

husband Ed of Beconia, Rita Clark and her husband Chester of Winnipeg, Barbara Klassen and her husband Richard of Winnipeg, and Emily Gervais and her husband Maurice also of Winnipeg.

Felix and Florence also have 13 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter-in-law and soon will have one great-grandchild.

ALEXANDER PAWLUK

submitted by Alex Pawluk

Alexander Pawluk was born and raised on a farm in the Kirkness, Man. area. He attended the Ashfield public school and completed his high school education in Gonor, Man. In addition, he completed a four year self-study program in Industrial Instrumentation with International Correspondence School. He was employed with Imperial Oil Enterprises as an Instrument Technician at the Winnipeg Refinery at East St. Paul, Man. for approximately 15 years, the last year as a Supervisor of the Instrument Department. In 1965 he was elected to represent the Mechanical Department as a member of the Joint Industrial Council of the Winnipeg Refinery of Imperial Oil Enterprises.

In 1966 he was elected to the Council of the Rural Municipality of St. Clements to represent Ward 2. He served in this capacity for eight years during which time he participated in community affairs by serving on such boards and committees as Public Works, Police, Fire, Welfare, Municipal Planning Program, and the Selkirk General Hospital Board. During his tenure on council,



Mr. and Mrs. John Pawluk, parents of Alexander.

plans for a new Municipal Administration Building were drawn up and the building was officially opened in the spring of 1968.

When the school districts amalgamated, Mr. Pawluk requested to Council that the Gonor School grounds be set aside as a public playground for recreational activities in Ward 2. The playground was officially opened in August 1971.

After the closing of the Imperial Oil Refinery of East St. Paul in 1975, Mr. Pawluk was employed as a Housing Inspector for the Manitoba Housing & Renewal Corporation for the Critical Home Repair Program.

In 1976 he served as an Executive Assistant to the Minister of Agriculture, Province of Manitoba.

In 1978 Mr. Pawluk was employed by Associated Medical Basics Limited in Selkirk, Man. and in 1980 he was employed by Atomic Energy of Canada Limited as an Instrument Technician at the Nuclear Research Plant in Pinawa, Man.

Mr. Pawluk is a life-long member of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Gonor, Man. and has served on the Executive since 1962. He has been active in all phases of church activities.

JOHN AND KATHERINE PAWLUK

John Pawluk was born on Dec. 20, 1886 and came to Canada in the year 1906 from Kotzman, Bukowina, Rumania. John received his Certificate of Naturalization from the Secretary of State on Feb. 27, 1928.

John married Katherine Puteran in 1912. Katherine was the daughter of John Puteran and Anna Markowsky who had emigrated to Canada at the turn of the century. Katherine was born in the year 1894, and was one of 4 children born to the Puterans. Her sisters were Lena, Sophie and Doris. The Mother passed away and her Father married again in 1907.

John Pawluk first rented land in Gonor and eventually bought land and lived at the Two-Mile Road where he operated a General Store and carried on a mixed farm operation. He bought Lot 179 from the Bazan's and later moved up onto the Henderson Highway location, just north of Bazan's Drain, along the east bank of the Red River. He then built himself a large two level home for his family which by this time had grown considerably.

John and Katherine Pawluk started general merchandising in about 1925 and continued to almost the outbreak of the Second World War.

John and Katherine had eight children: William 1914, John 1920, Tony 1922, Elsie 1924, Winnie 1926, Norman 1928. The two youngest children were Lillian and Edith. The children all attended Gonor School and the St. Nicholas Church. Tony very sadly drowned in 1946 and John passed away in 1976.

William married Lena Goltz and they have one son, Kenny, and they reside in a large home in the Lockport area of St. Andrews.

Elsie married Lorne Richards and they have 3 children and live in Ontario.

Winnie married Joe Rozachok and they have 2 children and live in Wpg.



John and Katherine Pawluk.

Norman married Dorothy Demchuk and they have one child, Tracy, and they reside in the Town of Selkirk.

Lillian married Andrew Pederbitsky and they make their home in Saskatoon.

Edith married Jimmie Colmer and they live in Calgary.

John died on May 7th, 1980 when he was in his 94th year of age.

Katherine passed away on Dec. 13, 1981 in her 87th year.

John and Katherine were very compassionate people and served a great need in the community. You will hear the stories that they gave credit, always, when it was needed, and never pushed for payment if a family was truly unable to meet the demand. Children could always be assured of a "sweet" or a "little something" for free. Katherine carried a line of secondhand clothing and merchandise, and it was many a family in Gonor that got a warm coat or pair of boots to keep out the severe winter cold. In some cases it was the only coat or shoes they had. Some of the residents recall that many children were unable to go to school because they were not able to dress warmly enough. Katherine especially urged people to take advantage of the secondhand articles. She often went into Winnipeg on the old Homeniuk Bus and came home with just exactly what the people needed. She tried to match as closely as she could, the sizes required. To the children's delight, it was often "just right" and often right in style.

The store was kept open during the depression years, and it was during this period that saw Katherine giving freely, especially on the east side of the Red River.

John and Katherine were true pioneers and are both buried in the Churchyard Cemetery of the St. Nicholas Church in Gonor.

JOHN PAWLUK FAMILY HISTORY

Mr. John Pawluk, born 1864 and Miss Sophia Facas, born 1870 were united in Holy Matrimony in Katzman, Buhovina in 1890. They were blessed with five children, Stephen, Michael, William, Dymetro and Nicholas while they resided in Ukraine. The family emigrated to Canada in 1902, at which a few years later two other children, Alexander and George were added to their family.

The Pawluk family arrived in East Selkirk June 15, 1902. They walked from East Selkirk to Gonor, Manitoba where they lived with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Snatynchuk until approximately November of 1902. In the fall of 1902, Mr. Pawluk purchased 40 acres of land at \$10.00 per acre from Nicholas Searman. This property is Lot 178, running east of the Red River to the old four mile boundary. The only building on the property was a small two-room log house which was built beside the Henderson Highway.

The land along the Red River was the only cleared portion which was used for a garden. The remainder of the property was dense bush.

In 1910, an additional ten acres of land was purchased for \$1,000.00. This property is located west of the C.P.R. and east of the two mile boundary in the Gonor area. More land was cleared and a small barn and other farm buildings were erected.

Mr. Pawluk's first job was with the C.P.R. at Rennie, Man. He worked a ten hour day at 15 cents per hour. Five years later the river lot he purchased was paid for. He was also employed during the construction of the St. Andrews Locks. Mr. and Mrs. Pawluk farmed and market gardened the remainder of their lives. Mr. Pawluk was instrumental in organizing and building the first Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Gonor, Man.

Stephen, the oldest son, worked at Port Churchill, Chevlen and Clarke Lumber Company in Fort Francis, Ontario, Cordite plant in Transcona, Man. and in later years he was employed on a casual basis at St. Andrews Locks in the maintenance department. In 1923 he purchased five acres of land for the sum of \$900.00, River Lot 180, from Mrs. Catherine Donald and family. The lot contained an old three room log house which was replaced with a lumber dwelling. Stephen served on the executive of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Gonor, Man. for many years and holds a life long membership with it.

Michael and Alexander Pawluk purchased a quarter section farm in Narcisse, Man. in 1930. They raised cattle and in 1950 sold the ranch. In 1953 Michael and Alexander bought a food stand named Blondie's in Grand Beach which they operated for three summers. They sold the stand and in 1957 purchased a farm at Norris Lake in the Teulon district. They operated the ranch for ten years. The ranch was sold and the two brothers retired to the home place in Gonor.

Nicholas and Dymetro farmed with their parents all their lives. In 1930 Dymetro operated for eight years a rental small boat and minnow business in Lockport, Man.

Of the seven brothers in the family, William was the

only one who married. He and his wife Lena and family farmed in the Kirkness area. William also was a member of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and had a life long membership to it as did all members of his family.

JOHN AND OLENA PAWLUK

submitted by Mary Harluk

John Pawluk came to Canada in 1912, settling in Wpg. and working for Swifts.

In 1915 he married Olena Kochanchuk. After visiting with Olena's sister in Riverton, John and Olena settled on a homestead ten miles north of Riverton. At that time they walked twenty miles to Arborg to catch the train in order to go to Wpg. The homestead was all bush and had to be cleared by hand. A team of horses was bought and they helped to pull out the stumps. Olena often walked to Riverton with butter or cream to sell. There they farmed until 1928. While in Riverton, John helped in the organizing and building of the first Ukrainian Catholic Church and the first public school.

Two daughters, Mary and Rose, were born in Riverton and a son, who died in infancy.

Due to ill health Mr. Pawluk decided to move to East Selkirk where some family friends from the Ukraine had settled. This move proved fruitful as they were blessed with a son, William. John and Olena gained their livelihood from mixed farming as many families did. He was also the neighborhood butcher in the fall. The family were faithful church attenders and active members of the Home and Reading Society Hall, also the Ukrainian Benevolent Society.

John Pawluk died in 1971 at the age of 84. His wife Olena maintained the family home until 1983. She now resides at Red River Manor in the Town of Selkirk.



Left to Right: John, Rose, Olena, Mary, William in front.

Mary married Nicholas Harluck.

Rose married Nicholas Zarichney and they had three sons. They are Gordon, Don, and Jerry. All three sons reside with their wives and families in East Selkirk. Nick died and Rose remarried and now lives in Arborg.

William believed in education. He went to the University of Manitoba and Alberta and received a scholarship to study in England. There, he met his future wife, Patricia. Upon receiving his degree in Chemical engineering, he returned to Canada to work for Dow Chemical in Sarnia, Ont. In 1962, he married Patricia Marsden. Their daughter Ann was born in 1965. Wanting to be closer to his family, William obtained a position at Simplot in Brandon. He remained here until 1971. During this time two sons were born, John in 1967 and Chris in 1969. Wanting something more challenging, William accepted a position at the Bruce Heavy Water Plant (a nuclear plant) in Kincardine, Ont. William and his family moved there in 1971. William died in 1976, and his wife and children still reside there. William had a great sense of humour, a generous and good man, but he died very young.

MARY AND TONY PAYONK

Mary was born in Libau in Feb. 1908 and was the daughter of Wasyl (Wlm) and Anastasia Kosack. She began her education in the Libau East School and finished her school years at The Libau West School. She stayed and worked at the parents farm until she met and married Tony Payonk from the Libau district in the year 1924. They farmed until 1943, then moved into the city of Winnipeg. They are presently residing in St. Boniface.

They are the parents of four sons and three daughters, Frank, Victoria, Charlie, Joe, Walter, Grace and Louise.

Frank was born in Libau in Aug. 1925. He began his education at the Libau West School and worked on the farm, he also worked at the Yellowknife Mines. Returning to buy his own farm, he met and married Bernice Skrypich in 1953, when they moved to Holland, Man. where they are farming and residing presently.

Victoria was born in Oct. 1926 and lived a very short while and unfortunately, passed away in 1927.

Charlie was born in Libau Dec. 1927. He began his education at the Libau West School. He worked on the family farm until 1946 when he went to B.C. and Alberta and worked in the construction field. Charlie also worked in the Oil Fields and is presently residing in Edmonton, Alta.

Joe was born in Libau in the year 1929. He began his education in the Libau West School, then went on to General Wolfe where he graduated. He began working for Page Electric and then for Tennehouse Electric obtaining his diploma in Electricity (Journeyman) and worked finally for the C.N.R. Railways where he is presently employed.

He met and married Mary Lypischuck in the year 1950 from Kelory in southeast Manitoba. They are the parents of two daughters, Debbie and Wendy.

Debbie married Mario J. Archambault of Hirst, Ont.,

residing in Winnipeg and Wendy working in Edmonton.

Walter was born in Libau in April 1931. He began his education at Mulvey School and then went on to Gordon Bell High School where he graduated. He first worked for Randalls Plumbing then went on to work for the Canadian National Railways as a draftsman until his promotion to that of Supervisor for Pipe Fitting, and is presently in that position with CNR.

Walter met and married Pat Hutton in the year 1955. They are the parents of four children, three sons and one daughter, Robert, Greg, Garry, and Carol.

Robert, is working in construction. Greg is working with C.N.R. Garry is a mechanic working in Saint George, B.C. and Carol is working in an office at Investors Syndicate.

Grace was born in Libau in the year 1932, and had a tragic life, as she was born deaf and dumb. However, she began her education in the Deaf and Dumb School in Saskatoon, Sask. Then she was enrolled in the Isbister School. Grace passed away accidentally in her twelfth year in 1944.

Louise was born in Libau in the year 1941. She began her education in Winnipeg at Mulvey School and then went on to attend General Wolfe. She trained and was employed at the General Hospital in Winnipeg for a number of years, graduating as a L.P.N. in 1975. Louise is presently employed at the St. Boniface Hospital as a nurse. Louise met and married Joe Vinzinz of Winnipeg in the year 1966. They are the proud parents of four daughters named Lorrene, Denene, Christene, Jodene.

MICHAEL PEAKE

submitted by slh

Fred and Tekla Peake came from the Ukraine (Poland) and settled on property across from Lower Fort Garry, on the east side of the Red River. They lived there for 13 years and there was a little log house on the property when they bought it. Then they sold out their east Lower Fort property, and bought land at Lockport, lot 159.

Fred and Tekla had four children, William (Bill) was the first born and then Lillie, Mike and Ann. The children received their education at Gonor.

Bill married a girl from Saskatchewan, while Lillie married Nick Bazan, and Mike married Venie. Ann Peake met and married Walter Gusnoski and they farmed at Narol.

Fred and Tekla eventually turned their Lockport property over to their son Mike.

Mike lived in the East Lockport area for over 57 years. During the years, Mike acquired more land and eventually he operated businesses on all four corners. He owned and operated the Peake Grocery from 1929 to 1940, and then the Lockport Motors from 1940 to 1958. Thereafter and during, he was very involved with the Cinder Block Plant and the Lockport Hotel. In fact, it has often been stated that Mike Peake "owned" the Lockport Corner. Mike owned the Lockport Appliances, and retired from the business in about 1960.

Mike passed away on July 17, 1964, and is interred in the Glen Eden Memorial Gardens.



Lilly Peake (Mike Peake's sister) and Mrs. Jean Davis.



Graham Paige car Mike Peake won in a draw 1929.

Mike's father, Fred, had passed away 13 years earlier, in 1951 at the age of 79 and is buried in the family plot of the St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery in Gonor.

MIKE AND SOPHIE PETASKI

submitted by Mary Petaski

Mike Petaski was born in 1862, in Berlyn, Brody, Poland. He married Sophie, and together they lived in Berlyn Brody, Poland. They had two children, Mary born in 1889 and then later Ludwig born in 1892.

Mike and Sophie, and their two children, came to Canada in 1900, settling in the Gonor district on river lot 152, St. Clements. Their land consisted of 56 acres of bush. This they cleared all by hand. They built a house and began farming. They produced grain and vegetables, and their livestock consisted of one ox, a cow and some chickens. Ludwig shared in the work of the farm, as well, during the construction of Lockport Bridge in 1904, he, at the age 12, was able to obtain employment and supplement the family income.

Mary Petaski married Leon Zayots at a very young age. They lived on the south half of Lot 152, St. Clements and farmed. In their last few years, they moved into Winnipeg and lived with their daughter Noreen, and Jim Wilson, their son-in-law. Their nephew, Casimir Petaski, bought their farmland and the homestead was sold to its present owners, Jack and Mary Milton (Stuart). Leon passed away in 1962, and Mary passed away in 1967.

Ludwig Petaski was known to walk 25 miles to Poplar Park to court his future wife, Polly Denesuik. They married on Feb. 3, 1912, in St. Nicholas Church in Winnipeg. Polly was the daughter of Stephen and Katherine Denesuik (Martiniuk).

She was born in 1891 in Sokol, Ukraine and had come to Canada in 1911 with her brother Peter and sister-in-law Natalie. Natalie came to join her husband Paul (Polly's brother), who had come to Canada earlier and was farming in the Poplar Park area. Peter returned to his homeland after a short period.

After Ludwig and Polly were married, they lived and farmed with Mike and Sophie. Sophie passed away at a young age in 1918 and was buried in the Holy Trinity Greek Catholic Church cemetery in Gonor. She lived to see her first four grandchildren, born to Ludwig and Polly. Mike died in 1943, and is buried in Corpus Christi Church cemetery in Narol.

During the years that Ludwig lived with his father, he continued to buy additional bushland, which had to be cleared by axe and grub hoe. In 1926, he was able to build his own home, on adjoining Lot 151, hauling the logs by horses all the way from the Poplar Park area. They expanded the farm, increasing stock to include hogs, and increasing farmland to include crops of potatoes and grain. In 1935, they grew 30 acres of potatoes -- harvest of this crop took 3-4 weeks and 10-15 hired people, all done by hand. At times, Ludwig along with his two sons, Joe, and Mike, supplemented the family income by cutting cordwood in Scanterbury. Casimir, at the age of six, would catch and sell fish before school hours.

Although much of the farm work was done by hand, farm machinery was slowly coming into use. Ludwig purchased his first truck in 1928, a Ford Model A. In 1938, an Oliver 80 tractor was purchased, and their first threshing machine was purchased in 1939.

Ludwig and Polly were blessed with twelve children.



Polly and Ludwig Petaski and Baby Dennis Petaski.

Joe, the eldest, was born in 1913. He married Francis Cybulski. Joe and Francis had three children, Veanna, Joan and Joe Jr. They now reside in the Municipality of St. Clements, and farm jointly with their son.

Their second son Mike, was born in 1915. He married Margaret Evaskawich. They have 4 children, Ronald, Sharon, Donetta and Debbie. They also reside within the R.M. of St. Clement, and farms with their son.

Annie was the third child born in 1917, she married Theophil Onhaiser. They had two daughters, Eileen and Theresa. They presently reside and farm in Narol.

In 1918, Rose was born. She married Peter Bochen and they had three children, Ronald, Joyce and Janice. They lived and farmed on the west side of the Red River in St. Andrews. Peter passed away in 1972, Rose in 1976, and Janice in 1982.

Helen was born in 1920. She married Bill Semenchuk and they had two daughters, Beatrice and Cecelia. They presently reside in Lockport.

Mary was born in 1924. She married Walter Danko and they had six children, Angela, Douglas, Evelyn, Sandra, Janet and Donna. Douglas, their only son, died accidentally in 1977, while serving with the Canadian Armed Forces in Germany. Mary and Walter farm in the Gonor area.

Casimir was born in 1926 and he married Mary Skrypnyk. They have two children, Dennis and James.

In 1928, Blanche was born. She married Sam Donachuk and they have two sons, Darwin and Sam Jr. Sam and Blanche live and farm in Lockport.

Angela was born in 1930. She married Bill Bunio and they now reside in Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A. They had seven children, Bill Jr., Sandra, Robert, Suzanne, Brian, Raymond and Angela.

Pauline was born in 1934. She married Kasmir Banash and they had two children, Dennis and Cheryl. Kasmir passed away in 1972, and Pauline resides in Selkirk.

Two children, Frank and Sophie, died in infancy.

Polly passed away in May, 1961 at which time Ludwig then moved and lived with Casimir and Mary. Ludwig passed away in Sept., 1968, and is buried alongside his wife Polly in Corpus Christi Cemetery in Narol.

CASIMIR AND MARY PETASKI

submitted by Mary Petaski

Over the years, Ludwig and Polly Petaski's children left the farm to begin their own family lives. The youngest son, Casimir remained to continue farming with his father. After their marriage Casimir and Mary lived with Polly and Ludwig until 1953, when they built their own home on the neighboring Lot 150.

At this time the farm consisted of hogs, chickens, cows, grain that was swathed and threshed with self propelled combine, and their major crop, potatoes. From 40-50 acres of potatoes in 1951, they expanded their acreage rapidly, until they reached their maximum production of 100 acres in 1955. At this time, grading and bagging of potatoes would be a year-round job, done at a rate of 90 bags per hour. The potatoes were hauled to Winnipeg in a 2-ton truck and sold to various buyers. In the late 1960's a potato harvester was purchased, which decreased the fall farm labour requirements.



Casimir, Mary, James and Dennis Petaski.

On Feb. 1, 1955, Casimir and Mary's first son, Dennis was born. James was born 7 years later on Dec. 12, 1961.

Dennis attended the University of Manitoba, and in 1978 completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. There he also met Kim Banash (daughter of Ed and Pearl Banash) who completed a Bachelor of Nursing degree in the same year. In 1980 they married, and together have settled on the family farm. This was a return "home" for them both, as Kim's first six years were spent growing up, only about a mile down the road from the Petaski farm. Prior to their settling back home, both Kim and Dennis travelled in Western Canada, gaining experience in their professions. Dennis was employed by Saskatchewan Wheat Pool in Regina and Kindersly. Kim worked in Edmonton and Saskatoon as a nurse. Since 1980, Dennis has been employed by Manitoba Pool Elevators, as well as taking an active role in the farm operations. Kim has been employed as a Public Health Nurse. They have just started their family, Kristin Marie was born on April 7, 1983.

James decided to move to Saskatchewan and attend Kindersley High School, while Dennis was in Kindersley. Later, he was employed by Saskatchewan Wheat Pool in Saskatoon. At present, he is employed by Feed Rite Limited in Winnipeg, and also farms with his father and brother.

In 1980, Casimir and Mary built a new home, on the original lot of their grandparents, Mike and Sophie, Lot 152, St. Clements. Also at this time, upon returning from Saskatchewan, Dennis and Kim moved into Casimir and Mary's old house on lot 150, St. Clements.

In 1982, the farm underwent an increase in mechanization, with the completion of a new potato storage shed, and facilities for washing, grading and bagging of potatoes, rate of 200 bags per hour, each bag is 75 lbs.

Many changes have taken place in the area, and especially on the Petaski farmland since Mike and Sophie first settled in Gonor some 83 years ago. Their love for the land has been passed onto their children, and through Ludwig and Polly, to their grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

HANS DORDI PETERSON

submitted by Cathy Waytiuk

Andrew Peterson came with his parents and two brothers and a sister to Canada in about 1899 from Orsa, Sweden, where they had raised cattle and sheep for a living.

Andrew's grandson, Ronald, son of Albert and Doris Peterson, of Pembroke, Ontario, visited the town of Orsa, Sweden, in about 1972 and brought home a record listing the family's ancestors dating back to 1645.

The record indicates that Andrew's father, Hans Dordi Person, a name he changed to Peterson when he arrived in Canada, was born January 13, 1848. His first wife, Anna Persdatter, died February 28, 1882. He then married Karin Jonsdatter (Johnson). The latter couple had six children, two of them, Eric and Kirsten, died in infancy.



Hans Peterson, 1900.



Karin Peterson

Hans came to Canada by himself in 1893. He worked at a brick plant in Lac du Bonnet as well as at others jobs around Winnipeg. In 1898, he returned to Sweden for his family. His wife owned some property she had inherited in Sweden, which she sold at that time. And the couple with their four children, the youngest of whom was about one year old, made the move to the new country.

When they arrived in Canada, they lived in Winnipeg near where the Salter Street Bridge is located today. Later they bought lot 256 at Narol and started a small dairy farm.

Hans was very talented. He was a silversmith, a blacksmith and a woodworker. He had a lathe and made spinning wheels, milk stools, rocking chairs, baseball bats and hoe handles. He sold these articles from a blacksmith shop which he had built himself. The shop had a thatched roof and was located on the bank of a creek which ran behind their house. He also built a bridge over this creek and a dock where he kept a boat he had built himself. He used the boat to go fishing to help feed his family. He also ferried passengers back and forth across the river. People living on the east side of the river had to cross the river to get to the streetcar that ran between Selkirk and Winnipeg in the days before Henderson Highway had regular bus service.

As the sons grew up, they cleared the land and started market gardening. Hans, Eric and Anna left the farm to work in the city. Andrew married Margaret Malis and lived on his parents' farm, continuing with the market garden.

PETERSON-MALIS

submitted by Cathy Waytiuk

Andrew and Margaret had twelve children, seven sons and five daughters.

He worked at various times for the R.M. of St. Clements in the area of law enforcement. He was secretary-treasurer of Donald School for a time and was one of the founders of the Manitoba Vegetable and Potato Growers Association. This association helped organize the farmer's market which was located on Main St. in Winnipeg for many years. Andrew also did custom sawing of lumber and wood in the Narol area.



Andrew and Margart Peterson, 1964.

On March 16, 1963, the community held an "Andrew Peterson Day" as a tribute to his many years of service. He received a plaque in recognition of his work.

He died May 17, 1974. His wife, Margaret, lived in her own home until January 1983 and is now a resident of Red River Place in Selkirk, Man.

The oldest son, Walter Peterson, married Betty Shwabe. They live in East St. Paul, Man. and have four children: Jim, Peggy, Shirley and Harold.



"Andrew Peterson day". Sitting: Andrew and Margaret Peterson. All their children. Left to Right: Albert, Robert, Frank, Ruth, Bill, William, Dorothy, Irene, Norman, Catherine, Andy, Edna, and Walter.

Albert Peterson married Doris Haynes; Pembroke, Ont.; Ken, Gerry and Ron.

Catherine Peterson married Harry Waytiuk (deceased); East Selkirk, Man.; Clifford, Carole and Audrey.

Robert Peterson married Bette McDonald; Lot 256 Henderson Hwy., Man.; Jim, Ken (deceased), Rob and Don.

William (Bill) Peterson married Dolores Challe; Winnipeg, Man.; Karin, Kit and Kristina.

Norman Peterson married Maryann Walden; Winnipeg, Man.; Glen, Lloyd, Murray and Ellen. Dorothy Peterson married Harry Marion; Lac du Bonnet, Man.; Ruth, Donna, Norman (deceased), John and David. Irene Peterson married Mike McMechan; East St. Paul, Man.; Janice, Terry, Allison and Grant. Frank Peterson married Mary Mason; Oshawa, Ont.; Ron, Brian and Brent. Edna Peterson married George Mulder; East St. Paul, Man.; Kathy, Lauren, Kevin and Lynn. Ruth Peterson married Harold Lindgaard; Vancouver, B.C.; Lois and Craig. Andrew Peterson married Ilene Demchuk; East St. Paul, Man.; Andrew.

DANIEL PETZNICK

submitted by Gus Riehl

Daniel Petznick is the son of the late John and Mary Petznick of Libau. Daniel was born in 1901, and lived all his life in the Libau district. He received a basic education in a one room "Little Red Schoolhouse" type of school. Any further education he required for his future activities was entirely self-taught.

After his school years Mr. Petznick went to work for his uncle Albert Petznick who, at that time owned a general store. Albert Petznick was also the Libau postmaster, and a portion of his store was occupied by the post office.

Daniel worked for his uncle till 1927. In that year Albert Petznick sold his business to George Reichert, and Daniel stayed on with George Reichert for another year.

In 1928, he took the position of assessor for the Municipality of St. Clements. During this period he also started to take a greater interest in the affairs of the community: he served at one time as secretary-treasurer of the school, and later as Notary-Public enumerator, and insurance agent.

His ultimate aim, however, was in insurance, which over the years he developed into a thriving business. To which he later added The Public Homeowner Insurance and Autopac.

Regardless of all his activities Mr. Petznick was a farmer at heart. When he was still quite a young man he purchased 160 acres of undeveloped land a half-mile east of Libau which, in time, with a lot of hard work he turned into a productive grain farm.

Until 1929, Daniel lived with his parents. That year also proved to be the turning point in his life: the year in which he married Katherine, (deceased in 1978) daughter of Jacob and Philipina Riehl of Libau; the year in which he built the house in which they lived throughout their married life, and in which they raised their family.

Dan and Kay, as they were known in the community, had a family of four in the following order: Phyllis, Mrs. Bob Lang of Winnipeg; Marie, Mrs. Harry Claassen of Denver, Colorado; David, of Bissett, and Howard of Winnipeg. With the exception of Howard they have grown up families of their own. Howard never married.



Dan and Kay Petznick.

In 1970, Mr. Petznick sold his farm, and in 1980 he retired completely.

All alone now, he still keeps up the family home. And, as he is an active member of the Selkirk Baptist Church, he is kept as busy as he cares to be.

THE PEWARCHUK FAMILY HERITAGE

submitted by Annette Besant

Mr. Peter Pewarchuk and his wife Anna came to Canada from the Ukraine, in 1902. They were one of the first families to settle along the Red River, in St. Clements, not far from Lower Fort Garry.

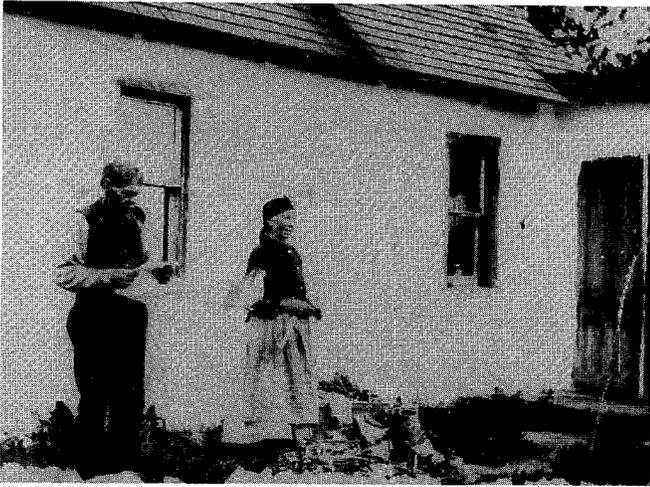
With them came their son Michael, and his beautiful and kind wife Mary. They brought their first born child, Rosie. She was two years old. Rosie was born in 1900. She died July 12, 1983.

Peter Pewarchuk and son Michael settled on a farm in Narol, Man. Lot 258. They farmed together for quite a few years.

Peter and Anna had a very small house of their own on the same yard as Michael and Mary. Grandfather Peter later got a job as caretaker of the first Donald School. When the school burned down he was replaced by someone else. Peter then went back to helping his son on the farm.

Granpa Peter loved to go to Church. He always helped the priest at the altar. Michael often led the singing of the hymn, he was the Cantor. This was the first Greek Orthodox Church, at one time called the Russian Orthodox Church.

Peter and son Michael were really tailors. They used to sew lovely clothes for the children. Before they came to Canada, Michael worked as a butler for some wealthy lord.



Mr. Peter Pewarchuk and his wife Anna standing beside their house.

Grandpa Pewarchuk was often called Shnarivech, because he came from a village called Shnarev. Grandma Anna, his wife was a midwife. She brought all her grandchildren into the world, including a lot of other children in Narol. She also seemed to have a cure for many illnesses. When Grandpa Peter died, Grandma went to live with Michael and Mary.

Michael and Mary had twelve children: Rosie, the one that was born in the old country, Fred who joined the American Army at the age of seventeen, left home and never returned. Nobody ever knew what happened to him. Then there was Peter, William, Steve, John, Leon (Alex), Annette, Anne, Stella, Alexina, and Mamie (Mae). Alexina died at the age of four, in the 1927 Diphtheria Epidemic.



Michael Pewarchuk and his wife Mary (nee Hnatuik).

The Pewarchuks were a very proud family. Some of Michael's children were very talented. William and Steve were natural artists. William and John were musicians. William played the violin and John played the banjo. They played in a band. All the rest of the family loved to sing, and of course Leon (Alex) would always yodel western songs, while doing daily farm chores.

The most memorable time was Ukrainian Christmas Eve. We would all go to Grandma and Grandpa's for supper, and enjoy all the lovely traditional food that Grandma prepared. After supper we would all sit around Grandma and Grandpa, drink cherry cider, and sing all those lovely Ukrainian Christmas carols. Then we would go to visit our other Grandparents, The Hnatuiks, who also lived in Narol. Next morning all the older children would walk to Church, no matter how cold the weather was.

When Mary, Michael's wife died she was only 53 years old. Michael was left with a lot of children. The youngest was only 3 1/2 years old. He managed to farm and look after them until they were older and some were married. He was very strict with his children, but they all respected him.

A few years later, Michael remarried. His second wife's name was also Mary. They had one more child, a girl named Sonya, so you see he always had a small child on his lap at mealtimes.

Michael had 21 grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren. He also had 4 grandsons from his second wife.

During World War II, he worked at the Cordite Plant in Transcona, as a caretaker. Michael was often called upon to tend to sick animals.

Peter and Anna Pewarchuk had three other children, besides Michael. Fred, who remained in the old Country, but visited Canada in 1914. He married a German girl. They had one daughter, but she died at an early age. Fred was the Chief of Police in Vienna, until he died of a heart attack during World War II.

Two daughters also came to Canada with their parents, Mary and Khimka. Mary was married to Julien Zalisko, and lived in Canada, in Oak Hammock. Khimka married Max Dubas Sr. and lived later years in East Selkirk.

Of Michael and Mary Pewarchuk's children: Rose married Thomas Fotuik. He came from the old Country. They had three children, Elsie, Mike, and Walter.

Peter married Cassie Yasevich, from Chicago. They had two children, Jeanette and Shirley.

William married Anne Rudicavich, from Beausejour. They have two children, Margie and William.

Steve was in the United States, during World War II. He married Ellen Moher, an Irish girl from Oklahoma. They had three children, David, Mickey and Victoria.

John married Olga, from Chicago. They had one son William.

Leon married Leona Gudz, from Narol. They had one son Leon.

Annette married Allan Besant, from St. Boniface. They had two children, Beverley and Fred.

Anne married Harry Berzuk, from Beausejour. They had three children, John, Sita and James.

Stella married Edward Wachal, from Narol. They had

two children, Barry and Marilyn.

Mae (Mamie) married William Shankie, from Scotland. They had two children, Danny and Marilyn.

Michael kept bees on his property nearly all his life and also did Caretaking duties at the new Donald S.D. in Narol after he retired from his work.

Peter Pewarchuk was born in 1851, and died in 1928. Michael Pewarchuk was born in 1876 and died in 1959, of injuries he received when he was struck by a car near his home. Mary Pewarchuk was born in 1878 and died in 1931.

ISAAC GOULD PICKETT

submitted by slh

Mr. Isaac Gould Pickett was born in about the year 1836, near St. John, New Brunswick and came west to Manitoba in 1874. He worked for some time on the "Boundary Line Survey" and then settled down to farm near East Selkirk in 1879. Mr. Pickett farmed Lot 87 right up to the time of his death on Feb. 17, 1920. He was 84 years old when he passed away. He had three sons: Edward, Charles, and Robert.

Mr. Pickett lies at rest at Mapleton.

ANTON AND IRENE PITLOWANY (PIONEERS OF EAST SELKIRK)

submitted by Rose Sherrin

Prior to their coming to Canada, Anton and Irene Pitlowany lived in Oleksenchi, Borstskiev province in Austria-Hungary. They were born and raised there, and were married in February 1902. On December 25 of that year their first son Peter was born; Max was born in May, 1904, and Bill in January, 1906.

In the spring of 1908 father left his little family and sailed to Canada to start a new life in the new world. He arrived in Halifax after a long sea voyage, and then travelled by train to Winnipeg. He worked as a labourer on the construction of the Canadian National Railway in Ontario and Manitoba.

Mother and our three brothers left the old country in 1912. They were all sea sick during the long voyage, and when they finally arrived in Winnipeg, they were happy it was the end of their journey. But the city did not appeal to them and they wanted to have a little piece of land they could call their own, so they came to East Selkirk where many of their countrymen had settled. They bought a three acre parcel of land "Lot 57", which bordered on the CN Railway on the east, a creek on the south and west side, and a dirt road on the north; the present church street. Here we four girls were born and raised, and here our parents lived out their lives. Father worked on the CN railway from spring till fall each year. Together with their sons they planted the garden, a large plot of potatoes, a variety of vegetables and about an acre of wheat. After the harvest, potatoes, carrots and beets were stored in the earthen basement of the house, and in the attic, onions, garlic, dried peas, and beans; a barrel of



Anton and Nettie Pitlowany with Rose and Nettie 1926.

sauerkraut and a barrel of dill pickles were major projects as far as preparing food for the long winter. Mother also made mustard pickles, green tomato pickles, and wild berry jams. A pig would be butchered and kept fresh in the sub-zero winter temperature. They had a pair of oxen, "Prince and Charlie", a few cows, pigs and chickens. They were self-sufficient in many ways. They had to buy such staples as sugar and salt, tea, flour, coal oil for the lamps and wood for the stoves.

Mother baked bread weekly, twelve large loaves baked in an outdoor oven. Buns would be baked at the same



Rose, Anne, Marion and Nettie Pitlowany near the swimming hole, 1920.