



Left to Right: Mary Morin, Olga Tepleski, John Machewski, Helen MacKenzie, Kay Forster and Annie Stacey, Machewski sisters.



Eva Machewski E.S.

They took an interest in their community and in 1920, John was one of the founding members of the Ukrainian Reading Society. He also held office for a number of years. This society served to maintain the culture and tradition of the old Country, as well as assisting the newcomers to the culture and language of Canada.

During this time there was a great need for a place of worship, he amongst a few others were instrumental in establishing the Ukrainian Catholic Church built in 1914.

John and Theodozia were blessed with eight children. Two of which died in infancy, their remaining children are: Mary Morin (Nick), they live in Grandview, Man. Nick and Mary have 8 children, 20 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Olga Tepleski (Steve) of Selkirk, Man. They had 7 children, and 12 grandchildren. Annie Stacey (Steve) Transcona, Man. They have 4 children, and 8 grandchildren. Helen MacKenzie (Hunter) of Petrolia, Ont. They have 3 children, and 3 grandchildren. Katherine Forster (Tommy) live in Selkirk. They have 1 child, 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Ena Dyer (Charlie) live in Timmins, Ont. They have 5 children, and 7 grandchildren.

Theodozia passed away in 1922, at the age of 32. Eva (youngest daughter) passed away in 1955, at the age of 35.

In 1924, John had married Amelia Ostopchuk and a son after the father was born of this union. Their son John and his wife Mildred are residents of East Selkirk, they have two children and one granddaughter.

John and Amelia were well known in East Selkirk and served the village well. In 1929, they opened the "J & E Machewski General Store". Times were difficult then and much of their transactions were done in bartering, during that era it seemed to be a common practice.

They both worked hard and were compassionate to others less fortunate. Many a time the folk would gather at the store, first to get their needed supplies and then they would sit huddled near the box stove discussing problems, current affairs, or just socializing. Most of the traveling was done by horse and buggy, and during the winter because of a storm the folks would bunk in with relatives or friends and leave for home the following day. Those were difficult years in many different ways but never the less there was much togetherness amongst the people. John and Amelia had many experiences during their 28 years of operating the store.

The original building is still in existence although it has been renovated in recent years. At present it is called the "Lighthouse".

They took a great interest in their religious life. The parishioners, after many years of attending the church built in 1914, decided to build another larger Church. When the foundation of the St. Mary's Catholic Church was being poured in 1951 John and Amelia made certain to bring lunches and drinks for the volunteers working on the site.

I recall it being very hot then, but in spite of the heat and hard work the volunteers had a good sense of humor, being that amongst them, there was one that was not a parishioner, but a son-in-law of John's. However, Father Dobriansky thought it was very nice and had taken pictures of the workers which he had displayed in the church basement for a long time.

Amelia had held office in different capacities with the Women's Auxiliary and spent much of her time doing cross-stitch on linen for the altar and different tables. They had donated the main entrance doors, the statue of the risen Christ, as well as other articles.

Due to their many years of service to the Church and Community, they will well be remembered not only by their family but also by the residents of the area.

They both passed away in 1957, leaving a tradition of service to their son and daughters.



Amelia Machewski

John Machewski and son John Jr.

In 1920, Wasył (Bill) immigrated to East Selkirk, he carried on the trade of a carpenter until his death in 1947. Sam followed his brother Wasył, but did not stay long in the area, he had moved to Fort William, Ont. and worked for a coal Company. He passed away in 1977.

In 1924, Theodore (Fred) and his wife, Anastasia immigrated to Canada. They arrived in Hull, Que., aboard the "S.S. Melita" and subsequently traveled by train to East Selkirk. In later years Fred often spoke of the hardship they endured while crossing the ocean on storage. Determined to make a success in Canada, they both labored and cleared their land and built their home



Theodore F. Maczewski Feb. 20, 1894 - Dec. 17, 1980.



Anastasia Sosna Maczewski Apr. 3, 1896 - Apr. 23, 1943.

by hand on Lot 38, Plan 2461 in Ward 4. Unfortunately, fire destroyed their first home in 1931, they then had to renovate a chicken coop to a make-shift residence and began building a new home on the ashes of the old. Anastasia loved her new home, but unfortunately, she died six months later at the age of 46.

During those years of hardship, Fred farmed and was determined to improve himself. He attended English classes at the Ukrainian Reading Society and soon learned to read and write his new language.

He took a great interest in Municipal Affairs and ran for council. He was elected as Councillor for Ward 4 within the Municipality of St. Clements in 1946 and 1947. He retired and moved to Wpg. in 1950. He made several trips to the Ukraine, the last in 1977 and passed away at the age of 86 in Dec. 1980.

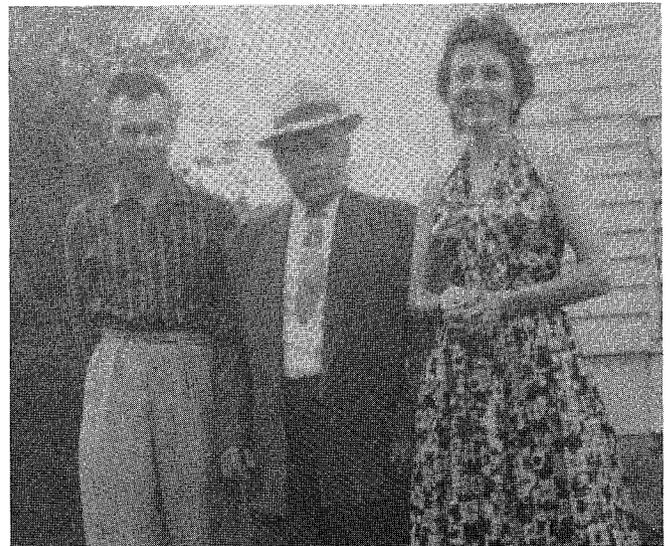
Of their family, Harry had married Lorna Wonsowich on Nov. 30, 1957, and they had one son Michael, who was born in 1965. Lorna is an artist and had paintings at the National Art Gallery in Ottawa. They live in Lancaster, California.

Ann Jones (Dan) reside in Windsor Park. They have a son Douglas Emlyn born in Oct. 1962. At the present he is attending the University of Manitoba.

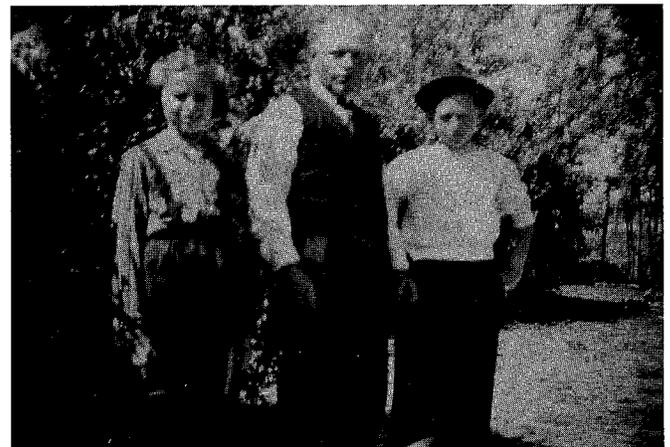
Stephen, the youngest of the children drowned in 1957.

In June 1928, at the urging of her sister Anastasia, Julia Sosna immigrated to Canada and joined them.

She married in 1931, and a daughter Jean was born.



Harry, Fred and Anne Machewski 1955-56.



Fred Machewski, niece Jean and son Steven Machewski, 1943.



John Machewski's truck - Model "T" 1926 Ford 1/2 ton.

Due to the untimely death of Julia in 1933, Fred and Anastasia embraced *Jean* into their family as their own.

Jean married Rudy Radons, they have two children, Michelle born Oct. 29, 1966 and Charlene was born on Feb. 20, 1969. They live in Calgary, Alta.



4 generations. Left to Right: Tom Forster, John Thomas Forster, Baby Noelle Forster and Tom Forster.

STANISLAW AND PARANKA MALAZDREWICZ

*submitted by Stanley Malazdrewicz
(assisted by daughters Rose and Irene)*

In the spring of 1910, our parents, Stanislaw and Paranka Malazdrewicz emigrated from Poland to Canada as a young married couple. Mother's maiden name was Onszczuk and her village in Poland was Piaske. Father came from Korsiw, Austria.

They travelled by boat which took 14 days to cross the Atlantic Ocean and they landed in Halifax. From Halifax they travelled for three days by Canadian Pacific Railway to Winnipeg where they were met by Uncle John Malazdrewicz who was homesteading in Narol. On their arrival in Narol they lived for 2 1/2 years with acquaintances from their villages in Poland. (the Kotowichs).

Father worked on the Shoal Lake - to - Winnipeg water line where he lived in camp and came home about once a month. Later he worked on railroad construction in Western Manitoba. They bought their first piece of land in 1913 from Uncle John.

It was 33 feet wide and 3 1/2 miles long - Lot 266 Narol. In 1915 they built their first home - a log and clay house approximately 14 feet by 20 feet in size - and a small log stable for chickens and pigs. In 1916 they bought their first cow.

In 1917 they hired Mr. Synkevich with four horses and a breaking plow to clear the first two acres of land where they grew oats and some vegetables. By 1918 Father was working with the Canadian Pacific Section Gang at Birds Hill where he walked 5 1/2 miles to and from work each day. In 1918 they bought the adjacent 33 feet of land. Around 1924/25 they added to their livestock and bought one horse. In 1926 they bought another 66 feet adjacent

to their property (already broken) and their farm now totalled 48 acres.

By 1927 all the land has been broken and was seeded in grain, potatoes, and vegetables.

By 1928 Father no longer worked away from home and Mother and Father were able to make a living by farming. They grew grain in the early years mainly for livestock feed. Potatoes and vegetables were grown for market. In addition, dairy products (butter, cream, cottage cheese) as well as eggs were taken to Winnipeg once a week by horse and democrat (wagon) where these were peddled in the streets of North End Winnipeg.

Significant changes to the original homestead included a well - dug in 1928-29, a new barn (20 x 26) with hayloft in 1932 and a 1 1/2 storey frame house with concrete basement and electricity in 1945. Running water and oil furnace were added in the 1960's.

Our parents had three children: Stanley, the oldest child was born April 16, 1912; Mary, the second child, who died in infancy, was born in 1914. Mark, the third child was born February 12, 1916.

Mother was attended by the village mid-wife, Carolina Malazdewicz, who was Father's Auntie.

Stanley attended Donald School in Narol from 1918 to 1924 and Mark from 1922 to 1932. Like most other young people with pioneer parents, we were often required to help on the farm when we were old enough to help rather than complete our education. Very often we started school only after the harvest was finished and the field work completed. Our parents early years were difficult. Their water had to be carried from a neighbor's well. Mother contacted influenza in 1919 and was very sick and even lost all her hair. Henderson Hwy. was just a mud road and oxen were used to make the difficult journey to Winnipeg so no medical attention was available.

In those first years, while Father was away, Mother with her infant son, Stanley, walked to and from a market garden 6 miles South of our place where she worked on the garden from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for \$1.00 a day, then returned home to help with chores.

In 1933 their son, Stanley, married Anne Baron, whose family had moved to Narol five years previously. Stanley and Anne established their own home in Narol and raised their family of six children: Bill, Rose, Tom, Irene, Larry, and Ray.

Their son Mark, married Elsie Fotiuk in 1940 whose parents Tom and Rose Fotiuk were also residents of Narol.

Mark and Elsie also established their home in Narol and raised their three children: Robert, Gloria and Janice.

Mother's and Father's entire lives were spent on this homestead. Their lives revolved around their home, their children, church and immediate neighborhood. Four generations of family and friends were blessed with Mother's simple but generous hospitality. No one ever entered our parents' home without receiving an invitation to sit and talk and share a meal or a cup of tea and a homebaked cake, and every child marvelled at the endless supply of raspberry and lemon drop candies lovingly shared from Mother's apron pocket.

Mother and Father observed faithfully customs of Poland and their Roman Catholic Religion. It was always a family practice to gather at their place for traditional Christmas and Easter celebrations. Ukrainian and Polish were always spoken with family, but Mother and Father always managed to find an adequate store of English to communicate with their grandchildren, and Canadian friends and to do business with their customers. Every grandchild knew what Father meant when he asked: "what kind of "coke" you want, cherry, lemon or orange?"

Mother and Father led long, happy and productive lives. They farmed with the help of their family until they were in their seventies and retired once their health began failing. Father's greatest regret was giving up his horses. He never owned a tractor. The horses and the land were our parents' life and until the summer Mother passed away, she continued to help her children and her grandchildren with their gardens and she continued to grow her own vegetable garden which produced enough vegetables for her meals, for preserving and for "sharing".

Father passed away at age 82 on June 10, 1966 and Mother at 86 on August 5, 1976. Both are buried in their Parish cemetery, Corpus Christi Church in Narol.

STANLEY AND ANNE MALAZDREWICZ

*submitted by Stanley and Anne Malazdrewicz
assisted by daughters Rose and Irene*

This account of the Anne and Stanley Malazdrewicz family reflects the influence of the traditional Ukrainian and Polish lifestyles of their pioneering parents - Stanislaw and Paranka Malazdrewicz and Sophia and Maxim Baron, - as well as the influence of a multi-cultural, twentieth-century Canadian community.

Stanley was born in Narol on April 16, 1912, and Anne was born in Winnipeg in November 14, 1917, and moved to Narol with her family in 1927. Stanley and Anne were married on June 10, 1933 in Winnipeg at St. Vladimir and Olga Ukrainian Catholic Church.

The depression years made jobs and money scarce for everyone, so for about four years, Anne and Stanley and their first three children: Bill, Rose and Tom lived with Anne's family. Nowadays, at most family weddings, Anne enjoys sharing the story about the empty grainary that served as their wedding night retreat and the weedy carrot patch that substituted for a honeymoon. Anne and Stanley freely admit that their life together in those early years were very difficult but with a lot of hard work, good health and pioneering spirit, life for them and their family has been a rich and rewarding experience.

In 1936, Anne and Stanley bought 30 acres of un-cleared land between the 2-mile road and the CPR track from Stanley's cousin, Sam Micholchuk. In 1937, they cleared 15 acres and built a 1 1/2 storey log house that was 20 ft. x 26 ft., with four rooms downstairs and two bedrooms upstairs. The house was placed on a railway-tie foundation and was built with logs purchased from Bill Hutsulak in Gonor for \$60.00 and had a cedar shingle roof.

Stanley's cousins, Mike Malazdrewicz and Steve

Miller, both Fathers and a couple of good neighbours helped build the house and the Mothers and a neighbour woman, Katie Michalenko, helped chink between the logs with a clay and straw plaster and helped paint the house with whitewash. The first livestock shelter was constructed from woven poplar trees and straw. Initially, drinking and cooking water was carried from a neighbour's well and rainwater was collected for most other purposes. Two years later, after selling a good heifer, Stan and Anne had enough money to buy well cribbing and dug their own well. The well provided not only the luxury of nearby water but also the convenience of a cold storage area for meat and dairy products, since there was no electricity and no other refrigeration.

At first, Stanley and Anne made their living by market gardening and peddling their produce in Winnipeg as did their parents. Stanley also worked at various casual jobs as they became available to try to supplement the family's subsistence-level income. On one occasion he worked for 10 days at the Manitoba Vegetable Growers Co-op in exchange for that year's garden seed and a beautiful pink geranium which was a cherished anniversary present that Anne still talks about.

It was also customary during the depression for "city people" to trade shovels, pails, nails, and tools for farm produce. Even wholesalers and storekeepers bartered fresh fruit and other staples for farm produce. Even though money was scarce, the family was always well fed and well clothed.

Until 1941 Stanley and Anne shared their parents' horses and farm implements but in 1941, they bought a Farmall A Tractor, five harrows, a two-bottom plow and in 1942, added a seven foot seed drill but continued to share a binder with Stanley's father and had the grain custom-threshed until 1952. With the new equipment they were able to farm a larger area, so they began renting on a crop-sharing basis, a total of one hundred acres.

Everyone helped with the field work, stooking and harvesting, planting and picking. At threshing time Anne and her family cooked three meals a day on a wood stove for 20 men, plus her own family. At coffee time, coffee was sent out in 5-gallon milk cans and sandwiches made with homemade bread, meat and relishes were sent in large bread baskets.

With the Farmall A Tractor and the new plow, Stanley and his young son Bill were able to plough a total of 7-8 acres in a twenty hour day. During the war years 1941-1945, Stanley worked at the Cordite Plant in Transcona, as well as running the farm. Often his son Bill ran the tractor while Stanley was at work, then Stanley would come home, take over the tractor and run it all night with just a few hours of sleep before returning to the Plant. This era produced the long-standing tradition of work-sharing in the Malazdrewicz family. Everyone pitched in to help with whatever work needed doing. In 1946, a violent hailstorm wiped out the crops, so Stanley got work at Swifts Meat Packing Plant to supplement that year's meagre farm income.

The 2 mile road was still a dirt road and provided a very unreliable link to Winnipeg or to Donald School. Cold weather in winter, and muddy conditions the rest of

the year often forced the three older children: Bill, Rose and Tom to stay on the highway with Stanley's parents during the school week and to return home only on weekends.

Stanley and Anne now had a fourth child, Irene, born in 1945, and they decided that moving to Henderson Highway, which was already paved would make educating the children much easier, so in the winter of 1947, a contractor with a Caterpillar was hired to move the house to the Highway. He lifted the house onto skids and towed it across the frozen fields to the new yard on the Highway. That summer, a basement was dug and the concrete poured. The house was lifted onto its new foundation, a well was drilled and a pump was installed. A shed and a grainary were towed from the old yard, and later a new barn and chicken coop was built on a concrete slab. In 1949, electricity was installed and a washing machine and refrigerator made life easier.

In 1949, Stanley and Anne were happy to welcome a fifth child, their son Larry, and in 1952, their sixth child Raymond was born. Until 1952, the family farmed the original 30 acres, while continuing to clear and crop share the adjacent 110 acres belonging to Stanley's cousin. In 1952, they were pleased to be able to purchase this 110 acres. To help finance the land and some new equipment Stanley began working part-time as a truck driver, in addition to farming. Between 1952-54, he purchased a twelve-foot seed drill, a Farmall H tractor, a combine, a swather, a diesel and a larger plough. In 1958, a mower, a side-delivery rake and a baler were added to the equipment and occasionally another tractor found its way onto the yard. By 1958, Stanley was working fulltime as a trucker. He worked for Foods Unlimited, Motorways, Kron Transport and finally Kingsway, where he retired from trucking in 1977 at age 65. In the years from 1958 to the present Stanley and Anne continued to farm the market garden part-time for themselves and helped their children and grandchildren in their farming ventures, since three of their children have established their homes on Stanley and Anne's homestead.

Stanley and Anne, like their parents, have dedicated their lives to their community and to their family. They have worked as school caretakers, have supported their parish church, and local community club, and have participated in local municipal affairs. They have always been supportive of cooperative farm movements, and supported the CCF party at its inception, and are now NDP supporters. Stanley belongs to the Narol Knight's of Columbus and both Stanley and Anne belong to Corpus Christi Roman Catholic Church and both are active members of the Narol Golden Age Club. They have enjoyed travelling from coast to coast in Canada and through the eastern and midwestern states, California, Arizona and Hawaii, but their supreme enjoyment is derived from their family relationships. Both Stanley and Anne were devoted and loving children and are dedicated and loving parents and grandparents. Helping their children to get a good education and helping them establish their own homes and raise their own families has been their greatest pleasure.

All six children received high school education and Bill and Tom have continued their education through their

respective employers CNR and CPT. Rose and Irene took business courses at the Manitoba Institute of Technology. Rose presently works for the Federal Government. Irene received a business education teaching certificate through the Red River Community College and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Manitoba and teaches at Red River Community College. Larry received his Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Representative for the Provincial Government in the Interlake and in Selkirk, he went on to get his Masters in Business Administration from the University of Western Ontario in London, and is presently a Manager in the Agricultural Chemicals Division of Lily Corporation. Raymond graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and works with the Provincial Government as an Agricultural Economist.

Their oldest son Bill, married Pat Kissuk in 1955. They have four children: Bill Jr., Jim who was married in 1979, Barbara and Debbie. Their older daughter Rose married Ernie Payne in 1957 and they have three children: Ernie Jr., who was married in 1982, Robert and Judy. Their second son Tom married Jan Kaszuba in 1961 and they have three children: Jeff, Keith and Christine. Their younger daughter Irene married Pete de Graaf in 1967 and they have one daughter, Naomi. Their third son Larry married Cindy Wardrop in 1975 and they have two sons: Scott and Bradley. Their youngest son Raymond married Lynne Englot in 1972 and they have three children: Ryan, Kristen and Cameron.

In 1963, for their thirtieth wedding anniversary, Anne and Stanley built a modern, three bedroom bungalow next door to their first home. Now that their own family has grown and their parents were aging, Anne and Stanley took upon themselves the customs of celebrating the traditional Polish and Ukrainian holidays. Every Christmas Eve since then, the growing family has shared twelve skillfully prepared meatless dishes served from a traditionally set table. Each year Stanley continues his Father's "special thanks for a good harvest and a healthy family" with a prayer of some more of each in the coming year. It seems as though these humble prayers have been answered because regularly Stanley and Anne share their blessings with more than forty other family members. They have added to their parents' festivities English carols, a tree with presents and a real live Santa or Scrooge to distribute them. Easter celebrations, too, are a blend of old and new customs. Paska, Ukrainian Easter eggs and kielbasa are always lovingly arranged in an Easter basket and taken to church for blessing on Saturday. On Easter Sunday everyone gathers to share the blessed food. Along with the traditional Easter foods, Anne often serves her families' favorite salads and desserts. At birthdays, anniversaries and other family celebrations the family looks forward to Anne's delicious meals. Meals these days often reflect the Canadian tastes for foods as varied as pizza, tacos, Dutch spice cookies, yorkshire pudding or duck l'orange, as well as the tastes for more traditional Ukrainian and Polish style farm meals. For the first thirty years of marriage until 1963, Anne prepared meals for her big family, baked bread, preserved fruit, vegetables, beef, chickens and fish;

heated rainwater and melted snow for washing on a woodstove in her modest kitchen, so cooking in a modern kitchen these past twenty years has presented few challenges that Anne cannot meet. Cooking, as a matter of fact, has been her creative outlet. Anne's creative skills and depression-era tactics - a little of this and a pinch of what's left produces a pot of homemade soup that never fails to satisfy her family or friends.

Having come through some very difficult times as well as some very happy times, all shared with family and friends during their last forty-nine years of married life, they took forward to sharing yet another significant milestone - their 50th wedding anniversary in June, 1983.



The Malis Family. Back Row, Left to Right: Grace Mackie, Frank Leo and Vicky Malis, Cathy, Andrew and Margaret Peterson, Stanley Malis, Matilda Mackie. Front Row: Albert Paterson, Charles Mackie Jr, Walter Peterson, Charles Mackie Sr. holding Ronald Malis.

FRANK AND ANNE MALIS

Frank Malis, son of Stanislaw Josef Maliszcz and Karolina Wrobetz (Linl) was born in Canada. He was one of eight children. His early life was spent on Lot 244, Narol where the family was involved in market gardening and mixed farming. The whole family was active in church, school and community work. Frank married Anne Dutchek in 1932, and they continued to market garden until 1948 when Frank started an implement Dealership in the Town of Selkirk. Frank was Secretary Treas. of the Donald School District for several years, as well as district representative for the Government of Canada War Bond Committee.

Always involved in community activities, Frank entered municipal politics and was elected Mayor of the Town of Selkirk for two terms, 1966-67 and 1971-74 inclusive, for a total of four years.

Frank and Anne had five children, Ronald being the eldest married Helga Peterson, from Gimli. Ronald is now employed with Parks Canada as Chief Restoration Services officer in Ottawa.

Ernest married Sylvia Wozny from Selkirk. Ernie continues to operate the General Motors Dealership in the Town of Selkirk.

Thomas married Margaret Bessasson from Selkirk. Thomas graduated with a Ph.D. in Metalurgy and he is

working in research with the Dominion Mines and National Resources in Ottawa.

Elizabeth married Robert Omeniuk from Birds Hill and is a Demonstrator in Lab. Technology at the Red River Community College in Winnipeg.

Gregory, the youngest, graduated in Science and is working in Ottawa with Environment Canada. He is not married.

Frank's untimely death occurred in 1975 at 68 years of age. Anne resides in Winnipeg with her daughter Elizabeth.

STANISLAW JOSEF MALISZCZ (MALIS)

submitted by Margaret Malis

Stanislaw Josef Maliszcz, was born on March 23, 1870. His father Wielka Wies Wojiner and his mother, Margaret Aptata (maiden name), came from the county of Tarnov about 10 miles from Krakiv in Poland. They owned a small piece of land which they farmed.

The couple had eight children; four sons and four daughters.

Stanley (Stanislaw) and his brothers, Albert (Wojtek) and John (Johann), were the only members of the family who came to Canada. They arrived in about 1902 in Nova Scotia where they stayed because they had no money to go any further. They obtained jobs at the Dominion Coal Company. Stanley's name was recorded by the company clerk as "Malis".

Karolina Wrobetz (Linl) was born in Vienna, Austria on October 2, 1872, had married Stanley in Vienna and she followed Stanley to Canada with their four children.

They spent about six years in Nova Scotia. In about 1908, Stanley Malis came to Manitoba because he didn't want to spend the rest of his life mining.

Karolina followed him, later once again, by train. This time with six children. The train was late and it took seven hours by Red River cart and oxen to get to Narol. Stanley had to lead the oxen with a lantern after dark; the mosquitoes were so thick it was like going through a sea of them.

Karolina, having had nurses' training in Vienna, was the midwife in the region and brought many, many children into the world. She got paid with perhaps a piglet, ducklings, goose down or sometimes nothing.

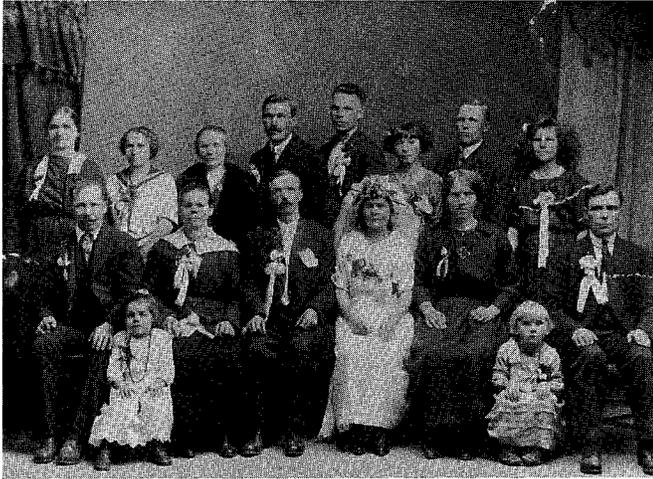
The couple settled on Lot 244, Narol where they did market gardening and mixed farming. They were active in church, school and community work.

They had seven children: Margaret, Mathilda, Leo, Minnie, Mary, Frank and Victoria. Of their seven children only Margaret who married (Andrew Peterson) and Frank who married (Anne Dutchek) settled in the St. Clements municipality.

STEFAN AND KATERYNA MALISH AND THEIR CHILDREN

submitted by Steve Myslawchuk

Immigrated to Canada in 1906 with their three children, and settled in the Poplar Park district, where they purchased 40 acres of bush land, being Sec. 35-15-6E. They built themselves a fairly good house, where the family lived for a good many years. They farmed on a small scale. Stefan being a carpenter by trade and derived their living from working out. There were 4 more children born in Canada.



Back Row: Mrs. Peter Hornetski, Mrs. Nick Kunitz, Mrs. Nettie Stefaniuk, Wm. Stefaniuk, Tony Barchuk, Sophie Kologinski, Steve Tymo, Katie Wasio. Bottom Row: Mr. and Mrs. John Wasio and Mary, Nick and Irene Malyna, Nettie, Alex and Mary Shastko.

NICK AND IRENE MALYNA

submitted by Anne Malyna

Nick Malyna married Irene Polowykan (the sister of Nettie Shastko), shortly after her arrival in Canada. They first settled in the St. Peters district and later moved to the Village of East Selkirk. They had four children, John, Mike, Mary and Anne.

Nick worked in the Cordite Plant in Transcona during the war years, then went on to work first for the C.N.R. and later with the C.P.R.

The two boys, John and Mike, were both in the Armed Forces. Mike was killed in a car accident in 1946.

Nick and Irene had six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Nick died in 1966.

Irene, as well as her children, make their home in Winnipeg.

NICHOLAS AND NETTIE MANDZIE

Nicholas Mandzie came to Canada from Austria in 1910, at the age of 21, and settled with his family at Rosa, Man. He soon started working for the C.P. Railway and before long became a section foreman. On one of his many trips out of Rosa, he stopped in at East Selkirk where he met Nettie Semenowich.

Anastasia or Nettie as she was called emigrated to East Selkirk with her parents Joseph and Theodosia Semenowich in 1910 also, at the age of 13 from Austria.

Nicholas and Nettie were married on January 23, 1913 in East Selkirk. Shortly after, the C.P.R. transferred Nick to Busted, Ont. where they lived for 6 years. Their two older children were born there, Minnie and Roman.

From Busted their next move was to East Selkirk, where they took up permanent residence. Over the next few years they had three more children, Olly, Clarence and Stephanie.

Nick's work with the railroad kept him away from his home a good deal of the time, leaving Nettie to keep the home fires burning. He soon realized that the burden of looking after the family, plus outdoor chores was too much for his wife so he decided to stay at home and farm. They raised vegetables, chickens, turkeys and hogs. The cows they kept supplied them with milk, cheese, and butter. Any surplus butter and eggs were traded in at the local merchants, Sharp's or Machewski's for groceries, such as flour, sugar, salt etc.

The potatoes that were harvested in the fall sold for approximately 50 cents a bag. They money was used for clothing, taxes and whatever. Nick managed to find odd jobs to supplement the income.

The depression years then hit. There were no jobs. The winters were severe. The neighbours got together and travelled for miles to cut firewood and then had to find means to cart the wood home. It was then cut by hand and split.

Nothing went to waste, flour sacks were made into sheets, pillow cases and towels. Some sacks were dyed, then made into clothing for the children.

The older children left home to look for work, which was hard to find. Housework was all the eldest daughter could find to do. She was paid the princely sum of \$5.00 a month. The boys went harvesting, riding the freight trains to get there. The pay was hardly more than enough to buy clothes they wore out while working.

But all in all, there was always food on the table. It may not have been a fancy meal, but always filling and nourishing.

The community held concerts in which Nettie occasionally participated. The admission being a silver collection. Friends and neighbours gathered at different homes and played cards in the evenings.

There may not have been any money, or very little, but Christmas was always special. Tradition was (to the children's delight) to put hay under the table during Christmas Eve Supper in which nuts and coins were scattered for the children to look for later.

Gallons of cider were purchased only at Christmas. A Christmas gift was a stocking full of nuts, candy and an apple or an orange.

In the 1930's, cigarettes sold for 15 cents to 25 cents a package. Pop was 5 cents a bottle, eggs were 10 cents a dozen, milk sold for 5 or 6 cents a quart, beef and pork was 12 to 15 cents a pound.

Wages for labourers were 25 cents an hour for a 10 hour day, some places would only pay 10 cents an hour.

A man could buy a suit for \$15.00, and a coat for \$12.00.

Such were the hardships until the war broke out. By this time the children had grown up. Most of them had married and moved away. The second son served in the Medical Corp in the armed forces.

It was at this time that the youngest son, Eugene was born. Nick worked at his daughter and son-in-law's grocery store in East Selkirk. He was a great help to them.

Nick and Nettie were quite active in Church and community affairs. Nick spent many, many, hours helping build the new St. Mary's Catholic Church.

With all the older children away, the youngest son was quite good company and a joy for Nick and Nettie, but he too soon grew up and after finishing University, joined the air force.

Nick retired shortly after and enjoyed a few quiet years with his wife Nettie. He greatly enjoyed visits with his grandchildren and a good game of cribbage. Nettie enjoyed her small vegetable garden. She was quite proud of her flower beds.

After a brief illness, Nettie passed away in 1976. Nick then went to California, where his youngest son, Eugene was stationed and spent his winters there. He came back to Winnipeg for the summers and stayed with his daughters, Minnie and Stephanie. His heart was always in East Selkirk and he loved to go back there to visit and attend church service. His health failing, Nick took up residence at the Holy Family Nursing Home in Winnipeg, where he enjoyed the remaining years of his life.

He celebrated his 93rd birthday on May 25, 1982 at his daughter's home with all his children and grandchildren present and still enjoyed a few games of cribbage.

After a brief illness Nicholas passed away on January 31, 1983.

ANDREW AND MARY MARKEVICH

submitted by Jean Lund

Andrew Markevich was one of the early settlers of East Selkirk. He immigrated to Canada, as a young man, first stopping at Fort William. He stayed there long enough to go to night school to learn to speak the English language. He then came to East Selkirk district, as the Immigration Hall was located there and many immigrants from Poland were settling there and in the surrounding district.

He met and married Mary Rokosh in 1916. Upon getting employment at the Manitoba Steel Foundary, he bought the home on Church Street which was built by Mr. Lane. It was one of the first homes built on that road; it was surrounded by bush; but in a few years he had it cleared and farmed the small acreage.

The most attractive thing of the place was the large

yard and the Cooks Creek flowing by it. The large yard was the happy playground of so many children of Church Street. There was no problem in organizing a baseball team as families were larger and the children would come where there was a good playground. There were the Strycarz, Menzie, Wolanchuk, Teplinski, Pitlowany, Kreviak and a few others who very seldom missed a summer's day in our yard. Also there was the old swimming hole. The first one that was very popular was at the bottom of our land and across the creek was the railroad and Pitlowany land adjacent to it. The hole would be quite crowded and the water would become like muddy soup but everyone enjoyed it. Even Mrs. Sharp loved to swim there. The tracks were slipping and the hole became smaller so we moved further down south by Wolanchuk's, then north by Menzie's and the final one was by the bridge on the main road.

The Markevich home was a stopping place for many an immigrant who came to Canada. They knew my father's family in Poland, so when they landed here they would stay until they decided where they wanted to settle. Quite a few chose the surrounding area. Also, during the depression, a few came and stayed for long periods as they had no employment or money and knew they would not be turned away.

Many a farmer from the Libau area would stop for a meal or a night's lodging during the winter, when they used to make the slow trip to the Selkirk Farmers Market to sell their wood and hay. They knew they were always welcome.

My Father was the first man to buy a car in East Selkirk and area. It was in 1921 and the car was a Maxwell, which could only be driven between May and Sept. because we only had mud roads, and they were impassible other times. Even during the summer after a heavy rain, you took a chance on them. One recollection I have is we (the whole family) made a trip to Winnipeg, for our summer shopping. On the way back we got stuck on Henderson Highway, just south of Lockport. Thank heaven for the old horse power.

My father died in 1963, mother lived there for a couple of years and then it was sold, as none of the family wanted to live there. They all had homes and jobs elsewhere. Helen and Bob Diaczuk live in Thunder Bay, Herbert lives in Calgary, Pauline and Mike Dearen live in Arborg and the rest of the family live in Greater Winnipeg (Jean and Edward Lund, Betty and Douglas Mitzok, Frank and Thomas).

**MARKEVICH (MARKIEWICZ)
PETER AND KATHERINE
(NEE WAWREJKO)**

submitted by Ed Markevich

Peter and Katherine were both born in Cewkow, Galicia, Austria (later Poland) in 1900.

Cewkow was in normal times a poor village, however the massive upheavals in social and economic conditions at the turn of the Century were exacerbated by the devastation caused by the First World War. These conditions forced many young people to try to break the bonds of a hopeless future by looking toward New Horizons. In most cases this new land was Canada. While "free" land was no longer available, it was possible to purchase some at a relatively cheap cost. The only stipulation was the price of the ticket and a sponsor who could guarantee support for at least one year.

Peter's older brother Andrew had emigrated to Canada in 1911 and later to East Selkirk and acted as that sponsor. Peter arrived in East Selkirk on Sept. 12, 1922, after a four week voyage by boat and train via Liverpool, England to Montreal and Winnipeg. The Ocean crossing was made on the White Star Line's "KONOPEK".

Canada was the land of opportunity so all he brought was his clothes.

As was customary Peter stayed with his brother and his family. Within days of his arrival he secured work on a threshing gang and later with the Manitoba Steel Foundries in Selkirk. After being laid off, he obtained casual jobs such as track maintenance with the Winnipeg Electric Company, back to harvesting where he travelled with other labourers from station to station in Manitoba. Pay was \$1.00 per day plus room and board. After harvest and during the winter of 1924 he cut wood at Balsam Bay, living in a bunkhouse on site. In April 1925, he was recalled to a permanent position at the Foundry where he worked a 5 1/2 day week, 10 hours per day for 27¢ per hour.

During this period, he saved enough money to cover the transportation costs and act as sponsor for Katherine and their eighteen month son Peter.

Katherine still vividly recalls the magnitude of the voyage. She left Cewkow on December 29, 1923 carrying all her worldly possessions in two bags. Included with her clothing were two feather pillows and two hand woven linen towels which she had made herself.

On her lapel was her immigrant's badge bearing her name and destination. She left for Canada from the port of Southampton, England aboard the C.P.R. liner "MINNEDOSA" to Saint John, New Brunswick and finally by train across the vast white wilderness of Northern Ontario. She arrived at the East Selkirk C.P.R. station on the evening of January 27, 1924 in 30 degree below weather where she was met by Peter, his brother Andrew and wife Mary. Although Andrew had an automobile, it was not possible to operate one during the winter months so the group walked the approximate 1 1/2 miles to Andrews house.

The love of the land was strong and they were anxious to own their own property. In order to accumulate sufficient funds, it took two years of hard work and

savings before they could leave Andrew's house for their own home. Twenty-eight acres of bush were purchased from a Mr. Taylor at \$20.00 per acre. This was approximately two miles north on Ferry Road and was bordered by Cook's Creek on one side and the Red River on the other, Lot 241, Ferry Road. In 1926, a three room house was constructed at a cost of \$700.00. In 1932, an additional two rooms were added. During this time, a steady program of clearing bush by hand was in place so as to allow cultivating land. As was customary, a few cows, chickens and pigs were raised to provide sustenance.

The promises of the new land were being fulfilled, the future looked good and even the children had started school and were learning English.

In 1936, Peter developed silicosis, a pulmonary disease contracted at the Foundry which ultimately led to his death in June 1937 after only fifteen short years in Canada. This left Katherine, a young widow of thirty-six with seven children, ranging in age from sixteen months to fifteen years to raise alone. She briefly thought of leaving the farm and moving to the city, but the same fear that haunted her as a young girl in Poland came back, the fear of working hard for the benefit of someone other than herself. She decided to stay on the farm, where, if all else failed, she and her children would have a roof over their heads and food to eat. That decision she never came to regret.

These were depression years and life even under normal conditions was a struggle. She plunged into her farmwork with much determination, becoming quite proficient not only in the farming aspect but in her dealings with business people. An examination of her book of household expenses and income is mute evidence of those years. In May, 1938 for example, thirteen dozen eggs were sold at 15¢ per dozen, butter at 10¢ per pound and a calf, sold to a Selkirk Butcher for \$4.00. During this time, despite the trials, she was determined that the children would receive schooling and it is a tribute to her that all seven attended elementary and high school at Happy Thought School.

Katherine remained on the farm until 1960 when it became evident that none of her children wished to maintain the family farm. The property was sold and she retired to Winnipeg where she is enjoying the fruits of her labour and her family. At age eighty-two, she is blessed with good health, maintains her own house and garden, travels to visit children and grandchildren, has a keen inquisitive mind and regales all those who will lend an ear with tales of the "OLD DAYS".

CHILDREN OF PETER MARKEVICH FAMILY

Peter - Presently living in Selkirk, Man., married to Raye Eglin of Selkirk. He is employed as Plant Superintendent with Abex Industries, formerly Manitoba Steel Foundry. They have one child, Sandra Hawkins of Toronto, Ont., a Lecturer-Teacher at the Ontario Science Centre.

Stephany - Presently living in Edmonton, Alta., married to Lorne Proudfoot of Vankleek Hill, Ont., who just recently retired from the Faculty of Dentistry,

University of Alberta. They have two children, Kenneth, Chemical Engineer for Imperial Oil in Sarnia, Ont. and Carol Gilday of Edmonton, Alta.

Jennie - Presently living in Winnipeg, Man., married to Joe Lowry in 1949. He is Superintendent of Burlington Northern (Manitoba) Ltd. They have two children, Roberta Blayney, a registered Nurse in Winnipeg, Man. and Donald James, MBA in Edmonton, Alta. Don and his wife, Norine have one child.

Michael - Now living in Calgary, Alta., employed as a Sales Consultant with Acco, married to Marcy Clair of Windsor, Ont. They have five children, Beth Russell of Ottawa, Ont.; Judy Allman of Lompoc, California, U.S.A.; David, Wendy and Jon of Calgary, Alta.

Sophie - Presently living in Winnipeg, Man., married to Carl Hansen, originally of Saskatoon, Sask. Sophie is employed by the Toronto Dominion Bank in Winnipeg in Administration while Carl is Chief Operating Engineer, Canadian Forces Base, Winnipeg, Man. They have two children, David of Winnipeg, Man. and Christine of Lesser Slave Lake, Alta.

Elsie - Presently living in Winnipeg, Man. and employed at Metropol Security Ltd. in Administration. Previously worked twenty-five years at Manitoba Rolling Mills in Selkirk, Man., married to Don McDonald (originally from Stonewall, Man.) who is employed at Misericordia Hospital in Hospital Service.

Edward - Now living back in Selkirk and employed as Manager of the Toronto-Dominion Bank, married to Shirley Tonn of Kenville, Man. They have three children, Carla, Leanne and Robert all of Selkirk, Man.

MAXIUM AND PEARL MARKO

submitted by Pearl Bolin

It was 1898, when Maxium Marko arrived in North America, first he landed in New York, then decided to go to Canada. He lived for two years in Ladywood, Man. In 1899, Maxium's wife Pearl (nee Wusaty) and family arrived, which were John, Michael, Paul, Dymytro and Maria. They all came by an Ocean Liner from Redehiw, Western Ukraine. Maxium and Pearl had one more son, Gregory born in Canada in 1900.

Gregory became a school teacher and taught until he retired. Now he resides in Winnipeg with his sister Maria. Maria was a dressmaker and later had a Ladies Apparel Shop in Winnipeg.

Maxium and Pearl's second house in Poplar Park, Man. was built in 1903, which is still partly standing. The democrat shed, grainary, chicken and pig house are also standing, but are breaking down. All the buildings were built of logs. The first logs were tamarack, resting on stone, and the rest of the logs were white poplar, carefully hewed. The rafters were also hewed. Some door frames were pegged with oak pegs.

Maxium had a beautiful black team of horses, named Duke and Dick. He never had any trouble getting them into the barn off the pasture. He would call "Come Duke, Come Dick" as he never failed to have oats for them.

Maxium and Pearl were very active members of the



Maxium and Pearl Marko's family. Left to Right: Michael, Gregory, Maria, Paul and John.

Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Church. They also boarded school teachers of Poplar Park School No. 545.

Maxium died in 1930 and his wife Pearl in 1949. Their sons, Dmytro passed away in 1921, Paul and Michael passed away in 1972.

John and his wife Katherina (nee Micholinski) farmed at Poplar Park, Man. all their life. John had a threshing machine which he threshed grain for the surrounding farmers. To operate this thresher one man had to cut the twine on the sheaves and feed the thresher. A carrier dropped the straw and a person had to build the stack. John also had a grain-crusher, which was run by the same stationary engine that ran the thresher. He crushed grain for feed, for the neighbors. Then in the early twenties he bought another thresher which was run with a tractor.

John's first team of horses were named Cora and Speed. It was not too long before he had another team named Beauty and Dan.

John and his wife Katherina worked hard. They drove to Selkirk with horses and democrat in the summer, and in the winter with a sleigh and wagon box. They made



Pearl and Maxium Marko's second house built in 1903 Poplar Park, 1921 photo.