

They had six children. Three sons, Harry a city of Winnipeg fireman and later an engineer for the C.P.R., George, a railway Conductor for the C.N.R., Arthur, a station agent for the C.P.R. He had three daughters, Florence married to Ernest Bennett, a Pump Man for the C.P.R. Eveline married to George Andrews who farmed in the Mayfield district. Lucy, a school teacher at East Selkirk and later at Wilkie, Sask., where she married Clair Kirkland who farmed in the Wilkie district. There were twenty-two grandchildren altogether. John Baldwin's wife Lucy, died in August 1922, and he died November 1933 with internment in St. Clements Church Cemetery.

Their children have since passed away except Eveline Andrews who resides in the Betel Home, Selkirk, Man. Lucy Kirkland of Wilkie, Sask., passed away Jan. 15, 1983 at the time of writing this history.

Arthur E. Baldwin served overseas with the 61st Battalion in France and Belgium in the Great War in 1914-1918 and received his honorable discharge in 1918.

JOHN AND IRENE BANASH FAMILY HISTORY

submitted by Irene Banash

The history of John Banash dates back to his parents, Andrew and Mary Banash, who farmed in Walkleyburg, Man. most of their lives.

Andrew was born in Chrzanow, Poland in 1887. His parents did not own much land and due to difficult economic times, Andrew left his family home at a very early age to look for work. He got a job in Germany working as a horseman for a large landowner. For many years the call of the open spaces in Canada rang loud and clear throughout the European countries. Andrew was anxious to come to Canada and in 1913, he decided to make this voyage. He chose Winnipeg to be his destination and when he arrived here he soon got a job at Vulcan Iron Works as a boilermaker.



Andrew Banash

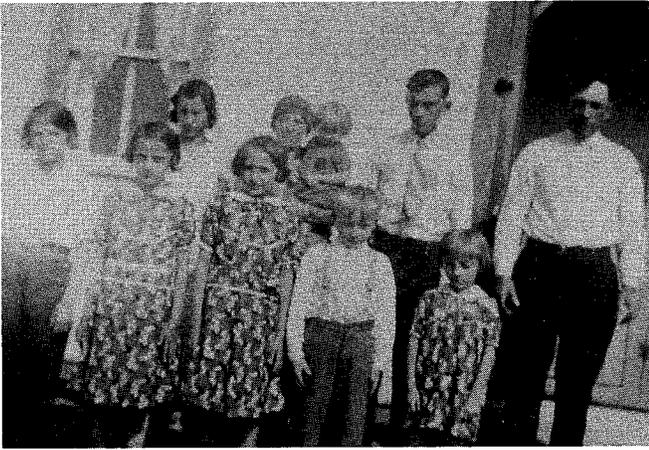


Mary Banash

Mary, born in 1889 in Huta, Rozaniecka, Poland, was the daughter of Carl and Maria Wasney (nee Szalanski). Mary's parents were considered fairly well-off in their village as they owned about 15 acres of land. Most farms were much smaller. She completed her grade VII education in Huta, Poland and later left home to find work. In 1913, Mary decided to come to Canada and visit with her brother John, who had already settled here a few years earlier. Andrew and Mary sailed on the same ship during their voyage to Canada, however, they did not know each other at the time. Upon arriving in Canada, she was not too impressed with this country and was planning to return to Poland after a short stay. Meanwhile, she got a job at Carlton restaurant in Winnipeg as a cook. Mary, being able to read and write in Polish soon realized that learning the English language would be a great asset for her in the future. Being eager to learn and not one to give up easily, in a short time she was able to speak and read English quite well. During this time, Andrew and Mary met and on September 7, 1916 they were married. Consequently, her short visit became her permanent residence in Canada.

Jobs were not too secure at this time so Andrew and Mary, both coming from a farming background, decided to establish themselves as farmers, hoping that the land would bring a more secure life. In 1917, they purchased 80 acres of bushland in Walkleyburg, Man. Their friends, Joe and Eva Gloss were living nearby and they welcomed Andrew and Mary into their home until such time that they were able to build their own home. With great enthusiasm and hard work, they built a house from logs and cleared about two acres of land in the first year. This house remained to be the family home, and with renovation over the years, still stands today at this same site. Clearing of the land at this time was done with a grub hoe and axe. Eventually, other means using horses, and later tractors, were used to clear and break the land. Some of this wood was sold to supplement the farm income in order that the taxes and interest on loans could be paid. Andrew and Mary had men from the relief program helping them with farm chores and picking roots and stones from the broken land. During the depression years they encountered many hardships as there were no jobs and return from farm produce was very poor. When drought came during the years of 1933 to 1936, the grasshoppers ruined the grain crops, hay fields and pastureland. Andrew and his son Bernard had to travel about 20 miles from home to make hay in the Libau marshes. Homemade rafts were made from spruce rails and gasoline drums in order that they could cross the creeks. Good horses were of vital importance in those days as much hard work was expected of them. Andrew, having worked with the best of horses in Europe, always wanted the best for himself, and spent many dangerous hours training young broncos to work on the farm. In time, they gradually acquired another 320 acres of land, most of which also had to be cleared and broken before it could be used for crops.

Andrew was an honest, kindhearted, family man and raised his children in the belief that "honesty is the best policy". He was very conscious of any unpaid bills that were due and saw to it that amends were made. His



Back Row, Left to Right: Jean, Mary, holding Sophie, Bernard, Andrew. Front Row: Anne, Frances, Carrie, John, Marie, 1935.

children appreciated the sleigh rides to and from school on cold winter days that were provided so readily by him. He always remembered to bring home treats for the children such as candy and popcorn whenever he went to town. Andrew helped to build the Roman Catholic Church in Walkleyburg of which he was treasurer for many years.

Mary had a special talent for cooking and in the early days, baked her bread in an outdoor clay oven. She also made most of the family's clothing from fabric that was usually bought from a peddler. Raw wool was purchased from sheep farmers, washed, carded and spun into yarn on a homemade spindle. The children helped to card the wool on a special carding comb made of wood and steel pins. Mary would quickly knit this yarn into socks, mitts, sweaters, toques and scarves for the entire family. She also liked to do embroidery work and rug hooking. Social life was often mere visiting with the neighbors, friends and relatives. Card games were enjoyed by both young and old. The children enjoyed listening to the records played on the old gramophone and often Andrew would entertain his family and friends with his two-row accordian.

Andrew and Mary lived on the farm until 1950, and then retired to Selkirk, Man. They enjoyed 27 years of retirement in their Selkirk home until Andrew's death in 1977 at the age of 89. A new house was built for Mary by her family on her son John's property in Kirkness. There, Mary enjoyed three years of excellent care given to her by John and his wife. In 1980, she suffered a mild stroke which confined her to a wheelchair, thus becoming necessary for her to move into a nursing home. She is presently residing at Red River Place in Selkirk, Man.

Andrew and Mary raised eight children: Bernard, Jean, Anne, Frances, Carrie, John, Marie, and Sophie. All the children attended Bright Star School.

Bernard, the eldest of the family, was born in 1917. He served in the Canadian Armed Forces from 1940 to 1946. Upon his return from the army, he married Eva Terrick from McCreary, Man. at which time they began farming in Walkleyburg. Bernard and Eva have two children, Doreen and Paul. They sold their farm in 1975 and

moved to Selkirk, Man. where they are presently residing. Bernard worked for Abex Industries in Selkirk from 1974 until his retirement in 1982.

Jean, born in 1918, married John Stepanzak from Fort William, Ont. They made their home in Red Rock, Ont., where they lived until John's death in 1976. At this time Jean moved to Simcoe, Ont. where she is presently residing. Jean and John have one daughter, Marlene.

Anne, born in 1920, went to Toronto, Ont. to work at an early age. There she married John Kotack from Saskatchewan. They have two children, Shirley and Bob. Despite her husband's death recently, Anne is still living in Toronto and is working for Eatons where she has been employed for many years.



Left to Right: Irene, Ronald, and Grant. Seated: John Banash.

Frances, born in 1922, married Nick Kuprowski from Sask. at which time they made their home in Toronto, Ont. Aside from Nick's regular employment, they owned revenue houses which Frances and Nick both looked after for many years. They have two sons, Garry and Jim.

Carrie, born in 1923, married Rudy Novalski from Hadashville, Man. at which time they also made their home in Toronto. Carrie has spent many years working for the Post Office in Toronto, where she is presently employed as a clerk. They have three children, Kenneth, Garry and Judy.

Marie, born in 1927, continued her education to become a school teacher. After teaching for a couple of years, she married Harvey Chernetsky from Libau. They have made their home in East Selkirk. Marie is employed as a Resource teacher at Happy Thought School. They

have three children, Randy, Ryan and Charlotte.

Sophie, the youngest of the family, was born in 1932. She married Tony Ruptash from Hairy Hill, Alta. and they have made their home in Winnipeg. They have three children, Sharon, Linda, and Bradley. Sophie has spent several years working for a sewing factory in Winnipeg where she is presently employed.

John, born in 1925, remained on the family farm after his father's retirement. He grew grain on this farm, in the summer, and worked on various other jobs in the winter months. He spent several winters on construction jobs for paper mills in northern Ontario. Some winters he worked in Toronto and Winnipeg. Being a farmer, he always looked forward to coming back to the farm in the spring. John is a "man of many trades", having acquired skills as a mechanic, welder, carpenter, and electrician, he could tackle most jobs that are required. John married Irene Hnatiuk of Kirkness at which time they took up residence in Selkirk, Man. During this time, while still farming, he worked at Selkirk with the construction of the Lord Selkirk Comprehensive School. In 1972, he sold his farm and took a permanent job with the Manitoba Government as building manager. At this time, John and Irene also sold their house at Selkirk and built a new home in Kirkness where they are presently residing. He is presently employed as a gardener for the Mental Health Center in Selkirk.

Irene, born in 1934, is the daughter of Paul and Nettie Hnatiuk. Prior to her marriage to John, she lived in Winnipeg and worked as a typist and key-punch operator for data processing systems in various offices. John and Irene have two sons, Ronald and Grant, who are both attending Happy Thought School in East Selkirk. They are living on a portion of land that was once part of Irene's parent's farm. Here, as a family, they grow vegetables for sale at a stand they have on their premises in the summer.

It is difficult to realize in our affluent society the struggles and hardships endured by our parents and others who first pioneered into Canada. However, we are proud of their achievements and look forward to the future with optimism. We give thanks to "They who led the way" to make a better life for themselves and generations to follow.

FRED W. BARBER

submitted by slh

A news release dated June 18, 1899 stated that "Fred Barber of Georgetown, Ont. had received the appointment of Superintendent of the big Northwest Farm located in East Selkirk and owned by Sir William Van Horne, Chairman of the CPR Board."

Mr. Barber was one of the best known cattle and farm men of Halton County in Ont. and was the nephew of John R. Barber, MPP of Halton. He arrived in Manitoba on Monday June 26, 1899 and at once made arrangements for starting operations on Van Horne's East Selkirk farm. By July 11, 1899 he was well underway clearing land and making preparations for fencing and erection of buildings.

On Thursday Oct. 5, 1899 it was reported that a team of horses and wagon from the Van Horne farm backed off the ferry with both horses drowning. Ferryman Holdgate said at the time that this was the first serious accident since he had started operating the ferry 17 years before, in 1882.

Mrs. Barber was the daughter of Reverend David Gordon, a prominent clergyman of New York. In May, 1913 the Rev. Mr. Gordon arrived in East Selkirk to spend some time with his daughter on the Van Horne Farm. His health had been troubling him for some time and it was thought he would benefit from a visit to Manitoba. He contracted a cold which turned into Pneumonia and on Sunday May 13, 1900 he died at the farm.

The Barber's did not remain at the Van Horne Farm too long after that. However, to him must go the credit of organizing the brushing, clearing and early fencing. He had employed Adam Miller, a stonemason, as well as Thomas Thomkin, the contractor, (CPR) with the Foreman being William Farr, to carry out the early plans of Sir William Van Horne and erection of buildings.

In Sept. of 1899, Mr. Barber was involved in an unpleasant court case over action for wages and damages for wrong dismissal. The judgement was in favour of the plaintiff and caused quite a stir at the time.

Mr. Barber was soon replaced by James Yule as manager of the Van Horne Farm. However, much of the hard work had already been completed by Mr. Barber and his crew of workers, prior to the arrival of James Yule.

THE BARCHYN FAMILY

Wasył and Magdalena Barchyn came to Canada in May of 1904. Wasył's eight year old brother Gilbert, and Magdalena's father John Yakimovich came with them. Upon their arrival at Selkirk, Man. they were met by Magdalena's sister and brother-in-law, Roman and Anna Bilyk, who took them to their home in Gonor.

A short time after their arrival in Gonor they made a purchase of land. They bought River Lot 224 in Narol, and immediately started to build a house. The house was built with logs, and was constructed in such a manner that it served two families. The house was divided in two by an eight foot hallway. Roman and Melania Kishka (Magdalena's sister) lived in the south end and the Barchyns in the north end. As oxen and horses were purchased a barn was built across the road from the house. As more land was cleared living conditions improved. An addition was added to the one room house.

In 1908 Wasył and Magdalena were the proud parents of a baby girl, Lena. In the years to follow they had five more children, Mark, Doris, Pearl, Ann, and John.

Wasył and Magdalena were grateful for everything that did happen and took an active part in church and local affairs.

Wasył passed away on August 1, 1957 at age 83. Magdalena passed away on December 9, 1964 at age 82. The land is still farmed by their youngest son John who lives on the property.

MAXIM AND SOPHIA BARON

*submitted by Anne Maladrewicz
(assisted by daughters Rose and Irene)*

The Baron family, Maxim, Sophia, ten year old Anne and 2 1/2 year old Mike moved to Narol from Winnipeg in the spring of 1927.

My Father, Maxim Baron, was born March 15, 1892 in Celoz Pavoshivka-Povyat Chortkiv in Western Ukraine. He emigrated to Canada by boat with some friends at an early age in 1906. He came to Winnipeg and lived with friends. While living in Winnipeg he worked for the City of Winnipeg and for the Union Stock Yards.

My Mother, Sophia Cerkowna, also emigrated to Canada at an early age with relatives and friends. She was born Sept. 1, 1886 in Celoz Veliki, Kuchubinchi Povyat Hushatin in Western Ukraine. My parents were married Feb. 12, 1914 at St. Nicholas Church in Winnipeg. When they were first married they lived in Winnipeg and Father worked on the water-line (Winnipeg - Shoal Lake) Union Stock Yards at St. Boniface as well as on the Railroad Extra Gang. Mother worked at the McLaren Hotel kitchen, the Pickling Factory and at Smiths Market Garden in Birds Hill.

In the spring of 1927 they bought 80 acres from Mikelisyns in Narol on Lot 267 and 268 on the 2-mile road. I was 10 years old and Mike was 2 1/2 years old when we moved. The farm was complete with two-room frame house, a well, a granary, a barn and two pigs. The 80 acre property was one of the few farms that was not a narrow river-style lot. It was six chains in width bounded by the 2 mile road and the CPR track, and was almost square in shape. Our closest neighbors were Roman and Helen Glawacki; Dmytro and Katie Michalenko; Henry and Jean Shody; and Anne and Steve Boyko.

My sister, Jean, was born January 2, 1929, two years after we moved to Narol. Mother was taken back to Winnipeg to her sister's house on Boyd Ave. for Jean's birth. A Doctor attended the birth and Mother stayed in Winnipeg for a week then made the 3 1/2 hour journey back home by horse and sleigh in the frigid January weather with hot bricks and a huge feather pyryna to keep her and the infant warm.

In the spring of 1929, my Father bought a team of horses, a cow and some chickens. In the winter, Father went back to work at the Stockyards to make payments on the farm. During the week he lived in Winnipeg with friends and came home only on weekends. Sometimes he used the Red River Bus Lines on Henderson Highway and then walked to the 2 mile road, other times he walked all the way from Winnipeg wearing a great Buffalo Coat in the winter and in the summer he often rode his bike. He had the remainder of the land broken as he could afford it. Later he bought a John Deer tractor and a set of plows and did custom work in the neighborhood.

They grew grain and vegetables. They peddled vegetables, milk, cream, butter, cottage cheese and eggs in the North-end of Winnipeg. The entire family worked on the farm in these times. It was also customary for relatives from the City to help on the farms at harvest and go back to the City with their winter supply of vegetables. Very often our "City Cousins" spent their summer

vacations on our farm and helped with some of the work so that their parents could continue to work in the city.

In 1937, our house burned down and we lost everything. Our family lived in granaries throughout the summer while another house was started. By winter the new house was liveable but not complete. My parents continued to live on the farm until 1946 at which time they bought a 27 acre river-lot on Henderson Highway which ran from the Red River to the CPR tracks. The house, granaries and sheds were moved from the 2 mile road to Henderson Highway which was paved and provided regular bus service to Winnipeg. This property, along with the original homestead provided the 100 acres they continued to farm until their retirement in 1964.

As for us children, I started my education in Winnipeg at Margaret Scott and Faraday School and continued it at Donald School in Narol where Mike and Jean also attended once they were old enough. The walk to school was three miles along a mud road in summer and across frozen fields in winter. Often in the winter, Father and the neighbours Roman Glowatski and Metro Michalenko took turns transporting all the children on the 2 mile road to and from school by horse and buggy. And in the winter sleighs.

Because it was necessary to help on the farm, Mike, Jean and I as well as many of our friends did not complete our education. I was lucky enough to complete Grade 6, Mike Grade 7, and Jean, Grade 8. Because of attendance problems and difficulty with the English language, many of our contemporaries did not even complete their elementary school education.

Until their retirement we all helped our parents with their farm as much as was possible. On June 10, 1933, I, Anne Baron married Stanley Malazdrewicz who was born in Narol and we and our first three children (Bill, Rose and Tom) lived with my parents and my brother Mike, and sister Jean for four years until 1937. We bought 30 acres on the 2 mile road where we established our first home. The Stanley and Anne Malazdewicz account portrays both the similarities and differences between first and second generation settlers.

My brother Mike farmed with Father as well as working at various jobs in Winnipeg. He married Ann Ripushka of Springfield on June 25, 1949 at St. Vladimir and Olga Church in Winnipeg and they lived with my parents for a year until 1950 at which time they moved to Winnipeg and Mike worked as a truck driver for Tyndall Quarry Co. hauling tyndall stone to Winnipeg. In 1954, Mike was accidentally killed in a collision with a snowplow near Lockport while hauling the huge blocks of tyndall stone. His only child, a son, Bob was born a month later. His wife Anne and infant Bob returned to Springfield to live with Anne's family. Anne now lives in Birds Hill, Bob married Nancy Tataryn of Selkirk in 1978 and Bob, Nancy and their son Joel live in North Kildonan.

Beginning in 1945, Jean began to work in Winnipeg at various service jobs. In 1950, she began working at Burns Company and continued there for 25 years, until her early retirement in 1978. She was married to Dan Kuzymko in 1968 and they built their home on Knowles Ave. in North Kildonan. In 1982, she passed away after a

two-year battle with cancer. Her husband, Dan, passed away six weeks later.

Throughout their lives, my parents maintained their Ukrainian language, their Ukrainian Catholic Religion and their Ukrainian customs. Christmas and Easter were always surrounded with family, relatives and good friends and were always celebrated according to the Julian calendar. Guests at family celebrations looked forward to Mother's traditional Ukrainian feast served on a beautifully embroidered Ukrainian tablecloth in a quiet and unassuming manner. Mother's small 4 foot 10 inch frame contradicted her strength and energy. All her acquaintances and especially my sister Jean and I were inspired by her immaculate housekeeping, her excellent cooking and her unbounding devotion to my Father and to Mike, Jean and me. Father's physical appearance and personality characteristics were in direct contrast to Mother's. He was a powerful man with a deep voice and a brusque manner. But, like Mother, he enjoyed company and was an excellent host. Our acquaintances looked forward to Father's fine voice leading us in a beautiful round of traditional Ukrainian songs or Carols or tempting us into a lively discussion on just about any topic.

After their retirement in 1964, my parents moved to Anderson Ave. in Winnipeg and continued to live there until Mother passed away on March 17, 1969 at age 82. Father passed away in May, 1978 at age 86 at the Holy Family Home. Both are buried in the All Saints Cemetery.

THE BATER FAMILY

submitted by Sandra Bater

Our family has resided in St. Clements since October 1971. We purchased our property, the southerly 1 1/2 chains of lot 237 east of Henderson Highway, in 1970 and our home was built the following year. To the best of my knowledge, no one had previously resided on this portion of lot 237.



Susan, Sandra, Merv, Janice, Len Bater.

Our son, Len, is in grade 10 at River East Collegiate and Janice is in grade 7 and Susan is in grade 5 at Robert Andrews School. My husband, Merv, is a manager of a laundry equipment company and I am presently studying at the University of Manitoba. We own and operate M & S Apiary, a honey farm. Our family are active members of St. Catherine Anglican Church, Birds Hill.

THE AUGUST BETTOF FAMILY

submitted by Wilfred Brown

August Bettof and Pauline Guderian were married in Europe when he was 19 and she was 15. Mrs. Bettof's parents were Gottlieb Guderian and Mary Shareski. They both reached the age of 84. They came to Canada with a son, Leonard, who died at 3 1/2 years of age, mostly because there was no money for doctors and travel was so slow. They first settled in the Thalberg area, but Mr. Bettof found employment in North Dakota and since this was so far from home, they decided to move to the 1-6 district.

About a year after coming to 1-6, Mr. Bettof decided to start farming on his own, so he rented N.E. 31-1-6, from Joe McElroy of Darlingford and also the S.W. 5-2-6- from Mr. D. Rabinovitch. Before retiring, they bought and moved to S.W. 9-2-6E.

He retired from farming land in 1945 and moved to Morden where Mr. Bettof found employment at Standard Gas Engine Works. However, he then found it necessary to have an operation from which he never recovered and died in 1946 at the age of 67. Mrs. Bettof then moved to Beausejour and then to Winnipeg where she died in 1953, at the age of 71. August Bettof never got to know his parents because he was too young at the time of their death. He was brought up by relatives in his native Holland.

This couple had four children: One daughter died in infancy. Hilda, born in 1911, married Leo Zirk of Stead. They had three sons: Harold, Howard and Ron. Alvin, born in 1914, married Helen Singbeil of Thalberg. They had four sons and one daughter. Annie, born in 1916 and in Sept. 1939 married Wilfred Brown. Their family were Russell, Dorothy, Daniel and Leslie.

PETER BLACHER

submitted by John Blacher

Peter Blacher arrived from Austria in 1908 and married Mary Semeniuk in 1910. Mary arrived in Canada in 1903 at the age of eight years from Shinrow, Austria. They settled in the village of Gonor where they farmed. Peter also worked at Garson Quarry and the Manitoba Rolling Mills. He was also a handyman in the district. In the spring he castrated hogs. In the fall he had to butcher the pigs and in return for his work he received a piece of meat. In the winter he dug wells for all of his friends throughout the Gonor district.

Peter and Mary were blessed with six children: John, Helen, Anne, Jessie, Steve and Jean. The children in turn married and settled in the surrounding areas except Helen who married Ernie Phipps and now resides in Toronto.

John lived in the Lockport area with his wife Mary Moroz and had two children, Carol and Jack. John and Mary moved to Selkirk in 1962 when the Floodway was built and expropriated their property.

Anne married Peter Gawriluk and live in Gonor. They had one daughter, Ruth.

Jessie married William Homeniuk and also live in the Gonor area. They have two daughters, Roberta and Claudia.

Steve married Nellie Saharko from the Rossburn area. They reside in Selkirk. They have four children, Audrey, Marcia, Patricia and Peter.

Jean married Joe Staradub and live in Selkirk. Joe passed away in 1973. They had four children, Terry, Joey, Cindy and Bill.



Peter and Mary Blacher.



Mr. and Mrs. Blackner (built Star Hotel).

JOSEPH AND REGINA BLACKNER

submitted by Olga (Blackner) Driekluft

Joseph Blackner came to Canada from Austria in 1907 and Regina Blackner came about two years later with their first born son, John. Mr. Blackner worked at odd jobs such as hauling bricks for .10¢ an hour, and also did carpentry work. They lived in a two-storey house on Carruthers Ave. in Wpg. where three daughters and another son were born. They took in boarders to help with the expenses. About 10 years later Joseph acquired some land known as Lot 9, Old Kildonan (which is now built up and known as the Maples). There is a street named after the Blackners. On these acres of land they built a home, barns, milk house, chicken house and let's not forget "the outhouse". Here, another three daughters were born. With hard work and much compassion, this developed into a great dairy farm known as "Sun Dial Dairy", with about 25 to 30 cows. Milk was delivered to Wpg. In 1922, Mr. Blackner built the Lloyd George School on McPhillips St. in Old Kildonan.

In 1927, he built the Star Hotel in East Selkirk, which officially opened in 1928. He hired Mike Sul, as barman, and Mrs. Blackner did all the cooking for the restaurant. There were 12 rooms upstairs; one of which Miss May Kenny rented. She was a teacher at the Happy Thought School. The family recalls that their Mother baked an apple pie and, by mistake, put in red pepper instead of cinnamon. To her surprise, there was no complaint from Miss Kenny, who said the pie was very good.

There was a pool room in the back part of the hotel, which held 4 big pool tables. Then came the hard times, the dirty 30's, eggs sold at 6¢ a dozen, barley 10¢ a bushel and potatoes at 6¢ a bushel, (or were thrown out). Beer



The Blackner Family.



Julius and Emelie Block.

sold at 10¢ a glass, but few customers could even afford that.

John came off the farm to replace Mike Sul as barman and the four younger children also came to East Selkirk and attended Happy Thought School. This is where they learned to swim in the little muddy creek beside the St. Clements Council office and where John did his skinny dipping after the hotel closed for the night. Many were the times we walked through the Van Horne Woods and then went on the ferry across the Red River to West Selkirk to do some shopping. John's girl friend, Kay Ruppenthal, once came through the same woods (after a heavy rain) face flushed and tearful with very muddy shoes in her hand.

Mr. Kondratchuk was the high school teacher and taught Latin in Grades 9, 10, and 11. We had some very enjoyable times in the winter, sliding and skating on the creek. We lived in East Selkirk for almost 5 years and have many pleasant memories.

Joseph Blackner passed away on July 1, 1948, Regina Blackner passed away on Aug. 10, 1973. They were blessed with 8 children: John, Anne, Grace, Tony, Olga, Helen, Vicky and Edith. They had 21 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Of their children: John married Kay Ruppenthal (deceased), Anne married John Zornick (deceased), Grace married Bill Bailey (living in Vancouver), Tony married Olga Zeitler (deceased), Olga married Ernest Driekluft (deceased), Helen married Andrew Stranden (deceased), Vicky married Bill Styles (deceased), and Edith married Norman Thompson and they are living in Vancouver.

THE JULIUS BLOCK FAMILY HISTORY

submitted by N. Froehlich

Julius Block's grandparents were: George Bulow, who was married to Amelia Messal in Russia, their daughter (Anna Christina) was born on Sept. 7, 1844. Anna Christina married August Block, their son Julius, (our dad) was born on April 28, 1880, Julius had a sister, Wilhelmine, she was born on Dec. 29, 1886.

Our dad, (Julius Block) left Russia, after his father died (Julius was only 16 years old at the time). His mother remarried a Mr. Schlender. Julius came to Canada and to Beausejour in 1902. He got a job at the sandpit, which supplied sand for the glass factory.

Julius' mother, Anna Christina Schlender came to Canada in April of 1908, and died on May 8, 1916 in Beausejour. His sister Wilhelmine married Gustav Neumann in Russia. Gustav came to Canada in 1907, and Wilhelmine came in April of 1908, with her mother. The Neumann family moved to Amaranth, Man. took up a homestead and farmed until 1924. From there they moved to Chicago, Illinois.

Our mother (Emilie) was born on Feb. 7, 1888, the daughter of Julius and Ernestine Schwark (nee: Froehlich). They came to Canada in 1903, from Volhynia, Russia.

Julius and Emelie (our parents) were married on Dec. 25, 1904 in Zion Lutheran Church in Beausejour. They lived here 10 years; five of their children were born in Beausejour. Next they moved to Thalberg, 24 miles north of Beausejour. They lived in six different spots, and vacant shacks.

Neighbors took them in and shared meat, milk, etc. Mother sewed and did laundry and helped in return for their kindness.

Our dad cut wood at 50¢ a cord here, and cleared bush to make land for \$1.00 a day. The children attended Thalberg School and the Trinity Lutheran Church which our dad helped to build, we were members and all the children were baptized and confirmed here.

Julius and his sons built many homes, barns, stores, in the area. Julius applied and received a Homestead grant, Sec. 2-17-7 from His Majesty George V as a gift. And in 1922, Julius and sons built their first home, a small 14x28, 2 room house, Sawdust was used for insulation as it was cozy and warm.

From here the children attended School in Beaconia, classes were held at Klatt's Store, later at the School No. 2162. They lived on the homestead for 17 years.

Julius and his sons, Henry, Bill, and Herman cut many hundreds of cords of wood, all with the Swede Saw. This wood was traded for groceries and clothing, first at

Trapps, Kirks, and then Kutcy's stores. This wood was loaded in boxcars at Beaconia and at Gunns Spur Siding.

Our parents also had a dairy business, delivering milk, ice, meat, vegetables, every morning at 8 during the summer, to cottage owners of the northeast side at the Gull Lake Resort. As the family grew up, all pitched in and helped.

From the homestead, they purchased a bigger farm, Sec. 16-17-7E, and moved there in 1939. They continued to deliver milk from there. They did this over 20 years.

Julius and Emelie celebrated their 50th Anniversary in 1954. Julius died on Sept. 12, 1958, in the St. Boniface Hospital at 78 years. Emelie died on Oct. 22, 1968, in the Selkirk General Hospital at 80 years of age. Both are laid to rest in the Thalberg Trinity Church Cemetery.

Julius and Emelie had 14 children, two of which died in infancy, their children are: Bertha, Henry, William (Bill), Elsie, Herman, Martha, Meta (Mae), Noreen (Nora), Elma, Tillie, Reinhold (Roy), August, and Bernhardt.

Bertha was born on April 23, 1906, in Beausejour. Bertha married August Klatt on July 25, 1925. August died on Feb. 11, 1972. They have 8 children: Martha, Edith, Grace, Dorothy, Arnold, Diane, Betty and Vicky. They also have 46 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.

Henry was born on July, 1909 in Beausejour. He lives on Sec. 36-16-7 at Gull Lake in the parent's home. He farmed and cut wood and is now retired.

William (Bill) was born on Jan. 3, 1912 in Beausejour. Bill married Alwine Froehlich (nee: Klann) on Oct. 28, 1937 in Winnipeg. She was born on June 16, 1897. They farmed in Greenwald on N.E. 25-15-7E for 35 years. They sold their farm to Peter and Tenie Denisuik, and moved to Beausejour, where they built a house on third St. Alwine suffered a stroke and died on Nov. 22, 1975. Bill died on Sept. 19, 1983. Alwine had three sons by a previous marriage: Henry, Fred, and Harold.

Elsie was born on March 29, 1913 in Beausejour, she married August Rach, on June 2, 1932, in Winnipeg. They farmed in the Glenmoor area, and then moved to Winnipeg in 1957. August worked for the Winnipeg Gas Co. on the gas line trenching to homes. They have 5 children: Norman, Herbert, Doreen, Gordon, and Gladys, and 11 grandchildren. August died July 1983.



Julius Block and his sister Wilhelmine Newmann.



Back Row: Julius, Emilie, Elsie, holding Norman, August Rach, Mae and Henry. Front: August, Roy, Tillie, Elma and Noreen.

Herman was born on Sept. 9, 1914 in Beausejour. He married Minnie Bauschke in Greenwald, Man. They moved to B.C. in 1947. Herman worked as a Carpenter in various areas building homes. They built and operated a "Drive In Restaurant" in Abbotsford, B.C. They retired and made their home in Chilliwack, B.C. They had three children: Elma, Diana, and Gordon, Joanne died after a motor vehicle accident. They have 3 grandchildren.

Martha was born on Aug. 27, 1917 in Thalberg. She married Frank Schurko, who is a carpenter. Martha worked as a caretaker in Block Apts. when they lived in Winnipeg. They built a home and retired in Sandy Hook, Man.

Meta (Mae) was born on April 20, 1920 in Thalberg, Man. She married Nickolas Daviduk on May 8, 1943. Nick worked for CN Railways. They had greenhouses selling and raising plants and a market garden for 25 years. Mae worked at Middle Church Home as a Food Service Dietary Supervisor for 18 years. Nick died on June 19, 1979, at 64 years of age. They had five children: George, Bill, Shirley, Donna, Gary, (who was accidentally killed), and they have 5 grandchildren.

Noreen (Nora) was born on Jan. 4, 1923, on the homestead. She attended Beaconia School, and married Fred Froehlich on May 18, 1941. They had three children: Alvin, Judith, and Linda, and they also have 7 grandchildren. Fred died on Dec. 28, 1978.

Elma was born on Nov. 10, 1924, in Thalberg. In 1946, she married Lawrence (Larry) Akins. He worked for the Railways as assistant Manager (Canada Car Demurrage). He is now retired. Elma worked at Hudson Bay for 16 years as Clerk Interviewer. They have 2 children: Janice, and Allan, and three grandchildren.

Tillie was born on Jan. 28, 1926, in Thalberg. She married Fred Steinke on April 30, 1945. Fred died in 1952, of lung cancer. They had 3 children, Berverly was born on Jan. 8, 1946, and died on March 6, 1946, Dorothy was born on July 11, 1947, she married Jim Anderson. They have three children, Tracy, Tara, and Jeffrey. Kenneth was born on Jan. 22, 1953. He married Irene Kolba. They have 2 children David, and Kevin.



First Row: Elma and Mae. Second Row: Tillie, Elsie, Noreen, Martha. Third Row: William, Bertha, Herman. Fourth Row: Henry, Roy and August.

Tillie remarried to Nicholas Laba on May 4, 1965. They have one daughter, Daria.

Reinhold (Roy) was born on April 1, 1928. He was married to Margaret Patzer. Roy worked at Canada Packers, in chain link fencing and maintenance work. They had 4 children, Ronald, Patricia, Bruce, and Gregg, and 3 grandchildren.

August was born on Aug. 16, 1930. He married Phyllis Patzer in Thalberg Trinity Church. They live in Winnipeg. August works with Air Conditioning and Sheet Metal, and chain link fencing. They have 3 children; Marilyn, Sandra, and Wayne, and 3 grandchildren. Bernhardt was born on April 20, 1932, and died on Sept. 9, 1932.

PETER AND JUSTINA BOGOSKI

submitted by Pearl Banash

Peter Bogoski was born in 1861 in Celo Mielnica, poviet Borschew, Holichena. He married Justina Podolchuk. They came to Canada in 1903 with three children, Michael 11 years old, John 9 and Annie 7. After they settled in the Gonor district they had three other children, Bill, Lena and George.

They started their new life here and that is where they resided until Peter passed away in December 1926. Justina continued living in Gonor. She remarried to Mr. Nikolayishen. Justina passed away in 1943.

Michael married Sophie Botuliuk and they are both deceased. John married Pauline, John is now deceased. Annie married Bill Kolynchuk and they are both deceased. Bill married Mary Onofrychuk, Bill is now deceased. Lena married George Lunek, he is deceased, Lena remarried to Kasimir Wlosek. They are now both deceased. George married Catherine Michilik.



Seated: Justina Bogoski. Left: Lena Bogoski. Right: Annie Bogoski.

MICHAEL AND SOPHIE BOGOSKI

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Michael Bogoski is the eldest child of Peter and Justina Bogoski. He was born in the Ukraine and came to Canada with his parents in 1903.

He grew up in the Gonor district, and helped his parents on the farm. In 1912, he also worked with the construction of the Lockport Bridge.

He worked for the Canada Cement Co. in Fort Whyte for 45 years.

Michael married Sophie Botuliuk in 1914. They lived in Gonor until 1953, later they moved to Winnipeg. In 1973 they moved to Selkirk.

Michael and Sophie have 3 children, Michael, Nick and Doris.

Michael passed away on December 27, 1981. Sophie passed away on December 5, 1982.

Michael married Anne Gregkol of Edmonton, Alta. Michael worked with the advertising business. He lived in Calgary for a few years, then later he moved to Florida. Michael and Anne had one son. Michael passed away in 1975.

Nick married Marie Haliako of Toronto, Ont. Nick and Marie made their home in Toronto. Nick worked for Consumer Glass for many years. Nick and Marie have one son and one daughter.

Doris is the youngest child of Michael and Sophie Bogoski. Doris married Leon Pewarchuk and they lived in Selkirk, Man. Doris has three children, Kenneth, Garry, and Gail.



Sophie, Mike and Doris.

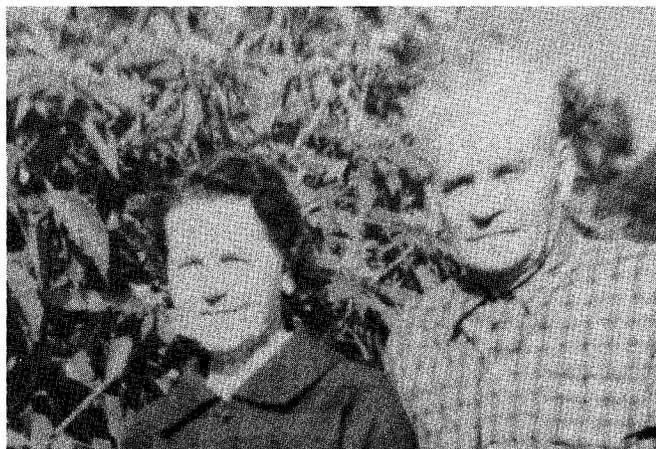
JOHN AND PAULINE BOGOSKI

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John Bogoski was the second child of Peter and Justina Bogoski. John was a businessman and he had a restaurant in Winnipeg.

With his wife Pauline, he later moved to Toronto, Ont. They have 2 children, their daughter lives in Toronto and their son lives in Santa Barbara, California.

John and Pauline later had moved to Santa Barbara, California. John passed away in the 1960's, and Pauline resides at their residence in Santa Barbara.



John and Pauline Bogoski, 1961.

BILL AND MARY BOGOSKI

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Bill Bogoski is the third son of Peter and Justina Bogoski. Bill married Mary Onofrychuk in 1936 in Gonor, Man. They moved to Fort Frances, Ont. Bill and Mary have 3 sons, Ed, Henry and Jerry.

Ed and his family live in Fort Frances, Ont. Henry and Jerry and their families live in Winnipeg.

Bill passed away in 1958, and Mary presently resides in Winnipeg.



Bill and Mary Bogoski.

LENA BOGOSKI

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Lena Bogoski is the youngest daughter of Peter and Justina Bogoski. Lena married George Lunek and they lived in Rocky Inlet, Ont. George worked for the CNR. George passed away in Fort Frances.

Lena has five children. Later she married Kasimir Wlosek. They moved the family to Sudbury, Ont. Kasimir worked for the International Nickel Mine.

Lena passed away on October 23, 1979. Kasimir passed away on Dec. 2, 1975.

GEORGE AND CATHERINE BOGOSKI

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George Bogoski the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bogoski, was born on October 19, 1908, in Gonor, Man., where he was raised and attended school until 1922. While in his early school years, he was struck by a truck, which resulted in a lengthy stay in Selkirk Hospital with a broken thigh.

On completion of his schooling, he was first employed by his brother John, as kitchen help in his restaurant, to be shortly fired by him because of the way he peeled potatoes, there were more peelings than potatoes. After this fiasco, he went to Sperling, Man., to work on a farm harvesting for the summers, returning to Gonor in the winters.

In 1928, he left Gonor for summer employment with the C.N. Railway at Rocky Inlet, Ont.

On November 22, 1931, he was united in marriage with Catherine Michiluk. They stayed in Gonor from the fall of 1933 until the spring of 1934.

Their oldest son, John, was born on Feb. 7, 1934 in Gonor but was raised in Fort Frances where he became a teacher and principal in the public school system. John and his wife Linda, now reside in Winnipeg where he is employed by Indian and Northern Affairs as Superintendent of Educational Services. John has 7 children, and 1 grandchild.

On October 8, 1935 a daughter Violet was born. She lives in Fort Frances with her husband William Moen.



George and Kay Bogoski.