

1927, Dumka family.

Burnaby, B.C., Heather lives in Burnaby, B.C., and Jimmy lives in Vancouver, B.C. Michael passed away on July 30, 1980, in Vancouver, B.C.

Marion Dumka left home at the age of 14 to work. She travelled to many places and had spent a few years on the farm. Her last home was on Royal Ave. in Winnipeg. Marion passed away on June 11, 1957 and is buried in the Brookside Cemetery.

Sophie Josphine Dumka left home at the age of 16 for work. She married Jules Christiaens on Oct. 3, 1936. They had 2 children, Gordon and Joan Ann who are both married. They all reside in Winnipeg.

Rosie Dumka was married from the farm to Joe Zook on Feb. 22, 1931 and they had 3 children, May Margaret who is married and lives in Nova Scotia. Judith Jean is also married and lives in Winnipeg. Andrew Joe is also married and lives in Selkirk, Man. Rosie passed away on Oct. 1, 1961 and is buried in the Selkirk Cemetery.

Ann, (Annie) Dumka left the farm at the age of 18 and married Daniel Stoppell on Nov. 21, 1935. They moved to B.C. in 1942 and had one son, David. Her husband



Left to Right: Sam, Anne, Alex, Katie, Mr. Dumka, Mrs. Dumka, Michael, Marion, Sophie, Rosie.

passed away in 1967. The son, David, is married and has 2 sons. Their son, David passed away on June 23, 1971. Ann remarried in 1969, and is now a Frey. She is a widow and resides in Vancouver, B.C.

Alex Dumka worked on the farm and joined the army, he is a War Veteran that had been wounded twice. When he returned to his parents, they asked him to take over the farm which he did in Spring of 1946. He married Jean Boyko on Oct. 2, 1948 and they had two children, Larry and Audrey. Alex and Jean Dumka reside in Selkirk, Man. and Alex works at the Manitoba Rolling Mills.

Sam (Samual) Dumka worked on the farm and attended school to become a teacher. He joined the Air Force and is a War Veteran. He married Joan Reeve on June 11, 1949. They made their home in Kelowna, B.C. and raised 3 girls, Sherry Lyne who is married and has 2 children, and Roberta Joan, who is also married, and Catherine Mary who is also married and has one child. Sam and Joan reside in Victoria, B.C. Their daughters live in Victoria and Vancouver. Sam is Principal of a school in Victoria.



Andrew and Annie Dumka, Jan. 25, 1961, 57th Anniversary.

## HISTORY OF ALEX DUMKA AND FAMILY

submitted by Mrs. Ann Frey  
Vancouver, B.C.

Alex Dumka, a return veteran in 1946 of June, took over to carry on the old farm 1/2 sec. 20-14-6E, St. Clements Municipality, Walkleyburg, Man.

He purchased more land from his brothers and uncles, the Kabo place.

He married Jean Boyko in the fall of 1948, they had lost their first child, in June 1951. But on July 7, 1952 a son Larry was born and on May 6, 1955 Audrey Ann came along.

Alex and Jean farmed the land until July of 1963. He sold the land and they all moved to Selkirk, Man., where his occupation started in the Rolling Mills of Selkirk. Alex and Jean had previously farmed for 17 years.

Their son, Larry Dumka married Leah Jones on May

Alex Dumka and ?.



Alex and Jean Dumka, Oct. 1973.

3, 1975, and they reside in New West, B.C., and they have one daughter.

Audrey Ann married Randy Chernetsky on Aug. 23, 1975 and they have one daughter. They now reside in Winnipeg, Man.

Alex and Jean Dumka reside in Selkirk, Man.

## J.J. ERSKINE

*submitted by slh*

Mr. J.J. Erskine was born in Ontario and very early on made railroading his career. He came west in 1883 and worked on the eastern section of the CPR until 1887. That year he was appointed to take charge of the East Selkirk CPR Station. He remained at that post until Dec. of 1900, at which time the CPR transferred him further west. However, a largely signed and strongly worded petition was sent to the Supt. of the CPR and by April of 1901 he was once again returned to supervise the East Selkirk area. The people on the east side were jubilant and a "welcome home" party was in progress shortly after his arrival.

Mr. Erskine was a Mason and in the years 1891 and 1898 served as Worshipful Master of the Lisgar Lodge.

He was also an ardent curler and many a night you could view his walking the three miles or so to the west side to take part in the games of the Selkirk Curling Club. H.W. Nelson and J.J. Erskine enjoyed great conversations about the local and provincial bonspiels.

During his years in East Selkirk, it was thought that he was a confirmed bachelor, and although he was very popular with the girls, he remained single for the duration of his stay. No amount of urging on behalf of his friends would make him give up his single bliss.

Then came the sad news in the winter of 1907, the CPR were transferring him out west to Saskatchewan. There were a number of farewell parties staged in his honour, prior to his departure. Then came a surprise announcement. Prior to his leaving Manitoba in early Jan. of 1908, Mr. Erskine had slipped away to Winnipeg, and married. The Selkirk Weekly Record quotes the people of East Selkirk as saying "he certainly did the deed very quietly and we thought he was a confirmed bachelor."

Mr. Erskine took charge of the Lanigan, Sask. CPR in 1908 and then was transferred the next year to Guernsey, Sask.

He kept up his acquaintance with many of the East Selkirk people and during time off and vacation often travelled up here to visit and recall old times with his Manitoba friends. His brother (G. Erskine) lived in Winnipeg.

While in Guernsey, Sask., he established a large chicken track stocked with almost 1000 prize birds of at least 8 different varieties, that he had purchased from the Van Horne Farms in East Selkirk.

J.J. and his wife Evy L. Erskine only had one daughter.

Then the sad news reached East Selkirk that on Sept. 20, 1915, Mr. Erskine had passed away. His body was brought home by CPR and with full masonic rights he was laid at rest in the Churchyard Cemetery of St. Andrews.

When the old timers talk about the CPR, they remember J.J. Erskine and his zeal for sports, his love of railroading and his gentlemanly, humorous character.

## MICHAEL AND MARIA FEDCHESHEN

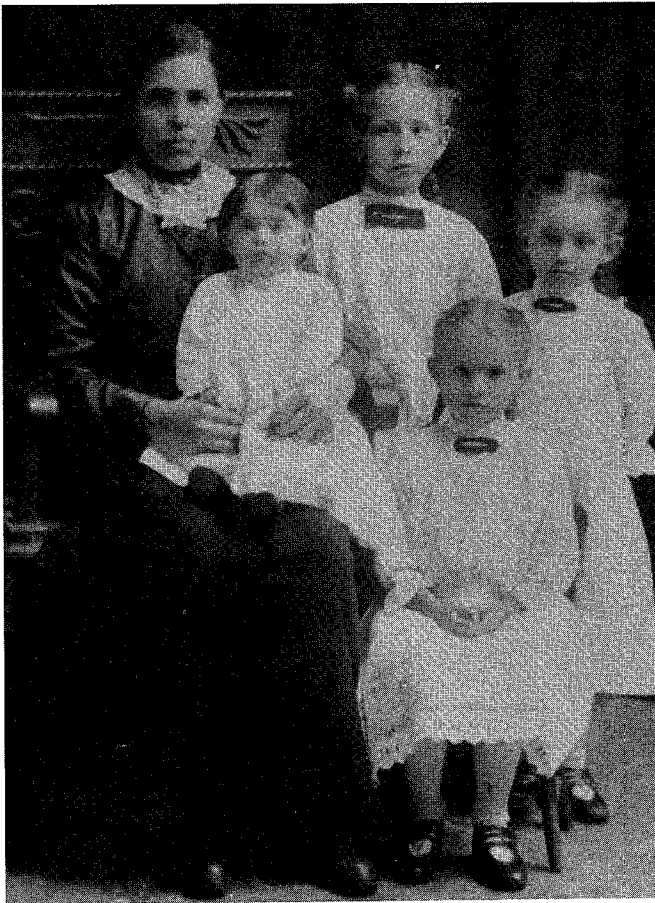
*submitted by (two sisters)  
Pollie and Olga Fedcheshen*

I was asked to write the history of Micheal Fedcheshen's family for the Centennial of Poplar Park.

My father, Michael Fedcheshen, was born in Borschava, Ukraine, Nov. 1878. The second son of Barbara and Stephen Fedcheshen.

At the age of five, he and his brother Nicholas lost their mother. After their father remarried, there were three more children, a sister, Anna, a brother, Peter and a sister Fedora.

Micheal came to Canada in 1905. The sisters and brother came to Canada later, then my father came. Anna married John Patroniuk and lived in Welland, Ont. Fedora married Sam Sokolawski, she became ill and died shortly after. Peter, unmarried, wandered through Manitoba and Saskatchewan, to settle in Mafeking, Man. While Nicholas remained in the Ukraine.



*Annie, Jean. Sitting: Helen, taken in 1917.*

My mother, Maria Bludna, was born in Dobrowlana, Galicia, Ukraine, April 6th, 1887. One of the surviving daughters of Sophia and Eli Bludna, who was a boot maker. She lost her mother at the age of seven, and her father at the age of twelve.

Left with another sister and brother and a younger brother and sister, with very little property, other than where the house was built, the chance of earning a living was very slim.

She had no education, so at a very early age she became a nursemaid. Later she went to work in the fields and gardens.

The oldest sister, Anna, left the Ukraine for Canada in 1905, with money from her share of the sale of her property, as a mail order bride she married Klim Weremy, who then had a small farm in Poplar Park, and was a widower with two sons and a daughter.

My mother, the second daughter, at the time, was not old enough to sell her share of the property, so she had to wait another two years. At the age of twenty, selling her share, she used the money to sail to Canada in the early spring of 1907.

After meeting my father, Micheal, through mutual friends, and after a short courtship, she married Micheal on May 28th, 1907, at the St. Nicholas Church in Winnipeg.

My mother's sister Olena, married in the Ukraine, and came to Canada three years later with her husband and a daughter.

My oldest sister Anna, was born March 15th, 1908. My sister Olena (Helen) was born Dec. 23th, 1910, and my sister Eugenie (Jean) was born Dec. 30th, 1911.

Hardships prevailed, and lack of employment forced my father to do hard manual work, (he was a very small built man).

Building the road which is now called the Trans Canada Highway, with very little equipment or machinery, to do the heavy work, horses, picks and shovels were used. The work was hard and the pay was very small, which forced my mother to do night work in the hospital as a scrub woman, to supplement the family income.

In 1914, World War I, many men went to fight, my father did not join the service as he was not yet a Canadian citizen, and with a wife and three daughters to support, he stayed at home.

During the war, my fourth sister was born, named Olga, on May 4th, 1915. Through long hours of work, and a lot of saving of pennies, the family managed to save enough to pay for transportation to Poplar Park in the late spring of 1917. Travelling by Canadian National Railway, they arrived at Poplar Park.

With no place to live, my Aunt Anna took them in to stay with her. My father then went to work for farmers who had large farms as far as Saskatchewan. My mother worked in the fields by day, and did dress making at night.

After a period of time, they were able to rent a house about two miles from Libau. With three daughters of school age, they were not allowed to attend school because my parents lived in a rented house and were not paying any school taxes.

With much hard work and harder saving, my father was able to make a small down payment on a twenty acre parcel of land with no buildings.

The house was finally built from logs, and money was borrowed for the shingles. The first year the garden was

planted between the stumps of the trees felled to build the house.

On October 30th, 1919, my sister Sophie was born. Then on June 6th, 1921, I (Pollie) was born, six daughters, but alas no sons.

By then, my father was working for the C.N. Railway, so living was easier, also with some cattle and other animals necessary for farm living, and with more buildings added from time to time.

In the fall of 1926, came the flood from Lake Winnipeg, down through the Marshes to reach within twenty feet of our barn, with hay stacks sailing on the water like big ships. With danger of the house being flooded, everything was in readiness for a fast move to higher land.

In the spring of 1928, the Catholic people decided to build a church in the north end of Poplar Park.

My sister Anna was planning her wedding to Alexander Pruden, at that time, but the church did not have a roof on it yet, so the Wedding Ceremony took place in our living room, with dancing on an outside platform.



*Maria and Michael Fedcheshen wedding picture, May 28, 1907.*

The following year 1929, my niece Mary was born. With two families, the house was too small, so with the money from the sale of the farm, a down payment was made by the two families on a quarter section, four miles south, called the Hudson Bay Co. land. There, each family built their house on their half of the land, and other buildings, again were built from logs. Land had to be broken for garden and fields.

Through draught and locusts the family made a bare living. Depression continued into the thirties. I can remember one year, when we had a very bad hail storm which broke all the windows and destroyed all the grain and vegetables in the gardens.

On Nov. 16th, 1929, my father died, after a short illness which was called Pyorrhea of the bone marrow, very little was known about treatment for this illness.

With one sister married, two working in Winnipeg, one recuperating from a thyroid operation and mother in poor health, there was no one to work the farm, enough to pay the taxes. So by selling everything that was not necessary, such as buildings and stock, we moved back to Winnipeg in Sept. of 1936.

I, being only fifteen at the time, attended the King Edward School, while my sisters all went to work doing housework.

The same year, my sister Jean married Dmytro Marko Oct. 18th, 1936. My Sister Helen married Frand Zarowny April 15th, 1939.

Then in 1940, my mother remarried to Stephen Korniak, where she lived in Winnipeg. Her husband died in Feb. 1950. In the meantime, my sister Olga and I were living in Toronto, Ont., after my step-father's death, mother was alone, but would not consent to come to Toronto to live with us, so we gave up our jobs and came home to look after and support our mother, until she died on June 12, 1966. She was buried in the Catholic Churchyard Cemetery beside my father, where all her former friends and neighbors also rest in peace.

## **FEGOL HISTORY WILLIAM AND STEPHEN**

*submitted by Ken Fegol*

William and Alexina Fegol emigrated from Ternopol in the Ukraine in 1914, and settled in Narol. William worked for the CNR in Elie as a section man for 30 years, usually coming home every two weeks for a weekend. Alexina stayed at home with the children who helped her work on the farm. She often took vegetables to Winnipeg with a horse and buggy and sold the produce on the city streets.

The family attended the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Gonor. The two sons, Stephen and John, and four daughters, now Mary Koterla, Stella Miller, Rose Fast and Pauline Kosowich, went to Narol School. William passed away in July 1945, his wife in March 1950, and son Stephen in August 1971. Mary and Pauline still reside in Gonor; the rest of the children live in or near Winnipeg.

Stephen, the eldest child, was born in 1904 and sailed with his parents to Canada at age ten. He married Anna



*Alexina and William Fegol.*

Homenick of Gonor in June 1933. (See Horyenich sections for more details) They first lived in Gonor and then at his parent's place in Narol. In 1936, Steve borrowed \$100 to buy lumber and got logs on time from John Gowryluk to build a log house on land on the two-mile road given to them by Anna's father. They had four children, Elizabeth, Kenneth, Edith and Albert. After his parents passed away, the family moved into their house in Narol. They attended Ashfield Gospel Hall and the children went to Gonor School.

In his early youth, Steve worked for the CNR with his father on the section at Elie. For several years, he also went to work on the harvest for Harry McFarlane in Glen Ewen, Saskatchewan. Although he started out with horse-drawn implements on his father's farm, he later became an enterprising and progressive farmer, keeping up with the times by investing in and trading for the latest models of farm machinery.

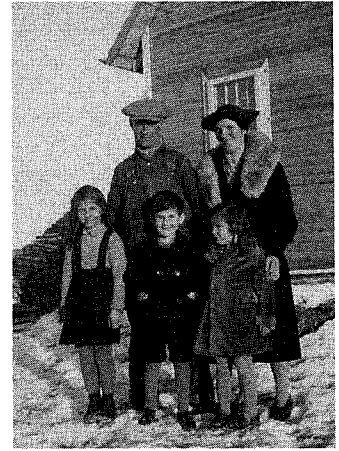
After his marriage, he gradually bought and broke new land with the help of his wife, and acquired many acres of land as well as renting from others for growing a wide variety of crops. Much of the land was broken with a W40 International tractor with lugs. On the land, he also grew vegetables and potatoes and peddled them in Winnipeg in an old Buick truck and later, in a one-ton Diamond T.

Steve also did custom woodcutting as well as ploughing, threshing, etc. In the 1940's he was the first farmer in the area to purchase a combine (a John Deere 55) and a self-propelled swather. (Machine Industries Ltd.) He had a custom grain-cleaning mill at Lockport, and raised registered crops of wheat, barley, oats, flax, millet and soybeans. For many years, he worked for the City of Winnipeg cutting weeds and clearing snow with his own equipment.

The older son, Ken, owns and operates Fegol's Nursery and Landscaping which specializes in large specimen trees and evergreens. He has worked on many major landscaping and tree-moving jobs for large and small businesses and private homes. Albert, the younger son (who is married to Helen Marchak of Narcisse), has followed in his father's footsteps as a successful farmer in Gonor. The oldest daughter, Elizabeth, recently returned home after living many years in the United States, and is actively involved in the holistic health field. The younger



*Steve and Anne Fegol wedding day, June 1931.*

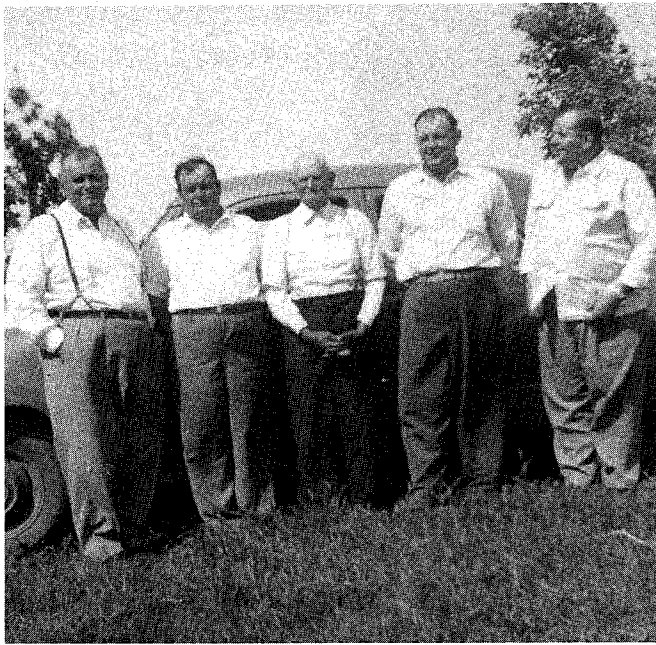


*Steve and Anne Fegol, Elizabeth, Ken and Edith.*

daughter, Edith, is married to Brian Ennis (originally from England), now a civil engineer with B.C. Rail. They live with their three children, Shawn, Maureen and Patrick, in Burnaby, B.C.



*Back Row: Ken, Edith, Steve and Anne, Albert and Elizabeth. Front Row: Maureen and Shawn.*

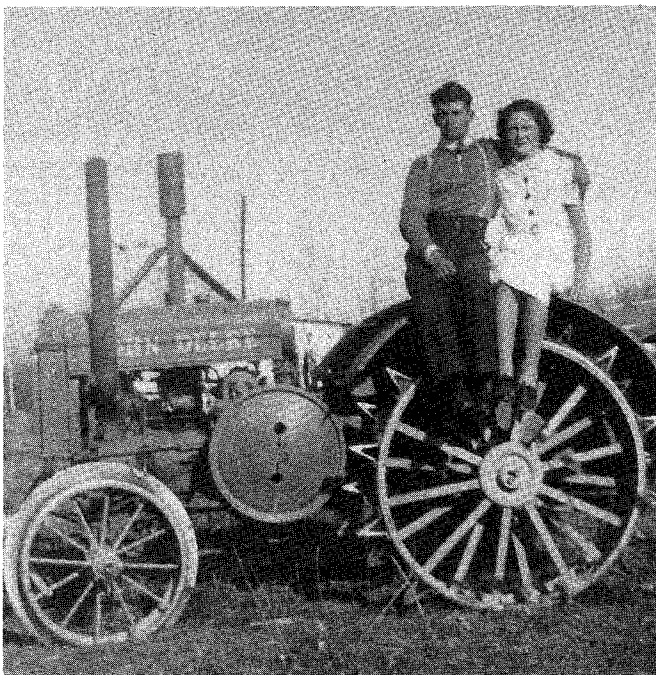


*Peter Fewchuk and his four sons. Left to Right: John, William, Peter, Mike and Nicholas.*

## **FEWCHUK PETER AND POLLY**

*submitted by Pat Smolinski*

Peter Fewchuk was born on June 26, 1881, in the village of Kotzman, Bukowina, Austria. He and his brother George came to Canada in 1906. He married Polly Chopek in 1908. Polly, also born in the village of



*William and Mildred Fewchuk, 1937.*



*Peter Fewchuk and wife Polly, 1954.*

Kotzman, came to Canada in 1897 as a child of four, with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Michael Chopek.

Peter and Polly bought acreage and settled in Kirkness to make a living from the land. They had seven children. Due to harsh weather and very little medical assistance available, three children, Metro, Wasyl, and Dora, died in infancy. Four sons survived: John, Bill, Mike, and Nick.

Their four sons grew up, married, and remained in Kirkness, buying land within a couple of miles from their parents' homestead. They have all been employed at the Manitoba Rolling Mills in Selkirk. John retired in 1977 after thirty-five years service. Bill retired in 1980 after thirty-seven years service. Mike and Nick are still employed at the Mill with Mike having thirty-six years service and Nick thirty-two years.

Peter and Polly celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1958. Peter died on September 26, 1964 at the age of 83. He was killed as he crossed the highway to visit his son Nick. Polly died May 14, 1979 at the age of 86.

John, born on April 4, 1912, married Annie Drobot of Kirkness on November 1, 1934. They had two daughters born to them, Virginia and Dawn. Virginia married Roy Walker and have one son, Guy. Dawn married a Winnipeg policeman, Joe Soroka, and they have one daughter, Ann, named after Dawn's mother, who passed away November 4, 1977, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Bill was born on June 7, 1917. He was one of a set of

twins but his brother Metro died in the flu epidemic of 1919. He married Mildred Clarke on November 4, 1939, and they had four children. Their first child, Darlene, died in infancy. Son Ron, was born on October 28, 1941, and he married June Parks of Lockport. They have two children; Rodney and Kathy. Kathy married Bruce Scott in 1980 and they have two sons Lee and Matthew. Ron served as Councillor of Ward 2 for six years, and now is a co-owner of the Bait House and Interlake Ice. Patricia, born February 4, 1943, married Joe Smolinski of Brokenhead. They have two sons, Bill and Richard. Joe and Pat are actively involved in many community affairs. Youngest child, Shirley, was born on August 25, 1944, and married Lorne Huculak. They have two children Shirleen and Lorne Junior. Lorne and Shirley have owned and operated Sonia's Stand in Lockport since May 19, 1969. They are also co-owners of The Bait House and Interlake Ice.

Mike, born August 3, 1922, has lived all his life on the family homestead. He married Edna Fontaine and they had two sons, Richard and Robert. After Edna's untimely death in 1959, Mike was left with two small children to raise, with the help of his mother. Richard married Judy Jablonski and they have one daughter Cara.

Youngest son, Nick, was born on February 18, 1925. He joined the Army on his eighteenth birthday and served three years overseas in France, Germany, and Belgium. He married Martha Polenski of Kirkness on June 5, 1954, and they have three children; Garry, Goldie and Neil.

## WILLIAM THOMAS FIDLER

*submitted by Cecil Fidler and Robert Taylor/slh*

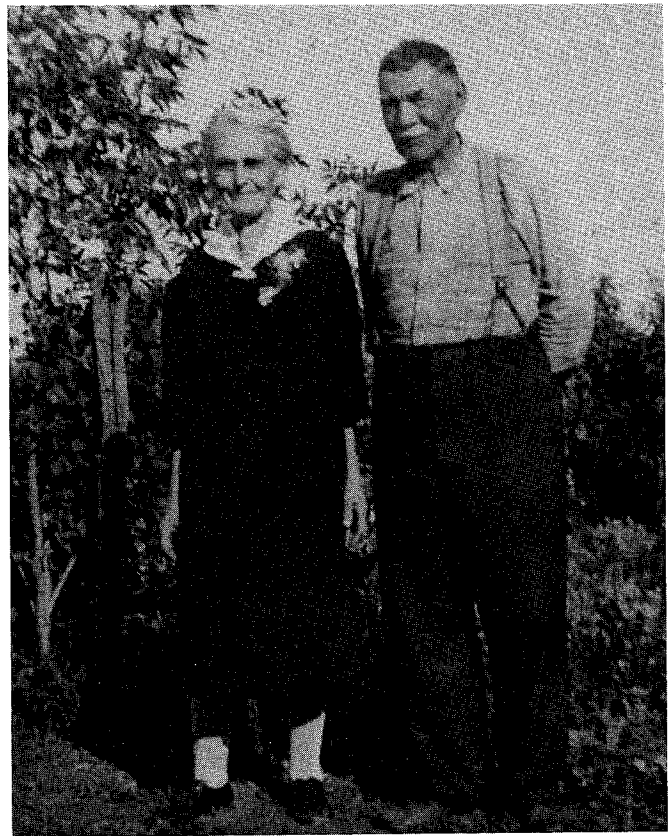
William Thomas Fidler was born in 1869, the son of William Fidler. They made their home on the east side of the Red River.

William Thomas met and married a young Lockport girl by the name of Isobel Cooper. Isobel had been born in the year 1869 and her family owned a large tract of land in Lockport (where Skinners is now located) and were considered both prosperous and influential. They settled on Lot 94 in the Munc. of St. Clements and raised a family of 10 children: George, Percy, Charlie, Lawrence, Cecil, Sydney, Victor, and Lena. They lost two of their daughters to the Great Flu epidemic of 1918.

George, their first born very sadly died overseas during the World War I.

Percy, who was born in 1894 served overseas with the old 108th Battalion (C.E.F.) He married Edith Kirby overseas and at the end of the war, upon discharge, Percy and Edith made their home in Selkirk. Percy worked at the Manitoba Rolling Mills as a Craneman. Percy passed away in 1962.

Charles was born in the year 1901. Charlie met and married Albertina (Tina) Calynsie and they made their home in Selkirk. Charles worked for the Manitoba Rolling Mills for a number of years within the office complex, retiring in 1966. Charlie is also responsible for founding the company known as the Charles Fidler and



*William Thomas and Isobella (Cooper) Fidler.*

Son Ltd. Fishing Tackle Co. Charlie very sadly passed away on Oct. 18, 1977 at the age of 76.

Lawrence Fidler was born in 1892 and lived most all of his life in St. Clements. He served overseas with the Royal Canadian Engineers during the First World War.

Lawrence never married and worked at various interesting jobs during his life time, including the Manitoba Rolling Mills. Lawrence passed away on Dec. 27, 1958 when he was in his 66th year.

Cecil worked at the Manitoba Rolling Mills as a Craneman.

Sydney was born in about 1907. He served overseas with the Royal Engineers during the Second World War. Prior to the War, Sid was employed with the CIL (Brainerd Explosives) Plant in East Selkirk. When he received his honorable discharge at the end of the War, Sid was employed by the Manitoba Rolling Mills in Selkirk. He married Alene Christine and they had 5 children: Melvin, George, Ronald, Robert and Merleen. Sydney passed away in the year 1948 when he was just 41 years of age.

Victor was born in 1910 and remained single all his life. He started working at the Manitoba Rolling Mills in 1942 and remained there for a total of 24 years. Victor very sadly passed away in 1966 at the age of 56. Victor was an electrical motor winder at the Mill in later years.

Lena married Mr. Roy McRae who was an electrician at the Manitoba Rolling Mills. They make their home in Selkirk. Lena is deceased.

Cecil Fidler is now, at the time of this writing, the only surviving member of the William Thomas Fidler family.

William Thomas Fidler died in the year 1956 and his wife Isobel (Cooper) Fidler had died earlier in the year 1947.

Wlm. T. carried on a mixed farm operation and did considerable market gardening to supply an income and meet the needs of his growing family. In the late 1880's he worked for the local government (St. Clements) making fire breaks to ward off the prairie fires as well as banking up the Council Chamber to make the office warmer in winter. He was paid the sum of \$6.12 for completing both chores. He also hauled the wood for heating the chamber and was paid the large sum of \$1.50 for cutting, hauling and stacking in the winter supply. He also did carpenter work, repairs and renovations for the Municipality using his own material and labor in the early 1890's. By 1895 it is to be noted that he regularly cleaned the stove pipes and seemed to be continuously building and repairing a gate and rail around the Council Chamber.

In the year 1900 he scrubbed the chamber (and was paid \$2.00) and gave the chamber a thorough repair, put everything in order and painted same for which he, under contract, received \$15.75. The reason for the renovations and face clean was that the Kitchener School District was using the council chamber for school until their building was erected. He was still brushing the municipal yard, contracting the winter supply of wood and general maintenance of the building up until the year St. Clements built their new building in East Selkirk. It is to be noted that Percy Fidler was helping his father make fire breaks and brush during the mid 1911's. By 1915 the St. Clements Council had moved their meetings over to the Town of Selkirk in the Dominion Bank Building and Wlm. T. was left to take charge of the old chambers. Also, in 1915 the Kitchener School were holding their patriotic concerts, teas and socials in the old Municipality Building so W.T. kept it in a good state of repair.

Wlm. T. also became foreman on the early municipal road crews where he was responsible for the measurement of gravel being hauled within the Ward 3 area of St. Clements. He was a strong advocate for good market roads for the people in this area.

When the Kitchener S.D. No. 1076 was initially formed in May of 1900, Wlm. Thomas Fidler was one of the first Trustees and very instrumental, along with Alexander Butler Rowley, in having the school organized.

When it became known that William T.'s son, George, was a casualty of W.W.I the Kitchener S.D. held a memorial service to honour his name, and because the war was hitting close to home there were Patriotic Concerts and fund raising events put on by the Kitchener area people, that made the walls bulge and the rafters ring. William Thomas and Isobel volunteered their time and energy toward the War effort and bore the pain of losing their first born son, with dignity and pride.

William Thomas Fidler died in the year 1956. His father before him, William Fidler, spent the last years of his life with W.T. and folks can fondly remember him sitting in his chair by the side of the house, his white head and kindly face soaking in the warmth of the sun, his homemade cane for support, and comfort -- and always a



*Lena McRae, Marybelle Funk, Eloise and Eddie Funk with William T.?*

story of the old days willingly shared with those who stopped by.

Ronald Fidler, the brother to Wlm. Thomas Fidler, and the son of old William Fidler, was also born in St. Clements. Like his brother W.T., he also married a Cooper girl, Annabella, the sister to Isobel, the wife of Wlm. Thomas. They raised their family in St. Clements and later moved to the Town of Selkirk.

John R. Fidler, another brother to Wlm. T. served with the old 108th Battalion overseas during the First World War. John R. passed away in 1945.

Alexander H. was another brother to Wlm. Thomas, Donald and John R.

## THE FOREMAN FAMILY

*submitted by J. Bunio*

In the Gonor area lot 182 St. Andrews (R.M. of St. Clements) the Foreman's made their home. Mr. John Foreman was born in Austria in 1866 and in 1916 married Annie Kareako who in 1903 came to Canada with her sister and brother-in-law from Starawa, Moschiska, Galicia which was her place of birth (1883) and under Austrian rule at the time of departure.

They were destitute but decided they would make a go of it. They built a small log home which although no castle was comfortable. But their comfort was short-lived. In 1922 Mr. Foreman passed away, leaving three small children, a pregnant mother with a handicapped foot due to an accident earlier in life. Things got worse (the newborn child passed away) but she (the mother) did not give up. With a bit of help from neighbors and relatives (which were not close by) they managed. At times their cousins hauled hay over twenty miles to keep cows fed. In 1934 tragedy struck again as the mother passed away leaving the three children 13 to 16 years old to provide for themselves, (keep in mind there were no handouts in those days) but where there's a will there's a way, working together doing work in the neighborhood whenever available, even though pay was next to nil they managed, in later years one by one, they all moved to Ontario.

Mary (Maisie) the eldest in later 30's went to Toronto



## GARY AND DARLENE FOSEID

*submitted by Darlene Foseid*



*Left to Right: Walter Payniuk and Mike Foreman.*

to a friend's place who used to be their next door neighbor (maiden name Doris Hominiuk) who was now married and living in Toronto, got a job in a restaurant later Canada Packers and Duffies tavern, etc., married Lloyd Carney, they had no children as of 1982. They are in the coin business.

Some time later Nick (Kelly) because job prospects in the Gonor area were almost nil, went to Toronto, found work with a roofing gang, picked tobacco later, and in a cutlery factory, when he enlisted in the armed forces (chose and took up carpentry), served overseas in Europe, married Verna (Bonny) Merriwater, they have two children, his occupation now is carpenter, and they live in Toronto.

Mike (Mickey) was left on the homeplace, with wages very low, steady employment was hard to get, a small farm, produce from garden worth next to nothing, eggs 12 cents a dozen, potatoes 90 lb. bag 12 cents, picked potatoes 25 cents a long day, decided that he too would try his luck in Toronto. In May 1941, he was called to military service where he served for 30 years (1941-71) his preference was technical branch (choice machinest), did basic training as infantry soldier at Portage La Prairie, Man. Upon completion of basic training he was sent to machinist course in Kingston, Ont. Joined the active army 1944 served in Korea 1950-51. Later he was posted to Picton, Ont. where he enjoyed the scenery beach availability etc. swayed them to one day make their permanent residence here, so kept their eyes open for a nice lot on the water front, before retiring from the armed forces in Montreal, P.Q., area (1971) procured a lot at Picton, Ont., where they made their home and now live. Mickey married Minerva Jannette Davis, they have two children.

Jannette (Mickey's wife) tells a story her mother often told her, how her grandmother being from a wealthy family was disowned by her family because she married a butler and was sent to Canada, to Churchill, Man., from where (in winter at times through deep snow) they and others walked to Norway House later came to Winnipeg by long boat (paddled) lived at Douglas Point, her daughter Annie Boyd married James Davis of Portage La Prairie.

Gary is the son of Janet and Oddvar Foseid. He met and married Darlene Sjoberg, the daughter of Clarence and Ruth Sjoberg, in April of 1968. Darlene's parents, Ruth and Clarence had lived in Fort Garry and in 1968 had moved to the corner of Church Road and Henderson Hwy. (5997 Henderson). Gary and Darlene moved into this house and Gary then worked for Pioneer Electric in Fort Garry and Darlene worked for the Versatile Mfg.

On July 26, 1970 Gary and Darlene were blessed with their first daughter (Sherri Loreen) and with this happy event was the need for their own quarters. They purchased a lot on Church Road, just east of the Sjoberg's home, and commenced building. They moved into their new home in 1972. In 1973 their second daughter (Durelle Lynn) was born. During this time Gary had become self-employed as a Dry-waller, and decided his line of endeavor lay in the field of law enforcement. Gary applied to the RCMP hoping to make this his career. While waiting for his acceptance into the RCMP Depot at Regina, he was employed by Kingsway Transport. By March 15, 1975, Gary had been accepted into the force and left for Regina prepared for extensive training that was to take six months. During this period, Darlene and the two girls, with a great deal of help from friends and family, remained at home and made preparations for a new life. Sherri was enrolled and attended the Happy Thought School in East Selkirk (Kindergarten) during this period.

In November, 1975 Gary was posted to the Thompson, Man. Detachment, where the family remained for 2 1/2 years.

The next posting was to Souris Detachment of the RCMP, where they have resided for the past 5 years during which time they were blessed with a son, Garrett Wayne, in August of 1980.

Darlene and Gary and their family visit St. Clements several times each year and remember fondly their first home on Church Road.

To date, Gary has not been notified of any other posting and is enjoying the Souris area. Gary coaches hockey and baseball in his spare time and enjoys hunting and fishing. Darlene enjoys Ceramics and other handicrafts and works part time at Macleods. The girls are enrolled in figure skating, horseback riding as well as swimming and other sports.



*Back Row: Charlene Fox, Doug Hallam, Ron Fox, Harold Fox, Sandra Cronin, Randy Cronin. Front Row: Chris Hallam, Lynne Hallam, Margaret Fox holding Joy Hallam, Charles Fox holding Scott Fox, Linda Fox, Stacey Fox. 1982.*

## JOHN AND GERTRUDE FOX

*submitted by Charlene Fox*

John Fox arrived in Winnipeg from Wales, Great Britain in 1911. He worked for Cheetams Dairy in Fort Rouge. Later he homesteaded in the Oak Point area with Bill Howard. He moved back to Wpg. and again worked for Cheetams Dairy.

While in Wpg. he met Gertrude Crook who came to Wpg. from England in 1920. John and Gertrude were married in 1923. They had 2 sons, Charles born in 1924 and George born in 1927.

In 1927, they moved to East Braintree where John hauled pulp for the Keewatin Pulp Mill, where they stayed until 1935. In 1935, John and Gertrude moved to the East Selkirk area and farmed on Lot 147. This is where they lived until their demise. Gertrude Fox passed away May 24, 1972, at the age of 86. John Fox passed away Feb. 23, 1973, at the age of 96.



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Their eldest son, Charles married Alice Kristjana Margaret Jonasson, Oct. 4, 1947. Their history is with the Jonasson Family history. Margaret very sadly passed away on May 22, 1983.

George, their second son, was married to Steffie Zaleski on July 13, 1955. George and Steffie have 5 children. Carol the eldest was born July 21, 1957, Carol married Raymond Gregg in 1977. They have a son Bradley born in 1981. Before Carol married she was a Nurses Aid in Selkirk General Hospital.

John the eldest son, was born Jan. 7, 1959. He is a commercial baker in Gunn's Bakery in Wpg. Susan the second daughter was born Oct. 20, 1962, and is employed by Beaver Bus Lines in Selkirk, Man. Jason, the second son was born Feb. 12, 1967. Michael the youngest son was born Aug. 15, 1969.

Both Jason and Michael are attending Selkirk Schools.

George and Steffie live in Selkirk. George is a Bus Driver for Beaver Bus Lines and Steffie is a Custodian in the Selkirk High School.

## GEORGE, ANNIE, AND JESSIE FRANK

*submitted by Dorothy Bradford and Maxine Edmondson*

George (Shorty) Frank was born in Elora, Ont., on Aug. 4, 1866. As a young man he worked in the livery business in the Kitchener area. When he moved to East Selkirk, he farmed for a short period, then met and married Annie McIntosh McDonald at Pigeon Bluff on Oct. 15, 1902. Annie was born in 1882 at Vuedman, Man. They had three daughters.

Gladys married Lyle Thorne. Gladys was a school teacher at Happy Thought School from 1927 to 1929. She and her husband settled in Oberon, Man.

Phyllis was also a teacher at Happy Thought School from 1926 to 1931. She later joined the Civil Service in Ottawa.

Daisy married Richard Machin and was a Nurse. She settled in Alberta, and the Machin Ranch was used to film part of the movie, "Northwest Stampede". The rest of the film was made at the neighboring "Prince of Wales Ranch", in the High River area.