

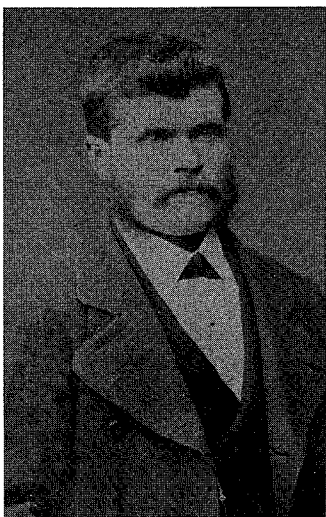
Gustav Anderson

He met Ellen Eastman, a young girl of sixteen. They were married in January 1900. Ellen Victoria, daughter of Eric and Anna Eastman, was born in Astran, on an Island off the coast of Sweden. Eric, a first class cabinetmaker worked in the lumbermills to supplement his earnings.

Eric and Anna decided to immigrate to Canada. They settled in Winnipeg. Work was very scarce and there was no work for a cabinetmaker, so Eric settled for work on the C.P.R. tracks.

A few years later, with his daughter Ellen and son Emil, he moved out to a River Lot, he had purchased in Narol. A few years later Ellen met Albert. They were married in January 1900.

They raised farm animals and fowl. Albert was soon involved in community affairs. He gave his neighbors a helping hand when needed. He became involved in the dispute about the unfair pricing of their land, by the



Eric Eastman, father of Ellen Anderson.



Anna Eastman, mother of Ellen Anderson.



Ellen Anderson and her 5 daughters, Narol 1911.

C.P.R. when buying up land for their right-of-way for the tracks.

The three older children attended the Gonor School for a short while.

On November 11, 1911, Albert and Ellen with their son and five daughters moved to their new home in Walkleyburg. There the children attended the Lilydale School.

Albert was a trustee of the school for a number of years. He gave his neighbors a helping hand when needed. He helped care for neighbors stricken with the flu after World War I.

More sons were born to Albert and Ellen in their new home.

Albert passed away on December 22, 1924, and Ellen passed away on October 13, 1959.

Their son George, owns and operates the farm that has been in the family since 1911.

Albert and Ellen Anderson had a family of twelve children;

Alma V. was born in 1900 and married Norman Brown in 1930. They live in Union Point, they have 5 children and 19 grandchildren.

Walter was born in 1902 and married A. Clouston in 1931. They live in Selkirk, and they have 4 children and 15 grandchildren.

Mabel was born in 1904 and married G. Nelson in 1941. They live in East Selkirk and they have 1 child and 1 grandchild.

Nellie was born in 1907 and married J. Strick in 1931. They live in Inwood and have 3 children and 12 grandchildren.

Charlie E. married E. Ausmondson in 1937. They live in British Columbia. They have 5 children and 20 grandchildren.

Victor A. married E. Slodom in 1953. They live in British Columbia. They have 2 children.

Edwin D. was born in 1919 and married E. McRae in 1948. They live in East Selkirk and they have 4 children, and 4 grandchildren.

James E. was born in 1924 and married D. Garbott in 1952. They live in British Columbia. They have 2 children.



Albert Eric Anderson, Walkleyburg.

Jane was born in 1905 and lives in East Selkirk.
 Florence E. was born in 1909 and lived in East Selkirk.
 She passed away on June 25, 1983 at 73 yrs. of age.
 Gustav F. was born in 1916 and lives in East Selkirk.
 George E. was born in 1923 and lives in East Selkirk.

I believe the oldest, old-timers around here were the Walkley family. Besides farming a few acres of their 240 acres of land they had a dairy herd. They ran a small store in a basement room. They also had the Walkleyburg Post Office, named after their family. They sold their farm after World War I, and moved to the town of Selkirk. Pamila, their daughter lived at home, and took care of her aging parents and went out nursing. Their son Albert went east to make his home.

Lilydale, Bright Star and Brookside, the three school districts who used the Walkleyburg Post Office have been referred to as Walkleyburg since then.

ARNI ANDERSON FAMILY HISTORY

submitted by Bina Bolin

Arni Andresson (Anderson) in the company of his wife Albina arrived in Canada in 1876, to settle on a farm, which they named Arnastodum, near Arnes, Man. From there they moved on to Sandy River on the eastern shore of Lake Winnipeg. They stayed there for eight years where Arni fished, hunted and manufactured axe handles for a nearby lumber mill.

Their two children were born there, Andres on June 1, 1880 and Emy on August 8, 1883. At this time a 10 year old nephew, Andrew Danielson came from Iceland to live with his relatives. Arni and Albina being generous and fair-minded people, brought him up as one of their own



Andrew Anderson's house, Poplar Park.

children.

Next they moved to Winnipeg, where the children received their education, Andres continued on to Normal School and became a permit teacher in 1901.

Their nephew, Andrew stayed with them until he was 18, then he went out on his own, he worked in various places, eventually settled in Blaine, Washington. There he ran a successful insurance company, later becoming a Justice of the Peace, a position in which he served for 47 years. In 1896, Arni moved his family to Poplar Park, where he had purchased a farm, much of which was open prairie and marshland, an ideal location for raising cattle and sheep.

Arni was a handsome man of medium height, having dark hair and a long thick beard accompanied by piercing blue eyes. He enjoyed his grandchildren very much and telling them stories and teaching them Icelandic songs.

A skilled craftsman, Arni ran his own smithy, where he performed a wide variety of tasks. He possessed an inquiring and inventive mind, in addition to experiments, with perpetual motion, he constructed a windmill, which was used to power the homestead's butterchurn.

Although he was a firm man he possessed a good sense of humor and received great satisfaction by playing practical jokes on his family and friends. He was also very hospitable and generous, many families stayed on his farm while they were in the process of getting their own homestead in order. These people included the Benedictson's, Bolin's, Ericksson's, Sawala's and Sigudson's.

Arni passed away on April 11 in the year 1913 at the age of 71, and was interned in a private grave on his farm.

His wife Albina or Granny as she was affectionately known as, was a remarkable woman. As well as looking after her own family, she went about the countryside nursing the sick and laying out the dead.

A happy person who enjoyed the gifts of life, Albina was known to go about her days humming and singing. Her grandchildren adored her and knew that they could always turn to Granny when they were ill or in trouble. She would rock them and sing Icelandic songs until they



Arni and Albina Anderson.

fell asleep in her arms.

She passed away in the spring of 1929 at the home of her daughter Emy in Husavick, Man. Albina was laid to rest beside her husband Arni on the little hill on their farm.

Andres or Andrew as he had become known, upon receiving his teacher's permit taught school in Arnes, Man. Here he met Gudrun Hullgrimson whom he married in 1902.

They moved to Poplar Park where they lived with his parents and sister on the family farm five miles north of Libau, Man. It was here over the years that their eleven children were born.

Andrew had many talents, he was an excellent mathematician and spoke several languages as well as reading and writing "Esparanto". He enjoyed writing songs and poetry and like his father he possessed an excellent sense of humor.

He was a man of many visions and liked trying new ideas. Almost every piece of haymaking equipment at that time was on his farm. This included a hay-bailer which in those days was quite an uncommon implement.

The farm had become quite successful during these days and employed many men and women. Often these were married couples who stayed in a small house on the farm during their employment.

In 1921, Andrew built a large two-storey house, it was heated by a wood burning furnace, it also had a cistern which collected rainwater that was pumped up to the kitchen. It was the first house in the district that had electric lights supplied by a generator which also supplied lighting for the yard and barn.

Andrew had a very close and loving relationship with his family as well as serving the community as councillor between 1908 and 1915.

On April 14, 1927, Andrew died and was buried beside his parents and young daughter in the family plot, on the farm.

Following Andrew's death, Gudrun continued to run the farm with the help of her children. She was a strong, hardworking woman, who as just a young girl walked from her home in Arnes to Selkirk where she got her first job at the Lisgar Hotel.

On the farm she worked very hard. Usual duties would

include, cooking, cleaning, plus she spun her own wool. From this she would knit socks and mitts for her family.

Gudrun loved to pick berries and was never afraid to walk alone in the woods. Once, while gathering cranberries, she looked up to see a large black bear lounging on the other side of the bush. She calmly moved to another bush and filled the remainder of her pail, and then walked out to the road and home.

She would spend her leisure-time in the evenings reading and listening to the radio, Ma Perkins being her favorite Broadcaster. Christmas was her favorite time of year, celebrating with her children and grandchildren of which she had forty-one. They all lovingly referred to her as Amma.

She died in April, 1965 at the age of 88 and is buried in the St. James Anglican Churchyard in Poplar Park.

Of Andrew and Gudrun's 11 children the eldest was Arthur, born January 11, 1903, who after school, worked on the family farm. On Sept. 13, 1929 he married Catharine Fulton Morrow, a teacher of the Poplar Park School.

They had three children, Dawn, Brian and Douglas. Art as he was called, had built a house just east of the homeplace where he lived with his children and wife.

Catharine died on January 12, 1956.

Art, like many members of his family had a great love and respect for waterfowl. He worked many years for Ducks Unlimited, being with them in the year of their conception, 1936. He was also one of the very few recognized Ornithologists in the province of Man.

Art was involved in several business ventures including, buying fish for Booth Fisheries and ranching mink. Then in 1943, he opened an insurance agency in Libau until 1958 when he moved it to Selkirk, Manitoba.

On Dec. 20, 1959, Arthur married Emma Liebert. Referred to and fondly remembered as the Commander, Art died on Aug. 1978, and was buried at the St. James Anglican Church near Poplar Park.

Albina, the second child, was born on Nov. 2, 1904. She attended Poplar Park and Sheffield Schools, as well as the Devonshire Collegiate in Selkirk and an Icelandic School, the J.B. Academy in Winnipeg.

Bina as she was called, worked at Eatons for a short period of time in 1925 and then returned to the farm until she married Charles Bolin in 1928, a fireman for CPR and later an engineer for the Canadian Pacific Railway. They built a home across from the old "Bolin" place, where they brought up their three girls, Carol, Verna and Delores.

In 1942, Bina and Charlie moved to their new home in Winnipeg, where they still reside. On the 19th of Sept., 1978 they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Bina and Charlie still retain a summer home in Poplar Park across the road from the original homestead.

Walter the third child, was born on Feb. 22, 1905. He attended Poplar Park and Sheffield Schools. Walter married Sophie Weremy on Oct. 10, 1929. They had 9 children, Thelma, Dorothy, Niel, Dale, Marvin, Lillian, Joan, Jeffery and Vance. They were raised in a small house south of the homeplace.

Walter was well known for his skills as a carpenter and through the years he added a workshop, barn, house and

garage all of which reflect his superb craftsmanship.

Walter or Dent, as he was known to his family, passed away on March 19, 1977 and is buried in the St. James Anglican Churchyard.

Anna was born on March 11, in the early 1900's. Mrs. Katrin Pruden, the midwife, when she saw the baby, she remarked the child would only live about 12 years, as she was born with a defective heart and was called a "Blue Baby". She was a beautiful child, with large blue eyes and silky black hair, but was so very frail. Anna died shortly before her 13th birthday and was buried with her grandparents and father on the homeplace.

Thorstien was born on Dec. 22, 1909 and lived and worked on the farm his entire life. On May 22, 1932 he married Asdis Guttormson, together they had eight children, Bryce, Gary, Louise, Sylvia, James, Dennis, Marjorie, and Fred. All of which were brought up in a one bedroom house built primarily of logs.

Stoney, as he was called, made his livelihood raising cattle, mink ranching, ice fishing and running banding operations for Ducks Unlimited with his younger sons. An avid reader he also wrote a good number of poems and lyrics and limericks. A natural storyteller, Stoney spun tales that captured the hearts and imaginations of an entire generation of Anderson children. He died on March 23, 1967, but many of his stories and characters live on today being retold by the children he had captivated years before.

Ingibjorg was the third girl born (sixth child born) on Oct. 8, 1911. She attended Sheffield School and worked on the farm until 1936. When at this time she was hired by John Sigurdson to midwife and nurse his wife in Husavick, Man. The little girl arrived sooner than expected and Inga delivered Elizabeth Sigurdson without the benefit of a physician.

On Dec. 1, 1936, Inga married Humphrey Olson a young fisherman from Gimli, where they started Olson's Fish Market in the early 1940's. Two children were born to them, a boy Leonard and a girl, Sharon.

Humphrey passed away on Dec. 1, 1980. Inga continues to run the fish market in Gimli with the assistance of her son-in-law and grandsons.

Arni was born on May 25, 1913. He attended Sheffield School and as a young man fished and worked on the farm. He grew up to marry a local girl, Martha Greening, on Nov. 23, 1938. Arni and Mart (Martha) have three sons, Allan, Russel and Merle.

In 1948, Arni operated a transfer with the help of his younger brother, Bud and later he ran a general store in Libau as well as serving the community as a Barber at no small reputation.

Arni sold the store and moved to Selkirk where he had been employed at the Manitoba Rolling Mills until he retired early, due to an accident at the mill. Arni and Mart continue to reside in Selkirk.

Gudrun, the eighth child, was born on March 21, 1915. She attended Sheffield School and went on to the J.B. Academy in Winnipeg. Upon finishing school, Runa (Gudrun) gained employment at the Betel Home in Gimli. It was here that she met and married Baldwin Arnason, a fisherman and contractor, on Nov. 6, 1938. Born to them were seven children, David, Gerald, Judith,



Left to Right: Stoney, Albina, holding Arni, Bina, Gudrun holding Runa, Arty, Andrew Anderson, Walter, Anna and Inga.

Bruce, Cameron, Maureen and Donna Lee. They lived in and around Gimli for 28 years, until moving to Winnipeg in 1966.

Thorhaller was born on Dec. 17, 1916 and attended Sheffield School in Poplar Park. He, as a young man, fished and farmed with his brother. On Nov. 10 1945, he married Olga Bazylewski from Bield, Man., building a home east of the homeplace. They have had three daughters Beverly, Claudia and Thorey-Lee.

Thor (Thorhaller), has always been active in the community being on the school board for many years, plus serving as president of the curling club and a stalwart supporter of the St. James Anglican Church.

Thor worked for a number of years as a building inspector in Selkirk and also with the Selkirk and district planning board, and has served as president of the Manitoba Building Officials Association until his retirement recently.

Vilhjalmur (Bill) was born on Feb. 9, 1919 and also attended Sheffield School. He became disabled as a young child, he lived on the farm until moving to Libau with his mother in the late 1950's.

Bill lived in Libau until moving in 1970 to Gimli where he still resides. He enjoys reading, cheating at cribbage, playing checkers and writing short stories. Many of his articles have appeared in the now defunct Winnipeg Tribune. He also likes bingo and has a more than fair record of winnings but refuses to admit it.

Emil (Bud), the youngest of the family was born on August 1, 1921. He too, like his brothers and sisters attended Sheffield School.

On August 1, 1952, Bud married Artha Goulet, a school teacher at the Sheffield School. They have three sons, Grant, Kurt and Mark.

Bud has spent many years farming, trapping, and fishing in the area. He has been employed with the provincial government, first as a game warden and later with the Dept. of Parks and Tourism since the early 1960's.

Granny, as he is called by many of the local young people, still resides on the original farm with Artha and their youngest son.

JAMES AND ELIZABETH ANDERSON (SCOTTISH)

submitted by Mable Danwich

James Anderson came from the Parish of Bressay in the Shetland Islands. He entered the employ of the Hudson Bay Company in 1842. He spent a short time at York Factory. His arrival at Norway House on Sept. 19, 1842 is written in the Hudson Bay Journals as follows.

Mr. McKenzie arrived from York Factory in a light boat with 13 pork eaters, 12 of whom are going to the Saskatchewan and one is to remain here, Viz Jas Anderson.

James spent the first five years working as a labourer. The next seven years were spent working as a joiner (wood worker). He was an interpreter for the company for two years. The next six years he was the postmaster. He was clerk in charge at Berens River for a year. He spent the remainder of his service with the company, as a clerk at Norway House.

James Anderson married Elizabeth Isbister, daughter of John Isbister. They had 10 children, Alec married Matilda Thomas, John married Ellen Thomas, Carrie married William (Willy) Monkman, Christie married John Flett, Mary married Thomas William Leslie and Bella married John Rupert.

On Feb. 14, 1867, a fire broke out in the Anderson house. The following was taken from the Hudson Bay Journals:

Thursday Feb. 14, 1867,

A large fire broke out in the kitchen part of Mr. Anderson's house about 1/2 past 1 am. The eldest daughter, Fanny was the first who discovered the fire, she ran and told her father and mother, who were asleep at the other end of the house. Mrs. Anderson broke the window and got out herself, Mary, the third youngest, and youngest boy, and took them over to Mr. Graham's. Mr. Anderson got out by the kitchen door and gave the alarm. Every person about the fort were promptly on the spot. Mr. Graham and others managed to get the remaining children out of the house. Jane, the second daughter, was found in bed, but was quite dead, she had been smothered before the people outside could get in. Fanny, the eldest, was so badly burnt that she died at 7 o'clock pm, three more are in a very low state having also got very bad burns. If it had not been a very calm night and the able way the people worked, the greater part of the fort would have been in ashes. I cannot say how the fire originated. Mr. Anderson's family are getting nursed and carefully attended in Mr. Graham's house.

Fri. Feb. 15, 1867,

Mr. Anderson's two eldest children were buried today over at the graveyard. The Rev. C. Stringfellow preached the burial service. About 8 o'clock this evening Bella, the third daughter, died after suffering a great deal of pain from her internal and external burns.

Sat. Feb. 16, 1867,

George Anderson died a little after 8 o'clock this evening from the effects of the burns he received.

On May 18, 1867, Mrs. Anderson gave birth to a baby boy.

Sat. Oct. 19, 1867, James Anderson, took suddenly ill

about half past twelve and died very calmly about 2 o'clock he died of organic disease of the heart. James Anderson was a valued employee of the H.B.C. The following is an excerpt from a letter written by James Stewart informing Mr. Wm. McTavish of Fort Garry, of Mr. Anderson's death, "I need scarcely add that he is universally regretted at this place, both for his public duties which were manifold and faithfully performed, as well as for his private character.

In the spring, Mrs. Anderson and family went to Grand Rapids by dog team. When the ice moved out, they went up the Saskatchewan River to Prince Albert. Mrs. Anderson had brothers working at Prince Albert and that is what prompted her to make the trip.

Mrs. Anderson married Eugene Derby in 1882, and moved to Balsam Bay, Man. She died in Sept. 1913 at the age of 73. Eugene Derby along with Magnus Craigie gave the land for the Balsam Bay Cemetery. Eugene Derby was born 1845 and died 1916.

James, son Alec, was born at Norway House in 1865. He attended St. Paul's school, at seventeen he moved to Balsam Bay, where he met and married Matilda Thomas, daughter of Richie and Mary Thomas, on Feb. 12, 1883. (born 1848).

Alec and Matilda had 12 children. Mary Ann born 1884, married Henry George Thomas on Aug. 28, 1900 (died 1946).

Dan James, born 1885, married Bella Sinclair on Aug. 17, 1911, (died 1979).

Elizabeth Jane, born 1887, married James Paulson on Feb. 4, 1903 (died 1970).

Francis Louise, born 1888, married Fred Orvis on March 1905 (deceased).

Ellen Isabella, born 1889, married Joe Treadway, she died in 1972.

John George, born 1891, married Winnie Isbister on Feb. 1922.

Christina, born 1893, married William Thomas, deceased.

William Richard, born 1894, married Alice Anderson on Jan. 21, 1920, and died 1971.

Caroline, born 1896, died 1896.

Esther, born 1897, died 1916.

Alex Woodbury, born 1900, married Minnie Isbister on March 1923, died 1966.

Marjorie May, born 1905, married Harry Newman.

In the early days, Alec did some fishing, then started buying fish from the fishermen at Victoria Beach, Fort Alexander, St. George and all around the east side of the lake, and freighting it by horse and sleigh to Selkirk, taking groceries, etc., on the trip back from Selkirk. In the summer, he made his trips by boat.

In 1910, Mr. Anderson moved his family to Victoria Beach to work for the Victoria Beach Company, as Victoria Beach was opening up as a summer resort. He was captain on the small passenger boat, the Pilgrim, which carried around 25 passengers. The Pilgrim ran from Winnipeg to Victoria Beach. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson lived in a large cottage owned by Charles Kennedy, which was one of the three cottages in Victoria Beach at the time. Mrs. Anderson boarded the people who came to holiday at Victoria Beach. After Mr. and

Mrs. Anderson left, the place was continued as the Pine Hurst Inn.

Alec sold some of his Balsam Bay land to the railroad, he built a home on the remaining land. The railroad tracks were being laid into Victoria Beach when Mr. and Mrs. Anderson moved back to Balsam Bay.

Alec purchased a gas sawmill and sawed wood for the people around the country. Later he also bought a threshing machine and threshed grain for the small farmers in the area. Like most people in those times they kept a few animals for their own use.

Mr. Anderson was constable for the area for a good number of years. He was Postmaster at Balsam Bay from 1900-1910, his son-in-law, Fred Orvis, took over the post office in 1910, when the Andersons moved to Victoria Beach. Mr. Orvis operated the post office until 1922. When the store and post office burnt in 1925, which was situated across from the Balsam Bay train station and operated by Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Anderson then took the job of postmaster again until 1939. Marg Newman, Mr. Anderson's daughter operated the post office until 1952. Mr. Anderson's granddaughter Esther Thomas operated it until 1958.

Matilda and Alec definitely left their mark on both Balsam Bay and the RM of St. Clements. Looking backwards we think of the day that Matilda Anderson, nee Thomas, stood beside Eugene Derby on the land that is now the Balsam Bay Cemetery, as the sun filtered through the huge Evergreens and glistened on the waters of the bay she said "This place has not yet been named. What kind of trees are these?" Mr. Derby replied "Balsam Trees", and Matilda suggested naming it Balsam Bay. Mr. Derby said "Balsam Bay it is." Thus the tiny hamlet was named.

And the history goes on, Matilda and Alec's son-in-law Henry George Thomas served as Councillor in Ward 6, of which Balsam Bay is part, as did his grandson Reuben Richard Thomas and great grandson Earl Richard Thomas.

Matilda Anderson died Dec. 3, 1934 and Alec Anderson died Dec. 31, 1950.

JOSEPH AND KATRYNA ANDRAYKO SR. JOSEPH AND EILEEN ANDRAYKO JR.

submitted by Sherley Andrayko Oshaway

Joseph Andrayko Sr. was born in Gnojnice, Galicia, Austria on March 13, 1880. While growing up he met and married Katryna Lazar who was born on October 26, 1890. They struggled to earn a living when my Geido decided to immigrate to Canada in order to earn a better living for his family. At that time they had a son, Michael born in November of 1908 and an infant daughter Anna born October 20, 1912.

This same year, 1912, Geido left for Canada and spent the next 10 years working in numerous bush camps and on the railroads in order to save up the fare to bring his family to Canada and also to buy a homestead. He bought the homestead known as Lot 6, Plan 2461 St. Peters and then proceeded to send the fare overseas for his wife. This money did not reach the hands of his loved



Joseph Andrayko Sr. and family, 1927.

ones, nor did the subsequent fare he sent. Finally, after sending the third amount over, his family set sail on the S.S. Canopic from Warsaw on June 1, 1922 and arrived in Montreal on June 22, only to find out that this was as far as their fare had been paid. Again he set forth saving money so they could join him in East Selkirk. Upon their arrival they were picked up by oxen wagon by the neighboring Kuzminski family. The log home consisted of 2 small rooms and was heated by wood stoves which they also cooked upon. The water was obtained from a dug well. On October 23, 1923 a second son, Joseph Jr. arrived and Peter, their last child, was born on July 12, 1926.

My grandparents settled on this homestead until their demise when Baba passed through transition on December 1, 1960 and Geido followed 10 years later, on March 31, 1970. They are both buried in East Selkirk.

My uncle Michael married Anne Bosko of East Selkirk in March 1940. They had 4 daughters, Olive, Frances, Stephanie, and Eileen Jr. Uncle Michael passed through transition on February 4, 1978 and is also buried in the East Selkirk Cemetery.

My Aunty Anna married Archibald Richardson in October 1935 and they had 2 sons, George and James. Aunty Anna passed through transition on May 5, 1979 and is buried in Glen Eden, Winnipeg.



Mary Andrayko



Margaret Andrayko

Uncle Peter married Eileen Barchuk of East Selkirk and they reside in Winnipeg. They have 3 daughters, Catherine, Laurie, and Susan.

On April 5, 1944, my father, Joseph Jr. enlisted in the Royal Canadian Artillery and sailed from Halifax on Christmas Day 1944 for overseas duties at which time he was transferred to the Royal Winnipeg Rifles for Active Duty. His theatres of Service were the United Kingdom, Holland, Belgium and Germany, and upon honorary discharge on July 29, 1946 he received the 1939/45 Star and the France and Germany star. Whilst overseas in London, he met and courted my mother Eileen Florence Reeves who was born and raised in London, England, Sept. 27, 1928. She came over to Canada as a War Bride on September 16, 1946 on the S.S. Bayano. She proved to be a pioneer of a different kind. Upon his return to Manitoba, my dad purchased the J. Klisko homestead for the sum of \$1700.00 for he and his new bride, which was located on Harold Avenue. The house was a log building, as were the barn, chicken coop, and summer kitchen. This 3 room home was heated by wood stove, which also served for cooking on. The lighting was provided by coal oil lamps and water obtained from a nearby outside pump. To further my mother's dismay, the toilet

facilities, as such, were located outdoors. They had 2 children in 1947. On January 4, a son Garry and George and on Christmas Eve that same year, I arrived, Sherley Diane. As a new bride, mother and newcomer to this country and to farm life, there are many sad and humorous tales of my mother's untold plights. One that comes to mind is when the sow decided to have her babies one blistering cold day in March, while my father was still at work. Mom had been instructed with the procedure to be followed upon arrival of the piglets. It was a different matter however, when after the first piglet arrived and she entered into the pigpen, terrified of the sow, and quickly jumped back out again when the mother pig grunted. After several vain attempts to reach the newborn, she then proceeded to take a hoe and gently prod the piglet toward the fence and underneath until she could safely pick it up on her side of the pen. She then placed it along with the next 13 piglets in a straw-lined laundry tub and kept them all in it until fortunately only a few hours later, my dad came home and gave the babies back to their mother for their first feeding. Trying to become a Canadian farm wife was quite the challenge let alone cooking meals with the different foods. Even preparing an Irish stew had its hazards. My mother couldn't understand why her stew had such a funny taste to it, when she had made the same recipe so many times back in England. On this particular day, my Baba was visiting, and Mom gestured to her to taste the stew. Upon sampling it, Baba quickly spat out the bitter and awful liquid and motioned for mom to show what she used in this stew. Laughingly, Baba realized that her green daughter-in-law knew nothing about garlic, as mother had thought the garlic was Canadian onions and had used two large heads in the stew.

Another mistaken identity was when mother found the 10 acres of alfalfa in bloom and picked a large bouquet for the table. When dad saw these, he quickly threw them out, not wanting anyone to see how really green his city bride was in thinking these were simply flowers. Imagine, 10 acres of flowers.

Mom and Dad built a new home on Section 35-13-5E just across the road from my grandparents and still reside at that address. They belong to and attend the St. Stanislaus R.C. Church. My mother has been an active member of the C.W.L. for over 30 years and is currently the president of this league. Dad is presently a Captain on the East Selkirk Fire Department and has been a founding member since 1968.

Our first family wedding took place in September 1965 between myself and Jarvis Kosowan. In April 1967, my brother married Valerie Hook of Selkirk. I blessed my parents with 3 children, Robert Joseph born June 16, 1966, Craig Jarvis, September 12, 1968 and Tammie-Lanette, November 11, 1970. My brother also blessed them with 3 children, Brian Keith September 3, 1968, Kerri-Eileen October 31, 1971 and Janet-Lynn August 31, 1977. Robert and Craig Kosowan have resided with their maternal grandparents since 1971. Robert attends school at the Selkirk Comprehensive and Craig goes to Happy Thought School. Both the boys are actively enrolled in Motor Cross racing.

THE ANDREWS FAMILY

submitted by R. Andrews

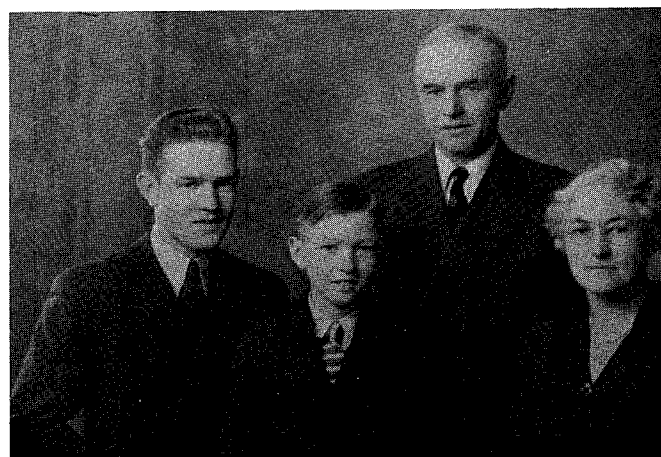
Frederick George Andrews was born at St. Andrews by the sea in N.B. in June, 1886. George Andrews was a descendant of William Andrews who settled at Boston, Mass. in 1635. Later, in 1760, the Reverend Samuel Andrews moved from Boston, Mass. to St. Andrews, N.B., with the United Empire Loyalists.

He came west in 1912, and was employed with the Great Northern Railway near Tacoma, Washington. In 1916, he came to East Selkirk where he was employed by the Van Horne Farm before moving to his own farm on the NW 1/4 of 31-13-6E in the Mayfield district. In 1918, he married Beatrice Eveline Baldwin. He served as a member of council for the R.M. of St. Clements from 1928-1929 and 1948-1953. He died in 1961 and is buried in the St. Clements Church Cemetery. His wife Eveline resides at the Betel Home in Selkirk.

They had three children, Lawrence Raymond (Lorne) of Nipawin, Sask. In 1942 he married Alice Blackmore of Grand Falls, Nfld., and have two children, Jim and Sheila. John Edwin of Lethbridge, Alta. In 1948 he married Mina Craig of Old England, Man., and have four children, Curtis, Craig, Janine and Lynn. Robert Marshall, who operates the old family farm in Mayfield. In 1959, he married Alice Bruce of Stephenfield, Man., and they have two children, Karen and Debra.

L.A.C., L.R. Andrews enlisted with the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1941. Served at Gander, Nfld., and Maritime Provinces as a heavy equipment operator and was honorably discharged at the end of World War II in 1945.

F/O J.E. Andrews enlisted with Royal Canadian Air Force in 1942. Served at High River, Fort MacLeod, Alta., and Trenton, Ont., as a flying instructor under the commonwealth training plan. He was honorably discharged at the end of World War II in 1945.



Left to Right: Edwin, Robert, George and Eva Andrews, 1941.



George and Eva Andrews.



The George Andrews Family, 1958.

DOCTOR JOHN EDWIN ANDREWS

submitted by Robert Andrews

Dr. J.E. Andrews was born in East Selkirk, Man., the son of the late George Andrews, and mother Eva, now living in the Betel Home in Selkirk.

He attended Mayfield and Happy Thought Schools. After serving in the RCAF from 1942 to 1945, he attended the University of Manitoba and graduated with a B.S.A. in 1949. He took postgraduate training in Genetics and Plant Pathology in the University of Minnesota and received a M.Sc. degree in 1950 and a Ph.D. in 1953.

His research career began at the Winnipeg Research Station in 1949 and he transferred to the Lethbridge Research Station in 1951, where he continued as a Research Scientist until 1959. He carried out research on cold hardiness of wheat and developed a new variety Winalta, which has been grown extensively in Alberta and Northern U.S.A.



Dr. John Edwin Andrews

During this period, Dr. Andrews was a member of many Lethbridge community organizations. He is a Past President and District Officer of the Kinsmen Club, Past President of the Lethbridge Branches of the Agricultural

Institute of Canada and the Professional Institute of Canada.

From 1959 to 1965, Dr. Andrews was Director of the Brandon Research Station; from 1965 to 1969, the Director of the Swift Current Research Station; and, from 1969 to 1981, the Director of the Lethbridge Research Station.

In 1969, he was also appointed Director of the All India Co-ordinated Research Project for Dryland Agriculture, which is part of Canada's aid to developing nations and involves research by 150 scientists at 23 locations in India. From 1977 to 1981, he directed a similar program in Sri Lanka. He serves on many provincial, national and international committees.

In 1979, Dr. Andrews was presented with a Public Service "Merit Award" for his leadership of the India-Canada Drylands Agricultural Research Project.

In October 1981, Dr. Andrews was appointed Director General, Western Region, Research Branch, Agriculture Canada. In this capacity, he is responsible for all agricultural research carried out at 15 Research Stations and 10 Experimental Farms or Research Substations in Western Canada.

Dr. Andrews was married in 1948 to the former Mina Craig of Selkirk, (Old England). They have four children: Curtis, a geologist in Saskatchewan; Janine, a lecturer at the University of Alberta; Craig, a graduate of the University of Lethbridge; and, Lynn, a management student at the University of Lethbridge.

He is a member of the Lethbridge Rotary Club, the Lethbridge Country Club, and the Alberta Institute of Agrolgists.

JACQUELINE ASH

submitted by J. Ash

My childhood was spent at Malachi, Ont., a hamlet and summer resort about twelve miles east of the Manitoba-Ontario border on the CNR line. My parents had a general store and also bought furs and wild rice from the Indians. My father, John Simpson (born in 1881), had been previously associated with the North West Mounted Police in Regina, and for many years at Malachi was a Justice of the Peace. A bookcase with annual editions of the Criminal Code gave me a healthy respect for law. A bi-weekly visit from Anglican Ministers from Kenora who preached to the residents in the large living-room of our stone house, taught me early in life that every Canadian law is based on one of the Ten Commandments.

The same stone house, which was built by my father and grandfather, had a large guest-room that at times was rented out. A great variety of people from Canadian lumber-jacks to aristocracy from Continental Europe from time to time stayed with us. This great diversity of peoples of the world and their cultures molded my life and the impact played a large part in making me completely at ease with every "walk of life".

Our family consisted of a sister, Marion, (who was a sweet six-year old daughter, Mother acquired by marrying Dad), a brother, Richard; and later an adopted



Jacqueline Ash

sister, Marie from war-torn England who blessed our lives with love and laughter. An elder brother, John, died in infancy.

My early education was obtained in a CNR School Car which was placed on a railway spur line for a few days each month while a teacher reviewed work done at home and taught and assigned new work - a most excellent way to promote a healthy mind and to encourage one to delve into books and seek out information.

During the Second World War, I came to Winnipeg where I was employed in the office of MacDonald Bros. Aircraft and later at the Workmen's Compensation Board. My working years led to diversified employment - sales, secretarial, printing, clerical. I always chose to work where I would be in close contact with the public.

I have two daughters, Cheryl-Lynne and Eleanor, and four grandchildren. My father at 102 years old, is healthy and very alert, he resides at Oakview Place in Winnipeg. Mother, a little younger, and equally healthy manages well in her wee home in St. James.

My interests are religion, family, nature, concerns with community and country, reading and music - probably in that order, I served on Council from 1980-1983 and was recently re-elected for a second term of office.

THE BALDWIN FAMILY

submitted by R. Andrews

John H. Baldwin and his wife came to East Selkirk in 1886. Born in Nottingham, England, October 20, 1852. He was for some years an engineer on the Midland Railway, but following a strike on that line, he came to Canada. From that date, he was Pump Man for the C.P.R. being in charge of three stations, Brokenhead, (now Sinnott) Birds Hill and East Selkirk. He served as a School Trustee at the time of building the Old Happy Thought School in 1916. He retired in 1918. His little home near the East Selkirk water tank on Cook's Creek was for many years a landmark to trainmen, "the white house on the hill".



Baldwin House "White House on the Hill".



John and Lucy Baldwin with Grandson Wilf Bennet, 1922.



Lucy, Eva, and Mrs. John Baldwin, Model T car? East Selkirk.