



Allan Thomas, Joe Thomas, John Cummings, 1962.

Until about 1952, Adeliade lived alone in a tiny home on the outskirts of her son Peter's homestead. There she snared rabbits and trapped muskrats to sell the skins for provisions. As she did almost 100 years ago, Adeliade continued to live off the land. She netted fish when the water was open, and in winter drilled holes in the ice for her catch.

Close at hand was a grove of maple trees which Adeliade tapped and boiled down the sap. Almost a forgotten art in Manitoba, maple syrup making was a vital part of her existence; a few quarts added to her diet during the year.

The taste of pemmican "the life of the North" Adeliade said, "is still fresh in my mouth" ---Ille La Crosse was a depot for Pemmican storage, and Adeliade became expert at making the "condensed" food that was often the only rations for northern explorers and trappers.

Adeliade often shared her recipe for Pemmican. She would dry the lean parts of meat in the sun, then pounded it into a paste with a mixture of fat. The result was flavored with acid-type berries such as Saskatoons. The name Pemmican came from the Cree Indians and when the food was completed, it would keep for months at a time. Adeliade said it was, "truly the lifeblood of the north".

Helen Hourie says that when her Grandmother Adeliade Thomas died in 1957, she had 27 Grandchildren, 112 Great-Grandchildren, and 51 Great-Great-Grandchildren.

Living in the Traverse Bay region were her sons Peter, Phillip, and Joseph as well as two daughters, Mrs. Nancy Guimond and Mrs. William Orvis.

Joseph Thomas (Jossie) was the youngest of the children. He was born at Balsam Bay on May, 3, 1901.

After living in the north most all of their lives, Adeliade and Geordie came south and settled along the southern tip of Lake Wpg., in the Rural Municipality of St. Clements.

Helen Hourie, the daughter of Joseph Thomas (Jossie) says Grandpa Geordie bought a section of land 28-17-7E in about 1895 or earlier in the Balsam Bay area. After a family dispute he sold it. At the time of his death in 1927, he had still not redeemed his land.

Geordie Thomas died in 1927 at the age of 87 years and



Maud Thomas with some of the quilts she made in 1975.

is buried in the St. Luke's Anglican Cemetery at Balsam Bay.

Adeliade Thomas lived to be 110 years old. She passed away in 1957 and is laid to rest in the Roman Catholic Church of St. Margaret's Church at Traverse Bay.

THE THOMAS CLAN NEWSPAPER

submitted by Mable Danwich

Henry George and Mary Ann Thomas instilled in their twelve children the feeling of togetherness, caring and sharing and because of that on Dec. 15, 1966, the "Thomas Clan" was formed with the eldest son, Norman, inaugurated as chief. They adopted the Manitoba Tartan and decided on a clan motto which is, "together, toloveoneanother, careforeachother". They had their first family reunion Aug. 14-16, 1966, on Elk Island. At that time they numbered over 200 members. It soon became apparent that, as in other organizations, they needed a group of people with the authority to make decisions, so each of the original twelve children appointed a family representative and a clan board was formed. Since 1976, the Thomas reunion, held at Faith Bible Camp, Victoria Beach, on the last weekend in Aug., has become an Annual Affair.

MEMBERSHIP — 1980

The Thomas Clan

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Name Mable Danwich

Memory was given to mortals so they might have Roses in December.

Pleasant memories must be arranged in advance.

Norman Thomas Chief

THOMAS CLAN NEWS

Serving THOMAS'S Around the World

In Aug. 1976, the descendants of Henry George and Mary Ann decided that they had grown sufficiently in number to warrant publishing their own paper and the Thomas Clan News was born. The paper was the brain child of Mable Danwich, daughter of Reuben Thomas, who along with her uncle, Geri Thomas, served as co-editor. Geri's daughter, Mary-Ann Hastman, serves as publisher. At three month intervals, family members write about what's happening in their respective branches of the family and send the news to the newspaper committee, where it is compiled, edited, printed, and sent out to family members, wherever they may live. Thus everyone is informed about what other members of the Thomas Clan are doing. The Thomas Clan now numbers almost 400 members.

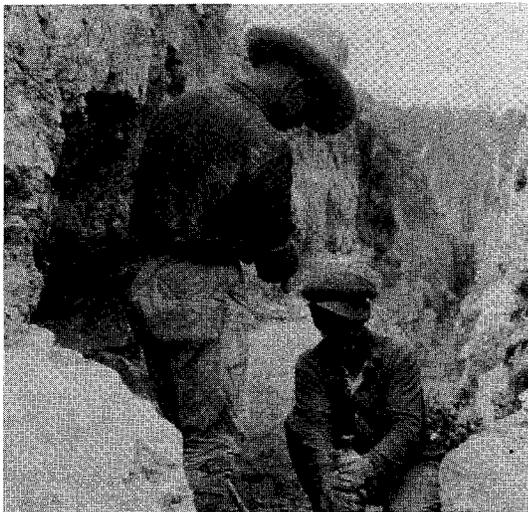
JOSEPH THOMAS

submitted by Helen Hourie

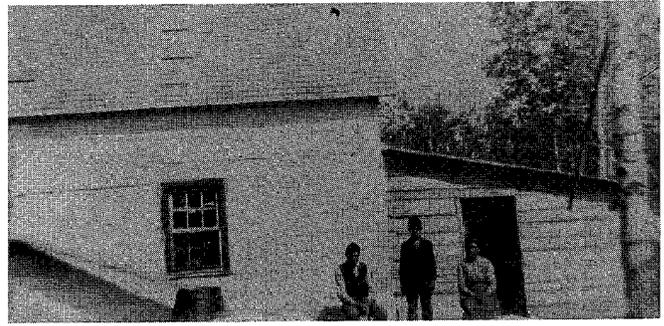
Joseph Thomas was the youngest child born to George Thomas and Adeliade Moran, on May 3, 1901. Being born the youngest, gave him many advantages. Joseph attended School in Balsam Bay, until the fifth grade, which was not bad for those days. Many the tale he had to tell of his growing up years and some of the fun things that they did.

When they went anywhere they travelled by horse, dog team in winter, and canoe. Most of their freighting was done by York boat. He often told us children about the first trip he remembered, coming down the Red River to Balsam Bay by barge. That must have been exciting for him.

When he was 16, he went to Northern Manitoba, where



Joe Thomas and "Sixty" 1926 dynamiting sewer lines Guy School, Sturgeon Landing, Sask.



Sandy Thomas house, Balsam Bay, 1929, George Thomas, Joe Thomas and "Granny Geordie" Adelaide.

he worked in the mines, as a dynamiter. He also was a trapper, working for the Hudson Bay Company.

One of his favorite stories was of when he was going out on the trapline, from Flin Flon. The Hudson Bay Co. had sent him so far on the train, from there he had to get to his destination by foot. Travelling along the track, he met another traveller, who said he was going to Churchill, but was going in the wrong direction. He was acting odd and kept looking over his shoulder. He also had no pack or bedroll. However, my father gave him something to eat and offered him a place by the fire for the night, which was accepted. And so they settled down for the night, my father on one side of the fire, the guest on the other. Somehow, neither of them could sleep, then my father noticed a light down the track from where the "guest" had come. My father was watching him and watching the light too. He noticed the guest was getting paler by the minute. He could now make out that this was a woman coming, walking, carrying a light.

She came right up to where the fire cast its light and stopped there. My father wouldn't take his eyes off the guy, as he was acting so strange, and was white with fright. But he did glance at the woman, and he swore this was true. The lady was standing there at the edge of the firelight, holding her head under her arm, from which the light was shining. And she had long red hair which was hanging down, saturated in blood. And where her head had been hacked off, the blood had dripped all down her clothes. The "guest" meanwhile had taken one last look and fled. The lady, carrying her head under her arm, then faded out.

When my father returned to Flin Flon, he told about this apparition he had seen, and was told that there had been a murder of a lady in Churchill, with her "friend" hacking off her head. The descriptions of both, the lady and the man fit the people my father had seen on his trip.

Joseph Thomas married Maud Jennings on June 17, 1926, at Sturgeon Landing, Sask. They returned to Balsam Bay in 1929. During the year of 1930, they moved on down to Traverse Bay to my Uncle Peter's Property.

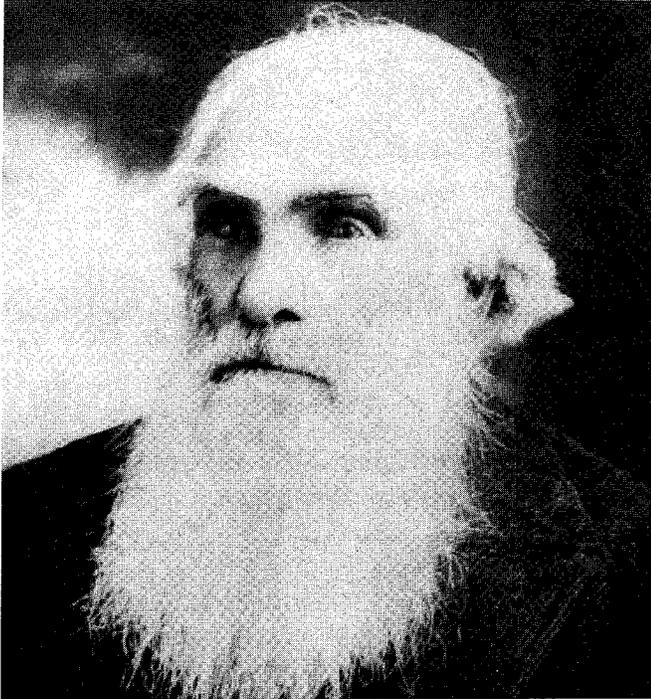
We children were all born in that area. There are eight of us living and five had died quite young. Surviving are: George, Theresa, Thelma, Helen, Connie, Roy, Adele, and Joe.

My father, Joseph Thomas passed away in 1979 and is buried in the Roman Catholic Cemetery at St. Margaret's Church at Traverse Bay.

CHARLES THOMAS

submitted by Helen Hourie

Great Grandfather, Charles Thomas came from Wales. Like many others he went to work for the Hudson's Bay Company, at Moose Factory. He brought with him, his wife Mary, and two small sons, Daniel and William.



Charles Thomas grandfather of Matilda Anderson, wife of Alexander Anderson.

Mary did not like the life in Northern Canada and was very homesick. So, after a few years, Charles took his family back to Wales. However, his longing for a new life in Canada did not leave him, and when his Mary died in Wales, leaving him a widower with two young boys, he returned to Canada, where he was again employed in the fur trade at York Factory.

There he met and married another Mary, who was glad to mother his two boys and raise their own children.

My Great-Grandfather, Charles Thomas and his wife Mary are both buried in the cemetery at St. Andrew's on the Red, Anglican Church at St. Andrew's.



Capt. W.R. Thomas and his wife Christine with their first born Audrey, 1911.

HISTORY OF CAPTAIN W.R. THOMAS

submitted by D. Craigie

William Richard Thomas was born Feb. 2, 1880, the son of Henry Thomas. He earned the title of Captain W.R. Thomas nicknamed (Sharky) in 1908 when he started working on the fishing boats that sailed out of Selkirk to the fishing areas on Lake Winnipeg. Captain Thomas never ever attended a school but he could navigate any boat and his arithmetic was always correct. His daughter Audrey taught him to write his name. When William became a saved Christian it was like a miracle he could read his bible word for word and knew what everything meant.

Captain Thomas married Christian Anderson, daughter of Alex Anderson, of Balsam Bay on Nov. 19, 1910. They had a family of nine children. Audrey, Leslie, Ernest, Harold, Russell, Wilfred, Alma Rose, Langford and Hector.

Leslie and Langford died at an early age and Ernest at age 20. Russell and Wilfred, and Hector served in the army. Hector was killed in action in France in 1944.

Audrey married Adolph Klatt in 1928 and they had a family of nine children. Alma Rose married Roland Thomas and had a family of eight. Russell married Isabelle Orvis and they had seven sons. Harold married Eleanor Klatt and had two children. Then a second marriage to Ann Thomas of Hudson, Man. had two daughters and raised Ann's two other children. Wilfred married Sadie Shand and had three children.

Captain Thomas lived and worked in the Balsam Bay area. In the summer he would be out North on Lake Winnipeg fishing.

Captain Thomas had to build three homes as it seemed each one burned to the ground. It was hard times for him but everyone helped in the community to build as he was a very loved and respected person. Each home was of logs cut in the surrounding area of the district. He was very lucky none of his family were ever burnt in these fires.

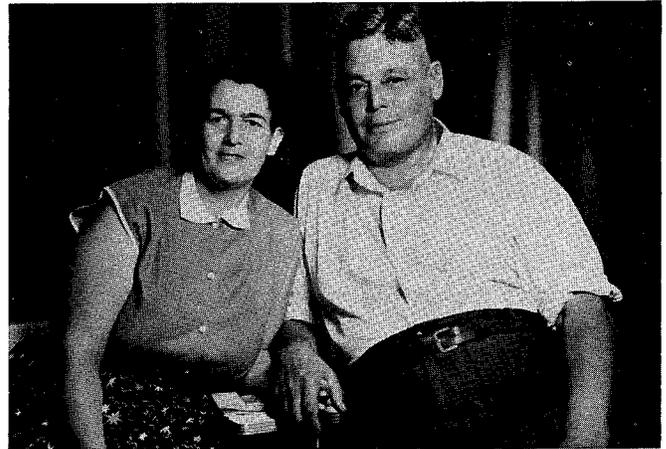
Captain W.R. Thomas lived on Sec. 21-17-7E, he died on January 1, 1942.

**(MELVIN) MELVILLE DUNCAN THOMAS
(1908-1972)**

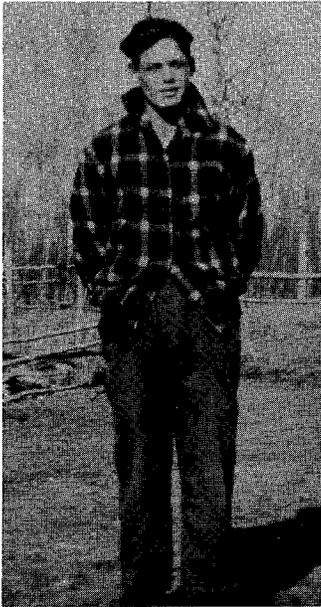
submitted by: K.L. Thomas

Melvin Thomas was the son of Henry Curtis James Thomas (Harry) and Margaret Thomas. Melvin was born on Feb. 16, 1908, at St. Peters.

In 1912, Melvin's family moved to Peguis, where the family farmed. Melvin lived at Peguis until about 1925, then he moved to Scanterbury. In Scanterbury, Melvin began commercial fishing with his Uncle, Peter Walker. Melvin later moved to Balsam Bay where he was to become a lifetime resident with commercial fishing as his main source of income.



Melville Duncan Thomas and Alvina Thomas.



Melville Duncan Thomas 1925



Melville Duncan Thomas and Reuben Thomas.

Melvin married Alvina Thomas, who was the daughter of William and Catherine Thomas (Anderson). Melvin and Alvina raised 13 children, who now all live in Western Canada, and they are: Eileen, born on Feb. 23, 1938, now lives in Calgary Alta., Ralph born on Feb. 16, 1941, living in Lloydminster, Sask., Clara born on June 19, 1942 now living at New Westminster, B.C., Harry born on Feb. 5, 1944, residing in Balsam Bay, Man., William born on April 2, 1945, also living at Balsam Bay, Robert born on April 2, 1945, lives in Wpg., Kenneth born on June 12, 1946, lives at Stoney Point, Man., Calvin born on Oct. 2, 1947, lives in Burnaby, B.C., Jerry born on Oct. 5, 1948, lives at Bonneyville, Alta., Joan, also born on Oct. 5, 1948, lives in Burnaby, B.C., Frederick born on Aug. 4, 1950, lives in Calgary, Alta., Beverly, born on July 15, 1959, lives in Wpg., and Ronald, who was born on Aug. 13, 1960, is living in Wpg., also.

Melvin Thomas died on March 9, 1972, at the age of 64 years, in the St. Boniface Hospital. Melvin is buried in

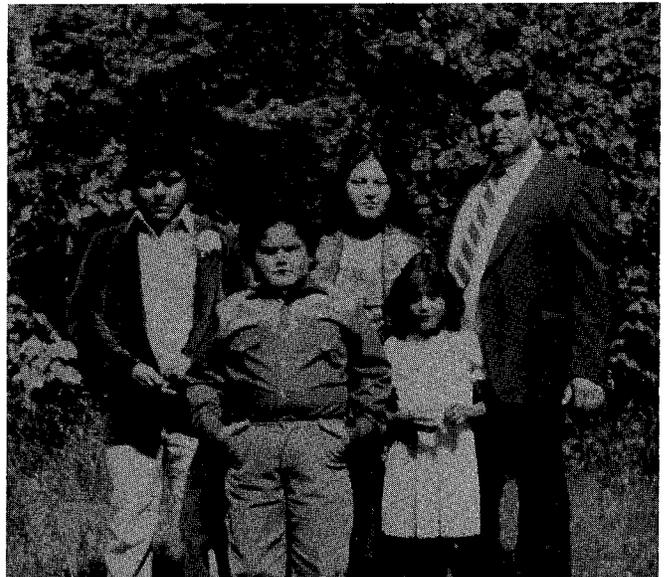
the Balsam Bay Cemetery.

Alvina lives in Wpg. with their daughter Beverly. She enjoys good health, her many grandchildren and watching her favorite T.V. programs.

KENNETH LLOYD THOMAS

submitted by K.L. Thomas

I was born on June 12, 1946, my parents were Melvin and Alvina Thomas of Balsam Bay. I was the seventh of thirteen children born to Melvin and Alvina. My younger years were spent in Balsam Bay fishing with my father and going to a one-room school. I completed the elementary education there, then moved to Wilkie, Sask., Neilburg, Sask. and Marsden, Sask. working on farms and in the Co-op stores, while going to high school.



Left to Right: Kenneth Dean, Kevin Earl Ross, Gloria Jean, Kenneth Lloyd and Cynthia, Jean children of Kenneth and Gloria Thomas, 1981.

Returning to Manitoba I worked at various construction and other jobs. In 1966 I married Gloria Jean Irvine, daughter of Orvil and Mabel Irvine. We have three children: Kenneth Dean, our eldest son born in 1967, followed by Paul Lowell born in 1970, but who very sadly passed away the same year, Kevin Earl Ross born in 1972 and Cynthia Jean, born in 1973.

My wife Gloria and I now live at Stoney Point where we have our farm and I am employed by Earl Thomas as a machine operator and truck driver. In Oct. 1980, I was elected in Ward Six as a Municipal Councillor and I am now in my third year as a Councillor of the Rural Munc. of St. Clements.

Note: Kenneth Thomas is the 5th Thomas to serve as Councillor for Ward Six on the local Gov't Unit of St. Clements: Henry Thomas served in 1899, 1900 and 1906. H.G. Thomas served in 1915 to 1918. Reuben Thomas served in 1947 to 1950, 1955 to 1966. Earl R. Thomas served in 1969 to 1972. Kenneth L. Thomas served in 1980 to 1983.

FRANK AND EVA TOMCZAK

submitted by Charles Tomczak

Frank Tomczak was born in Poland in 1866. He met and married Eva Wisneiwski, who was born in 1873. Frank and Eva had 12 children, Walter born in 1892, Stanley 1894, Antoni 1898, Joe 1900, Mary 1902, John 1903, Charles 1905, Peter 1907, Eddie 1909, Jean 1912, Leon 1915, and Stella 1917.

All the children were born here. Eva was expecting her first born, Walter, when she made her voyage to Canada. They went via Hamburg, landed in Halifax and came to the Immigration office in Wpg. Father, Frank, could not get a job in Winnipeg, so he walked the railroad track all the way to North Dakota, where he got a job digging wells with a shovel. Son, Stanley, was born in North Dakota.



Charles and Bernice Tomczak, 1942.

Frank and Eva Tomczak and their grandchildren Lawrence Tomczak and Edward Newmann, 1942.

Frank came back to Winnipeg in about 1900, and the family bought land at Gonor (Lot 218) now known as Narol, Man., about 100 acres. Frank sold an acre of land to the Corpus Christi Church for \$50.00, and he was on the first committee of the Church. Charles Tomczak says his father Frank used to go to Winnipeg to find work and he took his saw and axe with him, and he used to get paid 25¢ a cord for sawing wood by hand. Charles says his mother Eva would walk all the way to Winnipeg to do housework to supplement the family income. She would also carry a bag of flour on her back all the way from Winnipeg to home.

Mrs. Wachal (Frank Wachal's mother) brought almost all of the Tomczak children into the world. She was a most respected midwife within the area. Eva Tomczak used to wash the Priest's Surplice and the Alter Clothes.

Charles says his father used four horses to clear the land and in 1920 they got their first truck. Charles remembers one time a fellow brought empty potato bags and asked his father to fill them up, putting 120 pounds in each bag and deliver them to the Gonor station. The price paid was \$1.00 per bag.

Charles, like his father, was very involved with the Corpus Christi Church. He was an alter boy and served on the Committee for about 15 years. Charles looked after the Church for thirty years and was presented with a Plaque by Council No. 6637, Knights of Columbus in recognition of this outstanding service.

Charles sold another acre of land for the Cemetery extension in 1966 for \$600.00. Charles lived on his father's property right up to 1946 and now his son, Lawrence, lives there and has built a new home.

PETER AND LEDA TOMKO

submitted by Leda Tomko

Peter Tomko, wife Leda, and children Sharon, and Peter Jr. moved to East Selkirk from Winnipeg in 1967. Peter purchased the Star Hotel from George and Clive Rennie where he operated the men's beer parlor, only until 1973, when he remodelled the hotel to mixed Beverage Room and Dinery Room and renamed it the "Star Village Tavern."

In 1979, Peter sold the hotel to Bufud Ltd. and bought a house on Kimberly Rd. where Peter and Leda still reside today.

Peter and Leda are active members of the Selkirk Steelers Jr. A Hockey Club, and Peter was President for 2 years and an active member for the last 12 years.

Peter and Leda are founding members and are still active in the East Selkirk Rec. Assoc. since 1973. Peter and Leda are also members of the East Selkirk Uk. Reading Society.

Peter is a founder and President of the Selkirk and District Sports Foundation. He is also a founder and President of the East Selkirk Wildman's Club, dedicated to wildlife.



Peter and Leda Tomko.

WILLIAM HENRY THOMPSON

submitted by slh

This gentleman was born in the year 1856 and came west from Ontario in about the year 1896 and settled for a few years in the Emerson area. In the early 1900's he moved to the East Selkirk area where he purchased a farm operation.

William Henry was an enterprising fellow, and took over the general store at the Garson Quarry and operated that for several years, in addition to running his farm in East Selkirk.

On Nov. 26, 1910 W.H. died at the Quarry store and he rests in peace at Mapleton.

William Henry was well liked in the area and he especially enjoyed his friendship with James Yule of the Van Horne Farms. James Yule had been ill and Mr. Thompson had visited with him just the day prior to his own death. He enjoyed sports, although mostly as a spectator. He was slowly stocking his farm and enjoyed visiting the Van Horne and Emmett farms where he was always a welcome visitor.

STEVE TOPOLOWSKI

submitted by Pearl Michalowsky

Steve came to Canada in 1908 at the same time as Mr. and Mrs. Michalowsky, they came from Poland. Steve lived with Mr. and Mrs. Michalowsky, and helped them in the General Store they owned. When Mr. Michalowsky sold the store and moved into Wpg., to live with Adolph and Pearl, Steve moved to the house next to the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church.

CHARLES TOPOR

submitted by Helen Doherty

Charlie Topor came to Canada from Poland in the year, 1929. His mother had passed away and his father had remarried. He worked hard in Poland but never made a penny and people told him there was no future there for him, so he left. Charlie sailed with two other fellows who were married and he was still single, for Canada. After arrival in Canada, they came from the east via CNR, and Charlie saw a lot of land that nobody was working. In Europe, they wouldn't let you keep the land standing idle. You have to use every bit of land. If you put it into grass, then you made hay. They stayed in the CNR station for one day and two nights before they chased them out. They then went to the CPR station and slept on the concrete floor.



Charlie and Ann Topor, 1982.

Charlie said, "Mr. Gaynor, from Narol, came along and was looking for men. There was a group of Hungarian guys there, and Gaynor spoke Polish, so I said I would work for him." We left Wpg. and headed north to Gaynors. "The weather was bad as it was snowing and blowing, and we almost got stuck on Henderson Hwy. When I had left Europe on March 27, 1929 they were cutting the lawns back there and when we reached Winnipeg on April 7, 1929 it was blowing snow and cold."

I worked for Gaynors for 1 1/2 years at \$25.00 per month during the summer and for board and room during the winter months. Then, Nick Polix and Bill Kaminski said, "you will not make money here, you will have to get a better paying job."

John Smith was Maruda's brother-in-law and he got me a job working on the Highway at Rapid City where I made more money in 2 months than a whole year at Gaynors. During the summer I worked harvesting and spent the winters in the bush.

Then I got a job at the Dominion Tannery working with the skins and got \$40.00 per month, plus board and room. Later, I went to work for the Cordite Plant in

Transcona and worked for .42¢ per hour. Finally, I started working in the Springfield Gravel Pit, for Building Products, where I remained for 25 years until I retired at the age of 67 years.

When I left the old country in 1929 we had a log house with 3" planks in it. Everybody made their own stoves of stones and the furniture was just benches and beds. That's all we had.

Charles Topor purchased Lot 276 in Narol, in the 1930's, where he carried on a mixed farm operation.

Charlie Topor married Ann Makodanski and they had three children: Richard, Walter and Elaine.

Ann Makodanski's parents lived in Vita, Man. for 70 years. They came there and homesteaded. Their home still had clay floors in 1924-25. Ann and her sisters had to walk about 1 1/2 miles to school. In 1936-37 Ann worked for Stella Produce for \$8.00 per month.

Charlie wishes he had married ten years sooner, but he had spent considerable money sponsoring several people who never paid him back.

Charlie has worked very hard to make a living and provide for the needs of his family. He enjoys his retirement and loves his home, family and the land.

THE TYMO (TIMO) FAMILY

submitted by Mrs. Ed. Starodub

Stefan Tymo was born on Dec. 29, 1886 in the village of Malniv, in the Ukraine. In 1910 he immigrated to Canada, sponsored by his uncle and aunt. They lived in East Selkirk. He worked at many different jobs, such as railroad gangs, harvesting gangs, cutting pulp and lumber, and also as a farmer's helper. For two years he remained in Canada, saving his money for a trip back to his homeland. In 1912, he returned to the Ukraine, back to his family.

However, when he got home, he found that he missed the life he had for the two years he lived in Canada. The urge to return to the land of plenty would not go away. At this time, there already was talk of the possibility of a war breaking out. The villagers were becoming concerned as to what would and could happen if the war became a reality. Stefan listened carefully and decided to return to Canada. He arrived back in East Selkirk in 1913.

Having been in Canada before, Stefan knew where to go looking for work. He continued to work across the prairies, going as far west as Calgary. However, he always returned to his aunt and uncle in East Selkirk. Their name was Boobyk. After the war in 1918 he bought ten acres of bush, on what is now Frank St. He started to clear the trees and break the land. He also started to build a home. All this was going to take him a few years to accomplish.

During the winter of 1924, a young lady from Poland arrived in Ladywood at the home of her aunt and uncle, Andrew and Maria Yurchak. Her name was Rosalia Shepelak. There were no children and she was very lonely. The homestead was a few miles from the closest neighbor. She missed her eight brothers and sisters.

A friend in Beausejour told the aunt that a family in East Selkirk was looking for domestic help

(housekeeper). Rosalia asked if she could try for the job. The very kind people were Mr. and Mrs. Morris Sharp, the only Jewish family in the village. They operated a grocery and general store. Mr. Sharp's kindness and generosity and "big heart" were known to all the villagers. Rosalia was very happy when they took her into their home. She liked the work and loved the four children. Her labour brought her much happiness.

Across the road from Mr. and Mrs. M. Sharp lived the Ogonoski family. Mrs. Anna Ogonoski was a very likeable person and loved to play the role of cupid. She made sure that Rosalia Shepelak would some how meet the "eligible bachelor with a new home," Stefan Tymo. Her efforts were not in vain. Stefan and Rosalia were married Nov. 19, 1925.

More hard work followed them in their life together. Stefan worked at what ever jobs were available, trying to clear his own land at the same time. They kept their own farm animals and planted their own garden. Years passed and they were blessed with two children. Mary and John. The dirty 30's were just around the corner. Life was going to be tough. Stefan was fortunate in getting a job with the "Winnipeg Electric Co." which ran street cars between Winnipeg and Selkirk. Rosalia worked at home and also helped the neighbors with their field work. The children grew and attended the old "Happy Thought School." Mary completed Grade 11 in East Selkirk and Grade 12 at Isaac Newton in Winnipeg. John completed Grade 11 in East Selkirk also, and Grade 12 in Selkirk. They treasure all their happy memories of the good "old" school days.

With the 1939-1945 World War behind them, Stefan and Rosalia continued their tireless efforts. Their ambition now was to see their children make a good life for themselves. On Sept. 10, 1949, Mary married Edward Starodub, son of Micheal and Mary Starodub. They have two sons, Robert and Ronald. Both are presently attending the University of Manitoba, Faculty of Commerce. Robert is in his final year and Ronald in his second year. The family makes its home on Strathcona Rd. in East Selkirk.

Their son John, married Bernice Martiniuk, daughter of Micheal and Pearl Martiniuk in Oct. 1955. They make their home in East Kildonan.

They were proud to have been members of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church from its beginning, serving on committees and taking an active part in the building of the present beautiful church. They were also active members of the "Ukrainian Home and Reading Society," Stefan being one of the charter members. He served as secretary for many years.

The years passed, and the results of their hard work became very visible. Stefan and Rosalia were satisfied that they had done their best. Their backs were stooped and their hands calloused. On Feb. 23, 1970, the Lord called Stefan to his eternal rest. We missed him dearly. Rosalia was lost and lonely. She sold her home on Frank St. and moved into a small cottage beside her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Starodub on Strathcona Rd. For seven years she tried to conquer her loneliness. Failing health compelled her to move to Betel Home, Selkirk in Jan. 1977. There, at age 84, amid the

wonderful care from the nurses and staff and the love and understanding of her family, she is living out her life. May God Bless her.

METRO AND ANNIE TYPLISKI

submitted by Adeline Typliski

Metro was born in the Ukraine and came to Canada at the age of 3, with his parents. They settled on a homestead in East Selkirk. He began school and went to Grade 7 in the village. Later he got a job at the Rolling Mills. In 1927, his father bought him a piece of bush land in Walkleyburg. He then cleared the bush land and built a one-room shanty using the land for hay and grain. In 1928, he married Annie Waytuik who was born in Walkleyburg. The marriage was in the St. Vladimir and Olga Church in Winnipeg. They then settled on the Walkleyburg homestead.

The times were tough and they lived in the one-room



Metro and Annie Typliski's first home at Walkleyburg, 1935, daughter Adeline sitting in front.



Left to Right: Adeline, Annie, Metro, Fred and Victor Typliski, Metro and Annie's 25th anniversary.

house. They raised three children, Fred, Victor and Adeline. They are all married now.

Fred is divorced. Victor married Doreen Hastman having four children, Ronald, Caroline, Connie and Allan. Their daughter Adeline married Peter Kaluzniak, they have three children, Garry, Gordon and Susan, living in Selkirk, Man.

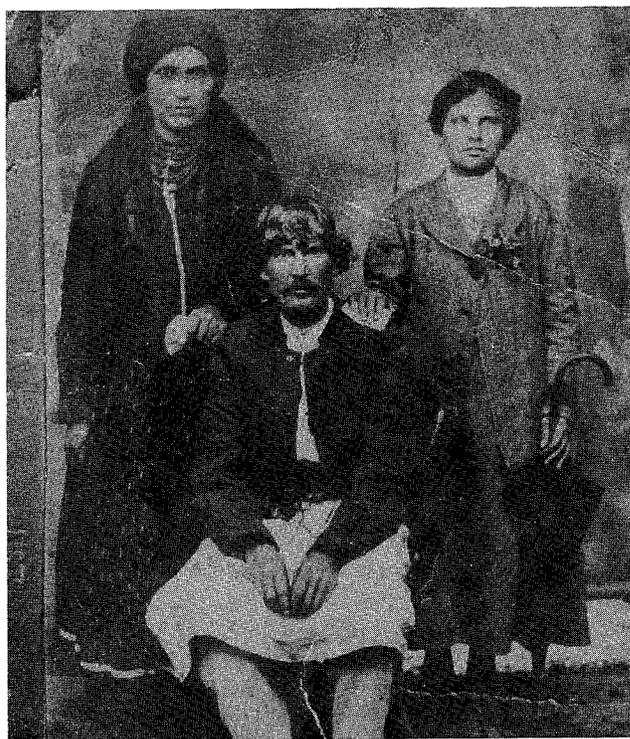
THE USKIW FAMILY

submitted by Sam Uskiw

My father, Theodore Uskiw, was born in the village of Bilcze Zlote, Province of Borszcziw, in Austria in 1888. His father's name was Kandrat who was married to Helen Juryk. My father's parents were land owners who employed a number of people.

At the age of 20, in 1908, my father immigrated to Canada on his own initiative, based on Canadian immigration promotion and without the knowledge of his parents. He apparently drove to town with a team of oxen and a wagon. He sold the team and wagon and departed to Canada.

My mother, Mary Rohach, immigrated to Canada in 1912 at the age of 13. My mother's parents feared war



My grandparents in Austria on mother's side in Austria.



My grandmother (Mother's side) in Austria.



Mary Ronach Uskiw, 1955.

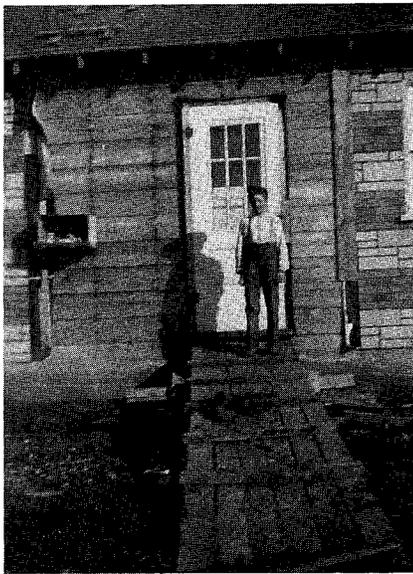
and poverty and in desperation shipped their 13-year-old daughter to Canada with the knowledge that they would never see her again, but with the hope that she would be better off in Canada. My mother's parents were Wasyl Rohach, who was married to Sophie Charkorski, and lived in the town of Koroliwka in Austria. On arrival in Winnipeg, my mother was met by her older sister, Pauline who had already established residence in Winnipeg. Pauline looked after my mother and decided that she should marry my father. At the age of 15 my mother was married to my father by Father Poleksiw on February 3rd, 1914, at St. Vladimir and Olga's Cathedral in Winnipeg.

My father was fortunate to have been given a high school education. He was a very able person as a tradesman, carpenter, mechanic and musician. In his early years in Canada he worked for farmers in Manitoba where he developed a knowledge of Canadian agriculture. While he farmed in the St. Clements municipality, he also built many homes. During the war he worked for the Department of National Defence, building army camps in Prince Rupert, British Columbia. He did not like to farm with horsepower so he bought tractors, threshing machines and all kinds of farm machinery from the very beginning. He operated steam engines and many subsequent tractor models throughout his farming career. He was also first to purchase a combine in our area at St. Peters, the farm where my family and I still reside. He dismantled and rebuilt his tractors at home. He built his own brush cutters with which he cut many sections of bush for himself and for others. He also broke land and custom threshed for many people.

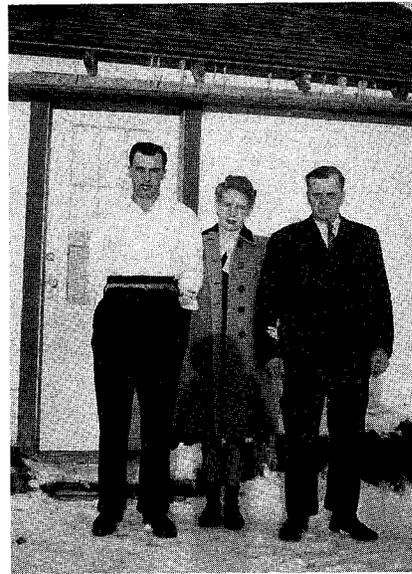
On the lighter side, he was a good musician, able to play a violin and a dulcimer (tysmbaly). He preferred the dulcimer, an instrument he made. He played in an orchestra at many weddings, parties, etc. In those days a wedding or a party would last for three days. I recall a party at our house in St. Peters which lasted for three days. In those days food was brought in by those participating in the party. Home brew was plentiful and music was also available with or without pay. In this way my father became well-known throughout a large part of the area from Winnipeg North and Northeast and in particular in the R.M.'s of Springfield, East St. Paul, St. Clements, Brokenhead, west St. Paul, St. Andrews and the Town of Selkirk.

My parents first established themselves at Section 2-13-5E and received their mail at Garson Post Office. From there they moved to Kirkness next to John Gowryluk and received their mail at the Kirkness Post Office. From Kirkness they moved to Lot 88 and 89 and lived there until the C.I.L. bought the farm in 1930. The C.I.L. built a dynamite plant there. My father moved to Lot 92 on Henderson Highway. He worked for the C.I.L. during the construction of their plant. The mailing address was East Selkirk for the last two locations.

On October 18th, 1933, I was born in our home at lot 92 and lived there until 1937. From there we moved to lot 212 at St. Peters about 3/4s of a mile east of St. Peters Road, now P.R. 508. On the same road but 3/4s mile west of St. Peters road is historic St. Peters Church. My



*The Uskiw Homestead
Lot 203 St. Peters in
1940's.*



*John, his wife Elda
and my father at John
and Elda's home at St.
Peters, 1948-50.*

parents had 10 children of which five are living. Anne was born on December 9th, 1915. She left home in the early teens before I was born. She moved to Hamilton, Ontario where she and Douglas Ellice were married. Douglas worked as a conductor with the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway. Their son Brian is married and lives in Sudbury, Ontario. Their daughter Valerie is married and lives in St. Catherines, Ontario. Douglas died several years ago and Anne has not remarried. She spends a lot of time travelling around the world. She is now 68 years of age and enjoying her pension at St. Catherines, Ontario.

Julia was born on February 20th, 1917. She became an accordion teacher and worked for Modern Dairies in Winnipeg. During her early childhood she sustained a back injury which was undetected and not noticed until she developed a humpback as she grew up. She drowned in the Assiniboine River at the age of 21.



John Uskiw in his army uniform, 1943.

John was born on August 16th, 1918. In 1934, at the age of 16 in search of work, he left home travelling by freight train to various parts of Canada. He worked on farms in Western Canada for \$5 per month. He returned in 1939 and lived at home for awhile until he got a job cutting pulp at Pine Falls. Subsequently he served in the army until March 11th, 1945. On March 16th, 1945 he and Elda Rollins, a girl from Filmore, Saskatchewan, where married. In 1946 they moved to lots 197, 198 and 199 at St. Peters. Most of their land was covered by bush. John worked at the Manitoba Rolling Mills at Selkirk while they cleared the bush and brought all of their acreage into production. In 1962 they sold their land to Bill and Stephie Molitowsky but retained their home and a few acres of land. In 1972 they sold their house and land to Ernie and Maryanne Youzwa. They moved to Selkirk where they purchased a home. They did not have any children. Elda passed away on October 16th, 1977 and is buried at St. Clements cemetery which is located near the Manitoba Rolling Mill. John worked for the Manitoba Rolling Mill for 30 years and took early retirement at the age of 60 in 1978. On September 19th, 1981 John was married to Mary Paluck, widow of John Paluck. They live on Manitoba Ave. in Selkirk.

Mike was born on November 18th, 1919 and died five months later.

Jean was born on November 6th, 1920. At the age of 17 she and Bill Johnston were married and lived in Winnipeg for many years where they raised their only child, Robert. Jean and Bill split up and she moved to Toronto where she and Bill Coote were married. This marriage did not last very long. Jean moved to Vancouver and has established a single lifestyle and her home there. Her son Robert lives in Toronto with his wife and two children. He works as a salesman for Adams Chicklets.

Jessie was born in the spring of 1921 and died within two months.

Bill was born in July, 1922 and died within five hours.

Steve was born in the Spring of 1926. At 17 years of