

England, France, Belgium, Holland, Norway and Germany. At war end he was assigned one year on No. 221 Military Gov't duties. Peter returned to Canada and was in Calgary in July of 1946, where he received his honourable discharge. When discharged he returned to Edmonton and joined his wife Marion and son Patrick. Peter soon went to work for Metards Lumber Co., as a truck driver and Marion continued working in the University Hospital as a Nurses Aid, with war amputees. They lived in Edmt. until July 1947 and returned to East Selkirk. Peter got a job with the Municipality of St. Clements as a heavy equipment operator until 1953.

In 1950 Peter bought 10 acres on Frank Street. On the 10 acres he raised ponies, horses, cows, pigs, chickens, geese, turkeys and later goats. Peter and Marion taught their children responsibility at an early age taking care of animals and birds. At 6:30 am Sunday mornings, before they would arise, the neighborhood children would invade the barnyard taking turns riding the ponies and bunting with the goats.



Peter and Marion Cole's family.

In 1954, Peter and Marion and their family moved to Camp Morton. Peter went there to build the campgrounds for The Ukrainian park, and Marion took on the task of head cook until July, 1955. In Sept. Peter began working for the Manitoba Rolling Mills of Selkirk and continues working there today. Marion took part in 4-H Sewing Club as crocheting instructor and together with Julia Kiselevitch, they received many prizes and trophies.

Peter and Marion took an active part in community work. They helped build the skating rink and helped keep it going for many years. Peter was chairman of the East Selkirk Skating Board. Peter served on the Happy Thought School Board as Chairman before and when they consolidated, for at least 7 years.

Peter and Marion were very involved with the St. Mary's Greek Catholic Church. Peter as chairman of the Church board during construction and after it was constructed, while Marion was treasurer on the Women's Board for many years and a member of the Catholic



Nick and Nettie Kordalchuk.

Women's league. Many summer years were spent holding picnics on the Cole home grounds raising funds for the construction of the Church. In 1952 taking in the Midway Shows.

In 1964, Peter and Marion constructed a new home on Lot 7 Frank St. and they live there until this day. They are presently involved with The Senior Citizen's Club.

Peter and Marion have four children Pat, Will, Marlene, and Ted.



Back Row: Willie, Pat and Marlene. Front Row: Marion, Ted and Peter Cole.



*John Kologinski,
brother to
Peter Cole.*

PATRICK MICHEAL COLE

submitted by P.M. Cole

Patrick Micheal Cole was born in Selkirk on Oct. 18, 1942. Mom and I lived in East Selkirk until April 1944, and later that month moved to Alberta. Dad joined Mom and I after he was discharged from the Second World War in 1946. We lived in Alberta until June of 1947. In 1947, we moved to East Selkirk. I attended Grades 1 to 5 at the Happy Thought School. In 1954 we moved to Camp Morton where I attended the Camp Morton School and completed Grade 6. In 1955 we moved to East Selkirk where I attended Happy Thought until 1959. From 1959 to 1960 I attended St. Vladimir School in Roblin, Man. Upon returning back to East Selkirk in 1960 I attended S.C.I. In 1961 I graduated from Grade 12 and the same year attended teachers College until 1962. I taught in Libau East School in 1962 to 1963 teaching grades 1 to 9. After teaching 9 grades the decision wasn't hard to make so I decided to go to the University of Manitoba. I attended U. of M. from 1964 to 1967 and graduated with B. of Physed, and later achieved B. of Education and Certificate of Special Education. In 1967 I started teaching in the St. Boniface School District and



Pony and Neighborhood children at Cole's.

continued to do so until 1974. In the fall of 1974, I started work as Recreational Consultant for the province of Man. and worked at this until 1981. In Sept. of 1981, I began teaching in Steinbach for the Hanover School District and am there at the present time. Presently, I am President of the Athletic Council.

Over the years I have been involved in fastball, football, hockey, track and field, tennis and continue to do so at the present time.

On Aug. 16, 1969, I married Patricia Oliver of Wpg. We now have two children, Mark Oliver born July 12, 1972 and Carrie Lee born Jan. 31, 1976. Presently we live in Steinbach.

WILLIAM GEORGE COLE

submitted by William Cole/dw

William George Cole was born on March 23, 1948 in Selkirk, Man. His first year of school was spent in the Camp Morton School in 1954. From 1955 to 1961 William attended the Happy Thought School in East Selkirk, for Grades 2 to 8. With the help of Frank Wesley, a minor hockey team in East Selkirk was formed and called the East Selkirk Hornets, for boys ages 9 and 10. William joined this team and played against Selkirk and surrounding communities. Then William went on to join the Selkirk Youth Council hockey program in 1960-61.

William, at the age of 12, along with Gary Lichach on the saxophone, Pat Tarnopolski on drums, and Peter Hrymak on guitar, were inspired by Mr. Frank Wesley to form a band. They formed a band and called themselves "The Polka Dots", and so formed one of East Selkirk's youngest "active" bands, at the age of 12.

The Polka Dots began their music career at housewarming parties, then they stepped up into bigger things such as: socials, banquets, weddings, graduations and eventually night clubs. Their first job cost them \$5.00, and all they earned was a bag of doughnuts ... "people must have thought we worked for peanuts", said Will. In 1963, Doug Danko on the saxophone was added for a 5 piece band called "Will and The Instrumentals", then they were called "The Inn-Strumentals". Finally they changed the name to "The Family Band", with Darwin Donachuk replacing Doug Danko on the saxophone.

In 1961-62, William played hockey for the St. Andrews Aces in the House League.

Grades 9 to 12 were attended in the Selkirk Collegiate Institute in 1961 to 1967. While at S.C.I., William won the Provincial Junior Shot Put Championship in 1963, and was a Provincial High School Volleyball Zone Champion in 1963-64. In 1962-63, William played hockey for Selkirk's Bantam "B" All Stars. In 1963-64, he played hockey on the Selkirk Bantam "A" All Stars. In 1964-65, he played hockey on the Selkirk Midget All star team, 1965-66 found him playing hockey with the Selkirk Juvenile All Stars, plus the Arborg Falcons, in the Interlake Intermediate Hockey League. In 1966, William was the first player to sign up with the Selkirk Steelers. So in 1966 to 1968, William played for the Selkirk Steelers in

the Manitoba Junior Hockey League. In 1967-68 playing with the Selkirk Steelers, they were Western Manitoba Junior Hockey League Champs. In 1968, William joined the Wpg., Jets in the Western Canadian Major and Junior Hockey League, also in 1968 William played for the Selkirk Fishermen, in the Man-Sask Senior Hockey League.

When playing for the Wpg. Jets, William played against current NHL'ers such as: Bobby Clarke, Philadelphia Flyers; Butch Goring, New York Islanders; Bill Fairbairn, New York Rangers; Yuha Widing, L.A. Kings; Reggie Leach, Philly; Chuck Lefley, Montreal Canadiens; Gerry Hart, Quebec Nordique; and Andy Van Hellemond, NHL Referee.

In 1969, the band that William played for became known as "Bounty", that was when William left for a career in Broadcasting.

In 1968-69, William chose a career in broadcasting and went to the National Institute of Broadcasting in Wpg. His broadcasting career started in 1969-70 with William working for CKWL, in Williams Lake, B.C. 1971-72 was spent at CHTM, in Thompson, 1972-73 year was worked at CKRM, in Regina, Sask., 1973 to 1976 found William working at CFCN in Calgary, Alta., 1976-78 he worked at CFRY in Portage la Prairie.

Currently, William works as a morning man at CKRM in Regina, Sask. William has had the opportunity to broadcast the play by play hockey action of the Caribou Intermediate Hockey League in Williams Lake, B.C. He also did sideline reports on: The Calgary Stampeder's, C.F.L. Broadcast, Sports Coverage of the Wpg. Blue Bombers, Wpg. Jets, W.H.A.'s Team Canada, Western Exhibition, now the Sask. Roughriders.

William has MC'd many country concerts with stars like: Johnny Cash, Tammy Wynette, Merle Haggard, The Oakridge Boys, Marty Robbins, Hoyt Axton, Mel Tillis, Don Williams, Conway Twitty, Jerry Lee Lewis, Janie Fricke, Barbara Mandrell, Johnny Paycheck, Hank Williams Jr., Wilf Carter, Hank Snow, and The Rhythm Pals, just to name a few.

William has also hosted Charters to Nashville, Las Vegas, The Caribbean, and Houston. William says, "What a life for a boy from East Selkirk".

William now plays with a Country Band in Regina called "King Kountry". They travel the whole Province of Sask., as part of their radio station Promotion.

William was married on Nov. 14, 1970 to Edelean Betty Hoffman, daughter of Edward and Lydia Hoffman of Selkirk. They have three children: Shelley Denise born Dec. 4, 1974, Scott William born July 18, 1977 and Melissa Cindy-Marie born Dec. 1, 1979. Currently William and his family reside in Regina, Sask.

MARLENE PATRICIA COLE

submitted by M.P. Cole

I was born in Selkirk on June 19, 1949. I lived in East Selkirk for the first 5 years. We moved to Camp Morton in 1954, where Dad looked after the Ukrainian Summer Camp. Wanting to go to school so badly, the Nuns at the Gimli school consented to let me attend for the last few

months of the school year. It was like a mini Kindergarten course.

We returned to East Selkirk in 1955, and I started my school years at Happy Thought School under the guidance of Mrs. E. Stasiuk. I completed all 8 grades at Happy Thought, with the Grade one and two teacher being Mrs. Stasiuk, Gr. 3 and 4 teacher being Miss June Zegil, Gr. 5, 6 and 7 teacher was Mr. Frank Wesley, while the Gr. 8 teachers were Mr. O. Semenko and Mrs. E. Stasiuk.

I joined the 4-H Sewing Club in Gr. 5 and continued through to Gr. 8. In Gr. 8, I was awarded a trip to the 4-H Summer Camp at Gimli for my achievement in the club. The same year our class published a school paper and I was chosen editor. I also played on a Girls' Hockey team. My interest in sports was first developed in Happy Thought School by Mr. Wesley and I continued on into high school.

Then, I attended Selkirk Collegiate for all of my high school education. I was involved in a variety of sports and clubs, Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton, Track and Field, Gym Club, Pep Club, Glee Club, Red Cross Club, and Science Club.

For my achievements and interests in all aspects of sports I received a Legion Award whereby I attended the Peace Garden Track and Field Camp at the International Peace Gardens in 1965.

In 1966 I was chosen as a Centennial Exchange Student for Cornwall, Ont. In 1968, I received the Athlete of the Year of S.C.I. The same year I was chosen Miss Selkirk Steeler for the Selkirk Hockey Club.

Throughout my badminton career in S.C.I. I won trophies for singles and doubles in school competition. In 1966, Audrey Klim and I competed as a doubles pair in the Provincial Championships. We placed second in our division and received special pins for our achievement.

I also competed in the Prov. Track and Field Competitions each year from Gr. 9 to 12 in the shot-put event placing 2nd in 1965.

I attended the University of Manitoba Education 1A Program in 1968 and 1969. I continued to play volleyball at the University level on one of the secondary teams.

I started my teaching career in 1969, with a Gr. 2 class at Happy Thought School. I coached and helped with the P.E. program and received an appreciation award from the school.

I moved to Snow Lake, Man. in 1970 and continued my career with another Gr. 2 class. I curled with a teacher's team and tried skiing for the first time. I met my husband to be, Larry Edel that same winter. We were married in Oct. of 1971 and we returned to Snow Lake to live until Dec. I was teaching Phys. Ed from Gr. 4 to 6, Guidance from Gr. 7 to 12, and Language Arts to a Gr. 6 class. Larry was transferred to Flin Flon and we left Snow Lake to make a home in Creighton, Sask. I was a substitute teacher for the remainder of the 1972 school year.

Sept. of 1972, saw me as a kindergarten teacher in Creighton run by a group of interested parents. I continued in this position to May of 1974. Larry introduced me to bowling shortly after moving to Creighton and I continue to play regularly to this day.

In 1974, I joined a local ladies' volleyball team and we participated in the Northern Manitoba Winter Games in Thompson, Man. We received Copper medals placing 2nd overall in the competition. In 1975, I joined the Rebekah Lodge in Flin Flon.

Our first son, Christopher, was born Sept. 8, 1974. We bought a larger home and moved to Flin Flon in 1975. Kelly, son No. 2 was born Jan. 23, 1977 and Cameron, son No. 3 was born March 8, 1978. In 1980 I became Advisor to Theta Rho Girls' Club in Flin Flon.

Larry received a mine promotion as Superintendent to the Whitehorse Copper Mines in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory in 1981 and we re-located the fall of that year. We have spent 2 years in the Yukon and will be returning to Flin Flon in June of 1983, where Larry will continue working with the Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting.

While in the Yukon, I have been active in the bowling league as a player, scorekeeper and adult supervisor of the Bantam League.

THEODORE ANTHONY COLE

submitted by T.A. Cole

Theodore Anthony Cole was born in Selkirk on March 1, 1951. At the age of 3, we moved to Camp Morton where all I could do was help my dad by handing him nails or a hammer, while he was putting up buildings. We moved back to East Selkirk in 1955 and I was happy to be home.

I started my 1st grade at the Happy Thought School and continued until grade 8, then attended S.C.I. from grade 9 to 12. I was involved with track and field from grade 9 to 12 and achieved many ribbons and trophies. Also, I went with a school group to Mexico in 1968. I travelled to Europe alone in 1973 and again in 1976 with my wife. Both times to Europe I travelled all over England and on the Continent, Holland being the major area.

Over the years, I worked for Searle Nursery, Manitoba Rolling Mills, Fort Construction in Edmt., Children's Hospital in Calgary, and the Health Science Centre in Wpg. At present I work with the Wpg. Ambulance. Working with, or helping sick people has always been my preference.

On Sept. 5, 1975, I married Beverly Jernberg from Sprague, Man. We have two sons, David, born on Feb. 5, 1978, and Ian, born on March 2, 1979. We presently live in Selkirk, Man.

KENYON "DAD" COPPERTHWAITE

submitted by slh

Kenyon came to Canada in 1853 from England when he was just a youngster of 14 years. He lived in Eastern Canada and the far north before the turn of the century. He was a Yorkshireman and well-known and widely respected as a hunter and guide from North Bay to Calgary and north to the Arctic Circle.

Mr. Copperthwaite reached Manitoba on the first CPR train to steam into the province. One reason for coming

west was that he heard railway workers were being paid \$1.25 a day. He helped to build the rail line from North Bay.

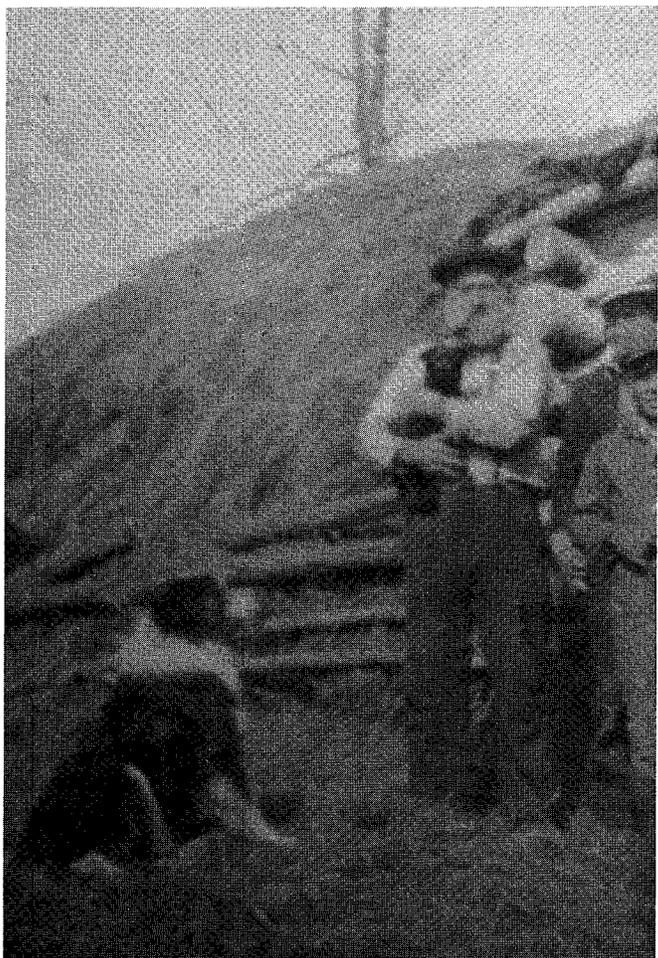
He was only 14 when he moved to Ontario from England and he broke and cleared land which is today the heart of the Peterborough business district.

Once the CPR reached Winnipeg he quit railroading and in 1881 became involved in trapping and hunting throughout the Hudson Bay Company country. That year he started trapping in the James Bay area and later moved even further north. He would trap and hunt in winter and prospect during the summer. The best gold samples he ever found were worth only \$7.00 a ton and he never made any money out of it.

But his love was the forest. "I loved it", he once said. He was very much in tune with all of nature, and perhaps this was why he was lovingly called a "hermit" in later years when it was not so fashionable to live so remotely.

Old "Dad" became famous for his marksmanship with a rifle and was in great demand as a guide during hunting season. He made his living hunting, trapping and guiding generally and in later years especially guiding duck hunters. He knew the marshes like the back of his hand.

When Dad Copperthwaite observed his 109th Birthday in 1948, he attributed his longevity to the rugged life he



Old Dad Copperthwaite, 1938, Sam Guttormson and ?. Dog's name is Toby, a sleigh dog owned by Eva and Gisli Gislason.

had lead outdoors, a drink of Scotch Whiskey whenever it was available and Tobacco which was his constant guide, philosopher and friend. He smoked a pipe most all of his adult life.

When he was 108 years old, he was still making a living as a guide for the duck hunters who visited his farm at Whittle's Point out near Libau. He lived there in a little cabin near Whittle's house (about 7 miles north of Libau). It is said that the cabin belonged to the Gunn Club because after Old Dad died the Gunn Club took over the cabin.

According to the people who best knew him, it is said Kenyon had a long white beard for many years, always smoked a pipe and when he wanted supplies he often walked the 15 miles return to Libau, when he didn't get a ride with neighbors.

Manitoba's oldest man entered the St. Boniface Home for the Aged and Infirm only after his extreme age left him a semi-invalid. Always patriotic, when he was 102 years old he expressed keen disappointment to his many friends because he was unable to join Canada's fighting forces in World War II.

The last year of his life was spent in reminiscing about the old days and he often told those who interviewed him of how he sadly missed his hunting and camping days -- especially the Libau Marsh.

Proof of his robust health was seen in the fact that between the ages of 64 and 101 years he had missed only two seasons of moose and deer hunting in Manitoba.

After Dad left the "Point" he stayed for a while with Gisli Gislasson in Winnipeg. Whenever anyone thinks about Whittles Point, Libau Marsh, hunting or trapping, one immediately remembers an elderly gentleman with a white beard, a pipe and a merry twinkle in his eye. Known by many as the "Hermit of Chesterfield Inlet" and one of Manitoba's oldest and most colorful pioneers.

Kenyon "Dad" Copperthwaite died at 110 years of age on Tuesday, Feb. 8, 1949 and St. Clements municipality, because there were no surviving relatives known to exist, quietly arranged the funeral of their old friend.

MAGNUS CRAIGIE

submitted by Dorothy Craigie

Magnus Craigie came to Canada from Edinburgh, Scotland in 1876. He worked as a fur buyer for the Hudson's Bay Co. After two and a half years in the northern parts of Canada he went back to Scotland and married a Jessie Livingstone who was an excellent seamstress and strong-willed woman whom Magnus knew would fit right into the life of wilderness and hardships that Canada and the little settlements they were to come to. They first settled in Stoney Point along Lake Winnipeg, there Mr. Craigie and his wife farmed. Mrs. Craigie went picking berries one day and lost her way, she was missing for nine days wandering in the wilderness until her shoes were worn right out. Search parties were looking for her all the time. Finally, they found her on the ninth day, very tired. To save her feet she wrapped them with parts of her underclothes.

After a few years at Stoney Point they bought land in

Beaconia area (N.W. 16-17-7) where they also farmed and raised cattle and did market gardening. Their home was built from logs and painted with rust mud which accumulated along the shore. Mrs. Craigie would gather this mud and mix it with water and she painted the house with this. Mr. and Mrs. Craigie had seven children. The first one, Mary, born in 1881. Only two lived and stayed in the area. William born in 1890 and Jane born in 1895. The others died very young.

Mr. Craigie bought a lot of land in those days. He also donated land for a school and then later the school was used for the Anglican Church. And a graveyard for all denominations in the Balsam Bay area.

The Craigie homestead was a stopping station for many travellers from the Fort Alexander area, Grand Beach and also the people from Norway House and all along the east side of Lake Winnipeg. It was the only route to Selkirk where these people and travellers went for medical help and supplies.

Magnus Craigie and his family helped build the C.N.R. track to Grand Beach also the gravel road which follows the lake shore. Magnus Craigie's son, William married Dorothy Carver in 1922. They stayed on the farm, and had four children, three girls and one son, Wilfred who married Dorothy Klatt in 1954. They lived on the farm N.E. 22-17-7 in Balsam Bay. They have four children, two boys, Harlan and David, and two girls, Candace and Amy. Wilfred also maintains the old homestead along the lake. (16-17-7). Candace married Clifton Trainor in 1982 and resides in Victoria Beach.



Wilfred Craigie, grandson of Magnus Craigie. Back Row: Candace, Dorothy, Wilfred. Front Row: David, Amy, Harlan.

W.A. (BILL) AND KATHLEEN ISABEL (KAY) CREANEY

submitted by Mrs. O. Wardrop

Bill and Kay Creaney took over the management of the Star Hotel from the Mikolash family.

Bill was born in Aldergrove, County Antrin, Ireland in 1896. Kay was born in Lac du Bonnet in 1902. They met and married in Souris, Man. on May 23, 1933.

Bill managed the King Edward Hotel in Souris at that time. Then, after one year at the Sutherland Hotel in Winnipeg, they came to the Star Hotel in East Selkirk. They subsequently moved to Rivers and on to the Lac du Bonnet Hotel during the wartime years.

They spent ten wonderful retirement years back in Ireland. Bill died there in 1974, and, Kay continues to live with her sister, Stella Hammerstedt in Lac du Bonnet.



Mr. and Mrs. Cybulsky and their son Bill in Honor, 1922.

GEORGE CRUIKSHANKS

submitted by slh

George was a young man born in about the year 1863. He came to Canada and in the early 1900's he came to work at the Van Horne Farm in East Selkirk, where it was reported that he was a very willing and cooperative worker.

Besides working at the Van Horne Farms he also carried mail by stage between Selkirk and Winnipeg for Dickinson. After a while he gave that up and went to work on the Gov't Dredge at the mouth of the Red River. Due to an accident (dredging) he drowned in the Red River in 1905.

To the best of our knowledge he was never married and the records do not make mention of any of his family. He rests peacefully, at Mapleton.

JOHN CYBULSKY SR.

submitted by Ken Cybulsky/slh

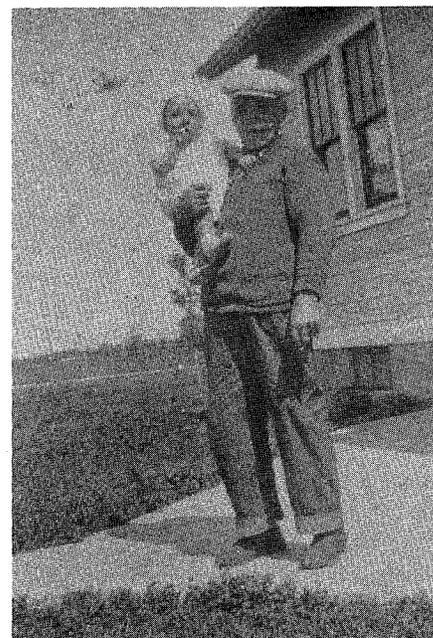
John Cybulsky came to Canada from the Ukraine in the year 1897-98, leaving behind him his wife Frances (Huska) and young son, Michael. The plan was that John would emigrate alone to the new country, find work, locate a homestead and get established, then send for his family.

John arrived in Canada and came to the west via the Immigration Hall in Winnipeg. Almost immediately, John found employment with the railroad, laying tracks and then later building the old CPR station. John liked to recall the building of the station which in those days the cement for the entire building was mixed and shovelled by hand.

John saved his money diligently and in 2 years time had sufficient funds to send for Francis and Michael. They soon arrived and the family settled on prime land on the east side of the Red River (Lot 143) within the Honor district of St. Clements.

Once John had his land cleared and brushed and the home built, he looked around for employment to provide an income for the family. Early on he started building up

an Apiary that soon became a thriving business. Many of the old timers recall the many hives and the excellent honey produced on the John Cybulsky acres. John had brought with him from his native Ukraine a firm knowledge and skill of cattle. It wasn't long until he was thoroughly involved in this trade. He travelled far and wide throughout Selkirk and District buying and selling as well as trading cattle. Horanski's of Walkleyburg recall John spending the night at their place. He always drove a large black horse pulling a democrat with cattle tied all around it. He would water, feed and sleep the stock overnight, usually, in Walkleyburg. He, himself, stayed often at Horanski's. He also did custom slaughtering and was in demand supplying the needs of the local Butcher shops in the town of Selkirk and surrounding areas. His cattle buying trips often kept him on the road and away from home for long periods of time. He became quite successful at his trade and



John Cybulsky and great-grandson Ken, 1938 on Lot 135.



*July 10, 1941
Michael and Anna
Cybulsky and son
Ken at Grand
Beach.*

was well respected in the cattle field as well as his Apiary operation.

Sadly, Frances became an invalid and remained bedridden for about 25 years, not being able to get in or out of bed. John looked after her for all those years with tender care, with the help of the whole family. They also had a young girl staying with them who attended school and also helped with the care of Frances and the home.

As Michael grew up he was a great help to his parents in the care of the home and land. Michael met and married Anna Denesuik who had come to Canada via the East Selkirk Immigration Hall.



Ken Cybulsky's Mom and Dad.

Michael and Anna Cybulsky had two sons, John and William, and one daughter, Frances.

John married Wanda Turk, the daughter of Albert and Josephine Turk of East St. Paul, and they had 2 sons, John is a Dentist in Calgary, and the other, Kenneth, has a 110 acre Strawberry Plantation. John and Wanda's homeplace was Lot 135, St. Clements. Kenneth's Strawberry farm is on Lots 94 to 104, inclusive.

William Cybulsky married Sophie Gusnosky and had 2 sons, Lawrence works for the Co-op Implements and the other, Richard, is a Doctor in Birmingham, Alabama.

Frances married Joe Petaski and they have 2 daughters and one son: Vienna Nowell, Joan de Groot, and Joe Jr.



Ken Cybulsky and family.

The Cybulsky family all attended the Gonor school for their education and the Corpus Christi Church of Narol for their spiritual needs.

John Cybulsky lived to be about 77 years of age, passing away in the year 1941. Frances passed away in 1933 at the age of 66. Both are buried in the Ashfield Cemetery.

John worked hard most all of his life to provide for the needs of his family and home. Frances, although bedridden for many years, met life's hardships, without complaining. Life in the new country was sometimes difficult, but they experienced happy times as well.

SAM DARICHUK

submitted by Sam Darichuk

Sam says his family came to Canada in 1906, on a cattle boat. This cattle boat took cattle to England and brought people to Canada. From Winnipeg the family took a streetcar, along with all their luggage, to Little Britain, then they went to East Selkirk. They met a man in East Selkirk who had a home by the river and an ice house. This ice house, was home for the Darichuk's for 3 weeks, until Mr. Darichuk could find a job and buy a place of his own.

"The first place my father bought was Lot 154, in 1906, when they had started to build the Lockport Bridge," recalled Sam.

In 1917, my father paid for a house and 62 acres, that he had bought from 2 men, Mr. Scott and Mr. Hill, this land was formerly owned by the Corrighals. After all the payments for the house and land were paid, my father and I went to get the title for the land, we found that there was still \$900.00 owing against it. It seems that in the 1880's, there was a bad drought and no one had hay for their livestock. The Gov't shipped hay from Saskatchewan to Manitoba and any person needing hay, received it. If the people could not pay for the hay, the bill was put up against the property. Mr. Corrighal needed hay and received \$900.00 worth of hay. Mr. Scott and Mr. Hill felt we had paid enough and said they would pay the \$900 and we could get a clear title to our land.

On this property, is a house, which is still standing, that Mr. Corrighal built over 100 years ago. It was hand-made from logs. For a foundation, there was a layer of limestone, set on the ground and the house was built on top of that. Even today it is still level. It never sunk in the ground.

My Father worked on a lot of railway gangs, to make a living. He helped to build the railway from Melford to Dauphin and Swan Lake. Following that job, he worked on the railway between Calgary and Edmonton, through Drumheller. The third year, my father worked on the Saskatchewan railway lines. Then he came back to the East Selkirk area and was a supervisor on the building of the road to Clarke's Pit for gravel. After that job was finished, my father worked as a Watchman at the Locks, for the rest of his life.

Father bought Lot 144, in 1919, and so we moved our belongings there.

I remember I only went to school in the winter, as soon as the ice moved on the River, I quit going. I only went to school for 3 winters. The fourth winter I wouldn't go to school, because my brother, John, and I were making \$36-\$40 every week netting fish. In 1913, my father told me I had to go to school that winter. For 3 winters, I was in Grade 4, and the teacher said to me, "I can't put you in Grade 5 with the small children, so I'll put you in Grade 6". And I managed to pass Grade 6, with the help of Mabel Donald, Lucy and Alice MacDonald. Those girls helped me with my Homework all winter.

I remember a job I had, many people with boats had the same job. They charged 25¢ to people who wanted to get across the Red River. My father and my brother, John worked at the Locks and every day I took people

across for 25¢. I used to make more money than both of them put together. Between selling fish and minnows and taking people across the river, I made a lot of money.

I also remember Harry Cox, who was a foreman building the Henderson Highway. He gave me a job on the Highway. I received \$2.40 per day, to deepen the ditches with a team of horses. That was big money then!

ARTHUR JOHN DAVIS

submitted by slh

Arthur was a Welshman and came to this country from Wales in the 1880's. He was a Butcher by trade and worked in the Town of Selkirk and in the surrounding area.

He married Margaret Ann Flett. Arthur and Margaret had four children: Thomas James, Frederick, Richmond (Jake) and Jenny Margaret. Jenny was born on May 13, 1899.

They lived on the east side of the Red River in the Parish of St. Clements.

Arthur never remained with his family and Margaret died at a very young age. The children made their home with Grandma Flett. There was a report dated Sept. 27, 1907 which stated, "Arthur Davis, who has been in charge of the Hardware Dept. of the Captain Robinson store, left last week for Vancouver, B.C."



Arthur John Davis



Jerry Cooper (Bunny's father) and Richmond Jake Davis about 1925.

Thomas and Frederick enlisted in the First World War with the 108th Battalion. Thomas died overseas in the war. Frederick returned. Fred and his wife Lillian (Fidler) had nine children: Allan, Enory, Clarence, Joseph, Harry, June, Bernice, Dorothy and Pearl. Frederick passed away Dec. 27, 1971 at the age of 78 years.

Richmond (Jake) married Mabel Donald and they had no children. Jake passed away Dec. 31, 1981 at the age of 84 years. Mabel still resides in the old home on River Road, Lockport, on the west bank of the Red River.

Jenny married Alex Clarke and they had a family of 8 children: Catherine, Stanford, Allan, Albert, Eileen, Phyllis, Charles, and Pearl. Jenny passed away on Dec. 16, 1979.

These children, the issue of Arthur and Margaret Davies, grew up to be worthwhile citizens, contributing to their community and fighting for their country, with one paying the supreme sacrifice.

MABEL DONALD (DAVIS)

submitted by slh

When Mabel Donald was scarcely 15 years old, she influenced her father, George Donald, Busman and Boatman in Lockport, to teach her the art of driving his Bus. She was already accomplished at handling the reins of the horse drawn bus, which was a carriage body, enclosed, seating about 15 people and driven by a team of matched sorrels.

However, Mabel was more ambitious, she was determined to conquer the art of the motor vehicle and received instructions from a gentleman her father brought out from Winnipeg. Shortly afterwards she received her Chauffeurs license. By her 16 birthday, Mabel was able to drive any motor vehicle she tried her hand at, and was the pride of her father who no doubt wondered where this ambition of his only child was heading. She loved driving with a passion.

Since 1913, when the Lockport Bridge had been transformed with approaches and road way, Mr. Donald had been crossing and carrying passengers with his team,



George Donald born Sept. 4, 1874, died June 1, 1953.

just as he had for many years earlier, by boat across the river. With much urging and enthusiasm from Mabel, her father had contracted to have a new bus built. When Mabel got behind the wheel of the new bus, early in 1917, it was the "pride of her life" and she was to continue her daily runs with pride every year until the bus was retired in 1931.

The Bus frame was steel and the wheels had iron rims with wooden spokes and solid rubber tires. The upper portion was a wooden frame with roll-up brown canvas curtains, like awnings, that were tied down by straps when the weather was inclement. The bus held 21 passengers, 10 on each side, and one could also sit with the driver. The entry and exit on the bus was from a single door at the back. As time progressed, George Donald moved with the times and converted his bus bringing about greater safety regulations and comfort for the passengers, as well as his daughter, Mabel, the "apple of his eye". He had the solid rubber tires changed using now inner tubes, two new doors were added, one on each side, made of black oil cloth with mica Windows. Above the two large headlights at the front of the bus were two small coal oil lamps that were lighed up when parked at night, a familiar sight for weary travellers returning home from a night on the town.

Mabel was very patriotic and this showed up in the

choice of her uniform, which was khaki. Mabel designed it herself and had seven made, one for every day of the week. It was of post World War I style of tight, knee length knickers, shiny silk stockings, long tunic jacket and a cloche hat.

By 1917 her fame had spread far and wide, many tourists were anxious to view what was to become "Canada's first Woman passenger bus Driver" -- and Mabel enjoyed every minute of it.

The fare to ride the bus remained the same from 1917 to 1931 being 25¢ for a return trip and 15¢ one way. The route was from the Lockport Station of the W.S. & L.W. Railway to the east side of the river in the R.M. of St. Clements. Mabel says most of her passengers, apart from the tourists enjoying the summer outings at Lockport, were mostly all from the east side, wanting to connect with the electric railway. She remembers hauling many children up to the Gonor school (free, of course) and picking up the teachers who boarded at the Hay house.

Mabel recalls her early years at Gonor school with fondness and corresponded with Mrs. Griffis (a Gonor teacher) up until her death. Her father, George Donald, (born in Ontario in 1874) and his parents, Joseph and Catherine Donald (who came west before the turn of the century) lived at Gonor, and Mabel spent many happy hours listening to her father reminiscing about the early years and pioneers of the Gonor, Narol and parish areas of St. Andrews and St. Clements. Mabel's mother, Laura Donald, daughter of Jeremiah and Catherine Cooper, died in 1921 and Mabel and her father became even closer after this great loss of someone they both loved very deeply. Mabel, being an only child, filled the role of lady of the house, drove bus and cared for her father with an intense energy. Mabel loved music of any kind and was known to dance into the "wee sma' hours" -- and she had caught the eye of many a young swain, both sides of the river. But it was young Richmond (Jake) Davis who won the prize. Jake was the son of Arthur David (a Welshman) who lived in St. Clements on the east side of the river. Jake's mother had died when the Davis family were very young and Jake and his two brothers and sister Jennie had been lovingly brought up by Grandma and Grandpa George Flett. Jake's two brothers, Thomas and Frederick were in the Great War (1914-1918) with only Fred returning, Thomas had been killed overseas.

Jake was a frequent visitor to the Donald home, and had to court Mabel during his many bus rides from the east to west side. Mabel and Jake married in 1922, a union of love and dedication that lasted almost 60 years. Jake passed away on new Years Eve, Dec. 31, 1981 at the age of 84 years.

Jake became the mechanic who faithfully tended the old bus from 1922 to 1931 when the unit was retired. Mabel remembers many tire punctures, but that she never carried a spare tire. She laughingly recalled, that she never carried a sawed-off shot gun to protect herself, instead her sawed-off broom that sat at her feet, handy, for use if harassed by troublesome passengers. It was about 2 1/2 feet long and had rags tied around the end for easy grip and to protect her from splinters.

Mabel used to gas up at Abe Lerner's.

Before the Homenick Bus Lines were started up,

Mabel remembers that her father was approached to drive the Main Highway on the east side from Winnipeg to Grand Beach. This was the topic of much conversation and speculation for some time.

However, George Donald said he had his boat business to run and care for and besides, busses cost money and it would be difficult to get reliable drivers. George Donald took pride in his boat business, and his business had built up over the years from a few water crafts to over 65 units. His business was located on the east side and he had bought out, over the years, the business and crafts belonging to Peter Pawluk, Charlie McKay and Peter Palinuk. He had carpenters build his boats and systematically purchased those going out of business. The river was his life and bussing on land only incidental to that of the water crossings, a life he enjoyed up to his death on June 1, 1953.



Mabel Davis, Canada's first woman passenger bus driver.

Mr. Donald's water taxi service (boat-ferries) was the first to carry passengers back and forth before the Lockport Bridge was built. The lock-workers, under Public Works Canada, used his business exclusively during the early construction of the locks. He was in the boating business for over 50 years.

Mabel says she never had an accident with the old bus, and when she retired it in 1931, it was in fairly good operating condition and the body was sound.

This was no mean feat considering that the bus had travelled everyday, 7 days a week, every month from May to about Nov. for almost 15 years. Apart from its regular route, it was chartered for picnics and other outings to Lower Fort Garry, Cloverdale and other locations in between regular street car connections.

Mabel says proudly, "the bus and I even took over the regular run of the S.W. & L.W. Railway a few times." What she was referring to was once during a bad summer storm of wind, rain and lightning when many of the poles and wires of the electric railway were down, and George Donald provided service from Winnipeg to Selkirk return as well as the old Lockport loop. The passengers loved it