital just in time for the birth of their son Ted. With two young children, the long trek to the nearest schools (ten miles) or a convent school six miles away, plus the poor water situation (dugouts) influenced the Degens to buy the E. 1/2 of section 33-2-7 W., the Ferris Bolton homestead at Darlingford, in March 1920. A familiar face greeted them at the railway station – Agent Chris Jensen had once been the agent at La Salle. Obliging neighbours helped them move two railway cars of machinery and household goods by teams and sleighs to the farmyard just in time before a three day blizzard buried everything still outside in snow.

Both children went to Calf Mountain School, located on the farm, and Emma later went to Darlingford High School. The Degen's farm grove hosted the Calf Mountain School picnic for several years while Julius was secretary treasurer. He became an enthusiastic curler. It was a big thrill when their rink, skipped by Harold Couzens, won the Free Press Trophy in the annual bonspiel in Winnipeg (1940).

The farm's homesteader, Ferris Bolton, used to make annual visits. He was delighted to receive a big jar of Mother's crabapple jelly from the “Home Farm”, to which he had an understandably strong sentimental attachment. His last visit was when, at his request, his funeral procession drove through the farm on its way to the cemetery.

Through the years the Degens weathered a depression, the dust bowl days and the grasshopper plague. In 1941 they bought their first combine from Murray Nichol, which eliminated the threshing crews and exchanging labour with the neigh-

bours. In 1945, Ted took over running the farm, and married Isabelle Powell, youngest daughter of the C.P.R. section foreman in Darlingford. That year the senior Degens moved to St. James-Assiniboia, where their daughter was nursing. Julius joined the Deer Lodge Curling Club. He also became an enthusiastic gardener – even raised a prize gladioli once. He soon hated city driving, and sold their car. He was very proud of his two grandsons, though failing health stopped him and Clara, from seeing them as often as they would have liked. Three children were born to Ted and Isabelle while they lived on the farm: Kent (May 5, 1947), Gene (April 10, 1951) wife Barbara and Joan (May 24, 1956) husband Graham. All live in Winnipeg and Isabelle and Ted are fortunate to have all of their grandchildren (Samantha, Erin and Owen), and their great-grandchild (Summer) living so close. Since Ted retired they have become very involved in music and each play in two senior bands.

Julius died in Grace Hospital, Winnipeg on April 12, 1954.

A favourite story from the “Big Farm” around 1910. Julius was driving fence posts while fencing the yard, when the post sank suddenly. He pulled it up, mystified at the big wad of dough stuck to the end of it. From the house galloped the exasperated housekeeper, sputtering “three sections of land on this farm, and you have to drive a fence post on the square foot where I buried a bad batch of bread dough!”

Clara (Schilling) Degen

Clara Schilling was born in Worms on Rhine, November 10, 1884, the fifth of seven children, just after the family moved there from a small farm in Undenheim. The father, Theodore, died at age forty-eight, which left his wife, Caroline, dependent on the advice, financial and otherwise, of male relatives. After her daughter, Auguste, married Hans Lehle, he took over the family's affairs. Clara nursed first one, then another invalid aunt before going in training with a Nursing Order, in the Darmstadt City Hospital. She loved nursing, and loved children, and after she finished her training she became head nurse of the Pediatric ward. She told us of admitting a beautiful little girl with such a high fever that the doctor did not think she'd survive. Clara was very upset. “No, no. she must not die. Can we try something?” Rarely would a nurse dare suggest anything to a doctor, so it showed his high opinion of her judgment when he gave them per-

mission. The nurses brought in a tub of sheets in cool water. They wrapped the child in a wet sheet, which promptly began steaming. They laid a fresh sheet out on a stretcher, and put the child in that. They changed the sheets until the doctor stopped them. He checked the baby, and said, "You saved that child!" Clara was embarrassed when the emotional mother fell at her feet in gratitude. The child lived.

On an afternoon off, Clara visited her sister Auguste in Worms. By chance, Julius Degen came looking for their brother who had been a school-mate. That meeting, and six months of correspondence resulted in their engagement. She sailed for New York on the *Imperator*. Julius met the boat, remembering his experiences there when he emigrated. He brought the Mayor of Hoboken with him (I wonder how he managed that?) and they saved her from a trip to the dreaded Ellis Island. The mayor took them to his office and married them. After a few days in New York, they headed west by train, stopping to visit Clara's brother Otto in Chicago, and meet his fiance, Marie Eriksen.

To the bride, used to orchards, vineyards and a gentler climate, the strange activities, languages and the bitter cold winter came as a shock. The yeast at home was so different from the dry yeast cakes that ended in rock hard cinnamon buns, for which Julius teased her. The brightest spot in her life was the Schreiber family. The women were her close friends and helped her adjust to the new ways.

Clara was dangerously ill after their first baby, Emma, was born December 10, 1914. One night she saw her mother (many years dead) at the foot of her bed, urging her, "Pray, pray!" With a shock, Clara realized she was dying. So she prayed, "God, if you let me live, I promise to work very hard." Thanks to a wonderful special nurse and the Misericordia nuns, they survived, but didn't get home till January 2. She was happy when they moved to their own farm near Ste. Agathe. That year they harvested the legendary crop of 1915. In 1917, they bought their first car in time to be of use beating the stork to the hospital August 13, 1917, when their son Ted was born.

Later, the poor water in the area, and ten miles from school influenced the Degens to move to the Ferris Bolton homestead S.E. of Darlingford in March 1920. Just ahead of a three day blizzard!

Soon Clara got used to Canadian customs and cooking. If she got a chance to go to town with her husband, he would drop her off at the George Young house while he did his errands. Clara and

Anna Young were great friends. She also did some first aid on the school children's bruises. One noon there was great excitement at the Degen house when a group of screaming girls from school tore over and sought refuge in the house. They were chased by three big boys, swinging a garter snake.

When she spotted a car turning into their lane, she rushed to the pantry. While the rest of the family greeted the guests, she "threw together a cake", pushed it in the oven, and put on the coffee pot before going to the door beaming at the visitors. Clara loved company. She always had time to listen to anyone's troubles.

When Ted took over running the farm and got married, the senior Degens planned to move. Julius asked her, "Well, where should we go - Darlingford or Morden?" Clara said, "I don't care where, so long as we don't have to carry wood and water." Daughter Emma graduated from Grace Hospital nursing school the year before, and was working at Deer Lodge, then a veterans hospital in Winnipeg. The Degens ended up in St. James-Assiniboia. The new house was small, even more crowded when Clara's brother Theo moved in. Some years later he had to go to a nursing home, where he died in October 1953. Julius developed heart problems and died in Grace Hospital, April 12, 1954. In March of the next year, Clara and Emma made a trip to Germany. At last Clara could visit what was left of her family - two sisters, cousins and dear friends she hadn't seen since she left in 1913 to marry Julius. They also visited his relatives.

Increasing deafness made it hard to visit, go to church, concerts or movies. Since Emma bought a car, they were able to see the family at Darlingford oftener. Ted and family moved to Winnipeg in 1957, so Clara could see her beloved grandchildren more frequently. She began to have more health problems, and after a few days in Grace Hospital recovering from one of several T.I.A.'s, she was transferred to Oakview Personal Care Home, December 31, 1978. She died quietly in her sleep August 28, 1984, a few months short of her one hundredth birthday.

Ernie Derksen

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Derksen lived on the S.E. 1/4 16-1-7 and their children Ronald, Gloria and Beverly attended Point Douglas School from 1952-54.

Thomas Dickson

Thomas Dickson, a hermit, lived in a shack on the Manning farm.

John Diemert

John Diemert and his wife, Caroline, came to the Darlingford district in 1919. They were accompanied by their son, Edward, who had just returned from some two years in the United States Navy. During World War I, Edward had served as a stoker on one of the old battle wagons of that day.

Being a farmer of the soil, John Diemert and his son purchased the farm known as the old Frank Pickle place, the N. 1/2 30-2-7. This farm had plenty of bush land, still to be cleared. To juggle a walking plough that weighed almost half a ton, pulled by eight heavy work horses while ploughing a furrow twenty-four inches wide by ten inches deep, in rough bush land, was no child's play. This was just one of the problems that early settlers had to face. Not all our open fields were broken by steam and gas power, by any means.

In 1937, Edward married Anne Bourke of the Manitou district. Her outstanding ability to play both violin and piano accordion, soon made her a popular performer at concerts and dances. By this time Edward was farming on his own and in 1937, a son Robert was born. He received his education in the Manitou and Winkler schools. The farm was sold in 1952 and the family moved to Manitou where Anne died in 1956.

It was at this time that Edward and his son Bob moved to Winkler where the movie theatre was purchased. During his teens in Winkler, Bob showed his flare for things mechanical, when he souped up an old Cadillac, much to the dismay of the local police. He then built a bright and shiny miniature car which was the envy of all his friends and it was kept under the stage of the movie theatre. It was about this time that he persuaded his father to finance a visit to the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

He learned to fly while in Winkler and owned his own small airplane. In 1963, the theatre in Winkler was sold and they moved to Carman, where they purchased the Boyne Theatre.

Bob developed a small grass strip aerodrome on the south-west of Carman, called "Friendship Field". He purchased an old discarded Hawker Hurricane fighter plane from World War II, which he located in a Manitoba farm yard. After a great deal of work, he had it airworthy.

When the movie film, "The Battle of Britain" was being produced, Bob Diemert was invited to fly his Hurricane in the film as it was a type of aircraft that had been in this air battle. The filming took

place in England and after completion, the Hurricane was sold to a collector over there.

Bob's next adventure came when he searched the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific for old World War II Japanese war planes. Two "Zero" fighters and a "Val" dive bomber were brought back and rebuilt. They are now in aircraft museums in the United States and Canada.

In 1970, Bob married Elaine Roberts from Miami. They are now divorced. They had three daughters: Dianne, Tracey and Cindy.

The movie theatre closed in the 1970's and his father Edward died in the 1980's.

Bob has been working on a jet engine for small aircraft and has rebuilt a P40, American fighter plane of World War II. A design for a small armoured attack plane called "The Defender", was the subject of a CBC documentary on television in 1990.

Robert (Bob) Diemert with John Diemert

Thomas Dodge Sr.

Thomas Dodge Sr. and his wife were married in Ontario in 1874 and came west in 1888, homesteading in the Morton district. The Dodge history goes back to the year 1779 and the beautiful Mohawk Valley, New York, where the great grandfather of Thomas Dodge Sr. and family of United Empire Loyalist stock braved untold hardships of floods and Indian pursuit to escape to Canada and be under British rule. Some of the ancestors living in Pennsylvania founded the Dodge Motor Company.

About 1900 the senior Thomas Dodges sold out in the Morton district and came to the Opawaka district taking over their son William's farm. They later purchased the N.W. 1/4 9-4-7. Their son Thomas Jr. took over all the farmland when they retired and moved to Darlingford. They purchased the original Jim Law house which had been built at 32 Pembina Street. They lived there until Mrs. Dodge died on June 20, 1931. Mr. Dodge moved to a senior citizen's home and died in October 1940.

The senior Dodges believed in producing their own needs from their fields, gardens and livestock, supplemented by wild game and berries. These were in abundant supply before most of the land was cleared and broken. They introduced sauerkraut to the district. In the fall they would have a gathering of neighbours, cutting up great mounds

of cabbage. This would be packed in crocks and salted after which an abundant lunch was served. They celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in Darlingford in 1924 and were faithful in their church attendance. They had a family of eleven children who are all now deceased.

William was a veteran of the Boer War. Sarah married William Cruse of Carman. Hanah married Walter Fry of Opawaka. Jesse moved to British Columbia. Carrie married Frank Hawken and lived in Darlingford. Mabel married a Jones from Moose Jaw where they owned a modern funeral home. Lena married a Warren and lived in Victoria. Charlie was married and lived in Winnipeg. Fred was a barber. Addie married J.S. Cowan and lived at Moose Jaw. Thomas Dodge Jr. married Edith Conley of the Darlingford district in 1918. They operated the family farm until they retired to Miami in 1959. Thomas Dodge Jr. died there in 1965. Edith is still living and celebrated her one hundredth birthday in 1998. She is living at the Boyne Lodge in Carman. They had six children: Olga, Clayton, Velma, Ralph, Shirley and Elona.

Olga (1921-1996) married Julius Wenezenki and lived in Winnipeg and Morden and eventually settled in Port Alberni, British Columbia. They had four children: Diane, Sharon, Larry and Sandra.

Clayton (1925) married Gertrude Hohertz of the 1-6 district in 1956 and were living in Chicago, Illinois. They came back to Manitoba in 1959 and purchased the family farm from Tom Jr. and Edith Dodge. Clayton and Gert had two daughters Judy (1960) and Connie (1962). They were active in the Miami 4-H Beef Calf Club showing their Dad's Charolais heifers. They also took piano and organ lessons from Nora Hunt in Darlingford. Judy married Barry Dracass of Carman in 1981. They had two children: Pamela (1987) and Taylor (1989). Judy and Barry were divorced in 1997. Pamela and Taylor enjoy spending time at Grandpa Clays and Grandma Gertie's farm learning to drive John Deere tractors. Connie married Gregory Henuset of Pipestone, Manitoba in 1987. They have two children: Ryan (1993) and Karla (1995). The family lived at Calgary, Alberta until December 1997 when they moved to Richmond, Virginia, U.S.A. where Greg is employed as a computer programmer/analyst.

Velma (1926) married Lloyd Orchard of Miami, where they have farmed their entire life and raised six children: Linda. Arleigh. Patricia, Douglas, Kathy and Laurie.

Ralph (1931) married Edna Wruck and live and work at Lunder, Manitoba. They have four children: Wayne, Ken, Lana and Ron.

Shirley (1936) trained as a psychiatric nurse and was employed by the Armed Forces. She resides near Ottawa, Ontario.

Elona (1937) and Abe Klassen lived in Winnipeg and then moved to Alberta. Their five children: Caroline, Terry, Rick, Marlene and Delbert all live and work in Alberta. Elona married John Fitzherbert and they live at High River, Alberta.

Fred Dreger

Fred was born in North Dakota. He married Olga Kubowitch and they had five children. Fred died in 1993 and Olga in 1984.

Their children are: Phyllis married Ronald Schneider (deceased) and lives in Great Falls, Montana. They have two sons, Wade and Byron. Helen married Ralph Belanus of Walhalla, North Dakota. They have four children: Ralph, Leslie, George, and Kathy. Alice lives in Winnipeg and works with computers. Marion is a stenographer living in Winnipeg. Fred Jr. lives on the home farm N. 1/2 25-1-7.

John Drennan

John Drennan was born in Arran, Scotland, and married Sarah Wheatley (1861-1955), who was from Clinton, Ontario. They settled on section 4-1-7 in 1879, and raised a family of seven children. He died in March 1910, and Mrs. Drennan and her daughters, Elyda and Ellen, continued farming until 1915 when she sold the land to Jack Wilson and left for Dundurn, Saskatchewan, to look after her mother, Fanny Wheatley, until the latter's death in 1924. Her daughter, Ellen, died during this period and she remained with her son, John, for eleven years before moving to Wood Bay in 1940 where she lived with the Nadins and the McKinnons.

In 1951 Sarah and the Nadins moved to Selkirk, Manitoba. She was a very cheerful lady in spite of poor health. She died at Selkirk in March 1955 at the age of ninety-three and is buried in the Jackson Cemetery beside her husband John.

Janet and husband Robert Burkitt lived at Dundurn, Saskatchewan. Their family included Ed, Florence (N. Ridals), Shirley, Robert (still living).

John and his wife Ann and their son Barry lived in Dundurn.

Gwen and husband Harry Gardenir and their son Burke lived in Dundurn.

Herbert and his wife Irene and seven children lived in Dundurn.

Gertrude and husband Richard Nadin farmed in the Wood Bay district. They had four children: Mae (Mervyn Flack) lives in Winnipeg and also her daughter Valerie. Mildred (William Beach) lives in Vancouver.

Margaret (Don MacAulay) is in a home in Brandon. Dulcie (Orvil Atkins) lives in Selkirk.

Ellen Francis (Norman Richardson) and son John lived in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Elyda Jean (1905-1993) attended Chicken Hill and Point Douglas Schools. Around 1922 she moved to the Pilot Mound area and worked for the Grassicks and Kemps. In January 1928 Elyda married John MacKinnon of Wood Bay and they lived on the family farm, where their three children were raised.

Kenneth born May 1929 married Judith Johnson from Kaleida and bought the family farm, at Wood Bay. They had three children. Nancy attending University of Manitoba, taking agriculture. She and her two children, Celty Jane and Sadie Belle live in Winnipeg. Their second daughter Kendra is instructing Physical Education and is involved in goal ball, a sport for the visually impaired. Curtis is studying towards his degree in agriculture at the University of Manitoba. He lives with his sister Kendra in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Ferne worked for Great West Life Insurance in Winnipeg for many years. Ferne still lives in Winnipeg working occasionally and doing some volunteer work.

Verna worked with her sister Ferne at the Ninette Sanatorium and then worked at Eatons. Her first marriage was to Mel Neary. Later she married Gerald Madden, who died in 1994 and is buried in the MacKinnon plot Wood Bay Cemetery. Verna lives in Chilliwack, British Columbia.

Ken and Judy still own and reside on the Tyree family farm - one hundred-ten years in 1997.

John MacKinnon died in 1975. Elyda continued living in the farm home until 1976 when she married Gerald Snowden of Foxwarren. They spent their winters in Victoria, British Columbia and the summers visiting along the way, Foxwarren to Wood Bay. When Gerald died in 1987. Elyda moved back to the Wood Bay farm for a short time, then moved to the Prairie View Lodge, Pilot Mound where she resided till her death in 1993. Both John and Elyda are buried in the Wood Bay Cemetery.

Karl Dresler

Karl and Helen Dresler were born and married in Poland coming to Morden in 1930 and the Windygates district in 1931. They had a family of five: Tony, Alex, Marge, Mary and Tonia.

Tony was born in Poland in 1909 and came to Canada with his parents. He married Annie Mikolasek and farmed the S.E. 1/4 8-1-7 until moving to Morden in 1948, where they opened a children's wear shop. Tony died in 1997. Their children are Mary Jean, Georgena, Douglas and Carl Ron.

Mary Jean and Clint Pentland live in Morden and have two sons, Ian and his wife Kara, and Spence.

Georgena and Robert Ungrin live in Ottawa and have two daughters, Jan and Monique.

Douglas and Elaine live at Lloydminster, Alberta, where Doug is Superintendent for the Husky Refinery. They have two children, daughter Ashley and son Kory.



Tony and Annie Dresler Family, Ron, Doug, Georgina, MaryJean, Annie and Tony

Ron lives at Erickson and is a branch manager for the Royal Bank.

Alex and his father farmed the N.W. 1/4 16-1-7. Alex married Mary Ferancek and farmed at Windygates until they moved to Cranbrook, British Columbia in 1955. They have five children: Katy, Terry, Jim, Jack and Sandra.

Marge Schindel lives in St. Catherines, Ontario and has a son, Jim and Katie, his wife.

Mary Lucky lives in Emo, Ontario. Her children are: Marion, Barry, Elizabeth and Judy.

Tonia and Frank Pelisek live in Winnipeg. Their children are, Sharon and Darlene.

A tragic incident occurred many years ago when



Alex Dresler

Karl Dresler went to visit Alex in Cranbrook, he got off the train and hasn't been seen since.



Alex and Mary Dresler Family

Andrew Dudgeon
under James

Alex H. Dudgeon
under James

James Dudgeon

James Dudgeon, born in Scotland in 1859, came to Canada and settled in Shadeland on 24-2-7 about 1886. He was later joined by his parents Margaret and Andrew (1825) a brother Alex and twin sisters, Elizabeth (G. Sandy) and Isabella (M. McGregor).

Alex settled near by and raised a family of seven.

Relating the celebration of Margaret and Andrew Dudgeon's golden wedding in 1906 the "Morden Chronicle" reported in part: "Mr. Hood read a short address and Mr. White and Miss Scott made the presentation of two chairs and a clock. Young and old spent the evening dancing. In all there were about one hundred sixty people present, and no more enjoyable evening has ever been spent in 2-7."

That crowd of one hundred sixty persons is only about half of their descendants living today!

James Dudgeon married Margaret Young and their children were Andrew, Pete, Bessie (W. Scales, Morden), Alex, Bob, Margaret (Pat Livingston, Dauphin) and Mary (Robert Denholdm, Makinak).

James played an active part in the pioneer life of Shadeland. He was especially interested in the Grain Growers' movement. He served as trustee of Lorne School, an elder of the local Presbyterian Church, as well as Sunday school superintendent. His religious convictions were such that his children were forbidden to whistle on Sunday! Being breeders of purebred Clydesdale horses meant that fair time in Morden found the boys currying, braiding tails, bedecking manes and mounting Scotch tops. James was municipal councillor at the time of his sudden death in 1917.

His widow, Margaret moved with her daughter Mary to Morden, where she remained tall, straight and black haired until her death in 1943. During the years on the farm, Margaret often visited Shadeland homes in times of illness. However, newborn babies and knitting were her specialties. Practice makes perfect and so adept did she become in handling both, that she is remembered as the "Grandma" who warmed a freshly bathed baby on her knee in front of an open oven, while, at the same time, her knitting needles clicked forth a red mitten.

Andrew Dudgeon, first born of James and Margaret and a veteran of World War I, married Edna Sanderson. Following the death of his father, he lived on the home place, later moving to the Kalieda district. Their family was Millie, Myrtle, Donald, Gwen and Noreen.

Alex H. Dudgeon, third son of James and Margaret, was born in Shadeland in 1899. On his birthday in 1923 he married Cecelia Aspevig. The community celebrated with a barn dance.

Into their farm home in 2-6 were born Eileen, Ole, Allan, Arthur and Dale. Living only one mile

east of the corner that sheltered Pearce Church and School, their life centered in the Pearce community. But the roots they put down in the "corner" had been embedded previous to their marriage. Alex had helped operate one of the tractors that moved the church to the "corner" in 1921. In the Aspevig home, Celia had prepared meals for the gang that built the school on the corner of her father's farm.

Their interests were varied. Alex has been an elder of Pearce Church and served on its board of stewards. Celia was secretary treasurer of the church for a number of years. Although the name of the organization has changed from Pearce Ladies Aid to Morden U.C.W., her support of its projects has remained unchanged for more than half a century. Alex served as trustee and secretary-treasurer on the Pearce School board and is one of the original members of the Thornhill Pool Elevator and Thornhill Co-op store.

Recreational activities are several. Alex has been a keen hunter. To listen to the hunting tales, it would appear that all Pembina trails must lead, inevitably, to Pike's Peak! He possesses the patience demanded of a fisherman. His enthusiasm for curling means that his "Yes! Sweep hard! Bring it along!" has echoed through a straw-walled rink near the Dead Horse Creek, the Lindal Rink, and Morden's arena, where he curled as a member of the Farmers' club. Celia's favourite saying has long been, "Just sit down. Supper will soon be ready." Therein lies her special hobby. Others include needlework, quilting and keeping two family trees up to date.

They moved to Morden in 1964. Alex and Celia remember: basket picnics at the Pembina River as teenagers, Bennett buggy excursions, Art Knisley's travelling grocery-store truck, pincherry trees loaded with redness and ... people.

A poet wrote:

"There is a destiny that makes us brothers
None goes his way alone.
All that we put into the lives of others
Comes back into our own."

If the poet touched truth, the A.H. Dudgeons' is a comfortable place.

Eileen married Jack Laing in 1951. They lived on a farm one mile north of the Pearce corner. Eileen and Jack moved to Morden in 1978. Jack died in 1981. Eileen continues to live in Morden.

Ole, the oldest son of Alex and Celia Dudgeon, married Velma Rothenburger in 1958. Ole died in 1983. Velma continues to live in Winnipeg. Danny, their son, married Donna. They live in Vancouver

with their daughter, Tessa.

Allan Dudgeon and his wife Marion (Bollenbach) farmed in the Shadeland area from 1954 to 1993. In 1974 they moved to Morden but Allan continued to farm until Rob took over the farm. They had one son and five daughters. The family went to Pearce church and the children attended Lorne School until it closed in 1967 and then they were bussed to Morden.

Rob married Cathy Collins in 1985 and they reside in Morden. Cathy teaches and they have one daughter, Jackie.

Lois was one of the first females to join the R.C.M.P. in 1975. She served twenty years and retired in 1996. She now works for the 1999 Pan Am Games recruiting volunteers. In 1998 she married Dave Dutton of Edmonton.

Linda is a physiotherapist at the Deer Lodge Centre in Winnipeg. In 1979 she married Greg Catteeuw of Baldur and they have three sons: Allan, Paul and Reid.

Judy took a course for legal secretary and also sold real estate. In 1987 she married Joe Hoes of Morden. In February 1992 she was diagnosed with cancer and she died in March 1992.

Lori followed in the footsteps of her namesake Eileen and became a school teacher. In 1981 she married Tom Draper of Carman. They live in Atlanta, Georgia and have three sons: Ian, Andrew and Eric.

Jennifer graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering. In 1988 she married Don Hrap of Edmonton and now they live in Calgary. Jennifer works for Deloitte and Touche Consulting Group. They have one daughter, Judy.

Arthur Dudgeon and his wife Lorraine (Rothenburger) have two daughters, Jodene and Dawnalee. They live in the Pearce community, across the township line with a Morden post office and telephone.

Dale and Phyllis Dudgeon were married in Zion Calvin United Church in Darlingford on September 12, 1959. Dale and Phyllis moved to the Darlingford community from Winnipeg in 1961 with their son, Gilbert Arthur who was one year old. They moved to the N.E. 1/4 11-3-8 formerly owned by Phyllis' parents Gilbert and Eileen Neighbour. A second son, Roy Cameron was born in 1963, and a daughter Marylee Joy in 1965, completing their family. The farm Dale and Phyllis live on will become a Centennial farm in 2004, having been bought by Phyllis' grandfather, Richard Neighbour

in 1904. Farmed by Gilbert and Clarence, Richard's sons until 1961, the farm was then bought by Dale and Phyllis Dudgeon. Dale and Phyllis are farming on this land and began cleaning pedigreed seed. They formed Dudgeons' Upper Lye Seeds in 1978. Gil Dudgeon became a partner 1991. Dudgeons' Upper Lye Seeds has been supplying the Darlingford community with pedigreed seed for twenty years.

Robert John Dudgeon, the youngest son of James and Margaret Dudgeon, and widely known as "Uncle Bob", farmed at Pearce until he retired to Morden.

James B. Dudgeon, son of Alma and John (brother of James Dudgeon), owned and operates the land upon which Pearce Church is located. He is now deceased.

Peter Dudgeon, the second son of James and Margaret Dudgeon, was a veteran of World War I, having gone overseas with the 184th Battalion and there was transferred to the 27th Battalion. Following his return to Canada, he married Fanny Johnston on November 24, 1920 and they settled on the N.W. 1/4 12-2-7 in the Pearce district.

Pete had a special skill with animals and was often called upon to help his neighbours with sick animals and especially during the epidemic of encephalomyelitis when the stricken horses required around-the-clock care.

Pete was a breeder of registered Ayrshire cattle and following his death in 1962, the Ayrshire association established a "Mother and Daughter" trophy in memory of him. Since Brandon no longer features a cattle show at the fair, the trophy is now presented at the Virden Fair.

Fanny lived in her home on the farm, keenly interested in horticulture, needlework and the community. Although not the oldest, it is worthy to note that she had lived in the Pearce community longer than any other resident. She is now deceased.

Pete and Fanny had three children: Phyllis (Andy Morrow), a school teacher with three children; Jean (Charlie Gall), also a school teacher with nine children and Robert who married Doreen Cooper.

Robert served in the army during World War II. He worked for the Thornhill Co-op for a short time before taking up farming on the farm originally owned by Bill Rombough. Since his father's death, Robert also operates the home farm for his mother.

Robert and Doreen have eight children: Vivien, James, Donald, Betty, Murray, Margaret, Florence

and Arlene. They are interested in the outdoors, track and field, rifle club, youth groups, art, crafts and horticulture.

The saga continues with our family expanding in many directions. The Melbourne quarter section was rented and an acre of hay land became an orchard at home. Fannie Dudgeon, Bob's mother continued to live on her farm until 1974 when she required hospitalization and subsequently entered the Tabor Home in Morden, where she died in August of 1986. Her daughters, Phyllis Morrow, widowed, is living in Deloraine; and Jean Gall lives with her husband Charles in Melita.

Robert served a term as chairman of Pembina Hills Co-op, Morden Game and Fish, and also of Pearce St. Andrews Church. Manitoba Junior Rifle Association executive position meant attending meetings across the province. He was an instructor of the Morden Rifle Club for twenty-seven years. Eight of us acquired our Hunter Safety certificates. Being a Cub Scout leader at Darlingford added to his volunteer work. Only the Co-op board paid some expenses. He is also a long time Legion member.

Increasing health problems meant changing the registered Ayrshire dairy herd to Black Angus beef cattle in the 1960's, then upsized to Charolais cattle which were finally sold in 1976. Melbourne's quarter was let go after Bob broke an ankle, and Robert A. Dudgeon rents both quarters now.

Robert has time for fishing trips between yard, garden and wood lot. Pearce community presented him with a watch early in 1997. He had called this area home since he was born at N.E. 1/4 12-2-7, in 1925, except for his World War II army service and time driving a fuel truck for Co-op at Thornhill, 1949-52.

Doreen has had more time for volunteer work since the children left home. She was board chairperson of Pearce St. Andrews Church when it closed. The building was moved to Thornhill to become the M. Doney's home. A roadside chapel was built and dedicated on the original site. Doreen served as a director, secretary and show secretary of Morden and District Horticultural Society. This year she received one of their life memberships. Since 1992 her pack rat tendencies turned into another venture, Cooper Crafts and Curios, booking tables at shows, flea markets and Morden's Farmer's Market.

Bob and Doreen's eldest daughter, Vivien, married Terry Broughton in 1971. They both taught

school with the Indian Affairs branch. Andy was born in 1979. In 1980 they moved to St. Boniface where Vivien managed an apartment block. Johnny was born in 1983 and Timmy in 1988. Terry died in 1994. Vivien works at a daycare, likes crafts, gardening and Tae Kwon Do with her boys.

James went north to work for Hudson Bay Mining in 1970, next for Mid-West Ore exploration. For a time he ran his own taxi business in Flin Flon. Jim and Linda Grant had a son, Corry in 1976. In the 1980's Jim worked for C.N.R. While he lived in Sherridon, he became familiar with Kississing Lake, as a guide for lodges there. He met Crystal Druce, purchased a trap line and has branched out as owner of Whiskey Jack Outfitters. For a year and a half he worked for the Puffy Lake Goldmine. He helps harvest wild rice, and in winter he cuts grid lines through the forest for Hudson Bay Mining mineral exploration.

Jim and Crystal have a daughter, Tricia (1981) who attends high school at The Pas and a son, Daniel (1986) who likes wrestling, swimming and helping his parents.

Donald became a Tudor Jet Pilot Instructor at Moose Jaw, after getting his officer training in Kingston and small aircraft wings at Portage-Southport Air Force Base. He flew the Hercules, based at Edmonton, to many countries, spent some time with search and rescue, later returning to Portage where he trained students in light aircraft and retired from the air force just as that base was closed and sold to Bombardier of Montreal. He still trains pilots, but now for a private company.

Don married Carol Trite in 1977. They have a daughter, Christina (1981) and a son, Michael (1982)

born at Edmonton. Don has belonged to collecting clubs in several cities and this interest has become - Captain Don's Buygones. While in Edmonton, he was called air force artist. The children's activities, in both sports and music, keep them all very busy.

Betty married Irvin Gerbrandt, a carpenter, in 1974; a month after high school graduation. Betty worked for Wiebe's Florists. In 1976 they moved to Nanton, Alberta starting Gerbrandt Construction. Betty kept in touch with her floral roots at High River Florists and as a partner in Crafts Aplenty. In 1978 Trisha was born, Kathy in 1980, Carla in 1985 and twins, Valerie and Sarah in 1987. Trisha graduated in 1996 and works for Magwood Motors in Nanton. Betty runs a pre-school out of their large home. Work and family interests keep them running. Their activities include hunting, fishing, softball, band competitions as far as Ottawa, swimming, 4H and piano lessons.

Murray worked at carpentry after graduating from Morden Collegiate. Like his two brothers he was also a scout and was taken to Darlingford by

his cub leader father. The girls attended Explorers and C.G.I.T. Murray won top marksman award and a rifle for two years in a row. He gained his instructor papers also. He was a militia member in the Medical Corp for a time and also a Big Brother. He gained his masonry papers and is still working in this field seasonally. This winter he worked for a specialty machine company making spraying and harvesting machines for small seed plots. Tae Kwon Do and hunting are pastimes he enjoys. In 1993 Murray married Marlene Franco. A daughter, Kaleigh, was born in 1995. Marlene and Murray have separated. Murray cares for



standing: James and Margaret Dudgeon
Sitting: Andrew and Margaret Dudgeon
(l-r) Andrew, Peter, Elizabeth

Kaleigh part time at his house in Homewood.

Margaret also passed Junior Rifle Club instructor test but her teaching skills headed in a different direction. Several scholarships helped to attain degrees in Education and Human Ecology at the University of Manitoba.

During the summer she worked for Livingston's Store in Morden and later for Manitoba Medical Services travelling out of Winnipeg. She taught at Russell high school for three years and at Garden Valley Collegiate, Winkler for over ten years. She has bought a home in Morden. Some of her interests are costumes for local play productions, crafts and horticulture. Her roses, etc. enhance her property. She enjoys spoiling her many nieces and nephews.

Florence grew up along with her appaloosa horse Prince and learning to play the piano. After graduating from Morden Collegiate, she joined her sister Margaret, at the University of Manitoba, gaining her degree in Science. She found employment at Great West Life and now over ten years later she adds F.L.M.I - A.C.S. letters to her Bachelor of Science degree. Now she is one of four employees travelling back and forth to London, Ontario facilitating Great West's takeover of London Life.

In 1984 Florence married David Giroux. They have two sons, Matthew (1990) and Nicolas (1993). David carries the load when Florence is at work caring for sons who are branching out into school activities, music and bowling. David works nights at least four times a week at Grapes.

Arlene, the youngest, worked after high school graduation in Winnipeg as a nanny, at a restaurant and then part time at Manitoba Telephone System in Morden. She is still working there.

In 1988 Arlene married Kim Groening, owner of Kim's Hair Salon. A daughter, Alyssa was born in 1989. She likes soft ball and gymnastics. A son, Tyler was born in 1991 and his favourite activity is hockey. Kim helps with the Corn and Apple Queen's Pageant. Arlene and children are interested in ceramics. Often Doreen has helped at the Portage Depression Glass Show and many other towns with her

Cooper Crafts and Curios.

All our family are creative, from Jim's moose antler eagles to their landscaped yards. It is great to still have space among the wildlife in the country for our extended family to come for picnics and a respite from hectic city life. An overflowing orchard and extra shrubs and perennials doesn't hurt either.

Dudgeon Reunion - 1967

The Dudgeon "Clan" gathered in Morden and Pearce to celebrate Canada's Centennial in 1967. At that time there were three hundred and three descendants of James Dudgeon (1782) and Isabella Morton (1790) born in Scotland. This couple were the father and mother of several immigrants to Canada, of whom only Andrew (1825), and his wife, Margaret McBain (1828) raised a family. They arrived in the Shadeland district eighty-three years ago (in 1967) and the names of their children head the four family branches:

James (1859-1917) married Margaret Young (1868-1943).

Alexander (1864-1946) married Wilhelmina Telfer, (1867-1956).

Elizabeth (1861-1939) married George Sandy (1867-1943).

Isabella (1861-1943) married Malcolm McGregor (1850-1938).

Although living in Morden now, two descendants of the Alexander branch, John and his son, James Dudgeon, still operate a farm in the heart of the Pearce district. On this quarter section Pearce St. Andrews Community Church is situated. On the same generation as John Dudgeon, are McBain, Alex, Robert and Andrew Dudgeon, now retired, who all once farmed in the Shadeland district, as did Clarence Rudd and Tom Rex, family connections. Peter Dudgeon, who died in 1962, bought

land in the Pearce district after his World War I duty when the 27th Battalion ended. His widow, Fannie, resides on this farm, which is now operated by her son, Robert.

The James and Margaret branch has been the most prolific. There were one hundred forty nine descendants in 1967 with sev-



Original farm home of James Dudgeon - 1904

eral increases since then.

Several fifth generation Dudgeons still farm in the Darlingford and Shadeland area.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Laing (Eileen Dudgeon) own land in the Pearce district, one quarter of which is the site of Pearce Community Building, often referred to as the Sunday school. This structure was formerly Pearce school, and is situated across the corner from Pearce church. Jack and Eileen moved to Morden in 1978. Jack died in 1981. Eileen, a retired teacher, continues to live in Morden.

Arthur Dudgeon, his wife, Lorraine, and two daughters, Jodene and Dawnalee, live across the township line with a Morden post office and telephone. Allan Dudgeon, his wife, Marion, and six children, Robert, Lois, Linda, Judy, Jennifer and Lori, live on a farm purchased from Clarence Rudd.

Dale Dudgeon, his wife, Phyllis and three children Gilbert, Roy and Marylee, live west of Darlingford and the children attended Darlingford school and were members of 4-H and Scout groups.

Robert Dudgeon, his wife, Doreen, and eight children live a mile west of Pearce Church on a farm formerly occupied by Sam Southworth. Their eldest daughter, Vivien, has her Education IA degree from the University of Manitoba and teaches Kindergarten at Little Grand Rapids with the Indian Affairs Branch. The eldest son, James, helps his father and the remaining five children attend school in Morden. They are interested in the outdoors, fishing, skating, track and field, the rifle club, youth groups, art, crafts and horticulture. One little girl is too young for most of these activities but she loves to draw pictures.

Only the passage of time can lend proof to the worth of the dreams of our ancestors.

Robert John Dudgeon

under James

James B. Dudgeon

under James

Peter Dudgeon

under James

The "Clan" Dudgeon

under James

David Duncan

David Duncan was born in Scotland in 1876. He came to Canada in the spring of 1903 and worked

for Martin Nichol. Before coming to Canada, he apprenticed with a baker in Scotland. His wife, Cecelia McLaren, came from Scotland in 1904 with Tom, Jean and William and they all settled on the S.W. 1/4 11-3-7, where their son, Gilbert was born.

From 1919 to 1923 the Duncans farmed in the Manitou district, then two years at Windygates. In 1925 they rented the Evie Stevens farm and in 1938 they sold their equipment and moved to the Marchand district for a few years before retiring to Winnipeg. David died in 1944 and Cecelia in 1950.

Tom married Jean Bailey of the Manitou district where they farmed. They lived in Darlingford for a time and retired to Manitou. Their five children are Mary, David, Irene, Florence and Brian.

Bill married Irene Wolfe, and had one son, William. Bill worked for D. Voth and Sons in Manitou for many years while Irene operated a nursing home.

Jean married Jim Hubley, who farmed in the Manitou district. Jean died in 1953 and Jim in 1970. Their son, Cecil, lost his life while on active service during World War II. Their daughter Priscilla married Jack Hicks and lives in Winnipeg.

Bert (Gilbert) married Winnie Anderson from near Morden. They farmed at Rosebank and Marchand before buying a dairy farm at Eriksdale, which they operated until he retired to Stonewall in 1969. While at Eriksdale, he was Reeve of the Municipality for a number of years. Their children, Beatrice, Raymond, Vera, Winston, Douglas (deceased) and Dorothy are all married with families of their own. Their son, Raymond, is on the home farm at Eriksdale.

J.K. Duncan

J.K. Duncan was born in Aberlemma, Forfarshire, Scotland. His parents had always been farmers, so in June 1888, he decided to come to Canada and acquired the N.E. 1/4 23-2-7, in the Shadeland district. Mrs. Duncan came about 1890 by boat to Montreal, then by train with a ticket to Thornhill. She got off the train in Winnipeg for a cup of tea, thinking there was lots of time and, on returning, the train was gone without her. In those days there was a train going each way each day on this line. Mr. Duncan met the train at Thornhill but no bride, so he took the next train to Winnipeg where she was waiting in the station. They were married in Winnipeg. She wore her travelling dress, as her wedding dress had gone on to Thornhill.

Mr. Duncan was always interested in the church

and the community. He helped build St. Andrew's Church, which was a mile south of Zion. This building was later moved to Pearce and the family then attended Calvin Church in Darlingford. He helped organize beef rings, horse clubs, ploughing matches and the Darlingford Farmers' Elevator Company. Along with John Morrow Sr., he purchased a number of purebred Clydesdale horses direct from Scotland.

Threshing was first done by horse power and in 1895 he got one of the first portable steam engines, which had to be moved by horses. In 1905 he purchased one of the first steam tractors and, in 1912, a Rumley gas engine and threshed grain out of the stack often until the end of November, once in snow banks six feet deep when there were four and one-half sections not yet threshed. His first car was a Brockville Atlas in 1914 and later an A. Losier. Although there was a speedometer, the family thought they never went over thirty miles an hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan had a family of seven: Minnie, Maggie, Lizzie, Janet, Jock, Tom and Dave. Mr. Duncan died in 1924. The three sons and Mrs. Duncan continued on the farm until 1944, when Mrs. Duncan died.

Dave Duncan died in 1930.

Thomas Gorrie Duncan married Margaret Isobel McCormick in 1936 and lived on section 15-2-7 until his death in 1959. Margaret moved to St. Boniface and taught school. Both Thomas and Margaret are now deceased. Their three children are: Robert, Jacqueline and Allister.

Dr. John Robert Duncan resides in Ottawa, Ontario with his wife Sheila Schmidt. Bob is a Research Scientist and Sheila a Registered Nurse of Geriatrics. They have three children who also live in Ottawa: John Paul (son), Carla (daughter), Lee (son).

Jacqueline Duncan Dimitrou (deceased) had two children. Michelle (daughter) who lives in Tofino, British Columbia with her two sons, Jordan and Benjamin. Simone lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba with her husband Lance and their two children, their daughter Amanda and son Mathew.

Allister Duncan married Della Burton, November 5, 1966. They lived on the Duncan family farm in Darlingford, Manitoba where they raised their two children until 1990. They then moved to Morden, Manitoba, where they now reside and run a seed processing plant (Duncan Seeds Ltd. with partner Michael Duncan). This business has been in operation for twelve years. Their son Phillip is a

Business Administrator for the Manitoba Theatre for Young People and also teaches drama in Winnipeg, Manitoba and Grand Rapids, Manitoba. Their daughter Tammy Duncan Martens is married to Jeffery Martens, she works in their family business and enjoys raising their son Taran.

John (Jock) Duncan was born in the Shadeland district in 1897. In 1922 he married Sarah Elizabeth Wallcraft from the Archibald district, La Riviere, Manitoba. Jock and Bessie first farmed near Melita and then in 1925 moved back to the Shadeland district where they farmed until 1947. They retired then to Manitou. Later on they moved to the senior home in Pilot Mound. Jock died in 1984 and Bessie in 1989. They had three children: John Wallace Duncan (1923), James Kinnear Duncan (1928) and Wilhelmina May Duncan (1931).

Wallace joined the navy in 1942. In 1947 he married Ruth Spearman of Crystal City. They have two children, Grant and Janice and five grandchildren and they all live in the Calgary area.

Jim stayed on the farm. In 1950 he married Betty Neudorf of Winnipeg. They have four sons: Thomas, Alex, Michael and Garth and eight grandchildren. Jim and Betty moved to Morden in 1977. Thomas lives in Phoenix, Arizona; Alex in Boulder, Colorado; Michael on the home farm and Garth is now living in The Republic of the Maldives.

Mina Duncan married Lawrence Esler from the La Riviere area in 1952 and still lives on the farm. They had two sons and one daughter, Donald, Willeen and Patrick and six grandchildren. Donald and Patrick live in the La Riviere area and Willeen and her husband live in the St. Claude area.

Tony Dushenko

Tony Dushenko lived with his parents, Martin and Anne, at Cygamy, Ukraine. At the age of eighteen he came to Winnipeg, where he owned a grocery and meat store. In 1916 Nellie, the daughter of Mary and Nicholas Rogodinski, of Poland, came to Winnipeg with her widowed mother, where she met and married Tony. They moved to Crystal City, with their daughter Mary. He worked on the C.P.R. and in 1934 was transferred to Darlingford.

Tony retired from the railway in 1965. In 1966 they celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. In 1969 Tony died. Mrs. Dushenko and her son Keith remained in Darlingford for a few years. Then she moved to Morden when Keith married Lil Kuchera and he also came to live in Morden. There were seven children in the family.

Mary, married Bert Hannah and had two sons, Clifford and Richard. Bert Hannah died in 1981 and Richard, their youngest son, died in 1994. Mary resides in Winnipeg.

Ella, married Ralph Law and had three children: Earl, Ruth and Albert. Ralph Law died in 1998, Ella resides at Legion House Two in Morden.

Martin, married Jean and lived in Dundas, Ontario. He had two children, Tom and Tina. Martin died in 1991, Jean still lives in Dundas.

Rozaline married Strat Moore and had five children: Marlene, Anne, Doug, Billy and Don. Rozaline died in 1964 and Strat resides in St. Anne.

Keith married Lil Kuchera and lived in Morden until his death in 1992. Lil still resides in Morden.

Ken married Mary Kerda and lived in Morden. He had two sons, Terry and Tim. Ken died in 1991, Mary still resides in Morden.

Tom died as a small child.

Jason Dyck

Jason L. Dyck born 1971 at Winnipeg, son of Earl and Ruth Dyck of Morden. He married in 1991, Carla Ginter (1971) at Winkler, daughter of Ken Ginter and Helen Olfert.

They moved to Darlingford in 1998 and purchased 43 Pembina Street, the former Bruce Lindsay home. They have two children, Willow and son, Prairie.

Jason works at Eden Health Care in Winkler. They purchased the Gospel Church. Carla has an interest in pottery and may start something there when the children are a little older.

William Eaton

The first recorded owner of the N. 1/2 5-3-7 was Samuel A. Biggs, who took ownership on July 20, 1877. This land was then purchased by Alexander Dawson on the fourteenth of December 1887 and he retained ownership until April 6, 1894, when it was purchased by Timothy Eaton, the founder of the T. Eaton Company Limited, Toronto. That same year, Timothy Eaton shipped sufficient lumber and supplies to erect a house, barn and

granary, all still being in use. The lumber, which was all pre-cut and ready to assemble, was left in the care of Frank and Thomas Hunt who came from the East at that time and assisted in the erection of the buildings.

Timothy Eaton purchased this farm for his son, William F. Eaton, and equipped it with stock and implements. William came from Toronto and resided on the farm with the two Hunt brothers, who were engaged by Timothy to supervise the farming operations for William, who had no farming experience. The three batched together for some time but soon made arrangements with Mrs. Alfred Stevens and her daughter, Bertie, to do their washing and baking until Thomas brought his wife Margaret Stevens, to live at the Eaton home.

The later part of 1896, or early in 1897, William or Will, as he was known, went East and married a girl at Toronto, and returned to the farm where they lived until December 1898, when Will gave up farming and returned to Toronto. A few years later, Bertie and Everett Stevens Sr., were in Ontario and went to visit the Eatons, who then resided in Oshawa, where Will was at the head of the gents furnishings departments of Eatons.

Regarding the house on the Eaton farm, only the front part was built and was constructed with the headers, or 2x4 inch, running horizontally, instead of perpendicularly, for the framing and the siding was put on perpendicularly, consisting of about ten inch wide boards and with narrow strips to cover the joints of the boards. About the year 1900, a rather large kitchen was added to the main part, and a Gurney Oxford furnace was installed to take the



House built by "The Eatons"



William Eaton, son of Timothy Eaton of Toronto. William lived on NE 1/4 5-3-7

place of heaters.

Another item worthy of mention was that Timothy Eaton shipped enough round cedar posts to fence the half section. This fence was built by Frank and Thomas Hunt and Donald McGillivray.

When Will Eaton gave up farming in 1898, the farm was taken over by Donald McGillivray and Wesley Oke and on June 24, 1899, it was purchased by Robert and John Cock. In 1905, John Cock died and on July 24, 1905, Robert Cock took over John's equity and retained possession until February 1921, when it was purchased by Josiah Rands.

Franklen Stuart-Edwards

Franklen, son of William and Georgianna Stuart-Edwards, was born and raised in the Kaleida area. He obtained his education in Kaleida and Manitou and is a graduate of Red River Community College where he obtained his license in carpentry. After apprenticing with Western Builders of Manitoba, Frank became self employed under the name of Edward's Construction.

In 1972 Frank married Judy Dudgeon of

Manitou and together they raised four children: Diane (Cornie Dyck) of Morden, Andrew (Tara) of Ontario, Christine and Matthew, also of Morden.

In 1992, Frank moved to Darlingford where he married, blending families with Barb Schmidt. Barb, the daughter of Evelyn and Robert Marsh, was born and raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba. In 1970 Barb married Ike Schmidt of Winnipeg and together they raised one daughter, Sheryl of Morden. In 1972 Barb and her family moved to Darlingford where Barb became a co-owner of Valley Esso Service.

Barb has been employed with Quality Communication Products in Morden for the past twenty-four years and is currently the office manager at this location.

Frank continues to operate in the Edward's Construction name as he has for the past twenty years.

Willie Edmunds

Willie Edmunds was sent from England by a Dr. Barnardo Society who immigrated homeless boys to the colonies. Lived with Mr. R. Graham.

Charles William Ehnes Sr.

Charles William Ehnes Sr., was born in Perth, Ontario in 1876. He came to Windygates in 1900 and worked for various farmers in the district for a number of years. Eventually, he was able to purchase the N.W. section of 5-1-7. In 1905, he married Annie Barnhart (1887) and together they raised their family Gordon, William, Sandy and Grace on the farm, with the exception of two years that were spent in High River, Alberta. Charles died in 1943, Annie moved to Morden in 1944 and then to Vancouver with Grace in 1949. She died in Vancouver in 1961 and is buried there in the Mountain View Cemetery. Charles and Annie were predeceased by their daughter Annie Amelia (1914-1916). Charles and Annie are interred in the Valley Cemetery.

Gordon (1906-1987) married Martha Schwartz (1910-1991) in 1930. They had eleven children: Orville, Vernon, Leslie, Gordon, Orlean, Lyle, Shirley, Phyllis, Lois, Valerie and Dale. Gordon farmed on the home farm and in the Riverdale district. He also lived in Manitou for several years before moving to Winnipeg in 1957 where he was employed with Nassau House until his retirement. Gordon is interred in the St. Vital Cemetery.

William (1908-1988) married Minnie Leonard

(1913-1977) in 1936. They had five children: Ivadelle, Eileen, Brian, Barbara and Vivian. William was employed by Pembina Poultry Packers for many years. He is buried in the Morden Cemetery.

Alexander "Sandy" (1912-1985) married Esther Schwartz (1914-1998) in 1935. They had six children: Eugene (1936-1991), Russell, Nelson, Gerald, Joyce and Kent. Sandy and Esther raised their family on the home farm until 1948 when they moved to Manitou. Sandy was employed with the Manitoba Telephone System until his retirement in 1977. He is buried in the Manitou Cemetery.

Grace (1922) has two sons, Stan and Phil. Her husband, Fred Klatt died in 1992. Grace currently lives in Vernon, British Columbia.

Edwin Elias

Edwin Elias and his wife Emma, were married in 1966 and came to this district in 1967, where he worked on the Allen Arnott farm on Highway #31. From this farm pedigree seed is processed and shipped by rail and semi-trailer to parts of Canada.

They received their elementary education in a rural school south of Winkler, where they had always lived. Ed continued with high school at a private school in Gretna. He is fond of singing and takes part in the local United Church special musicals.

They are members of the Morden Bergthaler Church. They have two children, Shannon (1967) and Sandra (1970).

The Elias family now live in Winkler. Ed operates Essen Transport.

Mathius Ellwood

Mathius Ellwood's parents, Mark and Ann, came from England to Brinsley, Ontario, where their son, born in 1868, met and married Margaret Hogg of Exeter in 1893. Their first home was in Hensall, Ontario, where their two daughters, Beulah (John Jacobs) and Mattie (Alvin McElroy), were born. Later they lived for a short time in Brantford, before moving to London, Ontario, where Matt, as he was known to all, continued his work in barbering.

They came west to Kaleida in 1909 and in 1914 moved to Darlingford, and bought the E. 1/2 4-3-7. He continued his barbering business in town, driving a horse and buggy back and forth. One late afternoon in April, a heavy blizzard came up, and on the way home, his horse got off the road and into a field. He and the horse kept going round in circles



Matt and Margaret Ellwood

because he knew that if they stopped he would perish. Next morning the storm started to clear up, and, despite heavy frost bites, he was able to make his way home.

Mrs. Ellwood died in 1926. Mr. Ellwood moved to La Riviere and continued barbering and died in 1947.

Gerry Enns

Gerry Enns came to Darlingford, from Manitou in 1994 and resides at 8 Law Street, Darlingford. He is self employed with Enns Roofing and Renovations which he started in Manitou in 1991. Gerry is the son of Toots and Harry Enns of Morden. He married Linda Hildebrand of Rosenfeld in 1990. She is a noted pianist. They have two daughters, Mallory and Manda.

Elliott Fairbairn

Elliott Fairbairn and his wife, Mary Habkirk, came from Scotland about 1856 and settled at Hensel, Ontario, doing mixed farming and participating in the building of a new country. They had seven girls and six boys. The last member of this family, Mrs. Helen Dalrymple, died at Clinton, Ontario, in January 1971 at the age of one hundred-three. Five came to Manitoba, to the Mowbray-Snowflake district: Mrs. McTaggart, Mrs. Jim Moir, Elliott, Robert and John. John married Minnie Drover of Chiselhurst, Ontario, in 1895, and came to

Manitoba in March 1905, with their three oldest children: Elliott, Vera and Isobell. They lived for a few years at Snowflake, where their son, John, was born. In 1909 they moved to Windygates and settled on a farm owned by Tom Moloney, one mile north of Maida. In 1914, they moved to section 3-1-7, formerly owned by George Karr and stayed until 1927 when Mr. Fairbairn took up dairy farming at Lundar, Manitoba, with the help of his youngest son, Bob. He and his sister, Mary, had been born at Windygates.

After retiring to Winnipeg, Elliott Fairbairn died in 1921 and Mary (Clay Fairbairn), at the age of eighty-six in 1960. The Fairbairn's were noted for their hospitality and friends were always welcomed to their home.

Elliot Fairbairn Jr., came to the Chicken Hill district in 1929 living on section 3 for a time, then bought section 10. He married Alma Meyerhouse, whose father lived at Langdon, North Dakota, and was known for his ability to call square dances. In 1945 they moved to Murillo, Ontario, where they had a dairy farm. Mr. Fairbairn was operating a tractor and it rolled down a steep embankment. The tractor pinned him underneath causing fatal injuries. Mrs. Fairbairn died in 1970. Their daughter, Alice, married Arnold Gellatly in 1943, and stayed on her father's farm until 1947, when she moved to Murillo. Muriel married Gerald Wrigley of Murillo.

Vera (September 1899) married Clarence McMurtry (died September 1957) and then married Martin Anderson of Maida, North Dakota. Martin died in December 1976. Vera then moved to Morden and Winnipeg. She died at the Middlechurch Home in 1995.

Isabell (November 1902) married Dan McLeod and died November 1983.

John (October 1907) married Lil Gascoigne (deceased) and they had two daughters, Florence and Evie. John died in 1993.

Bob and his family lived in Vancouver. He died November 1988 at the coast.

Curtis Fehr

Curtis Fehr born 1970 at Winkler, son of Jake and Joyce Fehr, married Angie Loeppky born 1971, daughter of George and Anna Loeppky, in 1989 at Winkler.

Curtis works at Farm King and Angie works at the Tabor Home.

They purchased the house at 29 Law Street from Ken and Jean Compton.

Henry Fehr

Henry and Helen Fehr moved to the Joe Carson's farm (24-3-7) in November of 1971. They moved here from Morden. They have four children: Sheldon, Duane, Tracy and Lisa. Sheldon (Sherry) are living in Winkler. Sheldon is employed at 3M.

Duane and Neta have been farming the Hugh Morrow farm (E. 1/2 15-3-7) since 1993. They have one daughter, Hailey. The girls are currently both employed at Decor Cabinets in Morden.

Mary Fehr

Mary Fehr moved from Morden in the fall of 1996 with her son, George and daughter, Agatha. Her husband William had died June 30, 1996. Mary purchased Bea Maxwell's home, 41 Stanley Street. Agatha attends school in Morden. George works at Triple E in Winkler and Mary at Kelsey's sewing factory, Morden.

Mary's other son, Willie and Tina Fehr, purchased Millie Kapchinsky's house at 46 Bradburn Street, in the spring of 1996. Willie works for Grandeur Housing in Winkler. They have a little son, Samuel (1997) and daughter, Mikhaila (July 1, 1998).

John Ferancek

Mr. and Mrs. John Ferancek moved to Windygates in 1949. They had a family of five children: Mike, Jack, Mary, Joe and Ann. Mary married Alex Dressler. Joe and Ann went to school at Point Douglas from 1949 to 1953. Mr. and Mrs. Ferancek moved to Wilmer, British Columbia.

Archie Ferguson

Archie Ferguson, 1915. Farm labourer and carpenter, also violinist.

John Fidler

John and Karen Fidler moved to Darlingford from Morden, in October 1981, to what was then known as the United Church manse. They lived there for about two years. They bought the house across the street, in December of 1983, which was then owned by Myrtle and Laurie Kinsman.

John and Karen have three children. Leslie lives in British Columbia; Kevin lives in Nova Scotia, and is an aviation technician for the air force, Angela graduated from grade twelve in 1998.

Charles Fields

Charles Fields arrived in Manitoba, during July 1877 from Merrickville, Ontario. He came to

Emerson and walked to his homestead, which was the S.W. 1/4 of 24-3-7. He later acquired the N.W. quarter by pre-emption. His first home had a sod roof. Later the roof was removed and an upstairs was built of lumber. This house served his family until 1905, when a larger home was built. This has since been replaced by a modern home built by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carson.

In 1883, Charles married Amelia Currie who had come from Almonte, Ontario the previous year to keep house for her brother Adam. They drove by team and wagon to Nelson to be married and were home in time to do chores. Mr. Fields died in 1917 and she in 1935.

There were five children born to this union. Henry, the eldest son was killed by lightning in 1903. Jennie, the elder daughter died in 1935. Corbett lived in Victoria, British Columbia. He farmed the home place until it was sold to Joe Carson in 1947. Corbett married in 1955, Mildred (1892-1957) in Victoria. Corbett died May 18, 1981 at eighty-eight years. Edna, who married William Griffin, lived in Morden and died in 1986.

Thomas bought the S.W. 1/4 26-3-7 from Peter Stewart in 1913. He cleared and broke the land. In 1928, he rented the S.E. 1/4 26-3-7 from Dan Kelly, which he later bought from Jack Kelly. In 1919, he married Georgina Switzer and had a son Roy, who was stricken with polio at the age of two and had partial paralysis of his legs since. Roy worked the home place with his father and was the only descendent bearing the Fields' name in either Ontario or Manitoba. Georgina died August 27, 1962 at seventy-two years and Thomas died December 26, 1975 at eighty-seven years. Miss Helen Schellenberg kept house for them since 1966, up until Roy moved to Tabor Home in Morden.

In spite of Roy's handicap he carried on the operation of the half section and in his spare time has been very helpful with most community projects, especially in the areas of carpentry and woodworking. After renting his farm land, Roy had an insurance business till failing health caused him to sell the business. When Roy left the farm, he initially spent several months in Morden Hospital before being sent to

Tabor. Here you could always find him in the woodworking rooms, either sanding or painting door stops, lawn ornaments, children's table and chair sets, etc. Roy died January 16, 1992 at the age of seventy-one years.

Steve Fijala

Steve Fijala and his wife, Julia, were born in 1893 and 1894 respectively in Luske, Poland. In 1926 they came to Canada with their four year old twins, Tony and Rosa. They first settled in the Pearce district, farming the land where Robert Treichel now lives. Another daughter, Mary, was born there in 1932. The children received their education at the Pearce and Lorne Schools.

In 1942 the family moved to Roland where they farmed for five years. In 1947, Tony bought the McNabb farm north of Darlingford and his parents bought the Armstrong farm, on section 8-2-7, south of Darlingford. In 1951 Mr. and Mrs. Fijala retired and moved to Winnipeg. He died in 1961, at which time Mrs. Fijala moved out to Morden where she resided until her death in 1966.

When his parents moved to Winnipeg, Tony sold the McNabb farm and moved to his parents' farm. Tony married Doreen Booker in 1954 and they had four children: Ronald, Sharon, Dennis and Douglas. They were active in community affairs, church, school, etcetera. Tony died in October 1977, as the result of a tractor accident. Doreen continued to stay on the farm until October 1983 when she married Ben Hemminger and has lived in Morden since.

Ron (1954) took schooling in Darlingford and



Family of Tony Fijala

Manitou and worked on the farm taking it over when his Dad died. He presently has a cow-calf operation. He has a friend, Chris Rodgers and her two daughters, Jessica and Lauren.

Sharon (1956) completed grade twelve in Manitou and worked as a secretary at Motor Coach Industries in Winnipeg for two years. She started working in Morden at Pembina Printing in 1976. She earned several service awards and continued there for eighteen years. She married Bob Tremeer of Manitou in 1992. They live on a farm north-west of Manitou and have a daughter Melanie (1992) who is in grade one. Sharon's son Mark (1977) completed grade twelve in Manitou, works for Manitoba Department of Highways and farms. He and Alison Yeomans were married on July 25, 1998. She is a psychiatric nurse and holds the position of resident care manager at Salem Home, Winkler.

Dennis (1962) completed schooling in Manitou. He was active in ball, hockey, and 4-H. He worked for numerous farmers in the district and had a herd of cattle and did some farming on his own. He fought a courageous battle with cancer and died in April 1986.

Doug (1964) married Debbie Voth in 1985. Doug has works for Valley Concrete. Debbie has worked at Sam's Foods in Manitou since 1992. They have two children Danny (1986) and Tiffany (1989). Danny is active in Windygates 4-H Club and enjoys snowmobiling and playing hockey. Tiffany enjoys taking piano lessons and figure skating. The family enjoys camping and snowmobiling. They now reside north-east of Darlingford.

Rosa married Laddie Bindr. They farmed at Roland and Miami and now live in Alberta. They had a son and two daughters who all live in Alberta.

Mary worked in Winnipeg before moving to Chicago to work, and later married. They have three sons, all married and living in the United States.

R.A. Fines

R.A. Fines and his wife, Mabel Wilcott, came to Darlingford in 1902 from Balmoral. He was in partnership with James Thomas in one of the general stores (see business section). They took an active part in community affairs and he served as secretary of the school board, district magistrate and lay minister in the Methodist church where he also sang in the choir.

In 1913 he was appointed as the principal of the Darlingford school and continued in this position until he left to teach, first at Balmoral and later at Baldur where Mrs. Fines contracted polio. Mr. Fines

retired shortly after she became ill. He lived to be ninety-four years old and after Mrs. Fines died, he lived in a nursing home in Winnipeg.

Their nine children all married. Elmer taught school. Clarence was the treasurer for the province of Saskatchewan. Gordon was an alderman in Winnipeg. Cecil and Harvey were veterans of World War II. There were four girls: Irene, Aleta, Bernice and Dorothy.

Adolf Fischbush

Adolf Fischbush (Fishbrook) was born in Poland in 1887 and lived in Winnipeg. Adolf and his first wife Louise moved to the Snowflake district, before coming to section 7-1-7 in the Windygates district, with his wife Louise and family. Their children were: Mildred, Reinhard, Elsie, Albert, Albertina "Dot", Ben and Fred. All are deceased except Elsie, Ben and Fred.

After Louise's death, Adolf married Olga Berdine and they moved to section 7-1-7 in the Windygates district. Their children were: Edith, Otto (deceased), Lydia, Danny and Martha.

They left Windygates to farm at Snowflake and Manitou. They retired to Vernon, British Columbia in 1959. Adolf died in 1972.

Albertina "Dot" married Ewald Lechner. (See Lechner story.)

Sam Forrest

Sam Forrest, his sister Jessie and their mother lived three miles west of Darlingford across the road from the Willis Moore farm, 14-3-7. He was a director of the Farmer's Elevator at Darlingford. They were staunch Presbyterians and attended Calvin Church, and the Ladies Aid. After the death of Mrs. Forrest, Jessie and Sam retired to Manitou where they lived the rest of their days.

Jessie Forrest was noted for her ability to use a gun. The gophers made good targets, and there always seemed to be plenty of them.

Robert Forsythe

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Forsythe came to the Snowflake district in 1882, then to Windygates in 1895 to farm the S.W. 1/4 9-1-7. Robert died in 1917 and Mrs. Forsythe lived on with her son Harry, until she passed away. Harry's sister, Bella lived with him in 1936. Harry died and Bella operated the farm with hired help for a few years. In 1946 she went to British Columbia to live with a sister. The Forsythes had a family of eight: Harry,

Walter, Arthur, Gordon, George, Bella, Clare and Lottie. George enlisted from Windygates during World War One returning in poor health.

Louis Fortney

Louis Fortney, a bachelor in the Pembina Valley, homesteaded the Guderian farm. From 1908 to 1915 he dug wells as a side line. Later he lived on a farm owned by Andy Revine, near Haref Rasmussen. He was unable to care for himself in later years, so spent his last days in a home for the aged.

Harry Frank

under William Frank



Harry and Zilda Frank Family, Elva, Mary, Velma, Everton

William Frank

William Frank was born at Lambeth, Ontario, on January 10, 1849 where he was raised and educated. He married Eliza Bosman in 1874. They came to Manitoba and settled in the Calf Mountain district on the farm presently owned by Glen Hunt, which they bought from one of Mrs. Ferris Bolton's brothers, by the name of Stewart.

There were eleven of a family, seven boys and

four girls, some of the older ones having been born in Ontario. Harry and Len remained in Manitoba and the rest of the boys, Tom, Freeman, John, Ed and Reuben, went to Saskatchewan. Minnie married Tom Slute of the Calf Mountain district. Laura married Jim Thom of Swan Lake. Cora married Tom Irvine of Darlingford and moved to British Columbia. Josie married Fred Gidding from Alberta.

William Frank built several barns in the district, including Jim Hill's, on N.E. 21-2-7, Albert Lawson's which was demolished a few years ago and Billy Jordan's which was burned a number of years ago. He also helped build Will White's and Sam White's in the Thornhill district.

He was a member of the Calf Mountain school board and was a councillor for the municipality for a few years, being, in fact, on the council at the time of his death on July 28, 1909. There were sixty-eight horses and buggies in his funeral procession. After his death, his widow sold the farm, and moved to Morden, in 1910, where she lived until her death in March 1920.

Harry Frank was born April 28, 1876, at Lambeth, Ontario the eldest son of William and Eliza Frank and came to Manitoba with his parents in 1886. Early in the 1900's he bought the farm from James Rice, S.W. 28-2-7. In 1905 he married Zilda Bebee, formerly of Port Hope, Ontario. Their family consisted of three girls and a boy. Elva married Don McDonald and Mary married John Aerssens and they lived at Darlingford. Velma married Harvey Ramage and lives at Manitou.

In the fall of 1918 Harry sold the farm to Dave Cowan and, in 1919, purchased the quarter on the east side of Darlingford from Oliver Law, where only six acres on the northeast corner were broken, the remainder being bush.

They sold and delivered milk around town for a number of years. Harry served on the council of the Rural Municipality of Pembina and on the Darlingford school board for several years and enjoyed the sport of curling. After suffering many strokes, he died in February 1940. His widow remained on the farm until entering the Morden hospital, in July 1961, where she remained until her death in January 1966.

Everton Frank, son of Harry Frank, was born on the father's farm, the S.W. 1/4 28-2-7, later moving near Darlingford and then purchasing the W. 1/2 2-3-8 in the fall of 1936 from the Reg Matthews estate.

Everton married Ina Ramage in 1944. Everton remained on the farm until his death January 4, 1992. Ina stills resides on the farm. They had four children: Patricia Marie, Russell Mervin, Sharon Ann and John Albert.

Pat married Doug Collins of Ontario in 1971. They have two children, Christopher and Marc. They reside in Toronto where Pat is a school teacher.

Russell married Marilyn Foster of Manitou in 1969. They have four children: Christine, Richard, Cheryl and Terry. Russell resides in Oxbow, Saskatchewan working at the Pioneer elevator.

Sharon married C.R. Dixon (Sam) of Ontario in 1976. They are members of the Canadian Armed Forces (retired). They are currently residing in Brandon, Manitoba.

John married D. Nadiene Peske of Darlingford in 1977. They farm in Darlingford. Their farm consists of mixed grain, a few horses, a dairy operation since the fall of 1980 and an indoor riding arena built in the summer of 1996. John and Nadiene have two children, Joseph Alexander and Anna May. Joey has graduated from the Nellie McClung Collegiate. He has received his Firefighters Level One and Hazardous Material Awareness course certificates and has attended a Farm Safety Course in 1997. He is a volunteer firefighter for the Darlingford Fire Department. He is working for 3M of Canada in Morden. Anna is a student (grade eleven) at the Nellie McClung Collegiate in Manitou. She is active in the Manitou Sunset Riders 4-H Horse Club. She rides and competes with her horses at 4-H shows and many open horse shows. She competed with the equestrian team for the central region at the 1996 Manitoba Safeway Summer Games. She brought home a silver medal for her barrel run.

Henry Friesen

Henry and Helen Friesen moved to 34 Stanley Street in Darlingford from Morden in 1992. Henry and Helen were both born in Mexico. Helen came to Canada in 1980 with her parents John and Margaret Klassen of Winkler. Henry came to Canada in 1987 with his parents Peter and Susana Friesen of Reinfeld. Henry and Helen were married July 15, 1989 in Reinfeld. They have a family of three boys: Ricki (1990), Peter (1992) and Philip (1996). Henry works for Farm King in Morden.

Rodney Friesen and Leann Wallcraft

Rodney is the son of Jake and Marion Friesen

and came from the Miami area. Leann is the daughter of Glen and Evelyn Wallcraft from the La Riviere area.

They have reconstructed a yard site on S.E. 5-2-7 W. and have been living there since the summer of 1994. Both are working in Morden. Rod is currently employed by United Grain Growers Distribution Center and Leann is employed by Carte International Inc.

Wiggo Friis

Wiggo Friis and his wife, Lily, came from Denmark in 1958 and worked at Amy Brothers mink ranch. He had worked with mink in Denmark. They lived at 46 Bradburn Street, Darlingford until they moved to Rouleau, near Moose Jaw, where he had a ranch of his own. He later sold out and moved to Moose Jaw where he was a guard.

Their English was quite limited when they arrived in Canada and they can be congratulated on their quick learning of the customs and language of a new country. The Russell and Jack Amy and Jack Bryson families took the girls into their homes to help them to learn to speak English.

They have four daughters, Alice (Gregg Sears) took a nurses' training course; Judy lives in Moose Jaw; Virginia (Fred Kirby) lives at Rouleau and Vivian (Taylor Moloney), now divorced, lives at Boissevain.

Alfred T. Fry

Alfred T. Fry who lived on the northern fringe of the Darlingford district is one of the real "old timers" who tells some very interesting tales of life here before the railroads came and his many neighbours moved in.

He was born in England in 1873, landing with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Fry in Canada in 1875 at a tender age. With a sharp memory and a twinkle in his eye, he loved to share the happenings of those early days.

As a boy he recalled a trip with his mother out to pick berries. They located a good patch and started picking on the east side. When he wandered around the north side he saw three little black bears picking and eating the fruit on the west side. He hurried back to mother with the exciting news and she calmly said, "You get busy and fill your can - then we can leave." Did anyone say "co-existence" in those days?

He reported there were some elk around then, and the odd moose too, while deer, both Black Tail and Jumpers, were very plentiful. The larger Black

Tails were soon hard to find, as they were almost twice the weight of Jumpers and fine eating. He also recalled hearing of the odd stray buffalo, up to about 1880.

The timber was large and plentiful on the Pembina Mountain, with large oak trees 35 feet high, huge elms, ash and the ever present maple and poplar. Mr. Fry recalled the large old steam driven saw mill operated by Dave Kilgour on section 20-4-7, where the early settlers came for lumber for their buildings. Not only were boards and planks produced in that mill, but large quantities of shingles as well. He recalled working there as a school boy packing shingles. Long days and low pay, those days!

In 1895 he married Elizabeth Hunt and they built their new home of logs on section 21-4-7 only one-half mile from the saw mill. They raised a family of nine and in 1919 built a large modern house with such blessings as hot water and heating.

Roughly two miles west of the Fry farm was the old Lizard Lake, a large marsh of some six square miles. In the early days the water got quite deep in places - a duck's paradise but about 1900 the provincial government had a deep ditch dug to the east to drain off most of the water. The ditch was not far from some of the settler's homes and the rushing water could be heard for a great distance. The ditching was done to create a huge hay meadow which was a joy to behold, until a careless match would set the dry grass on fire, then the huge

clouds of smoke blanked out the sun in the daytime and, at night, a red glow could be seen for miles. "Only Lizard burning." Hundreds of tons of hay were lost in this way.

Mr. Fry was always in tune with nature and when asked about prairie chicken replied. "Why sure, lots, and what a sight to see them holding their mating dances in the spring. I'd stop the team and get a good laugh at the birds as they circled around to the drumming of two or three old fellows out to one side. A really big show and it kept up for days on little hills."

Ducks were plentiful too, "shot forty, one day in the fall - all eaten of course. We didn't kill just for fun."

Fishing was one of Alf's weaknesses and a trip to the Pembina, or up to La Riviere, was a must. "Indians knew how to smoke them to keep in summer too."

When asked about prairie fires, first came a firm "no." Then a smile, "Well - the only one I ever worried about was when I was a kid on my way home from school, walking with another boy who lived closer. We saw a fire coming down from the northwest, and fast too. So I made a run for it and got home O.K. but I think the seat of my pants was scorched a bit."

Oxen was the next question. "Sure, we had oxen in the early days; used to haul loads of firewood to sell in Morden. Up at 3 a.m., get away before daylight, get to Morden by 3 or 4 p.m., sell the wood, feed the team, then start home. Always got home about 2:30 to 3 a.m. That was a good day's work for man and team for three whole dollars."

An amusing incident occurred one day when he happened to drive his car up the front street in Miami. A young lad called to a group of men, "Here he is now. Here's Mr. Fry." It seems that a large bull had gone berserk and was on the loose, just over the tracks across from the stores. They besieged Alf to shoot the beast to restore peace and quiet. After his choice of "a good gun - one I could trust," he walked over toward the pawing, stomping, slobbering animal and the bull raised his head to sniff the air. "I waited till he lowered his head to paw again, then fired. I didn't want the bullet to glance off that thick skull - it didn't, but went straight in and he rolled over."

Abe F. Funk

Abe F. Funk (1958) was born in Mexico. Bridgette Klyne (1958) was raised by Bertha and



Alf Fry, 98 years with great-grandson, Stewart Fry

Norman Guderian of Morden. Abe and Bridgette moved to Darlingford 1996. Abe works at Farm King, Morden and Bridgette does home care. Abe has four children: Lori, Robert, Jennifer and Arnold. Jennifer and Arnold live with their Dad. Abe and Bridgette purchased 27 Pembina Street, the former Alvin and Eva (Stevens) McClay house in 1996.

Calvin R. Funk

Calvin R. Funk (1966) was born in Cartwright, Manitoba to Ben and Ella Funk. Cal was raised on a farm near Cartwright. He moved to Winkler soon after his eighteenth birthday where he worked at various jobs.

He married Shirley M. Penner in the summer of 1986. Shirley was born in Manitou, Manitoba to Ed and Mary Penner. She lived in Manitou, then Morden where she met Cal in 1986 at Tupperware, where they both worked. Their daughter, Shayleah was born in the summer of 1990.

Cal finally found the job that he truly loved, driving a semi-trailer truck on long hauls. He owns and operates his own truck and drives for Bison Transport.

Cal and Shirley, along with their daughter, settled in Darlingford in 1997. They bought the Svoboda/Lagimodiere house at 12 Mountain Avenue.

Albert Gellatly

Albert Gellatly was fifteen years old and his brother, Jack, fourteen, when they left Scotland on a cattle boat in 1890, to take up a new life in Canada. Their father had died some ten years before and an uncle offered to take the two boys and educate them. He was a school teacher in Glasgow, so they left their home in Rochdale, England, and went to Scotland. They had no opportunity to see their mother again before they sailed.

They went to the Bolton home in Leeds County, Ontario. Henry Bolton was a carpenter when he came west in 1897. Albert decided to seek adventure in Manitoba, too. They made their way to Darlingford to the home of Henry's brother Ferris, one of the earliest settlers who came to the area in 1877.

In 1900 Albert took over the Darlingford boarding house but in 1903 gave it up to become a farm labourer with Alfred Bedford who was also an early settler. He went to the Windygates area working for Jack Wilson and cutting wood

for William Ehnes. In 1906 he purchased the S.W. 1/4 8-1-7 and built a new house and barn. Barn dances were the highlight of social life in rural communities and many dances were held in his hay loft.

When Albert married Estella Davis, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Davis of Kaleida, on April 15, 1908, the wedding dance held in the hay loft was a popular event and friends and relatives gathered to celebrate the happy occasion with the bride and groom.

While the new Point Douglas school was being built in 1909, the building site was a mile from the Gellatly farmstead, and the carpenters boarded with them. Mr. Gellatly was one of the original trustees and in 1911 was appointed secretary-treasurer, a position he held for twenty-five years. In 1945 this school was completely demolished by a tornado.

The Gellatly family included three sons and two daughters.

Elva married Charlie Coyle of Elkwood, North Dakota, and died at the age of fifty-two, leaving her husband, six sons and a daughter.

Ralph, who lives near Murillo, Ontario, never



Wedding of Albert and Estella Gellatly with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bottual - 1908



Elva, Ralph, Donald Gellatly

married

Donald married Bernice Benson of Starbuck, where they live. They have three children.

Arnold, who married Alice Fairbairn in 1943 also resides at Murillo, Ontario and has four sons.

Isabell, the youngest, married Wilfred Bowler in 1942, who at the time was farming at Kaleida. In 1948 they sold the farm there and moved to Manitou where Wilfred was a grain buyer until his retirement in 1971. Their daughter, Heather and her husband Garry Gardner live at Clearwater with their two children, Dana and Bryce.

Son Harry married Caroline Dubyts in 1976 and lives at Treherne. They have two sons, Mitchell and Christopher. Harry is General Manager of Tiger Hills Credit Union.

Don Bowler, a son of Wilfred's from a previous marriage married Inez Rach (deceased). They had four children: Murray, Julie, Richard and Tom. Don and wife Jean live at Lethbridge, Alberta.

Mr. and Mrs. Gellatly lived in the days of few conveniences, but hospitality and good friendship were a compensation in rural communities. They helped one another when need arose, especially in time of sickness. This couple were willing helpers in the 1918 flu epidemic, going into homes without thought for their own health, to care for stricken families. Many a new little citizen received its first welcome into the world from Mrs. Gellatly who served as midwife.

They remained on the original farm until 1935, when a move was made to a homestead in the Pembina Valley. Mr. Gellatly became quite ill and died in 1938. Mrs. Gellatly continued to farm until 1946 when the house was destroyed by fire. They lived in another house until 1949 when she and Ralph moved to Murillo, Ontario. Mrs. Gellatly

died in 1954. Both are laid to rest in Jackson Cemetery.

We pay tribute to Jack Gellatly, who enlisted with the Royal Horse Guards Regiment, for service in the Boer War and was named among the missing.



Louis and Caroline Geving

Louis Geving

Louis Geving was born in Norway in 1879 and came to Hillsboro, North Dakota, in 1895, at the age of sixteen. Caroline Geving (formerly Talerud), was raised in Barneswell, Minnesota.

In 1921, they moved with their family to Manitoba. They purchased the Rudd farm, S.W. 13-2-7. In 1926, they moved to the George Rombough farm located three miles southwest of Darlingford, where they farmed with success. Louis and Caroline retired in 1948 and moved into Darlingford. Their son, Chester, took over the farm and continued to farm for many years. In 1953, Caroline died at the age of seventy-seven and in 1956 Louis died, also at



Chester and Mabel Geving - 1978

the age of seventy-seven. They had six children.

Lloyd married Dorcas Provo and had three children: Donnie, Marlene and Terry. Lloyd, Dorcas and Donnie have since died. Marlene and Terry currently live in Thunder Bay.

Elmer married Lil Wilson and had three children: Donna, Murray and Ann. Elmer and Murray have since died. Lil currently lives in La Riviere, Donna in Saskatoon, and Ann in Manitou.

Marion married Herman McLees and had one child, Dale. Marion and Herman have since died. Dale currently lives in Sudbury.

Helen married Joe Cumberland. Helen and Joe have since died.

Adeline married Clark Owens and had three children, Wayne, Bernice and Garry. Adeline and Clark have since died. Wayne, Bernice and Garry currently live in Winnipeg.

Chester Geving was born in Blanchard, North Dakota and moved to the Darlingford area with his family in 1921. After leaving school, Chester stayed on the farm to help his Dad, Louis. In 1942 he married Mabel Owens from Manitou. In 1948, his parents retired and Chester and Mabel took over the farming operation. Chester and Mabel farmed until 1972 when they retired and moved to Manitou. In 1979, they moved to Winnipeg. Chester died in September of 1982 and Mabel died in May of 1987.

Chester and Mabel are survived by two daughters, Lea and Bonnie. Lea is married to Dale Mansell

from Miami and they live in Winnipeg. They have four children: Michael, Mark, Myrna and Marlene (twins). Bonnie lives in Edmonton and has two children, Ryan and Kim.

Dwight Giesbrecht

Dwight Giesbrecht was born in High River, Alberta on August 12, 1970. His family moved to a farm near Fairview in northern Alberta where he lived until graduation. He moved to Calgary, then to Red Deer where he met Rhonda Reister, whom he married in 1992. Rhonda was born in Killam, Alberta on September 30, 1972. She was raised on a farm near Alliance, Alberta, where she lived until graduation. She then moved to Red Deer to attend college. After getting married they moved to Grande Prairie, Alberta to attend college, both were in the education program. In 1994 they decided to pursue different careers, so Dwight began work in construction and moved to Calgary in December of that year. Their first child, Carissa, was born June 27, 1995. Dwight's parents were raised in Manitoba, his mother Ann in Morden, and his father Andy near Altona, decided to move back. They bought a farm near Carman. Wanting to be near family, Dwight and Rhonda moved to Morden in 1996 and Dwight began work for WBS Construction in Winkler. Their second child, Tyson was born February 17, 1997. They moved to Darlingford in October 1997.

Ed Giesbrecht

Ed Giesbrecht and his wife Janet and their three children, Wendy, Peter and David came to the Darlingford district in 1972, settling on S.E. 33-3-7 where they purchased the Will Barclay place in 1973. Two more children were born here, Tim in 1973 and Matthew in 1978. All of their children attended the Darlingford School.

Ed served on the Pembina Valley School Board. He presently works in Manitou as Branch Manager of the Morden Credit Union. The family was active in the Darlingford community, in hockey, baseball, curling and figure skating. Presently Ed is chairman of the Darlingford Centennial Committee.

Their son Peter married Kim Enns in 1998. They have three children: Ezra, Sara and Karlene. David married Kim Froese in 1993 and has a son Eric. Wendy lives in Winkler and works at Fabricland. Tim lives in Morden and works at Checker Signs. Matthew lives in Winkler and works at Southland Electronics.



Ed and Janet Giesbrecht Family. back row: David, Matthew, Wendy, Tim, Peter, front row: Kim, Eric, Ed, Janet, Karlene, Kim, Sara, Ezra

Peter Giesbrecht

Peter Giesbrecht was born in 1962 at Fisher Branch, Manitoba. He was raised in Mexico and moved back to Canada in 1983. He lived in the Winkler area where he met Mary Krahn. Mary was born in Coaldale, Alberta in 1965. She was raised in Manitoba in the Winkler area. Pete and Mary were married in 1989 in Winkler.

They lived in Winkler the first year of marriage. Pete was trained as a cabinet builder. Mary worked at Acrylon Plastics in Winkler until their family arrived. They moved to Darlingford in 1990 to 25 Dufferin Street into Mattie McElroys house. They bought the Shaventoski store in 1995 where Pete started his own business. They lived in the same building at #6 North Railway. In 1998 they moved to 38 Bradburn Street. They have three children: Justin (1991), Shelley (1994) and Tyler (1997).

Cam Gilson

Cam Gilson purchased the S.E. 1/4 13-3-8 in 1974, which he rents out. He and Christine Grettum raise peacocks, miniature horses and miniature goats.

Bill Graefer

Bill Graefer of Winkler broke up land and built a small house on the north-west side of the Pembina river. Later the Grettums lived there and after they left, a Mr. Giesbrecht owned the farm. He was orig-

inally from Winkler but spent the winters in the far south. The land is now owned by Duane Compton.

Robert Graham

Robert Graham and his wife lived on the S.W. 1/4 16-3-7. The annual Sunday school picnic was held in the early days in their yard, with races for the children and the usual big supper in the form of a basket picnic.

There was a son, Austin, who was a grain buyer. He lost his life in a grain slide in one of the elevator bins. Maretta attended school in Darlingford. Ethel married Ed Law in 1907 and he built the cottage across from the church for their first home. Before her marriage, Ethel gave music lessons. She had a white pony which she drove to the homes of her

pupils.

Mr. Graham then moved nearer to town and built the house on the farm now owned by Warren McKennitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham moved to Chilliwack about 1910.

William Graham

William Graham was born in 1829 and his wife, Christina, in 1832, in the Lowlands of Scotland. They were married in 1851 and lived in Galt, Ontario, until 1880, when they and six of their seven sons came to the Shadeland district.

Their seven sons were: James who went to Vancouver; Tom worked for the Midland Railway in Winnipeg; William farmed in the 1-6 district; Richard worked in a hotel and died in middle age; George is a druggist at Treherne; Robert worked in Minnesota; Joseph married in 1910 and farmed in the Shadeland district until 1928, when he moved to Starbuck; Joseph was an "old time fiddler". His daughter Margaret (Mrs. Shilliday) lived in Winnipeg and his son Joe lived in Victoria, British Columbia. Tom, Richard and William never married.

There were two daughters in the pioneer Graham family. Kate died at an early age. Margaret married Robert Lang and they lived in the Shadeland district.

Christina Graham had a loom she had brought from Scotland. She made clothing, quilts, rugs and

mats. Many homes in the district displayed her rugs.

William Graham, Sr. died in 1923 at the ripe old age of ninety-four years, and Christina around 1912 at the age of eighty.

Bill Gray

Bill Gray lived on the N.W. 1/4 22-1-7. John Morrow, the grandfather of Elmer and Elgin Morrow of Darlingford, owned this land around 1920.

Julius Grettum

Julius Grettum and his wife, Marie Pederson, were born in Minnesota, of Scandinavian parents. They had four children: Helen, Ethel, Margaret and Gordon.

They farmed in Minnesota until 1920, then came to Canada to the N.E. 1/4 6-2-6, east of Pearce Church. In 1923 they moved near Thornhill and in 1925 to Windygates to farm on section 20-1-7. In 1949 Mr. Grettum and Gordon purchased the E. 1/2 7-1-7.

Mrs. Grettum died in April 1957. Mr. Grettum retired from the farm and lived with his daughters, Margaret Kinnaird at Windygates and Helen Mitchell at Plum Coulee. In 1969 he moved to Morden.

Ethel died in 1929. Helen married Rex Mitchell in 1930 and lives in Tottenham, Ontario. Margaret married Jim Kinnaird and lives in the Tabor Units in Morden.

Gordon married Christine Siemans in November 1957 and farmed on N.E. 7-1-7. In 1994 he retired and moved to Morden where he lived with his sister Margaret Kinnard until his passing on February 14, 1998.

Their four children are: Allan, Barry, Debbie and Glenn. Allan married Joann Keam in July of 1988. They live in Winnipeg and have two daughters, Rachelle and Melissa. Barry died in May of 1983. Debbie and partner Dennis Hiebert currently reside in Winkler along with their four children: Devon, Kyla, Robin and Trevor. Glenn married Pauline Klassen in June of 1996 and they have two daughters, Nickie and Jessica. They now live near Kalieda on N.W. 1-2-8 and still farm the family farm on N.E. 7-1-7.

Robert Griffin

Robert Griffin came to Burketon, Ontario, from England as a young man where he met and married Alice Hall. In 1889 he came to Manitoba and purchased the N.E. 1/4 22-3-7 from Joseph Hoskins, on



Robert and Alice Griffin

which there was a small log house, to which a kitchen was later added. After helping with the harvest, he returned to Ontario and in the spring of 1890 returned by freight with a car load of household effects, a team of horses and other necessities. His wife and children came by express train and when they arrived in Morden, they spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Sid Pickle.

Their family consisted of four girls and a boy. Mabel, the eldest died in 1904. Florence (William Robinson) died in 1976. Edith, who married P. Law and later J. Fonger, died in 1959 at Calgary. Pearl (R. Chaytors) who lived in Wetaskiwin, was the only child born in Manitoba.

William married Edna Fields in 1913 and farmed the home farm until 1953, when they retired to Morden where he died in 1959. Edna died in 1986 and is buried at Knightcot Cemetery. Their family consisted of two girls and two boys.

Dorothy married P. Nabben and lived at Neche, North Dakota. She died in 1977 and is buried in Walhalla Cemetery.

Hazel married Mel Sandercock and lives at Morden.

Allen who married Daisy Pearce in 1945 farmed the land originally owned by Elijah Owens, then the Storey family. Allen and Daisy had three children: Lois Kathleen, Doug Allen and William Thomas. Lois is married to Keith McMurchy of Reston and they have two sons, Scott and Reid. Lois and Keith still live at The Pas, Manitoba. Douglas married

Linda Barkey and they have four boys: Wade, Kirk, Eric and Brad. They have been on the farm since 1973. William married Eileen Mitchell of Selkirk and they have two sons, Brett and Roy and also one grandson, Logan, born to Roy and Jamie Griffin at Dauphin in May 1997. They all live at Dauphin

Ross married Roberta Griffith in 1953 and continued to farm his grandfather's farm until his death in 1985. Ross and Roberta had three children: Eileen (1955), Robert (1956) and Jeanne (1960), who are the fourth generation of Griffins to live on this farm. Roberta was a nurse at Morden hospital for many years until a stroke forced her to retire in 1990. Roberta moved off the family farm in February 1991 to reside in Morden. Roberta remains very active with her children, grandchildren and many volunteer commitments.

Eileen graduated from St. Boniface School of Nursing as a registered nurse in 1981 and is finishing a BSM degree at the University of Manitoba. She currently works as a Facility Director of Bethel and Morden Hospitals. Eileen married Rocky Vodden in 1981 and they reside in Manitou. They have two sons, Matthew (April 1981) and Nicholas (May 1983).

Rob has always worked on the family farm and officially took it over in 1978. Rob married Marilyn Biggar in 1982. They had three children: Michael Ross (died in infancy), Keri (May 1984), and Kaleigh (September 1986). Keri and Kaleigh are the fifth generation of Griffins to live on this farm.

Jeanne graduated from agriculture at the University of Manitoba. She worked in Calgary for one and one half years before settling permanently in Saskatoon. Jeanne married Jim Mager in October 1985 and they have two children, Brianna (April 1988) and Eric (September 1990).

Gordon Grigg

Gordon Grigg was formerly from Orillia, Ontario and came to Darlingford to teach as the school principal. He married Eva Rice of Darlingford in 1922 and they were the first to live in the new school teacherage at 39 Stanley Street. They later moved to Portage la Prairie where he taught in the collegiate for many years until his retirement. Gordon died in 1968 and Eva died in 1985. They had two sons, Glenn and Murray.

Glenn married Marie Willis of Dauphin and is now retired and lives in Calgary. They had two sons Gerry who lives in Edmonton and Mikel who lives in Calgary.

Murray finished his education at the Portage Collegiate and became a printer at a Portage newspaper. He later worked in Winnipeg as a printer. He retired in 1989 and lives in Winnipeg.

William Guderian

William Guderian and his wife, Olga Klaysmit were married in Russia, where William had been a general in the Russian army. When war broke out, all personal wealth was lost, so they came to Canada in 1924 to stay with a brother Mike Guderian. Two sons had died in infancy and another at the age of twenty in Europe. Alex and George the only surviving children, came to Canada with their parents.

William worked on various farms to support his family and later bought a farm in the Pembina Valley, N.W. 1/4 34-1-7. In 1951 Mr. and Mrs. William Guderian moved to their son Alex's farm in the Pembina Valley, living in a separate house until his death in 1953 at eighty-one years. Mrs. Olga Guderian died in 1961 at seventy-nine years of age.

George Guderian married Shirley Gillespie and they moved to Vancouver. George died in 1963 at forty-six years of age.

Alex married Emma Noheil in 1940 and farmed in the Pembina Valley. They had three children: Alex Jr., Elaine and Marion. Marion died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Alex Guderian and Alex Jr., moved to Winnipeg in 1967. Alex Sr. died at his home in 1970 at sixty years of age. Elaine married Arnold Collins in 1967. They stayed on the Collins family farm where their three daughters were born: Anita, Tannis



Olga and William Guderian

and Vonnice. From 1970-78, they lived on the Guderian farm, until 1978 they moved back to the Collins family farm. Arnold died in 1990 at forty-five years of age. In 1994 Elaine and Vonnice moved to the Cram yard. Anita married Terry Klassen in 1989, their children are Brittany and Blayne. Anita resides in Darlingford and is presently working in Morden. Tannis worked in Ontario and Winnipeg, and is now living and working in Morden. Vonnice graduated in 1998 and is presently living and working in Morden.

Guenther

The Guenther family lived on the N.W. 1/4 16-1-7 and children Anton, Tina and Margaret went to Point Douglas School in 1930.

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William Gunsun, on C.P.R. section, 1915. Returned to Gimli.

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Raymond Halabicki

Raymond Halabicki came to Darlingford in 1980 from Morden, Manitoba. He had been working for Manitoba Rolling Mills at Selkirk, Manitoba as a millwright when he lost his hand in an accident at the mill. The mill was down-sizing and Ray relocated to Morden in 1976 and worked for International Farm Implements as a mechanic.

He married Helen Peters of Roseisle in 1971. She was studying to become a Registered Psychiatric Nurse at Selkirk and graduated in 1972.

Ray got a job with Sterling Implements in Pilot Mound and Helen was working at the Salem Home in Winkler, so they moved to Darlingford and live at 36 Pembina Street in 1980. They have three children: Rod (1972), Rae (1975) and Robin (1978).

Rod went to school in Darlingford and Manitou and took an Airframe Mechanic's course at Thunder Bay, Ontario. He met Virginia Schmidt there and in 1996, they were married. They live at 21 Law Street. Rod works for 3M and Virginia works at Boundary Trails Insurance, both in Morden.

Rae went to school in Darlingford and Manitou. She is presently working for the Bank of Nova Scotia in Kenora, Ontario

Robin went to school in Manitou and is taking a computer engineering course at Red River Community College in Winnipeg and graduates in 1999.

Raymond presently works for Kings Park Chrysler in Carman and Helen is still at the Salem Home in Winkler.

Albert Hale

Albert Hale and his wife, Mary Tovey, and five children came in 1904 and settled on the N.W. 1/4 2-3-7, where Mid Stewart now resides. Mrs. Hale died after a few years and he took the children back to Illinois.

Albert Hamilton

Albert Hamilton was born in Ontario, where his parents had settled after coming from Scotland. He came west to Manitoba and lived around Roland until the 1920's. Mrs. Hamilton was Margaret Crawford whose parents lived on the on N.E. 11-3-8, before the R. J. Neighbours settled there in 1900.

In 1920 Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton moved to N.E. 8-2-7 south of Darlingford and stayed there about ten years until, William Smith took over his father's farm. They then moved to 20-2-7 and soon moved to the Thornhill district.

They retired to Winnipeg in the 1940's and both are now deceased. Their only son, William married Hilda Eby of Roland and they farmed for a number of years. They had four children. Buelah married William Davis in 1942 (now deceased) and had three children: Dennis, Dale and Deborah.

Norman married Roma of Winnipeg and had three children.

Lorraine married and lived at Spokane, Washington and they had four children.

Wilma married Glen Sheffield and lived at Victoria, British Columbia. They had two children.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hamilton lived at Victoria, British Columbia.

Richard O. Hamilton

In 1910 Mr. Richard O. Hamilton came to the Carman area from the Lothians near Edinburgh, Scotland. He worked for a farmer, Mr. Isaac Campbell. In the fall of 1913 he returned to Scotland.

On March 13, 1914 Mr. Hamilton married Miss Jessie Ford. A few days after their marriage they came to Canada. At first they worked for a bachelor, Mr. Russell Alfred, who lived near Carman.

In the spring they settled in the Homewood district working for Mr. Dave McGill. Here, their eldest son John was born on April 25, 1915. In the fall of 1915 they moved to Carman for the winter.

In the spring of 1916 Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton and John moved to a farm near Elm Creek. Here, James Ford their second was born on November 18, 1916. From there they moved to a farm which they bought near Haywood. Here two more sons were born, Richard on July 29, 1919 and William Thomas on September 22, 1921.

The boys attended the Haywood School which had mostly French students. They usually walked two and a half miles to school or were driven by horse and buggy or sleigh.

In October 1929 the Hamiltons bought from Mr. Jim Dunlop the N.W. and S.E. 1/4 of 31-3-7 which was in the Middleton School District north of Darlingford. In 1933 they bought the N.E. 1/4 of 31-3-7. John did not go back to school, However, Jim, Richard and Bill continued their education at Middleton School which was one and a half miles from home.

Like the other citizens of the Middleton district, they had their ups and downs. In 1935 they had to burn the wheat crop which was badly rusted. Both Richard and Jessie were very active in the community. Richard served on the School Board and Jessie was President of the Ladies' Club for many years.

In the early 1940's Mr. Hamilton had poor health and on September 13, 1943 he died. Mrs. Hamilton and her son Bill continued farming the home place. Mrs. Hamilton died on November 18, 1964. John married Laura Vincent of Stonewall on July 14, 1945. Laura was teaching at Middleton School at

the time. They bought the North 1/2 of 30-3-7 from Mr. William Elliot (the William Storey homestead). In 1968 Laura returned to teaching at Darlingford School. In 1971 Darlingford School became part of the Pembina Valley School Division #27 and she was asked to become a Resource Teacher within the Pembina Valley School Division. She took the required courses and travelled to Snowflake, La Riviere, Manitou, Darlingford and the Pembina Hutterite Colony schools.

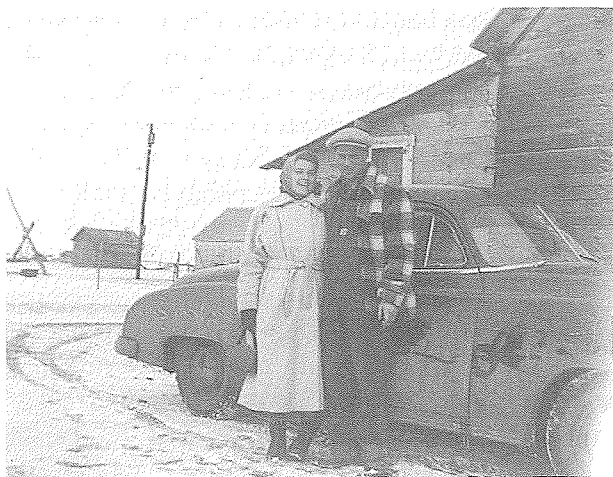
In 1981 John and Laura moved to Darlingford and their youngest son Ian took over the family farm. Laura retired in 1984. Since their retirement they have enjoyed many trips, mainly in Canada. John does some woodworking and keeps up with the news at the coffee shop; Laura keeps busy with church activities and the Evergreen Seniors' Club. In 1995 they celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. They have three children.

Thomas James "Tom" graduated from Nellie McClung Collegiate and worked for Elmer Scharf on road construction. He also worked for Dennis Branfield at Manitou Auto Body and then Queensway Volkswagen in Toronto. In 1971 he married Deborah Lindsay of Darlingford. Since 1973 they have lived on N.W. 1/4 of 20-3-7 which had belonged to Tom's uncle Richard Hamilton and which had also belonged to Debbie's grandfather at one time. In 1981 Tom bought the Manitou Auto Body. From 1989 to 1995 he served as a councillor for the Rural Municipality of Pembina. In 1995 he sold the Manitou Auto Body Shop to Grant Baloun and started his own business selling for Snap On Tools.

In 1988 Tom and Debbie built a new house which was destroyed by fire in May 1994. They had it rebuilt that summer. Debbie has worked at the Morden Community Day Care since May 1986 and is classified as an Early Childhood Educator - level three. They have two children. Jason James graduated from the Faculty of Law at the University of Manitoba in 1996 and is presently employed by the Investors Group. Kevin Thomas graduated from South Winnipeg Technical Centre with his C.W.B. flat line welding ticket. He is presently employed



John and Laura Hamilton Family, Ian, Bonnie, Amanda, Glen, Betty, Debbie, Tom, Jason, Laura, John, Kevin



Margaret and Jim Hamilton

at Farm King in Morden. (See the Lindsay story.)

Elizabeth Jean "Betty" graduated from Nellie McClung Collegiate and has since been employed by the Royal Bank in Morden. She is a Personal Banker and enjoys travelling when she has holidays.

Richard Ian "Ian" graduated from Nellie McClung Collegiate and worked for D.K. Compton for eight years. In 1975, he married Bonnie Scott, daughter of Charles and Winona Scott from the Manitou area. They lived in Manitou until 1977 when they built a new house in Darlingford. In 1979, Ian started operating the family farm north of Darlingford. Ian and Bonnie moved to the farm in 1981 and John and Laura moved to Darlingford.

Ian and Bonnie have named their farm Amaglen Limousin and have been raising purebred Limousin cattle since 1982. The family has been actively involved in the Manitou 4-H Beef Club for ten years. They have two children. Amanda Jane is presently attending Brandon University Faculty of Education. She has been very involved with 4-H and has served on the Provincial 4-H Council. She was selected for several 4-H trips. Glen graduated in 1998 after completing grade twelve. He is a member of the Manitou 4-H Beef Club. Besides the cattle he enjoys his horses and roping competitions. This year he participated in the Heartland Rodeo Association.

James Ford, second son of Richard and Jessie. Jim married Margaret Adams of the Manitou district in 1953. They farmed the N.E. 36-3-8 in the Middleton district. They have two children. Mary, 1954, attended school in Middleton and Manitou and is a registered nurse at Morden, Mary married Morris Olafson in 1975. They have five children:

Shawn, Heather, David, Kelvin and Mark. They farm south of Morden, S.W. 12-1-6W.

James "Dick" (1957) attended school in Manitou. Dick was involved with the Manitou 4-H Beef Club. He played hockey in Darlingford and later with Manitou. Dick married Sandra Teichrib in 1978, of the 1-6 Morden area. They have sons, Matthew (1983) and Michael (1985). Matt and Michael both enjoy sports and particularly enjoy playing hockey. The whole family works together on the cattle and grain farm since Dick began in 1975.

Richard, third son of Richard and Jessie, actively farmed land purchased from Herchel Stone, for fifty years 1941-1991. In 1976 he took a month holiday to Scotland where he enjoyed visiting with all the relatives. Richard died on February 12, 1992 and is buried in the Darlingford Cemetery.

William, "Bill" fourth son of Richard and Jessie. He operated the family farm until 1982 when his nephew Ian started renting it from him. He still kept his Shorthorn cattle until 1995 at which time he had a complete dispersal sale. His interest in the Shorthorn breed was acknowledged in the spring of 1996 by the Shorthorn News. Bill still lives on the home farm.



Morris and Mary (Hamilton) Olafson Family

Silas Hancock

Silas Hancock (1875) came to Manitoba in 1895 and worked as a stone mason and then farmed in the McKenzie district. He married Annie Carriss and lived on 36-3-8 (the Carriss farm). In 1908 the Carriss family moved to Turtleford, Saskatchewan. Silas and Annie had seven children; John, Clifford, Mina, Alice, Clarence, Vera and Ida. In 1920 the Hancock family moved to the Darlingford district and in 1925 bought the Knisley farm. Annie died that November. The three sons purchased 1-3-8 and continued to farm until selling in 1959 and moving to Manitou. Silas died in 1959.

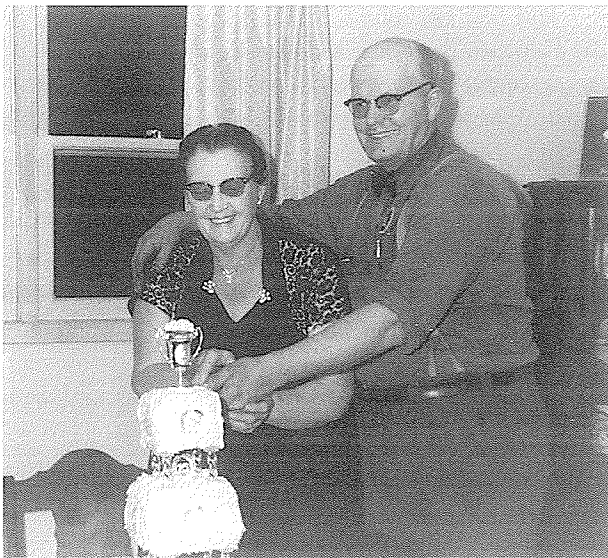
John died in 1981.

Clifford had his sisters living with him in later years when his health was failing. He died in 1992.

Mina married Bill Bamford of the McKenzie district. They had seven children: Allan, Thelma, Gladys, Alice, Eileen, Robert and Lillace. They retired to La Riviere. Mina died in 1984.

Alice married Harry Leatherdale, lived on N. 1/2 24-3-8, and had two children. Gwen (Arthur) Kemp has three children: Linda, Ross and Dale. Murray lives on the farm. Harry died in 1986. Alice lives in Manitou.

Clarence S. Hancock (1909-1993) was born in the Middleton District, third son of Silas and Annie (Carriss) Hancock. In 1935 he married Ida Mae Tickner (1907-1978) eldest daughter of Walter and Florence (Compton) Tickner. They farmed in the Orange Hill district until the fall of 1938 when they bought section 1-3-8W southwest of Darlingford. Here their children, Florence, Dale and Marilyn were born. They sold the farm to Mr. Chris Laird of



Clarence and Ida Hancock

Manitou in the fall of 1948.

In April of 1949 Clarence and family moved to an acreage on the southwest corner of Manitou where they kept chickens and cattle for a few years. He started a trucking business in which he worked on the major upgrading of Manitoba highways. During the winter he was caretaker of the skating rink.

While raising the family, Ida enjoyed many hours on her crafts. She took an active part in the United Church ladies groups, curled and golfed.

They built a B.A. Service Station and Lunch Bar at the corner of Main Street and Highway #3, which opened in November of 1955. Here the family spent many hours working and enjoying the company of many fine customers. Their son, Dale joined them and later bought into the business. Ida retired from the restaurant in 1974 because of ill health and died in 1978. After her death two of Clarence's sisters Ida and Vera came to live with him. The business was sold in April 1980. Clarence then had time to spend enjoying his grandchildren and family. Due to ill health Clarence moved into Tabor Home of Morden in 1987, until his death in 1993.

Florence married Ron Dobson and had three children: Ian, Walter and Mona. Dale married Margaret Harder and had two children, Josh and Dena. Marilyn married Bill Jordan and had two children, Glenn and Donald. They all live in Manitou and surrounding area.

Vera and Ida helped their Dad on the farm until 1939 when they went to Winnipeg to work in the airplane factory with the air force during World War II. Vera worked for the T. Eaton company and Ida worked for T. Eaton and Birks Jewellery until they retired and moved to Manitou to live with Clarence and later Cliff. Vera died in 1993. Ida resides at Prairie View Lodge in Winnipeg.

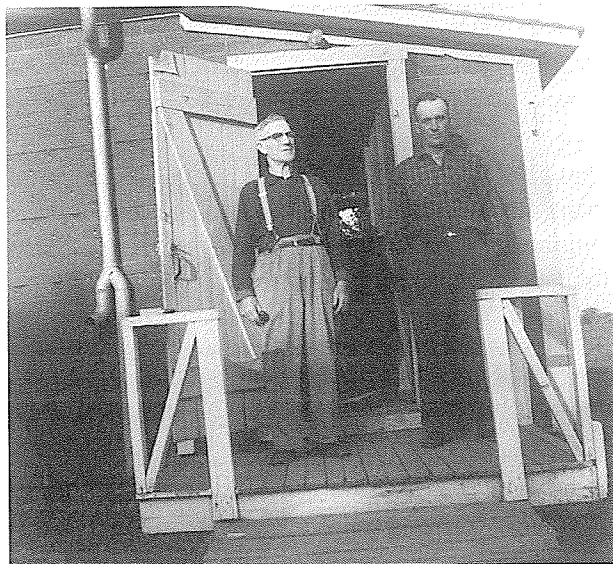
Ted Haresnape

Ted Haresnape, a son of John Haresnape and Mary Capstick, was born in England and came to Canada in 1904. Arriving at Manitou, he walked to the farm owned by a Mr. Kirkham, whom he had known in England. He did farm work until 1906 when he married Annie Kirkham, and in 1916, moved to their farm home in the Kaleida district.

They had three sons, Bill, Wilbert and Allen and two daughters, Mary (Jarv Collins) and May (Morrison McElroy). Mrs. Haresnape died in 1955 and later Ted came to live with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jarv Collins in Darlingford.

Wilbert Haresnape

Wilbert (Wib) Haresnape worked for various farmers until 1935 when he married Alice Hinton and they started farming on their own in the Kaleida district and later in the Darlingford district. In 1949 Wilbert moved into Darlingford. He worked for the Manitoba Telephone System for a number of years until he was employed for the Rural Municipality of



Ted and Wib Haresnape

Pembina as a gravel checker for the summer months.

He was caretaker of the curling rink and community hall and in charge of the sewage system. Wilbert died on July 12, 1972. Their family was Jimmy and Teddy (both deceased) and a daughter Cheryl who received her education in Darlingford and Manitou.



Wib and Cheryl Haresnape

She is presently employed at B.K. Stages in Morden. Cheryl married Henry Giesbrecht who is employed by Centra Gas. They have two children, a son Kelvin and a daughter Tonya.

Kelvin lives in the Pembina municipality and works for the Town of Morden. He has one son Devon.

Tonya lives in Morden and operates a beauty salon. She has one son, Lone.

Cory Harkness

Cory Harkness (1975) was born at Brandon, and is the son of Ron and Val Harkness of Kaleida. Carla Ruiter (1976) was born in Winnipeg, and is the daughter of Corny and Shirley Ruiter of Carman. They moved to Darlingford May 6 and are renting 39 Pembina Street, the former Cram house.

George Harmon

George Harmon and his wife came from England and lived on section 17-1-7 for a while but returned to England. After they left, Cyril and his mother farmed here and then went to the Norris Hamilton farm near Manitou in 1928. In 1931 he married Ina Scharf and had four children. He enlisted in the second world war and the family went to British Columbia until Cyril's discharge. They lived in Winnipeg.

Ed Harris

Ed Harris was born in London, England and came to Canada as a small boy. He was in France and Belgium during the first world war and in 1919 he returned from overseas and married Lily Mitchell of the Shadeland district. They settled on the S.E. 1/4 1-4-7 and had two children. Alfred, who had been in the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry during the second world war, was drowned in a local dugout in 1944. Margaret married Reg Oblinski of the same district, and later settled on the Harris farm. (See Stephen Oblinski story.)

Mr. and Mrs. Harris moved to Carman in 1950. He was killed in a highway accident in 1964, and Mrs. Harris in an accident in 1968.

Jack Harris

Jack Harris bought grain and played hockey here.

Dave Harvey

Dave Harvey from Winnipeg and Giselle (Chanel) Rheault from Notre Dame, live in the Cumming's house at 45 Stanley. Dave, a nephew of

Barb Edwards, works for Edwards Construction. Giselle works at the Manitou Motor Inn.

Frank Hawkens

Frank Hawkens came from Ontario, in 1888, with his brother, George, and his family, who settled in the Opawaka district. They were of English parentage.

Frank married Caroline Dodge of the Opawaka district and settled on the W. 1/2 28-4-7. Through the years, they lived on farms in the Zion and Darlingford districts, and later settled in Darlingford. He started an undertaking business and continued on his own until the Graham Undertakers of Pilot Mound took over this area and his son, Fred, became their representative. Mr. Hawkens died in 1937.

They had four sons. The oldest, Vern (1902-1942) was drowned while working at a saw mill in British Columbia. His children, Bill and Beth were raised by their grandmother Mrs. Frank Hawkins and went to school in Darlingford.

Elgin married Evelyn Smith and they lived at Fort Frances. He died in 1970.

The youngest son, Ralph, lost his life in 1942 while serving in the Air Force during the second world war. He is buried in Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

Fred was a barber in Darlingford. He lived with his mother until her death in 1961. He and his mother raised Vern's two children who were educated at Darlingford School. They are now married. Bill lives in California and Beth in British Columbia. Fred died in 1988 and is buried at Darlingford.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawkens were noted for their hospitality. Mrs. Hawkens did excellent needle work and made many quilts and mats.

Jacqueline Heaton

Jacqueline "Jackie" Heaton came to Canada from England in 1974. She was a widow with two children, Sally Ann, aged eighteen and Andrew, aged nine. The family lived in Winnipeg with Jackie's brother and she worked in the canteen at the Manitoba Hydro office on Waverley Avenue. Jackie met Emma Guderian while working at the Hydro canteen and in 1976 they went into partnership and purchased the Darlingford Cafe from Alex and Elsie Davidson. Em & Jays Cafe opened in April. Jackie and Andrew lived with Mildred McElroy temporarily and then in the Currie house (30 Dufferin Street) in the fall. In the spring of 1977, the Elwood Jacobs house on the S.E. 1/4 8-3-7, just south of Darlingford became empty and they moved in.

The partnership between Emma and Jacqueline

was dissolved in 1979 and Jacqueline ran the cafe on her own until 1981. The cafe was rented to Mr. Biggs and then Ron Clements for a short time. Ken and Jean Compton ran it for a year and it was sold to Tony Svoboda. Jackie continued to live in the Jacobs farmhouse until 1985 when she moved to Miami, Manitoba. She was employed as a librarian at the Miami High School. She retired in 1990 and resides in Miami.

Sally Ann moved to Jasper, Alberta in 1974 and worked at the Jasper Park Lodge as a hairdresser. She married Ian MacArthur in 1981 and they live in Edmonton. They have two sons, Kevin and Christopher. Sally Ann is a Style Director for Regis Hair Stylists.

Andrew went to school in Darlingford and Manitou and graduated in 1983. He then went to Red River Community College in Winnipeg and received a diploma in Biology Technology. Next he went to the University of Manitoba where he graduated with a Bachelor of Education degree and then he taught school in Camrose, Alberta for eight years. He married Susanne Alexander in 1992 and they live in Calgary, Alberta.

Henry Hemminger

Henry Hemminger came to the 1-6 district from Russia, with his parents who were, even that long ago, seeking an escape from political oppression and a better country in which to raise their family.

In 1920 he married Minnie Guderian of Neche, North Dakota and they farmed in the 1-6 district until 1960, when they moved to Morden. Minnie died in 1974 and Henry died in 1980. Their children are: Celia, Clifford, Bennie, Herbert, Leonard and Arthur.

Celia married Rudolph Titchosky and lived in the 2-6 district until they moved to Morden in 1971. They had five children: Howard, Darlene, Leslie, Dennis and Doug. Howard married Shirley Link and they live on the home place. Their children are Leanne, Rhonda and Dwayne. Darlene married Don Smith. They have a daughter, Danelle and live in Edmonton. Leslie married Celine Prouly and live south of Morden. They have a son, Blake. Dennis married Heather Burkitt and live at St. Germaine, south of Winnipeg. They have two sons, Colin and Evan. Doug married Sally Carver and live in Sooke, British Columbia with their daughter, Amy.

Clifford Hemminger, eldest son of Henry and Wilhemina Hemminger, married Audrey Kuhn of Whitemouth in 1944. They farmed in Windygates on the Alex Kinnaird homestead until 1974. They cur-

rently live in Morden. They have five children: Richard, Lloyd, Sandra, Rodney and Cindy. Richard has one daughter, Tammy and both live in Calgary. Lloyd married Vonnies Chesney in 1974 and have farmed in Windygates since. They have three children, a son, Robyn and two daughters, Karla and Amber. Sandra is married to Roy Clark of Calgary and resides in Calgary. Rodney married Debbie Brown of Manitou and they reside in Winnipeg. They have two children, Derek and Dana. Cindy married Jim Law of Darlingford. They currently reside in Lac du Bonnet and have two children, Jennifer and David.

Bernard Hemminger, son of Henry and Minnie (Guderian), farmed in the Windygates area. He married Phyllis Swanky of Dominion City in 1953 and they had two sons, Terry and Larry. Phyllis died in 1967, Bennie continued to farm and raise his sons. He married Doreen Fijala of Darlingford in 1983 and they moved to Morden at that time. Terry graduated from Nellie McClung Collegiate, Manitou and went on to get his pilot's licence. He has been a pilot with Air Canada for many years and is currently flying out of Vancouver. He married Glenda Sager of Morden in 1982 and they have two girls, Rachel and Kristen. They reside in Chilliwack, British Columbia. Larry graduated from N.M.C. and obtained his journeyman's papers in autobody. He married Sheila Howatt of Manitou in 1981 and they have three children: Brian, Callie and Jennie. Larry and Sheila started farming in the Windygates area in 1984 and then moved to their own farm south of Darlingford in 1986. Bennie continues to actively farm with Larry.

Herbert married Jean Genzoric of Rosburn in 1946. Their daughter, Jackie married Glen Passey of Winnipeg and they have two sons, Brendan and Justin. They live in Winnipeg.

Leonard and Helen Hemminger still farm on the N.E. 1/4 5-1-7. Their three sons, Calvin, Pat and Michael, left home and are all married. Calvin married Trudy Larson from Thompson, Manitoba in the year 1979. They now live in Wabamun, Alberta. Calvin is employed at Manalta Coal mine as a dragline operator. Trudy is a homemaker and also owns horses that she trains part time. They have four children. Lana is in Lethbridge University taking a third year Bachelor of Education and Music. Jeffrey is in grade ten and is active in Sea Cadets. Amanda is in grade seven, and Derek is in grade four. Pat married Debbie Olehausen from Carstairs, Alberta in 1986. They adopted a baby boy, Parker Dylan, in 1996. Along with his wife Debbie, they live and farm

one thousand acres of land near Carstairs, Alberta. Their main crops are wheat, barley, and canola. They also own and operate their own seed cleaning plant. Michael married Natalie Kestirke from Manitou in 1989. They live in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Michael works for Codville as a produce manager. Natalie is a homemaker and also in real estate. They have three children: Dallas (seven), Devon (four), Jessamyn (one).

Arthur worked in the mines in Lynn Lake, Flin Flon and in British Columbia, as well as in the logging camps of British Columbia before settling down to farming in Windygates. In 1964 he married Brenda Smith of Winnipeg who taught school in the district. They have two children, Janet and Grant. In 1978 they moved from Windygates to Darlingford but continued to farm their land in Windygates. Janet attended school in Darlingford and Manitou and graduated with a Dental Hygiene Degree from the Health Science Center in Winnipeg. She married Daniel Pollit of Toronto, who is an Orthodontist. They have two children, Adam and Lori, and reside in Richmond Hill, Ontario. Grant attended school in Darlingford and Manitou and graduated with a degree in Psychiatric Nursing in Brandon. He married Jeannine Stocker, a Psychiatric Nurse from Kelowna, and they have one son, Jeromy. They reside in Langley, British Columbia.

Austin Henderson

Austin Henderson (1889-1979) came to Darlingford in 1925 as a grain buyer for the Wiley Low Company. He was born north of Morden on the home farm. He married Florence Bowen from Thornhill in 1916 and they had four children: Wilbert (1917), Ross (1919), Iris (1921), Eunice (1923). The family returned to the home farm in 1935.

Wilbert served in the R.C.A.F. During the second world war and on receiving his discharge took up farming on the home farm W. 1/2 32-3-5. In 1952 he married Galvina "Vina" McLeod of Balmoral and they have two sons, Donald and Norman.

Ross went overseas with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles during the second world war and after his discharge, attended United College in Winnipeg where he received his degree in education. In 1947 he married Frieda Thordarson and moved to North Vancouver. He taught school there for many years and is now retired. They had three daughters: Carol (Doug Botting), Helen (Doug Bing), and Nancy (Guy Haywood).

Iris took teachers' training at Brandon and taught

school for a number of years. She married Roy Cavers of Regent in 1948 and they later moved to Souris. Their children are: Lorne (1950), Howard (1953), Grant (1954), Marilyn (1958) and Douglas (1962).

Eunice took nurses' training at the Brandon General Hospital and worked at nursing in hospitals until she returned in 1969 to work in the Morden Public Health Unit. She retired in 1976.

Mrs. Henderson died in 1968 and Austin lived at the old farm until he died in 1979. The Henderson family look back with pleasure on the days spent in Darlingford.

Peter Heppner

The Peter Heppner family moved to Darlingford from the Morden area in October 1972, buying a house on Pembina Street from Gordon and Lois Kinsman. Peter, formerly of the Morden area, and Verna from northern Ontario, came to Manitoba in 1961.

They have a family of four girls: Velma (Sherm Collins) of Darlingford has three children, Valerie (Scott Bissett) of Morden has three children, Laura (Robert Buelow) of Darlingford has four children and Lynda (Russ Peters) of Morden has two children. Pete and Verna now have twelve grandchildren and one great grandson.

Velma took her schooling in Morden area schools while the three youngest went to the Darlingford and Manitou schools.

Peter worked in Morden at Morden Fine Foods, known as the cannery, for several years leaving in April 1979, then went to Pembina Mountain Clays in July 1979 until its closing in November 1990. He has since retired and they still live in Darlingford.

Terry Hiebert

Terry and Jenny moved to Darlingford on 30 Dufferin Street, the former Joe and Eva Hunt house, in 1989. Terry trucked for South East Transport for a number of years, then for Bison Transport. Jenny was a secretary for Decor Cabinets in Morden.

In 1993 they moved to Morden. They have two children: Taylor (1995) and Jayden (1997).

Wilfred Highnam

Wilfred Highnam and wife came from England, 1908. Local carpenter.

James Hill

James Hill was born in County Cobrain, Ireland, where his father was a farmer. Mrs. Hill came from Kings County near Dublin. They were married in Ireland and came to Canada, stopping first at Ottawa where their son Robert, was born. They came to Darlingford about 1918 and lived on the Scott farm. During the winter of 1920-21 a publication known as the "Farmers' Advocate" ran a contest where the contestants were to guess the number of kernels of wheat in a 3 pound jar of Number 1 Northern. Bob decided to try for it so he got George Young at the elevator to weigh it. It was such a tedious job. Bob counted half and then doubled the total, making 32,310. The correct answer was 32,313. Bob's answer was the closest, and he won a 1921 Ford touring car.

In the spring of 1921, the family moved to the Fargey farm at La Riviere, and this is where the car was delivered, prepaid, by the C.P.R., to a very happy boy. In 1924 they came back to a J.C. Smith farm, and stayed there until 1939 when they moved to Morden where Mr. Hill worked on the Dominion Experimental Farm. In their later years, they both had poor health and lived in the Tabor Home until Mr. Hill died in February 1969, at the age of ninety years, and Mrs. Hill in April 1969, at the age of eighty-five years.

They had adopted a five year old girl, Elsie. She married Alex Larke of Morden.

Bob married Beatrice Andrew, the youngest daughter of Samuel Andrew. They have a daughter Lois May, who is married and has two girls and one boy; and a son Harvey Robert, who is also married and has two sons. Bob and Beatrice farmed in the Shadeland district on the J.W. Smith farm and later the Ted Southworth farm. In 1941 they sold out and moved to St. James.

Jim Hill

Jim Hill and his wife, Emily left Cornwall, England in 1883 to come to Canada. When they arrived in Winnipeg, they got off the C.P.R. train and walked up Main Street looking at the store windows in the new country, that was to be their home.

There was no means of refrigeration, so frozen dressed pigs were hanging outside the shops in March. Clothing and hardware, etcetera, were displayed outside the many stores. The next day they came to Darlingford and worked for William White, and other farmers for the next six years. They purchased N.E. 1/4 21-2-7 and farmed until 1918, when they sold the property to Bert Bloxam and retired to



standing: Jim and Emily Hill, daughters, Annie, Marjorie, Ethel, Louie

Winnipeg.

They lived in a log house on this land until 1900 when a frame house was built and is still in use. They had a family of four girls: Annie, Louise, Ethel and Marjoree.

Annie taught school at Darlingford when the third classroom was opened in the new school after consolidation. The art of drawing was just coming into vogue in the schools and a lesson on drawing a crocus was remembered by many of her students.

Annie married Roland Muzeen, a mechanic from Morden who had one of the first motorcycles. They moved to Winnipeg. They had a family of three: Jim (deceased), Grace and Ethel. Mrs. Jim Muzeen lives in Winnipeg. They had two children: a son living in Calgary and a daughter living in Winnipeg. Grace married Bruce Forrest and lives in Winnipeg. They have two children, a son and a daughter.

Louise (Pallace) was a school teacher and is now deceased.

Ethel Burles lives in Vernon, British Columbia. She has three children: a daughter and two sons.

Marjoree (O'Sullivan) lives in Buffalo, New York.

Tony Hill

Tony Hill and his wife Minnie Kinsman (a sister of Jim) came from North Dakota to the Pembina

Valley and lived on the Kroetsch farm for a number of years before going back to Walhalla where his descendants now live. Their family were Tena, Albert, Ernie, Alex, Herbie and Victor.

Jacob P. Hoeppner

Jacob P. Hoeppner was born in Winkler on September 22, 1898. On October 25, 1925 he married Justina Suderman who was born August 22, 1906, also in Winkler. They lived there for a long time and then Hoffnungsort School District north west of Plum Coulee. They came to Windygates in April 1947 and purchased the west half of section 8-1-7.

On March 18, 1957 Jacob P. Hoeppner was accidentally killed while changing an automobile tire on the highway. With the children's help Justina Hoeppner farmed until

the spring of 1968 when she retired to make her home in Morden. Jacob and Justina Hoeppner were blessed with thirteen children.

Helena "Helen" (November 21, 1926) married Abraham "Abe" Letkeman (October 13, 1923) on July 30, 1950. They adopted two boys. Richard married Catherine Bridgman on September 10, 1983. They have two children, Sarah and Bryan. Douglas married Wendy Dignard on May 28, 1983 (now divorced) and has one boy named Jeremy. Helen and Abe live in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Abe is retired from selling cars. Helen retired from driving a school bus.

Margaretha "Marge" (April 26, 1928) married George Funk (June 29, 1926) on June 27, 1954. They have three children. Carol married Glen Zacharias on April 12, 1980. They have five children: Mark, Lisa, Jonathan, Jacob and Carrie. Lorraine married Timothy Giesbrecht on February 16, 1980. They have three children: Robin, Rhonda and Michael. Andrew is not married. Marge and George live in Tofield, Alberta. They retired from farming.

Tina "Katie" (June 14, 1929) married Bruno Hamm (August 10, 1928) on July 3, 1955. They have four children. Marvin married Marci Friedman on April 23, 1988. They have one adopted daughter, Rebecca. Gerald married Ginette Roy on September

4, 1993. They have one daughter, Camille. Gordon married Lara Petkau on April 27, 1996. Sylvia married Kenneth Barnes on August 21, 1993. They have one daughter, Kaitlyn. Katie and Bruno live in Altona. Bruno retired from truck driving.

Sarah "Sadie" (October 18, 1930) married James "Jim" Kemp (February 25, 1933) on October 4, 1956. They have five children. Mark married Geeta Kothari on August 19, 1993. They have no children. David married Tracy Thistle on September 12, 1992. Karen has a son, Jesson. Kelly married Derek Woodward on May 24, 1986. They have two children, Sarah and MacKenzie. Stuart is not married. Sarah and James live in Elliot Lake, Ontario. Jim is retired from Kimberly Clark.

Justina "Jean" (July 22, 1932) married Edwin "Ed" Morris (March 5, 1929) on November 12, 1955. They have two sons. Robert married Paula Newman on July 18, 1981 (now divorced). Robert now lives with Tracy and has one daughter, Hannah. Brian married Joyce Pennington on April 10, 1981. They have two children, Leann and David. Jean and Ed live in Crete, Illinois. Ed retired from the Ford Company.

Jacob "Jim" (April 6, 1934) married Tina Toews (August 14, 1933) on August 11, 1963. They have three children. Marlene married Guy Ash on September 21, 1991. Timothy "Tim" married Trina Peats on July 4, 1992. They have two children, Colby and Bryce. Andrew is not married. Jim and Tina live in Winnipeg. Jim is semi-retired and works part time at Lion's Place. Tina is a retired registered nurse.

John (June 14, 1935) married Verna Fry (April 15, 1941) on August 9, 1958. They had five boys.



Mrs. Jacob Hoepfner with seven daughters

Brian is deceased. Richard married Irmgard Koehn on June 20, 1981. They have four boys: Ryan, Tyler, Daniel and Jordan. Barry, Kelly and Keith are not married. John and Verna live in Elm Creek. John has retired from truck driving.

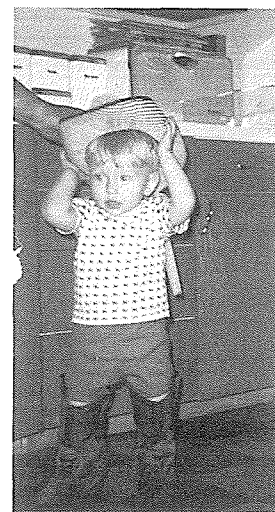
Abram "Abe" (February 2, 1938) married Ruth Friesen (May 1, 1948) on February 13, 1971. They have two children, Paul and Wendy. Abe and Ruth live in the Mowbray district. Abe is still farming. Ruth is doing home care.

Peter (April 20, 1939) married Erna Friesen (December 22, 1943) on October 14, 1967. They continued to farm the N.W. 1/4 10-1-7 and N.E. 1/4 15-1-7 until the fall of 1985. They have three children. Daryl married Kimberly Sundell on July 11, 1992. Monica married Marc Robertson on October 9, 1993 (now divorced). Randy married Anne Marie Penner on August 12, 1995. They have one daughter, Mariah. Randy and Anne live on the home farm and have a cattle operation. Randy also works at Darling Pigs in Windygates. On July 23, 1987 Peter died. Since then his wife Erna has remarried. She married Robert "Bob" Hamilton (July 22, 1942) on May 16, 1992. Bob and Erna live in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Bob is a truck driver.

Donald "Don" (September 30, 1941) married Marlene Froese (April 7, 1944) on September 2, 1967. They have two children, Mark and Janice. Don and Marlene live in Steinbach. Don owns and operates Don's Deli in Winnipeg. Marlene is a registered nurse.

Doris (March 1, 1943) married Albert "Bert" Hamm (January 27, 1947) on February 23, 1968. They have three children. Paula married Darber Higdon on June 10, 1995. They have one daughter, Kaylee. Kimberly married Stephen Jorritsma on October 18, 1991. They have two children, Stephanie and Andrew. Christopher "Chris" is not married. Doris and Bert live in Edmonton, Alberta. Bert works for the government. Doris is still working.

David (June 21, 1944) married Elizabeth "Betty" Sawatzky (December 23, 1944) on August 14, 1966.



Daryl Hoepfner - 16 months. Darlingford's Manitoba Centennial Baby

They have three children. Jeannette, Myron (deceased) and Michael. Dave and Betty live in Winkler. David is teaching school in Winkler.

Dianne (May 13, 1948) married Albert "Charlie" Braun (January 6, 1948) on August 24, 1968. They had four children: Merlin, Rona, Conrad and Barry. On March 8, 1981 the entire family was killed in an airplane crash.

Mrs. Justina Hoeppner celebrated her ninetieth birthday in August 1996 with all of her children present, as well as many of their thirty-five grandchildren and approximately thirty great grandchildren. Mrs. Hoeppner is now living at Legion House One in Morden.

Neil Hoeppner

Neil and Doreen Hoeppner purchased the Howard Oke farm on May 1, 1972. Neil, whose profession was teaching music, retired and a dream and love for farming began for both of them. In the next four years they added more acreage and purchased the Minarz farm, Kidd farm, Booker farm, and Biggar farm (Kaleida) and farmed full time.

They were blessed with two sons: Weldon and Steven, who are high school and university graduates. The family always worked and played together as a foursome. There was always time for music in the home, in church and community. Feeling the need to help all their friends, the Hoeppner family started a business in Winkler's Southland Mall as Centerpiece Florist.

Tragedy came our way in August 1994, when Neil died. Later on Centerpiece Florist was sold, Weldon and Steven moved on to new beginnings and Doreen presently resides on and rents the farm.

A special thank you to Howard and Thelma and Oke family for allowing Neil to be the adopted son.

Steven Holenski

Steven Holenski (1879) of Lutsk, Poland, which is now part of the Ukraine, U.S.S.R. married Anna "Annie" Malak (1881) in 1898. They had four sons: Alex, Walter, Joe and Vernon. They continued to farm at Lutsk until 1928 when they came to join Alex, who immigrated to Canada in 1926 and Walter who came to Canada in 1926. They farmed S. 1/2 30-1-6. Anna died in 1928. Steven died in 1965.

Alex Holenski married Ruby Kleyszmid and farmed on section 36-1-7 from 1926 until 1949, when they retired to Morden with their two youngest children, Dorothy and Roy (both are mar-

ried and living in Winnipeg), while Kola and Joe continued to farm. Alex and Ruby died. Kola married Mary Rzepka in 1949 and lived on the N.W. 1/4 18-2-6. They had two sons, Jerry and Donald.

In 1974 Kola and Mary purchased the E. 1/2 25-2-7 and lived there until Mary died in 1995 and Kola moved to Buhler Condo, in Morden. Kola married Annie Dresler in 1998 and moved to the new condo on the corner of 9th and North Railway.

Jerry married Donna Menard in 1974 and farmed the N.W. 1/4 18-2-6. They have two daughters, Andrea Jean (1975) and Brandy (1979). Jerry continued to farm the land until 1991 when he rented the land, and worked for numerous people. He is presently working for McElroy Seeds and also does custom baling. Donna was a licensed practical nurse at Morden hospital until 1996, when she furthered her education and received her registered nursing in June 1998. Donna is presently working in Winnipeg at the Children's Hospital. Andrea and Brandy received their education in Morden. Andrea had two years in Red River Community College, where she took Business Administration, and is now working at Chicken Chef. Brandy is presently working at Chicken Chef and the Travellers Restaurant.

Donald married Lorraine Peters in 1979 and farmed the N.W. 1/4 30-1-6 until 1995, when they purchased the E. 1/2 25-2-7 from Kola. They have three children: Jason Donald (1981), Cameron Todd (1983) and Stacy Lynn (1985). Don farmed until 1998, when he rented out all the land except eighty acres. He drives the Morden Handi-Van. Lorraine worked as a hairdresser at Tabor Home until 1997 and is now working in the kitchen at Tabor Home. The children are presently attending school in Morden. Jason is in grade twelve and works part time at McDonalds. Cameron is in grade ten and also works part time at McDonalds. Stacy is in grade eight.

Joe P. Holenski married Olga Poddany and lived on the E. 1/2 36-1-7. They had two children, Robert and Irene. Olga died in 1957. In 1959 Joe married Tina Peters and they have three children: Glen, Betty Ann and Sharon. Joe and Tina moved to Morden in 1984, but still continued to be involved in the farm operation. Joe died in 1992.

Robert married Edith Lowry and live on N.W. 1/4 17-3-7, which was a new yard site. They rented the Gordon Cram farm (N. 1/2 21-3-7) and worked with Loyde on both farms. In 1981 they took over the home farm. Robert and Edith have two sons and

a daughter: Connor, Devon and Kayla. They are fifth generation to reside on this farm. Edith taught school for eight years at Morden Elementary School and is now in the eleventh year of home educating their own children: Connor is presently taking Senior Two with his main interest being computers. Devon is in grade eight and Kayla is in grade six. Connor and Kayla are in their fifth year of piano lessons and participate in the Pembina Valley Music Festival. Devon is taking guitar lessons after three years of piano. They are all involved in the Youth in Fine Arts staging productions at the Manitou Opera House. They are also active in the Pembina Valley 4-H Club, the Pembina Valley Wood Carvers and the Darlingford Skating Club, where the boys take power skating and Kayla takes figure skating. They all love to swim. Connor has his Bronze Cross. Devon has completed all twelve levels of the Red Cross swimming program and Kayla has completed Level Ten. The family belongs to the Boundary Trails Nordic Club. In February of 1998, Kayla won a gold medal for the Cross Country Skiing Championship for grade five girls in Central Region. Kayla has also inherited the love of horses and has begun to show her pony in the local fairs. The boys enjoy helping their Dad with the farming operation.

Irene married Abe Peters. They live in Winnipeg with their family.

Glen stayed on the farm after graduating from high school to help his Dad on N.E. 1/4 36-1-7. In 1980 Glen went to University of Manitoba to take Diploma Agriculture. In 1981 he started as a 4-H leader in the Windygates Beef Club. He continued this until 1995. He received his Diploma in Agriculture and returned to farm with his Dad. Glen married Shannon Esler and lives on the N.E. 1/4 36-1-7. They have three sons: Derek, Gavin and

Dallas. Betty moved to Brandon in 1996 and is employed with the provincial government. Sharon married Glenn Deceuninck in 1993 and live in Morden. They have two sons, Garrett and Tyson.

Walter Holenski (1903) married Vera Kadavy from Lutzk, Poland (1909) in 1930. They farmed S. 1/2 30-1-6 and N.W. 1/4 19-1-6 until they retired to Morden in 1962. They have six children: Annie, Mary, Edward, Emma, Tina and Doreen. Vera died in 1995. Walter lives in their home in Morden.

Annie married Joe Olafson in 1952, living on the N.W. 14 12-1-6 until moving to Morden in 1998. They have four children: Morris, Garry, Gale and Victor. Morris married Mary Hamilton in 1975 and lives on the S.W. 1/4 12-1-6. They have five children: Shawn, Heather, twins David and Calvin, and Mark. Garry lives at Wasa, B.C. with son Garth. Gale married Bob Extence and lives at Far Falls, Ontario, with daughters, Amanda and Karla. Victor married Carolee Batycki in 1989 and lives in Winnipeg.

Mary married Joe Prokopich in 1965 and lives in Winnipeg. They have four children: Nancy, Peggy, Janet and Richard. Peggy and Janet work in Winnipeg. Nancy married John Hebert in 1994 and lives in Winnipeg with daughter Lindsay. Richard married Christine Warzel in 1997 and lives near St. Andrews.

Edward married Myrna Smith (Waddingham) in 1991 and lives on the S. 1/2 30-1-6.

Emma Smith lives in Morden and has two children: Grant and Darilynn. Grant married Barbara Webb in 1996 and lives near Stonewall. Darilynn is attending university at Minot, North Dakota.

Tina married Ken Ure in 1963 and lives at Brandon. They have two children: Darren and Jodine. Darren married Valerie Jones in 1989 and lives at Rochester, Minnesota. They have two children Megan and Stuart. Jodine lives at Eckville, Alberta.

Doreen married Dennis Spence in 1971 and lives in Winnipeg. They have two children: Kelly and Brian.

In 1930 Joe Holenski married Nettie Mikolasek. They purchased the Frank Scales farm on 3-2-7, and three children were born there: Ella, who died in infancy; Leona, and Rienold Leonard. The children got their early education in Pearce School. When Rienold married, Joe and Nettie built a new house on S.W. 10-2-7. They retired to Morden in 1980,



Alex and Ruby Holenski - taken July 1926 for Passport. Kola - age 4, Alex, Ruby, Joe - age nine months



Steven Holenski, Alex and Ruby, Donny, Jerry, Irene, Gordon Klowak, Bobby

where Nettie still lives. Joe died on November 4, 1981.

Leona married Edgar Pappel of Welland, Ontario, and has a son, Norman Anthony from that marriage. Edgar died when Norman was a baby and Leona moved back to Darlingford, until her marriage to Elmer Armstrong of Virden, where they still reside on their farm. Norman married Tracy Christofferson of Minnedosa, and they have three sons: Joseph, David and Leonard. Norman has his own stone masonry business as well as being a Master Chimney Sweep. They reside in Virden.

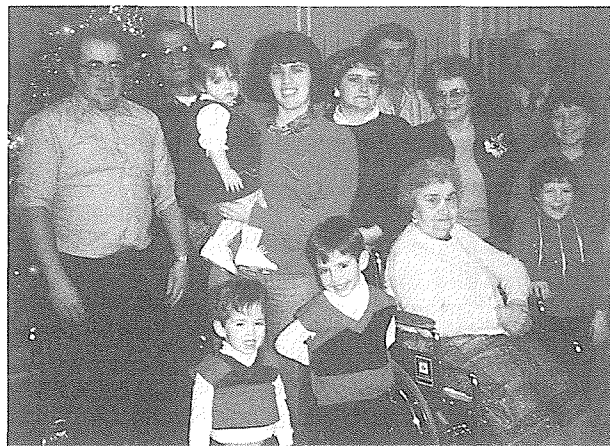
Rienold married Wendy Martindale of Thornhill in 1960 and they moved onto the home farm, after Joe and Nettie built a new house on S.W. 1/4 10-2-7. Rienold and Wendy have four daughters: Angela Gail (1961), Catherine Anne (1962), Connie Lynn (1965) and Linda Diane (1966). Rienold farmed with his dad up until the time Joe died. Wendy worked for Manitoba Telephone System until her retirement in 1995.

Gail completed high school in Manitou and then worked at the Credit Union there. In 1980 she married Rod Lea, and they moved into the home that had been Joe and Nettie's. They have three children: Kevin Joseph (1983), David Edward (1985), and Amber Nicole (1989). In 1985 Gail and Rod bought the home farm from Rienold and the two families switched residences. Gail and Rod and family are on the home farm and Rienold and Wendy are in the house that Joe and Nettie built. Rienold and Rod farm together, with both cattle and grain. Kevin, David and Amber are all in 4-H, and are the third generation in this family.

Cathy, after graduation ventured off to Australia

for six months. When she returned she married Will Lambrecht and they farmed on the Lambrecht farm. After seven years of marriage they were divorced, and Cathy moved to Morden where she took the position of Librarian at the Morden Collegiate, where she is still employed. Cathy and Mark Ching were married in 1998 and live in the home Mark purchased from Doug and Edna Lumgair. Cathy is athletic and runs in marathons. Mark works for the Pipeline and Darlingford Agri.

Connie completed a Business Administration course in Brandon. She married Wayne Deamel



Kola and Mary Holenski Family

from La Riviere in 1965, They moved to Winnipeg where Wayne worked as a trucker driver. Due to Wayne's work they moved to Carman then to Brandon. Connie was employed at the fabric shop in Carman, and is a wonderful seamstress. While in Carman they decided Connie would get her Class I license and they would buy their own truck and they now drive for Triline. Home base at the time of this writing is an apartment in La Riviere,

Diane graduated from Nellie McClung Collegiate and continued on to become an licenced practical nurse. She worked in Brandon and then returned to Manitou where she worked in the hospital there. Dr. Bim Meetarbhen, who was the doctor in Manitou at that time, and Diane, moved to Maple Ridge, British Columbia. They opened their own walk-in clinic in Port Coquitlam, and both worked long hard hours to make it a success. After several years. Diane now has time to pursue her music and painting.

Vernon married Nellie Shareski and they had a son, Vernon and daughter, Ella. Vernon Sr. died as a result of a hunting accident in 1942. Nellie and Ella live in British Columbia. Vernon Jr. lives in Ontario.

Knut Holstenson

Knut Holstenson and his wife Elizabeth (Dodds), came from Iowa, and were married in Fannystelle in 1906. Their three sons Melvin, Edwin and Forrest were all born at Fannystelle. The family moved to Darlingford in 1917 to farm the N.W. 1/4 20-3-7. Daughter, Ann was born here. Elizabeth died in Saskatchewan in 1932. Knut died in 1941 and is buried in Brookside Cemetery in Winnipeg.

Melvin married Christine Mudge. They had a daughter, Catherine and a son, Wayne. Melvin helped Albert Lawson for ten years with his prize horses and later was employed at the research station at Morden. He is buried at Morden.

Edwin married Isabelle Neighbour (Larsen) April 1951. She had two daughters, Sandra and Margaret from a previous marriage. Edwin worked for various farmers in the area and in later years at the research station. He died October 12, 1990 and is buried at Snowflake.

Forrest stayed in the Darlingford district and worked as a farm labourer. He died suddenly in 1970.

Ann married Howard Hanlon and live at Regina. They had three daughters: Donna, Beverley and Ann.

David Hope

David Hope was born in 1863 at Markham, Ontario, the youngest son of John and Judy Hope, who were of English ancestry.

David had three brothers. They came to the Pilot Mound area in 1879 for a short time and then moved to the United States, and took a homestead sixteen miles northeast of Langdon, at Stilwell, North Dakota. They were among the first settlers and "West Hope" township was named after them.

In 1898 David married Nellie Burkett. She was born in Hull, England, and came to the United States at the age of sixteen. They moved back to Manitoba in 1916 and farmed in the Windygates and Kaleida districts. In 1926 they moved to Darlingford district on the E. 1/2 of 35-2-8. He lived on this farm until his death in 1940. Mrs Hope moved to Manitou in 1945 and resided there until her death in 1960.

Mr. and Mrs. Hope had six children: John of Manitou died in 1957, Franklin of Langdon died in 1958, Geneva (N. Lone), Audrey (Albert Hunter) and Frances all lived in Manitou and Morris farmed at Darlingford.

Morris, the third son, (1911) married Lenora Farmer, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Farmer of the Hazel district, north of Manitou. The couple bought the E. 1/2 35-2-8, and farmed this land until 1960 when they sold the northeast quarter to Chester Geving and the southeast quarter to the Pembina Hutterite Colony. They then purchased the W. 1/2 35-2-8 and the S.W. 1/4 34-2-8 from A.M. Irving. Morris and Lenore Hope retired to Manitou. Morris died in 1989 and Lenore in 1993. Both are buried in Manitou Cemetery. They had six children.

Robert "Bob" is the eldest son of Morris and Lenore Hope. Bob lived in the Darlingford district until 1964 when he married Joanne Seward of Kaleida and they moved to Manitou. Bob owned and operated the Manitou Tire Shop, selling to Roger Remillard in 1986. Joanne is a hairdresser and worked with Winnie Carswell from 1963 to 1969 and then opened her own shop in her home. They have two children, Sherry and Shaun.

Sherry (1966) graduated from school in 1984. She lived and worked in Winnipeg for eleven years. In 1995, Sherry and her daughter Aurissa, moved back to Manitou and married Myron Martens and they have a son, Ryan.

Shaun (1968) finished school in 1986. He works and lives in Winnipeg.

Betty and husband Wilbert Hartwig live in Victoria, British Columbia. They have three children: Corrine, Karen and Kurt.

Murray lives in Portage la Prairie and works for the Manitoba Department of Highways. He has two children, Tim and Jacquie.

Lilian and husband Jake Ginter, a teacher, live in Altona. They have two children, Scott and Shannon.

Lyle lives and works at Heating and Plumbing in Calgary.

Dwayne and wife Jamie live in Winnipeg. He has his own business, Fibre New. They have two children, Morgan and Maddison.

Joseph Hoskins

Joseph Hoskins was born in England. He went to sea at the age of twelve and learned to be a carpenter while on board ship. As a young man he went to Bruce Mines, Ontario where he married and lived until 1877, when he and his wife and six children came to Manitoba and homesteaded the W. 1/2 23-3-7, now owned by Ralph Collins.

The mines in the east had flooded and there was

no work and he thought he could get land for his sons by moving west. At Emerson they purchased a team of oxen and a covered wagon in which they travelled and lived. They rented a stage coach and horses, but one horse nearly drowned, so they unloaded the stove, beds and other things on the prairie, and left a big Newfoundland dog on guard for three weeks until they were able to return and pick the things up. They pitched a tent at the homestead and in three weeks a house was built of hewed logs. A Mennonite came to thatch the roof. The mosquitos were so bad that everyone had to wear nets over their head. Mrs. Hoskins, of Irish descent, was a mid-wife. She brought many babies into the world and saved the lives of many mothers, for the nearest doctors were miles away. The children attended the old Darlington School, where the teacher was a Mr. Daley.

The children of this family were: Mary (Tom Ward), Margaret (James A. Cowan), Asenath (Dan Kelly), Charles, Robert and Joseph, who married a sister of James A. Cowan. She lived to be ninety-six years of age.

Reverend Borthwick held church services in a log granary on the Hoskins farm in the early years.

Frank Hunt

Frank Hunt and his wife, Margaret Bell, were married in Ontario and lived at Islington. As a young man, he had worked for the T. Eaton Company in Toronto. They came to Manitoba about 1904 and lived in Thornhill where his brother, Tom, already had a farm. They established a blacksmith shop together and later Frank was able to get work on the C.P.R. section. Two daughters, Evelyn and Myrtle, were born in Ontario. Wesley, Eloise, Douglas and Melvin were born at Thornhill. All the children attended Wellington School. The highlights of living in town included Sunday school picnics and concerts. There were quite a number of families in Thornhill at the time. The family later moved to the Darlingford district, settling on the J.C. Smith farm about 1920 and then renting the S.E. 1/4 35-2-7 from William White where they lived until Frank died in 1936, and Margaret in 1958.

Evelyn married David Lumgair in 1934 and farmed the S.E. 1/2 24-2-7 and had a family of three: Lyle, Lorraine and Donald. David died in 1962 and Evelyn retired to Morden in 1968. (See Dave Lumgair story.)

Myrtle married Leonard Slute in 1929 and they

lived on the Slute farm. They have two daughters, Merle and Berna. (See Len Slute story.)

Wesley married Lilian McMillan of Mather in 1936. They purchased the S.E. 1/4 9-2-7 in 1938. (See Wesley Hunt story.)

Eloise attended school in Darlingford. She married Morrison McElroy in 1927 and they farmed south of Zion church, and had a son, Frank. She died in 1931.

Douglas married Vera Ching in 1946 and purchased the home farm, the S.E. 1/4 35-2-7. Douglas and Vera Hunt lived on the farm southeast of Darlingford until 1980 when they retired to Morden. Due to failing health they moved to the Legion House Two seniors apartments in September 1996. Douglas died in January 1997 and Vera in June 1997. Their daughter, Sharon MacLennan lives in Portage la Prairie. She is a Medical Laboratory Technologist and is employed at the Portage General Hospital.

Morris Hunt lives in Milton, Ontario with his wife Judy. He is employed by Air Canada and works at Pearson International Airport in Toronto. He is also involved with many private business ventures. He has two children from a previous marriage. His daughter Jennifer and son Darryl live in Creemore, Ontario.

Marvin Hunt lives in Estevan, Saskatchewan with friend Debbie Smith. He works in the oil field industry. He has three children from a previous marriage. Clarissa is married to Jamie Marcotte. They live in Estevan and have three daughters, Desiree, Lacey and Jaelee. Douglas and his wife live in Fleming, Saskatchewan. Douglas works in the oil field industry and Renee is a teacher. Lareina lives and works in Estevan.

Melvin Robert (Mel) was the youngest son of Francis Albert Hunt and his wife Margaret (Bell) Hunt. He was born February 14, 1914 when his family was living in the village of Thornhill. Mel grew up in the Darlingford area on farms rented by his parents. He married Ruth Margaret Lawson, daughter of Albert Byron Lawson and Catherine Campbell (Masson) Lawson on October 23, 1937.

Ruth and Mel began married life in a tiny three room house just south of the old Zion Church site. Times were hard but Dad often said those were the happiest of times. Four of their five children were born while they were living there. In the late 1940's, they rented the George White farm (where Jim and Norleen Wilson now live) and moved to the big old house that was on the property . . . a huge and very

welcome change for the family. Glenda was born while the family lived here. The nearest school was Calf Mountain and all five children began their schooling there. Gayle, who had Downs Syndrome, attended school when the incumbent teacher felt able to handle Gayle's special needs along with the demands of nine grades in a one-room school. Gayle loved those years at school with those very special teachers and remembered what she had learned well into adulthood. Marlene graduated from high school in Darlingford but Wayne attended the collegiate in Morden when his turn came as the Darlingford High School was too full to take more students. Marlene was married at the old Zion Church in 1958.

When the White Farm was sold to Bert Wilson in 1959, Mel and Ruth bought a farm in Meadow Lea, a small community between Marquette and Warren, Manitoba. Here Lynn completed high school at the Warren Collegiate. When they left farming in 1964, they moved with Gayle and Glenda to Winnipeg and then after Wayne's marriage, to Victoria, British Columbia. Wanderlust took them to Alberta and finally north to the Peace River Country. Here they lived in Elmworth and ran a general store with Wayne and Laraine. In 1975, when Wayne bought land and returned to live in the Darlingford area, they returned to live less than a mile from where they had started married life. Aging and disintegrating health forced them to move from the farm to Morden in 1990. Mel died in March 1997 and Ruth is a resident of Tabor Home. Their children are as follows.

Marlene Adele (April 13, 1938) married George Albert Truhn of Birch River, Manitoba on July 5, 1958. George and Marlene met at teacher's college and began married life and teaching careers together. Kenneth Albert (April 19, 1959) and Eric Lindsay (May 21, 1960) were born in Beausejour when George was teaching in Ladywood. Shannon Leanne followed on September 29, 1961 in Portage la Prairie when George was teaching in Reaburn. In 1964, the Truhn family moved to northern Quebec to a tiny Inuit community called George River, now called Port Nouveau. Kathryn Arlyn, their chosen daughter, was born at Fort Chimo, Quebec on March 30, 1965. Kathryn's adoption was the first adoption permitted in Quebec of a Inuit child by a non-aboriginal family.

In 1968, the Truhn's moved to Grande Prairie, Alberta where George and Marlene combined teaching and their dream of farming. Now retired

from teaching, they live on the farm just outside of Grande Prairie in the Crystal Creek area.

Kenneth Albert is a general manager of a radio station in Grande Prairie. He and his partner, Michelle Geraldine Runzer of Red Deer, Alberta, have a daughter Danielle Janaya (April 8, 1998).

Eric Lindsay works for Grimshaw Trucking in Grande Prairie. On April 17, 1982 he married Ann Katherine Murray of Sexsmith, Alberta. They and their two children, Ian Joshua (August 8, 1985) and Lisa Cathleen (March 3, 1987) live on an acreage outside of Sexsmith, Alberta. Ann is a well-known artist in the Peace River area.

Shannon Leanne married Kenneth Francis Peterson of Grande Prairie, Alberta on September 14, 1985. They and their two children, Dalen Allan (September 17, 1989) and Kolby Frances (April 30, 1991) live in a solar powered strawbale house they built themselves on their farm out of Beaverlodge, Alberta. Ken works for Petro-Can as a facility operator in the Elmworth area and Shannon is into alternate farming and has raised everything from mice to butterflies.

Kathryn Arlyn works for a restaurant franchise in Grande Prairie. She and her daughter, Kaitlyn Christine Adelle (October 14, 1989) live on the farm with George and Marlene.

Catherine Gail "Gayle" (October 17, 1939) lived in Victoria until her death, February 5, 1989. She is buried in Knightcot Cemetery in Thornhill.

Robert Wayne (June 30, 1942) joined the RCMP in 1961. He was stationed on Vancouver Island, British Columbia where he met and married Silvia Laraine Jones of Victoria, British Columbia on July 9, 1966. In 1969, Wayne left the RCMP and went to the Peace River Country where he and Laraine bought a general store in Elmworth, Alberta (fifty miles away from George and Marlene), that they ran with the help of Mel and Ruth. Laraine taught school in Elmworth and later in Grand Prairie when they left the store in 1972. The family returned to Darlingford in 1975 when Wayne purchased the north quarter of Willowhurst Farm from his uncle, Bob Lawson. Wayne and Laraine moved to Thornhurst Farm (just out of Thornhill) in 1977 and still live there. Wayne retired from Employment Canada in 1995 and Laraine still teaches school in Morden.

Daryn Robert Wayne (December 20, 1968) was born in Victoria, British Columbia. He married Carolyn Marie Leblanc of Moncton, New Brunswick in Calgary on July 12, 1997. They both

work with persons living with mental disabilities. Daryn is presently enrolled at the University of Calgary where he is working on a degree in Psychology.

Laura Laraine (October 13, 1971) was born in Beaverlodge, Alberta. She married John Murray Braun of Morden, Manitoba on August 22, 1998. They live in Nanaimo, British Columbia where Laura is employed as a nurse and John is service manager of an automobile dealership.

Carol Lynn (September 29, 1945) completed school in Warren, Manitoba. She worked in Winnipeg before moving to Calgary where she met and married Randolph Foster MacKinnon, October 1, 1966. They moved to Edmonton, Alberta in 1969 where their two sons were born. Following their divorce, Lynn and her sons moved back to the Morden area in November of 1980. Lynn worked as school secretary for eight years at Maple Leaf School in Morden, before accepting a job with Agriculture Canada where she worked until 1997. She is currently self-employed and lives on an acreage just out of Thornhill, Manitoba.

Bryan Wayne (October 21, 1969) married Delilah Ann Letkeman of Morden, on May 12, 1990. Bryan is currently an EMT at Morden Hospital and Delilah works at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in Morden. They have two children, Jenaya Larisse (January 26, 1993) and Ryley James born September 28, 1995.

Michael James (May 1, 1972) married Jennifer Lynn Tolsma of Abbotsford, British Columbia on September 4, 1998. They live in Abbotsford, British Columbia where Mike is employed by Costco Ltd. and Jennifer by Sears, Canada.

Glenda Ruth (February 3, 1951) married Henry Juergen Johnsen of Victoria, British Columbia on February 22, 1968. Their son was born in Victoria. Glenda was also bit by the wanderlust bug and moved around extensively before she and her partner, Thomas Ross Ehn, settled in Saskatoon. Glenda and Tom have a daughter who was born in Winnipeg. Glenda and Tom presently live in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, where Glenda is employed by a Saskatoon Hotel.

Christopher Eric Johnsen (April 24, 1968) lives in Calgary, Alberta where he is a roofing contractor.

Meleita Marlene Ehn (May 26, 1977) married Clifford Gailey on September 1, 1995 in Saskatoon. Divorced, Meleita now lives in Saskatoon with her two sons, Devon Robert Ross (December 11, 1992) and Austin Brian James (December 5, 1996).

Robert Hunt

Robert Hunt was born of Irish parentage in 1856, near Pakenham, Ontario, about thirty-five miles west of Ottawa. In his younger years, he worked mostly on farms in that area during the summers and in the lumber woods much of the time in winters, going as far from home on occasions, as Michigan.

In 1882 he migrated to Manitoba where he worked on farms, as well as, on the construction of the south branch of the C.P.R. He started farming on his own in the mid or late 1890's, settling on a farm about three miles northeast of Darlingford.

In 1890 he married Josephine Boyle, also from near Pakenham. Of this union, eight children were born.

Ruby married G.E. Storey, a C.N.R. engineer, who died in 1958. They had five children. Harvey married to Joyce Shuttleworth, was an air force pilot and was killed in a plane crash in 1944. Dorothy who married Nick Stefik has two sons, Robert and Jim. Frank who married Dorothy Crump has one son, Harvey. Olive never married. Myrna who married Robert Jones has three children, Lawrence, Patrick and Cathie. Ruby died in 1977.

Veda married Stewart Lowry in 1928 and three children were born to them: Leonard, Jean and Donna (see Savage Lowry story). Veda died in 1986.

Len and Errol did not marry. They remained on the home farm until 1966, when they moved to Darlingford. Errol died in January 1972 and Len died in 1983.

Olive was a nurse and married William Forrester. She died in 1967.

Harold "Joe" started farming while still in school. He married Eva Law in 1936 and they lived on the Hunt Farm known as Erindale Farm, north-east of Darlingford. They retired to Darlingford in 1966 and lived in the Herb Storey's house. Joe died in 1974 and Eva remained in their wee home until 1989 when she moved to Morden. She died in 1995. They had three children. Gary married Lena Thiessen in 1964 and they live on Erindale Farm. Their son Bill has three children, Robert, Christopher and Jason. Their other son, Mel and partner Melanie live in Morden with their son, Kaleb. Noreen married Clair Wilson in 1968 and they live in Alliston, Ontario after retiring from the military. They have two children, Cindy and Cory. Cindy married Daren Kraus, a member of the Canadian Armed Forces, and they have two chil-

dren, Keane and Aislinn. Sharon married Tom Tierney in 1970 and they and their two sons, Chris and Tim live in Winnipeg.

Leslie married Nora Christie in 1948. They farmed at Darlingford until 1965 when they sold the farm. On November 7, 1952 Robert Harvey Hunt was born. Growing up in Darlingford, Robert (Bob) attended Darlingford Consolidated School, graduating grade eight then attending Nellie McClung in Manitou for grades nine through twelve. After high school Bob moved to Winnipeg working at various jobs until 1974 when he attended Red River Community College taking automotive mechanics. During this time he met his bride to be, Ann Funk. They were wed on January 18, 1975. After completing the automotive course they moved to Darlingford taking up residence in the Tickner house on Pembina Street where they still reside. Bob worked at Valley Esso Service until 1977 when he started his own business, Hunt's Painting and Carpets. In November of 1977 a daughter was born, Monica Faye. Monica, after completing her education in Manitou went on to university in Brandon for one year eventually moving to Peterborough, Ontario where she worked and attended classes. In 1979 a son, Gareth Leslie, was born. At present Gareth is in his final year of high school. As of January 1999, Monica is working in Brandon and Gareth is working in Morden. In 1984 Ann started working at Tabor Senior Citizens Home in Morden where she is still employed.

In 1993 Bob and his family mourned the passing of his father, Leslie Eric. Nora Hunt resides in Morden at the Tabor Home Apartments. Nora's two daughters, Lin and Nan are living in Winnipeg and all are retired from their professions. Lee Christie, daughter of Lin, works and resides in Winnipeg.

Nellie married Peter Hersack and they lived on the outskirts of Seattle, Washington. Nellie died in 1995, her husband Peter Hersack resides in Brandon.

Robert Hunt died in 1936 and Josephine in 1941.

As an addition to the Robert Hunt story. Not long after his arrival in Manitoba, Robert received a letter from his father advising him to return to Ontario, stating that this western country would never be fit for anything but buffalo and Indians. Later developments reveal how far out he was in that opinion. Incidentally, Robert's father had migrated from Ireland to Ontario with his parents in childhood and had never even seen the West.

Thomas James Hunt

Thomas James Hunt was born in Fitzroy County near Ottawa. He learned the blacksmithing trade, then went to work at the T. Eaton farm at Georgetown. In 1893, with his brother, Frank he came west to establish William Eaton on what was known as "The Eaton Ranch". Material was brought from the east for the buildings and unloaded at Rudyard siding.

In 1894 Tom married Margaret Stevens, whose father, Fenton Stevens homesteaded the ranch. After a few years on the ranch they went east to the Eaton farm. Around 1900 they came west with their children, Elmer and Ella, who succumbed to the Spanish influenza in 1918. They lived in Thornhill and started a blacksmith shop which was burned, and was later replaced and sold to Matt Bissett in 1912. They then farmed the Bolton farm until 1916, when they came to Darlingford, and he resumed his trade with Sandie Howie. The house they lived in is now owned by Pembina Colony. In 1917 he became head teamster at the Dominion Experimental Station at Morden, and later farmed for a few years



Thomas James and Margaret Hunt

on the Edwards farm. In 1935 Tom, his wife, and children, Howard and Marjorie, purchased the D. McGillivray house where Mrs. Ruth (Howard) Hunt lived. Mrs. Hunt died in July 1936 and Tom in November 1939. There were five surviving children in the family: Cecil, Howard, Irwin, Gladys and Marjorie. All members of this account that are deceased are buried in Darlingford Cemetery with the exception of Betty Pearce, Earl Hunt and John Bradley.

Elmer (1897-1918) was a victim of the flu.

Ella (1898-1918) was a victim of the flu.

Cecil (1900-1989) and Elsie. They had seven children: Margaret, Gladys, Jean, Earl, Robert, Sherril and Patricia.

Margaret married Mike Halipchuk and had five children. Mary Ellen married Roland Cloutier of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and had three children, Crystal (Don) Collie, Jason of Vancouver, British Columbia has one son, Orrin, and John of Selkirk has two daughters, Braedon and Ocean. Shauna Leigh and Larry Moktaluk live at Selkirk. They have three children: Troy of Selkirk, Kelly of Neepawa, and Christopher of Selkirk. Michael of Selkirk has one son, Lee of Selkirk. James and Barb of Calgary, Alberta. Wayne and Susan of Matlock, Manitoba have two children, Andrew and Laura.

Gladys "Betty" married Ken Pearce. She died on November 13, 1992.

Jean died August 1945 in Manitou.

Earl died April 21, 1988. His wife Patricia resides in Victoria, British Columbia. They have three children: Debbie, Lori and Jim. Debbie Hunt lives in Victoria, British Columbia. Lori and Harry Arseault of Blaine, Washington. They have two sons, Kevin and Kyle who also live in Blaine, Washington. Jim Hunt lives at Victoria, British Columbia.

Robert resides in Winnipeg. His wife Jean died November 1995. They had one daughter, Tami Hunt who resides in Winnipeg.

Sherril and Edward Land of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan have two sons, Mark of Calgary and Ian of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Patricia Hunt resides in Winnipeg.

Howard "Bill" (1903-1962) married Ruth. Ruth had two sons, Jack and Walter Bryson, both deceased. Bill and Ruth had five children: Doug, twins, Mavis and Marie, Jim and a baby boy deceased in infancy.

Doug and Anne of Gladstone have three children. Scott and Fern of Hay River, North West

Territories and their three children: Alyssa, Patrick and Aron. Lorne and Kathy of Gladstone and their three children: Amanda, Kayla and Taylor. Lora lives at Portage La Prairie.

Mavis and John Schmidt live in Darlingford. They have two daughters, Debbie Schmidt of Morden and her three children: Natia, Jovita and Tyler Devloo. Brenda Schmidt lives at Morden.

Marie and Larry Seymour live at Darlingford. They have three children. Darren and Elizabeth live at Darlingford. Dale and Angela live at Manitou with their three children: Christopher, Brett and Kaitlyn. Dwight and Trish live at Stonewall with their daughter, Jenna.

Jim and Diane of Morden have two daughters, Dara and Chandra.

Irwin (1904-1990) and Jessie had one daughter, Arlene. Arlene Beal lives at Victorville, Colorado and has three children. Kathy and Phil Toombs have three children: Jeremy, Michael and Matthew. Tom Beal lives in Texas. Janet and David Griffin live at Placentia Place of California and have two children, Jessica and Douglas.

Gladys (1906-1988) and Chester Andrew had four children: Duane, Barry, Terry and Diane.

Duane and Norma of Nanaimo, British Columbia have four children. Barry Andrew of Kindersley, Saskatchewan has three children: Adam, Jenny and Elyse. Bob Havaart lives at Victoria, British Columbia. Brad Havaart lives at Victoria, British Columbia. Bonnie McKay of Pembroke, Ontario has three children: Melissa, Erica and Michael.

Barry died at eight years of age in Darlingford.

Terry and Val Andrew of Kamloops, British Columbia have three children: Scott of South Korea, Jeffrey of Kamloops, British Columbia and Lori and Marek Matusiak of Kamloops and their children, Michael and Kayla.

Dianne and Gary White of Edmonton, Alberta have four children: Kevin Wiebe of Calgary, Kerry Wiebe of Calgary and her child, Jordan. Keith Wiebe and Kim Wiebe live at Calgary.

Marjorie (1917) last living member of the original family, married Don McCallum. They had two children, Bill and Karen.

Bill and Linda of Southey, Saskatchewan have four children: Christopher of Winnipeg and two children, Kyle and Devon, Tyler of Winnipeg, Jeoffrey of Lethbridge, Alberta, and Landon of Regina, Saskatchewan.

Karen and John (deceased) Bradley of Grunthal,

Manitoba had four children. Jarrod of Grunthal, Jerney and Karla of Steinbach and their child, Conner, Jaymie and Stephanie of St. Anne, Manitoba and their child, Josie. Jody and Barry Ritchlot of Ile Des Chene have two children, Brian and Kayla.

Wesley Hunt

Wesley Hunt married Lilian McMillan of Mather in 1936. They purchased the S.E. 1/4 9-2-7 in 1938. This farm had been owned by George Armstrong and rented by a number of people. Wes and Lilian moved to Darlingford in 1970 when their son, Alvin, took over the home farm. Wes died in November 1992. Their son Glen who married Sigrid Gillis lives on the S.W. 1/4 36-2-7. They have two sons. Rodney married Maggie Greenlees and they have three boys: Russell, Brock and Bryce. They live in Grand Rapids where he is pastoring a church. Ryan married Dana Krushel. They live in Morden and he owns an autobody business in Winkler.

Archie Huston

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Huston lived on the N.W. 1/4 16-1-7. They had two children who went to Point Douglas School in 1928-29. They moved to Morden.

The Pembina Colony of Hutterian Brethren

It was in the eventful period when Sir Thomas More wrote his Utopia, when Luther took his stand and declared that he could not do otherwise, that the Hutterian Brotherhood was organized in Moravia. It was a branch of the Anabaptist movement, with spiritual roots extending to the Swiss brethren, who practiced adult baptism and opposed war.

Early in 1525 the radical reformers introduced adult baptism and the movement had its beginning. Anabaptism was regarded as a danger to the state and state church, so Zurich introduced the death penalty, even to those who attended anabaptist meetings. Persecution became so intense in Switzerland, that these people sought sanctuary in Moravia. New leaders, Hans Hut and Dr. Hubmaster came to the attention of the Viennese government, were charged with their share in the Peasant War, and burned at the stake.

The people were so severely persecuted that they moved to Austerlitz. Here they were strengthened by a new leader Jacob Huter, who was a German by

name and a hatter by trade. In 1536 he was condemned to death and it is from him that the community-minded Anabaptists took their name Hutterian Brethren.

In 1662 an order was given from Vienna that these people be driven from Moravia. They gave up their holdings and crossed the March river to Slovakia, where it was demanded that they join the Roman Catholic Church. Elders were imprisoned and many Hutterites ended up recanting. Many received lashes before they promised to attend mass.

In 1783 Hutterians numbering fifty-six escaped from Slovakia to Russia where a colony had been established by the Desna River. Following severe hardships they moved to South Russia in 1842, with a promise of religious freedom, land, and exemption from military service. One hundred twenty-three accepted an invitation to pioneer land in Alkraine. Military exemption was lifted in 1874, and the colony of eight hundred were forced to leave again. They migrated to America, and established the first colony eighteen miles from Yankton, South Dakota, on the north side of the Missouri River, called Bon Homme. Half of the eight hundred abandoned colony life because as a group they were ineligible for homestead privileges. The remainder founded three colonies by 1877, who mothered the more than two hundred colonies that exist today. In the sixteenth century there were twenty thousand Brethren in Europe, but few were left after the persecution. There were sixteen thousand in 1970 in two hundred colonies. There are fifteen surnames among the Hutterites at the present. Some can be traced back four hundred years. From Tyrol Austria comes the Deckers, Glanzers, Hofers, Kleinsassers, Wipfs, Wollmans; from Germany, the Grosses and Walters; from Bohemia the Maendels, Tschelters, Wurz; from Switzerland the Waldners; from Hungary the Stahls, from West Prussia the Entz and from Denmark the Knels.

The Hutterites have several unique characteristics which distinguish them from their Canadian neighbours. They are conscientious objectors to war. They practice common ownership of all property, and have retained the dress and customs of their early ancestors. They speak English freely and use German in their church service. Their everyday speech is an almost extinct Terolean dialect. All these factors serve to set the Hutterians apart. Their rich spiritual heritage is passed on to each new generation. The colonies average one hundred people.

Their way of life assures the members of economic security from cradle to the grave. Unlike monastic orders, the colonies are not dependent on recruiting outsiders for membership in order to survive. They have a high birth rate. This accounts for new colonies having to be formed every twenty or thirty years, which puts them into debt again, and by the time this is paid off it is time to set up a new colony, so it goes that there is no build-up of wealth in the form of cash. When a new colony is being set up two ministers make lists of the families involved, making sure it is divided evenly with large and small families.

The women all sew for their own families, material being purchased wholesale. They take pride in their garden. In the kitchen, they take turns baking bread, and in 1970 had electric automatic bread mixers and ovens. Bread is baked three times a week. The meals are wholesome and well balanced, being mostly made from produce they have grown. The economic success of the colonies can be attributed to the efficient planning of their kitchen economy. Other kitchen chores are rotated every week. They all eat in a common dining hall, with the men on one side and the women on the other, and a separate room for the children.

In 1962 the Pembina Colony branched from the Blumengart Colony near Plum Coulee. The minister is Reverend David Hofer. There are one hundred and four people at the colony today.

The land was purchased from farmers around one district, namely Lantz, Hope's 1/4 on 35-2-8; Joe Marzyk's 1/2 on 2-2-8; Hancock Brothers, Schultz 1/2 on 36-2-8; Petkau's 1/2 on 25-2-8; Hamm's on 24-2-8 and 25-2-8; Jake Penner's 1/4 on 19-2-8; Bedford's 1/2 on 28-2-7; Slute's 1/4 on 34-2-7; Porter's 1/4 on 1-2-8; a total of three thousand five hundred acres, three hundred of which is two creeks and pasture land.

In the average year they raise three to five thousand geese: twenty to thirty thousand broiler chickens; and have fifteen thousand laying hens. They have hogs and cattle. They also have a good machine shop where their own repair work can be done. They build tractor and combine cabs.

There is a good school and teacherage. The government supplies an English teacher, and they have a German class for one hour night and morning. Grade eight is taught and grade nine and ten can be taken by correspondence. This is a strong thriving colony.

Pembina Colony supports the Darlingford

Volunteer Fire Department by having the only Level One fire fighter Hutterite in Manitoba.

James Irvine

James Irvine and his wife, Rosa, came from Morrisburg in 1892. He was a brother of William Irvine, and settled on a farm across from Alf Stevens. After he died the family moved to the Treichel farm, the N.E. 1/2 2-3-7. Their daughter, Annice, married and went to Ontario. Their son, Andrew, farmed the S.E. 1/4 8-2-7. He then started a blacksmith shop in Darlingford. James married Annie Porter and Thomas married Cora Frank. These two had a general store in Darlingford for a few years.

Mrs. Irvine later married Mr. F.A. Sprung and were, at that time, the owners of the Rombough house.

William Irvine

William Irvine and his wife, Elizabeth Barkley, came from Morrisburg, Ontario, in 1892, settling in the Zion district, one and a half miles east of the church. In 1906 they purchased a farm from Edward Oke on Highway #3, the S.W. 1/4 10-3-7. He kept good horses and their high spirits often caused accidents, kicking and running away.

As a couple they were interested in Zion Church and other community affairs.

Harold, the oldest son, drove a fire chief in Winnipeg in the days when horses were driven on the fire engine. The fire chief took the lead to the fire. The harness always hung above the horses and, at the sound of the alarm, everything soon fell into place and they were away. Later the motor vehicles came into use. He lived at Penticton, British Columbia.

Edith married Reverend Parsons, who served many Methodist charges in Manitoba, before going to Minneapolis. Both are now deceased.

Edna married Dr. Byers of Melita, and died in May 1970. Freeda married Frank Dobbyn of Melita. They resided in Regina for many years where Frank died in 1928. She was in Victoria.

Fares inherited his father's love for horses and was in the United States, working with thoroughbreds.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvine retired to Morden where he died in 1941 and Mrs. Irvine in 1950 at the age of ninety four.

Albert M. Irving

Albert M. Irving was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Irving of Galt, Ontario. Bert worked in the machine shops in Galt, Ontario, and on coming to Manitoba in 1914 was employed in the C.P.R. shops in Transcona for about two and one half years. In 1916 he homesteaded in Fairford, and a year later moved to the Darlingford district, and rented land from J.C. Smith. Bert and Tom Rex were in partnership for two years on this land. In 1919 Bert purchased section 35-2-8 from Mr. Ed Burges. He started farming on his own, and batched until August 29, 1921, when he married Henrietta Deamel, who was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Deamel of the Hazel district.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving resided on the farm until 1928, when they rented it and moved to Manitou. There they went into business in the store known as the Solo store. Six years later, in 1934, they returned to the farm and lived there until 1960, when the farm was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Hope. They retired to Manitou, where they remained until they died.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving had no family but they



Mr. A.M. (Bert) Irving

raised a niece, Lenora Farmer, from the age of two and one half years. Lenora later married Morris Hope.

George Washington Jacob

George Washington Jacob (1823-1893) was born in the United States. He came to Ontario and married Amanda Bradshaw (1828-1904) in Darlington Township in 1846. They farmed near Bowmanville, Ontario and had a family of seven. Amanda's great-grandfather and grandfather were United Empire Loyalists.

In 1877, the eldest son, Ansel Gaines Jacobs came to Manitoba and in 1878, filed for homesteads, south of Manitou for himself and his father George W.

George W. brought his family, except for two married daughters in Ontario, to the homestead in 1878. They had a freight car loaded with wagons, horses, cows and household effects. They crossed the border at Windsor, going to Chicago, Minneapolis and then to Emerson, Manitoba, where they unloaded the freight car. They crossed the Red river and using their wagons, travelled eighty miles west to Manitou, taking turns walking and driving the cattle. George W. died in 1893 at Manitou and Amanda died in 1904 at Jacob's Darlingford farm. They are buried at Manitou. They had seven children of which, Lavina, Ansel and James came out to Manitou.

Ansel G. Jacobs (1851-1932) was born in Lamberth, Ontario. He worked for the McLaughlin Buggy Factory at Oshawa, Ontario before coming to Manitoba to homestead south of Manitou in 1877. He married Clementina Hamilton (1861-1914) in 1881 at Miller's house, Pembina Crossing. They farmed on the homestead N. 1/2 1-3-9 and three of their children were born there. In 1892 they moved to Darlingford because the crops were always freezing. Ansel purchased the E. 1/2 of 3-3-7 from Orrin Pickle on Highway #3, which was then a dirt road. They lived in a two storey log house, built by Mr. Pickle in 1874. Muriel (Jacobs) Jordan was born in this house on a real cold February day in 1900. Quilts were hung over the windows to stop the drafts.

Ansel built a new two story frame house in 1904. Jack, a fourth generation Jacobs, now lives in this house and the farm was designated a Manitoba Centennial Farm.

In 1913, Ansel, his wife Clementina and youngest daughter Muriel moved to Darlingford to 16 Dufferin Street. Clementina died in 1914 and Ansel in 1932. They had five children: Annie, Emma, George, John and Muriel.

Annie Jacobs (1881-1958) married Donald

McGillivray (1872-1922) in 1906. (See Donald McGillivray story).

Emma Jacobs (1883-1974) married Cyrenus Swerdfeger (1874-1954) in 1909. (See Cyrenus Swerdfeger story).

George Jacobs (1888-1958) was born at the Manitou homestead. He married Jennie Willcott (1893-1991) of Balmoral in 1913. In 1917 they moved to N.W. 1/4 11-3-7 and after a few years of farming, moved in 1920, to Darlingford where he built a new house at 22 Law Street. He did custom painting and built several houses in town. He was the head carpenter in charge of building the community hall in 1931. Jennie took part in many plays, concerts and other events for the benefit of the hall. George died in 1958. Jennie married John Denyer (1888-1970) of Tisdale, Saskatchewan in 1962. John died in 1970. Jennie moved to Winnipeg in 1975 where she died in 1991 at ninety-eight years of age.

George and Jennie had one daughter Vera (1914-1945) who graduated as a Registered Nurse from the Morden Hospital. She married Ron Waddingham (1912-1994) of Darlingford in 1938 and they went farming. Vera died in 1945 and Ron later moved to town to his mother's house at 3 Mountain Avenue, where he died at age eighty-two.

John R. Jacobs (1892-1973), second son of Ansel and Clementina Jacobs, married Beulah Ellwood (1894-1988) of Darlingford in 1917. They worked the home farm E. 1/2 3-3-7 until their retirement in 1955. At that time they built a new home on the farm, near their former home which had been built in 1904. They celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in 1967. John died in 1973. Beulah moved to the Tabor Home in Morden in 1986 and died in 1988 at ninety-four years of age. They had five children: Ivan, Dorothy, Roy, Ellwood and Bruce.

Ivan Jacobs (1918) married Gladys Wickett (1915) of Hamilton, Ontario in 1942. Ivan was an LAC in the R.C.A.F. from 1941 to 1945. He worked as a machinist at the Atomic Energy of Canada plant at Pinawa, Manitoba. They retired to Beausejour, Manitoba and celebrated their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary in 1992. In 1997 they moved to Winnipeg. They have three children: Kenneth, Donald and Beverly.

Kenneth (1943) married Julie Misurka (1945) in 1967. He was a technician for the Manitoba Telephone System until retirement in 1996. They have two children, Krista and Joanne. Krista (1971)

married Ricky Zimmerman. She has a daughter Alyssa and two step-children: Jesse and Shandi. Joanne (1973) married in 1995, Sean Dramans. They have one son, Kurt.

Donald (1945) married Geraldine McKenzie in 1968. Don is a manager for IBM and Gerry is a home economist. They live in Scarborough, Ontario and have three children: Steven (1969), Christopher (1970) and Paul (1975).

Beverly (1948) married David Greene in 1968 (later divorced). Beverly was an advertising manager in Beausejour. She married Thomas Paulley (1952) in 1996. He is a corrections officer and they live in Winnipeg. Beverly has two children, Jody and Melissa Greene. Jody (1972) married Gary Neuman a chemist, in 1994. They live in Winnipeg and have two children, Megan (1992) and Kayla (1996). Melissa (1976) is a dental purchasing agent in Winnipeg.

Dorothy Jacobs (1919) married Michael Misurko (1908-1981) in 1951. They lived in Winnipeg. Michael had a son, Frank from a previous marriage, who is an airline pilot. Frank married Sylvia Ashley in 1963 and they had seven children. The three oldest died accidentally in 1968. Dorothy and Michael have a son, Garry (1953) who married Edith Bright (1948) in 1979. Edith has two children: Kris and Jason Bright, from a previous marriage. Edith and Garry have a child, Jessie Misurko (1980). They live at Airdrie, Alberta.

Roy Jacobs (1922) married Viola McKenzie of Darlingford in 1955. Roy, son Jack and brother Ellwood, ran the home farm of Ansel Jacobs, purchased in 1895. Roy's family lived in the house his grandfather built in 1904. In 1997, Roy and Viola retired to Morden. They have three children: Maxine, Jack and Darlene.

Maxine (1956) married Robert Lapple (1956) in 1980. Robert works for Bristol Aerospace and they live in Winnipeg. They have three children: Alicia (1981), Rebecca (1985) and Adam (1989).

Jack (1963) a chosen son, graduated from high school at Manitou and farms the Jacobs home farm as a fourth generation. He is active in the community.

Darlene (1964) a chosen daughter, married Pat Titchosky in 1983 and they are now divorced. They had three children: Brent (1986), Stephane (1988) and Kristen (1990). Darlene is a police magistrate in Morden and married Robert Baker, a Morden police officer in 1996.

Ellwood Jacobs (1924) married Ila (Rubidge)



Ansel G. Jacobs



Clementina Jacobs

and John.

Willa (1961) married Ken Klyne in 1992. She teaches school and he farms at Barrows, Manitoba. They have two children: Harlan (1994) and Thor (1995).

John (1963) married Karen Linnebach in 1987. They live in Winnipeg where John studied computer programming and works for Manitoba Telephone System. Karen teaches piano.

Muriel M. Jacobs (1900-1996) married Fred Jordan (1895-1980) in 1924. (See E. Fred Jordan story.)

Williams, a widow in 1967. They were later divorced. Ellwood farmed at Darlingford and helped raise Ila's three children: Bonnie, Pat and Bob.

Bonnie Williams married Roger Bachinsky in 1972. Bonnie is a Registered Nurse and works at St. Boniface hospital and Roger works as a service technician. They have two children: Kevin (January 1980) and Crystal (October 1980).

Patsy Williams married Jim Mitchell of Manitou, Manitoba in 1972. Pat is a teacher's assistant at Manitou and Jim is a long distance truck driver and auctioneer. They have four children: Beverly, Angela, Tamara and Richard. Beverly (1974) works in Winnipeg; Angela (1975) married David Hodgins in 1997. Angie is an accountant in Calgary and Dave is a therapist. They live at Okotoks, Alberta. Tamara (1978) has her own hair-dressing salon in Manitou. Richard (1986) goes to Nellie McClung Collegiate in Manitou.

Robert Williams married Beccy Lovatt in 1989. Bob works with Valley Cable Vision in Morden and Beccy is a teacher at the Morden Elementary School. Together in Morden, they run a childrens clothing store called Stages. They have two children: Christopher (1990) and Kaitlin (1993).

Bruce Jacobs (1934) married Beverley McKillop in 1960. Bruce graduated with a degree in electrical engineering and worked for Manitoba Telephone System in Winnipeg until he retired in 1991. Beverley is an accomplished singer and musician. Bruce was awarded the Medal of Bravery by the Governor General for saving a mother and child from a burning car. They have two children: Willa

Glen Jesshoppe

Glen and Dora Jesshoppe moved to the Claire Kinsman house where Dora's parents George and Agatha Whitman, now of Winkler, lived for a while. Glen and Dora have five children: George, twins Glen and Basil, Kathryn and David.

Glen works in Winkler at Cantel. They live at 42 Bradburn Street.

Levi Johnson

Levi Johnson's parents immigrated to Canada from England in the middle 1880's, settled in the Rus-Hill, Ontario area. Levi was born in 1871. Later his family homesteaded in Manitoba.

In 1895 he married Martha Reilley, whose ancestors trace back to Ireland. Her great-grandfather, Peter O'Reilley, had been in training for the priesthood in the Roman Catholic Church. He decided to give this up and, realizing the Church would disapprove, he left his native land unannounced, and made his way to New England just after the American Revolution. Peter O'Reilley settled in Pennsylvania, dropped the "O" from his name and became a Protestant. He married a Pennsylvania-Dutch woman. One of their sons, Matthew, raised seventeen children, one of them, George Stigar Reilley, born in 1821, married Lucy Maria Laurence in Batavia, New York. They moved to Upper Canada. Lucy died in 1863 and, in 1868, George Stigar Reilley married a widow, Rachel Morrison, who already had a family. Among them was Joe Morrison, father of Johnnie Morrison, a former garageman of Darlingford who resided in



Mid with daughters Colleen, Judy, Cheryl, Mid, Karen

Vancouver, and the father of Frank Morrison, a former principal of the Darlingford school. From this union of George Stigar Reilley and Rachel Morrison four children were born. Among them was Martha Marie, born in 1873. In 1895 she married Levi Johnson and settled in the Glenholm district near Arden.

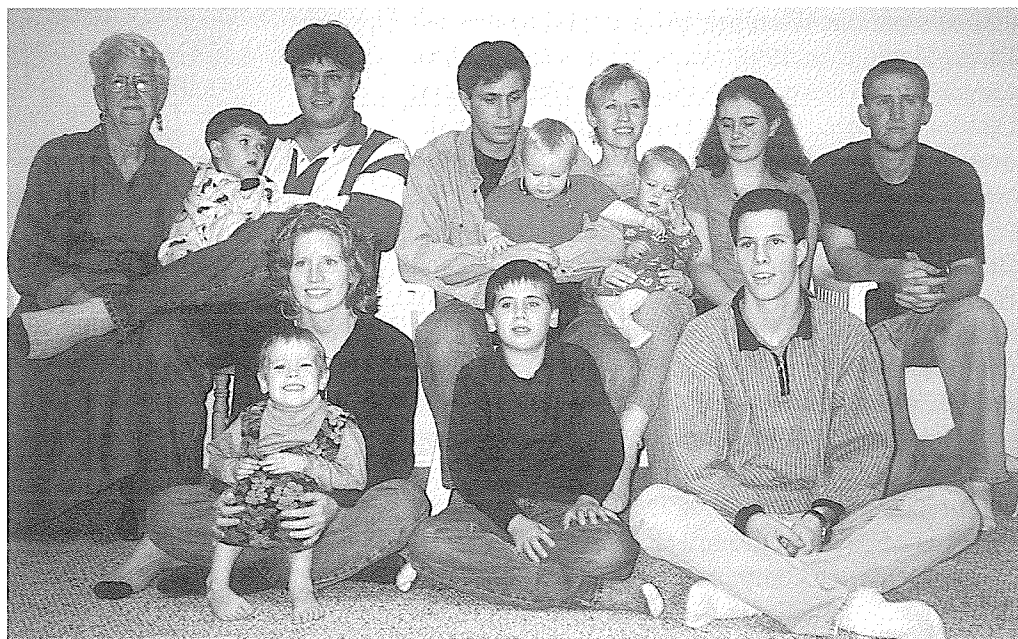
In 1919 Levi and Martha moved to Darlingford with their family. By this time their eldest daughter, Dora, was married to Bud Freese of Holboro. Florence took nurses training at Brandon and married Clarence Finlay of Goodlands. Clara took teacher's training at Manitou Normal School and married Dr. E.L. Houck of Hartney. Rachel took a business course and was employed as a secretary in Child's Restaurant in Winnipeg before her death in 1936. Alf farmed in the Poplar Point area until his death in 1967. Harve farmed the family farm. Charlie married Mildred Moffatt of La Riviere in 1942. They farmed in the Kaleida

district for seventeen years. In 1958 Charlie moved to Darlingford to the family farm to farm with Harve. In 1969 Harve retired and moved to Darlingford. Harve died in 1974. Charlie and Mildred had four daughters: Judy, Cheryl, Karen and Colleen.

In 1976 Charlie died having had a severe stroke in 1975. Mildred married Max Stewart formerly of Roland in 1978. Max had four children. Robert of Winnipeg, Murray and Laurie of Edmonton and Donna (Wayne) Gall of Darlingford. Max died in 1999.

Judy taught school at Morden and Pilot Mound before she married Ken MacKinnon of the Wood Bay district and has three children: Nancy, Kendra and Curtis. Nancy graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1994 and is now attending the University of Manitoba to get her agriculture degree. She has two daughters, Celty and Sadie. Kendra has a Physical Education degree and Curtis is on his fourth year at the University of Manitoba in agriculture.

Cheryl taught school at Morris and Morden before she married Jim Skubovius of Morden (divorced) and has two children: Angela and Lisa. Cheryl is now married to Clayton Campbell of Morden. Cheryl is manager of the Adult Training Centre at Morden and Clayton is a Buckwheat specialist and is President of Kade Co. Clayton has four children. Donnie, Vickie, Duane and Kevin. Cheryl's eldest daughter, Angela worked at



Mid with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren

Brandon for four years after she received her social work degree. She returned to Western University to gain her MBA and recently married Rick Johnston of Oshawa, Ontario. Lisa graduated from Red River College in creative communications and is a figure skating coach in Midland, Michigan.

Karen, formerly employed as a secretary at the Credit Union in Pilot Mound, married Ron Brooks of Pilot Mound. Ron Brooks died in 1983 after having had a bone marrow transplant for leukaemia. They had three sons, Sean, Derek and Jason. In 1986 Karen married Garry Fallis, formerly of Souris. Sean has his own company and works throughout western Canada. He has one son, Mackenzie. Derek is manager of Pilot Mound Co-op Lumber and Hardware. He and Kim have one son, Logan. Jason is assistant manager of the True Value store in The Pas.

Colleen graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Home Economics degree and married Jim Watts of Balmoral. They reside in Winnipeg. Jim is a computer analyst with Credit Union central office. Colleen works for the Manitoba government. They have two children, Andrea and Johnson.

Bob Johnston

Bob Johnston, an early settler, owned the W. 1/2 20-1-7.

Harry Johnston

Harry Johnston was born at Mowbray and farmed at Windygates. In 1926 he married Elva Jickling, a school teacher from Morden. In 1949 they purchased the W. 1/2 15-3-7 from Robert Jordan and moved to the Darlingford district. Their children attended Point Douglas and Darlingford schools.

Marion Johnston attended teachers college in Winnipeg and taught school until she married Eugene Milne. Marion and her husband Eugene Milne reside in Mississauga, Ontario. They are both retired. Marion was employed as a teacher and Eugene as an electrical engineer with Ontario Hydro. They have two sons. John lives in Westport, Connecticut. Peter is a music teacher residing at Keswick, Ontario.

Vivian (Johnston) and her husband Ed Kenaschuk make their home in Morden. Vivian has retired after teaching thirty-one and half years. Ed is employed as a research

scientist at the Morden Research Centre. Vivian has three children: Mila, Margo and Rhys. Mila and Margo reside in Calgary, Alberta, Rhys lives in Kamloops, British Columbia. Ed has two sons. They reside in Winnipeg. There are five grandchildren: Kara Wickston, Rhys Toszczak, Melissa Brunn, Landon Stellingwerff and Kyle Kenaschuk.

Orville Johnston married Helen McDonald and worked in the mines in Flin Flon for a while. They rented farms in the district from 1954 to 1960 when they purchased the E. 1/2 of 33-2-7 from Ted Degen. They have two daughters, Iona and Danielle. Orville died in 1990 and Helen still resides on the farm now rented to Larry and Sheila Hemminger.

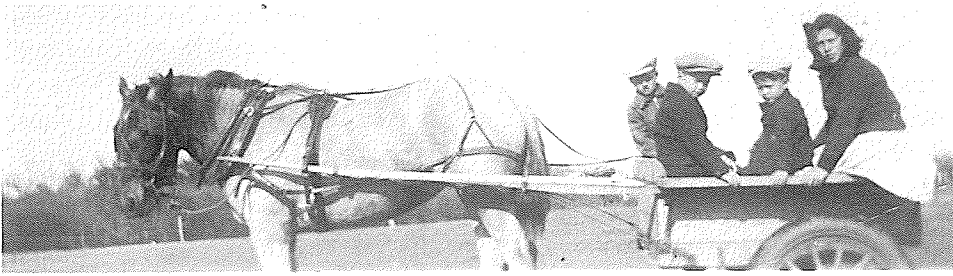
In 1984 Iona (Duff) married Robin Noseworthy and they reside in Winnipeg. Iona works in Medical Records at the Health Science Centre and Robin works in construction.

Danielle (Butch) married Charlie Scott of Manitou district in 1974 and they divorced in 1989. She now lives in Darlingford with her partner, Ike Schmidt and together they own and operate Valley S&S Service Garage.

Allan Johnston married Edith McElroy in 1956 and in 1959 they purchased the E. 1/2 21-2-7 from



Iona back row: and Danielle Johnston, front row: with their seven grandparents; Harry and Elva Johnston, Elva and Don McDonald, Mrs. Zilda Frank, Henry and Ellen Johnston, and parents Helen and Orville Johnston



Johnston children - Marion, Orville, Allen, Neil - on way to school. A three mile trip to Point Douglas School, with a homemade cart and their pony Peggy.

Bert Bloxam originally the Jim Hill farm where they raised their three children. Allan and Edith sold their farm in 1998 and have retired in Morden.

Maureen, a teacher is married to Randy Nash also a teacher. They have a daughter, Mikyla and they live in Winnipeg.

Shauna is a medical lab technician and is married to Dwight Morrow, an electronic technician, they have two children, a son, Tyler and daughter, Courtney. They live in Landmark.

Kevin a territory service manager for Flexi-Coil is married to Angie Sutherland, an insurance broker, and they have two children, a daughter, Breanne and son, Kyle. They live in Neepawa.

Neil Johnston lost his life in a tractor accident in 1952.

Bob Johnston married Sharon McNaughton of Morden in 1959 and has three daughters, Daneen, Keri and Paula and one son, Jeff. Bob farms the S.W. 15-3-7W. Sharon nursed at the Pembina Manitou Health Centre until August of 1992 when

she became ill. Sharon died November 27, 1992 with cancer. In October of 1995, Bob married Ruth Doell. Bob and Ruth still reside on the home farm.

Daneen married Jim Riediger of Morden in January of 1994. Jim and Daneen live in Morden with their two children, Ryan and Christy Cousins. Jim is the

manager of United Grain Growers Distribution Centre in Morden and Daneen is employed by Manitoba Hydro as a clerk. Ryan (August 1979) graduated from Morden Collegiate in June 1991 and is taking his Agricultural Mechanics Apprenticeship through Assiniboine Community College in Brandon. Christy (September 1982) attends Morden Collegiate, she has excelled in sports, especially fastball. Christy has been playing with the Morden Bulldogs "A" Fastball team for the past five years as their pitcher.

Keri married Rob Kidd in July of 1990. Keri and Rob live in Manitou. Keri works as a dental assistant and Rob works for the Manitoba Department of Highways. They have two children, Brady (October 1992) and Cassidy (September 1995). Brady presently attends Manitou Elementary School and is involved in hockey.

Paula married Dennis Brown in November of 1986. They have two children, Trisha (June 1989)



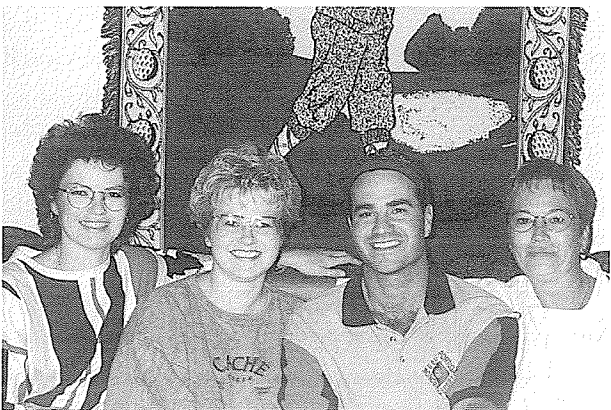
Allan and Edith Johnston Farm



Home of Helen (Orville) Johnston, built by Ferris Bolton in 1900. Bricks came from Darlingford Brick & Tile.

and Brendan (April 1992). They live in Stoughton, Saskatchewan where Dennis is employed by a United Grain Growers elevator and Paula nurses in Estevan, Saskatchewan.

Jeff graduated from Nellie McClung Collegiate in 1989. Jeff presently is employed by Manitoba Hydro and also farms the S.E. 16-3-7W in



Bob and Sharon Johnston Family, Keri Kidd, Paula Brown, Jeff, Daneen Riediger

Darlingford.

Henry Johnston

The greatgrandfather of Mel and Stan Johnston was James Johnston, who homesteaded N.W. 2-1-8. His son Henry bought the east half of 1-1-8 in 1902 from W.H. Sharpe of Manitou and this is presently the home of Mel and Gloria Johnston. Stan lives on S.E. 12-1-8 since 1983. Stuart and Muriel Johnston are on N.W. 7-1-8. The present Johnston farms include land in 1-8 and 1-7. When Mowbray post office closed in 1980, the east section of 1-8 had their mail come from Darlingford.

Henry Johnston bought the N.E. 1/4 6-1-7 about

1930. Some years later, son Stuart bought this land and it is now passed on to Stan. The N.W. 1/4 6-1-7 was purchased by Stuart in 1946 from Norma Scott and is now owned by Mel. In 1939 Henry Johnston purchased the south half of 31-1-7 and in 1945 it was sold to J. Kochka.

Henry Johnston (1876-1964) married Ellen Thom (1882-1966) and had two sons and three daughters. Harry and Stuart, Veda, Violet and Agnes. Veda married Ray Howatt, Harry wed Elva Jickling, Violet wed Jack Hyslop, Stuart married Muriel Finley and Agnes married James Huston, with her second marriage to Dick Parker.

Stuart and Muriel now reside in Morden, but still spend time on the farm. They were married in 1940 and lived on 1-1-8 until Mel and family took up residence there in 1975, at which time the elder couple located on the next farm west. Mel had purchased the west half of 1-1-8 from Abe Friesen.

Stuart and Muriel had four children. All four were members of the Windygates 4-H Club. The two younger attended Darlingford and Manitou schools, while the two eldest attended Morden high school.

The eldest child, Myrna, lives at Calgary and has two children, David and Rhonda. Nancy, the youngest child, married Lawrie Rendall of Manitou and they have two daughters, Nicole and Marcie.

Stanley Stuart Johnston married Joyce Jean Giesbrecht in 1963. They lived in Winnipeg until Stan began employment with Canada Customs at Emerson, Manitoba in 1967. He transferred to Cardston, Alberta in 1972 and then to Calgary in 1975. Stan and Joyce moved back to the farm in Manitoba in 1983. Their eldest child, Corby, remained in Calgary. Daughter Angela completed high school at Manitou and now resides in Calgary. In addition to farming, Stan continued to work as a Customs Officer at the port of Windygates, while Joyce holds a management position with Schweitzer Mauduit Canada in Winkler.

Melvyn Henry Johnston married Gloria Jean McElroy in 1969. Mel received a Bachelors degree at the University of Manitoba, while Gloria achieved a music degree. Mel was Assistant Agricultural Representative at Claresholm, Alberta until 1971, when they bought the east half of 4-1-7 from Jimmy Kinnaird. In 1976 he sold that land to Fred Carruthers and moved to the home place in 1975. Mel and Gloria have three children: Tracy, Jason and Julie.

Tracy has a degree in agriculture and works for

the Marketing Branch of Canada Department of Agriculture in Winnipeg. Jason married Traci Dutson of Winkler in 1997. Jason has a diploma in agriculture and farms in partnership with his Dad, Mel. Traci has a degree in education and is currently sub-teaching. Julie has a diploma in office management from North Western College, St. Paul, Minnesota. Julie lives in Calgary.

Patrick James Johnston

Patrick James Johnston married Emma Kinsman. Their daughter, Mable, is married to Dalton Hall at Manitou, and their son, Pat, was born after his father died with the flu in 1919.

Mrs. Johnston married Fred Knowles and the Johnston children grew up in this home and went to Point Douglas school.

Pat joined the Royal Winnipeg Rifles in 1940 and served with them overseas. Just before returning home, he married Rosemary Burrows, of Surrey, England on June 9, 1945, who came to Canada in May the following year. They lived in Manitou until September when they rented a farm at Windygates. Pat and his family moved to Marathon, Ontario in 1949, where he worked in a pulp mill. In 1970, while on a moose hunting expedition with his sons, Jim and Mitchell, he died of a heart attack. He also had a daughter, Peggy, who, with the rest of the family, lives in Marathon.

William Johnston

William Johnston was born in 1861 in Salem, Ontario and came west to Thornhill in 1887, where he established a blacksmith shop. He made a short visit back to Ontario and married Miss Fanny Sheppard in 1890. They lived in Thornhill until 1905, when the family moved to the N. 1/2 2-2-7 in the Shadeland district.

St. Andrews Church was four miles away and was closed most winters. Sunday school was then held at the James Dudgeon home as central prayer meetings were held weekly in different homes. At one meeting at Johnstons there was a beautiful eclipse of the moon and everyone went outside to watch it.

Lorne school was three miles away over bush roads which used to fill in with huge snowbanks. Many a time they had to unhitch the horse and lead it over the bank and then push the cutter through. Come spring, roads were good walking in the morning, but after a sunny day, it was a case of walking along the barbwire fence, over the sloughs and

lying down and rolling over the snow banks which were too soft to hold one up. Those were the days when children did not need all the extra sports to get their exercise! In the country, for many students, grade eight was the top rung of the educational ladder, and not everyone got that far. So in 1914, with a family of eight girls and two boys, Mr. Johnston sold the farm to Mr. J.C. Smith of Darlingford and moved back to Thornhill, closer to the high school.

Of the William Johnston family we note: Marshall, a teacher married Joe Brooks of Roblin, Manitoba; Nell, a registered nurse, married McBain Dudgeon of Morden; Olive was a teacher and married Walter Nichol of Darlingford; Violet, a clerk, married Lemonie Armstrong of Thornhill; Fannie married Pete Dudgeon of Shadeland; Florence, a registered nurse, married Frank Glover of Roland; Adelaide, a teacher, retired, lived in Morden; Margaret, a teacher, married Ray McManus of Winnipeg; Bill, a construction superintendent, married Rita Duncan of Rosebank; Bob was a farmer at Cypress River, Manitoba. All the William Johnstons are now deceased.

George Jones

George Jones is among our colourful oldtimers, the third son of Mr. and Mrs. William Jones who settled west of Darlingford in the early 1890's. George was one of those very resourceful people who seemed to turn his hand to any task that came along. He spent a year in Winnipeg as a street car motorman, then took a turn as a butcher in Manitou. He was also a carpenter and a builder of farm buildings. With the advent of the motor car and gas engines, he was called on by mystified neighbours to make repairs.

One of Mr. Jones' latter assignments, about 1939, was the job of installing about six hundred bales of sphagnum moss into older farm buildings as insulation. No building was too large or too small to stump his ingenuity. For about ten years, he was employed by Mr. Peterson, as the general manager of the Amphitheatre rink in Winnipeg, until it was closed and removed.

In 1904 he married Agnes Keown and farmed on the N. 1/2 24-3-8 for a time. Mrs. Jones died on May 17, 1927. He retired to La Riviere where he has since died. They had eight children.

Harold enlisted in the armed forces in 1923 and made this his career, retiring as Regimental Sergeant Major at Trenton Base. He was one of the guards on the train during the Royal Visit in 1939.

He died in 1971.

Clifford worked for five years as a motor mechanic in the Veal's garage before going to La Riviere and later moving to Toronto.

Allen went farming in the Peace River country.

Leslie did electrical repairing while in Darlingford, before going to operate a shop in La Riviere.

Stewart worked for three years as a mechanic for W.E. Veals, before farming with Lorne Dougal in the Pembina

Valley. He spent two years in Winnipeg in an electrical repair shop operated by the Salvation Army, renovating anything and everything the pick-up truck would bring in. The repaired articles moved out to several retail stores. He returned to La Riviere and became caretaker of the school.

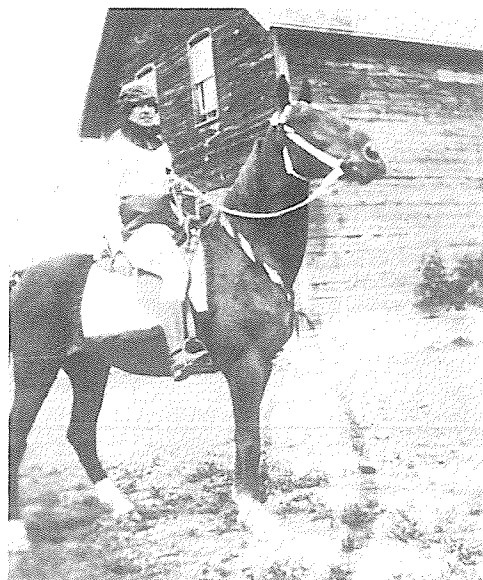
Doris who married Cecil Bender operated the cafe in town for a couple of years.

Eva married Jock Hardie and lived in Winnipeg.

Hazel married Ron Mitchell, a farmer in the Kaleida district. Just to show us that she is her father's daughter, she drove about in a shiny, sleek, vintage Buick which has seen some seventy odd years of graceful living. She drove a school bus for a number of years.



John Jordan



Jessie Jordan



Ed and Miriam Jordan

John Jordan
under William Jordon

Edward Jordan
under William Jordon





Fred and Muriel Jordan - 45th anniversary - 1969

William Jordan

The Jordans, can be traced back to Ireland where William Jordan (1782-1870) and his wife Lavina Acton (1788-1883), came to Canada on a sailing ship with their family sometime between 1819 and the 1840's. They were in sight of Newfoundland when blown back towards Ireland and then back to Canada, taking eleven weeks. They ran short of water. Many became sick, died and were buried at sea including Eliza, a young daughter of William Jordan. The family settled in Torbolton Township, near the Ottawa River and west of present day city of Ottawa. William died in 1870 and Lavinia in 1883. Their eldest son, Thomas Jordan (1804-1896) married Bridget Casey (1825-1903) in 1848 and they had ten children: Jane, William, John, Elizabeth, Robert, Matthew, Edward, Thomas "Jerry", Maryann and Charolette. The children all came out west, except Maryann, who married



Bob and Betty Jordan Family. back row: Margaret Ann and Hans Mehrle, Betty, Dean Kaartinen, Bob, Shannon and Joe Dunbar, middle row: Kort Mehrle, Matt Dunbar, front row: Katlen Mehrle, Joan Marie Kaartinen, Molly and Mallory Dunbar, insert: Risdon Kaartinen

Birkett Sweeney and remained on their farm in Torbolton Township. The children settling in the Darlingford district were William, John and Edward and descendants of Jane (Jordan) Robinson. Robert and sister Elizabeth (Jordan) Dawson settled in the New Haven district. Three others, Matt, Jerry and Charolette (Jordan) Weir went to the Saskatoon, Saskatchewan area.

William "Billie" Jordan (1850-1924) came west in 1876 with Hammnet Edwards. They each homesteaded a half section of 15-3-7. They bought a team of oxen and a covered wagon on reaching Emerson. They lived in the wagon until they built a sod house between the farms. They lived in the "soddie" while they prepared logs for their own houses. William also built a bunkhouse for brothers and cousins to live in until established on their own homesteads.

In 1882, William married Bessie White (1850-1937) at Nelsonville. In 1919, fire destroyed a nearly new barn with thirty head of cattle and four thousand bushels of oats. In 1922, William and Bessie moved to Manitou, leaving their son Robert to run the farm. William died in 1924 and Bessie in 1937. They had four children: Bella, Charlotte, Robert and Lily.

Bella (1883-1909) died of consumption at a young age.

Charlotte (1885-1943) married Andrew Bennett (1888-1960) in 1933. They lived in Darlingford until Charlotte's death.

Robert "Bobbie" (1887-1985) married Estella Slute (1907-1983) in 1933. Bobbie built the big house on the farm in 1924-25. In 1949 they sold the farm to Harry Johnston and moved to Winnipeg. Bobbie worked for road construction outfits in the summer until 1973 when he was eighty-six. Stella died in 1983 and Bobbie lived to 1985 when he died at ninety-eight years of age.

Lily (1890-1974) married her brother-in-law Andrew Bennet in 1945. They built a new house in Manitou where they lived until Andrew died in 1960. Lily lived alone in Manitou until 1973 when she went to a nursing home where she died in 1974.

Marton Major (1848-1943) from Dunrobin, Ontario lived and worked with this Jordan family for many years. He is buried in their plot at Darlingford.

John "Jack" Jordan (1853-1944) was the first son to come west in 1873. He worked at surveying and erecting a telegraph line and cut timber for the railroad that was being built west of Kenora to

Winnipeg. In 1877, he registered the homestead 16-3-7, across the road from brother Billie. He built a frame house and barns from logs he hewed himself. He cleared the land and started raising Clydesdale horses.

In 1893, he returned to Ottawa and married Ruth Harper (1867-1927) from Carp, Ontario. They returned to the farm which he sold in 1911. He bought the S.E. 1/4 8-3-7 on the highway near town. Ruth died here in 1927 and Jack died in 1944 at age ninety-one. They had two daughters, Jessie and Julia.

Jessie (1896-1982) had her father's love of horses. She had a saddle mare that she showed at fairs and won thirteen prizes one year. During World War II, she served as a corporal in the C.W.A.C. for over four years. After she worked for the federal government civil service in Toronto. In 1954 she married James Wilmot (1905-1971) of Cape Breton. They lived at River Park, north of Toronto and they are both buried at Newmarket, Ontario.

Julia (1898-1993) graduated as an Registered Nurse in 1932 from the old Masonic Hospital in Morden. She did district nursing, delivering many babies in the area. In 1947 she married Chris Jensen (1891-1958). He worked for the C.P.R. for forty-two years, thirty-seven as a station agent at Darlingford. He retired in 1953 and died in 1958. Julia died in 1993 at the age of ninety-four.

Edward "Ed" Jordan (1860-1944) was born near Dunrobin, Ontario. He came to Manitoba in 1879 with a railway car loaded with settler's effects, including horses, for his brother William. He homesteaded at New Haven with his brother Robert in a sod shack until their log house was built. Their sister, Mrs. Tom Dawson, lived nearby. Ed took a Normal School course at Portage la Prairie and then taught at Musselboro School #115 built in 1882 at Altamont. He later taught at the old Mound School at Opawaka. While at Opawaka, he was in partnership with Dave Kilgour, in a sawmill until logs became scarce. In 1888 he moved to Thornhill where he was in partnership in a general store with Jack Kilgour (Dave's brother). In 1893 he married Miriam Johnston (1869-1948) at Morden. In 1896, he bought out Dave Kilgour in the Thornhill store and in 1898, he built the Darlingford store, which was run by his brother-in-law Bob Johnston. The Thornhill store burned in 1900 and was rebuilt. In 1902 he closed the Thornhill store and took over the Darlingford store where they lived in the back. This store had Darlingford town's first post office.

Ed sold the store to Crosby in 1905 and tried real estate in Saskatoon with his brother Matt, then back to Darlingford to farm 29-3-7. They retired to town in 1939. Ed died in 1944 and Miriam in 1948. They had three sons: Fred, Reg and Clarence.

E. Fred Jordan (1895-1980), the eldest son of Ed and Miriam Jordan, served in the Canadian Cavalry in the first world war in England. In 1924 he married Muriel Jacobs (1900-1996). She worked in the Bank of Montreal, Darlingford for a number of years. They farmed with Fred's parents on 29-3-7. The years on the farm saw many ups and downs. Clearing of more land, the depression, grasshoppers and drought with the burning of the wheat crop in 1935. In 1939, Fred bought back the original Jordan's store in Darlingford, that his father had built in 1898. All the Jordan family moved to town and lived in the house at 16 Dufferin Street that had been Muriel's father's. The old house was sold and moved to the Roland area. A new house was built at this site in 1969. Fred and Muriel continued working in the store until 1974 when they retired, leaving their son Bob to run the business. Fred died in 1980 and Muriel in 1996. They had two children, Bob and Phyllis.

Robert D. "Bob" (1926) went to school at Darlingford and Manitou. He then joined the Canadian army (1945-1946). He took a business course after his discharge and commenced working at Jordan's Store in Darlingford. He was a partner in business with his father Fred Jordan from 1956 to 1966, when he became sole owner of the business and retired in 1996. He married Betty Neufeld (1937), a local telephone operator, in 1959. They built a new home at 31 Stanley Street. They have three daughters: Shannon, Margaret Ann and Joan.

Shannon (1960) after high school at Manitou, took a medical transcriptionist course in Winnipeg and worked there for a while. In 1980, she married Joe Dunbar (1955), a Manitoba Hydro linesman from Morden and they now reside in Morris, Manitoba. They have three children: Matthew (1983), Mallory (1985) and Molly (1988).

Margaret Ann (1962) graduated from high school at Manitou, and took a dental hygienist course in Winnipeg and worked there for a while. In 1987, she married Hans Mehrle (1960), who operates a broiler chicken farm at Manitou. They have two children: Kort (1988) and Katlen (1991).

Joan Marie (1969) finished high school at Manitou and went to Winnipeg to work. In 1995 she married Dean Kaartinen (1966) of Erikson,

Manitoba, who has a degree in computer programming. They are living in Nashville, Tennessee and they have a son, Risdon (1997).

Phyllis (1929) went to school in Darlingford and Winnipeg and obtained a Fine Arts degree from the University of Manitoba in 1953. She married Glenn Carlson (1930) in 1953. Glenn obtained a Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Manitoba in 1956. They lived in Calgary, Swift Current, Moose Jaw, Regina and Prince Albert where Phyllis taught art and was the director of the P.A. Arts Centre. They were divorced in 1974. Phyllis moved back to Winnipeg in 1978 and Darlingford in 1983. She has since moved back to Prince Albert in 1998. They had two daughters, Signey and Gail.

Signy (1954) graduated high school and worked in Calgary and Vancouver. She studied art at Vancouver and Nanaimo, British Columbia. In 1979 she married Howard Cohen (1950) on Maurelle Island, British Columbia. Howie graduated from McGill University in Montreal as an electrical engineer but prefers being a carpenter. They were later divorced. Signy taught art in schools in Nanaimo and then opened an Art Gallery/Studio at Tofino, British Columbia. They have three children: Bree (1978), Jenny (1980) and Jesse (1984).

Gail (1957) studied art at University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and travelled to Europe, Africa and the British Isles. In 1984 at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan she married David Howard (1956), who was born at Jasper, Alberta. Gail specializes in making pottery. She stocks several stores and sells at big craft shows. Dave is a photographer and now works as a storekeeper at a mine. They have two boys, Taylor (1984) and Kyle (1987).

Reginald "Reg" Jordan (1898-1950) went to Darlingford school and worked in the local bank. He was in the United States Army Air Force for a short time in World War II. He died in Los Angeles, California in 1950 and is buried in the veteran's cemetery in Burbank.

Clarence Jordan (1901-1970) went to Darlingford School and worked in the Darlingford bank and then moved to Vancouver. In 1940 he joined the Canadian Scottish Regiment and served in western Europe during World War II. On his return, he spent a lot of time in the veteran's hospital. He died in 1970 and is buried in the veteran's cemetery at Victoria, British Columbia.

Jacob Kapchinsky

Jacob Kapchinsky and his wife, Olga, were born in Germany. Their parents emigrated to Tutchin, Russia, where each family was given fifteen acres of land on a ninety-nine year lease. Jacob took over his father-in-law's farm when he married Olga. They raised feed for their cattle, hogs and fowl; rye, threshed with a flail and ground into flour for bread by a neighbour with a one-horse powered crusher, and a few fruit trees. Peddlers would call at the door and purchase all their produce.

Mr. Kapchinsky had heard what a wonderful country Canada was so he came here and worked in the Beausejour district for three years. At that time the C.P.R. were encouraging families to emigrate by offering very low fares, so in the fall of 1912 he went back to Russia and quietly sold his property there in order to get enough money to bring his family to Manitoba. They crossed the border under cover of darkness and came to Halifax on a Dutch freighter. They came to Beausejour where he cut wood in the winter and in 1916 they moved to Rosenfeld where he worked as a railroad section man. In 1921 they moved to Morden.

Their sons, Ed and Martin, worked at various jobs. They went to Chicago but the wide open spaces called them back to Manitoba after three years. In 1939 they rented three quarters from Fred Simmons, who was caretaker of the Morden Post Office.

Martin purchased the N.E. 1/4 15-1-7 from Joe Deason and later the N.E. 1/4 16-1-7 and moved the buildings from one quarter to the other. Pete Hoepfner bought the N.E. 1/4 15 and the Hemminger brothers bought the N.E. 1/4 16 in 1967 when Martin moved to Darlingford to work for Chester Geving. Martin married Mildred Knowles and they have two daughters: Jean (Ken Risby) of Stavely, Alberta has three children: Michael, Robert, Launa Leah; and Donna (Raymond Riter) who lives in Winnipeg and has a daughter, Michelle. A foster son, Ray Knowles and his wife Barbara live at Pilot Butte, Sask. Their children are Teresa (Alan) Wandlar and Dean Knowles. Martin and Mildred were both curlers and were also interested in all community projects. Martin died March 1985, Mildred died July 1998.

Edward purchased the N.W. 1/4 10-1-7 from Elliott Fairbairn in 1945 and lived there until he sold to Pete Hoepfner in 1970. He married Jennie Zilkie and retired to Morden.

Martha married Benny Deere who farmed near

Brown Post Office and has one daughter, Carol (Jim Hildebrand). Benny died in 1989.

Martha lives in the Tabor Home, Morden. Their daughter Carol, married John Hildebrand and lives in the 1-6 district. They have three children, Nadean, Mark and Chris. Nadean and Mike Rempel live at Gnadenfeld with their daughter Brennley and son Jared. Mark and Gial Hildebrand live in Morden with their son Ramsaye. Chris lives in Morden.

Daniel Kelly

Daniel Kelly was born in 1869, on the Isle of Man, near Bride. When twenty years of age, he came to Canada settling near the Tom Fields farm. His brothers Neil and Jim came over soon after. Jim worked for the C.P.R. until his death. Neil farmed for many years. His friends knew him as "Irish". He shared his home with David Hunter. They moved to Darlingford and lived next door to W.E. Veals, where he was "Uncle Neil" to all the town's children. He loved music and was in demand as an old-time fiddler at country dances. He died in 1947 and Dave about the same time. Both were buried at Darlingford Cemetery.

Dan Kelly married Asenath (Sinny) Hoskins, who came from Bruce Mines, in December 1897. They were active members of the Orangehill community, where the children attended school until 1926 when it was closed and they were taken by a horse-drawn van to Wellington School in Thornhill. Sunday school was held in the school and Dan was superintendent for many years. He was also the secretary treasurer of Orangehill School District No. 794. The Kellys moved to Darlingford in 1928 and lived in the house now owned by Mel Compton. Mr. Kelly was the caretaker of the Darlingford school until his death in 1939. He worked diligently to beautify the grounds, by planting the trees, which have full growth today. Flowers were his specialty and he planted beds of them at the school. He loved to help tend the memorial park grounds and also his home grounds. He died without knowing his only son Jack would be honoured with a Queen's Council and later became the youngest Judge of the Court of Queen's Bench in Manitoba.

Mrs. Kelly remained in her home for a number of years, until entering Mrs. Busch's Nursing Home at Carman, where she died in October 1957. She was fond of music, quilt and mat making and knitted scarves and mitts for the children. Four children were born of the Kelly-Hoskin union.

The Honourable Mr. Justice John Joseph Kelly (1898) died in 1952, and was Manitoba's youngest high court judge. It has been said that "It would be impossible to do justice to Jack Kelly. I don't know where you could find a finer man. His outstanding characteristic was his unfailing helpfulness towards everybody at any time."

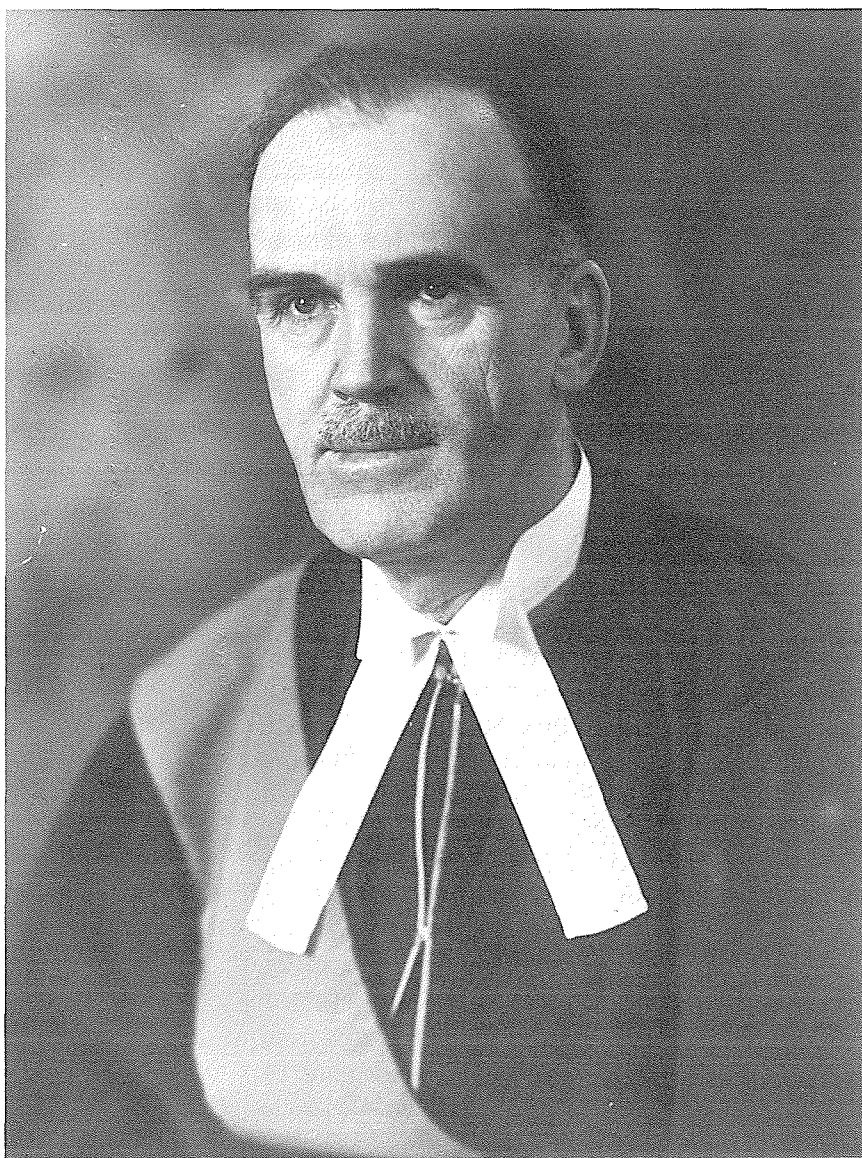
John "Jack" was born in 1889 on 26-3-7 to Daniel Joughin and Asenath (Hoskins) Kelly. Jack received his education in Thornhill and Morden. In 1915 he enlisted in the 90th Battalion Winnipeg and served overseas with the eighth Battalion of the Winnipeg Rifles in France. He spent his eighteenth birthday in Somme, was wounded in November 1916, recuperated in England and returned to France in May 1917 and wounded again in August 1917. He was struck by shrapnel at Hill 70, and because of savage enemy shell-fire he lay for hours in "no man's land" before he was picked up by the stretcher bearers and rushed to a base hospital. Surgeons recommended that the leg be amputated but advised that he might not survive his wounds. He decided to keep his leg and made a miraculous recovery and lived to take part in World War II.

He was discharged in 1919 and was welcomed back to Darlingford by a large crowd singing the song, "When Jack Comes Back". He and the other soldiers arrived back in time to help the farmers who were ill with the terrible flu of 1918. His education was completed during the summer of 1919 at the Returned Soldiers' Tutorial classes in the University of Manitoba. He graduated from law school in 1922. Jack was appointed to the King's Council in 1938 and in 1949 to the Manitoba Court of King's Bench.

Jack married Violet Earl and lived in Winnipeg. They had two daughters, Maureen and Joan. In 1940 Jack joined the army and served as M.D. 10 Headquarters until 1941, when he joined the Headquarters staff of the 4th Canadian Armoured Division and went overseas. He retired from the forces with the rank of Lieutenant

Colonel. This tribute was made about him, "He was a distinguished judge, learned, modest, patient, and eminently fair. He was an outstanding leader of the bar and was also outstanding for his leadership in the Canadian Legion."

Kathleen "Kay" attended Orangehill School and Morden Collegiate. She completed grade eleven at the age of fifteen, winning the Governor General's medal. She took teachers training at the Manitou Normal and Winnipeg Normal and taught school until 1929 when she married Grant Frame of Lenore. After farming at Lenore for a number of years they moved to Darlingford in 1938 where he worked for W.E. Veals. In 1940 they moved to Holland where they operated a service station, and later moved to Winnipeg where he died in 1960. Kay returned to Holland where she died in



Justice Kelly

December 1963. They had two children, George, a pharmacist in Winnipeg and Jack with the R.C.M.P. at Lethbridge. Each is married and has a family of two.

Henrietta Ann was born in 1904 and married W.E. Veals. She died in St. Boniface Hospital in 1965. (See Veals story.)

Mary Kelly, daughter of Daniel and Asenath Kelly, received her education locally and attended Manitou Normal School. After teaching for many years, she wrote a civil service exam, and in 1941 was called to Ottawa to work for the Department of National Defence. On her job she had to spend \$39,000,000 a year, the only catch was it all had to be spent on aviation petroleum products, heating fuel and such. Mary was the first woman to have the job of keeping the Canadian Air Force up in the air. On Air Material Command (non-military section) Mary had to work one or two years ahead to make sure the Air Force stayed mobile, for each type of aircraft, estimated hours of flight (in Canada and abroad) and what fuel used are all taken into consideration. Mary had an uncanny knack for memorizing the technical details.

In 1972 Mary retired from her civil service position. She spent a few retirement years in Ottawa, then moved to Winnipeg in 1984 to be closer to her family and enjoys the occasional contact with her old students in Darlingford. At age eighty-six she does not enjoy the best of health, but reads the Western Canadian to maintain an interest in family activities and of the few remaining childhood friends.

Joseph Kelner

Joseph Kelner Sr. was born in Butka, Russia in 1908. He married Mary Eygart, who was born in Kubline, Russia in 1913, in 1930. Together they farmed in Kubline, Russia, where they were blessed with two sons, Joseph Jr. (1932) and Jerry (1937). Joe and Mary immigrated to Canada in 1939 and settled in the 1-6 district, south of Morden, where Joe worked as a hired hand for various farmers. In 1943 Joe and Mary were blessed with a daughter, Lydia.

In 1949, Joe and Mary moved the family to the Herb Henderson farm north of Darlingford. A few years later Joe and Mary purchased the Bob Compton farm. They farmed there until they retired to Morden in 1966. Mary died on November 21, 1967. Joe continued to live in Morden, until his death in 1991.

Joseph Kelner Jr. farmed and lived on the former Bob Compton farm. He worked with his brother Jerry until he retired to Morden in 1997. Joe Jr. died in March 1998.

Jerry Kelner married Betty Kozlawski of Selkirk, Manitoba in 1968. They live on the home farm, the former Henderson farm. They have two sons, David and Kevin.

David John (November 23, 1969) was educated in Darlingford and Manitou schools. He graduated in 1991 from the University of Manitoba with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. In 1993 he obtained his Masters Degree in Agriculture. He married Carolyn Marin of Ottawa on August 10, 1996. They live in Carman where David works for Manitoba Agriculture as a weed specialist.

Kevin Joseph (February 13, 1972) was educated in Darlingford and Manitou schools. He graduated in 1995 with a diploma in agriculture from the University of Manitoba. He worked for a few years for Monsanto as a sales representative and farmed with his Dad and Uncle Joe. He lives on the former Leo Degelman farm and continues to farm with his Dad.

Lydia Kelner married Lorne Ewasko of Beausejour in 1964. Lorne has his own insulation business in Winnipeg. Lydia works as a teacher assistant at Edward Schreyer School in Beausejour. They were blessed with two sons, Wayne and Gregory.

Wayne (December 28, 1971) was educated in Beausejour and graduated with a Bachelor of Education from the University of Manitoba in 1994. He teaches at Edward Schreyer School in Beausejour. Wayne married Tracey Groinus of Beausejour on October 12, 1996. They live on Wayne's grandparent's farm west of Beausejour.

Gregory (October 31, 1976) was educated in Beausejour and Selkirk. He graduated from Selkirk High School in 1995. Greg took some courses in ice making and works as ice maker in the Beausejour curling club. He also farms with his Dad part time.

William Kendall

William Kendall (1890-1937) came to Manitoba from Cornwall, England. He enlisted in the 44th Battalion in the first world war and served overseas. He returned and in 1922, married Francis "Fanny" South (1894-1968), who had taught school at Roland, Clearwater and Winnipeg. Fanny's father, H. Thomas South (1860-1950), came to Manitoba from England in 1877, first to Pilot Mound and then

to Thornhill where he purchased the W. 1/2 16-3-6 where he lived until his death. Thomas married Margaret P. Duncan (1866-1920) in 1883. She had come with her parents from Scotland to Old Nelson. She died in a car accident in 1920.

Bill and Fanny spent the first years of their married life on the Brock Mordy farm S.E. 12-3-7 and later on the Garton farm N.W. 1-3-7, both on the highway and south-west of Thornhill. Bill died in 1937, never having fully recovered from wounds suffered during the war. Fanny moved to Darlingford with her three sons, Tom, Ross and Jim, where they finished their schooling.

Tom (1923-1991) joined the army in 1940 and went overseas with the Regina Rifle Regiment. He was in the D Day invasion and remained in action to the end of the war. He returned to Darlingford where he was in a trucking and bulldozer business with his two brothers. Tom married Martha (Aspevig) Deason (1907-1989) in 1949. She was teaching school at Darlingford. They moved to Winnipeg where Tom started long distance trucking and Martha taught school. Tom sold the trucking business and started Kendall Point Lodge on the Winnipeg river, north of Pointe du Bois, which he ran successfully with the help of Martha for a number of years. After Martha died in 1990, he ran the lodge with the help of Martha's two grandsons. The grandsons inherited the camp when Tom died in 1991.

Ross (1925) joined the R.C.A.F. in 1943. He married Elsie Morgan on January 3, 1944. She was the daughter of Bernard and Marjorie Morgan of Beulah, Manitoba and had been teaching at Darlingford. Ross was posted overseas as an air gunner. Elsie continued teaching and was always escorted by a gang of little children, who walked with her, to and from school. Ross was shot down over Germany and was a prisoner until the end of the war in 1945. He was discharged and returned to Darlingford where he built a house (40 Pembina Street) and lived with his family. He worked in Jordan's Store for a few years and then joined the Manitoba Telephone System and moved to

Winnipeg. He spent four years with Manitoba Telephone System construction and thirty years in engineering. He retired in 1985 and lives in Winnipeg. Ross and Elsie have three children, all born at Darlingford: Rick, Randy and Maureen. They are all married and have families of their own.

Jim (1927) married Helen Phipps, daughter of Marvin and Jessie of Darlingford. Jim and Helen moved to Winnipeg where he joined his brother Tom in the long haul trucking business. They had four children: Terry, Vicki, Judy and Debbie. Helen died in 1963. Jim married Therese Dirk in 1965 and she died in 1966. A third marriage proved just as devastating. Jim spent several years with Kleysen Trucking and then joined his brother Tom in the tourist industry on the Winnipeg river. He ran several fly-in fishing camps which were quite successful. He is now retired and spends his winters in Arizona and summers on the Winnipeg river.

William Keown

William Keown and his wife came from Ontario and settled in the United States across the border at Maida. Later they moved to Windygates. They had a family of nine children: Thomas 1873-1958, Margaret Jane (Arthur Martindale) 1875-1902, Letitia (Jack Livingston) 1878-1915, William 1880-1881, Martha (William Mercer) 1882-1947, Elizabeth Agnes (George Jones) 1883-1927, Alice (John Crawford) 1886-1948, Mary Ann 1889-1890, Charles 1890-1979.

Thomas married Mary Ann Martindale in 1897 in Morden, Manitoba. They were blessed with nine children. Thomas died in 1958 in Morden and Mary



Thomas and Mary Ann Keown - 1947

Ann died in 1968 at Spirit River, Alberta.

Henry (1897-1917) was killed in World War I.

Ike (1901-1977) married Janet Scaife and had eight children. They lived in the Peace River district.

George (1903-1976) married Joyce Mackay and they had five children.

Verna (1907-1996) married Sherm Collins and moved to the Peace River district. They had four children.

Martin (1910-1983) married Dorothy Kinnaid of Windygates. They had a family of six. Boyd (1938) lives in Marathan, Ontario, and had four children: Clint, Karen, Cheryl and Sandra. Marie (1940) married John Vanderstoel, they live in Winnipeg and had three children: Cindy, Debbie and Michael. Gerald (1941) married Barbara Teichroeb in 1968 and they had three children: Shauna (Dean Richards) and daughters Taylor and Hailley, Laura (Rene Routhier) and daughters Chantal and Ashley, Janice (Don Cassels) and children, Aaron and Jessica. Gerald and Barb took over the home farm N.W. 2-1-7 and their centennial was in 1993. Stanley (1943) is married and lives in Texas. He has one daughter, Tammy of Winnipeg. Lyle (1945) lives in Cranbrook, British Columbia and has two children, Robert and Ginger. Allen (1948) lives in Selkirk and had triplets born in 1979: Bradley, Allison and Jennifer.

Vera (1907-1979) married Robert Richardson and moved to Peace River and had two children.

Mel (1912-1989) farmed in the Peace River country.

Kitch (1915-1987) married Mary Imes and they had two children.

Mary (1927-1994) married Alex Smith and had ten children. They lived in Alberta.

Eli Kerton

Eli Kerton was a bachelor who had a small house in the Pembina Valley but spent his time working for farmers around, and boarding with them. In 1927 he was staying at the Jim Kinsman home and on April 21 he went to visit Ole and Lawrence Dahl and while going home after dark, he fell over a steep bank and was drowned. He was not found until July by Mr. McCormick even though much searching had been done. His friends buried him at the Valley Cemetery.

John Malcolm Kidd

John Malcolm Kidd, the son of David Kidd and Catherine Malcolm, was born at Seggieden, Forgan in the county of Fife, in Scotland in 1877, on his

father's dairy farm, where he gained an interest in dairy cattle that remained with him all his life.

Many people in Britain were looking to other parts of the world as a land of opportunity and, after considering going to either Australia or New Zealand, John Kidd and David Duncan decided to come to Canada. In April 1903, they landed in Canada and arrived in Winnipeg with the intention of going on to Alberta. However, they were advised to come out to Darlingford. On arriving in Darlingford on a spring day, they called at Edward Jordan's store and asked the direction to the Scott Brothers farm and were given dinner by Mr. Jordan; already western hospitality was being shown to the two newcomers from a distant land. After dinner, they walked to the Scott farm where John was hired to work for \$20 per month; David went to Martin Nichol's farm where he worked for the summer months.

During the one year which John worked for Scott brothers, he broke eighty acres of land with three horses and a breaker, on S.E. 12-3-7. While doing the breaking, he lived with the Bryson family just south of there. One morning, Jim Bryson told him not to go out because it was going to rain, but he said it was only a Scottish mist. He went out in the field and got soaked. Years later, when the two would meet, they would laugh about the incident.

The following year Mr. Kidd worked for Alfred Bedford, another early pioneer, and spent the winter with Albert Lawson on S.E. 10-3-7. At that time, 1905, the barn had recently been erected by William Frank.

In 1905, Mr. Kidd and Mr. Duncan started farming, as partners, on what was known as the Armstrong homestead, S.E. 11-3-7. Margaret McLaren came in 1906 and married John Kidd in the fall. The wedding like most weddings in those days, was held in the home, with the neighbours invited for the ceremony and the dance that followed.

In 1907 the Kidds moved to a farm two miles north and, while there, he worked with Bob Hunt, stacking the sheaves. The grain in those days was stacked, then threshed from the stack in late fall or winter. In 1908 he moved to S.E. 20-4-7, where he farmed for seventeen years. It was here that his family of seven were born: David, James, Margaret, William, Andrew, Anna Mae, and Cecil Thomas.

David Kidd married Catherine Headland in 1938 and had four children: Kelly, Robert, Catherine and David.

Kelly (1939) married Deanna McCroary in 1958. He is employed by the Winnipeg School Division, lives in Winnipeg and has five children. Terry (1958) married Patricia Jones in 1980, lives in Brandon, has two children, Theresa (1979) and Juliann (1980) and works for Regent Rentals. Kevin (1959) married Leanne McKay, has two children, Samantha (1991) and Madison (1995); lives in Winnipeg and is employed by MacDonald and McGavins. Brent (1961) makes his home in Winnipeg where he is employed by Eastman Feeds. He has one daughter, Brittany (1985). Pamela (1962) married Robert Handford lives in the Snowflake area and has two sons, Jason (1984) and Riley (1990). Robert (1963) married Keri Johnston, lives in Manitou, works for the Manitoba Highways Department, and has two children, Brady (1992) and Cassidy (1995).

Robert (1942) married Carol Ashley in 1964. He lives in Brandon and has two sons, Darren (1968) and Richard (1970).

Catherine (1945) married Jack Sotheran in 1966 has three children: Tracy (1969), Vincent (1971) and James (1974). Cathy is employed at the Boyne Lodge in Carman. They now make their home in Carman.

David (1951) married Joan Amy in 1972 They live in Winnipeg where he works for Baywood Wholesale Lumber Company and has two sons, Derek born in 1976 and Brian born in 1979.

James Kidd married Thelma Brown in 1938 and had three children: Donald, Merrilyn and Darrel. James died August 12, 1987 and Thelma died April 27, 1993. Both are buried in Winnipeg.

Donald born in 1939 married Elsie Sheiby in 1960 and has three children: Kenneth (1960), Tracy

Lyn (1961) and Shelly (1963). Donald and Elsie divorced and he now lives in British Columbia.

Merrilyn (1941) married Doug MacKenzie, lives in Thompson and has no children.

Darrel born in 1944 married Marilyn Fehr in 1968, lives in Penticton, British Columbia has two children, Tammy Lyn (1968) and Shaun.

Margaret Kidd worked for the Morrison family, before Mrs. Morrison Sr. died. Margaret married William Williams on October 12, 1938. They made their home in the New Haven district, northeast of Manitou. They had four children: Darlene, Dennis, Clifford and Gerald. Margaret died on May 28, 1987 and was laid to rest at the New Haven Cemetery northeast of Manitou. William still resides in Manitou.

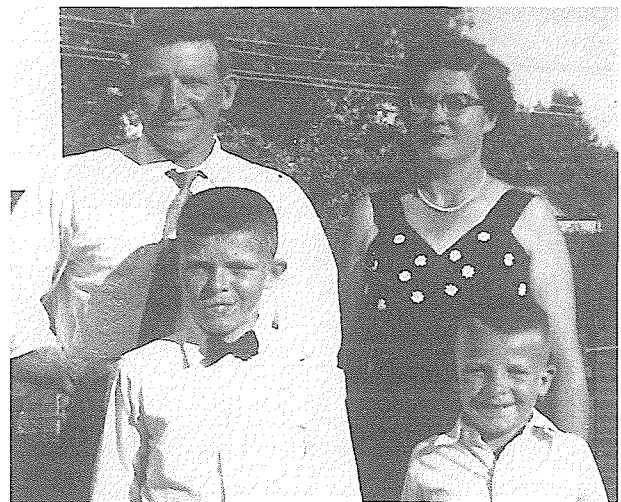
Darlene was born at Manitou at Mrs. Hannah's Nursing Home in 1939. She married Frank Ptosnick on August 6, 1960. They had two daughters. Marcia (June 2, 1965) attended school in Morden and graduated from the University of Manitoba. She married Greg Finlayson of Winnipeg on October 22, 1988. They reside in Sunrise, Florida where Marcia is a professor at Nova State Private University at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. They have no family. Myra (October 29, 1967) attended school in Morden and graduated from University of Winnipeg. Myra is a surveillance officer for the County Youth Court in Tuscon, Arizona where she makes her home.

Dennis (February 22, 1942) works for the provincial government in the finance department. He never married.

Clifford (November 8, 1944) married Lori Aerssens on October 8, 1970. They had two daughters: Tracy and Barbara. Tracy (April 6, 1971) has two children and resides in Winnipeg. Barbara



Margaret and John Kidd, middle row: Margaret, Cecil, Anna Mae, back row: Jim, Andrew, William, David in front of farm house - 1936



Andy and Aileen Kidd Family - 1953. front row: Greg, Barry

(January 30, 1974) married, has two children and resides in Brandon. Clifford was divorced and remarried on September 22, 1990 to Carole Ewash of Winnipeg. They make their home in Winnipeg. Clifford is employed at Investors Syndicate.

Gerald (May 26, 1947) married Carol Reichert of Morden on September 16, 1972. They have two sons. Travis (July 29, 1977) and Beau (June 27, 1980). They reside in Winnipeg where Gerald is employed by Hilti Canada.

William Kidd married Yvonne Decosse and lived in Sioux Lookout, Ontario until his death in 1985. William was buried in Darlingford Cemetery. He had four children: Lorraine, Doreen, Louise and Edward.

Andrew Kidd married Aileen Lamb in 1946 and farmed in the Darlingford area until 1976 when he sold his farm and moved to Manitou. His son, Gregory Steven (1947) married Donna Hastings of Dryden, Ontario in 1969, lives in Brandon where he is employed by Purolator. He has one daughter, Kimberly Dawn (1973) who lives in Toronto, Ontario. Barry John (1949) married Henrietta Blankenship in 1971, and lives in Tifton, Georgia, U.S.A. Henrietta died in 1995, was buried in the family plot in Douglas, Georgia. Barry and Henrietta had two sons, William and Michael. William Andrew (1978) married Kristy Gail Varnedore in 1998 and they have two daughters, Rebecca and Alyson Eileen. Michael Preston was born in 1988. Barry later remarried to Elaine Wood of Tifton, Georgia and they both drive for Pony Express.

Anna Mae Kidd married Earl Deccis White in 1939 and they have three children. Wayne has two daughters, Louise and Wenda and lives in Delta, British Columbia. James has one son, Michael and lives in Winnipeg. Wenda who married Louis Ernies, lives in Delta, British Columbia, has no children. Anna Mae who died in 1987 is buried in Knightcot Cemetery, near Thornhill and Earl is presently living in Morden.

Cecil Thomas Kidd married Helen Cassin in 1945 and they had two sons. Garry lives in Winnipeg and has no family. Jack married Agnes Snif, lives in Winnipeg and has three children: Sandra, Kelly and Michael. Cecil died in 1988 and is buried in Darlingford Cemetery, Helen is presently living in Winnipeg.

In the later years Mr. Kidd often spoke of the years spent in the Zion community and of the splendid neighbours he had while there. He recalled, on

one occasion, of Tom Ching, who lived across the road, rushing over and wanting to borrow his wolf hound. It was Halloween and he had a couple of prowlers and he wanted to scare them off. However, he was too late, as the visitors had pushed over his privy and vanished. Being good neighbours, they returned in the morning and put it back in place.

Leaving the Zion community in 1925, he moved to the Manitou and Kaleida district where the family remained until 1932. They then returned to the place where he had started farming with his brother-in-law in 1905. He farmed, with his son, Andrew until he retired in 1951. Mrs. Kidd died in 1949 and Mr. Kidd moved to Morden in 1953, where he lived until 1968. He then went to live with his daughter, Anna Mae White, at Thornhill. He died on November 5, 1970, at the age of ninety-three and was buried in the family plot in Darlingford cemetery.

Kienas

The Kienas family lived on the S.E. 1/4 16-1-7. Adolph and Edward attended Point Douglas school in 1924-25.

David Kilgour

David Kilgour was one of the first settlers in the Opawaka district. He received quite a large tract of land under a military grant. His home was built on the line between the S.E. 1/4 20 and the N.E. 1/4 17-4-7. He had a sawmill, which he purchased at Somerset, powered by a steam engine. Many residents of the area used oak lumber from the mill for their buildings. Every one who worked at the saw mill was boarded by "Uncle" Dave, his wife and her sister doing the cooking. Mrs. Kilgour died in 1895 and "Uncle" Dave died in 1923 at the Nichol farm, south of Darlingford. It is believed he was ninety-eight years of age.

A nephew Dave Kilgour, lived on the S.E. 1/4 22-4-7 for a short time before moving to Morden where he ran the Queen's Hotel. Dave had three boys: Ernest, Bob (1892) and James.

Bob came to live with his uncle in 1913 and helped him farm. He married Maggie Nichol (1890-1954) of Darlingford in 1919 and, in 1923, moved to the Murray Nichol farm, by Zion Church. In 1927 Bob came to town to work with Murray Nichol in the I.H.C. business. They had one daughter, Beth who married Haig Law, and has a family of three: Kenneth, Arnold and Kathy. Bob Kilgour died in 1979 and Maggie in 1954.

Alick Kinnaird

Alick Kinnaird was born in Elgin, Scotland in 1884 and came to Canada in 1905. He married Annabell Beattie of Mowbray in 1909 and lived in that district until March 1918 when they moved to the S. 1/2 18-1-7, where they lived until 1947 when they sold to Hemmingers and retired to Morden.

Mr. and Mrs. Kinnaird celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on July 6, 1959 and Alick died August 15, 1960 and Annabell died January 8, 1979. They had a family of ten.

James married Margaret Grettum in August 1933 and farmed the E. 1/2 7-1-7 until November 1949 when they moved to the E. 1/2 4-1-7, formerly owned by Jack Rutledge. James became the mail driver and they ran the post office and also operated a small store at this time but continued to farm there until they sold the land to Mel Johnston in March 1971. They retired to their home at 171 2nd Street in Morden. James died January 30, 1992. They had three daughters. Vivian (Allan Casement) of Morden and has five children: Shauna, Doug, Tannis, Fern and Lisa; Doreen (Jack Martens) of Winnipeg. They have two children: Brent and Dayna. Beverley (Morley Wilson) of Darlingford and their daughter Paula.

Mary (1911) married Manly Mitchell and they had a son, Lloyd. They retired to Morden in 1974. Lloyd died accidentally in 1977 and Manly died in 1993. Mary resides in Morden.

Dorothy (1912-1989) married Martin Keown of Windygates.

Frank (1914) married Ruth Finlay of Mowbray, was wounded in the second world war and after his discharge became the post master at La Riviere, is now retired and lives in Carman, Manitoba. They had three children: Dwayne, Fay, and Joy.

Alex (1916-1976) married Amelia McKenzie of the Shadeland district and they farmed in Kaleida for a few years before purchasing N.W. 1/4 16-3-7. Alex died December 20, 1976 and Amelia died January 13, 1997.

Wilfred (1917-1938) died in November 13, 1975.

Irene (1918-1975) lived with her mother in Morden.

Clifford (1920-1975) lived with his mother in Morden.

Geneva (1922-1942) died on May 11, 1942.

Amy (1925-1985) enlisted in C.W.A.F. during World War II and married William Montgomery, whose family lived in British Columbia. They had



Kinnaird 5 generations: Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. F. Beattie, Mrs. A. Kinnaird, Mrs. M. Mitchell, baby Lloyd Mitchell

seven children: Margaret, Dianne, Pat, Rick, Laurie, Bob, and Darcy. Amy died September 5, 1985.

Ezra Kinsman

Ezra "Dick" Kinsman came from England and settled in Hanover, Ontario, where he married Sarah Bottrell in the year 1876. They later came to Manitoba where they lived in many places, including Melita, where their son Jim was born. Mr. Kinsman was quite an athlete and the story is told of him chasing a rabbit on foot until he caught it. Dick and his wife had a family of five boys and two girls. Bert, Jim, Jack, Roy, Walter, Emma (Fred Knowles) and Minnie (Tony Hill). Dick died in 1914 and his wife predeceased him by a few years.

Bert was born in 1877 and came to Manitoba in 1880. He married Hannah (Falls) Deamel in 1903 at Pembina, North Dakota. He was a veteran of the first world war being active from 1916 to 1918. He was an ardent football player with the Hazelton team. Mrs. Kinsman died in May 1947 and he died in September 1953. They had been engaged in farming and had a family of three.

Otto was born in September 1903, never married and died on July 2, 1970.

Lillian who married George Steffenson. See Steffenson story.

Claire Kinsman was born February 22, 1914 north of Darlingford. On July 11, 1935 he married Esther Cowan of Windygates who was born December 23, 1915 at Holland, Manitoba. They farmed in the Pembina Valley until 1968 at which

time they purchased the "Coffee Cup Cafe" in Darlingford. In 1972 they sold the cafe and moved back to the farm, in 1979 they purchased the former Cori Gysi home in Darlingford and retired. Esther became a resident of Morden Tabor Home in September 1992 and she resided there until her death on November 4, 1997. Claire resided at Tabor Home from 1994 until his death on March 17, 1997. Claire and Esther celebrated their sixty-first wedding anniversary on July 11, 1996. They had four children, eight grandchildren, six great grandchildren and one great-great grandson.

Shirley Kinsman married Charlie McElroy and they farm south of Darlingford. They have two children. Rick married Gloria Blize and they live in Morden. They have three daughters: Alana, Candy and Krystal. Alana and Jodi Scott have a son Phoenix. Kathy married Bev Furniss of Manitou. They have two children, David and Michelle.

Wilfred Kinsman married Linda Isfeld of Morden. They live in Winnipeg and have two children. Their son Scott married Denise Desorcy and they live in Winnipeg. Their daughter Jill and her friend Chris Daly live in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Morris Kinsman married Angie Palaniuk of Bowsman, Manitoba. They live in Morden and have two sons. Darrin married Diane Bock from Mather. They live in Nanaimo, British Columbia and have a son Tyler. Douglas lives at home and works for Huron Windows in Morden.

Linda Kinsman married Ray Maxwell. They live in Darlingford and have two children. Marci has graduated from grade twelve and Chris attends Nellie McClung Collegiate in Manitou.

Jim Kinsman

Jim Kinsman was born at Melita in 1887. As a young man he came to the Lorne district and in 1917, he married Anna Marie Kroetsch. They homesteaded on section 5-2-7 where they farmed and Jim drove the school van. They had a family of six: Elmer, Myrtle, Harvey, Orval, John, Gordon. Jim Kinsman died in 1963 and Annie Kinsman in 1981. Both are buried in the Darlingford Cemetery.

Elmer Franklin (1916) married Edna Pearl Eileen Cowan, daughter of William and Mary Cowan of Windygates, on December 24, 1941. After returning from overseas and World War II, they farmed N. 1/2 3-1-7 in Windygates and he was a mechanic in Morden and later in Darlingford at W.E. Veal's garage after which he opened "Downtown Motors" and worked until he retired.

They moved into Darlingford onto Pembina Street in 1963. They now reside in Legion House Two in Morden. They have two daughters, Judi Hodgson and Jacqui Tickner.

Judi (December 11, 1947) is a Dietary Assistant at Pembina Manitou Health Centre. She has a son, Ryan (February 7, 1967) and he works for Boulet Bros. and lives on the Hodgson grandparent farm site. Ryan has two children, Brian (June 6, 1993) and Ashley (May 30, 1994).

Jacqui (September 26, 1953) married Darryl Tickner on July 8, 1972. Joseph Walter Darryl Tickner was born to Joe and Rae (Switzer) on May 20, 1953. He is the youngest child and only son. After high school Darryl worked for Manitoba Telephone System for several years before coming home to farm with his father. Jacqui was a nurse and later worked for Big Brothers then was Activities Coordinator at Pembina Manitou Health Centre. In May of 1997 they opened Academy Florist in the Southland Mall in Winkler. They have two children. Joey (September 15, 1973) and Trinda (June 12, 1975). Joey is a Heavy Duty Diesel Mechanic and resides on the home farm, he is in partnership in Tickner Farms and Scarpa Transport with his parents. Trinda graduated from Robertson College in November 1996. She lives in Winnipeg and is the Administrative Assistant of Robertson College.

Myrtle was born in 1921. At the age of ten months in 1922, she was stricken with polio which left her without the use of her legs. With the aid of a leg brace and crutches, she was able to do almost all the things other children could do. She attended Lorne School and also attended school in Winnipeg while she was hospitalized for months at a time undergoing spinal and orthopaedic surgery. Myrtle currently resides at Boyne Lodge in Carman, where she is very active in the resident's activities.

Harvey was killed in action during World War II at the age of nineteen.

Orval married Nora Snyder of Manitou. They had four children: Jim, Laurie, Harvey and David. Nora died during the 1953 polio epidemic and the children were raised by Grandma Kinsman and Myrtle. Jim lives in Vancouver. He has two daughters, Tanya who lives in Winnipeg and Deandra who lives in Vancouver. Laurie lives at Portage La Prairie. Harvey married Marilyn Tweedie of Pilot Mound. They currently live in Morden but will be moving to Winnipeg in the near future. They have two sons, Drew and Mitchell. David lives in

Thompson and has one daughter, Kellie. Orval currently resides at Legion House in Morden.

John Kinsman (October 16, 1927), Darlingford and Susanna Kinsman nee Friesen (August 22, 1925), Winkler married August 21, 1954 at Winkler, Manitoba. They moved to 24-1-7 April 1961 then moved to Morden, Manitoba in December of 1997 when the land was sold to Fehr Farms, January 1998. Son, Richard is living on the remaining eighty acres. They had six children: Bev, Garry, Robert, Jeff, Glen and Richard. Four children moved to 24-1-7 and two children were born at 24-1-7.

Beverley Anne Kinsman (June 14, 1955), Winkler, Manitoba married Tom Nielson April 25, 1987, Sacramento, California. They have one child, Kayla Joelle Nielson (December 3, 1989), Sacramento, California. They are presently living in La Grange, Georgia, U.S.A.

Garry John Kinsman (August 29, 1956), Winkler, Manitoba married Wendy Hemming, October 31, 1983, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. They have three children: Stephanie Anne Kinsman (January 14, 1984), Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; Jennifer Dora Kinsman (April 20, 1986), Edmonton, Alberta and Lenore Maria Kinsman (August 25, 1989), Edmonton, Alberta, is presently living in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Robert James Kinsman (March 12, 1958), Winkler married Louise Unger, December 7, 1980. They are presently living in Ottawa, Ontario.

Jeffrey George Kinsman (June 23, 1960), Winkler. He died June 3, 1979, Morden.

Glen Roy Kinsman (September 20, 1962) - Morden. He has two children, Savannah Roxanne Kinsman (November 28, 1985), Edmonton and Nicole Susanna Kinsman (March 18, 1997), Regina, Saskatchewan. Glen is presently living in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Richard Paul Kinsman (March 16, 1965), Morden married Helen Friesen, December 17, 1988, Morden. They have two children, Matthew Jeffrey Kinsman (July 22, 1992), Morden and Paul Gregory Kinsman (December 26, 1995), Morden. They are presently living on the home eighty acres of 24-1-7.

Gordon married Lois McNaughton and they had four children. Darryl lives in Thompson and has a daughter Ashley. Valerie died as a result of an accident in Darlingford in 1963 just before her third birthday. Brent lives in Thompson. Cal and his wife Nicole, live in Calgary and have two children,

Kelsey and Cameron. Gordon died in January of 1998. Lois continues to reside in Thompson where they have lived since the early 1970's.

George Klassen

George and Helen Klassen bought the Ben Klippenstein farm, N.W. 18-3-7 in 1974. They had dairy cattle. As well as their two children, Allen and Verna, they had seven foster children over a ten year period. At one time they had twin boys, Paul and Mike. In 1998 they were invited and went to Mike's wedding. George and Helen left the farm to reside in Morden in 1996.

Verna attended Darlingford and Manitou schools. She is married and she and her husband Frank Klassen live north-east of Morden on the Airport Road. Frank works at Triple E, Winkler. Susan and Frank have four children: Bradley (eight), Andrew (seven), Sandra (five) and Brenda (October 1998).



George and Helen Klassen Family, George, Allan, Frank, Helen, Susan, Verna

In 1984, Allen Klassen purchased house #33, on Pembina Street, North in Darlingford. This house was previously owned by Abe and Sara Hiebert. Shortly after purchasing the house, newlyweds, Jake and Mary Hiebert, rented it. Jake accepted a trucking job, which caused them to move to Brandon the next year. Bill Hunt and his family rented this house for one winter, during which, he accepted a job in Winnipeg. The Hunt family moved to Winnipeg.

Allen Klassen married Susan Penner on September 30, 1989. Susan had grown up on a dairy

farm in the Winkler area. After their wedding, they moved into the house at #33 Pembina Street North. They spent approximately one year, prior to their wedding, renovating it. They lived there for almost two years. In July of 1991, they sold the house, and moved to the N.E. 1/4 of 2-3-7. This yard was known as "the Treichel farm." At the time of purchasing, the land was owned by Ida Rogan (Treichel) and her sister Martha who lived in British Columbia. They purchased ten acres, which included the yard. Approximately three years later, they bought the balance of the quarter section. They have a small hobby farm, which includes some chickens and a few head of cattle.

Allen is employed at Monarch Industries in Winkler, and Susan is employed at the Winkler Clinic. Both of them have been working at these places for over seventeen years. They have no children.

Gil Klassen

Gil Klassen was born in Winkler, Manitoba to Laurence and Mathilda Klassen of Altona. They moved to Elm Creek where Gil helped on the dairy farm. He is employed at the Pembina Valley Camp and is living on S.W. 12-1-7. He has been doing camp work at various camps for nine years.

Henry Klassen

Henry and Doreen Klassen moved from Winkler to 28 Dufferin Street, Darlingford in November of 1996. Henry was born in Mexico. He came to Canada with his parents in 1952. Doreen his wife was born in Kenora, Ontario. They have one son, Norman who lives in British Columbia. They like the little community of Darlingford. The people are very friendly.

Bernard H. Klippenstein

Bernard H. Klippenstein, Senior, was born in Altona and his wife, Mary Dyck, came from Russia. His son, Ben (Bernhard) was born in Altona and was the eldest son in a family of nine. They moved to the Middleton district in 1933, after farming for six years in the Archibald district. They lived on the N.E 1/4 36-3-8.

Ben (Bernhard) the eldest son, was born in 1909, and married Helena Toews in 1931, who had come to Canada from Russia (via Mexico) in 1926 as a young girl. They worked for a number of farmers in the Manitou area for several years, with their three eldest children, Bryan, Stanley and Edward, born

during that time.

In 1939 they moved to Darlingford, working for J. C. Smith for six years (two years south of Darlingford and four years north) before moving to their own farm, N.W. 18-3-7. While living in the Darlingford area four more sons, Robert, Dale, Dennis and Wilfred, and one daughter Sylvia, were born, with all children receiving most of their education at Darlingford School.

While still farming, Ben began working for Riediger's Feed and Seed Service in Manitou, a job which lasted for eighteen years. In 1970 Ben, Helen, Wilf and Sylvia moved to Manitou, with Ben retiring in 1975. He worked at Scharf's Service for five more years. They enjoyed their retirement, visiting their children scattered across Canada. Helen died in 1989, at seventy-seven years of age.

Their eldest son, Bryan (1933) worked for various farmers before starting employment with The Western Canadian, a weekly newspaper in Manitou, beginning November 7, 1955. In 1959 he married Shirley Tremere of Manitou, and in 1975 they purchased The Western Canadian. They have a son, Kent (Gerri) in Calgary, and daughter, Lori (Keith Pierrard) in Killarney, as well as four grandchildren.

Stanley (1934) joined the Royal Canadian Army in 1955, after working for various farmers. He married Marian Swayze of Carnduff, Saskatchewan, in 1956, raised three children, Darlene, Sherri and Dallas, and retired with the rank of Captain in 1992 after thirty-six years of service. Stan served three years in Germany, six months in Egypt and in various locations in Canada. They now reside in Creston, British Columbia, and have seven grandchildren.

Edward (1939) also joined the Royal Canadian Army in 1955, and later married Beverley Hill of Winnipeg, in 1963. He served for twenty years, with time spent in the Belgian Congo and Egypt, before joining the Alberta Government Telephone System, a position he still holds. They have two daughters, Sandra and Shannon, and one granddaughter, and presently live in Calgary.

Robert was born in 1941 and worked at various jobs in Manitoba, marrying Edna Hildebrand of Morden in 1964. To this union were born two children, Kandee and Robbie. Robert moved to Red Deer, Alberta in 1975 and died in 1986 at the age of forty-five. There are four grandchildren.

Dale (1942) became an elevator agent, working for Manitoba Pool Elevators, United Grain Growers and Cargill for many years. In 1968 he married



Ben Klippenstein Family - 1981 at Ben and Helen's 50th Wedding Anniversary. front row: Helen, Ben, back row: (l-r) Bryan, Stanley, Edward, Robert, Dale, Dennis, Sylvia, Wilfred

Diane Craig of Swan River and they have three children: Wade, Krista and Mark. Dale is presently a long distance truck driver and they reside in Lethbridge, Alberta.

Dennis (1945) has lived in Winnipeg for over twenty-five years, operating a cement truck for all that time. In 1975 he married Marilyn Bliss. Dennis has two daughters, Iona and Denise.

Wilfred, the seventh son of Ben and Helen, was born in 1951. In 1974 he married Valerie Nordquist of Miami. He worked for Riediger's Feed & Seed in Manitou for a while, before moving to Carman where he worked for a feed mill for a number of years. In 1983 they purchased the Manitou Family Store which they operated for ten years before selling out. Wilf is now manager of the Co-op Grocery Store in Manitou. They have three children: Evan, Owen and Karli.

Sylvia, the youngest child (1953) has spent much of her life in the Manitou area. In 1973 she married Donald Foster. Sylvia has three children: Paul, Ashli and Nyx. Sylvia presently resides in Manitou with her youngest daughter, Nyx.

The Golden Years

He had a small farm just north of Darlingford.
Milked cows, raised chickens and a few pigs.
Had seven boys and one girl with wife, Helen.
Horses, plough, fork and shovel,
Long hours of hard, heavy work,

With rough calloused hands and an old straw hat.
Pension years now have come,
And a move to the little town of Manitou,
Hobbies begin: lamps, glass tractors,
wooden horses.
Phone calls from his scattered family
every so often,
Brings happiness and fulfillment to his life.
Enjoys listening to CBC radio and
Stew Clayton's cassettes.
Meeting for coffee at the local bakery,
Sunday morning family breakfasts at his house,
Up town on his scooter; at eighty-nine he
cannot drive his car.
He loves rides in the country to see his old farm,
Stops to pick blueberries in a familiar field.
My Grandpa Ben's simple, but satisfying life.

- Written by granddaughter, Karli Klippenstein

Joseph Knisley

Joseph Knisley (1874-1920), was born in Ontario. His grandfather was of Pennsylvania Dutch origin. Joseph came to the Darlingford community around 1900. In 1902 he married Christine McGillivray from Mount Forrest, Ontario. They farmed the S. 1/2 31-2-7, about three miles southwest of Darlingford where they prospered and raised a family. They kept adding more and better buildings until the flu broke out in January 1918.

Joseph developed pneumonia and pleurisy, that almost proved fatal. The doctor advised Joseph to leave the farm, so a farm auction sale was held and the farm was rented. The large two story A. Cardno house at 9 Dufferin Street was purchased and the family moved to Darlingford.

One Sunday in June of 1920, Mr. and Mrs. Knisley, their little son Gordon, Tom Bennett, a store clerk for J.F. Crosby, and Miss Scott, a teacher at the Darlingford School, started on a motor trip to Dominion City to visit Miss Scott's parents. They reached the ferry on the Red River at Letellier where Mr. Knisley drove his car on. The car failed to stop and plunged over the edge into the river. The alarm was raised on the ferry but Mr. Knisley, Gordon, Miss Scott and Mr. Bennett were drowned before they could be rescued.

For some remarkable reason, Mrs. Knisley was carried down stream and was rescued by a fisherman. She was taken to a farm house and through the efforts of a doctor and a nurse, her life was saved. After the accident, Mrs. Knisley had difficulty managing the farm and other matters. She sold out and went to live with her daughter Lena in British Columbia. Her health became worse and she died in 1949. Joseph and Christine Knisley had five children.

Lena married Harold Stevens of Thornhill. Lena remembers that her father would flood a huge pond near the barn in the winter, where skating parties were held. Dancing parties were also held in the homes of the community with families taking turns each week. Lena and Harold moved to Abbotsford, British Columbia. They are now deceased. They had two daughters and one son.

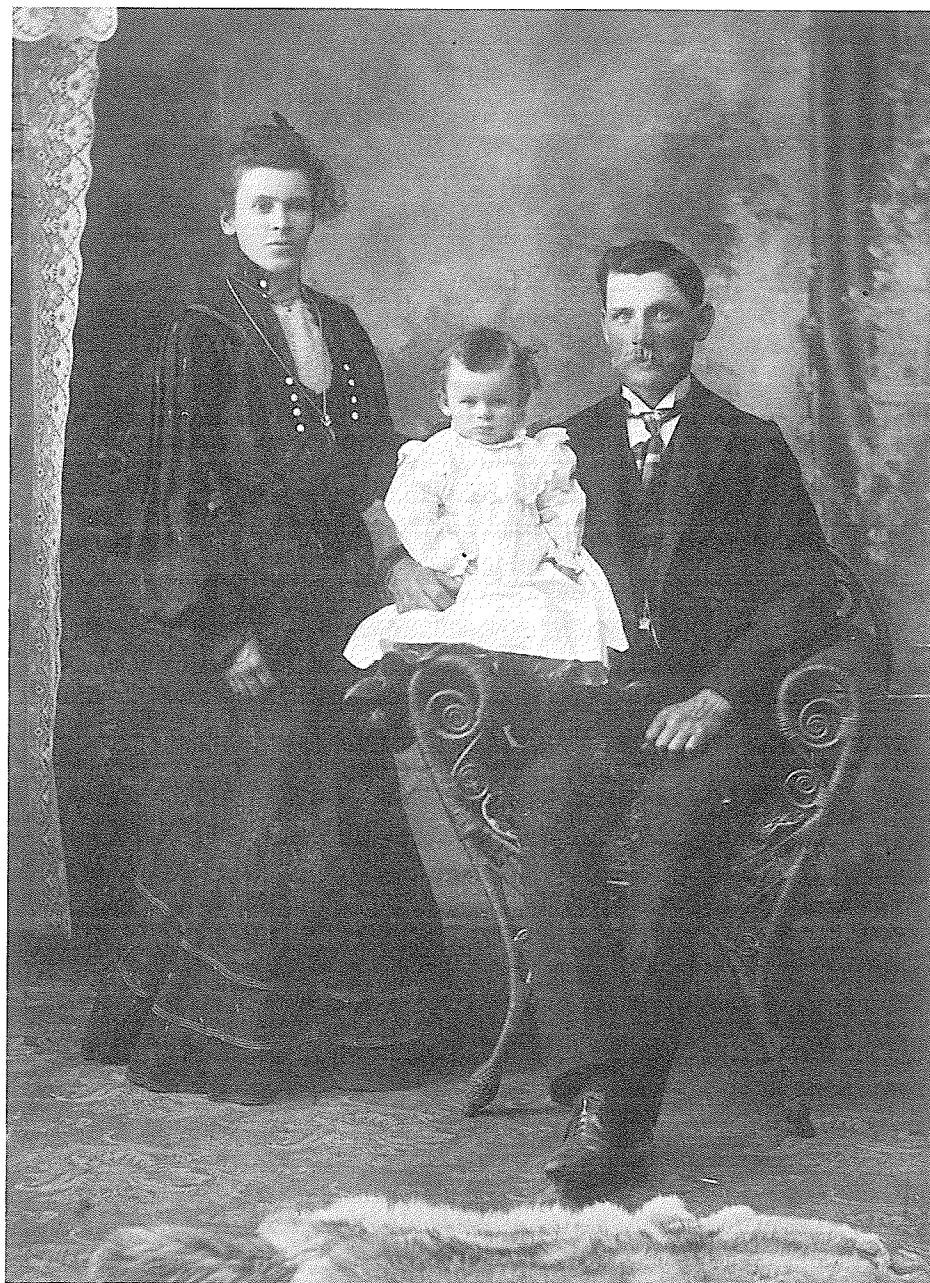
Lillian died at eight months of age in 1906.

Earl went to Detroit,

Michigan after the drowning accident of his father. He had two daughters and retired to Hazel Park, Michigan.

Arthur (1911-1988) drove a truck and clerked for W. H. Wilson's store in Darlingford in the 1930's. He married Viola Doern of Morden and moved to Russell, Manitoba. They retired to Whiterock, British Columbia, in 1976. They had a son Raymond who married Joan and live in Winnipeg. They had a daughter Marilyn who married Bob and live in Spencertown, Botswana, Africa.

Gordon (1914-1920) was drowned accidentally with his father.



Christine and Joseph Knisley and son Earl

Fred Knowles

Fred Knowles was born at Que Appelle, Saskatchewan in 1886. He moved to Morden as a small boy and was raised by the Bob Law family, and later worked as a labourer in the Morden and Thornhill districts.

He and six of his brothers enlisted in World War I, all served overseas and all returned - quite a record for one family. Fred was discharged in 1918.

In 1920 he married Emma Kinsman and farmed in the Mowbray and Snowflake districts. He homesteaded the N.E. 1/4 23-1-7, in the valley, where he lived until they retired to Darlingford in 1948. They lived in a house, which was later torn down, 6 Law Street. They then moved to 25 Pembina Street where they lived for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Knowles had a family of four: Millie (Martin Kapchinsky), Darlingford, Florence (McMillan), Winnipeg; Ida (Art Dauphinais), Winnipeg and Arthur of Winnipeg.

Mrs. Knowles died in 1960 and Mr. Knowles in 1965. Both are buried in Mowbray Valley Cemetery.

Joseph Kochka

Joseph Kochka and his wife Olga were married and lived in Lutsk, Poland, doing mixed farming until 1928. The political unrest was so great at this time that many of the countrymen decided to move to Canada, where they heard there was greater freedom and no overcrowding in the rural areas.

They had two daughters, Lily and Marge, born in Poland who came with them to Saskatchewan where their son Edward was born. Many crop failures made them think of moving again, so they came to Manitoba in 1942 and stayed in the 1-5 district for four years. The next move was to the valley where they farmed the S. 1/4 31-1-7 until 1965. Mr. Kochka died in 1958.

Edward Kochka born to Olga and Joseph Kochka in 1936. He farmed the section 31-1-7 in the valley. In 1969 Edward married Grace Cowan and moved to N.E. 1/2 28-1-7. They had three children, Myles, Angela and Pamela. Edward died in 1986 and Grace continued farming and later married Wilbert Steffenson.

Mrs. Kochka Sr., resided in the same yard as Edward until her death.

Lily (Joe Kuchera) Dushenko lives in Morden. Her family are Marge, Georgina, Joanne, Eleanor, Jimmy and Kenneth (infant, deceased). (See Dushenko story.)

Marge (John Uher) lived in Regina until her death, and had two children, Carole and Lorne.

Joe Kostal

Joe Kostal immigrated to Canada at the age of sixteen from Kupicor, Poland with his parents, brother Milo, sisters Wilihemma and Marie in 1928 to Ridgeville, Manitoba.



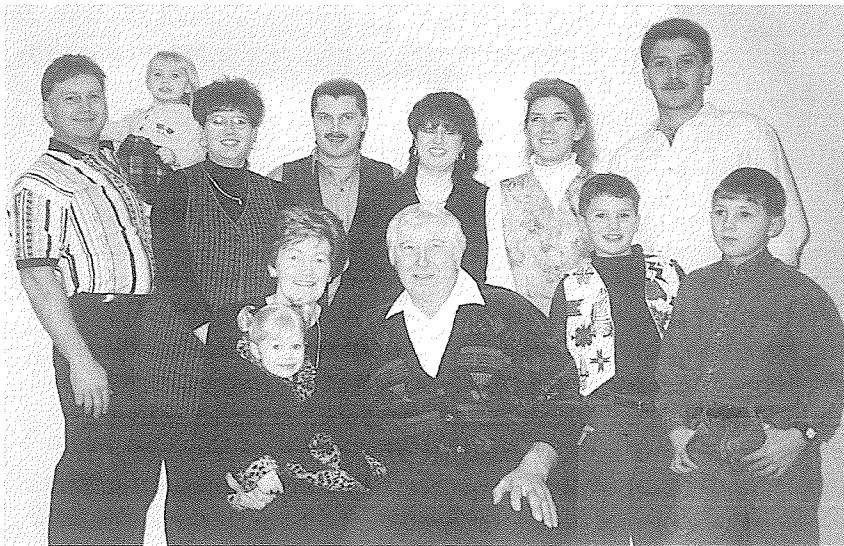
Joe Kostal Family, Mary, Jim, Anne, John, Joe

Mary Paprupa immigrated from Kupicor, Poland with her parents, brothers Walter and Rudolph, also at the age of sixteen, in 1928.

Joe and Mary were married in Freudenstal, near Ridgeville on



The original Kostal farm house - 1955 before renovations



Jim and Evelyn Kostal Family - December 1998

September 4, 1931 where they farmed until 1946. Three children, Anne, Jim and John were born with the help of a midwife on the farm at Ridgville. Mary, the youngest child was born at Vita hospital.

The Kostal family moved west in the fall of 1946 to the Darlingford district, buying the Jim Compton farm (S.E. 9-4-7W). Jim presently lives and farms on the home place with his wife Evelyn.

Anne moved to Winnipeg to work after finishing school. She met Jerry Kuczera of Poland and married him in 1954. They raised three sons: Ron, married Terry Smith and had two children, Jamie and Christie. Ed married Doris McIntire and have two children, Ashly and Mitchell. Richard married Robyn Colten and has two children, Curtis and Steven. Anne and Jerry raised their family in Winnipeg and still live there. Jim took his schooling at Opawaka School and started farming with his father Joe at an early age, buying the home farm S.E. 9-4-7W in 1964.

Jim and Evelyn nee Mitchell of Morden were married in 1964. They raised three sons. Wayne bought the Bill Compton farm S.E. 5-4-7W in 1992 and farms along-side his father. Wayne married Brenda McLeod of Morden in 1997 and have two daughters, Chelsea (1997) and Courtney (1999). Brian married Trinda Humeston of Brandon in 1987 and has two sons, Kevin (1989) and Michael (1991). Brian, Trinda and family live in LaSalle. Stephen married Madonna Lush of Grand Falls, Newfoundland in 1995. They have one daughter, Kierra (1996). They also live and work in Winnipeg.

John took his earlier schooling at Opawaka, fin-

ishing up his high school in Miami. He married Carolyn Masse of Starbuck in 1963 and after farming with his brother Jim from 1961 to 1963, they moved to the Aubigny district where they presently live and actively farm. John and Carolyn raised three children at their farm at Aubigny. Greg lives in Winnipeg with his wife Guylaine and sons Adrian and Brandon. Grant and Cynthia also live and work in Winnipeg.

Mary took some of her schooling in Miami finishing high school in Winnipeg where she moved with her parents Joe and Mary when they retired in 1960. Mary married Matt Gauthier of Winnipeg in 1968. They raised two sons, Chris and Doug. Mary and Matt and family presently live and work in Winnipeg.

Edward John Kroetsch

Edward John "Ed" was the second son of Ambrose and Magdalena Kroetsch. He was born on June 25, 1893 in Gretna, Manitoba. His childhood years were spent on the family farm in the Pembina Valley south of Darlingford. He enlisted in the army during the first world war. Ed and his brother Frank joined the 184th Battalion and were later transferred to the 8th Battalion known as the Little Black Devils. Ed was involved in the storming of Vimy Ridge in France. As the ridge was being attacked by the Canadian soldiers, Ed had the misfortune of having his leg shot off. He spent the night in a shell hole and was removed by stretcher the following morning. Serious infection caused him to have his leg amputated several times while in European hospitals. When Ed returned to Canada, he remained on his family's farm. On March 12, 1925, he married Esther Cox in Carman, Manitoba. Esther was the daughter of Michael and Emily (Cherpaw) Cox. They farmed for many years in the Pembina Valley before retiring to Morden in the mid 1960's. Ed was laid to rest in the Morden Cemetery in 1970. Esther joined him in 1981.

Ed and Esther had five children: Rosalind May, Edward Barry, Wayne Douglas, Darlene Annabelle and Suzzane.

Rosalind May was born in Morden, Manitoba. She attended Lorne, Calf Mountain and Point Douglas Schools. She married Peter Ginther. They live on a farm south of Morden. They have five



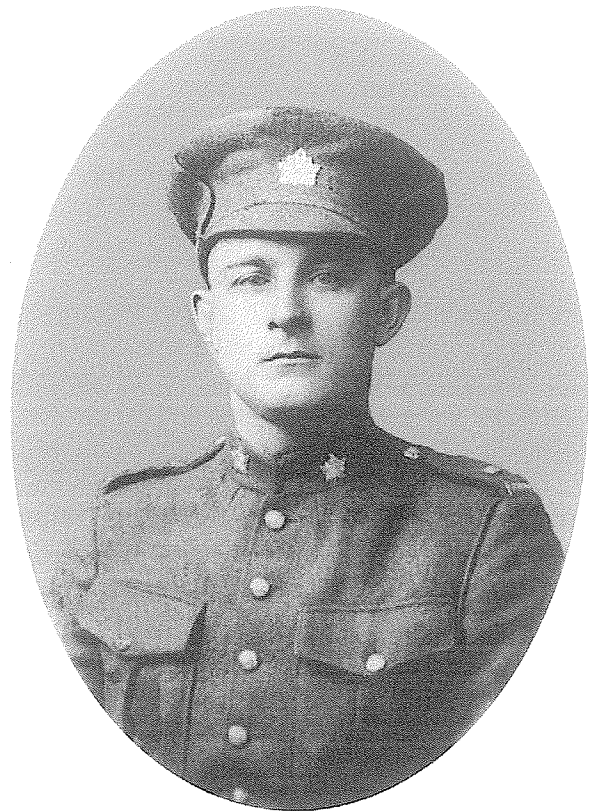
Edward and Esther Kroetsch

children. Esther Sherry Lynn is married to Dennis Funk and lives in Winkler. Sunday and Charles Quane live in Morden. They have a son, Chadwick Nathan. Sunday is the manager of Appelt's Jewellery in Morden. Barry Wayne "Joey" lives in Morden with his wife Roxanne and their three children, Nicholas, and the twins, Taylor and Delany. Joey works for Kimberly Clark Industries, Roxanne teaches in Morden. Centennial Rose lives at home. Prior to her return to Morden, she worked for several years in Toronto. She works at the Morden Motor Inn. Anna May works as a receptionist at the Manitoba Medical Clinic in Winnipeg.

Edward Barry was born in Duluth, Minnesota. He died of a sudden illness when he was fourteen years of age. During his short life, Barry left his family a number of literary legacies and lasting memories. He loved to write short stories and poems - a legacy that perhaps can be attributed to his grandfather, Ambrose Kroetsch.

Douglas Wayne was born in Walhalla, North Dakota. Wayne grew up on the family farm in the valley. He attended Point Douglas School in Windygates and the Morden Collegiate Institute. Wayne taught school in Darlingford and was principal there in the mid 1960's. He has taught and been a principal for several years in Morden. Wayne is presently the Coordinator of Curriculum and

Support Services for Western School Division in Morden. Wayne married Barbara Lorraine Stiff from Pilot Mound in 1970. Lorraine teaches at Minnewasta School in Morden. They have three children: Nikki Lorraine, Edward Jason and Curtis Wayne. Nikki is a school teacher. She has taught in Morden, Winnipeg and at the present time is teaching at Altona. Nikki has conducted many church and school choirs. She enjoys playing the piano and guitar. Jason is a school teacher as well. He has taught in Pilot Mound, MacGregor and is presently teaching in Sanford. Jason is a certified basketball coach. He managed the Brandon Men's Bobcats Basketball team for two years. He was manager of



Frank Kroetsch - World War I

the team when they won the Canadian National University Championship in Halifax. Curtis has attended the Faculty of Education at Brandon University for two years and one year in Business Administration at the Assiniboine College in Brandon. At the present time, he is employed in Brandon. Curtis has won many local and provincial awards as a basketball player.

Darlene Annabelle was born in Manitou. She attended Point Douglas School in Windygates. Darlene married Peter Reimer in 1958. They have



Wayne and Lorraine Kroetsch - March 25, 1970

seven children: Edward Marcel, Lynda Barri, Esther Melody, Lori Jane, Sheila Suzanne, Larry Earl and Tammy Joyce. Marcel is married to Diane and lives in Winnipeg, Lynda lives in Rosebank. Esther is married to Gerald Hird and lives in Roseisle. Lori is married to Dany Beland and lives in Snow Lake, Sheila is married to Jerry Waldner and lives in Rosebank and Tammy is married to Gordon Loewen and lives in Saskatoon. There are fourteen grandchildren. At the present time, Darlene lives in Rosebank.

Suzzane was the youngest child of Ed and Esther Kroetsch. She was born in Manitou. Suzzane died in infancy.

Summer's Night

The night is quiet and peaceful
 The air is sweet and clean.
 Pin points of light shine brightly,
 Through the darkness so serene.
 The moon comes over the hilltop,
 Flooding the valley with light.
 And the worries of the world,
 Are banished for a while tonight.
 The Milky Way makes a golden path,
 Across the indigo sky.
 And far away in the distance,
 You can hear the coyote cry.

The scent of many flowers,
 Is strong upon the air.
 Lifted by the gentle breeze,
 And scattered everywhere.
 There is the sweet smell of honey,
 From the nearby hives of bees.
 You can hear their gentle humming,
 in their homes in hollow trees.
 Trees upon the hilltops,
 Like soldiers standing guard.
 Cast shadows in the valley,
 Around the homestead's yard.
 But now the night is ending,
 And it will soon be broad daylight.
 But I like the valley best,
 On a peaceful summer's night.
 - Edward Barry Kroetsch
 June 1942 (grade seven)

Ambrose Edward Kroetsch

Ambrose Kroetsch (1858-1936) and his wife, Magdalena "Lena" Mosock, of German descent came from Formosa, Ontario to settle in various parts of North Dakota, Minnesota and Manitoba. Ambrose's father operated a lumber mill in Ontario. In 1910, Ambrose and Lena came to live in the Pembina Valley south of Darlingford. They settled on the S.E. 1/4 of 34-1-7 which was the land homesteaded by Tony Hell. Ambrose is laid to rest in a small country cemetery east of Codette, Saskatchewan. Lena is buried in Wales, North Dakota.

Ambrose was a school teacher and a journalist. He taught for a number of years in Langdon, North Dakota prior to moving to the valley. In future generations, his writing talents have been displayed by several of his descendants including the published author, Robert Kroetsch. It can be noted that several of Ambrose's descendants have carried on his love of teaching as well. Lena was a very soft spoken and gentle person. Her life was devoted to raising her family. Unfortunately, Lena was not blessed with good health and was ill much of her married life.

Ambrose and Lena raised a family of eight children which included three sons and five daughters.

Frank was the oldest son. He enlisted in the army for the first world war. Frank served at the front at Vimy Ridge, France. During the action he received several shrapnel wounds to his arm. When Frank returned from the war, he moved to Saskatchewan where he married and farmed. Frank and his wife,



Ambrose and Lena Kroetsch, son Frank

Nellie, had a family of four children. Nadeen was the only daughter. Ambrose "Brose" was the eldest son, followed by Gerry and John who was adopted. As adults, Brose and Gerry moved to Ontario. Frank and Nellie moved from the farm to White Fox, Saskatchewan where they purchased and operated a hotel for many years.

Edward John was the second son. When Edward returned from the first world war, he married Esther Cox and settled in the valley where they farmed for many years, Edward and Esther had five children: Rosalind, Barry, Wayne, Darlene and Suzanne.

Lawrence was the youngest son. He left home to reside in Saskatchewan. There he married Stacey Matt. In his later years, Lawrence moved to White Fox, Saskatchewan. Lawrence and Stacey had four sons: Virgil, Elmer, Harvey and Douglas. Virgil was killed in a car accident in the 1960's.

Minnie, the eldest daughter, married a Mr. Hangii from North Dakota. They had one daughter, Marie.

Emma "Em" married George Montgomery. They owned and operated a hotel in North Dakota for many years. Em and George had four children. They had a son, Geordy and three daughters, Nancy, Eleanor and Leona.

Matilda "Tillie" (1887-1947) married Bob Barker. They farmed in Saskatchewan for many years. They had one son, Orello. He was killed in a car accident in the 1960's. Tillie is buried in the same cemetery near Codette, Saskatchewan as her father, Ambrose.

Anna Marie "Annie" married Jim Kinsman in 1917. They raised a family of six children: Elmer, Harvey, Orval, John, Gordon and Myrtle. Harvey was killed in action overseas during the second world war.

Ida Lorena (1900-1996) spent her early years on the family farm in the valley south of Darlingford. On August 2, 1926, she married John "Jack" Babcock (1896-1941) of Ratner, Saskatchewan. They farmed in that area for many years. Following Jack's death, Ida earned her living as a cook in various areas of northern British Columbia. She made her home at Telkwa, British Columbia. Following her retirement in 1968, she moved to Darlingford and then to Morden in 1969. Ida enjoyed the outdoors.

There are many descendants of Ambrose and Lena Kroetsch living in Manitoba, throughout Canada, the United States and various parts of the world.

Emil Lambrecht

Emil Lambrecht was born in Volenian, Russia, in 1890. He and his wife, Wilhelmina, emigrated from Germany to Winnipeg in 1910. He worked for the Dominion Bridge Company until 1914 when they moved to the 1-6 district. Emil worked out as a hired man for John Jordan, near Darlingford, and at Dresden, North Dakota, during harvest time for a number of years, walking home each weekend. The family traded eggs and cream for groceries at the Brown Store, then operated by Mr. S. Gislason. They soon saved enough money to buy the S.W. 1/4 36-1-7. They broke about ten acres and sold the farm the next year. In later years they moved to Snowflake, near Star Mound, where they shared the last three of a series of nine dry years. They then moved back to the 1-6 district to the farm where Ed Holenski now lives. Here they were hailed out. They purchased the N.W. 1/4 36-1-7 from Bill Titchkosky and rented the W. 1/2 35-1-7 for a number of years prior to buying it. In 1944 they bought the S.E. 1/4 34-1-7 from Ed Kroetsch, in 1949 the S.W. 1/4 26-1-7 from the Hudson's Bay Company, in 1950 the N.E. 1/4 27-1-7, and in 1955 the S.E. 1/4 27-1-7 from Pat Johnson.

The Lambrechts had seven children. Karl died in infancy. Ken is now deceased. Emma is retired and lives in St. Catherines, Ontario. Lorne married and lived in British Columbia and had five children. Lorne is now deceased. Fred married Susan Thiessen and lived in Morden. They had seven chil-



Emil and Wilhelmina Lambrecht
back row: Ed, Ken, Lorne, Fred, front row: Wilhelmina, Mel, Emil,
Emma

dren: Janet (Manfred Nickel), Barbara (Jim Nichol, see Nichol story), Virginia (Brian Rampton), Valerie (Ken Cram), Edith (Darryl Bluhn), Alfred Lambrecht (Mary) and Tim Lambrecht (Betty). Fred and Susan are both deceased.

Ed married Kae Penner. Their children are Will, Jeannie and Jim. Ed and Kae Lambrecht separated from their joint farming operation with Mel and Betty in 1973. Ed stayed on the home farm and Mel and Betty moved to the Harry Guderian farm in 1-6. Ed and Kae moved to Morden in 1982 and quit farming in 1986. They spent about one year in Rankin Inlet, Northwest Territories working in a group home for mentally and physically handicapped children. Ed helped Will, from 1989 to 1994, with his farming operations until his death of colon cancer. At the present Ed helps out at the farm, since Jim, the youngest son, has a full time job at Triple E. Kae is leader of a large orchestra of about fourteen players doing music for senior homes, hospitals and social events.

Jim began working at Triple E in Winkler in 1983. He married Kelly Friesen from Altona in 1993 and they resided on the farm yard formerly owned by Doug and Vera Hunt on 35-2-7. In the spring of 1995 they returned to the Lambrecht family farm on 36-1-7 and are continuing the farming

operation. Currently Jim is employed by Triple E and Kelly is contracting work at home from Friesen Yearbook Division of Altona. They have four daughters, Ashley Renae (1987), Natalie Page (1996) and twins Monica Joy and Claudia Jane (1999).

Will worked construction on the Cargill Elevator in Winkler and later worked for Kroekers. He returned to the farm and began operating independently in 1980. He married Cathy Holenski in 1983 but separated in 1990 and later divorced. He worked briefly in both Calgary and Portage la Prairie area but returned and continued farming until he was diagnosed with cancer in August 1994. He died October 23, 1994 at the age of thirty-five.

Jeannie Nickel grew up on the family farm southeast of Darlingford, with two brothers and lots of younger cousins sharing the same yard, as Mel and Betty Lambrecht farmed together for some years. Jeannie attended school in Morden and following graduation she enrolled at Canadian Bible College in Regina. She graduated with a Bachelor of Religious studies degree in 1982. Prior to graduation from college, Jeannie participated in an overseas mission experience to Ireland in 1980. It was while on route to Ireland that she met Jim, a musician and member of a band called Bond Servant performing at a concert in Buffalo, New York. Jim went on to Europe and India for the next year and many letters and phone calls later they determined to not have such a long distance relationship. They were married on April 10, 1982.

After the wedding they lived in Sardis, British Columbia for a year. Jim was working in the housing construction business. The next year they decided to move to Winnipeg where Jim went to university and earned a Bachelor of Arts and Education degree. They have two sons, Joel and Jordon.

Jim's first teaching assignment was in Rankin Inlet in the Northwest Territories, in 1988 teaching a grade four and five class at Maqni Objak School. In 1989 the family moved and purchased a home in Tinker Creek south of Morden. Jim's northern experience gave him good insight into creating a life skills program and it was just what the Trainex Centre in Winkler was looking to hire. Jim continues to teach life skills and computer training at the Trainex Centre. When they made their home back in Morden it gave them an opportunity to develop their musical skills with the addition of Jeannie's

brother Will Lambrecht. They produced two tapes at Jim's home studio.

Over the years Jim and Jeannie have been active in local groups such as Wood'n Nickel, a magic and music group with Greg and Oonaugh Wood. They performed at several churches and schools in Manitoba. Jim, Jeannie and their boys joined a theater group called Neche Gospel Theater which presented the Easter and Christmas stories in a musical. Jim and Jeannie are board members of the Back Forty Folk Festival. At the festival in June 1998 their son Joel performed with them. Joel has since gone solo and enjoys playing guitar and singing and creating original songs. Jordan plays trumpet and is starting guitar lessons, it seems the music will go on.

Mel Lambrecht (September 15, 1934) married Betty Penner (April 3, 1932), June 14, 1958. They had four children: Kenneth, Donald, Howard and Connie. Kenneth "Ken" James (April 27, 1959) and Sharon Elizabeth Friesen (April 15, 1964) were married August 30, 1986. They have three children: Melissa Dawn Elizabeth (January 8, 1988), Evan James Curtis (October 16, 1990) and Garrett William Cole (September 21, 1993). Donald (Don) Maurice (January 11, 1961) married Sue Mazurek (March 17, 1965) July 3, 1988, then divorced. Don married Christine Mary Marlene Johnson (November 8, 1960), July 6, 1996. Howard "Curtis" (June 18, 1963) married Karen Elaine Gepler (April 26, 1966), August 1, 1987. They have two children, Megan Jade (April 6, 1990) and Rachel Kirsten (May 10, 1992). Connie Lynne was born June 17, 1965.

Lorne Harry Lambrecht (December 18, 1921 -



Betty and Mel Lambrecht - June 1998

October 3, 1996) married Joan Evelyn Zimmerman born in Pilot Mound, Manitoba, divorced. They had two children, Donna and Marilyn. Donna Kay (July 24, 1950) married Joe Muskat (April 5, 1947), August 13, 1988. Marilyn Joan (1955) married John Alado, divorced. They had two girls, Simone and Daria. Marilyn married Michael Barrett, divorced. Marilyn and Michael had two boys, David and Michael.

Lorne married Cynthia Mary Bennett of England (January 5, 1931) December 22, 1962 and they had three children: David, Christopher and Julia. David Maurice was born September 2, 1963. Christopher Emil (February 18, 1966) married Angela Grisson. Christopher and Angela have two children, Shantelle Lynn (January 24, 1994) and Austin Christopher (October 7, 1995). Julia Anne Wilhelmina was born January 13, 1968.

Guy Lane

Guy Lane came about 1912 and farmed the N.W. 1/4 9-1-7. He later moved to the United States. He also did carpenter work.

Julianna Ludwig Lantz

Julianna Ludwig Lantz and his wife, together with his mother and his sister and her husband, came to Canada from Austria in 1885 as missionaries. Henry was born in 1909 at the Dufferin Hotel, which was owned by his father. They moved to Beausejour, where Henry's father was a pastor for the Lutheran Church. Julianna died in 1934. They had four sons and two daughters. They were taught both English and German. Henry, the youngest son, travelled and eventually arrived in the Darlingford area as part of a harvest crew. Henry met and married Ella Porter in 1940. They continued to live on 31-2-7 until they sold to the Pembina Hutterian Colony and moved to Darlingford in 1965.

They had four children, Larry, Ruth, Mel and Robert (Bob). The children were raised on the farm located one mile from Calf Mountain (Indian burial ground). Henry operated a garage for a couple of years, then worked for Manitoba Telephone System until he retired in 1979. Henry died in 1988.

Larry married Arlene Loewen and lives at Keewatin, Ontario. They have a son, Dennis. Melvin married Ann Geving and lives in Manitou.

Ruth (Lantz) Moser was raised in the area and graduated from Manitou Collegiate Institute. Ruth moved to Winnipeg and worked for several years. Ruth married Dieter Moser and they had a daughter

Tracie. Ruth and Tracie moved to Darlingford in 1971. Tracie graduated from Nellie McClung in 1987. Tracie now lives in Toronto and works for AXA Insurance as a Training and Development Specialist. She is currently working at getting her Bachelor of Administration. Ruth worked as manager of the Saan store for around ten years and is currently working as manager of Reitmans in Winkler.

Mel is a bus driver for the school division. They have three children: Dean, Kelly and Melanie. Dean and Kelly died tragically in the swimming pool in 1977. Melanie married Kristin Reynolds and lives at Manitou. They have a daughter, Melody.

Robert married Marilyn Geogorire and lives at Brandon. Bob has worked for Manitoba Telephone System for twenty-five years. They have two sons, Mark and Micheal.

Larson

Larson, on C.P.R. section 1916.

Frank Latimer

Frank Latimer was born in 1901 at Durban, where he lived with his parents, who were farmers. He married Arena Carr in 1926, who also had been born at Durban but her family had moved to Norquay where she grew up. Frank learned the grain business early and operated the National Elevator at Durban until 1948 when they moved to Darlingford to buy grain for the Manitoba Pool Elevator, which had been taken over from The Farmers' Elevator Company. They took part in all community affairs until 1955 when Frank died. Mrs. Latimer moved to Winnipeg, where she died in 1977. They had four children: Ellen, Milton, Margaret and Ron.

Ellen married Bernie Shaw and lives in Winnipeg. Bernie died.

Milton (Hap) married Hazel La Liberty and lives at Roblin.

Margaret married Gerald McElroy, who died in 1983. Margaret now lives in Winnipeg. They had five sons: Kerry, Wayne, Rodney, Kevin and Shawn. Kerry and Susan live at Barrhead, Alberta. They have a daughter Jodi and a son Jason. Wayne and Vera live at Camsack, Saskatchewan. They have two daughters, Trisha and Angela. Rodney and Heather live at Stettler, Alberta. They have two sons, Christopher and Patrick. Kevin and MaryAnn live in Morden. They have a daughter, Charmaine and a son Mathew. Shawn and Suzanne live in

Winnipeg. They have a daughter, Marina.

Ron and Joyce live at Estevan, Saskatchewan. They have three sons. Grant and Heidi, who live at Estevan. Dean died in 1997. Kent lives at Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

James Ephriam Law

James Ephriam Law married Mary Oke on October 21, 1874, in Oshawa and moved to a homestead south of Manitou in 1878. He was a stone mason and was noted as a good man with a broad axe. He brought a breaking plough and a team of oxen from Emerson in 1879 which was used to break the sod. The sod was allowed to rot during the summer and then was back set by ploughing this land again two inches deeper. A spade disc was used before seeding. The seed was carried in a basket and scattered by hand. In place of harrows some of the farmers used a large tree. The grain was cut with a scythe or "cradle" and tied by hand. Five farmers in the district bought a wire binder as a cooperative venture. Two or three men were required to operate it and it was pulled by three horses, or some times oxen. Each man had about ten to twenty acres of



James and Mary Law

grain.

James, along with a number of settlers, worked on the railway when it went through the district in 1883. A grain warehouse was erected where he bought grain for approximately three years.

In 1885 the family moved to Manitou where they operated a boarding house and, in 1898, he built the first house at 32 Pembina in Darlingford. He owned the land where Darlingford now stands and, in the same year, he had it surveyed into blocks and lots and, according to a plan in the possession of his grandson, Doug, the plan of survey thereof was registered on September 13, 1905.

In 1912, Jim was the immigration officer operating on the railway between Gretna and Rosenfeld.

He was a strong supporter of the community, belonged to the Independent Order of Foresters, and was chaplain of the Orange Lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Law were faithful members of the Methodist Church where he was steward and active in the Sunday School. Mr. Law loved to sing.

They raised a family of five. Albert was a Methodist minister at Habena, Alberta. Edward who married Ethel Graham had two children and was a carpenter and played hockey. Percy who was a butcher married Edith Griffin and have a family of three: Mary, Arnold and Raymond. Maud who married Jack Hunter of Alberta, had a son, Cecil. Oliver, who was born in 1880 was educated at Manitou where he was a pupil of Nellie McClung. In 1894 he worked on a steam threshing gang and received \$1.25 a day, working from 6 a.m. until dark. The engine was fired with straw.

Thatch roofs for houses and barns were built by tying bundles of coarse grass to the framework of the roof. Sod houses were built from sod cut twelve inches thick, and whitewashed inside.

When a sports day was held at Pembina Crossing, featuring oxen races, foot races, Indian pony races and lacrosse, half of those taking part were Indians from the Swan Lake reserve.

Law Reunion - 1997

A Law reunion took place in Darlingford on the 1997 August long weekend, when family members, descendants of Oliver and Sarah Law, gathered for the first celebration since 1887. Friday night was registration and get reacquainted, or meet new members and enjoy coffee and lunch. One hundred and twenty clan members came from Ottawa, Mitchell and Allison, Ontario; Abbotsford, British Columbia; Topeka, Kansas, Switzerland; Medicine

Hat, Saskatchewan; Bonnyville and Calgary, Alberta; Winnipeg, Morden, Miami, Beausejour, Cartier, Pilot Mound, Darlingford and Swan Lake, Manitoba.

Saturday folk gathered for golf at Roland, Manitoba. Non golfers visited camps, checked over the town or read up on family happenings at the Darlingford hall.

Cousins brought items to be raffled off in a silent auction, plus craft work and paintings were raffled off. T-shirts with Law Reunion '97 print plus new updated books of the Law families were for sale. Each member brought their posters of family pictures especially of those who were not present, old photo albums, scrapbooks of weddings, births or reports of important events. Grandma Law's diary on the back of old calendars was on hand. The evening was enjoyed with a meal, picture taking and a dance and karaoke.

Sunday at 10:30 a.m. on a beautiful morning the Law Cairn which is where the old Law home stood was dedicated. Arnold Law and Glenn Law dedicated the stone as a memorial to Oliver and Sarah Law and the thirteen children raised there. The land has been approximately one hundred years in the Law name. Following the dedication the Law family gathered in Zion Calvin Church for worship. Shirley Law Collard From Rimby, Alberta took the service. A few moments were taken to remember those who have died since the last reunion in 1987. The names of dear ones were read: Doug Law (1990) son, Walter Remus (1992) son-in-law, Cora (Law) Remus (1993) daughter, George Fraser (1993) son-in-law, Kenneth Richards (1993) grandson of Marge Orchard, Eva (Law) Hunt (1995) daughter, Haig Law (1995) son, Harold (Curly) Law (1996) eldest son, Penny Law (1993) wife of Earle. After the church service all gathered at the curling rink for barbecue lunch, games and visiting. The weekend held a lot of great memories which we will cherish always.

J. Oliver Law

J. Oliver Law helped to survey the townsite of Darlingford and he helped to build the first elevator. He later bought grain at Stevenfield where he met and married Sarah Campbell in 1906. They then moved to Darlingford to operate an elevator and farm on the edge of town. About 1916, he began the operation of five beef rings. (See organizations section.)

Mr. and Mrs. Law were faithful in their support

of the church and he was superintendent of the Sunday School for many years. He also supported all community efforts and assisted in the building of the two rinks. Oliver died in 1959 and Sarah in 1962. Their thirteen children also helped in all community projects.

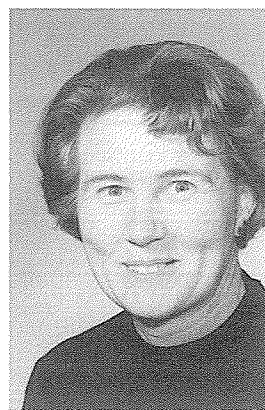
Eva Law finished school and worked in the post office and H.R. Veals Store before marrying Harold (Joe) Hunt in 1936 and moving to the Hunt farm known as Erindale Farm, northeast of Darlingford. They retired to Darlingford in 1966 and lived in the Herb Storey's house. Joe died in 1974 and Eva remained in their wee home until 1993 when she moved to Morden. She died in 1995. They had three children. Garry, who married Lena Thiessen in 1964 and they still live on Erindale Farm. Their son Bill has three children, Robert, Christopher, Jason. Their other son Mel and partner Melanie live in Morden with their son Kaleb. Noreen married Clair Wilson in 1968 and they live in Alliston, Ontario after retiring from the military. They have two children, Cindy and Cory: Cindy is married to Daren Kraus (a member of the Canadian Armed Forces) and has two children, Keane and Aislinn. Sharon married Tom Tierney in 1970 and they and their two sons, Chris and Tim, live in Winnipeg. (See Harold "Joe" Hunt story.)

Cora Law was educated in Darlingford. She borrowed \$100 from William White which enabled her to take a comptometer course. When she repaid him in a year he did not charge her any interest. She met Carl Gysi at Elim Chapel in Winnipeg. They were married and attended Bible School in Toronto for a year. Carl then worked for H.J. Heinz Company and



Oliver Law house

they lived in Ottawa, St. John and Verdun, Quebec. By 1939 they had three children: Francis, Marshall and Patricia. In 1947, Cora returned to Darlingford with her children and worked as an operator for the Manitoba Telephone System. She was transferred to Winnipeg where she worked for Manitoba Telephone System. until she retired and came back to Darlingford. She was a member of the Church of



Beth Law (Kilgour) First wife of Haig Law, Mother of Ken, Arnold, Kathy

Later Day Saints (Mormons). Cora met Walter Remus, from Emerson, whom she married. They lived at Emerson where Walter died in 1992 and Cora died in 1993.

The eldest daughter, Francis married Ted Copp of Winnipeg. They have two sons, Lawrence (1953) and Reid (1954). Francis and Ted spend their winters in the southern parts of the United States.

Marshall went to university after attending school in Darlingford and Manitou. He has a degree in engineering and has worked in Canada and Nepal. He married Beryl and they had two children, Warren and Pamela. They are now divorced and



J. Oliver Law Family:

(l-r) Cora, Harold, Bertha, Marjorie, Fred, Mr. Law, Mary, Mrs. Law, Ralph, Glenn, Allan, Eva, Ella, Doug, Albert

Marshall lives in Switzerland.

Patricia married John Court. They had three children: David, Paul and Karen. John died suddenly and Pat later took a job teaching in Switzerland where she is still employed.

Harold "Curly" Law (1911) married Louise White in 1935. After finishing school he drove a four horse team during the building of Highway #3, and later bought grain at Hayfield, Newstead and Carman. In 1946, they built a locker plant in Manitou, which they later sold and moved to Moosomin, Central Butte and later to Rocanville where he was engaged in the meat cutting business. He was active in sports, especially hockey. They had three children: Shirley, Patricia and Gwen. All three of their daughters were school teachers. Curly and Louise retired to Moosomin, Saskatchewan where they resided for twenty-three years prior to Curley's sudden death from a heart attack in July 1996. In August of 1997 Louise died suddenly in her home at Moosomin, Saskatchewan.

Shirley entered into the ministry in the United Church of Canada. She served in two pastoral charges in Alberta. She and her husband Warren Collard have two married children. Danna and her husband Henrik Ormstrup, live in High River, Alberta with their two children, Erik and Brittany. Tod and his wife Marilyn Collard, live on an acreage south of Calgary.

Pat and her husband Tony Didychuk, had two children while they lived at Lynn Lake, Manitoba. The family moved to Medicine Hat, Alberta where Pat owned and operated a restaurant. Their son Roger, his wife Jaime and their son, Reed, live in Acadia Valley, Alberta. Pat and Tony's daughter Jodi, teaches school in Hinton, Alberta.

Gwen and her husband Barry Gustafson, left Lynn Lake, Manitoba moving to Calgary and later to Medicine Hat, Alberta where they now reside. They operate their own woodworking business.

Ella Margaret Law (February 27, 1913) married Sidney Henry William Cox (October 9, 1910) in Miami, Manitoba. They farmed at Miami on S.W. 36-4-7 all their lives and retired to Miami in October 1964. Sid died on October 10, 1985 and Ella died on March 28, 1989. They had two sons, Clayton and Alvin and a daughter, Mary Margaret who predeceased them as an infant.

Clayton Stanley (October 5, 1939) farmed until present. He married Doreen Lucking of Carman on March 28, 1964. They have four children. Daniel Allen (January 8, 1965) married Barbara Henderson

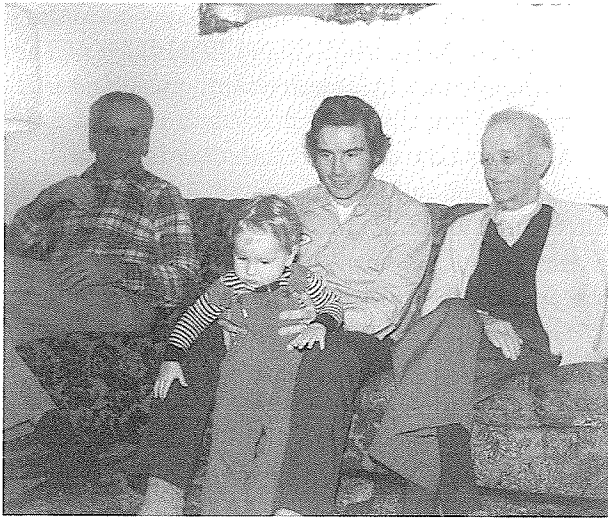
of Manitou. Brian James (February 18, 1967) married Donna Lyne of Snowflake and have one son, Jayden Sidney (December 5, 1997). Robert Dale was born May 9, 1969. Cindy Lynn (June 6, 1972) married Bradley Klippel of Winnipeg and they have two daughters, Summer Dawn (July 18, 1994) and Allison Taylor (January 24, 1997). James Alvin (September 26, 1940) wed Kathleen Lucking of Carman on July 30, 1966. Alvin joined the air force in 1960 and is now retired. They had two children, Pamela Michelle (January 19, 1968) married Gregg Garychuk of Winnipeg on September 4, 1993. They have two sons, Justin Wm. (March 25, 1995) and James Owen (April 24, 1997). Patricia Lorraine was born on December 15, 1968.

Albert Law (1915) married Betty Amy in 1942. After finishing school he worked in Winnipeg until he joined the air force and trained as a bomb-aimer. He flew several missions before being killed in action on July 10, 1943. As a lad, he played hockey as goaltender. It has been said that no one ever heard Ab say anything derogatory about anyone.

Ralph Law, a twin of Fred, (1916) married Ella Dushenko in 1939. After completing school he worked for C.P.R. maintenance, later in the Red and White store until he took over an elevator at Mowbray. They moved to Morden in 1961 and he was employed with Morden Cold Storage. He was always active in sports. Ralph and Ella have three children: Earl, Ruth and Albert. They have nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Ralph died in May 1998. Ella resides at Legion House Two, Morden. Earl lives at Clearbrook, British Columbia. Ruth lives at Beausejour. Albert lives at Bonnyville, Alberta.

Fred Law finished school and worked for farmers in the area until he joined the R.C.M.P. and, in 1940, enlisted in the army with the rank of Lieutenant, in the Pictou Highlanders. After his discharge he moved to St. Stephen, New Brunswick where he married Juliette Crawford. He died in 1969 and was buried with full military honours and the mourning party included members of the R.C.M.P. and police force. The family, Susan (Jack Adams), Mary, Janet, and the triplets, Joan, Linda and Michael, all attended Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church.

Allan "Haig" (1918) worked for W.E. Veals, after finishing school, and later drove transfers for Coleman Co., W. Ticknor, Stan Maxwell and then one of his own which he sold. He drove caterpillar tractor during the rebuilding of Highway #3 and



Four Generations taken in 1978. Haig Law, Arnold Law, Robert Kilgour, Gavin Law

another at Birdshill. He was the caretaker of Darlingford school and drove school bus for Pembina Valley School Division until his retirement in 1983. He married Beth Kilgour in 1944 and they had three children. Ken who married Bernice Wilson, lives in Sanford, Manitoba and has two daughters. Amanda married Jamie Dillabough and have one son, Lane and Krystal. Arnold who married Rish Negrych, lives in Morden, Manitoba and has two sons, Gavin and Derek. Kathy who married Neil Williment, lives in Headingly, Manitoba and has one daughter, Kara. Haig's first wife Beth died June 1972. He later married Eileen Neighbour.

Eileen R. Mack born near Crystal City, the youngest of a family of seven to Hirani Mack and



Haig Law Family - 1987. back row: Ken, Beatrice, Neil, Kathy, Arnold, Rish, front row: Amanda, Krystal, Eileen, Kara, Haig, Derek, Gavin

Alice Sandercock. Eileen attended Eton rural school to end of grade ten, then Crystal City and Killarney. In 1937 Eileen married Gilbert Neighbour of Darlingford and raised five daughters. Late in life Eileen went to Toronto and obtained her registered nursing in the Queensway Hospital while living in Mississauga and nursed at Trenton General Hospital. It was there Haig Law found her in November of 1973 and brought her back to live in Darlingford.

Haig and Eileen were married in Winnipeg and led a busy life with their grown children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren nearby. After one year at home, Eileen nursed five and half years at Tabor Home in Morden, plus eight months acting as public health nurse at Swan Lake Reserve. Eileen was active in U.C.W. and church life in Darlingford serving on many committees and both Haig and Eileen worked diligently for the Memorial, Evergreen Club, and the school house as a Heritage building. Eileen coordinated and helped collect for the Heart and Stroke Fund two years in town and country and the some for the Salvation Army, three years plus one year in town only. Haig often drove in the country while Eileen collected.

Both loved gardening and kept a mass of flowers both inside and out. Eileen belonged to the Manitou Horticultural Society ten years and often Morden's too and many times went as delegate to the conventions. Both were Morden Legion members.

Haig retired June 1983 and from then on did volunteer work in the town: mowed the school yard regularly, trimmed the hedge, planted trees at the school and memorial, gardened in memorial yard, and was busy blowing snow to keep the streets open in winter.

Although Haig's health was poor, the Laws took several trips during these years, a short cruise in the Caribbean visiting seven small islands, and spent one day touring in Caracas, Venezuela, South America. There was a six week trip to the west coast with two weeks spent in Salt Spring Island, a seven week to the east coast to Quebec and Montreal, around Gaspé, Prince Edward Island, Cape Breton, Bay of Fundy, etcetera, visiting relatives east and west as they travelled. In 1985 they spent seven weeks in England, Scotland, Ireland, with Haig driving a little Vaux wagon thousands of miles.

In Burnley, thirty miles south-west of Manchester, they visited Townley Hall, an ancient but well preserved home of Haig's great-great



Doug Law Family - Glenda, Jim, Doug, Eileen, Wendy, Diane

grandmother until 1815 when she married James Abraham Law I and came to Canada. Another stop was at the grave of Haig's brother, Albert Clayton Law, in the Commonwealth Cemetery, Cambridge, England. They also visited a niece of Richard Neighbour and her family on the border of Wales, and she and her husband returned the visit to the Laws in Canada, for one month in the same year. Plenty of shorter trips, west to Calgary, Edmonton and Drumheller, the Black Hills and Rexberg, Idaho.

By 1988-90 both Haig and Eileen suffered ill health, and had an auction sale, sold the house, and moved to an apartment in Morden, August 1990. After a long and lingering illness, Haig died August 27, 1995. He had spent the last few months in hospital. Haig was born on the Law homestead on the edge of town and spent his entire life in Darlingford until 1990. Eileen lived thirty-eight years in the area, twenty-one years on the farm, seventeen years in town. Eileen still resides in Morden.

Marjorie Law married Kenneth Lawson in 1939 and farmed the E. 1/2 10-3-7. Ken enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in 1940 and went missing in action in 1943. He was presumed dead six months later.

Their daughter Beverly was badly burned in June 1940. She went to Toronto several times and had thirty-four skin grafts in Toronto and some more later in life in Winnipeg. Bev went to Selkirk in 1958 to take psychiatric nursing. She married Cliff Richards and had two children, Kenneth and Kelly. Bev is living in Winnipeg, where she works at the social services department for the City of Winnipeg. She has four grandchildren: Kenny's

children: Samantha and Elias and Kelly's children: Shayne and Tasha. They live in Lethbridge and are very involved in their church with music and leadership.

Marjorie Law married Elmer Nordquist in 1949 and they lived in Darlingford until 1956, when they moved to the S.E. 1/2 2-5-7, in the Miami district. Elmer was also a carpenter and drove a school bus. Their children are Judy, Charlie and Larry. Elmer died in July 1970. Marjorie married Warder Orchard in 1976. They farmed until 1997. They live in Miami and are both active in church, choir and senior centre. Marj is still a sport enthusiast. She is always willing to help others and is in demand as a soloist at weddings and funerals.

Judy went to university where she received her Bachelor of Physical Education in 1973 and continues teaching. She has two daughters, Meghan and Michele.

Charlie moved to Lethbridge in 1972 and continues to work in the trucking business. He married Carol Potvin in 1976 and had two girls, Jennifer and Melanie and triplets, Christopher, Jamie and Stephen. Stephen died at birth. They are grandparents of Caillin and Brendan.

Larry has worked for Manitoba Hydro since 1971. He married Debra Norberg of Roseile in 1973. They have three sons: Eric, Aaron and Evan. They live on the home farm at S.E. 1/4 2-5-7 which they purchased, and built a new home on in 1992. Larry and Debbie are both active in community activities in Miami.

Douglas Law (1922) joined the R.C.A.F. in 1941 and trained as a pilot at Saskatoon and Dauphin. In 1943 he went to England and served with the 423 Squadron, flying Sunderland flying boats on convoy escort and anti-submarine patrols along the Norway coast. He was selected to ferry new Sunderland aeroplanes to the east area of conflict and delivered one to Karachi, India and ferried one to Mombasa, Africa. By this time the European war had ended. He came home on leave before returning for a tour in the Far East. He married Eileen Rombough in July 1945 and received his discharge in September 1945. They purchased the family farm but he rejoined the R.C.A.F. in 1955 and was stationed in Montreal and Quebec. He retired in 1969 and returned to Darlingford. Douglas has always been active in sports of all kinds and all branches of church work, having taken a three-year night school course in theology at McGill. Doug died in July 1990. They had four children: Diane, Glenda ,

James and Wendy.

Glenda (March 15, 1948) married Constantinos "Dino" Bessas on July 26, 1969. Glenda and Dino have lived in Sherwood Park, Alberta since 1974. Dino came to Canada from Athens, Greece in 1959. Dino, Glenda, and their children are very active in The Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day Saints (Mormon Church). Dino works for Telus, a telephone company in Alberta, as a technician and Glenda is owner/director of Medallion Family Day Home Agency, overseeing family day homes in the Edmonton and Sherwood Park areas. They have three children: Peter James (December 23, 1970), Dean Jared Georges (July 3, 1973) and Callie Eileen (June 16, 1976).

Peter and his wife Soumountha live in Portland, Oregon, where Peter is studying medicine at the Oregon Health Science University. Soumountha is a school teacher and teaches English as a second language. Dean and his wife, Melanie live in Edmonton, Alberta. Dean recently graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Alberta and plans to further his education in this field, while Melanie is an insurance broker. Callie and her husband, Christopher Smith, also live in Edmonton, Alberta. Callie is a dental assistant, and Chris graduates this year with a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Alberta. They have a son, Benjamin Douglas (October 29, 1997).

James Douglas graduated from Nellie McClung Collegiate in 1973 and later attended Red River Community College where he earned a diploma in Electronic Technology in 1978. Shortly after graduating from college, he married his long time sweetheart Cindy Joy Hemminger and began a career with Manitoba Hydro.

Cindy and Jim spent a few years in Thompson and Gillam Manitoba, where they had two children, Jennifer Faith and David James Cameron. They then moved to Winnipeg and spent ten years there before moving to Lac du Bonnet Manitoba in 1997, where they now reside. Jennifer is currently finishing grade twelve and plans to attend Providence Bible College, then get her degree in education to become a teacher. David is about to finish grade nine and is enjoying the great outdoors in the Lac du Bonnet area. He is interested in flying, fishing, and snowmobiling.

Wendy (Law) Ewert attended public school in Darlingford and high school in Manitou. She furthered her education in Winnipeg at the Mennonite Bible School and graduated from the University of

Winnipeg with a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in music. She married Donald Ewert in 1983. They moved to Halifax where Don obtained his Bachelor of Science from Dalhousie University in Speech Language Pathology. In 1990 they moved to London, Ontario where Wendy studied at the University of Western Ontario and received her Masters of Music. At present they are living in an acreage north of London with Don working as Clinical Supervisor of Speech Language Pathology in the Stratford Hospital. Wendy keeps busy with teaching voice, singing engagements and looking after her horse.

Diane (Law) and John Mason were married in Montreal in 1969 and moved to Winnipeg in 1971. They have four children: Pamela (1973), Kendra (1976); Darryl (1978), and Ryan (1980). John is employed by Corrections Canada. He graduated from the University of Winnipeg in 1988 with a B.A. in Sociology. Diane, who recently moved to Morden, is president of a housing cooperative in Winnipeg. She graduated from the University of Winnipeg in 1996 with a B.A. Honours in English, also fulfilling the requirements for a B.A. General in Psychology.

Pamela graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1977 with a Bachelor of Education. She married Stephen Risser the same year. Stephen will graduate in 1999 from Assiniboine Community College as a licensed practical nurse. The couple resides in Brandon. Kendra and Darryl graduated from Fort Richmond Collegiate in Winnipeg in 1997. Ryan graduated from the Collegiate in 1998. Kendra, who left the family nest this year, is a shift supervisor at a Winnipeg restaurant. Darryl has volunteer experience in health care and is presently exploring the career options offered by the military. Ryan is enrolled at the University of Manitoba in the Bachelor of Science program beginning this fall.

Mary Law (1925) received her education at Darlingford and in 1942, she went to work in the civil service at Ottawa. In 1944, she married Ross Lowry who worked for the C.N.R. and later for Trans Canada Airline and moved to Winnipeg in 1950. He died in a boating accident in 1964. Mary was transferred to Toronto and is active in church work and contributes much to the choir. Her children, Sandra and David live in Winnipeg.

Bertha Law (1926) took a teachers training course, and taught at the Floral school, north of Pilot Mound. In 1945, she married George Fraser, a

farmer in that district. George and Bertha Fraser farmed in the Floral district, north of Pilot Mound. They raised five children: Robert, Terry, Nancy, Douglas and Janice. Bertha and George moved into Pilot Mound in the 1980's. George died several years after the move and Bertha died August 12, 1998.

Robert and wife Barbara, both teach school in Brandon. They have two children, Jennifer and Michael. Terry and wife Elizabeth live in White Rock, British Columbia. They have two children, Mark and Stephanie. Nancy and David Sheffield live in Swan Lake and Nancy teaches school. They have two children, Rebecca and Andrew. Douglas and wife Lori live in Grande Prairie, Alberta. They have one son, Cole. Doug died in July 1990. Janice and Myron Pinkerton live in Pilot Mound. Janice works in the Royal Bank, Crystal City. They have two sons, Brody and Brett.

Glenn Law (1928) graduated from Manitou Collegiate in 1947, and taught a year. In 1948 he joined the R.C.A.F. training as a radio officer, graduating in 1949 as a flying officer. He was posted at Edmonton where he flew rescue missions to the arctic, the Korean airlift, and Winnipeg during the 1950 flood. He then went to Summerside, Prince Edward Island to train as a navigator, received his wings, met and married Ellen Mollison in 1952. After three years in Prince Edward Island, he was promoted to Flight Lieutenant and returned to Winnipeg for a Navigator's course and became an instructor. He was selected as an exchange officer with the United States Air Force taking a specialist course. In 1963 he received staff training in Toronto and rejoined 415 Squadron. In 1966, he resigned from the R.C.A.F. and joined the Dominion Bureau of Statistics as personal administrator. They have four children: Cynthia, Christopher, Graham and Robert.

Albert Lawson

Albert Lawson was born at Kingston, New Brunswick on August 26, 1861. He came to Manitoba in 1886, leaving all of his family behind. He settled on the Willowhurst Farm (E. 1/2 10- 3- 7), which was located two and one-half miles east of Darlingford. This farm belonged to the Ledingham family at that time.

Albert married Margaret Ledingham in 1894. There were no children from this marriage. Margaret died in 1915.

In 1916, he married Catherine Mason, who was

born in Aberdeen, Scotland in 1895. She had come to Manitoba in 1914 with her parents, one brother, Edward and two sisters, Maggie and Minnie. Maggie married Alex Adams and they settled northwest of Darlingford. They had a family of three: Ina, Margaret "Stella" and Kenneth, who are all deceased. Minnie married Archie Atkinson of Pilot Mound and they lived east of Darlingford (E. and W. 1/2 10-3-7) for a time. Their children were Marjory and Neil, who now reside in Winnipeg, Mary and Shirley, who are deceased. Both these families later moved to Winnipeg. Albert and Catherine had five sons and two daughters: Bert, Ruth, Robert, Kenneth, Edward, Glen and Pearl.

Bert Lawson, the oldest, was born on September 22, 1916. His parents had gone to Scotland for a honeymoon, but Catherine was not allowed to return to Canada as the Germans were sinking ships during World War One so Bert was born in Scotland. Bert married Beatrice Scammell of Darlingford in 1938. In 1943, he married his second wife, Irene Cassells, of Manitou, and had twin daughters, Sharon and Loretta. During this time he farmed on the home farm as well as on 33-2-7W and 8-3-7W. He later moved to Warren, Manitoba where he married Florence Bissett in 1951. Bert owned a farm implement dealership there for many years. Bert died in 1980 and Florence died in 1995. They had no children.

Ruth Lawson (April 13, 1918) married Melvin Hunt in 1937 and they farmed in the Calf Mountain district until 1961. Mel and Ruth had five children: Marlene, Wayne, Gail, Lynn and Glenda. (See Melvin Hunt story.)

Robert "Bob" (1919-1998) and Phyllis (Gibbs) were married in January 1946, after Bob returned



Catherine and Albert Lawson

from service in World War II. They lived in Winnipeg initially and moved to Darlingford in 1947. They farmed on the Willowhurst Farm (E. 10-3-7) east of Darlingford on the land where Bob had been born. This farm had previously been the site of the Darlington School. Bob drove a school bus for many years and was also the caretaker of the Darlingford skating rinks (outdoor and indoor) for many years. Phyllis worked as a para-professional in McClung Collegiate in Manitou and also as an assistant in the 4-H program. Phyllis was a 4-H leader for many years in Darlingford. In 1981 they sold the farm and moved to Morden. Bob was employed as Facilities Manager at the Morden Recreation Center until his retirement in 1987. He was an enthusiastic gardener, curler, golfer and camper, as well as Dad and Grandpa during his retirement years. Bob died in June 1998. Phyllis is still living in Morden and remains central in the lives of her daughters, son-in-laws and grandchildren.

Bob and Phyllis had four daughters: Sandra (1946), Jo-Anne (1952), Roberta (1954) and Laurie (1956). The girls attended elementary school in Darlingford and high school in Manitou. They were active in most of the community activities, such as 4-H, choir, church groups, figure skating and baseball and later various high school activities and sports.

Sandra began her working life as a teacher. She married Dan Shtykalo of Dauphin, who was also a teacher, in 1968. They have four children. Tyson (1970) is married to Chontaille Thompson of Dauphin and is living in Dauphin and taking his Chartered Accountant course. Tanya (1972) lives in Montreal and is taking an education degree at McGill University. Deana (1974) lives in Winnipeg and is employed as a restaurant manager. Devin (1980) is currently working and planning to return to school at a later date. Sandra lives at Oak Bluff with her husband, Jim Sloane, originally from Clearwater, and is in senior management at the Winnipeg Remand Center. Jim is a Home Oxygen Technician for Rana Medical.

Jo-Anne graduated from St. Boniface School of Nursing in 1973. The same year she married Larry Robbins of Darlingford. They have two children. Kevin (1979) is attending the University of Manitoba in the Engineering faculty and Allison (1981) will graduate from Morden Collegiate in 1999. Jo-Anne has been working as a Registered Nurse at Morden hospital since she and Larry

moved back to Darlingford in 1975. Larry has an electrical and plumbing business in the area. They live on the home place of Larry's father, Clayton Robbins, southeast of Darlingford.

Bobbi married Darryl McCallum of Manitou in 1976 and they have lived in Winnipeg since then. They have three children: Amanda, Julie and Jill. Amanda (1979) is working and taking a massage therapy course in Winnipeg. Twin girls, Julie and Jill (1983) are currently attending French Immersion high school from which they will graduate in 2001. Bobbi works as an accounting clerk and Darryl is a surveyor for the Manitoba Department of Highways.

Laurie obtained an education degree from University of Manitoba. She married Bruce Wood of Winnipeg in 1978 while they were both teaching at Snowflake. Their children are Brian (1981) who will graduate from Morden Collegiate in 1999, and Lindsay (1983) who graduates in 2001. The Wood family live in Morden and Laurie teaches and Bruce is a principal there. They spent two years (1994 to 1996) living, going to school and teaching in Kazakhstan.

Phyllis and her family enjoy spending time together. Many of everyone's happiest memories are of times spent together on holidays and camping in the summer.

Kenneth Lawson was born on July 19, 1921. He married Marjorie Law of Darlingford in 1939 and they farmed the Willowhurst Farm until he enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in 1941. Ken was a Flight Sergeant in the air force. As an air gunner, he went overseas in 1942. He was reported missing in action on his first mission over Germany at Dusseldorf. After six months he was presumed dead. Their plane was never found and it was believed that they were shot down over the English Channel. Ken and Marjorie had one child, Beverly, born in 1940. Beverly was badly burned while outside sleeping in her carriage on June 6, 1940. When she was three years old, she and her mother made a trip to Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto, where they began plastic surgery. They made many more trips for several years as Beverly had thirty-two operations on her face and hands. Marjorie married Elmer Nordquist of Miami in October 1949. They had three children: Judy, Charlie and Larry. Elmer and Marjorie farmed at Miami. In 1957, Beverly moved to Selkirk and became a psychiatric nurse. She married Cliff Richards of Trinidad in 1957. They had two children: Kenneth in 1961 and Kelly in 1962. Beverly



Bob and Phyllis Lawson Family - May 1994. back row: (l-r) Kevin Robbins, Deana Shtykalo, Larry Robbins, Devin Shtykalo, Jim Sloane, Bob Lawson, Tyson Shtykalo, Darryl McCallum, Bruce Wood, Tanya Shtykalo, Alison Robbins, middle row: Jill McCallum, Julie McCallum, Lindsay Wood, Brian Wood, Mandy McCallum, front row: Joanne Robbins, Sandra Sloane, Phyllis Lawson, Bobbi McCallum, Laurie Wood

lives in Winnipeg and has worked for the City of Winnipeg in Social Services for the past thirty years.

Edward Lawson was born on May 17, 1923. He joined the Canadian army in 1940 and served overseas until 1945. He and brother Bob often told the story of meeting up unexpectedly in Italy in 1943, when they were stationed in the same area. Ed also remembers arranging to meet his brothers, Bob and Ken, for a short visit in England during the war, but he spent most of his seventy-two hour leave on the train, getting to and from the meeting. After returning to Winnipeg after the war, he married Beatrice Sobkowich in 1946. They had two children, Hollis and Darrell. Ed re-entered the army in 1954. He and his family lived in Victoria, British Columbia, for a number of years. They moved to Germany in 1962, where Ed spent three years with the Peace Keeping Forces. After retiring from the army in 1972, Ed and Beatrice lived and worked in Winnipeg. In 1990, they moved to Buffalo Point on Lake of the Woods, spending summers there and winters in Florida where their daughter, Hollis and her husband live. Hollis' son is a golf pro who also lives in Florida. Their son, Darrell, carries on in the tradition of Grandfather Lawson with his love of horses. Darrell continually has several horses around and has won many awards in equestrian events. He has become a trainer of polo ponies and some of his horses are even being used on the United States and South American Polo teams. He has also supplied horses for a couple of Canadian-made movies. He and his wife live in Rosser, Manitoba and they too, spend

their winters in Florida.

Glenn Lawson was born on December 30, 1925 and died in March, 1926.

Pearl Lawson was born on November 27, 1927. She worked in Winnipeg prior to her marriage to Dave Hyndman in 1947. Dave joined the air force in 1954 and the family went to Germany in 1955 for a four-year tour of duty. Dave stayed in the air force and was stationed in Canada until 1967, when they returned to Germany. Pearl and Dave had four children: Karen, Cathy, Judy and Marc. Pearl and the children returned to Canada in 1969 and settled in Ottawa. In 1973, Pearl married Albert Gray Searle, who is now deceased. She continues to live in Ottawa, as does Judy. Her other three children live in British Columbia.

Albert Lawson was well known across Canada for breeding and raising purebred Clydesdale horses for twenty-five years. He showed them at local fairs and followed the circuit of fairs across the prairie provinces, winning top prizes. In 1922, he started exhibiting them at the Toronto Royal Fair and the Chicago International Show, where he placed first in six horse teams, first in four horse teams and second and third in single teams. The dread horse disease encephalitis struck in the 1930's and ended his horse showing days. The community honoured him at a banquet for his accomplishments. Mr. William Manning was his able groom all the way.

Albert and Catherine lived on Willowhurst Farm until 1926. They then moved to the Scott farm (33-2-7W), which he later sold to Albert Waddingham. Their children mostly attended Calf Mountain School. Albert died at the home place in 1945. Catherine moved to Winnipeg and was there until her death in 1954.

The Willowhurst Farm was chosen for recognition as a Manitoba centennial farm in 1970. It had been the home of many of the Lawson family over the years. Bob had lived a good part of his life on this farm until he sold it in 1981.

Harry Leatherdale

Harry Leatherdale (1892-1986) came to Middleton District from Rosebank in the fall of 1925. In 1927 he rented the N. 1/2 30-3-7W where Ian Hamilton now lives. He married Alice Hancock in 1930. In the fall of 1938 he purchased the N. 1/2 24-3-8W from George Jones. They raised a family of two: Gwen and Murray. Harry continued to farm with his son Murray until his death in 1986. Alice now lives in Manitou.

Gwen (1931) worked in the Royal Bank of Canada at Manitou and Crystal City. She married Arthur Kemp of Pilot Mound. They have three children: Linda, Ross and Dale.

Murray (1934) lives in Manitou with his mother.

Ewald Lechner

Ewald and Dot Lechner and children, Bernice, Walter and Lila moved to the N.E. 1/4 23-4-8 in 1945, renting the property from Dot's father Adolph Fishbrook. Bernice and Walter attended McFadden school until 1947, when the family moved to the Kaleida district. They moved several times after that before they could afford to buy a small acreage in the Manitou district on section 15-3-8.

Ewald worked out on the pipeline in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta while Dot and family cared for a small herd of cattle, milking cows and selling cream. She also did housecleaning for people in the area. Ewald died at age fifty-nine in 1966 and is buried in the Manitou Cemetery. Dot eventually sold the cattle and went to work as a cook in Brick's Restaurant until her retirement in 1981. She died in 1991 at age seventy-four, and is buried beside her husband.

Bernice (1937) married Allan Schultz. They have three children: Glenn, Lorne, Diana and Diana's daughters, Courtney and Jordana. (See Allan Schultz story.)

Walter (1938) never married and lives on 15-3-8. He owns and operates a successful backhoe business.

Lila (1943) lives in Elkford, British Columbia with husband Larry White and sons, Dean and Clayton.

Garnet Lee

Garnet Lee (February 19, 1946), son of Cliff and Phyllis Lee of Treherne, married Gloria, daughter of Henry and Agatha Enns of Lac du Bonnet. Garnet transferred to Darlingford Ag Centre, November 1995 and they lived in Morden until

September 1997 when they purchased Elyda McLean's home at 21 Road Allowance, Darlingford.

They have two children. C. Brook (February 1976). He is attending fourth year university and Melanie (1977) will be attending Red River Community College starting September 1998, for a two year course on animal health technology.

Gloria has been employed by Cargill in Winkler since October 1996. Garnet has been employed with Manitoba Pool Elevators for thirty years.

Brock Leeson

Brock Leeson was the youngest of four children born to John and Olivia Leeson. Brock was born in 1889 on the farm homesteaded in 1882. This farm was situated on the west end of the Turtle Mountains along Provincial Trunk Highway #21 and three miles from the North Dakota border, N. 1/2 18-1-23 W.

In 1916 Brock married Jennie Mabel "Jean" (1894), who was a homesteader's daughter, the youngest of five children born to Charles and Jane Condie. From this marriage two sons were born, John (1917) and Howard (1924). They settled on his father's farm, in the dried out area of the province, during the "dirty thirties". In 1934, the family moved to Darlingford having purchased the S. 1/2 of 17-3-7 W. from John Miller, who had been a neighbour a number of years earlier. When they arrived at Darlingford, in August 1934, John had completed his schooling so he decided to work on the farm with his father.

Howard being quite a bit younger started in grade four, his teacher was Miss Duncan. Jean took an active part in some of the ladies groups, while Brock and John belonged to the curling club. Howard was quite involved in sports while at school, and was especially fond of ball and did some pitching, as some of you may recall. He also curled and remembers quite well the first time he ever threw a curling rock. It was in a school bonspiel and Mr. Bill Coates was the skip. Howard was pretty small but Bill helped him get started and he didn't do too badly.

During the years the family lived at Darlingford, World War II started and this, of course, changed their lives a good deal. John enlisted in the artillery and served in the twentieth-third battery of the second anti-tank regiment. This unit served in north-west Europe and was at Oldenberg, Germany when the war ended.

When Howard was eighteen years old, he enlisted in the air force, though his heart was set on becoming a pilot, but was not accepted for air crew, so he did the next best thing and became an air frame mechanic or a "rigger" as they were called. During the time the boys were away, Brock and Jean sold the farm to Ted Scammell and moved back to the Goodlands area, where they bought a half section of land. When John came back from overseas they decided to sell this land and bought land near Deloraine. Due to John's failing health and their parents aging, they rented the land and moved into Deloraine in the fall of 1970. In June of 1971 Brock and Jean celebrated their sixty-first wedding anniversary.

Howard had been working as an adjuster for the Manitoba Crop Insurance Corporation and continued with this work until the end of October 1994. After thirty years of walking fields and climbing granaries, he finally retired.

Brock died at his residence in December of 1977, in his eighty-ninth year. In 1978, Jean had to become a resident of the personal care home in Deloraine, where she remained until her passing in November 1983, in her ninetieth year. John suffered a very heavy stroke in June of 1983 and died a few hours later at sixty-six years of age. Howard is enjoying retirement. He curls twice a week with the seniors and golfs about five times a week.

He has reasonably good health and lives in his own home in Deloraine. On November 8, 1997 Howard celebrated his seventy-third birthday. Howard certainly enjoyed his years living at Darlingford and the many friends he made while there. He tries to get back to Darlingford for a visit every year, quite often coming down to the Decoration Day Service in the Memorial Park. Howard is hoping that his health continues to be good so that he will be able to come to the Centennial Celebrations in 1999.

Bruce Lindsay

Bruce Lindsay married Florence Smith in 1944. The wedding took place in Brandon just after Florence completed her registered nurses' training. Bruce was a Sergeant in the army and was transferred to Vernon, British Columbia, where Pat was born. They moved back to Darlingford in 1946 and opened Lins Inn shortly thereafter which led to the future purchase of the restaurant and pool hall. In 1953 Deborah was born and Marnie was born in 1956. Florence helped in the restaurant with the

baking as well as some part time nursing duties, one of which was specializing two polio patients, one in Manitou and one in her home in Darlingford.

In 1958 they sold the restaurant to Bill Hunt and Bruce became the rural mail carrier for Darlingford area in 1959. Florence then returned to full time nursing in Morden Hospital where she was Head Nurse on the E.T.U. for many years. Bruce was a member of the Zion Calvin Church board, caretaker of the cemetery and playground as well as helping many other people with extra yard work. Both Florence and Bruce were very active members of the Red Cross. Bruce was awarded a plaque for donating over thirty-five pints of blood. In 1981 they toured many overseas countries as well as attending the Oberamagau Passion Play in Germany. They enjoyed Scotland best of all. Bruce died in 1982 at the age of sixty due to cancer.

Pat married Jake Hamm in 1965 and moved to Morden where she is still residing. At present she is working at Re/Max real estate and as part time at Manitoba Telephone System and also sells Finelle cosmetics and Langtree Jewelry.

Debbie married Tom Hamilton, son of John and Laura Hamilton in 1971 and lives north of Darlingford. They moved to Toronto in 1971 as Tom was employed by Queensway Volkswagen and it was there that Jason was born. Shortly after, they moved back to Manitoba living in Morden. In 1975 their son Kevin was born. Tom owned the body shop in Manitou for twelve years which he sold in 1995 to take on the position as salesman for Snap-On Tools. Debbie worked at Manitou Nursery School for five years. In 1986 she was employed by Morden Day Care, where she is now the assistant director. Jason went to University of Manitoba and graduated in 1996 with his law degree. He is cur-



Bruce and Florence Lindsay Family

rently Assistant Legal Counsel for Investors Group in Winnipeg. Kevin went to Winnipeg Technical School and received his welding ticket. He is presently employed by Farm King in Morden.

Marnie followed in her mother's footsteps and went to Brandon hospital where she received her registered nurses' training in 1977. In 1981 she married Joe Heath and in 1985 they had a daughter Lindsay Joanne. Marnie and Lindsay are now living in Souris where Marnie is nursing and Lindsay is attending school.

Jack Livingston

Jack Livingston married Latisa Keown and built a house at the end of the railroad track which he had helped to build. He also worked for local farmers. After Latisa died, he went overseas during the first world war and came back with a war bride. They moved back to the United States.

Ronald Livingstone

Ron Livingstone was born May 19, 1955 in Brandon, Manitoba to John A. Livingstone and Donna Williamson both born and raised in Minnedosa, Manitoba. Ron married Mona Duval, who was born May 8, 1959 to Albert Duval and Therese Lavallee from St. Jean-Baptiste and Letellier, Manitoba, respectively. The marriage took place in the old stone Roman Catholic church in St. Jean-Baptiste on September 1, 1979. Ron and Mona took up residence in Morden, Manitoba until August 1992 when they moved their family of four boys to the "old Minarz place" located at N.W. 1-3-7 W.

Ron and Mona's four children include: Alan born October 6, 1981 who is presently in grade twelve at Nellie McClung Collegiate in Manitou. Alan played hockey as goaltender for various teams in the Morden Minor Hockey Association, and the Morden Mohawks High school team. In the 1997-98 season Alan goaltended for the Pembina Tigers high school team. He was selected as MVP for the All Star Team South. He is unsure of his future plans upon graduation in June of 1999. Kevin born March 4, 1983 is today attending South Winnipeg Technical Center in Winnipeg taking an autobody course. His future plans will likely involve autobody repair. Ryan, born on May 24, 1985 is in grade eight at Nellie McClung Collegiate. He is playing hockey with the Manitou Tigers PeeWee team. The youngest, Robert was born July 1, 1987. He is in grade six at Manitou Elementary School and enjoy-

ing goaltending for the Morden Atom hockey team.

Ron has worked for Manitoba Hydro for twenty-four years, presently as clerk in the Morden office. Mona is employed as a registered nurse for the Boundary Trails Health District and is presently the Clinical Resource Nurse for the Morden Dialysis Unit. She has been employed by the Morden District General Hospital since 1979.

Ron and Mona have spent countless hours planting trees and creating flower beds on their acreage. Ron and the boys have their own yard care business, taking various contract work during the spring and summer months. The privacy of country living has been worth the work and effort. They plan to remain in their stone and cedar home for many more years to come.

Alex Loutchan

Alex Loutchan lived on the S.W. 1/2 12-1-7 and their children went to Chicken Hill School. Gerald Keown bought this farm.

Allan Lovell

under Albert D. Booker

Hammy Lowry

under Savage Lowry

Joseph Lowry

under Michael Lowry

Michael Lowry

Michael Lowry's family originally came from the Loire River valley in France where they were known as De Laurier. After the massacre of the Protestants on St. Bartholomew's Day in the sixteenth century, a large number emigrated to Scotland where there was freedom of worship.

Shortly after the Battle of the Boyne in Ireland, according to a family story, a wealthy nobleman in Scotland gave a Lowry a grant of land near Belfast in exchange for a horse which he admired very much. It was from this area in Ireland that many Lowry ancestors came to Canada. Nellie McClung's book "Clearing in the West" tells of Mr. Lowry's return to Ontario and gives "young Michael" all the credit for starting the exodus of many families to the West.

Michael, born in 1848 was the first to come west and one of the earliest pioneers of the Darlingford district. He took up a homestead on the S.E. 1/4 21-3-7 and in 1879 he returned to Chatsworth, married



Michael Lowry Family - Alex, Henry, Maude McMurtry, Robert, Miss Jane, Mr. Michael, Mrs. Mary, Charlie, a cousin, Wm. George

Mary Nicholson and brought her west to the homestead.

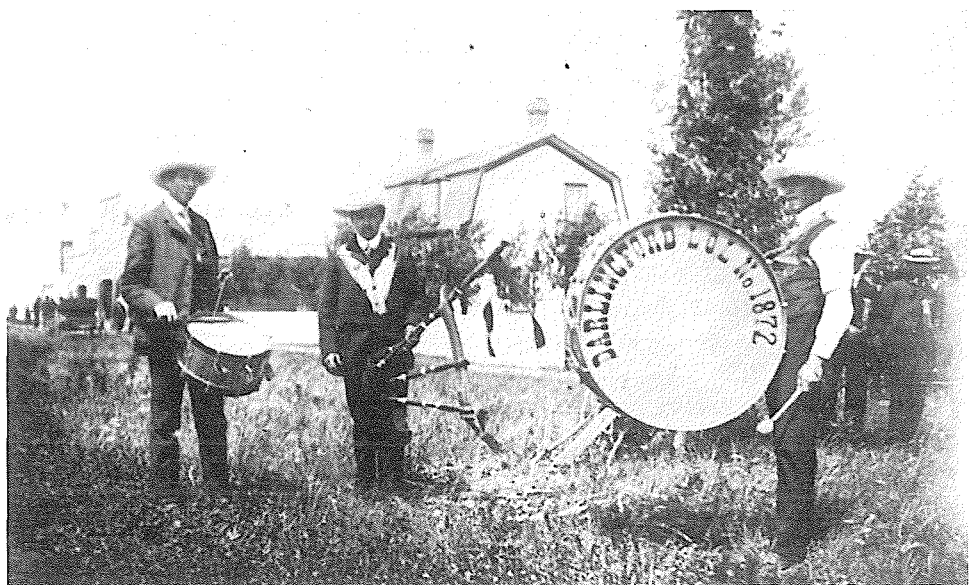
Michael, with his long red beard, was called 'Mick' by his many friends. He and his wife, Mary, lived on their homestead except for about seven years when he conducted a livery and implement business in Manitou and managed a skating rink. They returned to the homestead until around 1918 when they retired to Darlingford, living in the house owned by Julia Jensen. After Michael's death in 1922 Mary returned to the farm and kept house for her son, Charles until her death in 1929. They were members of the Presbyterian church and Michael was active in the Loyal Orange Lodge, having been initiated in 1881 at Thornhill.

Michael and Mary had five sons and, except for the years spent in Manitou, they grew up on the homestead and attended the local schools. All were musically inclined. Henry Nicholson, born in 1882, died in 1962 and John Charles born in 1887, in 1969. These two were landowners but never married. Samuel David, the youngest was born in 1888. He homesteaded at Bracken, Saskatchewan

until driven off by the "dirty thirties". He married Elizabeth Henderson and they have a son David, who is married and lives in Calgary. Samuel made his home in Rolling Hills, Alberta.

Robert Alexander, the third son of Michael and Mary, was born in 1884 at Manitou. In November 1919, he married Mary Adeline McElroy. They farmed the S.E. 1/4 33-3-7, and they had five children; Mary (Jim Wood), Madeleine (Russ Waddingham), Beatrice (Haref Rasmussen), Ruth

(John Helmer) and Joseph Alexander. The four older children attended Barclay school. In 1942 Alex died in Morden hospital after a lengthy illness. By this time Mary and Madeleine were married. Beatrice took a secretarial course and worked in Winnipeg until June 1944, when she enlisted in the Royal Canadian Airforce, W.D. After selling the farm to William Barclay, Adeline and the two younger children moved to Winnipeg where Ruth completed her education and Joe began working with the Canadian National Railway. In June 1947 Adeline married William Campbell, formerly of Cypress River. Adeline died in September 1986.



Sam Lowry, L. McLeod (bagpipes), Alex Lowry - July 12

Ruth was employed as a sales rep with Sears of Canada for sixteen years, retiring in 1992. Her husband John was a senior officer in the Department of National Defence Fire and Rescue Services for thirty-five years, retiring in December 1987. Their daughter, Debbie married Blair Stewart, October 1986. They live in Abbotsford, British Columbia with daughter Courtney and son Taylor. Debbie is a dental receptionist and Blair is Sales Manager for Evers Food Ltd. Son, Michael married Andrea Teeple, August 1986. They live in Chilliwack, British Columbia where he is employed as Fire Inspector for the City of Abbotsford. Andrea teaches school and they have one son, Connor.

Joseph A. Lowry (1927), is the son of Alex and Adeline Lowry, who farmed the S.E. 1/4 33-3-7. When his father died in 1942, Joe turned professional hired man. In 1943, Joe joined the Canadian National Railway in the Fort Rouge yards as a yard clerk and by 1947 he was transferred to the post of Terminal Train Operator in the Operating Department.

Joe married Jennie Markevick and lives in Winnipeg. They have two children; Roberta and Donald. In 1953, Joe decided to further his education and by 1961 had completed Senior Matriculation by correspondence, as well as courses on Business Management, Labour and Personnel Relations with the C.N.R. In 1962 was transferred to Winnipeg Area Controller's office as junior statistician. In 1963 Joe left C.N.R. and joined the Midland Railway Company (now Burlington-Northern) as an accountant. In six weeks he became

assistant to the General Superintendent, who retired in 1971 and Joe moved to that position. He maintained this position, when it became a subsidiary of Burlington Northern Railway of the U.S.A. and he then managed their Canadian interests in Canada until retirement in 1987. Jennie did secretarial work, retiring in 1988.

Roberta married Steve Blayney in 1981. They live in Winnipeg. Roberta is engaged in Nursing Education at Health Science Centre, while Steve enjoys his travels as estimator for Maple Leaf Construction Ltd.

Donald married Norine Zdan in 1973. They live in Edmonton with daughters, Jennifer and Kathryn. Don is President and C.E.O. of EPCOR. Norine is a full time guardian angel to two teenage daughters.

William George, eldest son of Michael and Mary, was born in 1880. He lived on the N.E. 1/4 20-3-6 which he purchased from John Storey in 1900. He married Diana Maxwell of Chatsworth, Ontario, in 1914, and they lived on the farm until they retired to Manitou in 1958. He was very artistic, played the violin for house parties and wrote poetry for a pastime. He was active in the Loyal Orange Lodge. Diana died in the Morden hospital in January 1967. William George took ill while visiting his daughter, Eileen, and died in Penticton hospital in January 1968. They are both buried in the Darlingford Cemetery. William and Diana had four children.

Audrey Hayne, second daughter of William George and Diana Lowry, taught school for several years before marrying Robert Hayne of Killarney, in 1954. They resided in Carman for twenty-two years where Audrey was employed with The Valley Leader and The Pembina Times, while Bob worked as a mechanic for CCIL and the Carman Co-op. In 1985 they retired to Brandon and continue to enjoy volunteering, playing with a local musical band and dancing with The Golden Swingers. As well they've spent many enjoyable summers at their cottage on Pelican Lake. They have two children, Kevin (1959) lives in Winnipeg and is employed as a computer graphic designer. Sheryl, (1961) married David Cavers of Pilot Mound and they also reside in Brandon with their sons, Kyler (11) and Konnor (fifteen months). Sheryl is employed in the mental health field and David owns and publishes "The Town and Country Shopper".

Max was born at the Darlingford farm in 1932 and attended the Darlingford school from 1938 to 1949. He graduated from grade twelve in 1950 at



George and Diana Lowry Family, back row: Elmer, Audrey, Max, front row: Diana, Eileen, George



Alex and Adeline Lowry Family, Joe and Jennie Lowry, Bea and Haref Rasmussen, Madeleine and Russ Waddingham, Mary and Jim (behind) Wood, Ruth and John Helmer

Pilot Mound. Upon completion of school, Max worked for Canada Packers Ltd. in Crystal City and in Winnipeg for a total of six years. In 1957, he moved to Portage la Prairie, where he was employed by Crescent Creamery Ltd. Max joined Inter-City Gas Ltd. in 1963, transferred to Winnipeg in 1968 and continued to work for this firm in various office positions until his retirement in 1993. Max married Florence MacLean, originally from Cape Breton, Nova Scotia in 1990. Max has two stepdaughters. Mae Lynn is married to John Pat MacIsaac and they have one son, Trent Maxwell. They reside in Winnipeg. His second stepdaughter, Jamie, resides in Toronto. Florence is employed as a teacher at St. Charles Academy. During school vacations, Florence and Max enjoy travelling. More recently, they motor to Cape Breton during the July/August school vacation to spend time at their summer home, where Florence lived during her childhood years. Max enjoyed many winters of curling and played the saxophone in earlier years. He continues to golf and remains active in the administrative duties at the condominium where he and Florence make their home.

Lois Eileen (April 21, 1920) was the second child born to Diana and William George Lowry at N.E. 1/4 20-3-6, the home farm near Darlingford. She was a baby sister for George Elmer. Later Audrey Bernice and Gerald Maxwell were born into the family. Eileen said her first memories were of her looking after Audrey so their mother could get her housework done.

She went to the Darlingford school. There were

seventeen pupils in her grade one class. In the winter they travelled to school in a closed-in sleigh drawn by horses. During the spring and fall they were picked up by a big van or car. Dan Kelly was the school janitor and he would bake potatoes for the students in a big oven for their lunches. They had their initials on their potatoes. The families took turns sending a big pot of stew for the student's lunches during the cold winter days. Dan Kelly planted the trees around the Darlingford school. She remembered looking forward to going to the Manitou fair and family picnic they had at lunch time. Their mom always made delicious potato salad.

Eileen took her three years of nurses training at the Morden Hospital, graduating on the 27th of July 1943. She nursed at Virden and did child guidance in Brandon for three years before going to Bissett, Manitoba, a gold mine company town, for fifteen months. Besides her other nursing duties she delivered forty-six babies. Next on to Vernon Jubilee Hospital for two years, then to Creston Hospital after which she nursed at the Trail Tadnac Hospital and during some of her time off she enjoyed learning to curl with coaching by Reg Stone. Sometime after graduating Eileen was part of a flying trip with two doctors and three mounties to the country around Hudson Bay removing tonsils and inoculating Native children. The mounties were there to pay out treaty money. They flew to a number of villages and really enjoyed the reception that they received.

Eileen married Douglas Leake of Salmo, British Columbia and they lived at the lead zinc concentra-

tor townsite of Canadian Exploration Ltd. They had two sons, Colin Robert (December 31, 1954) and Kelvin Douglas (August 7, 1957). The family moved to Cawston, British Columbia in the Similkameen Valley and later to Penticton where soon Eileen was employed as Industrial First Aid Nurse at the Canadian Cannery plant for a number of years until it closed.

In 1961 they moved to their new VLA home on the West Bench overlooking Penticton City. Here they planted an orchard. Eileen was a very willing and helpful partner in the garden and farm operation. She enjoyed numerous camper holidays in British Columbia and also once across Canada. In 1995 they had a tour to the United Kingdom. Their eldest son Colin married Heather Cook of Lillooet, British Columbia. They have three daughters: Sarah Opal Anne, Shauna Dawn and Amber Jade. They live at Lillooet and Toad River, British Columbia.

Her second son Kelvin married Jan Nelson of Hedley, British Columbia. They have one daughter, Cassandra Lee and live at Hedley, British Columbia and Rainbow Lake, Alberta. Eileen was very proud of her four granddaughters.

Eileen died in the Penticton Hospital on September 27, 1997. Cancer took her life.

George Elmer and his wife Lois moved to the village of Darlingford in the fall of 1987. Sadly, shortly after moving to Darlingford Lois became very ill, and on June 26, 1989 died. Elmer continued to be very active helping out on the farm during seeding and harvest time, as well as curling and his love of music. He is presently playing regularly with the renowned Polka Dots. He can play most instruments by ear, his favourite being the violin and saxophone. In addition he enjoys the company of his family, grandchildren and his very many close friends he and Lois made over the years. On August 6, 1996 Elmer celebrated his eightieth birthday at his home in Darlingford hosted by his three children and their spouses.

Dale Elmer Lowry, eldest son of Elmer and Lois, moved to Brandon, where he met his wife Amanda. They married in December 1992 and have five children. Andrew (nine), Michael (eight), Jenna (four), Kayla (one) and Ashley. Ryan, Dale's son lives in Pilot Mound, Manitoba with his mother. Dale and Amanda are living on a farm south-west of Brandon, Manitoba.

Sharon Marie Lowry, only daughter of Elmer and Lois, after graduating from high school, received her Bachelors of Human Ecology, Foods

and Nutrition at the University of Manitoba. She was employed in Gimli for twelve years where she worked as a food service supervisor at a Personal Care home, then working for Home Care and Child and Family Services. Following that she worked in Winnipeg for one year, at the Multiple Sclerosis Society. On June 15, 1996 Sharon married Myron Dyrda. They are presently farming in the Teulon, Manitoba area. Sharon is now working as a Senior Resource Co-ordinator. Myron is employed as a nurses aid at Teulon Hospital and also Health and Family Services. They have a daughter, Amber (1998).

Warren Glen Lowry, youngest son of Elmer and Lois, following graduation from high school in 1984, went on to take Farm Machinery Mechanics at Assiniboine Community College in Brandon. After completing this course he continued working as a mechanic, as well as farming with his father, and eventually taking over the farm. In his spare time Glen enjoys playing baseball and hockey. On August 6, 1988 Glen married Pamela Tufts of Fairfax, Manitoba, and now make their home on the family farm. On March 21, 1993 their first son, Duncan William was born, on June 28, 1996 their second son Devin Zachary was born and their third son Derek Alexander, was born October 28, 1998. Glen is still working as a mechanic off the farm, and raises purebred Charolais cattle, along with grain farming.

Savage Lowry

Savage Lowry, and his wife Margaret Scott, came west from the Ottawa Valley in 1900. Their family of four sons and three daughters came with them as far as Morden where they stayed for one year while the men folk of the family put up buildings on the N.W. 1/4 17-3-7. They had brought a car load of stock and lumber with them.

Sam married Isabelle Anderson and had two children Winston and Margaret.

Hammy Lowry came to Manitoba with his parents in 1900. He married Lila Storey in 1912 and they lived on the N.W. 1/2 17-3-7 where they built a barn in 1914 and a brick house in 1921.

They farmed successfully with horses, through the grasshopper plague and the depression years, until 1936 when the epidemic of encephomyelitis took many horses in the district. He then purchased a John Deere tractor and other implements needed to mechanize the operation. He later built a new house in Darlingford where they lived. Hammy

died in 1960 and Lila in 1961. They had been active in all community affairs. They had a family of five.

Howard Latimer Lowry (June 19, 1913) who married Mabel Waddell of Sperling in 1935, farmed the S.W. 1/4 16-3-7 until 1948, when they moved to Arden, then to Stony Mountain and later to Winnipeg where he died. They had five sons, Lyle, Rupert, Glen, Darrel and Dale and one daughter, Valerie. Lyle who is a cost accountant with Canada Packers is married and has six children. Glen who is with the Free Press is married and has three children. Richard, who is employed at the Winnipeg post office, is married and has two sons. Valerie, who is a baker, is married and lives in Calgary. Darrel, who is a certified engineering technician, is married and lives in Winnipeg.

Loyde Lowry (November 10, 1914) married Flora White of the Snowflake district and took over his father's farm. He purchased a self-propelled combine in 1947 and along with two other men, left for Kansas to combine and returned home in time to take off his own crop. He purchased the home place from his father. He has served on the local school board, was president of the local branch of Manitoba Farmers' Union, was president of A.I. Cattle Breeders, on the local Pool Elevator Board, 4-H Horse club and registered Morgan-Horse Breeders Association. Flora has taken an active part in all church work. Loyde and Flora moved to Morden in 1991 where they reside on Southdale Street. They continue to return to the farm during busy seasons to help with the work. They celebrated their fifty-eighth wedding anniversary in October of 1998. They have five children: Evelyn, Bruce, Beth, Edith and Linda. All the children having received their early education in Darlingford.

Evelyne, who attended United College, took teachers' training in Tuxedo and taught at Holland, and after marrying Alex Sundell, they both taught at Manitou. Alex and Evelyne moved to Virden in 1972. Alex taught junior high for two years in Virden, then for eighteen years in Oak Lake serving as principal for the last five

years. Alex is now retired from teaching and owns and manages a new and used furniture store in Virden. Evelyne owns and manages a fabric and sewing machine outlet. They have two children, a daughter Kim and son, Kris. Kim married Daryl Hoepfner of Windygates. They reside in Arborg where Kim teaches piano and flute and Darryl owns and manages an agro supply business. Kris is attending university at Regina and working with IGL, an oil company, in the summer months.

Bruce, who worked at home with his father and at Thompson, died in 1964 and is buried in Darlingford cemetery.

Beth, who taught at Roland before marrying Barry Sundell in 1967, later taught in Winnipeg until Barry bought a farm at Holland. Beth and Barry have two grown sons, Cory and Cameron. Cory lives in La Riviere and works at Holiday Mountain. Cam lives in Morden and is a health care aid. Beth is now a full time teacher in Holland and Barry works for Manitoba Crop Insurance. They rent out their farmland.

Edith was Grade three teacher at Morden Elementary school. Edith married Robert Holenski (see Holenski story) of the Thornhill district in 1973 and built a home on a new yard site on N.W. 17-3-7. They rented the Gordon Cram farm (N. 1/2 21-3-7) and worked with Loyde on both farms. In 1981 they took over the home farm.

Linda attained her second year education degree and has taught at Reston Elementary school. Linda and all the family have been 4-H members, taking



Hammy and Lila Lowry, Howard, Loyde, Ross, Isabelle, Florence



Loyde Lowry Family, Linda, Beth, Flora, Loyde, Evelyn, Bruce, Edith

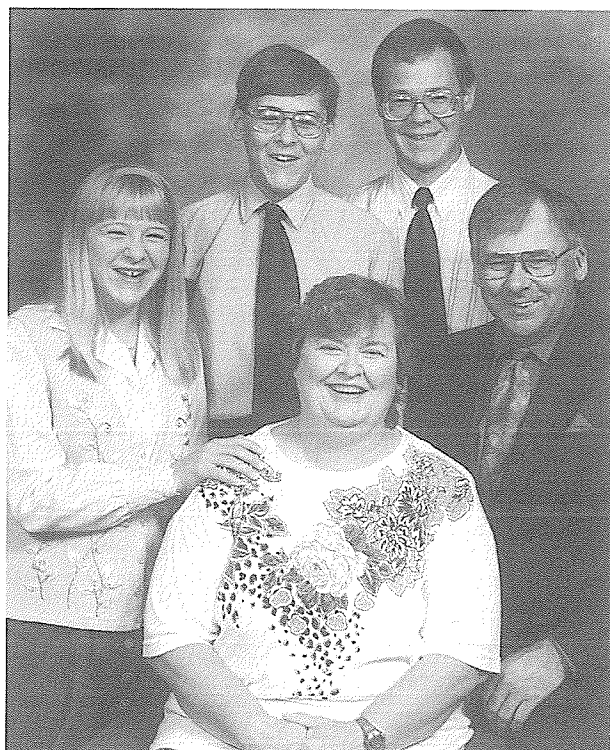
part in the local fairs, and 1971 was the twentieth consecutive year for Evelyn. Linda has completed a Bachelor of Computer Science degree at the University of Manitoba. She is a Corporate Integration Business Analyst with the Intel Corporation at Sacramento, California. She is a reserve deputy for the State of California and is heavily involved with search and rescue with her giant Schnauzer dog. She participates in searches for lost people in Northern California

Florence Lila Marie Lowry (May 8, 1917) graduated from Victoria Hospital in 1941, receiving a General Proficiency Medal for Theory. In 1942, she married Reverend William H. Davis from Maine, United States. She contracted polio while on the pastoral charge at Morris. He served fifteen years as Field Secretary for the Bible Society, then four years in St. Paul's at Brandon and, is now at St. Paul's church in Sarnia. They have four children: Lila Marie, William Loyde, Donald Ross and Sylvia Ruth.

Lila Marie (September 17, 1943) married Albert W. Larson of Victoria Beach, Manitoba on August 8, 1964. Lila and Albert are both teachers and both taught at Red River Community College. They have one son, John Larson (September 3, 1981).

William Loyde (October 25, 1944) married Judy Sprange of Winnipeg on September 4, 1965. He taught at the University of British Columbia. They have two children, Kelley and Kara. Kelley Louise (July 26, 1970) married Errol Sookram of Winnipeg, August 7, 1993. They have one child, Benton Samuel (July 5, 1998). Kara Michelle (June 11, 1973) married Mark Haankenson, of Wilmar, Minnesota, December 1994. They have one son, Logan Robert (September 11, 1998).

Donald Ross (August 4, 1950) married Joanne



Robert Holenski Family, Kayla, Devon, Edith, Connor, Robert

Dyck of Winnipeg, July 31, 1970, divorced 1990, remarried Nancy Hay of Owen Sound Ontario, June 26, 1993, with custody of daughter Catherine; Kristian James (March 26, 1974) married Teresa July 20, 1996; Andrew Ross (January 15, 1978).

Sylvia Ruth (March 15, 1958) married Greg Russell of Ashern, Manitoba, September 17, 1983. They have two children, Rachel Anne (June 15, 1987) and James (June 22, 1990).

Ross Leonard Delbert Lowry (June 29, 1922), married Mary Law of Darlingford, while they were working in Ottawa. He worked with the Trans Canada Airlines as ticket agent until 1949, when he was transferred to Winnipeg as supervisor. They were members of Bethesda church and, after a Sunday morning service, September 13, 1964, he helped plan a schedule with the stewards for the next month. After lunch, he and Mary took a neighbor for a boat ride on the Red River. A wave hit the boat causing it to overturn. Ross drowned but the other two clung to the boat. The high esteem in which Ross was held was expressed by church members and friends, also by Air Canada who provided the "Ross Lowry trophy" for curling finals. Mary is employed in Toronto and the children, Sandra and David, work in Winnipeg.

Isabelle Violet Lowry (August 22, 1924) married Douglas Rombough of Darlingford and they have

spent their married life farming north of Darlingford. Their family are Ruth, Ken and Louise. (See Douglas Rombough story.)

Johnnie married Mary Nairne and they have five children: Kenneth, Allen, Gordon, Jessie and Garnett.

Elsie who married William Moorehead died in 1915.

Jessie died in 1901.

Martie who married John Sprung has three children: Bruce, Jean and Lowry.

Stewart married Veda Hunt in 1928. He farmed the home place with his parents until 1931, when Savage died. Mrs. Lowry remained on the farm until 1946, when she also died. The Lowry's were faithful members of the Presbyterian Church and loyal members of the Orange Lodge. Stewart and Veda had three children.

Leonard married Florence McQuay of Treherne in 1951. They moved to Calgary in 1971. Leonard became a crane operator and Florence worked for the Calgary School Board. Both have now retired and are living in High River, Alberta. They have three children, Gloria, Lorne and Kelly, all living in Calgary, Alberta. Gloria is in Telemarketing. Lorne is a machine operator, and has two boys, Ethan and Davies. Kelly is married to Karen and they have two girls, Jennifer and Jese. Kelly works for landscape contractors.

Jean married Harvey Hedley of Hamiota in 1959. They moved to Calgary where Harvey taught school and Jean nursed. They have four children: David, Duncan, Darren and Ailsa. David, married to Leslie Beaton, has four children: Cameron, Alison, Sam and Sabrina. He is an editor with Calgary Herald and Leslie is employed with Canadian Airlines. Duncan, who is teaching English as a second language, also lives in Calgary. Darren, who married Naghbinch Rezvani from Columbia lives in Lusaka, Zambia, Africa, where he is a project manager with Care Canada International. They have two children, Leila and Vahid. Darren graduated from University of Toronto in International Development Studies, and is now completing a masters degree in International Policy with Bristol University, England. Ailsa completed her masters degree in Archival Studies at University of British Columbia and is the archivist at the National Bahai Centre in Toronto.

Donna married Arnold Cameron in 1959. Arnold was a mechanic in Calgary and Donna worked for the Calgary School Board. They have since retired

and are enjoying travelling their recreation vehicle. Their residence is in Calgary. Donna and Arnold have two children. Ian is an engineer, residing in Airdrie, Alberta. He married Annette and they have two children, Cory and Shannon. Jill married Todd Thachuk. She is an employee of Nortel in Calgary and Todd works for Shaw Cable TV.

William Campbell Lumgair

William Campbell Lumgair came to Canada from Scotland in 1904, working for J.C. Smith and Victor Waddingham, while looking for land he might buy. While at Smith's, Jack and he cut trees from the Smith yard to the river, down the Pembina hills, to make a line fence which is still there.

Alexander Lumgair and his wife, Jessie, accompanied by Miss Annie Black of Scotland, landed at Thornhill on March 26, 1905. They were met by William Lumgair and only a few days later, on March 31 he and Miss Black were married. The two couples took up residence on Glenogil farm and began a long and rewarding life in the Shadeland community. Alex and William served as trustees of Lorne school and both families were deeply involved in the affairs of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church and later Zion United Church. Will served as secretary of the Sunday school for many years. He was also an ardent ploughman and was at one time winner of the Manitoba Provincial Ploughing Match Championship. Although Alex died suddenly while still in the prime of his life, the other three were spared for many years to enjoy their family and friends. William and Annie had four children.

Mae married Clayton Robbins, had a daughter, Myrna and is now deceased.

Peggy, a registered nurse, married Harold Rahbain of Rochester, and is also deceased.

David Lumgair, the son of William and Annie Lumgair, married Evelyn Hunt, a school teacher. They farmed the S. 1/2 24-2-7. David died in 1962. Evelyn lived in Legion House Two in Morden. She celebrated her ninety-sixth birthday, January 19, 1998. Evelyn died March 10, 1999. They had three children, twins Lyle and Lorraine and a son Don.

Lyle married Doris Mayert of Morden. They have two children. Warren and Cindi live in Lethbridge, Alberta and have one son, Hayden (June 6, 1997). Cindy married Brent Cranson. They live in Morden and have two children, Justin (July 10, 1990) and Tanesha (November 14, 1995).

Lorraine attended the Provincial Normal School in Winnipeg in 1953-54 and taught school at

Shannon School for two years. In 1956, Lorraine married Abram Reimer of Kane and they resided in Transcona, Manitoba. Lorraine taught school in Transcona and Abram was employed by the City of Winnipeg. He died in 1992. They had two daughters, Heather Lorraine and Patricia Diane. Heather married Derek Matthes of Transcona. They have a daughter, Dana and a son, Sterling. Derek is employed by the Manitoba Lotteries, while Heather teaches piano lessons in her studio. Patricia married Mark Krawetz of Windsor, Ontario. Mark is employed by the University of Winnipeg and Patricia is a Dr. of Psychiatry at the Health Sciences Centre.

Donald married Karen Popkes of Rosebank, in 1967. They live on the home farm. Karen teaches at Maple Leaf School in Morden. They have two children, Curt and Kathi. Curt attended Red River Community College to be a journeyman carpenter and is employed by Moonlight Construction of Morden. Kathi attended the University of Manitoba to receive her Bachelor of Education degree. She is employed by Western School Division and lives in Morden, Manitoba. Kathi married Don Hamm in December 1998.

Douglas married Edna McLean, a school teacher from Pilot Mound and they farmed the home place, N.E. 24-2-7, called Glenogil farm. They had two children, Carol and Barry. Carol married Leonard Clegg of Seven Sisters. Carol was a teacher. They have two sons, Ian Leonard (second year management) and David William in grade eleven. Barry works for Pan Canada Oil in Calgary and is a computer programmer analyst. Barry married Darlene Beeikeo and they have two sons, Jeremy Christopher (forth year management) and Brendon Stewart (second year engineering). Doug and Edna moved to Morden in 1981. Doug died in 1984. Edna still lives in her home in Morden and is active in volunteering at Tabor Home.

William Lumgair died in 1953 and the two Lumgair ladies remained on the farm, continuing to be devoted church workers in both W.A. and W.M.S. and later U.C.W. and were life members of these organizations. Mrs. Alex Lumgair known as "Auntie" to all, died in 1964 and Mrs. William Lumgair lived with Doug and Edna until, after a lengthy illness, she died in Morden hospital on October 23, 1971.

Harold Lyons

Harold Lyons and his wife, Marge, came here from Shoal Lake in 1949 to operate the Federal elevator. The Lyons were interested in all community affairs and Marge was a C.G.I.T. leader for fifteen years. Harold gave up grain buying here and moved to Winnipeg where he took a course in barbering. Marge had previously trained as a nurse and she returned to her profession. They have three children: Lee, Tim and Claire. Two of their children, Tim and Claire moved to Winnipeg with their parents.

Harold, Marge and Claire moved back to the country to reside in Manitou in 1974. Harold cut hair in the barber shop and Marge worked in the hospital there. In 1985 they moved to La Riviere where they lived until Marge died in 1986 and Harold died in 1991.

Their daughter, Deirdre Lee (1947), married Hugh Lumgair from Thornhill in 1967. They have two children, Katheryne Lee (1967), and Jeremy Shayne (1972). Lee and Hugh have lived on the family farm at Thornhill since 1980. Lee taught school at Darlingford for five years, one of which was as the principal. She continues to teach in Morden and they have begun a small golf renovation company.

Timothy Gordon (1949), their son, lives in Simcoe, Ontario. He married Gail Whitehead in 1973, and has three children. Perrin Joelle (1975), Casey Lyle (1977) and they adopted another daughter a few years ago, Kelle Courage. They run a natural food market and tea room, and Tim is a Co-op manager.

Marsha Claire (1957) lives with her husband, Kim Wiklund at La Riviere and together they own and operate Kim's General Store. They were married in 1976 and have three children, Wayne Alexander (1977), Ryan Michael (1979), and Kerri Lee (1980).

William Manning

William Manning was born in Cartwright and married Laura Wray in 1901. They settled on a farm owned by Albert Lawson, one mile south of Darlingford, where they lived for many years.

He was employed by Albert Lawson, who was keenly interested in show horses. He drove the six horse team at many local fairs and at the big Toronto and Chicago fairs. The horses won many trophies and ribbons. On returning home from Chicago Mr. Lawson and Mr. Manning were hon-

oured at a banquet by the community.

Later Mr. and Mrs. Manning left the farm and moved into Darlingford where he was employed at the Federal Grain elevator. Mr. Manning died in Brandon in 1948. Mrs. Manning went to Calgary and made her home with her family. She died in Edmonton in 1957. They had six children.

Alva was a store clerk, working in Darlingford, Roland, Morris and later, with the Hudson Bay Company in Calgary. She married Robert Malcalmson and lived in Calgary and Nelson, British Columbia. Robert died in 1964 and Alva in 1966.

Delbert went to Chicago and was married there. They have a son, Donald. Delbert died in 1947.

Ella married Edward H. Smith and lived in Calgary and Vancouver. She had two children, Kenneth and Joan. Ed died in 1967.

Wray married Mary Den Boir and they have four children, who are all married.

Clayton went overseas during the second world war where he met Donella MacKenzie of Glasgow, Scotland, whom he married in 1946. They have two children, Colena and Kirk. Clayton died in 1960.

Merle, the youngest, married Glen Levagood and had two children, Pam and Cindy.

Reverend Thomas Marchant

Reverend Thomas Marchant (1900-1968) and his wife Mrs. Marchant (1902), arrived in Darlingford with their five children on July 1, 1943. He served as the United Church minister during the World War Two years. Mrs. Marchant helped with the choir, taught piano and violin and was a substitute school teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Marchant moved to Gilbert Plains, Wawanesa and Roland after leaving Darlingford. They retired to Winnipeg and he served as a retired assistant to Reverend Donnelly in Fort Garry. Mr. Marchant died suddenly from a heart attack in 1968 and was buried at Roland. Mrs. Marchant remained in Winnipeg until she moved to Carman in 1989. She lived in her own house there for eight years and then in 1997 moved in with her daughter Margaret Gopaul who also lived in Carman. The Marchant's five children were: Bill (1931), Margaret (1932), Catherine (1934), David (1935) and Elizabeth (1937).

Bill graduated from Royal Roads in 1951 and served on several ships in the navy, notably H.M.C.S. Ontario and the aircraft carrier H.M.C.S. Bonaventure. In 1966 he worked in Ottawa. He

married Betty Warren of Portsmouth, England, who worked with retarded children in Ottawa. They have retired and live in Halifax, Nova Scotia. They had two children. Mark (1956) is married and lives in Nova Scotia. They have a boy and twin girls. Sarah (1959) is married and lives in Vancouver. They have a boy and a girl.

Margaret went to United College in Winnipeg and received her Bachelor of Arts degree. She married Ramsay Gopaul (1924-1988). He taught school in Winnipeg, Starbuck, Crystal City and Carman where he died in 1988. They had two boys and two girls. Margaret lives in Carman.

Catherine attended teachers' college and taught school at Langruth and Pinkham School, Winnipeg. She married John Johannason, a mechanical engineer and lived in the west. They spent three months on a job in Sweden. They now live in North Vancouver, British Columbia and have two boys and a girl.

David worked for a radio-television firm in Winnipeg and then took electronic training in Toronto for three years and later worked on radar installations in the Maritimes. He married Barbara Craik of Toronto. He joined I.B.M. in North Bay, then transferred to Winnipeg as a computer consultant and is now retired in Toronto. They have two boys and a girl.

Elizabeth (B.J.) received her Bachelor of Arts degree at United College, Winnipeg and her degree in education in 1966. She taught school in Souris and Roland. She married Nelson Rajotte and they spent six years at Nelson House, working with the Indians at the United Church mission there. He was assistant minister at Regent Park United Church while studying at the University of Manitoba. When ordained, he was the minister at Spalding United Church in Winnipeg for ten years and the United Church at Prince George, British Columbia for ten years. They are now at the Sundrie United Church in Alberta. They have a boy and two girls.

Joe Marks

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Marks, a blacksmith around 1915.

Robert Marshall

Robert Marshall and his wife, Catharine, and three children, came to Manitoba about 1910 from Madoc, Ontario, and stayed with Mrs. Marshall's brother, William Wellman for the winter. They rented the S.E. 1/4 32-3-7 from Jim Boyle for a number

of years.

The Marshalls then purchased a farm north of Thornhill where they both died. A son, Allen continued to operate the farm. He married Audrey Shortridge and lived in Victoria.

A son, Willie, died at Calgary.

Annie married Marsh Rombough and after farming different farms in the Darlingford district, retired to Miami, and then to Morden.

Margaret married Roy Shelp of Maida and lived in Los Angeles, California. They had a family of three.

Bill Martens

In 1977 Bill and Mary Martens together with their two sons, who were still living at home, Jim and Randy, moved to Darlingford from the Kaleida and Manitou south area, from the old Bontman farm, where we lived thirteen years. On August 2, 1977 we moved to Darlingford, where we have lived twenty years. We are enjoying it here. It is a nice, clean and quiet town.

As for our family we have one daughter, Diane who is married to Waldo Klassen. They have three children and live at Beausejour, where Waldo is superintendent of twelve schools and Diane is a resource teacher at Powerview.

Our oldest son, Ron and wife Karen live in Winnipeg. They too have three children. Ron got his education at the University of Manitoba. He got his Masters Degree in Food Science and after graduation, Ron and Karen left for Bangladesh where they spent some three and one half years trying to help the people there to learn how to store up food by dehydration. It was there that Jill was born, in Calcutta, India.

Upon coming back to Canada, Ron worked with two different food science companies, due to lack of funding some sixteen scientists were laid off. At present Ron is in trucking at Reimer Express Lines.

Our second son Jim, is also in trucking. Jim was with Reimer Express Lines for fifteen years and is now employed trucking out of Steinbach. Jim and Debbie have two children. Debbie is a music teacher and kept very busy. They are both very involved in church work.

Our youngest son Randy, is not married. Randy spent three years in London, Ontario in singing ministry and while there was employed with London Home Care. Since he came back he has been employed at St. Boniface and really loves to take care of the sick.

On August 22, 1997 Bill suffered a severe heart attack at Regina. He had driven his shift to Whitewood and after sleeping a couple of hours he woke with great pain and was rushed to Plains Hospital where, that same day, he had bypass surgery. This ended his almost twenty-five years of trucking with Reimer Express Lines. Bill enjoyed working with this good company and will miss the people he dealt with. But it is so good to have him home in good health. As for myself (Mary) I thank God for all the safe trips the boys, and Bill have had. Bill, before highway driving, had a truck employed at Rural Municipality of Pembina for thirty years.

Edward Martin

Edward Martin came from England, 1907. Labourer, died 1948.

Walter Martin

Walter Martin lived in an orphanage in London, England and came to Canada under the Dr. Barnardo system of emigration. He did not know his age but was believed to be in the early eighties when he died. He lived in Toronto for a while, then came to Nelson and Barclay districts, where he worked on farms and made his home with James A. Cowan.

He lived in Darlingford for forty years and was the caretaker of the school and the local branch of the Bank of Montreal for a number of years. He was noted for his willingness to do any work that would help a neighbour; his generosity to those in need, and of his appreciation of kindnesses shown him. The children in the high school all attended his funeral.

Issac Martindale

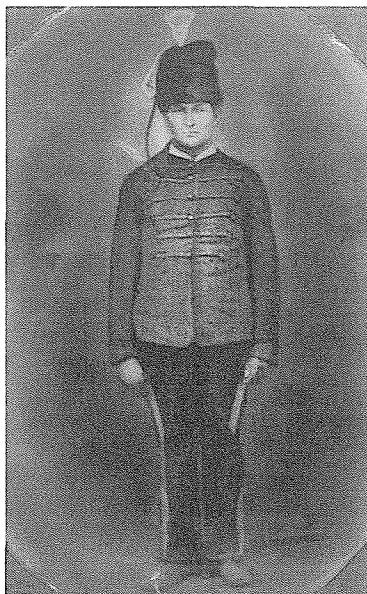
Isaac and Hannah (Sexsmith) Martindale came west from Caistor County, Ontario about 1890 and farmed S.W. 12-1-7 in 1891 and added N.W. 12-1-7 the following year.

Their children came west with them, Walter (February 3, 1870), Arthur (December 12, 1872), Gwendaline (December 11, 1873), Sarah (May 16, 1875), George (May 12, 1878), James (January 15, 1880), Mary Ann (January 29, 1882) and Charlotte (November 8, 1887).

Walter married Flora Law of Morden. They had fourteen children: Edith May (1898-died as an infant), Harry (January 2, 1900), Isabel (February 2, 1902), Lillian (May 25, 1904), Florence (April 9,

1906), Walton (September 5, 1909), Sybil (October 7, 1911), Gilbert "Jack" (November 28, 1912), Louisa (1913-1915), Gladys (March 14, 1919-August 14, 1919), Lloyd (March 11, 1920), Hazel (May 8, 1922), Wilfred "Buff" (February 29, 1924), and Velma (February 18, 1925). Walter served overseas with the 184th Battalion during World War I, the last five children being born after he returned home.

Arthur married the neighbour girl, Maggie Keown. Gwendaline never married but had a son, William who died at Vimy Ridge and is listed on the Darlingford War Memorial. Sarah married William Cowan. George married Susan Swayze. James married Etta Crankshaw. Mary Ann married the neighbour, Thomas Keown.



Issac Martindale

Charlotte married Charles Walls of Maida, North Dakota.

The Martindale family has spread across western Canada. There are some of the family descendants still in the area. Those of Walter's family that stayed in southern Manitoba were Isabel who married Joseph Gower and settled in Snowflake. Isabel died in 1921 and later Florence married Joe. Isabel and Joe had two daughters. Florence and Joe had a family of seven. Walton married Lily Hopkins of Morden. They had one daughter, Wendy who married Rienold Holenski (see Holenski story). Wilfred "Buff" married Shirley Smith of Darlingford and settled at Thornhill. They had four children, Grant who married Susan Glenn of Pilot Mound had four children. Grant passed away in 1984. Barbara married Ken Warkentin and had two children. They farm east of Thornhill. Donna, who has three children lives at Thornhill. Bill married Ann Fehr of Morden, they have one son and live in Thornhill. Velma married Eldon Angers of Miami, they had one son Rick who married Joan Allen of Thornhill. Joan and Rick have two daughters and live east of Thornhill. Hazel married Ralph Spencer of the

Miami area. They had two children, Karen who married Don McElroy of Darlingford and Bruce who settled at Kamloops, British Columbia. Ralph was killed on D Day and never saw his son. Hazel then married Dave Duncan of Darlingford, they had three daughters and settled in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Arthur's descendants in this area are the McGillivray family of Manitou, Judy being married to Garry Stambuski of Thornhill. They have two children.

Sarah's descendants can be found in the Cowan story. George went west to Saskatchewan. Jim settled in British Columbia. Mary Ann's family can be found in the Keown story. Charlotte family have made their homes in the United States, the closest being at Walhalla and St. Thomas, North Dakota.

The Martindale family farmed in 1-7 for several years, S.W. 12-1-7 by Isaac from 1891 to 1897, then by George from 1898 to 1900 when Arthur took over until 1902. Isaac farmed N.W. 12-1-7 from 1892 until 1911 with the land listed as crown land for the year 1898. Hannah was the registered title holder for the year 1912. Arthur farmed S.W. 2-1-7 from 1896 until 1900 and George from 1901 to 1904. Walter farmed S.E. 2-1-7 from 1898 to 1901. James farmed S.W. 15-1-7 from 1899 until 1908. It is interesting to note that three of the five quarters homesteaded by the Martindale's are now owned by direct descendants, the fourth is owned by a party who had been married into the family and the fifth quarter is now crown land.



Hannah Martindale

Terry Martins

Terry Martins was born at Winkler hospital, the son of Ron and Doreen Martins of Morden. In 1994, he married Shawna, daughter of Bill and Katherine Thiessen of Morden. They purchased the house at 17 Dufferin Street from Dave Sibbick, in January 1998.

Joseph Marzyk

Joseph Marzyk and his wife, Mary (Minarz) came to Canada from Poland in 1936 and settled at Dauphin. In 1948 they moved to Ontario and came to the Darlingford district in 1950 to purchase the N. 1/2 1-3-8, just one-half mile south of his brother-in-law, Joe Minarz.

Their only son, Joe Jr. married Lydia Loutchan and farms at Valley River near Dauphin. They have four children: Marlene, Jim, Ron and Tony. All are very musical and have their own orchestra.

The Marzyk families moved to Valley River in 1961. Joe Sr. lives in Dauphin. Mary Marzyk died in 1998.

Marlene married Bob Bernat and lives in Dauphin. They have three children.

Jim and Mary live on the home farm near Dauphin. They have three children.

Ron and Rhonda live at Dauphin.

Tony died in 1975.

Reginald Matthews

Reginald Matthews and his wife came to Canada in 1909. He was from Dorset, England, and Mrs. Matthews from Lincolnshire. They first lived on a Wes Moore farm near Manitou, and later purchased the S.W. 1/2 2-3-8. He continued farming there until his death in 1936.

They had one daughter, Joyce who attended Darlingford School. Her hobby was riding and she competed in horse shows and fairs. She raised large flocks of turkeys and each fall a neighbourly get-together took place at their home, when the turkeys were killed and dressed for market.

Mrs. Matthews and Joyce made a trip to England and stayed a few years. On returning to Canada, they settled at Waterford, Ontario. They made a beauty spot of their home, planting flowers, shrubs and fruit trees. Mrs. Matthews died in 1962.

Joyce, a telephone operator at Waterford, is now married to Zig Miernik and living in this home. Both she and her husband are avid photographers.

Joseph Maxwell

Joseph Maxwell and his wife Mary, owned the N.E. 1/4 18-3-7, one mile north-west of Darlingford for many years. He had a hotel in Morden before going farming. At one time he laid out a race course west of town on the flats which could be seen for many years, but at this time, no one can remember races having been held. Mr. Maxwell did not have very good health, so they went to Florida for the winters around the years 1912 to 1918, which sounded like quite an event for the northerners. He drove a sorrel horse on a surrey with a fringe on top. This could be called "class"! In 1918 the Maxwells sold their farm to John McDonald, and his sons.

Stan G. Maxwell

Stan was born at Snowflake, Manitoba in 1926. He married Bea Stevens of Darlingford in 1946. They bought her father's farm S. 1/2 5-3-7 and continued farming until 1976. During this time they owned a large dairy herd, ran Darlingford Transfer, acted as cub master, drove a school bus and was elected as councillor in the Rural Municipality of Pembina.

They retired to Darlingford in 1976, at which time he took full time employment in the office at Pembina Valley School Division until his retirement in 1986. They enjoyed many years of traveling and camping. Stan died suddenly in 1992, and Bea sold their house and moved to an apartment in Morden in 1996. Their family consists of twin sons, Ray and Ron and a daughter, Karen. All attended Darlingford School and Nellie McClung Collegiate and were active in all sports, scouts, C.G.I.T. and Zion Calvin Church.

Ray (1949) married Linda Kinsman in 1976. They have two children, Marci (1980) and Christopher (1983). Both attend Nellie McClung Collegiate and are active in sports and especially the air force cadets.

Ron (1949) married Debbie Henderson of Hamiota in 1985. They have two boys, Sheldon (1972) and Devon (1974). They are presently living at Douglas, Manitoba.

Karen (1952) married Dennis Lone in 1973. Their children are Cheryl (1976), Darryl (1980) and Kevin (1983). They are living at Moosemin, Saskatchewan and Winnipeg.

Don McCallum

Don and Marjorie (Hunt) McCallum lived in Morden before moving to 23 Pembina Street,

Darlingford. They had two children, William "Bill" and Karen. (See Thomas James Hunt story.)

James Garfield McCormick

James Garfield McCormick was born at Hamilton, North Dakota, in 1882, and was named after President Garfield. During infancy, the family moved to Cypress River, and later to Kenora. As a young man he took up a homestead at Dauphin and later came to the Windygates district where he farmed in the Pembina Valley on section 33-1-7. He married Margarette Hall in 1909 and moved to British Columbia where he worked for the C.P.R. during the construction of the Connaught Tunnel. On completion of this job, they rented a farm at Calgary for three years and then returned to farm in the Pembina Valley, south of Darlingford. He operated a custom threshing outfit and for years he did custom work in the Mowbray and Windygates districts. He remained here with his three step sons and wife and daughter, Mary until 1928, when he again moved to Alberta, to resume farming and custom threshing in the Calgary area.

He bought a small farm overlooking the beautiful Springbank Valley, west of Calgary, where he operated a dairy farm until his death due to a heart attack in 1950. He is survived by his daughter, Mary (Willard George) of Oregon, United States.

John Havelock McCormick

John Havelock McCormick was born in the Ottawa Valley at La Chute, Quebec, in 1875. As a small child his parents homesteaded in the Milton district of North Dakota. The family later moved to Cypress River and from there to Kenora.

He was the oldest son of Robert McCormick and the former Mary Roy McLaurin, and had little opportunity for formal schooling but, having an avid desire for education, managed to absorb learning from many sources. He worked as a "printer's devil" while still a growing child and did the type-setting at a very young age for a small town newspaper. He later attended business college at Winnipeg and worked for the Grand Trunk Railway (later the C.P.R.) in northern Alberta and British Columbia, and during these years served as a Justice of the Peace in northern Alberta.

In 1912 he married Ida Murch, a school teacher from Clinton, in Edmonton. They lived at Glacier, British Columbia, during the construction of the Connaught Tunnel by the C.P.R. where he was employed by the railway as superintendent of sup-

plies. At the completion of this job they moved to section 33-1-7 in the Pembina Valley and farmed for about twenty years. He served as Councillor of Ward One of the Municipality of Pembina for many years, and as a trustee for Rosythe School District.

John died at Calgary, Alberta in 1942, having been predeceased by his wife in 1938. They had three children: Margaret (Thomas G. Duncan), John "Jock" and Helen (Frank Smith). There are ten grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Harold McCulloch

Harold McCulloch of Nesbitt, Manitoba, married Mary Bryson, of Darlingford in 1926. She had been teaching at Nesbitt. In 1934 they moved to Darlingford where Harold took over the William Shields' blacksmith shop. They had three sons: Allen, Melvin and Cecil, who received their education in the local school. In 1940 Harold joined the air force and served overseas. Harold died in 1988.

Allen joined the army in 1944, and, on his discharge, trained as a teacher and taught at Morden, Beausejour and Manitou. He retired in 1988, after having taught for thirty-nine years. Allen married Dorothy Connor and lives in Manitou. They have two children: Robert and Judith. Robert married Nancy Rae and lives at Treherne, where he has a private law practice. They have two daughters, Lindsay Rae and Madison Leigh. Judith received a Bachelor of Science from the University of Manitoba. She lives in Winnipeg and is employed by the Manitoba Medical Clinic.

Melvin taught at New Haven and Belmont before joining the police force in 1951. Melvin married Cynthia Williams and lives in Victoria, British Columbia. They have three children, Lori, Boyd and Tami. Cecil has worked for Trans Canada Airlines and Air Canada.

Cecil married Arlene Fowles and lives in Nanaimo, British Columbia. They have two daughters, Leslie and Diane. Mary McCulloch taught school in Morden from 1944 to 1966. Mary married William Ching, who died in 1971. Mary lived in Morden until she died in 1994.

Michelle McCutcheon

Michelle McCutcheon moved from Morden to Darlingford in 1996. She purchased Florence Lindsay's house, 43 Pembina Street. She has three children: Robert, Johnathan and Karlie and they all attended Manitou school. Michelle works at Tabor Home in Morden.

D.A. McDonald

D.A. McDonald, and his wife, rented and operated the Empire Hotel, while the owners, the Whitbreads, were in England. After three years they moved to Pine Falls, where he was professional stable boss and horseman with the lumber camp companies. In summer horse racing took his fancy. In 1932 the Pine Falls paper mill closed down and the McDonalds moved to the San Antonio Gold Mines at Bissett.

In 1939 Mrs. McDonald died and the family scattered. Mr. McDonald lived at Bissett until 1960 when he died.

Bill and his wife, Minnie live at Silver Falls where he is employed as an electrician. They are active in all lines of sports, especially fishing. Their son Donnie is a noted curler. Brian is with the forestry service out of Toronto.

Ken and his wife, Rawny live at Pine Falls. He is with the fire department of the mill and has a daughter, Mrs. Jack Coote, and a son, Bob, who is a law school graduate with a legal firm in Winnipeg.

Roy and his wife, Evelyn, live in Saskatoon, where he is an automotive salesman. They have two sons: Bill, a car salesman, and Neil who is with the R.C.M.P. at Meadow Lake; and two daughters, Linda and Susan. Roy is interested in field trial dogs and has a Labrador registered as Neils Tia Maria.

Douglas is an accountant and lives in Edmonton. He, his wife, Thelma, and daughters, Jody and Dana are all well known riders in horse shows.

Marjory who married Cal Simpson, retired to Creston, British Columbia, where he died in 1971. They have two sons, Barry, an electrician, and Lionel, a member of the Calgary Police force.

Sadie who married George Dack, lived at Bissett for thirty-four years, retired to Kamloops, British Columbia, where he died in 1967. They have two boys, Howard who is an electrician, and Richard who is with the British Columbia Telephone Company in Victoria.

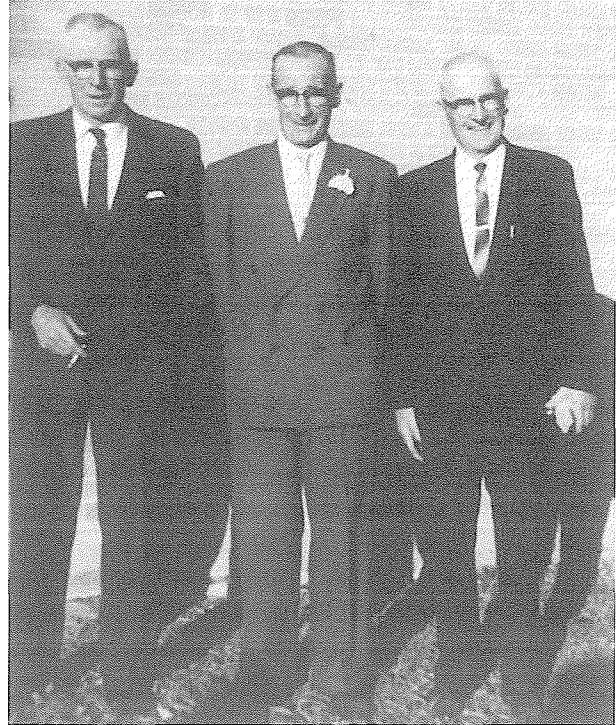
The four sons, as well as the son-in-law, George, served in the armed forces during the second world war. There are sixteen grandchildren.

The above information as of 1970.

John McDonald

John McDonald was born near Perth, Scotland on April 1, 1859. He was a Highland Ploughing Champion winning the first of many medals when he was eighteen. His plough is now in the

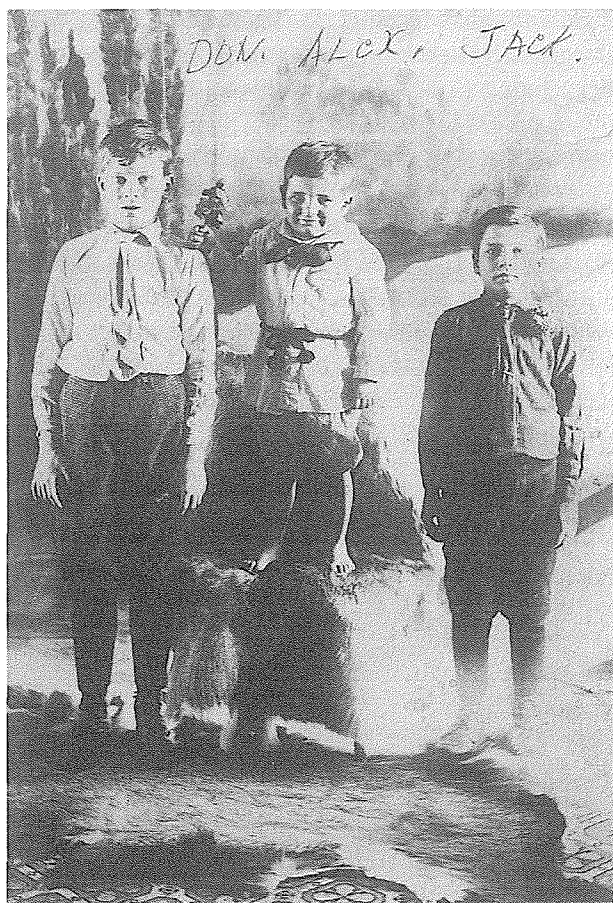
Edinburgh Museum. In 1902 he married Jean Dalgleish. They came to Canada in 1905 after a devastating flood wiped out his entire flock of one thousand three hundred sheep. They settled on a farm in the Pleasant Home district ten miles north-east of Teulon where they remained until July 1918 when they moved to the E. 1/2 18-3-7 at Darlingford. John was a great lover of horses and he and his boys took a number of prizes at the fairs with his Clydesdales. He died in December 1951; his wife predeceased him in September of the same year. They had three sons: Don, Jack and Alex.



Don, Alex, Jack MacDonald - 1966

In 1926 Jack married Margaret "Peggy" Adam whose family lived on section 10-3-8. Jack and Peggy farmed for some years in the Darlingford area until moving to Manitou where they operated a dairy business. Peggy died in 1980 and Jack in 1989.

Alex married Eileen Dobson of the Middleton district in 1937. After farming for a number of years, Alex took employment with Riediger's and they moved to Manitou. Their children, Allen, Stuart and Shirley were educated in Manitou. Allen and his wife Kae live in Sherwood Park, Alberta. Their children are Scott, Kimberley, Lisa and James. Allen is a plumbing contractor for many communities in northern Canada. Stuart a trucker and his wife Anita of Mather have a son Sheldon, a



Don, Alex, Jack MacDonald - 1913

pipeline welder, and a daughter Sheila who nurses in Winnipeg. Shirley farms with her husband George Randall in the Crystal City district. They have four grown children: Calvin, Carleigh, Allison and Vernon.



Don and Elva MacDonald Family - 1994. (l-r) Heather, Ruth, Anne, Helen, Bernice, Jean, Donald (Jake).

Eileen died in 1994 and Alex then moved into Kinsmen Haven. At eighty-seven, he enjoys good health. Having played harmonica since he was five years old he continues to give pleasure to many with his music, currently as a member of the Polka Dots. His first mouth organ was a gift from brother Don and the first tune he learned, "My Darling Nellie Gray" was taught him by Mr. Oliver Law.

Donald, the eldest son, was born in Scotland on October 23, 1903 and came to Canada with his parents at eighteen months of age. He received his education at Plum Ridge School, northeast of Teulon. In July 1918 he came to Darlingford where his father had purchased the Joe Maxwell farm, N.E. 18-3-7, northwest of the village. On November 20, 1929 he married Elva Frank. To this union were born six daughters and a son: Ruth (William Nichol), Jean (Murray Ching), Helen (Orville Johnston), Anne (Morley McDonald), Bernice (Norman Morin), Heather (Leonard McKenzie), and Donald Jr.

Ruth, Jean and Helen farmed with their husbands in the Zion district. Their stories appear elsewhere.

Anne and Morley farmed at Ninette until Morley's death in 1997. Anne remains in their home north of Ninette where she enjoys gardening, crafts, community work, and especially her two grandsons, Michael and Mark, children of son Doug and his wife Barb. As well, Anne makes regular trips to Toronto to visit her daughter Vicky (Kevin Punch) and granddaughters, Maddison and Brigit.

Bernice a licensed practical nurse and Norman live at Crystal City where Norman works for the Manitoba Department of Highways. Also living at Crystal City are their daughters, Mona (Kerry Schott) has three children: Rheagan, Troy and Dennis; and daughter Melanie and her son Tyler. Son, Michael is employed in northern Alberta. His children, Merrick and Madeline live with their mother in Florida.

Heather and her husband are team semi-trailer truck operators driving out of Winnipeg where they make their home. They have three daughters. Candis and her two girls, Kayla and April, live in Brooks, Alberta; Kim (Troy Park) and their four sons: Cody, Justin,

Brady and Teigan in Calgary; and Jodi in Winnipeg.

Donald Jr. was nicknamed "Jake" by one of his sisters when he was a baby and the name stuck. Jake farmed at home for a few years before going to Calgary to work in construction. Jake died suddenly June 26, 1994.

Don and Elva remained on the farm until their deaths, Elva a victim of Alzheimer Disease in 1988 and Don at the age of ninety in 1994. For Don and Elva, their farm and family, were the focus of their lives. Don worked the land until 1984 when, in his eighty-first year, he planted his last crop. In the fall of that year he, at eighty, daughter Ruth, grandson Jim Nichol, and great grandson Billie, eight years, engaged in a four generation ploughing bee.

John McDonald

John McDonald was born in Pictou, Nova Scotia, in 1848, coming to Manitoba in 1879 and homesteading at Snowflake, pre-empting a half section. This land was sold for \$3,200, a big sum in those days.

Anabella McWilliams came from Ontario to visit at Snowflake. She met and married Mr. McDonald in 1883. There was no more free land about so they went to North Dakota and, after a poor crop, came back to the Darlingford district. They purchased W. 1/2 30-2-7. Only twenty-five acres were broken at the time, but after a lot of hard labour three hundred acres were under cultivation. Reg Clayton was the last owner of this land before the Pembina Hutterite Colony took over.

Mrs. McDonald was born in 1849 and died in 1950 at the age of one hundred and one and a half years. Mr. McDonald died in 1916. They had two sons, Arthur and Donald.

Arthur went to visit his brother at Kamsack, took Spanish influenza, and was buried there. Donald McDonald joined the Bank of British North America, at Darlingford in 1907. He worked at Gervin, and was manager at Kamsack. In 1924 he resigned from the bank and joined the A. P. Grain Company in Winnipeg from which he retired thirty-seven years later. Mr. and Mrs. Don McDonald have one daughter and two grandchildren.

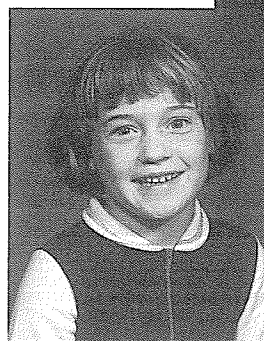
John McDonald

Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald came from the United States about 1900 settling on the S.W. 1/4 14-1-7 before Fred Surau lived there. The family of three girls and three boys went to Chicken Hill School. They moved away in 1910.

Alvin McElroy under Joseph McElroy



Allan and Joyce McElroy Family. back row: Allan, Joyce, front row: Jean, Ken, Kathy, insert: Derek and Allison Penner - Jean's children, insert: Kendra - Ken's daughter



Earl McElroy under Joseph McElroy

Joseph McElroy

Joseph McElroy was born in Sligo, Ireland, in 1866 and came to Canada with his parents, William and Susan McElroy, and settled at Violet Hill post office, near Shelburne, Ontario.

In the early 1880's, his brothers, Bob and Harry, came to Manitoba and he and his brother, Johnnie, followed shortly, and took a farm in the Shadeland district. They were soon followed by their parents and the rest of the family; George, Susan

(Henderson), Harriet (McNabb), Marjorie (Morrison) and Jane (Longhurst).

In 1885 Joseph married Mary Lougheed, daughter of Isaac and Mary Lougheed, who also came from Sligo, Ireland and settled at Singhampton, Ontario before coming to the Thornhill district. Joseph and Mary first lived in the Shadeland district, then in the 1-6 district, before purchasing the W. 1/2 9-3-7. They broke the land with four oxen and a team of horses. In 1905 they moved their house from the 1-6 district with horses and started to live on the farm. Mary cooked the meals in this house, while it was being moved. They also owned the W. 1/2 4-3-7, which Mary's brother, George Lougheed worked for a time.

For many years Joseph was a road master; in the days when farmers, instead of paying money in taxes for road building and repairing, donated time, of man and horsepower, to road work. The older residents of Darlingford could remember the wolf hounds he had and the many coyote chases. Joseph and Mary had eight children; Eddie (1897-1911), Alvin, Adeline (Alex Lowry) Campbell of Winnipeg (see Michael Lowry story), Annie (1901-1905), Earl, Hughie, who was drowned in 1933, Hylda (infant 1908) and Ella (Clair Purse) (See Purse story).

Joseph and Mary farmed until 1938, when Earl took over the farm and they moved to 18 Dufferin Street, Darlingford. Mary passed away in 1945. Joseph passed away in 1946.

Alvin McElroy married Mattie Ellwood and lived on E. 1/2 9-3-7 until 1962 when they moved to Dufferin Street, Darlingford. They had four children; Allen, Helen, Edith and Donald. Alvin died in 1968. Mattie died in 1990, leaving eleven grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren. Allen married Joyce Willett in 1956 and honeymooned in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, where Joyce was born. They lived on W. 1/2 10-3-7 for forty-one years, moving to Morden in 1997. They have three children: Jeannetta "Jean", Kenneth, and Kathy. The children attended Darlingford School and Manitou school where they graduated from grade twelve. They had a number of holidays, vacationing from east coast (Nova Scotia) to west coast (British Columbia).

Jean entered the Bank of Montreal. Jean married Dennis Penner of Manitou, who was working at that time for the Co-op store in Morden. Dennis and Jean bought the house in Darlingford that had been owned by her great-grandfather, Joe McElroy. In

1979 Dennis and Jean moved to Treherne, where Dennis worked as loans officer for the Credit Union. There they bought and remodelled the house that had belonged to Jean's great-grandfather, Enos Willett. Dennis is working as an accountant for Rea's Welding at Rathwell. Jean works as a librarian for the Treherne school and part time at the hospital among the elderly folks. Jean has diploma qualifications for both occupations. They have two children. Derek Allen born March 12, 1982 in Treherne hospital, is now in grade ten and works part time for John Deere. As a kid growing up he had a route for the Winnipeg Free Press. He turned sixteen this year. Allison is starting her second year at the University of Winnipeg. She worked summer holidays for Eaton's.

Katherine Georgene "Kathy" went to live in Fort St. John, had many jobs, in restaurants until she worked in a bridal shop. In 1982 she returned home to help while Joyce had open heart surgery. In 1984 Kathy married Bruce Richard Perry of Abbotsford, British Columbia. They lived one year in Darlingford and then moved to Winnipeg. He now works in refrigeration and air conditioning. Kathy has been employed with Bristol Air for a number of years. Kenneth worked in Winkler until he attended Assiniboine College in Brandon, where he did well in auto mechanics. He worked for Kimberly Clark for three years, repairing cars, trucks and other machines for the company.

Ken married Brenda Lee Lovell of Manitou, in March 26, 1983. They bought the house that Jean and Dennis owned. Ken restored the house doing most of the work himself. Ken worked for Lovell Lighting in Regina and returned to Darlingford on weekends. He joined the company in Winnipeg until it closed down. He returned to farming the W. 1/2 10-3-7 in 1995. Brenda has an apartment in Winnipeg, where she works for a brokerage company and is taking an accounting course. She comes out weekends. Kendra Lee, their daughter was born December 11, 1990 in Morden. Kendra attends school in Manitou. Ken is now remodelling the farm house during winter months.

Helen married Dale Ridley and lives at Wales, North Dakota. They have two children, Larry and Janet. Larry is married and has two children and lives at Jamestown. Janet married Roger Amble, has three children and lives at Sarles, North Dakota.

Edith married Allan Johnston. (See Johnston story.)

Don married Karen Spencer of Morden and



Joe and Mary McElroy

farmed the S.E. 1/4 9-3-7 until they retired to 7 Dufferin Street, Darlingford. They had three children: Neil, Kimberley and Shaun. Karen died in 1994. Don died in 1995.

Neil and Diane "Patti" live on the S.E. 1/4 9-3-7. They have five children. Kimberley married Wayne Wood and lives at Selkirk. They have three children. Shaun and Diane have a son, Joseph "Joe". Shaun died in 1990. Diane and Joseph live at Miami.

Earl McElroy was born in the 1-6 district in 1903 and moved to Darlingford with his parents in 1905. In 1928 Earl married Mildred Lee of Essex, England. They had seven children; Gerald, Doreen, Robert "Bob", Carol, twins Lynn and Lee and Joan. Earl farmed all his life in the Darlingford district until they retired to 36 Pembina Street, Darlingford. Earl passed away in 1969. Mildred married Ron Lowe in 1982 and died in 1997.

Gerald married Margaret Latimer of Darlingford in 1950. They had five sons: Kerry, Wayne, Rodney "Rod", Kevin and Shawn "Travis". Gerald passed away in 1983. Margaret lives in Winnipeg.

Doreen married Eddie Biggar of Kaleida in 1983 and lives in Morden. They have four children; Deborah "Debbie", Karene, Kathy and Alan.

Bob married Donald "Donny" Slute of the Pearce district in 1956 and lived on N.E. 1/4 8-3-7. They have four children: Brenda, Lori, Jill and Douglas "Doug". Bob loved the outdoors, hunting,

fishing, farming and his family. The first three children were born on the Switzer farm in the Barclay district and Doug on the N.E. 1/4 8-3-7, where most of their married life was spent. Bob passed away in 1981. Donny married Don Rogers in 1987.

Brenda married Bob Davidson in 1978 and live at 39 Stanley Street, Darlingford. They have two sons, Johnathon and Robert. Brenda is a nurse.

Lori married Greg Nadin and lives in La Riviere. They have a son, Christopher. Lori works for the Credit Union in Manitou.

Jill married Bob Bowler in 1994 and lives at Manitou. They have three children: Nicholas, Sarah and Lindsay. Jill was a medical records secretary.

Doug works and lives in Winnipeg. He and Charlene have two daughters, Jessica and Alyssa.

Carol married Waldo "Wally" Ens of Morden, in 1963. They have four children: Tracey, Melanie, Mark and Robert "Rob". Carol and Wally are divorced.

Lynn married Peter Wand of Gonanocque, Ontario in 1965. They have three sons: William "Bill", Stephen and Philip.

Lee married Michael Baldwin of Hallock, Minnesota, in 1971. They have two children, Adam and Michelle.

Joan married Jim Fallis of Manitou in 1966. They have two children, Angela "Angie" Baloun and Jamie.

Robert McElroy

Robert McElroy was born on March 16, 1856, and came to Canada with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William McElroy from Ballymote, Sligo County, in the Irish Free State, and with his brothers, George and Harry, and his sisters, Harriet and Susan. Joseph, John, Anne Jane and Marjorie were born after the family settled in Ontario. George died at an early adult age.

Robert married Elizabeth Morrison, of Mount Forest, Ontario, in 1883, and they came west to homestead in the Shadeland district, on section 16-2-7. Robert died in 1916 and Elizabeth in 1946. They raised a family of nine, and had many tales to tell them of early pioneering.

Ernest married Mary Bayliss and moved to Souris. They had four children. Phyllis (M. Kennard) has four children: Keith, Gordon, Dale and Allen. Ruth (H. Brown) has a family of three: Arva, Lyle and Janet. Ross who married Freda Greer, has a daughter, Sandra. Robert who married Phyllis Mayo has two children, Garry and Janet.



Robert and Elizabeth McElroy

Ernest and Mary are now deceased.

Pearl married Harold Musgrove and they lived in Winnipeg before retiring to Morden. They are both deceased. They had two daughters. Eileen Olivias has two children, David and Christina. June who married Harvey Clegg has three children: Garry, Susan and Jeff.

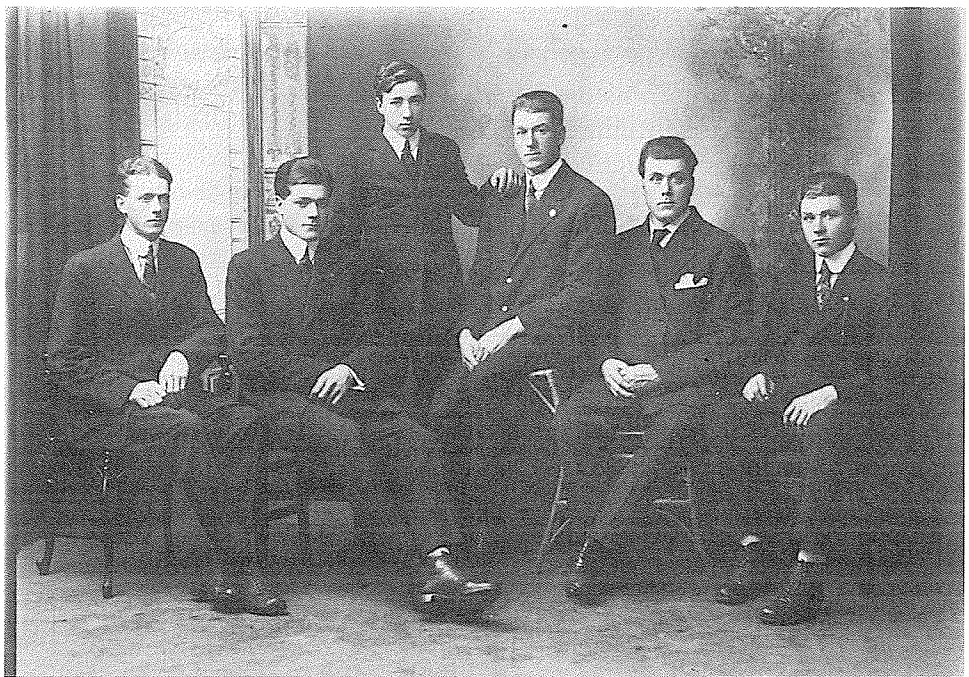
Percy who married Minnie Bayliss lives at Glenboro and has two sons. Douglas and his wife, the former Viola Douglas have two children, Donald and Sharon. Kenneth married Joyce Macklin and they have two children, Melvyn and Kathryn.

Mabel married Russell Arnott. (See Arnott story.)

Arrol served with the Canadian engineers during the first world war for three years. He returned to the farm on the W. 1/2 16-2-7, and married Dorothy Anne Southworth. They retired to Morden in 1964. Their son, Charles married Shirley

Kinsmen, of Darlingford. Charles and Shirley reside on the home farm W. 1/2 16-2-7. They have two children, Rickey Charles and Kathryn Dawn. Rickey married Gloria Blize of Lloydminster in 1973 and live in Morden. They have three children: Candice, Krystal and Alana (Jodi Scott) and son, Phoenix McElroy-Scott. Kathryn married Bev Furniss of Manitou in 1978. They have two children, David and Michelle. Charlie graduated from the University of Manitoba and continued the mixed grain and livestock operation begun by his father. Later he went into pedigreed seed and has gradually down-sized the farming operation, over the past number of years. His hobbies continue to be curling, golf and he and Shirley spend part of the winter in Mesa, Arizona, having enjoyed the Mexican Riviera cruise in 1998. Son, Rick is the manager of installation for Rimer-Alco, an oxygen concentrator supplier for hospitals. This has resulted in a great deal of travel across Canada, including Baffin Island, North West Territories and Whitehorse in the Yukon. Gloria is a ward clerk at Morden hospital. Daughter, Kathi is a financial manager for the Pembina Valley Conservation District as well as having a computer sales and service business. Her husband, Bev has a large farm operation and an auto body shop on their farm yard. Both families enjoy sports and recreation.

Garnet, a Winnipeg fireman, who married Belle Kincaid, is now deceased. They had three children.

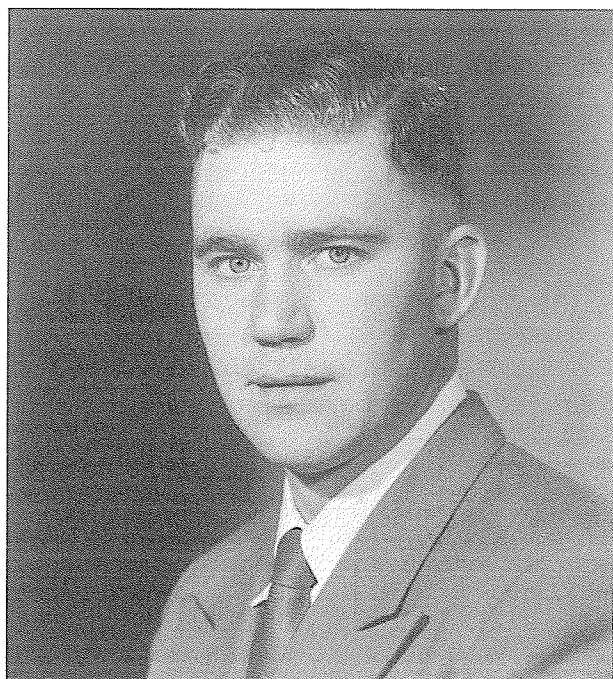


Robert McElroy's sons, (L-R) Percy, Arrol, Morrison, Lorne, Ernest, Garnet

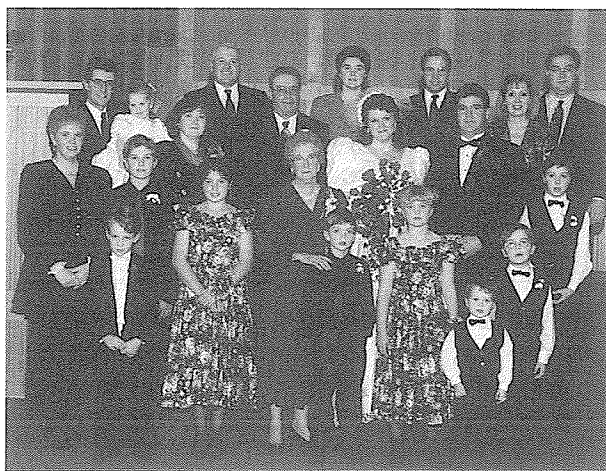
Jim married Dorothy Smith. Bernadine and her husband Hugh Cameron have five children: Jane, Sue, Ellen, Leslie and Cinty. George married Joyce Ash and they had three children: Judy (Bayluk), John and Patricia.

Morrison, who was born in 1903, farmed a mile south of the Zion church. His wife, Eloise Hunt, died in 1933. Francis "Frank" Robert McElroy was born August 2, 1929 in Morden, Manitoba. Shortly after his birth, his mother, Eloise died from pneumonia. Morrison married May Haresnape and Frank was raised with their three children, Wilma (Hildebrand), Reta (Penman) and Dale.

Frank received his education at Calf Mountain and Darlingford schools. He also attended a diploma Agriculture course in Brandon. Frank married Irene McFee of Grosse Isle, Manitoba July 16, 1955. Irene had taught at Barclay and Darlingford schools. Although his heart was always farming, Frank worked for several years at other occupations. He was a blockman for Allis Chalmers Machinery Company in the Killarney, Hartney and Melita area for several years. He also worked for Slater Insurance Agency of Balmoral and later took to farming with several farmers. He was employed by Harold Carson of Thornhill, working on the mink ranch and mixed farming operation, until his untimely death November 18, 1974 at the age of forty-five. Frank was always a devoted husband, father and dedicated employee. Frank and Irene were blessed with a family of five children: Dena,



Francis Robert (Frank) McElroy



The family of Frank and Irene McElroy (Gerald Coleman) taken October 23, 1993 at the wedding of Patti and Kent Barclay

Calvin, twins Carol and Carla and Patricia

Dena Eileen (1956) received her education at Lorne school and Morden Elementary, graduated from Morden Collegiate and attended the University of Manitoba. She returned to Morden and worked as a bank teller until her marriage to Lawrence Gillis of the 1-6 district, south of Morden, in 1977. They have four children, Michael, Amy, Marni, and Lonnie. The Gillis' are a farm family, active in 4-H, music and sports activities. They reside on their farm in the 1-6 community.

Calvin Lyn (1959) also began his schooling at Lorne school and later Morden Elementary. He attended Morden Collegiate and Red River Community College. He married Angela Heaslip of Winnipeg in 1982 and they have three sons, Garrett, Brendan and Ashton. They reside in Calgary where their boys are actively involved in sports, music and school activities.

Twins, Carol Leslie and Carla Louise (1960) both attended elementary schools in Morden and graduated from Morden Collegiate. Carol graduated from the University of Manitoba, receiving her degrees in Education and Human Ecology. She has taught for fourteen years, starting with a term position at Thomas Greenway Collegiate in Crystal City, Manitoba and then Westdale Junior High in Winnipeg. Carol married Dale Dobrowolski of Domain, Manitoba in 1986. Dale operates his own business, Bison Building Services and they presently reside in St. Vital. Carla has worked in the banking field since high school. After spending two years in Winnipeg she returned to Morden where she was employed by Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and also by Morden Credit Union. She



Wilma Hildebrand, May McElroy, Reta Penman, Dale McElroy

was always active in sports, playing baseball on Morden and Winnipeg teams. Carla married Harvey Friesen of Carman, Manitoba in 1985. Harvey works with the Manitoba Government Assessment Branch. They have two children, Kelby and Kylee. They currently reside in Morden and family life keeps them busy, active in hockey, baseball, gymnastics and golfing.

Patricia "Patti" Ellen pleased Dr. Colert at Morden Hospital, providing him once again with the New Years Baby January 1, 1964. She attended school in Morden, graduating from Morden Collegiate. Following a year at the University of Manitoba she went to work in the newspaper field. She was employed at The Winnipeg Sun and after returning to Morden worked for Pembina Printing for twelve years. Patti publishes her own local publication, The Southern Shopper & Review which she launched in 1997. Patti married Kent Barclay of Darlingford, Manitoba in 1993. As well as running his mixed farming operation, Kent is employed by Huron Windows of Morden. They currently reside on their farm near Darlingford.

Frank and Irene provided every opportunity to their children in areas of education, music and sports. The family was actively involved in 4-H, school and church choirs, band, drama and all shared a great love of sports.

Following Frank's death, Irene and family moved to Morden where she was employed as a librarian at Morden Collegiate until 1981 when she met Gerald Coleman, a widower from Manitou, Manitoba. In October of that year they were married and Irene moved to Gerald's farm home north of Manitou. They continued to farm until Gerald's

retirement in 1991 when they moved to their present home in Manitou. Irene and Gerald enjoy their retirement by keeping active in curing, snowmobiling, playing cards, fishing, attending dances and spending time their children and grandchildren, taking part in numerous activities they are involved in.

Wilma married Wilfred Hildebrand in 1958. They farm two miles west of Kaleida and have a family of five: Danny, Shelley, Kimberly, Shannon and Heather. Danny (1959) married Diana Schultz and have two girls, Courtenay and Jordana. He resides at Lethbridge, Alberta and works on a cattle feeder ranch. Shelley (1963) married Steven Wallcraft and they have two children, Candace and Matthew. They are farming near La Riviere, (opposite the Archibald museum). Shelley works in Morden as a dental assistant. Kimberly (1965) married Grant Howatt and farm between Manitou and Darlingford. They have two children, Kevin and Megan. Kimberly works at The Western Canadian in Manitou. Shannon (1970) married Chris Ausborn and live in Winnipeg with daughter, Tessa. Shannon works for a broker company, Midland Walwyn Capital Inc. Heather (1973) lives in Winnipeg and works for Jim Gauthier's McPhillips Toyota.

Reta McElroy married Jim Penman in 1967. They are farming at Clearwater and Reta is also teaching at Pilot Mound. They have a family of four girls: Brenda, Paula, Angela and Jaimie. Brenda is teaching at Crystal City. Paula married Grant Buchanan and is living in Regina with two sons, Nolan and Connor. Paula is also nursing. Angela is living in Calgary and is working as a legal assistant. Jaimie is presently taking her Bachelor of Nursing



Dale and Evelyn McElroy Family, Jeff, Kelly, Kristy, Evelyn, Dale

degree at Brandon University.

Dale McElroy married Evelyn Tremeer in 1973. At that time, Dale was farming the home farm and living with his mother. Morrison died in 1963 and in the fall of 1973, May moved to Manitou where she resides at 212 Main Street, enjoying good health. Dale and Evelyn had three children. Kelly (1976) received his first two years of education at Darlingford, until the school closed. He then went to Manitou Elementary and graduated from Nellie McClung Collegiate in 1994. During those years, he was active in swimming and playing baseball with the Kaleida team. Today, he is farming and has started trucking for GDT Trucking of Notre Dame for a winter job. Jeff (1978) received his education at Manitou Elementary and graduated from Nellie McClung Collegiate in 1997. In his younger years, he enjoyed swimming and playing baseball for Manitou. He is now living in Morden and is employed by Huron Windows. Kristy (1980) received her education at Manitou Elementary and is presently taking grade twelve at Nellie McClung Collegiate. As a young girl, she was active in swimming and has sung with the Darlingford Junior Choir since 1988. Kristy has participated in many music festivals.

Veda married Ralph Smith of Winnipeg. She died in 1963.

Lorne, who enlisted in 1916, was a Lance Corporal in the 184th Battalion of the C.E.F. While serving overseas, he met Frances Greenacre of Norfolk, England. He returned home to farm in May 1919 and Francis came to Canada in 1921. They were married in Winnipeg and settled on the home place, which legally became his property in November 1938. Lorne died in 1958. Frances died in 1988. They had a family of four: Ina, Lloyd, Robert "Bob" and Mervyn.

Ina married Maurice Young in December 1943. Maurice was in the army and stationed at Camp Borden, before he went overseas. After he returned home, they took over the family farm at Kaleida and farmed until 1980. In 1987 they moved their house to Morden and lived there until Maurice died in August 1992. Ina now lives in the new Elks Park Place in Morden. They have four children: Wrenda, Rhonda, Floyd and Betty. Wrenda married Tom Clark and lives in Manitou. They have three children: Andrea (Casey) and baby Tulsa, Cheryl, Rob (Carla) and children, Melissa and Johnathon. Rhonda and Art Crane have two children, Jody and Sarah. Floyd has three children: Jamie and his wife

Carol, Brenda and Tanya. Betty married Ken Nichol and lives at Carman. They have two boys, David and his wife Patricia and Philip. Maurice and Ina lost a daughter, Francis Ruth at birth in 1947. Ina has three great grandchildren.

Lloyd married Isabel Pearce. He was killed in action during World War II.

Bob was born and raised on the farm in the Darlingford area. He married Verna Howatt in 1948 and lived on the home farm until they moved to Morden in 1983. Bob and Verna have a family of four. Gloria married Mel Johnston of Mowbray on June 28, 1969 and they went to Claresholm, Alberta, where Mel, who holds his bachelor's degree in agriculture, was an assistant District Agriculturalist. Gloria, who also attended university and has her bachelor's degree in music, teaches piano. In April 1971, they returned to the Windygates district, where they purchased the J. Kinnaird farm. They have two daughters, Tracy and Julie and son Jason and his wife Traci. Mavis graduated as a registered nurse from the Grace Hospital in 1970, and worked at the Morden hospital until her marriage to Greg Scharf of La Riviere, and has a son Jamie, wife Onnolee and a daughter Lisa. Darrell and Lori and their children Nolan and Sidney. Brian and Myra and children Kadria and John.

Mervyn and Linda have three daughters, Shelly, Tracie (Kelly) and Caralee and Mervyn's daughters, Cori and Jody from a previous marriage. Caralee was killed in a car accident in 1988, at the age of sixteen years. Mervyn died in July 1997.

Donald McGillivray

Donald McGillivray (1872-1922) was born in Killen, Perthshire, Scotland, coming to Canada at the age of fifteen. He worked for Fenton Stevens a number of years and for Ansel Jacobs. He married Annie Jacobs (1881-1958) in 1906. They took up residence in Darlingford at 20 Pembina Street. Donald and Cyrene Swerdfeger (later brothers-in-law) purchased the livery barn from Wes Oke in 1906, which they both operated until 1920. The livery barn was sold and Donald died in 1922.

Donald and Annie had a daughter, Christina (1907-1988) and an infant son, Willard (1910-1910). Christina married Carl White (1888-1960) in 1934. Christina and Carl worked as car filling station managers in Canada and the United States, where they had moved in 1943. They purchased a house near Swazee, Indiana which they partially

made into a grocery store and gas station. They later sold out and the building is still used as a house.

Their daughter Maxine White (1935) married James Achor (1932) in 1958 and they live near Marion, Indiana. They have three children: Brian (1959), Christina (1960) and Corrinne (1965).

Brian Achor married Cindy Woodcock in 1980 and they have two sons, Derek (1986) and Daniel (1988).

Christina married Dennis Clair (1956) in 1979 and they have three sons: Lee (1986), Jeremy (1989) and Aaron (1992).

Corrinne married Jeff McKinneg in 1996 and they have a daughter, Alexa (1993).

Jim McGregor

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McGregor came to Windygates about 1900 and worked the S.W. 1/4 12-1-7 for a number of years and then went to Tompkins, Saskatchewan to homestead.

John McKenzie

John McKenzie was born in Forfar, Scotland, in 1886, and came to Canada as a young man, arriving in Darlingford in 1905. He worked as a farm hand for different farmers in the Shadeland district. While working for Mr. J.C. Smith, he was joined by his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth McKenzie and nephew Ronald, who came from Scotland to the "new land".

To get started on his own, he bought land, the S.W. 1/4 10-2-7, and later from Mr. Ellis, the W. 1/2 3-2-7, which was solid bush. It took a lot of hard work to clear the land, build a house and fence his property, with four horses and a breaking plough.

He was joined by his sister, Agnes and two brothers Dave and James. Agnes, who spent most of her life as a housekeeper in the Thornhill and Darlingford districts, died in 1959. James and Dave joined up in World War I and were killed in action.

In 1918 John McKenzie married Emily Mitchell, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mitchell, who were early pioneers of the district.

Mrs. McKenzie Sr. and Ronald moved to Darlingford where Ronald finished his schooling. He moved to Souris, working with the Hydro, married and raised a family. He died in 1969. Mrs. Elizabeth McKenzie died in 1933.

Mr. and Mrs. John McKenzie carried on mixed farming in those days. There was always a large number of horses to do the field work, and for transportation before trucks and cars came into use. A

large herd of cattle helped supply milk and butter through the dry thirties when money was scarce. There was no government help in those days.

They had three daughters: Viola (Roy Jacobs), Amelia (Alex Kinnaird) both of Darlingford and Irene (Austin Deary) of Edmonton.

Viola and Roy Jacobs have three children: Maxine (Robert Lapple) of Winnipeg, Jack Jacobs of Darlingford, and Darlene (Bob Baker) of Morden. They have six grandchildren. Roy and Viola retired to Morden in the fall of 1997.

Amelia and Alex Kinnaird have no children. They resided on their farm north of Darlingford until the fall of 1974. At that time they retired to Morden. Alex died in December 1976. Amelia resided in their home in Morden until the time of her death, January 1997.

Irene and Austin Deary have two daughters, Deanna (Brian Moore) of Bittern Lake, Alberta and Linda Deary of Edmonton. Irene and Austin are now retired and living in Edmonton, Alberta. They have four grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie sold their farm in 1945 to Joe Holenski Sr. and retired to Morden, where he died in 1967, and Mrs. McKenzie in 1965. Mr. and Mrs. John McKenzie's descendants are now spread throughout Manitoba and Alberta.

Neil McLean

Included with W.E. Veals

Louis McLeod

Louis McLeod and his wife and family came from Hannah, North Dakota. "Grandpa Louis" loved to play the bagpipes and did so at many community functions. They had six children: John, Louis Jr., Mary Ann, Donald, Murdock and Malcolm.

John died at La Riviere in 1953.

Louis Jr. had a family of two and lived in Florida.

Mary Ann (Cliff Holman) of Crystal City died in 1958.

Donald "Dan" who died in 1959 married Isabelle Fairbairn. They had six children.

Mary (Edgar Cowan) of Morden, had two children. Myrna (Art Wiens) and children, Darrin, Clayton and Valdene all live in Regina, Saskatchewan and Bob of Morden had two children, Sheila and Harley.

June (Gerry Jackson) of Winnipeg, died in November 1978. Gerry (1927) died January 1987.

They had three children: Jim, Kevin and Ronnie. Jim (Peggy) had two children, Lisa and Jennifer (Paul Keen) has a daughter, Payton McKenzie (November 1998).

Pearl (Henry Swayze) of La Riviere. Henry died in May 1985. Their three children are: Rodney of Thompson, Manitoba who has two children, Serena and Shannon; Kelly of Winnipeg, Manitoba has a daughter, Mavis (Marc Levence) and Tammy (David Wiklund) of La Riviere has two children, Tazara and Jyles.

Don (Marion Moir) Morden has two children, Barry has a daughter Alex and Brenda (Wayne Kostal) has a daughter, Chelsea.

Jim (Wendy Clayton) Manitou had two children, Kenneth (died November 22, 1994) had two children, Brendan and Kennedy; and Brian at home.

Joyce (George Hartwig) has two daughters, MaryAnne (Chris Prayag) and her children, Kolton and McKayden and Kathy.

Murdoch died in 1947.

Malcolm died in 1955.

Bill Meilicke

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Meilicke lived on the N.E. 1/4 7-1-7. They had a son, Kermit and a daughter, Esther, living here in 1925-26. They moved to Morden. Esther, who lives in the United States, is the only surviving member of the family.

Joe Melbourne

Joe Melbourne's parents came to Winnipeg in 1913. In England, Mr. Melbourne had been head of the City of Croyden Water Corporation, so he naturally looked for work with the Water Works Department in Winnipeg. Their son Joe was born in England in 1904 coming to Canada with them. Mr. Melbourne enlisted from Winnipeg in World War I and was killed in the Battle of Somme. Joe came to the country. He lived with Harry Pearce, who adopted him but did not change his name, as Joe was twelve years old. In 1937 he took a trip to New Zealand on the passenger liner "Niagra", returning the next year. He worked for farmers and the Dominion Malt Company until 1953 when he married Alice Harkness from Alexander. They farmed in Wawanesa for two years, then came to Darlingford where they purchased the S.W. 1/4 11-2-7. They had a son Ross. They moved to Morden in 1979 where Joe died in 1985. Ross married married Lacinda Krahn of Darlingford, Manitoba. They

have a daughter Katheryn and they live in Winnipeg.

John Meyer

John Meyer was born in Ontario and at the age of twenty-one, went to North Dakota where he farmed for thirty-five years about four and a half miles from Maida. He married Mary Kroetsch of Emerson and they raised a family of six boys and six girls.

Their son George, married Hannah Cowan, daughter of William Cowan in Manitoba and lived on section 20-1-7 in the Windygates district for twenty-five years. They purchased the farm from Fred Pohl on section 26-1-7 in 1952 and lived there until they retired to Morden. George died in 1984 and Hannah in 1988. They had a family of four, Lorraine married Albert Hildebrand, who died suddenly in 1973, and they have three sons; Maxine resides in Winnipeg; Leo married Bernice Sobelic and they live in Wisconsin; Les married Eva Barnhart and they have three children. Les died in 1992.

Tony Mikolasek

Tony Mikolasek and Bessie Fijala were married in Poland in 1926 and farmed there. In 1929, a time of political unrest, they decided that coming to Canada would be a better way of life.

They lived in the 1-5 district until 1933 when they moved to the N.W. 1/4 4-1-7. They retired to Morden in 1966 and their son, Tony continued to farm this land. They had six children: Annie, born in Poland, Ruby, Johnnie, Tony, Mary and Alex. Tony died in 1986 and Bessie died in 1995.



Tony and Bessie Mikolasek Family

Annie married Kola Holenski and live in Morden. Annie's children are: Mary Jean Pentland, Georgena Ungrin, Douglas Dresler and Ron Dresler.

Ruby Kizlik died December 19, 1992.

Johnnie and Joan live at Fenwick, Ontario. Their children are: Mark, Terry, David and Kathy.

Tony and Joan live at Miami. Joan's children are: Douglas, Josephine Stewart and Kim, who died in 1987. Mary and Peter Boyko live in Winnipeg. Their children are: Bonnie, Barbara and Brenda.

Alex and Terry live in the Windygates district. Their children are, Valerie and Gayla.

Vaclav Mikolasek

Vaclav Mikolasek came from Poland in 1929 and settled first in the 1-6 area until in 1935 he and his two sons, Vernon and Rienold came to Windygates and farmed the N.E. 1/4 18-1-7.

Vernon married Josephine Svoboda and had two boys, Harry (1936), Earnest (1938) and a girl, Ella



Rienold Mikolasek

(1939). Josephine died when Ella was six months old and grandmother Svoboda raised the baby. Vernon, with the help of Rienold and his father, kept the boys.

Vernon married Mary Hoochuck from Saskatchewan who had a son, Alex from a previous marriage. Vernon and Mary

have two sons, Eddie and Joe. They bought W. 1/2 9-1-7 in 1946, they lived there until Vernon died in 1976 and Mary moved to Morden.

Harry married Joan Schindel in 1962 and own S.W. 1/4 15-1-7. Their children are Josephine, Douglas and Kim. Josie married Richard Stewart and they have two children, Sheralee and Colton. Doug married Crystal Danielson and their children are Ryan, Kyle and Brittany. Kim, not married, was killed accidentally in 1987.

Earnest married Doreen Steinke and they had two children. He was killed in a car accident and Doreen has since remarried.

Ella married Jim Isaac of Morden and now lives in Winnipeg.

Alex married Judy Hodgson and they had two daughters, Lisa and Michelle. Alex and Judy have since divorced.

Eddie was not married and he died in 1998 in Edmonton, Alberta.

Joe married Linda Penner and they have two children. They reside in Edmonton.

Rienold Mikolasek was wounded in World War II and lost an arm. After he returned from overseas, he bought the W. 1/2 17-1-17. His father, who lived with him, was killed in the tornado which destroyed all the buildings on the farm (see Point Douglas School for tornado story). Rienold then lived with Vernon for a while and later bought the Harry Smith farm, the S.W. 1/4 15-1-7, in 1953 and lived here until he died in 1957. His nephew, Harry took over this farm.



Rienold Mikolasek - 1942

Fred Miller

Fred Miller, a son of John Miller, came from Napanee, to Goodlands in 1905 and, in 1910, married Clara Kidd, of Smith Falls, Ontario. The same fall they moved to Darlingford where Fred bought a half share in the hardware and implement business. Two years later, he sold his share in the business to Cephas Martin and purchased the John Jordan farm, section 16-3-7, in 1915.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller farmed until 1956 when Mrs. Miller died. A daughter, Madeleine, married Roy Lovall of La Riviere, and had a son, Larry. Roy lost his life in Hong Kong during the second world war with the Grenadiers. Madeleine later married Alf Dance, a war veteran, and they lived in Vancouver. Larry married and also lived in Vancouver.

After a few years, Fred moved back to Ontario, married a school chum and lived at Brampton.

John Miller

John Miller came from Napanee, Ontario, in 1909, to Goodlands, Manitoba where he farmed for two years, then came to Darlingford, where he bought the S.W. 1/4 17-3-7, on the north side of town. After three years, he sold the farm to Johnnie Lowry and retired to town, living there until 1937, when he and his wife returned to Napanee. He died in 1957 at the ripe old age of ninety-three years.

Joe Minarz

Joe Minarz came to Canada in 1928 with his parents and three brothers, from Lutsk, Poland. This city was fifteen miles from where they lived, but there were all kinds of small villages through the country from which they worked their farms. They owned forty-five acres of land which was considered an average farm. The winters were fairly short, often seeding in March and harvesting in July. Mixed farming with stock took up their time, and many kinds of fruit grew there, apples, pears, plums and cherries. The grandfather had moved from Czechoslovakia to Poland in 1880. There was so much political unrest in the early 1920's that the family felt that Canada would be a good place to go. They settled in Earl Grey, Saskatchewan, and Mr. and Mrs. Minarz lived there the remainder of their days. Their four boys were Joseph, Walter, Wesley and Tony.

Joseph left home in 1931 and farmed in North Saskatchewan. While there he married Bessie Huml of Frank, Alberta, who lived half a mile from the

Frank Slide, a memorable and tragic event which took place in 1903. She said that often, after a rain, small rocks on the mountain still loosen, and, to this day, people wonder what is coming. Her father, a coal miner at Frank for thirty-five years, had come from Czechoslovakia in 1907, and her mother Eleanor a few years later. They had a son Emil and daughters Annie and Bessie.

After their marriage they lived at Medsted and Gibbs Saskatchewan, and Dauphin, Manitoba. They finally moved to Darlingford in 1947 where they purchased the E. 1/2 12-3-8, formerly owned by Gordon Stevens. Here they built a new house in 1957 and continued with mixed farming until their retirement to Morden in 1972. Joe died July 31, 1980 at age seventy-one and Bessie died November 3, 1996 at the age of eighty-five years.

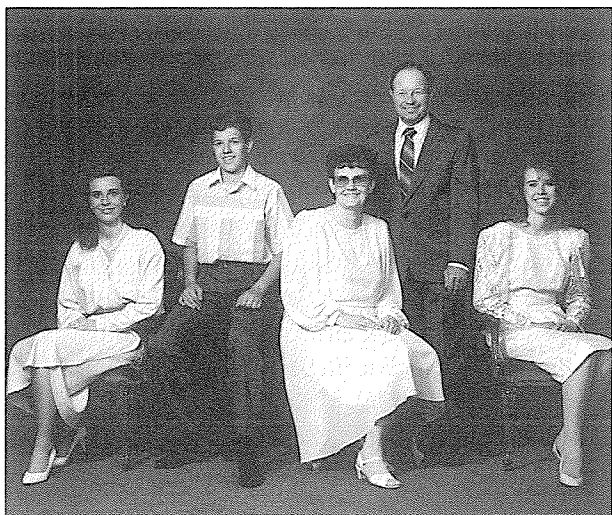
They had two daughters. Blanche married Joe Vondracek, June 23, 1951 and they farmed and lived in Tolstoi area until they retired to Winnipeg in 1991. They have a family of four, all married: Emily (Walter Harder), Lillian (Sterling Blunt), Carol (Harold Martell), Jerry (Iris Vondracek) and seven grandchildren. Julia married Peter Elias, June 8, 1963 and live in Morden. They have a family of three, all married. Grace (Donald Reimer), Irene (Timothy Derksen), James (Pamela) Elias and two grandchildren. Peter died January 19, 1996 at the age of fifty-nine.

Frank Huml came from Frank, Alberta and stayed with his daughter Bessie, for four and one half years. He died in Morden in 1967.

Walter Minarz, a brother of Joe, married Mary



Joe and Bessie Minarz



Irene Derksen, James Elias, Julia (Minarz) Elias, Peter Elias, Grace Reimer

Holatko and purchased the W. 1/2 1-3-7 in 1946. They had four children: Mary, Antonia, Tony and Walter Jr. Walter Sr. died in 1965. Mrs. Minarz moved to Morden. She died in 1988. Mary married Pat Moroney and lived at Toronto, Ontario. They had two children. She died in 1985. Antonia married George Unrau and lives at Petawawa, Ontario. They had five children. George died in 1998. Tony drowned in a boating accident in Ontario, in 1955. Walter Jr. lives in Morden.



Joe and Blanche Vandracek Family. back row: Joseph, Jerry, Carol Martell, Lillian Blunt, front row: Emily Harder, Blanche (Minarz) Vandracek

Archibald Mitchell

Archibald Mitchell came to Manitoba with his family from Owen Sound, Ontario in the year 1882 and took up land on the N.W. 1/4 6-1-7.

His son Bill, married Lillian Pepler on February 14, 1906 at which time he was homesteading the S.W. 1/4 23-1-8. After the marriage they operated a confectionery in the village of Mowbray, living in what is known as the "Ernie Stacy" house.

Lillian died a year later when their son Rex was born, and Bill then went to Milestone, Saskatchewan, to run a store for his brother Win.

In 1916 he returned to Mowbray and entered into a partnership with J.W. Johnston. In 1926 he sold his interest in the business to his partner and in the spring of 1930 moved to the Valley, on the N.E. 1/2 30-1-7, where he resided until his death on February 3, 1961.

His son, Rex married Helen Grettum on June 25, 1930. They lived in Mowbray in the summer, while Rex worked on the railroad but spent the winter months with his father on the farm, until the spring of 1940, when their daughter Lillian started school. On July 15, 1941 their second daughter, Ethel was born.

Rex started working for the C.P.R. in the fall of 1922 and in the spring of 1925 he went to Milestone, Saskatchewan, to work for his uncle Win, in his store. In the fall of 1925, he came back to Mowbray and resumed work with the C.P.R. and continued with them until he retired in December 1968, owing to ill health, and in the meantime he moved to various places, such as Boissevain, Morden, Edrans, Snowflake, Thornhill, Carman, Winkler and Plum Coulee.

In June 1969 Rex and Helen moved to Tottenham, Ontario where they lived about thirty-five miles from their daughters, Lillian and Ethel, who are both married and live at Resdale Ontario. Rex died April 1989 and Helen February 1994.

Thomas Henry Mitchell

Thomas Henry Mitchell was born in Lindsay, Ontario in 1855 and came west in 1886 with his brother William. They travelled by oxen from Winnipeg. William located in Rolla, North Dakota, while Thomas settled in the Shadeland district on the N.W. 1/4 10-2-7. He married Emma Hamilton in 1890. She came from Owen Sound, Ontario. Thomas died in May 1934 and Emma in 1939.

They had raised a family of twelve. Mattie married Jack Lincoln of Sioux Lookout, Ontario, died

November 1984; Annie married Griff Williams and died in 1945; Emily married Jack McKenzie and died September 15, 1965; Eliza married William Poole; Lily married Ed Harris and died January 1968; Susan married George Boyd of Miami and died September 1993; Tommy married Eunice Oakes of Miami died October 1991; Robert enlisted in World War II, was wounded and came home for while. He went back overseas a second time and upon his return to Canada he lived in Calgary until his death in 1969. Albert died in 1958. Mandley married Mary Kinnaird. They had one son, Lloyd and they lived on the S.E. 1/4 17-1-7. They boarded the school teachers for twenty-eight years. Lloyd died April 1977 and Mandley in September, 1993; Mary continues to live in Morden.

George Wellington "Welly" Mitchell (1907) was raised on the Thomas Henry farm. Welly married Nellie Klym (Demadash) of Gimli, Manitoba, July 14, 1948. They resided on the farm along with Nellie's two children, Gracie Ann and Richard. Welly remained on the home farm until his death January 1972. Nellie moved to Morden, Manitoba in 1973 and resided there until her death in December 1989.

Gracie-Ann Klym is the daughter of Nellie and the stepdaughter of George Wellington "Welly" Mitchell. Gracie married Lloyd Peske of the 1-5 area, Stanley Municipality, June 16, 1956. Gracie and Lloyd had four children: Edward Wellington, Deborah Joan, Deanna Nadiene, and Bradley James. They moved to the Mitchell farm in 1972, where Lloyd and Grace reside. Edward lived on the farm until his death, April 7, 1981. Debbie married Gerald Flood of Gimli, Manitoba and have two children, Jason Michael and Alyssa Jaye. They reside in Winnipeg. Deanna Nadiene married John Frank of Darlingford, where they presently farm. They have two children, Joseph Alexander and Anna May. Brad is an owner-operator of a highway tractor and in 1997 he has moved back to the farm with Bonnie Lynn Lebeau (Andrews) and her daughter Karen. Bonnie also has a son, Robert of Brandon, Manitoba.

Richard married Kris Fredrickson in 1961 and lives in Winnipeg. They have three children: Teresa Nellie, Daphne Marie, and Richard David. Kris died in 1996.

William Mitchell was born in 1891 and married Hilda Volda of Morden. William, better known as 'Bill', bought a Case 20-40 tractor in 1912, breaking land and threshing in the surrounding districts.



Thomas and Emma Mitchell and baby William - 1891

This tractor is now a museum piece at the Turtle Mountain Fly Wheel Club at Killarney. Around 1928 Bill started a transfer business which he maintained until his death in 1963. Hilda lived in Morden until her death in 1986. Bill and Hilda had five children: Evelyn, George, Florence, Jim and Wilma.

Evelyn married Jack Barr and lives in London, Ontario.

George joined the army in 1944, then worked for telegraph companies before moving to Seattle.

Florence lives in Winnipeg.

Jim married Helen Thiessen and they had four children, Douglas, Murray and twins, Cindy and Wendy. Helen died in 1968. Jim married Justina Dyck and they had a daughter, Linda. Jim had taken over the transfer business upon the death of his father and continued to do so until 1985. He moved to Grenfeld, Saskatchewan. Douglas lives at Kelowna, British Columbia. Murray married Liz Dueck and lives near Morden with sons, Tom and Trevor. Wendy lives near Morden with her son, Nicolas and her finance, Merv Hird. Cindy married Tom Burns and they farm in the Woodbay district. They have three children: Jennifer, Melissa and Tyler. Linda lives in Winnipeg.

Wilma married Bill Kornell and lives in Edmonton, Alberta.

William Mitchell
under Thomas Mitchell

Tom Moloney

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moloney and family lived on the S.E. 1/4 8-1-7. A son, Gordon lives in Manitou. They did not stay at Windygates too long but moved back to the Kaleida district. Gordon attended Chicken Hill School in 1902.

William W. Moloney

William W. Moloney (1879-1946) married Ottey Chapman (unknown-1992) of La Riviere in 1928 and farmed the S. 1/2 15-2-8, just south of Kaleida until 1950. Their children were Melvin, Audrey, Bessie, Wallace, Edgar and Taylor. Wallace died accidentally in 1948. Bessie married Fred Ward of Darlingford in 1949. He died in 1988. In 1950 Ottey married George Abel of Carroll, Manitoba, who had purchased the Darlingford Hardware Store and they took up residence at 22 Pembina Street. The two younger boys, Edgar and Taylor came to live with them and completed their education at Darlingford. George died in 1962 and Ottey in 1992.

Edgar left home to work for Manitoba Pool Elevators in construction and worked his way up to foreman. He married Linda Smith of Lena, Manitoba in 1967 and they live in Killarney.

Taylor worked at Jordan's Store in Darlingford for a few years as a butcher. He then worked on construction for Manitoba Pool Elevators and later became a grain buyer at Boissevain and Birdtail, Manitoba. He married Vivian Friis of Moose Jaw in 1969. She had come to Darlingford with her parents from Denmark as a young girl of school age in 1958. They have a son, Joe and are now divorced. Taylor lives in Edmonton, Alberta and is a butcher for Safeway Stores.

Gerry Moore

Gerry Moore came to Darlingford in 1962 to buy grain for the Pool Elevator. He stayed until 1965 when he moved to Winnipeg and attended university for five years, taking a masters degree in Agriculture Economics. He then joined the Manitoba Agriculture Credit Corporation as research director for one year. Then he was with United Grain Growers for a number of years until he left to become a government consultant. He retired in the fall of 1997 and moved from his home near Stonewall, Manitoba to Calgary, Alberta. While they lived in Darlingford, his wife Carol Pritchard of Rathwell, taught at Lorne School for two years. Their children are: Darren, Candace and Melanie.

Jack P. Moore

Jack P. Moore came to Manitoba in 1906, from Newfoundland and worked for his brother, Willis, for four years. In 1911 he rented the Edgar Burgess farm, which he farmed for seven years. During this time he purchased the S.W. 1/4 2-3-8.

In 1916 Jack returned to Newfoundland to marry Nellie S. Pike, bringing her back to his new home. She had never been on a farm before but she made up her mind to work along with her husband. She learned to drive horses, milk cows and one year, cut the crop with horses while Jack worked out with a threshing gang to help make ends meet. Mr. Moore was on the Darlingford School board for twenty-seven years, and eight of these as chairman.

He tells of the good times they had in Darlingford and well remembers a great hockey team. There was no dressing room at the rink for the players. The business meetings were held in Murray Nichol's shop. They discussed the need of a dressing room, and Mr. Moore said to the late Murray Harper, "We will put on a concert, Murray, and you and I will go on the program. We will advertise it that way." The old Law Hall was filled to overflowing. What a night! Enough money was raised for the dressing room and some left over to repair the rink. Mr. Moore says, "Those were the good old days."

Mr. and Mrs. Moore had one son, Stratford, who married Rosaline Dushenko. They lived on a farm west of Darlingford for a few years, and then moved to Morris where Strat became an auctioneer.



Nellie and Jack P. Moore's 50th wedding anniversary

Their children are: Marlene, Anne, Doug, Don, and Billie. Rosaline died in 1964.

Mrs. Moore, active in all community affairs, was secretary of the Women's Church organization for a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. Moore moved to Manitou in 1950. In 1970 Jack had a foot and part of one leg amputated and had an artificial limb. They still say, there is no place like home in Darlingford. Jack celebrated his eighty-ninth birthday April 1971 and died in 1974. Nellie died in 1984.

Les Moore

Les Moore, born in 1900, was the son of John Moore, who came from Carleton Place, Ontario with his parents and the other members of his family to settle at Mather in 1882. Les farmed at Mather and married Beatrice Trann in 1929. Their three daughters: Colleen, Gwen and Gail attended school at Mather, Point Douglas and Darlingford.

Colleen married Walter Matiaton and lived in Winnipeg. She had three children by a former marriage: Dale, Vicky, and Warren Knowles, who all lived with their grandparents. Gwen who married Russel Foster, lived on a farm at Mowbray and had three children: Kyle, Shelly and Darwin. Gwen died in 1993. Russel died in 1982. Gail married Henry Dyck and lived in Winnipeg. They have two children: Gerry and Sharon. Gail died January 2, 1999.

After training at Camp Borden and serving in England during the second world war, Les was installed as the customs officer at Windygates in 1944. His family joined him there, and for the first five years he was alone in the office, on duty seven days a week, with only a three week holiday each year. It was not until 1949 that John Gross was sent to Windygates from Gretna as a relief officer. He was followed in 1952 by Peter Loewen

There are many funny stories which could be told of the happenings at the Customs Office, but a tragedy occurred when a mother and her son, who were coming from Toronto to Winnipeg lost their way in a heavy fog, unaware that they were too far west. They saw the Customs office too late to avoid it, and hit it at an estimated speed of some eighty miles an hour. They were both killed as the result of this accident, and are buried in the cemetery at Pilot Mound.

In 1966 Les and Beatrice retired to Darlingford and later to Manitou. Les died in 1981 and Beatrice in 1975.

Willis Moore

Willis Moore (1878-1934) came from Carbonear, Newfoundland, in 1896 and settled in the McKenzie district. In 1900 he moved to section 11-3-8, where he built a comfortable home. To the west of his house, he established a small fruit orchard surrounded by evergreen trees, of which the family were all quite proud.

In 1902 he married Florence Rombough (1884-1964), and they had four children: George who died in 1935, Lilly, Livina and Ida. They all attended the Darlingford School, and the three daughters graduated as registered nurses, from the Winnipeg General Hospital.

Lily left Canada in 1928 and went to California, where she married Kenneth Brudi in 1931. They had three daughters.

Livina married Wray Anderson and lived in Winnipeg, where she continued to nurse until her death in 1965. They had one daughter Shirley, who married and lives in Winnipeg with one son.

Ida married G. Hutchinson, and lived in Winnipeg until her death in 1965.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore drove a school van for the Darlingford School for a number of years. Mr. Moore was elected Reeve of the Rural Municipality of Pembina in 1931. These were difficult years for the farmers and Willis dedicated himself to helping them. He died in 1934 and Mrs. Moore moved to Winnipeg, where she lived until her death in August 1964.



Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Moore (in centre)

Joseph Morrison

Joseph Morrison from Ontario, married Mary Johnston, who was born at Enniskillen, in Ireland, and they had one son, John. In 1909, John Morrison married Mabel Cave, a daughter of Francis Cave, and Sarah Hunger, both from Ontario. Their six children all attended Darlingford school. John Morrison farmed at Snowflake for a number of years and, in 1926, he moved to Darlingford, where he worked with the late C.W. White until 1929 when he began his own garage business.

During their twelve years in Darlingford, the Morrisons were enthusiastic community workers. John spent many extra hours helping distressed motorists out of their difficulties. He enjoyed his violin and gave an excellent account of his talent playing at "Old-time Fiddlers' Contests". When Vernia became older she played the piano and John played the violin in a six piece dance orchestra. Mrs. Morrison devoted many hours to various church organizations and helped any whom she could.

In 1938 the Morrisons moved to Regina where John worked at his trade for eleven years. From there they moved to Vancouver where he worked for another ten years.

Lloyd married Flo Everson and moved to Vancouver in 1948, operating an electrical business. Their sons are both graduates of the University of British Columbia. James is engaged in radio and television production in Vancouver. Donald is employed with an aircraft firm in Los Angeles, California. Their daughter, Patricia is married to Vern Dumond.

Orval married Helen Gemmill in 1933 in Darlingford, moved to Vancouver and is now employed by the C.P.R. His son, Lyle is married and has two boys.

Irene married Clarence Warren who had been in the R.C.A.F. They lived in Winnipeg where he owns his own home construction business. Their son, John received his Bachelor of Science in 1969 and his Masters degree in Business Administration, and their daughter, Janet is attending the University of Manitoba.

Vernia married George Game following his war service of five and one-half years. They lived in Regina until 1947 when they moved to Los Angeles. Their daughter, Judith attended college and their son, Robert is attended high school.

Chester served overseas with the R.C.A.F. In

1949 he married Yvonne Clements of Regina, then moved to Dawson Creek where he was a heavy duty mechanic. They had two girls. Loretta took business training, and Julie finished grade twelve.

Frank took grade eleven in Darlingford then attended Normal School. He taught at Clearwater where he married Merle Argue. In 1950 he returned to Darlingford as the school principal. In 1960 he and the family moved to Fort Garry where he completed his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education, and was employed on the Vincent Massey Collegiate staff. His daughter, Myrna, completed grade twelve in Darlingford, then obtained her Registered Nursing at the Winnipeg General Hospital, and Bachelor of Nursing at McGill University. She married Ken Courage and lived in Washington, where she taught nursing. His son, Shayne, who was born at Darlingford took second year mechanical engineering at the University of Manitoba.

Merle, Frank's widow lives on Pembina Highway, Winnipeg. Their daughter Myrna and husband Ken Corrage live in Gainfield, Florida, where Myrna is head of nursing. Myrna has two children: Christie who was recently married and lives in Carolina. Shayne, Merle and Frank's son, married and lives in Vancouver. He has two children, daughter Deidrie and son, John Patrick.

The Morrisons are all deceased except Orval who lives in Vancouver and Vernia who lives in the States.



Mr. and Mrs. John Morrow Family. back row: Allie, Jim Ching, Esther, William, middle row: Flo Morrow (Ching), Mrs. Morrow, Mr. Morrow, front row: Ross, Baby Verna Ching, Irene Ching

John Morrow

John Morrow (1855-1935) was born at Russell, Ontario. He came to Manitoba in 1876 and got off the Red River boat, walked west from Emerson. His first homestead was at Kaleida and on June 28, 1878, he took out homestead papers, No. 310, on the W. 1/2 3-3-7 at Darlingford. He married Janet Carry in 1879, who was born at Metcalf, Ontario, in 1860. They had four children: William of Winnipeg (deceased), Flo (Jim Ching) of Prince Albert (deceased); Allie (A.E. Osland), of Auckland, New Zealand (deceased), and Ross of Darlingford (deceased).

He served many years on the school board and as councillor of the Pembina Municipality. He was a breeder of Shorthorn cattle and purebred Clydesdale horses, which he and Mr. J.K. Duncan, imported from Scotland. Mr. Morrow spent the last years of his life on a farm at Windygates and died in March 1935. Mrs. Morrow died in October 1936.

William Morrow (1880-1948) married Esther Tovey in 1906. They farmed section 17-2-7. In 1928 they moved to Winnipeg where he was employed at the Manitoba Agriculture College, now the University of Winnipeg. They had five children: Calvin (infant, 1908), Arnold (infant, 1915), Gordon, Vera and Elva. Esther died in 1942. William died in 1948.

Gordon and Luetta lived in Saskatoon. They had

three children: Keith, Daniel and Renae. Gordon died in 1989. Luetta and family moved to British Columbia.

Vera married Clarence "Cal" Campbell and lived at Saskatoon. They had two children, Myrna and Barry. Cal died in 1992. Barry died in 1967. Myrna married Joseph K. Bodnarchuk and lived in Winnipeg. They have two daughters: Kathy Tetro, who lived at Mitchell with children, John-Luc and Gabrielle. Shelley Urick, who lived in Winnipeg with sons, Scott and Garrett.

Elva married Edward Patzer and lived in Winnipeg. They had a daughter, Barbara. Elva died in 1984. Barbara and James Pappas live in Winnipeg with children, Christopher and Alexandra.

Ross Morrow was born at Darlingford in 1896. He married Clara Rombough of Russell, Ontario, in 1916. They had two sons, Elmer and Elgin. Mrs. Morrow died in February 1929. He later married Olive Williment of Miami, and to this marriage were born four children: Hugh, Bernice (Jack Lewis), Betty (Gordon Sager) and Helen (Earl McKinney). Ross took a keen interest in the community, serving on the school board, and was councillor of the Rural Municipality of Pembina at the time of his death in 1962, at his farm home on the E. 1/2 4-3-7. His wife now resides in Morden. Ross lived all his life at Darlingford, farming, except for

the two and one-half years at Manitou.

Elmer Morrow (1918-1994) enlisted in 1941 and served overseas for four years during the second world war. On his return to Canada, he took up farming on his grandfather's homestead in partnership with his brother, Elgin. He married Alice Channin of Stonewall, in 1953. She taught at Elam School. A new house was built for them on section 3-3-7. They have three children: Lynda, Howard and Dwight, who attended 4-H, C.G.I.T. and the figure skating club. Elmer and Alice moved to a new house in Darlingford in 1976. Elmer retired from farming in 1979, although he continued to help Howard until his death in 1994. Alice predeceased Elmer in 1989.

Lynda married Rock Spencer from the Dunston district in August 1974. They have three children: Jeff (July 1979), Michelle (April 1982) and Melanie (September 1985). Lynda has been employed at Health Science Centre since 1974 and Rocky since 1983. They live in St. Boniface and are active in community affairs.

Howard (1956) graduated from Nellie McClung Collegiate in 1974 and moved to Winnipeg, to work for United Grain Growers. After two years, he moved back to the country and worked in Morden and Thornhill for Manitoba Pool Elevators. In 1979 he took up farming, renting and later buying a half section from his father and keeping some livestock at his grandmother's yard. In 1986, Howard married Charlene McLeod (1959) of Mather. Charlene was a registered nurse at Morden hospital, later took the renal course and was a dialysis nurse. Presently she is a practising massage therapist, working out of their home. After their marriage, Howard and Charlene rented and in 1996 bought a twenty acre yard site on S.E. 1/4 8-3-7 from Ellwood Jacobs. They have one daughter, Cassandra Joyce (1989) who is attending elementary school in Manitou.

Dwight went to college in Brandon, Manitoba and married Shauna Johnston on September 10, 1983. They have two children, Tyler (April 18, 1988) and Courtney (December 29, 1989). They live in Landmark, Manitoba.

Elgin Morrow (1920) enlisted in the army in 1940 and served overseas from 1941-1945. He married Emily Chamberlain of England in 1944. She died in 1947. After the war Elgin and his brother Elmer farmed the John Morrow homestead. In 1949 he married Jean Nichol from the Calf Mountain district. They had four children. Elgin and Jean moved to Morden in 1983 and Elgin died in 1991.

David married Joanne Bartch of Sturgin, Saskatchewan. They had two daughters, Carri and Dina. Dina married Colin Pasiechnick and have a son, Nicholas. David has worked mostly in construction.

Ross married Nancy Barron of Pilot Mound. They have three children. Jim married Karen Voth of Manitou. They have two sons, Jesse and Austin. Krystal and Bill live at home. Ross and Nancy lived on the home farm. Ross raised cattle and worked for the municipality. Nancy and Krystal work at the Morden Veterinary Clinic. Bill attends Nellie McClung Collegiate. Ross was tragically killed in a truck accident, May 1998.

Robert married Debra Droux of Manitou. They have three children. Dwayne works in Morden; Heather attends the Nellie McClung Collegiate; Douglas attends school in Winnipeg, where his mother teaches. Robert and Debra live at Kaleida. He has been manager of tire shops in southern Manitoba.

Valerie married Kelly Anderson of Kaleida. They had two daughters, Kellie and Jerri. Valerie works with a mining company in British Columbia.

Hugh Morrow was born in 1931. His first home was on the farm which was his grandfather's homestead, the W. 1/2 3-3-7 at Darlingford. In 1946 he moved with his parents and sisters to a new home built the same year on the E. 1/2 4-3-7, previously owned by Matt Ellwood. He attended school at Darlingford and one year at Morden. In 1950 he married Merle Deamel of La Riviere and took up grain and livestock farming on the E. 1/2 15-3-7. They had three children: John, Sarah and Ruth. Merle died in April 1998.

John married Elaine Mitchell of Kaleida in 1971. They had two children, Keith (1972) and Donna (1973). Keith now lives in La Riviere, and Donna is Mrs. Brian Cox of Miami. They have one son, Jayden (1997). In 1980 John married Donna Boulton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Young of La Riviere. They farm southwest of Manitou. They have two boys, Randy (1982) and Graham (1984).

Sarah married Rodney Culbert of Portage la Prairie in 1980. Sarah has two dress shops, one in Portage and the other in Brandon. Rod works at Manitoba Developmental Centre in Portage. They have two children, Robyn (1980) and David (1982).

Ruth married Brad MacDonald of Morden in 1982. Ruth works for MacDonalds, and Brad works for Integra Castings in Winkler. They have two girls, Melissa (1982) and Amanda (1985).

Bernice Morrow (1933) married Jack Lewis of Roland in 1953. In 1954 they moved to Winnipeg and in 1965 to Headingly, where they still reside. Bernice taught school for many years in St. James. They have three children: Darlene, Jim, and Calvin. Darlene (1954) is a teacher in Winnipeg. Jim (1956) lives in Canmore, Alberta, and is in the building business. He has one child, Sorrel (1990). Calvin (1966) lives in Calgary, and is also in the building trade. He has two children, Ashleen (1991) and Caitlin (1996).

Betty Morrow (1934) married Gordon Sager of Morden, in 1953. They farm northwest of Morden in the Dunston district. They have three children: Bryan, Kathy, and Kevin.

Bryan married Cindy Davidson of Flin Flon in 1982. They live in Morden. Bryan is employed with Manitoba Telephone System and farms with his Dad. Brett and Ashley are their children.

Kathy married Kevin Foley in 1981. They reside in Brandon. Kathy is employed as a Community Mental Health Worker. Their children are Blaine and Kara.

Kevin married Judy Wilde of Oak Bank and lives in Winnipeg. He is working in Account Sales for Manitoba Telephone System. They have two children, James and Daniel.

Helen Morrow (1936) married Earl McKinney from Boissevain. They live in Surrey, British Columbia and are retired. They have three children: Dean, Kim and Tannis. Dean married Jennifer Methven and have five children. They both work in the retail business in Kamloops, British Columbia. Kim is a Corrections Officer in Burnaby, British Columbia. Tannis is married to Brian Allanson, a high school teacher in Penticton, British Columbia. They have one child.

Ross Morrow

under John Morrow

William Morrow

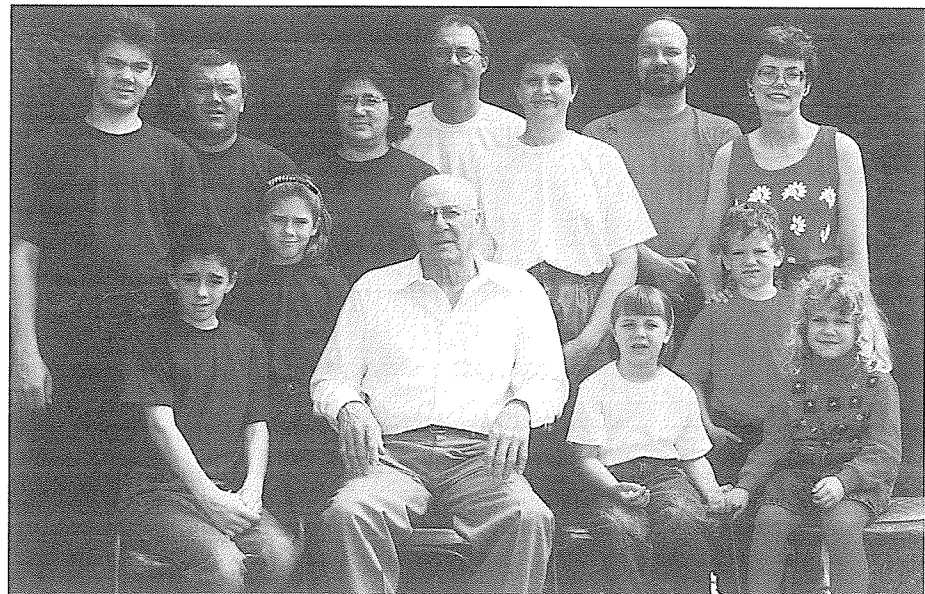
under John Morrow



Hugh and Merle Morrow Family. seated: Merle and Hugh (l-r) Brad and Ruth MacDonald, Sarah and Rod Culbert, Donna and John Morrow



Alice and Elmer Morrow - 1989



Elmer and Alice Morrow Family - 1994. back row: Jeff Spencer, Rocky and Linda Spencer, Howard and Charlene, Dwight and Shauna, front row: Michelle Spencer, Melanie Spencer, Elmer, Cassandra, Tyler, Courtney

Harry Nadin

Harry Nadin (unknown-1948) served overseas in World War I as a Private in the 44th Bn. C.E.F. After he returned to Canada he worked on the C.P.R. section at Woodbay, Manitoba. He met and married Mrs. Beatrice Thomas (1889-1977) at Woodbay where she was living with her son Arthur Thomas (1913-1969). She had been married to Samuel Thomas in the Congregational Church in Ratcliff, England. He had been killed in action in World War I and she had come out from England two years later in 1919.

In 1920, the Nadins were transferred to Darlingford where Harry continued to work on the section for many years. They lived in a small house on the lot between 24 and 28 on Dufferin Street. Her son Arthur moved to Toronto where he married. He died in 1969 and is buried at Oakville, Ontario. Harry died in 1948 and Mrs. Nadin continued to live in Darlingford until her death in 1977.

Richard J. Neighbour

Richard J. Neighbour came to Canada from Lower Lye Aymestery, Herefordshire, England, in 1889. He worked in Quebec on a dairy farm for four years, and came west to Manitoba in 1893. He worked in the Middleton district for John Johns and Ben Swanson for a few years and returned to England in 1897, to marry Mary Elizabeth Heighway in 1898. In May 1900 they returned to



Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Neighbour - 1947

Manitou with their first born child, Arthur John, six months of age. They lived with Mr. and Mrs. Johns for a few months and then rented a farm from Ernie Stevens.

In 1904 they purchased a farm west of Darlingford, on section 11-3-8, from George Crawford of Snowflake. The first few years they made use of the buildings that there were on the farm, but in 1913 they built the first "package deal home" of the district and a large modern barn followed in 1914.

Mr. Neighbour lived on the farm until his death in November 1949. In 1950, Mrs. Neighbour bought a small home in Manitou where she and Alice lived until her death in 1952.

Mr. and Mrs. Neighbour had a family of thirteen who mostly received their education at Darlingford, but the first four attended Stanley School for a few years.

Arthur John (1899-1945) farm labourer, never married.

Doris Mary (October 1901 - November 1982) married Jack Lovell, Manitou. Their three children were: Merle, Jack and Ellen.

Winnifred Elizabeth (October 1902 - January 1986) married Jim McLean, Morden Experimental Farm, and later lived in Brandon. They had five children Roy, was a paratrooper throughout World War II, twins William "Bill", an R.C.M.P. Musical Ride instructor and after a back injury became a social worker, the other twin Bessie, Clara is a teacher, Faye is a lawyer.

Elsie May (December 1903 - March 1997) loved her music, taught school, married Tom Kerr, a Hargrave farmer. They remained on the farm until Tom's death. They had three children: Betty Jean is a teacher, Kenneth farmed the home farm, Lynne, a registered nurse married a doctor.

Bertha Margaret (June 1905 - February 3, 1998) never married, a registered nurse, trained and worked in St. Boniface Hospital. In 1936 Bertha took a post graduate course and was a special duty nurse at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, Minnesota until her retirement in 1972. After forty years of nursing Bertha became a United States citizen in 1963. Her last years were spent in Madonna Towers Nursing Care Residence, Rochester. She was ninety-two when she died.

Richard "James" Jr. died in infancy (June 1907 - October 1907).

Alice Annie (February 1909) never married, taught school one year and attended business col-



Neighbour Girls - 1980. back row: Marjorie, Isabelle, Bertha, Emily, front row: Winnifred, Elsie, Doris, Alice, missing: Martha

lege in Winnipeg.

Gilbert Richard "Gil" (July 1911 - September 1972) married Eileen Mack from Purves area and farmed until 1957 when the family moved to Winnipeg. Gil took a stationary engineering course and worked for the provincial government until his retirement, on account of poor health. They had five daughters who received their education in Darlingford and Winnipeg. Phyllis became a registered nurse and married Dale Dudgeon, they live on the Neighbour home place. Joyce is a registered nurse and nurses in psychiatry at Grace Hospital, Winnipeg. Elizabeth manages her flower and craft shop in Morden. Carol has taught in St. James for twenty-five years. Marion works at the University of Manitoba. Gilbert died in September 1972 at sixty-one years of age.



Gilbert Neighbour - 1957

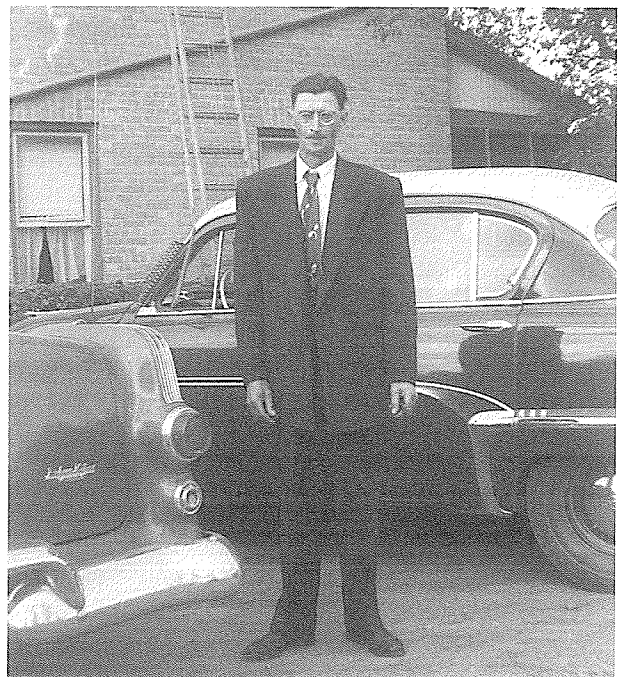
Martha Jane (July 1912) married Ben Barnes. They sold their garage in Medora and moved to Winnipeg.

They had two children, Sylvia and Robert who was an insurance inspector for greater Winnipeg and rural Manitoba for the Canadian Indemnity Co. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes moved to Winnipeg while the children were young. Ben died in 1982. Clarence William (August 1913 - August 1980) never married. "Clare" farmed the home place until he had a severe stroke at forty-four years of age and was hospitalized. He spent many years in Lakeview Home, Killarney and died in Killarney hospital at sixty-seven.

Marjorie Helen, known as "Nellie" (April 1916) married Harold Mack (August 1910-1970) of Pilot Mound. In earlier years they lived at Snowflake and Purves. They raised five daughters: Lorraine, Myrna, Margaret, Linda and Ruth. In 1977 Marjorie married Jack Potter, a retired Pilot Mound farmer. Jack passed on in April 1994.

Emily Pearl (June 1917 - December 1996) married Philip Mack. They had three children: Donald, Keith and Doreen. Emily's second marriage was to Armand Foussard and they lived in Baudette, Minnesota.

Isabelle Clara (October 1919) married Jens



Clarence Neighbour

Larsen in 1941 and lived on the farm near Snowflake. They had two daughters, Sandra, a teacher, and Margaret. Jens died in 1949. Isabelle married Ed Holstensen in 1951. Ed worked at the Research Station and at the Carman stockyards. They lived mainly in Morden. Ed died in 1990.



Gil and Eileen Neighbour Family. back row: Elizabeth, Joyce, Phyllis, front row: Marion, Carol

Dan and Bob Neild

Dan and Bob Neild were bachelors who had a bush farm on the S.E. 1/4 12-1-7. Rather than break it they went to Tompkins, Saskatchewan to homestead around 1910. Later they moved back to Snowflake.

David F. Neufeld

David F. Neufeld born 1967 at Tillsonburg, Ontario married in Mexico to Helene Neufeld (1969) in Mexico. They came to Manitoba, then Darlingford in 1987. David works at Farm King in Morden. They have three children. Chrissy and Jerry attend school in Manitou, Maria the youngest is still at home. They live at 24 Law Street.

John Neufeld

John Neufeld and his wife Melissa Jolene (Fehr) were married July 20, 1996 in Winkler, Manitoba and moved to 25 Dufferin Street, Darlingford in July of 1996, the former home of Mattie McElroy.

John was born April 13, 1975 in Winkler,

Manitoba to his parents, Wilhelm and Elizabeth Neufeld. He grew up south of Winkler in the village of Schanzenfeld. John has two brothers and four sisters and is employed at Farm King in Morden.

Melissa was born January 12, 1976 in Winkler, Manitoba to her parents Ron and Susan Fehr. She grew up south of Winkler in the village of Chortitz. Melissa has one younger sister. She is currently a homemaker.

Melissa and John were blessed with two children, Cameron Adam (June 30, 1992) and Kristin Suzanne (March 22, 1997). Cameron is currently attending Manitou school. They really enjoy living in the Darlingford community.

William Neven and Malcolm McGregor

William Neven and Malcolm McGregor were the first settlers to come to the Shadeland district. They both came from Perthshire, Scotland. William was three years old when he crossed the Atlantic with his parents, a voyage under sail, which took three weeks. They settled in Perth, Ontario and when he was twelve, he worked hauling stones to build the Kingston Penitentiary. He was twenty when he married Annie McEwan and after living in Ontario for a time, they moved to Michigan, where he was the foreman of a lumber camp. He and his wife returned to Ontario before emigrating west. He worked in Winnipeg for two years, where he met Malcolm McGregor, who was to become his life-long friend.

Malcolm was born in 1850, and in 1852 his family moved from Perthshire to Peterborough, Ontario. He took up blacksmithing at the age of seventeen and later worked on the railroad, before coming to Winnipeg.

In 1874 these two gentlemen decided they would go homesteading and they travelled to the Pembina Mountains. They settled in the 2-7 district, which was later to be known as the Shadeland district, and they cut down trees to build themselves log houses. The land to the west of them had not been surveyed at that time.

All their supplies had to be brought in from Emerson, and the rivers and streams along the trail had to be forded during the summer months. Mr. McGregor was a little man, but very strong. He was able to carry a breaking plough on his back, or, sometimes, a barrel of flour. These pioneers faced many hardships - drought, grasshoppers prairie fires and frost. When the wheat was frozen, their flour

was inferior and dark in colour. It made poor bread but there was no alternative but to eat it until the next crop was harvested. William Neven lost nearly everything when his house burned down, but his friend, Mr. McGregor, was always ready to lend a helping hand.

Within a few years, other settlers were coming to homestead in the area, and in the areas further west. We may well remember these two men with pride, for they paved the way for the development of our present communities and the settling of the land further to the west.

Mr. Neven had a daughter, Catherine, who married William Wightman, of La Riviere. She died when her two girls were quite small, and they were raised in the Shadeland district by their grandparents, and they attended Lorne School. One is Mrs. Phoebe Watts and the other, Mrs. Grace Alsop, and they both lived at Pilot Mound.

Malcolm McGregor married Isabel Dudgeon and their only child, Margaret married Tom Rex of Morden. (See Rex story).

Bill Newing

Bill Newing (1922) was raised and educated in Calgary. On completion of high school, Bill joined and served with the 7th Army (Armoured) in North Africa and was invalided home.

Served on staff at F.E.S. Suffield till he was discharged in 1946. During that time Bill married Margaret Blanche Porter whose father came from the Darlingford area. They raised two daughters and one son.

After Bill's discharge they settled in Calgary where he held a variety of positions. Due to health problems Bill went into security work, and at the time of his retirement was the sergeant in charge of the British Columbia Corps of Commissionaires detachment at the Vancouver docks.

After retirement in 1985 he moved to The Pas, Manitoba where he remarried. Faith died four and a half years later. When daughter Doreen moved down to Darlingford, Bill came along (32 Dufferin Street) so as not to be alone.

Doreen Newing was born in Brooks, Alberta, raised and educated in Calgary, Alberta. In her working years in Calgary she was employed by Calgary General Hospital and Shell Oil.

Doreen has three sons. Robert born in 1965 in Calgary. Robert now resides in Langley, British Columbia with his wife Lexy and three children: Corey (eleven), Christina (nine) and Joshua

(seven). Robert is employed by the Surrey School Board. Darryl born in 1967 in Calgary who now resides in The Pas with his wife Rene and son, Jessy (three). Darryl is the owner of The New Colony Restaurant in The Pas. Scott (1973) was born in Calgary and now resides in Winkler, where he is employed by Monarch Industries and also works part time at the Morden Motor Inn.

In 1977 they moved to White Rock, British Columbia where Doreen found employment in many different fields. While living in British Columbia the recession hit in 1984 which made obtaining work difficult so in 1987 they decided to move, this time to The Pas where Doreen was again employed by a hospital, The Pas Health Complex and St. Pauls Residence. After suffering a work injury at the hospital she decided to change employment and became the manager of a small restaurant in the mall in The Pas for four years before once again becoming restless and deciding to move from The Pas.

In September of 1994 Doreen relocated to Darlingford. Upon arrival in Darlingford and after talking with many people to her surprise she found that she had several relatives in the area, being as her grandparents on her mothers side (mother has been deceased for many years) had lived south of Darlingford where they farmed until their deaths. Doreen's grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Porter, Senior who are buried in the Darlingford Cemetery.

Since her arrival in Darlingford (34 Dufferin Street) Doreen has been employed by Continuing Care (home care) for the Province of Manitoba. Doreen has really enjoyed the short time they have been here and will probably continue to call Darlingford home for some time to come.

Irvin Newman

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Newman lived for a while on the Fred Simmons farm. S.E. 1/4 16-1-7. Their children Eleanora, Martha, Donald and Audrey attended Point Douglas school from 1933-39.

Martin Nichol

Martin Nichol was born at Platsville, Ontario, in 1852. He came to Manitoba, in 1877, with Dr. Spencer Bedford and Ferris Bolton, and they were the first settlers in the Calf Mountain district. The latter was to become a Member of Parliament.

The Nichol homestead, section 34-2-7, is today occupied by his great grandson, Scott Nichol, and

his children make the fifth generation on this land.

In 1881 Martin married Catherine Scott, whose parents homesteaded in the Glencross district, and this couple shared all the hardships and pleasures of pioneer life. The first furrow he ploughed marked the beginning of the agricultural developments of this area of southern Manitoba. Their first home was built of logs, but, when it burned down, it was replaced by a brick house in 1900, which is still in good condition today.

He was active in community life and was instrumental in the formation of the Rural Municipality of Pembina. Elected to the first council, he served in this capacity for many years.

In 1908 he was appointed by the Livestock Shippers Association to a commission which was set up to investigate shipping facilities as far west as Battleford. A lover of good horses, he was a well-known exhibitor and a judge whose services were sought at local fairs and exhibitions. He also showed a keen interest in sports, and served as choir master of St. Andrew's Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Nichol were noted for their hospitality and their home was always open to the stranger in the community. House parties for the young people were much in vogue in those days,



Martin and Catherine Nichol

and many were enjoyed at the Nichol home.

He was able to carry on his farming and stock buying activities with the help of his son, but in later years, when he became handicapped by a partial loss of eyesight, he busied himself in his machine shop, making devices that lightened labour around the farm. He passed away in 1922, and Mrs. Nichol in 1930. Their eight children, in the family tradition, were an asset to the community: Bessie, Esther, Thomas, David, Maggie, Murray, Walter and Jessie.

Bessie (Mel Amy) of Watrous, Saskatchewan, had five children: Emerson, Ralph, Murray, Alice and Mildred.

Esther (Arthur Marsh) lived at Manitou, and her daughter, Kathleen, who married Jim McFadzen lived in Guelph, Ontario and has two children, Brian and Leigh. Kathleen died in 1998.

Thomas and his wife, Anna Wilson, homesteaded at Bateman until his fatal accident in 1952. They had three sons. Jimmy joined the air force during the second world war and was killed after flying fifty successful missions. Nichol Island in northern Saskatchewan is named in his memory. Douglas died in infancy, and Kenneth, who married Pat Toole, lived on his father's farm with their two boys, Thomas and Douglas.

David was killed at Vimy Ridge in 1917, during the first world war.

Maggie and her husband, Robert Kilgour, farmed at both Opawaka and Darlingford, and they had one daughter, Beth (Haig Law).

Murray or M.D. as he was best known, went into business in Darlingford. For many years he was a dealer for International Harvester Co. and for B.A. gas and oil. He married Leona Duncan from Shoal Lake who taught in Darlingford for number of years. Leona was an active member of church and community and the Eastern Star. Murray died in 1975 and Leona in 1988. Murray and Leona's only daughter, Gale, married Reverend Jim Hume. Gale, a nurse, was most recently an instructor in the Faculty of Nursing until retiring in 1998. Jim continued part time in the church, but worked as an administrator with the Correctional Service of Canada and marriage and family therapist until a stroke forced him into early retirement in 1996. They have two daughters, Michelle and Colleen.

Michelle married Ron Beslk from Palm Springs in 1997.

Colleen married Lance Laufer in 1989. They have two children, Bryce (1994) and Paige (1996).



Farm home of Nichol family made from Darlingford bricks about 1900

Walter Nichol served overseas during the first world war and, on his return, married Olive Johnston. They lived at Bateman until 1927, when he returned to Darlingford to take over his father's homestead. They had five children: David, William, Murray, Jean and Catherine

David died at Hong Kong during the second world war.

William Martin Nichol (July 13, 1923-July 1994), second son of Walter and Olive (Johnston) Nichol, was born at Bateman, Saskatchewan. Bill, with brothers David and Murray, and sisters, Jean and Catherine, attended Calf Mountain School. He enjoyed four years farming with his Dad and brothers before joining the Lord Strathcona's Horse Regiment in April 1941. The next four years took him to England, North Africa, Italy (where he spent six weeks in hospital with wounds received when his tank was hit), France, Belgium and Holland. Following the war, Bill bought the half section east of the family farm from Wilbert White. In 1950 he and Ruth McDonald married and established a farmstead on W. 1/2 35-2-7.

Ruth, daughter of Don and Elva (Frank) McDonald, grew up a mile northwest of Darlingford. Her education was obtained at Darlingford School, Maple Leaf Collegiate in Morden and the Manitoba Normal School. In 1985, Ruth received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Manitoba.

Many happy years were spent operating the farm, rearing their family, and participating in the community in a variety of roles. Retiring from

farming in 1985, Bill and Ruth remained on the farm until Bill's sudden death in July 1994. The home quarter section was bought by their eldest son, Jim and his wife Barb, and Ruth moved to Darlingford into the house built by the late Elmer and Alice Morrow, on land that, as a child, she knew as part of Grandpa and Grandma Frank's place.

Bill and Ruth were blessed with seven children: James "Jim", Joan, John "Jack", Barbara, Virginia, Elizabeth and Catherine.

Jim married Barbara Lambrecht in 1971. They farmed at Kaleida N.W. 1-2-8 for fifteen years. They had five sons. Anthony James was born in 1973 and died when just a baby. William James (1975) went to school in Manitou. He farms with his Dad and drives a semi. He is also one of the volunteers in the Darlingford Fire Department. Matthew Hamish (1977) married Angela Hildebrand in 1998. They live in Darlingford in the house built by Ed Law in 1907. He received his education in Manitou and in 1998 received his provincial and interprovincial auto body papers. He is currently employed at Manitou Auto Body. Angie works in Winkler. While employed by his cousin, Scott Nichol, Matthew was the first of the fifth generation to till the soil on the Martin Nichol homestead. Ryan Walter (1979) received his education in Manitou and attended the University of Manitoba for one year. He is working for a local farmer. Ryan was active in school sports and is currently playing on local baseball teams. Thomas Scott (1980) also received his education at Manitou. After working at McLean Marketing Co. of Manitou, he enrolled in a welding course through Red River Community College. Tom is presently employed at Ching's Seed Farm. The boys have all been active in local youth organizations such as Scouts and 4-H. They mowed the town grass for a number of years as well as the Darlingford Cemetery. They also started garbage pick-up services in Darlingford.

In 1985 Jim and Barb sold their farm in Kaleida and started Pembina Hills Repair and Restaurant in Darlingford. Due to Barb's poor health, they sold

the business in 1994. In 1995, Jim, Barb and boys bought the S.W. 35-2-7 and moved out to the family farm. They own three semi-trucks and grain trailers and work for a company out of Notre Dame.

Jim farms with his son Bill, operates a repair shop and is a Councillor for Ward One in the Rural Municipality of Pembina. Barb has dialysis three times a week and keeps busy with on the farm jobs.

Joan attended Calf Mountain, Darlingford and Nellie McClung schools, and the Universities of Winnipeg and Manitoba where she obtained Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education degrees. She spent five years teaching in northern Manitoba. Joan's husband is Gerald Farthing and they with their four children: Lara, Duncan, Leon and Richard, live in Winnipeg. Joan is a substitute teacher and Gerald with a Ph.D. from the London School of Economics is Director of the Finance Branch of the Department of Education.

Jack married Debbie Hamm of Winkler, a union that was dissolved in 1998. Their four children, Robert, Jonathon, Brian and Marshall attend school in Manitou, the eldest two at Nellie McClung Collegiate and the younger two at Manitou Elementary. All are enthusiastic in pursuing their individual interests and all enjoy skating and horse-

back riding. Jack drives a semi for GDT Transport of Notre Dame, Manitoba. He lives on a farm bisected by the Pembina River in one direction and by Provincial Road #201 in the other.

Following the completion of high school at Nellie McClung Collegiate, Barbara worked for a year for Manitoba Health and then entered Health Sciences Centre School of Nursing. Her nursing career has taken her to Newfoundland, Churchill, a number of nursing stations in northern Manitoba, and Children's Hospital. She makes her home in Winnipeg alternating work in Children's Hospital and northern relief postings.

In 1958, baby Virginia succumbed to an acute respiratory infection only ten short days after her birth.

Elizabeth joined the family five years later. The first to miss out on the privilege of attending Calf Mountain School, Liz received her education at Darlingford School and Nellie McClung Collegiate. She worked for the Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service in Winnipeg and in 1987 married Darren Seymour. A year after their marriage, they returned to Darlingford. Darren is an electrician, a farmer, hockey player and a willing worker wherever his help is needed. Liz enjoyed eight years at the



Jim and Barb Nichol Family, Ryan, Granny (Ruth Nichol), Jim, Angie and Matt, Barb, Bill, Tom

Morden Research Station and now works full time at Seyhunt Spas and Saunas, a business she and Darren own and operate in Manitou. Both are active in the life of the community. They live four miles northwest of Darlingford.

Catherine was welcomed into the Nichol household in 1974. A Morden Collegiate alumnus, Catherine is employed by Morden Credit Union, part time in Darlingford, and part time in Manitou. She and her daughter, Gabrielle are residents of Darlingford, living in the house built for her great-uncle M.D. Nichol and his family. Gabrielle, now in Kindergarten, divides her time between Mum and her Dad, Johnny Goertzen, whose home was originally owned by Mike and Nettie Shaventoski.

Murray took over the family farm in 1953, the same year he married Alice (Morrison) from Stonewall, who taught at Middleton School. They farmed until 1977 then moved to their home in Darlingford in 1979 where they presently live. Alice retired in October 1996 after thirteen and one half years employment on the dietary staff at Tabor Personal Care Home in Morden. They had five children: Kenneth, Janet (deceased, 1960), Scott, Myron and Joanne. The four children graduated from Nellie McClung Collegiate in Manitou.

Kenneth married Betty (Young) from the Kaleida area in 1972. They are living in St. Andrews and have two sons, David (1974) and Philip (1977). All are very involved in the trucking business. David married Patricia H'Lookoff from Castlegar, British Columbia September 10, 1998. They reside in Winnipeg.

In 1977 Scott took over the Nichol farm from Murray and Alice Nichol. Scott received a Century Farm award on November 28, 1981. In 1984, he married Donna May Berry of Manitou and now have two children, Jessica (1989) and Steven (1991). They are the fifth generation on the farm. Scott, Donna May and family continue to live and work on the Nichol farm.

Myron received his degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1981 at the University of Manitoba. He married Heather (Hyde) from Aurora, Ontario in 1982. For the last ten years they have lived in Castlegar, British Columbia. Myron is in charge of maintenance and engineering at Celgar Pulp Mill. Heather is a social worker for Castlegar Community Services. They are both very involved with curling, golfing, fishing and camping.

Joanne received her degree in Recreation in 1988 at the University of Manitoba and in 1996

graduated from Dalhousie University in Halifax with her Masters in Health Administration. She married Ross Potts from Barrie, Ontario in 1990. They have one daughter, Madeline (1997). They are presently living in Belleville, Ontario where Ross is employed with Canada Insurance Adjustors. They are moving to Windsor, Ontario where Joanne will be administrator of a personal care home at Woodslee.

Jean who married Elgin Morrow lives on a farm nearby, also has four children, David, Ross, Robert and Valerie. (See Morrow story.)

Catherine, a Registered Nurse, married Dr. William Grayson and lives at Atikokan, Ontario. They have two sons, David and John. David married Patti Yurkiw in 1981 and has two children, Phillip and Miranda. David is a civilian with the R.C.M.P. They live in St. Andrews. John married Helen Williams. They are both teachers in Cornwall, Ontario.

Jessie, the youngest of Martin's daughters, lived in Darlingford, and was married to Marvin Phipps. Jessie died in 1959, her husband in January 1963, and their only daughter, Helen, shortly after her father, in June of the same year.

Ernest Nield

Ernest Nield, born in 1880 in Cheshire, England, came to Canada about 1900. His wife Victoria (Torie) Lone was born in 1880 at Humberstone, Ontario, and moved to Manitoba with her parents and family in 1887. Ernest and Victoria were married in 1908 and farmed in the Mowbray Valley where their children Joycelyn, Leslie and Neville (deceased) were born. They moved to Nakusp, British Columbia. After four years of fruit farming, they returned to Windygates in 1922 and took over his brother Bert's farm, W. 1/2 7-1-7.

Ernest and Victoria retired to Darlingford in 1945 and he died there in 1957. Victoria loved to travel and made many trips to Ontario to visit her mother and a sister. She also spent several winters in California with her two brothers and a sister. Victoria lived at Tabor Home in Morden where she enjoyed all the activities. She died in December 1973.

Both Ernest and Victoria were always interested in community and church affairs. Victoria was one of the few locals who could decorate her wall with her hubby's Oxford University Diploma circa 1899. Victoria was a fast walker, which was how she travelled to the Windygates Post Office or to visit

neighbours.

Joycelyn Nield was a registered nurse. She married John H. Ridley of Maida, North Dakota, where they farmed and where their four children Jacqueline, Gary, John and Judy, were born. John died suddenly in 1975. Joy eventually moved from Maida to Langdon where she died in October 1997.

Leslie spent time in the R.C.A.F. during the second world war. He married Bernice Finley of Mowbray on October 24, 1945. Leslie and Bernice took over the home farm in Windygates. They have two children Richard born in 1947 and Sharon born in 1948.

Sharon Nield has two sons Guy and Ryan from her marriage to Bruce Willcocks. Sharon lives in Winnipeg where she works in accounting and enjoys singing and various church activities. Her son Guy and his wife Danica reside in Calgary, Alberta where Guy is an automobile mechanic. Ryan is also in Calgary where he works in store security.

Leslie and Bernice moved from Windygates to Morden in the spring of 1980 and are enjoying town life. Leslie, a talented musician, plays the omnichord with a group who entertain, among others, seniors and shut-ins on various occasions. Bernice is a whirlwind of activity who enjoys bowling, shuffleboard, singing, biking, walking and many activities offered at the Seniors Center in Morden and still finds the time and energy needed to care for elderly friends and relatives and other volunteer work.

Richard Nield graduated in 1966 from Nellie McClung Collegiate. He worked various jobs for two years in the western provinces; cherry picking, seismograph, saw mill, plywood plant and pipe line. In 1970, Richard received his Agriculture Diploma from the University of Manitoba. He worked in Winnipeg at Tractor Supply starting on the order desk and promoted to parts manager until 1976 when he began farming.

In November, 1979, Richard married Janice Lunney of Winnipeg. They grow pedigree seed on the home farm in Windygates and have two sons, Jamie and Burton. Burton is in high school at Nellie McClung Collegiate where he has displayed an aptitude for the sciences. Jamie Nield graduated from Nellie McClung Collegiate in 1992 and, in 1994 received his Agriculture Diploma, crop science major, from the University of Manitoba. Jamie farms, helps Richard and Janice on the home farm and works as a field crop inspector for Agriculture Canada. He lives on a yard site just north of

Darlingford and he continues to play hockey, baseball and golf, as he did throughout his school years.

Anton Noheil

Anton Noheil came to Canada from Poland with his wife Rose (Malak) in 1927. They had two sons and five daughters. The sons died in infancy and the girls are: Mary (Walter Loutchan), formerly of Kaleida, now living in Morden; Vera (Alex Loutchan) farmed at Windygates, now living in British Columbia with family; Annie (Ed Kube) (deceased) formerly of Winnipeg and Hadashville; Emma (Alex Guderian) farmed in the Pembina Valley, now living in Darlingford and Rose (Earl Porter) farmed in the Pearce district, now living in Morden.

Life in Europe was happy and cheerful. People lived in villages and always had close friends. Times got harder and a nephew Alex Holenski, and his wife Ruby came to Canada. Later other families came to find a new life. The Noheils and Fijala families came to Canada at the same time and farmed in the Pearce district, later buying land in the Windygates district, section 6-1-6. In 1952 fire destroyed the buildings and machinery. Not discouraged the Noheil family moved to a quarter section on 5-2-7 and settled in the valley.

In May 1959 Mrs. Noheil (seventy-two) died and Mr. Noheil remained on the farm until June 1969, when he moved to Winnipeg to stay with his daughter Emma and Alex Guderian and Alex Jr. Alex Guderian Sr. (sixty) died in 1970. Mr. Noheil returned to Darlingford to stay with his daughter Emma and Alex Jr. Mr. Noheil died in 1976 at the age of ninety-three.

William Nye

William Nye, formerly of Wawanesa, made his home with the Melbournes until his death. He was buried at Wawanesa.

Stephen Oblinski

Stephen Oblinski (1885-1973) was born in Poland. Leaving home in the nineteenth century and reaching New York in the twentieth century. He went to Chicago to work in a meat packing plant, then travelled to Fargo, North Dakota. He ran out of money and then hitchhiked to Winnipeg.

In 1909 he met and married Katherine Astry (1890-1964) of Hadashville who had come from Poland with her parents. They resided in Winnipeg,

he working as a riveter in the railway shops, then as a fireman until the Winnipeg Strike of 1919. At this time they moved to the S.W. 1/4 2-4-7 in the Boultonville district living there until retiring to Winnipeg in 1947. In 1959 they moved to Morden where Katherine died in 1964 and Stephen in 1973. He was taught grafting at school and enjoyed working in his orchard all his life. To this union three children were born.

Edward (1910-1996) remained on the home farm, with Mary Mulholland housekeeping for him until 1972 when they were married. Mary's three children, Bruce, Elizabeth and Terry resided with them and went to school in Darlingford. Ed loved his farm and gardening.

Elsie (1912-1966) married Stewart Cowan in 1934. They had two girls Louise and Shirley (see Cowan story).

Reginald (1916-1968) married Margaret Harris of the Boutonville district in 1947. They moved to her parent's farm E 1/2 of 1-4-7 in 1952. They had three children. Colleen (1948-1968), Marshia

(1949) and Reese (1956-1968). A tragic accident happened to this family in 1968 when they were motoring home from Winnipeg. Their car was in collision with another motorist and the lives of Reg, Colleen and Reese were taken, also the lives of Mrs. Harris, the grandmother, and Raymond Peters who was to have married Colleen. Marshia married Clare James in 1969. They had two children Dana (1971) is an architect and works in Calgary. Tara (1974) owns and manages Subway outlets in Brandon. Marshia is a secretary at the School of Nursing and resides in Brandon. Margaret has since married Herb Cowan who died in 1986. In 1989 she married Gordon Harde. They reside east of Morden on S.E. 3-3-5 W. in Stanley Municipality.

Edward Oke

Edward Oke was born in England and came to Bowmanville, Ontario, where he and his wife, Elizabeth, lived and raised ten children: Mary (James Law), Lettie (Archie Arnott), Libby (J. Bond), Retta (Spencer), Bertha (died young), Albert, Dave, Frank, Fred and Wesley.

He came to Manitoba before the railroad was built and worked on the construction of the C.P.R. They homesteaded the S.W. 1/4 10-3-7, now owned by Allan McElroy. He sold his farm and went to Morden and, for many years, rang the church bell. Oldtimers said they could set their watch by the regular time it rang.

Wesley Oke married Maud West, who was raised by her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Bond. They ran the local livery barn for a while, then moved to Vanguard, Saskatchewan, and later to the Peace River district. They had three daughters and three sons. Wesley and his wife are both deceased.

Fred Oke married Emma Brown of Langdon, North Dakota in 1895. He purchased the S.E. 1/4 11-3-7 in 1888, the farm where his son, Howard, farmed for many years. Fred and Emma lived on this land, then moved to Morden for a few years, then went back to the farm.

Emma's parents came to Langdon to look for land and left their eight children in Toronto. Emma, then twenty-two years of age, was to bring the family out. They came to Bathgate by train, then by wagon to Langdon. At that time Highway #3 was a prairie trail.

Fred died in 1951 at age eighty-seven, and Emma in 1955, age eighty-seven. They had four children: Evelyn married Manley Darling, of Langdon and they had two sons, Allan and Lee;



Edward, Elsie (Cowan), Reginald, Stephen, Kathrina Oblinski

Mae married William Lowes and they lived in Los Angeles, California; Chester married Gladys Robbins of Crystal City and they farmed across the road from his father, then sold to Ben Treichel and moved to Edmonton where Gladys still lives at age ninety; Howard married Thelma Keith of Morden and they farmed the home place until 1972 when they sold to Neil Hoeppner and moved to Morden. They had two daughters: Marilyn (Bev Hemsing) of Edmonton have twins Rowan and Rhonda (married Darrell Cockwill in 1997, expecting first child late 1998); Berla (Doug Zeck) of Calgary have two children, Paula and Trevor.

Howard died in 1996 at age ninety-one and Thelma in 1997 at ninety years.

Harry Pearce

Harry Pearce came with his parents from Port Hope. In 1913 he married Elizabeth Greechan. They had three children: Beth, James and Melville. In 1917 Joe Melbourne, a lad of twelve came from Winnipeg to live with them. They farmed the N.E. 1/4 36-1-7, the original Pearce homestead.

Elizabeth died when the children were small, and her sister-in-law, Elizabeth Greechan, whom Harry later married, kept house for him and helped raise the children. She had a daughter, Betty, and they had one daughter, Isobel. Elizabeth died in 1946. Harry lived on the farm for most of his life, living in the Tabor Home for a short time before his death in 1959.

Beth married Mac Keen, and lived in the Pearce district until they moved to Winnipeg in 1963. Beth died in 1990. They had two daughters: Marlene and Patricia. Marlene married Gordon Wilson and Patricia married Dennis Birdsell.

Jim married Zelly Hammond, a school teacher and they farmed the N.E. 1/4 1-2-7 until moving to Morden where Jim worked with the John Deere Machine Company. Zelly worked in the Morden Land Titles Office. Jim and Zelly are now retired. They have two children: Russell and Sherry. Russell married Irene Mikolajczyk and lives in Winnipeg, where he is a chartered accountant. They have two children: Rhett and Carla, who are both in university. Sherry married Norman Ardagh from MacGregor, they now live in Calgary. They have two children: Christopher and Erin, both in Calgary.

Mel married Phyllis Howatt. They farmed in the Kaleida district, moving to Manitou in 1990. Mel died in 1993. They have four children: Tom, Dennis, Maureen and Janet. Tom married Penny

Johnston. They have three children: Shane, Jim and Kristie. Dennis married Linda Robbins. They have three sons: Jeff, Marc and Corby. Janet married Marcel Lemire and live at Petersfield. They have three children: Denise, Jean and Paul.

Maureen married Wayne Anderson and farm at Cypress River. They have three children: Marnie, Pamela and Curtis.

Betty married Conrad Dack and they lived at Warren. Betty died in 1983 and Conrad in 1988. They had three daughters: Lorna and Doug McDonell live at Sherwood Park, Alberta. Jean and Clive Campbell live at Teulon. Ila and Walter Haggborg live at Warren.

Isobel's first husband, Lloyd McElroy, was lost while serving overseas during World War II. She married Harry Ching and they now live in Morden. They have three children: Cheryl, Laureen and Richard. Cheryl married Glen Scherger, they live in Sherwood Park, Alberta. She has a daughter, Stacey married to Allen Tkachuk and they have two children, Joseph and Jordana. Glen has a son, J.R. Laureen married Don Mathison, they live at Leduc, Alberta. Her children are: Bryan Shore and Michelle Shore and they live at Kelowna, British Columbia. Richard married Mary Fitch, they live at Thornhill. They have four children: Allan, Jodi, Tom and Ricki. Allan married Angela Crivici and



Harry and Elizabeth Pearce, Jim, Mel, Beth

lives in Winnipeg. Jodi married Greg McLean and live in Manitou. They have two sons, Cole and Griffen. Tom works at Highlevel, Alberta. Ricki married Darren Cook and live in Edmonton. They have a daughter, Layne.

Thomas Pearce

Thomas Pearce was born at Stratford, England, in 1885. He had one brother and three sisters. His parents died while the family were all young, and the grandparents raised them. Tom completed his high school education. He was confirmed in the Anglican Church and sang in the church choir.

In 1908, he decided to come to Canada, to Melita, Manitoba, where he worked as a farm labourer. While there, he met and married Kathleen Seward, who had also come from England. They moved to Manor, Saskatchewan, where they rented a farm and later bought a farm at Parkman. Mrs. Pearce died while the family lived at Parkman. They had a family of four boys and two girls: Albert, Ken, Charlie, Douglas, Dorothy and Daisy.

In 1944 Thomas and his eldest son, Albert, came to Darlingford, where they bought Harry Veal's General Store, as well as the agencies for the Portage la Prairie and the Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Companies. Albert married Alice Wright of Tyran, Saskatchewan. They had five boys and two girls. Their last few years were spent at Maple Ridge, British Columbia. Albert died in June 1996.



Mrs. Thomas Pearce and 8 of her 15 children
top row: (l-r) Gertie, Emily, Robert, William
middle row: Annie, Mrs. Pearce, Kate, bottom row: Lizzie, Maud

Ken married Margaret Taylor, who was born at Cannington Manor, Saskatchewan. They came to Darlingford in 1946 and took over the business until fire destroyed the store in 1954. Ken and Margaret moved to Morden and later to Winnipeg. They had two sons, David and Dennis and one daughter, Diane. They had lived in British Columbia then moved to Darlingford. Ken and Margaret were divorced and later Ken married Betty Hunt and on retirement moved to British Columbia. Betty died in November 1992 and Ken in June 1996.

Charles was married to Merle Barker of Moir, Saskatchewan. They had twin sons, Barry and Garry. Charles "Bob" died in May 1996. His wife Merle still lives in Abbotsford, British Columbia.

Douglas joined the R.C.A.F. during the second world war. He was shot down near the coast of Holland. He is buried in a special cemetery on an island off the coast of Holland. It is maintained by the Dutch people.

Dorothy came to Manitoba in 1946 and married Bill McInnis of Carroll, Manitoba. They had two sons and one daughter. They live in Maple Ridge, British Columbia.

Daisy came to Darlingford in 1944 and married Allen Griffin on September 28, 1945. Allan and Daisy farmed from 1945-73 when they moved to Dauphin. In October 1987 they retired and moved to Maple Ridge, British Columbia where they still

live. They had one daughter and two sons. Lois and Keith McMurchy live at The Pas, Manitoba. Scott is with the RCMP in Saskatchewan and Reid works in administration at Victoria Hospital in Winnipeg. Doug and Linda live on the home farm. They are in the PMU business. They have four sons: Wade, Kirk, Eric and Brad. Wade is an Agriculture Technician at Agricore. Kirk works in the community pastures. Eric works in Morden as a welder. Brad is in school. Bill and Eileen live at Dauphin and have two sons, Brett and Roy, and grandson, Logan all of Dauphin.

In 1949 Thomas married Mrs. Ada Stevens. Thomas Pearce died in January 1976. Ada remained in Darlingford, moved to Kinsman Haven in Manitou and then to Flin Flon to the home there, near her sons. She died a couple of years later.

Thomas Pearce

Thomas Pearce was born in 1840 and his wife Matilda Bray in 1843. They lived in Cornwall, England before coming to Canada in 1872 with seven of their children. They settled near Port Hope, Ontario where eight more children were born. In 1890 they came to the Pearce district and homesteaded the S.E. 1/2 1-2-7, later moving to the N.E. 1/4 36-1-7.

Jack died while just a young man. William married Laura Graham and they had four children. They lived on the S.E. 1/4 1-2-7. William served in the first world war, and later moved to British Columbia where he died. Robert married Violet Henderson from 1-6. They lived on the N.W. 1/4 1-3-8 before moving to a homestead near Humbolt, Saskatchewan. Roy married Margaret Renville and they had four children. Margaret died when the last child was born. Elsie was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hill; Delores lived with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bryson; Norris lived with the Brysons part time; Margaret's sister raised the baby. Samuel married Mabel Johns of the Middleton district. They took a homestead in Saskatchewan and had a family of four. Mary married Rev. Hoskins, who served in Manitoba churches, including Roland and Waskada. Annie married Samuel McKnight and they had one daughter. Elizabeth married Orville King and they had eight children. Kate married Alfred King and they had three children. Maude married John McGregor and after John and her sister Kate died, she married Alfred King. Helena married Hugh Bryson. Gertie married Henry Doerr and had five children. Eva married James Porter and they had three children.

The women of the Pearce family are noted for their meat pasties, a traditional Cornish dish. Raw cubes of beef, raw cubes of potatoes and small pieces of onions, seasoned with salt and pepper, were placed on a rich biscuit dough. One half of the dough, which had been cut into circles, was folded over the meat mixture, and the edges pressed together. They were cooked for an hour and one half, taken from the oven and covered with a towel to soften the crust.

Thomas Pearce died in 1896 and Matilda in

1911. The Pearce community was named after his family.



Tom and Ada Pearce

Cameron Penner

Cameron Scott was born on July 30, 1970 to John and Anne Penner of Morden. He grew up with two older sisters on a farm south of Morden. He attended and graduated from Morden Collegiate in 1989. After high school, he worked for the Western School Division as a teacher's aide for six years.

Leigh Nicole was born on August 14, 1972 to Roy and Estelle Davies of Winnipeg. She grew up in Winnipeg and has an older brother and a twin brother. She graduated from College Beliveau in 1990 and went on to receive her Bachelor's Degree in Education from the College Universitaire de Saint-Boniface in 1994. A term teaching position at Maple Leaf Elementary brought her to Morden, where she met Cameron.

Cameron and Leigh were married on April 20, 1996 and they moved into their first home together (22 Dufferin Street) on April 22. Cameron now works at Farm King in the office where he does payroll. Leigh substitute teaches in Morden and Winkler and enjoyed another term teaching position in 1998. They keep cattle on Cam's parents' farm and enjoy very much living in Darlingford.

Neil Penner

Neil Penner attended Darlingford Consolidated School from 1936 to 1939. During the summer of 1939 Neil worked for Mr. Geving as a farm hand, driving horses and tractor. In 1942 Neil joined up with the R.C.A.F. and left it in 1946 when he was demobilized. He spent 1946-49 as a truck driver on several construction and road projects. He also did pulp wood hauling in the winter. In 1950 he purchased two diesel units to haul semi-trailers and later a third unit was added. All three were rented, under contract to the Reimer Express Ltd. of Winnipeg. In 1962 he received a contract to haul mail for the postal department from Winnipeg to Deloraine so he disposed of his little fleet of four trucks and obtained two smaller and faster vehicles for the mail run. As new postal routes were being turned over to truck service, Neil kept adding more trucks, both large and small, until by 1971, he had some twenty-five units contracted to haul mail on runs that stretched from the Great Lakes to most all larger centres throughout the prairie provinces and even through to Vancouver.

In June 1947 he married Dorothy Brown from Morden and made his home in Morden. They have a family of three: Sharon, Lorraine and Douglas.

James Phipps

James Phipps married Elyda Stevens in 1897 and lived in Manitou for a few years. They came to the Darlingford district and farmed the Scott



Maggie Kilgour, Mrs. James Phipps, Helen (Phipps) Kendall and Ken, Jessie Phipps, Leona Nichol

Brothers and the J.C. Smith farms, moving in to Darlingford in the 1920's where he did carpenter work. He died on February 6, 1943, and she in 1951.

There were two children. Marvin, who married Jessie Nichol in 1927, and moved to Hayfield to operate an elevator. They later came back to Darlingford where he worked for Murray D. Nichol for a few years, and then became the caretaker of the Darlingford School. Their daughter, Helen, who married Jim Kendall had four children: Terry, Vickie, Judy and Debby. Jessie died in 1959, Marvin and Helen both died in 1963.

Ettie, at an early age took a business course in Winnipeg and was employed by Canada Bread Company as a stenographer. She later went to Flin Flon in the same capacity for the Hudson Bay Company. In 1959 she came back to Darlingford and kept house for Marvin. Ill health hospitalized her and she died in 1969.

Orren Pickel

The Pickel family migrated to America in the late seventeenth or early eighteenth century were they were part of the Pennsylvania Dutch community. However, at the outset of the American revolution in 1777, they rejected republicanism in favour of loyalty to Britain, and moved to Canada with the United Empire Loyalists, taking residence in the eastern townships of Quebec. By 1816, a strand of the family was on the move again, and set-

tled in Darlington, Ontario near Bowmanville. It was here in 1850 that Orren Clinton Pickel was born to John and Mary Pickel. In 1873, Orren married Charlotte Matilda Stevens, a young woman of Scottish descent, who was then just shy of her twentieth birthday. A son, John Franklin "Frank" was born to them a year after their marriage, and a daughter, Alameda Beatrice "Allie", arrived a year later. In the spring of 1877, with all the energy and optimism of youth, this young family quit Darlington and all its associations and moved west to Manitoba.

They were not alone. The Pickels were accompanied by several of Charlotte's siblings and their families - her sister, Melissa and her brothers, Alfred, Fenton and Adam Stevens. Together they settled in the area that would soon be known as Darlingford. Orren's brother Sidney Pickel and his family joined them later that year.

Orren Pickel and his family immediately settled on N.E. 3-3-7 and had to travel a great distance into the bush to log trees and square them to six inches to make the timber for their house. When finally constructed, the dwelling measured 24x18x12, and had a thatched roof. Charlotte's brother Fenton Stevens and his family lived on the adjoining section to the east (N.W. 2-3-7). To the west, their nearest neighbour was a fur trader one hundred miles away, but by the fifth year of their residence, the railway came to within half a mile of their homestead. In 1880, Orren also acquired the adjoining quarter section S.E. 3-3-7, and these two portions of land were patented in 1881 and 1882 respectively. It was on the homestead that the remaining Pickel children were born. Two of them died as youngsters, Arthur Herbert (1879-1881) and Luta Bell (1883-1891), but three others survived to adulthood. These were Norman Roy (1887) and twin brothers Irvin Clinton and Orville Gray (1889).

As well as being a farmer and expert horse breeder, Orren or "O.C." as he was popularly known, was also an early operator of the Darlingford Farmers Elevator. He and his family eventually had a house in town, and even lived for time in the lower portion of Law's Hall. Charlotte was active in the Methodist Church and was a delegate to Women's Missionary Service meetings held in Winnipeg.

However, the family began to disperse. In 1907, Sidney Pickel moved to Saskatchewan to homestead near Maidstone, and he was joined two years later by his nephews Norman, Irvin and Orville.

Orren and Charlotte's eldest son, Frank moved to Saskatchewan, then British Columbia and finally Hawaii, and daughter Allie had married and lived in Carman. In about 1916, after forty years of farming in Manitoba, Orren and Charlotte left Darlingford and moved to Maidstone, Saskatchewan to join their family. There they acquired yet another homestead and continued to farm for another twenty years. Charlotte died in 1936 and five years later Orren's life came full circle when he moved back to Ontario, where he died in 1943. He was buried over the grave of his father John in Bowmanville.

In 1901, John Franklin "Frank" Pickell married Sarah Agnes Briscoe, whose family had migrated to the Darlingford area from Ontario in 1882. He was a contract painter in Saskatchewan, British Columbia and Hawaii. He died in Honolulu in 1938, Sarah returned to Canada and died in New Westminster in 1969. Their children were Thomas Clinton, Alameda Agnes "Allie", and Harvey Franklin.

Alameda Beatrice "Allie" Pickell married first, in 1901 to Will Arnott, a grain elevator manager who died in an elevator accident in Carman and secondly, in 1929 to Frank Worden in Toronto. She died childless in Darlington, Ontario, in 1948.

Norman Roy Pickell married Anna Maria "Mima" Clark of Carman, Manitoba in 1915. He was a grain buyer in Carman for twenty years and an official of Swift Canadian Co. in Winnipeg. He and his wife and two sons, James and Garth. He died in Winnipeg in 1959 and Mima died also in Winnipeg in 1980.

Irvin Clinton Pickell married Lillian Lund in Carman in 1915. They lived in Edam until 1939 when they moved to Kingston, Ontario. They had three children: Donald and twins William and Audrey. Irvin died in Kingston, Ontario in 1972 and his wife Lillian died in 1981.

Orville Gray Pickell married Hannah Marie Cousins in 1929. They left Edam in 1942 for Ajax, Ontario. their children were Cameron, Joyce, Larry and Noreen. Orville died in 1958 and is buried next to his father Orren and his sister Allie in Bowmanville, Ontario. His wife died in 1877.

Sidney James Pickel

Sidney James Pickel, Orren's brother, (1858-1932) was born in Darlington, Ontario and married Catherine Blair, a woman of Scottish descent, seven years his junior, in 1877. That same year, Sidney and his bride relocated to Manitoba and their five

sons, twins Allan and Andrew, Silas, George and Ernie and two daughters, Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. Nairn were born in Darlingford. He homesteaded N.W. 4-3-7, and received patent for this land in October 1881. In 1907, he moved to Maidstone, Saskatchewan (his younger brother Anson had already established himself there), where he farmed and was a lumber merchant. His Saskatchewan homestead was patented in 1911. Sidney died in 1932 and his wife in 1945.

William Poole

William Poole came to Canada in 1893 from Liverpool, England, where his father was a green grocer. William worked on dairy farms in Ontario until he came west in 1898 and worked for farmers in the area and then he rented the N.W. 1/4 21-3-7 from Bob Lowry for thirty years.

In 1919, he married Eliza Mitchell and, when the farm was sold in 1948, he moved to the Morden Experimental Farm where they ran the boarding house until 1954. They then ran the boarding house at the Brandon Experimental farm for four years. He died of a stroke in 1964. They had two sons.

Bill went overseas during World War II and married Lilian Edwards in England. After his discharge, he operated a shoe repair shop in Morden for a time and later became a bus driver in Winnipeg, after which he drove the mail routes at Darlingford, after William Rombough retired. In 1962 they moved to Arborg, where they operate a four hundred and eighty acre stock farm. Their son, Allan, married Cathy Ridley of Morden. Sandra married Ray Jacobson of Arborg.

Jim also served overseas during the world war, in the R.C.A.F., and on his return married Ruth Loeppky of Morden. After a few years, they and their three children went to Germany for three years with the occupation force. They now live at Moose Jaw.

Mrs. Eliza Poole resided in the Tabor Home in Morden until her death April 22, 1981.

Allan and Cathy Poole live on a farm in the Arborg area and raise cattle. Cathy works in the drug store. They have three children Zenith, Brian and Shelly.

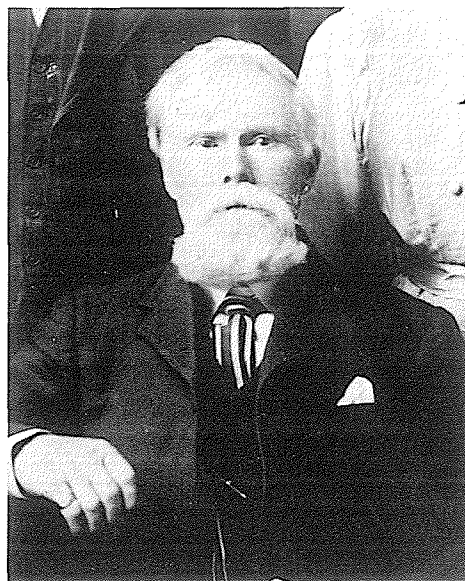
Sandra's husband Ray Jacobson died of a heart attack in 1996. They had two children Allan and Anita. Sandra still lives on the farm not too far from her brother Allan.

Bill and Lilian were living in Lions Manor, Stonewall when Bill died February 13, 1997. In

November 1997 Lilian moved to an apartment in Gimli. It is only a half hour drive to Arborg to visit her family, which includes four great grandchildren.

James Porter, Sr.

James Porter, Sr. was born at Smith Falls, Ontario, where his father had settled after migrating from Ireland. He married Maria Corr, who was born and grew up at Carlton Place. They came to the Darlingford district in 1881 and homesteaded 30-2-7. His brother Frank homesteaded 17-2-7. These brothers worked together hewing logs from their land and building log houses to live in.



James and Maria Porter, Sr.

Frank Sr. and his wife, Harriet McCreary were both born in Ontario at Smith Falls. Two children, Ettie and Jenny were born on the homestead. They

moved to Treherne, where daughter Mary was born. Frank Porter bought a farm at Centerville, where he lived until his death in 1919. Mary married William Cowan Jr. (See Cowan story.) William died in 1946. Mary married Tom Galloway of Morden, in 1956. Tom died in 1959. Mary died in 1978.

In 1898 James Porter Sr. and family moved to 6-3-7, near the Calf Mountain mound (made by the Indians years before). Like many homesteaders, James had a wood lot on 18-2-7 to guarantee a supply of fuel. In 1914 James built a house in Darlingford (28 Stanley Street) and moved there with part of his family.

Maria died in 1916. James Sr. died in 1930.

James and Maria had seven children, Martha married Albert Provo; Annie married James Irvine and lived in British Columbia; Maria married George Stepler Jr. and Myrtle married Gordon Vancycle, both couples moved to Thunder Bay, Ontario; James Jr., William lived at Bateman, Saskatchewan; Frank (Francis) married Ettie (Henrietta) Cowan from Windygates, and farmed near Morden until they purchased W. 1/2 31-1-6 in 1926. They had two children, Earl and Evelyn. They retired to Morden in 1950. Frank died in 1957. Ettie died in 1975. Earl married Rose Noheil and lived on the W. 1/2 31-1-6 until they retired to Morden. They have three sons, Larry, Allen, and Ron and six grandchildren. Evelyn married Allan Shortridge of Morden. They have a daughter Marilyn and three grandchildren. Allan died and Evelyn lives in Morden.

James Porter Jr. was born July 31, 1881. He was raised in this area his entire life. In his younger years he herded sheep and cattle. On January 17,



Leonore and Bill Porter Family. back row: Leanne, Carol, Edith, Danny, Leonard, Jeff, Cresta, front row: Bill, Jesse, Leonore, Peter, Terri

1912 he married Eva Pearce. Eva was the youngest daughter, of the Pearce family of the Pearce district. They lived on 6-3-7 until 1929 then moved across the road and put up new buildings. Mrs. Provo had become the owner of the Porter farm. James and Eva had three children: Ella (1914), Bill (1917) and Ada (1921).

Ella married Henry Lantz and remained in the area. They had four children: Larry, Ruth, Mel and Bob. (See Lantz story.)

Bill served in the army (1940-1944) World War II. Bill bought Porter homestead land and farmed until 1963. Then on June 14, 1963 he married Leonore Ramsay and with her family, Edith, Carol, Leonard and Lorne, they moved and settled in the Kaleida area. They had one more child, Leanne. Bill and Leonore have now retired and are living in Manitou.

Ada lived at home until November 20, 1954 when she married Emile Maclaire and they lived in Cardinal, Manitoba. They raised one son, Richard, who continues to live with them. They have retired to a farm at Treherne.

Eva died of a heart attack in 1932 and Jim continued to live with Henry and Ella until he died in 1967. He was eighty-five years old.

Charles Powell

Charles and Emily Gale Powell of Leeds, Yorkshire, England, were married in 1910. They immigrated to Boissevain, Manitoba, where Emily's mother and stepfather, Mr and Mrs Joe Blacklock, had settled the year before.

Charles and Emily worked as a married couple on farms until 1913, when Charles was employed by the C.P.R. One of the families they worked for was the father of Rt. Honorable Eric Willis, who was at one time Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba. They have five children.

Dorothy, who married James Pugh, has three children: James Jr., Gale and Marc. Dorothy died in 1948. Her husband Jim raised the children by himself after Dorothy's death. Jim remained in Boissevain until his death in 1998.

Albert (Sonny) married Sheila Robertson. They had three children: Trevor, Sheila Rae, and Shannon. Sonny died in 1997.

Gertie, who married Gordon Duncan, had two children, Wayne and Karyn. Gordon died in 1994 and Gertie lives in a senior's home in Stoney Creek, Ontario.

Violet, who married Walter Slute, son of Mr. and

Mrs. Tom Slute, had three children: Sharon, Sandra and Penny. Sandra was killed accidentally in 1964. Walter died in 1987. Violet lives in Kamloops, British Columbia where her daughters live.

Isabelle married Ted Degen, son of Mr. and Mrs Julius Degen. They had three children: Kent, Gene (wife Barbara), and Joan (husband Graham). All live in Winnipeg and Isabelle and Ted are fortunate to have all their grandchildren (Samantha, Erin and Owen), and their great-grandchild (Summer) living so close. Since Ted retired they have become very involved in music and each play in two senior bands.

Charles worked on the track in Boissevain until he became a "relieving foreman" and filled in for other foremen who were ill or away. In 1931 he received his first permanent section at Mowbray, Manitoba. In 1934 he was sent back to Boissevain and in 1935 the family moved to Snowflake, Manitoba. In 1938, he applied for and got the Darlingford section. He replaced Mr. Jack Carswell who retired.

Charles and Emily moved back to Boissevain in 1946, where he retired from the railway in 1955. They spent their retirement years in Boissevain. Charles died in 1959 and Emily in 1960.

Emily was a quiet lady who enjoyed her home and family. She was a beautiful seamstress who kept the family well dressed with her sewing and knitting.

Charles had a great love of music. Emily once told Isabelle that when they were young, Charles would be the life of the party by singing the old music hall songs and accompanying himself on the piano. He sang bass for years in the Boissevain Anglican Church Choir. Isabelle had been fortunate to have inherited some of his talent. He had a great sense of humour and really enjoyed a good laugh. His children and grandchildren were a joy to him and he took a big interest in them.

Albert Provo

Albert Provo came from a family of seventeen children. His parents and their family had come out from Ontario and settled in Neche, North Dakota. The family then moved to Manitoba and farmed in the Graysville district. Three years after his marriage to Matilda Porter in 1906, Albert and his wife moved to Carman where he carried on a horse dray business for twenty-three years. When the railroad was being built through St. Claude he worked on its construction for a year.

They moved to Darlingford in 1929 to take over the farm 6-3-7 of his wife's father, James Porter. They lived there until they retired to La Riviere in 1955. Mr. Provo's hobby was making ornaments of wood, using a jack-knife and saw. He enjoyed hunting and mounted many of his trophies. He died in 1958 and Mrs. Provo died in 1978.

They had nine children who are all now deceased. They were: Jenny, Frank, Dorcas, Edith (Ernie Parker), Minnie, Les, Marjorie, Eileen and Betty.

Claire Purse

Claire Purse married Ella McElroy and lived on the E. 1/2 16-3-7. Clair served with the Winnipeg Grenadiers during World War II and was a veteran of Hong Kong. They had four children; Lenore (born after her father left to go overseas), Charles, Judy and Douglas, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. They left the farm in 1952. They retired to Morden, living in Buhler Condo. Clair passed away in 1997. Ella moved to Carman in 1998.

Lenore married Don Weir and farms in the Rosebank district. Charles and Annie Purse live at Revelstoke, British Columbia. Charles joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Judy married Bob Hainstock and lives at Kentville, Nova Scotia. Douglas married Sheila MacIntosh. He was a veterinarian. Douglas passed away in 1984.

James Dawson Ramsay

James Dawson Ramsay and his wife Ann Ogilvie were married in 1913 at Carnoustie, Scotland. He was a foreman of a jute weaving factory and before she married, Ann ran two looms. James belonged to the "Territorials" which was a unit of men who continued their work but had army drill twice a week and were on call if war should break out. World War I commenced and in 1914 Jim was called to the Royal Garrison Artillery (big guns) and sent to France.

After the war was over, he decided to immigrate to Canada in 1921. He worked around Morden, Manitoba for a year. In 1922, Ann came to Canada with her six children. She sailed on the Montcalm to Quebec and travelled by train to Winnipeg where the Salvation Army made further arrangements for them. They then came to Miami where they knew the Buchanans who came from the same part of Scotland. A few years were spent on the S.E. 1/4 18-4-7 owned by Mr. Braithwaite, while Jim

worked for Thompson Craig. After moving to a number of places, they settled in Darlingford in the Frank Smith house. In 1944, they purchased the James Law house. Jim worked at Veal's Service Station for eight years. Jim died in 1956 and Ann died in 1983. Their family consisted of six boys and six girls: Ann, Esther, Isabelle "Bella", James "Jim", Susan, Alex, William "Bill", Robert (deceased 1929), Cecil (deceased 1968), May, Joyce and Elmer.

Ann (deceased 1956) married George Kissack in 1934. George is deceased. They had two children: Marlyn and Edward.

Marlyn married Les Riggs in 1952. They had six children: Katherine, Karen, Carolyn (deceased 1957), Cheryl, Bryan and Melonie. Katherine had one daughter: Angela. Angela married Craig Sonneck and they have one daughter, Hayley. Karen married Gary Kinney in 1977 and they have two children, Jessica and Nikki. Jessica married Kenny Yarber and they have one daughter, Shalene. Cheryl married Donald Jay Ames (now deceased). They had two children, Moshe and Kyle. Moshe has one son, Nathaniel. Bryan married Amber Pimm in 1992 and they have two children, James and Jonathon. Melonie married Paul Lahti in 1996

and they have one son, Joshua.

Edward (deceased 1994) married Daisy in 1956 (divorced) and they had two sons, Lawrence and Donald. Edward and his common-law wife Helen Christenson had two children, Dawn and Gregory. Dawn married Stephen Pyke in 1991. Gregory and his partner Marlene Murphy have three children: Paul, Kaleigh and Michael.

Esther had a son, John. She married Ronald Fry in 1939 and they had four daughters: Alice, Verna, Bernice and Evelyn.

John Ramsay married Pauline Johnstone in 1958. They had two sons and three daughters: William, Cheryl, Barbara, Michael and Jannette. Pauline died in 1985 and John married Shirley Baire in 1989. William married Jennifer Johnson in 1979 (divorced 1986) and they had two daughters, Kimberley and Candice. William married his second wife, Shelley Henderson in 1989 and they have one son, Richard. Cheryl married Phillip McGee in 1981 and they have two children, Mathew and Rebeca. Barbara married Carey Vandercroft in 1988 and they have two children, Amber and Ryan. Michael married Shannon Dahl in 1991 and they have one son, Jesse.

Alice married John Steinke in 1957 and they had eight children: Michael (deceased 1958), Cheryl,



James Dawson Ramsay



Ann Ramsay (Ogilvie)

Ronald, Robert, Kevin, Wayne, Douglas and Kimberly (deceased 1978). Cheryl married Richard Collins in 1983 and they have two children, Angela and Derek. Ronald married Laury Morris in 1981 and they have three daughters: Erica, Jennifer and Brittany. Robert married Patricia Mucha in 1986 and they have three children: Jennifer, Joseph and Aaron. Kevin married Cristine Scibak in 1994. Wayne married Bernice Lavalley in 1993 and they have five children: Melissa, Lawrence, Sharon, Kimberly and Megan (deceased 1997). Douglas married Niki James in 1997 and they have a daughter, Hannah.

Verna married John Hoeppner in 1958 and they had five sons: Brian (deceased 1959), Richard, Barry, Kelly and Murray. Richard married Irmgard Koehn in 1981 and they have four sons: Ryan, Tyler, Daniel and Jordan.

Bernice married Bryan Carlson in 1964 and they have three children: Glen, Mark and Diane. Mark



First house in Darlingford - built by James E. Law in 1900. Bought by Jas. Ramsay in 1944

married Susan Ammeter in 1989 (divorced) and they had one son, Timothy.

Evelyn married Arlie Walker in 1967 and they have two daughters, Teresa and Pamela. Teresa married John Outridge in 1991 and they have two daughters, Christiane and Gabrielle. Pamela married Brian Lepine in 1992 (divorced) and then married Marc Bourret in 1995 and they have one son, Christopher.

Isabelle "Bella" married Norman Fry (deceased 1985) in 1934. They had five children: Earl, Shirley, Albert, Lloyd and Murray. Bella had another

daughter, Geraldine, while separated from Norman. Bella died in 1960.

Earl married Madeline Bread (divorced) and they had two children, Billy and Laurie. Earl's second marriage was to Rita Olson and they had two children, Kim and Kelly. Kim married Ted Mosdell and they have two children, Natasha and Clayton.

Shirley married Ronnie Legind (divorced) and they had three children: Dennis, Larry and Craig. Shirley's second marriage was to Lawrence Legind and they had two sons: Carl and Thomas. Dennis married Kathrine Valentich (divorced) and they had two children, Jennifer and Paul. Larry (Shirley and Ronald's son) married Marchana Combs (divorced) and they had two children, Corissa and Kaytlin. Craig married Bonnie Nastase and they have two daughters, Kimberley and Aimee. Thomas married Leslie Wiggins (divorced) and they had one son, Jonathon. Thomas and partner Suzanne Chavez have a daughter, Ava Dianne. Carl married Leann Lottie.

Albert married Eva Mayers and they have three children: Linda, Laurie and Kevin. Linda married Brett Enser (divorced) and they had one son, Jesse. Linda's second marriage was to Kevin Wright and they have a son, Christopher. Laurie married Kevin Poirier and they have three sons: Brandon, Bradey and Colton. Kevin married Kristin Dean and they have three daughters: Chantay, Ashley and Charity.

Lloyd married Candy French and they have three children: Cheryl, Miles and Tammy. Cheryl married Les Poulin and they have two sons, Christopher and Geoffrey. Tammy married Lee Wilson and they have three children: Abigail, Mathew and Thomas.

Murray married Donna Warcliffe (divorced) and they had three children: Tracey, Sherri and Maureen. Murray's second marriage was to Carrie Thomson and they have two children, Lisa and Craig. Tracey married Pat Huebler and they have three children: Shane, Collin and Andrea. Sherri married Ray Allan and they have three children: Christine, Kyle and Wyatt. Maureen married Warren Gervais and they have three children: Tianna, Brittany, and Jesse. Lisa married Jeremy Deptuck and they have two sons, Brendan and Austin. Geraldine married Victor Tomljanovic and they have two children, Jason and Lisa.

James "Jim" married Madeline Lapierre in 1941. They had three children: Darlene, and twins, Florence and Douglas. Madeline died in 1960 and Jim married Elsie Frankland in 1963. Elsie died in

1997. Jim served with the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry during World War II. After the war, he worked at Eatons until his retirement.

Darlene married Albert Bourbonniere in 1970 and they have two children, Claire and Gerald. Claire married Daniel Cottyn and they have two children, Robyn and Bradley.

Florence married Phil Stockburn in 1968 (divorced) and they had one son, David. David married Christina Mykietowich and they have one daughter, Kallie.

Douglas married Shirley McIntyre in 1970 and they have three sons: James, Jason and Jody. James married Loreen Bauernhuber and they have three children: Ashleigh, Amber and Aaron. Jason married Shauna Pritchard and they have two children, Justin and Hailey.

Susan (deceased 1989) married Dave Klassen in 1941 and they had two sons, Robert and Larry.

Robert married Barbara Lanyon in 1973 and they have four children Christine, Brenda-Lee, Debra-Susan, and Robert Ryan. Christine married Paul McQueen and they have three sons: Tyler, Matthew and Brandon. Brenda-Lee (divorced) has two daughters, Crystal and Ashley. Debra-Susan married Howard Greene and they have two sons, Austin and Bronsyn.

Larry married Gloria Hildebrand (divorced) and they had two children, Shane and Carly. Shane married Donna Hnatuk and they have one daughter, Alexandra.

Alex married Leonore Currie in 1948 and they had four children: Edith, Carol, Leonard and Lorne (deceased 1978). Alex served overseas with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles and was wounded in service. He died in 1959 in a car accident. Edith married Peter Konoplenko and they have two children, Terri and Daniel. Carol married Len Robinson (divorced) and they had two children, Chresta and Jeffery.

William "Bill" was killed in World War II in 1944 while serving with The Royal Canadian Artillery. He is buried in Calais, France.

May married Emil Borysowich in 1952. During her younger years, May worked in the Darlingford Manitoba Telephone System phone office as a telephone operator. They have two daughters, Violet and Arlene. (Violet's mother died in 1949). Violet married Melford Compton in 1965 and they have two children, Angela and Shawn. Angela married Keith McLean in 1988 and they have two children, Mercedes and Kelsen. Shawn has a daughter,

Kayla. He married Jennifer Mueller in 1993 and they have a son, Braden and a daughter, Darian. Arlene married Kurt Blank in 1974 and they have three children: Christine, Aaron and Anthony.

Joyce married Philip Zagazowski in 1953. During her younger years, Joyce worked in the Darlingford Manitoba Telephone System phone office as a telephone operator. Joyce died in 1995 and Philip in 1988. They had eight children (three girls, five boys): Bonnie, Dean (deceased), Perry, Candice, Blair, Derick, Nadia, and Duane. Bonnie married Donald Keller in 1975 (divorced) and they had two sons, Jeffrey and Bradley. Candice married Roy Sigurdson in 1976 and they have three sons: Shawn, Mark and Tyler. Derick married Janice Keller in 1988 (divorced) and they had two daughters, Chelsey and Courtney. Duane and Donna (Rundle) have two sons, Damon and Devon.

Elmer married Ellen Berg in 1955 (divorced). He married Hilda Lechelt in 1963 and they have four children: Byron, Rhoda, Marla and Garnet. Byron married Linda Miller and they have two children, Bailey and Adam. Rhoda has one son, Alexander. Marla married Lee McIntyre and they have two children, Thomas and Andrew.

Josiah Rands

Josiah Rands was born in 1879 at Seaforth, Huron County, Ontario. He came to Manitoba in 1904 where he worked on farms in the Kaleida district, and in 1908 he married May Kirkham of Kaleida. They had one daughter, Elyda.

In 1912 the family moved to the Darlingford district where they purchased the N. W. 1/4 5-3-7 from Robert Cocks, previously owned by Timothy Eaton, and operated by his two sons, Billy and John. The lumber for the house had been cut and shipped west from Ontario: the siding, as the custom was in Ontario, was applied up and down. Martin Brothers installed the furnace around the beginning of 1900.

Errol McLean came to the Darlingford district from Graysville, Manitoba, in 1938 and married Elyda in 1946. In 1948 Mr. and Mrs. Rands moved to Darlingford and Elyda and Errol took over the farm. In 1958 Mr. Rands died and Mrs. Rands moved back to the farm and lived with the McLeans until 1969, when she moved to the Tabor Home in Morden. She died in the fall of 1970.

Errol and Elyda have one daughter, Bernice, who married Steve Dmytriw. Errol and Elyda sold their farm, N. 1/2 5-3-7, in the spring of 1974 to Ken and Noreen Barron (Waddingham). At that

time, they moved to Darlingford, moving a new home onto 17-3-7, on the north side of Darlingford, formerly the Robert Buelow home.

In 1976 their daughter Bernice and her husband Steve Dmytriw had their first son, Nathan. He is currently taking third year education at Brandon University. Tyson (1978) is attending Brandon University taking first year agriculture. Devin (1982) is currently in grade ten at Minnedosa Collegiate. Steve is teaching at Tanner's Crossing School, Minnedosa and Bernice is a homemaker/farmer on their farm at Rapid City, Manitoba.

In November 1993 Errol died after a courageous battle with cancer, and Elyda remained in her home at Darlingford until the summer of 1997, when she sold her home to Garnet and Gloria Lee, and moved to Legion House One in Morden. This ends eighty-five years of our family living at Darlingford.

Haref Rasmussen

Haref Rasmussen is the eldest son of John and Johanne Rasmussen of Kamsack, Saskatchewan. John trained as a cabinet-maker but soon took to the sea for some years before coming to Canada. John and Johanne emigrated from Bergen, Norway; the city which celebrated its nine hundredth anniversary in 1970. They farmed near Stornaway, Saskatchewan; where Haref grew up with two sisters and a brother. In 1941 Haref joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and, while stationed at Paulson, met Beatrice (Bea) Lowry. They were married in 1945 and returned to civilian life later that same year. In 1947 Haref, Bea and infant son, Harvey Wayne bought the N.W. 1/4 17-2-7. Later the sixty acre bush lot east of the yard was purchased. Only the house remains of the original buildings. Two barns were built to accommodate the hog-finishing enterprise which utilizes much of the grain grown on the farm. Haref and Bea had three children; Harvey (1947), Glenn (1949) and Janet (1951). Haref and Bea retired to Morden. Haref continued to help with the seeding and the harvest until poor health required he stop. Haref died in 1992. Beatrice died in 1995 after a lengthy illness.

Harvey worked for the Bank of Montreal for two years, at which time he joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and trained at Regina and Penhold, Alberta. He is no longer with the force. He married Beate Dehnke and lives at Edmonton, Alberta. They have two sons, Corey and Jason, who work in Alberta.

Glenn spent two summers teaching Water Safety with the Red Cross and after graduating from Nellie McClung Collegiate, joined the staff of the Royal Bank of Canada. Glenn married Janice Alsop and lived at Thunder Bay, Ontario. Glenn and Janice returned to Winnipeg in 1972, at which time he took the University of Manitoba Diploma Agriculture course, graduating in 1974. In 1975 they took over the family farm. Glenn and Janice have three sons; Jeremy, born 1976, is presently taking the Agriculture Diploma Course at the University of Manitoba. Curtis, born 1979, is presently taking a computer graphics and animation course at Applied Multimedia College in Winnipeg. Darren, born 1982, is in grade eleven at Nellie McClung Collegiate, in Manitou.

Janet graduated and took secretarial training and now works in Winnipeg as do her three sons: Daryll, Brian and Lorne.

Silas Ray

Silas Ray was a gentleman farmer who came from Ontario in 1900 and homesteaded the N.E. 1/4 26-2-7. He was a staunch member of Zion Church and a friend to all the children in the district. Before retiring to Ontario, he purchased the house at 26 Pembina Street, where he lived for only one year before selling it to William White.

Andrew Revine

Andrew Revine, and his wife, came to Manitoba from Ontario in the early 1900's. They lived at several places, finally buying the old Darlingford school house that had been made into a home. Later, when the road was built from what is now Highway #3 into Darlingford, it cut through Albert Lawson's quarter section, S.W. 1/4 8-3-7. This left thirty-four acres on the east side of the road. Andy bought this property, built a house on it and lived there until his death.

Andy was a stone mason by trade, and a craftsman of his own particular calling. Much of his work can still be seen around the country. He laid the first few thousand feet of our cement sidewalks, and it must be said that it was a job well done. After fifty years, the wide strip along front street, in front of the business places, is still in excellent condition - even better than some laid down many years later.

The Revines raised a large family, and asked help from no one. Their family of nine children were: Violet, Howard, Carrie, Mary, Lily, George, Ginger, Sammy and Jimmie. They are all scattered

from this district now, some to different provinces.

An item of note was Andy's home-made cement mixer. He had fashioned it from a wooden oak barrel, some binder gears and a stout oak frame. It sang merrily as long as the engine kept turning, and made far less noise than its modern counterpart.

The small farm of the Revines has a large pond which is the closest thing to being a natural lake in this area. Only once in living memory has it been dry. That was in the 1930's, following the years of prolonged drought. That year, 1934, Andy planted oats on what had been the pond, and had a good yield. The following spring he again seeded this land, but before the crop was very far along water again returned to the site.

Thomas Herbert Rex

Thomas Herbert Rex was born on January 29, 1894 to parents Herbert James Rex of Nottingham, England and Annie Weatherald of Goderich. They took up a homestead and had a hardware store in the Elkhorn district where Mr. Rex died of pneumonia in 1907. Mrs. Rex, with son Tom, now thirteen and two brothers, went back to Goderich and Woodstock where they received their schooling. While working for Canada Furniture, Tom took up signalling in scouts and the army and later qualified as an assistant instructor. In 1915 Tom came west and worked in the Grain Exchange in Winnipeg. In 1916 he came to Darlingford and worked as a hired man. During the harvest season he worked for J.C. Smith and later rented land from him. Tom and Mr. A.M. Irving farmed in partnership until he married Margaret McGregor in 1919. She was born in 1891, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McGregor of the Shadeland District. Tom and Margaret resided on the N.W. 1/4 1-2-7, the farm where their grandson Dennis now resides. They retired to Morden in 1953. They had five children: Herbert James (died in infancy), Edythe, Isobel, Alfred and Herbert. Tom died April 10, 1981 and Margaret on January 28, 1984.

Edythe married Allan Arnott of Darlingford. (See Arnott story.)

Isobel married James R. Conner of Flin Flon and has three children. Joan married Randy Bowman and has two children Claire and Evan. Pat married Barry Oxby and has three children: Ryan, Caitlin and Lauren. Ross married Amy Gervin and has three children: Ainsley, Alec and Jack.

Alfred married Elaine Wall of Clearwater they have two children. Janet married Roy Parker and

has two children Courtney and Katelyn. Connor married Karen Beck and has two children, Jessica and Cody.

Herbert (Bert) married Doreen Brunn of Morden they had six children. Dennis Herbert Rex was born in Morden, December 14, 1953. He was educated in Morden and later attended University of Manitoba. Dennis married Sheila Stewart of Roland on June 13, 1974 and have two children. Amanda married John Froese of Hochfeld on July 8, 1995. They have two children, Jonathon (June 3, 1996) and Donovan (September 7, 1997) and currently reside in Hochfeld. Kenneth currently resides and works in Winkler. Dennis was acting manager of the family farm for his father after his retirement to town. Dennis and Sheila reside on the Rex family farm having bought the farm after his father's death. Beverly lives in Morden. Brian married Joanne Klein from Saskatchewan they have two children Adrienne and Brendan and currently reside in Sanford. Deborah who died suddenly in 1997. Kelly married Wayne Friesen of Morden they have two children, Stacy and Steven, currently residing in Morden. Daryl married Barbara Ball of Winnipeg they have three children: Catherine, Meaghan and Hailey and currently reside in the Carman area.

The Rex farm became a century farm in 1977 under Bert and Doreen's ownership but was not celebrated until 1983 due to our error. Doreen died after a lengthy illness in 1983. Bert later married Alice Siemens from Vernon, British Columbia. Bert farmed the family farm for many years first with his brother Alf and later with his eldest son Dennis. Bert and Alice retired first to Morden and later to Enderby and Vernon areas of British Columbia. Bert died after a short illness in 1993.

James Rice

James Rice (1856-1932) came to this district in 1897 from Whitby, Ontario. The post office at that time was situated in the village of Alexandria, on the Boundary Commission Trail, south of the present day Thornhill. He met and married Mary Jane Slute (1867-1940) in December 1896 and they lived on their farm S.W. 1/4 28-2-7 where the land had to be cleared and broken. In 1903 he sold to Harry Frank and moved to Manitou. In the fall of 1905 he returned to Darlingford and was the grain buyer for the Farmer's Elevator. He retired in 1912. He built a house at 35 Stanley Street. This house was demolished when Grant built a new house at 37 Stanley Street. James Rice was noted as a flower lover and

when the Memorial Park was started in 1921, he was always willing to help with the plantings and maintenance.

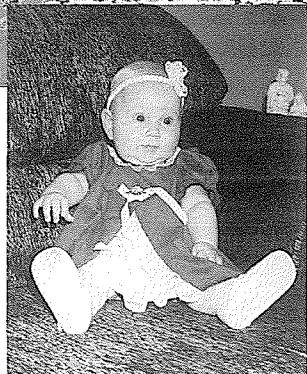
Mr. Rice died in 1932 and Mrs. Rice in 1940. They had one daughter, Eva who taught school at Calf Mountain in 1921. She married Gordon Grigg in 1922. (See Gordon Grigg story.)

Lawrence Richards

Lawrence "Laurie" Richards (1936) married Shirley (1938), youngest daughter of Stewart and Elsie Cowan. They farm and live on W. 1/2 35-3-7 and have three children.



Laurie and Shirley
Richard Family, back
row: Shauna, Taylor,
Dean Richards, Jason
McLean, front row:
Jolene (Jodi), Mylia
McLean, Shirley, Laurie,
insert: Hailey Richards



Mylia born 1965, married Jason McLean of Pilot Mound who has a cattle operation. Mylia obtained her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and works in Morden. Her love for horses has brought her six world and reserve World Champion Hunter and Jumper titles with her Morgan horse, U.C. Merlin. They have a daughter, Avery (1999).

Dean born 1969, married Shuana Keown. They have two children, Taylor (1994) and Hailley (1998). They live on the home farm, the W. 1/2 35-3-7. Dean has his degree in agriculture and is the manager of the Manitou branch of Boundary Farm Service Ltd. Shuana has her degree in developmental studies and is the director of Pembina Valley Day Care Centre in Morden. Dean owns S.E. 1/4 36-3-7, one of the original four scripts of land that

his great great grandfather Peter Stewart purchased in 1877. Dean is the fourth generation to own this land.

Jolene "Jodi" (1971) has her degree in developmental studies and works at the Day Care Centre in Pilot Mound.

Laurie and Shirley have since moved to Manitou.

Robert Riddell

Robert (1938) was born in Warren, Manitoba, son of Ernest and Florence (Nichol) Riddell. Robert received his education in Warren, Teachers' College and the University of Manitoba completing a Bachelor of Pedagogy in 1974. Robert married Mary Van der Vis in 1961. They had two daughters and two sons and two granddaughters. Robert and Mary divorced in October 1995.

Lorraine (1934) was born in Dunrea, Manitoba, daughter of Thomas and Julie (Daigle) Boulet. Lorraine received her education in Dunrea. Lorraine married Orlando Girouard of Somerset in 1953, co-owner of Girouard's Solo Store/Shopping Centre. They had four sons and one daughter, two granddaughters and two grandsons. Orlando died in November 1986. Lorraine married Ken Sanderson in October 1989, he died in September 1990. Lorraine also has a stepdaughter and a stepson on the Sanderson side with four step-granddaughters and two step-grandsons.

Robert moved to Darlingford, from Miami in September 1993, buying Terry and Jennie Hiebert's house on Dufferin Avenue. Robert was teaching at Skyview Colony and retired in December 1993. After his retirement Robert did volunteer teaching at Manitou Elementary School and substitute teaching in the area.

Robert and Lorraine became dance partners in November 1993, having met at Jordan's Food Town where Lorraine worked part time. Robert joined the Polka Dots, an oldtime music orchestra, as drummer in 1994, Lorraine had been piano player for the group since 1991.

Robert and Lorraine married March 1, 1996. They enjoy their music with the Polka Dots, dancing and their challenging crossword puzzles. They are presently (1998) working on the world's largest crossword puzzle, measuring seven feet by seven feet with twenty-eight thousand clues. They also pass their retirement time with spelling games and Yahtzee. They spend time at their summer cottage at Pelican Lake and enjoy gardening and yard work

at their farm home. They are members of the Darlingford Evergreen Club.

They share a common bond in education. Robert was school principal and teacher for thirty-five years, teaching at

Cartwright, Milner Ridge, Stockton, Miami Elementary School, the Miami Hutterite Colony and the Skyview Colony. Lorraine was administrative secretary at Somerset Collegiate for twenty-one years, retiring in December 1989 when she moved to this area.

Robert and Lorraine presently live in Manitou.

Williard Rife

Williard Rife and wife Jean, 1928. A school principal.

Clayton Robbins

Clayton Robbins moved from Ontario in 1914 with his mother Gertrude, his sister Winnie and brother John. Mrs. Robbins married William C. White of the Calf Mountain district and moved to the White farm west of Zion Church.

In 1933 Clayton married Mae Lumgair. Their daughter Myrna was born in 1934. Mae died in 1946.

In 1948 Clayton married Evelyn Rudd. They had a daughter Linda in 1949 and a son Larry in 1950. A daughter Patricia died shortly after birth in 1952.

During his lifetime Clayton worked as a trucker, fur and grain farmer, and spent many years at



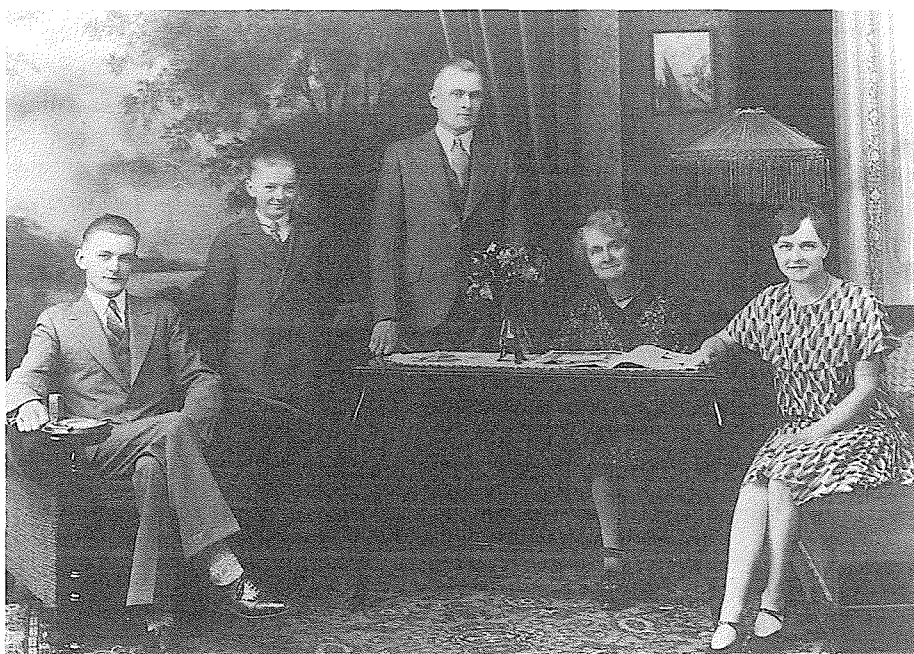
Linda (Robbins) and Dennis Pearce. back row: Jeff, Marc, Corby

Morden Fine Foods. His love of the great outdoors was evident with hours spent gardening, hunting, trapping and snowmobiling.

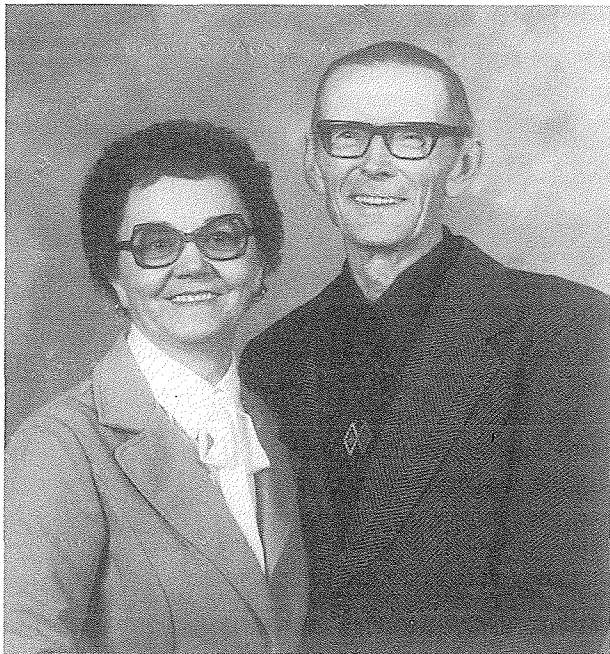
Clayton died in 1980 and Evelyn retired to Morden where she still resides following years of working as a cook and caterer at Morden Hospital and Morden Recreation Centre.

Myrna graduated from Misericordia Hospital as a Registered Nurse. She married Keith Baldwin in 1958 and they had three children; Lori (1959) who works in child care, Shelly (1961) who works as a receptionist and became the bride of Michael O'Flaherty in 1995, and Kurt (1965) who is employed by Supervalu in Brandon. Keith died in 1969 following a lengthy illness. In 1974 Myrna married Marcel Pichette and her extended family includes Larry, Richard, and Lou Ann. They are retired and live in Winnipeg.

Linda is a Misericordia Hospital Nursing graduate and married Dennis Pearce in 1970. She is the Nursing Coordinator at Pembina Manitou Health Centre and Dennis is employed by Snowflake Transport Inc. They have three sons: Jeff (1974) a Journeyman Electrician who is employed by Robbins



Robbins Family, Clayton Robbins, Wib White, John Robbins, Gertrude Robbins White, Winnie Robbins



Evelyn and Clayton Robbins

Electric, Marc (1976) a graduate of Business Administration employed in sales division of Pegasus Publications in Winnipeg, and Corby (1978) who is a student who works as a cook in Winnipeg.

Larry is a Journeyman Electrician, owner of Robbins Electric. He married JoAnne Lawson in 1972. JoAnne is a graduate of St. Boniface Hospital and is employed at Boundary Trails Health Centre. They have two children: Kevin (1979) who attends University of Manitoba taking Engineering and Alison (1981) who attends grade eleven at Morden Collegiate.

William Robinson

William Robinson was the son of John Robinson and the former Jane Jordan. He spent his boyhood at Dunrobin, Ontario, with his five brothers and one sister. He came to Manitoba in 1901, at the age of fifteen and worked for his uncle, William Jordan, on the farm now owned by Robert Johnston. When he arrived, he had only twenty-five cents left, in the paper money known as a "shin plaster", which he kept for a keepsake for the rest of his life. All the Robinson family eventually came west. William and his brother Thomas were the only ones to spend most of their lives in this area.

In 1908 William bought the N.E. 1/4 27-3-7 from John Storey who moved to the west coast. It is interesting to note that the farm was purchased fully equipped. The Storeys just packed their clothes and left everything else. An elk horn arm chair was dis-

played at the Centennial Antique Show in Darlingford in 1970. Mr. Storey dammed the creek on the farm and put in a water wheel to provide power for crushing grain and sawing wood. This was washed out by spring floods. A Baptist minister held a baptismal service of complete submersion at this creek.

In 1909 William married Florence Griffin. She had come as a small girl from Burketon, Ontario, with her parents. They had two sons, Kenneth and Harvey. About 1927, Thomas Robinson (William's brother) joined the family. He was a veteran of the first world war, after which he had farmed in the Ashern district and through the years he often made his home with them. He died in 1960 at Rathwell.

In 1943, William and his wife retired to Darlingford living in the house built by George Sandy and now owned by Reg Clayton. William died in 1955 and Mrs. Robinson in 1976.

Kenneth Robinson married Grace Cowan in 1939. They farmed the N.W. 1/4 28-3-7, a farm which has had many owners over the years. Martin Major, a boy who came west with William Jordan, homesteaded it in 1891. Since then it has been owned by Sawyer Massey Machine Company, Jack Nicholson (Stanley Moils lived with him), Dr. Everson of Morden and William Robinson. Ken and Grace have two children, Betty Ann (1944) and Robert "Bob" (1947). Ken enjoyed working on the farm but found trucking with a gang on Government Good Road crew easier until he died in 1984. Grace moved from the farm in 1991 to Morden Legion House One.

Betty Ann married Ken Kippen of Carman. They started the business K.K. Sales and Service. They have a family of three children: Greg (1965), Julie Ann (1970) and Curtis (1972). Ken Kippen died suddenly with a heart attack in 1996. Greg married Michelle (Bodiau), they have one child, Dylan. Greg works for a computer company in Winnipeg. Julie works in the Carman High School. Curtis and wife, Laureen (Martens) are in Carman. Betty and Curtis are continuing on with the business.

Robert married Janet Porter of Woodlands where he had been working with her father in the Municipal office. Bob had been driving truck for Pembina Transfer but then took over the farming activities and also had a keen interest in Charolais cattle. Thus came the farm name – Willow Creek Charolais. Many summers were filled with fairs and cattle shows and sales along with 4-H activities. Presently Bob is trucking.

They have three daughters: Pamela (1973), Adele (1976) and Leanne (1977) who took their education in Manitou. They have helped on the farm. Pam married Doug Scharf in 1998 and they live in La Riviere. Doug works for his father Mel Scharf in construction. Adele works at the Pembina Manitou Health Centre in Manitou. She and Garth Dirks and their son, Bryce Robert, live in a mobile home in Bob and Janet's yard. Garth works for Scharf Service, Manitou. Leanne works for Mel Scharf & Son Construction.

In 1943 Harvey married Donna Loughheed, from Foxwarren, Manitoba. They lived on the home place. The house on this farm was built in 1885, making this the oldest house in the community in use as a family residence. They have two children, Garth and Fern.

In 1974 Harvey and Donna went to McAllen Texas for the winter and continued going for nineteen winters. In 1984 they moved into a mobile home in the same yard. In July of 1996 Donna died. Harvey is presently living in the mobile home. Garth and Doreen are living in the house.

Garth Robinson married Doreen Steinke, in 1990. She had three children from a previous marriage. Allen (Valerie) Mikolasek have two daughters and live near Cartwright, Manitoba. Julie (Rick Clisby) have one daughter and a son and live in Ninette, Manitoba. Coreen (Jim Cram) live in Darlingford. Garth has two children, Bilinda has a son and lives in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Rodney has a daughter and lives in Sioux Lookout, Ontario. Garth and Doreen farm the home place, and run a trucking business.

Fern Robinson joined the armed forces and obtained the rank of Captain. She served ten years in numerous places in Canada and in a peacekeeping mission in Egypt. She married Major Eric Latham. She is living in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

George Phillip Rombough

George Phillip Rombough was born in 1852. He came to Manitoba in 1877, and married Sarah Wheeler of Tamworth, Ontario. They lived at Old Nelson, Deloraine, Morden and Manitou. finally taking a homestead in 1898. section 1-3-8 near Darlingford. There were three sons and four daughters.

Florence married Willis Moore, and lived on section 11-3-8 west of Darlingford.

Blanche married Edgar Boyle in 1924 and lived

on 20-3-7. Grace and her husband Harry McMullen lived in Darlingford on 2 Mountain Avenue. He operated an elevator here, and later one in Saskatchewan. While visiting in Ontario he died suddenly. Grace moved to the Pioneer Lodge at Swift Current. Their daughter Merle, a school teacher died quite young. A son, Clarence lived at Kincaid, where he operated an elevator.

May and her husband, James Bryson's home, was on the N. 1/2 1-3-8.

Marshall married Annie Marshall, lived on N.E. 1/4 4-3-7, and later moved to the Thornhill district.

Clarence married a Saskatchewan girl and lived in the West.

During the first few years on the homestead there were many hardships. When William was twelve years old, he and his father would go to a wood lot north of Darlingford and get a load of green logs. They would cut them into cord wood, take them to Manitou to sell, then buy a bag of flour and a few groceries. As the sons grew up they worked with neighbours, and later acquired a threshing outfit. At this time the grain was cut with a binder, which was tied into sheaves. These sheaves were stooked, six or eight to a stook, left to dry and then stacked. As there were very few machines in the district, the stacked grain could be threshed late in the fall, even after the snow came. The men slept in a caboose, under buffalo robes. The engine from the machine was backed up to the caboose door, and they kept the fire going in it all night for warmth. The machine was drawn from one farm to another by horses.

The women folk helped out by picking wild fruit, and the girls working out from time to time in homes of the district. George had a team of oxen which were hitched to a wagon to take the children to Sunday school.

William Rombough

William Rombough went overseas in 1916 and served in the ammunition column as a driver. Being fond of horses he found the work he liked. He met a Mr. Savery, a blacksmith, and Joseph Compton from home, while he was in France. He was discharged from the services in April 1919, and in May of the same year married Stella Bryson. Their children Hugh, Douglas, Ruth and Eileen all recieved their education at Darlingford School.

Ruth worked at the telephone exchange, and later joined the civil service at Ottawa. She then joined the air force and while stationed at Dauphin



Stella Bryson and William Rombough - married May 20, 1919

met Alex Quantock, from England, who had come to Manitoba to train for the R.A.F. They were married January 1, 1945. Alex and Ruth returned to England. They have three children: William, Robert and Margaret. Ruth and Alex lived in Toronto for some years until her death in 1972 at the age of fifty-two.

In 1942 Hugh joined the R.C.A.F. He married Esme Hart from England in 1945. In 1948 they came back to Darlingford. Hugh and Russ Amy began Darlingford Electric. This was the year of farm electrification and they were kept busy day and night. In 1952 they moved to Winnipeg and Hugh worked for MacDonald Bros. Aircraft.

Hugh retired from Air Canada in 1981. In 1982 they moved to Ottawa where Hugh worked with the Flight Services Training Department of Transport Canada until 1990. In 1990 they moved to their retirement home in White Rock, South Surrey, British Columbia.

Their eldest son, Leslie, graduated from McGill University in 1969. He married Ruth DePaul and



William Rombough Family, Eileen, Doug, Mrs. Stella Rombough, Hugh, Ruth

live in British Columbia on Quadra Island. They have two sons, Matthew and Bradley. Leslie owns and operates a commercial gill net fishing boat, as well as pioneering an aqua farm producing scallops and mussels.

David, Hugh and Esme's second son, married Wilma Feldman in 1975. They had one daughter, Stacey. Wilma died of cancer in 1992. David and his daughter moved to Burlington, Ontario in 1993, where he became the vice president of Marmon Keystone.

Douglas married Isabelle Lowry in 1943, renting the Fred Jordan farm until 1955 when he bought S.E. 1/4 5-4-7 from Joe Compton. Their children are Kenneth, Ruth and Louise. Ken married Sharon Klassen and they have two sons, Rodney and Randy. Ken and his two sons, all licenced pilots, live at Fort Frances, British Columbia where they operate a natural gas well business.

Ruth married Charles Vines of Crystal City and was a high school teacher. She is now the Principal of Thomas Greenway Collegiate in Crystal City. They have no children.

Louise, a registered nurse, married George Elias in 1971. They have a daughter, Robin Leigh (1973). Robin is presently working in Abbotsford, British Columbia. Later, Louise married Dr. Richard MacGillivray. They have two children, Heather Louise and Richard Douglas.

Eileen took her grade twelve at Manitou and taught on a permit until her marriage to Doug Law in 1945. (See Law story.)

William farmed until 1920 when he obtained the

contract from the two mail delivery routes. (See rural mail routes.) He also served as a councillor for a few years. In 1955 he suffered a stroke and in 1961 he died. Stella married Reginald Parsons in 1973. He had worked for her father, Hugh Bryson, in the early 1900's. They lived in Janesville, Wisconsin until 1978. She then returned to Darlingford because of ill health and lived with Eileen's family for one year. She moved to Morden where she lived until her death in 1991.

Edward Rudd

Edward Rudd and his wife Mattie, came from Norway in 1884 settling in various parts of the United States, coming to Canada from Minnesota in 1919. They lived on the John MacDonald farm, southwest of town, then moved to the farm now owned by Mrs. Gordon Ching. They also lived for a while in Manitou and Morden before coming to live with their son Clarence in February 1953. Mrs. Rudd died in May 1953 at the age of eighty-nine, just one day before their sixty-fourth wedding anniversary. When Clarence and Greta moved to Morden in 1954, Mr. Rudd made his home with them until his death in June 1959 at ninety-seven years of age. Two sons, Clarence and Walter, and one daughter, Edna, come to Canada with them, while two daughters and one son remained in the United States.

In 1922, Clarence Silvester married Margaret Jane "Greta" Sandy. They farmed in the Shadeland district south of Darlingford until 1954, when they retired to Morden for a number of years. Clarence operated a garage in Morden for a number of years. Clarence died November 16, 1975 at seventy-six years and Greta died on July 18, 1993 in her ninety-third year. They had eight children, five boys and three girls: Edward, Evelyn, Gordon, Norman, Merle, Marion, Chester and Gary. All are still living at the time of this writing. An interesting bit of history is the fact that Greta went to Lorne School as did most of her children and even some of her grandchildren.

Edward Raymond "Ray" Rudd (May 13, 1923) worked on the family farm in the Shadeland district and was educated at Lorne School District #56. He joined the army in 1942 and went overseas in February 1944. Ray took part in the Normandy invasion on June 6, 1944 with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles and was taken prisoner June 8, 1944. Liberation by the Americans came April 11, 1945 and he returned to Canada in June 1945. Ray mar-



Edward and Mattie Rudd

ried Velma Howatt of Manitou, October 1945 and were divorced in 1974. Ray and Velma had four children: Marshall, Wayne, Donald, and Wendy. He then married Margaret Sinclair (Paracholski) in 1974. Ray was with Canada Customs 1960 to 1983, when he retired. Marg was manager of Canada Packers Chick Hatchery and has also retired. They live in Manitou during the summer and Weslasco, Texas in the winter.

Marshall and Joan have two girls, Cindy and Cheryl and live in Nipigon, Ontario. Cheryl is in Thunder Bay at college and Cindy lives at Brockville, Ontario. Marshall and Joan are both store managers.

Wayne and Linda live in Pine Falls. Wayne after several years teaching, drives an eighteen wheeler long distance trucking and Linda is a registered nurse at Pine Falls hospital. Chris, the eldest, works for a company in Rankin Inlet, after several years with Northern Stores. He is married to Lynn of Rankin and has two girls, Alex and Catherine. Michael, the second son, is in fourth year medicine training at various places. Whitney, the youngest, is in university in Winnipeg.

Donald and Eleanor live in Winnipeg. Don is employed by Manitoba Hydro and Eleanor operates her own business. They have two boys, Derek and Cory. Derek and wife Stefanie moved to Edmonton where Derek has employment. They have one boy, Brett. Cory cooks up a storm at a restaurant in Winnipeg.

Wendy and Gerry Vanmackelbergh farm at Medora, Manitoba and raise cattle. They have two boys, David and Darrin, both are involved in 4-H.

Evelyn Rudd married Clayton Robbins. They lived in Shadeland district and had a family of two, Linda and Larry. (See Clayton Robbins story.)

Gordon Rudd, third oldest, is married to Kay and lives in Calgary and they have a family of three children, five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Blaine is married to Jean McKenzie and they live in Calgary. They have three daughters: Michelle, Sherry and Candace and four grandchildren: Ainsley, Jenna, Kylie and Brandon. Brenda is married to Don Gover and they also live in Calgary. They have two children, Leanne and Patrick. Warren lives in Red Deer, Alberta.

Norman Silvester (June 8, 1929) married Ruth Thelma Winkler of Morden on June 10, 1950. They have three children: Russell, Darrell and Gordon, all born in Flin Flon.

Russell Norman (August 6, 1951) married Nola Patterson (December 1, 1952) on October 4, 1975 at Russell, Manitoba. They reside in Tugaskie, Saskatchewan. They have four children: Cole Timothy (September 7, 1978), Nathan Sylvester (October 10, 1980), Chelsey Nadine (May 19, 1982) and Delaney Mae (June 15, 1985).

Darrell Paul (July 22, 1953) married Paula Marie Stephansson (August 29, 1954) on July 12, 1974 in Winnipeg. They make their home in Winnipeg. Darrell and Paula have one daughter, Abby Jeanette (March 17, 1977). Abby married Brandon Dale Terry of Swan River on May 18, 1996. They reside

in Milner, British Columbia.

Gordon Dale (December 1, 1955) married Joyce Hammell on September 2, 1978. They have since divorced. Gordon's companion of several years, Pamela Howard (September 6, 1957) has two daughters from a previous marriage. Patricia Anne Howard (November 26, 1977) and Jenna Lee-Anne Howard (June 25, 1985). All live in Flin Flon. Gordon and Pamela have a grandson, Gage Austin Howard (February 4, 1997).

Norman moved to Flin Flon in 1948 to work at Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Co. On April 3, 1980 he married Margaret Gail Barker in Manitou. Gail has three daughters from a previous marriage. Barbara Elizabeth Barker (June 23, 1960). Barbara has a son, Larry George Barker (May 12, 1980) and lives in Brandon. Brenda Margaret Barker (July 7, 1961) married Gilles Lord on March 30, 1985. They have a daughter, Adrienne Margaret Lord (December 7, 1985) and live in La Broquerie. Lori Beth Barker (December 10, 1963) lives in Winnipeg. Norman and Gail left Flin Flon in June 1996 to take up residence in Manitou.

Merle Rudd married Jim Laidlaw on April 23, 1960 and they reside in Okanagan Falls, British Columbia. They have two children. James Guy was born December 27, 1961 in Quebec City. Guy and Despi were married on July 5, 1985 and have two children: Teddy James (March 5, 1989) and Merla Lee (July 19, 1991). Guy's family now reside in



Clarence Rudd Family. back row: Evelyn, Norman, Ray, Merle, Gord, front row: Clarence, Garry, Marion, Chester, Margaret

Cranbrook, British Columbia. Sandra Jane was born August 27 in Cold Lake, Alberta and now lives in Edmonton.

Marion Adeline Rudd (June 28, 1936) married Allan Anderson on March 15, 1958. They have three children: Glen Allan (December 26, 1958), Dennis Gordon (December 14, 1960) and Shelley Lee (October 22, 1963). Glen married Linda Jenkins and they have three children: Gregory Mark, Blake Allan and Alisha Dawn. Dennis married Linda Birttles and they have two boys, Travis Jeffory and Dallas Jordon. Shelley married Troy Tyson.

Chester Louis Rudd (April 1, 1933) was born on section 24-2-7W of Pembina Municipality. He attended Lorne School and helped with the farming. At age eighteen, he travelled with his sister Merle to Flin Flon in search of employment. He cut wood, worked in exploration bush camps as Bull cook and driller's helper until September 25, 1951 when he joined Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting. He worked as a labourer, mill operator, later switching to mechanics and wrote his ticket in 1975, thus becoming a part-time supervisor. In 1978 Chester accepted a position in Snow Lake as the Mechanical Maintenance Foreman in a new mill and crusher. He retired in October 1987 with thirty-five years service at fifty-four years of age. The mill closed in 1993 and in June 1995 he accepted a six month contract to get it restarted. Chester works as a handyman and enjoys his free life with his family, fishing, curling and gardening. Chester married Betty Jean (March 13, 1937) on September 8, 1956 in Makaroff, Manitoba and they raised four children: Terry Dale, Keith Alan, Darin James and Cynthia Rae.

Terry Dale (November 9, 1957) lives in Winnipeg and has a daughter Joellee Betty Albertine Renee (September 9, 1991) who lives in Snow Lake.

Keith Allan (March 25, 1960) lives in Creighton, Saskatchewan and married Dawna Stevenson (January 15, 1961) on October 18, 1986. They have two daughters, Jillian Ann (September 4, 1988) and Jenna Lynn (May 25, 1991).

Darin James (January 11, 1964) lives in Selkirk and married Carla Wozny on May 20, 1995. Carla brought with her a son from a previous marriage, Darin James Jr. (July 7, 1991) and she and Darin had a son Joshua Jan Conner (July 4, 1996).

Cynthia Rae (May 21, 1965) lives in Brandon and married Steven Brent Price (November 14,

1961) of Portage La Prairie on May 20, 1989. They have a daughter and son, Hannah Michelle (May 6, 1992) and Scott Allan (January 17, 1996).

Gary Rudd married Kathleen (Kay) Hartnell in October 1959. They had three children: Randy (1960), Lori (1963) and Ronald (1965). They live in Calgary, Alberta. Randy married Karen (Berze) in 1981. They have three children: Ashley (1983), Preston (1986) and Stephanie (1991). They live in Calgary, Alberta. Lori married David Watson in 1986. They have three children: Janelle (1988), Brett (1990) and Andrea (1991). They reside in Lethbridge, Alberta. Ron lives in Edmonton, Alberta.

Jack Russell

Jack Russell's grandparents, William and Ann Bourne, were both born in England. Most of their eleven children migrated to Africa. Ellen, a daughter came to Winnipeg as a young girl and married Leonard Russell, whom she had known in England. He died the same year. In 1913 her son, Jack Russell, was born, and she returned to England.

In 1921, she returned to Manitoba and married Paul Collins, who farmed the N. W. 1/4 34-3-7, where they lived for twenty years. Paul died in 1947 and her son, Jack Russell, took over the farm.

In 1940, Jack married Laura Compton of the Opawaka district.

Mrs. Collins moved several places, travelled to the coast and to England. Mrs. Collins died in 1985 in Winnipeg, where she had been living for a number of years.

Jack and Laura Russell farmed the N.W. 34-3-7 until Wayne Kostal rented the land for several years before buying it in 1997. The Doug Fijala family live in a mobile home on the yard site.

The winter of 1996-97 Jack and Laura spent the winter in Miami, Manitoba. They had an auction sale June 1997 and moved to the Tabor Units, Morden. Jack still enjoys a round of golf by himself or with senior friends on the Manitou Golf Course.

Dwight Rutherford

Dwight Rutherford was the intern (student) minister in Pembina Parish, (Zion Calvin United Church, Darlingford and St. Paul's United Church, Morden) from January to August 1998. During his time in Pembina Parish, Dwight lived in Darlingford. An internship is a requirement for ordination in the United Church. Dwight's internship had specific learning goals, which were work-

ing with children and pastoral care while gaining experience in rural ministry.

Dwight was born in Winnipeg. He was educated at the University of Winnipeg (Bachelor of Arts, Honours) and the University of Manitoba (M.P.A. jointly with University of Winnipeg). Dwight is a second careerist. Prior to entering seminary, he worked for fourteen and one half years at Public Works and Government Services Canada doing lease acquisition.

Dwight is a candidate for the ministry from McClure United Church in Winnipeg. He is doing his theological studies at Emmanuel College in the University of Toronto.

Dwight left us in the fall of 1998 and returned to Emmanuel College for the 1998-99 academic year. He hopes to be ordained at the 1999 annual meeting of the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario.

Dwight's wife Colleen, an agricultural journalist, lives in Winnipeg with their three long haired dachshunds - Blue, Cornie and Tassie.

William Rutledge

William Rutledge came in 1923 with his family from Ireland and settled on a farm, the E. 1/2 4-1-7, in the Windygates district. A farmer in the old country, William quickly adapted to Canadian agricultural methods and his love of livestock was also a great asset.

In 1929 the family rented the west half of the same section and took over the Windygates Post Office. By this time, the herd of cattle had grown to about fifty head and of these, ten to twelve cows were milked, and cream cheques, although small, grew fairly plentiful. It was at about this time that a small business in gasoline and oils began to build up - handy for those calling for their mail.

By 1938 another change came about when the family moved back to their own farm, added a small store building to the house and stocked a line of groceries and small wares, catering to the local trade. A gasoline pump was added and, with the post office, the yard took on a busy atmosphere.

William's death came in 1944 and by that time he had become a real old Daddy to all and sundry - with his ready Irish wit and kindly outlook. In the house, Mrs. Rutledge set up a pattern of motherhood that was admired by all who knew her. Their daughter Emily, married Jack Blair and lives in Maida.

The family carried on the operation until 1949

when they sold to James Kinnaird. Mrs. Rutledge, Jack and Elizabeth, moved to Winnipeg where they purchased two apartment blocks as a new venture. Their son Jim lives in Winnipeg. Mrs. Rutledge died in 1959.

Dr. Elmer (Al) Rutledge attended Point Douglas and Chicken Hill Schools and worked for W.E. Veals to finance his high school education in Darlingford.

Al served with the Royal Canadian Volunteer Reserve from 1943-1945. He volunteered for overseas duty and served with the first nucleus of the Canadian Fleet Air Arm designed to train crew for Canada's first aircraft carrier. He served in the Atlantic theatre and volunteered for Pacific duty after V.E. Day.

After discharge, he attended Manitoba Institute of Technology in Winnipeg. Here he completed grade eleven. He entered the University of Manitoba in 1946, studying General Agriculture and Animal Nutrition. In 1950 he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and in 1957 received his Ph.D. in Animal Nutrition at the University of Minnesota.

He worked part time for the Winnipeg Electric, washed, bused for one year and drove both trolley and gas buses for two years to finance his education. From 1950-51 he was employed by the federal government of Canada as a Livestock Inspector; 1951-53 he was instructor for Veterans-on-the-farm Training Program at Cavalier, North Dakota; 1953-57 he entered graduate studies at the University of Minnesota and majored in Animal Nutrition; 1957-60 he joined the Ohio State University as Assistant Professor, conducting research on hormones, antibiotics, radio active minerals, etcetera; 1960-65 he served as Director of Technical Sales for International Milling (Robin Hood), from 1965 till his retirement he was Vice President and Director of Nutrition and Research for Pay Way Feed Mills Inc., an independent feed manufacturer, a progressive company that operates six mills in the Midwest and produces livestock and poultry feeds. The headquarters of the company is located in Kansas City, Missouri.

He married Geraldine A. Milner. Geraldine was a graduate of Home Economics (1950) of the University of Manitoba. They have two daughters.

In 1976 Dr. Elmer Rutledge started his own consulting service company where he assisted livestock producers and feed manufacturers in developing diets and preventing and treating livestock diseases.

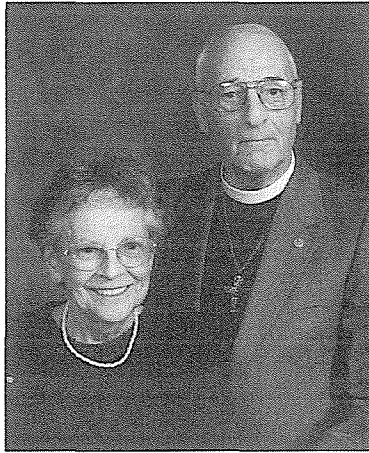
He also served as director of research and nutrition for Swift and Company where he worked with farmers throughout the United States, Canada and South America.

Elmer is now semi-retired in Fort Myers, Florida since 1982 where he resides with his wife Geraldine of forty-seven years. Their daughter Rhonda and husband Michael and two grandchildren live in Los Angeles. Daughter Sharon and husband Drew and grandchild live in Cape Coral, Florida.

Although Elmer and his family have moved many miles from Darlingford, their thoughts and prayers continue to be with family and friends in the home area.

Reverend Trevor Rutley

Reverend Trevor Rutley was born at Ochre River, Manitoba. His family moved to Dauphin where he completed grade ten. For the next number of years he had various jobs, ending with fifteen years with the Department of National Defence, R.C.A.F. at Rivers, Manitoba. In 1944, he married Elsie Ramsden of Sandy Lake, where she had finished her schooling and taken a course in Interior Design.



Rev. Trevor and Elsie Rutley

While at Rivers, Trevor took his grades eleven and twelve by correspondence. After being out of school for fifteen years, he went to United College and graduated in 1965. While at college, Trevor and Elsie worked at the North End Mission in Winnipeg. Then he was a student minister at Rathwell for three years and at Darlingford for two years. Following ordination, in 1964, he was placed by the United Church Settlement Committee at McCreary, Manitoba. In 1968 they returned to the Darlingford Pastoral Charge where they stayed for five years. Elsie was an ardent painter and enthusiastic about crafts of all kinds. They then went to pastoral charges at Flin Flon and Virden where Trevor retired and they now reside. They have two children, Sheryle Trevor Jr. and Jill.

Sheryle Trevor Jr. (1947) was employed as an

accountant at Steinbach, Manitoba and now works for McDairmid Lumber in Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

Jill (1962) went to school in Darlingford, Manitou and Flin Flon. She married Cameron White who works for the Manitoba Telephone System and they live in Rivers, Manitoba. They have two girls, Alycia (1986) and Deanne (1989).

George W. Sandy

George W. Sandy, the eldest son, was born in 1867 at Schribner, Nebraska. After coming to Canada, he married Elizabeth Dudgeon in 1894. She was born in Scotland. They lived on 20-3-6, known as the Sweet farm, for several years. Around 1899 they moved to S.E. 1/4 22-2-7. In the fall of 1927 they retired to Darlingford. They are now deceased. They had five children: Carrie, Lily, Greta, William and Harry.

Carrie married Frank Gould and lived in Carman. They had four children: Lillian (Harold) Russell, Bill, Walter and Fred. Frank died in 1947 and Carrie in 1984.



George and Elizabeth Sandy, Carrie, Greta, Lily, William

Lily Rossington died in 1973 at Morden.

Greta married Clarence Rudd. (See Rudd story.)

William has died.

Harry married Irene Miller and lived in Winnipeg. Harry died in 1974. They had three children: Mavis, Bob and Jack.

Mr. and Mrs. Sandy were interested in all community affairs. He was secretary treasurer of the Lorne School board for a number of years; on the church board of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church while on the farm, and of Calvin United Church while in Darlingford, also on the board of the Darlingford Farmers' Elevator for many years. He was an ardent hunter. In his later years, when he found walking difficult, he would go with the group and sit on a look-out place to spot deer.

William Sandy

William Sandy and his wife came from the United States around 1883, with their family of one daughter and six sons. They settled on section 29-2-6, in the Thornhill district. They were of English parentage. Their daughter, Jennie, married James Lowry of the Elam district. Their sons, Charles, James, Thomas, Jack and Louis, later moved to Saskatchewan.

Fred Sayer

Fred Sayer and family, 1922. War veteran, tin-smith.

Albert Scaife

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Scaife came from England in 1922 and settled on the S.E. 1/4 16-1-7. He worked on the railroad and they had five children. Janet (Ike) Keown went to Saskatchewan, Mrs. Hilda Lee settled at Mather, Chester and George both lost their lives in World War II, Thomas is still living. The parents, now deceased, lived at Mather.

Howard and Frank Scales

Howard and Frank Scales were nephews of Joseph and came from Hanover, Ontario about 1912. They purchased the farm now owned by Joe Holenski, near Highway #31. Howard enlisted in the first war, went overseas in 1916 and paid the supreme sacrifice at Vimy Ridge. Frank went back to Ontario and has since died. Their half brother Robert and his family lived on this farm for some time, moved to La Riviere and then to Winnipeg where he died.

Joseph Scales

Joseph Scales and his wife were both born in Ontario, near Ottawa and they were married in 1890. After coming west they lived in Winnipeg and Manitou for a time, before settling in the Windygates district in 1908 on the W. 1/2 16-1-7 and the N.E. 1/4 17-1-7, formerly owned by Thomas Maloney.

They lived in the original log building until 1912, when they moved all the buildings to a better location on the farm, added more to the house and built a new barn. The telephone came across the river about this time.

Some of the children attended Chicken Hill School and later the new Point Douglas school.

Millie married Norris Hamilton of Manitou in 1910 where they lived until his death in 1941. She then went to La Riviere to help in the Legge Hardware Store and to live with her mother. She died in 1950 in her new home in Manitou. She had three children.

Allie married Bob Johnston of Mowbray and in 1920, they moved to Chilliwack, British Columbia and raised a family of seven. She died in 1956 and her husband in 1958.

Will married Pearl McCabe, a teacher from Nova Scotia, in 1913. They farmed for a time and then moved to Morden where he was engaged in draying. They had six children. Will later moved to La Riviere, where he helped in the Legge Hardware Store while Pearl taught school at Mountain, Archibald and Silver Springs. She died in 1953 and Will lived at the Tabor Home in Morden.

Wes joined the army in World War I, went overseas and returned in 1920. He and Bessie Dudgeon were married and they lived in La Riviere, then moved to Morden where they were the caretakers of the Court House for many years. They had six children. Wes died in 1962 and Bessie resides in Morden.

Emily and Ken Finley were married in 1915. They lived on a farm at Mowbray where they raised a family of seven children. They moved to La Riviere in 1943. They purchased the farm on 8-1-9 east of Snowflake in 1944; where they worked very hard during the summers and lived in their home in La Riviere during the winter months. Their youngest son Ross was their helper. Ken died in 1968 and Emily in 1995.

Beatrice married Ray Hamel in 1922 and after farming for a short time in Windygates and La Riviere, moved to Minneapolis, United States,

where they raised their family of six. Ray died a few years ago.

Roy, who married Nina Kerr, is a mechanic and lives in British Columbia. He has two children.

Dorothy (niece of Joseph Scales) married Terence Edge of Ontario, moved to British Columbia and finally to Calgary.

Cecil moved to the United States. He joined the Colonial Kolonite Co. Plastic Fabrications and at the time of his death in 1970, was a partner in the firm. His wife Mae was a Chicago girl.

Joseph Scales and his wife put in many years of hard work raising their family, as farming had its ups and downs. He died in 1920, the farm was sold and Mrs. Scales moved to La Riviere where she married George Legge. She died in 1949. Mr. Legge died in 1942.

The family and their spouses of Joseph and Lydia are deceased. A number of tenants lived on this farm during the late 1920's, among them was Wes Scales family. Dances were held then in this home, as they were in several homes of the area.

Charlie Scammell

Charlie Scammell served in World War I in the machine gun corp and was a prisoner of war for ten months. Upon his discharge, he came to Canada with his brother, Ted, and worked for Alex Alsop and Jack Moore for a time. In 1922, he started work on the C.P.R. section with John Carswell, as foreman. He became foreman at Austin and moved to Mowbray, and later to Douglas, where he remained until he retired. In 1932, he married Gladys Duncan at Austin. They have a daughter, Shirley, who is married to Tom Wells, and a son, Roy, at Prince George. Mr. and Mrs. Scammell enjoyed travelling and made trips to England and Skagway, Alaska. Charlie died in September 1971.

Ted Scammell

Ted Scammell (1889-1953) with his sisters, Florence and Constance, and his brothers Bill and Charles, were born and grew up at Montecute, Somerset County, Wales. Edwin (Ted) first came to the Darlingford district in 1911 and worked for farmers in the area. He made several trips back home and in 1920, married Ada Marshall (1898-1978) of Leicester. They came to Canada and settled in Darlingford where he opened a harness and shoe repair shop. Later, he took over the agencies for Rumley and Allis Chalmers Farm Implements, which he continued to sell until his retirement. He



Ted Scammell

had a Rumley threshing outfit and later a Minneapolis tractor and a Red River separator outfit with which he did custom threshing for farmers for many years. In 1946, he purchased the S.W. 1/4 17-3-7 on the north side of Darlingford, where he remained until he died in 1953. He was keenly interested in community affairs. Mrs. Scammell was a fine seamstress and made many wedding dresses for local brides. She died in 1978. They had four children:

Dorothy married Ken Clark and they lived at Swan River. Ken has since died and Dorothy still resides there. They had two children, George and Mary Ellen.

Beatrice married John Coats of Darlingford and they live in Winnipeg. They had three children, Trudy, Murray and Terry.

Sydney continued to farm the home farm with his mother until 1961 when it was sold to Graham McKennitt. Syd married Eileen South and they purchased the Ross Kendall house at 40 Pembina Street. Eileen worked for the Manitoba Telephone System here until the office closed in 1971. Syd worked for Beaver Lumber in Morden and was working for the Imperial Oil Bulk Station in Manitou when he retired.

Ronald married Frances Shashoski of Gilbert Plains and they live in Winnipeg. They had three children: Ronald Jr., Gail and Shelley.

Charlie Scheibe

Charlie Scheibe, a remittance man from England. He wasn't able to do heavy work so his family supported him as long as he lived.

Gustav Schindel

Gustav Schindel was born in 1880 in Valina, Poland and his wife Holdena in 1883. They were married in Valina, Poland on January 29, 1903 and

came to Canada that same winter by boat. It took them five weeks to make the trip arriving in Winnipeg with 50¢ between them. They settled in the Steinbach area where they lived for three years. They moved from there to the 1-6 district and lived on S.W. 13, just southeast of Brown Store and then to the N.E. 32-1-6. From there they moved to S.E. 24-1-7 and in 1932 they moved to the Windygates district, 21-1-7 where they lived till the fall of 1942 when they had a sale and moved to Morden. They bought another farm south of Morden but never farmed it - it was rented out.

Into this union were born 15 children, three died in infancy:

Adolf (1903) married Hertha Swartz and they had two children, Ron of Fort Francis with two children and Caroline. Adolf died in 1943. Hertha then married Bob Beulow and they had three children.

Roy (1905) married Dorothy Cowan and they had four children. Connie of British Columbia, Butch and Larry both are married with children and live in Alberta. Ken lives in Winnipeg and has two boys. Roy died August 28, 1994.

Lydia (1907) married Marno Gertz and they had four children. Ken and wife Lucy and family live in Vancouver. Audrey and Joyce lives in Winnipeg and Dianne lives at East Grand Forks, Minnesota. They have all married and have families. Marno and Audrey's husband Bert were killed in a plane crash in June 1966 while on a business trip to British Columbia. Joyce's husband died suddenly in 1975. Ken died in 1995, his wife and family still live in British Columbia. Lydia died suddenly July 9, 1991.

Walter (1911) married Marjorie Dressler and they have one son Jim. He is married, has two girls and lives in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Walter died in 1975 in St. Catharines, Ontario.

Albert (1914) married Myra Cowan and their children Murray, Dwight and Blake have all married and have families. Albert died December 29, 1981.

Freida (1916) married Louie Roth and they had two children Shirley and Arthur. Louie has died while the rest of the family reside in British Columbia.

Ewalt and Bernard (1918). Ben married Liz Rinn (Sepke) and lived in Salmon Arm, British Columbia at that time. They had no children. In 1982 Ben moved to Morden where he resided until he died on November 17, 1987. Ewalt lived in British

Columbia until he died on August 28, 1975. He wasn't married.

Frederick (1919) married Florence Dick and they live in St. Catharines, Ontario. They have three children: Marlin, Brenda and Bonnie. Florence died in 1997.

Edward (1921) married Eileen Cowan. They farmed in Windygates district until 1973 when they sold the farm and moved to Morden. They have two children. Joan who is married, has three children, Josie, Doug and Kim. Joan and husband Tony Mikolasek live on acreage west of Miami, Manitoba. Josie married Richard Stewart, they have two children, Sheralee and Colton, and they farm in Morden and Miami area. Doug married Crystal Danielson, they have three children, Ryan, Kyle and Brittany and they live in Miami, Manitoba where Doug is employed with Agricore (formerly Manitoba Pool Elevators). Kim died November 3, 1987, at the age of twenty-two, in Saskatchewan where he was employed. Kim was never married. Richard married Carol Derksen and they live in St. Adolph, Manitoba. They have no children. Edward died September 26, 1991, and in 1991 Eileen sold the house in Morden moved into Legion House Apartments where she now resides.

Claire (1923) married and had four children: Marilyn, Sandra, Robert and Terry. Claire presently resides in Windsor, Ontario.

Harold (1926) is married and lives in British Columbia. They have three children: Sheila, Brian and Robert.

Gus Schindel died on May 27, 1971 at the age of ninety and Holdena died on August 28, 1973 also at the age of ninety. Both are buried in the Hillside Cemetery in Morden.

Isaac Schmidt

Isaac "Ike" Schmidt came to Darlingford in 1972 and went into partnership with his older brother, John. They constructed a new service garage building at 5 Dufferin Street, called Valley Esso Service. Ike married Barb Marsh of Winnipeg in 1970. They lived at 20 Law Street when they moved to a new home at 9 Law Street in 1978. They had one daughter, Sheryl, born in 1970. Sheryl received her degree in business administration and now works for an accounting firm in Winkler. Ike and Barb were divorced in 1990.

Ike's brother John sold him his share of the garage partnership in 1994. The business was taken over by Ike and "Butch" Danielle (Johnston) Scott

and the name changed to Valley S&S Service. They lived at 17 Pembina Street, but have since remodelled and live in the Doug Law house at the south end of Dufferin Street, on the road south out of town.

John Schmidt

John Schmidt came to Darlingford in 1965 and worked for W.E. Veals. He married Mavis Hunt of Darlingford in 1966. Mavis was a twin sister of Marie and they were both daughters of Howard "Bill" and Ruth Hunt. John and Mavis purchased the Shields house, 36 Dufferin Street, and still reside there.

John worked at the Texaco garage in Morden and then Western Builders of Manitou for one summer, where he broke his leg.

In 1972 John went into partnership with his younger brother "Ike". They constructed a new service garage building at 5 Dufferin Street, called Valley Esso Service. John sold his interest in the business to his partner Ike in 1994.

John and Mavis had two daughters. Debbie (1968) married Mark Devloo of Somerset in 1985 and they had three children: Natia (1986), Jovita (January 1990) and Tyler (December 1990). They were divorced in 1992. Debbie lives in Morden and works at a bank in Winkler. Brenda (1973) works for Appelts Jewellery in Morden. She married Steve Klein from Morden in 1998 and he works for 3M.

Roy Schneider

Roy Schneider, with his wife, Donna, came to the Darlingford pastoral charge as a student minister in 1950, for two years. They had been associated with the mission of Robertson House and church in Winnipeg so missionary work was his long range objective. After being ordained, they volunteered for mission service in Japan. They had planned to stay there for five years but returned at the end of two years, for health reasons. Their two sons, Paul and Dean, accompanied them to Japan. Paul learned a different language at school than his parents did in their study. The local food was more than they bargained for and imported food was too expensive. However, they felt the experience to have been of great value to them. Upon their return, they accepted local charges in Killarney and Roland. In 1968, the Schneiders took over a Presbyterian church in a Detroit Negro community and found their work very challenging. In May 1971, they accepted a call from a church in Chicago. They had a cabin at

Killarney Lake and called at Darlingford when going by. They had four children.

Paul took teacher training, and taught in Arborg, Manitoba and in 1998 he is now working in Toronto.

Dean attended university and also took teacher training. He and his wife Kate and two adopted children live in Courtenay, British Columbia. Dean keeps in touch with Mel Cassels.

Wayne who never married, lives in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Glenn and his wife Nancy have four children: Glen Jr., Kelly, Mary and Sarah live in Chicago, Illinois.

Roy and Donna were divorced in the early 1970's. Donna moved to Calgary where her brother was living and did secretarial work. In 1980 Donna married Mel Cassels, Manitou. She died of cancer in 1990. Roy and his wife Barbara live in California (1998).

Dale Schultz

Dale Schultz came to Darlingford in 1988 from Morden and lives at 10 Dufferin Street. He worked for the Morden Experimental Farm and retired in 1992.

He married Shirley (Dickey) Morris in 1981. Shirley had three children by a previous marriage. Guy Morris (1956-1976) died in an automobile accident. Tammy Morris (1958) married Gordon Parker of Roland, where he works for Manitoba Hydro. They have two children: Dustin and Stacey. Kelvin Morris (1960) lives in the Pembina Valley south of Darlingford, N.E. 33-1-7.

Emil Schultz

Emil Schultz was born in Prussia in 1897, where the climate was quite moderate. He came to Canada in 1909 and lived in the Brown district, south of Morden. In 1920 he married Edith Titchkosky. They farmed in the Morden and Thornhill communities until 1926 when they moved to the N.W. 1/4 36-2-8, southwest of Darlingford. They lived here until Emil died in 1958 and Edith died in 1962. Emil drove a school van for the Darlingford school board for a few years. In 1930 he had a threshing outfit and did custom threshing for a number of farmers in the district.

Mr. and Mrs. Schultz had eleven children: Florence, Elenor, Arthur, Ronald, Adeline, Allan, Norman, Eileen, Shirley, Raymond and Connie.

Florence and Roy McCaffrey live in Winnipeg.

They have three children, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Elenor Miller resides in Victoria, British Columbia. She has four children and six grandchildren.

Arthur and Lucille live in Penticton, British Columbia, and he has one son.

Ronald and Frances (Ching) live in Winnipeg. They have two sons, however one son is deceased. They have four grandchildren.

Adeline and Arnold Newell live in Neepawa. They have one son and one granddaughter.

Allan and Bernice (Lechner) farm in the Manitou district. Their son, Lorne farms with them and their other son, Glenn lives in Winnipeg and works for Canada Customs. Daughter, Diana obtained her Bs. Nursing in May 1997 and lives in Brandon with her two daughters from a previous marriage.

Norman and Delores live in Abbotsford, British Columbia. He has two children and two grandsons.

Eileen and Russ Newton live in Neepawa. They have three children.

Shirley and Hughie Rieve live in Ste. Theresa, Quebec. They had a family of five, however one daughter died shortly after birth. They have eight grandchildren.

Raymond and Debbie live in Winnipeg and have two sons.

Connie Ennis lives in Calgary. She had a family of three, however lost one son in a traffic accident. Connie has one grandchild.

Leo, a brother of Emil's died and his widow lives in Richmond, British Columbia.

Of the large family of Emil and Edith, the only one remaining near Darlingford is Allan. They purchased the N.E. 1/4 2-3-8 and lived there and farmed the S.W. 1/4 36-2-8 until 1966, when they purchased the N. 1/2 3-3-8 and moved to this farm to live.

Al Scott

Al Scott was in the American army in 1914-18 and on his return, married Norma Schelp of Maida. They lived on the Braedner farm, the N.W. 1/4 6-1-7 for a time and then they moved to Maida and opened a beer parlour. He died after a few years and Norma continued in business until she married Charlie Coyle. Norma died in 1970 leaving a daughter Agnes, in Langdon, North Dakota.

Jim Scott

Jim and Loni Scott and family moved to S.W. 12-2-7W (the former Beer place) in July 1990. Their family includes Jeff (1973), Marc (1976), Timothy (1991) and Lauren (1993). Jim works in Morden for Manitoba Hydro as a District Cableman and Loni works for Manitoba Agriculture as an Agriculture Conservation Specialist.

Jeff is a snow boarding and mountain biking enthusiast and lives in Morden working at 3M. Marc married Tammy Miller in 1997 and the couple resides in Pickle Lake, Ontario where Marc works at an airport and Tammy is teaching. Marc spends his spare time hunting and fishing.

When we moved from Ile des Chenes we were happy to find an acreage where we could keep our horses. Jim's hobby is horses. He recently was involved in driving his team of four Percheron along the Boundary Commission Trail from Emerson, Manitoba to Fort McLeod, Alberta. We also have some riding horses and enjoy trail riding and sleighing as a family. Timothy and Lauren attend Minnewasta school in Morden and are involved with skating, soccer, baseball and piano lessons. We've really appreciated the way the community has welcomed us.

Sam Scott

In the spring of 1877, Ferris Boulton, Martin Nichol and S.A. Bedford, who had come from Emerson, joined up with Sam Scott at Nelson Bedford's homestead. They proceeded to search for a homestead in the vicinity and chose sections 33 and 34 of 2-7. They went to Emerson, on May 15, to file their homestead claims and Sam Scott took the west half of 33-2-7.

The Scotts built a large brick house in the early 1900's. This house stood until 1945, when it was torn down and the bricks were used for a fire wall in a new addition to Jordan's Store.

Sam Scott's son, Robert A. Scott was a partner with Ferris Boulton, Albert Lawson and G.W. Ulyyott in Darlingford's first grain elevator in 1899.

Robert married Willment Ching in 1903. They had three children: Douglas, Jessie who married Irvin Hunt and Stuart.

In the early 1920's, Sam Scott got a seat on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange and moved to Winnipeg.

Robert and his brother J.J. farmed together and were in real estate. They later moved to Winnipeg.

The Scott farm was rented for a number of years. It was sold in 1926 to Albert Lawson.

Selby

Mr. Selby farmed W. 1/2 32-2-7, Miss Bert Stevens' farm.

Frederick Selwyn

Frederick Selwyn was born in Australia in 1861. He came to this country in 1891 and married Eleanor Higgin. Fred died in 1910 and his wife died in California in 1929. They had three children: Mae, Dorothy and Alfred, and at the time of their father's death, the girls were both in Buenos Aires.

Cecil, Percy, Charles and Mabel were Fred's brothers and sister. Fred lived where Gordon Grettum lived, and Cecil at the top of the hill overlooking the Pembina Valley, just north of the R. Nield farm. His home was known as "The Castle", for among other outstanding features of the day, it boasted a "sky light". This house was destroyed by fire.

Cecil was a poet of some renown, penning many fine poems, one of which is printed here. He also had books and novels published. The blizzard took place April 8, 1893, and the parties concerned were Mrs. William Keown and her son Thomas.

The Blizzard

April 8, 1893

A pretty place - the prairie? Well, yes - perhaps it is
When its flowers bright are blooming - roses and lilies;
When in flowered meadows knee deep the cattle browse;
As merrily sings the milkmaid driving home her cows;
When dancing oats and barley are waving in the wind;
And needles of speargrass to our woolen sox are pinned.
Or when the wheat is harvested and standing in shock;
And the geese from northern regions again begin to flock.
But when the blizzard rages and drives the stinging sleet;
And the sad belated wayfarer has numb and frozen feet.
Ah! Then it's a different story! A cruel cruel place.
I'll tell you now what happened in a bygone year of grace.
Twas in April, spring was near; we thought the winter past,
Shadows of north bound wild geese on drifts were cast.
Mongst us dwelt a weary woman, with a family of seven;
All through her dreary life toil was the bitter leaven.
And she'd been to market to buy some summer stores;
Early in the afternoon she left the merchants' doors,
Turned the mules heads homewards, she and her eldest son.
Ne'er thinking as she left that her work on earth was done.
The wind came puffing fitfully out of the grey south-west,
Where lay a bank of cloudless looking soft as foamy yeast.
But the snowbirds were fluttering along the winding road,
As though to warn the mules to hurry with their load.
And snowflake falling as white as wings of doves
That in the pigeon house are cooing to their loves.
The sinking sun glared red like a tigers eye;

And weirdly, from the ravine, came the wildcats cry.
The crows upon the oak croaked a warning call,
As along the Vale of Pembina the night began to fall.
The blizzard came screaming as nor-west blizzards can;
While down to sheltering willows the jack-rabbit ran.
Louder roars the wind and thicker comes the drift;
The mules disheartened, their load but slowly shift.
And still the storm rages, while thicker falls the snow;
So at last bewildered stand, no further will they go.
So the travellers now wander forth on foot,
Trusting they may find a house, in darkness black as soot.
But then they got divided - the youth, he struggles on,
While the weary tired woman sinks the hard ground upon.
And death's white angel came to her, in the stinging sleet,
Where frozen sod her bier, and snow her winding sheet.
They found her on the morrow dead, in the sunlight fair,
Cold in the morning, lying, a snowdrift in her hair.
Her willing arms were frozen still, her face a mask of ice;
But her soul had gone where is no more snow,
To the realm of Paradise.

- Cecil Selwyn

Roy Seymour

Roy Seymour's grandparents, the Eli Seymours, came from Ontario to Manitou, in 1893, with their eldest son, Lawrence. Six more children were born in the west. Lawrence, a C.P.R. section man and later a farmer, married Ellen Crane, whose family were also early settlers. Their family were Elden, Roy, Russell, Myrtle (Pederson), Gladys (Ralph Scharf).

Roy Seymour (1914) was born and raised in the district of Manitou. His parents were Lawrence and Ellen Seymour. Roy was active in 4-H and attended Manitou school. In 1941 he married Beatrice Collins (1917) of Darlingford district. They lived in Winnipeg and Roy worked at the Cordite Plant in Transcona. In June 1942 he joined the armed forces with the fifth division anti-aircraft. While Roy was with the army Beatrice lived with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Morley Collins. Their son Larry was born in December 1942. Roy arrived home in December 1945.

On March 6, 1946 Roy and Beatrice bought E. 1/2 24-3-7 in Orangehill district. They farmed until 1979. Their son Murray and wife Susan rented it for two years and in 1981 they decided to purchase the farm. Roy and Bea spent eight winters at McAllen, Texas. In 1987, they moved into the Legion House in Morden, where they still reside. Roy and Beatrice have three sons: Larry, Ronald and Murray. Pernon (deceased) in infancy. They all attended school in Thornhill and were active in 4-H. Curling was a favourite sport with them all.



Murray and Susan Seymour, Lee, Sherry, Bea and Roy Seymour

In the spring of 1964, Larry Seymour of Thornhill bought the William Jones farm N.E. 23-3-8 in Middleton and married Marie Hunt of Darlingford. They have three boys: Darren, Dale and Dwight. Larry grain farms and has cattle. He also raised pigs until 1990. Marie worked at several part-time jobs besides helping on the farm and in 1988 took training and started working at Bethel Hospital in Winkler as a nurses' aide.

Darren bought the Pedersen farm yard on S.W. 24-3-8W in 1984 and married Liz Nichol of Darlingford, November 7, 1987. Darren earned his journeyman electrician while working for Robbin's Electric of Darlingford for ten years. He gave that job up to give farming more attention as he farms a number of acres besides doing custom seeding, swathing and combining. In 1996, Darren and Liz started a hot tub business and opened Seyhunt Spas and Saunas in Manitou, July 1997, selling hot tubs, saunas and a variety of related products. Darren and Liz both belong to different community organizations and keep busy with sports and their businesses.

Dale graduated from Nellie McClung Collegiate in 1984 and then attended Assiniboine Community College in Brandon for two years where he earned his heavy duty mechanic licence and played hockey with ACC Cougars. On July 20, 1991, Dale married Angela Andrews. They lived in a mobile home on the Andrews' farm near Kaleida until 1998 when they bought the farm site from Lyle and Joyce Andrews. On August 28, 1992, Angela gave birth to Christopher and Brendon. Brendon was stillborn. Brett was born September 4, 1994 and Kaitlyn on

April 19, 1997. Dale worked as a mechanic at ARK New-Tech in Manitou and at Greenvalley Equipment in Morden as well as renting land and farming until 1998 when he started his own business doing custom trenching, shaling, air conditioning, mechanic, combining and continuing to farm. Angela is a teacher and has taught at Clearwater Elementary, Manitou Elementary and is presently at Nellie McClung Collegiate in Manitou. Dale played baseball with Kaleida K's and Pembina Valley Orioles (Junior Team) and played hockey with Morden Redskins for several years and was picked up by

St. Boniface to play for the Allen Cup in 1988. The Seymour family enjoys most outdoor sports.

Dwight went to Fargo, North Dakota in 1994 where he trained to be a paramedic. After working for Fargo Ambulance for six months he returned to Manitoba to be the ambulance coordinator for Morden area. He married Trish Murdy from The Pas, on July 27, 1996. Trish took training to be a nurses' assistant and worked at Morden hospital until September 1998 when Dwight accepted a job as Emergency Medical Services Manager for the Interlake Region. They are planning to live in Stonewall. They have a daughter, Jenna (February 5, 1997) and are expecting their second child in April 1999.

Ron married Marilyn Johnson of Manitou in 1970. He took a Chartered General Accountant course with Red River Community College. Ron started his apprenticeship with Ernie Krahn's accounting firm in Morden. In a couple of years time Ron and Marilyn moved to Stonewall. He took a partnership with Eoancic Perrault Robertson accounting firm. While there he got his certificate for a Chartered General Accountant. He also received a Fellowship award FCGA from Ottawa.

They have two daughters, Tanya and Leah and a son Andrew. In 1995 Ron, Marilyn and Andrew moved to Maple Ridge, British Columbia where his is a partner in the same firm. Tanya married Benji Fehr of Stonewall. They have a son Justin. She is an X-ray technician. Leah has a career in child care and lives in Winnipeg. Andrew lives and works in Maple Ridge, British Columbia.

Murray Seymour is the youngest son of Roy and

Bea Seymour. He was born in Morden and raised on the family farm on the S.E. 1/4 24-3-7W. He attended Thornhill and Morden schools and graduated from Red River Community College in 1972 as a licensed auto mechanic. He worked in Morden, Manitou, and Winnipeg as a mechanic as well as the pipeline in Alberta.

Murray married Susan MacDonald of Manitou on July 6, 1974. They lived and worked in Winnipeg until July 1977. In August 1977 Murray and Susan moved to the family farm. Murray continued to work as a licensed mechanic at Manitou Dodge and helped his parents on the farm. In 1981, Murray purchased the family farm and became a full-time grain and cattle farmer. Murray and Susan have two children, Derek Lee Seymour (March 30, 1978) and Sherry Lynn Seymour (April 29, 1980).

In 1995 Murray was elected as a Municipal Councillor for the Rural Municipality of Pembina representing Ward Six which he still holds. He is also active as Finance Chairman for Zion Calvin United Church and Treasurer for the Darlingford Centennial Committee. Murray also organized the purchase and move of the present Darlingford Curling Rink in 1985, from Manibridge in Northern Manitoba to its present location in the Darlingford school grounds. He has been President, Vice-President and is currently the ice maker. In May of 1984, Susan began a term position in Morden with the MSTW Planning District. In August of 1984, she commenced employment with the Rural Municipality of Stanley in Morden and is presently employed there. In April of 1998 Susan graduated from the University of Manitoba, Continuing Education Division with a Manitoba Municipal Administrator's Certificate.

Lee and Sherry were both educated in Manitou. Lee graduated from Nellie McClung Collegiate in June 1996 and is attending the University of Manitoba, faculty of education. Sherry graduated from Nellie McClung Collegiate in June of 1998 and is attending the University of Manitoba, faculty of arts. Both children attended nursery school and Sunday School in Darlingford as well as Darlingford Junior Choir and took piano lessons from Betty Bond. They love music, singing and playing guitar and took part in the Festival, many operetta's and Central Manitoba Youth Choir. Sherry was also active in Manitou's Manitoba Theatre City Troupe and took part in several productions. In August of 1998 Sherry was also a contestant in the Morden Corn and Apple Festival

Queen Pageant and won the talent portion of the competition by singing and playing her guitar. Sherry also formed a local Darlingford band with Angela Fidler, Robbie Neufeld and Marcie Maxwell.

Bill Shanks

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shanks lived on the S.E. 1/4 2-1-7 about 1940. They moved back to the west of Jordan Siding, near Carman, with their three children.

Joseph Shaventoski

Joseph Shaventoski and his wife, Mary, lived in Poland and as there were rumours of war at that time they decided to come to Canada. Joseph came in 1912 to find a place to live. Mary and their daughter Clara came the following year. They settled at Thornhill, where their sons, Mike, Nick and Peter were born. Joseph died in 1930 and Mike and his mother moved to Darlingford in 1935. Mrs. Shaventoski died in 1965 at Komarno.

In 1941, Mike married Nettie Winters. They had four daughters.

Helen, married Gordon Peters, a Pentecostal minister, from Homewood. They have two children, Lynn and Paul.

Ann married Gerry Zah from Esterhazy, Saskatchewan. They reside in Spiritwood, Saskatchewan.

Linda married Michael McGregor from Manitou. They have two children, Colin eleven years and Nolan six years. They live in Morden, Manitoba.

Lois married Bill Hunter from Manitou. They have one daughter, Amanda age twelve. Canmore, Alberta is their home town.

Mike moved to Morden in September 1990 after the death of his wife Nettie on June 2, 1990.

William Shields

William Shields (1863-1961) was born at Marathon, Ontario. He married Sarah Eckford (1868-1904) of Cobden, Ontario in 1896. The next year they came west to Hartney, Manitoba where they stayed one year before moving to Darlingford in 1898, where he became engaged in the blacksmith business. During the years, Mr. Shields lost three blacksmith's shops to fire. He finally settled in the shop, south of the railway crossing and on the east side of the road into town. He sold this shop to



Wm. and Anne Shields

Harold McCulloch in 1934 and retired.

His wife Mrs. Sarah Shields died in 1904, leaving a six year old son, Beattie (1898-1983). Beattie was raised by an aunt in Ontario and came back to live with his father in Darlingford, when he was about fourteen years old.

Beattie and his father William both enlisted in World War I. Beattie went overseas, but his father had the misfortune to lose an eye while training in Canada. William was an ardent hunter, having various mounted game animal heads to show. His was the second house built in Darlingford at 25 Pembina Street and it is still standing.

Beattie returned from the war and went farming at Pleasantdale, Saskatchewan. He married and farmed from 1923 to 1965. He became quite involved in the community, being a banker, teacher, justice of the peace and secretary-treasurer of a number of community organizations. His wife Cleo died in 1995. They had four sons: Douglas, Donald, Marvin and William.

In 1921, William Shields married Mrs. Anne



Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shields, Mrs. James Phipps, Beth and Haig Law

Gibbons (1867-1964) who came from Guildford, England in 1919 with her four children. Her husband had died in 1911 and they had two sons and three daughters.

"Willie" Gibbons (1896-1918), the eldest son was in the Royal Flying Corps in World War I and he died of influenza, when he came home to England after the war.

Winifred Gibbons (1898-1987), the eldest daughter, married Joe Land and lived in Winnipeg where he was noted for his golfing ability. They had one daughter, Fay, who lives in Wales, United Kingdom.

Leonard Gibbons (1900-1989) was in the Royal Navy in World War I in England and in the Canadian army in World War II. After the second world war he lived in Vancouver, British Columbia with his wife Sadie, where he was a lighthouse inspector along the British Columbia coast. He had Gibbon's Point named after him for his lighthouse service. When he died, he was cremated and his ashes were scattered from this point. They had one son, Bill, who is deceased as is Sadie.

Beatrice Gibbons (1903-1989), married Robert Robbins and they lived in Winnipeg, where he was employed by Hydro. They had three children: Ralph, Ruth and Joan.

Nora Gibbons (1909) went to school at Darlingford and Normal School in Manitou. She was teaching at Oakville, Manitoba, when she married Howard Christie, a storekeeper from there. They had two daughters: Linda (1934) and Nan (1936). Howard Christie died in 1946 and Nora and her two daughters moved back to Darlingford. In 1948, she married Leslie Hunt (1905-1993). Les farmed until 1965, when he retired and Nora taught piano and started a Kindergarten that operated for a

few years before the Darlingford school closed. Leslie Hunt died in 1993 and Nora resides at the Tabor Home Apartments in Morden. They had one son, Robert "Bob" (1952). Bob went to school in Darlingford and Manitou and in 1975, married Ann Funk of Altona. They live in Darlingford at 26 Pembina Street. Bob is a building contractor and Ann works at the Tabor Home in Morden. They have two children: Monica (1977) and Gareth (1979).

Mr. and Mrs. Shields enjoyed good health until 1960 when they moved to the Tabor Home at Morden. He suffered a stroke the next year and died at the age of ninety-eight. Mrs. Shields lived to be ninety-six. Mrs. Shields was an ardent curler and threw her last curling rock when eighty-five years of age. She died in 1964.

Anton Shiskoski

Anton (Tony) Shiskoski was born at Wolyn, Poland, the second eldest son of Regineusz and Josephine (Szyzkowsky) Shiskoski. Tony worked on the estate of Lord Radziwill. In 1921 he married Frances Shareski and in 1926 decided to follow Frances' parents to Canada to make a better living. They lived in the Opawaka, Miami districts, 24-1-7 and 16-1-7, before retiring to Morden in 1959. They had seven children: Joe, Jean, Isabell (all born in Poland), Nellie, Mary, Ella and Bob. Tony and Frances celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1971 with all the family attending. Frances died in 1990. Tony died in 1993.

Joe married Evelyn Guderian and lived on the W. 1/2 16-1-7. They moved to Morden in 1977. They have five children: Sharon, Victor, Marvin, Glenn and Connie. Sharon married Ted Lehn and lives at Dundurn, Saskatchewan. They have four children: Paul, Brenda, Johnathon and Ira. Ira died in 1992. Victor lived at Portage and died in 1988. Marvin married Sonya Unger and lives on W. 1/2 16-1-7 (home farm). They have two children: Josh and Desirae. Glenn married Betty Borne and lives in Manitou. They have two children: Travis and Stacey. Connie and Paul live in Morden. They have four children: Lindsay, Sheye, Camari and Skylar.

Jean married Joe Hynek and lives in Toronto. They have three children.

Isabell married Carl Nemez and lives in Winnipeg. They have three children.

Nellie married Vena Hynek and lives in Toronto. They have four children.

Mary married Wes Rasmussen and lives in Port

Moody, British Columbia. They have four children.

Ella married George Martens and lives in Morden. They have three children.

Bob died tragically in 1958.

Fred Simmons

Fred Simmons was born in 1879 and came from Lingfield, England in 1906, first settling in Bethel. He enlisted in the first world war and on his return took over the S.E. 1/2 16-1-7 in the Windygates district.

Fred married Annie Kennard, an English war bride in 1917. He was the caretaker of the Morden Post Office until 1946 when he retired. They lived at Lac du Bonnet until 1961, when their daughter Ruth at Salmon Arm, British Columbia took them into her home. Mrs. Simmons died in 1967 and Mr. Simmons, lived with his daughter until his death.

Their four children all served in the Canadian Armed Forces during the second world war.

Dennis is retired and lives in Winnipeg; Fred is a merchant and lives at Mafeking; Jack, an air traffic controller with D.O.T. lives in Saskatoon and Ruth operates a store with her husband, Crosby Cole, at Salmon Arm, British Columbia.

Simpson

Mr. Simpson had three girls and two boys and lived on section 1-1-7. He came from the Morden district and died at Windygates. An uncle also stayed with the family and they all moved to Tompkins, Saskatchewan about 1910.

Angus Sinclair

Angus Sinclair and his wife, the former Rachel Wilson, both of Keppell Township, in Ontario, were married on April 11, 1895. They farmed in Ontario until the spring of 1904 then moved to Manitoba and settled at Windygates, where Rachel's parents were living. Their three children, Eldon, Meta and Milton received their education at Point Douglas school. Angus and Rachel were faithful members of the church. In the early days most of the ministers were students who only came for the summer months. When there was no church service at Point Douglas, the family drove across the border to the United States, a six mile trip the children enjoyed thoroughly.

Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair were noted for their hospitality and interest in all community affairs. He was school trustee for a number of years and she was a member of the Ladies Aid.

Mr. Sinclair died on September 29, 1926 and the family continued farming until Milton and his mother decided to move to Redditt, Ontario. She died in May 1956, after a lengthy illness.

Eldon was married to Ella Surau in 1924 and they lived on the Bob Johnston farm. He joined the air force during the second world war and on his return married his present wife Irene, and they lived in Winnipeg

Meta married Willie McCulloch at Somerset in September 1934, and has three children. Mae, a teacher, married James McNair. Elvira took a business course and married John Carlisle. Alvin helped his mother on the farm for a while after his father died in January 1962. They gave up farming and Alvin worked in the Toronto Dominion Bank, then went teaching. Meta later married Goldwin McCulloch from Ontario and they lived in Souris. After Goldwin's death, Meta continued to make her home in Souris. She often visited in the Somerset and Manitou area as well as with her daughter, Mae and husband Jim McNair at Graysville. Meta celebrated her ninety-second birthday November 20, 1998.

Milton who married Ruth Longfee of Dauphin has three children, Kathleen, Angus and Alvin. He has been a member of the Kenora Post Office staff for a number of years.

Mrs. Sinclair's nephew, Vernon Johnston, whose mother died when he was quite young. lived with them for three years while his father was at the war.

Meta reminisces and wonders what our generation would do if they were to live in their parents' day with no electricity, few conveniences and all the field work done with horses. Imagine getting up at 4:30 or 5 a.m. to milk cows by hand (and some wives helped to milk). A six horse outfit had to be fed, harnessed and ready for the field by seven. When harrowing, the farmer walked behind the harrows all day. When seeding, he stood on a platform on the seeder all day and the grain had to be bagged and put in the wagon before they went to the field. The men would have an hour and a half for noon but there was not much time to rest, as the horses would have to be fed and watered and there always seemed to be a few other chores to be done.

Harvest time was a busy time for everyone. The crop, cut by a binder, had to be stooked, and threshed when it was dry. The neighbours worked together for threshing. One or two would own a steam engine and separator and it took from ten to eighteen men to run the outfit.

Now, girls, how would you go about cooking for that many men for three days, or a week, depending on the weather? Breakfast was generally a hot meal of fried potatoes, eggs, bread and some kind of fruit, or syrup, and coffee. There would be lunch of sandwiches and coffee in the forenoon, unless dinner was at eleven and a lunch again in the afternoon of sandwiches and what else you wished to take out to the field. Supper was served whenever they quit threshing for the day, be it 7:30 or 10 o'clock. Sometimes they worked in shifts so they could keep the outfit going steady and the women would help one another where ever they were threshing. It was always hoped to get all the grain into the granaries before the snow would come. The grain was drawn to the elevators in the slack time, either by wagons or sleighs, often as far as eleven miles.

There were the good times as well for there seemed to be more visiting and there were also the social evenings. Those who had a large enough home would move the furniture back to make room for dancing. Among some of these hospitable people were Mr. and Mrs. T.M. Keown, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fairbairn, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gellatly, and others. The musicians were mostly volunteers, with someone on the organ and one or two playing violins. We would drive as far as six or eight miles with a team or a horse and cutter.

There were a few picture shows in the Maida theatre and a group of eight families met once a week for a card party, taking turns gathering up a family or two in their sleigh. Sometimes when we were really packed in, the sleigh would cut off and over we would go! There would be a real scramble to get out from under the chairs, robes and card tables and back in the sleigh again, but that was all part of the night's outing!

In the summer there used to be picnics and ball games in most districts and there was always a very enjoyable time around the supper table laden with food.

Now a days we don't hear of many community picnics, everyone jumps in the cars and goes miles and miles for a drive.

Thomas Slute

Thomas Slute came from Ontario in 1889, to the Calf Mountain district, and worked on the farms of Jim Hill and Martin Nichol for a couple of years before purchasing the W. 1/2 27-2-7. His sister, Mary kept house for him for six years before her marriage to James Rice. In 1897, Thomas married

Mary Ann (Minnie) Frank and continued to improve their land until 1928, when they retired to 13 Dufferin Street, Darlingford. They had six children: William, Len, Claire, Walter, Ida and Stella. Thomas died in 1935. Mary Ann died in 1956.

William married Opal Bedford, they farmed across the road from her parent's farm. In 1962 they sold their land to the Pembina Hutterian Colony and moved to Poplar Point. They had four children, Margaret, Sheila and Shirley (twins) and Allen. Opal died in 1978. William "Bill" died in 1982. Margaret married Marvin Monk and lives in Winnipeg. They have two girls. Sheila married Ken Svoboda and lives at Kamloops, British Columbia. They have four sons: William, Shane, Robert and Jack. Shirley Trollope lives in Brandon. She has two boys. Allen married Virginia Grain and lives at La Broquerie, Manitoba. They have seven daughters, two sons and one granddaughter.

Len Slute married Myrtle Hunt, and took over the home farm from his father. They have two daughters, Merle and Berna. Len, Myrtle and Merle

moved from the home farm to Morden in 1973. In 1985 Merle moved to an apartment in Winnipeg where she still resides. Len died on July 29, 1990 and Myrtle died January 22, 1992. Their daughter, Berna and husband, Jack Lalonde have four children: Donna-Lee, Judy, Marilyn and Frank. Donna-Lee married Wade Curle and they have two girls, Danielle and Nicole. Marilyn married Roy Beddall and they have three boys: Scott, Cody and Austin. Frank has one boy, Joshua.

Claire Slute married Rosina Nault and they lived in the Calf Mountain district on the S.W. 1/4 36-2-7 until he sold the farm to Glenn Hunt in 1963. They built a new home in Darlingford. Claire died in 1988 and Rosina died 1990.

Donalda Bernice Slute, daughter of Claire and Rosina Slute, married Robert Earl McElroy in 1956 living most of their married life on the S.E. 1/4 8-3-7. They had four children. Brenda a nurse, who married Bob Davidson in 1978 and had two boys, Johnathon and Robert. They live in Darlingford. Lori works in Manitou Credit Union and married Greg Nadin in 1981 and have one son Christopher. They live in La Riviere. Jill a medical records secretary married Bob Bowler in 1994 and have two children Nicholas and Sarah. Doug took autobody and is a roofer and lives and works in Winnipeg. Charlin and Doug has two girls, Jessica Laderoute and Alyssa McElroy.

Bob McElroy died in a plane crash in 1981. Donalda still lives on the same farm. Donalda and Don Rogers were married in 1987. Don is an auctioneer.

Walter Slute, is the son of Thomas and Minnie Slute, who farmed W. 1/2 27-2-7. He attended Calf Mountain and Darlingford schools until 1937. He worked as a farm labourer, a stretch at Veal's Farm Equipment shop, took a diesel engineering course with a Chicago school, enlisted in the R.C.A.F. and was stationed at St. Thomas, Ontario.

While in St. Thomas, Walter met and married Vi Powell, they returned to Darlingford in 1945 and started his own venture at Clearwater, Manitoba, as an agent for Massey Harris and a farm equipment repair shop. He sold the business in 1946 and relocated to St. Thomas, where he became Sales Manager for the Canadian branch of Continental Motor Corporation, a company that produced both diesel industrial and aircraft engine units. This position called for extensive business trips, one of which took him to Churchill to witness the rocket tests. In 1969, he became general manager, but only



Thomas R. and Minnie Slute

for one year. In 1970 he opened up as an independent painting contractor, that same year he purchased an Irish Sweepstakes ticket and won second place, winning enough money to buy paint to cover our whole village with two coats.

Walter and Vi had three daughters: Sandra, Sharon and Penny. Walter died in 1983. Vi lives in Kamloops, British Columbia. In 1994 Sandra died.

Ida married Bill Miller and they lived in Winnipeg. They are both deceased.

Stella married Robert T. Jordan. (See Jordan story.)

Harry Gilmore Smith

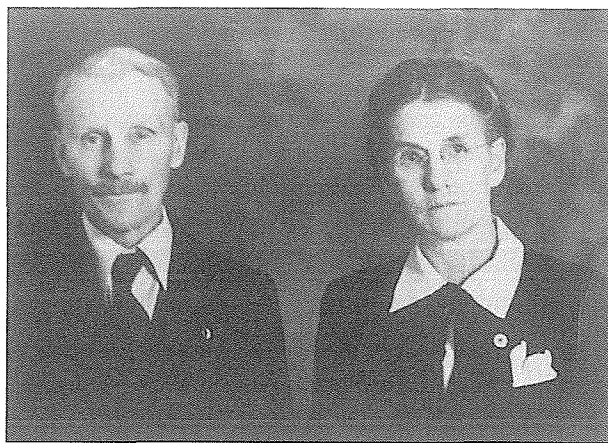
Harry Gilmore Smith was born in Truro, Nova Scotia in 1889. He came to Manitoba on a harvest excursion train in 1907. He worked for Alf Bedford and other farmers and after marrying Anna Wilson in April 1914, farmed the S.W. 1/4 15-1-7. They moved to Didsbury, Alberta in 1920 but returned in 1922. In 1924 they moved on to the Wilson farm where Mrs. Smith took over the duties of post mistress from her brother John. When Mrs. Smith became ill in 1929 they moved to Ontario for two years, returning to farming on their home place. Harry, with the help of Bruce Carr and Walter Kinnaird, built a new house and rented N.E. 9-1-7. Harry was a very community-spirited man and served several terms on the municipal council. He was stricken with a heart attack in 1954 and retired from farming and became a salesman at Morden Motors. Harry died in 1958 and Anna in 1962. They had no family.

Jim Smith

Jim Smith and wife Victoria farmed McKennitt farm about 1928. He played the organ for church.

John Coyle Smith

John Coyle "J.C." Smith was born October 11, 1873, the third son of Adam Fisher Smith and Mary Ann Coyle, who farmed along the north shore of Lake Ontario. J.C. came west in 1896 and worked for Jesse Bond and Fred Oke of the Darlingford district, and also for Thomas Boyle. In 1898 J.C. and his brother Stanley homesteaded 18-2-7, however Stanley moved further west with brother, Harry. J.C. received the deed to his homestead from the Hudson Bay Company in 1901. He later acquired the following property: N.W. 1/4 8-2-7, N.E. 1/4 7-2-7, part of the N.E. 1/4 17-2-7 and sixty acres of S.W. 1/4 16-2-7.



John Coyle Smith and Arabelle E. Smith

J.C. courted and married Arabelle Waddingham, who lived just two miles down the road. They had seven children: William Earl (1906), Franklin Coyle (1908), James Grant (1913), Edythe May (1917), Florence Arabelle (1919), George Alexander (1924) and Shirley Ann (1928).

J.C. believed that purebred cattle and registered grain was the way for Canadian farmers to go. He travelled to the Royal Winter Fair, in Toronto, and brought back the first registered Herefords in this area (one bull and three cows). From this small start he built up a substantial herd of purebred registered Herefords. While living in Darlingford he travelled to Saskatchewan and purchased a registered Jersey cow. J.C. travelled to Brandon to speak to Manitoba farmers on the importance of registered grain. He was instrumental in organizing the Farmer's Elevator in Darlingford. In 1920 J.C. and Belle moved to 33 Stanley Street, Darlingford, so the children would be closer to the school. J.C. and John McCormack purchased the McCormack-Deering business. In 1933 the family moved to N.W. 1/4 20-3-7, taking the little Jersey cow. It was here that J.C. built up his herd of registered Jerseys.

William "Bill" married Wilmet Bowler and lived on S.E. 1/4 17-2-7. They had two sons, John and Don. Bill died in 1954. Wilmet returned to teaching. Wilmet died in 1976. John and Don still own this property. John and Mary Ann live in Sanford. They have two daughters: Shauna, who is married and lives in Regina, and Keri, who is married and lives at Gimli. Don and Dawn live in Winkler.

Frank married Helen McCormack and lived at 21 Pembina Street, Darlingford. They had four sons: Allan, Greg, Kelly and David. Frank died in 1986. Helen died in 1979. Allan and Gloria live in Winnipeg. They have two children: Kevin and Shannon. Greg lived in Winnipeg and died in 1997.

Kelly and son, Keghan live at Calgary. David has two children, Colin and Jamie and lives in Calgary, Alberta.

James Grant married Florence Gill and lived at 37 Stanley Street, Darlingford. Florence died in 1979. Grant died in 1988.

Edythe married Gordon Bradley and farmed in the New Haven and Darlingford districts. They had eight children: Lindsay, Douglas, Rebecca, John, Kathy, Leslie, Margaret and Penelope. Gordon died in 1962. Edythe lives at 33 Stanley Street, Darlingford, but spends time with her family that is spread from Toronto to Vancouver and north to Thompson and northern Saskatchewan. (See Bradley story.)

Florence married Bruce Lindsay and lived at 43 Pembina Street, Darlingford. They had three daughters: Pat, Debbie and Marnie. (See Lindsay story.) Bruce died in 1982. Florence moved to Morden in 1997. Pat lives in Morden. Debbie married Tom Hamilton and lives on Grandfather J.C.'s farm (N.W. 1/4 20-3-7). Marnie is a nurse and lives at Souris.

Alex married Mary Keown and moved to the Peace River district in northern Alberta. Mary died in 1994. Alex lives in British Columbia. They had ten children: Hugh, Connie, Reid, Sandra, Darlene, Renee, Marlene (deceased), Shauna, Garth and Grant.

Shirley married Wilfred "Buff" Martindale and lives in Thornhill. They have four children: Grant, Barbara, Donna and Bill. Grant lived in Pilot Mound until he died in 1984. He had four children. Barbara lives at Thornhill and has two children. Donna lives at Thornhill and has three children. Bill served in the Canadian army before returning to Thornhill with his wife and son.

The only descendants of J.C. and Arabelle Smith living in the Darlingford district is daughter, Edythe in Darlingford and granddaughter, Debbie Hamilton on the north farm.

Maurice Smith

Maurice Smith, a plasterer from England, 1919, worked for Joe Compton.

Tom Smith

Tom Smith's father, William Smith, came from England to Miami, where he met and married Margaret Conquergood, of Lily Field, Manitoba. Settling in the Roland district, they farmed through the years and raised a family of three boys and

seven girls.

Tom Smith married Elaine Purse of Roland in 1931, and they have one son Ross. In 1952 Tom and Elaine bought S.E. 1/4 16-3-7 near Darlingford, Manitoba. This farm had been the homestead of John Jordan. In 1968 Tom and Elaine moved to Darlingford and their son Ross, took over the farm. Tom died in 1986 and Elaine moved to Morden, Manitoba where she still resides.

Ross was married to Myrna Waddingham and has two children. Charisse and Daryl. Ross now lives in Stonewall. Daryl is a bricklayer and was instrumental in the erection of the Darlingford Centennial sign in 1998.

Noah Snyder

Noah Snyder, one of the earlier settlers in the Calf Mountain district, was of Pennsylvania Dutch stock. He married Susanna Baldwin and lived in Oxford County, Ontario. In 1879 Noah, Susanna and small daughter, Maud came to the N.E. 1/4 20-2-7. When Calf Mountain school board was formed in 1881, Noah was elected a trustee, along with S.A. Bedford and A. Stevens. The first Calf Mountain school was built in 1884. In 1885, Noah bought a half section of land one and one-half miles south-east of Manitou and moved. They had four children: Maud, James, Belle and Ward. Noah died in 1930. Susanna died in 1938.

Maud married Omar Cook and lived at Dryden, Ontario.

Belle married Thomas Rendall. Tom joined the 184th Battalion and served overseas during World War I. When he returned Tom and Belle farmed in various areas before moving to British Columbia. Tom died in 1970. Belle died in 1983. They have three children: Ruby (Tony Burger), Milton and Irvin (Veda).

Ward enlisted in the 184th Battalion and was sent to France with a detachment of sappers (engineers). In 1918, he was blinded by mustard gas and was classified as legally blind. He married one of his nurses - Margaret "Peggy" Burke, and sailed for Canada in 1919. Ward died in 1980. They had five children: Molly Loos, Pauline (Reverend Peter Chant), Ward Jr. 1924-1994 (Joan), Nora 1926-1953 (Orval Kinsman) and Irvin (Ruth).

Mrs. Omar Cook gave this information about her father. The family moved west in 1880, bringing a carload of settler's effects to Emerson. The team, included in the shipment and used to bring the Snyder's goods from there to the homestead, were

among the first horses in the district. The neighbours, among them the McElroys, Bedfords, Boltons and Rices, often came to the Snyders to borrow a horse and buggy to fetch the doctor when there was illness in the family.

Mr. Snyder wanted to be close to market so in 1886, he sold the land to William Standeven, a son-in-law of Spence Bedford, and bought a quarter close to Manitou. E. 1/2 20-2-7 was the Snyder homestead.

Mrs. Cook remembered a day when the Indians came to their place, when she was four years old. As they were leaving, one of the squaws picked her up and was, apparently, about to walk off with her. However, her father came to her rescue, calling out, "Hey, where are you going?" and, retrieving his daughter before she even had time to be frightened.

Her father was on the first baseball team in the district, and Mrs. Cook said that they used to play at picnics and at "raising" the new log buildings, being built on farms in the neighbourhood. The Cooks and the Snyders were all quite musical, and always willing to entertain at parties. Their house in Manitou, Mrs. Cook recalls, was brought from the first Darlingford townsite.

Harry South

Harry South (1883-1958) was the eldest son of Thomas South (1860-1950) and Margaret Duncan (1866-1920), who were married in 1883. They farmed the W. 1/2 16-3-6, just northeast of Thornhill. They had six children: Harry, Jim (1886-1953), Jean (Fletcher, 1890-unknown), Fanny (Kendall, 1894-1968), see the William Kendall story, Leonard (1899-1979) and Helen (McIntosh, 1905-1958).

Harry married Laurel Broadbent (1883-1966) of Thornhill. He learned the grain business as a second man in various elevators. The first one he managed was at Buchanan, Saskatchewan. Next he became a commercial traveller for the Central Grain Company and lived in Saskatoon. He later became Divisional Superintendent for Western Grain and lived in Winnipeg.

In December 1938, George Young, the manager of the Farmers' Elevator Company died and Harry was asked to come to Darlingford to manage the elevator which he did until the elevator was sold to the Manitoba Pool Elevators. Harry and Laurel continued to live in Darlingford at 38 Bradburn Street. Their daughter, Eileen, worked for the Manitoba Telephone System until the Darlingford office was closed in 1971. She married Syd Scammell of Darlingford in 1964 and they reside at 40 Pembina Street. Harry died in 1958 and Mrs. South in 1966.

Edwin Southworth

Edwin Southworth was the eldest of five children of Joseph and Anne Southworth of Ilford, County Essex, England. He came to Canada in 1905, at the age of seventeen, and hired out on various farms before purchasing and clearing his own land, S.W. 11-2-7. His mother, two brothers and two sisters followed him to Canada after the first world war, and one sister, Dorothy Anne, became Mrs. Arrol McElroy. Ted worked for a time for Sam Andrew, and married Sam's eldest daughter, Gladys Willmott Andrew in 1916 before going overseas with the 184th Regiment, "Little Black Devils" of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. He was wounded at Vimy Ridge, and again, severely, in the last great push. After recuperation time in military hospitals in France, England, and Canada, Ted returned to farming in 1920 until retirement to Morden in 1938. Ted died in 1961 at Deer Lodge Hospital in Winnipeg and Gladys died in 1969 in Morden. Ted and Gladys had four children: Annie Alice, Joseph Alvin, Chester Samuel, and Edith May.



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Fitz Allen Sprung (1844-1920) and Martha Jane Locklin (1849-1906), both of Hullett Township in Huron County, were married on November 10, 1868 at Nile, Ontario. Their family consisted of Morris (1869-unknown), Gabriel (1872-1939), Emma (1874-1931), Ida (1876-1876), Dora (1878-1965) and John (1887-1954). Morris settled in Pontiac, Michigan. Emma married Tom Gorrel of Pilot Mound and Dora married Will Archer of Manitou. John married Martie Lowry of Darlingford.

The Sprung family came from Huron County, Ontario in 1896 and farmed in the Archibald district before moving to the Middleton district. Fitz Allen and Martha Sprung purchased the east 1/2 of 1-4-8 on March 2, 1898 and moved to the farm in the spring. The family lived there until 1904, when Fitz Allen and Martha built a house in Darlingford and retired from farming. This house is presently owned by Marjory McCallum. Martha died in 1906. A few years later Fitz Allen married Mrs. Rosa Irvine, who went east to live with her daughter after Mr. Sprung died in 1920 from influenza. He was on the original Cemetery Board at Darlingford and a devoted member of the Methodist Church.

Gabriel, son of Fitz Allen and Martha, bought the E. 1/2 12-4-8 in 1898. He apparently lived in a log cabin on the edge of Lizard Lake some of the time but moved to the east 1/2 of 1-4-8 when Fitz Allen and Martha retired in 1904. Gabriel married Alberta Shobbrook (1878-1920) of the Township of Hullett, in the County of Huron, the Province of Ontario, on July 5, 1905 in Londesboro, Ontario. After their marriage they settled on the east 1/2 of 1-4-8, which they purchased on November 1, 1907. They farmed until 1912 at which time they moved to Darlingford and Gabe worked as a carpenter. They lived in a house owned by Grant Smith and later purchased the Phipps house.

Gordon Locklin was born on the family farm in 1909 and Frederick Elgin in Darlingford in 1913. Alberta Susan was born in Darlingford in 1920. The mother, Alberta, died a few days after her birth having contracted influenza. Gabriel married Minerva Jane "Minnie" Storey (1879-1954) in 1921.

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Fitz Allen Sprung

Fitz Allen Sprung (1844-1920) and Martha Jane Locklin (1849-1906), both of Hullett Township in Huron County, were married on November 10, 1868 at Nile, Ontario. Their family consisted of Morris (1869-unknown), Gabriel (1872-1939), Emma (1874-1931), Ida (1876-1876), Dora (1878-1965) and John (1887-1954). Morris settled in Pontiac, Michigan. Emma married Tom Gorrel of Pilot Mound and Dora married Will Archer of Manitou. John married Martie Lowry of Darlingford.

The Sprung family came from Huron County, Ontario in 1896 and farmed in the Archibald district before moving to the Middleton district. Fitz Allen and Martha Sprung purchased the east 1/2 of 1-4-8 on March 2, 1898 and moved to the farm in the spring. The family lived there until 1904, when Fitz Allen and Martha built a house in Darlingford and retired from farming. This house is presently owned by Marjory McCallum. Martha died in 1906. A few years later Fitz Allen married Mrs. Rosa Irvine, who went east to live with her daughter after Mr. Sprung died in 1920 from influenza. He was on the original Cemetery Board at Darlingford and a devoted member of the Methodist Church.

Gabriel, son of Fitz Allen and Martha, bought the E. 1/2 12-4-8 in 1898. He apparently lived in a log cabin on the edge of Lizard Lake some of the time but moved to the east 1/2 of 1-4-8 when Fitz Allen and Martha retired in 1904. Gabriel married Alberta Shobbrook (1878-1920) of the Township of Hullett, in the County of Huron, the Province of Ontario, on July 5, 1905 in Londesboro, Ontario. After their marriage they settled on the east 1/2 of 1-4-8, which they purchased on November 1, 1907. They farmed until 1912 at which time they moved to Darlingford and Gabe worked as a carpenter. They lived in a house owned by Grant Smith and later purchased the Phipps house.

Gordon Locklin was born on the family farm in 1909 and Frederick Elgin in Darlingford in 1913. Alberta Susan was born in Darlingford in 1920. The mother, Alberta, died a few days after her birth having contracted influenza. Gabriel married Minerva Jane "Minnie" Storey (1879-1954) in 1921.

The land was rented to Norman Checkley 1913-1915, to Eph Checkley 1916-1918 and to Melville Evans 1919-1925. Minnie being very interested in farming, Gabriel, Minnie and family returned from Darlingford to the east 1/2 of 1-4-8 and east 1/2 of 12-4-8 in the spring of 1925. Berta died in 1928 of



Fitz Allen and Martha Sprung Family. standing: (l-r) Emma, Morress, Gord, Gabriel, seated: Fitz Allen, John, Martha

Scarlet Fever which turned to pneumonia. The same year, Gabriel and Minnie adopted a three month old girl, Elsie May Martha AKA Elsie Mae. Gabriel died in 1939 and Minnie and Elsie Mae moved to Manitou that year. Minnie died in 1954.

In 1933 Gordon Sprung married Ellen Elizabeth (Ella) Scharf (1906-1982) of La Riviere, a graduate nurse. Gabriel built a second house on the yard at this time. It was on the E. 1/2 of 1-4-8 that Gordon and Ella raised their family of five. Their children are: Harold Gordon (1934), Allen Howard (1937), Maurice Earle (1941), Elizabeth Ruth (1942) and Gerald Ross (1944). In 1964 Gordon and Ella moved to Manitou from the farm. They lived on the corner of Park and Mary, formerly known as the Frank Russell house. It was at this time that he also was the first weed supervisor, for one year, for the Pembina Municipality. He also purchased straw for Kimberly-Clark for a period of time. Gordon continued to farm from town with his son, Maurice, until 1982 when he retired. Ella enjoyed living in town and making frequent trips to the farm with Gordon to make meals in their summer house. Gordon and Ella enjoyed spending time with their grandchildren. They attended the Alliance Church in Manitou, in which they took an active role. Ella died January 5, 1982 and Gordon died November 25, 1987.

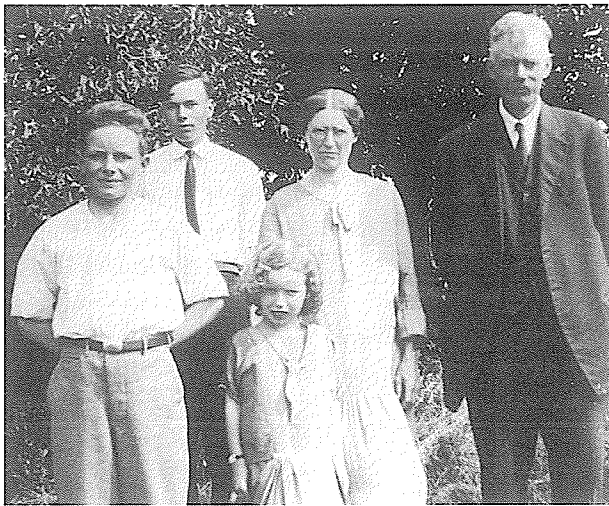
Harold Sprung married Carol Eileen Neighbour (1944) in 1960. Their family consists of Richard Gordon (1961) and Veronica Lynn (1966). Harold and Carol divorced in 1973. Harold married Crystal

Joy Conrad (1954) in 1975 and they reside in Bloomer, Wisconsin, Crystal's hometown. Richard lives in Nelson, British Columbia. His children are Adrianna Astrosel Falcon (1989), and Vannessa Carol Sprung (1994). Veronica is married to Shaun Ray Gifford (1968) and resides in Minnesota. They have a daughter, Catherine Mary Lynn Carol Eileen (December 1995).

Allen Sprung worked in Winnipeg until his retirement in 1998. He continues to live at the Deaf Centre Manitoba in Winnipeg.



Gabriel and Alberta (Shobbrook) Sprung on their wedding day - 1905



Gabriel and Minnie (Storey) Sprung - probably 1927
with Fred, Gordon, Alberta



Gordon and Ella Sprung - 1976

Maurice Sprung married Ruth Elaine Tickner (1942) of Darlingford on September 5, 1964. They settled on the family farm and Gordon and Ella moved to Manitou in June of 1964. Maurice and Elaine's children are the fifth generation to live on S.E. 1-4-8. Gordon continued to farm with Maurice until 1982. In 1990 Maurice began work as tractor operator at the Morden Research Station. Maurice and Elaine continued to manage the farm operation with the help of their sons, Philip and Kyle. Elaine has been employed as a registered nurse at Eden Mental Health Centre in Winkler for the past ten years. Maurice spent the first fifty-five years of his

life in the same farm home. In September of 1996, Maurice and Elaine moved to Morden, to be closer to their jobs and to make room for the next generation on the farm. July 19, 1998 the Sprung Family Farm Centennial was celebrated. Maurice and Elaine's five children are: Laurie, Stephen, Leanne, Philip, and Kyle.

Laurie Arlene (August 20, 1965) graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Bachelor of Human Ecology. Laurie married Michael Crowe (1964) of Deloraine on August 1, 1987. They farm and have a mechanical repair business, Country Roads Truck and Diesel. Laurie is the manager of the Prairie Skills Education and Training Project in Deloraine. They have three children: Jenna Rae (March 30, 1992), Tyler James (March 7, 1996) and Kaitlyn Michelle (May 6, 1998).

Stephen Earle born March 3, 1967, died March 4, 1967.

Leanne Rae (June 17, 1968) graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Bachelor of Human Ecology, Family Studies major. Leanne works for Manitoba Agriculture as 4-H and Youth Specialist for Central Region. She lives in Portage La Prairie.

Philip Maurice (February 13, 1971) was lovingly adopted into the family on February 23, 1971. Philip resides in Edmonton, Alberta and is a long distance truck driver.

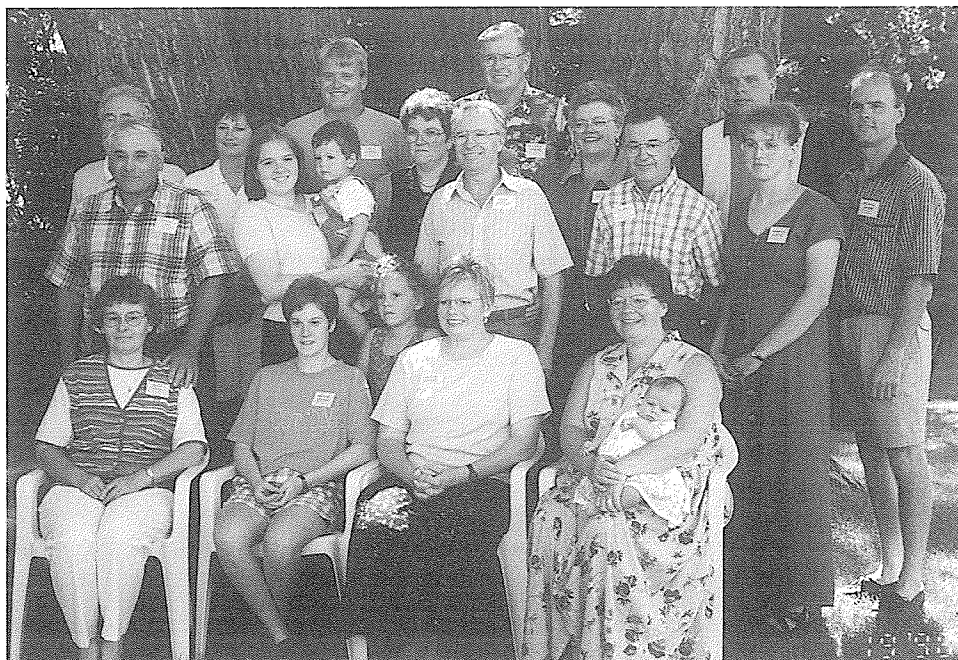
Kyle James (July 12, 1972) Kyle married Jennifer Ellen Lea (1974) on July 9, 1997. They live on the family farm. He has a cow/calf operation and works as a machine operator with the pipeline part time. Jennifer graduated from Brandon University with a Bachelor of Education. She is teaching at the present time.

Ruth (Sprung) Cook completed nurses training at Grace Hospital and graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Bachelor of Nursing. She married Dwight Lawrence Thomas Cook (1944) of Steeprock, Manitoba in 1969. They ranch on Peonan Point, Manitoba, and have two daughters, Yvette and Janice.

Yvette Elizabeth (1972) graduated from Briercrest Bible College. In 1995 she married Kevin James Unger (1968) of Salmon Arm, British Columbia. They reside in Banff, Alberta.

Janice Anne (1975) is enrolled in Physiotherapy at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Alberta.

Ross Sprung studied diesel mechanics in Winnipeg and worked there for a few years. He returned to Manitou in 1968, worked on the farm for a brief time and then began employment with



Gordon and Ella Sprung Family - 1998. back row: Harold Sprung, Kris Sprung, Philip Sprung, Maurice and Elaine Sprung, Kyle Sprung, Michael Crowe, middle row: Dwight Cook, Janelle Sprung, Tyler Crowe, Linda and Ross Sprung, Allan Sprung, Jennifer Sprung, front row: Ruth (Sprung) Cook, Meghan Sprung, Jenna Crowe, Leanne Sprung, Laurie (Sprung) Crowe, Kaitlyn Crowe

Canada Packers in Manitou. In 1972 Ross married Linda Dawn Meggison (1950), who was originally from Goodlands, and is the Home Economist with Manitoba Agriculture at Morden. After their marriage, they lived in Manitou. In 1977 Ross began employment with Agriculture Canada at the Morden Research Station. Ross and Linda moved to Morden in 1978 where they both continued working. They have two children, Janelle and Meghan.

Janelle Dawn (May 6, 1981) is attending Morden Collegiate.

Meghan Lynne (November 18, 1983) is also attending Morden Collegiate.

Frederick Elgin Sprung (1913-1979) moved to the Middleton district from Darlingford in 1925. He farmed with his father and brother Gordon until 1941, at which time he joined the R.C.A.F., serving as a navigator. After returning from overseas, he purchased the Norman Checkley farm, the S.W. 1-4-8, in 1947. In 1951 he married Jeanette Isabelle "Bea" Alexander (1922-1986) of Roblin, Manitoba. They farmed until 1978, at which time Fred and Bea moved to their new home in Manitou. Fred died in 1979 and Bea in 1986. They had three children: Thomas Elgin, John Alexander and Elizabeth Jean.

Thomas Elgin (1952) married Lisa Jean Amy (1952) in 1970. They resided in Darlingford until

1978, when they moved to Tom's parents farm, S.W. 1-4-8 in the Middleton district. Tom has been employed with Manitoba Hydro since 1970 and is presently working out of Somerset, Manitoba. Lisa is employed with Canada Post corporation and operates the post office in Darlingford. They farmed with Tom's parents from 1976 until Fred's death in 1979 and still continue to farm until the present time.



Elsie May Sprung

Tom and Lisa have three children: Christopher Wayne, Jennifer Jean and Nathan Thomas.

Christopher Wayne attended Manitou school until his graduation from McClung Collegiate in 1989. From the spring of 1990 to 1993 he was employed by Manitoba Telephone System, installing private lines and fibre optics. In January of 1994, Chris travelled throughout Saskatchewan and Alberta where he worked the oil fields, including pipeline, drilling rigs and exploration. In 1995, he entered the Manitoba Hydro Powerline Journeyman Apprentice program and will achieve Journeyman status in 1999. Chris resides in Manitou, Manitoba.

Jennifer Jean (1972) received her education at Manitou, graduating from Nellie McClung Collegiate in 1990. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Manitoba in 1993, and then worked for the Bank of Commerce in Winnipeg for two years. In 1995 she returned to the University of Manitoba, enrolling in the Master of Natural

Resources Management program. She is currently completing thesis requirements and seeking employment in the environmental field.

Nathan Thomas (1975) received his education at Manitou school. Nathan worked for Wiebe's Trenching from 1994 to the summer of 1998. He is presently employed with Rohl Construction working at Winnipeg, Manitoba.

John Alexander "Johnny" (1955) - died of pneumonia in infancy.

Elizabeth Jean (1957) married Kevin Ewart Parsons (1955) of Winnipeg in 1984. They live in Winnipeg where they both work for the Bank of Nova Scotia. Their children are: Lauren Elizabeth (1985), Jillian Johanne (1987) and Shane Sullivan (1991).

Alberta Susan (1920-1928) was born in Darlingford and died of Scarlet Fever which turned to pneumonia

Elsie May Martha Sprung (1928-1993) attended Success Business College, then worked for the CBC in Winnipeg and Churchill. It was in Fort Churchill that she met and married Joseph Jean Richard Scanlan (1928-1976). They lived in many parts of Canada but later settled in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where they lived out their lives with their family. They had two daughters, Shauna and Deidre.

Shauna Marie Scanlan (1956) married Edward William Tobias (1951) in 1984. Their children are Jamie William Richard (1985) and Kelly Erin (1988). Shauna and the children live in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Deidre Ann (1958) married Barry Joseph Burke in 1977. Their marriage ended in 1979 at which time she moved to Alberta. She then married Leo Gregory Macht (1955) in Coldale, Alberta in 1984. Their children are Gregory Joseph (1986) and Andrew Philip (1988). They reside in Calgary, Alberta.

John Sprung

John Sprung (1887-1954) was born at Auburn, Ontario and came west with his parents. He received his early education at Archibald and Middleton schools. Later he studied Morse Code at Toronto and was qualified to be a railway station agent. He worked at Morden and Darlingford, after which he went into the lumber and hardware business at Earl Grey and Kerrobert, Saskatchewan. While at Delisle, Saskatchewan in 1912 he operated the Monarch Lumber Company yard. It was then

he married Marty Lowry (1888-1984), daughter of Savage Lowry of Darlingford. In September of that year, they moved to Landis, Saskatchewan where they lived and he operated a lumber yard for forty-two years. In May 1953, he retired and they returned to Darlingford. They took up residence at 29 Dufferin Street where John died in 1954.

Mrs. Sprung then had a new home built at 24 Pembina Street where she resided until moving to White Rock, British Columbia in 1974. She was noted for her beautiful fancy work for which she had received a special prize from a Winnipeg exhibition and many prizes from fairs in Saskatoon and Manitou. She died at White Rock, British Columbia, in 1984. Both she and her husband John are buried at Darlingford Cemetery. They had three children: Bruce (1913-1988), Jean (1919), and Douglas (Lowry) (1921-1995).

Bruce was a pilot in the R.C.A.F. in World War II. He later became a commercial pilot and flew for airlines in California. He lived at Carmel, California. He had two daughters who are both married. Linda lives in Surrey, British Columbia and Judy lives in Edmonton, Alberta. Bruce died in 1988 and is buried at Darlingford.

Jean married Charles Anderson (1908-1966) who was a member of the R.C.M.P and they had one son, Drew. After Charles died (buried at Darlingford), Jean worked in Winnipeg as director of staff health at the General Hospital. She later married Wilson Harper who died in 1977 and she now resides in Calgary. Her son, Drew Anderson, graduated from university with an engineering degree. He has his own company in Calgary. He married Susan Sparling from Winnipeg who had three daughters, Kelly, Kim and Marne from a previous marriage.

Douglas (Lowry) married Monty Akhurst and they lived in Stanwood, Washington, United States. He manufactured steel pipe for oil and gas pipelines. Monty died in 1993 and Douglas in 1995. They had one son John who married Ann Stewart in 1982 and live in Surrey, British Columbia. They have four sons.

William Steenson

William and Margaret Steenson came from Ireland in 1919 and worked on the farm for William Ching for a number of years. They had two children, Billy and Eileen. Mrs. Steenson died leaving the two small children. Mr. Steenson remarried, moved to Morden and worked in the hospital.

Eileen was only a few months old when her mother died and she was cared for by Bert and Gladys Bloxam. Eileen married Lester Sutherland, who was then in the air force, and lived in Edmonton. Their only child, Mrs. Linda Bowman lives in Edmonton. Eileen died in 1967.

Billy went to Morden to live with his father and attend school. He joined the air force, and in 1944, was killed in a plane crash while training near Paulson, Manitoba.

George Steffenson

George Steffenson was born to Chris and Elizabeth Steffenson in 1900. George came to Darlingford to work for local farmers. He worked the Southworth farm for three years. In 1931 he married Lillian Kinsman and they had a daughter, Eileen, who died at age of two and a son, Wilbert.

They bought N.E. 1/4 33-1-7 and farmed there until his death in 1972. Lillian and Wilbert continued farming until she died in 1981.

Wilbert lived most of his life on N.E. 33-1-7 in the Pembina Valley where he has done mixed farming. In 1993, he married Grace Kochka, daughter of Maurice and Gladys Cowan. Grace has three children: Myles, Angela and Pamela. Myles is married to Lisa Harkness and they have two children, Mitchell and Devon. They reside in Manitou. Angela is married to Dennis Dyck and they have one daughter, Krystal. They reside at Morden. Pamela is attending college in Brandon. Wilbert and Grace reside on N.E. 28-1-7, where they have a mixed farming operation.

Adolph Steinke

Adolph Steinke and his wife and family came from 1-6 district. They lived on N.E. 33-1-7 for a number of years and then moved to Ninette. Adolph died in 1972 and Evangeline died November 30, 1975.

Their daughter Doreen, married Ernie Mikolasek, who was killed in a car accident in 1965. Their children are: Allan, who married Valerie McSarlane, has two girls, Janine and Kira. They live at Cartwright. Julie married Fred Clisby and lives at Ninette. They have two children, Robin and Tyson. Doreen's second daughter Coreen married Jim Cram. (See Cram story.) In 1990 Doreen married Garth Robinson and lives on the family farm.

John married Alice Fry, they live in Winnipeg and have six children.

Jim married Rose Lavelly and they live in Selkirk and have two boys.

David married Linda Bellows from Belmont. They live in Dunrea and have one child.

Laddy and Debbie live in Winnipeg.

Lawrence married Betty Linttot and they live in Sydney, Manitoba. They have two children.

George Stepler Sr.

George Stepler Sr. and his wife, Bertha Burgess, and family came from Plattsville, Ontario and rented the half of 32-2-7, then owned by Miss Bertie Stevens who was affectionately known as Aunt Bert to her friends. They farmed here until 1917, when they moved to Manitou where he found work. Mrs. Stepler did custom sewing.

They had a family of five. George married Maria Porter, Wallace married Lily Hall, Molby married Margaret Hall and they all settled in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Lizzie was one of our local telephone operators in the early days. She married Russell Ross and lived in British Columbia. They had six children. Alice, the youngest Stepler, had a crippling disease when quite young, so led an invalid's life until 1935 when she died in Winnipeg. Molby died in 1968.

The Stepler's were good friends and neighbours in the districts where they lived. Mr. Stepler died in 1923 and Mrs. Stepler in 1933 at the age of sixty-two. They were buried in the Manitou cemetery.

Alfred Stevens

Alfred Stevens and his wife, Mary Jane Crawford, were married in 1864 and came to Manitoba in 1877 from Bowmanville, Ontario, where his parents, Elija and Flora, farmed and raised a large family. Alfred was one of the three sons and two daughters who came to Manitoba. His sister, Melissa, only stayed a few years before returning to Ontario, but Charlotte remained to marry Orrin Pickle. Orrin and Charlotte homesteaded the Jacobs farm and had five children: Frank, Norman, Alice, Irvin and Orval.

Alfred homesteaded on the W. 1/2 32-2-7, now owned by Lyle Lumgair, in 1877, and they faced all the hardships of pioneering. The trip to Emerson for supplies took the best part of a week, travelling by ox cart and it was not until the C.P.R. came to Thornhill, in 1881, that grain could be shipped from any closer local point. The trail from Emerson to Deloraine went by their farm, and traces of it can still be found in the prairie sod along the road



Everett H. and Margaret Stevens

allowance to the east. Many travellers used to stop overnight at the Stevens' home, sleeping in their fur robes and coats, and often the floor space would be completely covered. A story is told by the family of one of the travellers, who always produced a twenty-dollar gold piece to pay for his lodgings, for which few of his hosts ever had change, allowing him to continue on his way west, without paying. However, when he tried this on Mrs. Stevens, he was somewhat dismayed to find that she could make the change. Alfred and Mary had four children: Bertie, Ida, Everett Sr., and Ernest.

Ida Stevens married Obed Jory and lived at Clearwater.

Bertie Stevens was born in 1869 and lived at home with her parents until the death of her father in 1903, when she and her mother moved to Manitou, where her mother died in 1904. In 1927 she moved to Darlingford to keep house for her brother, Everett Sr., and died in 1957.

Everett H. Stevens Sr. homesteaded at Goodlands, returning to Darlingford and purchased the S. 1/2 5-3-7. In 1892, he married Margaret Hunt

who came from Pakenham, Ontario. In 1904 they moved to Darlingford where he was engaged in the implement business for several years. He retired a few years before his death in 1937. Mrs. Stevens died in 1927. They had a family of four: Herbert, Eva, Gordon and Harvey.

Evie built a house in town which has unique interior doors. A transient painter who was passing through town painted these doors. They depict beautiful scenes done in varying hues of brown varnish. This house is at 27 Pembina Street. Their children attended the new school when it was built in 1910. At that time, only the lower rooms were in use. Access to the upper rooms was by ladder only. This was off limits to the students, however, boys will explore, so up they went. The bell rang and there was their teacher at the bottom of the ladder. Gordon went out the upper window and slid down the flag pole rope. Skinned hands were the reward.

Herbert (1893) lived in the Darlingford district all his life but for the six years he worked with the Bank of British North America. He farmed the S. 1/2 5-3-7, then moved to Darlingford in 1947 and lived in the house built by his father. He was secretary of the Darlingford Consolidated School District for thirty years. He married Emma Windsor of Newfoundland, and they have four children: Beatrice, Eva, Everett Jr. and Allan. Herb died in 1977 and Emma died in 1982.

Beatrice married Stan Maxwell (1926) of Snowflake in 1946. (See Maxwell story.)

Eva married Alvin McClay in 1944, lived in Winnipeg and had three children: Tom, Murton and Marilyn. Tom and wife Donna, live in Calgary where Tom is an architectural draftsman and engineer. They have four children: Jennifer, Michael, Lindsay and Jaclyn. Murton and wife Diane, live in Elko, Nevada. He is a salesman for mining equipment. They have one daughter, Jodi. Marilyn lives in Winnipeg and is an office manager for a graphic arts company. Eva and Alvin retired to Darlingford in 1979 taking up residence in the Stevens family home. Alvin died on January 2, 1996. Eva now lives in Morden.

Everett Jr., who married Ann Imberry, was in the lumber business in Manitoba, was in the same business at Crossfield, Alberta, and has a family of three. Everett Jr. is now retired and living in Airdrie, Alberta.

Allan married Jean Young of Sperling in 1952, and has lived in Darlingford most of his life. They have five children: Greg, Gloria, Robert, Barry and



Ernest D. and Adelaide Stevens

Bonnie-Kae.

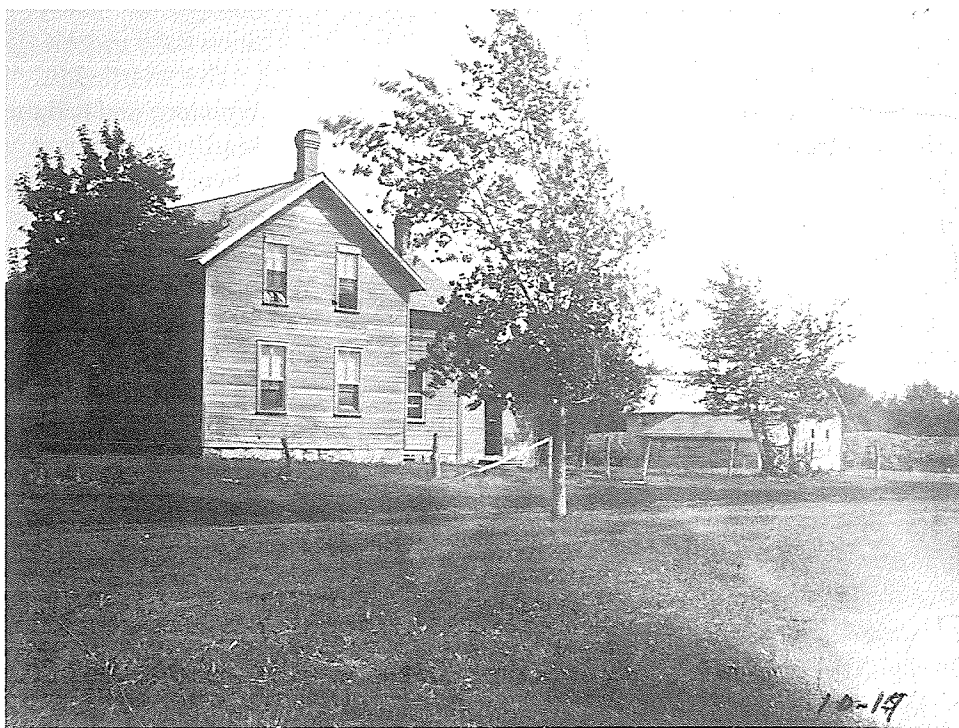
Gregory Allen moved to Gillam, Manitoba in 1973, where he worked for Manitoba Hydro. November 2, 1974, he married Lillian Johnson. Their first born was a son, Richard Herbert, February 28, 1977. In August, 1977 they moved to Winnipeg where Greg completed his second year of Business Administration at Red River Community College. In July 1978 Greg accepted employment with Imperial Oil and they moved to Edmonton, Alberta. On September 9, 1980 their daughter Candace Rae was born. In February 1982, Greg was Area Financial Advisor for Imperial Oil's Boundary Lake (British Columbia) and

Rainbow Lake (Alberta) operations. In 1985, Greg was transferred to Vancouver, British Columbia as the Administration Supervisor for Esso Minerals National head office.

In January 1994, Imperial Oil sold their fertilizer business to Sherritt Inc. and Greg went to their head office in Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta. In August 1995 Greg left Sherritt Inc. and accepted the position of City Manager in Wetaskiwin, Alberta where they now reside. Lil obtained her real estate license and worked for Century 21 and later in 1998 for Remax in Wetaskiwin, Alberta. Richard graduated from Paul Kane High School in St. Albert in June 1995. Richard attended the University of Manitoba for one year and started work for Ace Manufacturing in Wetaskiwin, Alberta in 1996. Candace attended Wetaskiwin Composite High School from 1995 until her graduation in 1998.

Gloria Jean Wiklund (Stevens) graduated from Nellie McClung Collegiate in 1973 at Manitou, Manitoba. She and Les Wiklund from La Riviere, were married on August 8, 1974. They took up residence in La Riviere, where they now own and operate L&A Wiklund Garage.

Daniel James (March 2, 1976) graduated from Nellie McClung Collegiate, Manitou in 1994. He is presently carrying on the Wiklund tradition as a junior partner in the garage. Daniel is a talented musician, playing guitar with his Dad in their band.



Alfred F. Stevens house built - 1882



The Everett (Evie) Stevens Family about 1917. standing: Herbert (Herb), Gordon, front: Mrs. Stevens, Harvey, Eva, Mr. Stevens

Lora Jean (May 5, 1978) graduated from Nellie McClung Collegiate in 1996. Lora works at Four-C Service in Manitou and is also a full time Mom to Randle Jean (March 5, 1996). Randie's Dad is Trevor Murdy, who is working at Monarch Industries in Winkler. They are living in Manitou.

Billy Joe (June 20, 1979) graduated from Nellie McClung Collegiate in 1997. He is currently taking his autobody training apprenticeship through Elron Ent., La Riviere and Red River Community College, Winnipeg.

Robert Alfred after leaving high school in 1975, was employed with Manitoba Hydro in Gillam, Manitoba. He moved to Winnipeg in 1980 and worked in the entertainment industry as a freelance Sound Technician, touring Western Canada. In 1986, he entered University of Winnipeg, completing the Honours Acting Course before leaving in 1992 to do a National Tour with a theatrical production company. Bob presently resides in Darlingford where he works in the construction industry and continues to produce, write and tour stage plays in the off season.

Barry Wayne graduated from Nellie McClung Collegiate in 1976. He went to Gillam with Manitoba Hydro. In 1978 he enrolled at Red River Community College, taking the Domestic Electronics course. From 1979 to 1983, Barry was

with Great West Life in Quality Control of Computer Data Output and with Wawanesa Insurance as a Main Frame Computer Operator. August 4, 1982, Barry's son Jeffrey Allen was born. Jeff attended French immersion at Lansdowne School from Kindergarten to grade eight. He continues in French immersion at Sisler High School. They are both active participants in hockey and presently in Men's slow-pitch baseball. Jeff is also active in fastball, rugby and track and field events. Barry spent two years on construction work in Winnipeg. Since 1991 he has been employed at the Motor Vehicle Branch, Winnipeg, in the Vehicle and Driver Information Department. Barry and Jeff are currently residing in Winnipeg.

Bonnie-Kae Marie returned to Nellie McClung Collegiate after taking her grades nine and ten at Mount St. Benedict in Crookston, North Dakota to graduate in 1985. She attended Catherine Booth Bible College in Winnipeg for one year. Bonnie was very active in Explorers, C.G.I.T., figure skating and her biggest love, choir. Bonnie loved the time she spent with each nephew and niece that came along and was looking towards a future in child care. On October 27, 1986, the family was shocked at her untimely death. She was attending Winkler Bible College at this time, in Winkler, Manitoba. The memorial service took place one day before her twenty-second birthday. Bonnie lived a short but loving life.

Phyllis Jean (Young) worked as a home care worker from 1986 until 1990 when she achieved a lifetime dream of working as a nurse. In 1990 she



Ada Shewfelt and Gordon Stevens - wedding 1920



Gordon and Ada Stevens with youngest son and daughter, Jack and Doreen - about 1935

excelled at her nurse's aide course and was employed at Salem Home in Winkler. She worked there until 1995 when she was forced to retire early due to a broken ankle. Jean is quite well known for her Christmas articles published in "The Western Canadian" and "The Pembina Times". When she isn't writing, knitting for her children, grand and great-grand children, teaching piano or doing reflexology, you will find her outdoors enjoying her gardening and yard work.

Allen Ernest was territorial manager for Farm King (out of Morden, Manitoba) and Walinga Inc. (out of Guelph, Ontario) During the 1970's and 1980's, his territory included the three prairie provinces and British Columbia as well as a few points in the U.S.A. Upon retirement Allen resides in Airdrie, Alberta.

Eva taught school until 1920 when she married Wilber Henderson of Boissevain, where they farmed until retiring to Brandon and later to Dauphin. They then moved to the west coast where she died in 1971. They had two sons, Harvey and Wray. Harvey lives at the coast, and Wray lives at Flin Flon, and are both married. Harvey lived in Darlingford for some time, and worked in the H.R. Veal's store. In 1928 he went to The Pas and, in 1930, to Flin Flon, which is the year the town start-

ed, and the Hudson's Bay Mining and Smelting Company started to build their smelters. He was engaged in the hardware business until his retirement. In 1937, he married Lila Judd of Flin Flon and their children are James of Flin Flon, Lorna who married Farouzi Ghazi of California. Harvey died at Flin Flon in 1970.

Gordon William Stevens farmed with his brother, Herb, on the S. 1/2 5-3-7, and later purchased the E. 1/2 12-3-8. He married Ada Shewfeld in 1920 in La Riviere, who came to Darlingford in 1917 to work in the telephone office at \$25 a month. A strike among the operators followed and their pay was double. She also worked at the bank and later in Harry Veals General Store. Gordon died in 1941, and in 1943, Mrs. Stevens moved to Darlingford. She later married Thomas Pearce who had purchased Harry Veals General Store. Gordon and Ada had five children: Lois, twins Edna and Bert, Jack and Doreen.

Lois Margaret went to teachers college and taught at Red Lake, Ontario and met her husband Jack Beck in 1946. They have five children. Bill is a M.D. and lives in Kingston, Ontario. He married Jane McCracken, M.D. They have two children, Roisin and Martin. Carol is an registered nurse and her husband, Jean Paul Bergeron teaches at a Winnipeg school. They have three children: Robert, Lara and Carolyn. Margaret is a lab technician and husband Bob Mitro, a food research scientist, live near Cobourg, Ontario. They have four children: John, Jennifer, Laura and Mark. Maureen a registered nurse and a teacher, married Jim Reid, a teacher. They live at Cochenour, Ontario. They have four children: Hilary, Christopher, Kyle and Michelle. Doug is a pharmacist and lives in Kingston, Ontario. Lois returned to teaching after the children were in school and is now retired. Jack died in March 1991.

Edna (1923-1962), twin sister of Albert, married Ken Compton (1921-1996) of Darlingford in 1942 and they had three children: Barbara, Melford and Donald. Edna was a very active community minded person. She was a member of the United Church in Darlingford and the young women's club of the church. She was involved in curling and 4-H. Her excellent sewing abilities were a valuable asset to her 4-H leadership role and as an instructor for adult sewing classes in dressmaking and tailoring. (See Ken Compton story.)

Albert Gordon "Bert" (1923), a twin brother of Edna, helped his mother on the farm after the death

of his father. When the farm was sold in 1942, he joined the army. After the war, he returned to Darlingford, but soon after went to Flin Flon where he worked as an electrician for Hudson Bay Mining. Bert married Gwen Lund in 1951. They have four children: Diane, Sandra, Janice and Gordon. Upon retirement they moved to Vernon, British Columbia.

Diane Elizabeth (1952) married Henry F. Dyck in 1975 and are residents of Portage la Prairie with five children: Stephanie, Wendy, Laurel, Debra and Clara. Stephanie Lee (1976) married Richard Hayes 1994, currently reside in Gladstone, Manitoba and have two children, Alyssa Marie (1995) and Emily Kaitlyn (1997). Wendy Pauline (1977), married Glenn Chiponski 1996, currently residents of Portage la Prairie, Manitoba and have one child, Reighan Leah Chiponski (1998). Laurel Andrea (1981), Debra Lyn (1989) and Clara Suzanne (1992).

Sandra Eileen (1953) married J. Enns 1974, divorced, then remarried Paul Gauthier in 1979 and they have two children, Christie Ann (1974) and Ryan Michel Paul (1981).

Janice Lyn (1957), married Keith Rempel in 1978 are residents of the Oakville area, Manitoba and have two children, Haylee Joy (1982) and Colin Edward (1987).

Gordon William II (1960) married Alana Hefferton in 1995.

John (Jack) Harvey married Dagmar Persson in 1953, they had a family of three, Tom, Sharon and David. Tom married Patricia Herg, who had one son and they had two daughters, Annalee and Sarah. Calvin is Pat's son. Sharon married Rex Benoit and they had three children: Joseph, Chelsey and Kali. Sharon is now divorced from Rex. David is marrying Cindy Lasko in January 1999.

Doreen Merle married Harry Laing of Darlingford. They lived in Nanaimo, British Columbia. They had three children: Heather, Jeff and Mavis who all live on Vancouver Island. Later, Doreen married Bill Baker and they adopted a son, Tim. Doreen died in December 1971 and Tim died in August 1998.

Ernest D. Stevens came to Manitoba in 1877 with his parents and lived on the farm with them until he went to work with Mr. McBain, who had a general store in the original town of Darlingford. After two years he went to Manitou to clerk in the store of John Wootton, where he worked for twenty years. While working, he had acquired two farms in

the Darlingford district, the W. 1/2 12-3-8 and the N.E. 1/4 30-2-7 and in 1909, he started farming on the latter, then purchased the N.W. 1/4 30-2-7 from R.V. Arnott. In 1899, he married Adelaide Stiven of Manitou. While in Manitou their six children were born. Mary (1900) taught school in Calf Mountain and later at Carman until a couple of years before her death in 1944. Alfred finished his education in Darlingford, after which he worked at home, taking over the farm in 1933 after his father's death. Gladys, who taught school for a number of years, later worked with the civil services at Ottawa and Washington, returned in 1946 to care for her mother. Florence who taught school for a few years before she married Percy Stinson of Treherne and had two sons. Margaret taught school until the time of her marriage in 1931 to Ed Clendenning, who later died. She and her children, Wayne and Treva, moved to Brandon where she later married Arthur Flewitt. Ernestine "Bertie" after completing her education took a business course and procured an office job in Eaton's store until she retired in 1968. Ernest farmed until the time of his death in 1933. His wife died in 1950.

Adam Stevens came to Manitoba with his brothers, Alfred and Fenton, in 1877, accompanied by his wife and son, William, and settled on the N.E. 1/4 32-2-7, where he lived until his death in 1897. His wife died shortly after coming from Ontario. William was born in 1868, lived on his father's farm until it was sold to Everett Stevens Sr., who also acquired the N.E. 1/4 owned by Adam. In 1905 William married Margaret Brown of Kaleida, where they farmed. Their family were Clifford, Lillian, Marion (Ernest Johnston) of Manitou, and Luta (Howard Bain). Through the years the Stevens family have been staunch supporters of the church and interested in the progress and future of the community.

Fenton Stevens married Mary Cramer in 1866, and also came west in 1877, with the other members of his family, to homestead on the W. 1/2 2-3-7. After the death of his wife in 1903, he returned to Ontario. They had six children. Nellie married Leif Perry and had a daughter, Lily. Charlotte married Charles Boyle and lived in Manitou. Elyda married James Phipps and farmed at Darlingford and had a son, Marvin and a daughter, Ettie. Lillian married George Trick who farmed for a time before taking over the management of an elevator at Pincher Creek, Alberta. Margaret married Thomas Hunt, a blacksmith at Thornhill. Willard, the only son, mar-

ried Josie Coolidge of Manitou, where they lived for a while before returning to Toronto.

Doreen Stevenson

Doreen Stevenson made her home with Bert, Gladys and Sadie Bloxham, after her mother died. She married Mark Shaw and lived in Winnipeg where she worked for the Canadian Wheat Board. Mark died in 1966 and Doreen in 1982.

They had one daughter, Marilyn who married Peter Vanderelst and they live in Winnipeg. Marilyn worked for the Grain Exchange. They have three sons: Douglas, Daniel and David.

Max Stewart

under Levi Johnson

Peter Stewart

Peter Stewart, a pioneer of the Barclay district, was born in Granton on Spey, Scotland in 1850. He belonged to the territorials and at the age of nineteen years, held the championship for rifle shooting.

He took his apprenticeship in carpentering and in 1872 came to Guelph, Ontario as the carpenter foreman when the Agriculture college was built there. He came west, after finishing this project, and went to Stony Mountain to build shacks for the men to live in while the building of the Penitentiary was in progress. Barclay and Morrison were the contractors, and he was foreman of the building crew.

In 1876, he married Josephine, the daughter of James Barclay. This was the year the first curling game was played with wooden blocks on the river. He was a charter member of the first curling club, formed in 1877, where iron rocks were then used. While living in Winnipeg, he built the first water flume on Alexander Street.

He purchased four scripts of land, given by the government to those born in Manitoba before 1870, and settled in the Barclay district on S.E. 1/4 34-3-7. In 1886, Peter and his family went to Ontario for three years. Barclay school was built by then and his children could attend school.

Their daughter, Mary Roberta taught school and then married Parker Boyle, a farmer at Grandora, Saskatchewan. Her children are Inez (Tyler), Dorothy (Keller), Jean (Wade) and Charles. Mary Boyle died in 1962.

Barclay Stewart was born in 1881. He worked in the grain elevators for many years and died in 1938.

Annie Stewart, born in 1883, married John Cowan and they have farmed in the Barclay district

(see John Cowan story).

Jessie Stewart was born in 1888 at Blair, Ontario. She taught school and married James Strong in 1908. They farmed at Cartwright until his untimely death. She remained there until her daughter, Josephine (Harvey Gilmour) was born and they returned to the Barclay district to live with her father. She died in 1980.

In 1917, Mr. Stewart retired to Manitou, where he was alert and well until his death in 1944. He was an avid sportsman all his life. He loved to hunt and curled well into his eighties. He was an honorary elder of the United Church and a staunch Liberal. Senator Sharpe in a letter of congratulations to him on his eightieth birthday said, "Even though you and I didn't see eye to eye in politics, I consider you one of my best friends. No one could ever point a finger at you for anything mean or dishonest you had ever done."

Hershel Stone

Hershel Stone (1875-1949) was born at Scugog Island, Ontario. Ada Snelgrove was born at Little Britain, Ontario, and came west to visit her sister, Mrs. William Campbell, and Herschel followed. In 1908, Herschel and Ada were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell in Hannah, North Dakota. They returned to Ontario after the wedding and, in 1911, their son, Mel was born.

In 1915 they returned to North Dakota and farmed until 1921 when they came to the Darlingford district, and settled on the N.E. 1/4 30-3-7 (now owned by Ian Hamilton). While they lived at Hannah, the Stones were the proud owners of a model T Ford, for which they paid \$375.

In 1929, they moved to the N.W. 19-3-7, where James Phipps had built a house for them and, in 1941, they sold this farm to Richard Hamilton and returned to Ontario.

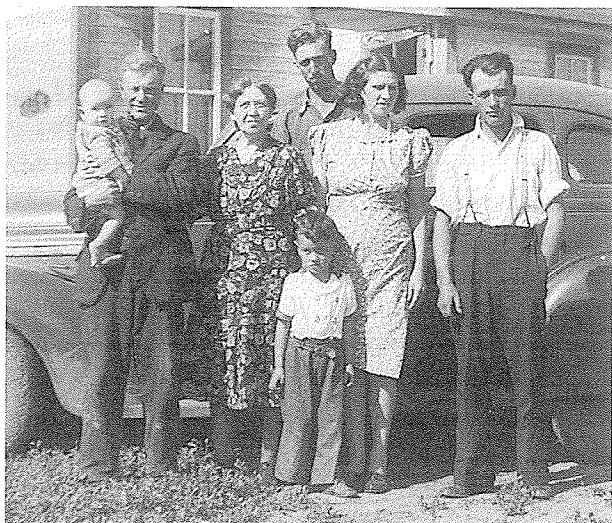
Mel Stone (1911-1988) married Jane Dobson (1915) the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Dobson, in 1936. They settled on the N.E. 1/4 21-3-7 (now owned by Margaret Cram). They later moved to the Robert Lowry farm, before coming to live in Darlingford in 1946. Jane was a telephone operator from 1951 until July 1971 when the office in town was closed. Mel did carpentry work and also had the lumber yard in Darlingford. Mel and Jane had two sons, James and Donald.

James (1937) married Grace Lowry of Mather in 1958. They have three children: Debra, Kenneth and David. They lived for several years in

Kelowna, British Columbia where Grace still resides. Jim lives in Winnipeg and does construction work. Debra and son, Joshua also live in Winnipeg and Debra works for Schriemer's Nurseries as a Journey Landscape Technician. Kenneth and wife Tracey and her two children live in Winnipeg. Kenneth has two sons: James and Curtis from a previous marriage who live in Port Hardy, British Columbia with their mother. David lives in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Donald (1940-1980) married Joyce Lone of Mowbray in 1962. They had two sons, Robert (1968) and Ryan (1974). They live at The Pas, Manitoba. Ryan and Brenna have a little son, Khail Timmy (1997). Donald died in 1980 and is buried in Darlingford cemetery. Joyce married Bev Lamb of The Pas where they reside.

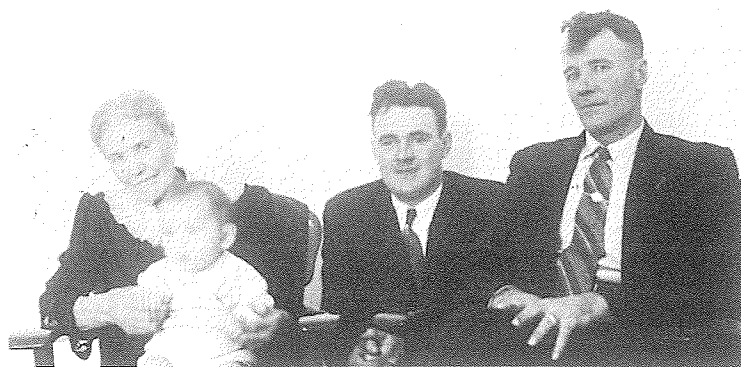
Mel and Jane took great pride in the upkeep of their garden and yard in Darlingford and won several prizes in home ground competitions. Mel died in 1988 and is buried in Darlingford Cemetery. Jane sold their home in Darlingford in the spring of 1996 and makes her home in the Kinsmen Haven in Manitou.



Grandpa Stone with Don, Grandma Stone, Richard Hamilton, Jim Stone, Mel and Jane Stone

Charles J. Storey

Charles J. Storey (1859-1942) and his wife Margaret Ann Boyle (1859-1949), were both born on farms near Pakenham, Ontario. They came to Manitoba with their families in 1878. Charles homesteaded the N.W. 1/4 27-3-7 and preempted an



four generations - Mrs C.J. Storey, Howard A. Storey, W. H. Storey, Howard J. Storey

adjoining quarter to the south for \$3 an acre. Charles' first house was a sod covered frame. Before his marriage, he built a two storey log house. In 1900, a frame L-shaped, nine room house was built. It was destroyed by fire in 1947. A new house was built on the same site.

Charles and Margaret were married in 1884. They raised a family of five: Bertha Mae, twins Lorne Thomas and Herbert Charles, Howard Atwell and Ivan. Charles and Margaret are buried in Darlingford cemetery.

Bertha (1885-1911, scarlet fever) married Ed Storey of the Opawaka district. They had two children. Gertrude (1909-1991) married Jim Elliot of Dugald. They had one daughter Margaret Ann (Peggy) who married Harold Trapp of Lac du Bonnet and has one adopted son, Casey and one grandson. Arnold (1910-1989) married Christine Molberg. They had three daughters, Joan, Carol and Dorothy and five grandchildren. Carol died as a result of a traffic accident while in nurses' training in Winnipeg.

Lorne (1889-1976) served in the army in both world wars. He farmed for some time in the Barclay district. He married Cora Anderson of Calgary and lived there. After the war, he joined the Corps of Commissionaires and remained in this service until he retired. They had no children.

Herbert (1889-1984) graduated from Ontario Veterinary College in 1914. Most his practising years were spent with the Federal Department of Agriculture, Health of Animals Branch in Calgary, Alberta. He married Marion Whyte of Calgary. They had three sons: John Herbert (1918-1994), Wilfred Charles (1922-1926) and William David. John married Donna Burns of Calgary and had five children. David married Ruth McKinnon of Calgary and has three children.

Howard (1895-1961) married Alice Craig,



Charles and Margaret (Boyle) Storey - 1908, Howard, Lorne, Bertha, Herb, Ivan

daughter of William Craig and Edith Compton, of the Opawaka district in 1920. She had graduated from Freemason's Hospital at Morden. They took up residence on the Storey homestead at N.W. 27-3-7 and Charles and Margaret moved to Morden. In 1922 the senior Storeys returned from Morden and built a house on the south quarter of 27-3-7. They lived there until their death.

Howard and Alice lived on the farm until 1955 when their son Allen married. They built a house at 543 Dufferin Avenue in Manitou. Besides his farming operation, Howard did some veterinary work in the area and continued to do so after moving to Manitou. He underwent surgery for a malignant brain tumour in March 1961 and died three months later. He is buried in Darlingford Cemetery. In 1952, during the polio epidemic, Alice resumed her nursing career at the Manitou Hospital. She retired in 1970 after which she busied herself with her garden, quilt making and her grandchildren. She became a resident of the Tabor Home in Morden in 1986 and died in 1990 at the age of ninety-four. She is buried in Darlingford Cemetery. They raised a

family of five: William Howard, Allen George, Eldon Charles, Edith Margaret and Bertha Mae.

William Storey (1923-1985) left home in 1942 to join the R.C.A.F. Posted to Brandon, Manitoba for his basic training, he emerged as a Pilot Officer in March 1944. He went overseas in October of that year, landing in England, then on to Karachi, India. They were then sent to Gujrat in northern India to join the newly formed #435 and #436 Canadian Squadrons flying DC3's hauling supplies.

For eleven months Bill and his crew flew the hazardous Burma territory. Serving as navigator on this crew was Fred Sprung. Bill married while in England and then came home in 1946. He received his discharge from the R.C.A.F. with the rank of Flight Lieutenant, and in 1946 joined Trans Canada Airlines flying DC3, DC4 and Viscount aircraft.

Bill and Joy had two sons, Howard John and Douglas James. Howard (Skip) is married and lives in Vancouver. His career is in the arts and entertainment field. Doug married Lee Bertrand of Winnipeg. They have one daughter, Christina Ann. Doug joined Air Canada as a pilot. He was based in



Howard and Alice Storey Family. back row: Eldon, Bill, Allen, front row: Howard, Bertha, Edith, Alice

Winnipeg until 1995 when he was transferred to Vancouver. They took up residence near Victoria. He is a captain on 767s on international flights.

Following retirement, Bill and Joy moved to Sidney, British Columbia in 1983. Bill died of cancer in 1985. Joy married Tom Reid in 1995 and lives in Brentwood Bay, British Columbia.

Allen Storey (1927-1989) married Marilyn Guderian of the 1-6 Lindal district in 1955. They continued farming on the farm homesteaded by Allen's grandparents, Charles and Margaret Storey in 1878, and later by his parents, Howard and Alice Storey. In 1981, Allen and Marilyn moved to Morden where Allen obtained employment in the activity wood working department at Tabor Home. Marilyn continued nursing at the hospital in Morden. Allen died in 1989. Marilyn continues to live in Morden. They have two children, Craig (1956) and Carol (1959). Both attended Darlingford Elementary School, and later Nellie McClung High School in Manitou.

In 1978 Craig married Brenda Kemp of Winnipeg who was employed at Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. Craig completed a Heavy Duty Diesel Mechanics course in the fall of 1978. In 1981 they moved to the family farm continuing in agriculture. Craig has diversified the family farm by establishing an Agricultural Repair Shop. Brenda continues her banking career with Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and presently maintains a position of branch manager in Morden. They have two children, Dallas (1980) and Amber (1982). They are also the fifth generation of Storeys

to live on this farm since 1878.

Carol and her husband, Ron Langan (formerly of Cartwright, Manitoba) currently reside at Glenboro, Manitoba. Carol teaches elementary school at Belmont, and Ron is a hospital maintenance worker at Glenboro. They have two sons, Matthew (1988) and Wade (1992).

Eldon worked for Manitoba Hydro for some time and was a grain buyer near Boissevain until he bought a farm there and also worked for the Provincial Parks until retiring in 1994. He married Roberta Souter of Kenton, Manitoba, a niece of Cathy (Will) Barclay, in 1953. They have three sons, Wilmer George (his twin William Howard, died at birth),

Lenard Charles and Brent Eldon and one daughter, Louise Alice. Another daughter, Thelma Ann died



Marilyn and Allen Storey



Brenda, Amber, Craig and Dallas Storey - 1996

of pneumonia at eleven months of age. They have three grandchildren. They retired to Boissevain in 1997.

Edith taught school for three years and married Elmo Baloun of Morden in 1956. They farmed near Manitou and also operated a Massey Ferguson dealership and an anhydrous ammonia fertilizer business. Elmo left the area in 1980. They were divorced in 1985. They had three sons: Ray Howard, Grant David and Dale Elmo.

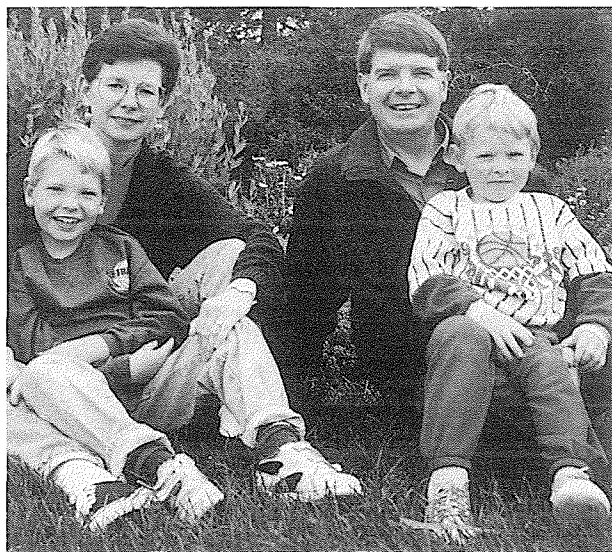
Ray married Gail Kemp of Winnipeg. She is a sister of Brenda (Craig) Storey. Ray is Terminal Manager with Agpro Grain in Winnipeg. They have two daughters, Brett and Carly.

Grant married Kathy Deamel (Andy and Eva) of La Riviere. He bought Manitou Auto Body from Tom Hamilton in 1995. They have two sons, Dylan and Cole and a daughter, Avery.

Dale married Angela Fallis (Joan McElroy and Jim). He is a Snap On Tools dealer and is Chairman of the Dealer Advisory Board of Snap On Canada. They live on the Baloun farm at 24-3-9. They have one son Dustin and twin daughters, Kaila and Ashley.

In 1993 Edith married Russ Langseth. They live in Manitou.

Bertha Mae married Norman Guderian, a brother of Marilyn (Allen) Storey, of Thornhill in 1955. They farmed until 1978 when they moved to Morden. Bertha was a partner in a ladies dress shop for some years, retiring in 1992. They have two children Karen Joy married Will Hoes of Morden. They have three children and live in Calgary. William Ross (Bill) married Eleanor Hildebrand of



Matthew, Carol (Storey) and Ron Langan, Wade

Morden and has two children. He owns Lindal Heat Transfer Services at Steinbach. Two foster children, Bridgette and Victor Klyne were also a part of this family. Victor has a son and twin daughters.

Ivan (1901-1980) worked with Howard for a time and then rented part of 28-3-7 (Doug Griffin). In 1931, he married Irene Waddell of Sperling who taught at Barclay School. When Charles suffered a stroke in 1940, Ivan and Irene moved in with Ivan's parents and lived there until 1949 when both parents were gone. Irene taught school at Kaleida for some years and then moved to Winnipeg where she taught until retirement age. They had no family. Ivan died in 1980 and Irene in 1984. Both are buried in Darlingford cemetery.

Herb Storey

Herb Storey (1883-1969) was the son of Thomas Storey (1851-1934) and Martha Jane Hunt (1853-1929), who settled in the Opawaka district. He grew up with his five brothers. In 1905 he homesteaded at Meota, Saskatchewan for some years and then travelled for different farm machinery companies.

In 1922, he married Laura Boyle (1890-1960) and they had two chosen children: a daughter, Verna (1927) and a son, John (1929-1949).

The family lived on S.E. 16-4-7, just south of Opawaka school, until 1946 when they sold the farm and moved to Morden. They moved to Darlingford in 1953 and lived in the house at 30 Dufferin Street. Laura died in 1960 and Herb in 1969.

The children went to Opawaka school. Verna trained as a Practical Nurse at St. Rose du Lac and Morden hospitals. She graduated in 1947 and worked at the Ninette Sanitorium. She married Ivan Bishop in 1949 and moved to Winnipeg where she worked in a nursing home for a number of years. Verna passed away in 1985.

They had one son, Gregory who was born in 1951. He attended school in Winnipeg and as a hobby, obtained his private pilot's flying license. In 1980 he married Janet Van Wynsberghe. Greg works for Shaw Cable and Janet works as a manager at Centra Gas. They have two children, Stephen (1985) and Christa (1987).

William Storey, Sr.

William Storey, Sr., and his wife, were born in Cork, Ireland, and emigrated to Canada with their parents in 1825. Bytown (Ottawa) consisted of three shanties at this time. They took up land at

Carlton, where the children grew up. They were William, Jr., Mary Jane, George, Charlie and Zeannie.

William Storey, Jr., was born in 1854 and in 1878 he married Elizabeth Latimer at Pakenham.

In 1878 Mr. and Mrs. William Storey, Sr.; Mr. and Mrs. William Storey, Jr., and the Thomas Boyle families decided to move west and homestead. William and Elizabeth purchased oxen and carts at Emerson and proceeded with their honeymoon journey to Darlingford, settling on the N.E. 1/4 30-3-7, while Thomas Boyle settled on the S.E. 1/4 30-3-7. The parents, William Storey, Sr., and the rest of the family went on to Winnipeg where George ran a stage coach between Winnipeg and Selkirk, later taking up a homestead on the N.E. 1/4 24-3-8, at Darlingford. Mr. and Mrs. Storey, Sr., were buried at Manitou.

Mary Jane Storey married Jim Boyle and lived on the S.E. 1/4 32-3-7. In 1909 they moved to Lintlaw, Saskatchewan.

George Storey moved to Mather.

Charlie married Margaret Boyle and homesteaded in the Barclay district and remained there until their death.

Zeannie became a chiropodist in Winnipeg.

William and Elizabeth Storey's first home was a tent and then a sod shack, replaced by a log house and later a brick one. They worked hard breaking a scrub farm and making it into one of the finest homes in the district. They had three daughters. Minnie, born in 1879, was recorded as the third white child born in the Pembina Municipality. Mrs. Storey related how the Indian callers were amazed at the fair skin and blue eyes of the baby and she was afraid they might kidnap her. Minnie married Gabriel Sprung in 1922. Lillian married Peter Henderson of Boissevain in 1900. Lila married Hamilton A. Lowry in 1912.

William and Elizabeth retired to Darlingford in 1917, where he purchased the Ferris Bolton house (32 Mountain Avenue) and proceeded to beautify the grounds. Their Golden Wedding Anniversary was on March 20, 1928. Their daughters installed electricity for them as a gift, as the town was being electrified at this time.

Mrs. Storey died in 1933 and he went to live with the H.A. Lowrys on the farm. In July 1938, he went for the mail with his pony which ran away, throwing him from the buggy. He died from the injuries he received.

They were true pioneers living mostly on what

they could take from the land. He possessed a keen, active mind and read all current events. Theirs was one of the first homes to have a radio in town.

Fred Surau

The Fred Surau family came from the United States and lived on the N.E. 1/4 18-1-7 for a time, then moved to the S.W. 1/4 17-1-7. There was a large family: Fred, Theodore, Albert, Edith, Ella, Emma, Lillian, Helen, Gertrude, Ella, Eleanor and the four youngest girls attended Point Douglas School in 1924-26. Later they moved to the S.W. 1/4 14-1-7 in the Chicken Hill district. After Mr. Surau passed away, the family all went back to the United States. Edith married Laurie Huston and lived in the valley for a while and their two girls Florence and Nellie went to school at Point Douglas in 1928. Mrs. Huston now lives in La Riviere.

Robert Sutherland

Robert Sutherland (1886-1956) was born at Thurso, Scotland. He came out to Manitoba where he worked for Thomas R. Slute for many years. The Slutes retired to 13 Dufferin Street in Darlingford in 1928. Bob then worked for Len Slute and later retired to Darlingford where he lived in the Slute house.

He enjoyed curling and hunting game birds and deer, Bob remained a bachelor and died in 1956. He is buried in the Slute plot at the Darlingford Cemetery.

Frank Svoboda

Frank Svoboda (1911-1974) was born in Austria and came to Canada as a small boy with his parents, Frank and Anne Svoboda in 1914. They settled in the Morden district. Frank married Elizabeth Loutchan (1908) in May 1931. She came to Manitoba with her parents in 1929. Frank worked for A. Krushel of Morden, the Morden Experimental Farm, and later for Phil Brunn. In 1947 they took up farming in the Pembina Valley near Windygates. Later they moved up out of the valley, having rented a quarter which was formerly owned by a Mr. McGregor. In 1951, they bought the W. 1/2 1-1-7 from Wylie Caves of Windygates. They farmed there until 1965 when they retired. They rented their farm to Robert Treichel for three years and moved their new house to Darlingford to 21 Law Street. They sold the farm to John Wiebe of Altona, in 1968. Frank died November 1974 and Elizabeth (Betty) moved to the Pembina Manitou

Health Centre, in 1995. She had her ninetieth birthday, February 1998.

Frank and Betty had five children. Two sons predeceased them, Roy (18 months) in 1949 and Roy (16 years) in 1964. The remaining children were Tony, Kenneth and Ella.

Tony married Isabelle Heath (1936-1995) of Goodlands, Manitoba on November 5, 1955. They farmed in the Mowbray district until 1962, when they moved to Darlingford where Tony operated a television repair shop. They purchased the hardware store from Phyllis Spangelo and ran both store and television repair business. Tony retired from television repair business in 1994 and has a photography and framing business. Isabelle trained as a licensed practical nurse in Morden hospital and then worked at the Salem Home in Winkler. Isabelle died in September 1995, after an illness of cancer. They had three children: Dawn, Jim and Joanne. Dawn (1956) married Gordie Clayton in 1979. They live in Darlingford and operate a greenhouse and deliver the rural mail. Gordie also works as a carpenter. They have one son, Greg and twin girls, Candace and Jennifer. James "Jim" (1961) finished school in Manitou. He lives in Winnipeg with Kathy Lagimodiere and works for Feed Rite Mills. Joanne died at birth in 1967. Tony remarried in October 1996 to Trudy Gould from Carman. Trudy helps Tony with the framing and photography business.

Kenneth married Sheila Slute of Darlingford. They lived at Fort Francis, Ontario, where he was employed with Rusty Meyers Flying Service. They have since retired to Kamloops, British Columbia. They have four sons, William, Shane, Robert and Jack.

Ella married Walter Born of Morden and they lived in Winnipeg. They are since divorced. Ella lives in St. James and works for Boeing making airliner components. Their four children are: Angela, Tannis, Kimberley and Daryl.

Jim Swayze

Jim Swayze returned from World War I and married Ollie Smith, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith. Who lived on the S.E. 1/2 16-1-7. Mr. Smith was one of the first trustees of Point Douglas School which was built in 1909. The Smiths and Swayzes both moved to Morden.

R.P. Swayze

R.P. Swayze and his American wife Loretta la

Chantz, lived on the S.W. 1/4 6-1-7 and the children went to Chicken Hill School. They later moved to Pilot Mound.

Cyrenus Swerdfeger

Cyrenus Swerdfeger (1874-1954) came from Morrisburg, Ontario in 1906, staying with the William Irvines and working for other farmers. In 1906 Cyrene and Donald McGillivray purchased the livery barn in Darlingford from Wes Oke, which they both operated until 1920. The livery barn was sold and Cyrene worked on the C.P.R. section gang. He retired in the later part of the 1930's and then worked as caretaker of the skating rink and the community hall. In 1909 Cyrene married Emma Jacobs (1888-1974) and lived in a house at 24 Pembina Street. Cyrene died in 1954 and Emma in 1974. They had three daughters: Edith (1910-1983), Evelyn (1914-1995) and Helen (1922-1993) and an infant son, Mervyn (1915-1916).

Edith Swerdfeger after finishing school at Darlingford, worked as a local telephone operator. She joined the C.W.A.C. in World War II and became a corporal and telephone switchboard operator at Fort Osborne barracks, Winnipeg. After the war she worked for Patterson Grain Co. in Winnipeg, where she retired in 1975. She married Bill Sproat in 1955. He had been in the R.C.A.F. and served four years overseas as a firefighter. After his discharge, he worked as an interior decorator at the Armed Forces Base, Winnipeg. Bill died in 1979 and Edith died accidentally in 1983.

Evelyn Swerdfeger after finishing school, worked at odd jobs in Darlingford and played the organ in the United Church. In 1938 she married Tom Mitchell (1914) of Kaleida and they moved to Winnipeg where Tom worked for Dubois Dry Cleaners as a driver salesman. Evelyn died in 1995 and Tom lives in Winnipeg. They had eight children: Gary, Earl, Richard, Hugh, Doug, Glen, John and Sandra.

Gary (1938) married Evelyn Wasylnka (1944) in 1965. Gary worked for British Columbia Telephones and retired in 1998. They live in Vancouver and have two children: Robert (1967) and Kathy (1971).

Earl (1940) married Gail Forrest of Saskatoon in 1964, later divorced. Earl worked for Pitney-Bowes in Vancouver and retired in 1992. They have two children, Michelle (1969) and Christopher (1973), both married in 1996.

Richard (1947) married Brenda Hicks (1949) of

Melita in 1969. Dick works for a security company in Lethbridge and Brenda for the Lethbridge hospital. They have two children, Stephen (1976) and Jennifer (1978).

Hugh (1948) married Elfrieda Van Dulmen in 1973. They were divorced and Hugh married Wendy Ross (1952) in 1990. Hugh is in the insurance business and lives in Transcona, Manitoba. Wendy had a son, Danny (1978) from a previous marriage and they have a daughter, Gillian (1991).

Doug (1950) is in the real estate business at Port Coquitlam, British Columbia and lives with a friend Barbara Sherman who works as a stock broker.

Glen (1954) graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1979 with B.S.W. He married Sandra Bishop (1958), Bachelor of Nursing, in 1980. Glen is employed as a social worker and Sandi as a nurse in Winnipeg. They have two boys, Nathan (1983) and Ian (1989).

John (1955) is employed by Boeing in Winnipeg. He married Brenda Seesahai (1958) in 1980 who is employed by VIA Rail. They have three children: Justin (1983), Kyle (1985) and Brittany (1989).

Sandra (1958) completed a child care course at Red River Community College in Winnipeg. She married Peter Rowe in 1983. They live in North Vancouver where he works for the city and she teaches school.

Helen Swerdfeger completed school at Darlingford and worked for the local telephone office where she became chief operator. She married Mac Scales (1919) B.S.A., in 1945. Mac was head chemist for Manitoba Sugar Co. in Winnipeg and is now retired. He was noted for his curling ability. He had won four Canadian Championships and the Manitoba Consols in 1960. Helen died in 1993. They had five children: Donald, Jacqueline, Deborah, Catherine and Robert.

Donald (1946) married Elizabeth Shevy (1950) of Winnipeg in 1967. Donald works for the City of Winnipeg Water Works Department as a chemist and is semi-retired. They reside in Selkirk and have two children, Christopher (1968) and Adam (1974).

Jacqueline (1947) married Manfred Melzer (1941) in 1979 in Hawaii and all the Scales went to the wedding. Jacqueline worked as a secretary at the University of British Columbia and retired in 1997. Manfred is a mechanical engineer. They reside in Vancouver.

Deborah (1954) married Fred Klatt (1955) in 1976. Debbie worked as a dental assistant and is

now at home. Fred is a systems analyst for the provincial government and they reside in Winnipeg. They have three boys: Nick (1981), Kevin (1984) and Stephen (1988).

Catherine (1957) graduated as pharmacist and works at that trade for Safeway in Winnipeg. She married Gary Nicholson (1949) in 1986 and they have one son, Jeromy (1994).

Robert (1960) graduated with a degree in food science and works for the federal government in the Food and Drug Department. He married Karen Shames (1961) from Winnipeg in 1985 and they have three children: Matthew (1989), Sara (1991) and Victoria (1994).

Mac Scales married Mary Simcoe in 1996.

James Switzer

James Switzer (1837-1909) and Margaret (1856-1946) Switzer moved from Quebec in the spring of 1889 and purchased the N.E. 1/2 28-3-7. There already was an 8'x20' frame house, a small log barn, and a partly finished granary on the property.

It was hard work breaking new land with only manpower and horses. Each year more fields were cleared, a bit of equipment was purchased or livestock was added to the farm. Work was exchanged with neighbours such as the Barclays and the Storeys who had already established farms nearby. A major achievement must have been the construction of a big new barn.

James and Margaret raised five children: Eva (Harford Ashley), Maud who married John Ticknor, Georgina (Tommy Fields), Cora (Percy Mustard), and John who married Mary Henderson.

After their marriage in 1919, John (1893-1956) and Mary (1898-1957) continued to work the farm. By this time a new two storey brick home was built with a good basement, central furnace, water cistern, summer kitchen, and indoor bathroom for the winter. It must have been a welcome change from the original house. A willow shelterbelt was growing nicely to the west. New trees were planted to the north of a sparse bush and to the south to protect an ample garden.

John was well known in the district as a curler, an avid hunter, and a competitive marksman. Mary found time for the Ladies Orange Benevolent Association, work with the Women's Missionary Society, Barclays Ladies Aid, and quilting bees with the neighbours. Both were fond of dancing. The linoleum was often rolled up for house parties so couples could dance around the entire main

floor. Barclay school teachers also enjoyed the hospitality of the Switzer household. Many boarded with the family from the 1920s to the mid-fifties. John and Mary had five children.

Ina (Vic Sanders) worked in retail stores and restaurants for many years. She finished her working career as a civil servant with the R.C.M.P. Vic died in 1978. Ina is now retired and lives in Winnipeg.

Rae married Joe Tickner. She lived and worked on their farm north of Darlingford while raising three children: Elaine (Maurice Sprung), Janie (Spence Anderson), and Darryl who married Jacqui Kinsman. (See George Ticknor story.) Rae and Joe remain quite active in their community with a special emphasis on oldtime dancing.

Merton died as an infant.

Jean taught school for a number of years. She married John Conrod. They had three children: David, Cheryl, and Bryan. Jean died in 1991. John, now retired from the C.N.R., lives in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Lyle joined the R.C.M.P. and served at various locations in Saskatchewan, Northwest Territories, and Ontario. While stationed at Inuvik, North West Territories he met and married Joan Campbell who, although raised in Ontario, was originally from Purvis, Manitoba. Joan was teaching in Inuvik and continued her career in Ontario and finally in Portage la Prairie. After retiring from the R.C.M.P. Lyle accepted employment with the Insurance Crime Prevention Bureau in Winnipeg.

While away from the community for many years Lyle rented the farm to Bob McElroy, Ross Smith, and Daryl Tickner who is currently working the land. Since returning to Manitoba Lyle and Joan have renovated the farm house where they plan to spend their retirement days. The old summer kitchen has been replaced with a new family room and a garage/workshop has been constructed. A new veranda was added to finish off the front of the house.

Lyle and Joan have two sons. Greg lives in Newmarket, Ontario. He works for Business Depot as their Director of Security and Loss Prevention. Glenn is employed with the Provincial Department of Natural Resources as a forestry technician. He lives on a small acreage near Lorette, Manitoba.

William and James Taylor

William and James Taylor came from Scotland in 1910 and settled on S.W. 1/4 12-1-7. William

married Ethel Patterson of Langdon, North Dakota in 1915. They had two sons, Ellery and Earl. Ethel died in 1919 from severe burns when gasoline spilled. William married Mabel Patterson in 1922. They had one son, Robert. They moved to Maida in 1925 and later they moved to Swan River, Manitoba, where William died in 1965 and Mabel in 1971.

James Taylor was killed in action during World War I.

Alex Thompson

Alex Thompson owned the N.E. 1/4 18-1-7. He married Eva Barnhardt and they had one child. Eva died and he left the district for a dairy farm near Lake Winnipeg.

Reginald Thompson

Reginald Thompson (1900-1980) was born at Ballycahane, Ireland. His parents had been farmers so, with the urge to try farming in another country, he came to Manitoba in 1924. He made his headquarters at his sister's place in Winnipeg. His first job was with a farmer at Glenora. He also worked at Kamsack, Saskatchewan and Gilbert Plains, Manitoba, but returned to Winnipeg for the winter months. He came to the Darlingford district in April 1926 and worked for Frank Scales on section 3-2-7. Six inches of snow fell on May 21, 1926 when he went to work at Alfred Bedford's (N. 1/2 28-2-7) and stayed two and one-half years. In 1928 he purchased the N.E. 1/4 17-1-7 from Clarence Hamilton in the Windygates district.

Reg tells a humorous story of a trip he made to Darlingford in threshing time for a load of lumber. The boards were chained to the bunks of the wagon but two came loose and slid ahead pushing the horses. They were a lively team and they took off, running down the north hill of the Pembina Valley and half way up the south hill before they became wind-ed. Reg hung on and guided them, hoping they wouldn't meet anyone. The Kinsman's who lived near the old wooden bridge, declared it sounded like an army going across.

Margaret J. Steen (1895-1932) came out from Ireland and they were married in Winnipeg. She died in 1932. Reg stayed on the farm until he moved to Darlingford in 1966. He lived in the house at 28 Stanley Street, where he died in 1980.



Joe and Rae Tickner Family. back row: Jacqui Tickner, Spence Anderson, Maurice Sprung, middle row: Darryl Tickner, Janie Anderson, Elaine Sprung, front row: Joe and Rae Tickner

George Ticknor

Mr. and Mrs. George Ticknor, brother of Tom Ticknor, came west to Manitoba in 1890 to the Deerwood district with the hope of bettering conditions for their growing family of six children. Mr. Ticknor came from England and Mrs. Ticknor was Elizabeth Scott. George died in 1897 and Mrs. Ticknor brought her family to the Opawaka district to live in 1899 and settled on the north half of 4-4-7, building on the northeast quarter. Family members were Nellie, Walter, Sarah, John, Bob and Sam. Nellie died in 1899 and Mrs. Elizabeth Ticknor in 1909.

It was during this time that the spelling of the Ticknor name was challenged. Walter believed that the correct spelling was "Tickner" and from then on chose to spell it with an "e" rather than an "o".

Walter married Florence Compton in 1906. He had taken a barbering course and purchased a shop in Frances, Saskatchewan, where he lived for six years. He acquired a homestead, after standing on the steps of the Land Titles office in Regina all night so that he would be the first there in the morn-

ing. He had to prove the land by moving the family out for six months in the summer and driving with a horse and buggy to his shop to keep his business going. He added pool tables and a bowling alley to the barber shop with living rooms upstairs. This did not prove to be wise, as he needed more fresh air. In 1912 he sold his holdings in Saskatchewan and returned to the Opawaka district, where his brother Sam and his sister Sarah Nelson were trying to keep the farm going. Walter cleared more land and in the 1930's started trucking livestock as a sideline, depending on the train service in the winter months. Walter and Florence's family consisted of Ida, Ruth, and Joe.

Ida (1907) married Clarence S. Hancock (1909) in 1935. They farmed in the Orange Hill district until the fall of 1938 when they bought section 1-3-8W southwest of Darlingford. Here their three children, Florence, Dale and Marilyn were born.

While raising their family, Ida enjoyed many hours on her crafts, and gave her family many enjoyable hours of her piano music. She took an active part in the Red Cross during the war years, knitting mitts and socks for the soldiers and also the United Church ladies group. She also did some curling and golfing.

Clarence and Ida sold the farm to a Mr. Laird of Manitou in the fall of 1948. In 1949, they moved to an acreage on the southwest corner of Manitou where they kept chickens and cattle for a few years. Upon moving to Manitou, Clarence started a trucking business, working during the early years of the major upgrading of our highway throughout Manitoba, while during the winter he was caretaker at the skating rink.

They built a B.A. Service Station and lunch bar at the corner of Main Street and Highway #3 in 1955. Here the family spent many hours working and enjoying the company of many fine customers. Their son, Dale joined them and later bought into the business.

Florence trained as a licensed practical nurse and married Ron Dobson of Manitou. They reside on S.W. 34-3-8W. They have three children. Ian lives at home, Walter resides in Winnipeg and Mona (Doug Rathwell) lives in Holland, Manitoba.

Dale married Margaret Harder. They have two children, Josh and Dena, and live in Manitou.

Marilyn trained as a hairdresser and married Bill Jordan. They have two children, Glenn and Donnie, and live on the family farm in the New Haven district, S.E. 29-4-8W.

Ida retired from the restaurant in 1974 because of ill health and died in 1978. After her death, Clarence's sisters, Ida and Vera came to live with him. The business was sold in 1980. Clarence spent many hours enjoying his grandchildren and family. Due to ill health, Clarence moved to Tabor Home in Morden in 1987 until his death in 1993.

Ruth (Tickner) and William Bryson (deceased) married and had two children, Jack and Walter.

Jack (deceased) and Merle (Becket) Bryson of Thompson had three children. Rick and Doreen Bryson of Thompson have two children, Beth and Sara. Rod and Bev Bryson of Thompson have two children, Daniel and Thomas. Ray and Susan Cheetam of Thompson have two children, Jeffery and Jenny Antila

Walter Bryson died in 1998.

Ruth (Tickner) Bryson married Howard C. "Bill" Hunt and had four children: Doug, Mavis, Marie and Jim.

Doug and Anne (Webster) Hunt of Gladstone have three children. Scott and Fern Hunt of North West Territories have three children: Alyssa, Patrick, Erin. Lorne and Kathy Hunt of Gladstone have three children: Amanda, Taylor and Kayla and Lora (Hunt) McKinnon of Portage La Prairie.

Mavis and Johnny Schmidt of Darlingford have two children, Debbie Schmidt of Winnipeg who has three children, Nadia and Jovita and Tyler Devloo of Somerset, and Brenda and Steve Klein of Morden.

Marie and Larry Seymour of Darlingford have three children. Darren and Liz Seymour of Darlingford. Dale and Angela Seymour of Manitou have three children: Christopher, Brett and Kaitlyn. Dwight and Trish Seymour of Stonewall have one daughter, Jenna.

Jim and Diane (Cloutier) Hunt of Morden have two children, Dara and Chandra.

Joseph William (1917) after finishing school, helped his father on the farm. In 1942, he married Rae Switzer (1923), daughter of John and Mary Switzer of the Barclay district, and took over the family farm. Walter and Florence moved to Darlingford and kept up the trucking business for some time. Walter died in 1949 and Florence remained living in Darlingford until her death in 1975.

Joe and Rae's family consists of Ruth Elaine (1942), Janie Marie (1949) and Joseph Walter Darryl (1953). The changing of the school district boundaries resulted in our family's close associa-

tion with the Barclay district as compared to the previous generations attendance at the Opawaka United Church. All the children started school in Barclay school moving to Darlingford and finishing high school at Nellie McClung Collegiate in Manitou. Sunday school was also held in the Barclay School for some time followed by Darlingford United Church and Sunday School. It was a busy household with farming, 4-H projects, Explorers, C.G.I.T., Tyros, and Scouts. One of their family's highlights was our trip to Montreal to Expo '67 and Canada's 100th Birthday.

Joe loved farming and was a member of the Manitoba Pool Elevator board. Rae enjoyed assisting with the field work and also kept busy with other off farm jobs, including working as a sewing machine operator and a cook at local hospitals. Volunteering has always been a large part of her life. Both Joe and Rae have been very actively involved in the Zion Calvin United Church in Darlingford. After Darryl and Jacqui returned to the family farm, Joe and Rae built a new home on the S. 1/2 21-3-7 near Darlingford. They continue to be active partners in the family farm and enjoy semi-retirement including golfing, curling, dancing and supporting many volunteer organizations.

Elaine graduated as a registered nurse and married Maurice Sprung in 1964. (See Sprung story.)

Janie graduated as a licensed practical nurse and married Spence Anderson in October 1969. After their marriage they resided in Thompson for nine years, where Spence worked for Inco and Janie worked as a doctor's assistant. Both of their children were born at Thompson General Hospital, Angela (1970) and Curtis (1976). In 1978 they moved back to Manitou, where they purchased the Manitou Bakery from Ray Christoff, which they have owned and operated jointly until present. Both Angie and Curt attended school in Manitou. Angie is employed at McLean Farm Supply. She married Mike Klassen September 1998. They reside in La Riviere. Curtis is working for oil rig servicing company based out of Carnduff, Saskatchewan.

Joseph Walter Darryl Tickner (May 20, 1953) is the youngest child and only son. After high school, Darryl worked for Manitoba Telephone System for several years before coming home to farm with his father. He married Jacqui (Kinsman) on July 8, 1972. Jacqui was a nurse and later worked for Big Brothers then was activities co-ordinator at Pembina Manitou Health Centre. In May of 1997 they opened Academy Florist in the Southland

Mall, Winkler. They have two children, Joey (September 15, 1973) and Trinda (June 12, 1975).

Joey attended school in Manitou and later attended Assiniboine Community College in Brandon where he acquired his Heavy Duty Diesel Mechanic's license. He worked for Kleysen Transport and Freightliner Manitoba as a mechanic until 1997, when he moved home to be a partner with his parents in Tickner Farms and Scarpa Transport. Joey now lives on the home farm.

Trinda also attended school in Manitou and later moved to Winnipeg where she worked for Canadian Tire in customer service for a number of years before she entered Robertson College. She graduated in November of 1996 and now works at Robertson College as the administrative assistant.

Although not living on the farm anymore Darryl is still farming with Joey as well they both own transport trucks which they drive and are partners in Scarpa Transport.

John Scott Ticknor was born September 12, 1880 and came to Manitoba with his mother, dad and brothers and sister in the early 1900s. Jack married Maude Switzer and moved to Alberta where four children were born: Annie, Geo, and twins, Nellie and Bruce. Maude died when twins were babies in 1914 and Jack moved back to Manitoba. Maude was buried at Cornation, Alberta. Jack farmed south of town. Around 1918 or so he married Minnie Finley and they finally moved north of Darlingford where they farmed until 1942 (32-3-7). They raised: Dick, Finley, Don, Murray, Brian, Maurice (who died in infancy) and Alex. They retired to Miami in 1942 and then finally to British Columbia where Jack died in May 1968 and Minnie died in October 1984.

Dick finished school and joined the R.A.F. Dick married Betty Baird of Manitou and raised two children, Camille and Kelly. After a near fatal accident, the plane went down in the Mediterranean where Dick and co-pilot escaped and others did not. Dick had to come home. He bought Volkswagen of Canada and ran it for several years. He sold the business and retired. He died in 1970. Betty has since remarried. Finley married Edith Sprout and they had three daughters: Pat, Kae and Lynn. They lived in Toronto for a while but moved to British Columbia where Finley did road work with heavy machinery. They finally moved to Alberta where Edith died in 1992 and Fin still lives there. The girls are all married and live in Alberta. Donald joined Paratroopers and saw action over France and was

lucky and came home unhurt. He married an English girl, Joan and they had two boys, Garry and Raymond. Don worked in real estate and has since retired. Don remarried and lives north of Toronto. The boys are married and live in Ontario. Murray joined the Merchant Marines during war and after service there he made his home in Toronto and married Gladys. They have two children, David and Camille. After working for Facelle for several years, he has retired to Georgetown. Children are married and live in Ontario. Brian lived in Toronto for a while, married Marge and raised three boys: John, Ted and Bill. They moved west where Brian died in 1981. Alec finished school in Miami and moved to British Columbia with his parents and worked with a steel company for years and finally joined his nephews in "Lube" then retired to his cottage on the coast. He married Doris and they had two daughters and a son.

Annie married Andy Henderson of Miami and had two daughters Iona and Betty. Andy died in 1967 and Annie in 1982. Iona lives in Winnipeg and Betty at St. Anne. Geo moved to the coast and married Mae and raised a large family.

Nellie married Ron Eadie of Portage and lived there ever since. They raised Terry and Shannon who are married and live in Alberta. Bruce married Phyllis Williams in 1937 and lived at Mowbray where Murray was born in 1941 and in 1942 Bruce and family took over the farm at Darlingford and stayed until 1981 where Jim, Joanne and Bob were born.

Bruce was an avid hunter up until he had a heart attack in 1984. He also got to be a fisherman too and enjoyed cards with his friends. After his heart attack he took a stroke and lived several years in Tabor and died June 6, 1992.

Murray went to Toronto and worked for his Uncle Dick in Volkswagen until it was sold and then he moved north to Burks Falls. He married Gail and they had three boys. Richard a carpenter, Ron a policeman in forces (spent three years overseas) and Tim with O.P.P. Murray works for O.P.P. in Burks Falls and they have eight grandchildren.

Jim went into banking after school and then went into conservation and wildlife. He married Anne and has two boys and a girl. Carey is a musician and enjoys the night life. Jaren worked at Heckla Island. Scott is enjoying life and moving around. Jim lives in Beausejour.

Joanne married Ken Pearce and having lived from Ontario to British Columbia is now back in

Ottawa. Ken works for customs and computers. Joanne is assistant manager for 7-Eleven. They have two children, Kenny taking his masters in music in British Columbia and Joanna in university in Alberta.

Bob married Pat Lechner and moving from Winnipeg to Calgary back to Winnipeg is now working for Red River College in Steinbach. He has two girls Jill and Holly living in Steinbach. Phyllis moved into town from the farm and bought Dave Cowan's house in 1984 and lived there till 1996 when due to health sold the house and moved to Morden to the Legion House Two.

Jim Tovey

under Jonah Tovey

Jonah Tovey

Jonah Tovey and Elizabeth Bowdich were married in 1871 in England and came to Youngstown, Ohio later to Illinois and finally to Manitoba in 1905. They lived on the Albert Lawson farm, now owned by Brian Andrews. The family who came with them were Esther, Elizabeth, Jane, Maude, Charlie and Mark. Mr. Tovey died while they were on this farm and Charlie and Mark took over the running of the farm. Mark also drove a school van with horses. About 1913 they moved to the W. 1/2 20-2-7, now owned by Hal Ching, in the Calf Mountain district.

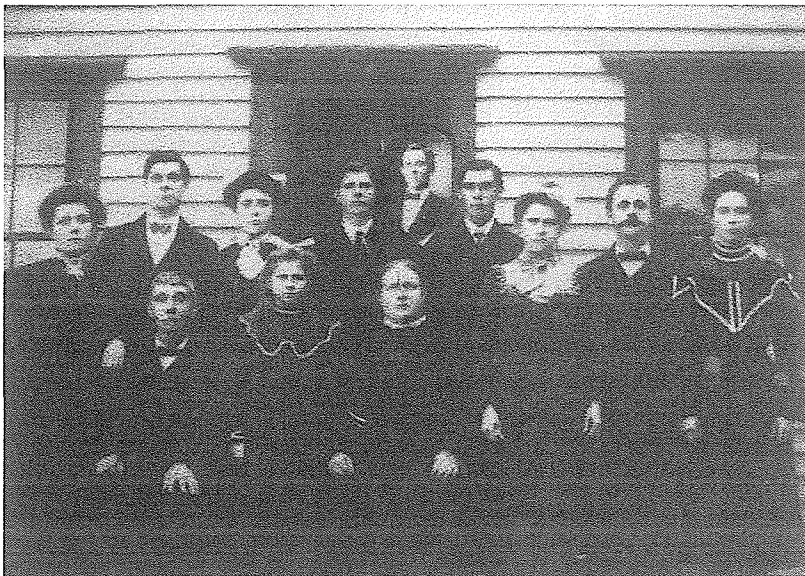
Mark Tovey enlisted in the first world war with the transport division hauling supplies. When he

returned from overseas he purchased E. 1/2 19-2-7 which he later sold to Albert Waddingham. His wife Edith (nee Jones) came from England the following year. They had four children. Robert in 1923, married Birdie and they had two children, Winnifred and Michael. James married Patricia in 1924 and died in 1988. Pat died in 1992. They had no children. Ted was born in 1925 and married Edith. They have one son, Mark. Beatrice (1926) married Gordon Ryland has two children, Donna and Alan. Edith Tovey, Sr. died in 1926 soon after Beatrice was born.

As a result of his overseas service Mark required medical treatment and while in Deer Lodge Hospital he met Catherine Morgan and the couple were married in 1928. They farmed until 1931 then moved to Winnipeg where they lived until the late 1950's then moved to Rainy River, Ontario where they enjoyed boating, fishing and the rural lifestyle. Mark died in 1962. Catherine moved back to Winnipeg, a few years later, to live with her sister Maggie. She died in 1982.

Charles Tovey and sisters Jane and Maude remained on the family farm with their mother. Mrs. Jonah Tovey died in 1927. When the farm was sold to Wood Brothers in 1936, Charlie moved to Manitou where he was a building repair contractor. Jane and Maude (Howard Revine) moved to Ontario.

Daughters Esther (Morrow) and Elizabeth (Waddingham) are included under their married names.



Tovey Family. front row: (l-r) Jonah Tovey, Maude, Elizabeth (Bowdich) Tovey, Eliza Jane, back row: Mary, Alfred, Esther, Charlie, William (Will - in picture propped up in doorway), Mark, James (Jim), Elizabeth

Jim Tovey and his wife, Verda, came from Illinois about 1907 and first settled on the Gillett farm, near Thornhill cemetery. From there they moved to section 14-3-7, now owned by David Petkau. In 1938 they moved to Morden where they lived a few years before he died. Mrs. Tovey returned to Illinois where her son, Gladys resided.

Charlie Townsend

Charlie Townsend was the son William Townsend who had come out from England. William first lived in Cannington, Ontario where he married Esther Gibbs. They came west and settled in Souris, Manitoba where he was employed as a brakeman with the C. P. R. They had five children. Charlie was born in 1929, received his education in Souris

and worked in a garage for seven years. In 1954, he started work with the Lake of the Woods Milling Company at Portage la Prairie. He then spent five years at McGregor, where he met and married Ethel Reid in 1959. They lived at Thaxted, near Melfort, Saskatchewan for two years, before coming to Darlingford in the spring of 1964. Charlie was manager of the local Federal Grain Elevator until 1972 when it was sold to Manitoba Pool Elevators. While in Darlingford, both Charlie and Ethel were willing helpers in many church and community projects. Their three children, Leanne, Reid and Dale attended Darlingford school until Easter 1972, when the family moved to Dinsmore, Saskatchewan where Charlie operated a grain elevator for Pioneer Grain. They moved back to Cypress River, Manitoba in 1973 where Charlie was in partnership in a seed plant. In 1990 the seed plant was sold and Charlie retired and still lives in Cypress River.

Leanne Townsend married James Hill and they live in Calgary where he is a postman. They have one daughter Danielle (1989).

Reid Townsend married Conny Sorokowski and they live in Edmonton, Alberta where he works for an insurance company. They have a son, Benjamin (1987) and two daughters, Katrina (1993) and Gianna (1995).

Dale Townsend married Janet Millburn from Winnipeg where they live and he is an operations manager for a building supply company. They have one daughter Sarah (1997).

Benjamin Treichel

Benjamin Treichel and his wife, Emma Golke, farmed in Poland where the conditions were very unsettled and there was no opportunity to get ahead. Benjamin's brother, Adolph had come to Canada earlier. So in 1928, Benjamin, Emma and their three daughters came to this country. He worked in the Shadeland district for seven years before taking up farming on his own land.

In 1958 they purchased the E. 1/2 2-3-7, which they farmed until they retired to Morden. Benjamin was an ardent fisherman, both winter and summer. Their three sons were born in Canada. Benjamin and Emma both passed away in 1990. Their children are: Ida, Sophie, Martha, Adolph, Robert, Albert "Bert".

Ida Rogan lives in Sicamous, British Columbia.

Sophie and Ted Smith live at Parksville, British Columbia. They have two sons, Errol and Don.

Martha and Ken Roxborough live at Sicamous,

British Columbia. They have four children: Sandra, Lori, Guy and Jody.

Adolph and Dorothy live at Emerson. They have two sons, Terry and Mark. Terry lives in Winnipeg and Mark lives at Emerson.

Robert and Rosemary Treichel live on the N.E. 1/4 13-2-7. Robert's daughter Maureen, lives in Winnipeg.

Bert and Shirley live in Ottawa, Ontario. They have two children, Laura and Bruce.

Gustav Treichel

Gustav Treichel and his wife, Emilie Pohl, were born in Poland where they were farming. Gustav's brother, Adolf, had come to Canada and was living at Emerson. Emilie's brother, Fred Pohl lived south of Morden, and they reported that Canada was a good country, so Gustav and his wife followed in 1928. They lived on the Staple farm, south of Morden, from 1929 until 1939, when they purchased the S.E. 1/4 22-2-7 where they lived until they retired, moving to Morden. Gustav died in 1981 and Emilie in 1990. They have a family of four: Otto, Elmer, Jean and Lorraine.

Otto married Dolores (Lois) Brunn of Morden in 1959, they reside on the home place, section 22-2-7. They have three boys: Douglas, Calvin and Dwayne. Doug lives on the former Len Slute farm, section 27-2-7. Cal lives in Winnipeg and has two daughters, Tiffany and Tasha. Dwayne married Sherry Tetreault of Morden, they have one daughter, Emilie and are expecting their second child. They live in Winnipeg.

Elmer married Doreen Shapansky of Morden. In 1959 they purchased the S. 1/2 4-4-7 from Tom Compton. They have three children: Barry, Brian, and Lorie. Barry is married and lives in Winnipeg. He has two boys. Brian is living on the farm. Lorie married Ken Hutchinson of Manitou and they have two girls. They live northwest of Manitou. Elmer died in 1991. Doreen continues to live on the farm.

Albert Turner

Albert Turner came from England about 1909. As well as operating his farm north-east of town from 1910 to 1912, he delivered the mail from Darlingford on both the north and south routes.

He married Lily Conley in 1918, and they continued to farm for some sixteen years. In July 1935, he was killed by a bull and Mrs. Turner and the family moved to British Columbia. They had four

children.

Jack married and had a family of four.

Alfred never married and he and Jack operated a dairy, milking sixty cows and selling the young calves.

Grace married and lived near New Westminster where her husband ran a bowling alley.

Erma married and lives in Red Deer, Alberta.

Albert Turner loved to tell of his boyhood when he was a member of a group of ten bell-ringers in a church in England. Each boy had two ropes to pull when the sexton gave them the nod. The tunes they rang out could be heard for miles.

Mike Valenti

Mike Valenti and his wife, Anna, were married in Lutz, Poland, and came to Canada six years later with one son, Stanley. Mike worked for William Wilson, living in the buildings on the brother's farm, across the road from where Glen Hunt now lives. Later they moved to Beausejour where Mr. Valenti died. While in the Shadeland district two daughters were born.

Ella married Walter Ogoniski from Selkirk. They have two children, Alberta and Linda.

Stella married Mardy Martin of Beausejour and they have a family of four: Debbie, Barbara, Pam and Lorie.

Stanley married Pat Clay from Hazelridge. They have lived at Ninette since 1961. Their children are Randy, Phillip and Cheryl Ann.

Harry R. Veals

Harry R. Veals came to Canada, from England, in 1903, with his parents Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Veals. Their family was one daughter and four sons. Although both of his parents came from families involved in the business world, it was their belief that this new and wonderful land offered greater opportunities for their family. The dream of a comfortable farm home seemed to appeal to England's middle class. It is interesting to note that, while they had a spell of homesteading, the business world drew them back.

They located twenty-five miles north of Balcarres, Saskatchewan, on the C.P.R. line, living in a log house and dependent on ponies and oxen. When the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway went through a few miles to the north, it opened up vast responsibilities. The parents were soon located in a post office and store in Ituna, and H.R. (Harry) started a general store which he soon turned over to

his brother-in-law, Mr. A.J. Parmiter. In 1912, after a term in the west as a traveller for the Swift Canadian Company, he took a position with a Mr. J.F. Crosby, managing a general store in Dubuc, Saskatchewan. When this store was sold in 1914, he moved to the Crosby store in Darlingford, arriving there on March 10.

In December 1916, he married Beatrice Ching, youngest daughter of Mr. John Ching, a pioneer farmer in Shadeland district. They took up residence in rooms in the Ferris Bolton building, and later moved into the house known as the Will Coleman residence, where a son, William and a daughter, Alice were born. Harry started in business in 1917. His store was built on the Cardno location.

After leaving school "Billie," as he was known, left for Winnipeg where he entered as an apprentice in a radio lab and repair shop. It was while working in Winnipeg that he constructed a public address system for his uncle, W.E. Veals. This was the first of its kind in southern Manitoba, serving at public functions for well over twenty years. He was making great progress in electronics when, after a time in Morden hospital, he was moved to Ninette Sanatorium where he died in July 1941.

From the first Sunday in Darlingford, Mr. Veals took a keen interest in church music. He was choir leader for most of his time in the town. He was a staunch Liberal supporter and was secretary of the Lisgar Liberal Association for many years, a post which he held until he left the constituency in 1944. He was elected Provincial president for a two year term in 1944. During his life in Darlingford he held the position of Notary Public, was Census Commissioner in 1941 and had a large insurance business for both Wawanesa and Portage la Prairie Mutual.

He was an active member of the Foresters Lodge, Darlingford Curling club and was always ready to assist with any worthwhile venture. It is interesting to note that, when a move was on foot to build a curling rink, it was H.R.'s idea to have a meeting at Law's Hall, followed by a banquet at the hotel. Forty-five enthusiasts sat down to a lovely dinner with a brand new little Bank of Montreal cheque book in front of each plate. "Just fill in your cheque for \$100 and you don't need to date it, but tell us when to deposit it in the bank." Over \$1600 rolled in by his novel idea. Needless to say, the rink was built the next summer and has never missed a winter since.

The Darlingford Curling Club was honoured by

the Manitoba Curling Association when H.R. Veals, Julius Degen, J.O. Law and A.E. Coleman were invited to curl against the visiting Scottish curlers, skipped by the Earl of Stare, in 1938. The Darlingford rink won the game.

Mrs. Veals was active in church and Lady Foresters and was a keen gardener. She loved to bake, sew and knit for community projects. Living so close to the church and Law's Hall, it was often said that everything but the kitchen sink was borrowed from Mrs. Veals, and the water from her cistern washed the dishes.

In 1944, Harry Veals sold his businesses and home and the family moved to Winnipeg, where they continued with church, music and political activities. Mr. Veals was appointed to the Veterans' Land Act, Settlement and Advisory Board and the Unemployment Commission Court of Referees. He held these positions until his death. In 1948 Alice was employed with the firm of Osler-Hammond and Nanton. In 1949 she made the move over to the firm of Investors employed as private secretary to the chief of the auditing department.

Harry Veals died in 1961 and his widow, Beatrice (Ching) continued to reside in the family home with daughter Alice, then in a nursing home until her death in 1972.

Alice retired from her employment at Investors Syndicate in 1974 and married Don Hurd, a geologist and nephew of Howard Winkler, a long time Veals family friend. They continue to reside in Winnipeg. Don and Alice have travelled extensively on vacation and also in connection with Don's employment. They have enjoyed trips to most continents of the world where Alice has been able to acquire interesting additions for her bell collection. Although failing eyesight is hampering her activities somewhat now, Alice has spent many enjoyable hours as a volunteer with the Children's Hospital Annual Book Sale.

W.E. Veals

W.E. Veals was eight years old when he landed in Canada. He and his family came from England in 1903. When they were living in a rented house close to Crystal City, the landlord bought a new binder, which was delivered in crates. A mechanic came out to set up the machine. W.E. was hired to help. He was paid one dollar for two days work, and he never forgot that easy money.

When his family moved to Saskatchewan, he went to a new stone school nearby, and contracted

to light the wood stove for ten cents a day. Having learned the rudiments of combustion at an early age, it naturally followed that he soon became a steam engineer, breaking a half section of prairie sod, south of Regina, in 1914.

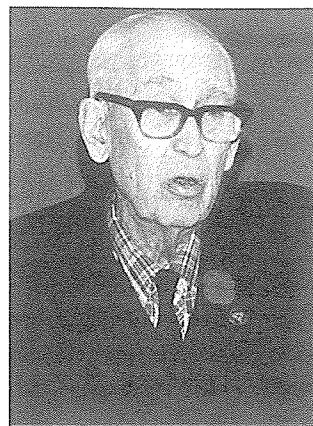
After attending gas engine schools, he learned how to run one

of those ten-ton contraptions, and was doing quite well until he joined the Canadian Expeditionary Force in February of 1916. With an aversion to walking, he joined the C.A.S.C., motor transport section, and found that even in England and France, where much of the driving was over cobblestone roads, solid rubber tires were more to his liking than the old steel wheels. In October 1917, he found himself in field hospital, with a tag over his bed, reading "Blighty" which meant that his services in France were no longer required.

In England, with one good lung to keep him from being sent back to Canada, and one bad lung which prevented him from returning to the Front, he found himself driving for the Canadian Forestry Corps, until November 14, 1918, when word finally came through to the camp that the armistice had been signed on November 11.

In May of 1919, W.E. returned to his parents' home for a short time and then worked for Massey Harris in Saskatoon until fall. As his parents had left Canada for the State of Washington, seeking a milder climate, he decided to visit his brother Harry, a merchant in Darlingford. The visit stretched into many years. He bought the old bank buildings, opened a garage and a Massey Harris agency, continuing in this business until 1958. He was also agent for Imperial Oil from 1920 to 1950, when he sold that portion of the operation to Ken Compton. A new garage, built in 1947, was sold to Ken Rombough in 1968.

W.E. Veals has always been active in community affairs, among them the Darlingford Memorial, the merchants' picture shows, the Darlingford orchestra, the volunteer fire brigade, the Board of Trade, the Beverly Lawson Fund, and during the war, the Victory Loan drives and the salvage corps. Details of many of these community ventures are



W. E. Veals

recorded elsewhere in this book.

In December 1929, he married Henrietta Kelly and they resided in the living quarters that had been vacated by Mr. Blackwell. In 1937 they moved to the house which had previously been the W. W. Collins family home.

Mrs. Henrietta Veals attended the Orangehill and Darlingford schools, and after receiving her teaching certificate from the Normal School at Manitou, she taught at the Boltonville and Sewell schools. In 1923 she commenced her training at the Morden Freeman's Hospital, where she received a salary of from eight to twelve dollars per month, as a student nurse. After graduation, she was a member of the Morden hospital staff until her marriage. She remained a dedicated member of her profession all her life, always on call, ready to help her neighbours.

During the stormy winter of 1949, an expectant mother who was unable to get to the hospital, came to the house, and there the baby was delivered and the mother and child remained for two weeks. During another storm the same winter, two men and a small girl spent the night at the Veals home when they were unable to go further. The child, suffering appendicitis, was carefully watched and arrangements were made to have the non-stop ski train stopped the next day. An ambulance met the train in Morden, the child was rushed to the hospital and operated on immediately. Once, during the war, Mrs. Veals was called to the scene of a plane crash, only to find that all the four occupants had apparently been killed on impact.

After her family left home, she resumed her professional career and was evening supervisor at the Morden District hospital for several years prior to her death in 1965.

Mr. Veals lived in a small cottage on Stanley Street in Darlingford. Since his retirement, he was kept busy with his many hobbies and interests, one of which has been compiling information for this community history. When the task of helping to compile the original "Darlingford Saga" was completed, Mr. Veals turned his attention back to his two main hobbies - coin collecting and music. Coins were an interest of his from the time his family came to Canada with a small stash of English coins to remind them of the country they had left behind. Frequently, people from the community or beyond would bring him a jar of pennies or a few old coins to determine their value and would usually go home with a premium in their pocket.

Music was also something that came to Canada with his family. Although he was never formally trained and could not read a note of music, hearing a few bars was usually enough to let him start to play along on the piano or one of the many instruments he played. He acquired over thirty instruments ranging from a banjo that went to the first war with him and returned safely also, to a base fiddle he made from a walking plough handle and a round plywood cheese box.

One of his greatest pleasures was having people drop in for a visit or for some "music". Children were especially welcome and usually proved to be willing listeners. When he wore out one tape recorder he bought another one and today his family is still uncovering little treasures among the nearly one hundred full length tapes he recorded alone or with the visitors.

W.E. enjoyed the blessings of good health and good friends until his death in May 1982, at nearly eighty-seven years of age. William and Henrietta's four children, Anne, Joy and the twins, Barbara and Barry, attended Darlingford school and they all look back on those years with some nostalgia.

Anne studied music at Brandon College, later being employed at Kennedy's Music Store in Brandon. She was with the Winnipeg Piano Company for two years prior to her marriage to W.J. Bourns. They now live in Vancouver. They have two children, Jeffery and Gillian. Anne now works as a technician in the occupational therapy department of a large hospital. Her husband, Bill, is a music teacher, church organist, choir master and member of the Vancouver Bach Choir, which successfully competed in Holland in the International Music Festival.

Bill and Anne Bourns still live in North Vancouver where Bill continues as organist and choirmaster at a local church and teaches music. After twenty years in the field of mental health, Anne has retired and now spends her time

volunteering in the community and spoiling her adored granddaughter.

Not to be outdone by his mother, Jeff retired from the army in 1996 after stints in Germany, Bermuda, Qatar and Germany again. He is now employed in a ship building and repair business in Victoria. Jill married Graham Stones, a machinist who reminds us of her grandfather. They have one daughter, Samantha. They live on the Sunshine Coast, an hour away from home, with three dogs, four cats, two chinchillas, two hens, one rooster and

three ducks.

Joy took her grade twelve at Morden Collegiate where she met Jim Duncan, whom she married in 1957. She trained as a registered nurse at the Grace Hospital in Winnipeg. After graduation, she spent six months at Norway House before leaving for British Columbia, where she continued her career in Victoria until her marriage. During the intervening years, Jim Duncan had joined the staff of the Royal Bank of Canada. He is manager of the branch at 100 Mile House in the Cariboo, where Joy is active in all phases of church work. They have two girls, Kerry and Lee.

In 1973, Jim was transferred by the Royal Bank to its district offices in Calgary. In order to have room for the girls' ponies, they bought a twenty acre parcel near High River and have enjoyed the country life ever since.

Joy had begun writing as a hobby years before and in 1975 was chosen as editor of a book telling the story of RCMP lives. "Red Serge Wives" led to radio and television interviews across Western Canada. Her next project was to begin an archival record of the life and work of the nurse on the Canadian frontier, an interest fostered by her months at the Indian hospital in Norway House. Two Canada Council grants enabled Joy to travel to collect material and led to the establishment of 'The Duncan Papers' at the Glenbow Archives in Calgary.

In 1979 Joy fulfilled a long held dream by opening a jewellery and gift shop in the neighbouring town of Okotoks. She retired from this in 1985 to begin five years on the executive council of the Alberta Museums Association.

In 1990, Joy was chosen to take part in a church sponsored exchange with the women of Kenya. Since that time, she has spoken to hundreds of groups about that experience. In order to find ways to stand in solidarity with African women, Joy established The Kenya Connection, a not-for-profit organization devoted to development and justice. Kenyan crafts are imported, sold in Canada and the profits sent back to Kenya through a grants programme for women's groups. Her commitment to the church continues through involvement in the Division of World Outreach at the provincial and national levels.

Kerry married Scott McCartney of Calgary, in 1982. They have two sons, Duncan (eight) and Andrew (five). Lee married Michael McLean, in 1983 and together they ranch in the foothills south-

west of High River. Their children are Duncan (thirteen), Iain (eleven) and Caitlin (eight).

Jim retired in 1989. They now live in High River with time to enjoy their family and diverse hobbies. Summers are spent at their cottage in British Columbia where Joy is able to swim, practice crafts and keep up with a voluminous correspondence. The life that began in Darlingford so many years ago continues to be rich and full.

Barbara took secretarial training in Winnipeg and was employed in the Manitoba Department of Agricultural office in Morden for five years, where she was an active member of the curling and water ski clubs. In 1959 she married Neil McLean of Kaleida. They reside on the Price farm, previously owned by Neil's maternal grandmother, and also operate his father's farm, the original McLean homestead. Barbara is an active member of the Manitou-Morden Credit Union and they both take an active interest in all community and church affairs. They have three sons: Jack, Keith and Gregory.

Neil and Barb McLean continue to live on the farm at Kaleida. In 1984 they received the Century Farm Award for S.W. 24-2-8, the farm on which Neil had been raised.

Grandfather John McLean settled there in 1882 but it took him two years before he made the trek to Morden to register the land at the Land Titles office. Neil and Barb have always lived on Neil's maternal grandparent's farm and it has been in the family for ninety-five years. They have farmed the land belonging to both grandparents for forty years.

Jack graduated from Nellie McClung Collegiate in Manitou in 1980 and in 1982 married Wendy Bannister of Manitou. They have four children: Kellie (1983), Ryan (1986), Brett (1989) and Garret (1991). Jack farmed for a few years before working for A & M Soil and St. Leon Co-op Farm Center in Manitou. At present he is manager of the Kaleida Pork Barn, one mile south of where they live, on the former Morris Moloney farm. Wendy is a teacher's assistant at Pembina Colony school.

Keith graduated from Nellie McClung Collegiate in 1983 and took a Mechanics Course at Assiniboine Community College in Brandon. After working for T.C.B. for two years, he established McLean Farm Supply which was initially run from the farm. He did business in the former meat market building in Manitou before buying the Kimberly Chev building. The company distributes industrial tools and lawn and garden equipment and exhibits

at agricultural trade shows across Canada. In 1988, he married Angie Compton of Darlingford and they have two children, Mercedes (1994) and Kelsen (1996). They reside in MacGregor where Angie teaches Kindergarten.

Greg graduated from Nellie McClung Collegiate in 1988 and worked in Brandon before going to work with Keith. In 1991 he began work with Manitoba Pool Elevators in Killarney, transferring to La Riviere - Pilot Mound in 1996. He married Jodi (Clayton) Ching of Manitou in 1992 and they reside in the McLean family home in Manitou. They have two children Cole (1995) and Griffen (1997). Jodi is a part time dental assistant and hospital admitting clerk.

Neil and Barb retired from farming in 1997. Neil is presently doing custom seeding and combining. He and Barb work with Keith at the shop in town and spend about two months each year exhibiting at trade shows. They enjoy the cabin at Pelican Lake, fishing, snowmobiling and the grandchildren.

Barry R. Veals was born July 1, 1937, an event he shared with Miss Barbara R. Veals. In June 1954 he completed grade eleven at Darlingford High School and in June 1955 graduated from grade twelve at Morden Collegiate. The \$50 scholarship he had won the previous year helped defray the expenses but not the frustrations involved in commuting daily to Morden in an Englishman's nightmare version of a Model A, sort of a self-propelled shoe box, but reliable.

In September 1955 he joined the staff of the Royal Bank of Canada at Boissevain, thanks to the presence of Mr. J.J. Resch and future brother-in-law, J.M. Duncan, both Royal Bankers, at his graduation.

In April 1957 a Miss Gail Smith from Souris, joined the bank staff after having completed a secretary training course in Brandon. Her presence was soon to be, noted with more than just a passing interest.

In October 1957, Barry was transferred to the Somerset branch but nothing exciting happened here and a year later he was transferred to a St. James branch, the big city life at last! Interest was still being maintained in that Smith girl who was now taking nurses training in Winnipeg. In November 1959 he was transferred to Toronto and prior to departure, his interest in that Smith girl was protected by a formal engagement, and in September 1960, he returned to Souris to capitalize on his investment. There was no time for the usual

honeymoon, that could come later. In April 1962 their investment declared a dividend named Catherine Dawn. In the same month, but a year later, Barry was transferred to a big new branch in Windsor where the weather was lovely. 1964 saw Barry transferred to Oshawa, a nice city and a good branch. A second dividend, named Alan David, was declared.

In May 1966 Barry was transferred to Winnipeg where he was first employed as Training Officer, then Systems Officer, and then Profit Planning and Control officer.

As a young lad, Barry was always interested in sports and for two winters he skipped a Darlingford rink in the Winnipeg High School Bonspiel but was just too polite to ever win. He has followed the 'stains' in his many locations with the Royal Bank Curlers and usually holds the skip's broom while others do the sweeping.

This family now owns their own cosy home in the suburb of Transcona. Once asked how he likes his work, he replied, "Oh well, it's a job - provides for the family and keeps me off the streets and, out of the pool rooms."

Barry retired in June 1993 from the position of District Comptroller which he had held with Royal Bank Headquarters in Winnipeg since 1968. After several stints at project work with the bank he "retired again" in 1996 to devote more time to his hobbies of golf, woodworking and carpentry, photography, coin collecting (a chip off the W.E. block) and some volunteer work.

His wife, Gail, is even attempting to teach him about gardening so he can assist her in maintaining their beautiful flower gardens between golf games.

Their first child, Cathy, completed high school in Transcona and after one year at Red River Community College entered the insurance company field with Monarch Life. They were soon sold to North American Life and in 1996 Manufacturers Life took over and wanted her to move to Waterloo, Ontario head office to continue her duties of systems design and testing. She chose, however, to remain in Winnipeg in her own home with her two cats and is now employed with IQON Financial in their systems department. She has inherited her mothers love of gardening and gradually converted an old rundown yard into a summer blaze of colour.

Alan received his B.A. degree at the University of Winnipeg then, after a year working full time at the Westin Hotel, entered Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario for a year to study political sci-

ence. He also has a great interest in history, particularly military in nature, but chose to carve out a career in the financial field. After one year with Richardson Greenshields Securities, he is now employed in Winnipeg with RBC Dominion Securities, a subsidiary of Royal Bank. Both Alan and Cathy are using to good advantage in their careers the exposure to personal computers they received at home under Barry's watchful eye.

George Waddingham

George Waddingham was the son of James and Sarah. During the 1830s James Waddingham (1812) and his wife, Sarah (1813), together with other family members, decided to leave Market Raison, near Waddingham, England and immigrate to Australia, as their ninety-nine year lease was up for renewal. However, when the ship docked in New York, some of the family members refused to go any further and settled at La Tortue, Quebec, on the Gaspé Peninsula, later moving to Cobourg, Ontario. Their children were Libby, Annie (Waddingham) Chapman, Elizabeth (Waddingham) McCully, William, George, James, John and Aaron. Aaron, who was the youngest, died in 1932 at Vancouver, British Columbia.

George was born at La Tortue, Quebec, in 1847. He came to Manitoba from Ontario in 1877 and homesteaded the N.W. 21-2-7. This land is still in the Waddingham name. He returned to Cobourg in 1879 to marry Jane (Jennie) Trick.

As the railway did not run this far west, they faced the usual hardships of the pioneers, of walking beside or riding on wagons loaded with furniture and machinery, following along the trail from Emerson to their farm.

They had a family of five: Franklin, Victor, Arabella, May and Herbert. George died in 1895 and Victor and his mother carried on the farm operation, until Jennie moved to Darlingford in 1911, living in the cottage across from the Church. Jennie died in 1925.

Arabella married John Coyle (J.C.) Smith, in 1903, living in the Darlingford area. They had seven children, William, Franklin, Grant, Edythe, Florence, Alexander and Shirley. J.C. died in 1952 and Arabella died in 1961.

May married Howard Arnott. She died in 1913.

Frank went to South Africa with a British Regiment to serve in the Boer War, he spent some time in a Toronto Hospital before returning home. When he recovered, he homesteaded at Quill Lake, Saskatchewan. He was an excellent taxidermist and some of his stuffed birds and animals can still be found in the family homes. He died in 1903.

Bert homesteaded at Wood Mountain near Gravelburg, Saskatchewan until he died in 1951.

Victor was three years old when in 1884 he attended the first Calf Mountain School, built out of logs. His attendance was necessary in order to have the school open. Victor married Elizabeth Tovey in 1911 and lived on the Waddingham homestead, raising their sons, Ronald, Albert and Russell. They moved to Darlingford in 1941, he worked as a carpenter until he died in 1949, the result of a car accident. Elizabeth died in 1971.

Ronald married Vera Jacobs in 1938 and lived on the Jim Tovey farm (S.E. 1/4 14-3-7) until they purchased the Edgar Boyle farm in 1945. Vera died that same year and Ronald continued to farm, while living with his mother in Darlingford. He lived at #3 Mountain Avenue until he died in 1994.

Albert married Evelyn Hood in 1936 and lived on the Mark Tovey farm (E. 1/2 19-2-7) later moving to the S.W. 1/4 33-2-7. They moved to Morden in 1973. Albert showed his prize team of horses at numerous fairs and sold them late in 1981. Albert died in 1984. Evelyn still lives in their home in



George and Jennie Waddingham Family, Frank, Arabella, Victor, Bert, Mae Waddingham



Frank Waddingham - South African War

Morden. They had three daughters, Leona, Noreen and Gloria.

Leona married Al Markewich in 1963 and lives in Kelowna, British Columbia as do her children, daughter Angela, son Wade married Diana Tinto in 1993 and has a son, Kenn. Son Ryan married Trine Young in 1995 and has three children, Jennifer, Tyson, and Jacob.

Noreen married Ken Barron in 1965 and lives on N.W. 1/2 5-3-7. She has a son Steven and a daughter Alison.

Gloria married Walter Hall in 1969 and lives at Souris. She has a daughter Carmen and a son Andrew.

Russell married Madeleine Lowry in 1939



Ron and Vera (Jacobs) Waddingham Wedding - November 3, 1938

and lived on the homestead, until they moved to Morden in 1967, where he worked as a carpenter until he retired in 1987 and took up wood carving. They have four children, Myrna, Donna, Hugh and Raymond.

Myrna married Edward Holenski in 1991 and farms in the 1-6 district. Myrna's daughter, Charisse



Russ and Madeleine Waddingham Family. standing: Jack and Donna Barnet, Myrna and Ed Holenski, seated: Betty and Hugh, Madeleine and Russ, Ray and Tina

Smith married Richard Adams in 1984 and has a daughter Kyah and a son Jesse. They reside in Winnipeg. Myrna's son, Daryl Smith married Nancy Bluhm in 1991 and has a daughter Ashley. They live at New Bothwell.

Donna married Jack Barnet in 1993 and lives west of Morden on N.W. 1/4 6-3-6.

Hugh married Elizabeth (Betty) Strong in 1967 and lives on the original Waddingham homestead. Their five children, Tracie, Loretta, Renee, Ryan and Brent make the fifth generation to live on the same land. Ryan and Brent are still at home on the farm. Tracie lives in Morden with son Devin and daughter Cory. Loretta and Dave Penner live in Morden with son Dylan. Renee married Ken Penner in 1989 and lives in Morden with sons Katlin, Matthew, Branden and daughter Kelsey.

Raymond married Tina Enns in 1970 and lives on the S. 1/2 30-3-7, purchased from Ronald Waddingham. They have three children: Kevin, Michael and Donna Lee. Kevin married Cathy Giesbrecht in 1994 and lives in Morden with daughters, Jessica and Cassandra. Michael lives at Dominion City. Donna Lee lives at home with son Cody.

Robert Wakefield

Robert Wakefield farmed S.W. 1/4 8-3-7 in 1904.

Heneage Ward

Heneage Ward, veteran of World War I enlisted in the English army and won the rank of Captain after a few years service. They lived in Pocklington town, Yorkshire area, in England.

In 1927 Mr. Ward and his wife Evelyn Gray decided to come to Manitoba with their seven children, and try farming. For a few months they stayed



Heneage and Evelyn Ward

on a farm south-west of Kaleida, then purchased a quarter from Bob Chaytors, section 36-2-8. Farming turned out to be quite an experience after army life.

Their children were: Bessie (Watson), Dorothy (M. Carruthers), Harry at Vancouver, Reg died in 1971, Fred at Kaleida died in 1988, Cecil at Vancouver, and Dennis at McAuley. All the children attended school at Darlingford.

In the second world war, Harry, Reg, and Fred served overseas, and Mr. Ward served in Canada. After the war Mr. and Mrs. Ward lived in Winnipeg for a number of years. He died in 1959. Mrs. Ward was in residence at the Kinsman Haven in Manitou and died in 1973.

Harry Watt Sr.

Harry Watt Sr., came from Newtonbrooke, near Toronto, in 1905, with his wife, his son Herb and his daughter Ella (Tom Ching). They stayed the first summer with Uncle Herb Watt and Aunt Phoebe, who were working for J.C. Smith. They then moved to Morden and remained there until 1910 when Mr. Watt decided to farm on the Lewis Cock farm, section 9-3-7. As the crops dried out, they moved back to Morden and he was one of the first employees at the Dominion Experimental Station. He remained there for many years.

While in Morden, Ella married Thomas Ching and went farming on the Ching homestead. (See Thomas Ching story.)

Herb Watt

Herb Watt and his wife, Phoebe Whiteman, farmed across from Howard Oke. He threshed with the Okes for a number of years before they left for Scotland where the family originally came from. Mr. Watt died there and later, Mrs. Watt returned to Manitoba to live with her sister, Mrs. Grace Alsop. Their mother had died when the girls were quite young and their father had remarried. The grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Nivens, took the girls and raised them. The Nivens were farming in the Shadeland district at the time.

Mrs. Phoebe Watt lived with her sister, Mrs. Grace Alsop, and her niece, Miss Anne Alsop, at La Riviere. Mrs. Grace Alsop was a nurse at Morden Hospital for many years. She is remembered for her loving concern for the patients in her care.

Julius Weiss

Julius Weiss, his wife Julianne, their two daugh-

ters, Emilie and Emma and their son Edward came to Canada from Poland in 1914.

After arriving at Halifax, the family travelled by train to Winnipeg where Mrs. Weiss and the children stayed at the Immigration Hall for a month while Julius looked for a place to settle. He finally decided on Morden and purchased a home there. His family arrived in June and he started to work for the railway.

In 1916 he sold their home and bought a farm in the 1-7 district. He later sold this farm and bought one in the 1-6 district.

Edward married Hattie Buelow in 1933 and farmed in the 1-5 district until 1946, when they bought the Gislason farm near Windygates.

In 1966 they moved to Darlingford where they resided until 1997 when Ed died. Hattie moved to Calgary in 1998.

Six children were born to their marriage. Elsie married Alan Buhr. They live at Waldheim Saskatchewan and have a son Larry and a daughter Lori. Emma married Clendon Baker. They live at Brandon and have a daughter Donna and a son Billy. Bernard married Mondra Hemminger. They operate a farm in the Windygates area and have a daughter Leah and a son Christopher. Harold married Rita Lavoie. He lives in Calgary and has a daughter, Leslie and three sons: Jarod, Raymond and Eric. Arthur married Pat Tarula. They live at Duncan, British Columbia, and have two sons, Kevan and Craig. Dianne married Joseph Zamuda and lives in Calgary.

Reta Wellar

Reta bought 24 Pembina Street in 1983. The house was built and moved to town for Mrs. Mattie Sprung. It was later sold to Alfred Stevens and his two sisters, Bertie and Gladys. Reta moved out from Winnipeg in 1984. She has two children, a daughter Norma who married Grant Baldwin of Winnipeg. Norma is a Student Advisor at the University of Manitoba. Reta's son Gordon married Roberta Ross and are now living in Saskatchewan. They have two boys, Chris and Patrick. Gordon is a Corporal in the R.C.M.P.

Wellings

Mr. and Mrs. Wellings and grandson, here about 1916. Did odd jobs.

Pat Westran

Pat Westran moved to 30 Stanley Street in

Darlingford from Thompson, Manitoba in 1993. Pat was born in Beausejour, Manitoba in 1927. His parents were Carl and Marguerite (Hoban) Westran. Pat served in the Royal Canadian Navy in World War II on the frigates Prestonia and Stormont. After the war, the Greek shipping magnate Onassis, converted the Stormont into his own personal yacht, Christina.

In 1949, Pat married Audrey Aldous from Princeton, British Columbia. They had two children. Bob who is married and has two sons and a daughter and Sharon (Craig) who is married and has a daughter.

Pat moved to Thompson, Manitoba in 1969 and worked for North West Electric as an estimating engineer. His wife Audrey died in 1991 and Pat has tried to retire in Darlingford but still gets called back at times to his old job at Thompson.

Carl Wesley White

Carl Wesley White (1888-1960) was born on June 20, in Linden, Indiana, U. S.A. He moved, with his family, to a homestead near Manitou in 1906. In 1912 he married Edith Annie Young (1880-1963), a school teacher, who was born in Stayner, Ontario. They farmed at Manitou, later moving to Simpson, Saskatchewan, where he operated a service garage. They came to Darlingford where Carl had a garage and later a radio shop. He left Darlingford in 1929 and died in Indiana in 1960. Edith lived in Darlingford until 1942, when she moved to Ottawa, where she resided until her death in 1963, at the age of eighty-three. They had three children: Wesley, Louise and Phyllis Edna.

Wesley White married Jean Toole of Londonderry, Nova Scotia, in 1946. They had one son Craig, born in 1955. Jean died in 1962 and Wesley married Mae Wright of Winnipeg in 1964. Wesley died in 1993.

Louise White (1914-1997) married Harold (Curly) Law (1911-1996) in 1935. They lived at Manitou, Manitoba and Moosamin, Central Butte and Rocanville, Saskatchewan where he was in the meat cutting business. They had three daughters: Shirley, Patricia and Gwendolyn. Shirley married Warren Collard, of Winnipeg in 1960. Warren is retired and they live at Nanton, Alberta. Shirley is a diaconal minister of the United Church of Canada. They have two children: Danna Louise and Tod Sidney. Patricia married Tony Didychuk of Lynn Lake, Manitoba in 1965 and they now live in Medicine Hat, Alberta. They have two children:

Roger James of Acadia Valley and Jodene of Medicine Hat, Alberta. Gwen married Barry Gustaffson, of Lynn Lake, in 1970 and they now live at Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Phyllis Edna White married Earl D. Moore of Ottawa in 1946. They have two sons, Michael Davis, who married Patricia McCarthy and James Earl. Earl died in 1996.

Jennie White

Jennie White married John Elliot and the couple moved to Manitoba, settling south of Thornhill for a few years until 1880 when they bought the N.W. 1/4 25-2-7, later known as the Brothers farm. For a time it was owned by Mr. Brothers, an American who, after a time sold out and returned to the United States. The Elliots moved to Winnipeg, where John became a street car conductor. Jennie died in 1911 and her husband in 1928. Their only son, Milton lived in British Columbia.

Wellesley White

Wellesley White was one of the nine children of William White Sr., who lived near Port Hope, Ontario. In 1893 he joined his brother, William Jr., who had settled just west of the Zion church. Another brother, Samuel, came out to the Thornhill district.

Wellesley worked for William and, after two years, purchased the N.E. 1/4 36-2-7, which was located in the Pembina municipality, although the post office address was Thornhill. After building a house on his land, he went back east to marry Mary Ellen Fairles, who had been raised on a farm near Bloomington. Their two sons were born in the new home, Clifford in 1900 and Elford in 1902.

The S.E. 1/4 36-2-7 was purchased from Neil Carswell and in 1914, the E. 1/2 1-3-7 from Thomas Gillett. In 1917 a 50x80 foot steel barn was built by Henry Bolton, of Darlingford, on the home place, Percheron horses replaced the Clydesdales, and a herd of Shorthorn cattle was built up. In 1922, a Delco lighting plant was installed by W.E. Veals, which supplied electricity on the farm for twenty-six years.

Mrs. White died in 1923, and, in November of the same year, Clifford, who had just commenced a three year course at the Manitoba Agricultural College, also died.

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Mrs. White in 1965.

Elford White married Mary Coxworth of Regent, Manitoba in 1937. They took over the operation of the original homestead and had two sons: Wellesley born on October 12, 1939, and Darcy born June 6, 1941.

When Wellesley got married in 1960, Mary and Elford moved to the E. 1/2 of 1-3-7 where a complete set of new farm buildings had been built. When Darcy got married in 1966, they retired to a new house on 12th Street in Morden. Some years before, Mary had started a Highland dance class which entertained at many functions as well as an annual spring concert of their own. During the mid 1950's and 1960's it was a great satisfaction for her to see these very old cultural dances of the Scottish kept alive. Even today a number of her students have also carried on teaching them to the next generation.

Mary also was able to pursue her love of art and from the 1960's to the late 1980's produced a multitude of beautiful oil paintings which can be found far and wide.

Elford was content to reside in Morden but for over twenty years scarcely missed a summer day of coming to the farm to do whatever he could to help out. He was able to carry on right until he died in July of 1987. Mary was able to be in her own home until she died in September of 1998.

Wellesley Earnest White married Elizabeth Penner of the Mountain City School district in 1960 and they had a daughter, Ellen Marie.

Ellen Marie married Lorne Dueck in 1981. They have a son, Jeffery, born in 1982, and a daughter Ashley, born in 1988. They live in Morden on 12th Street in the house Ellen's grandparents built in 1966.

Wellesley's second marriage to Jane (Nunny) Wiebe, took place in 1981. They reside in Morden on 9th Street South, in the old Howard Winkler house.

Darcy Elford White married Valerie Peirson of Roland on August 13, 1966 and they took over management of the E. 1/2 of 1-3-7. They have operated a grain and seed farm and Darcy's Record of Performance sheep flock has spanned the past forty-four years. They had five daughters; Barbara (August 23, 1968), Bonnie (December 3, 1969), Tammy (August 7, 1971), Tara (January 9, 1973) and Darcy Joy (February 4, 1974).

Barbara married Jason Hodson on June 6, 1992 and they farm near Virden. She is a Registered

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Bonnie remains on the farm helping with all aspects of farm life from careful tractor driving to wool spinning and carding.

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In 1888 he returned to Port Hope and brought his bride, Emily Pound, to Manitoba. They and their three children: Roy, Evelyn and George, lived on this farm until Mrs. White's health failed, and she died in 1912.

In June 1914 Evelyn married Walter Walker, the local banker, and moved, first to Yorkton and later to Victoria. Their daughter, Shirley, married to Les Tucker, now lives in Los Angeles and their son, William and his wife (Catherine King) lives in Victoria.

At the outbreak of the first world war, Roy joined the armed forces and served overseas from 1914 to 1918. During this time he was wounded twice. On his return he obtained his degree in entomology, and continued in this profession at Lethbridge, Alberta, and Summerland, British Columbia, until his retirement in 1948. He married Violet Knight in 1931.

George, who married Kathleen Stokley in 1929 lived on the home farm until they moved to Morden in 1948. They have two sons, Winston and Jack. Winston, who married Jean Kochen in 1963 and has two sons, Darren and Gerald. Jack, a United Church

minister, is married.

Wilbert Irwin White is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Will White. He received his elementary education and high schooling at Calf Mountain, Darlingford and Manitou respectively. On completion of grade twelve he entered the University of Manitoba, graduating in Science with a Geology Major in 1938. Graduation was followed by a period of post graduate work and working as an assistant at the university. During the 1940's Wib worked as a geologist and engineer with several mining companies, among them the Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Company at Flin Flon. In 1950 he moved to Saskatoon and began articling as a land surveyor while employed with the Department of Highways. Wib obtained his Commission as a Saskatchewan Land Surveyor in 1954 and resided in Saskatoon until 1959 when he moved to Regina where he has lived ever since. In 1961 he transferred to the Saskatchewan Department of Mineral Resources. Wib was also a member of the Saskatchewan Association of Professional Engineers. In 1946 he married Dorothy Anderson of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. They had three sons: twins, John and Jim, and Jay. Wilbert continued to work as a petroleum geologist with the Saskatchewan Department of Mineral Resources until retirement on June 30, 1981. Dorothy and Wilbert live in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Their sons, Jim and John moved to Vancouver, British Columbia. Jim married Donna Steele and has two children, Aija and Curtis. He is presently a supervisor at West Coast Valve Co. John married Cathy Bugslag and had three children, Casey, Erin and Devon. John died in September 1989 as the result of a malignant brain tumour. Jay still lives in Regina. He is an electronic technologist and is employed as a transmitter repairman by the CBC.

In October 1914, William married Gertrude Robbins, a widow from Ontario, who had three children by her previous marriage: Winnie, John and Clayton. In 1926 they moved from the farm to the house in Darlingford where Bob and Ann Hunt now live.

John Everett Robbins was born in Hampton, Darlington Township, Durham County, Ontario in October 1903. He migrated to Darlingford with his parents in the winter of 1906. They spent the first year on the old Durnin farm west of the village, and in the spring of 1907, the family moved to the Fred Oke farm east of the village where they stayed until 1912.

John and his sister, Winnie, started to school in 1909 at the old Darlington school which was north-west of the farm. Their mother had already taught them to read. When the Darlingford Consolidated School District was formed in 1910, the pupils were accommodated in Law's Hall.

In the fall of 1912, due to the poor conditions of Mr. Robbins' health, the family returned to Hampton, Ontario, and he died that winter. John lived with an uncle and aunt until the fall of 1914. Mrs. Robbins married Mr. William C. White of Calf Mountain district and the Robbins family, Winnie, John and Clayton moved there. They attended Calf Mountain school until 1916 when Winnie and John passed their entrance exams. They took grades nine and ten in Darlingford, driving from the farm in good weather and boarding with the Amy family during the coldest weather. John was a soldier of the soil each summer from Easter on. During 1918-20 he stayed out of school and worked for the T. Eaton Company of Winnipeg during the winter, and on the farm during the summer. In 1920 he went back to Manitou for his grade eleven, then took a short course at Manitou Normal School and got a school to teach at Maple Creek, Saskatchewan, on March 1, 1922. The next year, from January to June. John took grade twelve at Melita Collegiate. He taught school at Punnichy, Saskatchewan, from 1923-25, attended the University of Manitoba Summer school, and took extra-mural exams, completing second year university. From 1925-29 he attended the University of Manitoba and worked for M.D. Nichol of Darlingford during the summers.

In 1928 John received his B.A. (Honours) and in 1929 his M.A. from the University of Manitoba; in 1929-30 Research Fellowship in Economics at McMaster University; Travelling Fellowship (Carnegie Corporation) to Europe, 1933; University of Ottawa, Ph.D., 1935; Director of Education Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics. 1936-51; also Information Division, 1949 - 51; Member of Canadian Delegation to UNESCO conferences, in London 1945, Mexico 1947, Beirut 1948 and Florence 1950. He retired from government service in the fall of 1952. He was Editor-in-Chief, Encyclopedia Canadiana, from 1953 to 1958; secretary-treasurer to the Humanities Research Council and Social Science Research Council, 1959-60; President of the Brandon College, 1960-69. In October 1969 Dr. John Robbins was named Canadian Ambassador to the Vatican.

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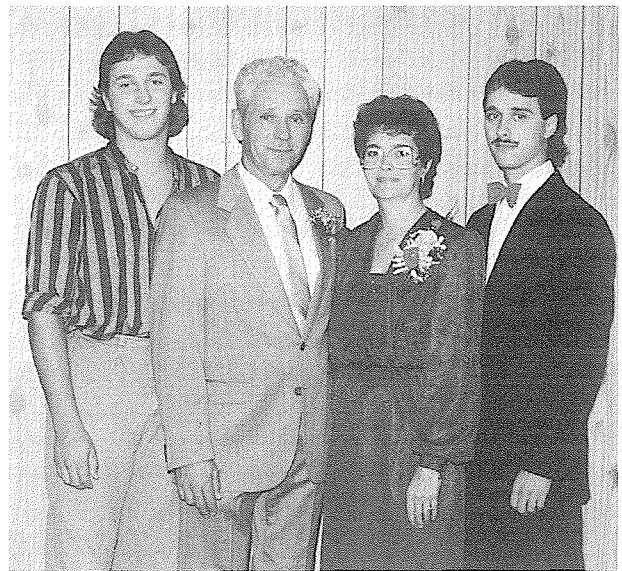
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On January 6, 1976, Christopher Manning and Michael Charles were born. They attended school in Manitou and graduated in June 1994 from Nellie McClung Collegiate. They worked until July 1995 when they left for Australia for nine months to play baseball with the East-West Ambassadors Program. Upon returning home, Chris enrolled in the faculty of agriculture at the University of Manitoba and is currently planning on obtaining a diploma and degree in agriculture. Michael joined the National Baseball Institute Program in Surrey, British Columbia in September 1997 and is attending Douglas College and is currently planning on obtaining a physical education degree. They played minor ball with Kaleida, junior baseball with the Pembina Valley Orioles and senior baseball with Kaleida and Manitou. They have had the opportunity to compete in Junior and Senior Western Canadian Championships, as well as the 1996 National Junior Championships in Kitchener, Ontario. They played minor hockey with Manitou and high school hockey with the Pembina Tigers.

Bert and Doreen moved to Morden in December 1977. Bert continued to help at the farm and took up woodworking. Many of his cabinets can be seen around the area. In 1993 they celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with many friends and relatives present. In September of the same year, Bert suffered a severe heart attack and died December 17, 1993. Doreen carried on in her home with help until her death in 1999. Bert and Doreen are sadly missed by family and all who knew them.

Bert's sister, Helen and her husband, Ken McNab, formerly of Gretna, live at Haney, British Columbia where he is program officer at the Minimum Security Prison. Ken served in the Royal Canadian Navy in World War II. They were married August 30, 1947 and have three children. Helen's (Wilson) husband Ken, met his untimely death north of Manitou, in a car accident, April 2, 1976. Helen now resides in Maple Ridge, British Columbia. Her

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under Albert Wilson

William Wilson

William Wilson was born in 1839 in Fermanagh County, Ireland, and married Elizabeth Carson of the same county. They immigrated to Canada with their eldest daughter Margaret and settled at Wolsely, Ontario, where the rest of the family were born before they moved to Manitoba. They were

among the early pioneers, homesteading the N.W. 1/4 4-1-7 in 1899. The first post office was in their home. There were no graded roads and, to get to Darlingford, they would have to ford the Pembina River, which was often a hazardous undertaking. Travel in the spring meant picking one's way around sloughs and across swollen creeks.

In their family were: Margaret (Alf Bedford); Elizabeth (William Wilson) of Didsbury, Alberta; Rachael (Angus) Sinclair; Anna (Harry Smith); Mary (Tom Johnson) of Mowbray; Ida (Dan Carruthers); Tom died at the age of five with diphtheria; John married Cora Anderson of Chatham, New Brunswick after serving in the first world war and settled on the W. 1/2 4-1-7 where Marion and Harold were born and where he farmed until 1924. They moved to Thorold, Ontario, where he was employed in a paper mill and his children, Clarence, Jack, Bob and Patricia were born. John died in 1954 and Cora in 1967.

William came to Manitoba in 1898 at the age of fourteen and worked for Alf Bedford. He married Jennie Porter in 1916 and settled in the Mowbray district. Their daughter is Mrs. Clayton Loney of Pilot Mound. Willie farmed here a number of years before moving to the Holland district. He retired to Treherne where he resided. Mrs. Wilson died in 1963. Ethel, who died at the age of fifteen, is buried at Glencross.

August Wink

Mr. and Mrs. August Wink lived in Windygates during 1922-23. They had two older daughters, Edith and Linda, and the younger children, Rhinehard, Louise, Walter and Fred attended Point Douglas School. They later moved to Morden.

Stephen Winters

Stephen Winters, his wife, Teenie and three children came from Poland in 1929 and settled in the 1-6 district. There was a lot of political unrest in Poland at this time so they decided to come to Canada. The Noheil, Guderian and Loutchan families had settled earlier in the 1-6 district, so it was natural for the Winters to try and settle where they knew some people. They travelled for eighteen days by boat to Halifax, then by train to Morden for another ten days.

In 1942, the family moved to the Opawaka district, on the S.E. 1/4 8-4-7. Mr. Winters died in January 1949, and Mrs. Winters in September 1959. Their family are Nettie, Walter, Mike and Nick.

Nettie Winters married Mike Shaventoski and lived in Darlingford where they operated the Red and White Store. They had four daughters: Helen, Ann, Linda and Lois.

Mike Winters was born in Canada, is married and lives at Edmonton.

Walter Winters was born in Poland in August 1923, the oldest son of Stephen and Teenie Winters. In 1929 Walter came to Canada with his parents and settled near Morden in the 1-6 district. He attended the Diamond School and after grade eight stayed home to help on the family farm. In 1942 they moved to the Opawaka district north of Darlingford. In April 1955, Walter married Eunice Hale of Kisbey, Saskatchewan. They bought a farm in the Souris, Manitoba area where they lived until Walter's death in March 1994. Eunice continues to live on the family farm, helping wherever possible with homemaking, chores and grandchildren.

Walter and Eunice were blessed with four sons. They all graduated from Souris school and courses at Assiniboine Community College in Brandon. They are all musically inclined, have formed a quartet and sing at various functions.

Larry David is carrying on the family farm.

Brent Lynel is an Industrial Mechanic at Behlen Industries in Brandon, Manitoba. He married Liana Nemeth and they have two daughters, Shirees and Emilia. They live in Souris, Manitoba.

Delbert Lyle is an Industrial Mechanic at Behlen Industries in Brandon, Manitoba. He married Kathy Smith. They have one son David Walter, and two daughters, Kayla and Kara. They live at Carrol, Manitoba.

Ronald Gordon recently completed a two year Business Administration course at Assiniboine Community College and is currently in the Certified General Accounting program (CGA). Ron currently resides on the family farm at Souris.

Nick Winters was born in Poland in December 1927 and moved to Canada in 1929. Married on June 21, 1958 to Anne Siemens of Saskatchewan, they live on the family farm, where they raised their three children.

Sheray Lynn Allan (March 31, 1959) married June 18, 1983 and divorced in 1993. She has two boys, Derek Lee Winters (April 19, 1981) and Ryan Williams Allan (October 29, 1983). She now lives in Kingston, Ontario.

Robert Allan (June 28, 1960) married on June 20, 1981 to Aline Talbot of St. Leon. They have three children: Dwayne Nicholas (February 2, 1982),

daughter Angela Anne (July 29, 1983) and youngest son, Joshua Steven (August 7, 1985). Bob works at Dale Dudgeon, Upper Lye Seeds in Darlingford.

Steven Wayne (April 2, 1967) works on the family farm.

Mike and Carrol Winters still live in Perryvale, Alberta.

Alex Wishart

Alex Wishart from Scotland, a telephone line-man, enlisted here in 1916.

Francis H. Wood

Francis H. Wood came to Manitoba from Sheffield, England, in the spring of 1884, at the age of fifteen taking six weeks to cross the Atlantic in a sailing ship.

For a number of years he worked on farms in the Greenway area and he took up farming on his own around 1890 in the Morden-Glencross district. In 1907 he sold that farm and purchased the E. 1/2 20-2-7, in the Darlingford district from William Standeven, who had moved to the west coast.

Since first coming to Canada, he spent several winters in England, the last being 1907-08. In the spring of 1908 he married Annie Black of Rutherglen, Scotland, and they settled on their new farm, where they raised their family: James, Harry, Mae and Lorna. Mr. and Mrs. Wood retired to Darlingford in the fall of 1941. She died in 1954 and Francis in 1956.

James Wood (June 24, 1909) first son of Francis Henry and Annie Wood of Darlingford married Mary Ella Lowry of the Barclay district 1941. James and brother Harry farmed on 20-2-7 south of Darlingford for fifty years. James and Mary retired to Morden in 1976. They have three children: Marion, Kenneth and Sharon.

Marion Ruth, a registered nurse, worked as coordinator for home care in Brandon and retired 1997. She married Jack George, formerly of Deloraine, Manitoba who worked in Brandon Land Titles office for forty years. He also retired 1997. They had two children. Graham worked for a time in Morden and Winnipeg Land Titles offices, then went to British Columbia. He became a deep sea diver, taught diving and is now working at the Cayman Islands. Colin, a graduate of Calgary university in sociology and criminology, is doing social work in Calgary.

James Kenneth has been employed at Feed Rite Mills over thirty years. He married Linda Waters, a school teacher from Roblin. Linda is teaching in La

Salle, Manitoba. They live in Winnipeg and have two children. Heather Leigh, a Manitoba university graduate, is teaching in Winnipeg. Ian Geophry, employed by Western Feeds in Saskatchewan married Leonna Bowerman of Esterhazy, Saskatchewan, a professional hair dresser. They live in Swift Current, Saskatchewan.

Sharon Dianne, single, lives in Regina, Saskatchewan. She is employed by the Saskatchewan Government Parks and Facilities branch as a park policy and planning manager.

Mae Wood married Karl Fingal Haglund on April 1945. Fingal, a carpenter by trade, worked as a car man for C.N.R. for twenty-one years, retiring in 1967. They have one son, Bob, who worked for C.N.R. for twenty-two years, and is presently employed with the Health Science Centre. Bob married Diane Mayle. She is a conference archivist for the United Church of Canada. They have one daughter, Jane who is attending University of Winnipeg. She is an avid equestrian rider. They all reside in Winnipeg. Up to 1997, Fingal, at age of ninety-five, rode his bicycle uptown everyday.

Harry Wood married Theresa Gall of the Opawaka district on December 6, 1941 and they lived on the home farm. Harry and Theresa Wood retired to Morden in 1986 after farming south of Darlingford with his brother James for forty years. They have three children: Muriel, Fern and Dennis.

Muriel the eldest daughter, is married to John Blair and resides in Winnipeg. John is a registered nurse and Muriel is on staff at T&T Seeds. They have three children: Gordon, Katherine and Nancy. Gordon is working and attending South Winnipeg Technical College. Katherine is employed in the accounting field and is married to James McLeod. They have one child, Brendan. Nancy is employed in child care and lives in Winnipeg.

Fern married Bob Brick of Manitou. They have two children, Michelle and Darren and reside near Sanford. Bob is employed by Centra Gas. Fern works in Sanford for Team Landmark. Michelle married Robin Wallace of Regina in May 1998. She is employed as a communication services manager. Darren is presently attending Manitoba Emergency Services College in Brandon.

Dennis is married to Andrea Clark of Brandon. Dennis is employed by M.I.G. in network development. Andrea works for Charleswood Do-It Centre. They also reside in Winnipeg.

Lorna Wood married Ernie Bray of Winnipeg. Lorna died July 17, 1981 after a lengthy battle with

cancer. Ernie died June 21, 1986. Their son Donald and his wife Adelle Arpin live in Winnipeg. They have no children. Don is with the postal service and Adelle teaches French to adult classes.

Melvin Worms

Mel Worms and his wife Sheila, moved to the Darlingford area from Morden in October of 1994 after purchasing the old Maxwell farm from Ike Hildebrand. In August of 1997, they moved into the town of Darlingford purchasing 22 Law Street, where they now live with their two sons, Carl and Cory. Mel is employed as a truck driver for Huron Window Corporation of Morden.

Henry Yager

Henry's family, farmed on the coast of the North Sea in Holstein Province, Germany, where land had been reclaimed from the sea. The winters were shorter than in Canada enabling them to grow a variety of produce which was shipped to the cities for sale. Vegetables and such fruit as apples, pears and cherries were easily grown. Holstein cattle originated in that part of Germany.

Henry came to Canada in 1926, leaving a life at sea which he had led since the age of sixteen. During those years he sailed to South American countries and along the Baltic coast. From the ship he headed inland to the Kaleida area. He worked for several farmers including George Riley, Tom Cassen, and Charlie Jopp. In 1927 he saw stooks sitting in the snow, a sight he had never seen in Germany.

In 1934 he married Minnie Davis of Kaleida. Minnie's parents Charles William "Bill" and Isabelle Davis came from St. Catharines, Ontario in 1897. After exploring North Dakota they returned to Manitoba and homesteaded on section 36-1-8 in the Kaleida area. Seven children, Estella, Fred, Charles, Annie, Percy, Ada, and Ermina Viola "Minnie" (1902) were raised on the homestead.

Henry and Minnie farmed with horses then with tractor. They farmed at Kaleida, Gilbert Plains, Altamont and then retired to 10 Dufferin Street in Darlingford in 1963. In Darlingford Henry's great pride was his apple trees and garden produce. They had five children: Ray, Ron, William, Anne and Ivan.

Ray Davis (1921) married Helen MacFarlane July 18, 1959. They live and work in Winnipeg. They had three children. Brian (October 20, 1959) died October 4, 1990. Brian and Shelly Street had one son. Raymond Davis (March 21 1990). Kelly

(November 20, 1963) is not married. Cathy (November 20, 1963) married Richard Turner March 4 1994, and has two children, Stacy (December 9, 1985) and Courtney (September 8, 1991).

Ron (1935) married Betty Clayton (1959) from Toronto. They live in Minnedosa where Ron operated the United Grain Growers elevator. They have three children. Wendell (September 30, 1961), works for United Grain Growers in Calgary, not married. Wayne (July 3 1963) married Gwen Carlson (1990) and has two children, Ashley (January 16, 1993) and Kirsten (October 3, 1996). They live in Calgary. Debbie (August 8, 1990) married Darrell Harder. They have one child, Karlee (September 12, 1993) and live in Brandon.

William "Bill" (1937) worked in elevator construction for thirty years, then did carpentry work around Manitou. He married Kathy Murdy (Bradley) in 1977. They live in Manitou where Kathy works as a licensed practical nurse in Manitou hospital. Bill has three step-children, Mylinda Banman, Cara Kuzma and Gordon Murdy, one son Daniel "Danny" (1979) has finished grade



Henry and Minnie Yager

twelve and entered the work force presently in Winkler.

Anne (1939) married Boyd Jackson, November 1, 1958. They farmed in the Pembina Valley at Mowbray, then moved to Morden in 1980. They have five children. Shirley (November 21, 1959) married Bob Sagert, June 5, 1993. They have one child, Kelsey Lynne (June 5, 1993). Robert (May 15, 1961) works in Brooks, Alberta and is not married. Laurie (April 16, 1963) works for Wiebe Construction in Morden and is not married. Cathy (March 28, 1964) married Gordon Enns, November 13, 1982. They have three children: Kimberly Dawn (March 25, 1983), Kristen Yvonne (December 28, 1986), Joseph Adam (June 15, 1989). Angela (May 31, 1971) married Ike Wall, May 23, 1992. They have two children, Hailey Michelle (April 24, 1994) and Morgan Taylor (December 25, 1996).

Ivan (1945) worked elevator construction for twenty-five years then worked as a carpenter. He married Kathleen Elliot, September 10, 1977. They lived in Darlingford until 1982 when they moved to Morden. Kathleen works in the telephone office. They have three children: Lisa Marie (March 29, 1978), Teri Anne (June 14, 1980) and Trevor Ross (January 14, 1983).

George Young

George Young (1882-1938) was born in Ontario. He and his wife Anna G. Martin (1885-1964), came to Darlingford 1917 from Page, North Dakota, where he had been a grain buyer for a number of years. His brother, Frank was buying grain in Morden at the time. George was employed with the Farmers' Elevator Company until his death in December 1938.

The children: Ethel, Edith and Ralph took their schooling in Darlingford. As a family they were interested in all church and community affairs. George Young, Mr. Coleman and Mr. Bryson all negotiated for electricity in Darlingford village. George Young and Bill Rombough and Mr. Bryson travelled to Cypress River, Manitoba for spruce trees for the Memorial Park. After George's death the family moved to Winnipeg for six years before moving to California. Mrs. Young died in San Jose in 1964.

Ethel (1907-1994) married Joseph Campbell. They lived in Spokane, Washington and then San Jose, California.

Ralph (1911-1979) married Erla Cook of Emerson. They lived in San Lorenzo, California. On

his retirement, as a map maker, they retired to Mesa, Arizona.

Edith married Theodore Moskowite. They lived in Gilroy, California and retired to San Jose. In 1970, Edith sent a lot of "do you remembers" to the book committee and has kept in contact with a couple of Darlingford friends, (1998 to present).

Mr. Briggs, the butcher, had a horse called Lil. When Saturday came, the town children were out in full force to ride on Lil, often two at a time. As a war effort, Ethel Young and Christina McGillivray fixed up a wagon, hitched Lil to it, and gathered scrap iron.

Edith tells how she learned to love flowers when Mr. Rice looked after the park. California has lovely flowers, but she still longs for all the prairie flowers of Manitoba.

The church bell rang when the first world war was over and everyone ran out to see what was up and cheered at the top of their voices. A big bonfire was built on the open space by the station and an effigy of Kaiser William was burned.

They learned the value of "cash and carry" early. If you went to Grandpa Amy's for fresh vegetables, he gave you a bouquet of his nicest flowers; if he delivered the vegetables to your home, you missed out on the flowers.

How thankful Edith is to have lived in a small Manitoba village called Darlingford!

Dave Zacharias

Dave and Olga Zacharias were married south of Morden. They started farming near Morden, then moved to Miami for one year and came to Darlingford about 1962. They purchased the S.W. 1/4 8-3-7 from Mr. Dailey. They kept a good herd of cattle and sold cream in town.

Their daughter, Elaine Dianne, took her grade twelve at Manitou. After graduation from Nellie McClung, Elaine worked at Pembina Hills Co-op where she met her future husband, Robert John Toews. They were married April 23, 1978. Since 1998, Robert drives the ACL bus and sells Watkins products. Elaine is the Church Administrator at the Morden Church of God. They have one son Wendall Tyrone (May 16, 1979) who is taking his second year of Electrical Engineering Technology at Red River Community College. He is a gifted singer and likes to play bass guitar.

Their son, Jimmy Wayne completed his schooling at Morden Collegiate. He attended Red River Community College to receive his Bakers'

Certificate and is presently employed at Aldergrove Co-op. He married Kathryn Ruth Hildebrand, March 21, 1976, who does hairdressing in their home in Abbotsford, British Columbia. They have two children, Jeremy Dean (July 26, 1980) who has graduated and is presently employed at a bakery. He plans to further his education, also enjoys playing bass guitar and has played in different bands at school. Kristal Dawn (July 6, 1983) is in the process of completing her high school education.

Dave and Olga sold their farm to Ken Barron and have been living in Morden since April 1970. They are enjoying good health. Dave and Olga will be celebrating fifty years of marriage August 28, 1999.

David J. Zacharias

David J. Zacharias was born at Altona, where his people have lived for three generations. Mary Neufeld, his wife, was born in Mexico and came to Canada in 1937. Her people had sold their property in Winkler and moved to Mexico, and now part of her family are living in each country.

David and Mary purchased a farm from Maurice Cowan in 1965. This farm is situated on the north-east corner of Highway #3 and the road into Darlingford and was once the home of Andy Revine.

David and his wife and family moved to the New Haven district in 1969 and lived on the Davidson Poultry Farm on the S.E. 10-4-8. David tended to

the broiler chickens and helped with the field work. Occasionally he put his carpentry skills to use working on construction projects in the area. Mary was busy caring for the children as well as selling strawberries from the garden and bedding plants from her greenhouse. The girls attended school in Manitou and went on to further study in Winnipeg.

Jackie studied nursing at Misericordia Hospital. She and husband Paul McLeod of Mather and daughter Kelsey live in the Meadows, Manitoba area.

Jeanne completed the Early Childhood Education Program at Red River Community College. She and her husband Ed Thiessen (Winkler), and their two children, Brittany and Evan live near Stonewall.

Joanne started her Bachelor of Education at the Manitoba University and completed her studies at Lakehead University. She lives at Thunder Bay.

Janet completed the Firefighters Training Program and is presently working as one of the few female firefighters in the City of Winnipeg. She and husband Roger Bier along with her children, Robert and Christopher, live in Winnipeg.

David and Mary moved into a house at 228 Dufferin Street, Manitou, in 1994. Sometime in 1997, Dave moved into the personal care home in Manitou. Mary is still busy in the yard and helps seniors with their house cleaning.

NOSTALGIC

Calf Mountain Bear Hunt

Our pioneers are worthily honoured as agriculturists, but some deserve a place beside the patron saint of Ireland. That noble Patrick took Christianity to the Isle of Erin and freed that far famed land from wriggling reptiles. Our Calf Mountain pioneers are no less important. Look about and see what the "gospel of hard labour" they brought has done for the Pembina district. Note too, that our splendid fields are free from bears, the extinction of which has more foundation behind it than the mythical achievements of St. Patrick.

In the spring of 1880, just a little less than fifty years ago, bears infested the Calf Mountain area at least one bear did - it is forgotten who first sighted the animal going about with his self-satisfied grin in thinking of his nefarious plans. A crowd of settlers gathered in a little less than no time, reminding us that the modern means of communication do not save so much time as we are wont to think. Old residents recall that Syd Pickle with his pony, "White Stockings", was on hand carrying a shot gun. Orv. Pickle, Jim Rice, Ferris Bolton and the Oke boys, Dave and Fred, Adam and Alf Stevens, with the young boys, Ernie and Evie, and Bill Waters were all there with others, armed with guns or clubs.

Excitement ran high. The bear dodged from scrub to scrub, apparently with a guilty feeling and somehow catching the excitement of the occasion from the yells of, "There he goes! See, just behind that brush pile! Look at him run! "You boys stay with the rest of us," to Ernie and Evie Stevens.

Then as "White Stockings", carrying Syd and his gun, tried to head off Mr. Bear, the yells of "Look at him run", and "You hit him that time", as Syd opened fire with his gun. Either from exhaustion or plain surrender, the enraged bear went into a bunch of scrub, on the west end of the farm where Herb Stevens now lives (S. 1/2 5-3-7), and refused to come out.

A council was held and a noisy decision arrived at to surround the lair and advance together. The false alarm of "there he is" and "look out now", were numerous. The cautious advance of the hunters can well be pictured; each man feeling the responsibility and danger of his position in "bearding the lion in his den". The huge creature was finally found lying among the trees. But this was no time to take chances and a few more shots for good measure were poured into the bear, which was then dragged out into the open.

The hunters surrounded their "bag" mopping

their brows. An argument started as to how much the bear would weigh and settled at four hundred pounds. The bear was then deprived of his skin. The hide was tanned and found an honoured resting place on the floor of Syd Pickle's house, providing a play rug for the little Pickles.

The above article appeared in the June 20th, 1929 issue of the "Western Canadian", Manitou and doubtlessly was written by Ferris Bolton.

"My Faithful Team"

It was winter, the snow plough had piled the snow high in places, on the sides of the road. Our neighbours the Arnotts, phoned to say that they were going to Miami to visit their daughter, Iris and asked if Theresa and our two girls, Muriel and Fern (ages three and one), would like to go with them to visit her folks, who lived in the Opawaka district - halfway between our place and Miami, so she agreed.

Later that day the wind got up and piled snow between the ridges. On the way home, they were two miles from home, when they got stuck and could not go any further.

Mr. Arnott walked off into the storm to phone his son, Allan to come with the tractor. He started out, but by this time, it was dark and storming so bad, he had to turn around as he could not see. He then phoned me. Still having our faithful old team, I hitched them up, put a horse blanket over the sleigh box, and headed off into the storm. What faithful critters they were. They would go, no questions asked.

We lived on a main road (Highway #31) but roads were not like they are today. So many days and nights we were called on and they never let me down.

- Harry Wood

Newspaper Clippings

March 28, 1900 - Darlingford is growing splendidly. Less than a year ago the only building around was McGaw's flat warehouse and the town site was covered with scrub. There are now three dwellings, a feed stable, blacksmith shop, store, elevator, and a lumber yard.

January 23, 1908 - W.J. Coleman has been appointed issuer of marriage licenses.

October 1, 1908 - Total of one hundred on the Darlingford telephone exchange.

October 27, 1908 - The church of Darlingford is to be lit with standard Gillet gas light.

June 23, 1910 - A special train will run from Windygates, along the border to Manitou for July 1st Sports Day. Return fare \$1.30 from Windygates.

October 19, 1916 - The Town of Darlingford has furnished a room in Deer Lodge Hospital for returned soldiers.

January 1, 1920 - William E. Veals has taken over the Massey Harris agency in Darlingford.

May 6, 1920 - H.R. Veals opened his ice cream parlour in Darlingford.

September 30, 1926 - M.D. Nichol; gasoline 22 1/2 cents per gallon, kerosene 24 1/2 cents per gallon.

October 22, 1926 - Auction sale of household furniture from the Empire Hotel.

September 27, 1928 - The Darlingford United Church congregation dedicated the new wing built on the church this summer.

May 8, 1930 - Darlingford Tennis Club will hold a tournament May 12, tickets 25 cents.

October 31, 1940 - Picture shows at Darlingford every Thursday. Admission 15 cents and 25 cents.

January 31, 1945 - A whist drive was held at the home of Mr. T. Keown in the aid of Willing War Workers. The sum of \$9.50 was realized.

July 25, 1946 - 1037 lbs. of clothing were contributed by the Darlingford community to the recent National Clothing Drive.

February 5, 1948 - Coal strike, causing some concern to local residents.

April 2, 1964 - Mr. Charlie Townsend is the new manager of the Federal Elevator.

July 8, 1964 - Auction Sale of Chicken Hill School and contents.

Halley's Comet Appeared in 1910.

Riding horseback, saddle or bareback, was the pastime of most farm children. Then came the bicycles with plenty of falls. The young man then worked for a horse and buggy so he could take his girl friend for a drive on Sunday. Their first car was a luxury, dreamed of for many years.

A story is told of a local farmer who had his first car. Running engines of any kind with gasoline was a new experience. He started his car, took it for a run and then forgot how to stop it, so proceeded to drive it around a field until the gasoline ran out. Many gates were broken down by the driver who forgot where the brake was, and just held the wheel and hollered "Whoa!"

Dried apples were one of the first fruits to be purchased by the early settlers. They found abun-

dant cranberries and other wild fruits in the bush, which were made into jam for the winter. Prunes, which were known as boarding house, or C.P.R. strawberries, were a regular diet in many homes, and could be purchased in twenty-five pound boxes for less than ten cents a pound.

Apples came from Ontario by the car load and were packed in barrels, the Baldwin, Northern Spy, King, Russett and Tolman Sweet were popular. They sold around \$3.50 a barrel, so families tried to have a few barrels for winter. In later years they became more expensive so were packed in boxes and baskets. A big dish full was put on the table after supper to be eaten while the home work was being done.

Blue concord grapes sold regular for three baskets for one dollar, and in harvest time, on a weekend, they were four baskets for a dollar, and the harvest hands were given a treat. Candies were cheap so the store keeper would put a nice bag full in with the customers order if she had children with her.

Ration books of coupons for meat, sugar, butter, etc., were issued during the war 1939-1945.

The equipment used for a good shave before 1910 was a straight blade razor, strap to sharpen same, a shaving mug which held the soap and water in separate compartments, a fine bristle brush to apply the soap to the face, plus a good mirror, and with a deft hand, off came the beard. A barber's charge would be fifteen or twenty cents. The razor strap had other uses. The school teacher had one handy for disciplinary measures, and a lot of parents liked to keep one handy for the same purpose.

In 1914 the first rats were seen in this district. They came in droves from where, no one knows. One of the high school boys brought a cage full to show the scholars. They were brown with white patches so must have met some white ones on the way.

In 1910 the first school vans were canvas covered, and horse drawn. Wheels were used in summer and changed to sleighs in the winter. In the morning each child brought their own blanket and a hot brick, plus book bag and dinner pail.

Walking miles in a day behind a set of harrows drawn by a four-horse team and later a harrow cart added. That first trip to town with a team and a load of grain seemed to take hours to go three miles.

Mail Order Catalogue 1902

Once our book committee got underway, the interested boosters began to turn in different items

they thought might help. From Mr. Gordon Cram came a "brand new" copy of a Sears-Roebuck catalogue, circa 1902; a book just loaded with bargains that fairly boggle the imagination in these days of the great savings we are offered. Here are a few to ponder:

Pocket watches start at 98 cents, while a gold filled case with Waltham movement sets you back \$8.75, and if you are a do-it-yourselfer, a complete watchmakers tool kit of 36 pieces is \$10. For the love-lorne there was a deal "Best Quality Gold Plated, Gents and Ladies watch chains, silk and hair, \$1.50 - you send in the hair."

Wedding bands, 14 Karat Gold Filled - 60 cents to \$1.70, while a "Gold Headed Cane, mounted on polished Ebony Sticks, \$4.45" to add a touch of dignity to your wedding. The in-thing for the groom was a "Separable, Gold filled Collar Button" at 15 cents each, while she could avail herself of a Gold Filled Hat Pin with "6 white stone settings and fancy stone centre for 35 cents."

Wedding presents were no problem. "Sterling Silver Brush and Comb Set at \$3.95 in a silk lined box". "Our Special Parlour Clock - 12 inches high, 9 3/4 inches wide, ornately decorated, only \$3.75", while you could have the same with a horseman and his prancing steed added at \$5.75, and thirty or more models to choose from.

"Stereoscopes and Views were never more popular", price 24 cents with a deluxe model at 82 cents. The Stereopticon Outfit which is the grandfather of the movies, lists at \$53, and set of slides "Assassination of President McKinley" at \$7.50. The Edison 1901 Kinetoscope - a real movie - cost \$105, with calcium burner to feed the gas lamp. For these you bought films or "roll your own".

The best piano offered was marked \$98.50, or its more humbler brother for \$59.45. The adjustable, four legged stool at 85 cents to \$1.60. For the more humble folk there is a "Happy Home" Organ, \$22. Accordions ranged from \$2.25 to \$12.50 tops, while the lowly mouth organ started at 7 to 75 cents.

Gents and Ladies bikes started at \$10.75 to \$15.75, with Morgan and Wrights plain double tube tires, while a solid brass padlock and key cost 7 cents with 3 cents extra for mailing. Shot guns, 12 gauge, double barrel for as little as \$7.45. Winchester 38 rifle, 15 shot, cost \$11.50, and 47 different hand guns ran from \$2.95 up to \$22 for a 45 Colt - 6 shot. No wonder they were so plentiful in those wild and woolly days.

A full line of sporting goods is shown with base-

ball bats from 10 to 55 cents, with seven types of balls listed 5 to 90 cents, and gloves ran from 40 cents to \$2.75 for one 10 x 9 inches. Some mitt! Hammocks cost from 80 cents to \$2.75 with all the frills.

Several buggy models are shown from \$22.85 to the Acme Royal Top Buggy at \$54.90, and the "Surrey with the fringe on top" is listed in several models up to \$69.95. A common three seater was only \$59.60. Workmen must have donated their time at these prices.

A dozen sets of single driving harness are priced from \$4.37 to \$8.95, and a goat harness, illustrated Single \$2.70 or Double at \$6. Montana Concord Heavy Team Harness with Britching cost up to \$29.97, and stock saddles from \$1.85 for a Morgan to \$21.82 for Our Special Pocatello Cowboy Saddle". Curry combs shown were 8 cents each, or 90 cents per dozen.

Pages of patent medicines from "Electric Liniment" at 25 cents per bottle and a package of Dr. Rose's French Arsenic Complexion Wafers, 50 treatments only 35 cents. The page devoted to VIN VITAE "the wine of life" shows a very much muscled-up gent in his birthday suit holding open the jaws of a very large lion, and it only costs 69 cents per 28 oz. bottle. If that failed to produce the desired results you could order "Our \$12 Heidelberg Belt", good for either sex, it says, and shows electric waves flying every which way. Only one belt is illustrated, so we presume it's a his or her set up. As a last resort they offer Vapour Bath Cabinets at \$2.95 with lamp and stool.

A cute little hand turn coffee grinder for 31 cents, or its big daddy with two large fly-wheels at \$12.60. Ice cream freezer, 4 quart size, \$1.79, and 11 styles of ice boxes from \$11.39 to a real doozer at \$53 which holds 650 pounds of ice - what a mess? Three sizes of iron stove pots from 29 to 38 cents, while the deluxe coal hood lists at 36 cents, and frying pans could be had from 13 to 20 cents, according to size.

That good old "Star Barrel Churn" cost \$2.55 to \$4.80, and a 5 gallon dash churn - 75 cents. A cabinet sewing machine is listed at \$23.20, and "it's an ornate piece of furniture too." Solid oak, extension round table - 8 feet, \$4.95, and a highback, fancy cook stove \$13.95. And so on and on. No wonder the lad wrote his song, "Now's the Time to Fall In Love".

In the old Empire Hotel days there was a certain

decorum maintained by the matter of segregation. One long table for monthly boarders and three small square tables for travellers and transients. It produced a pitched battle between the classes and often the air was rich with invective thrown from one to the other while the waitress - like the Red Cross Nurse, plied the "no-man's-land" between. Here's just one little skirmish. Two young green U.S lads hit town to sell magazines, made the mistake of signing their address as Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. That did it.

American: "Say! how do you guys ever live here with no picture show, saloon, or even a speak-easy? Must be awful, I'd think."

Canadian: "Oh we do all right. We have games and hobbies."

American: "Like what?"

Canadian: "Oh, we play pool and horse-shoe and guessing games and think up tricks to play on each other."

American: "Lord! let me out of here. Grown-up men - wow! "

Canadian: "Oh yes - we have another good game, we call Silly Bats too."

American: "How do you play that one?"

Canadian: "We go down to the depot and meet the passenger trains and see how many Silly Bats get off here and feel sorry for them in their gross blatant ignorance."

Silence reigned for a few moments then they left the room.

A week later the C.P.R. agent told us this pair were dumped off the passenger train half way between Winkler and Plum Coulee, by the conductor for their bad behaviour.

Oh Canada, we stand on guard for thee!

Pigs is Pigs

Back in the early twenties, Darlingford had two rather unusual bachelors of the same name, but not related. They both owned small cottages next door to each other. Always willing to do odd jobs they both went out to help a farmer plant a large potato patch for which they each received a weanling pig.

One pen served for the both pigs who thrived on town life. Walter called his pig Teddy so naturally Teddy called his Walter. A mark of respect for each other.

The old lads spent much time with their pets but when fall came along the thought of killing and eating their pets posed a problem that was solved by the friendly butcher-drover. "I'll ship them and you

pick out two strangers at the stockyards.

When the day came to make the change they undertook to drive them the few one hundred yards on a rope, but as one man said "Pigs is Pigs". They started the trek about 10 a.m. and by noon were about half way, so one held the ropes while the other lunched, then vice versa, then back to the drive which ended about 4 p.m. - just before the stock train pulled in. All went well and they lived high on the hog the next winter.

Price Quotes

1900 wheat sold 53 cents a bushel. The cost of painting a buggy was \$10.

1904 - Buggy tongue 50 cents, Leather mitts 35 cents, straw hat 20 cents, 1 lb. tea 35 cents, 100 lb. flour \$2.70, 100 lb. sugar \$5.60, butter 20 cents pound.

Then in 1924 cream sold 35 - 37 cents, sugar was \$9.25 - \$11.50 per 100 pounds, flour \$3.30, haircut 25 cents.

1932 cream sold at 12 - 21 cents, eggs 8 - 18 cents.

From "The Comet" of March 1913

Local Markets: Wheat: No. 1 Northern - 65 cents, No. 2 Northern - 63 cents, No. 3 Northern - 58 cents. Oats, per bushel - 27 cents. Barley, per bushel - 32 cents. Potatoes, per bushel - 25 cents. Butter, per pound - 30 cents. Eggs, per dozen - 28 cents. Beef, live weight, per pound - 3 1/2 cents. Pork, live-weight, per pound - 6 1/2 cents. Fowl, live weight, per pound - 7 cents. Chicken, live-weight, per pound - 11 cents. Ducks - 8 cents. Turkeys - 11 cents. Wood, dry, per cord - \$4. Wood, green, per cord - \$3. Yearly subscription rate to "The Comet"- \$1.

Remember When?

About 1910 a popular sight in the front yards of town and country homes was a summer house made of laths and painted green, then covered with English ivy or other vines. Inside hung a hammock which was a dream place on a hot day and a lovers swing in the evening.

One event which stands in our memory is connected with a picnic held at Grahams grove, east of town. A four mile race had been advertised with the promise of a good prize. The lads in the district practiced for a good while before the date, by running around a section of land. When the big day arrived it was Bert Bolton who won, but we cannot

find a record of the time it took.

The church bell was rung to warn the residents of a fire or other urgent needs.

When the express train whistle sounded, the usual "Meet the train committee" ran to see who was coming or going.

There were no good roads to walk on so the young folks could be seen walking up and down the railway track. Some became quite efficient at walking the rails.

When the cars first came on the road, about 1908, the driving horses were terrified at meeting a horseless carriage. Those in the pastures near the road had the advantage of running far and fast. Run away horses were not unusual. If they ran while hitched to a machine or wagon, there was danger of the horses or people getting hurt, so at the sound of running all hands went to the rescue.

Reminiscing with Edythe

The first big event I remember was the dedication of the Memorial. Mrs. Cocks had a very large white raffia tray and Bessie Cocks and I held the tray while the older girls brought up little bouquets as the names were called out. I remember people crying, so we cried too, at least the tears ran down on our new dresses. Then we carried the tray of flowers inside the chapel, walking between the rows of soldiers.

Girls I played with were Bessie Cocks, Evelyn Swerdfeger and Beda Crosby. I remember Mr. Price was the Methodist minister, I spent many hours there and with Mr. Taylor, who followed.

I took a pail of milk down to Grandmother Waddingham's house every evening and visited with Mrs. Hill, the nurse who looked after her.

I started school when I was five, but had to go home until I was six. Miss Francis Collins was the teacher, then Miss Brown, Miss Christie and Miss L. Duncan taught the second and third room and Mr. Blackwell taught grades nine, ten and eleven. Darlingford School with its green and gold banner, attended the spring Sports Days held in Darlingford, Manitou and La Riviere and brought home the Silver Cups a fair number of times. In the fall, we had the school fairs where prizes were awarded for school work, vegetables, cooking and pigs. When Miss Ina Lee taught grades six, seven and eight, the Darlingford girls sports made great leaps. Under her guidance we had basketball, hard ball, tennis, Indian club swinging, due to her influence the tennis courts were moved to the school

grounds.

In 1927 we had a great celebration on Dominion Day at the school grounds. All the children participated in acting in plays, poems, etcetra. In the afternoon various pioneers told their stories of homesteading and settling in this country. Then in the evening we sat on Mr. Storey's verandah and listened to a great new invention - Mr. Storey's radio and we listened to the Carillon of Bells just installed in the Peace Towers in Ottawa. We also had elocution contests in Law's Hall. I still thrill when I think of Cora Law reciting the "Cattle Thief". Frank Morrison won the district first for his speech. Christmas concerts, plays and Chataquas were also held in the hall. Has anyone a picture of the old hall?

J.B. Day became principal and we all worked very hard. Fewer boys had to stay home to harvest, so more finished high school. Career opportunities for girls included teaching, nursing, stenographers and telephone operators; for boys teaching, flying mechanics and repairmen. In 1933 Wib White and I drove to Manitou to attend grade twelve. Wib wanted to be a scientist and I a teacher. When the roads closed in with snow I boarded with Mrs. Jennie Bradley and Wib drove when he could. In the fall of 1934 I went to Normal School and Wib to university. Joe Zilkey, Jean Reekie and I did light housekeeping in Winnipeg and I did a lot of substituting in city schools. At the end of May, I graduated with a First-Class Certificate, a one year scholarship and the Strathcona Horse Gold Medal for Physical Education. This was still depression times. When my dad drove me around to different school districts I was offered two schools at \$30 a month but with \$20 a month room and board costs, my dad said no way. I was worth more at home! When harvest was over I decided I'd rather do housework in my own home. Gordon Bradley and I were married October 8, 1935 and moved to his farm north of Manitou.

In 1938 war was declared and the boys went overseas and rationing of some food and gas began. Hired men disappeared overseas so most of the horses were sold and a tractor was purchased, also half a combine. The war was over and the soldiers returned home, but some of them could not settle down to farming. At this time we were persuaded to move to the Smith farm two miles north of Darlingford. It was in July of 1947 that Gordon was injured by the mower when a swarm of bees attacked the horses. He never fully recovered and

died as a result in 1962. All the children attended Darlingford School at some time except for Kathy. 1953 was the polio year, all were ill, but three worse than the others, Lindsay, John and Leslie. Thanks to the Sister Kenny treatment all survived. We became involved in community life, church at New Haven, school in Midland, social activities at New Haven Hall and cards with neighbours. The children attended school at Midland, Darlingford, Altamont, St. Leon and Manitou after the school bus started. All were active in 4-H.

In 1964 I obtained work at the new school for the handicapped in Morden as the teacher for the older class. So in 1964 Kathy, Leslie, Leah, Penny and I moved back into the house in Darlingford that I had moved into in 1920. For four years I had a very happy life teaching life skill, woodworking, sewing, cooking and other work with teenagers at the school. During the summer of 1967 Leah, Penny and I drove to Toronto, where I attended a six week course at the York University. We then went to Montreal to Expo '67 for a weekend before coming home to work. In 1968 Morden and Winkler schools combined, but Manitou decided to open the first Special Education classroom outside Winnipeg and I was hired to teach the children. Here began fifteen years of wonderful experiences with the children, but also heartbreak and a great deal of overwork. This was a new field opening up with few books but unlimited potential for helping the children. I retired officially in 1983.

This book is about Darlingford. From the earliest settlers the spirit of this district has been to band together to help and comfort others. If a need is seen we work together. When the school was to be closed many people worked together to make a school reunion possible. When the hall was in financial trouble everyone helped. When we wanted to preserve the school as a museum to keep some memories of our past alive many, many people worked together. The seniors of our town and district accomplished so very much. The beautiful memorial park and grounds is a tribute to this togetherness. Long live this spirit!!

Town of Darlingford Advertised

From 1910 "Comet"

If you drop in this town any time
through the day.

When you've sold last years wheat
or a few tons of hay.

With the cash in your jeans and a
deal in your brain;

Here's the bunch that will extract
all the same without pain.

First there's FINES - He can do it
yes - he'll show you how,

If he's not up at home, or off milk-
ing the cow.

There's an A-1 assortment of shirt-
ing and beans,

just awaiting for you if you have
the "long greens."

Then there is BROADFOOTS -
Here all your coin you can sink.

(If he is not at choir practice or
down at the rink.)

You can buy a shirt waist, bed-
steads, boots or a bun,

In fact almost anything under the
sun.

THE BOLTON'S - J.H. and Ferris
as well,

if you are needing some chop, or a
crib for the well.

Or a good sack of flour or tasty
bran mash;

Good churchmen (be wise - keep
one hand on the cash).

And CARDNO down street, with
his rich Irish mug,

Who has lately been stung, by that
old hockey bug.

He will hand you a lemon, cigars or
soft drink,

and pocket your shekels with
"never a wink".

There's MARTIN for hardware,
and binders and tins.

He'd feel hurt if you didn't spend
something with him.

And STEVENS will sell you
ploughs, pumps or a packer.

(If you bring around a tin of his
favourite "tobaccer.")

SWERDFEGER for drivers
(Cyrene's not to blame

for having to tote such a long wind-
ed name.)

And Donald "By Cripes" from the
land of the heather,

Will tackle a trip in the roughest of
weather.

There's Rockefellow WILLIAMS,
whose beautiful smile,
is quite oily, and smooth, since he
branched into "ile".

And poor overworked BEATTIE -
dope, pills and stock-food,
(A little more sleep would do Bill
heaps of good).

There's COCKS, RICE and LAW-
SON - to watch them it pays,
(it's pretty near time they were
changing their weighs).

BISSET and SHIELDS - two hard
working men,
who can "shoo" anything from a
mule to a hen.

There's LAW for your meat and
BOND for a shave
(you'll catch 'em at times if you're
onto their ways).

And GEORGE at the "Empire"
who dishes the hash
to all homeless wanderers who put
up the cash.

REV. HELLYER'S a man of noble
fame,
To help you escape the first part of
his name.

If you chance with your girl to be
suddenly thrown,
where the Rev. Wilson is holding
his name,
he will tie you a knot so tight,
the kind you cannot undo with your
teeth.

You may butt against HERRON
who handles the freight,
he is perfectly tame not withstand-
ing his weight.

He'll give you a ticket to Hull or
Kamsack,
if you faithfully promise to never
come back.

Leave what's left at the bank for it
surely would tickle
our WALKER (who'd walk a long
time for a Nichol).

If any one's hot at these rhymes, tis
a pity
that MIKE with his sprayer don't
live in our city.

by A.O. Berry, editor

Fatal Accident

M. Knatasyn Loses His life While Bathing

The swimming hole at the old Whalen brick yard was the scene of a fatal tragedy on Monday last, when Myak Knatasyn lost his life while bathing. Together with P. Barrow and John Jukson, he left the present brick yard, where he had been working overtime, at about 9 p.m., for a swim before retiring. Barrow and Jukson, who are both expert swimmers, entered the pond from the deepest place from the north side to swim across.

Knatasyn went a few yards further west where the water is much shallower, as he could not swim, and entered immediately after them. This was the last time he was seen alive. The bottom of the pond is very uneven and full of holes, where clay had been removed for brickmaking, and it was in one of these holes only a few feet from the bank that his dead body was found. On reaching the opposite side the two swimmers noticed he was missing and at once gave the alarm and tried to locate him. Word was sent back to the yard and Manager W.H. Vosper hurried to the pond and recovered the body by diving, but all efforts at resuscitation were unavailing.

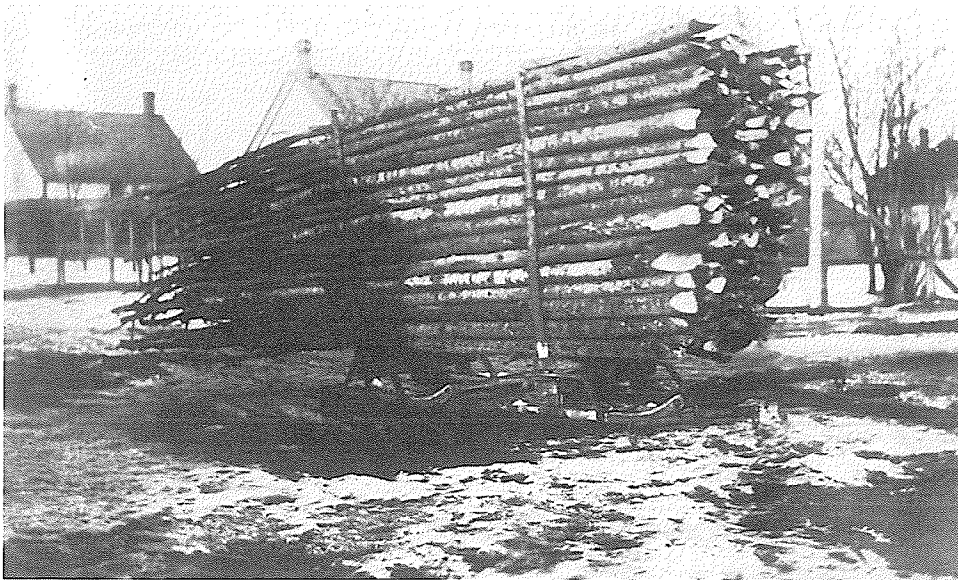
Dr. MacCharles of Manitou, was summoned and after an examination, gave the finding of "accidental drowning."

The unfortunate man was about thirty-five years of age, a native of Poland, Russia, where he leaves a wife and two children. His only known relative in this country is an uncle, who lives in Winnipeg.

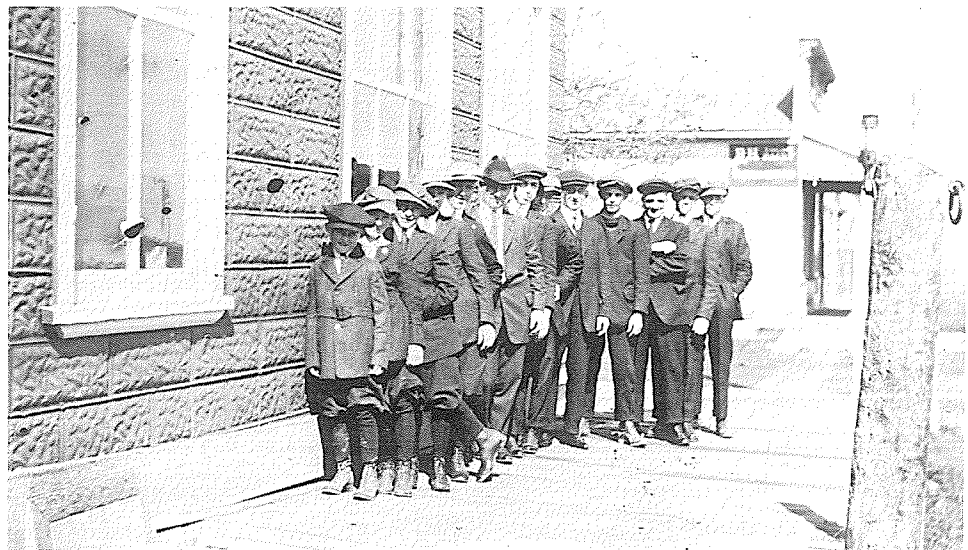
He was a first rate workman, honest and good natured and well thought of by his associates. He had been in the employ of the Darlingford Brick and Tile Co. for about six weeks.

The remains were removed to Robertson's undertaking parlours, Manitou, on Tuesday morning and from there to Winnipeg, where interment will take place at St. Mary's Cemetery this afternoon.

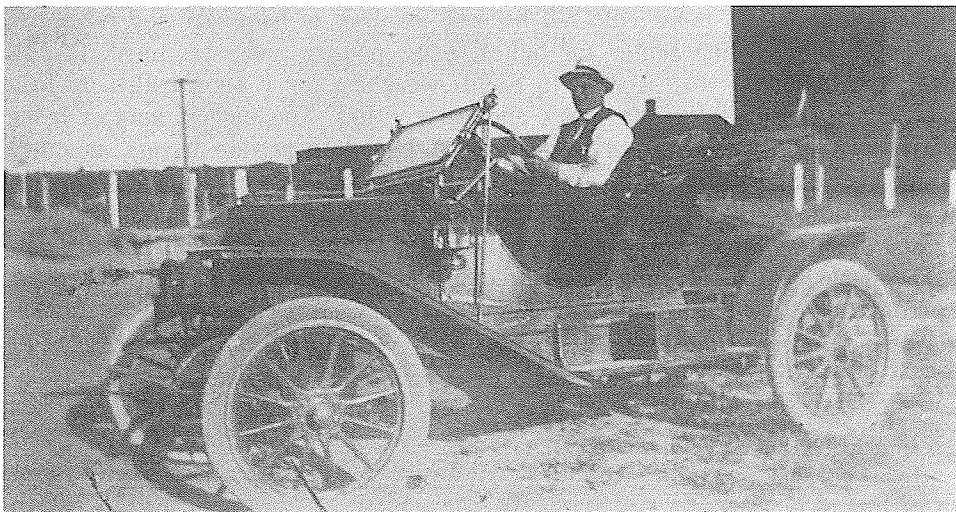
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The late "Bill" Rombough cut and hauled this good load of firewood in from Sec. 37



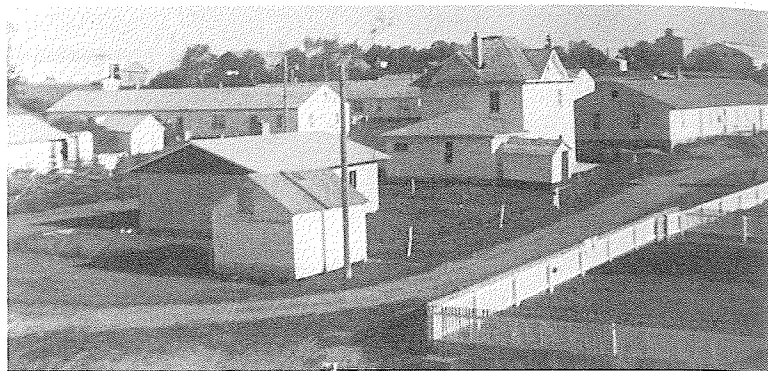
"The Town boys" - 1921 - Iyes White, Jack Crosby, Bill Cock, Bill Smith, Tom Anderson, Gordon Grigg, Bob Cock, Clarence Jordan, Andy Bennett, Earl Knisley, Myron Amy, Dick Carswell, Bert Bond



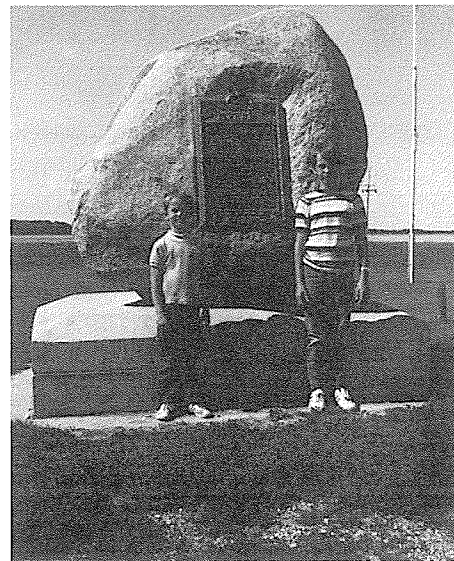
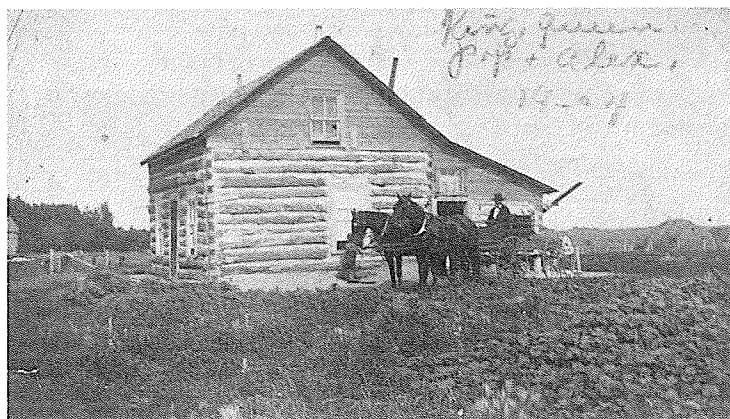
Robert Cock Sr. and car



Original farm home of James Dudgeon - 1904



Part of Pembina Colony buildings



The stone cairn and plaque



Pembina Colony - husking corn

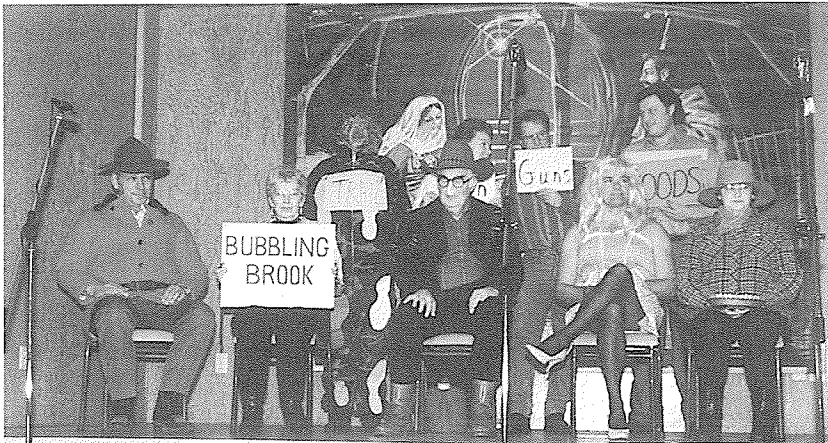


Laying brick foundation for Community sign. Work done by Daryl Smith (right) with Isaac Hildebrand helping. photo by southern shopper



Cutting the oats





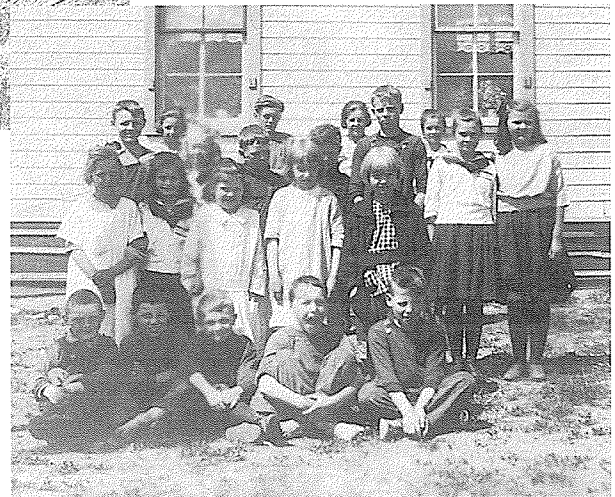
Darlingford Business people in Christmas Concert. front row: (l-r) Duane Williams, Phyllis Carlson, Isabelle Svoboda, Bob Jordan, Jean Clayton, Marvin Richardson, Ike Schmidt, Steven Barron, Betty Jordan



Graham Lone, Jessica Nichol and Doug Lone helping with the stooking



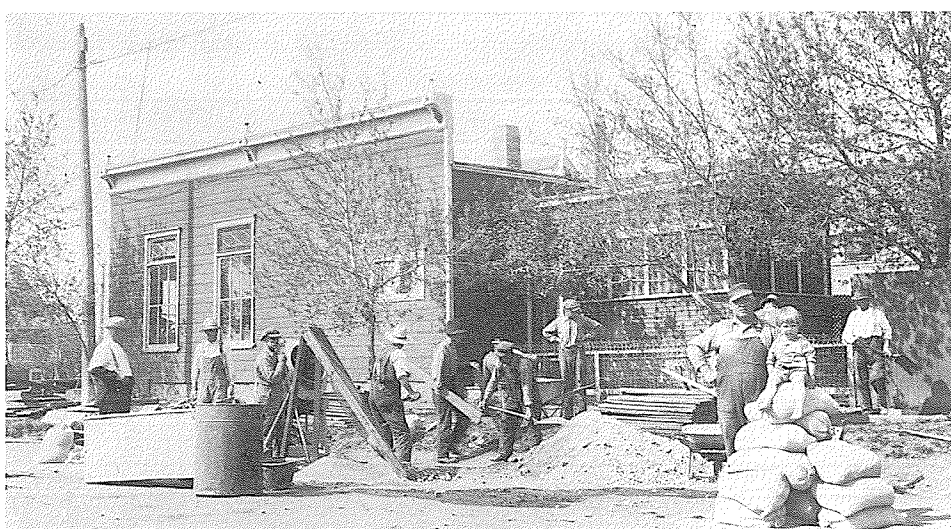
Centennial Chairman and his wife, Ed and Janet Giesbrecht taking part in the harvest



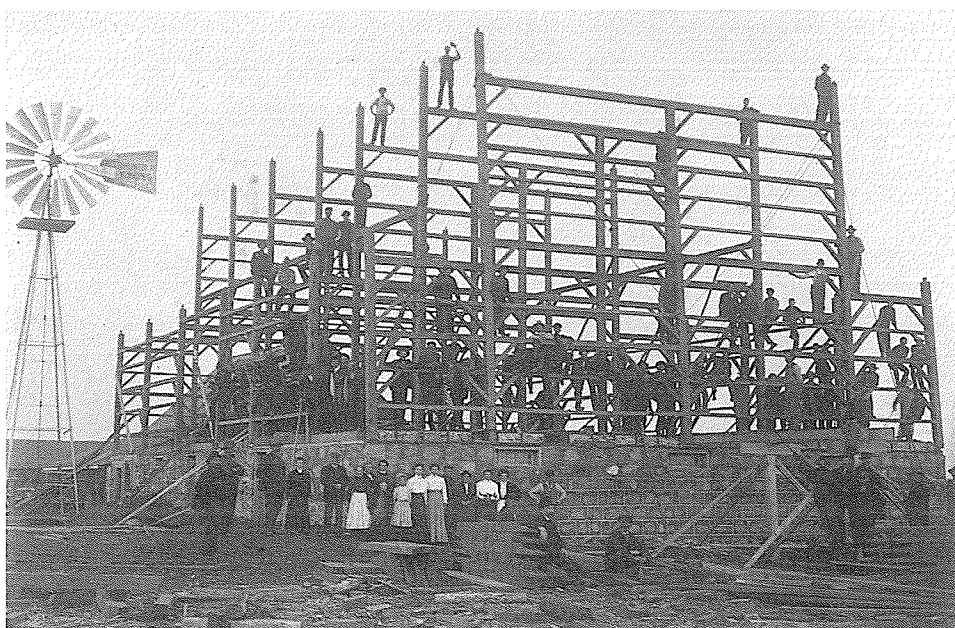
Calf Mountain School - 1923



Albert Lawson, prize 6 horse team, shown in Canada and U.S.A.



Andy Revine with the help of W. Martin and others, laying a cement sidewalk in front of the Bank of Montreal - 1923



Barn raising on John Morrow farm W1/2 3-3-7 - 1910



Jim Hill log house and new barn on NE 1/4 21-2-7



Ice storm - 1932 - note telephone pole



Spring - 1926



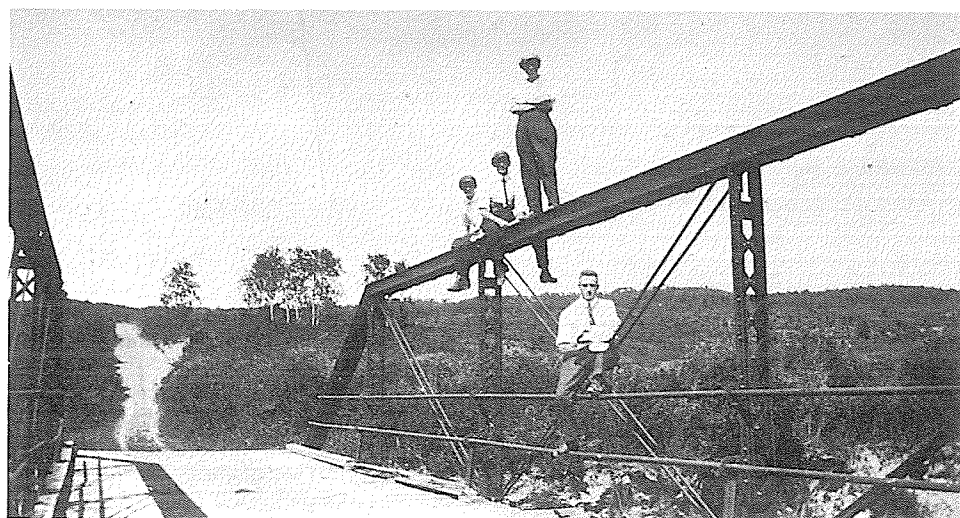
Len Hunt on top of load



Darlingford cow girls. Nothing to it, eh?



Sawing wood - 1908 Albert Gellatly, R.P. Swayze, Frank Porter, Andrew Cowan, Joe Meyer



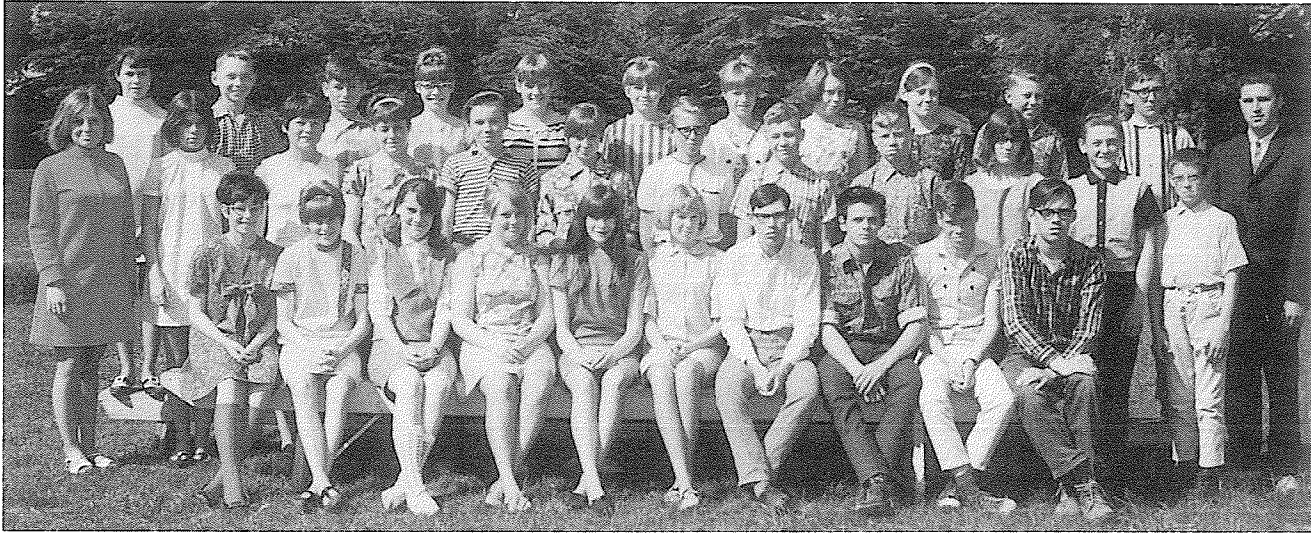
Pembina Bridge - Baden Cardno, Gordon Stevens, Harvey Stevens, Fred Amy



Bessie Bedford, Mrs. Bedford, Clarence, Alfred Bedford holding Opal, Harry Smith, Jim Porter, Hugh Bryson on engines. Others unknown.



Three Darlingford Oldtimers (l-r): John Cowan, Jim Porter and dog, Carl Cummings, with a total of 257 years of living in Manitoba.



Darlingford School - Grades 7 & 8 - 1968. front row: (l-r) Vicky Arnott, Kathy Law, Sharon Frank, Jacqui Kinsman, Sylvia Klippenstein, Terry Ching, Ron Cowan, David Kinsman, Jim Nichol, Bob Buelow, middle row: Barbara Amy, Linda Buelow, Roberta Storey, Janis Amy, Rodney Hemminger, Loren Richardson, Bob Lantz, Ron Fijala, Ken Nichol, Linda Morrow, Lloyd Baumgart, Bob Davidson, back row: Gloria Stevens, Jim Zacharias, Robert Storey, Joan Nichol, Bev Ching, Iona Johnston, Danielle Johnston, Eileen Griffin, Bobbi Lawson, Terry Hemminger, Marvin Shiskoski, Wayne Kroetsch - teacher



Darlingford School - Grades 3 & 4 - 1966-1967. front row: (l-r) Val Morrow, Clair Lyons, Mary Cram, Jean McElroy, Diane Weiss, Barb Nichol, Lois Shaventoski, middle row: Scott Nichol, Brenda McElroy, Elizabeth Mulholland, Barb Barclay, Geraldine Klyne, Cindy Hemminger, Bruce Mulholland, Barry Stevens, back row: Mrs. Hokinson, Pat Hemminger, Tom Arnott, Rob Griffin, John Frank, Craig Storey, Glen Clayton, Bob Stevens



Sign unveiling ceremony - July 5, 1998. (l-r) Ed Giesbrecht, Hugh Morrow, Eileen Law, Bob Jordan, Jessica and Steven Nichol, Dallas Storey, Barb Nichol, Amber Storey, Murray Seymour, Bob Hunt, Peter George Dyck. photo by southern shopper

One of our centennial events was the unveiling of our Darlingford sign at the corner of #3 highway and the road into town. The sign was constructed of bricks made at the Darlingford Brick Yard many years ago. To pay for the cost of constructing the sign, people were asked to purchase a brick for \$5. Their names were placed on a list in our time capsule, which is in our sign. The list is reproduced as follows.

Achor, Maxine (White)
 Adams, Rick, Charisse (Smith), Kyah and Jesse
 Amy, Brent, Bonnie, Kevin and Ryan
 Amy, Jack, in memory
 Amy, Mildred (Cummings)
 Amy-McElroy, Myra
 Amy, Russ and Ede
 Baker/Laing, Doreen Merle (Stevens), in memory
 Barclay, Gerald and Lorna
 Barclay, Kent and Patti (McElroy)
 Barnett, Jack and Donna (Waddingham)
 Beck, Lois (Stevens)
 Berras, Dino and Glenda (Law)
 Blair, Muriel (Wood)
 Bond, Alice (Shelle), in memory
 Bond, Frank
 Bond, Roy, in memory
 Borysowich, May (Ramsay)
 Brick, Fern (Wood)
 Bryson, Walter, in memory
 Campbell, Cheryl (Johnson)
 Carlson, Phyllis (Jordan)

Ching, Hal, Karen (Esler), Jennifer and Eric
 Ching, Lloyd and Susan
 Ching, Murray and Jean (MacDonald)
 Christie, Nan
 Clayton, Charlie and Mary, in memory
 Clayton, Reg and Doreen
 Coleman, Edwin Abram, in memory
 Coleman, Ethel Mae (Cooper), in memory
 Coleman, Frances (Magee), in memory
 Coleman, Harry Keith, in memory
 Collard, Shirley Louise (Law)
 Collins, Arnold, in memory
 Collins, Elaine (Guderian), Anita, Tannis and
 Vonnie
 Collins, Morley and Rose (Sandercock), in memory
 Compton, Duane
 Compton, Edna Mae (Stevens), in memory
 Compton, Kenneth D., in memory
 Compton, Mel and family
 Cowan, Gordon
 Cram, Gordon, in memory
 Cram, Jim and Coreen

Cram, Margaret
 Cummings, Carl, in memory
 Cummings, Lily, in memory
 Deamel, Diana (Sibbick)
 Deamel, Irene (Duncan)
 Deceuninck, Glen, Sharon (Holenski) and Garrett
 Degen, Julius and Clara, in memory
 Dresler, Annie
 Dresler, Doug and family
 Dresler, Ron
 Dresler, Tony, in memory
 Dudgeon, Robert J. and Doreen
 Dunbar, Joe, Shannon (Jordan), Matthew, Mallory
 and Molly
 Dushenko, Keith, in memory
 Dushenko, Lil
 Dyrda, Myron, Sharon (Lowry) and family
 Ewert, Donald and Wendy (Law)
 Fallis, Karen
 Fayed, Kadria and John
 Fijala, Doug, Debbie, Danny and Tiffany
 Fijala, Ron
 Frank, John, Nadine and family
 Funk, Abe
 Furniss, Bev, Kathi (McElroy) and family
 Giesbrecht, Ed, Janet, Wendy, Peter, David, Tim
 and Matthew
 Giesbrecht, Henry and Cheryl E. (Haresnape)
 Giesbrecht, Peter and family
 Glendenning, Margaret (Stevens), in memory
 Grettum, Allan and family
 Grettum, Gordon, in memory
 Grexton, Conrad, Barbara (Barclay), Ava and
 Jennifer
 Griffin, Alan
 Griffin, Ross, family of
 Guderian, Norman and Bertha (Storey)
 Hamilton, Elizabeth Jean "Betty"
 Hamilton, James Ford, in memory
 Hamilton, John and Laura J. (Vincent)
 Hamilton, Richard Ian "Ian" and Bonnie (Scott),
 Amanda and Glen
 Hamilton, William T. "Bill"
 Hancock, Clarence and Ida, in memory
 Haresnape, Wib, in memory
 Hemminger, Arthur and Brenda
 Hemminger, Grant, Jeannie and family
 Hemsing, Bev and Marilyn (Oke)
 Henderson, David, Janis (Amy), Crystal and
 Michelle
 Henderson, Eva (Stevens), in memory
 Hink, Chris, Jacqueline (Amy), Justin and Rachel

Holenski, Don, Lorraine and family
 Holenski, Ed and Myrna (Waddingham)
 Holenski, Glen, Shannon (Esler), Derek, Gavin and
 Dallas
 Holenski, Jerry and family
 Holenski, Kola
 Holenski, Mary, in memory
 Holenski, Robert, Edith (Lowry) and family
 Hunt, Bob, Ann, Monica and Gareth
 Hunt, Doug and Ann
 Hunt, Doug and Vera, in memory
 Hunt, Les, in memory
 Hunt, Nora
 Hunt, Ruth
 Jacobs, Ellwood
 Jensen, Julia (Jordan), in memory
 Johnston, Helen (MacDonald)
 Johnston, Marguerite Frances (Coleman)
 Johnston, Orville, in memory
 Jordan, Bob and Betty
 Jordan, Edward, in memory
 Jordan, Fred E. and Murial (Jacobs), in memory
 Jordan, Miriam (Johnston), in memory
 Kaartinen, Dean, Joan (Jordan) and Risdon
 Kelly, Dan, the family of
 Kendall, Elsie
 Kendall, Ross
 Keown, Gerald and Barbara
 Kidd, David, Joan (Amy), Derek and Brian
 Kilgour, Robert in memory
 Kinsman, Claire and Esther, in memory
 Kinsman, Darin, the family of
 Kinsman, Douglas
 Kinsman, Elmer
 Kinsman, Morris and Angie
 Klassen, Brittany and Blayne
 Klippenstein, Ben
 Klippenstein, Bryan
 Klippenstein, Dale
 Klippenstein, Dennis
 Klippenstein, Edward
 Klippenstein, Helen, in memory
 Klippenstein, Robert, in memory
 Klippenstein, Stanley
 Klippenstein, Sylvia
 Klippenstein, Wilfred, Valerie (Nordquist), Evan,
 Owen and Karli
 Kostal, Jim and Evelyn
 Kostal, Wayne, Brenda and Chelsea
 Lagimodiere, Kathy
 Langseth, Russ and Edith (Storey)
 Lantz, Ella

Lantz, Henry, in memory
 Law, Doug, in memory
 Law, Eileen (Rombough)
 Law, Eileen R. (Mrs. Haig)
 Law, Elizabeth (Kilgour), in memory
 Law, Haig, in memory
 Law, Harold Campbell "Curly", in memory
 Law, Jim and Cindy (Hemminger)
 Law, Louise (White), in memory
 Law, Mary Louise (White)
 Lawson, Phyllis (Gibb)
 Lawson, Robert, in memory
 LeMay, Nellie Grace (Coleman), in memory
 Lewis, Bernice (Morrow)
 Lone, Allan and Mary
 Lowry, Glen, Pam and family
 Lowry, Joe and family
 Lowry, Lloyd and Flora
 MacDonald, Anne
 MacKinnon, Judy
 Mason, John and Diane (Law)
 Maxwell, Bea
 Maxwell, Karen
 Maxwell, Ray, Linda (Kinsman), Marci and Chris
 Maxwell, Stan, in memory
 McCallum, Darryl, Roberta (Lawson), Mandy, Julie and Jill
 MacDonald, Alex
 MacDonald, Donald and Elva, in memory
 MacDonald, Donald "Jake", in memory
 MacDonald, Eileen, in memory
 McElroy, Arrol and Dorothy, in memory
 McElroy, Bob and Verna
 McElroy, Brian
 McElroy, Charlie and Shirley (Kinsman)
 McElroy, Dale, Evelyn (Tremeer), Kelly, Jeff and Kristy
 McElroy, Frank, in memory
 McElroy, Rick, Gloria and family
 McGillivray, Annie (Jacobs), in memory
 McKenzie, Heather (MacDonald)
 McKinney, Helen (Morrow)
 McLean, Elyda (Rands)
 McLean, Robert, the family of
 Mehrle, Hans, Margaret Ann (Jordan), Kort and Katlen
 Mikolasek, Allan
 Mikolasek, Ernie, in memory
 Mikolasek, Julie
 Mikolasek, Tony and Joan
 Minarz, Joe and family
 Mitchell, Evelyn (Swerdfeger), in memory

Mitchell, Tom
 Moloney, Diane
 Moores, Phyllis (White)
 Morin, Bernice (MacDonald)
 Morrow, Elmer and Alice, in memory
 Morrow, Howard, Charlene and Cassandra
 Morrow, Olive
 Morrow, R.B., in memory
 Neufeld, John
 Neufeld, Melissa
 Nichol, Anthony James, in memory
 Nichol, Barbara R.
 Nichol, David Cpl., in memory
 Nichol-Seymour, Elizabeth
 Nichol, Heather (Myron)
 Nichol, Jack, Debbie, Jonathon, Brian, Robert and Marshall
 Nichol, Janet, in memory
 Nichol, Jim, Barb (Lambrecht), William "Billy", Ryan and Tom
 Nichol, Ken, Betty (Young), David and Philip
 Nichol, Matthew and Angie
 Nichol, Murray and Alice
 Nichol, Myron
 Nichol, Ruth (MacDonald)
 Nichol, Walter and Olive, in memory
 Nichol, William M., in memory
 Nield, Ernest, in memory
 Nield, Victoria, in memory
 Noseworthy, Iona (Johnston)
 Oke, Chester and Gladys
 Oke, Howard and Thelma, in memory
 Parsons, Jillian
 Parsons, Kevin
 Parsons, Lauren
 Parsons, Shane
 Pearce, Tom, in memory
 Pelletier, Tannis (Spangelo)
 Penner, Ed and Mary
 Phillips, George and Lucille (Amy)
 Pickel, Orren, in memory
 Pickel, Charolette (Stevens), in memory
 Pollet, Daniel, Janet (Hemminger) and family
 Porter, Bill and Leonore (Currie)
 Potter, Marjorie (Neighbour)
 Potts, Ross, Joanne (Nichol) and Madeline
 Powell, Charles and Emily, in memory
 Ramage, Harvey, in memory
 Ramage, Velma
 Ramsay, Alexander, in memory
 Ramsay, James, in memory
 Ramsay, Jim

Ramsay, William Murray, in memory
 Ramsay/Ogilvie, Ann, in memory
 Robbins, Clayton, in memory
 Robbins, Evelyn (Rudd)
 Robbins, John, in memory
 Robbins, Larry, Jo-Anne (Lawson), Kevin and Alison
 Robbins, Winnifred (Holmes)
 Robinson, Donna, in memory
 Robinson, Garth and Doreen
 Robinson, Grace
 Robinson, Harvey
 Robinson, William and Florence, in memory
 Rombough, David Hugh
 Rombough, Hugh and Esme
 Rombough, Leslie Ian
 Rutherford, Dwight
 Rural Municipality of Pembina
 Sager, Betty (Morrow)
 Scales, Helen (Swerdfeger), in memory
 Schmidt, Ike
 Schmidt, Cheryl
 Schultz, Allan and family
 Scott, Danielle "Butch" (Johnston)
 Seymour, Darren
 Seymour, Larry and Marie (Hunt)
 Seymour, Murray, Susan (MacDonald), Lee and Sherry
 Seymour, Roy and Beatrice (Collins)
 Shiskoski, Evelyn
 Shiskoski, Joe
 Shtykalo, Tyson, Tanya, Deana and Devin
 Sibbick, Brian and Fran
 Sibbick, Dave, in memory
 Sibbick, David L. Jr., Clinton P. and Amanda L.
 Sloane, Jim, and Sandra (Lawson)
 Smith, Daryl, Nancy and Ashley
 Spangelo, Edgar
 Spencer, Rocky, Linda (Morrow) and family
 Sprung, Fred and Jeannette "Bea" (Cameron), in memory
 Sprung, Jean
 Sprung, Tom, Lisa (Amy), Christopher, Jennifer and Nathan
 Steinke, Adolph and Evangeline, in memory
 Stevens, Ada May (Shewfelt), in memory
 Stevens, Adelaide (Stiven), in memory
 Stevens, Alfred, in memory
 Stevens, Bertie Eleanor, in memory
 Stevens, Bonnie-Kae, in memory
 Stevens, Emma (Windsor), in memory
 Stevens, Ernest, in memory

Stevens, Ernestine (Bertie), in memory
 Stevens, Everett H. Sr., in memory
 Stevens, Gladys, in memory
 Stevens, Gordon W. Sr., in memory
 Stevens, H.W. (Mr. and Mrs.), in memory
 Stevens, Harvey, in memory
 Stevens, Herbert, in memory
 Stevens, Margaret (Hunt), in memory
 Stevens, Mary, in memory
 Stewart, Mid
 Stinson, Don
 Stinson, Florence (Stevens), in memory
 Stinson, Lorraine
 Stone, Don, in memory
 Stone, Jane
 Stone, Jim
 Stone, Mel, in memory
 Storey, Bill, Joy and family
 Storey, Craig, Brenda, Dallas and Amber
 Storey, Howard and Alice, in memory
 Strong, Bill, Barbara (Amy), Jessica and Paul
 Stuart-Edwards, Frank, Barb, Spike and Mr. Boo
 Svoboda, Jim
 Svoboda, Tony
 Switzer, Lyle, Joan, Glenn and Gregory
 Tickner, Darryl and Jacqui (Kinsman)
 Treichel, Doreen
 Treichel, Elmer, in memory
 Veals, H.R., family of
 Veals, W.E., family of
 Waddingham, Albert, in memory
 Waddingham, Evelyn
 Waddingham, Russ and Madeleine
 Waddingham, Ron and Vera, in memory
 Waddingham, Victor and Elizabeth, in memory
 Wardle, Mary (Cram)
 Watts, Colleen
 Wellar, Reta (Clark)
 White, Christina (McGillivray), in memory
 White, Mrs. C.W. (Edith Young)
 White, Wesley
 White, Wilbert L.
 Williams, Duane, Maureen and family
 Wilson, Morley, Beverley (Kinnaird) and Paula
 Wood, Bruce, Laurie (Lawson), Brian and Lindsay
 Wood, Dennis
 Wood, Harry and Theresa
 Young, Ina
 Youngman, Lorraine Mae (Coleman)
 Zagozewski, Joyce (Ramsay), in memory
 Zeck, Doug and Berla (Oke)