

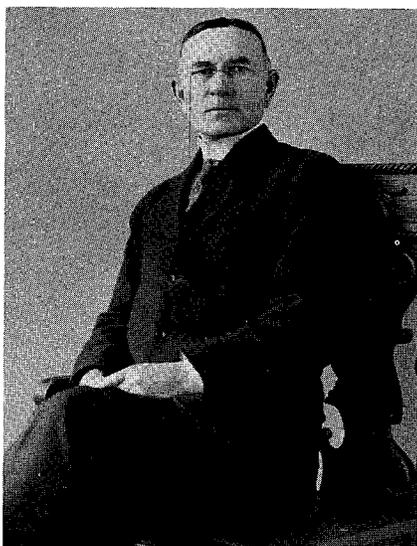
He was very community minded and served on the Council of the Municipality of St. Clements for many years. His last term of office was from 1912 to 1917 inclusive, when he represented the electors of Ward 2. He also served as a Trustee of the Honor S.D. No. 1070.

Gilbert was appointed Justice of the Peace by the Provincial Government and performed those duties for his district for some years. He is very active in politics and was a firm supporter of the Liberal party.

Gilbert's three sisters were: Margaret Jane, Emma Ann and Mary. His brothers were: Reginald, Donald J., John James and Henry George.

His father John Gunn former M.P. died in 1898 and his mother Emma in 1921. His grandfather, the Hon. Donald Gunn died in 1878. They were all buried in the Gunn family plot in the Little Britain Cemetery.

In 1932 Gilbert Gunn took ill and was rushed to Selkirk Hospital where an operation was performed to no avail. He passed away the same year and was buried beside his father John Gunn and grandfather Donald Gunn.



Rev.  
George Gunn

## MARY GUNN

*submitted by slh*

Mary Gunn was the daughter of John Gunn and Emma Garrioch and was born in the year 1864, one of 8 children born to her parents.

She lived most all of her life on the Donald and John Gunn property on Lot 163, Parish of St. Andrews, on the east side of the Red River in the Honor area.

Very early on in life Mary became interested in a nursing career. She graduated from the St. Paul, Minn. County Hospital School of Nursing in 1897.

Mary was a very enterprising young lady and put all her effort into the completion of projects.

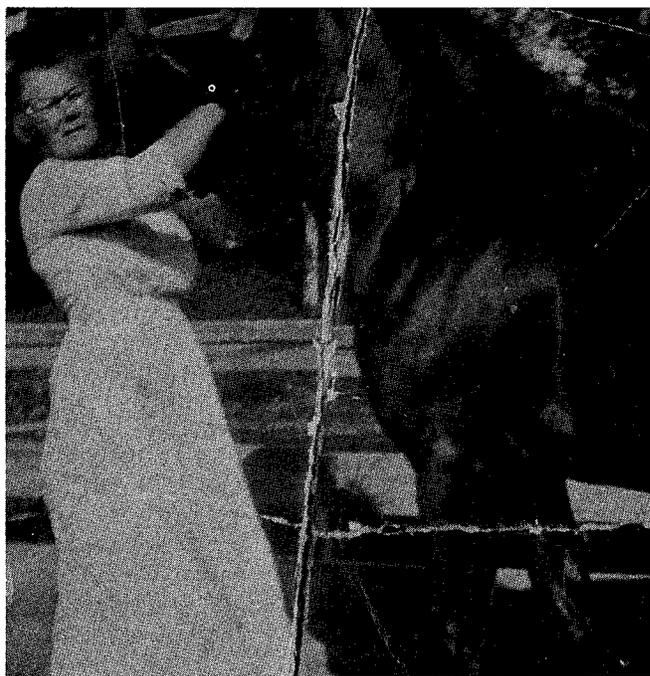
When the Locks were being built at Lockport, Mary had a fairly large Restaurant built on the east side to supply the needs of the workers. She put out first class meals and it wasn't long until she and her partner, Omer Upper, had built up a super reputation for supplying the



Mary Gunn

“inner wants” of man. They operated the business between them for several years. Omer used to cook on the boats and had worked on the dredge at the mouth of the river and also at the St. Andrews Dam site, the year the dredge came down to the rapids to assist in the dam channel.

Gunn's restaurant was built like a large cottage. It had living quarters complete with two bedrooms. It was located right on the hill above where the Baithouse is now, on the east side of the river, just north of the bridge. The building had a large screen-enclosed verandah with tables and chairs where patrons could eat in the fresh air while viewing the busy activity of the Lockport Corner. Inside was a large dining room with many more tables and chairs. Heat was supplied by a wood stove, which also was used for cooking. Water was by pump and located outside the cafe.



Mary Gunn on Gunn's Creek Bridge.

Mary ran this business for many years. As time passed she used to lease it out to others. In the early 1930's Jake Davis and his wife Mabel (Donald) ran it for a few years. It was called the Davis Restaurant then and was closed down in winter and opened up in late spring and ran until late fall. The busses used to pick up east-side passengers there and transport them across the river once the traffic bridge was finished in 1913. Prior to that was the boat rentals to ferry across at that point.

Mary remained single all her life. She was an enthusiastic individual who kept things humming around the old Gunn homestead. She ruled with an iron hand and knew more about horses and cattle than most of the men in the family.

The running of and care of the Gunn homestead mostly fell to Mary. Her nurses training kept her in demand and people came to rely on her knowledge and help during troubled times. Mary made a lot of trips to many homes when the call for help was relayed.

Mary passed away in 1948 at the age of 84 years, and had led a most useful and energetic life. Mary was laid to rest in the Gunn family plot at the Little Britain Churchyard Cemetery.

To Mary Gunn must go the credit for making life easier for the John Gunn family. She provided the stability needed, and removed the many obstacles and responsibilities that can encroach on ambitious careers. She paved the way to allow her brothers the freedom to realize interesting and varied careers.

Mary was at everyone's beck and call and could be depended upon, always, to provide a warm bed, good food and freshly laundered and pressed clothing for her brothers, who were somewhat prominent and in the public eye. The brothers were studious boys and spent many hours reading, researching or writing. To Mary fell the field work and the care of the cattle and horses as well as most chores of the homestead.

Mary, it can safely be said, spent almost her whole life in the service for others.

## EMMA ANN GUNN

*submitted by slh*

Emma was the daughter of John Gunn and Emma Garrioch. She was born in about the year 1862 and got most of her early education at the school for the children of the Hudson's Bay Company where her grandfather, the late Hon. Donald Gunn taught school for about a decade.

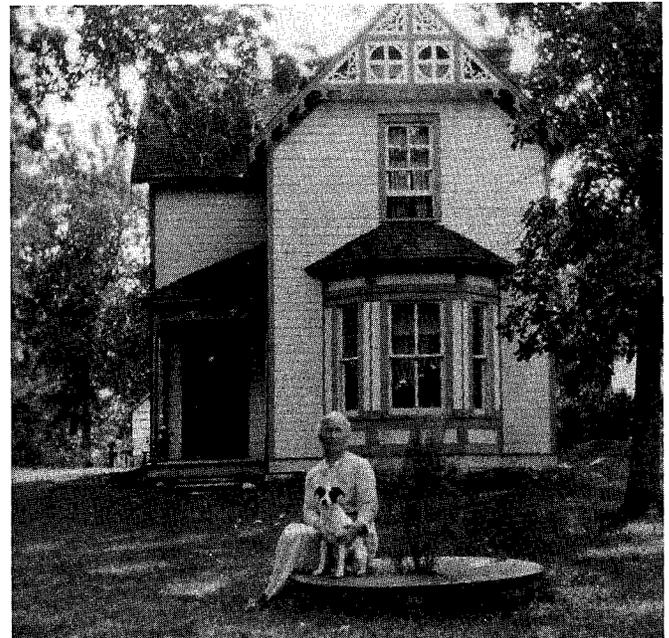
Emma was a devout church goer and attended the Little Britain Presbyterian Church. She taught Sunday School and was a Life Member of the church.

Emma had two sisters, Margaret Jane and Mary as well as five brothers: Reginald, Donald J., John James, Gilbert Garrioch and Henry George.

Emma lived most all of her life on the east side of the Red River on Lot 163 in the Gonor area. The last years were spent with her sister Mary Gunn. Miss Emma never married and spent most of her life caring for her family and the homestead. Emma was a grand cook and had great love for animals and the land.



*Emma Gunn*



*Emma Gunn taken in front of the Big house at Lockport.*

All of her family predeceased her. Emma passed away in the year 1949 and is buried in the Little Britain Cemetery in the Gunn family plot.

It is rumoured widely that Emma, in her younger years, had fallen in love with a young gentleman from England, visiting Canada and connected with the Diplomatic Corp. The story goes that they hit it off and had a whirlwind romance, but that the family were against the marrying. The reason given is that they thought this gentleman travelled too widely and that once back in England Emma would be shelved or else made unhappy. The family loved Emma and it appears nothing ever came of the romance as she remained unmarried all her life.

## ALEXANDER MONTGOMERY GUNN

*submitted by Sandy Gunn/Slh*

Alexander Montgomery Gunn, or "Sandy", as he is fondly called, was born on Dec. 21, 1901, the son of Donald Gunn and Leta Montgomery Muckle.

His father was the son of Alexander Gunn and Angieque McKenzie. His great-grandfather was the Hon. Donald Gunn and his great-grandmother was Margaret Swain.

Donald Gunn and Leta had four children: Alexander (Sandy) born December, 1901, Reta born Aug., 1903, Donald William Robert born Dec., 1905 and Archibald McClure born in March, 1908.

Reta married Fred Light and they had 2 boys: Douglas and Donald and reside in North Battleford.

Donald William Robert married Alma Lyons and they have 5 children: Larry, Robert, Donna, Gladys and Janice.

Archibald McClure never married.

Alexander married Marjorie McKenzie in 1931 and they had three girls: Marguerite (Mrs. Stephen), Joan (Mrs. Ryan), and Joy (Mrs. Clemons).

Sandy went to school in Clandeboye and attended the Presbyterian Church. He helped his father and worked about the property and assisted neighbors and family with chores.

Just after the First World War, Sandy worked out threshing, haying, and plowing by tractor for a few years and then went on the dredge at The Pas and Cumberland House. After the railroad went through the dredge was banked and the machinery dismantled and shipped to Selkirk. The hulk rotted. This work period was between about 1923 to 1927.

Sandy returned to the South and took care of the old Fort Garry Golf Course for about 5 years for the Motor Country Club during the period of 1928 to 1933.

From about 1935 to 1939 he went road building using a machine, which was a Monarch Gas Track Tractor, for the Canada Ingot Iron Co. for 50¢ an hour. He worked on roads in St. Andrews, Arborg, and Poplarfield and did government work at Gimli for which he received 60¢ an hour.

Then in the spring of 1939 Sandy swung over to the east side of the river in St. Clements and worked on the Grand Beach Road just south of the Brokenhead Bridge. When they crossed over the bridge with the equipment the structure sank 2 feet. It was east of the Brokenhead Bridge that Sandy had gas and oil stolen and work had to shut down until they got more fuel. Then they ended up working near John Otto's.

This equipment was leased and late in 1939 Sandy took the machine back to Wpg.

In the spring of 1940 Sandy started working for the Munc. of St. Andrews on the No. 12 Grader and by 1942 was operating the new Powell Equipment Grader. Eventually, the Munc. had to hire more men and bought more equipment and Sandy became Foreman and Supervisor of the Machinery and Road Mtce. Sandy remained with the Munc. of St. Andrews up to the the age of 69, retiring in the year 1970.

His first car was a 1926 Chevy coupe which he traded

with Edgar Frost and got a 1928 Chev. Touring car. It cost him the trade plus \$25.00.

Sandy joined the Masonic Lodge (AF/AM) 36 years ago and has enjoyed active membership, being a Past Master.

Curling and bowling are two sports Sandy has joined and enjoyed over the years.

Sandy lives in an apartment on Eveline Street in Selkirk that overlooks the Red River in view of the dock and waterfront activity. The "Lord Selkirk" is moored on the Red River directly opposite his front door.

Everyone you talk to that knows anything about roads and road building machinery will tell you that "Sandy Gunn knew his machines and could build or grade a road like no other man."



*John Gunter*

## JOHN AND MARIE GUNTER

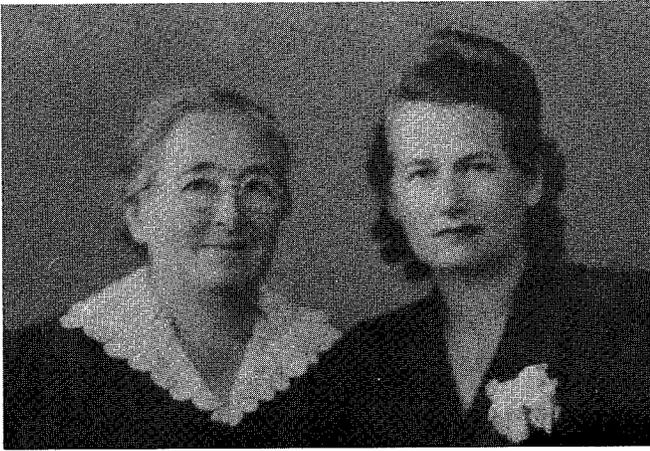
*submitted by Sophie Dubowits/slh*

John Gunter was born in the year 1870, in Celi Korsiw. He spent some of the years of his youth serving in the Army, as did many other young men of the day. John met a young lady by the name of Marie Yadlowsky, born in 1877 in Celi Kaminka, the daughter of Pearl and Adam Yadlowsky. They were married in the year 1898 while residing in the Village of Korsiw, Galacia, which was under Austrian rule at the time.

John and Marie soon had a family. The first born was a daughter, Mary, soon followed by another girl, Katherine.

After considerable discussion and planning, John and Marie decided they would like to emigrate to a new country, that was being widely publicized all over Europe, Canada. Marie's parents listened with interest, and decided to make the move to this new country Canada along with their daughter and their two grandchildren.

At the turn of the century they set sail for Canada, John and Marie, their two children, Mary and Katherine, and Marie's parents, Adam and Pearl Yadlowsky. They arrived in the east and worked themselves toward the



*Mrs. Gunter and Nettie.*

west and eventually arrived in Manitoba. They resided in Wpg. for a period of time where John found work and made a temporary home for his family. By diligent saving he soon had sufficient funds to start looking for some property. They had a love for the land and wanted to homestead in this new country. They did not care too much for city life.

After some searching, they decided on some property north of Wpg. on the east side of the Red River, known as Gonor, Man. They started clearing and brushing the land contained within Lot 213. Soon they had a home built to house the six in their family. Marie's parents made their home with them, and they were snug and warm during the winter of 1900

They soon made friends with the neighbors and the children could attend the Gonor School and the family attended the Holy Trinity Catholic Church located close by.

In the year 1901 they cleared more land, planted more garden and another child was born to John and Marie, their third daughter, Annie. John carried on a mixed farm operation and did market gardening and sold his



*John Gunter Family. Front Row: Sally, Maria and Sophie.*



*Nettie Kotowich, Mary Gunter and Annie Wachal, 3 sisters.*

produce to supplement his income and provide for his growing family. Four more children were born to John and Marie while they lived in Gonor: Nettie in 1904, followed by Joe in 1907, Sophie in 1909 and Stella in 1911. Their only son, Joe, grew up with six sisters to love and care for him.

Mary, the eldest daughter married Alex Gudze. Mary died in the year 1955 at the age of 58 years.

Katherine Gunter married John Mandziuk and she passed away in 1951, in her 53rd year.

Annie married John Manchulenko and she passed away in 1969 when she was 68 years old.

Nettie married Norman Semenuk and she died in 1971 at age 67.

Sophie married Mike Dubowits. Mike very sadly passed away and Sophie continues to make her home here in the town of Selkirk.

Stella (Sally) Gunter married Cyril Ginski and they reside in Chicago.

Joe Gunter married Mary Gusnowski, and Joe died in 1973 at 66 years of age. Mary died in 1972 at the age of 64 years.

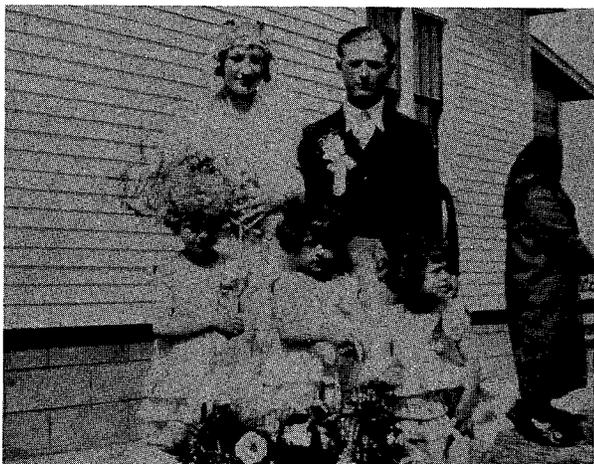
John Gunter lived to be 74 years old, less one day, passing away on March 17, 1944. Marie Gunter (Yadlowsky) died in 1971.

John and Marie Gunter worked very hard most all of their lives to make sure that their children had a good start in life. They both loved the land and had faith that Canada would provide them all with the opportunities of a better life. They taught their children to be diligent and hardworking and to be thankful for all blessings and the benefit of a good education. They are both resting peacefully in the Churchyard Cemetery of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Gonor.

Their son Joe served as the Councillor of Ward One of the Rural Municipality of St. Clements in the year 1948. John had passed away prior to Joe serving on the local gov'n't Council, but Marie was very proud of her son and his service to the community.

Marie's parents Adam and Pearl Yadlowsky, lived with John and Marie for a number of years, then moved to a lot of their own, on the Albert Wachal land, where they lived a quiet existence. Adam passed away in the year 1918 at age 77 while Pearl lived to be 75 passing

away in the year 1929. Pearl is buried in the Beausejour Cemetery and Adam in the Roman Catholic Church Cemetery in Narol.



*Eva Gudge, Mary and Helen Manchuluk.*

### **JOSEPH AND MARY GUNTER**

*submitted by Sophie Dubowits/slh*

Joe was the son of John Gunter and Marie Yadlowsky who had come to Canada at the turn of the century, and settled on Lot 213, within the Gonor area of Man. When his father had set sail for Canada, he brought over his wife Marie, their two small daughters, Mary and Katherine as well as Joe's grandparents, Pearl and Adam Yadlowsky.

Joe was born in Gonor in the year 1907, and four sisters were born in Gonor, as well: Nettie, Sophie, Annie and Stella.

Joe grew up attending Gonor School and the Holy Trinity Church. Being the only boy in a family of six sisters, he early on learned to tend the land and help supply the needs of the family, along with his father. John Gunter died in the year 1944 and Joe carried on the family farm which was a mixed operation of some grain, cattle, horses, chickens, pigs and market gardening. He also took care of his mother Marie.

Joe met and married Mary Gusnowski of St. Andrews and they made their home at Lot 213, Gonor until the year 1954, when they moved to the Town of Selkirk. His mother Marie remained with Joe until she passed away in the year 1971.

While still living in Gonor, Joe allowed his name to stand for nomination for the position of Councillor for the Rural Municipality of St. Clements. He was successful, and represented Ward One of the local government for the year 1948.

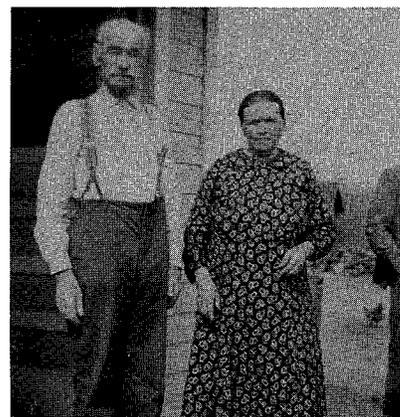
Mary Gunter (Gusnowski) passed away in the year 1972 at the age of 64 and Joe very sadly passed away the following year (1973) at the age of 66 years.

Although it was not always easy being the only boy in a family of seven, Joe had a great love for the land and his family and faithfully cared for his mother Marie, after the death of his father.

### **JOHN AND MARY GUSNOSKI**

*submitted by Rose, Kathryn and Agnes*

Father and Mother, John and Mary Gusnoski were born in Brody, Austria. John was born in 1865 and Mary was born in 1875 (nee; Hnatiuk). John and Mary were married in 1889. They came to Canada in 1899. They landed in Halifax penniless and struggled to make their way and obtain the fare to transport them via CPR to Wpg. They lived in Wpg., for two years in a little room on Jarvis Ave. John worked at various jobs to build up sufficient income in order to buy property. Two years later they ventured out of the city, north of Wpg., where John bought some land in Narol. The land was a river frontage, four miles long and two chains wide and all bush. This was the boundary property between Narol and Gonor. They used the wood from the land and built themselves a little log house. The first winter there was no money to put windows in so they filled sacks up with hay and filled the window frames with these bags to keep out the cold. It was cozy and snug and they used candles to light up the long winter evenings.



*John and Mary Gusnoski of Narol, 1940.*

When they arrived in Canada, John and Mary had one child, Michael, aged 6 months and by the second year, when they were still in Wpg., another child was born, a daughter Annie. So that winter there were four within the log cabin.

Next spring the family had a good sized garden cleared and planted and soon after had the funding to put in window panes.

John was one of the founding members of the Corpus Christi Church and it filled a great need in their life.

When the children started school, Mother never let the first child Ann attend. In fact, Ann never attended school a day in her life. Later, all the children attended Gonor school.

John and Mary had eleven children: Mike, Annie, Walter, Frank, Mary, Rose, Helen, Katherine, Sophie, Beatrice and John.

Four of the above children of John and Mary are now deceased, Mike, Annie, Walter and Mary. John Gusnoski passed away in 1940 and his wife Mary passed away in 1957. To bring you up to date on the eleven Gusnoski children:

Mike married Agnes Meteric and they had three sons



*Sitting: Mary Gusnoski. Standing, Left to Right: Mike, Walter, Ann Praznik, Helen Symynyk, Kathryn Heuchert, Sophie Cybulski, Beatrice Redchuk, and John.*

and one daughter: Harold, Martin, Michael and Verna.

Annie married Joe Praznik and they had five children: Millie, Pauline, Jean, Stanley and Frank.

Walter married Annie Peake and they had one daughter, Joan.

Frank, unfortunately, illness struck him at 2 years of age and he was left with deafness. He is now 78 years of age and is unmarried.

Mary married Metro Cherpaka and they had two sons and two daughters: Rose, Loraine, John and Henry.

Rose married Tom Praznik and they had three children: Irene, Bernard and Joan. Helen married Bill Symynyk and they had two children; Bill and Gloria. Katherine married Bill Huechert and they had three children: Doreen, Fred and Janice.

Sophie married Bill Cybulsky and they had two sons Lawrence and Dr. Richard.

Beatrice married Peter Redchuk and have two daughters Audrey and Cathy.

John married Jean Rewucki and had five children, three sons and two daughters: Robert, Raymond,

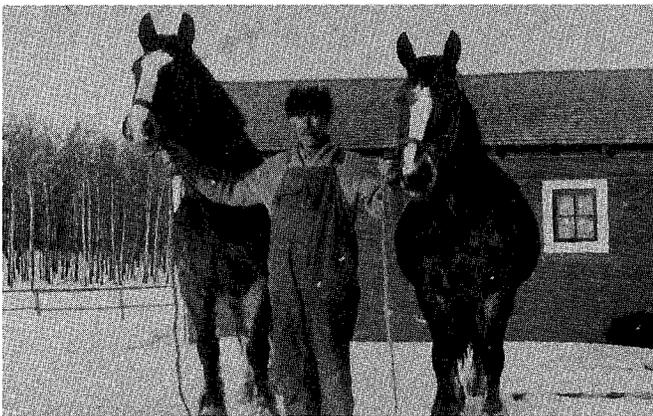


*Seated: Mrs. Mary Gusnoski. Standing, Left to Right: Annie, Mary, Rosie, Katie, Sophie, Beatrice.*

Richard, Marilyn, and Jeanette. John served with the Armed Forces during the Second World War.

Rose stated during an interview in Dec. 1981 that she got married to Tom Praznik in 1927 in the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church of Gonor. We had a small wedding and she remembered fondly the wedding gifts of one table cloth, the feather quilt, pillows and sheets from her Mother. She still has today about 6 teaspoons and some cups and saucers from her wedding day. Rose said we had no showers for brides like you do today. Rose went on to mention that after they married they stayed two weeks at her Mother's place, and then had to go back and live with my husband's parents, where the eldest boy got married, moved out and we moved in. We moved into the same room wher the Mother and Father slept. It was not too satisfactory. We were all in the one room for at least one year, then they built a new 2-storey home and we were given the upstairs. We lived upstairs for another year then built a little house of our own where we lived for the next 12 years. Then we built a new home.

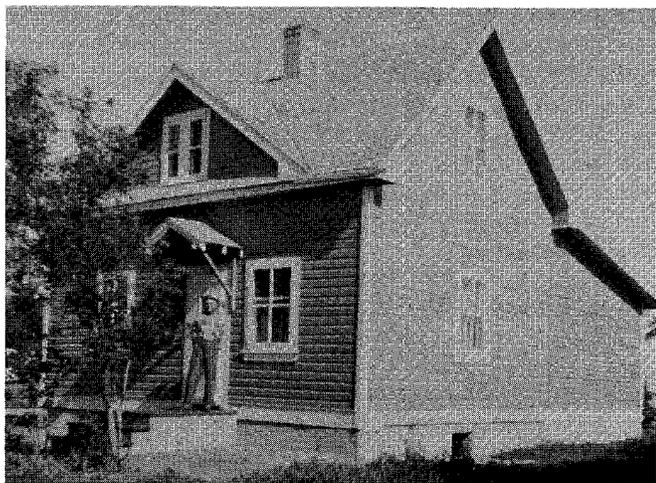
During the years from 1927 to 1940, we mostly did market gardening. The work was very hard, but we had



*John Gusnoski with his 2 horses Jessie and Nellie who were killed by a CN train.*



*Back Row: John, Mike, Walter, Frank. Front Row: Mike's sons, Harold and Martin.*



*Old Gusnoski House on Lot 215 Henderson Hwy. Built about 1911. Lean to built in 1916.*

some very happy times, as well. Rose's husband, Tom Praznik was a musician and played the violin, while another brother played the saxophone. There were six Praznik brothers and they had their own orchestra. They played at weddings, showers and socials. They played a lot at the Gonor Hall after it was built, as well as other halls around various communities. They were in great demand because they were considered a very good Band.

A word about Annie Gusnoski. She never went to school but stayed home and helped Mother raise the children. Annie was always washing and mending clothes. Annie was really an expert seamstress and could sew anything. She made clothes for all the children, Mother and herself. Even after Annie married Joe Praznik, she kept on sewing for us. Annie was wonderful, all she had to do was see a picture of a dress and she could design it without any pattern. Annie married when she was 18 years old, she married Joe and Rose married Joe's brother Tom.

Tom Praznik was with the Manitoba Vegetables and Garden Sales and before that he was a member of Council of the R.M. of St. Andrews for about 7 years and served one term as Reeve of the Municipality of St. Andrews. Tom Praznik passed away in 1977, and Joe Praznik in early 1970.

Rose and Kathryn recall the great love and affection their Mother and Father, John and Mary Gusnoski and the many years of hardship, love and caring for one another. They proudly display a few photographs of the old homestead at Lot 215, Gonor, built in about 1911 and a photo of their parents in 1940 also their father with his pride and joy, two horses named Jessie and Nellie who were both killed by a train on the CNR tracks. The last photo is of the family.

John Gusnoski passed away in 1940 and his wife Mary in 1957. May they both rest in peace knowing they raised a fine family of eleven children and always did the best with what they had. Father John Gusnoski divided the land he loved between his four sons, Mike, Walter, Frank and John. Of the four Gusnoski sons, Mike (1973) and Walter are deceased.

## GUTTORMSON FAMILY

*submitted by Asdia Anderson*

My parents Einar and Freda Guttormson settled in Poplar Park in April 1921, coming from Husavik near Winnipeg Beach, where he was a fisherman, farmer and carpenter. He was born in Iceland and came to Canada with his parents, Guttormur Thorsteinson and Birgitta Maria, the youngest of ten children in 1893. Einar and Holmfridur were married in 1913. She was the daughter of Janas and Asdis Johanneson of Winnipeg Beach, both of them coming from Iceland in their youth. Einar and Freda raised ten children having three daughters when they moved to Poplar Park. He bought a 160 acre farm on Sec. 10-16-6E about 3 to 4 miles from the south end of Lake Winnipeg. This farm had hayland and bushland providing fodder for stock and plenty of firewood as well as being close to the lake for fishing. There was a log house on a hill and Dad set to fixing it up. The floor had been cut away to rescue a horse that had fallen into the cellar. Then he brought his fishing "shack" from by the lake and put it at one end of the house for a kitchen. It was lumber with tarpaper over and a hole in the roof for the stovepipe. This served for about 12 years when he built a log addition. Then in 1948 the new house was built. My Dad had the help of a neighbor, Bill Pruden, with his team of horses to go to Husavik for furniture and a cow, driving over the lake ice or slush at that time of year, a distance of about 30 miles. Then he bought a team of "broncos". These were untrained horses brought in from Alberta in railway box cars and sold. He had to "break them in" and soon they became beasts of burden and the mode of transportation. I remember many a runaway - luckily we were never injured. He also had a train of 4 dogs used for fishing in winter.



*The old and new house at the farm of Einar and Freda Guttormson.*

The children were all born at home with a neighbor lady as midwife and there never were any problems. All of us had to walk 2 1/2 miles to Sheffield School through swamp and bush trail and in spring when that became impassable we walked around by the main road which was 3 1/2 miles. One son Hinrik was a casualty of the Second World War. He joined the Air Force and was on a bombing mission with his Canadian Buddies, when they were shot down over Germany on March 6, 1945.



*Cliff Guttormson, 1963.*

Another son Frederick was a soldier and was in active service in France when he was injured. Luckily he recuperated. Then the war ended and he returned home. The other children are: Birgitta Mrs. Gillis, Toronto. Asdis Mrs. T.A. Anderson, Winnipeg, formerly lived at Libau (Poplar Park), Helga Mrs. Geo. Inman, Winnipeg, Fred and wife Carol of Libau, Donald (Sam), Libau, Bertie, Mrs. Reay, Winnipeg, Jonas, Winnipeg, Eileen, Mrs. L. Rozenhart, Richmond, B.C. and Clifford and wife Edna, Winnipeg.

There was a church in the area, St. James Anglican, which we attended when there was a service, which was only periodically.

Mother was an outgoing person and liked making friends. She would walk several miles to visit a neighbor and welcomed anyone that dropped in, offering a meal or a cup of coffee. Dad was always willing to help neighbors with carpentry work and building a chimney. On June 9th, 1927, there was a flood that covered the hayland so Dad had to get hay in various places upland that summer. Then when the dry years began he took a homestead along the creeks, which provided an abundance of bluegrass. There was good duck hunting over the marsh, creeks and lake. Many duck hunters built their lodges



*Einar and Freda Guttormson and their ten children.*

along the fringes, and one Col. Arthur Sullivan built a fabulous one on piles. He spent much time there in the fall and had Indian and local men help with the hunting. Later it was sold to a Mr. Maytag. Then the Manitoba Wildlife Dept. became owners and a fire occurred burning it down. There was a Gun Club formed by a group of duck hunters at Whittles Point, the land previously owned by Whittles family that had settled there in early nineteen hundred.

One old man Kenyon Copperthwaite lived at Whittles Point in a little shack. Everyone called him "Old Dad". He had a long white beard and lived to be over a hundred years.

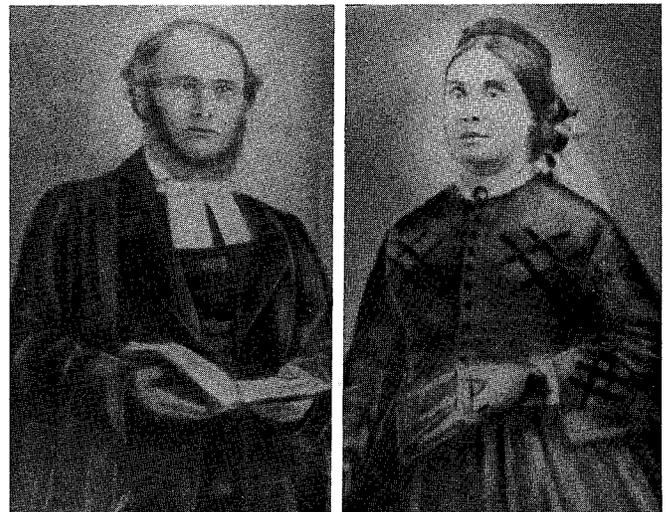
My Dad loved music and played violin, self taught. He played at the school dances and relaxed by playing in the evenings at home. He lived to be 86 years of age and Mother was 82 1/2 when she passed away.

I married T.A. (Stoney) Anderson and we farmed on Sec. 8-16-6E. He was a fisherman also and a mink rancher. We had eight children Bryce, Gary, Louise, Sylvia, James, Dennis, Marjorie and Frederick.

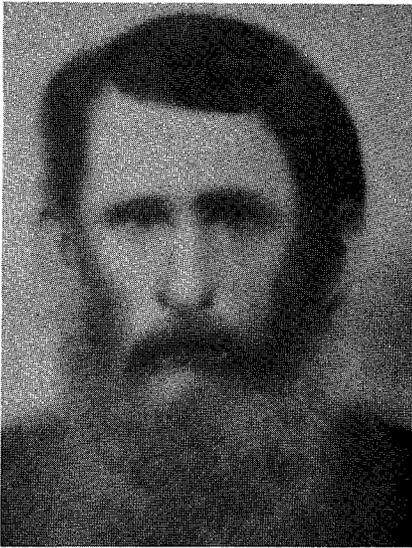
## THE HALPIN FAMILY

*submitted by Redmond Halpin*

The Halpin family, as it was known in the municipality of St. Clements, began on January 11th, 1875 with the birth of Flora Isabella daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Leask (nee Francis Mary Cummings). William A. Leask was the son of William Leask, a Scot from the Orkeny Islands raised by the Rev. Thomas and his wife, who is reported to have been a sailor. How he arrived north of Selkirk is not known. He apparently struck up a romance or an affair with a native maiden that produced Wm. A. Leask. Flora's mother, Francis Mary Cummings, was said to be of English descent and was an orphan. Flora Bella was one of a family of 13 children, 9 girls and 4 boys. In 1903, Flora went to Fort Alexander to keep house for her brother. There she met Henry Ross Halpin. He was a widower and worked for the Hudson



*The Reverend William Henry Halpin, Mrs. William Henry Halpin Nees: Elizabeth Gaston Rogon.*



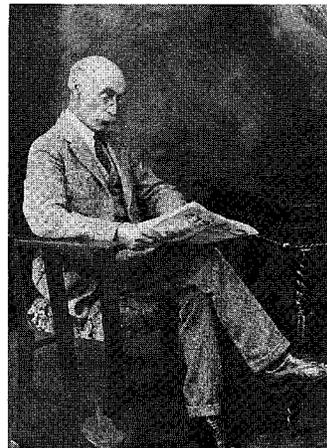
*Edward Leask,  
1930-1906.*

to Fort Alexander. There, he met and married Flora Bella Leask on February 1st, 1904. They left the employ of Hudson Bay Co. about 1908 and settled in Libau, where they remained until the spring of 1928, when the floods forced them to leave. Henry Ross Halpin died in Winnipeg on May 5th, 1930. Flora Bella continued to live in Winnipeg until the mid 30's when she moved back to Libau, having purchased the farm formerly owned by her brother John. She lived there until around 1948, when she left to live with her daughter. In 1970 she went to Winnipeg and lived with her son John and family until her death on April 22nd, 1972.

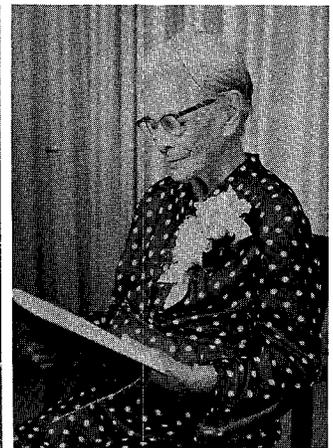
Henry Ross and Flora Bella had four children. The oldest, William Henry was born June 13th, 1905 married Clara Witt. Henry worked as a farm hand. Also on Lake Winnipeg boats and two years in the logging camps of British Columbia. In 1925 he started work in Pine Falls building the Paper Mill. When the Mill was complete, he worked for the Manitoba Paper Co. retiring from Abitibi in 1969 as Papermill Superintendent.



*Harry Halpin and Flora (Leask) Halpin.*



*Henry Ross Halpin, 1856-1930.*



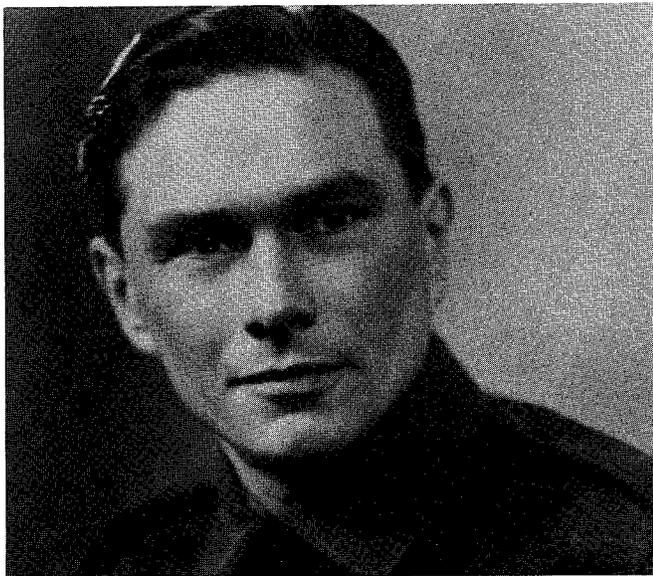
*Mrs. Flora Leask (Halpin).*

Bay Co. He was running the company's store at Fort Alexander.

Henry Ross Halpin was one of four children (three boys and one girl) born to the Rev. and Mrs. William Henry Halpin (nee Elizabeth Gaston Rogan) who immigrated to Canada from Cork, Ireland in 1800's and settled in London, Ont. There, with the Rev. Helmuth (a converted Jew) and four other theologians of the Anglican church, received a charter and established the Huron College. This is now known as Western University. The Rev. William Henry Halpin was from a long line of Anglican ministers.

Henry Ross Halpin travelled to western Canada and worked for the Dept. of Indian Affairs as Indian Agent. He was stationed at Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask. in 1876. Henry Ross married about this time, A.M. Elliott, they had a family of five boys and two girls. Following this, he joined the Hudson Bay Co. and worked in Edmonton. In 1885, he was taken prisoner by Chief Big Bear (mentioned in 'Blood Red the Sun and in the History of Saskatchewan). At the turn of the century he was posted

They had two sons, Ross and Bruce. Henry died Dec. 10th, 1971. His wife died December 20th, 1980. The second child, Marie Eugenie was born Dec. 21st, 1908 and married Charles Pruden. Marie worked her working days in Winnipeg, primarily as a Millner. They raised two children (adopted) Katie and Charles. Charles Sr. was a longtime well driller. Marie died Jan. 21st, 1976 and Charles on March 10th, 1980. The third child was John Leask, born March 20th, 1913. John worked on farms and also did quite a bit of painting, he worked for the Manitoba Paper Co. for a short time, then spent a short time with the R.C.A.F., he was discharged on medical grounds. John retired as Foreman with Guest Engineering Winnipeg. He married Iva Huebner and they have five children: Flora, Robert, William, Charles, and Marie. John retired as Foreman for Guest Engineering, Winnipeg. He and his wife live in St. Boniface. The youngest, Gordon Redmond, was born August 27th, 1915. Redmond worked on farms throughout southern Manitoba, started work with Manitoba Paper Co. in 1936, retiring in 1980. During this time he spent 4 years in



*Redmond Halpin in Belgium, Feb. 2, 1945.*



*Henry Halpin and his wife Clara, Pine Falls, Man.*

the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals. Following the war, he was instructor with Cadet Services of Canada, retiring with the rank of Captain C.D. He married Mary Arnott. They have four children: Ronald, Janet, Helen and Brian. Redmond retired May 31st, 1980 from Abitibi Price, Pine Falls as Purchasewood Supt. He and his wife reside in Pine Falls.

Long or short anecdotes relating to this family have not been included. People still living who knew them will recall such memories. Many of the younger generation will have little knowledge of the original family.

## NICK AND MARY HARLUCK

*submitted by Mary Harluk*

Nick Harluck and Mary Pawluk were married in the spring of 1942. They settled at Semple Siding on a farm. This was seven miles north of East Selkirk. In the fall, fire destroyed their home and belongings. They spent the following winter living in the bunkhouse. A couple of wet years forced them to move.



*Nick and Mary Harluck, Mary and Nick Harluck and Herbert.*

A son, Herbert, was born prior to their move to East Selkirk. For the next few years, Nick was a grader operator for the R.M. of St. Clements. Not satisfied with this, he decided to start his own business, the coal and wood business. At this time, Nick also served as a Councillor for Ward 4. Nick and Mary also farmed. With such a busy life, it was somewhat of a surprise when they were blessed with a set of twins, Vernon and Veronica. Nick was a friend to all and many knew him only as "Bucky". Unfortunately, Nick died in 1967 at the age of 54. Mary still resides at the home place.

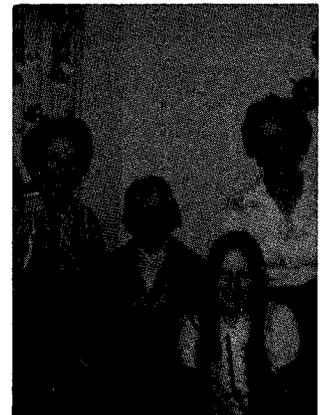
Their son, Herbert, chose to make his career in the Armed Forces. He has toured the world and at present is stationed in Edmonton.

Vernon maintained the family farm and eventually bought his own farm.

Veronica married Peter King in 1968 and resides in East Selkirk.



*Nick Harluck Family, Mary on Hood, Vernon and Veronica in front, Herbert and Nick.*



*Mary Harluck, Olena Pawluk, Laura King, and Veronica King.*