

## PETER AND VERONICA KING

*submitted by Mary Harluk*

Peter King is the son of John and Tessie King. He was born and raised in East Selkirk with five brothers and two sisters, who are: Joe, Walter, Tony, Frank, John Jr., Mary, and Annie. Peter developed an interest for farming at an early age and with his wife Veronica, continues to farm today. He is also employed at the Manitoba Rolling Mills. Peter married Veronica Harluck in 1968. They have two children, a daughter Laura and a son Bryan.

## THE KINTOP FAMILY

*submitted by the children*

Frederick Kintop was born in Niespodzianka, near the town of Tucyzn (Tuchin) and the city of Rovno, in the Province of Volhynia, Russia. Frederick served 3 years in the military (1909-1912) under the Czar of Nicholas II. In 1913, after spending a year with his family, he set out for Canada. He was never to be reunited with his parents, brother, and sister, except for two sisters: Mrs. Alvina Schade, Winnipeg, and the late Mrs. Emily Budner, U.S.A.

Frederick arrived in Halifax, N.S. and later arrived in Winnipeg in June 1913. Upon his arrival, he spent some time in the Greenwald area, mostly with his uncle and aunt (Michael and Rosalia Froehlich, nee: Kintop).

Around 1918, Frederick met Maria Klann. Maria was born in Gretna, Man. on Sept. 19, 1901, the daughter of Daniel and Augusta Klann (nee: Hemminger). They were married on March 14, 1920, in the Thalberg Trinity Lutheran Church. After their marriage, Frederick and Maria left Greenwald for Morris, where Frederick worked at a variety of jobs. In 1921, they bought 35 acres



*Frederick and Maria Kintop Wedding Photo in March, 1920.*



*Back Row, Left to Right: Colin, Tim, Walter, holding Jonathon and Matthew. Front Row: Crystal holding Douglas and Elizabeth.*

in Greenwald, Sec. 35-15-8.

Frederick hauled cordwood to support his family and in 1938 he bought 160 acres of land, Sec. 29-15-8. Here, Frederick and Maria kept cows. The Kintop's were also one of the first owners of a cream separator (Stockholm) in 1921.

In 1933, Frederick started to build a house, hewing the logs himself and hiring a carpenter for assistance.

On March 14, 1970, Maria and Frederick celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in the Thalberg Lutheran Church. This time was also used as a family reunion, as Maria and Frederick raised 5 sons and 4 daughters: Hulda, William and Daniel (twins) Emanuel, Natalie, Alma, Linda, Walter and Ronald.

Hulda married Leonard Patzer (now deceased) she lives in Thalberg. William married Elsie Schendel, they live in Dencross. Daniel married Rose Geschke, and they live in Stead. Emmanuel lives in Greenwald on the home place. Natalie married Roy Schnellert, and they live in Pinawa. Alma Kintop lives in Winnipeg. Linda married Ervin Beck and they live in East Selkirk. Ronald lives in Oxford House, Man. Walter married Betty Rempel and they live in Greenwald. Frederick and Maria have 19 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Frederick passed away on July 16, 1972, at the age of 85. Maria passed away on Dec. 24, 1976, at the age of 75. Both are resting in the Beausejour Lutheran Cemetery. For more information on the Kintop family, look in the Beausejour Book, under Frederick and Maria Kintop.

Walter Kintop, second youngest son of the late Frederick and Maria Kintop, was born in Winnipeg and raised in Greenwald, Man. I attended Greenwald school. I was baptized in Greenwald School, which was used as a church at that time, and confirmed in St. John's Lutheran Church, Greenwald. During the years 1971-1977, I served on the Church Council at St. John's Lutheran Church. At the time of my installation our pastor was Rev. Alvin Querengesser and upon completing in this capacity our Pastor was Rev. Peter Stiller. Presently, Betty, myself and our children are members of the St. John's Lutheran Church, Greenwald.

My wife, Elizabeth (Betty, nee: Rempel) is the daughter of David and Agatha Rempel, Steinbach, Man. Betty comes from a Mennonite background. In the summer of 1961 she was baptized and confirmed into the Lutheran faith. Betty received her education in Southwood School, Steinbach, and attended Sunday School near her home under the "Kleingemeinde" congregation. Betty has recently joined the LCW (Lutheran Church Women) Group of St. John's Lutheran Church, Greenwald.

We were married on Sept. 23, 1961, in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Steinbach. The pastor was Rev. M. Hulsemann.

Before I contemplated doing fulltime farming I worked at a few jobs, mainly bush work and construction jobs. My employment as a construction worker took me to various areas, one of them was helping build Highway No. 59 (North) and another was helping build the floodway near Winnipeg under Schreyer Construction. Since operating a farm and working out on a daily basis was getting too hectic, I purchased more land and cattle and went into farming fulltime.

Prior to moving to our present location, Betty and I lived on my late parents farm Sec. 30-15-8 for 11 years. In 1971 I bought the farm of my present residence Sec. 31-15-8. This farm was originally owned (early 1940's) by my late Uncle Adolf Schade and later on by his son, Henry Schade, formerly of Greenwald, Man. In 1971 I also started operating a dairy farm. The stable on my present farm was built in 1972, by my Uncle William Block, Beausejour. The house was built in 1978, by A.K. Penner, Blumenort, Man.

We have five children. One daughter Crystal, and four sons, Douglas, Colin, Timothy and Matthew. Crystal has a son of her own, Jonathon.

Betty and I lead a busy farm life with our young family, and are also enjoying good health.

In conclusion I would like to express our indebtedness to our parents and others like them who opened and paved the way for our more abundant life. We, their descendants, can live on enjoying many of the pleasures of life made possible by their contribution.

## WILLIAM KIRKNESS

*submitted by Bobbie Huck*

William Kirkness was born Sept. 14, 1836 in Kirkwall, Orkney Islands, in Scotland. He was 19 years old when he signed up with the Hudson Bay Company and he came to Canada in 1856 by boat (York Boat I believe the boat was called) landing at the Port of Churchill.

He worked for the Hudson Bay Company for five years, transporting goods by boat in summer and by dog team in winter.

When his term with the Hudson Bay Company was up, he had the option of land, going back to Scotland, or money, he chose land and came to the St. Clements area and chose a 1/4 section, which he surveyed himself in 1859 or 1860. He lived on the land until 1871 when the Dominion Surveyers came to survey, then the portion of land he chose became Sec. 8-13-5E.



*Jane Kirkness Nee: Brown.*

He married Jane Brown in 1867. Jane Brown came from Stromnes, Orkney. She came to Canada to work for her Uncle Magnus Brown (Magnus Ave. in Winnipeg was named after him).

William and Jane's first home was built of logs with a thatched roof, the floor was of hewn logs. The land was cleared with an axe and a team of oxen. The plow that was used also came from Scotland. The crops were cut by scythe with a cradle at the back. Each cradle load made a sheaf, when dried it was threshed by a flail, when cleaned it was hauled to Upper Fort Garry, traded for such staples as were needed in a home (flour, tea, dry goods, etc.)

William and Jane had 5 sons and 2 daughters. Mary married George Taylor, William married Sarah Craig, James married AnneBella Sabastion, Charlotte never married, John also never married, Peter married Mysie McMurchy, Magnus (the youngest) married Catherine McMurchy. The family's religion was Presbyterian.

Mrs. Kirkness died when she was 77 years old and Mr. Kirkness passed away when he was 90 years old. When he died the homestead was carried on by his youngest son, Magnus Brown Kirkness.

Magnus married Catherine McMurchy and they had a family of 8, 2 boys and 6 girls. Magnus died in 1957, at 79 years of age. There are still 4 members of the Kirkness family living on Sec. 8-13-5E; Magnus' son, William, his daughter, Roberta Lupal and Archie Kirkness, son of Magnus brother William. And of course, there is myself, Bobbie Huck, daughter of Roberta Lupal and Great-Granddaughter to William Kirkness Sr.

## LUDWIG KLANN FAMILY

*submitted by Mrs. Hilda Patzer*

Ludwig Klann was born in Russia in 1865. He was married to Wilhelmina (nee: Hemminger) and they came over to Canada in 1900. They stopped at Gretna, Man. and worked for Mennonite families for one year. In 1901, they came to Thalberg, where Ludwig and Wilhelmina became one of the first settlers with some others, like the Kuhn's, Gottlieb Hemminger, Peter Saluk, and Daniel Klann. In 1902, Ludwig homesteaded on Sec. N.E. 20-16-8.

Ludwig and Wilhelmina's children were all born in Russia, except for Minnie Trapp, she was born in Manitoba. In 1905, Mrs. Ludwig Klann died giving birth to another child (on Jan. 6, 1905). She was buried on the Family Homestead, as there was no graveyard. By the suggestion of her step-mother, she was buried on an Indian trail on the family farm.

A little later Ludwig remarried. He continued to farm for a few years, then he moved to Beaconia and did a little vegetable growing and grew some strawberries.

Ludwig was married again, but not for long. His second wife died in 1937. Ludwig remarried for the third time and kept on farming. Ludwig's son Daniel and his wife moved to Vernon, B.c. during this time.

After Ludwig's third wife died, Ludwig held an auction sale and moved to Vernon B.C. to live with his son, Daniel Klann and his daughter-in-law, Wilhelmina.

Ludwig Klann passed away in 1956 at the age of 90.



*Back Row, Left to Right: Alwina Block, Marie Kintop, Rosalie Zirk, Natalie Zirk. Front Row: Charlie Klann, Dan Kintop, Fred Klann, and Dan Kintop (Grandchild).*

## DANIEL KLANN AND FAMILY

*submitted by Hilda Patzer*

Daniel Klann was born in Russia in 1869, and his wife Augusta (Nee: Hemminger) was born in Russia also in 1875. They came over to this land of "Milk and Honey" in 1900, together with his brother Ludwig Klann.

Both families stayed in Gretna for one year and worked for the Mennonite families and in 1901 they moved to Thalberg.

Daniel Klann took the homestead of Sec. N.E. 30-16-8 in 1902. For one year Daniel and Ludwig lived together on one yard on Sec. 30-16-8.

The next Daniel Klann homestead was Sec. 20-8-16, the northeast quarter.

Mrs. Augusta Klann passed away in 1942, at the age of 67. Aftr one year, Daniel married again and his second wife passed away in 1953.

The Klann's had a mixed farm and grain operation and, also, were always members of the Thalberg Trinity Lutheran Church. The Daniel Klann family consisted of six children: Charlie, Alvina (Block), Fred, Maria (Kintop), Roslie (Zirk), Natalie (Zirk). The first three were all born in Russia and the other three were born in Man.

Daniel Klann passed away in 1958.

## FRED KLANN AND FAMILY

*submitted by Fred Klann*

I, Fred Klann was born in Russia in 1899, and came to Canada with my parents in 1900. My parents were Daniel Klann and Augusta Klann (nee: Hemminger). For one year we lived in Gretna and worked for the Mennonites. In 1923, I married Anna Klann (nee: Zirk). Anna was the daughter of Jacob Zirk Sr.

In the depression years it was not easy to get some cash money in your hands. It meant cutting cordwood in Winter and trading it for groceries, as there was not much land cleared to seed grain. A cow sold for \$7 or \$8 and a hog sold for \$2 or \$3, eggs for 6¢ or 7¢ a dozen, and little piglets at 25¢ a piece.

Fred and Anna lived all their lives on Sec. 30-16-8, and raised 6 children. They were members all their lives and still are in Thalberg Trinity Lutheran Church. Anna Klann passed away suddenly in 1976. I, Fred still reside in the old homeplace with Dugald.

My children are, 4 sons: Raymond, Edmund, Harold, and Dugald and 2 daughters: Alma (Mrs. Mike Tymchude), and Thanna (Mrs. John Engbercht). John passed away, and Thanna lives in Ontario. We have 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



*Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Klatt and their first four sons.*

## HISTORY OF ADOLPH KLATT FAMILY

*submitted by D. Craigie*

Adolph Klatt was the son of Henry Klatt who immigrated to Canada in late 1800's. Adolph was born Feb. 19, 1905 in Thalberg, Man. He went to school in Thalberg and worked with his father and older brothers on their father's farm and cutting cordwood in winter for a living. Adolph and his brothers were great fur trappers. Adolph and his brother Roy went out west at harvesting time in 1925. After working for farmers out west they decided to go to Milwaukee, U.S.A. to look for work. They came back to Gull Lake, Man. the next year. Adolph met Audrey Thomas, daughter of Capt. W.R. Thomas and married her in 1928.

Adolph and Audrey made their first home at Gull Lake. They both went out west for the first year of their marriage where Adolph worked harvesting and Audrey cooked for the workers. Adolph and Audrey had nine children all born in the Gull Lake, Beaconia district. Melford, June 24, 1929, Ralph, July 19, 1930, Earl, July 24, 1933, Leonard, June 24, 1935, a daughter Dorothy, Nov. 8, 1936, David, July 26, 1938, a daughter Lorraine, Dec. 21, 1940, William, May 10, 1942, Christene, Aug. 3, 1953. Adolph settled in Beaconia on Sec. 15-17-7E.

In 1937, Adolph thought life in British Columbia would be better so he loaded his old Essex with wife and kids and a friend and some supplies. And with fifty dollars in their pockets started off to B.C. With lots of luck they arrived in the Okanagan Valley, it cost them



*Robert Klatt family, 1940's.*

\$35.00 for gasoline. There they picked fruit and did other odd jobs, but life there was pretty hard as it was the depression years. So Adolph sold his car and with what money they had, bought a train ticket for all and came back to Beaconia, Man. to settle into community life.

Adolph and his family were very active in sports. He helped in building and always supported any sports activity as did his children.

In his later years, Adolph believed in living off the land. He grew great vegetable gardens and picked any kind of wild berries and sold these products to beach people at Gull Lake and Grand Beach. His transportation was a good Two Wheel Bicycle which he rode everyday in summer into the back trails and picked berries and dug the old Indian root, Seneca Root, this he sold to buyers who came from Winnipeg to buy it. In early times Adolph had his whole family out doing these things just to make a living. Adolph also had a love for horses. He always had a good team which he hitched up and everyone went along into the hills or just visiting. Sometimes he took all the family and camped out for weeks at a time picking berries then back to town to sell the berries they picked.

Adolph worked hard to make a good living for his family. Also working and helping other people in the community to get by. He lived a very honest and religious life. He died Oct. 29, 1976. He was predeceased by two sons, David in 1961 and Melford in 1974. Audrey continues to lead a very busy life. She now resides in the town of Selkirk and is very active in the Senior Citizen organizations as well as the Association for the Mentally Retarded in Selkirk.

Earl and his family are residing on the old Klatt homestead on 15-17-7E.

## THE KLIM FAMILY

*submitted by the Family*

Leshko Klim was born in the village of Cyxawola Lilwiw in the Ukraine. He immigrated to Canada with is wife Melanie, in the year 1900. He settled in Brokenhead, Man. They raised a family of five sons: Martin, Michael, Harry, Onofry, and Andrew.

Andrew, son of Leshko and Melanie born in the Ukraine, December 8, 1889, at the age of eleven accompanied his parents to Canada. Educated in Brokenhead, in a one room school. He became acquainted with Emelia Hologroski, daughter of William and Barbara Hologroski, who also immigrated to Brokenhead from the Ukraine. Emelia was born in Brokenhead, August 3, 1897, Andrew and Emelia married on February 16, 1915. They farmed in the Brokenhead district for fifteen years. Moving to Semple, five miles south of Libau in 1926, with a family of seven children. Retiring to the town of Selkirk in 1950, Emelia passed away in August 1961. To be followed by Andrew in March, 1963. They left a family of two sons and five daughters to carry on, Lilly, Olga, Jennie, Michael, Elsie, Edward, and Emelia.

Lilly was born December 1916. Educated in Brokenhead School, she married Harry Kossack in 1937.



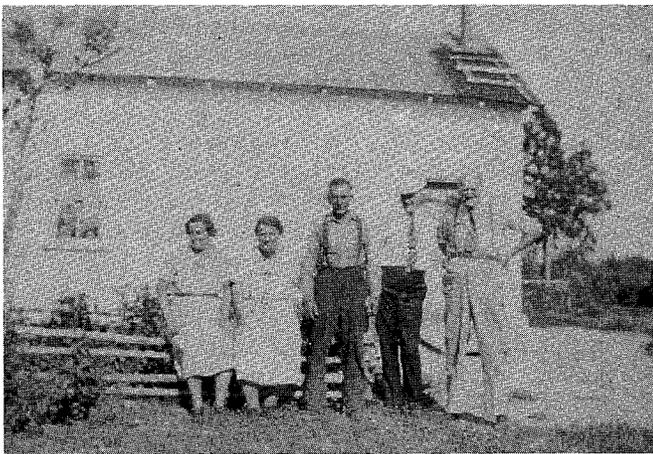
*Andrew Klim family, 1932.*

They farmed in the Semple district for thirty-six years; leaving the farm in 1972 to take up residence in the town of Selkirk. Harry was also employed by the Manitoba Rolling Mills for eighteen years, retiring in 1977. Lilly was employed by the Selkirk Mental Health Centre for fourteen years, retiring in 1981. They raised a family of ten children, four sons and six daughters; Melvin, Lawrence, Beverly, Judith, Russell, Connie, Sharon, Colleen, Douglas, and Holly. Melvin was educated in Selkirk. He married Betty Kologinski, July 1964. He was employed as a trucker for a Building Contractor. They are raising a family of two sons and a daughter.

Lawrence was educated in Selkirk. He married Helen Sum, July 1967. Lawrence is employed by the Canadian National Railway. Helen has a certificate in teaching. They are now raising a family of one son and one daughter.

Beverly was educated in Selkirk. She married David McMillian in May, 1965. David is employed as manager of a Credit Union. They are raising a family of two sons and one daughter.

Judith was educated in Selkirk. She left Selkirk in 1920 to reside in Toronto. There she married William Bilecki.



*Andrew Klim's first home in the 1930's in the Semple District, 1939.*

Bill is employed as an Actuary. Judith obtained her goal in life as a Taylor. They are raising a family of one son and two daughters.

Russell was educated in Selkirk. He married Julie Henkawich in August 1968. Russell was a meat cutter for thirteen years. Leaving that job, he is now employed by the Manitoba Hydro. Julie is employed as a bank teller. They are raising a family of three daughters.

Connie was educated in Selkirk. She married Edward Hocaluk, whose father was a Hotel Keeper. Edward is now employed by the Manitoba Rolling Mills. Connie is employed as a Postmaster in the Libau district. They are raising a family of two daughters and one son.

Sharon was educated in Selkirk. She left Selkirk, and worked in Edmonton for a Construction Company for many years. Now she is transferred to Calgary, by the Company.

Colleen was educated at Selkirk, she married Donald Pedruchny October, 1967. Donald is employed as an Electrician in Gimli, Colleen is employed by the Bank of Montreal in Winnipeg Beach.

Douglas was educated in Selkirk, he married Patricia Gilson June 1976. He is employed as a Baker. They are raising two sons.

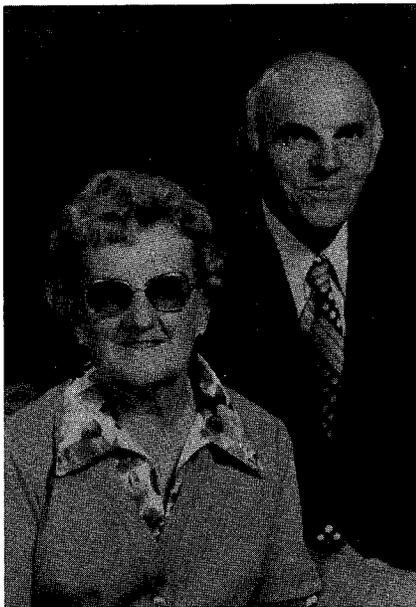
Holly was educated in Selkirk, she married Jack Goodbranson September 1975. Jack is employed as a Trucker, they are raising a family of one daughter and one son.

Charlene was born February 1957. Getting her education in the Happy Thought School, passing to grade 9, she received "The Student of the Year" Award. Entering the Lord Selkirk High School, finishing her grade 12 with five scholarships also the Merit of Excellence Award from the University of Manitoba. In the year of 1977, she received her B.A. (Medical History) from the University of Manitoba. She was employed for the summer of 1979 as a cataloguer at the Manitoba Dept. of Education Library. She entered U.B.C. in 1978 and graduated in 1980 with the M.L.S. She is presently employed as a Librarian in the office of P.F.R.A. in Regina. Garry Andrew Allan was born May 4, 1951, he started his primary education in the Hoey East School, his Junior High is the Happy Thought School and his Senior High School in the Lord Selkirk School Division. He joined the Air Force at the age of 18, for 1 year. Then he entered the University of Manitoba acquiring his B.Sc. in (Geology) 1973. Employed in Selkirk at M.R.M. for a number of years before entering Southern Alberta Ins. of Technology, receiving his D.I.P. (Honors) in Petroleum Technology.

Later he was employed as an Engineering Assistant at Acto Drilling Special Project Group in Edmonton, Alta. Presently he is Manager of Drilling operations for Atco Drilling. Then he married Sandy Armstrong of Hanna, Alta. in August 1981, now they are residing in Edmonton, Alta.

Sharon was born June 1947 and passed away October 1947.

Sylvia was born April 1944. Taking her grade 1 to grade 8 in the Hoey East School, going on to the Happy Thought School in East Selkirk, finishing her grade II and 12 in the Lord Selkirk School in Selkirk. She received



*Fred and  
Eva Klim.*

a P.E.O. Scholarship and Ruth Hooker Book Award for the highest marks in Maths in grade 12. Taking further education in the University of Manitoba where she received in her second year, a bursary from the University of Manitoba. She got her degree in B.Sc. in Math in 1965, Certificate of Ed. in 1968. She taught for two years in Selkirk, then moved on to River East and taught one year there. The last fourteen years she was employed as a Maths teacher in Stonewall High. She is an avid curler. Sylvia married Robert Sweetland in 1966 of Rosser. They have three children; Dwayne, Corissa and Tamara.

Lorne was born December 1939, he began his education in the Hoey East School, his grade 9 in Libau West, and his high school years in Selkirk. He received his Teachers Certificate at normal school in Winnipeg.



*Sophie and Mike Klim and their family.*

He taught at the age of 17 in the St. Andrews School, then in the Selkirk School for the period of 8 years. In the year 1964, he moved to Alberta, and taught in New Bridgen, Acadia Valley and in the farming district of Oyen until the year 1976. In 1977, under C.E.D.A. for a two year contract, Lorne worked as an Experience Advisor to the Technical Vocational Planning Unit of Jamaican Ministry Education. Returning to Canada in July 1979, to his job as Guidance Councillor in Airdrie, Alta. Furthering in Education, he obtained his B.A. Psychology in 1968 from the University of Manitoba, and his B.E.D. in 1970 from the University of Calgary. He acquired his Masters in (Educational Psychology) from the University of Calgary in 1981, and is presently a Guidance Councillor at McDougall High School in Airdrie, Alta. In 1974, he was named "Lion of the Year" in Oyen, Alta., 78-79 "Lion of the Year" in St. Andrews Lions Club in Jamaica. In 1982, Chairman of the Leadership of Development International Association of the Lion's Club of District E. Presently Lorne is President of the Lion's Club of Grassfield, Alta. Lorne married Wendy Green of Dinsmore, Sask., in 1968. Adopting Wesley Aaron and two years later adopting Michael Allan.



*Christmas time at Andrew and Emelia Klim with the family.*

Olga was born in September 1918, she started her education in Brokenhead, finishing grade 8 in the Brookside School. Making the acquaintance of Mike Kosack, they exchanged marital vows May 1939. Moving two miles north of her parent's homestead, they started their life and family. Four years as a leader in the East Selkirk 4-H Potato Club. They donated 3 acres of land for a New Hoey East School, east of the Red River in 1944. They are lifetime members of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Poplar Park, and active members of the Poplar Park Hall. They have a family of five children.

Jennie, born in November 1919, was educated in Brookside School. She moved to Winnipeg in 1945, and was employed by Perths Dye Works for thirty years. In 1975, she retired and moved to East Selkirk. Jennie passed away in August 1981.

Mike was born in September 1921, and educated in



*Grandmother Klim with her grandchildren.*

Brookside School. He married Sophie Gerylo, October 1946, they farmed in Semple. Mike passed away at age 51, Dec. 11, 1972. Sophie continued her teaching career. They raised two daughters, Audrey and Cheryl, who were educated at the University of Manitoba and each has a teaching degree. Audrey married Barry Zelenski and they are raising two daughters, Jodi and Jana. Cheryl married Brian Osborne, they both teach in Winnipeg.

Elsie was born in February 1923. Educated at Brookside School, she moved to Winnipeg in 1945, and pursued her education at Success Commercial College and obtained an Accounting Certificate in 1959, and is employed as an Accounting Instructor since 1959.

Edward was born October 1928, the only one of the triplet sons that has survived. Educated in Brookside School, he married Verna Bzovy, July 1951. Verna obtained her education in St. Mary's Academy in Winnipeg, taught school in Hoey East School. Presently, they are farming at Libau and raising a family of three daughters and one son: Valerie, Lorri, Rory and Shannon.

Valerie was educated at Selkirk, pursued her education at the Red River College, and obtained a Business Administration Certificate. Valerie married Constable Harold Dunphy, November 1980.

Laurie was educated in Selkirk, pursued her education at the Red River College, and obtained a Certificate in Computer Science. Presently she is employed by Manitoba Telephone System.

Rory is attending classes in Selkirk High School. His goal is Electronics.

Shannon is attending school in Selkirk Junior High.

Emelia was born in February 1941, and educated in Selkirk, continued her education in the University of Manitoba. She obtained her Bachelor of Pharmacy and Master of Science Degrees. She married Neil Ritchie, June 1964, who also obtained his degree in Bachelor of Pharmacy and in Master of Business Administration in

the University of Manitoba. They are raising two children, a daughter, Alison, and a son, Andrew.

Leshko Klim - Grandfather.

Andrew Klim - Father.

All the children and grandchildren of Emelia and Andrew, (2 boys and 5 girls).

## KOLMATISKI (COLMER) FAMILY HISTORY

*submitted by Henry P. Colmer*

Brokenhead, Man., 1898. John Kolmatiski was born in Hadynkivci, district, Husiatyn, Galicia, Austria. (Western Ukraine). HGR Vol. 16, 1898. No. 70767. Date of application: 25 May, 1898. Homestead: N.E. 1-14-7 E. P.M. Applic. No. 14659. District No. 1 List No. 878. Fiat No. 82603. Patent granted. Naturalization granted January 8, 1896.

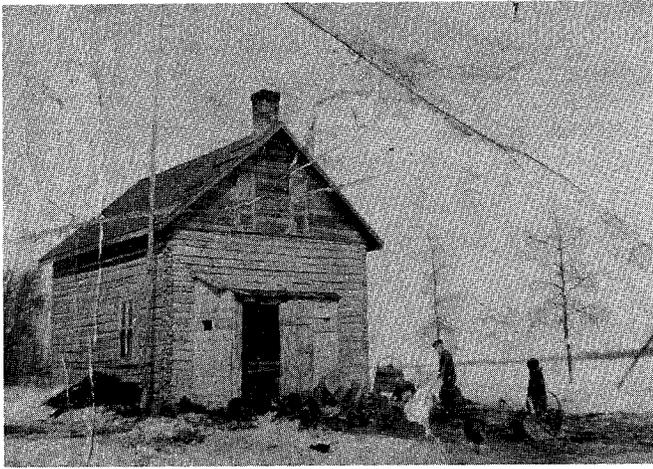
John Kolmatiski came to Canada in 1892-93 and settled in Winnipeg as a carpenter. He possessed a secondary school education and had a fair command of the Polish and German languages in addition to his native Ukrainian. He became acquainted with the early Ukrainian settlers from Nebyliv who came to Canada in May 1892, several families of whom were residing in Winnipeg, and decided to become a one-man immigration company to induce Ukrainian families to emigrate to Canada.



*Left to Right: Mike, Catherine Kolmatiski, Paul and Ann Stashyshyn (parents of Catherine), Tony Lalchun, Mary Lalchun, 1940.*

John and Xena Kolmatiski had six children: four sons and two daughters. John Jr., born in Western Ukraine (Galicia, Austria), died in 1920. He had one daughter, Gloria Kaye, who became a famous singer. Steve and Mike were also born in Western Ukraine. Steve passed away in 1960. Peter was born in Alberta, Canada and is presently residing in Red Lake, Ont. Annie was born in Saskatchewan, and is now living in Moose Jaw, Sask. Katherine (Katie) was born in Winnipeg. She passed away in April, 1935.

Mike was 19 years old when he came to Canada with his parents and two brothers, John and Steve. In 1919, at the age of 21, Mike married a 19 year old country school teacher, Catherine Stashyshyn. They were married at the



*First residence of Mike and Catherine Kolmatiski Sec. 19-13-6E, 1919.*

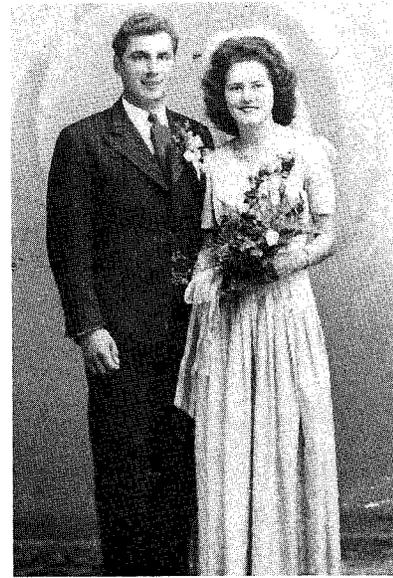
Ukrainian Catholic Church in Tyndall. Catherine was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stashyshyn of Gonor, Man. She had two brothers, John and Bill and one sister Mary (Lalchun). They were all born in Gonor. Her parents also came from Western Ukraine.

Our parents, Mike and Catherine, in the "Dirty 30's" and early "40's" started with very little money. After clearing around 200 acres of bush land, they mixed-farmed and grew all types of grain. At first, they planted 30 acres of potatoes and as the years went on, they increased their acreage to 60 with the help of their children. Catherine's (Mom) main interest was in raising chickens and turkeys. She raised approximately 1,500 laying hens and 500 turkeys each year. Mike (Dad) had a contract with the "Kenora", a boat now located in the Selkirk Marine Museum, for every Monday morning for a delivery of 95-110 pounds of broilers. They also had a contract with the Marlborough Hotel about one week before Christmas each year to deliver and dress about 450 to 500 turkeys. They also held a contract with the Selkirk Mental Hospital to deliver 75 dozen fresh eggs every Saturday.

Dad along with the late Mr. Robert Sharp, General Merchant, East Selkirk, made their living income from



*4 Generations 1949. Seated: Ann Stashyshyn. Standing: Right - Catherine Kolmatiski, Left - Elsie Huminuk holding Beverly.*

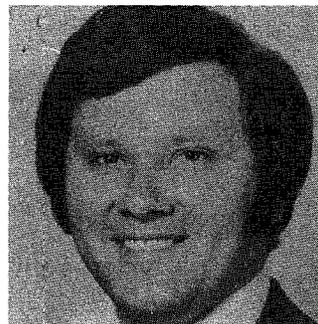


*Henry Paul Colmer and Vera Hnatiuk on their wedding day June 11, 1945.*

buying any and all available poultry and livestock in the area. Dad and Mr. Sharp had a potato contract with "Proctor and Gamble" at Fort William, Ont. It was my job to help with the bookkeeping. I had to do all the pricing for him, as my Dad had only Grade 4 education.

Mom and Dad had eight children; four sons and four daughters. William (Billy) is living in East Kildonan. He married Margaret Dressler from Winnipeg. They have one son, Ricky. Billy has been employed by Manitoba Hydro for some 34 years.

Henry resides in Beausejour. He married Vera Hnatiuk from Tyndall. They have two children; one daughter Kathryn Anne (Kathy) who lives with her son John-Paul, and Richard Lariviere, and one son, Dr. Leslie Henry Colmer of Selkirk. He married Bernice Gmiterek of Allegra, Man. They have two children; one son Carlisle Ashly and one daughter Shantel Lee.



*Dr. Leslie H. Colmer*

Dr. Leslie Henry Colmer was born on August 14, 1947 in St. Boniface Hospital. All his school years were spent in Beausejour and upon graduation, he attended the University of Manitoba, receiving his Bachelor of Science Degree and his Certificate of Education. At the age of twenty, he returned to Beausejour and taught high school for two years. Leslie left the teaching profession to study

for his Doctrate of Chiropractic and Acupuncture which he received in 1975. Leslie and his father owned and operated a twelve suite apartment block in Beausejour. They sold the apartment block and bought the Chiropractic practice from Dr. A. McLaughlen, formerly known as the Selkirk Chiropractic Clinic, where he is presently practicing.

Mrs. William Huminiuk (Elsie) lives in St. Boniface, Winnipeg. they have one daughter Beverley Ann, who married Allan Beaton. They have three sons; Allan Jr., Keith, and Ross. William, her husband passed away in 1975.

James (Jimmy), lives in Edmonton, Alta. He married Edith Pollock from Gonor and they have three children; one son, James, two daughters, Brenda, and Wendy who married Pat Syrowitz and live in Ladywood with their two sons, Clinton and Tyler. Jimmy has been employed by the Federal Government in the Forestry and Parks Branch for the past nine years. Before that he owned and operated Colmer's Park, one and a half miles east of Beausejour. As well, he managed barn dances held on the homestead during the years of 1950-1962. These dances became well known as "Jimmy's Barn Dances" for many enjoyable weekends were spent there.



50th Wedding Anniversary of Mike and Catherine Kolmatiski Nov. 1968. Left to Right: Evelyn, Joyce, Winnie, Elsie, Catherine, Mike, Billy, Henry, Jimmy, and Oliver Kolmatiski.

Mrs. William Turkitch (Winnie) lives in St. Boniface, Man. They have one son, Alan and two daughters; Linda who married Paul Paradis and have two children, Ryan and Amie; Judy who married Emil Chartier and have one son, Mitchell. William is a World War II Veteran and has been an invalid in the Deer Lodge Hospital since 1961.

Oliver lives on the homestead farm in East Selkirk. He married Bernice Wnuk from Tolstoi, Man. They have four sons: Leo, Wayne, Michael and Paul. Oliver works at the Manitoba Rolling Mills in Selkirk.

Mrs. Nick Borys (Joyce) lives in Garden City, Winnipeg. They have one daughter, Patricia, Joyce and one son Myron Nick. Her husband, Nick, passed away in 1974 from a heart attack.

Mrs. Adam C. Kulikowski (Evelyn) lives in East Selkirk. They have three children: two daughters, Christine Ann and Nadine Lynn; and one son, Dale

Andrew. Adam, her husband, is presently employed with the Rural Municipality of St. Clements as Secretary-Treasurer. Evelyn, is employed with the Lord Selkirk School Division No. 11 as a School Bus-Driver.

Mom was very busy raising the eight of us. Her main interest besides farming was being very active in the Ukrainian Catholic Church in East Selkirk. Mom was a great teacher for all eight children. She herself had Grade Eleven. She made sure that we attended high school. Some of us did not make it. Others went on to Wesley College and the University of Manitoba.

Dad passed away in February, 1969 at the age of 74. Mom is 83 years of age and is in excellent health. Her most favorite pastime is playing bingo with 12 to 14 cards at a time. Presently, Mom is living very comfortably in the Red River Manor, a Senior Citizens' Apartment block, in Selkirk, Man.

## KOLOGINSKI FAMILY

*submitted by Stella Sul (their daughter.)*

My father, Wasyl Kologinski and his brother John emigrated to Canada from Austria in May 1906. They sailed from Belgium and landed in Quebec. Their parents, Marcus and Euphrosyne Kologinski sold one acre of their land to pay their son's fare to Canada, so that they could make a better living in the new land. Wasyl and John first made their way to Winnipeg, being employed with whatever came their way. They also helped build Highway No. 44 to Kenora, Ont. Their brother Michael and sister Mary soon followed. Later their step-brother, Anton, arrived too.



*Wasyl and Anna Kologinski.*



*Michael, Sophie, Johnny and Stella Kologinski.*

While living in Winnipeg, Wasyl met Anna Shastko and they were married on Oct. 22, 1907 in the St. Nicholas Ukr. Greek Catholic Church, Winnipeg, by Father A. Filipow. Anna was born in Jabloniw, Poland, on January 19, 1887 and was baptized according to the Rite of the Roman Catholic Church by Rev. Bochtalowski.

My mother's mother, Marina Solnik and her husband Simon, (Step-father) moved to East Selkirk from Winnipeg. My parents soon followed to make their home here also. Colville Road was only a mud road then.

My father was employed for a time by the Manitoba Rolling Mills, and together with his brother-in-law, Nick Solnik, operated the ferry for a few years which took the passengers across the Red River. He also farmed on his small acreage.

My parents had five children, Sophie, Stella, Sally, and twins Johnny and Michael.

Their first parcel of land was 2 acres which they had to clear by hand. I remember our first home which had a veranda. Many happy hours were spent there, playing school or games. Then father bought another six acres of land and had a much more modern house built on it. In

fact, that is the first house that Selkirk Lumber Co. built in East Selkirk.

Later, my Dad purchased another eleven acres on Colville road. I recall that this was the site of a gypsy encampment. Some of the village women would go to have their fortune told. My mother warned us never to go near there because the gypsies had a reputation for kidnapping children. Needless to say, we still made our way there out of curiosity.

I recall my Dad telling us that his father Marcus was a musician and would be gone for days playing at weddings and parties. He forbid his sons to play a musical instrument as he said they would never make good husbands. Nevertheless, my Uncle John pursued his love for music and played the violin at weddings, social functions and entertained his family and friends. My father played the Jew's Harp and always either sang or whistled while he went about his daily chores. I can still picture him riding his bicycle and leading his two horses to the pasture while whistling or humming a tune.

I remember our Christmas and especially Christmas Eve, were occasions I could never forget. There was that special feeling and excitement with Christmas Eve approaching and we were busy making sure all was neat and



*The Order of the Crocus.*



*Sally and Harry Nagengast nee; Kologinski.*



*Bill Rokosh with daughter Evelyn.*

clean for the holidays. Also, as money was scarce, we made our own homemade gifts. Mother was busy with the cooking and baking and I can recall the lovely aroma of mother frying doughnuts and little prune buns in cooking oil. We would have a real pine Christmas tree and we would make our own Christmas decorations. We would string popcorn and make chains from different colors of crepe paper. We would also hang walnuts and oranges on our tree. To our little minds, this was the most beautiful tree. As the much awaited Christmas Eve arrived, the first star appeared, our father would walk in the door with an armful of hay and say a beautiful greeting and wish all the family a long and happy life. He would place a little of the hay on the table which mother covered with a white tablecloth, and the rest of the hay was put under the table. We had great fun hopping in this hay. Our grandparents would arrive just in time for supper and then twelve meatless dishes were served. After supper, we all sang Christmas carols and our grandmother would always choose her favorite carols. As the years slipped by, we knew them all by heart. The carollers would also come out and ask permission to sing under the window. Of course they were always welcome and father would give them some money. We could hardly wait to exchange our few precious gifts. I remember when our parents gave us a little tea set which was our most treasured possession. During the day, relatives and friends would drop in and mother was forever serving food. Yes, I remember, how wonderful it was, with the security and warmth of all the family being together. There will forever be a longing in my heart, if only we could all be together for just one more time.

## BILL AND ANNIE KOLYNCHUK

*submitted by Pearl Banash*

Bill Kolynchuk was born in Kitzman Bokovena in 1889. At the age of 12, he went to Basarahia to take up a Shoemakers trade. He worked for a very small wage.

In the early 1900's, jobs were very scarce. In 1910, he immigrated to Canada. Bill met and married Annie Bogoski, oldest daughter of Peter and Justina Bogoski in 1912. They had six children, Nick was born in Gonor, in



*Annie and Bill Kolynchuk.*



*Seated, Left to Right: Ed Banash, Pearl Banash (Kolynchuk), holding Kimberly. Standing: Bill, Annie Kolynchuk, Marie and Nick Kolynchuk.*

1913 and then followed Katherine, John, Mary, Mike and Violet.

Bill and Annie bought 14 acres of land in the Kirkness area with a \$50.00 down payment. They worked hard to save enough money and bought an additional 14 acres.

It was a long hard struggle to feed and clothe the family. These were hard times. The land had to be cleared by hand. During the summer, Bill worked for the CNR, while Annie farmed with the children. As the years went by, times became a bit more prosperous.

Nick can remember walking barefoot 1 1/2 miles to the Ashfield School.

Gradually, as the children grew up, they married and left home.

In 1934, Bill and Annie purchased a used Rugby truck for \$150.00. It was the family's pride and joy.

In 1946, they sold their property and moved to the Melrose area.

In 1952, Bill and Annie bought a house with two acres of land in Gonor, Man.

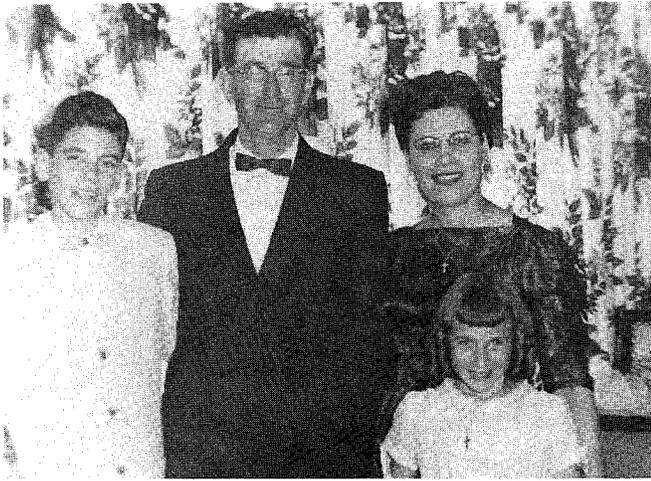
Bill passed away in July, 1958. Annie continued living in Gonor by herself until she passed away in July, 1973.

Both Bill and Annie are buried in the St. Nicholas Cemetery in Gonor, Man.

## KATHERINE KOLYNCHUK

*submitted by Pearl Banash*

Katherine Tonelli (Kolynchuk) was the eldest daughter (second child) of Annie and Bill Kolynchuk. She was born in August, 1916. She attended Ashfield School. After she finished school she moved to Sudbury, Ont., where her Aunty Lena Wlosek (mother's sister) lived. There she got a cashier's job in a grocery store. She met Aldino Tonelli, they courted for a few years. Then they came back home to Manitoba to have their wedding on October, 1943 at Lockport Hall. Her husband worked in



*Left to Right: Bill, Aldino, Katherine and Madeline Kolynchuk.*

Sudbury in the nickel mine. They have two children, a son William born April, 1948 and a daughter Madeline, born March, 1952.

Katherine died June 21, 1969 after a lengthy illness. Her husband is now retired and still resides in Sudbury, Ont.

Her son William, a Chartered Accountant moved to Langley, B.C. where he met and married Margot Plais on August 5, 1972. They have one son Jason, born June 1, 1975 and a daughter Katherine born February 5, 1979.

Her daughter Madeline lives in Toronto, Ont. She is employed as a Public Health Nurse for the city of Toronto. She is just newly married to Kenneth Wallace on February, 1983.

## **JOHN AND HELEN KOLYNCHUK**

*submitted by Pearl Banash*

John is the third youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Kolynchuk. He was born in October of 1917. While attending Ashfield school he also worked part-time for the neighbours. In 1935 he went to work for the Department of Highways. The Selkirk Rolling Mills was his next place of employment in 1941. He worked at the Rolling Mills until 1942, when at that time he was drafted into the army for a thirty day training period. Upon completion of his training he worked on his parents farm. In the spring of 1946, his parents had purchased a larger farm in the Springfield Municipality, and had taken up residence there. Later on in that same year John met Helen (daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Kyrilo Hunka) and in August they were married. The first winter in their marriage they both worked for Canada Packers. They lived in Winnipeg during the winter months and once spring came, they moved back to the farm. They lived with John's parents for three years.

Then in 1950, John and his brother Mike purchased farm land in the Kirkness area. They moved to Kirkness, they kept their livestock, cows, pigs, and chickens, and grew potatoes and grain. In the winter months of 1951, John baled straw.



*Helen and John Kolynchuk.*

In the years of 1963 and 1964 he worked for Paul Slusarchuk Well Drilling. In 1958, Mike and John purchased additional land in Highland Glen. They worked together hard, in clearing the bush and in 1959 they constructed a potato storage. In 1966, John and Helen had built a new home which still is their permanent residence. Also, in 1966, they sold their cows and started to dwindle the rest of their livestock, until today they grow mainly potatoes and grain.

John and Helen were blessed with two children, a son Henry born in March of 1948 and a daughter Valerie born in 1958. After Henry completed his education he got married to Connie (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Tomczak) in June of 1970. Henry worked for a chartered accountant and Connie is a registered nurse for the St.



*Valerie Kolynchuk, daughter of John and Helen Kolynchuk. Standing: Connie, Jeffrey and Kristen. Sitting: Henry holding Ryan Kolynchuk.*