

MR. AND MRS. MARK HARRISON

submitted by Olga Harrison

Mrs. Mary Harrison (nee Pospich) was born in the Ukraine in the village of Horbkov, province of Svitaziv in the year 1892. She came to Canada in 1900 at the age of eight with her mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Kitsko. Her two stepsisters Anne and Pearl, and step-brothers John and Paul were born in Canada and all are now residing in Alberta.

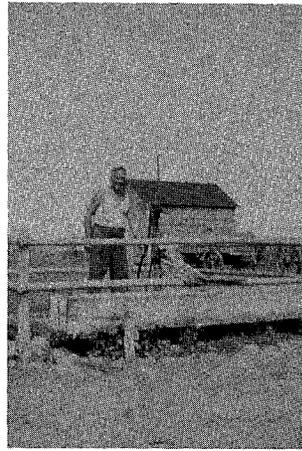


Mrs. Byrko and Mrs. Mary Harrison hoeing potatoes in the early 1930's.



Butchering a pig for meat on Harrison farm, 1937, Fred, Tom, Ozie, and Eva.

When arriving in Canada they settled in the Gimili area where they earned their living by doing mixed farming on a small scale. Mrs. Harrison often reminisced how she set snares for rabbits and brought home ample meat for a good meal time and again. After several years they moved to Winnipeg and by that time Mrs. Harrison was able to earn some money baby-sitting for those who were in the wealthier class and when she was old enough she was fortunate enough to get employment at the Royal Alexandra Hotel in the kitchen. This was also something else she often spoke about. In 1910 at the age of seventeen she married Mark Harrison who had come to Canada two years previously. In 1911, while they were living in Winnipeg their eldest son Thomas was born, and also a daughter Sophie who died in infancy, and in 1915 Dora was born. Mr. Harrison found employment with the Canadian National Railway and moved to Mauer, Saskatchewan where he stayed for two years. It was here that their son Michael was born. From Mauer they moved to East Selkirk where Mr. Harrison was employed at a paper mill in Selkirk and later at the Manitoba Rolling Mills. He again was hired by the Canadian National Railway and was transferred to The Pas to work as foreman and it was under his supervision that the railway between The Pas and Churchill was built. To him it was a memorable day when the train made its first run on April 28, 1929 only to be badly snowbound by a severe snowstorm before arriving in Churchill. While Mr. Harrison worked for the railroad, Mrs. Harrison stayed at home in East Selkirk looking after her family and it was during this period that their daughter Eva (1919),



Mark Harrison pumping water.

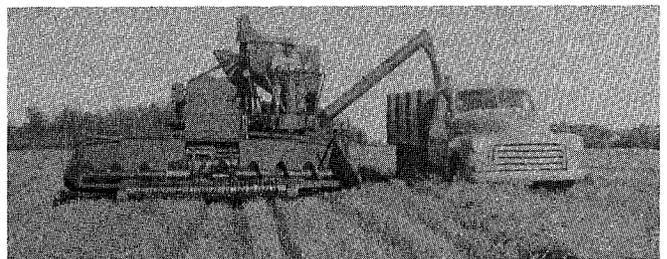


Having lunch on Benson's Marsh, Fred and Ozie Harrison, 1938.

and sons Fred (1925), and Ozie (1927) were born.

In 1930 they had purchased a 1/4 section of land in the Mayfield district. Mrs. Harrison, with the help of her two older sons, Thomas and Michael, worked the farm while their father was building the railway in northern Manitoba. Not too long after they purchased an adjoining 1/4 section of land. In 1936 Mr. Harrison reluctantly had to retire because of ill health. His remaining years he spent recuperating and guiding his sons in looking after the farm, much of which had to be broken and cleared. He passed away in 1945.

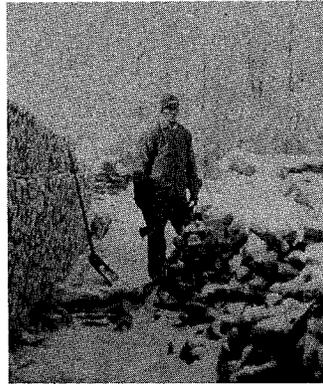
Their son Thomas married Minnie Cooper of Winnipeg, farmed for ten years and moved to Winnipeg where they lived till he passed away in 1982, at the age of 71. Michael married Nellie McGee and settled to farm in the Walkleyburg area. He passed away in 1968 at the age of 52. Their daughter Dora married Tony Jablonski and they farmed with his parents for many years and later by themselves until retiring to live in Selkirk in the year 1970. Eva married George Horanski to farm with him in Walkleyburg till their retirement in 1978 when they moved to Selkirk also. Ozie married Betty Zawadski and is presently living in Calgary where he is employed by an insurance company. Fred married Olga Gerylo and stayed on the homefarm where he is still farming. Their sons David and Dennis, while being employed away from home, still do their share of the farm labor in their spare time, especially at seeding time and during harvest. Sadly Mrs. Harrison suffered a severe stroke in 1977 and has since been living at the Tudor House, Personal Care Home in Selkirk.



Modern farming on Harrison farm, Fred Harrison, late 1950's.



Tom Harrison digging basement for house, 1940.



Piling wood for year's supply, late 1950's, Fred Harrison.

EDWARD HENRY GEORGE GUNTER HAY

submitted by slh

Mr. E.H.G.G. Hay was born in Hull, Yorkshire on March 11, 1840. He married Frances Gibson and they had 5 children. He left home at the age of 13, followed the machinist's trade and in 1858 went to New York. In 1861 he journeyed to Georgetown (Moorhead) where he helped with the construction of the Steamer "International" on the Red River. In 1863 he moved to Fort Garry and built his own mill in St. Andrews, where he continued operations until 1881.

He was a Member for St. Andrews (Liberal) in the first Manitoba Legislature of 1870. He was defeated in 1874 by the Hon. John Norquay, but was re-elected in 1879 as Member for St. Clements. He moved to Portage la Prairie, erecting a foundry there which he operated until 1893.

In 1889 he was made Police Magistrate and in 1900 he was appointed Clerk of Works at St. Andrew's Lock by the Dominion Government. He retired in 1911 and died at Lockport on Nov. 25, 1918.

Helen Harriet Hay, daughter of E.H.G.G. Hay ran the famous "Tea Room" at the Hay home on the banks of the Red River from 1927 to 1940. Helen Hay passed away in Feb. 23, 1960 at age 88 years. She was not married.

ROBERT HAY

submitted by slh

Robert Hay was born in Scotland in the year 1839. He came to Canada when he was 25 years old in the year 1864. He was in the employ of the Hudson's Bay Company stationed in the Peace River country for about two years. Then he tried gold mining for awhile. In 1867 he went to Winnipeg and by 1869 he married and settled down in Gonor, located on east bank of the Red River. His wife was Christina Hay.

Robert became Reeve of the Municipality of St. Clements. Christina and Robert had three sons: Robert Jr., John and Thomas.

Robert J. became a Minister of the Presbyterian Church. John (Jack) was a supt. of the St. Andrews Lock and Dam. Thomas became a Reeve of St. Clements



Robert Hay

Municipality and a Member of Parliament.

Robert Hay died on Wed. Jan. 22, 1913 at the age of 74 years. Christina Hay died at Gonor on Sat. April 11, 1914 at 73 years of age. Both are buried in the Little Britain Cemetery.



The Robert Hay house.

JAMES HEAP

submitted by slh

James Heap was born in England on Feb. 1, 1830 and came to Canada in 1854, settling in Ontario. In 1864 he married Miss Colcleugh. They remained in Ontario until 1887 at which time they moved west to Manitoba and made their home in Selkirk. James received his legal training in Ontario and practised law in the Town of Selkirk and surrounding area for over 22 years.

Mr. and Mrs. James Heap had three children (sons) Max, Harry and Frederick.

James continued to deal in law and eventually his son

Frederick joined in partnership with him. They carried on an impressive law firm representing many corporations, Loan and Railway organizations, as well as several Municipalities surrounding the City of Winnipeg including St. Clements and the Town of Selkirk.

In politics, James supported the Liberal party and assisted with local and provincial campaigns. He also attended and upheld the Presbyterian faith and supported the Knox Church in Selkirk.

His son, Fred Heap, was born on March 10, 1872. He studied for Law and was admitted as Solicitor on July 13, 1896. He was called to the Bar, Dec. 11, 1896.

Fred Heap married Miss Maggie Colcleugh (daughter of Mayor Colcleugh) in June of 1901. Maggie and Fred had 3 sons: James, William and Max. Maggie very sadly passed away in early January, 1916 when she was just 37 years old. She rests at Mapleton.

James Heap, father of Fred, passed away on Feb. 18, 1909 and he was buried at Lindsay, Ont. He had worked at his law firm right up to within two days of his death. James and Fred Heap represented the Municipality of St. Clements at several court hearings and served as Municipal Solicitor from 1898 to 1909. The rate of remuneration during those years was about \$35.00 per year for legal work. Fred attended the regular monthly meetings and aided members of council when transactions had to be handled or legal interpretation was needed. In April of 1908, Fred formed partnership with R.D. Stratton of Wpg. and they operated out of an office in the McIntyre Block on Main Street.

Fred retired from his legal practise in the year 1958, and passed away the next year on July 18, 1959 at the age of 87 years.

Over the years when researching court cases or viewing the newspaper articles of the Selkirk area it would be most unusual not to see mention of the Heap name in relation to legal matters. Also, they were most successful in winning judgement in the cases they represented.

HELWER FAMILY HISTORY

submitted by Esther McKenty

Frederick Henry Helwer was born in Russia, October 5, 1909 and came to Canada as a child. His parents John and Katherine had been well-to-do landowners along the Volga River in Russia, descendants of German farmers transplanted by Empress Catherine the Great, herself of German origin. With the coming of the Russian revolution in 1917, John Helwer opted for freedom. He packed up his wife, young son, Fred, what possessions they could carry, and made their way, undoubtedly with great difficulty, first to Poland, then to Germany. There they lived for several years before being sponsored by a relative to come build a home in a new nation, Canada. They arrived in Winnipeg on January 1, 1923. John worked for the CPR for several years, then, in 1928, he purchased a farm in the Libau area, as three young sons, Alexander, Robert and David had been born into the family. In 1931, Fred married Elsie Hoffman, daughter of Traugott and Caroline Hoffman, pioneer farmers of the Libau district.



Standing, Left to Right: Margaret, Eleanor, June, Esther, Violet, Elsie and Fred Helwer. Front Row: Ron, Harvey, Ed, Irvin.

Fred and Elsie initially lived on the Hoffman homestead, then, in 1941, bought an adjoining 1/2-section of land and moved into a larger home with their growing family.

Fred Helwer was always interested in his community, serving as a councilor for Ward 5 from 1945-1950, then as Reeve of the R.M. of St. Clements in 1952 and 1953. Being on council meant he served on the Selkirk General Hospital board and became a member of the Good Roads Association. One of Fred's major accomplishments was improving the roads in his ward.

In 1952, Fred built a service station and garage in Libau and had as partners his two eldest sons, Ron and Harvey. He secured a dealership for Massey-Ferguson farm equipment and in his sales travels met more of the people in the area he was then serving as reeve.

In 1956, a Massey-Ferguson dealership became available in Selkirk and this became Fred's next challenge; serving now not only the people on the east side of the river, but on the west side as well, including Clandeboye and Petersfield. All of this time he had continued to farm the 3/4-section he owned, plus another 1/2-section he had purchased, with help from his wife, sons and daughters. In the 1940's, he had been among the first farmers in the district to progress from horse-drawn farm equipment to motor-driven tractors, swathers, combines, balers, etc.

Fred found the travelling from farm home to business tedious and in 1960, moved into a newly-constructed home on Strathnaver Avenue in Selkirk. His farm equipment business prospered and as a result of his success he had an opportunity in 1965 to attend a Massey-Ferguson convention in Mexico City. He was accompanied by his wife, Elsie, and this trip was one of the highlights of their lives. His health failed and he died in February, 1966, at the age of 56.

His widow, Elsie, lived on in Selkirk for several years, working at the Betel Home and serving as an active member of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.

She then moved to the "Arms of the Cross" Senior Citizens home on Burnell Street in Winnipeg, where she

continues her lifelong interest in and dedication to helping people, serving on various committees and taking part in the activities of her apartment building community and the Lutheran Church of the Cross next door. Her good health permits frequent travelling to visit her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Vi, born in 1931, married Lorance Hubert of Moosehorn in 1953. They lived and worked in Winnipeg until 1956 when they moved to San Jose, Cal. They have one son, Trevor, born in 1959, and a daughter, Karen, born in 1962. Karen married Michael Evans in Britain in 1981 and has a daughter, Jennifer, born in 1982. They have now made a home in San Jose.

Ron, born in 1933, married Vera Katazinski of Tyndall in 1956. He has his own business, Shur-Gro Farm Services, a fertilizer supply business, in Brandon. They have three children: Sherry, born in 1959, Reg, born in 1960 and Gail, born in 1971.

Harvey, born in 1935, married Pat Marko of Libau in 1959. They have two children: Bradley, born in 1960, and Judy, born in 1962. Judy married Alan Laing in 1981 and they have a daughter, Michelle. Bradley works with his dad in Norman Wells, N. W. T.

Twins, Eleanor and Esther, were born in 1938. Esther married Clare (Butch) McKenty of Kitchener, Ont. in 1961 and they have five children: Kevin, born in 1962, Ian, born in 1963, Shannon, born in 1965, Colleen, born in 1967 and Brian, born in 1968. Their home is in Winnipeg.

Eleanor married Ross Olive of Edmonton in 1966. They live in Sherwood Park, Alta., with their two children, Kelly, born in 1969 and Douglas, born in 1970.

Edward, born in 1940, married Adeline Kisilewich, daughter of Joseph and Julia Kisilewich of East Selkirk, in 1965. They live in Teulon where he is the current mayor, with their three daughters: Wendy, born in 1968, Bonnie, born in 1970 and Kristy, born in 1972.

June, born in 1944, married Jerry Letkeman of Steinbach in 1964. They live in Killarney with their two sons, Ken, born in 1967 and Donald, born in 1968.

Irvin, born in 1946, owns Interlake Potato Farms as well as a grain farm and lives by himself in Teulon.

Margaret, born in 1951, married Henry Hanssen of St. Andrews in 1970. They own a grocery store in Dunrea, Man. and have two sons: Neil, born in 1971 and Eric, born in 1975.

JOSEPH AND ANTONIA HERDA

submitted by slh

Joseph Herda came from Poland with his brothers Frank, Henry, John, and sister Victoria. Joseph settled at Seddons Corner, east of Beausejour, where he operated a General Store and did farming.

Joseph met and married Antonia Wenzoski, who was the daughter of Joseph and Pauline Wenzoski. Antonia had 5 brothers and 1 sister, Adam, Stanley, Ignace, John, Rosie and Frank. Joseph Wenzoski died in 1926 and his wife Pauline died in 1935.

Joseph Herda and his wife Antonia had seven children, William, Marion (Mike), Stanley, John, Josephine,



Michael and Anne Herda.

Sophie and Mary. Antonia passed away at a fairly young age, while Joseph died on Jan. 20, 1977 in his 89th year.

Marion, or Mike as he was often called, met and married a young lady by the name of Anne Hrabarchuk, the daughter of Michael Hrabarchuk and Mary Vostiuk. Anne was one of nine children born to the Hrabarchuk's: Katherine was the eldest followed by Nettie, Pearl (Elsie), John, William, Effie, Lena, and the youngest, Rosie. Rosie never lived to make the journey to Canada, as she very sadly died just prior to departure. Elsie was the first to come to Canada and within 2 years, she had married Frank Wenzoski, the son of Joseph and Pauline Wenzoski. She then wrote to her Mother and Father (Michael and Mary Hrabarchuk) and urged them to come to Canada where "there was land and work for all".

Anne Hrabarchuk had been born on Dec. 6, 1911 in Koprivnca, Czechoslovakia, and immigrated to Canada, Aug. 11, 1929 when only 18 years old. She joined her elder sister, Pearl (Elsie) and worked out as a domestic and did housekeeping for a period of time. Then Anne met Marion (Mike) Herda and they were married on June 17, 1933 at the Vladimir and Olga Greek Catholic Church in Wpg.

Mike and Anne Herda settled near Seddon's Corner at Buchan and raised a family of eight children: John, Florence, Betty, Edward, Ruth, Roy, Linda, and Steven.

The Mike Herda family had a mixed farm, shipped cream and milk, did custom wood cutting and permit clearing as well as some construction. During depression years they managed to be self-sufficient. The children attended the Buchan School District, for their early education and Beausejour and Wpg. for higher learning.

Mike and Anne worked very hard to provide a good home for their family. Their farm was often the center of social activity for teas, showers, whist drives and dances. Every weekend would find the farm crowded with friends, neighbors and family gathering for fun, fellowship and Anne's delicious cooking. There was always room for one more at their table.

A young girl named Shirley or Skippy, as she was called, fell in love with the whole family and used to visit and chum with Florence, the eldest girl. It was there in the early 1950's that she met John, the eldest son in the Herda family. However, John went his way, working for Simpkin's Construction and up north to Resolute Bay and Shirley graduated from High School and continued her education and went to work for the Manitoba Power Commission. It wasn't until Mike Herda passed away in 1961, that they got together again and were married in Wpg. Shirley was the daughter of John Miller and Lena Viola Perrin MacLeod. Her father was a Tie Inspector for the CPR and served in both World Wars, and at the time of his death in 1967 was a Contractor for the City of Wpg. Mrs. Miller died in 1980.

Shirley and John lived for a few years in Winnipeg and then purchased a house in Windsor Park in St. Boniface. They bought land in Gonor and moved their Windsor Park home out to their Lot (River Lot 198) on Henderson Highway. This was the old Gowryluk property.

Anne Herda, after Mike passed away, launched out into a new career, hairdressing. After her training course, she purchased a Beauty Parlour at Whitemouth, followed by another one in Beausejour. Anne fought a valiant battle against illness in 1971, her untimely death was mourned by all.

John and Shirley have lived in Gonor for about 20 years and have four children: Robert born July 27, 1965, Colleen born Sept. 16, 1966, Wendy born June 30, 1968, and Mervyn born on Jan. 24, 1971.

The children have all been baptized in the St. Catherine's Anglican Church and attended Happy Thought School in East Selkirk. Robert has graduated from Grade 12, and Colleen is completing her Grade 12 this year. Wendy is in Grade 10 and Mervyn is in Jr. High at present.

Robert journeyed to Russia and Finland in 1983 and is planning a 1984 trip to Europe.

John is a Dock Supervisor at Kingsway Transfer (CSL), a position he has enjoyed for about 25 years. He plans to retire early at age 50.

The family does a bit of market gardening, welding and custom work with a Front End Loader and Back hoe.

Robert is interested in the environment and Forestry and plans on entering an Eastern University to further this interest, in the fall of 1984.

Shirley is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Lord Selkirk School Division, having been elected in 1980 and continues her life-long interest in History, both provincial and local, and has served in several Executive positions for volunteer organizations within the community.

The whole family enjoys camping, travelling, reading and the land. John and Shirley, as well as their children, all agree that life has been extremely good to them and that they love living on the east side of the Red River within the Rural Municipality of St. Clements.

RUDOLPH AND STEPHANIE HERTZ

Rudolph Hertz came to Canada from Warsaw Poland in the fall of 1928, with his parents Albert and Pauline Hertz, and settled in the Renwar area of Manitoba.

Mrs. Hertz (Stephanie Mokriski) arrived in the spring of 1928 from Poland with her parents Anthony and Madelain Mokriski, who also settled near Renwar, Man.

Rudolph and Stephanie were married on November 11th, 1930, in Renwar. While living near Renwar, Mr. Hertz worked on his small farm in the summer and worked in the bush for Mr. Deering in the winter.

Their first two children Jean, now married to Albert Jaworski and living in Winnipeg, and Wanda married to Stan Pupek also living in Winnipeg, were born in Renwar, Man.

In 1935, the Hertz family moved to Winnipeg and Rudolph was employed by Bird Construction as a labourer. While living in Winnipeg they were blessed by the arrival of two more children; Tony who married Adeline Zigarliski of the Highland Glen Area, and now lives in Minniapolis, Minn. and Jenny, married to Johnny Payment, and lives in Winnipeg.

In 1940 Rudolph got a job at the Selkirk Rolling Mills, and used to ride a bicycle to work every day. He was employed there until his retirement in 1964.

In November 1941 the Hertz family moved to East Selkirk and took up residence in a home on St. Peters Road. The property is still owned by the Hertz children and is used as a summer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hertz both passed away in the summer of 1978. Rudolph Hertz was a veteran of the 1st World War, fighting with the Polish Army.

THE HICKES FAMILY

submitted by Mrs. Tulloch

Henry William Hickes was born in London, England on October 20, 1831. He was an Architect and Surveyor and built bridges.

He left England on July 23, 1884 by way of boat and train with his wife and five sons and one daughter coming to East Selkirk, Man. He owned a stone quarry and lime-kiln which he operated for a short time until he passed away on April 23, 1887. It was called the Quarry Farm.

They all bought land in and around East Selkirk at one time.

Edwin Percy Hickes had a General Store, which he operated for a number of years. Then he rented it to a Mr. Adams, when he went to Regina, Sask. for a short time. While he was away the store burnt down. When he returned, he lived in West Selkirk for a few years, before moving to Winnipeg.

He married Christine Scott in 1902. They had four in their family. The first three were born in East Selkirk, and while in Regina, the youngest one was born.

Frederick William worked for the C.P.R. for a few short years, before buying a farm in the Mayfield S.D.

He owned a yoke of oxen called "Buck and Bright." He used to go to Winnipeg with them, and it would take



Henry William Hickes born Oct. 20, 1831.



Harriet Elfreda Hickes born in Bath, England in 1833. Passed away in Selkirk in 1887.



Bob, Herbie, Winnie, Dolly (baby), Cousin Bob.

two days. He would stop at the halfway house enroute. He had them for a few years, before trading them off for a team of horses.

He married Josephine Laughton in 1904. Her father came from Bedford, England and was a boarding Car Cook.



W.J. Hickes



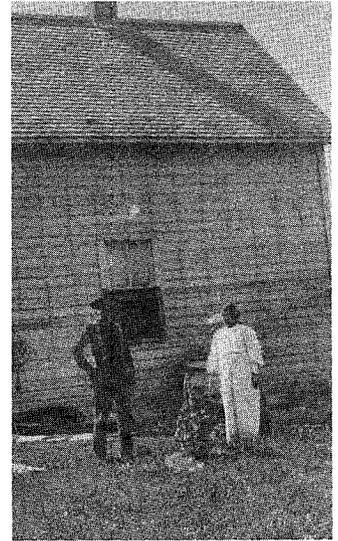
Edward Percy Hickes

They had eight in their family and all grew up on the farm, and went to Mayfield school which was a mile away. There were only four families attending school in 1915, the Burnetts, Ovens, Kennys, and Hickes's. The teacher was Miss C. Anderson at that time. The closest church was St. Peter's church on the Red River north of East Selkirk.

Later when the Oke family came to the district, Mr. Oke being a former Minister, held service in the Mayfield school.



Mrs. Hickes and her daughter Annie of Walkleyburg.



Frederick William Hickes and wife Josephine and son Sidney, 1906.



Harry Hickes, 1905.



Rowley, Harry and Walter Hickes.

THE HNATIUK FAMILY

submitted by Mrs. Lillian Natchuk

In 1906 Andrew Hnatiuk, age 18, of Kotzman, Bukovina, Austria, set foot on Canadian soil at St. John, N.B. He travelled to Winnipeg, then to Gonor. Here he had a sister Mary (Bazan), who came in 1901. Here he bought a small farm which were two mile Red River lots.

About 1922 he married Nettie Kolchinski. There were five sons; Nick, Bill, John, Alex, and Joe.

Nick, born 1917, married Myrtle McKae. They had eleven children; Wilma, Marilyn, Hazel, Yvonne, Valarie (deceased), Brenda (deceased), Dawn, Nick (deceased), Darwin, Rhonda, and Heather. He worked many years at Burns until ill health caused him to retire, and he passed away in 1977.

Bill, born 1924, married Janette Davies. They live in Vancouver, B.C. He served in the Royal Winnipeg Rifles Regiment and was wounded in action and mentioned in Dispatches.

John, born 1925, married Nathlie Swanko. They live in West Kildonan and have four children. Kathy, married Charlie Koch. Debbie, Garry and Gordon (twins). Presently John is employed at Scott National Fruits.

Alexander, born 1927, married Lillian Homenick. They live in Lockport. He was the founder of "The Bait House". He passed away in 1978. * For History of Alex and "The Bait House" see under "Business and Industry".

Joe, born 1932, married Violet Omeniuk. They live in West Kildonan and have three sons; Richard who has married Janice Recksiedler, Allan, and Jack. Joe presently owns the company called "Joe's Roofing".

Times were difficult for the Hnatiuk's. They planted vegetables and took them to market in Winnipeg. Some years Andrew would go harvesting out of town. He made enough to pay taxes, buy flour, sugar, wood and necessities to carry them through the winter.

The happy times were Christmas and on New Years Day the boys would go through the neighborhood to throw wheat and sing. For this they would get pennies. Those days that was a lot of money.

In 1940 Nettie Hnatiuk passed away, leaving her young children. Andrew kept the family together. The older boys found jobs to help out.

Not far from their farm was a store called Paziuk's General Store. When they went to buy anything, they had to make sure to take their own bags or he would charge for them.

The Hnatiuk's lived in a three room log house, which, in 1950, was replaced by a frame building.

The Hnatiuk's were members of the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church in Gonor. When the community needed a hand in digging graves, Andrew would help. Once when the grave collapsed, he had to scurry out or be buried alive.

In 1963 the government expropriated property, for the Floodway. Many farms were bought for next to nothing and houses moved, including the Hnatiuk's.

Andrew moved to the west side of Red River. He loved his Ukrainian paper, which he read thoroughly. He loved when his children would visit him and tell him stories

about their children.

In 1975 Andrew Hnatiuk died at the age of 86. Presently on the Hnatiuk homestead stands the Red River Brick & Tile Company.

PAUL AND NETTIE HNATIUK

submitted by Irene Banash

The history of Paul Hnatiuk, our father, dates back to his parents, Martin and Barbara Hnatiuk (nee Bilyk) who were peasant farmers living in a little village called Korsov, in the district of Brody, never Lvov in the Ukraine. This country was at that time occupied by Austria.

Paul, born August 28, 1885, was the youngest of a family of six children. His mother died when he was very young and he grew up with his father and the help of his older brothers and sisters. In 1904, due to the hopeless economic and political conditions within the country at this time, he decided to emigrate to Canada and join his brother Roman and sister Maria Gusnoski who had already settled here in the Narol district a few years earlier. Upon arriving in Canada, Paul lived with his sister Maria and her family for a short time. He had no



Paul and Nettie Hnatiuk.



Paul and Nettie Hnatiuk.

money and jobs were scarce. All transportation was done by horses at this time so before long he was able to get work at a stable in Winnipeg. He was able to read Ukrainian but soon realized that learning the English language would be a great asset for him in the future. Being eager to learn and not one to give up easily, in a short time he was able to speak and read English quite well. He later worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway for several years at Julius and Molson. When he earned enough money to buy some land, he built a house on Lot 265 in Narol, near his brother.

In November of 1914, Paul married Anastasia (Nettie) Hryciw. Nettie's parents were Paul and Maria Hryciw who emigrated to this district in 1896 also from Brody, Western Ukraine. At the time of their marriage, Paul moved from Narol onto a piece of land in Gonor given to them by Nettie's parents where they took up farming. The farm was small, only about 10 acres where they grew vegetables to be sold in Winnipeg which they transported by horses and wagon. They also grew a little grain with which to feed their own farm animals. Their house burned down a few years later together with all their personal possessions. They then lived with Nettie's parents until the following year when, with the kind help of relatives, friends and neighbors, a new house was built.

Paul and Nettie were blessed with four children, Sam, Ross, Mike, and Anne during the time they lived in Gonor. In the spring of 1927, they sold their land and bought a 200 acre farm in Kirkness. This farm was formerly owned by Dan McIvor. They spent the summer in the little house that was there until the following winter when they could move their former house by sleigh and horses onto this farm. They soon built on another section to this dwelling and that was the family home until the

present house was built in 1946. Another daughter, Irene, was born several years after they moved to the Kirkness district.

Mixed farming was the main source of income but the depression years brought many hardships. As the boys grew up they helped on the farm. Sam, Ross and Dad (Paul) supplemented the farm income by working in the bush camps at Rennie cutting wood during the winter months. Mike and Anne, still being in school, helped our mother with chores at home. Mom had the usual drudgery of a farm wife in those days. Doing the daily chores, maintaining the large garden for home use and market along with raising a family and helping with hay and grain at harvesttime was not an easy task. All the children went to Ashfield School. Irene continued her education at Highland Glen and Gonor.

Sam, the eldest of the family, was born in 1917. He married Doris Markowski who's parents also emigrated to this district in the early 1900's from Bokovina, Western Ukraine. Sam served in the Canadian Armed Forces during the period of 1941-1944. After he was discharged from the army he worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway until his retirement in 1981. In 1947 they built their home on a portion of land that was formerly a part of our family farmstead. Sam and Doris are still farming here. They have three children, Harold, Clifford and Allan. Harold is married to Irene Boisvert from Kenora, Ont. and they are living in Calgary, Alta. They have two children, Trevor and Suzie. Clifford, an electrician, is married to Diane Flett from Selkirk and they built their home in Kirkness on the property that was originally settled upon by his maternal grandparents, Nick and Katie Markowski. They have two children, Tara-Lee and Stacey. Allan is a school teacher and is living in Calgary, Alta.

Ross, 1920-1964, lived on the family farm with our parents all his life. He farmed while also working on various other jobs including the Manitoba Rolling Mills. He married Olga Buyarski from Beausejour and they have two children, David and Paul, who are both working in Winnipeg. David is a stationary engineer. Paul is a mechanic and has also achieved a pilots license.

Mike, born in 1922, served with the Canadian Armed Forces from 1943-1946. From the time of his return from the army, until the present, he has been employed by the Manitoba Rolling Mills. He married Eva Chizick from St. Andrews and they have made their home in Selkirk. They have two children, Terry and Diane. Terry is employed by the Manitoba Rolling Mills and is also farming. Mike and Terry farm on a portion of land that formerly was the family farm. Diane, a dietician, married Glenn Ulicki and they have made their home in Winnipeg.

Ann, born in 1926, spent several years working in Toronto. Upon returning home she married William (Bill) Dupuis at which time they took up residence in Selkirk. Bill came to this district with his father, David Dupuis and family in 1938 from St. Elizabeth, Man. After his father's retirement, Bill continued farming here until 1972 at which time he became caretaker at the Selkirk Medical Center. Anne was a cook at the Selkirk General Hospital for many years until her retirement in



Left to Right: Sam, Irene, Anne, Mike, Ross. Seated: Nettie Hnatiuk, 1982.

1982. Anne and Bill have three children, Connie, Christine, and Raymond. Connie and Christine have both achieved Bachelor of Nursing Degrees at the University of Manitoba. Connie is presently living in California, U.S.A. Christine married Curwood Ateah of Victoria Beach and they are living in Edmonton, Alta. where Christine is teaching nursing. Raymond is presently continuing his education at the University of Manitoba.

Irene was born in 1934. She worked in Winnipeg for several years doing office work. She married John Banash from Walkleyburg, at which time they made their home in Selkirk. In 1973, they built a home in Kirkness on part of the family homestead, where they are presently living. Irene and John have two children, Ronald and Grant, who are attending school.

There were many hardships during Dad's early years in Canada, but with strong determination, and faith in God, no task was too difficult to endure. His optimism and humour helped to face the many toils of everyday life. Dad's health failed him in his later years leading to his death in June, 1962 at the age of 77. After his death, Mom remained with Ross and his family until her health failed her in the summer of 1977.

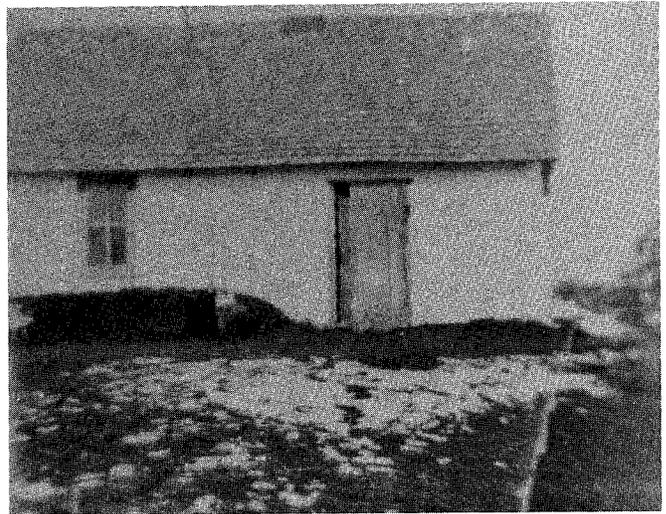
Currently, at the age of 85, she is living in Selkirk with her daughter Anne and family.

JOHN HNATIUK HERITAGE

submitted by Terry Wilson

John Hnatiuk was born in 1848 at Korsow, in the Province of Galicia, of Austria-Hungary, during the time of Landlordism. People were forced to labour from sunrise to sunset and in return, they were given certain amounts of produce as payment. The head of each family was given a small amount of money to purchase material for clothing and personal tools.

When John reached manhood at 21, he was notified to report to the proper authority to be inducted into the

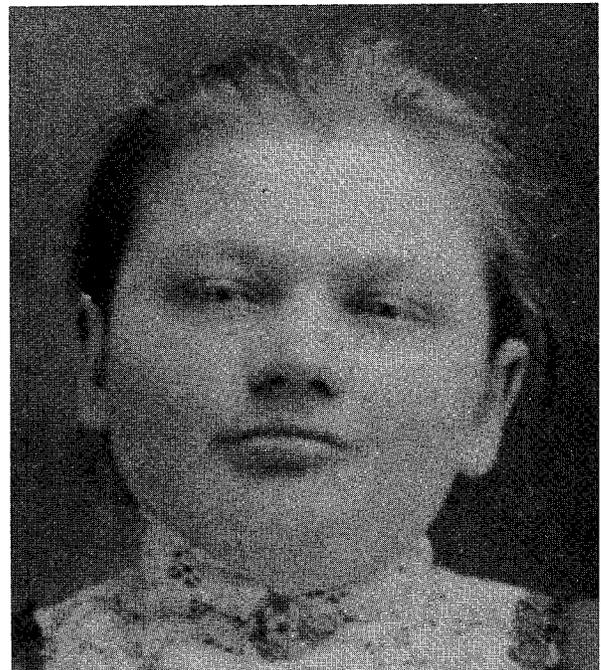


Hnatiuk's early homestead at Narol.

army. Even though his language was Ukrainian, he had to learn German as the command was Austrian. After a three-year term in the army, John Hnatiuk left and married Ann Nahorny, also from Korsow. This marriage, like many other marriages from this area was prearranged by John Hnatiuk's father and Ann Nahorny's father.

Ann Nahorny was born in 1859, the daughter of Bill Nahorny, town councillor for the Village of Korsow. Mr. Nahorny lived to the ripe old age of 96 years.

John and Ann Hnatiuk's first child, Mary, died in infancy, and in 1878 their second child, also a daughter, was born. She was also named Mary. Four more children were born to them: Anthony, Harry, Oksenka and



Nettie Hnatiuk (Kolchinski) age 20 years.