

## INSERT TO SOPKO "DEPRESSION YEARS"

Eva was born at East Selkirk in 1906. In March 1905, her parents came to Canada from Ukraine. They stayed at the East Selkirk Immigration Hall until they built their home on 40 acres of land in Walkleyburg, just north of Devils Creek. Her father, John, worked on the railroad (section maintenance). At age 15, (1921), Eva went to work for a farmer at High Bluff, Man. as a domestic and farmhand. Her mother, Kathryn, was in poor health so Eva returned home to help her. Her mother passed away in 1922 at the age of 46 years.

Eva began housekeeping for her father and 3 younger brothers, Steve, the youngest (age 4), John and Mike. She also did farm chores, milking cows, feeding poultry, gardening, etc. She also provided board and room for the teachers of nearby Brookside School, which helped supplement the family income. Some of these teachers became Eva's lifelong friends.

Steve lives in Wpg., retired from City of Wpg. Street Maintenance Supervisor. John lives in Selkirk, retired from the Manitoba Rolling Mills (Supervisor). Mike lives at Libau, owner and operator of Libau Service Station and gas bar. Eva had two sisters Mary and Katie. Mary passed away in 1972, the wife of Joe Zook, employee of Manitoba Rolling Mills for 51 years and 6 months. Joe now resides in Osoyoos, B.C. Katie lives at Red River Manor on Eaton Avenue, Selkirk.

### THE SOZANSKY FAMILY

*submitted by Natalie Sozansky*

Andrew Sozansky (1895-1955) was the oldest surviving son of Andrew and Anna (Tym) Sozansky of Starava, Austria - the western edge of the province of Galicia. In 1912, at the age of 17, he emigrated to Canada. The only other member of that family who had emigrated was Mary (Sozansky) Hasiuk who had come out the year before to join her husband John at Elma, Man. Andrew stayed with her and then went out to find work. He worked for a while on the construction of the waterline from Shoal Lake to Winnipeg. He also worked in a lumbercamp and on railroad construction around The Pas. Andrew was able to save money to buy five acres of land in East Selkirk, followed by the purchase of another five acres later on.

On February 15, 1920, Andrew married Mary, youngest daughter of Stefan and Magdalena Korba. Stefan Korba and one of his daughters, Annie, had emigrated to Canada in 1905. Annie found employment in Winnipeg while Stefan walked from Winnipeg to East Selkirk where he bought some land. He was joined by his wife Magdalena and the other children, Katherine, John, Mary and Michael in 1907.

After his marriage, Andrew was able to get work at the Manitoba Rolling Mills in West Selkirk, Manitoba. He stayed with this job for the rest of his working life. His family was well provided for by their large garden, their livestock, and the pay cheques from the mill. His children

enjoyed the freedom of the semi-rural life with a few chores to build character.

Andrew took a keen interest in his community of East Selkirk. He was one of the founding members of the Ukrainian National Home (a cultural society). During this time he attended classes to learn the English language and to enable himself to become a naturalized Canadian citizen. He served on the Happy Thought School Board for a number of years. He was also a trustee of St. Michael's Greek Orthodox Church in East Selkirk. Andrew belonged to the Steelworker's Union and became a member of the Twenty-Five Year Club.

In 1947 the Sozansky family moved to West Selkirk where they resided until Andrew's death in 1955. In 1956 his wife Mary moved to Winnipeg where she lived until her death in 1969.

The children born to Andrew and Mary were Natalie, a retired school principal now living in Winnipeg; Eric, a retired teacher now living in Winnipeg with his wife, Orma, and their four daughters; Anne, (now Mrs. George Sim), a former teacher now residing in Winnipeg with her husband, two sons and a daughter; and Val (1928-1982) who took a B.Sc. degree from the University of Manitoba and worked for DuPlate of Canada in Oshawa and later in Hawkesbury.

For several years, Kay Harluck, an orphan, lived with the Sozanskys. When she was old enough, she found work but continued to make their home hers until she married. She is now Mrs. Donald McLean and lives in Vancouver.

In 1929, the Sozanskys arranged to have Andrew's youngest sister Eva come to Canada. In 1933 she married Mike Libich. The Libiches farmed at Libau, Man. and raised five children. Andrew's older sister Mary Hasiuk and family left Elma in 1926 and settled in Beauvallon, Alta. The Hasiuks raised eleven children. Of the Sozanskys who remained in Starava, one brother and sister married and raised families, Another brother married but had no children. He was killed after World War II, possibly a victim of the Stalin purges.

By striking out on his own at the age of 17, Andrew escaped a repressive regime and was able to give all his children the opportunity of a university education in a free country. Andrew died at the age of 59 without knowing any of his grandchildren. His wife Mary was a loving grandmother to Peter, Catherine and Colin Sim, and Margaret, Deidre, Adrien and Norma Sozansky.

## ALEXANDER SPENCE

*submitted by slh*

Alexander Spence was born in 1853 and lived in St. Clements (Little Britain East) on Lot 107. When Alex went to Lac du Bonnet in 1900 to work for McArthur's Lumber, Calders moved onto the old Spence property lying on the east side of the Red River.

Alexander was married to Ann Elizabeth Gardiner, who was born in the year 1858.

Alex and Ann had several children, some of them being: John, Arthur, William, Warner, Clara, Nellie, and Elsie. All the children were born at Little Britain except for Elsie who was born in Lac du Bonnet, Man.

Nellie and Edith became nurses at the Selkirk Mental Hospital in about the year 1916.

William served overseas in the First World War and due to war injury had his leg amputated.

Ann Elizabeth Spence passed away in 1933 and Alexander died in 1942.

## META AND MARTIN SPREEN

*submitted by Maggie Linklater*

Meta and Martin Spreen, with their daughter, Adela, came to Canada in 1912, from Germany. They took up residence in High Bluff and Transcona. In 1915, they arrived in the Jack Fish Lake area, just east of Grand Marais, where they homesteaded. With a lot of hard work, determination, and the help of a team of oxen (later a team of horses), slowly the huge trees, some 48" across disappeared, to make way for land. In 1920, the shores of Lake Winnipeg were beginning to be a popular spot. That year the Spreens began market gardening, catering to the summer people, who holidayed mostly in tents. A few years later, they operated a store and restaurant, during the summer months. They gave up the latter venture, to devote their time to the land. Their market gardening flourished for over fifty years.

Both Meta and Martin were active in their area, helping to erect the first school, as some of the children



*Martin and Meta Spreen and friends.*



*Meta and Martin Spreen.*

had to walk 4 1/2 miles to attend classes. This school and others to follow, also served as a place of worship, as well as for social functions. Meta was a well known midwife, delivering as many as 30 babies. Many stories can be told of hardship and good times, this couple encountered over the years. Like the old time when the old Model T lights went out, Meta lifted her skirt and ran in front of the car, so Martin could see the white petticoat, and follow her home in the car. They retired in 1957, moving to Grand Marais, where they enjoyed their neighbors and friends. Martin especially loved curling, he was never sick when it was curling night. The Spreens had six children, two sons and four daughters, one son, Walter, is deceased. Martin Jr. and his wife Ida, reside in Grand Marais. Also their daughter Adela Hemminger. Another daughter, Helen Roch, and her husband, Fred, live close to Grand Marais. Daughter, Edna Singbeil, and husband, Egon, reside in Winnipeg. A daughter, Margaret, married Niel Skaronik, reside on the homeplace. Beside their children they had, Martin and Meta have 19 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren, and 15 great, great-grandchildren. God blessed them with a long and full life. Meta and Martin Spreen are now deceased, Martin passed away in 1968, at the age of 83, Meta passed away in 1981, at the age of 94.

## MICHEAL STARODUB FAMILY

*submitted by Edward Starodub*

Micheal Starodub was born in the village of Liczkowe, town of Husiatyn, Austria. In 1907, he sailed for a new life and future for himself. He landed in the port of Montreal, Canada. From then on, he knew things were going to be more brighter and more secure. As he landed in Montreal, he worked on the railroad for awhile, until such time he thought he was going to make another



*First Starodub home south of East Selkirk.*



*Front Row, Left to Right: Joe, Kay, Father Michael, Mother Stephanie, Peter. Back Row: Philip, Helen, Edward, Rosalind, Walter, Francis, Frank.*

move. From Montreal, he travelled to Sudbury mines. Again, Micheal moved, this time further west to Winnipeg where he lived a short time with relatives. He moved two more times, working in Alberta for a short time and then moved back to Winnipeg.

In 1911, Micheal met and married a wonderful girl in Winnipeg. Her name was Mary Badiuk. She was born on August 26, 1893 in the village of Horodnica, town of Galecia, also in Austria. After living in Winnipeg for a while, both of them decided to buy a farm with the little money that they had saved from working in Winnipeg. Before marriage, Mary Badiuk worked for the North West Laundry. They moved to the outskirts of East Selkirk, where they cleared the bush to begin their farm.

In 1913, Micheal's father and mother, Frank and Kathryn and Micheal's brother Peter, moved to Canada. Peter still lives on a farm in East Selkirk.

Micheal and Mary worked hard and cleared more land. They lived in a little house built of logs and plaster. It was only a two-room house until Micheal decided to build his own house, only a few hundred yards away from where he first lived.

As things began to look brighter, Micheal took a job at the Manitoba Rolling Mills where he worked for a few years. After quitting, he took more to farming and eventually made farming his livelihood. It was very tough farming. Most of the farm work was done by horses since no one had tractors, because no one could afford them. Also such things as grasshoppers, hail and drought destroyed the crops of grain. These things brought Micheal and Mary to a point of leaving the farm, but they had hope and stayed on with hard work and faith. During this time, things then began to show some promise. They began a family. It was difficult to provide them with a good education while carrying on farming. They somehow managed to make a good living with their children and brought them all up to the best of their ability.

They were blessed with 11 children; six boys and five girls. Kaye was the first born, born in 1913. She is presently unmarried and lives in Toronto. Peter, the second oldest, was born in 1915. He presently lives in Gonor, Man. He married Pauline Sajeski and they had 5

children. Joanne who lives in Toronto and teaches music at the Toronto Conservatory; Peter, a former RCMP officer who now teaches; Mary Anne who lives in Winnipeg; Mark who attends University and Gregory who lives at home.

The second son born to Micheal and Mary was Joseph who was born in 1917. He married Jean Blacher of Gonor and had four children. Terry, who is married and lives in Selkirk; Joey, who is a teacher in Winnipeg; and Cindy and Billy who live at home. In 1973, Joseph passed away.

The second daughter born was Stephanie, who was born in 1919. She married Larry Pulda and lives in Toronto. She has one son, Grant, a chartered accountant, who also lives in Toronto with his family.

Francis was born in 1920. She married Metro Gorgichuk and together they live with their daughter Kathy in Toronto.

Walter was born in 1922 and married Adeline Dupuis. They have 6 children, Linda, Walter, Susan, Tim, Micheal and Lori. They live in East Selkirk.

Edward, a twin, was born on Christmas Eve, 1924. He married Mary Tymo in 1949. They have 2 boys, Robert and Ronald, both who attend the University of Manitoba. Edward and his family live in East Selkirk.

Rosiland, Edward's twin, married Louis Kozlevcar. Louis passed away in 1982. Rosiland lives in Toronto.

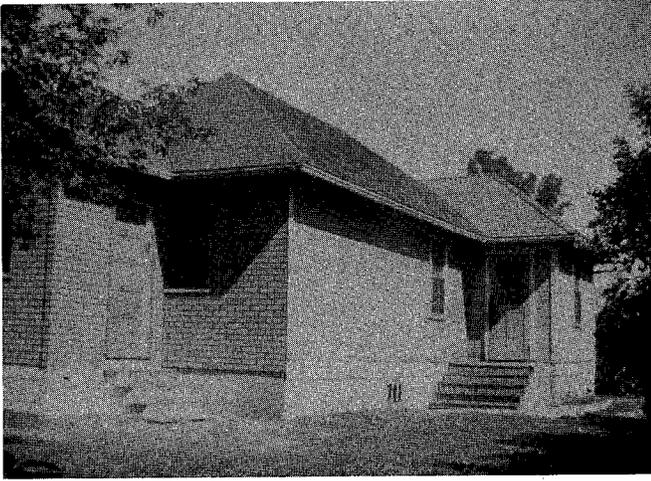
Frank, born in 1928, married Rose Church. They have 6 children Gary, Karen, Paul, Allan, Elinor and Jacqueline. Frank lives in East Selkirk.

Philip, also a twin, was born in 1934. He married Helen Mokriski, and they have 2 children, Philip and Joanne. Philip and his family live in East Selkirk.

Helen, Philip's twin, married Nick Chawrun, they have four children, Barbara (deceased in 1980), Kelly, Margaret and Elizabeth and they all live in Edmonton, Alta.

Mr. Micheal Starodub had 2 sisters, Mrs. Anne Solnik (deceased) of Toronto, and Mrs. Frances Hendryks of Selkirk. Mary Starodub has 3 brothers, all in Poland and one sister (deceased) from Oshawa, Ontario.

Mr. Micheal Starodub was a lifetime member of the St.



*1926 Starodub home was built.*

Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church and served on the Church committee for 23 years. On May 29, 1961, Micheal and Mary celebrated their 50th Anniversary. On December 22, 1964, Micheal passed away and is buried in East Selkirk Cemetery. On June 26, 1980, Mary passed away and is buried along side her husband. God Grant Them Peace.

## **MICHAEL STARODUB FAMILY**

*submitted by Jean Drobot*

Michael Starodub was born on November 12, 1877 in Liczkowe, Husiatzn, Poland. He immigrated to Canada in the spring of 1902 at the age of 24, with his parents John and Ursula Stardom. Also coming to Canada were his sister Katherine, her husband Mike and their infant son Mike, his sister Mary and his younger brother John.

They made their first home in Winnipeg, renting a large home where they all lived together. The men got jobs working for the city, at many different things, such as digging sewers in the summer and working on the street car tracks in the winter. With the little money they were able to save, they purchased three lots on Magnus Avenue and built small houses on them.

However, Grandpa was not happy living in the city, and started to look for a place in the country, that is when he discovered the place in East Selkirk. In the spring of 1906 he sold his place in Winnipeg and purchased the land in East Selkirk, which were lots 48 and 49 containing 10 acres from Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Doidge who operated a pottery plant prior to that time.

In October, 1906 Michael made a trip back to Poland to bring back his future bride, Annie Dernowski, who was born in Trybuchowcu, Tornopol, Poland on April 2, 1886. They made the trip back to East Selkirk and were married on November 6, 1906, in a little Catholic Church. They made their home with Michael's parents till their demise. Michael and Annie worked very hard to clear some of the land for gardening, with the help of oxen. They converted part of the pottery building for a barn where they kept their farm animals.



*Michael and Annie Starodub 50th wedding anniversary.*

Michael and Annie were blessed with four children, John was born on July 8, 1908. Rosalie was born on December 8, 1912, who sadly passed away at the age of 6 months. Jean was born on July 19, 1917 and Bert was born on July 24, 1919.

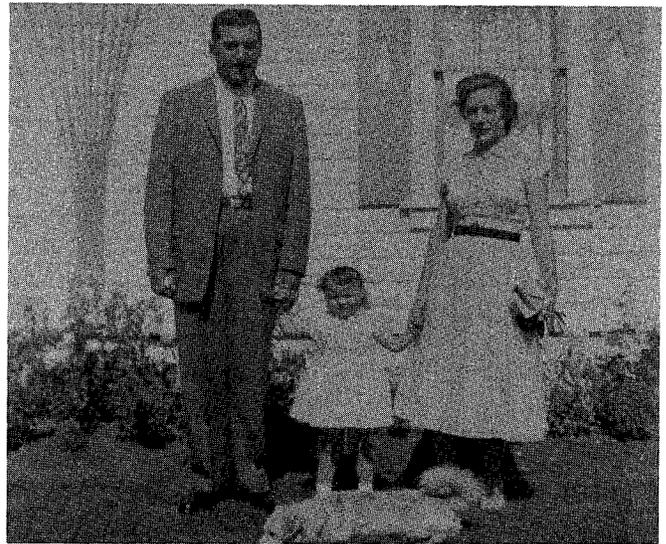
Michael had various jobs prior to 1919, that is when he got his first steady job with the Manitoba Steel Foundaries, where he worked as a core maker for 34 years, till he retired at the age of 75 years. Michael and Annie were faithful members along with the children of the St. Stanislaus Catholic Church throughout their lives from its beginning, taking active part of the building of the present building. Annie took great pride in decorating the alter with flowers which she usually made by hand, with the help of her friend, Mrs. Annie Ogonowski. They also did the sewing of the linens for the Alter, for the priest and the alter boys.

In the thirties Annie had teachers board at their home. The first year Miss Range boarded with them, the second year there were four teachers, Miss Mary Romaniuk, principal of the Happy Thought School at that time, Miss Creighton, Miss Kenny and Miss Mary Konderchuk. The following year just two teachers stayed on, Miss Romaniuk and Miss Konderchuk.

In 1938 Annie became a foster mother for four Boreski boys, Bill at the age of 10, Nick at the age of 7, Harold at the age of 6 and Fred at the age of 5. They attended Happy Thought School. Bill and Harold completed their high school. They all lived with their foster parents till of age when they got jobs. Now all are married with families of their own. In 1950 Annie became a foster mother again, this time for a boy 4 years old named Gordon



*John and Mary, daughters Joan Tilley and Linda, grandsons Bill, Doug and Bob.*



*Bill, Debbie and Jean Drobot.*

Sayer. He attended Happy Thought School till Grade 9. He left school and found a job with the Manitoba Steel Foundaries. He married Thelma Pruden from Selkirk, they have three daughters.

John the eldest son of Michael and Annie attended Happy Thought School, after completing high school, he got a job as a water boy at the Manitoba Steel Foundaries, later he got a job as a core maker alongside his father. On August 27, 1932 he married Mary Hyshka. They made their first home in Winnipeg, then in Selkirk. They were blessed with their first born, a daughter Joan on March 27, 1938, who is now married to Al Tilley living in Toronto with a family of their own. In 1941, John and Mary moved to Toronto and have lived there since. They were again blessed with another daughter Linda, on December 29, 1951, who is at the present time employed with the United Nations in Sierra Leone, West Africa. John has passed away on March 8, 1981 at the age of 72.

Bert the younger son also attended Happy Thought School. After leaving school he got his first steady job at the Manitoba Steel Foundaries. In August, 1941 he was called up to the armed forces, which he joined active, he left for overseas shortly after and was on active duty with the Lake Superior Regiment till his untimely death, when he was killed in Calcar, Germany, Feb. 26, 1945. He now lies with his comrades in Grosbek, Netherlands Canadian war cemetery.

Jean also attended Happy Thought School after completing Grade 9. She stayed home and helped out with housekeeping and gardening and with the farm chores. In 1943 she got a job as a waitress at Calis's Tea Room and worked there until her marriage. On November 10, 1945 she married William Drobot, son of John and Nettie of Kirkness, Man. who had just been discharged from the armed forces, in which he served 4 years. After his discharge from the army, he got his previous job back with the Manitoba Rolling Mills. William and Jean made their home with Jean's parents. On May 15, 1955 William and Jean were blessed with a

daughter Deborah Ann. Debbie attended Happy Thought School. After completing high school, Debbie took a book keeping course at Red River Community College. In 1976 Debbie got on staff with the R.M. of St. Clements as a secretary and is still employed with them. On May 6, 1978 Debbie married Randy Fiebelkorn, son of Christine and the late William Fiebelkorn of Selkirk. They were married in the same church as Debbie's parents, St. Stanislaus Church in East Selkirk. Debbie and Randy reside in East Selkirk and Randy is employed as an engineering associate with Manitoba Telephone System.

In 1949, Annie Starodub along with her daughter Jean joined the Catholic Women's League when it was installed with the St. Stanislaus parish. Annie was an active and faithful member. Jean now is a 35 year member. In 1960 Bill and Jean built a new home, Jean's parents lived with them, till God took them away to their final resting place. Annie passed away on July 19, 1963 at the age of 77, Michael passed away on April 16, 1968 at the age of 91, after a brief illness.

On August 1, 1982 Bill retired from the Manitoba Rolling Mills with 40 years and 9 months service with the company and is now living his retirement to the fullest.

As of now, in 1983 four generations have lived on this land which was acquired in 1906. Grandfather John Stardom, his son Michael Starodub, Michael's daughter Jean Drobot and Jean's daughter Debbie Fiebelkorn.

## SAGA OF PETER F. STARODUB FAMILY

*submitted by Peter Starodub*

Peter F. Starodub's roots go back to Austria which was ruled, at that time, under the Austrian Empire, Frank Josef. Born in 1897, in Liczkowce, County of Husiatyn, to Francis and Catherine Starodub, Peter was the youngest of four children. The others were brother Michael, and sisters Frances (Mrs. Hendricks) and Ann (Mrs. Solnik). The Starodub family was an enterprising one operating a Co-operative in Austria. However, due to the political instability and the war rumors, the entire family decided to emigrate to Canada.

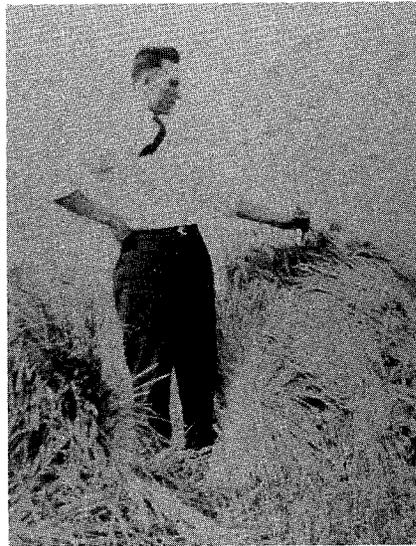
The eldest son, Michael, preceded the family's move to Canada by six years in 1907. On March 4, 1913, Francis, Catherine and the rest of the children left Austria and arrived in Winnipeg on April 18, 1913.

Francis acted as a "travel agent" and was in charge of travel arrangements to Winnipeg for 27 emigrants. For this he was compensated with a free passage.

Shortly after the family arrival, a visit was made to Uncle John Starodub (brother of Francis) at East Selkirk which is now Mr. and Mrs. Bill Drobot's residence. It was through John Starodub that the family made an arrangement to purchase 210 acres of land in the Rural Municipality of St. Clements. Only 11 acres was cultivated and the rest of the land was heavily wooded.



*Peter Starodub and his wife Mary (Rubta) on their wedding day in 1927.*



*P.F. Starodub inspecting the wheat (Durham) 64 bushels to the acre.*

The family unit built a log house on this property and tilled the land as a unit. By 1920 most of this property was cultivated and in the early years produced an average yield of 55 bushels of wheat per acre.

The family farm income was supplemented through part-time employment at the Manitoba Rolling Mills, West Selkirk. In 1916 the hourly wage 17 1/2 cents an hour working 10 hours a day and no overtime pay. Sorting iron steel earned 4 cents a box on piecework basis.

A world-wide flu epidemic hit the Selkirk area in 1918 and reached its peak in 1919. It was so severe that the Manitoba Rolling Mills was shut down for about a year. In addition, no one attended the funerals except the immediate families. The period 1918-1919 was the most depressing point in Peter Starodub's memory, due to the flu epidemic, unemployment and finally the army draft.

During 1919 a tractor was purchased to break the family-purchased land and the surrounding neighborhood. Prior to this the land was cleared by hand.

On June 20, 1922 Peter's father died of cancer. In the same month, looking at what appeared to be a bumper crop, a hail storm with winds up to 84 mph destroyed the entire crop. It happened on a Friday afternoon and was known as the "Black Friday" to the Starodub family.

Restless, Peter was not to be denied. On an invitation from a friend in Kirkland Lake, Ont., he got a job in a gold mine. Unfortunately, this job lasted only 18 days because some drunkard fatally injured a fellow employee so the Company fired the entire lot. Peter returned to the family unit in East Selkirk.

Peter was not afraid to try anything as long as he was kept busy and he was only too willing to help other people out. In the fall he would operate a thresher and help out with harvest on the neighboring Van Horne Farms (Searle Farms) at the request of the foreman Bill Ranger.

In 1924, a crop of Durum wheat yielded 64 bushels per acre and was one of the finest crops produced off this land. For the next four years Peter was also working in the Manitoba Rolling Mills.



*Peter and Mary Starodub on their 50th wedding anniversary with their sons and daughters in 1977.*

In 1927, Peter met and married young Mary Rubta, daughter of Metro Rubta and Irene Pylyc. Mary had been born in Austria in the year 1906 and had very bravely journeyed to Canada on her own in 1925 to stay at the home of her cousin in Winnipeg, Katherine Gabnat. Mary was the second youngest of seven daughters born to Metro and Irene Rubta. Her sisters were: Pearl, Ksenia, Katherine, Annie, Barbara, and Nellie.

In 1935, Peter finally landed a permanent job at a dynamite plant, Canadian Industries Limited (C.I.L.) at which he earned a starting wage of 48 cents an hour for an 8 hour day. He was employed here for 8 years retiring after a major back injury.

Peter was elected a Councillor of Ward 3 in Rural Municipality of St. Clements in 1939. He was in office for three terms. During his term the Reeves were Mssrs. Sharpe and Burnett and they were instrumental in bringing in rural hydro and upgrading the roads. As a member of council he recalls that each Councillor had to live within his budget because over expenditures could not be financed with a bank loan. Peter was later active in bringing in the rural telephone lines by signing up the required number of the hydro customers to string up the lines over the sparsely populated neighborhood.

Peter was also active in the various Provincial and Federal political parties by actively campaigning for a number of aspiring MLA's and MP's including the incumbent MLA of 1983.

While Peter was busy in community affairs, his wife, Mary, maintained the household and looked after the farm. Life on the farm became much easier when it was electrified and the children were old enough to work the farm.

The Starodub family was very active in building and extending the St. Stanislaus Church in East Selkirk.

In 1942, Peter built his present residence with the help of the neighbors and a carpenter-in-charge, Tony Bar-chuk.

Peter and Mary have a family of three sons and a daughter and thirteen grandchildren, and as of March

1983, one Great Grandchild. The oldest son, Michael, married Mary Wall of London, Ont. They have five children and reside in Burlington, Ont. Son number two, Carl, married Mary Mandryk of Shornecliffe, Man. They have three children, and reside in Winnipeg, Man. The third son, Frank, married Jennie Neskar of Selkirk, Man. They have three children and reside in Selkirk, Man. The only daughter, Pat, married Gary Hamilton of Win-nipeg, Man. They have two children and reside in Winnipeg, Man.

Peter and Mary have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1977. They still reside on the land they helped to develop during their lifetime.

Peter and Mary have no regrets leaving the "Old Country" and claim that they are living in the best country in the whole world.

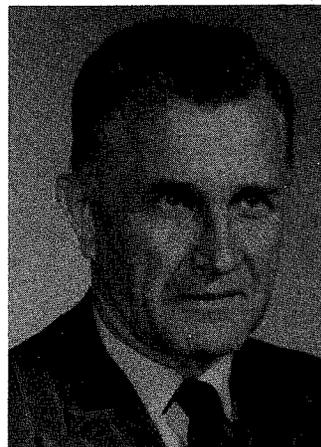
## STASIUK FAMILY

*submitted by Ollie Stasiuk*

Emil Joseph was the second child of three children born to Peter and Anne Stasiuk (nee Happychuk) of Caliento, Man. on June 3, 1940 in the Vita District Hospital. In this predominantly Ukrainian farming community, his parents were storekeepers for 34 years, the latter 12 of which Peter was also a C.N.R. employee.

Emil attended Strand and Caliento Schools, after which he was employed by the Department of Forestry in Falcon Lake for 3 years. After his move to Winnipeg, he worked for Versatile Manufacturing Co. for 2 years and hence, became an employee of I.G.A. in October of 1964 as a Produce Manager. After 14 years with the same company, Emil had managed the I.G.A. store in Selkirk for 2 years and is presently the Assistant-Manager there.

On May 14, 1966, marriage vows were exchanged with the former Ollie Kulikowski of East Selkirk in the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, East Selkirk, where they have continued to be members to date. Ollie (Olive) Theresa was the third child born to Steve and Fanny Kulikowski on October 3, 1944 in the Selkirk District Hospital. She attended Happy Thought School and Selkirk Collegiate Institute, after which she completed her Secretarial course at M.I.T. (the present Red



*Dan Stasiuk*



*Elsie Stasiuk*

River Community College). She was employed with Interprovincial Co-operatives Ltd. as a Stenographer for 5 years, during which time they resided in Winnipeg. Upon Emil's being transferred to Selkirk, they purchased a home there and Ollie was then a Manitoba Govt. employee (Clerk-steno) with the Department of Highways for 2 years, after which they were blessed with the birth of their first son, David Jason, in May of 1970. Soon after, Ollie worked part-time with the L.S.S.D. (St. Andrews School) as a Clerk-Typist for a year, when they again became proud parents, this time of twins, Danny Scott and Debbie Susan in May of 1971. In 1979-80, Ollie's employment was again with the L.S.S.D. (Selkirk Junior High) as a Clerk-receptionist for a year. She then became a Teacher's Aide (Resource) at Happy Thought School, where she is presently employed.

The Stasiuk family have been residing at 1095 St. Peter's Road in East Selkirk for the past 12 years and their three children are students at Happy Thought School.

## WILLIAM STEFANIUK

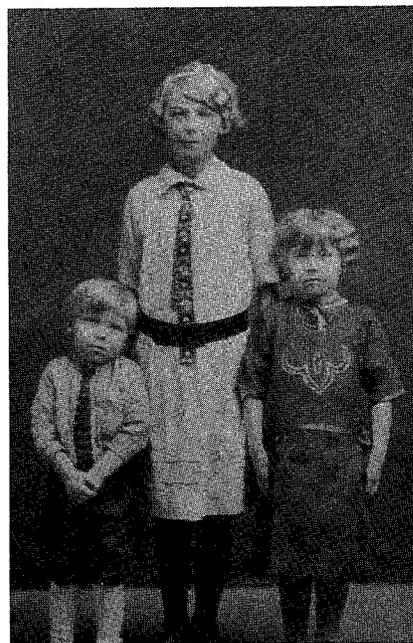
*submitted by Mary Rokosh*

John Hornetzki arrived in Canada in the spring of 1904 from Hlinitzka Wolja, a small village near Krakowce, Austria, with his wife Anna, two sons Nickolas and Metro, and three daughters, Mary, Anastasia and Jennie.

The voyage from the "old country" was very uncomfortable and very overcrowded. They brought with them only the bare necessities. At this time, Anastasia was 11 years old. Upon arrival they lived in East Selkirk for several months with a brother Pete Hornetzki who had arrived a year earlier. They then moved to Poplar Park and began to clear some land to build their home. Education was limited, and only the younger ones went to school occasionally. For supplies, they came to Selkirk on foot and later by oxen. In her teens, Anastasia worked in Selkirk doing housework.



*Anastasia and William Stefaniuk.*



*John Stefaniuk, Anne (snowball) Stefaniuk and Katherine Stefaniuk.*

John Hornetzki, along with a few other families in the area, built St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Poplar Park in 1926.

William Stefaniuk arrived in Canada on June 2, 1907 with his mother, brothers Fred, Nick and Metro, and sister Nettie. His stepfather, Anton Kordeyczuk had settled in East Selkirk in 1903. During William's single years, he worked for various farmers, stooking and threshing.

In February 1913, he married Anastasia Hornetzki. The marriage took place in the home of his parents as there were no churches in the area at that time. They began to build their home (2 acres, part of lot 8) in the spring. In the meantime, they lived with friends.

During his early married years, he worked for the CP Railroad in the summer, and later for Winnipeg Electric in Selkirk during the summer months. His wife worked



*Long coat on William Stefaniuk and Dmytro Stefaniuk.*



*Left: Anastasia Stefaniuk. Right: Jennie Kunitz, sisters.*



*Back Row, Left to Right: Metro, and Anastasia Stefaniuk and Wasyl Stefaniuk. Middle Row: Olga Stefaniuk, Anne Kordalchuk, Anne, John and Eleanor Rokosh. Front Row: Florence and Stella Stefaniuk.*

most of the summers doing farm work at Van Horne Farms which were later called Searle Farms.

In 1930, he purchased some 12 acres (St. Peter's Road) from a Winnipeg firm. After paying several instalments, he was informed tht he had paid the wrong party. This was very disappointing and heartbreaking. Hardships followed.

During the depression, they managed to survive by growing vegetables and raising pigs and chickens.

After a lengthy illness, he died in August 1942, leaving his wife greatly in debt. She paid off the debts by working for farmers in the area during the summer months.

He was a member of the Ukrainian Reading Society and St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church.

They had three children, Anne, Kathryn and John.

The eldest daughter Anne married John Rokosh Jr. in 1935 and live in Selkirk. They have four children -- Eleanore, Betty, Douglas and Denise. Eleanore married Ken Cybulsky, and they have three daughters, Karla, Kendra and Koren. They live in Selkirk. Betty married Maurice Sarchuk. They live in Selkirk and have three daughters, Lisa, Marci and Sandra. Douglas married



*Anastasia Stefaniuk's 80th birthday.*

Mary Skuba and they live in East Selkirk. Denise married Keith Fawcett, and they live in Neepawa, Man.

Kathryn lives in Selkirk, and married Frank McGee in 1945. Frank died September 19. They have three children, Dawn, William and Dale. Dawn married Bill Henderson, and they live in The Pas, Man. with their two children Erin and Darcy. William married Donna Wazny and they have a daughter, Amanda. They reside in East Selkirk. Dale married Diane Sabade and they have two children, Desirae and Dustin. They live in Russell, Man.

John lives in Selkirk, and married Betty McBride in 1943. Betty died, May 1968. They have five children, Robert, Ronald, Andrea, Christopher and Elizabeth. Robert married Marguerite Christenson and they have three children, Robbie, Jeffrey and Angela. They live in St. Adolphe, Man. Ronald married Cathy McGinnis and they live in Selkirk. Andrea married Lorne Jacobson. They have one daughter, Sheri-Ann, and live in East Selkirk. Christopher and Elizabeth live at home.

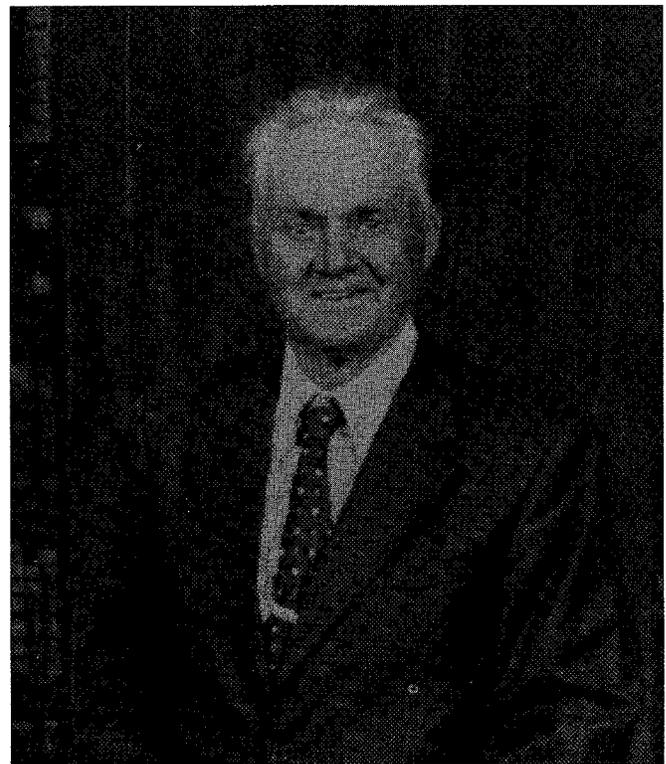
## THE STEINKE FAMILY

*submitted by N. Froehlich*

Albert Steinke was born in Dec. 1905, the son of Herman and Millie Steinke. Herman was born in 1869 and died in 1943. Millie was born in 1879 and died in 1952.

They farmed in Thalberg on SE 25-16-7E. They also helped to build the Thalberg Trinity church.

Albert farmed his parents farm and later bought Karl Steinke's farm across the highway. Albert had three



*Albert Steinke*

## STERNAT FAMILY HISTORY

*submitted by the Sternat Family*

Carrie is the oldest daughter of John and Nellie Chorney. Carrie was born in the Brokenhead (Ratray area) on April 12, 1913 and lived there for four years. Carrie moved with her parents to the Walkleyburg area and attended Lilydale School. Carrie worked with her brothers on the farm and helped her mother in the house. Carrie worked in Winnipeg for two months.

Joe is the oldest son of Jacob and Elizabeth Sternat. Jacob and Elizabeth were born in Austria which was largely settled by Czecks. They left Austria in 1899 to seek their fortune in Canada. They arrived in New York and from there took a train to Manitoba, their destination, Winnipeg. They learned of some Czeck families who settled in Ladywood so they took a train for Beausejour. The Sternat's settled on a farm in Ladywood. They had a large family, three boys and four girls. Joe was born on the family farm in Ladywood on May 27, 1904. Joe worked on the family farm as a young man and later rented a farm in Highland Glen where he met Carrie. Joe and Carrie were married on July 6, 1935. In 1936 they rented a farm in Highland Glen and in 1937 bought a farm close by, where together they raised cattle, hogs, chickens, mixed grain and some potatoes for 39 years.

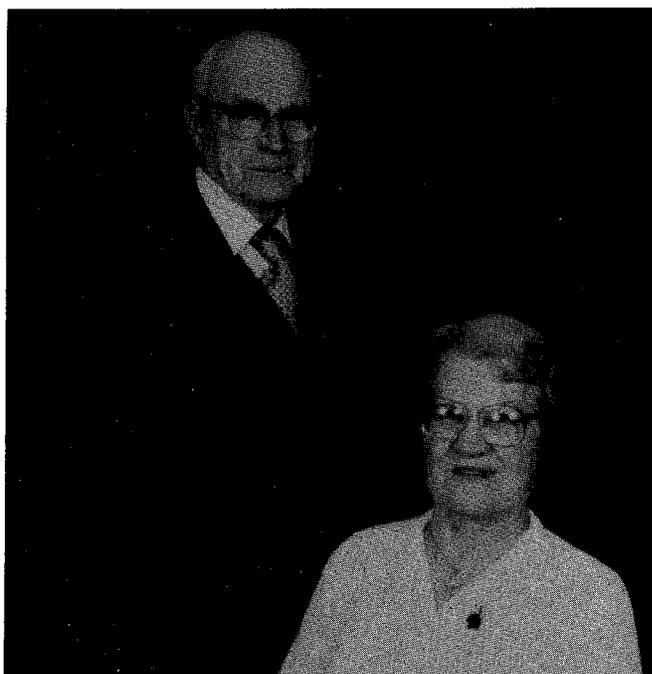


*Tillie, Dorothy and  
Kenny Steinke at Gull  
Lake.*



*Fred and  
Tillie  
Steinke*

brothers and two sisters. Henry married Nancy Kern. Henry passed away in 1983. Charles was born in 1909 and died in 1965. Fred was born on Oct. 21, 1918 and died on Oct. 3, 1952. Fred married Tillie Block on April 30, 1945, and they have two children. Dorothy was born on July 13, 1947, Kenneth was born on Jan. 22, 1953. Albert passed away in May of 1983.



*1982 Joe and Carrie Sternat.*

In 1974, they sold the farm to their son, James and moved to Selkirk. They bought a house on Sutherland Ave. and are enjoying their retirement. Carrie does volunteer work for meals on wheels. Joe is still a farmer at heart. Even though his land has been sold he loves going out there looking for odd jobs and comes home tired but happy. Joe and Carrie belong to the Notre