

Katie says, "Our family were pioneers living off the land. They worked hard, had their faith in God and their religion, and survived, and their motto was "With God All is Possible".

JOHN JACOB AND MARIE KANTOLA

submitted by Olive Wardrop

Jacob was born in Karijoki, Finland on June 19, 1883. His wife Marie was born on August 27, 1885 in Kuortane, Finland.

They were married in Fort William, Ont. on February 3, 1909. They had six daughters when they moved to East Selkirk in 1920: Helen Marie, who is now deceased, Viena Linnia of Winnipeg, Helvi Dagmar who resides in Oak Park, Michigan, Edna Irene, who is now deceased, Ellen Sanelma who resides in Portage la Prairie, and Eva Elizabeth, who resides in The Pas, Manitoba. Two sons were born in the Selkirk General Hospital: Frederick in 1924, who is now deceased, and Henry in 1926, who resides in Kenora, Ont.

The family lived in the CPR home adjacent to the Van Horne Farm.

Fred enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in 1942 and went overseas in 1944. Henry joined the Royal Canadian Navy in November of 1943.

Jacob Kantola died in Kenora, Ont. on December 24, 1966, and Marie Kantola died in Kenora on April 9, 1978.



Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kantola.

PETER AND MARY KARANDIUK

submitted by Frank Baron

In 1902, John and Catherine Karandiuk arrived in East Selkirk from Starawa, Austria (now the Ukraine), with one child, \$2.50 and a dream of a better life.

Within a few weeks, their child died, possibly of diphtheria, the funeral cost \$1.50 and the dream was quickly dissolving into reality.

John found work at Robinson's Sawmill in West Selkirk and bought 3 acres of land in East Selkirk. He and Catherine built a house of woven willows covered with clay. In all, they had 5 children, 4 of whom died. In 1907 Peter was born, healthy and strong.

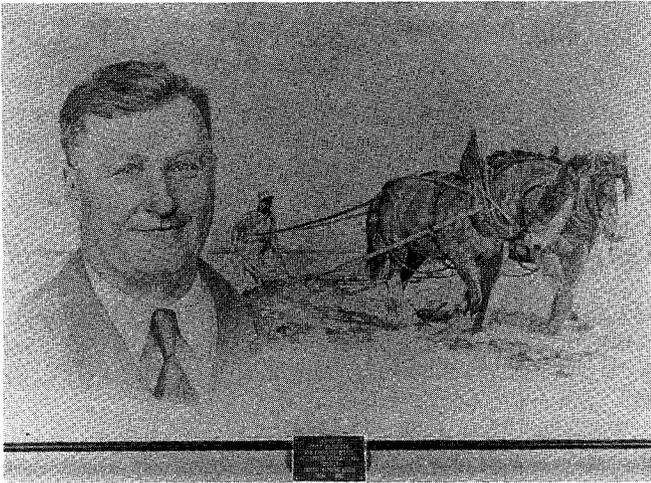
On their 3 acres was a small hotel which had been moved from Garson, a town south of Selkirk. The building became the first Ukrainian Catholic Church in the area. When the land was later sold to a Mr.



*Standing: Catherine and John Karandiuk, boy - Fred Karandiuk.
Sitting: Rose and Steve Karanko.*

Finkleman, he moved the hotel/church to West Selkirk and it became Finkleman's Store. The same building is still there today and known as Robertson's.

When the Karandiuk's sold their land to Finkleman, they bought 7 acres nearby which had a brick house on it. Not believing anyone could stay warm in a house made of



Peter Karandiuk Plowing Championship 1932 and 1940.

brick, they tore it down and built a log cabin chinked with mud and nearly froze to death that winter.

By 1924, roads were linking the various towns in the area and their maintenance became the job of young Pete Karandiuk. He and his team of horses were paid the princely sum of 23¢ an hour for working on ditches and grading, 8¢ more than men working without horses.

In 1926 Pete married Mary Bozysko, his childhood sweetheart, whose family came to East Selkirk 2 years after the Karandiuks. Pete and Mary lived with Pete's parents.

In 1929 John Karandiuk died and Pete had to help look after his mother and his own growing family.

During these Depression days, everyone had to work if a family was to survive. Besides working on the roads, Pete spent the winters cutting and hauling cords of wood for the Selkirk Hospital for 50¢ a cord. He and another man would cut huge, 1,000 pound chunks of ice from the river with cross-cut saws and deliver them to the hotels and stores in East and West Selkirk. Mary worked their farm and minded their four daughters, Madeline, Janet, Katherine and Hallie. Pete's mother, Catherine, would load railroad boxcars with cordwood for \$1.00 a day and gather scraps of grain from the cars to feed their chickens.

In 1932, the Karandiuks were forced to sell the family dog, Jackie, to Indians across the river who wanted him to haul fish. Mary needed the \$5.00 to buy winter coats for the girls. But when the Red River froze, Jackie crossed the ice and came home. The girls kept their coats.

In 1933, Catherine slipped down the stairs while carrying a coal-oil lamp. The house burned to the ground, the family was safe but lost everything except clothes on the clothesline, including their \$90.00 life savings stored in their mattress. A few weeks before, Mary cried bitterly about sending out the \$10.00 insurance premium because there were so many other ways the family could use the money. Thankful now, they collected \$1600 and started over.

In 1936, technology, in the form of a motorized grader, arrived in the municipality. It was Pete Karandiuk's pride and joy, but it was a brutal machine to

operate. Pete had to stand on a metal cover directly over the engine and burned his feet badly. But he was being paid 35¢ an hour and usually worked 18-19 hours a day. The municipality feared it would go bankrupt when he submitted a bill for one month for \$90.00.

The grader travelled 6 MPH and Mary had to load and deliver gas to it daily to keep it on the road. Pete serviced all the roads in the St. Clements area and received 2 or 3 awards for maintaining the best road in Manitoba, an 18 mile stretch of the Henderson Highway between East Selkirk and St. Paul.

Between 1940-44 Pete worked at the Cordite Plant, an ammunition factory, and farmed 400 acres of rented land. In 1945-46, because of a market glut, farmers could



Mary and Peter Karandiuk and Peter's Mother.

only sell 1 bushel of wheat per acre. Pete had 6,000 bushels. Although the government paid the farmers for the wheat, the payments were staggered and ill-timed, making the bills mount up.

By 1947, the Karandiuks had had enough. They sold everything and moved to a farm in Ontario, taking 2 boxcars full of five hundred, 90-pound bags of potatoes, 3 horses, 2 cows, 3 pigs, and several turkeys and chickens.

In 1983 Pete and Mary will celebrate their 57th anniversary. They have many relatives in the Selkirk area and visit as often as possible.

They speak warmly and often about their life during those difficult days and they are justifiably proud of the part they and their parents played in settling the area.

As Mary puts it, "It was a hard life--of bone-breaking work--but full of love and laughter and life."

STEFAN KARANKO

submitted by Catherine Negrich (Mrs.)

As the History of the Rural Municipality of St. Clements unfolds, in this Centennial year of 1984, there will be many memories of those who served their com-



Stefan Karanko



Left to Right: Katie, Mary, Mike Negrich, and Pearl Pochlko.



Steve Karanko, wife Rose Karanko, L - Pauline Kuzminski.

munity in the early years. On behalf of my family and myself, I am proud to write about my Father who was one of these people.

Stefan Karanko, was born January 7, 1879 in the village of Starawa, Austria. His parents, both of Ukrainian origin, were well established and were able to extend his education to Grade 9. At the age of 18 Father was required to serve in the Polish army. Within three months in this service, his mother died and by the time he returned home, his father had remarried a widow with children and father and his sister found it difficult to cope with this new family life. Father then decided he



Fred and Bill Karanko.



Karanko residence 1919-1946.

would try and make his way to Canada, with a promise to his sister that she would follow him very soon. John Adams, a family friend, who arrived in Canada in 1900, sponsored Father and he arrived by boat to Halifax and then by train to East Selkirk in May 25, 1903 to what was known at that time as the Round-House. A few months later, with the help of Adam, he purchased land, Lot 10, built a small house and started farming.

At Christmas of the same year he met Mother,

Eufrosina Znak and they were married May 20, 1904 and three years later they sponsored his sister into Canada.

Life was not easy, there were language barriers, bigotry, etc, which he was determined to master and did in time with Mother supporting him in all his endeavours.

Father was elected to the Council in the early 20's and Reeve in 1922. He was one of the first members of the Ukrainian Catholic Church built in 1907, a very active first member of the Ukrainian Home-Reading Society founded in 1920 and also a member of the Happy Thought school board. He remained active in the Community into the late 40's.

With all of this, he still found time to spend with his seven children sharing with us his knowledge of culture, language and religion. It was a severe blow to our parents when their eldest son John, died in 1923 at the age of 18, but they rallied knowing that they had other children to share their life with. In the early 40's Father's health began to fail and after major surgery he tried to get back to his normal life but never fully recovered and died May 29, 1948, and Mother in July 1954. Remains of both parents lie peacefully in their beloved East Selkirk.

Gone, but never forgotten by his children, Mary, Kay, Anne and Matt. (Frederick deceased 1978 and William in 1981)

KAZINA FAMILY HISTORY

submitted by Florence Kisiloski

Antonina Rogal and Nicholas Kazina, both immigrants of Poland, were married in Tyndal, Man., in 1912. Their twelve children: Peter, Walter, Frank, Alex, James, Joseph, Paul, Minnie, (Ottenbreit), Catherine (Corda), Julia (Pfeifer), Susie (Urbanski), Cecelia (Mikoliew), were born and raised on a small farm two miles north of Tyndal. Antonina died in 1933 leaving her husband and the elder children to continue raising the family. Nicholas later moved to Winnipeg where he died in 1969. His eldest son Peter and family remained on the family farm.

Julia Kogut immigrated from Poland in 1912, and later that same year married Frank Ostrowski in Garson. After living for a few years in the Hazel Glen area they settled on a farm 1 mile east of the Mayfield school. Six of their twelve children survived to adulthood. They are Albert, John, Jessie (Skiba), Carrie (Rawluk) Frances (Mizak) Cecelia (Kazina). Frank and Julia retired from farming, moving to East Selkirk in 1946, and later to Tyndal in 1950. Frank died in 1965. In 1972, Julia moved to the Betel Home in Selkirk, where she lived until her death in 1974.

On Jan. 9, 1943, Walter Kazina and Cecelia Ostrowski were married in East Selkirk. Their first year was spent in the Pine Falls area, where Walter had a contract to cut pulpwood. After the birth of their eldest son, Edward, they settled on a 160 acre farm in Mayfield area, which had once belonged to Walter's father. Walter was engaged in mixed farming as well as being employed at the Manitoba Power Commission, Garson Quarries, Drake Const. and the Shell Oil Co. A daughter, Florence and a son Gordon, were born to them in the years 1950 and 1954 respectively. All three children attended the Mayfield school and high school in Selkirk. Edward received a certificate in auto and heavy duty mechanics from the Manitoba Technical Institute. He was employed at Kenny's Garage in East Selkirk, Reimer Truck Lines, Campbell River, B.C., and Hay River, Northwest Territories. His sudden death occurred in 1973. Gordon was employed with Manitoba Hydro in the Thompson area for 2 years after completing high school. He later received a diploma in carpentry from the Red River Community College and is presently self-employed while living in Selkirk. Florence received a teaching certificate from the University of Manitoba in 1969, and was employed as a primary teacher in the Lord Selkirk School Division for six years. In 1971, she married Bernie Kisiloski, the son of Martin and Jean (Neduzak) of Garson. They lived in Winnipeg for two years, and then built a home on the farm in Mayfield where Florence grew up. Walter died in 1976, shortly before the birth of his first grandchild Jeffery. Cecelia and son Gordon rented out the farm home and moved to Selkirk. Florence and her husband Bernie began working the family farm. The farmyard was later sold to Orest and Annette Byblow. In 1978, Cecelia Kazina married Gerald Verreault. They reside in Selkirk. A daughter, Jillian was born to Florence and Bernie in 1979.

The entire family enjoys country life and is proud to be living on the family farm.

DMYTRO AND EVA KAZINA

submitted by Stella Chorney and Sophie Mlodzinski

Dmytro Kazina came to Canada in 1911, at the age of 24, from Huta Bozanicka village in Austria now (Cieszanow, Poland). He lived with friends until he married Eva Tepilo, on January 30, 1912.

Eva came to Canada with most of her family in 1902, at the age of 8 from Austria. Her parents, Nick Tepilo and Mary Chomyn, two brothers, Bill and Fred, five sisters, Annie Tarnoushi, Kathryn Bodnarchuk, Pearl Fediuk, Christine Nimchuk and Teenie Zaverucha. Her oldest sister got left in Tomaszow, Poland.

Dmytro and Eva settled in Cooks Creek, then moved to Tyndall where Dmytro worked for the C.P.R. Later they bought a farm near Tyndall. They raised thirteen children.



Dmytro and Eva Kazina on their wedding day Jan. 30, 1912.

Mary married Fred Okolita, and they are now living in Selkirk, Manitoba. They have one daughter, Virginia Kubish.

Mike, now deceased, married Ann Wigosh who is living in Transcona, and they have one daughter, Audrey Epp.

John married Jean Kuly. They lived in Tyndall, and have three children, Allen, Fred and Margaret Corden.



Dmytro and Eva Kazina and their family.

Julius married Irene Kalinski, they are living in Vancouver, B.C. and have one son, Michael.

Olga married John Sawchuk, now deceased, and then she married Bill Luby. They are living in Tyndall, and have three daughters, Pauline Thororansen, Myrtle Novakowski and Diane Dropoty.

Sophie married John Mlodzinski and they live in Highland Glen and have four children, Conrad, Kenneth, Gregory and Marilyn Scheirich.

Raymond was born on July 17, 1925, and died on September 21, 1945.

Jean married Edward Bukowski and they live in Tyndall.

Nick lives in Tyndall.

Stella married John Chorney, and they live in East Selkirk and have three sons, David, Harvey and Brian.

Steve was born on April 16, 1933 and died in 1961.

Helen is living in Winnipeg, Man.

Marjorie married John Komadowski. They have one son Gary, and they live in Winnipeg, Man.

Dmytro was one of the founding members of the St. Michael's Uk. Catholic Church in Tyndall. Dmytro and Eva worked hard to establish a home for such a large family. They suffered many hardships during the "dirty thirties". Dmytro died on April 14, 1959. Eva died on September 14, 1970.

JOHN AND KATHERINE KELICH

submitted by Mathew Kelich

John Kelich was born in Austria in 1880, the son of George and Dora Kelich. Katherine Kelich, his wife, was also born in Austria in 1877, the daughter of Peter and Maria Winnichuk.

John Kelich and Katherine Winnichuk were married in Austria in the year 1904 and it wasn't until 1911 that they journeyed to Canada. They sailed by the steamship "Montrose" bringing with them one son Harry, born in Austria. They settled in the Village of East Selkirk. Later, they had three more children Michael, Mathew, and Mary, who is now Mrs. Ben Koskey.

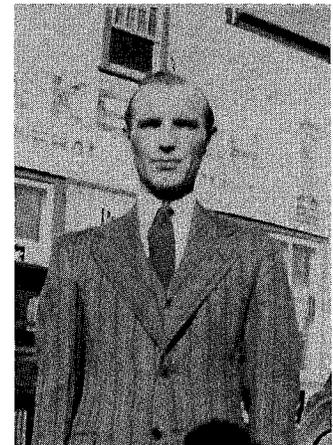
They were of Greek Orthodox faith. All the children attended the Happy Thought School in East Selkirk.



John and Katherine Kelich.



Harry Kelich



Mike Kelich

John Kelich's first job, when he arrived in East Selkirk, was the building of the Hydro-Electric power plant at Pinawa. Later, he worked for many years for the Canadian Pacific Railway in East Selkirk, and eventually operated a General Store in the Village.

John passed away in 1946 and Katherine in 1959.



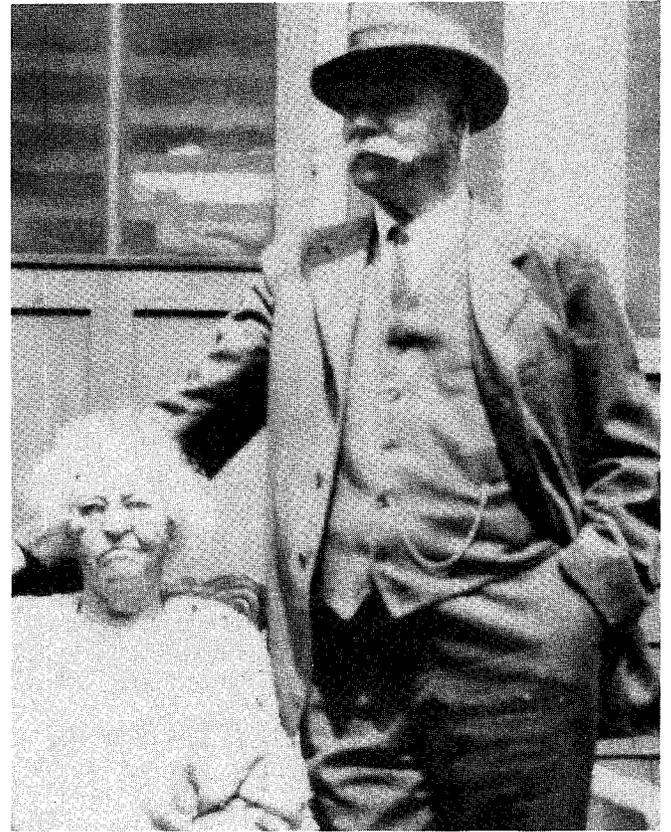
Mathew Kelich



Mary (Mrs. Ben Koskey) daughter of John and Katherine Kelich.



*Molly Sharp
and
Matt Kelich.*



William John Chas. Kenny and wife Sarah Jane Henry.

THE KENNY FAMILY

submitted by May Kenny

William John Charles Kenny's parents came from Edinburgh, Scotland. He was born on the ocean in 1846. His two brothers and father were drowned when he was seven years old. His mother remained but William lived with his uncle until he was seventeen. He became a mill hand in Desoronto, Ont. He married Sarah Jane Henry of Bellville, Ont., on April 18, 1876 in North Brook, Hastings County, Ont.

They settled in Desoronto where four sons, William John, Robert Ellis, Frederick Charles, Albert Joseph and Eva May were born. At a later date they adopted a baby girl named Bunnie. She lived in Edmonton and passed away several years ago. The family came west in 1896 and settled in Tyndall, Man. The Henry Family came to Tyndall about the same time. They owned a store and operated the Tyndall Limestone Quarry. In 1898, the Kenny family moved to a farm in the Mayfield district. William Kenny directed the building of the first Mayfield School which was constructed with volunteer help. The School District of Mayfield No. 1473 was formed on September 1, 1908, By-Law No. 10 of the Council of St. Clements.

The school was opened for the spring of 1910 with an enrolment of 32 pupils. The first teacher was Stella Kelly. Mr. A.C. Emmert donated the land upon which the school was built. The first Board Members were Wm. J.C. Kenny, Jack B. Burnett, and Alex Dixon. In December 1952 the original school was destroyed by fire and a new school was built. Classes commenced in the fall of 1953. Sarah Jane Kenny died in February 1928 and William Kenny died July 27, 1938.

William John Kenny was born on January 16, 1877. He married Martha Jane Empson of Letellier, Man., on December 28, 1903. They had six children: Pearl May,

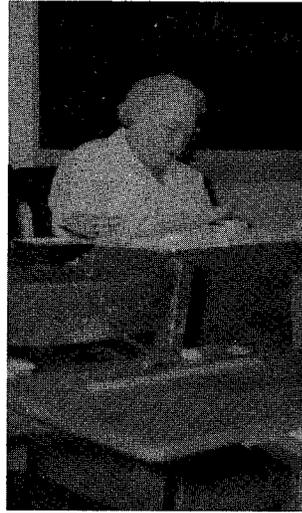


*William John Kenny
and Martha Jane
Empson, 1903.*

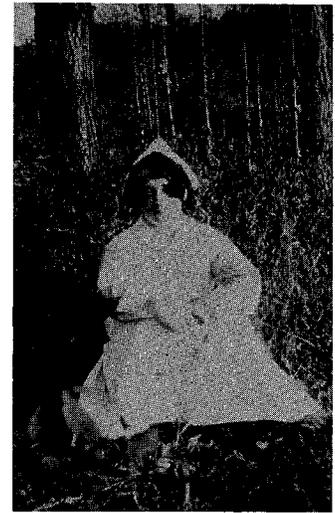
Charles Frederick, Clare Edith, Sarah Margaret Ellen, William James and Stella Irene. Martha Jane Kenny died on November 8, 1914 and on December 21, 1916 William John married Letitia Bukert who was born on March 6, 1875 in Castlebar, Ireland. They had two children: Robert Arthur and Ethel. Letitia Kenny died July 27, 1932 and in 1937 William married Grace Irene Morden. They had one son, Blake. William Kenny was engaged in the lumber business, the oil business and the machinery



*Eva Kane,
daughter of
W.J.C. and
Sarah Kenny.*



Pearl May Kenny at her desk.



Clare Kenny

business. He was an agent for Brown and Rutherford and for the Rumley Tractor Co. He died on September 23, 1943 at the age of 66. Irene Kenny died January 28, 1977.

Robert Ellis Kenny was born on February 3, 1879 in Desoronto, Ont. He farmed in the Mayfield district for twenty five years then moved to Winnipeg with his parents. He worked at the Grain Exchange and died in 1940 at the age of 61.

Frederick Charles Kenny was born on February 10, 1882 and was engaged in farming. When he retired he moved to Winnipeg and later to Garson. His wife's name was Lena and they had five children; Donald of Garson, Man. Dorothy and Helen of Winnipeg, Ruth of Seattle, Washington, and Edna of Dryden, Ont.

Albert Joseph Kenny was born on February 16, 1886 and died in infancy.

Eva May Kenny was born March 11, 1889. She was educated in East Selkirk and lived for a time with her Uncle and Aunt, Dave and Martha Lyon who owned and operated a grocery store. She worked for the Immigration Department in East Selkirk and married Daniel Kane who came to Canada from England in 1910. He was engaged in the grain business joining the Manitoba Pool Elevators in 1928. They had two children, Gordon and Ruby both of whom are now deceased. Daniel Kane died July 22, 1961. Eva May presently resides in a private hospital in Vancouver, B.C., at the age of 93.

Pearl May Kenny was born November 11, 1904. She taught school at East Selkirk, and Garson. At the time of her death March 5, 1968 she was teaching school at the Birtle Indian Residential School, Birtle, Man.

Charles Frederick Kenny was born January 29, 1906. He married Beth Copeland of Letellier, Man., on December 10, 1932. They had four children; Margaret Irene, Evelyn Jane, and Gordon Charles all of whom reside in Winnipeg with their respective families. Roy Arthur died at the age of 10 as the result of an accident.



Left to Right: Charlie Kenny, Ethel Peever, Jim Kenny. Front: Margaret Ableson and Robert Kenny.

Charles farmed in the Mayfield district and the Stonewall area for a few years. In the spring of 1935 he moved to East Selkirk and went to work for Canadian Industries Ltd. In 1938 while still working for C.I.L. he took on the bulk oil dealership with B.A. Oil Co., which later became the Gulf Oil Co. In 1943 he left the C.I.L. and continued with the bulk oil business. In 1954 he established Kenny's Bulk Sales and Service Garage as well as taking on the dealership for Cockshutt Implement. He remained in business until his retirement in 1967 when he sold the business to Clive Rennie. Charles Kenny was very active in community affairs. He was councillor of Ward Four, Municipality of St. Clements for one term, and a school trustee of Happy Thought School. He was president of the St. Andrews, St. Clements Fair board for a number of years, a member of the Selkirk Rotary Club and belonged to the Canadian Order of Forrester's Lodge and the Oddfellows Lodge in Selkirk. Charlie died on May 16, 1982.



Left to Right: Charlie Kenny, Margaret Ableson, Stella Germain, Ethel Peever, Robert Kenny.



Charlie Kenny ready for the Agricultural Fair.

Clare Edith Kenny was born on March 5, 1907. She is a graduate nurse, and presently resides in Ottawa, Ont.

Sarah Margaret Ellen Kenny was born April 26, 1908. She is a graduate nurse and in March 1932 she married Harold Ableson. In 1955 Margaret and Harold moved to Victoria, B.C. They have one son Dennis who resides with his wife and two daughters in Prince George, B.C. Margaret continued her nursing career after she was married, and retired at the age of 65. Margaret presently resides in Victoria, B.C. Harold died in August of 1981.

William James Kenny was born July 14, 1910. He married Dorothy Mille of Highland Glen, Man. Jim took over the home farm from his dad. In 1945 Jim and Dorothy moved to Vancouver, B.C., and Jim's brother Robert bought the farm upon his return from Overseas, in 1946. Jim was employed with Deitrick and Collins for a number of years and is now retired. Jim and Dorothy have no children and presently reside in Burnaby, B.C.

Stella Irene Kenny was born March 20, 1912 and was employed as a stenographer. On April 29, 1939 she married Nap Germain. They have two children; Florence



Charlie Kenny and His joy "Swallow" at the farm home in Mayfield, 1922.



Pauline Kenny, Margaret Ableson, Bob Kenny, Dennison Ableson.

Irene and Douglas Hector. Florence is presently on a world tour and Doug lives in St. Andrews with his wife Glenna. Stella and Nap are both retired and reside in Winnipeg.

Robert Arthur Kenny was born November 23, 1917. While serving overseas during the Second World War he met May Collier and they were married in Winnipeg on May 31, 1947. They farmed in the Mayfield district on the family farm for many years. Bob was also employed at the Manitoba Rolling Mills in Selkirk until his retirement. They had two daughters, Pauline Anne, and Marion Louise both living with their families in Winnipeg. Bob died on June 29, 1974 and May died on July 9, 1981.

Ethel Kenny was born on April 9, 1919. She became a registered nurse and in August 1956 she married Gordon Peever. She continued her nursing career after she was married, retiring at the age of 60. They have two daughters, Glenna and Pene. Glenna lives with her husband Micheal Martin in Burnaby, B.C., and Pene lives at home with her parents in Langley, B.C.

Blake Kenny was born August 10, 1942. He is single and now lives with his Uncle, Earl Morden in Tyndall, Man.



Beth, Evelyn, Margaret, Gordon, Ray and Dorothy.