



Al and Marge's Wedding 1959. Standing, Left to Right: Herb, Ed Palamar, Lorraine, Al and Marge, Russell. Sitting: Sharon, George, Emma, and Roger.

enrolled in the French immersion program in their school. They are involved in sports, especially soccer and baseball.

Al, the son of George and Emma Homenick, is employed by the Manitoba Telephone System, he and his wife Marjorie (nee Scott) who is an Air Canada Employee, live in Winnipeg with their three children, Pamela, Gayle and Scott.

Al has recently returned from a year in Saudi Arabia where he was on loan to Bell Telephone of Canada. As Marge is employed by Air Canada, they have been able to enjoy travelling to such places as England, Trinidad, Greece and Hong Kong.

Pam must have gotten the bug as she is presently on an extended tour of the South Pacific. Following her travels, she will return to the University of Manitoba to complete her studies in the faculty of Commerce.

Gayle too, is a student at the University of Manitoba in the Engineering faculty; and is employed part time at the Children's Hospital in Winnipeg.

Scott is a grade seven student in the French immersion program at River Heights School. His favorite pastime is programming the family home computer where he spends much of his spare time.

George (Gregory) Homenick, third youngest child of Wasyl and Julia, was born in Gonor on April 27, 1902. Thirty years later in March of 1932, he married the former Emma Louise Elmes of Dencross (in the Brokenhead municipality). For the first two years of their marriage, George and Emma lived in a home they had built in Dencross. It was during that time, their first son Allen, was born. In fact, it is rumoured that he arrived in his dad's bus enroute to the doctor in Beausejour.

In June 1934, the family of three moved to Gonor and

lived in a summer kitchen on property which housed the home they were to later inhabit. They moved to the house at the "front" about the time of the arrival of their first daughter, Lorraine. The summer kitchen has since burnt, but the first real "home" in Gonor is still on its site with some modifications, of course. It is located between the present home of George's youngest brother, Bill and the home of Michael Dulo, from 1934 until George and Emma and family moved again in 1945, three more children were added to the family, Russell, Herbert and Sharon.

On Halloween in 1945, the growing family of five moved to the home which is still owned by the family. It is located between the homes of Alice Lefteruk and Mrs. Demetruk, both long-time residents of the area. A little more than a year later, the sixth and last child, Roger, was born, a span of fourteen years between youngest and oldest.

During his years as owner and driver of the Northern Bus Lines, George is remembered for his generosity, kindness, and sense of humour. Many was the time a passenger, unable to pay the fare was given a "free ride." Even today people speak about George with much fondness, he was well-liked by all who knew him.

While George was out, taking care of business, Emma was certainly not idle at home. As well as the responsibilities of homemaker and raising six children, she also tended chickens and a very large garden. She "put up" literally hundreds of jars of vegetables and fruits from which the family feasted over the winters. Her children still refer to her knitting for soldiers during the war, and the mounds of Khaki wool in the house. Many is the time Emma was called upon or even volunteered to help a neighbor in need.

In June of 1946, George was hospitalized as a result of a head injury. Eighteen years later in August 1964, he died from a fall which aggravated that injury.

Some years after George's death, Emma married Jack Wharf of Fisher Branch and in 1974 moved to British Columbia. Jack died in 1976 and Emma is still living in a duplex, owned by her son Russell, in Port Coquitlam. She "comes home" to Gonor and Winnipeg almost yearly and still enjoys visiting with friends and family.

ANNA AND DORA HOMENICK

submitted by Ken Fegol

Anna and Dora Homenick (now known as Annie and Doris) were the two daughters of Wasyl and Julia (Lily) of Gonor, mixed in among five rough and tough brothers. They came from hardy stock and, as young girls, did a fair share of the farm work for many years, helping to stook grain, make hay and even plough the fields. All this was in addition to assisting their mother with the extra household chores created with so many men around. They still reminisce with amusement about the large surplus of neighborhood bachelors in those days who owned farms or worked as hired hands locally and were always on the lookout for an instant wife to ease their hardships during the "Dirty Thirties."

Annie recalls, with much modesty, the many marriage



Dora and Anna Homenick.



Mrs. Lily Homenick and Daughter Doris.

proposals she received before she was courted and caught, at age 28, by Steve Fegol, a rather shy, fair-haired youth who lived in Narol. But she is quick to explain that most of those proposals were from local or transient men who were willing to settle down with any available single girl who lived down the lane and she never took any of them seriously, including Steve at first.

Prior to her marriage, she was employed by Genser's (before they owned the well-known furniture store in Winnipeg) as a housekeeper for \$15 a month, plus room and board. She later ventured off to Toronto to join her life-long friend and cousin, Anne Puteran (now Karpins) and worked as a waitress at McConkey's Restaurant for about two years. She returned to Gonor, married Steve and they had four children (Elizabeth, Ken, Edith and Albert) and three grandchildren. Her husband passed away in 1971 and she presently lives on the old Fegol homestead in Narol.

Doris, who is three years younger, was also popular with the neighborhood bachelors, with her daredevil charm and lively personality which she still has to this day. She always liked dark-haired men best and lost her heart to dashing Bill Saunders who lived nearby. When he got a job in Chicago, she joined him there to get married. Later, they moved to Toronto where Bill got a job at C.I.L. Paints, and worked there until his retirement. One of her "claims to fame" is that she once did housework for the parents of Helene Winston (now an actress on "The King of Kensington" TV program) and remembers her as a little girl. She has also had many interesting and exciting stories to tell of her adventures with eccentric and wealthy people she looked after as a home nurse over the years.

Doris and Bill Saunders still live in Toronto (Islington) and have three sons (Bob, Bernard and Courtney) and four grandchildren. They celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 1981 at a house party which was attended by friends and relatives from near and far, including a few from Gonor.

WILLIAM (BILLIE) HOMENICK

submitted by Billie Homenick

Billie was born in Gonor, Man., the son of Vasil Homenick who immigrated to Canada in 1899. Billie was born on Lot 183, and resides there to this day. He married Jessie Blacher, in 1942, and they have two daughters, Roberta and Claudia.

Billie started driving Bus in early 1927 and with the exception of just over one year during the depression when he went east to look for work and to tend to the homestead, he continued driving bus for almost half a century.

Billie started his bus driving career back in 1927 on a route from Gonor to Winnipeg return for Red River Motor Coach (the Blue Bus owned by Peter Homenick). The route had been extended to include Tyndall back in 1926. George Homenick (Bill's brother) drove that route.

In 1927 Beausejour was added to the route and one year later they could boast an extended route including Lac du Bonnet. Billie drove these areas until 1930 with a short break to tend to the homestead and a quiet trip east in the quest of work which was scarce during the depression.

He returned home again in 1931 and was soon back bussing for Red River Motor Coach.

From 1934 to 1935 he drove the Grand Beach, Wpg. return route for Northern Bus Lines, owned by George Homenick, running from Brokenhead to Grand Beach. The roads were mud and often impassable with the Bus often getting stuck, slipping and sliding, in and out of ditches. Just riding was an adventure worth remembering. When it rained, it was treacherous, grimy, sliding mass and eventually, if it continued to pour, was impassable for vehicles to drive.

From 1935 Bill continued driving for Red River up until 1938 and then only spare time as he tended the operation of the Homenick homestead and cared for his aging parents. His mother died in 1939 and his father in 1940.

Billie married Jessie Blacher in 1942 and returned to driving a bus. He operated the Bus (owned by his brother



Bill Homenick, 1922.



Macorie Horanski Reeve from 1922-1928.

Peter) (Red River Motor Coach) until it was sold to Thiesen in the early 1960's.

In 1965/66 Bill started driving School Buses for the Lord Selkirk School Division No. 11 and there he remained until his retirement in 1975. This is a total of about 48 years spent bussing on the roads, in the St. Clements municipality.

Billie and Jessie enjoy retirement on the homeplace. Of their daughters, Roberta is married to Frank Antonio and they have 2 children, Francine and David and they live in Toronto. Roberta has been employed by Air Canada for many years.

Claudia lives on the backend of Lot 183 Gonor and is employed also by Air Canada.

THE HORANSKI FAMILY

submitted by George Horanski

Wasył and Pearl Horanski arrived in Gonor, Man., in 1897 with a family of two children, a son Macorie and a daughter Annie from Bucovina, Austria. Both children received their education in the district of Gonor, Man.

Mr. Macorie Horanski born April 6, 1887 - died Jan. 28, 1966 at age 78 (would have been 79 in April 1966). Came to Canada as a young boy with his parents. Boat took 23 days to cross, landed in Canada in 1895. Came from Quebec in the month of May to East Selkirk. Lived with the "Hays Family" (Robert Hays - Reeve of Munc.) in Gonor and did chores and field work. He went to Gonor school. Bought land from John Gowryluk.

In 1906 he moved to Ashfield and lived there until 1921. Shortly after 1906 he married Miss Sophie Demetruk on December 22. Sophie was born in 1891, she was from Kirkness.

He also bought 114 acres of land in Kirkness, Man., and started farming. They built and lived in a two room log house for many years. By now he did mixed farming and also operated a grocery store.

In 1921 they bought 280 acres of land in Walkleyburg which was all bush. They cleared and broke the land, first with horses and later with tractor. There they continued farming and also operating their grocery store. Then he was able to purchase a new threshing machine which was the first in the district and tractor. He went out and did custom threshing throughout the neighborhood. By now Macorie and family were able to buy a Touring Ford car, which was also the first car in the district.

Macorie and wife Sophie raised nine children, five girls and four boys. They were Bill, Mary, Kay, Anne, Dorothy Lou, George, Gerald, and John who had died at infancy. Macorie served on the School board, drainage board, and cemetery board for many years. They belonged to the Greek Orthodox Church.

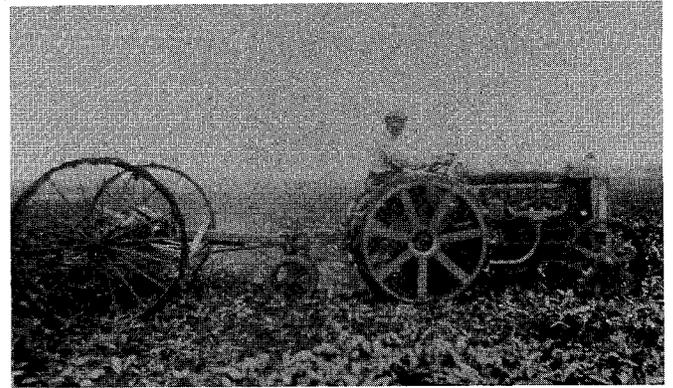
Macorie was elected Reeve of the Rural Municipality of St. Clements in 1922 to 1928. He then resigned and was re-elected in 1932 and was defeated in 1933. They continued farming until 1946 then retired and moved to live in the town of Selkirk, leaving his son George with his wife Eva to carry on the farming.



The Horanski Home Log with lumber siding over it.



Left to Right: Mary, Macorie, Anne, Sophie, Dorothy, and Kay, 1933.



Macorie Horanski on first Fordson in area.

In 1950 his wife Sophie passed away at the age of 59 years, leaving him widowed for 16 years.

He continued living on Clandeboye Ave. in Selkirk and took much pride in gardening and flowers.

Macorie passed away on Jan. 28, 1966 at the age of 78 years.

We have one good picture taken during his terms as Reeve also farm photo and Anniversary photo.

George Horanski the seventh child of Macorie and Sophie Horanski was born Nov. 12, 1919. George attended school at Brookside for eight years. He was one of his dad's helpers on the farm and was very interested in farming. He was an active member of the 4-H Calf Club and became a proud owner of a first prize calf in 1935. He continued working on the farm when he met his future wife Eva Harrison and married her on June 25, 1942. When his mom and dad, Macorie and Sophie retired in 1946, George and Eva bought the farm and equipment from their parents and continued farming.

George became the proud owner of a pair of Belgium horses which he purchased in Morris, Man. These horses were great benefit to George in farming. In 1955 George and Eva became owners of the first combine in the area, they continued purchasing new machinery as time went on.

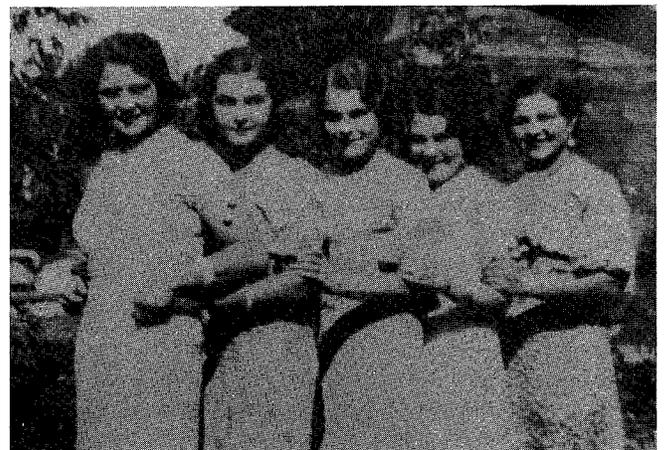
George was chairman of the Brookside School Board for approximately 5 years. Also a chairman of the Brookside Cemetery, this position he still holds to this day. Again Eva worked alongside her husband throughout all their married life.

In 1957 they were blessed with a son by the name of Brian and in 1962 with another son, Mark. Both Brian and Mark were born on the farm and attended the Brookside, Happy Thought School and then graduated in Selkirk. Both boys are still living with their parents and are employed in the Selkirk area.

George and Eva along with their two boys farmed until 1978 when they decided to retire and move into Selkirk. They sold the farm (except 40 acres) to Carl and Lorraine Dejonkhere. They are presently living on 725 Vaughan Ave. Just as the folks were dreaming of their retiring years ahead and of all the things they were hoping to achieve, George was taken grievously ill on the day of the farm auction sale on April 28, 1979 and was left partly paralyzed, but with determination he is still able to manoeuvre and make the best of their retirement.



Macorie and Sophie Horanski, Walkleyburg 1945.



Left to Right: Ann, Lou, Kay, Marie, and Dorothy, Horanski Girls.



George and Eva and their 2 boys: Brian and Mark Horanski.



Mary and Steve Horbas.



Bill Horanski and his wife.

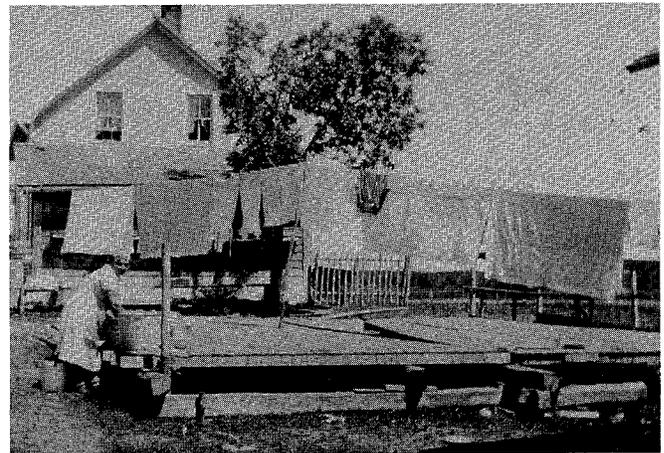
STEVE AND MARY HORBAS

submitted by Merle Horbas

Our parents, Steve and Mary Horbas, emigrated to Winnipeg in 1911 from Austria. Father worked for the CNR for a few years, then after the First World War, he was laid off. They moved to Libau, where they rented a farm for several years. In 1924, they bought the neighbour's farm W 1/2 of NW 1/4 10-15-6E from Mary Nolman and her son George for a down payment of \$350.00. Annual payments of \$165.00 with interest at the rate of 6% per annum had to be paid over the next 10 years, so father had to go out to work. He was employed as a carpenter at Seven Sisters Falls, Fort William and Flin Flon. Mother and the family remained on the farm.

For many years life on the farm meant hard work and endless chores, but neighbours helped each other and shared what they could with others less fortunate. They grew a variety of vegetables, and raised cattle, hogs, and poultry. Eggs were exchanged at the local store for groceries. Cordwood was cut and hauled to Libau to buy other necessities. Cream was shipped to Winnipeg by train and later in the 1930's by transfer. The land was mostly unbroken, several years were spent clearing the bush and breaking the land, before wheat was grown. Improvements were made slowly and a tractor replaced horses for drawing machinery in the 1940's. About a quarter of this farm was a marshy hay meadow. Many more years passed before a drainage ditch was built and the rest of this land was suitable for cultivation. Over the years, father made improvements on the original log house, which was purchased with the farm.

Steve and Mary had seven children. The eldest, Jean, married Sam Mundell, from Armstrong, Ont., where they still reside. They have two sons. Brian is teaching at Iron Bridge, Ont., and Kenneth is employed at the General Store in Armstrong.



Platform was built for outdoor dancing at Helen and Jean Horbas' weddings, 1940.



Harold Horbas



Peggy and Ignace Horbas. 1945.

Ignace, married Peggy Shaw, from Duncan, B.C., in 1942. Ignace was killed in a logging accident in 1945 at Crofton, B.C., where he worked.

Max married Leoan Chappel of Libau in 1946. He served overseas during the war. Max worked for the Winnipeg Transit Company from which he is now retired. They have two daughters, Penny and Shelley, who are both employed in Winnipeg.

Helen married Mike Hocaluk, from Libau. They operated the Libau Hotel from 1940 to 1976. Helen passed away shortly after they retired and sold the hotel. They have two sons, Edward lives on the old homestead, and is employed in Selkirk, Kenneth resides and is employed, in Winnipeg.

Edward married Merle Beck, who used to teach around the Libau district. They lived on the homestead until 1969, when they moved to Selkirk. They have two children; Donald and Darlene.

Harold resides in Vancouver and in Winnipeg. He served overseas during the war. He is self-employed and has one son, Phillip, living in Vancouver. Ted works at Edmonton on construction. He has two sons, Danny and Garry, who attend school in Winnipeg.

Throughout their years at Libau, our parents were members of the Polish National Catholic Church in the community. Mother passed away in 1959, and father was killed in an accident operating a tractor in 1963. We remember them both with gratitude and love.

There are now ten great-great-grandchildren belonging to Steve and Mary Horbas.



Sam and Jean Mundell.

EDWARD AND MERLE HORBAS

submitted by Merle Horbas

Edward married Merle Beck in 1954. Merle had been teaching previously near Libau from 1951 to 1953. They lived on the homestead with Edward's parents, Steve and Mary Horbas. Edward continued to work on the farm with his father. He also played with a dance band in the 1950's "The Rhythm Five" and later with "The Thunder River Boys" and "The Melodiers". He worked at the Steam Plant during its construction in the late 1950's. In 1961, he started working at the Manitoba Rolling Mills, and continued farming on the homestead until 1971, when he sold the farm to his nephew. Edward is still employed at the Rolling Mills as a crane operator. During the time they lived at Libau, Merle taught at Sheffield, Brookside, Libau East, and Libau West Schools.

In 1968, the family moved to their present home in Selkirk. A warm collection of memories of the years they spent at Libau, remains with them. They are still members of St. Joseph's Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church in Libau. Ed has served as President of the Church Board of Directors since 1976.

Edward and Merle have two children, Donald, born May 31, 1958 and Darlene, born Dec. 9, 1959. Donald and Darlene attended school at Libau West until they were in grades 5 and 4, respectively. They continued their schooling at Selkirk and both graduated from the Lord Selkirk Regional High School. Donald went on to Brandon University, where he graduated in 1981, with a Bachelor of Music (Education) Degree. That same year he married Catherine Houston of Swift Current, Sask., also a music student at Brandon. They presently live at Glenboro, where Donald teaches. Darlene attended the University of Manitoba and graduated in 1979 with a Diploma in Dental Hygiene. She is presently living in Winnipeg where she works as a Dental Hygienist.



Back Row, Left to Right: Steve and Mary Horbas, Mike, Helen Hocaluk, Ted and Ed Horbas. Middle Row: Leoan and Merle holding daughter Darlene. Front Row: Penny Horbas, Eddie Hocaluk, Shelley and Donald Horbas, 1961.



Sitting, Left to Right: Merle Horbas, Darlene and Edward Horbas. Standing: Catherine and Donald Horbas.

MERLE HORBAS (BECK) TEACHING CAREER

submitted by Merle Horbas

Merle graduated from St. Andrews College in Winnipeg in 1949, and had her teacher training at the Provincial Normal School in 1950-51. She taught grade 1 to 8 at Lilydale School from 1951 to 1953. After she married Ed Horbas, she taught grades 1 to 8 at Sheffield School from 1955 to 1957 and at Brookside School from 1957-58. The next few years, she stayed home to raise their family. During this time she taught Sunday School Class at Libau for a few years.

She returned to teach at Libau East School in 1961-62, and again in 1963-64. She moved to Libau West in 1964 and taught Grades 4-6, until 1967, and Grades 1-2, the following year.

In 1968, the family moved to their present home in Selkirk. Merle taught Grade I in the open area classroom at Devonshire School for the next two years and then moved with the staff to Robert Smith, where she has been teaching for the past thirteen years.



Edward and Merle, Darlene and Donald Horbas.

PETER AND ROSLIA HORNESKI

submitted by Kay Molter

Peter and Roslia Horneski immigrated to Canada in 1902 from Austria with their infant son, Elias who died in 1903, at 10 months old. They stayed at the Immigration Hall and with Mrs. Horneski's parents, John and Anna Kunitz, and their two sons, Harry and Nickolas. Then Grandpa Kunitz bought a tar paper shack of one room, where they all lived.

John Kunitz was a Huzzar veteran who had many medals of valour earned in Europe during the Austria-Turkish war. He was a veteran and earned a little money looking after horses and cattle when they were sick.

Peter did odd jobs in Selkirk and East Selkirk, while Roslia worked for \$1.00 a day at Brandow's Market Garden in Selkirk.

Finally, Peter got a homestead of 160 acres in Poplar Park. The family lived there for two years. Harry Kunitz died there with pneumonia and Peter moved back to East Selkirk, after selling the farm, and purchased 10 acres from the Frank family. Peter built a two room house on this land. Peter and Roslia had all their children in this house, except for Katherine, who was born in East Selkirk, in the tar paper shack. Katherine was a precocious child, who could recite Hail Mary and her prayer. She was born on Nov. 20, 1904, Joseph was born March 20, 1907, John was born Aug. 20, 1909, Mike was born Feb. 20, 1911, Harry was born April 15, 1913, and Eugene was born Sept. 9, 1916.



Kay Horneski, Nellie Neskar, and Ann Wishnowski.

Mrs. Horneski died at the age of 66. Peter Horneski died at the age of 82, in 1958. Harry died on Nov. 22, 1976, and Eugene died on April 30, 1983, at the age of 66.

Katherine married in the early 1920's, to a farmer from Saskatchewan, she had a son Bill Billokury, who has a Radio and TV business in Brownsville, Texas. Bill served in World War II, in the Tank Corp, out of Windsor and saw service in Italy, France, and Africa, from 1941 to the



Kay and Paul Molter, daughter of Peter and Roslia Horneski.

end of the war. Mike Horneski also served in the war from 1941, to the end of the war.

Eugene was in the Air Force also, until the end of the war. Harry was kicked in the chest by a horse in his teens and was not accepted for service. Katherine moved to the United States, and took special training on B-24 Bombers. She stayed there until the end of the war. After that she did office work with the Chief of Staff Ordinance. Then she transferred to the Veteran's Administration, where she helped train veterans. She had veterans from the University of Detroit, Wayne University and Upsilante University, she was highly regarded by all staff and her superiors.

Katherine lost her husband, and married Paul Molter, they settled in Florida, coming to Canada to retire in 1983.



Daisy Hourie, 1927 at the Thalberg Homestead.



Daisy Hourie, Andrew and Mary on a trip to the City, 1930.

WILLIAM HOURIE

submitted by Helen Hourie

Bill Hourie, is the youngest son of John Hourie and Margaret McKay of Prince Albert, Sask. He was born in 1883. They lived in Cloverdale when he was born. In 1889, Margaret died, Bill was just a young boy. He was raised mostly by his brother, Dolphus.

Bill was married twice. His first wife was Mary Alice Folster from Poplar Park, Man. Three children were born to them, George, Florence and Winnie. Bill joined the Armed Forces during the First World War, serving in "The Little Black Devils", 108th Regiment at Vimy Ridge and Dieppe, France. When he returned to Canada, he got a divorce and remarried.



Bill Hourie and Charles Folster, 1908.

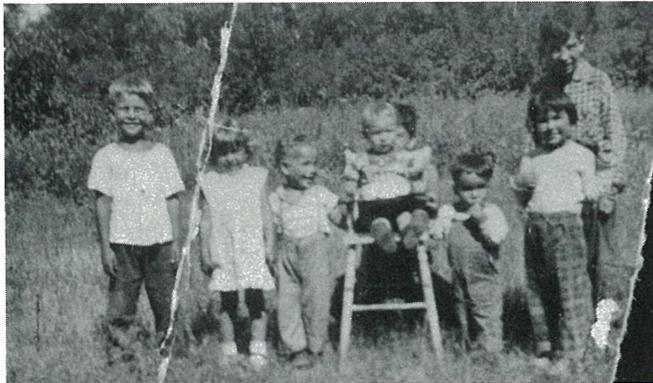


The Hourie Family. Left to Right: Yvonne, Jacqueline, Sheila, Helen, Sylvia, Maud Thomas (Grandmother), Verna, Gordon, Andrew, Thomas, Brian and Don 1982.

Meanwhile in 1905, in England, County of Greenwich East, twin daughters were born to George Swan and Harriet Rye; one tiny girl didn't survive. The other named Daisy, emigrated to Canada with her parents and an older sister Dorothy in 1908, when she was three years old.

In March, 1922, she married William Hourie and raised a family of 9. Their family additions were, Mary, Andrew, John, Dorothy, Margaret, Martin, Gladys, Gert, and Roy.

William Hourie passed away in 1976 and is buried at the Anglican Cemetery at St. Philips Church in Scanterbury, Man.



Left to Right: Armand Yiznaugh, Darlene, Peter, Gordon, Douglas, Sharon Pruden and Roy Hourie, 1954.

HOWARDS 1982

submitted by Stan Howard

Henry Howard was born in the village of Ruta Rozaniecka. He was the only son of John and Katherine Howard. He also had five sisters. Eva Wasney was also born in the same village. Her parents John and Katherine Wasney, had seven children.

Together these families and many more left Poland to come to Canada. They came by a huge boat, bringing some of their belongings with them, which wasn't too much. The boat arrived in Halifax on May 1, 1904 after spending one month on the voyage. Then they came by train to the Immigration Centre in East Selkirk.

Eva's friend Mr. Golembioski came with oxen and wagon to pick them up. She didn't have too many things, but her parents brought a stone wheat grinder from Poland. They didn't know if there was anything like that here or not. Mr. Golembioski took the Wasney's to Eva's uncle, Blazey Wasney.

Blazey lived in Hazelridge, Man. When they got there, they had lunch and the Wasney's stayed awhile. Eva went to work in Winnipeg and in Hazelridge, doing housecleaning for \$6.00 a month. She did this for approximately four years. Eva walked to work, 30 to 35 miles, summer and winter.

Howard's and Wasney's both lived on the same 1/4 of S.E. 5-13-6, (120 acres). Henry bought twenty acres from his parents. Later on Henry purchased more land extending East on the same section.



Henry and Eva Howard.

Then on February 8, 1907 Henry and Eva were married by Father Leonard Nandzik in St. Micheals Church in Cooks Creek, Man. Together they started their homestead.

The land was all bush and stone. There were no trails or roads. Oxen were used for hauling logs, from which they built a log house. This land was cleared with an axe and a grub hoe. Then for harrows they used tree branches which were pulled by Oxen.

A well was dug by hand with Henry digging and Eva pulling up dirt in a bucket on a rope. She would dump this bucket and then send it down again. Then it was still dug and drilled by hand another 46 feet with a rope and drill over pulley. They had help from good neighbors like John Herda and Andrew H. Witko. Then they placed stone around the edging of the well. This stone was twenty feet making it a sixty-six foot well.



Stan, Eva and Clara Howard.



Eva Howard the old way.

Later in 1909 Henry bought land extending East and built another house. This was a two room house with an attic, which is still located. This house had a wood floor with one step down to a floor of flat ground level. Later on it was lifted up and cleaned out with horses and scraper with two handles. Then a basement was put in. They were very happy here and brought up a family of six.

Henry worked for Garson Quarry, for \$1.50 per day. He would drive wedges into huge rocks, making them crack so they would be smaller and could be used for building purposes. The top soil had to be stripped off, this was done by hand and oxen. While Henry worked at the Quarry Eva did the farm chores and some of the field work. She has raised chickens so she could take the eggs to sell. They made their own butter, and cheese for which they also sold. The butter was wrapped in Horseradish leaves so as to keep cool and not spoil. This took a two day trip to Winnipeg. Here she purchased a few things she didn't have on the farm. If Eva would sometimes run out of flour, Henry would walk to Cooks Creek and bring a bag home on his back. This was a distance of six miles.

Potatoes were picked and stored in a root house made of stone for the winter. Then in spring or early summer they were bagged and hauled to East Selkirk by horse and wagon. Some places where it was too wet and horses were unable to pull, some potatoes were unloaded and carried across, then people continued on to Sharp's Store in East Selkirk.

Mr. Sharp was a heavy set man. His store had clothes, shoes, and food, etc. ... He bought potatoes for 10 cents a bag, and they were loaded into a boxcar. Out of a wagon load of potatoes, you got one pair of shoes. Mr. Sharp would send home a little candy as a treat for the children.

The six children of Henry and Eva are: Julie, Frances, John, Frank, Emily, and Stanley. But Frances died at birth.

Julie married Mike Chiye. They lived in Hazelridge. They had four children, Helen, Jean, Stanley, and Evelyn. They later moved to Beausejour.

John lives in Garson, Man.



Eva Howard the new way.

Frank married Victoria Schreyer. They live in Garson, Man., and have three children, Barbara, Barry, and Leonara.

Emily married Mike Luczek who lived in Hazelridge later moved to St. Anne, Man. They have one daughter, Ethel.

Henry passed away on Nov. 17, 1957 and Eva is still living. She will be 95 on Dec. 24, 1982.

Eva has eight grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren making her having two five Generations in 1982.

She lives with the youngest son Stan and a wife Clara and daughter Clarice in the house that was built in 1962.

Stan, the youngest son, who was born on the homeplace remains and looks after and farms the original homestead. He grain farms and has also checked gravel for municipal road maintenance.

Note: All three of the Howard dwellings are still standing, all within a radius of about 30 feet, the first 1904 log homestead, the second log home of 1908 and the 1962 home, which they reside in at present.

PAUL AND MARIA HRYCIW (RITCHIE)

submitted by Irene Banash

Paul and Maria Hryciw emigrated to Canada in 1896 from the district of Brody, near Lvov, in the Ukraine. This land, at that time, was occupied by Austria. Maria's father, Tymko Bazan, came with them also, and lived with Maria and her family until his death in 1905. They brought with them their three children, Jim, Helena, and Xenia.

Upon arriving in Canada they purchased a small parcel of land at lot 200 in the Gonor district. They soon acquired the basic necessities and settled down to farming as they had done in their homeland. Communication was difficult as they could not speak English, but with strong hopes and great enthusiasm they were able to endure the many hardships that confronted them in this new land. Until a Greek Catholic church could be built in Gonor, Paul and Maria welcomed the people of the community into their home for Mass on Sundays and Holidays. They



Front Row, Left to Right: Maria Hryciw holding baby, Anastasia Hryciw, Paul Hryciw, Helena holding her son William. Back Row: Xenia Hryciw, best man, Jim Hryciw, his wife Katie, bridesmaid, best man, Jim and Katie Hryciw's wedding, 1904.

donated some land for the church and cemetery and the site is still used as such today.

Paul and Maria were blessed with another three children after they came to Gonor. Their names are Anastasia, John and Joe. The land they once farmed had been divided amongst the family and is still being inhabited by some of their descendants. Maria passed away in 1931 at the age of 70 and Paul in 1933 at the age of 82. The name "Hryciw" later became known as "Ritchie".

All the children farmed in this district throughout their lives. Xenia moved to Windsor, Ont. after her husband's death to be near her children. Anastasia and Joe are the only two children of this family that are left living at this time. Joe is still residing at the original family farmstead. Anastasia is presently living with her daughter in Selkirk, Man.



Nettie Hnatiuk (85) and Joe Ritchie only 2 surviving family members of the Paul Hryciw family.

STEVEN AND ANNIE IWANCHUK

submitted by Olive Wardrop

Both Steven and Annie were born in the Ukraine. Steven worked for Robinson Lumberyard in the summer, and during the winter months he did private carpentry jobs.

Their family numbered five: Mary (Mrs. Plumptre). After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Plumptre lived in Bruneau, Sask. where Mr. Plumptre worked in the Brick and Tile Plant and Mrs. Plumptre ran a Boarding House for the men at the Plant. They finally settled in Sandrich, Man. on a farm.

John took up trapping in Northern Manitoba and then was a partner in a Boat off Vancouver, engaged in Deep Sea Fishing. His death in 1979 was attributed to a fall on icy streets in Victoria, B.C.

Martha (Maggie) Mrs. (Fuichtmiller) Miller lives in New York.

Polly (Annie) Mrs. Carl Berrling drowned while trying to save a young boy.

Peter died after an accident when he was 22 years old.

THE JABLONSKI FAMILY

submitted by Stephie Carr

Frank and Theodora Jablonski and their four children, Pearl, Peter, Joseph and Walter were all born in the Village of Tartakiw in Austria.

Immigrating to Canada in 1910, their destination was Winnipeg where they lived for one year. In 1911 the family moved to East Selkirk where they bought a home with two acres of land. That year their youngest son, Paul, was born. Also that year, Pearl got married and moved to Winnipeg.

They all became Canadian citizens in 1913.

They moved to the Mayfield District in 1914 where they had purchased 10 acres of land and built a house. This was their home for 22 years.

The four Jablonski brothers organized an orchestra in the early 1920's and played together for several years. In 1933, the three younger brothers left the farm and moved to Winnipeg. Peter remained on the farm with his parents. By this time the four brothers were married.

A local orchestra was formed in East Selkirk in 1934 when Peter joined three young musicians, Mike Solnik, Metro Karanko and Peter Bosko and they played together for almost 20 years.

In 1935, Peter, his wife Marion and their two children moved to East Selkirk.

Frank and his wife sold the homestead in 1936 and moved to East Selkirk into a home near the old Happy Thought School. Frank was a Cantor for the Ukrainian Catholic Church for several years.

Frank passed away in 1939 and Theodora in 1961. Their daughter Pearl passed away in 1957 and son Walter in 1980.

Joe and his wife May reside in Winnipeg. Paul and his wife Vera, have made Vancouver their home.

Peter married Marion Diaczuk in 1931 and they had four children, Dodie, Gregory, Robert and Michael.

Peter worked for the R.M. of St. Clements for seven years. He was later employed at the Manitoba Steel Foundry, retiring in 1967 after 19 years of service. Peter was the organist at the Roman Catholic Church for 32 consecutive years, from 1936 to 1968.

In 1968 Peter, Marion and Michael moved from East Selkirk to make their home in Kelowna, B.C. They were the last of the Jablonski family to live in East Selkirk which covered a span of 57 years, from 1911 to 1968.

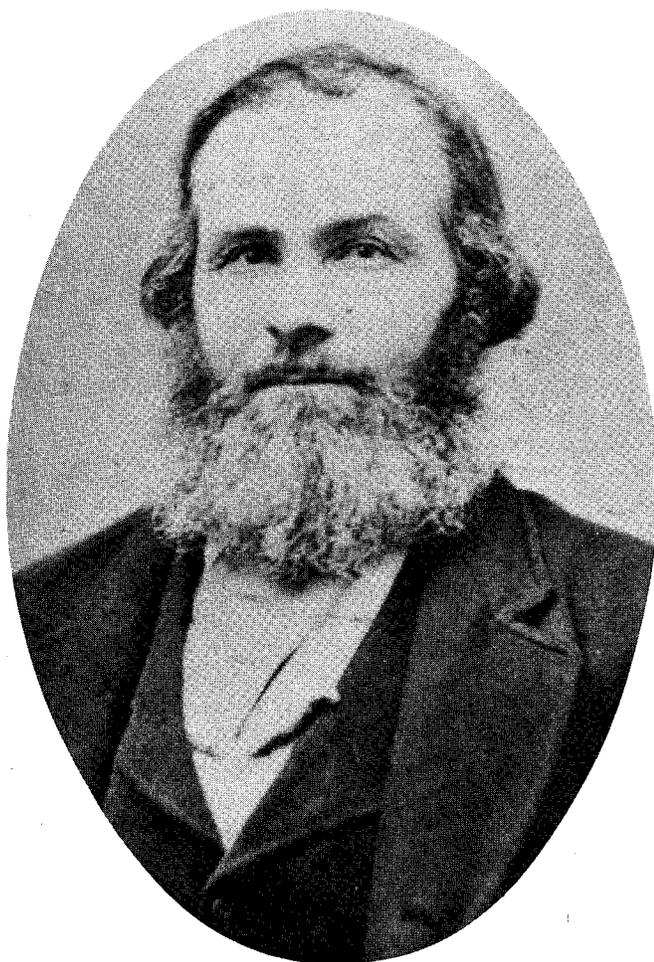
Peter and Marion celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in July, 1981. All their children and grandchildren were present for the happy occasion.

Dodie and Walter Dubas and their family live in Niagara Falls, Ont.

Gregory and Monica Jablonski and their family live in Toledo, Ohio, U.S.A.

Robert and Margaret Jablonski and their son live in Kelowna, B.C.

Michael and Marge Jablonski live in Calgary, Alberta.



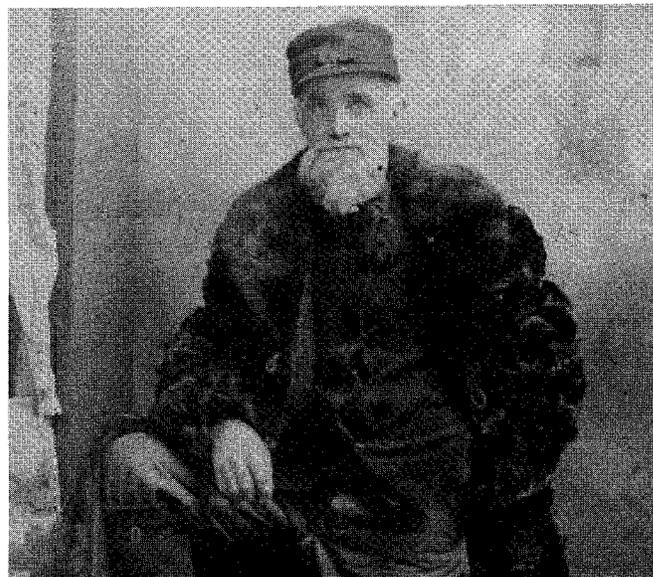
John Jennings Sr. father of John Jr. and Bill. At one time he lived in St. Joseph, Missouri, U.S.A.

MAUD (JENNINGS) THOMAS

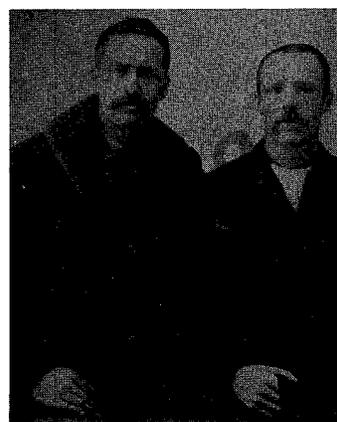
submitted by Helen Hourie

My Grandfather, William (Bill) Jennings, is one of five sons of John and Maud (Brock) Jennings. Maud Brock was a sister of Sir Issac Brock.

John Jennings, a brother of Bill Jennings, had gotten into trouble in St. Joseph Missouri, USA. They were locally known as the "Wild Jennings Gang". However the "Straight People" of the community were going to show these wild guys, and talk was circulating of lynching. So the 5 Jennings' boys rode out to different parts of the USA.



John Jennings, Bill Jennings' older brother, U.S.A.



Bill Jennings and Frank Osborne, 1885.

My Grandfather William came to Canada and made this his home. He was a cabinetmaker by trade. He met and married my Grandmother Mary McKay, from Prince Albert, Sask. They had four daughters, Mary, Helen, Maud and Jenny. When my mother, Maud, was eight years old, my Grandmother, Mary died.

Grandfather, Bill never did go back to the States. He took out citizenship papers and stayed in Manitoba. Bill Jennings is buried at The Pas, Man.