

They have 4 children and 2 grandsons.

The youngest son Robert was born on January 8, 1940. He lives and works in Fort Frances for the Correctional Services. Robert and his wife Elaine have 5 children.

On March 2, 1941 a daughter Lillian was born who married Norman Lambert. They reside in Dryden, Ont., they have 4 children and 2 grandchildren.

In August, 1940 I joined the Army in Fort Frances, went to Shilo, Man. then to Petawawa, Ont. leaving Canada, for England in 1941. I was a Corporal in the Royal Canadian Artillery. I served in England, Italy, France, Germany and Holland. On March 18, 1944, I was wounded. I returned to Fort Frances at the end of the war in 1945. In 1941, my wife and children had moved to Fort Frances where I resumed my job for the Railway, for a short time leaving their employ to work for Ontario, Minnesota Pulp and Paper Company.

On Feb. 7, 1953, our daughter Janice was born. Janice is married to Brian Avis. They live in Calgary, Alta. with their 2 children.

I worked for the paper mill until June 19, 1972, when I had an accident at work which resulted in the loss of my left foot. Since then I have been retired.

I like to fish, hunt moose, travel, shovel snow, cut grass and play cards. The rest of the time I like to B.S. with the neighbors.

On the date this was written I have been married to Catherine a little over 51 years, have 5 children, 22 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.



Johan Bolin born in Sweden, Dec. 3, 1869.

JOHAN AND INGRID KATARINA BOLIN

submitted by Anna Dorothea Bolin

Our father, Johan Bolin, was born in Sweden Mar. 12, 1869. He left Sweden April 22, 1896. He travelled by train from Uppsala to Gotenborg, from there by boat to Liverpool, England and then by ship to Montreal.

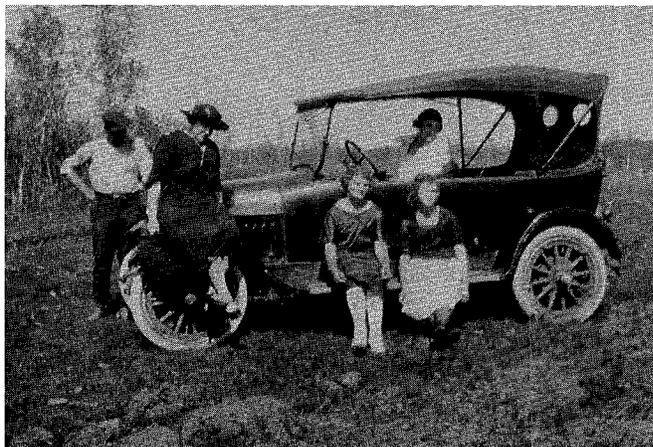
Our mother, Ingrid Katarina was born in Varmland. She married my father in Uppsala, Sweden. She was born on Dec. 28, 1865. She left a little later than our father, with two of their children, - *Marie Ingaborg* 2 1/2 yrs. and *John Halvar*, 9 months. She came the same route. It took 3 weeks on the Ocean and she was very sea-sick.

Our father had a sister Marie and her husband living in Winnipeg, so they came direct to them. Our parents lived in Winnipeg approximately 4 years where another son was born - *Karl Rudolph*.

Our father worked at Lockport as a Stationary Engineer during the building of the Locks. He also worked as a Stationary Engineer when the Legislative Building, Post Office and General Hospital were built in Winnipeg.

In 1900, our mother moved with the children to Poplar Park - 4 miles North of Libau. Our father continued working in Winnipeg and Lockport. They had 5 more children all born at Poplar Park: *Helgie Laurie*, *Hilma Irene*, *Anna Dorothea*, *Elvira Catherine*, and *Alfred Elmer*.

Travel in those days was with horses and sleighs, in winter and buggies or wagons in summer. The roads were terribly rough. The nearest town was Selkirk. They would



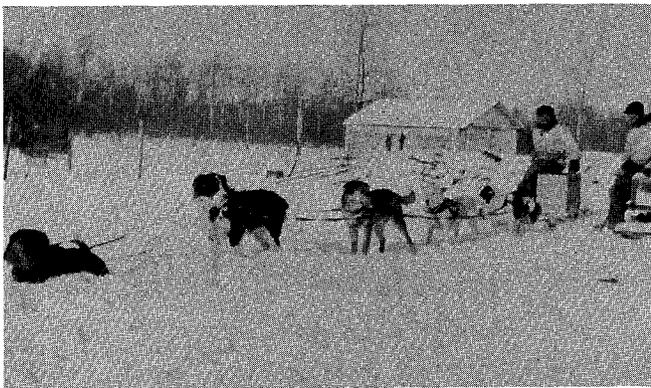
The first car in Poplar Park. Left to Right: Alfred, Marie, Vera, Ann, Bentina (in car) teacher.

go by Devil's Creek to St. Peters on the Red River and cross on the ferry and then on to Selkirk.

Our father would come home on week-ends. He would take a street car to Selkirk and then rent a horse and cutter at Dickinsons Livery Stable, Selkirk. The roads were terrible in summer, with so much corduroy and it was so rough. Our mother used to tell us how dark it was coming home from Selkirk during a thunderstorm late in the evening. She would wait until the lightning flashed so that she could see how to get across the culverts.



Bolin Family and home.



The Bolin dog team.

Our mother hadn't seen Indians before. She told us about seeing them on the narrow trail, riding horses. They wore feathers attached to a band and tied around their heads. She would hide in the bush until they passed.

Our father bought a quarter section (sec 33-15-6 East) where the old house remains to-day. It was built in 1916. He then homesteaded a quarter section across the road, so he had a half section of land.

They supported and attended the St. James Church in the area. I was the first baby to be christened in the church.

Marie, our sister worked for the Telephone Company for 40 years. She is now retired. John and Karl were engineers on the Canadian Pacific. Hilma and Elvira went to California to live. I taught school in Manitoba for 7 years and then went to California to live. Helgie and Alfred remained on the farm.

MIKE AND KATHRINE BOSKO

submitted by Peter Bosko

Mr. Mike Bosko came to Canada in 1912 and settled first in Winnipeg. While in the city, he met and married Kathrine Hakalo, who had come to Canada in 1913. They took up residence in the Village of East Selkirk, in the year 1919.



Mrs. Kathrine Bosko, youngest girl Stephanie, Mr. Mike Bosko. Front Row: Son John, eldest son, Peter, and Steve.

Mike and Kathrine had five children, Peter, Annie, Steve, John and Stephanie.

Mr. Mike Bosko worked at the Manitoba Steel Foundries for twenty-five years.

Mike passed away in 1945, and Kathrine passed away in 1965.

PETER AND ANNIE BOSKO

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BOULTON FAMILY

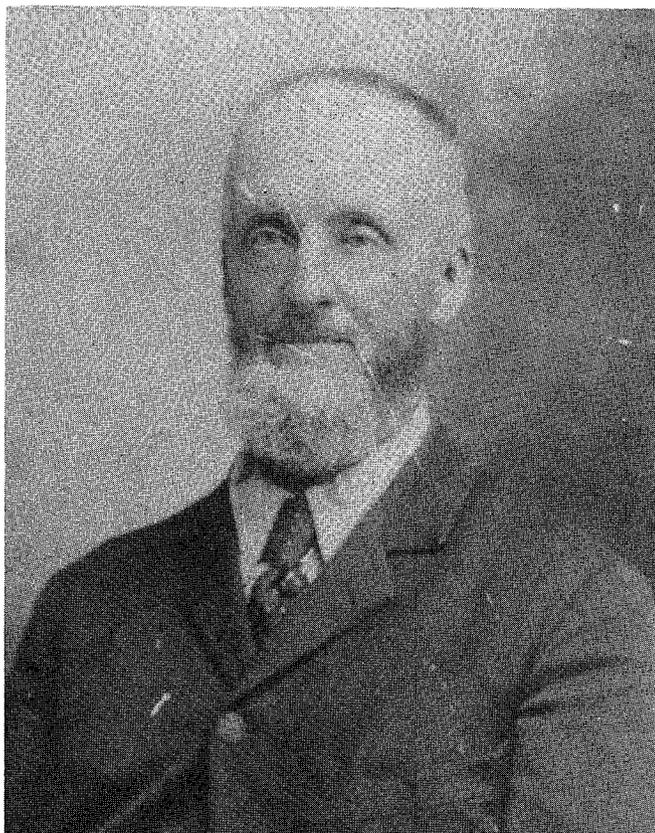
submitted by Harry Boulton

One of the earlier pioneer residents that settled in Poplar Park was George J. Boulton. He and his wife Caroline (Beggs) came to Canada from England in 1893 with their family. They lived in Winnipeg for two years before moving to Poplar Park.

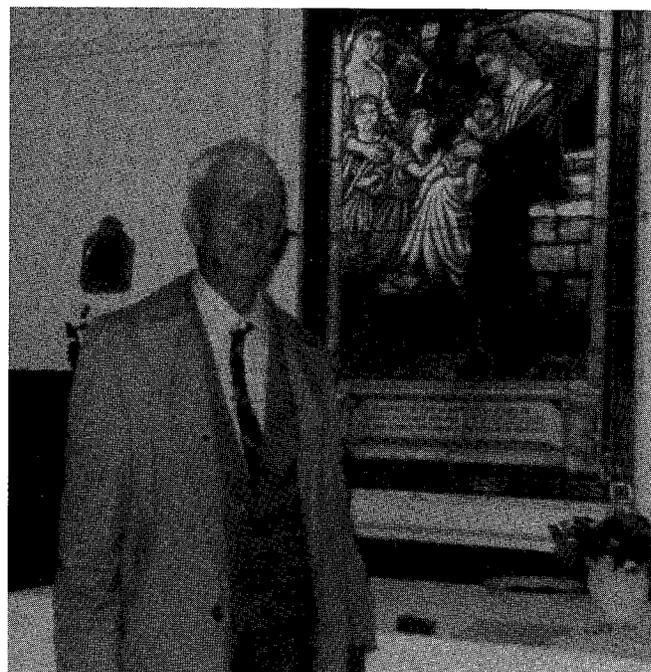
George and his wife Caroline had two daughters, Annie and Elizabeth and four sons, Charlie, John, George and James. Soon after, his older sons and daughters left for other parts of Canada while James remained on the farm with his parents. George was a firm believer in God and the church which he attended regularly. He was a lay reader. Tribute to his fine personality is indicated on the stained glass window in the church which reads as follows:

"Erected to the glory of God and in memory of George Boulton Born Feb. 4, 1843, Died April 13, 1913, By the Ladies Aid, St. James Church."

His wife Caroline passed away in 1921. His youngest son Jim, as he was known to his friends and neighbours, married Sophie Myslawchuk in 1914. They had two daughters, Annie and Mary and three sons, John, Harry and George. His wife Sophie passed away in 1945. His elder daughter Annie Mymko passed away in 1982. Jim served for many years on the Sheffield School board, also



George James Boulton



James Boulton standing by the stained glass window, dedicated to his father.

as church warden. He served as councillor for eight years (1932-1940) in ward 5 R.M. of St. Clements. In his later years he lived with his son Harry and daughter-in-law Elsie on the farm.

In 1980 he moved to the Betel Home in Selkirk where he resides at present, in his 96th year.

His son Harry lives on the farm. John and George also reside in Poplar Park. His daughter Mary Nykoluk lives in Libau.

BOULTON MILITARY SERVICE

Gunner John E. Boulton -- H-8383, enlisted Feb. 1943 in R.C.A. He did his service in Canada, and was awarded The Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and then honourably discharged in May, 1946.

PTE. Harry B. Boulton -- H-20775, enlisted Feb., 1941 in The Canadian Infantry Corp. He did his service in Canada, the U.K. and North West Europe, 3rd Infantry Division. He was awarded the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and clasp. The 1939-45 Star - France and Germany Star. He was honourably discharged in March, 1946.

PAUL AND EVA BOYKO

submitted by Eva Boyko

Eva was born in Libau on March 16, 1920 the daughter of Wasyl (Wlm) and Anastasia Kosack.

She began her education in the Libau West School until she finished her education. She stayed and worked on her parents' farm until the age of 21 where she met and married Paul Boyko from the Ladywood area. They are the parents of five daughters and one son. Lorraine, Stephanie, Paulette, Sylvia, Marlene and Milton.

They continued farming in Ladywood, later in Walkleyburg, till they retired to their home in East Selkirk, in 1975. Of the five children, Lorraine was born in Dec. 1944. She began her education at the Lilydale School, her Junior High and Senior High in West Selkirk and graduated to Grade 11 and to her Secretarial position at the Mental Hospital for two years. She met and married Maurice Yurkiw in the year 1966. They resided in Pasedena, Cal. where Maurice furthered his education in Theology. They then moved back to Canada after the completion of his studies, to work in his ministerial field, first as Minister at Yorkton, and now residing in Saskatoon, Sask. They are parents of four children, three daughters and one son: Donna, Mary, Karen, and Daniel.

Paulette was born in Aug. 1946. She began her education at the Lilydale School and then went on to the West Selkirk School where she graduated. She stayed home at the farm until her parents retired to East Selkirk. Then, she worked at Home Care, and also worked with young children, as well as in the Bakery. She is now residing with her parents at their home in East Selkirk.

Stephanie was born in Sept., 1948. She began her education in Lilydale School then went on to West

Selkirk for her senior years and graduated. She worked at the Selkirk Mental Hospital for four years as a Nurses Aid. Stephanie met and married Robert Sarammaga, a farmer's son in Hazelridge, in 1972. They moved to the farm and farmed continuously till the present time. They are parents of two children, one daughter and one son: Kathy, and Andrew.

Milton Paul was born in July, 1950. He began his education at the Lilydale School and then went on to West Selkirk for his junior and senior years, graduating from Grade 12 and then on to work at Electronic for a period of three years, and at the Lower Fort Garry for another three years. He met and married Darlene Gregg of Grosse-Isle and took over his parents farm upon their retirement. They were the parents of four children two of which are deceased, a son 6 months and a daughter in infancy. Remaining at home are Stacey who is 4 years old and Tracey who is 8 years old.

Sylvia was born in May 1956. She began her education at Happy Thought School during her Junior years and then on to the Lord Selkirk Comprehensive School for her senior years, graduating from Grade 12 then she went on to attend Red River College for her nurses training and received her L.P.N. training in the Portage La Prairie General Hospital. Sylvia then worked at the Selkirk General Hospital and Concordia Hospital, and is presently with Home Care. She met and married Ron Smiley of Winnipeg in the year 1978. They are the parents of one son, Christopher and all are residing in Winnipeg.

Marlene was born in Oct. 1959. She began her education at the Happy Thought School, then went on for her senior years at the Lord Selkirk Comprehensive School, finishing her Grade 12, and receiving her Diploma in Food Services in the year 1981. Marlene worked with Brian's Catering for two years and then transferred to the Red River Nursing Home in Selkirk where she is employed at present.

BRYCZKA (BRETCHKA) FAMILY HISTORY

submitted by Peter Bretchka

Peter Bretchka and his wife Frances nee (Tomczuk) were married in Ladywood Church on Nov. 18, 1913.

Peter came from Broda, Austria in 1910. Peter arrived in Halifax, Canada, with his father Andrew and his older brother Mike. Father Andrew Bretchka was left in Halifax and his sons travelled by train to Winnipeg. Mike found employment in Winnipeg and Peter took any job that was available, mostly with horses. He was lucky at that to find employment with a contractor to scrape ditches. He worked with a pair of mules and a scraper. Peter working for farmers, hauling sheaves to the thresher. Winter months Peter found employment hauling ice to houses and restaurants in Winnipeg. It was during this time of employment that he met his wife Frances.

Frances came to Canada from Skalat, Austria with her parents, Paul and Cassie Tomczuk and four brothers. Her brothers were Stanley, age 12, Pete 9, Walter 7, and Tom age 4, Frances was 15 years old at the time.



Baba Frances and Dedo Peter Bryczka (Bretchka).



Florence (nee; Bretchka) Smolinski, 1938.

Tomchucks bought 80 acres of bush, 3 miles southwest of the Ladywood School. It was there the family built their homestead.

Frances and Peter after marriage in 1913, built a small log house on the Tomchucks' property, and lived there

for 6 years. In the meantime, Peter was working wherever a job could be found to make money to buy his own land and support his family. They already had 3 daughters (Mary, Annie and Helen) born on this residence. In 1916 Peter Tomchuck (brother-in-law) joined him and they worked anywhere they could to find a job together. In 1919 they looked for property to purchase and found a 1/4 of a section in R.M. of St. Clements, District of Walkleyburg, now known as East Selkirk. They bought the land. Section 15-14-6E and split in 1/2, 80 acres each.

Peter and Frances raised seven children there, five daughters Mary Boyko, Annie Kostiniuk, Helen Ewasko, Florence Smolinski and Lily Gerylo and two sons Martin and Victor.

Besides mixed farming, Peter cut and supplied cordwood to the merchants of Selkirk. The journey was always done by horse and sleigh and supplied his winter income.

Peter was known and respected for his love of horses, and his fine harnessed teams.

Upon retirement age Peter and Frances turned over the management of the farm to their son Victor, but resided there, in a separate house until their death. Frances in 1967, and Peter in 1976. They were buried in the Brookside Walkleyburg cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tomchuck are also buried in the Brookside cemetery.



Helen and Victor Bretchka's home.

Frances Bretchka. He attended school at Brightstar School. In 1956, he married Helen Bialek of Hazelglen. They lived in Winnipeg for a year and a half and in 1957 returned to the Walkleyburg homestead to complete the building of a new house which replaced the original dwelling.

Earlier in 1957, they had a daughter, Deborah Lynn, and later Karen Lee arrived in 1961.

Their children also attended their elementary schooling at Brightstar School, before consolidating to the Tyndall-Beausejour schools.

Deborah graduated from the Lord Selkirk Comprehensive School in 1975 and later that year married Raymond Kashuba of East Selkirk. They now reside in Winnipeg.

Karen graduated from the Lord Selkirk Comprehensive School in 1979, and in December of the same year, she married Glen Dudeck, of Winnipeg. They reside in Tyndall.

Besides farming, Victor has always been employed in the construction field. Though Victor and Helen no longer are active farmers, they still enjoy the upkeep of the original farmyard and garden area.

DAVID ALFRED BRUCE

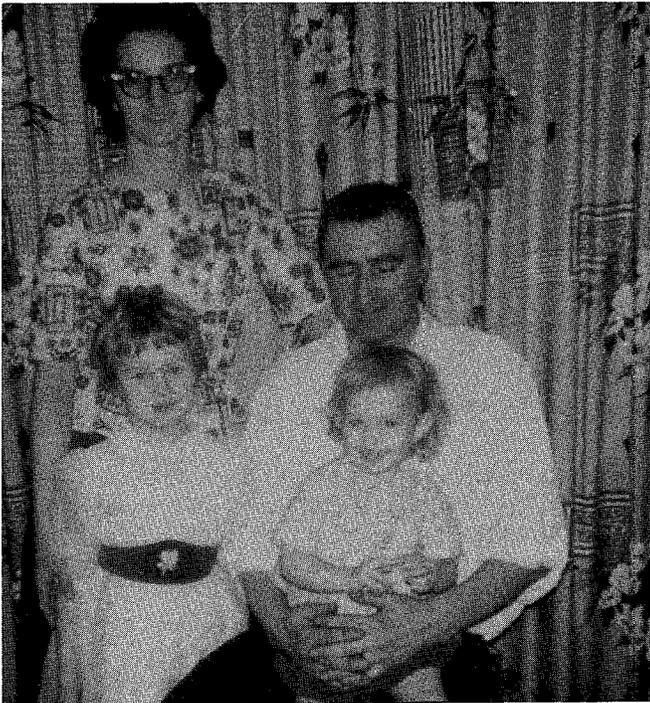
submitted by Patrick Bruce

David Alfred Bruce was the son of the Reverend Patrick Bruce and was one of a family of six sons and two daughters: Edward, Arthur, David A., Victor, Walter, Percy, Josie and Elsie Bruce. David was born on July 31, 1872.

The Reverend Patrick Bruce was the son of John Bruce. He had about 7 children: Rev. George Bruce, Joseph, Peter, James, and the three girls, Mrs. McRae, Mrs. Bannatyne, and Mrs. Boyd.

The Reverend Patrick Bruce had a store at Oak Point and besides his church duties and spiritual responsibilities he taught School for many years. He was born in 1845 and died in about 1932. He is buried in Poplar Park.

David A. Bruce, the son, besides working for the



Helen, Victor, Debbie, and Karen, 1963.

VICTOR BRETCHKA FAMILY HISTORY

submitted by Victor Bretchka

Victor Bretchka was born Dec. 16, 1932 at his home in Walkleyburg, being the youngest son of Peter and



David Alfred Bruce, son of Patrick Bruce Sr. and father of Patrick Bruce Jr.



Mrs. Alice Bruce (nee; Leask, Pruden).

Hudson's Bay Company, also taught school for many years, Poplar Park, being one in particular.

In the year 1903, David married a young widow lady named, Alice Pruden, (nee: Leask) who had been married to William Pruden in 1887. William and Alice had a family of 6 children born to them: Walter born in 1888 (died at birth), A. Ambrose born in 1889, Dave T. born in 1891, Lydia (Diddie) born in 1892, Gordon born in 1895, Charlie born in 1897, and Wlm. Jr. (Bill) born in 1898. William Pruden Sr. had very sadly passed away and Alice was left alone to cope with her growing family. Alice had been born in 1870, the daughter of Wlm. Leask and his wife (Cummings). Alice Leask had three brothers and 6 sisters named: John, Edward, Alfred, Sophia, Liza, Mary (Polly), Lydia, Flora and Maud. Alice had come from the large Leask family and was used to the hard work of early pioneer life, and she had been a good wife to William Pruden and raised her family with all the love and care within her ability.

Then Alice and David Bruce were blessed with 5 children: Patrick in 1904, Roland in 1906 (who died at



D.A. Bruce, Jim Bruce, Ivy, May, Pat, Margi, Muriel, Ambrose, Dorothy in front of Clare, ?, Joan, Billy, Lorne, Bob in arms. 1939.

birth), Roy in 1908, Robert (Jim) in 1910, and Margurite (Marge) in 1913.

They lived at Oak Point, on property at the southeast end of Philip Monkman's land and 1 1/2 miles East of the main road, near Libau, on N 1/2 NW 1/2 30-15-6E. The William Leask homestead was right across from the Rev. Patrick Bruce's homestead.

The children attended the Arnhold School and the St. James Anglican Church.

Alice's first family born of William Pruden and her second family born of David A. Bruce, were great friends and the combined families respected and loved Alice with great passion, all her life. The families lived together amiably and David A. Bruce took the responsibility of his inherited family and they in turn adopted David A. as their father with mutual love and respect on both sides.

David A. Bruce passed away on Nov. 12, 1969, when he was 97 years of age, and is buried in the St. James Anglican Churchyard Cemetery in Poplar Park.



Old Oganoski House by the Arnold School, Libau, owned by Geo. Allen, David Pruden, then Percy Bruce and later Joe Starin until his death.

Alice Bruce (nee: Leask, Pruden) lived to be only 49 years old and passed away on May 12, 1919. She is also resting at peace in the St. James Cemetery in Poplar Park.

David A., until his death in 1969, still enjoyed a friendly and loving relationship with all his adopted Pruden children.

PATRICK BRUCE JR.

submitted by Pat Bruce

Patrick Bruce was born in Poplar Park in the year 1904, the son of David A. Bruce and Alice (Leask, Pruden). Alice had been married to William Pruden earlier in 1887 and had a family of 6 children: Walter (died in birth), Ambrose, Dave, Lydia, Gordon, Charlie and Wlm. Jr.

Patrick was the first child born (1904) to David A. Bruce and Alice, followed by Roland in 1906 (died at birth), Roy in 1908, Robert (Jim) in 1910, and Margurite in 1913, also called Marge.

The children attended Arnhold School and the St. James Anglican Church of Poplar Park.

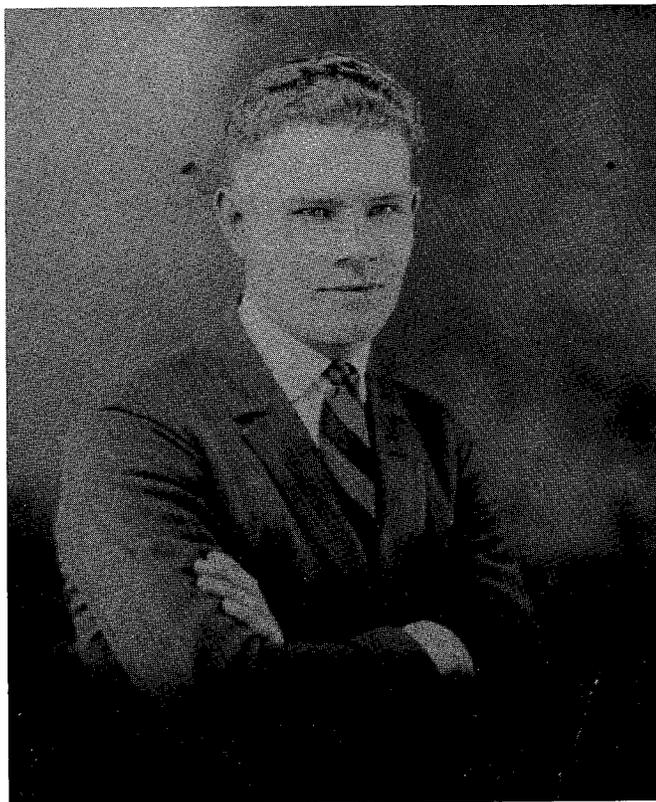
They lived at Oak Point, on the property at the SE end of Philip Monkman's land about 1 1/2 miles East of the main road on Pt. N. 1/2-N.W. 1/4 of 30-15-6E.

Patrick was about 9 years old in about 1913/14 when a cottage was turned into the Arnhold School and remembers John Isbister's sister was the first teacher.

As Patrick was growing up he worked about the home helping his parents and he also worked out for various farmers doing threshing and haying. Patrick also worked with the road crew brushing the road into the Pine Falls Paper Mill in the earlier years. Eventually, Pat was hired by the Mill as Camp Cook, where up to 2000 hungry men had to be fed. There appeared to be some discrimination at camp, but Pat was a decided favorite. He worked there about one year. David A. Bruce, Pat's father, felt Pat could do better than this, so he obtained employment for his son working for the CNR where his first job was in the CN Express as a Bill Clerk. Patrick was soon promoted and during the years, he worked in about 22 different departments with in the CNR organization. At one time he worked the No. 1 train to Armstrong and received \$400 per month, which was considered very good pay in those days. Patrick was very ambitious and energetic and supplemented his income by doing other projects such as painting, carpentry, Sales (radio and T.V.'s). He realized a goodly sum from these odd jobs and in later years the early experience would come to his aid.

In the 1930's, Pat worked for Dominion Business College. He was involved in Public Relations and his clients were young men and women who had graduated from school and looking for a career. Patrick would convince them of the advantages of enrolling in business college.

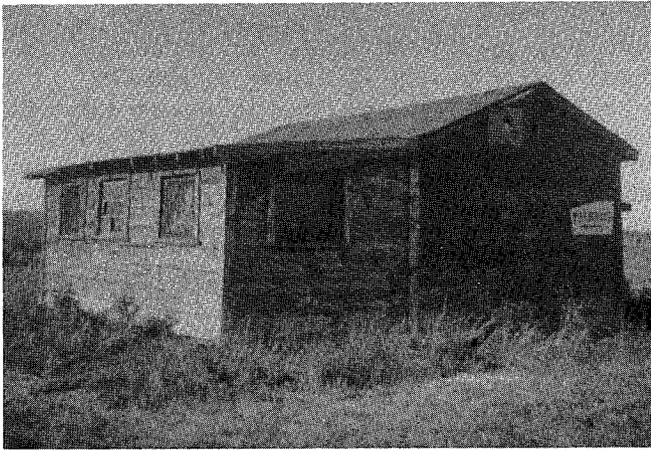
Patrick met and married a young lady, Mary Catherine Millward, on June 11, 1927. They were married at the St.



Mr. Patrick Bruce, 1922 at 18 years of age.



Mrs. Patrick Bruce



Lodge No. 2 belonging to Patrick Bruce located on the Marsh, 1964.



Patrick Bruce - shot from Boat - duck landed beside the boat, Pat got the duck without leaving the boat.

Stevens United Church on Broadway Ave. in Winnipeg with Rev. Gordon (Ralph Connor) doing the officiating. Witnesses were: Henry Halpin and Jessie Millward.

Mary Catherine (May) Millward was the daughter of Albert Evan Millward and Jane (nee: Davies). May's father was born in England, and her mother was born in Cardiff, Wales. May's parents were married in England and after 4 children were born to them, they decided to move to Canada. They settled in St. James, then moved to Fort Garry.

May went to work as a young lady of only 15 years. May had a variety of jobs, in her youth.

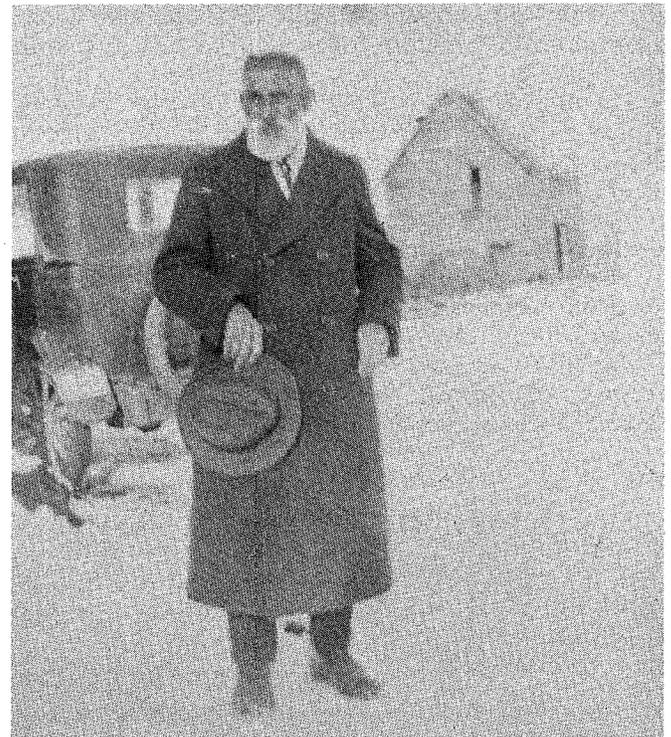
In 1947, Patrick and May moved to Vancouver, B.C. While there, May went to night school where she took many different courses; wood finishing, typing, cake decorating, oil painting and music with Violin lessons. May then joined a band of 6, a piano, accordian, Sax, Trombone, Drums and violin. They play a lot in White Rock, B.C.

Patrick and May remain busy. They had three

children: Lorne, Joan and Jim. Lorne works at the University of Regina, Joan works in a Doctor's Office, and Jim is a High School Teacher now in charge of the Resource Center in the Cranbrook area. Patrick and May also have 7 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

In 1977, for their Golden Wedding Anniversary, Patrick and May celebrated by getting married again, a true sign of love and devotion.

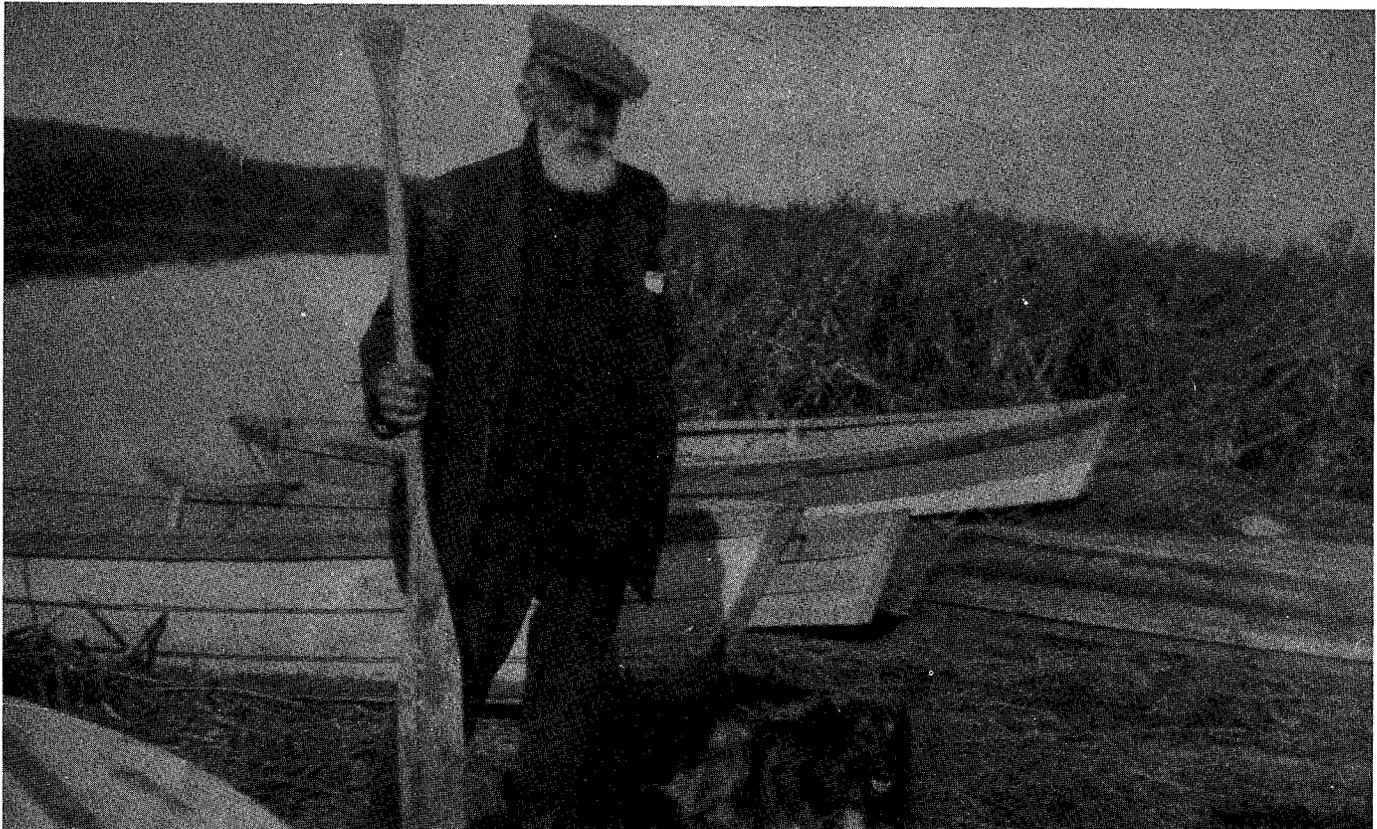
Although Patrick and May live in White Rock, B.C., Patrick can be seen 6 out of 12 months in one of his favorite places, the Libau Marsh. Patrick still keeps busy in the Libau Marsh and May keeps busy with her painting and violin playing.



Pat Bruce Sr. beside one of the first Ford cars bought by Ambrose and Gordon Pruden or possibly the Tom Hay car.



Left to Right: Percy, Walter and Patrick Bruce. Bottom: David and Victor Bruce.



Mr. Pat Bruce Sr.

REVEREND PATRICK BRUCE

submitted by Reg Bruce

Reverend Patrick Bruce was born and raised in Kildonan. He attended St. Johns College and became an Anglican Minister.

After one or more Missions, he came to Landsdown Mission with his family in about 1876. This was in Keewatin, not Manitoba, at that time.

After a few years, the Reverend Patrick and his family moved to Point Grand Marais. There his career was extended to teaching school as well as still serving the Church.

He then moved his family to Whittle's Point, and then to Corbett's place to live, while Mr. Bruce left off preaching and just taught at the old Poplar Park School.

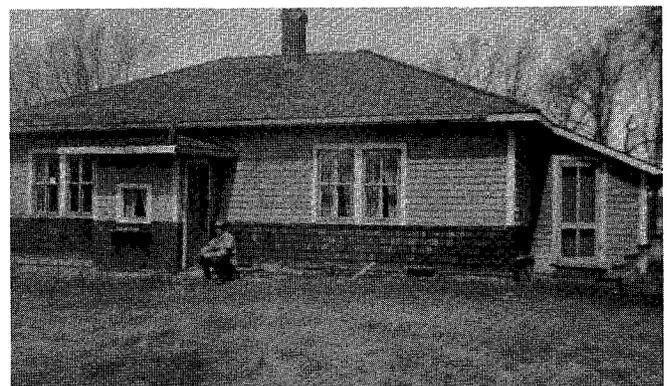
In about 1892, Mr. Bruce bought land, Sec. NW 1/4 30-15-6-E, near Poplar Park. He moved his family there, and started to farm.

Patrick Bruce had six sons; Edward, Arthur, David, Victor, Walter and Percy, and two daughters; Josephine (Mrs. E. Scott), and Elsie (Mrs. C.H. Chappell).

Victor married Daisy McLean in 1916, and bought the homeplace. They lived there until 1943, when they moved to Portage la Prairie. They had three sons, Reg, Russell and Melville, and four daughters, Elizabeth, Grace, Hazel and Gladys. Their whole family lives in or near Portage la Prairie.



Patrick Bruce Sr. Lodge at Libau Marsh, 1915, burned down in 1960.



Patrick Bruce Sr.'s homestead, 1957.

GEORGE HENRY AND MARTHA JEAN BRUCE

submitted by Olive Wardrop

In 1903, George and Jean Bruce moved to Highland Glen.

George Henry was born in Renfrew County, Ontario, while Martha Jean Esther (Carson) was born in Kenora, Ont.

They farmed 365 acres for over 40 years.

Mr. Bruce was very instrumental in forming the Highland School District No. 1628 back in 1912 and served on the Board of Trustees for several years.

George and Jean Bruce had nine children: Evelyn Elizabeth (who married William Penwarden), Leslie Malcolm (deceased Aug. 10, 1970), Violet Margaret (who married Duncan J. Rowley), Hazel Mae (who married Wilfred Nelson), Agnes Henrietta (who married Thori Olafson), George Henry Jr. (deceased Jan. 12, 1971 at age 54), Patrick Tracy (deceased at age 59 on July 23, 1970), John (Jack) Robert, and Ruth Colleen (who married Cox, Hugh Rowley).

George Henry died in 1946 in his 76th year. Martha Jean passed away in her 83rd year in 1964. Both are resting peacefully in the Little Britain Churchyard Cemetery.



George and Jean Bruce.



William (Bill) Henry, George Penwarden, Evelyn (Bruce) Penwarden and Violet Rowley.

VICTOR AND NETTIE (ANNIE) BRYLL

submitted by Anne Molinski

Victor Bryll came to Canada from Austria in the year 1905. He left behind his wife Nettie (Annie) and his two children, Walter and Mary, in order to make a new home for them in Canada. He was a stonemason. Victor passed away in Wpg. in 1911.

Nettie Bryll remarried to Alexander Solnik and they emigrated to Canada in 1913. When they arrived in East Selkirk they built a one room log house, that is now still the Bryll property. Later they built a much larger home, it still was built of logs with siding on the outside.

Walter attended the Happy Thought School and at the age of 14 he went to work at Simpson's Box Factory in Selkirk, where Robertson's Store now stands.

At the age of 18, he started working for the Manitoba Rolling Mills where he became a melter, and worked there until his retirement in 1974. Walter was musically inclined, he played the violin, drums and accordian. On Sept. 30, 1934, he married Annie Mikolash, the daughter of Theophile and Maria. We then moved into the Solnik house and they built a new home across the road. We have two sons, Richard Walter born March 29, 1936 and Victor Ted born Aug. 11, 1941. The year Richard was born I came home April 8, Dr. Ross still drove on the Red River and took me to where the steam plant stands and my brother Adolphe came with a team of horses and a sleigh and drove me the rest of the way home.

In 1939 we tore down the log house and saved what lumber we could. Walter's half brother Mike Solnik (age 18) built his first house, which still stands at what everyone called "Bryll Corner". Walter, at that time,