

*John Gowriluk, 1949.*

company. But it was through long hours of hard work, co-operation and the willingness to help one another wherever the need arose, that they were able to succeed.

In the early fifties, George Gowriluk, after selling most of his farmland, began working proudly alongside his sons. He was in charge of the small packaging of fruit and vegetables, a position which he faithfully and efficiently fulfilled. Occasionally, he was happy to drive a truckload of produce to Kenora or to Red Lake. After 28 years of successful operation the business was sold to the Codville Food Distributors.

In gratitude to their parents, the sons in 1963 built and furnished for them a home with modern conveniences including electric heat, plumbing and a washer and dryer. The comforts were greatly appreciated.

George Gowriluk passed away in 1973. His wife continued to live in their home at Lot 205 until 1975 when she moved to the Holy Family Home in Winnipeg, where she presently resides.

Among the descendents there are 33 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren living across Canada and the



*Lot 205 St. Clements old house in background built in 1898. John Gowriluk house built in 1926 by George Gowriluk.*

United States. A grandson died in 1975, and a granddaughter in 1982. The older grandchildren have attained positions in fields of engineering, education, computer technology, nursing, commerce, in business, forestry, restaurant, human ecology and social sciences. The younger grandchildren are pursuing studies in their chosen careers in universities and some are still in high school. All are looking forward with optimism to the future that their country has to offer. They are grateful to their great-grandparents for choosing Canada as their home.

## **PETER GAWRILUK**

*submitted by Anne Gawriluk*

Peter Gawriluk the son of John and Waselena was born in Gonor in 1901. In 1931 he married Anne Blacher and settled in Gonor to farm. In 1937 their daughter Ruth was born.

Besides farming Peter worked at construction for a short time. Later he worked at the Manitoba Rolling Mills, the Manitoba Vegetable Company, and Midland Fruit Company. He retired from farming in 1968.

Peter and Anne still reside in their home on Henderson Hwy. In 1981 they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Their daughter Ruth married Edward Trombo from the Dencross area and they also live on Henderson Hwy. Ruth and Ed had two children, Richard who passed away in 1972 and Cheryle who at present attends the Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive School.



*Peter and Annie Gawriluk.*



*Left to Right: Cheryl Trombo, Eddie Trombo, Annie Gawriluk, Peter Gawriluk, Ruthie Trombo (daughter of Peter and Annie).*

## WILLIAM HENRY GAYLEARD

*submitted by Mrs. M. Skrupski*

Our grandfather, William Henry Gayleard, was born in England in 1853, the son of George Gayleard, a fisherman and sailor.

William Henry Gayleard had one sister, Mary Ann, better known as Aunt Polly. She married Wlm. Evans in Gasport, the County of South Hampton, on Nov. 30, 1881. They had three children: Rebecca, Cliff and Priscilla. The Gayleard's were both fishermen and mariners. Both Wlm. and his father George served in the Merchant Navy.

Wlm Gayleard married Harriet Hicks, born in 1855. She was the daughter of John Hicks. They were married in the Parish of Portsea, in the County of South Hampton, on March 19, 1878. Mr. and Mrs. Gayleard came to Canada in 1902, with their one son Wlm. John, and settled in Poplar Park.

Grandpa Gayleard was known for his tall tales about his life in the English Navy. He told ghost stories and stories of the devils that are known to roam the moors of England. Some of the stories he told, they say, "could curl your hair". He is remembered as well for the many places he travelled.

Grandma Gayleard was a tiny bit of a woman, she was about 15 years his senior and in ill health, most of her life. She passed on in 1917 and is buried in Poplar Park Cemetery.

Grandpa Gayleard passed on, Oct. 2, 1930, and is buried in a sailors' graveyard on a high cliff overlooking the sea, off the coast of St. Johns, N.B.



*Mrs. Harriet Gayleard at Libau.*



*William and Harriet Gayleard and son Bill (lap) and William's sister (Aunt) Polly.*

## WILLIAM JOHN GAYLEARD

*submitted by Mrs. M. Skrupski*

William John Gayleard is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Gayleard. He was born on Aug. 7, 1879 in Portsmouth, England. With his parents, he immigrated to Buenos Aires, South America, better known as the Republic of Argentine, in 1889.

This is where our dad finished his education, he graduated as a first class engineer. He could read, write and speak fluently in five languages. He educated himself, learning the language through correspondence and many late nights of reading and writing. As Mom always said "the house could fall around him and he wouldn't look up".

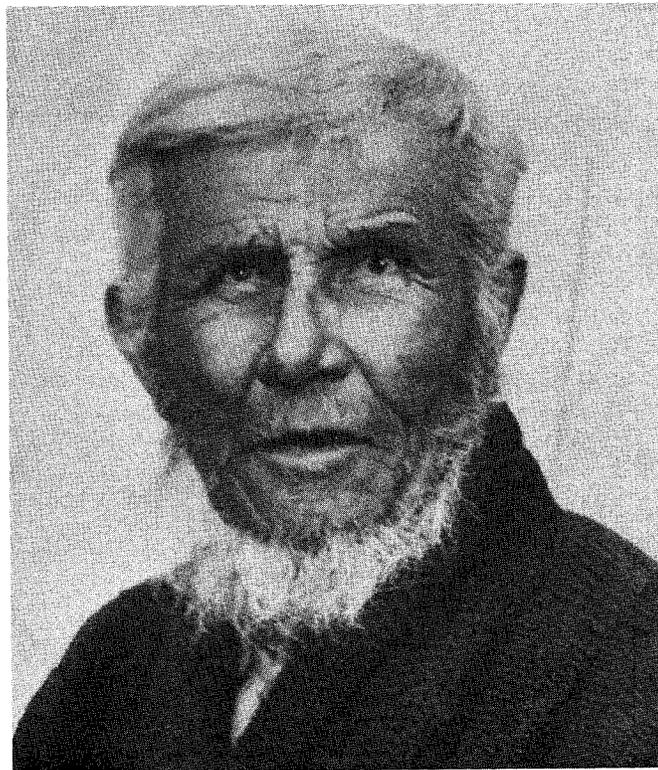
He kept accounts of everything they bought and sold, from a pound of butter to a cord of wood. We still have the accounts of their first purchases when they arrived in Canada, in 1902.

Upon leaving Buenos Aires they went back to England, to visit his Grandmother, and then on to Canada. They landed in St. Johns, N.B., then went to Poplar Park, where they bought a homestead, Lot 2, 24 Blk 16, plan 6, with a total of over 242 acres.

They shipped cream from twenty-eight cows and did mixed farming. They worked hard and invested their money in machinery, cattle and real estate. Some of the land they owned was bought in 1913. It was Lot 31 and 32, Blk. 14 of Lot 40 and 41A. Their lots were located in the municipality of Kildonan, Winnipeg. We still have in our possession the agreement of sale for this land.



*Billy Gayleard and his wife Nellie (Dennette from Libau).*



*Grandpa Pete Dennette.*

During this time, dad was appointed J.P. for the Libau, Poplar Park area. He also served for many years on the school board.

Wlm. John, better known to people of the area as Billie, met and married Martha Ellen (Nellie) Dennette of Libau. A daughter, Sarah Ellen Florence (Sally) was born on Oct. 9, 1927. She married and had seven children and now resides in Grande Prairie, Alta.

A second child, a son, Henry James was born on Feb. 26, 1929. He married Irene Devisher, and had four children: Billie, Ronnie, Kathleen and Jackie, all residing in Lake Francis, Man.

It was at this point that Grandpa Gayleard's health was failing, and so he wanted to go back by the sea, to live.

In March 1929, they sold the farm to Steve Kowaluk and left the country on May 1, for Nueva Gerona, West Indies, a little island off the coast of Cuba. Purchasing a twelve acre orchard, they tried their hand at fruit farming. Grandpa Gayleard was very ill at this time and the climate did not agree with mom, so they came back to St. John, N.B.

It was during our stay here Grandpa passed on.

While in St. Johns, dad operated a steam engine in a large lumber mill. It was here that two sons were born, Wilfred Merald, born on Nov. 15, 1930 and Alfred Thomas born Jan. 23, 1933. Wilfred Merald, at an early age of 15, cheating about his age, got on with the M.T.S. He quickly became a first class linesman. He drowned on July 2, 1950, at the age of 19, in the Garson Quarries, directly across from our home.

Alfred Thomas was a bachelor and a chip off the old block. He reads a lot, and while doing so, nothing else matters.



*Grandpa Pete Dennette at Libau.*

Leaving St. Johns behind them, they came back to Poplar Park and settled on 80 acres, part of the land they had sold to Mr. Kowaluk, a few years earlier.

It was here the fifth child was born, Elizabeth Marjorie, born on Dec. 13, 1934. She married Joseph Drobot, son of Joseph and Nellie Drobot, of Kirkness. He passed away in 1975. They had one daughter, Joclyn, now residing in Selkirk.

Looking for greener pastures, they sold and moved to Grand Marais. He bought 240 acres nearly all bush, but on the land was a huge two storey house, ideal for such a large family. The land was situated on Victoria Beach Road, and Jack Fish Lake Road. This corner became known as Gayleard corner and to this day some people still refer to it as such.

It was here a son Edward Andrew was born on May 5, 1936. He married Lily Evans, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Evans, of Selkirk. They have five children, Johnny, Roberta, Wilfred, Gerald, and Garry. All residing in Edmonton, Alta.

And then their last on the list, Margaret (myself) was born on Feb. 13, 1938. I married Edward Skrupski, formally of Garson, son of Mr. Nick Skrupski. We have three children: Pamela Mae, Darren Edward and Patti-Lynn.

I now reside on the same place I left in Sept. 1949, the corner of Colville Road and Frank Street.

In Grand Marais, mom and dad made their living with market gardening. Mom would take the vegetables to market by horse and cart, where they would be bought up by wealthy cottage owners. She would go in the morning to the beach, back home by noon and change horses and



*Taken in front of the Dennette home at Libau. Mr. Aynor Goodman, Peter Dennette and son Gordon Dennette.*

go on to Beaconia to purchase vegetables, eggs, and potatoes in 50 lb. bags. Each day the vegetables had to be sorted out and ready to go for the next day's beach trade. Next day, she would go to Belaire (near Victoria Beach). At Belaire, she purchased berries from Mr. Frairson, prices on produce were doubled to make a profit.

In winter, dad used to cut pulp and take it to the spur for \$1.50 a cord. He paid Mr. Bolder 50¢ a cord to help him load it. The team he used to haul the load consisted of one oxen and one white faced bull.

In June, 1939, dad was caught in a rain and hailstorm, the weather was extremely cold, he got pneumonia and was taken to the Selkirk General Hospital, he died 13 days later, on June 13, 1939. He was buried in Poplar Park Cemetery, next to his mother.

Dad is remembered by many for his voice, he was the only soloist in the area for many years.

The farm was sold to Fraiser Bolder in 1941, Mom moved to East Selkirk with seven small children. She wanted us to have a better chance to attend school, so moving in to the village was the only thing to do.

She worked in various places, mainly cooking, Ryann's Boarding House, in Selkirk, Mrs. Jack Martin (John Martin's mom), during threshing and at times when she was ill. She picked potatoes and sugar beets for Searle Farms, during the time Mr. Muirhead was manager.

We moved to Garson in Sept. of 1949. This is where we grew up and received our schooling.

Upon taking ill, mom moved to Lake Francis to live with her eldest son, Henry, until her death on April 11, 1977, at the age of 71 years. She is buried in Garson Cemetery beside her son, Wilfred.

## THE GAYNORS

submitted by *Bernie Gaynor*

Vincent Gaynor was born in 1873 in (Lemberg) Austria, now known as Lvov. At the age of 24, he immigrated to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania to join his brother, Teaphol, who had arrived a year before him. Vincent obtained work at the coal mine with his brother.

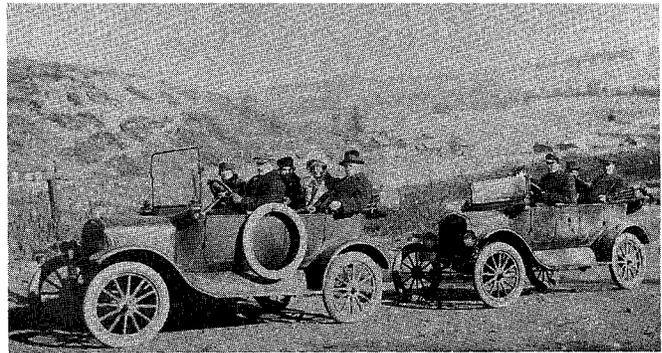
Two years later, Vincent and his brother moved to Winnipeg where their married sister, Victoria, (Mrs. Schaefer) resided. Vincent worked in Winnipeg at various jobs until he met Rozalia Wachal.



*Mrs. Joe Gaynor,  
Bertha.*



*Mr. and Mrs. Gaynor  
of Narol, Lot 252.*



*Barbara Rosney (nee: Gaynor) on her wedding day, married to Nick Polix at Blairmore, Alberta in 1921. They later settled on Lot 248 in Narol.*

Rozalia Wachal (Gaynor) was born in Brody, Austria in 1881. At the age of 17, she immigrated to Winnipeg along with a girlfriend and her brother, Anthony.

Rozalia's parents, Theresa and Jan (John) Wachal and the rest of her brothers and sisters arrived in Canada a year later. They settled in Narol on a lot in the year 1900.

Rozalia worked as a housekeeper and later worked as a waitress in a restaurant on Main Street. She met Vincent in Winnipeg.

Rozalia and Vincent were married in 1900 at the Holy Ghost Church on Selkirk Ave.

After their marriage, they moved to Blairmore, Alta. Vincent worked as a coal miner in Frank, a small town nearby. Rozalia operated a boardinghouse. Vincent's brother Teaphol also moved to Blairmore and the two brothers worked together again.

After a few months, Vincent wasn't content with the conditions in that mine. So he took off to apply for a different job in a mine in Blairmore. During his absence, the town of Frank was buried by sliding rock (Frank's Slide) where his brother and many co-workers lost their lives.

Vincent continued working in Blairmore where their daughter, Barbara and son Joe were born.

In 1904, the Gaynors left Alberta and moved to Narol where they purchased 72 acres of bushland on Lot 252. They commenced clearing the land to begin farming.

When they first arrived, language was a barrier in many of their efforts, because Vincent spoke Polish and Rozalia was of Czechoslovakian descent. However, they were able to learn some English very quickly. In the ensuing years, because of some knowledge of the English language, Vincent was able to assist many of the new settlers in the area.

For a few years after, during the winter months, Vincent would leave his family behind and go back to Blairmore to work, to supplement his income in order to purchase horses and farm equipment. During his absence, Rozalia's parents would help by bringing groceries and supplies from Winnipeg.

A few years later, Vincent purchased another 52 acres of bushland on Lot 248 which he cleared and farmed, all the work was done with horses.

The Gaynor's farm was mixed farming, grain but mostly vegetables, which they transported by horses and

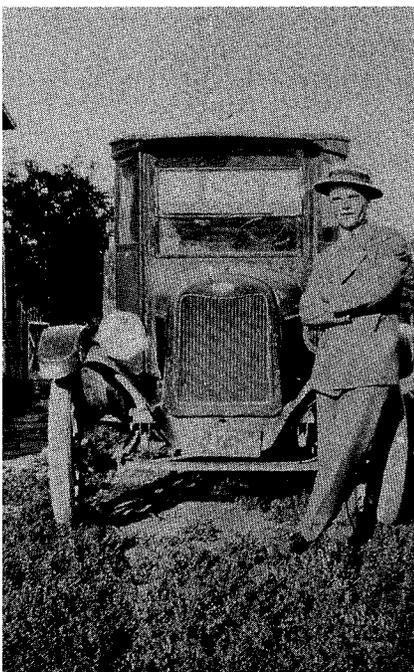


*Gaynor Family, 1939. Back Row, Left to Right: Pete Philip, Leo Kensy, Nick Polix, Bernard and Clarence Gaynor, Fred Gollosh, Bert Novak, Bill Kaminski, Nellie and Joe Gaynor. Second Row: Frances Philip, Helen Kensy, ?, Barbara, Vincent, and Rozilia Gaynor, Jean Gollosh, Bertha Gaynor, and Vicky Novak. Third Row: Bill Kaminski, Bert Rozney holding Victor Phillip, Evelyn Gaynor, Irene Kaminski, Beverly Gaynor, Bernice Kensy, Helen Baruylla, Eddy Polix, and Rodney Kaminski.*

wagon to be sold at the market on Derby St., later on Stella Ave. in Winnipeg.

They also had livestock, cows, poultry, and hogs, some of which was marketed, but mostly for their own use. Later they purchased a half ton Model T which made it more convenient to market their produce.

In 1916, Vincent and his brother-in-law, Albert (Wayta) Wachal, purchased a Rumley Steam engine tractor and thresher which was the first in the area. They did custom work, mostly in the St. Andrews and Middlechurch district, where the grain farms were larger. The



*Joe Gaynor, Market Gardener for 50 years in Narol.*

engine was fired up with straw and wood and it required a crew of twelve men to operate the tractor and thresher.

In 1932, the original house was dismantled and replaced with a larger one to accommodate the family.

They had eleven children, four sons, Joe, Frank, Bernard, and Clarence, and seven daughters, Barbara, Nellie, Francis, Helen, Jean, Vicky and Gladly.

The children all attended Donald School and belonged to Corpus Christi Church. During summer holidays and after school they would all help their parents on the farm. Later they all got married.

Barbara married Peter Rozney and they had two children, a daughter, Bernice, and a son Bernard. After Peter's accidental death, Barbara was remarried to Nick Polix and they lived in Narol and had one son, Edward.

Joe married Bertha Burke and they lived in East St. Paul. They had three children, two daughters, Evelyn, Beverly and one son, Robert.

Francis married Mike Baryla and lived in Winnipeg. They had two children, a son, Walter, and a daughter, Helen. Later Francis was remarried to Peter Phillips, and they live in Kirkland Lake, Ont. and they had one son, Victor.

Nellie married Bill Kaminski and they live in Narol. They had three children, two sons, Bill and Rodney, and one daughter, Irene.

Jean married Fred Galloch and they live in Milwaukee, Wisc. U.S.A. They had two children, a son, Fred, and a daughter, Karen.

Helen married Leo Kensy and they live in Kirkland Lake, Ont. They had one daughter, Bernice.

Frank married Minnie Novak and they live in Vancouver, B.C. They had one son, Vance.

Bernard married Muriel Marcus and they live in Narol. They had one daughter, Deborah.

Victoria married Bert Novak and they live in Milwaukee, Wisc. U.S.A. They had one son, Gerald.

Gladly married Al Romans and they live in Milwaukee, Wisc. U.S.A. They had one daughter, Diane.

Clarence married Jean Oberiek and they lived in Narol. They had one daughter, Heather. Later he was remarried, to Verna Cochrane and they had one daughter, Marney.

In 1939 they all came home to a reunion at the old homestead.

Vincent died in Selkirk General Hospital in 1946, at the age of 73. Rozalia continued to farm on a smaller scale with her son, Clarence.

Rozalia died in 1972, at the age of 91. The homestead is still in the family and is owned by the youngest son, Clarence.

## JOHN AND ANNIE GERYLO

*submitted by Sophie Klim*

John Gerylo came to Canada from the Western Ukraine, the province of Borschiv, in the year 1899, with his parents Jacob and Elena Gerylo, his older brother, Wasyl, and his sister Fedora. He was a young lad of nine at the time. The journey by boat took weeks.

On their arrival in Canada they docked at Montreal



*5 Generations, 1956.*

and made their journey by train to Western Canada, where they made their home in East Selkirk, near the Old Happy Thought School, on Church Road. John enjoyed school and he with his classmates formed one of the first hockey teams.

At the age of 27, he met and married Annie Chorney from Brokenhead on Feb. 13, 1917. Annie was born in Canada in 1899, the second child of Prokop and Nellie Chorney, who were one of the first family of immigrants to settle at Brokenhead, now Dencross.

Their first son, Walter, was born on Nov. 13, 1917, in East Selkirk at his grandparents' home, where they resided at the time. Three other children were born here also, Roman (1918), Fred (1920), and Mary (1921).

Soon after, John and Annie acquired 80 acres of land in the Walkleyburg area where they built a log cottage and moved with their family of four to start farming.

A few years later a daughter, Sophie and a son, William, were born. Years later two more children completed their family of 8, a son, Harry and a daughter, Pearl.

All the children attended Lilydale School. On very cold winter days and in early spring, neighbors took turns driving the children to school and picking them up in sleighs or wagons because the distance was over three miles and there were no roads or drainages, so it was practically impossible for small children to walk through the deep cuts and flooded fields.

Neighbors got together and built roads with hand-scrapers and horses. These were difficult times, but there was always plenty of food on the table. When the boys were old enough, they went out working during harvest and in winter, they worked in bush camps.

Mary was the first to marry in 1939. She and her husband Mike Kupiak live on a farm in East Selkirk. They have two daughters, Eva and Gladys and 7 grandchildren, Eva resides at Tyndall and Gladys teaches in Transcona.

Fred married Sophie Manitowich in 1943. They have three sons, Roy, Carl and Gordon, and 4 grandchildren.

Fred retired early from Canadian National Railways in Transcona. They reside in the city but spend a great deal of time at their cottage at the Whiteshell, and the winters they spend in sunny Arizona.

Walter married Annie Skorlotowski, from Sask., in 1946. They have two sons, Leonard and Randy. Leonard works for Purvis Shipyards at Selkirk and Randy works for the government at Hadashville Nursery. Walter has been employed with the Lord Selkirk School Division as a bus driver for the past 17 years.

Roman lives at East Selkirk at the homeplace but spends time in Wpg., as he has retired from farming.

Sophie pursued a teaching career and taught at Lilydale, Hoey East, Patapun and Happy Thought School, where she is still employed with the Lord Selkirk School Division. She married Mike Klim on Oct. 5, 1946. They were blessed with two daughters who also pursued teaching careers. Audrey married Barry Zelenski and lives in Birch Hills, Sask. They also have two daughters,



*Left to Right:  
Walter, Roman and  
Mary Gerylo.*

*Left to Right: Fred,  
William and Sophie  
Gerylo, 1929.*

Jodi and Jana. Cheryl married Brian Osborne. At present both are teaching in Wpg., in the River East School Division. Mike, the older son of Andrew and Emelia Klim was born in Brokenhead. The family moved to the Libau district and began farming at Semple. Mike continued farming until his demise in Dec. of 1972, at the age of 51.

William married Lily Bretchka, in 1947, they have two children and two grandchildren. Their son, Gary, teaches in Transcona, and their daughter, Diana, lives in Selkirk. William and Lily reside in Transcona where he is employed by Paulins.

Harry married Theresa Kuch in 1959. They have four children, Darlene, Douglas, Jason and James. Harry farms in East Selkirk (formerly Walkleyburg) and commutes to work at Fruehauf in Wpg. Darlene works for Transport Canada. The other three boys are still attending school.

The youngest daughter, Pearl, pursued a secretarial career. She married John Packowich in 1956, and they have a daughter Debbie. For a number of years, the family resided in Wpg. It was here that the parents spent the winter months returning to their country home for the summer. The family now resides in Richmond, B.C.

The parents, John and Annie, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 1967. Shortly after John Gerylo died at the age of 76, Annie Gerylo lived with her son, Roman, until she passed away in 1974.



*John and Anna Gerylo's 50th Wedding Anniversary.*

## **MR. AND MRS. WASYL GERYLO**

*submitted by M. Gerylo*

Mr. Wasyl Gerylo was born in the Western Ukraine, in the village of Monasterok, the province of Borschiv in the year 1877. He came to Canada with his parents, Jacob and Elena Gerylo in the year 1899 and settled in East Selkirk. It was difficult to find employment but finally he was fortunate to be hired by the Canadian Pacific Railway in Ontario. After staying in Canada for five years he returned to his native land. There he married Tekina Luzny and it was there also that their first son Paul was born (1907). That year he came back to Canada with his wife and son and stayed with his parents until they built their first home which was located next to the Canadian Pacific Immigration Hall. This incidently was before the route of the Canadian Pacific Railway was changed. Mr. Gerylo worked at the Van Horne farm (which was later purchased by the Searle Grain Company) for fifteen years. During this period their other children were born. Michael was born in 1908, and later were born Metro (1911), Peter (1914), Stephen (1916), Andrew (1918), Thomas (1923), and a daughter Olga (1925). Another daughter Mary, died at birth. After working at the Van Horne farm, he once more found employment with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. The family was large, wages were low, and the sons had difficulty in finding work, and depression had set in as well. One of the sons, Stephen, hoping to find work away from home at the Saskatchewan farms, "hopped



*Mr. and Mrs. Wasyl Gerylo, 1935.*

the freight" with many others who were doing likewise. But unfortunately unlike the others, was accidentally killed by the train (1932) much to the sorrow of the family.

As we recall, several years later the Second World War broke out and sons Paul, Michael, Peter, Andrew, and Thomas went to serve their country. Andrew was discharged in 1941 due to ill health. Paul, Michael and Peter were with the armed forces in Canada throughout the duration of the war and Thomas spent two years overseas.

Michael married Jean Melnyk and after the war made their home in East Selkirk. Andrew married Beatrice Bazylewski, lived for several years in East Selkirk, then moved to Winnipeg where he was employed until passing away in 1959 at the age of 41. Metro married Catherine Miller and moved to Brooklyn, U.S.A., where he still resides. Paul, Peter, and Thomas did not marry. Paul was accidentally killed in 1967 at the age of 62. Mrs. Gerylo died in 1959, at the age of 71, four months later than her son Andrew and Mr. Gerylo passed away in 1963 at the age of 88. Peter and Thomas are presently living in East Selkirk and Olga, who married Fred Harrison is farming with her husband in the Mayfield district, just on the outskirts of East Selkirk. Their two sons, David and Dennis, who are employed away from home, still do their share of helping on the farm, particularly in the spring, putting the crop in and harvesting in the fall.

## MICHAEL AND JEAN GERYLO

*submitted by Mike Gerylo*

Michael and Jean Gerylo reside in East Selkirk.

Michael was born in 1908 in East Selkirk next to the immigration office. He was born to Wasyl and Tekina Gerylo. There were seven boys and one girl in their family. Paul, Michael, Metro, Peter, Steve, Andrew, Tomas and Olga. They all attended the Old Happy Thought School in East Selkirk. Michael went to school only until 1923.

He worked at the Van Horne Farm for a couple of years then went to the Manitoba Rolling Mills for two years. He freighted fish on Lake Winnipeg for a couple of winters, worked on the Great Falls Power Dam, also for the Man. Paper Company. He started work for the C.P.R. in Kenora then went to Lloydminster and North Battleford, Sask. He then moved to Vegreville, Myrnum, Willingdom and Vermilion, Alta., then to Nelson, B.C. in 1934.

He harvested throughout the west for seven years.

He then joined the R.C.A.M.C. in 1940 until 1945. He was a hospital orderly for 1 year and Diet Cook for 4 years.

He married Jean Melnyk from Howden in 1941, they lived in Winnipeg until 1945. They bought a place in East Selkirk on Lot 6 where they still reside. Their home burnt in 1957.

Jean Melnyk lived with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wasyl and Anne Melnyk when she married Michael. Anne Melnyk was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry and Helena Konolup. Wasyl Melnyk was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Basyl Melnyk born in the village of Koziwka, district of Ternopol Western Ukraine. There were four girls and one boy in the Melnyk family, Frank, Lena, Stella, Jean and Olga. All attended the St. Mary's School in Oowden, Man.

In 1947, Michael was the Caretaker of Happy Thought School up until 1955. In 1955, he went to Canadian Industries Ltd. and stayed there as a Shift Engineer until 1971 when he retired.



*Mike and Jean Gerylo.*

Mike and Jean have always belonged to St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Mike having served as President Treasurer for several terms. Mike was "Chief Ranger" of the Canadian Order of Foresters, "Court of Red River" as well as having been associated with the East Selkirk Reading Society (Hall Committee) all his life. Mike is a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Selkirk Branch No. 42, having served his term on the Executive. Mike and Jean both belong to the East Selkirk and District Seniors Club from its inception and Mike serves as Director of the group.

A son, Donald Michael was born on Sept. 24, 1942. He attended school in East Selkirk and Selkirk Collegiate. He joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1959 until 1961. Later he went to University of Manitoba. Then he was employed in the finance industry in Winnipeg and Brandon. He married Myrna Rae from Estevan, Sask. They have one son, Scott. Presently they reside in St. Albert, Alta., where he is a District Services Manager, for the Credit Union Central of Alberta.

A daughter, Marlene Joan was born on Oct. 31, 1943. She attended the Happy Thought School in East Selkirk. She married Kenneth Skiba of Garson, Man. They have one daughter, Kimberley. At this present time they reside in Cloverdale, B.C., where they are running their own business, "Ken's Alignment and Brakes."

A daughter, Valerie Jean was born on Oct. 2, 1946. She attended school in Happy Thought School in East Selkirk, and Selkirk Collegiate. She married Terry Wuzinski of East Selkirk. They have two daughters, Lori and Sheryl. At the present, they reside in East Selkirk, where he is working for the Selkirk Generating Station, Manitoba Hydro.

Another daughter, Darlene Dawn was born on Dec. 19, 1948. She attended school in the Happy Thought School in East Selkirk, and Selkirk Collegiate. She married Jim Sergent of Tyndall, Man. They have three children, Daniel, Donald, and Heather. Presently they reside in Squamish, B.C., where he's employed with the B.C. Railroad in Squamish.



*Mike and Jean Gerylo and their family, 1963. Terry, Darlene, Marlene, Valerie and Don.*



*Michael Gerylo, 1941.*

A son, Terry Jacob was born on May 18, 1951. He also attended school in the Happy Thought School in East Selkirk and Selkirk Collegiate and Red River College in Winnipeg. He married Deborah Faye Massey of Selkirk, and have two children, Reanna Dione and Michael Gordon, presently they reside in Winnipeg, where he is a Manager with the National Bank of Canada.



1938. Dog is "Toby" a sleigh dog owned by Eva and Gisli Gislason. Left to Right: Old Dad Copperthwaite, Sam Guttormson, ?, Ted Whittle (Hilda's son), Jonas Guttormson, Mr. Goodmanson, Harold Gislason (son of Gisli and Eva), and Gisli Gislason.

## **GISLASONS OF POPLAR PARK**

*submitted by Miranda Woodward*

Mr. and Mrs. Gislason came from Iceland with 2 boys and 2 girls. They settled at Poplar Park near Whittles Point. They farmed, fished and worked the land. The 2 boys were Barney and Gisli, and the 2 girls were Anne and Sigga.

Gisli married Eva Chernetsky and they had one child. Anna married Franz Hanson and they had two children. Sigga married Al Watts and they had no children. Barney

married Doris Hudson and they had two children.

Mr. Gislason died when he was 54 years old and his wife died several years later. They are both buried at Poplar Park.



*Eva and  
Gisli Gislason.*

## **GISLI GISLASON**

*submitted by Eva Gislason*

Gisli was the son of Icelandic Gislason and they lived at Poplar Park near Whittles Point. Gisli had one brother and two sisters. Anna, Sigga and Barney.

Gisli married Eva Chernetsky the daughter of Gregory (Harry) Chernetsky of Poplar Park and they had one son, Harold, who passed away at age 38 in 1968. Harold had 3 children when he died.

Gisli and Eva farmed and Gisli used to haul the mail from Libau to Johnsons. He had a sleigh dog named Toby. Gisli in later years used to work for Carlings Brewery in Winnipeg.

Eva loved the marsh, it was like a park, just beautiful. But it used to flood, sometimes without much warning. The basement used to fill up. One time Gisli and I were stranded, she says, and Jim Bolin had to walk chest deep in water to aid us, and once I had to sit on Gisli's shoulders because the water was so high. What a mess to clean up when the water receded.

Then the government bought the marshland from the community, some folks only received a few dollars per acre. We didn't sell out for many years. Then we finally sold, we received about \$35.00 an acre for the land. We had two parcels. The government just set a match to our home and burnt it. We had a beautiful barn and new cupboards in the house and a very good stove in it when they burned it. We later moved to Winnipeg and finally to East Selkirk. Gisli died in 1969 and Eva still resides in her neat and comfortable home in East Selkirk on Colville. Eva has 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Eva is troubled by her eyesight and had several operations to try to improve it, but it was not too successful. In Sept. 1982 she slipped in the kitchen and broke her right wrist and was in a cast until just recently, but can now move her arm fine. She is blessed with good and kind neighbours who she says look after her wonderfully, especially Ruth and Steve Fedak.