

Boniface General Hospital. In 1976 they moved to Swan River, where they presently live, Henry worked for Hardie and Company and Connie works part-time in the Swan Valley Hospital. They have three children, Jeffrey was born in August of 1976, a daughter Kristen, was born in May of 1978 and Ryan was born in November of 1978. In November of 1982, Henry completed his studies and received a diploma in the field of Certified General Accounting. He has presently opened his own accounting company.

Valerie has her own home in Selkirk where for the past eight years she has been employed by the Metropolitan Stores, where she holds an office supervisor's position.

In October of 1983, John reached his retirement.

## **NICK AND MARIE KOLYNCHUK**

*submitted by Pearl Banash*

Nick met and married Marie Tkachuk of Atikokan, Ont. They settled on the Ashfield Road in the Kirkness area.

Nick worked at the Cordite plant in Transcona for 4 years between 1941-1945, while Marie kept their farm going.

In 1942, Nick bought a threshing machine with his father. They were very few machines in the district, so Nick threshed for a lot of the people.

Cooking for a threshing gang included a breakfast at 6 AM, dinner, afternoon brunch and a supper after dark, around 8 o'clock. There usually were 12 men in a threshing gang.

Nick also became a general insurance agent in 1945.

In 1947, Nick and Marie bought Nick Pazuik's general store. With a lot of hard work, this store became a very prosperous business. They sold groceries, dry goods, hardware and fuel.

Marie also kept a large vegetable garden and a couple of cows.

Nick and Marie have many fond memories of their friends and good times.

In 1962, their property was expropriated for the floodway. They moved to Winnipeg where they presently reside.

Nick and Marie have one daughter, Pearl.

In July, 1955, Pearl married Ed Banash of Walkleyburg. Ed is the youngest son of Walter and Mary Banash. Pearl and Ed lived with her parents for 2 years. Then they moved to the house on the neighbouring lot.

They have three children, Kim, Darren and Cynthia.

In the spring of 1962, they moved to Winnipeg.

In October, 1980, Kim married Dennis Petaski. Dennis is the oldest son of Casimer and Mary Petaski. Kim and Dennis presently reside in the Lockport area.

Darren is with the R.C.M.P. and is stationed in Balcarres, Saskatchewan.

Cynthia is attending the River East Collegiate and is presently living at home.



*Marie and Nick Kolynchuk.*

## **MIKE AND MARY KOLYNCHUK**

*submitted by Mike Kolynchuk*

I am Mike, the fifth child, youngest of the boys, of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Kolynchuk. Born at Kirkness, Man. in October of 1921, much of my childhood was spent attending Ashfield School and working on my parents market garden farm.

I obtained my driving license in 1936, and enjoyed delivering vegetables to Winnipeg. Although I spent my summers working on my parents farm, I looked forward to finding work for the winter months.

In the winter of 1941, I travelled to Sudbury, Ont., where I worked for International Nickel. In 1942, after being rejected from the army for medical reasons, I spent the winter working for the Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting in Flin Flon, Man. In the winter of 1944, I worked for the Canada Packers soap plant in Toronto.

I met my wife, Mary Hunka, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Kerylo Hunka of Trentham, Man., in July of 1944. We later married in October of 1944, and were blessed with a son on our first anniversary.

In 1946, my family and I moved in with my parents, and lived together for eight years in the Melrose district. My parents retired from the farm in 1952 and moved to Gonor, Man. John, my older brother, and I purchased the farm from our parents, and grew grain, potatoes, livestock, and vegetables for market. We also purchased another farm in Highland district in 1958. With the exception of the winter of 1963, in which I worked for Bridge and Tank in Winnipeg, my time has been devoted to my family and farm.

I have two lovely children, a son, Gerry, born in October, 1945, and a daughter, Adrienne, born in December, 1960.

Gerry, born in the Kirkness district, married Joan Ritchie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Ritchie of Narol, in 1970. They have a daughter, Lynn Joan, born October 5, 1972. Gerry attended school in Ashfield, Highland, and Selkirk, as well as taking accounting at the University of Manitoba. He is employed as controller of Stewart N. King. Gerry and his family presently live on Henderson Highway.



*Back Row: Gerry and Mike Kolynchuk, Kevin Zaborniak. Front Row: Jean, Lynn and Adrienne Kolynchuk.*

Our daughter Adrienne attended Happy Thought and Lord Selkirk Schools in Selkirk, Man. She then attended the Red River Community College in Winnipeg, and is employed as an accountant for Barber Ellis Company. In July, of 1983 she married Kevin Zaborniak, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Zaborniak of Winnipeg.

I am proud to be a part of the heritage of the Kirkness district, as it has given me and my family many memories over the years.

## **KSENIA AND KAROL KOLTON**

*submitted by Helen Doherty*

We have gathered a few photographs of the Kolton farm in Narol. It was situated on Lots 259/260.

Ksenia Kolton and her husband Karol came to Canada in 1904. Karol passed away in 1943 and Ksenia died Feb. 18, 1964 at the age of 97 years. Their son Anthony died in 1924.

Karol kept an apiary of some 25 hives constructed in the Ukrainian fashion as well as chickens.

In the 1921 listing of voters it shows Anton and Mary Kolton living on Lot 259 and Charles and Kranka Kolton living on Lot 260.



*Kolton Residence 1931.*



*Mr. Kolton*

## **MICHAEL AND KATHERINE KOMADOWSKI**

*submitted by Carol Fiddler*

A man's story unfolds from past events, progressively interacting, to produce his future.

Michael Komadowski, my father, better known as Mike, was born in January, 1915, in war-torn Belzec, a small community in rural Poland, near the Russian-Ukrainian border. Although this village is somewhat modernized today, traces of the earlier 1900's, such as a few straw thatched roofs and crowded living conditions can still be found. Warm sounds of laughter and cheerful calls of 'dzien dobry' can still be heard despite the memories of Austrian, German, and Russian armies passing en route so many times. It was this fairly insignificant village that Mike with his mother, two sisters, and two brothes, left for Manitoba in the 1920's.

The end of W.W. I had brought independence to a



*Left to Right: Grandmother, Granddaughter and Great Grandmother Kolton in front of their barn.*

united Poland, whose territories had been bound to Germany, Austria, and Russia for over a century. Pilsudski's post war government had divided large landed estates, aided economic growth, and promoted public education. However, the new prosperity had not significantly touched the small villages. Bells of prosperity rang elsewhere.

Thus, in 1927, Mike's father, Albert left Gdansk, Poland by ship to Montreal. He was to pave the way for the rest of the family. Mike and the rest of the family landed in Halifax a year later. They took the train to Beausejour where John Lubilanecki drove them by horse team to meet Mike's father. They stayed with the Michael Chorney family for a short time after which time they bought land on present day Lawrence Hastman's farm. The great beginning was soon to be repressed as the dirty 30's took their land. Mike and his family moved to another farm in the Greenwich area.

Mike, being the eldest, had to help make the family's new life in Canada a success. He had to recommence his education at the Grade I level in Canada although he had already received some schooling in Poland, where he had learned to read and write in Polish and Ukrainian. At the Greenwich school he learned to read and write in English. Economic times of the 30's forced him into the work force at the early age of 13 and destined his life to the agricultural world.

For a short time he worked at the Joseph Modrzejewski farm. A government plan existed whereby the employer and employee were each paid \$5.00 in hopes of improving employment. In 1936, independent of government work plans, Mike worked for the Jim Nelson farm. Farm technology was not that advanced as Mike worked with both oxen and horse.

In the early 1940's Mike divided his time between his parents' farm in the summer and other jobs in the winter. He was employed in lumber camps and at the Selkirk Steel Mill. However, life was not all grim and grime.



*Michael Komadowski*

Rural life was extremely sociable. Your neighbor was your friend, your partner in discussion, and one with whom you shared good times visiting and socializing at house parties. Most often there was a willing musician. Great amounts of money were not needed to keep your

life happily entertained. Your feet were usually your transportation to a social gathering.

Quite often Mike walked cross country to visit Katherine Shumilak whom he married on May 15, 1943. Katherine was born in the Seabright area in 1921 to Anton and Katherine Shumilak. The family have moved to Mayfield in the 1920's. Mike and Katherine resided on the present day farm place which they had rented from Anna Panisko from 1944-46. In May, 1946 they purchased the farm.

As the post war period saw changes in the western agricultural world, Mike saw his six horses transform into a Cockshutt 60 tractor with steel wheels, his binder into a swather, and threshing machine into a combine. His farm was his pride and despite changes he kept two beautiful horses until the 1960's for sentimental reasons. Farm improvement as only a farmer could understand was important but not at all costs. In the early 1950's he began to improve his stock with purebred Herefords. All this came about with help from extra jobs. In the late 1950's he worked at the Steam Plant and with Hydro.

He was a school trustee for the Mayfield School District from the mid 1950's until 1965. He was also a member of the Manitoba Farmer's Union and of the Agricultural Society.

He was the only son to maintain ties with an agricultural background. He loved his farm and was always willing to help others. By the late 1960's Mike and Katherine were enjoying a fine Canadian life. In the 1970's they returned twice to their ancestral Poland. However the farm which gave Mike his life also took it away in a farm accident in October, 1974.

So many times I had heard his stories, but I wish he were here to refine the details to help us remember with a better understanding. Nonetheless, a man's story continues with the future.

Carol, the only daughter, was born in 1946, and is married to McLeod Fiddler of Island Lake. They reside in Selkirk. Carol is a B.A. and B.ED. graduate of the University of Manitoba. McLeod is employed by the Federal Department of Employment and Immigration. They have three daughters, Melissa, Julie, and Janine, who love their grandma, Katherine, dearly.



*Left to Right: Melissa, Katherine, Janine and Julie. The late Mike and Kay Komadowski's grandchildren.*

## FRANK AND GISELA (GAY) KOMADOWSKI

Frank Komadowski, the son of Albert and Anna Komadowski (nee: Rudzinski) was born in a small farming community called Belsec located N.E. of Lvov, Poland near the old Polish-Russian frontier. He was born on Sept. 26, 1921, the same year the Polish constitution was drafted and the year before the assassination of President Gabrjel Narutowicz. This proved to be a turbulent time for Poland.

His Uncle Kasmir Rudzinski, a general inspector for one of the large Polish banking institutions warned Frank's father of the impending economic and political problems the country would be facing in the immediate future. He also warned of War. Frank's mother Anna and his sisters Jean and Sophie, along with his brothers Michael and Kasmir, left Danzig, the present day Port of Gdansk. After an arduous journey, they arrived in Montreal in April of 1928. His father Albert had come over a year earlier. The family was united and settled on a farm near Tyndall in Manitoba, and were soon blessed with 2 children, Joe and Johnnie. Frank still has vivid memories of those early years and the extremely hard work on his parents' farm. Oxen were used in the fields instead of horses as they were cheaper to feed and only cost \$15 each. Canada was in a state of depression from 1929 to 1939 and life for the Komadowski family proved to be difficult and frustrating.

Historians consider the year 1941 to be the most crucial year of the Second World War. Hitler's German armies invaded Yugoslavia, Greece and finally in June they attacked the Soviet Union. In Dec. that year the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbour. In late Dec. of 1941, Frank Komadowski enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces, as had many of his friends. Besides the patriotic aspect, army life offered Frank and his comrades a challenge, a chance to travel and a type of security from the depression. Frank received his basic training in Manitoba and his advanced combat training and instructions at Red Deer, Alberta. After a short leave Frank was prepared for overseas duty. However, tragedy struck and Frank was hospitalized in Alberta with a severe case of Pneumonia which left him in a weakend state and a heart ailment due to Rheumatic Fever. Frank spent two months in the hospital before being released from active duty. Within a few months Frank found himself overseas enduring the aerial bombardment of England. The Allied Forces invasion of Europe was launched on June 6, 1944 (D-Day) and the British and Canadian part of his offensive drove east through France to capture Caen, then turned north, following the coastal regions, towards Antwerp, Belgium. By late Nov. of 1944 the Second Canadian Army was engaged in the battle for Nijmegen in N.E. Holland near the German frontier. It was here late one night returning to his unit riding with his Norton's headlights off that Frank Komadowski collided with a truck. Frank sustained serious injury and was hospitalized for four months.

After hostilities ceased in Europe on May 8, 1945 this left Komadowski with three choices. Either he could



*Albert and Anna Komadowski.*

transfer to service in the Far East, do occupational duties in Germany or be demobilized and return to Canada. Before the necessary arrangements could be made for Frank's transfer to the Far East theatre, atomic bombs were dropped on Japan and the war ended on August 14, 1945. Frank had to settle for his second choice and was assigned to occupational duty with the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps (RCASC) stationed at Oldenburg, Germany. Frank's army work was hauling military supplies between Hannover and Oldenburg, west of Bremen, a return journey of over 300 kilometers.

The Canadian Wives Bureau was established less than one year later and it was Frank's new job with the 48th. Transport to drive the wives of Canadian Servicemen from France, Belgium and Holland to their embarkation points, Antwerp and Hook of Holland. From there they sailed to England and eventually were united with their husbands in Canada. This was a duty Frank enjoyed. He also watched with interest and some sadness the slow reconstruction of the war ravaged Berlin. Little did the Canadian soldier know that his destiny would be shaped in that divided city.

Frank received his Honourable Discharge in 1947 and remained in Berlin attached to the Canadian Military Mission (CMM) a branch of the diplomatic corps of External Affairs of the Government of Canada. While in this position Frank did Chauffeur duties and was entrusted with an international driver's license that



*Frank Komadowski World War II.*

provided his entry into 26 countries. He also served as interpreter while attached to the CMM and during his 6 years of active military duty and the 4 years with External Affairs, Frank was honoured and recognized by receiving five distinguished service medals.

The Canadian Military Mission located in Berlin was under the Command of a Lt. General, Maurice Pope, a distinguished gentleman and career soldier, who was laying the ground work and organization for the Canadian Embassy which was to be located there once the Peace Treaty with Germany was ratified. The Treaty of Peace and related Conditions was not signed until 1949.

During his assignments with General Pope in Berlin, Frank had the honour of receiving high praise and commendation for quick action and bravery while on duty. General Pope wrote to his Chief of External Affairs in Canada (Hon. Lester B. Pearson) on July 12, 1947 that "I cannot too highly commend to you the plucky conduct of Mr. Frank Komadowski" ... what he was referring to was an interesting episode involving a stolen Jeep belonging to the HQ group, whereby Frank gave chase in what can best be described as "hollywood style" apprehending the driver and the return of the stolen equipment. When questioning Frank about this adventure, he admits to high speeds and many corners turned on two wheels before successful apprehension of the stolen jeep. Frank had many such adventures while

attached to the CMM that bordered on the spectacular.

Frank met his wife to be, Gisela (Gay) Jahn at a German Social Club located a short distance from his Military Mission Headquarters. Gisela was the daughter of Fritz and Herta Jahn, both long time residents of that country. From their meeting that day in the spring of 1949, Frank burned up the German telephone lines calling Gisela (Gay) from distant points like Baden Baden, Munich or Kassel, depending where his missions and assignments posted him.

Gisela and Frank were married at Marienkirche, Bergheimer Platz, Schmargendorf, Berlin on March 25, 1950. The wedding was a very formal affair with the Bride and Groom having a Coach and Six complete with liveried retinue and uniformed attendants. They honeymooned in Bonn for 2 months and then Boarded the Empress of Canada and sailed for Canada, arriving in May, 1950. Returning to his native Manitoba, the Komadowski's settled in East Selkirk by June of the same year. Very soon afterwards Frank was employed with the Manitoba Rolling Mills in the Town of Selkirk, a position he would literally fill for the next several decades, retiring officially on June 30, 1982.

Frank and Gay purchased 4 acres of land in East Selkirk, Lot 9, Colville Road. Here they built a modern 3-bedroom bungalow and 2-car garage in 1954 to house them and their two children. The first child born to them was a daughter on July 14, 1951 who they christened Patricia Gail Rita Komadowski. On April 24, 1953 their son Albert was born. Both children attended the Happy Thought School in East Selkirk.

The year 1959 was a very eventful year for Frank Komadowski. He was appointed Postmaster for East Selkirk in May, and a few months later he constructed a facility to serve as Post Office for the community he served. The same year he was elected to the position of Trustee on the School Board of the Happy Thought School. This was a very busy period in Frank's life, with the combined responsibilities of the postal facility, Trustee duties, full time at the Rolling Mills and added to this he served on the Board of Directors of the Royal Canadian Legion, Selkirk Branch No. 42. If this wasn't enough, Frank decided to launch into another venture, private enterprise.

Always very much aware of community needs, Frank could see the feasibility of a quick service dry-cleaning facility for the surrounding area. He felt that a dry-cleaning and laundromat service would be combined to fill the need, and that the Town of Selkirk could use a business such as this. This innovating concept was the deciding factor in the Komadowski's purchasing the Selkirk Laundromat. After much extensive renovations and building alterations, they opened a new business in town called the Gay-Day Laundry and Dry Cleaning, located on Main St. in Selkirk. It became a family operation. Young Patricia, now 15 and a student at the Selkirk Collegiate, and Albert, age 13, attending Happy Thought School, both assisted with the business venture. The business grew and became quite profitable.

With the profits from the sale of the Gay-Day Laundry in 1971, Frank Komadowski was then ready for his next business venture.

Within the Town of Selkirk convenience stores were non-existent because of the town's restrictive by-laws covering closing hours for local business. Frank found that this type of legislation was impeding the progress of the urban centre, and decided to take steps to rectify the situation. He advertised in the Selkirk Enterprise, drawing the restrictive by-law to the attention of the community and business centre, and by questionnaire, invited the residents to respond. It was hoped that by this type of consensus poll, that the results would prove conclusively that changes to the town by-laws would have to be made if Selkirk was to progress and expand.

Overwhelming support for repeal of the closing hours by-law was forthcoming from the business and town-people. This forced Council to act and on April 26, 1972, Mayor Frank Malis cast the deciding vote, when the Council split on the decision, and it was in favor of change.

This gave Komadowski the support he needed to take the next step. Credit Foncier advanced him 75% of the necessary funding to construct a shopping centre, and Frank proceeded to do just that. On the first day of Spring, 1973 the Arena Plaza Shopping Centre was open for business and Selkirk had its first convenience store within the complex. It was a bold venture brought about by a lot of determination and the will to succeed, and it also paved the way for a much larger undertaking. He wanted to create a shopping complex, complete with an indoor Mall, similar to that popular in the larger urban centres within the province. Komadowski, during his 22 years residency within Manitoba, had built up a fine credit rating and was therefore able, along with his business partners, to borrow the banking funds needed to build another larger shopping centre. The partnership was so arranged so that Frank retained 50% undivided interest and share in this newest adventure in business.

The Selkirk Town Plaza in 1975 with 20 stores housed within a 90,000 Sq. Ft. area, complete with something else the town had lacked up to that point, adequate parking facilities for the customers it was to service. Right from the day it opened, this large complex has the right to be termed a resounding success. Both the Town Plaza and the Arena Plaza generate about 250 jobs and provide the town with much needed additional tax revenue amounting to about \$145,000 per assessment.

This drive and will to succeed led Frank to maintain a hectic pace that soon took its toll on his health. The added stress and pressure of business activated an old ailment that had troubled Frank on occasion back to his army days and his lengthy stay in hospital back in 1942 in Red Deer, Alberta. In late February of 1977 Frank had a relatively serious heart attack that left him hospitalized for quite a period of time. This was followed by a series of further heart problems that caused much concern and resulted in the medical advisors recommending that only open heart surgery could prevent a fatal attack. Frank consented and major surgery was performed in January, 1980 and was deemed successful, after a lengthy stay in hospital.

Since that time, Frank has had to restrict his commercial activities and restrain his business and social life, somewhat. However, he continues to be very involved

with the day to day operation of his enterprise.

In 1982 he removed his permanent residency across the river to the Town of Selkirk, having purchased the home of Dr. W.S. Reid on 342 Eveline St. where he immediately set about doing extensive interior decorating. Frank has retained his former East Selkirk home and acreage, and leases it annually.

Of the children, Patricia pursued her education in Selkirk and went on to a career in the Civil Service, finally moving to Alberta where she now enjoys a career in banking. Albert, after his Selkirk schooling, pursued his own interests and now resides in Winnipeg.

Frank's father, Albert passed away in 1969, and Anna passed away ten years later, in 1979.

## ANTON AND ANNIE KORDALCHUK

*submitted by N. Romaniuk and F. Kordalchuk*

Anton Kordalchuk came to East Selkirk in 1905. He was born in Targoivica, Province of Horodenka, Austria. His wife Annie joined him in 1907 along with the children. Annie's first marriage was to John Stefaniuk, and they had three children: Dora, who was married and remained in Austria; William (Bill) and Metro. Children of the second marriage were: Nick, Anastasia (Nettie Romaniuk) and Fred.

Anton worked locally on the Section Gang for the CPR until 1907. He was transferred to Tyndall. He walked down the railroad tracks to and from Tyndall every day. His next employment was at Robinson's Sawmill in Selkirk.



*Left to Right: Mike and Bill Stefaniuk, Nick Kordalchuk. Front Row: Anthony, Fred, Anne and Nettie Kordalchuk.*

Nettie and Fred related the story of their parents, and other families from the Village, who rented Vegetable Plots from Mrs. Harry Nelson. Fred often accompanied his parents and spent the time enjoying the animals on the farm. When he was older he helped at haying time.

The Kordalchuk family first lived next door to the Store, owned by Percy Hickers' near the Quarry. School was held in the second floor of a home nearby, owned by Walter and Rolly Hickers, brothers of Percy. Seven



*Back Row, Left to Right: Anastasia Stefaniuk, Nettie Kologinski, Fred Kordalchuk, Nettie Stefaniuk. Middle Row: Metro Stefaniuk, Anthony and Anne Kordalchuk, Bill Stefaniuk. Children: Olga Stefaniuk, John Kologinski and Annie Stefaniuk.*



*Back Row: Anne Kordalchuk. Left to Right: Anne and Olga Stefaniuk, John Kologinski.*

children attended classes, three of those being Fred and his two brothers Metro and Nick. They also attended High School classes in a vacated house situated in the area of the Stone Schoolhouse.

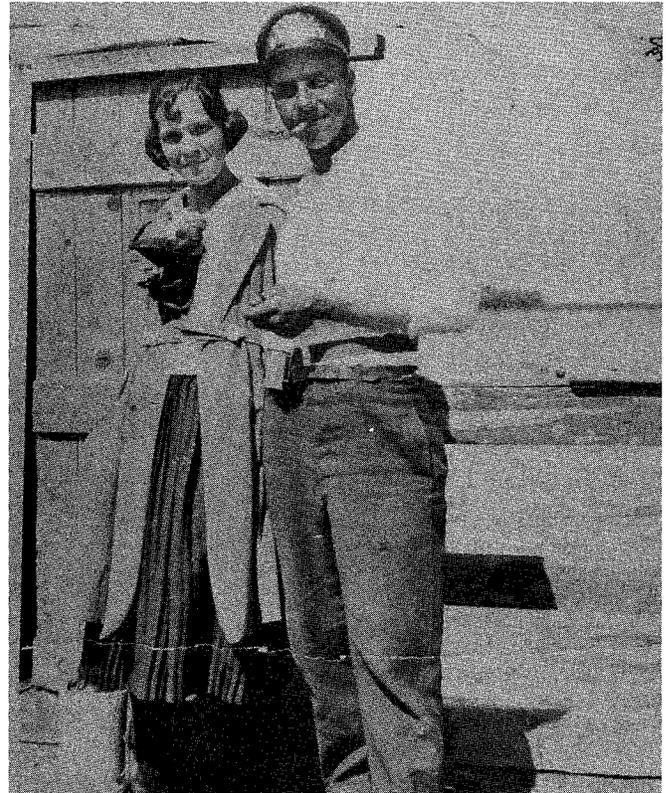
In 1910 the Kordalchuk's purchased six acres on Colville Road and built their permanent home there. Anton Kordalchuk died in 1944, and his wife Annie in 1945.

## **FRED AND MARY (ZNAK) KORDALCHUK**

*submitted by F. Kordalchuk*

Fred, son of Anton and Annie Kordalchuk came to Canada in 1907, from Targowica, Province of Horodenka, Austria.

He married Mary Znak in Oct. 1926. They had five children: Irene, Fred, Doreen, Henry, and a fifth child, a son, died in infancy. Irene married Harry Muryn and they are living in Chicago. Fred married Patricia, who passed away and then married Dolores. Fred and his 4 1/2 year old daughter were tragically drowned in July, 1966. Henry (Butch) married Jean Helka, and they also live in Selkirk. Doreen married Leonard Manahan, and they live in Selkirk.

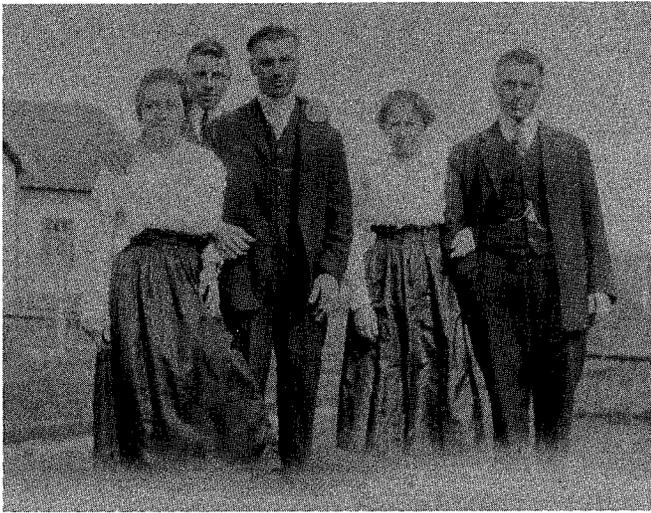


*Mary and Fred Kordalchuk.*

In 1921-22 Fred and his brother Nick operated the Ferry between East and West Selkirk. Fred recalls that Mr. Holdgate was the first owner of the Ferry. Other operators were Mr. McKay; Gordon Burnett; Sam Solnik; and Steve Karanko.

After their marriage, Fred and Mary went to Prudhome, Sask. where Fred was employed on the Railroad Section Gang. They returned to East Selkirk, and Fred found temporary work in Pine Falls; on the basement structure of the Star Hotel; and brushing work for the Hydro Powerline from West Selkirk to the Van Horne Farm.

In the spring of 1928 he began work at the Rolling Mills. He retired from there in 1967 after 39 years. Fred and Mary are members of St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic



*Nettie (Kordalchuk) Kologinski, Fred and Nick Kordalchuk, Nettie Stefaniuk and husband Metro.*

Church and Fred is an ardent member of the Seniors Club.

The Kordalchuk's built a summer cottage at Falcon Lake in 1962, and Fred enjoys his fishing there. Until Mary had to go into Hospital, she, too, enjoyed the Lake, particularly growing flowers. They were both involved in a super vegetable garden at home.



*Grandpa William and wife Grandma Anastasia Kosack, 1946.*

## **(WASYL) WILLIAM KOSACK**

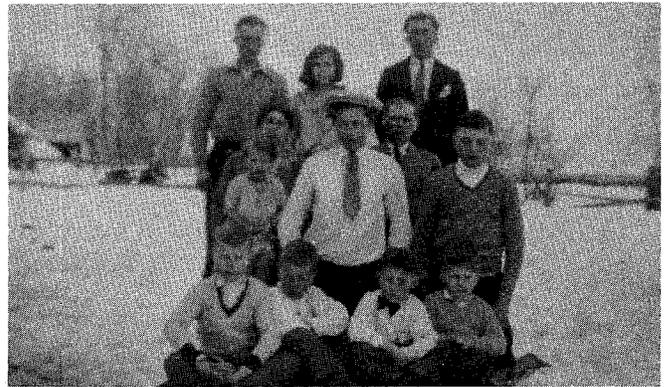
*submitted by Wasyl (William) Kosack*

Wasył (William) was born in January, 1884 in the village of Cewkowic in the district of Lwbaczow in Poland to the parents of Michael Kosack and Katarynyn Kosack nee (Polnha).

He immigrated to Canada in the year 1903 to be with his Uncle, John Kosack, who had come to Canada in the

year 1898 to the East Selkirk area and after that to the Libau district. Wasył worked on various railroads in B.C., Alberta, and in Manitoba.

William married Anastasia Artymowycz in the year 1907 in Winnipeg, who had also immigrated to Canada as a young girl, from the district of Lubaczo'u with her father Harry Artymowycz, brother Harry and sister Annie. Settled in the Libau District and during retirement moved to West Selkirk and lived there until passing away. Wasył was active in community affairs as a school trustee in Libau and also served as chairman of the Libau School Board. The family farm still exists in the hands of his son, Fred, and his family.



*The Kosack clan, 1931.*

William and Anastasia were parents of thirteen children, ten sons, and three daughters. Mary, Metro, John, Harry, Michael, Andrew, Steve, Eva, Alex, Fred, Nicholas, William and Annie.

William was responsible for sponsoring in later years for the safe arrival in Canada of his two step-brothers, Steve and Max Moodlo, his nephew, Metro Martin and his three nieces Mary, Rosie and Pearl, who in turn married John Wach, Peter Pachmurski, and Tony Pochmurski, who reside in Toronto, Ont.



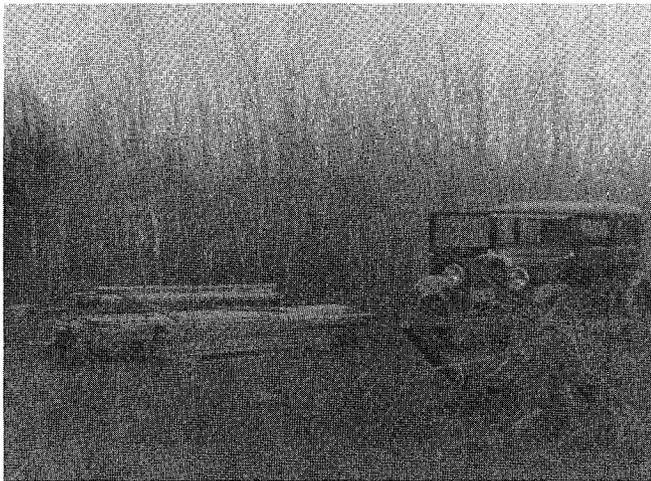
*Mr. Wasyl (William) Kosack and his wife Anastasia. (Nastia) Kosack 60th wedding anniversary.*

## DAVE (METRO) KOSACK

*submitted by Dave Metro Kosack*

Metro was born in Libau in the year 1910, the son of Wasył and Anastasia Kozack. Educated in the Libau East School and then in the Libau West School until the end of the term. He worked on the family farm for a time and then was employed at various jobs; in 1929, he worked on the Hudson's Bay Railway until its completion at Port Churchill, Man. In September of 1929, he worked for Dominion Bridge at Flin Flon which is now called Hudson's Bay Mining and Smelting Company, then he worked in a few mines in Northern Manitoba and North-West Ontario at San Antonia Mines, Red Lake, McKensie Island and Pickle Crow, until the year 1937.

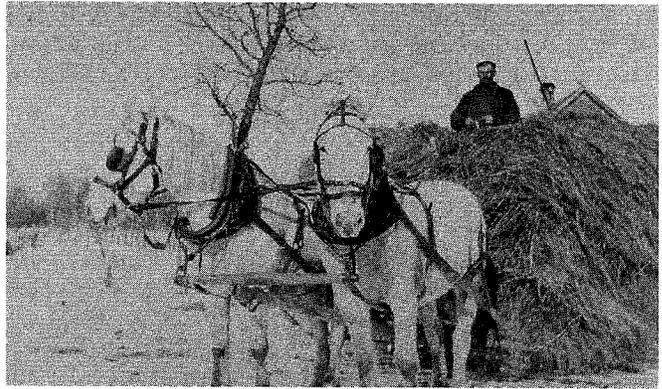
Dave married Jean Waytuik of Walkleyburg in the year 1937, and settled on the farm in St. Peters. He started working at the Manitoba Rolling Mills in the year 1950, and worked continuously until retiring in 1975. The Manitoba Rolling Mills hired him as a millright. Dave and Jean are presently residing in the Town of Selkirk. They are the parents of two children, one son and one daughter, Donald and Evelyn.



*First car, first lumber for first house of Dave Kosack. Lot 134 to 138 St. Peter's Road, 1938 moved into the house in the winter of 1938.*

Donald, born in Selkirk in the year 1938, was educated at the Hoey West School and then in the Selkirk Collegiate. He is presently employed at the Manitoba Rolling Mills. Donald presently resides in Selkirk and is married with one son, Anthony.

Evelyn, born in Selkirk in the year 1942, was educated in the Hoey West School, and then in the Selkirk Collegiate. Evelyn started teaching in 1959 at the Cloverdale School, grades I to IV, where Mrs. Bilinski and Evelyn reorganized the 4-H Club, Evelyn taught Ukrainian Folk Dancing and Ballroom Dancing. In 1963, she returned to the Manitoba Institute of Technology, where she received a Special Certificate in Business Education. In 1965, she opened a Business Education Department in the Murdoch McKay Collegiate in Transcona. During this time, she started a work-



*Dave Kosack hauling hay to market.*

experience program, coached volleyball, and was an executive member of the Manitoba Business Education Teacher's Association. She moved to Brandon in 1968, where she coached volleyball, was an active member of the Brandon Teacher's Council and Brandon M.T.S. she moved back to Winnipeg in 1971, where she has been employed since, at the St. Vital School. During her teaching years at Glenlawn and Dakota Collegiates, she was president of the Manitoba Business Education Teacher's Association for 2 years, Past President for 2 years, Special Area Group Conference Chairman, Chairman of Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference, Registrar for the Canadian Business Education Teacher's Conference hosted by Manitoba, she also worked on many conferences and piloted several Business Courses. In 1980, she was a Canadian Delegate to the International Business Educators Conference held in Mainz, Germany. In 1982, she was one of 35 Canadian Economics teachers chosen from across Canada to attend a ten day Canadian Foundation for Economic Education Conference held in Kempenfeld Bay, Ont. She has travelled extensively, visiting such places as, Russia, Poland, East Germany, Europe, Scandinavian countries, South America, South Pacific, New Zealand, Australia, Hawaii, Mexico, Alaska, and many other states, as well



*Left to Right: Evelyn, Dave, Jean and Don Kosack. 25th wedding anniversary - Memorial Hall, Selkirk 1962.*

as, coast to coast in Canada. She now resides in St. Vital, where she owns her own home. Evelyn still enjoys curling, music, dancing, and is a supportive fan of high school volleyball and basketball.

## JOHN KOSACK

*submitted by John Kosack*

John was born in Libau in Jan. 1912, and was the son of Wasyl (Wlm) and Anastasia Kosack. He began his education in the Libau West School and after finishing school he left home at an early age and worked at various jobs.

He obtained a trade as a Tin Smith, and worked at his trade in Vancouver, B.C. until his retirement and is presently residing in Vancouver.

## HARRY KOSSACK

*submitted by Harry Kossack*

Harry Kossack, the son of Wasyl and Anastasia Kosack, was born in April 1913. He was educated in Libau, Man. He worked on the farm with his father, until he married Lilly Klim, daughter of Andrew and Emelia Klim in June, 1937. Then they farmed in the Semple District for the next thirty-six years. He worked as a Plumber for five years, left that job and was employed by the Manitoba Rolling Mills for eighteen years. Lilly was employed by the Selkirk Mental Health Centre for fourteen years. They raised a family of ten children, six daughters and four sons. Melvin, Lawrence, Beverly, Judith, Russell, Connie, Sharon, Colleen, Douglas and Holly. Harry left the farm in 1972 to reside in the Town of Selkirk. Harry retired from the Rolling Mills in May 1977, Lilly retired from the Hospital in 1981. They are very proud of their children.

Melvin, educated in Selkirk, married Betty Kologinski in July 1964. He is presently employed as a trucker by a Building Contractor. They are raising a family of three children.

Lawrence, educated in Selkirk, married Helen Sum, July 1967. Lawrence is employed by the Canadian National Railway. Helen acquired a teaching certificate, was teaching in the area for a few years. Now they are raising a family of two.

Beverly, educated in Selkirk, married David McMillan in May 1965. David is employed as a Manager of The Credit Union. They are raising a family of three.

Judith, educated in Selkirk. After finishing school, Judith left Selkirk to reside in Toronto. She married William Bilecki, who is employed as an Actuary. They are raising a family of three.

Russell, educated in Selkirk, married Julie Henkewich in August 1968. Russell was a Meat Cutter for thirteen years. Leaving that job, he is now employed as a Foreman by the Manitoba Hydro. Julie is employed as a Bank Teller. They are raising a family of three daughters.

Connie, educated in Selkirk, married Edward Hucaluk in October, who was a hotel keepers son. Edward is employed by the Manitoba Rolling Mills. Connie is employed as a Postmaster in the Libau



*Harry and Lilly's wedding reception held on Andrew Klim's yard. A platform was built, and dancing and the celebrations were outside 1937.*



*Lilly and Harry Kosack and their family.*

district. They are raising a family of two daughters and one son.

Sharon, educated in Selkirk. Left Selkirk for a job in Edmonton. She is employed by a Contractor Company. Now is transferred to Calgary by the same Company.

Colleen, educated in Selkirk, married Donald Pidruchny October 1977, who is employed as an Electrician in Gimli. Colleen is employed by the Bank of Montreal in Winnipeg Beach.

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

Holly, educated in Selkirk, married Jack Goodbrandson in September 1975. Jack is employed as a Trucker. Holly is employed by the Manitoba Government. They are raising a family of two.

Harry and Lilly Kossack are blessed now with twenty-one happy grandchildren.