



Back Row, Left to Right: Gary and Rob. Front Row: Jody, Betsy Ann, James and Tim Sternat.

Dame Catholic Church and are members of the Gorden Howard Senior Citizens Club.

Joe and Carrie have two sons, James and Raymond. Raymond, their youngest son was born on Feb. 11, 1942 in Selkirk. He attended Highland Glen School and the Selkirk Collegiate Institute. On September 9, 1967 he married Pauline only daughter of Louis and Nellie Kisiloski of Tyndall. Raymond and Pauline have a son Jason, born September 4, 1975. They live in Tyndall and own and operate Ray's Farm and Garden Supplies in Oakbank.

James is the oldest son, born at the family farm in Ladywood on September 19, 1937. James attended Highland Glen School and took a diesel Mechanics course. James worked in Winnipeg for seven years. On May 19, 1962 he married Betsy Ann, second daughter of Jack and Dorothea Shead of Selkirk. Betsy Ann was born at home on March 19, 1942. Betsy Ann attended school in Selkirk and took a secretarial course at Angus School of Commerce in Winnipeg. Betsy Ann worked in Winnipeg for four years. James and Betsy Ann lived in Winnipeg for a short time then moved to the family farm where we lived and travelled to work in Winnipeg.

In 1966, James and Betsy Ann bought a parcel of land adjoining the home farm and rented the home place and began to farm. Chipping potatoes was our main crop for 9 years along with some mixed grain. Then in 1974 we bought the family farm and rented more land. Together with our sons, we grow Timothy, Canary seed, Canola flax and cereals.

James and Betsy Ann have four children. Robert is the oldest, he was born in Winnipeg on January 28, 1964. He attended Happy Thought School for grades one through nine and is completing grade twelve at the Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive High School in Selkirk. Rob is active in sports, especially hockey which he has played since he was seven years old. Rob is playing hockey for the Manitoba Hydro in Beausejour this year.

Gary is our second son, he was born in Winnipeg on

August 6, 1966. He attended Happy Thought School for grades one through nine and is presently completing grade eleven at the Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive High School in Selkirk. Gary is also active in sports and has played since he was eight. This year Gary is playing tier 3 hockey in Selkirk.

Timothy is our third son, he was born in Winnipeg on May 20, 1970. He is a grade seven student at Happy Thought School. Tim also enjoys sports.

Jody is our only daughter, she was born on March 12, 1976 in Winnipeg. She is a grade one student at Happy Thought School. She enjoys everything the boys do. This winter she is taking figure skating.

James is very active in hockey. He coached in East Selkirk for seven years. In 1978 he was given an award for "Coach of the Year", and also most valuable member of the E.S.R.A. award. He is presently playing hockey with the Old-Timers in East Selkirk.

James and Betsy Ann are active members of the East Selkirk Recreation Association. James is on the Board of Directors and the social committee, Betsy Ann is on the canteen committee. James and Betsy Ann are directors of the St. Andrews, St. Clements Agricultural Society (triple S) for a number of years. The Sternat's belong to the St. Michaels Church in Cooks Creek. James is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM AND INGIBJORG (EMMA) STEVENS

submitted by Frieda Stevens

About 1937, Capt. William Stevens and his son Robert were fishing at Stony point on Lake Winnipeg. It was the fall of the year and the thin ice they were fishing on, broke away and they floated to what is now known as Sun Set Beach. Capt. Stevens had observed the area while sailing on the lake and had made a mental note. Now that he had placed his feet on this lovely beach he made his



Captain Bill Stevens and his wife Emma.

decision. He went to the Municipal office in East Selkirk and purchased the land which had one mile of lake frontage.

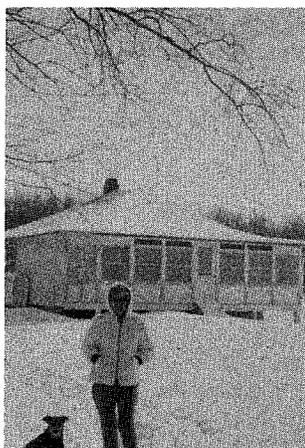
The first dwelling, a small log cabin, soon became inadequate and a larger log cottage house was built, in another location close to the lake. This second log dwelling was 'home' to Capt. and Ingibjorg (Emma) his wife, for thirty-two years. It was a lovely place to vacation for all members of the family and friends for many years. The door was always open and the coffee always ready for all visitors. Emma and Bill spent 32 of their happiest years in this home.

The inspiration for the name Sun Set Beach came from the new magnificent view from the livingroom window each evening. Capt. Wlm. had cleared an opening in the bushes and in the evening one could see the sun setting. All who saw this view will always remember it.

The family spent many summer evenings sitting on the rocks along the beach as the sun was setting. The children especially enjoyed this time, as it usually was marshmallow and wiener roast time, around small fires on the beach.



Captain Bill and Emma Stevens beside their log cottages.



Freida Stevens and "Dusty" by cottage newly refinished on outside, burnt down in Nov. 1974.

In 1956, son Harold procured the services of a surveyor, who sub-divided part of the lake-front and adjoining land into sixty-one lots. Harold and his wife Frieda spent a very busy summer with the activities of the sub-division and with the sale of the lots.

Both Capt. Wlm. and Ingibjorg were having health problems and in April 1968, one year after they celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary, the Captain suffered a fatal heart attack, he was 75 years old. Mrs. Stevens went to live with her daughter Margaret, for a short time and then went to the Betel Home in Selkirk, for the last eleven years of her life. She passed away peacefully in Sept. 1979.

In 1974, the cottage home had burned when a fire resulted from an electrical defect.

Harold had been speaking with Mr. John McFerran for several years regarding the sale of the land and in 1982, the sale was finalized.

A member of the family, Capt. Clifford Stevens of Gimli, who spent some time with his family vacationing on the beach in recent years became interested in naming the small island, about a mile off-shore. With his knowledge of the lake, he was able to designate the location. Harold's wife Frieda began corresponding with Energy, Mines and Resources, Canada, in Ottawa, and as a result, on July 24, 1978, the island is known as Stevens Island in memory of Capt. Wlm. Stevens.

The earliest available documentation of the late Capt. Wlm. Stevens service on Lake Wpg., is dated May 1, 1908, at the age of 15 he was Wheelman on the "Premier", a passenger and freight boat on the lake. The following two years he was mate on the "Highlander." He served in the same capacity on the "Minerva", and the "Fisherman", and as a wheelman on the "Mikado". Capt. Wlm's earliest certificates were signed by his father Capt. John Stevens, who also sailed on Lake Wpg. Capt. Wlm. served as mate on the Awisk in 1911, and as Captain in 1916. In 1914, he served as Captain on "Tug Friday". Some of the boats he sailed on as well as the aforementioned were as follows: The "Grand Rapids", the "Garry", the "Idell", "Bradbury", "S.S. Vaughan", and the "J.H. Montgomery".

In 1924, he was granted his Masters Certificate for passenger Steamers, in Inland Waters, of this he was very proud.

Some of his duties were very interesting, for example, his boat was used for officials who paid "Treaty" money to the natives who lived on the shores of Lake Winnipeg. In the 1930's Capt. Wlm. took passengers and supplies to the San Antonio Mines, and brought out gold, one brick alone being worth \$76,000.

After living quietly for about fifteen years at Sun Set Beach, Capt. Wlm. returned to the lake for just one more season, the summer of 1956. He sailed in his old boat, the "Granite Rock", on which he had served for many years.

Capt. Wlm. Stevens was known "as one of the ablest ship Masters in the shipping service on Lake Winnipeg." His first service was in the vicinity of 1909 and his last service was in 1956.

SAMUEL AND KATHERINE STRYCHARZ

submitted by Bertha Neskar

Samuel and Katherine Strycharz Sr. came from Yaroslaw, Poland in 1907. They settled in Whitemouth, Man. In the early 1920's, they came to East Selkirk and built a small house on Church Road, near the foot bridge. They had six children, all born in Poland, Mary, Samuel Jr., Eva, Rose, Frank, and Kay.

Grandfather, Samuel Sr. died in Nov. of 1937. Grandmother, Katherine went to live with her daughter Rose in Tolstoi, Man. Katherine died in 1948. My Father, Samuel Jr. married my Mother Tacyanna Sliwa in Winnipeg, in Sept. of 1914. My Mother came from Krakow, Poland. They continued to live in Winnipeg. Father was employed by the Manitoba Steel Foundry and travelled by street car from Winnipeg to Selkirk every day.

In Nov. of 1918, Mother died in childbirth. I was 3



Samuel and Katherine Strycharz Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Strycharz Sr.

years old, and my brother Joe was twenty-two months old. The infant lived for four months. Father (Samuel Jr.) married my Stepmother Katherine Kon, in 1920. Katherine came from Grodzisko, Poland.

They then decided to settle in East Selkirk, and bought the Jim Solnik property, Lot 51-52, on Church Road. About one year later, they built a new house on that location. My Father continued to work at the Manitoba Steel Foundry, until his illness in the early 1930's. He passed away in July, 1942. My Mother continued to live in East Selkirk until the early 1950's, when she sold the property and moved to Selkirk. She died in Sept, 1962. There were four children born to them, Julian, Frances, Helen, and Peter.

Through the years, all of us attended the old Happy Thought School. Bertha, being the eldest, was the first to attend, and was taken to school by Mary Karanduik (Bazysko). Speaking only Polish, registering for school was difficult, as no one present knew the translation of my given name. So they called me "Brownie".

The following year the same problem arose with a new boy, so I became "Bernice" and he became "Brownie".



Strycharz family, 1930.

In later years, my uncle correctly translated my name as "Bertha". To this day, old school friends still call me "Bernice".

I married Mike Neskar. We had two daughters, Carolyn and Marilyn. In 1940, my brother, Joe, at twenty-three years of age, was killed in a motorcycle accident in Toronto.

Julian married Gladys Grocholski of Winnipeg. They had two daughters, Dorie and Debbie. Julian died in Nov. 1965.

Frances married Frank Woycheshen of Oakburn, Man. Five children were born to Frances and Frank, they are Bernard, Lorraine, Ronald, Larry, and Dennis. Frances died in Aug. 1954.

Helen married Leonard Tocholke of Beausejour, Man. They had four children, Allan and Kenneth died in infancy, Terrance died in a motor bike accident at the age of 16. Joyce is their only surviving child. Both Helen and Leonard have passed away.

Peter married Anne Schick of Moose Jaw, Sask. They have seven children born to them, Elizabeth, Laurie, Larry, Kathy, Lyle, Peter Jr., and Donnie.

REINOLD STUBEL FAMILY

submitted by Rudolf Stubel

My father, Reinold Stubel, was born in Russia in 1833, of German parents. He was orphaned at the age of seven and stayed with his grandfather where he received an education and religious instruction.

In 1898 he immigrated to Canada. He made Cornelius Enns' farm at Sommerfeld, Man. his headquarters, working in that area doing various jobs -- house-moving, firing steam engines and as a farmhand. In 1903 he sent for his future wife, Christine Figur. They were married in 1904. Their first born were twins, Albert and Bertha (1905). Bertha died at nine months of age. I, Rudolf, was also born in this district (1906). In 1907, the family moved to 1-6 where they had bought NW 10-1-6 together with Emmanuel Figur, from the owner of the General Store, Julius Krushel. We lived in a granary owned by Adolf Stapel Sr., while our house was being built. The house was made of peeled poplar logs, plastered with a mixture of clay, sand and chopped straw, white-washed inside and out. The chimney was a wooden pole frame, plastered with clay (actually fire-proof). The roof was thatched and the floor for the first year was hard packed clay which was sprinkled and swept two or three times a day.

While living here three more children were born, Otto, Gottlieb, and Elsie, all dying in infancy. After several years father sold his share of the quarter to E. Figur and bought the NW 24-1-6 from W. Titchkosky. Here, two more children were born, Paul in 1914 and Arnold in 1916. Albert and I started school in Elk Creek.

In 1919 they sold out and bought the NW 24-1-7. We missed a year of school here due to no bridge or road across the Pembina River to Chicken Hill. The second year we were enrolled at Lindal School and attended there until the school burned in 1921. Here we lost another school term due to the distance to the temporary

classrooms. When the new school was built I continued on to high school. Paul and Arnold started school at Lindal. While living in 1-6 father took part in Church activities being Vice-President and also secretary of the Church.

In 1929 they sold their farm to Henry Hemminger and moved to Alberta taking a homestead at Rosevear. Paul and Arnold continued their education there. Albert and I followed our parents to Alberta, in a Model T in the fall of 1929, having worked in the 1-6 area through the summer. Here we took up homesteads and settled into clearing land, building and working on the railway track each summer. Our menu was mostly game. In 1937, father's health began to fail and he passed away in 1938.

SAMUEL SUL

submitted by Anne Wasylik (Sul)

Samuel Sul was born Sept. 20, 1878 in the village of Podamschina, P.O. Horintz, in the municipality of Chisonoff. There were five children in the family. They were Panko, Sam, John, Mike and Eva. Sam came to Canada in 1904. His sister Eva, (Mrs. Stephan Kolody) and their family came in 1907. Sam worked for the C.N.R. Railways in Winnipeg. He married Pearl Bryk, born 1888, in 1905. Pearl came to Canada in 1904, from Selo Komeichiw District of Lviv, Povit Strij. She had two step-sisters, and a step-brother. They were Harry, Rosalia, and Annie (Mrs. N. Roshko) who came to Canada in 1909. Pearl worked at the Vendom Hotel in Winnipeg where she met Sam. They lived in Winnipeg for three years, before buying property in East Selkirk. Their first child Johnny, died in infancy. Their other children were Michael, born in Winnipeg, and Andrew, Rosalia, John, Mary, Alec, Annie and Kathleen, all born in East Selkirk.

Sam and Pearl were members of the St. Mary's Ukr. Catholic Church all their lives. Sam served on the church committee for many years. Pearl passed away June 5, 1947. Sam passed away Jan. 2, 1956.



Mother and Dad Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sul.

Mike Sul was born April 7, 1908. He married Ruby Simpson in 1940, in Wpg. and they had four children, Michelle, Donna, Carol and Michael. Mike worked for Bryces Bakery in Winnipeg from 1930 to 1954, as a baker. Then they moved to B.C., where he continued



Mike, John, Andrew, and Alex Sul.



Left to Right: Mary, Mother, Anne, Rose and Kathleen.

working as a baker, until his retirement in 1979. They now live in Burnaby, B.C.

Andrew Sul was born on Nov. 30, 1910. He worked on building the railroad to Churchill. He served in the army for four years, where he got his mechanical training. After the war, he went into construction and was a superintendent for Alnor Construction Company in Oshawa, Ont. In Feb., 1958 he married Nellie Solski and they lived in Bowmanville, Ont.

He was step-father to Nellie's three children, Albert, Helen and Eddie. Albert's children were Michael, Stephan, Marie and David. Helen's children were Christopher and Scott. Eddie's child is Lisa. Andrew retired in 1975 and passed away May 7, 1980 in Bowmanville.

Rose Sul was born Aug. 30, 1912. She worked in Wpg., before moving to Ont. She worked in McKenzie and then in Windsor. She married Hugh Douglas Cribbs Jan. 23, 1943 in Windsor. Hugh was born in Virden, Man. April 21, 1915. He enlisted in 1939 in the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry as a bandsman. He became an invalid and returned home in 1943. He was employed by Canadian Customs. He died June 6, 1959. Hugh and Rose had two sons, Ronald Melville Cribbs, born June 7,

1947. He married Carol Fentin. They had four children. Tracey, born 1966, Pamela, born 1968, Kriston born 1969 and Ronny born 1974. They now live in Georgetown, Ont.

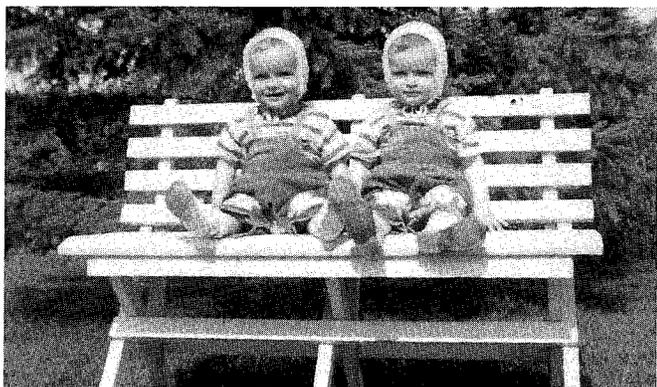
Richard Charles Cribbs was born June 16, 1950 in Windsor. He married Mary Ann Sharp, Oct. 22, 1977. They have a son Johnathon Richard born May 26, 1982. They live in Coldwater, Ont.

John Sul was born Sept. 22, 1913. In 1937, he worked in a gold mine in McKenzie Island, for three years, then in the Pioneer Gold Mine in B.C. for two years, then in Sudbury, Ont. for six months. He served with the Royal Wpg. Rifles from 1943-46. He then worked for the Manitoba Rolling Mills for 32 years until his retirement. He married Stella Rokosh in 1952. They have three daughters, Evelyn (Mrs. Ralph Wilson) and they have two children Sherri and Terry, and they live in Thunder bay, Ont. Joy (Mrs. Gary Shabaga) in East Selkirk and Gay who teaches school in Winnipeg.

Mary Sul was born April 27, 1917. She worked in Winnipeg, McKenzie Island, and Windsor, Ont. She



John and Stella Sul, Stella receives the Royal Canadian Meritorious Service award, medal and pin, 1980.



Twins, Joy and Gay Sul, 1 year old.



Ralph, Cheryl, Evelyn and Terry Wilson.



Gay, Evelyn, Joy, Stella and John Sul.

married Donald Macintyre (born Nov. 5, 1916), Dec. 30, 1944. Don was a surveyor with the Army Engineer Corp. They had six children, Peter Micheal born Nov. 10, 1945. He is a chemical engineer. He married Beverly Green, July, 1972. They have a daughter Darlene, and they live in San Jose, California. Donald Bryk, born May 5, 1948, died accidentally July 22, 1978. Robert Allen born Oct. 6, 1950. He's a sheet metal journeyman, married to Elaine Forbes Feb. 17, 1978.

David Roxborough born Sept. 19, 1952. He is a parks employee. Mary Ann born Feb. 20, 1958 married Jim Hyraky June, 1981. Jim is an engineer, Mary Ann is a graphic artist. They have a son Jason born Aug. 1982.

Kathleen Rose born Feb., 1958. Student.

Donald passed away Aug. 1969.

Alec Sul born Aug. 2, 1918, married Betty Emerson Dec. 19, 1945, in England. He served with the PPCLI from 1942-46. After the war, he settled in Windsor, Ont.,

where he worked for Chryslers. They have two daughters, Dianna married Leslie Lovell Aug. 1967. Leslie is an electrician. They have two children Leslie and Kristle. Beverly married Allan Meloche Sept. 1982. Allan is an accountant. They all live in Windsor, Ont.

Annie Sul married Michael Wasyluk Nov. 8, 1947. She was born Jan. 4, 1922. Michael was a farmer on Sec. SE 14-14-6E. He is now retired. Mike and Annie belong to St. Micheal's Ukr. Catholic Church in Tyndall. They have five children, Patricia Linda was born Nov. 24, 1948, and married Norman Button May 11, 1979 in Winnipeg. They have a daughter Claire Marie born May 7, 1980. Norman is a mechanic and Pat is working for a Real Estate Firm. Juliette Rose was born Sept. 11, 1950 and married Neil Kilburn in Aug. 1, 1970 in Tyndall. They have 2 sons, Scott born Oct. 2, 1972 and Michael born Aug. 4, 1975. Juliette taught school in The Pas and Flin Flon, Man. until they moved to Ontario. Neil works for Ontario Hydro. He was a stationary engineer at the Bruce Nuclear Plant and now teaches there. They live in Port Elgin, Ont.

Louise was born Jan. 2, 1953 and was the first New Year's baby in the Selkirk General Hospital. She married James Kelso, July 19, 1975 in Tyndall. They have a daughter Sarah Anne born Sept. 17, 1979 and a son Rhys James born Dec. 12, 1982. Jim taught Computer Science at the University of Manitoba and is now Manager of the Corporate Information Service for the Manitoba Telephone System. Louise taught school in Winnipeg where they now live.

Ron Micheal was born Nov. 24, 1955. He is a fork lift operator and lives in Winnipeg.

Wendy was born June 14, 1960. She married Tom Weseen in Calgary, Dec. 27, 1981. Tom is a draftsman and Wendy is a bookkeeper. They now live in Winnipeg.



Mother, Dad and grand-daughter Michelle.

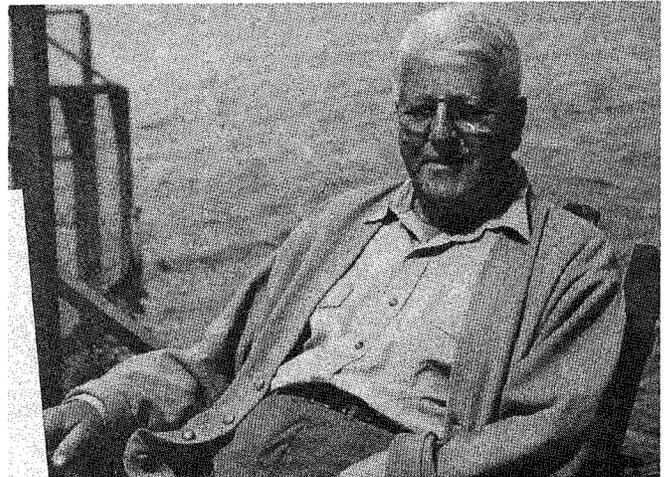
Kathleen Sul was born Dec. 11, 1928. She married Ed McCarroll Oct. 29, 1956 in Windsor. They lived in Detroit and later moved to Cape Cod, U.S.A. Ed is a carpenter. They have four children, Andre born Jan. 17, 1960, Chris born May 17, 1961, Anne Marie born Aug. 12, 1962, and Michelle born July 2, 1964.

LIEUT.-COL. ARTHUR SULLIVAN

submitted by Rose Wasio/slh

Lieut-Col. Arthur Sullivan was born at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island on Sept. 3, 1881. He was the son of Sir William Wilfred Sullivan, who at the age of 36 was Premier and Attorney General of P.E.I. and later became Chief Justice of the Province for 30 years.

Arthur was educated at St. Dunstan's College in Charlottetown and St. Mary's College in Laval, Montreal. He showed early interest and aptitude for law and this was to be his ambition. He read law with the late Viscount Cave, Lord Chancellor at Lincoln's Inn, London and was called to the Bar of P.E.I. in 1904 and the Bar of Manitoba in 1905.



Col. Sullivan

He joined the C.E.F. as lieutenant and served in France and Belgium during the First World War with the 43rd Battalion of the Queens Own Cameron Highlanders. Arthur rose to the rank of lieutenant-Colonel.

Arthur married Miss Fraser Moffat, daughter of Alexander Moffat of Winnipeg, in 1907, and they had two daughters.

Colonel Sullivan was appointed Kings Counsel in 1932 and awarded the honorary degree Doctorate of Law by the University of Manitoba in 1952.

Mr. Sullivan became Senior Partner of the law firm of Sullivan and Turner and served as chairman, President and Director of many firms such as Shea's Brewery, John Labatt's, Portage la Prairie Mutual and Brewery Products, Ltd. He was also Director of the North American Wildlife Foundation. He enjoyed active membership in the Manitoba Law Society as well as the Manitoba Club and the St. Charles Country Club.

Colonel Sullivan was a big man physically, being over 6 ft. tall and weighing about 200 pounds. His hair was snow white since the First World War.

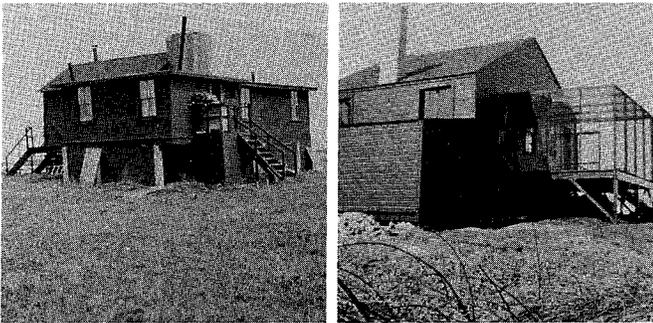
He was a Conservative in politics and had served as Past President of the Greater Winnipeg Conservative Association.

Apart from his involvement with his vocation, community and business interests, Colonel Sullivan had

another passion, that of naturalist and botanist. He fell in love with the Libau Marsh area when he was but a young man and spent almost half a century studying and cultivating it.

It is his association with the Libau area that we wish to share with you. Not Colonel Sullivan the Lawyer, the business man, the Director or President, not the Politician, but his love of nature and the land.

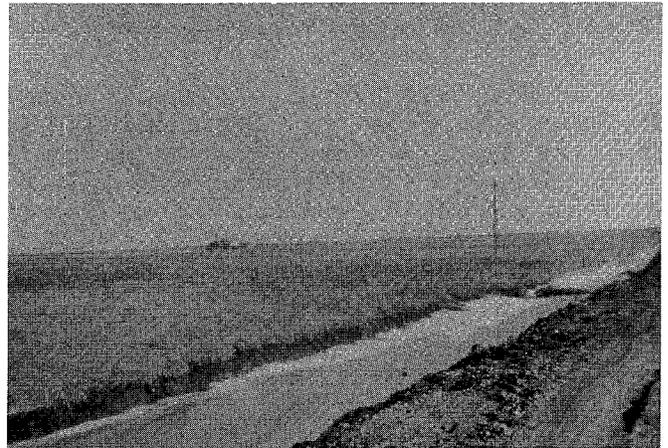
Colonel Arthur Sullivan, had a hunting lodge (35 acres) originally and jointly owned by the Honorable Bob Rogers of Winnipeg fame. The Lodge was located 7 miles North of Libau 1/2 mile from Whittles Point. At Whittles point were all sorts of hunting lodges owned originally by different hunters from Winnipeg. Almy, the Horticulturist across from Whittles, Mr. Edward Nanton to mention a few, Mr. Gray from James Richardson, Mr. Ralph D. Baker from James Richardson, and Gerald H. Giffin.



Col. Sullivan first started hunting out in the Libau Marsh probably in the late 20's and early 30's, and he soon discovered the pleasure, beauty and solitude of this part of Manitoba that he came to love greatly. Soon, he jointly owned a lodge with the son of Hon. Bob Rogers at (location above) (picture No. 1). This lodge served the purpose chiefly for hunting during those years, unfortunately it burnt down, accidentally, in about 1936-37. The cause was by an overheated wood heater. Immediately, Col. Sullivan soon had Albert Wonch, who was a local carpenter of some repute, along with the help of Gisli Gislason, they soon had a fine lodge built, to replace the burnt one, same season. You will note the enclosed screened porch, which was both front and back, plus look-out tower. It had an underground cistern whereby the rain water was stored and thus provided

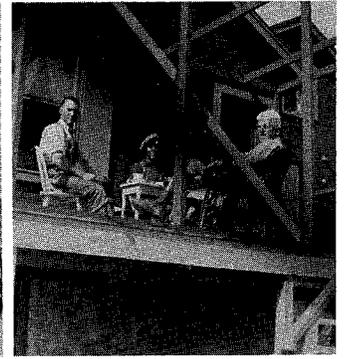
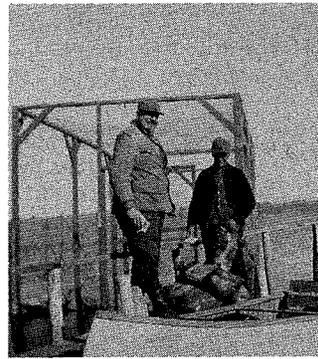
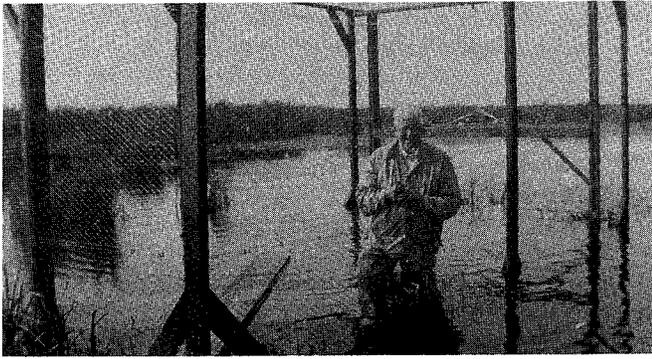
running water by hand-pump in the kitchen. This cistern was made of galvanized metal with a capacity of 1000 gals. and never seemed to run dry. There was also a furnace fueled by hard wood (birch, ash and poplar for cooking stove) also in the basement. The lodge consisted of 2-bedrooms (12x12) a livingroom (20x26), and a large kitchen. He also had his own power and battery system (powered by windmill) and thus stored power by battery. (No. 3) shows in centre, windmill and battery storage shed. His living room had 8 windows so he could view ducks from almost every direction, see the sun come up and the beauty of the sun setting. He had an ice-box which proved not too satisfactory and soon purchased one of the new Kerosene Frigidaires. Soon ice cream, and the long cool drinks, as well as clear water was the order of the day. Soon Col. Sullivan had a well drilled by a rig owned and operated by Fred Wakchenski.

The foundation for the main lodge was made of field stone and was 7 feet high and about 24" thick. This also besides providing for cistern, furnace etc. also housed his vehicles as well as underground garage. It was also insulated.



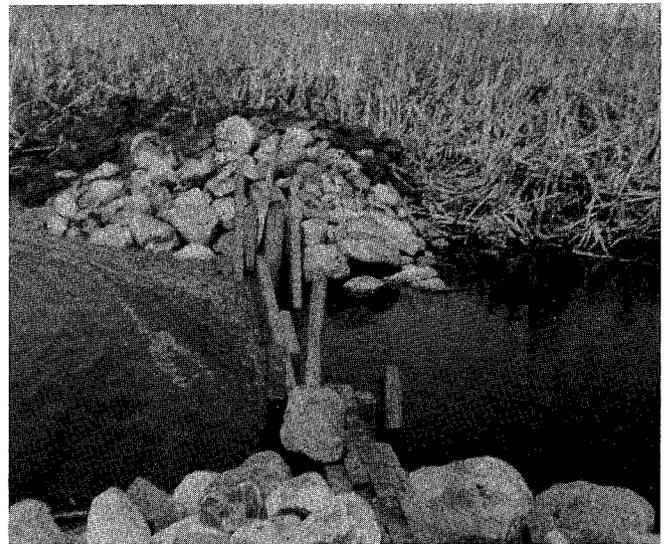
(No. 4) During the dry years, Col. Sullivan arranged to have a road built from Whittles Point, going east across the marsh to his property, a distance of about 1/4 mile. He hired Alfred Bolin and his dragline to bulldoze and shape the road and soon had access to his property. From the edge of the road to his property, he built a field stone road to the lodge door. This way the road was usually above the flood line. Actually, Col. Sullivan had field stone totally surrounding the back of the lodge to provide easy access by vehicle.

In about 1938, he started Banding ducks, which was to prove to be one of his most enjoyable hobbies. He soon built a duck banding trap where he pursued his life long interest. (Picture No. 5) shows Col. Sullivan banding ducks, this trap was about 10x12 covered completely with chicken wire. He put various grain and barley into the water and the ducks dived for the food, Col. Sullivan caught them gently with a net, quickly banded and then released them. Hoping the ducks would return, or if shot that the hunter would return the band with an explanation of where and when; shot or alive regardless. To



(No. 11) In the 1930's, it was bone dry on the Libau Marsh. Col. Sullivan was forced to dam the creek in order to keep water in the bay, in front of his lodge. It was so dry people were cutting hay on his 35 acres. He

open and close this trap was a rope brought in through the window (when the gate was open and the ducks were in, he could drop the gate from within the lodge). (No. 6) Often, this procedure was followed early at 5 or 6 a.m. every morning. Mr. Al Hacbaum, who was a noted Director of the Wild Life Research Stn. of Delta Man. (No. 7) brought out ducklings that were banded and kept

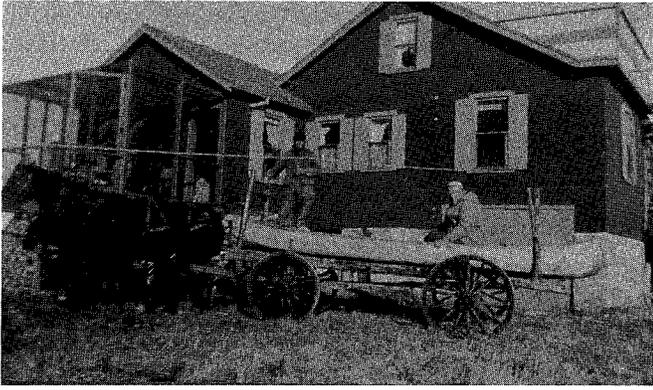


had a big garden with more vegetables, than he could ever use. (No. 12) Shows Bill Chernetski with his team mowing the hay. Note the heavy crop. This Libau Marsh Hay, it has been stated, time and time again, was the most productive and nutritious for domestic animals and so they say, cows who grazed soon produced some of the finest cream found anywhere.

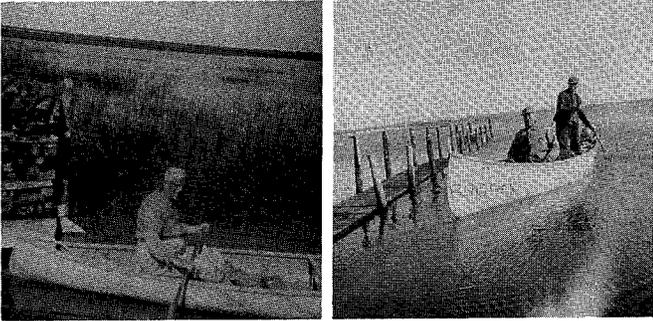
them in the trap while babies, then he allowed them to swim and feed and soon the fledgings had wings, they left but returned to where food and shelter was provided. The elderly gentlemen on the left is Mr. Bert Phair, who incidentally will be 103 on May 7, 1983. He was a frequent visitor as the guest of Col. Sullivan for many years. (No. 8) Shows the rope from trap, plus the dock which was built by Albert Wonch. It measured about 200 ft. and the water was sometimes low, but on occasion it could rise with the north wind and play havoc. It was a strong dock and stood the test of the elements.

(No. 10) Col Sullivan, Albert Wonch and helper relaxing and socializing after some hard work at the Lodge.





During the big dry spell, that lasted from about 1930-1940, the water was all gone from the bay, and in order to go hunting, he had to be driven by horse and canoe or wagon, to Prudens Creek about a mile away, when he could put the canoe on the water and go hunting. In (Picture No. 13) you will note Barney Gislason loading up for a trip and Col. Sullivan, jokingly, sitting in the canoe.



(No. 14) Then the high water came in the early 1940's and Col. Sullivan could go hunting right from the Lodge. The guests came out to lunch on Sunday, and were transported by canoe right to the back steps. (No. 15) Is a picture of Mr. Newman (Lawyer from Selkirk) and Mrs. Newman being greeted by Col. Sullivan, who was always a gracious host.



When the water rose, the two guest houses were elevated about 6 ft. on stilts, and Col. Sullivan had the foresight back in 1937 to have raised the main lodge on stilts when it was originally built.

Col. Sullivan used to motor from Winnipeg in a comfortable Model A Ford Roadster and then as the water rose, Col. Sullivan purchased a 4-wheel army Jeep to make the almost impassable roads. It used to take 6 or 8 hours to make the trip from Winnipeg to the Lodge, but the Jeep made it where the Roadster would have been quickly mired down. This Jeep was really an extraordinary 4-wheel drive vehicle, and seemed to be, and nearly always was, the one vehicle which got through. (No. 16) shows the Jeep, with Mrs. Whittle of Whittles Point.



Some of the guests who enjoyed Col. Sullivan's hospitality were, Peter Scott (now Sir Peter Scott and son of the Scott Expedition of 1912) also, Judge Cory, Ralph D. Baker of James Richardson, and Lawyer Mr. McLeneghan (M.P.) as well as Bruce H. Richardson.

Col. Sullivan was a staunch conservative and had many a political discussion at the lodge, and planned many a campaign.

Mr. Albert Hochbaum contributed many happy visits and memorable times and donated greatly to the wildlife quality of the area.

(No. 17) View of the Lodge from the Island gate to the north of the lodge in about 1953, when the water was high. The water rose quickly when the wind blew from the north, causing the water to flood over the road, and you had to use a canoe from the gate to the lodge.

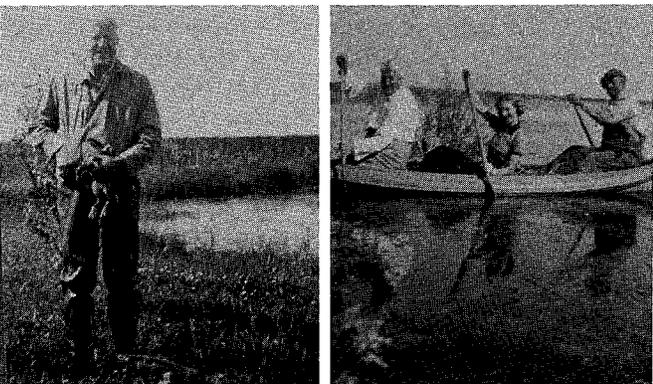




(No. 18) In 1954, this view is from the Whittles point, water was high, and perhaps these are some of the offspring of the Hochbaum flocks so tenderly released into the Marsh and provided so much enjoyment to the two life long friends.



(No. 19) In comparison, note the dryness and lack of Marsh water in this view of the guest house, not yet on stilts, in the dry years between 1930's-1940's.



Col. Sullivan lived to be 77 years of age and died on Oct. 21, 1957. His last trip to the Libau Marsh was during 1956 where he travelled, in spite of his illness, to the area he had come to love with a passion. Before he died he

sold his lodge to Mr. Maytag of the United States.

(No. 20) shows Mr. Sullivan banding ducks for release to join the wild life of the area and photo No. 21 shows him sitting within his beloved marsh.

Hunting was out of this world. At one time it was reported that Blue Bills were so plentiful that Barney Gislason and Col. Sullivan bagged about 75 Blue Bills, which was the last duck to leave before freeze-up.



(No. 21) Col. Sullivan, his daughter Nancy and Bill Cook in 1938 enjoying an outing. He had another daughter who was killed in an airplane while on official duty during the war. Both girls were born in Winnipeg and received their education in England.

(No. 22) This photo is of Rose Wasio beside Col. Sullivan's Jeep prior to 1950, at Whittles house at the Point. She was the housekeeper for the Colonel and could drive the Jeep, as well as the Roadster, and the station wagon.

When the roads were bad (most of the time) they used to leave the Sullivan vehicles at Geo. Horanski's farm and take the jeep for the rest of the journey to the lodge. Col. Sullivan had a Purple Martin house for 12 birds, and they used to congregate, get noisy, and dirty the windows. The house was on a pulley and was pulled down for cleaning.

To Rose must go much of the credit for the general well-being of the lodge, its neat appearance and, of course, the provisions and welfare of its many guests. The Colonel relied heavily on Rose to keep the operation running smoothly and it was basically through her effort that people were able to enjoy their weekends in relative comfort. Rose kept things spotless and prepared delicious meals and made sure that the provisions were not depleted, so that the Colonel, and his many guests, could enjoy their hunting, sports, bird watching and fire-side chats.

Rose said the Colonel was a fine gentleman, keen on sports and hunting, and a conservationist of top order. His love of nature generally, and his appreciation of that part of the world called the "Libau Marsh" these memories remain.