

Peter m. Florence Rogge; Prince George, B.C.; Wayne.

Katherine (deceased) m. Leonard Friesen; Winnipeg, Man.

Anne m. William Porteous; Winnipeg, Man.; Donita and Roberta.

Lillian m. Harold Simpkins; Winnipeg, Man.; Kenneth, Nancy, Christopher and Lucille.

Klym died May 4, 1941. Lucy died Feb. 20, 1974. They are both buried in the E. Selkirk Cemetery.

HARRY AND CATHERINE WAYTIUK

submitted by Cathy Waytiuk

Harry Waytiuk was born and raised in Selkirk. Catherine Peterson grew up in the Narol district. Both came from farming backgrounds. They were married in 1940 and started their own market garden near Bird's Hill.

When Harry's father, Klym, died in 1941, Harry and Catherine moved to Mayfield to work with his mother on a mixed farm. They sold this farm in 1947 and moved to Winnipeg for a year and a half.

In 1949, they came to East Selkirk and started mixed farming and continued with market gardening. Harry's son, Clifford, joined him in the farming operation in 1965.

The couple had three children: Clifford Andrew, born in 1942; Carole Margaret, born in 1944; and Audrey Anne, born in 1947.



4 generations (Market gardeners in R.M. of St. Clements) of Malis family in Canada. Standing, Left to Right: Cathy Waytiuk, Margaret Peterson. Sitting: Karoline Malis holding Clifford Waytiuk.

Harry was always active in community affairs. He spent eight years as secretary-treasurer in the Mayfield School District beginning in the late 1930's.

In 1960, he was elected as a trustee to the Happy Thought Consolidated School District and continued as a representative on the school board when that district became part of the Lord Selkirk School Division later that year. He served as trustee for twenty years until his death in 1980. He worked with many people in the East Selkirk area and helped establish a new Happy Thought School which included kindergarten to Gr. IX students. The school opened in 1967.



David and Carole Ezzard and family.

He was elected as councillor for Ward IV in St. Clements in 1975 and served in that position until 1980.

Catherine has also been active in community life. She was involved as an assistant leader in 4-H clubs for ten years. She was one of the founding members of the East Selkirk and District Senior Citizen Club organized in 1982.

Both Harry and Catherine participated as members of the East Selkirk Recreation Association.

Harry and Catherine were optimists and were socially progressive. They worked to improve life in the community, particularly through education.

Their son, Clifford, trained and worked for a time with several Winnipeg companies as a method analyst and as a merchandise buyer. He, now, is a full time farmer and is the fourth generation of market gardeners in his family. He grows registered and certified seed grain as well as table and seed potatoes. Clifford is a director of the



5th generation of Market gardeners in R.M. of St. Clements C. Waytiuk's daughters extreme left Christine 2nd from right Shelley.

Manitoba Vegetable Marketing Board and is a member of the Manitoba Vegetable Growers Association. He is also a member of the Canadian Seed Grower's Association and a member of SECAN. He is involved in community work as vice-chairman of the St. Clements Centennial Committee. Clifford works as a school bus driver for the Lord Selkirk School Division and was secretary for the fledgling Lord Selkirk Bus Driver's Association.

He married Elizabeth Wehrle in 1967. Elizabeth is from Little Britain and she graduated as a Registered Nurse from the St. Boniface Hospital in 1965. The couple are both active members of the East Selkirk Recreation Association. They have three children: Shelley Anne, born in 1968; Christine Ellen, born in 1970 and Susan Catherine, born in 1977.

Their daughter, Carole, graduated as a Registered Nurse from the Winnipeg Children's Hospital in 1965 and has a diploma in social welfare services from the Assiniboine Community College in Brandon. She married David Ezzard in 1966. David is from Portage la Prairie and works now, as an instructor at the Selkirk Mental Health Centre. He graduated as a Registered Psychiatric Nurse from the Brandon Mental Health Centre in 1966 and as a Registered Nurse from the Brandon General Hospital in 1970.

At present, David is on the Provincial Examination Committee for the Manitoba Psychiatric Nurses' Association and is a fireman with the East Selkirk Volunteer Fire Department. He is also a member of the Selkirk Centennial Old Timers Hockey Team.

Carole has worked for the Interlake Sport Development Association in 1982 and in 1983 as Co-ordinator of the Interlake Winter Games.

The couple has four children: William George, born in 1970; Robert Allan, born in 1971; Kim Nadine, born in 1972 and David Harry, born in 1977.

The Ezzard family is active in sports and carries on gardening as a hobby.

Their daughter, Audrey, graduated with a diploma in Creative Communications from Red River Community College in 1975. She worked for a time as a reporter/photographer with three Selkirk area newspapers and for a time as a teacher's aide in special education with the River East School Division. She is now doing free-lance writing and is an active member of Toastmasters International.

WILLIAM AND AGUSTA WENTLAND

submitted by The Kintop Family

William Wentland, born in 1878 and his wife Agusta (nee Schultz) born in 1880 were one of the earliest pioneers living in Greenwald. William Wentland came to Canada prior to World War I. He was born and raised in the Province of Volhynia, Russia. Mrs. Wentland (also born in Russia) joined her husband after World War I. The Wentlands bought some land, (in Greenwald) about 30 acres (Section 30, Township 15, Range 8) and lived there until their demise. This property is now owned by Mr. Peter Denisuik,

The Wentlands farm was located adjacent to the late Frederick Kintops where they maintained a good sized herd of milking cows. They were also one of the first farmers to own a cream separator. This was a Stockholm make and was bought in the year 1921.

In the 1920's and early 30's the late Kintops and the late Wentlands shared some of their farm duties, mainly making hay, possibly herding cows, repairing each other's machinery. The butchering of meat was always done together since it was rather difficult to be carried out by one man.

During the late 1920's possibly around 1928 - 1930 the Red River Motor Coach bus made daily trips from Winnipeg to Beaconia and the Grand Beach area. Often neighbors would use the Wentland's residence as a bus shelter especially during the cold winter months. They always made you feel welcome and no doubt one was always greeted by two or more dogs and perhaps three or more cats. They were great animal lovers.

Since the Wentland's were the first farmers at the crossroads (now Highway No. 12 and Glenmoor Road) and with the approach of a few more farmers establishing in an easterly direction (approximately 1/2 to 3/4 of a mile) the name "Wentland Avenue" became quite famous, and was referred to quite often by the local bus drivers and people in the immediate neighborhood.

An interesting point is that the "Wentland Post Office" (named after the late Wentlands) was opened in 1952. Following the closing of Greenwald, Man., later in 1962, it assumed the name of its predecessor. The post office was permanently closed in 1968; the community thereafter being served through Rural Route No. 2, Beausejour, Man.

The Wentlands both died in 1950 and are resting in the old Greenwald Cemetery.

FRANK WESLEY (WOZLOWSKI)

Francis Leon Wesley was born February 24, 1931 and was raised in Fraserwood. His father and mother, Wasyl (William) and Antonia, had seven children: Morris, Peter, Stanley, Frank, Judy, Mrs. Stan Kostuik and Verna (Mrs. Lloyd Crosby).

Frank attended Willow Creek School at Fraserwood and received his high school education at the boarding school in Teulon. At the age of 17, he taught as a permit teacher in a one-room country school in Minitonas where the enrollment numbered 60. He went to Normal School, completed his training and subsequently taught at Medika and Springfield.

In 1952, he joined the teaching staff at Happy Thought School in East Selkirk.

He married Evelyn Koterla in 1952. The couple lived in East Selkirk for five years and then moved to 221 Heap Ave., in Selkirk.

Evelyn recalls living in East Selkirk. They had to split wood for their wood stove and had to pump and carry water from their neighbour's well. Wash day was a big undertaking, with water having to be carried and heated and carried out, including water for rinsing. They also had an outdoor toilet.



Frank Wesley, 1967 M.T.S. at the official opening of the Happy Thought School.

Frank had a dynamic outgoing personality and was a popular figure in the Selkirk and East Selkirk communities. He was respected by his students as well as by his fellow teachers. He had a lot of drive and was terrifically active. His enthusiastic vigour and spontaneity bolstered morale in those around him.

When he died suddenly on March 31, 1972, he was also travelling principal of the Libau and Scantebury Schools. He received his B.A. and B.Ed. degrees from the University of Manitoba and was working towards his M.Ed. degree. He was chairman of the principal's council and acting superintendent of the Lord Selkirk School Division. He was chairman of the following committees: in-service, teacher placement, special education and school board building. He was active in the division association of the Manitoba Teachers Society. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Selkirk Council 6150, a senior trustee of St. Stanilaus Church and belonged to the church choir. He was a member of the I.O.O.F. and past member of the Kiwanis and A.N.A.F. of Selkirk and past president of the Lord Selkirk Athletic Association. He had a great interest in sports and he encouraged this interest in his students. He was coach and manager of the Selkirk Teachers Fastball Club as well as being a M.A.H.A. referee.

Frank was an accomplished musician. He started to play the guitar at the age of twelve and learned the piano when in residence at school in Teulon. He practiced on his brother Pete's accordion and mastered the base side. With the money he made teaching his first year at Minitonas, he bought his own accordion. He started a band there and over the years played with several bands.

In East Selkirk, he had a band named the Manitobans better known as Wesley's band. During part of the band's lifetime, Johnny Bosko played the drum, Pete Bosko played the saxophone and Ernie Koterla, (Frank's brother-in-law) played the saxophone and violin. Frank played at many of his students' weddings and for many socials.

Evelyn Koterla was born in 1933, her mother, Mary,

(maiden name: Fegol) and father, George, lived in Narol. She had one brother, Ernie and two sisters, Irene (Saltner) and Noreen (Nerbus). Another brother, Henry, died in childhood.

The family moved to Gonor where Evelyn completed Gr. XI. She did clerical work at Great West Life after high school and later when she was married worked for Blue Cross and Manitoba Medical Services. Later, she worked as a supervisor with the Manitoba Home for Girls in West St. Paul. She is presently employed with Livingston Distribution Centres in Winnipeg and is on call as matron with the Selkirk Detachment of the R.C.M.P.

During the first year she lived in East Selkirk, she taught sewing with the 4-H club there.

The couple had four children: Randall, born in 1952; Shayne, born in 1954; Sherry, born in 1958 and Jody, born in 1968.

Randall graduated from Gr. XII and works with the Selkirk Post Office. He married Wendy Yakimchuk in 1973. She works as a secretary at the Selkirk Mental Health Centre.

Shayne graduated from Gr. XII and works in administration with the Imperial Bank of Commerce in Calgary, Alta. She married Richard Hamilton in 1980. He works as a moving consultant for Hill Security. The couple had a baby in 1982, a girl, Ashley Jacqueline.

Sherry is following her father's footsteps. She completed Gr. XII and worked her way through four years of teacher's training; two at Red River Community College and two at the University of Winnipeg. During her Gr. XII year she was a swimming instructor at the Regional Comprehensive High School in Selkirk. She worked during the summers at various jobs including life guarding at the Regional Comprehensive High School and at the Selkirk Outdoor Pool; with the Municipality of West Kildonan; and with Hill Security. She had a B.Ed. and is working on her Masters Degree. At present, she is a business education teacher at Murdoch McKay in Transcona. She is very athletic and is involved with swimming and volleyball. She married Herbert Loewen in 1982. He teaches power mechanics at Bernie Wolfe in Transcona.

Jody is in Gr. IX at Lockport School. He plays the accordion and participates in hockey.

JOHN AND ANNA WINGER

submitted by Olive Wardrop

It was in the spring of 1901, that 4 or 5 families (John and Anna Winger among them) arrived at the Immigration Hall at East Selkirk, Man. to begin homesteading. Their journey started in Starrawa, Galicia (then part of The Austrian Empire) and continued across the Atlantic. Arriving in Halifax, Nova Scotia, these families boarded the C.P. train for Manitoba. Although the government railways had offered free land, each family had to pay for their own transportation to Manitoba.

John and Anna Winger with their 2 small children, arrived with a trunk of clothing, a few kitchen utensils



John and Anna Winger.

and \$600.00. There was no housing accommodation for any of the families, so the women and children were settled at the Immigration Hall while the men went out to homestead land at Libau. By working together the men were able to clear some land and erect houses for their families. The houses were built of logs and plastered together with clay mixed with straw. In the spring of 1902, the women and children went to Libau. Furniture and clothing were all handmade at that time. In the winter months, the men hauled cordwood by oxen, to Selkirk, (often taking up to a week to make a trip). Travelling peddlers provided access to such things as material for clothing and fresh fruit.

John Winger's stay at Libau lasted only 4 or 5 years when he decided to return, -- first settling at Brokenhead, then back to East Selkirk. Lack of educational facilities for his growing family brought him back to East Selkirk. When the Happy Thought School was built, he took the job of janitor, working there for 25 years. John and Anna raised a large family -- Annie, Pauline, Mary, Kay, John, Nick, Jessie and Nellie. They also adopted 2 children - Mike and Kathleen.

Anna Winger, besides raising her own family, acted as a midwife and general care-giver to anyone ailing in the community. Her duties often took her away from home for several days at a time. One of her tools of the trade was a jar of leeches used to bleed some of her patients. There were no doctors available in the district for many years.

The male members of the family cared for the livestock, cut wood and snared rabbits (thereby earning enough money to buy a gun for hunting). The girls in the family tended the garden and picked mushrooms and berries (to be dried in the sun for winter storage).

The Winger family, along with others, helped to build St. Michael's Ukrainian Greek-Orthodox Church (which is still standing). This place of worship filled a vital need for those in the community of that faith. The Wingers were also involved in the construction and activities of the Ukrainian Reading Hall of Ivan Franko. This rapidly became the centre of community activity. (The site of concerts, dances, weddings, bazaars, etc.) When the hall

was destroyed by fire, it was quickly rebuilt by the community members.

Opportunities for enjoying sports were limited, but the young men and boys of the community would clear snow from a creek for skating and playing hockey. They also enjoyed an occasional weiner roast, compliments of a friend whose father had a butcher store. Organized sport did not appear until the early 1930's.

From these simple beginnings has been born the community of today.

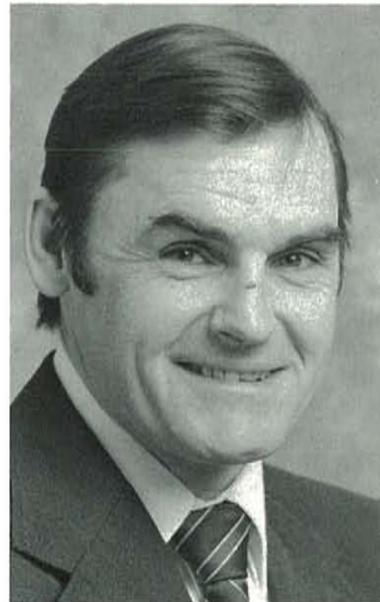
DANIEL F. WILLIAMS

submitted by Danny Williams

Daniel was born in Dauphin in 1939. He was the son of Jim and Min. Williams. He was educated in Dauphin through High School and attended the University of Manitoba, and received his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Law (LL.B.) both in 1965. He was called to the Bar of the Law Society of Manitoba in the same year.

Articled to B.B. Dubiensi, Q.C., and then to Julian Glowacki, and immediately following receipt of call to the Bar in the fall of 1965, located in Selkirk as successor to the law practice of Walter Karlicki, which of course was the law firm previously carried on by Messrs. McLenaghan, Newman and Darichuk through the years.

Daniel commenced duties as the solicitor for the Municipality of St. Clements immediately upon succeeding Mr. Karlicki in 1965, and has continued to the present date.



D.F. Williams, Municipal Solicitor.

At the time of creation of Legal Aid Manitoba in 1971, was named the Area Director for the Selkirk Interlake Legal Aid Area, which encompasses a large district in the Interlake, on both sides of the Red River, with the outer limits roughly being the north Perimeter Highway on the

South, the Ontario border on the East, Lake Manitoba on the West, and Jackhead and Wanipigow on the North, and continues in that capacity to the present date.

He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1982.

Community activities have been many. He has been active in Selkirk and District Community, and also active with the Alcohol Foundation of Manitoba since 1965, and currently Chairman of the Education Review Committee of the Alcohol Foundation Committee of Manitoba.

Active with 4-H in Manitoba, and currently a leader with the Birds Hill Light Horse Pony Club operating from the Ashfield District in the Municipality of St. Clements. He has taken an active interest in Provincial and Federal politics.

His interests, hobbies and recreation include team and individual recreational pursuits, including hockey, skiing, (downhill and cross-country), mountaineering (including climbing and ski-touring), wilderness and white water canoeing and kayaking, back-packing, horse riding, harness horse racing, jogging and local history.

The clubs and associations that he has been involved with over the years are the Alpine Club of Canada, Manitoba Naturalists Society, Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature, Hudson Bay Record Society, Manitoba Runners' Association, Manitoba Harness Racing Association, Canadian Trotting Assn., Manitoba Law Hockey League, and Manitoba 4-H Movement.

Danny married Leslie Findlay in 1966, and his wife is a practicing Doctor specializing in Psychiatry. They have three children: Bob, Jane, and Laura. The children are active in organized sports and 4-H, and the family participates in all of the hobbies and recreation mentioned.

HISTORY OF MR. AND MRS. JOE WIESS (BOTH DECEASED)

submitted by their daughter Edith Kosack

Mom and Dad or Joe and Augusta as they were called, came from Benson, Sask. in 1934. They came Via Caravan Horses, cattle and whatever personal belongings they were able to bring in their wagons.

They settled in St. Peters on a small farm. They had 6 children with the first two dying at child birth and one when she was 12 years old. Remaining are 2 children, Edith (Kosack) and Fred Wiess. Dad worked his farm in St. Peters when they first arrived. In later years he went to work at the Steel Foundry. In 1950 they moved into the Town of Selkirk and Dad continued to work until he retired.

I, Edith, married Alex Kosack in 1949. We moved into Selkirk Aug. 1, 1950. When Alex started to work at the MRM (Manitoba Rolling Mills) he worked there for 32 1/2 years. First as a Shear Man, then as a Brick Layer. He took early retirement on Jan. 28, 1983.

I have worked most of my married life for the past 17 years in a drugstore. We had 3 sons, Leslie, Terrance and Lance. Terry was accidentally killed at the age of 3 1/2. Leslie married Barbara Martin. They have 2 sons, and are now living in Vegreville, Alta. He is a Trucker and



*Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wiess and Fred and Aline Wiess with sons
grandsons, Leslie and Lance Jody and Terry.
Kosack.*

Barbara works for the Alberta Telephones. Lance married Theresa Staska and they are living in Selkirk. He is also a Trucker. Theresa is an L.P.N. at Red River Place.

Fred finished high school in Selkirk and went to work for Hydro for a short period. Then he also went to the M.R.M. in 1950 where he is still working. He is now a Melting Supervisor in the Melt shop Dept.

He married Aline Grosjean in 1962. She is a Registered Psychiatric Nurse and is presently working at the Betel Home Foundation. They have 2 sons, Jorden who is in grade 10 at the Selkirk Comprehensive School and Terrence who is in grade 8 at Lockport School. Both boys love sports, especially fishing with their Dad.

THE WOOD FAMILY

submitted by (Mrs.) Jacqueline Wood

We moved out to Narol in June 1959. We bought our property from Edith and Cliff Campbell, part of Lot 273 in the Old St. Andrews survey.

1959 was not a very good year for the Wood family. We had sold our property and business in Winnipeg and decided to move to the village of Narol.

We soon found out a little of the hardships endured by our pioneer ancestors. We moved the building in which we had our snackbar, out to the lot on Henderson Hwy. We lived in this for six months. We had torn down our old house in Norwood and used most of the lumber in our new residence.

This was the year there were five solid weeks of rain and then the mercury dipped to 9° below F. Our plants froze, our goldfish was encased in a cake of ice (incidentally they survived thawing).

During that summer I was expecting my fourth child and took very ill and lost our baby.

We finally managed to move into our partly finished house still using the "little house" out the back and hauling our water from Ritchies pump down the highway. Our children at this time, were enrolled in Donald School. Duncan Albert was fourteen in Grade six: Marilynn Thea was nine in Grade two and Richard



Henry and Jacqueline Wood, Sept, 9, 1944.



Carolyn Wood



Jennifer Wood



Scott Wood



Colleen Nykoluk, Susan's daughter.

Gilbert, our youngest had just turned six starting in Grade one.

We had a ten party telephone line in those days and when emergencies arose, somehow someone heard your call of distress and altho' somewhat red faced, showed up with assistance.

While we were living in our snackbar building we had an oil space heater for heat and borrowed a small cookstove from our next door neighbors, the Campbells, for cooking.



Left to Right: Richard (Rick) Wood, Marilyn (Lynn) Kowaluk nee Wood, Susan Nykoluk nee Hardacker (Foster daughter) Duncan Wood.

Our son, Duncan, believing we were now "farming people" decided this was a good place to raise livestock. We ran the gamut from fish, budgies, hamsters, gerbils, rabbits, dogs, cats and finally ended up with three horses, luckily not all at the same time. We found our new neighbors to be a real friendly, helpful bunch of people. We never lacked for fresh vegetables, which was a good thing because all we could grow were the best weeds in Narol.

In 1961 we decided to make a home for our foster daughter, Susan Hardacker, who came to live with us until she was married nine years later to Larry Nykoluk from Narol. Our daughter Lynn married Robert Kowaluk, a descendant of one of Gonor's settlers. Duncan, our eldest son, married Terry Hicks, from North Kildonan and our youngest son, Richard is married to Charlene Martin from Biggar, Sask. Two of our four grandchildren were born while their parents lived in Narol. Our grandchildren are Carolyn Mary, twelve; Jennifer May, eight and Scott Duncan Wood, six; and Colleen Nykoluk, ten (our foster daughter's daughter).

We have taken an active part in the community, starting in the fall of 1960. I was elected as secretary of

the Donald Ladies Auxiliary later becoming its president; as a leader and partial organizer of the Narol 4H club; a director of the Narol Community Club; presently serving as president of the Narol Golden Age Club, Secretary of the Narol Community Club Ladies Auxiliary, and Director of the R.M. of St. Clements Centennial Committee. My husband, Henry, has been both President and Treasurer of the Narol Community Club, a 4H leader, and as a helper for Santa for many years in Narol. We were both active in the Home Street Christian Church. We enjoy meeting people and spend much time away from home.

I became notorious as the grandmother who fell off her bicycle and broke her elbow. My hobbies range through all types of handicrafts, cycling (three wheeler these days) and swimming. My husband's being treasurer of our church, baking and cooking. I have many happy memories of my Grandmother, Nellie Norquay, taking us to the Beaconsia and Patricia Beach area to pick saskatoons and visit with the Monkman families there. My maternal grandparents were Charles Alexander Norquay and Helen (Nellie) Taylor. Charles Norquay was a descendant of one of the Lord Selkirk Settlers, Oman Norquay and a grand-nephew of the Honorable John Norquay, Premier of Manitoba. My paternal grandparents were Charles William Parsons and Fanny Smith from Bristol, England. My father and mother were Albert Charles Parsons and Gertrude Norquay. Dad was born in Bristol, England and when he was seventeen worked in the old Selkirk car barns, later working in Winnipeg at the Winnipeg Electric Company until he retired. Mother and myself were born in West Selkirk. I have one brother Richard, married to Marjorie Chant and they have two children, Nancy and Robert.

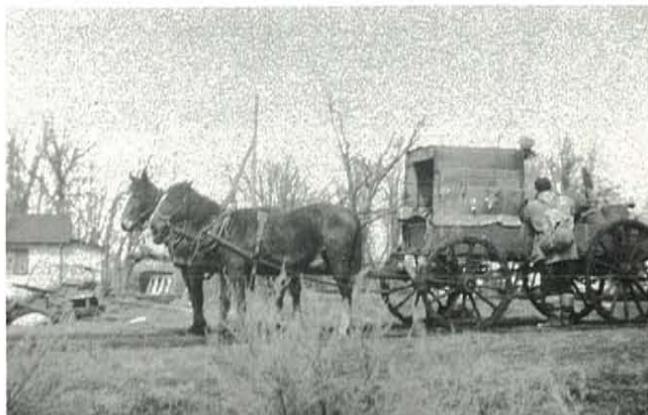
Henry's parents were Richard Fulton Wood and Thea Nary. Dad Wood born in Glasgow, Scotland and Mother Wood from Norway Lake in Minnesota. Her father, Henry Nary, homesteaded in Kuroki, Sask. after the death of her mother Karen in Norway Lake. Richard Wood's father and his father before him operated a bake shop in Glasgow. Henry had two brothers, Duncan Andrew, killed in action in 1943 and Richard Nary, of Kelowna B.C. now deceased who was married to Jean Blatchford and they have one child Thea Jean Marion.

My great-uncle, Jacob Norquay and his wife Ethel Scott, I believe met as teachers in the old Donald School in about 1904-1907. It is recorded in the minutes of the school board that his starting salary was (\$480.00) four-hundred and eighty dollars a year.

Our stay in Narol has been rich and rewarding as we have made many friends here.



Sam Woodward with muskrat pelts.



Sam Woodward and Alfred Bolin loading muskrat pelts at Whittles Point, Whittles' house in background.

POPLAR PARK - WOODWARD FAMILY

submitted by Maranda Woodward

Samson, (Sam) Woodward was born near Manchester England and had served in the Royal Army in W.W.I. He emigrated to Canada in 1920, and worked for various farmers in southern Manitoba and Saskatchewan before settling down in Poplar Park. He married Miranda Mattson in 1938. Aside from farming, he was very interested in the affairs of the Church and the Sheffield School. He also worked with George Longbottom as game guardian. They had two daughters, Ruth and Eileen, who live in Winnipeg.

After Christmas 1956, Miranda and Sam Woodward left to work at the Indian Residential School in Carcross,

Yukon. A year later they moved to Whitehorse, Yukon where Sam worked for the Army, before retiring in 1964. They moved to Winnipeg and spent their summers at the farm until selling out to the Government in 1971.

THE WUSATY FAMILY STORY

submitted by Verna Wusaty

In 1911 the Wusaty family arrived in Canada from Radekhow near what was then Tarnapol, Poland. The family consisted of Thomas and Maria and two sons, Michael and Dymetro, aged ten and eight. Though no original members of this family survive today, they left behind family and fond memories. His sister, Mrs. Marko, had already homesteaded in the Poplar Park area and this is where he arrived with his family.



Marriage of Lena Sawula and Michael Wusaty, June 10, 1924.

On his 80 acres, they cut their own logs and built a three-room house. Here two sons, Harry and Martin were born. Harry resides on the homeplace while Martin, retired from LaBatts Brewing, lives just across the road in a house he built when he first married.

The children attended Poplar Park School and helped out on the homestead. The two older boys worked out by helping at harvest for other farmers.

In 1924, the eldest son, Michael, married Lena Sawula. Having no money, they both had to go to work, Michael in Kenora, Ont. while Lena did housework in Winnipeg. They returned to Lena's parents and worked with them staying at Lena's first home across from her parents. In 1926, they started to build a home on their own forty acres. It was a one-and-a-half storey house built of hand cut logs and planks made from them. Later they built a barn for their three cows and a storage bin or "Komora". They cleared five acres and seeded it. Michael's younger brothers cut it and threshed it. Lena did the stooking on her own. She was left to care for the children, Stephanie and Helen, and the homestead while Michael worked out for farmers in the Belmont area. An entire summer's pay totalled \$300.00. He worked out for ten years.

In winter, Michael would cut cordwood from off the homestead and would buy cordwood from the Reserve.



The Michael Wusaty homestead.

He brought it by team to Selkirk. He'd leave at 7 a.m. and returned in the evening. Sometimes he'd leave his load unsold, bringing in another load the next day and sell them both. He received from \$3.50 to \$4.00 a cord, and from this paid his lunch and yard fee. Sometimes the temperature would go down to -30°F and he would walk most of the way to keep warm.

Michael also recalled taking hay to sell at Selkirk and as he travelled down Fuller's Road, remembers seeing a long line-up of farmers on their way to town with their wood and hay. With the money he received, he bought staple items and some candies as treats for the children.

The depression didn't change their lives much as now they could provide their basic foods from their own livestock and garden. Early in the 1930's, two sons, Borden and Julian were born. The war brought hardships and that staple food was rationed.

The three eldest children went to school at Poplar Park and later left to work in Winnipeg. The youngest son attended Happy Thought School for his high schooling. He worked out and later returned to the farm.



Harry Wusaty

In 1954, Michael built the house where his widowed wife now resides. In 1974 they celebrated 50 years of married life. They were both, from early age, active members of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church and Hall at Poplar Park and Michael served as treasurer for the church for a period of 28 years. At 76, Lena is still active in both church and hall activities. She enjoys good health, is a terrific cook, and eagerly awaits visits from her four children, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, on Sundays, along with visits from relatives and friends.

STEVE AND NELLIE WUZINSKI

submitted by Mary Skoropata and written by Murray Still

They dreamed of making their fortune in Canada, and returning to enjoy it in the old country. But that wasn't to be the case. My father, Steve Wuzinski, came to Canada in 1905, from Ciessanivoi, Pidervisheno (town), only to find the land wasn't all milk and honey.

Wages were low, and he had to work hard to make a bare living. He stayed on though, working in the Glenella, Man. area, where his uncle was farming. Later, he worked on the railroad in Port Arthur, where he met my mother, Nellie Skally.

She was convinced to come to Canada by her brother, Michael, who wrote and explained opportunities were better and wages were higher in Canada. She worked for a priest in Cisezanewie, for \$1.50 per month in Canadian funds.

Though she was on contract to work for a year in the



Steve Wuzinski and Nellie (Skally) on their wedding day, Jan. 26, 1911.

old country, my mother showed the letter to the priest. He understood, and released her from her contract.

Mother arrived in Port Arthur (Thunder Bay) on May 6, 1909, after travelling 14 days at sea. Though she too had intended to return to the old country, she met father and they began to make their life together. They were married in Wpg. on Jan. 26, 1911, and they stayed in

Wpg. until Nov. before moving to East Selkirk.

Father bought the property next to Sam Sul. He and dad came from the same town in Europe, and the two were also related by marriage. The two remained neighbours all their life. The Lot my father owned was located at No. 40, Range 2461.

Father's lot was all bush. It had to be cleared and together Sam and father managed the task. Later, they bought 15 more acres a few lots away. That land also had to be cleared. But the property also had to be paid for. Father worked at the CPR as an extra gang man to make the money to pay for the land.

The land belonged to the Crown, and one day a letter came asking for money for the title to the property. Father had been working through a lawyer, meantime, and trusted him with \$1000.

He shouldn't have. The lawyer kept the money for himself. Father was in a bind, as he couldn't get the title to his land unless he paid for it.

Father relentlessly tried to obtain his money, but his efforts seemed wasted. He travelled to Wpg. everyday, but the lawyer wouldn't give in. Both my parents were beside themselves, and I can remember them crying a lot.

Finally, something had to be done. Mother enlisted the help of a priest, and together the two paid a visit to the lawyer's house. They refused to leave. They stayed at his house until he finally gave in, and relinquished the money. Father could now get the title to his land.

Father worked his land with oxen at first, as they were cheaper than horses. He had a grain crusher, and he would tie the oxen to it. The oxen would wander round and round crushing the grain, until they got dizzy and collapsed, or maybe they just didn't want to work anymore.

Father grew grain and quite a bit of potatoes on his land. When the dirty 30's came, he was selling his potatoes for 8 and 10¢ a bushel.

Mr. Sharp, the local storekeeper, bought the potatoes. He also gave groceries on credit to mother, which the storekeeper across the street wouldn't give without cash. Mr. Sharp said he wouldn't let any family starve.

Father and mother raised chickens and pigs and milked cows, so we always had enough to eat. All we really needed at the store was sugar, flour, rice and buckwheat. We never had any oranges, bananas, or other fruit. After the potatoes were dug in the fall, however, they bought a barrel of apples and had a party.

There were a lot of runaway horses on the road then. After the oxen, father bought wild horses, and dad, John and Mike tamed them. While breaking the horses, father got hurt many times, getting his fingers twisted. The horses were named Danny and Dolly. Danny was lazy and Dolly did most of the work. Father had paid \$100 each for the horses.

Our parents gave us children a very good heritage. We learned to have integrity, honesty, ambition, a love of this land, Canada, and an interest in all things. Our parents cared a great deal for this country. Mother even helped many families out when they were sick due to the epidemic (flu) of 1919.

We never contacted the flu, and it also missed the five families along the river bank.



The Wuzinski family, 1924. Back Row, Left to Right: John, Mary, Mike. Front: Steve, Anne, Joe sitting on Nellie's lap.



Nellie and Steve Wuzinski and daughter Emily.



Anne and Mary Wuzinski in front of their parent's old log house.

My father, Steve Wuzinski, was born in 1884 in Ciessanivoi, Pidervisheno (town). He died in East Selkirk in June 1961, and is buried with his wife in the East Selkirk Cemetery.

My mother, Nellie (Skally) Wuzinski, was born on June 23, 1890, at Ciezanowie, Austria in the Municipality of Wojciecha, Village (Celo) Nimslywo. After World War I, the village was renamed Lubaezow, Rzewzow. Mother's parents were Steve Skally and May Witko. My mother passed away in Sept. 1971.

Steve and Nellie's children were all born in East Selkirk. John, the eldest, was born on Jan. 30, 1912. He married Francis Kully in 1944 in East Selkirk, and they



Steve and Nellie Wuzinski's 50th wedding anniversary, 1961.

have two daughters, Janice Bobick and Louise Allen. They now reside at North Burnaby, B.C.

Mike was born on Dec. 22, 1913. He married Mary Zabogruski in 1939, and they had seven children: Patricia Cove, Loretta Cove, Melvina Bell, Betty Kereluk, Terry Wuzinski, Bryan Wuzinski and Sheila McWilliams.

Mike's wife Mary died in Nov. 1954, in a truck accident. He later remarried Lena Slobodian. Mike died in Selkirk in 1981, and is buried in the East Selkirk Cemetery.

I, Mary, was born in March 1915. I married Mike Skoropata in 1938, and we have three daughters, Helen McAulay, Margaret Staple and Angela Gardiner. We now live in Crystal City, and Angela and her husband live on our homestead farm.

Anne was born in Dec. 1918. She married Arthur Randal and they have one adopted son, Leslie. They now reside at Toronto, Ont.

Joe was born in May, 1923. He married Helen McNeil of McLeod, Alta. They have six children: Earl, Larry, Kenny, Dale, Cindy, and Glen. Joe and his family live on the homestead property.

Emily was born in April 1928. She married Mike Yakimchuk in May, 1959. They have two daughters, Sharon and Shirley. The family lives in Wpg.

Jeannie was born on Aug. 4, 1935 and she died in Nov. of the same year.

THE YAKIMOVICH HISTORY

submitted by Rose R. Stemkoski

My father, Mike Yakimovich, was born in Berlin, Brody, Austria, in Jan. 1896. In 1903, he came to Canada with his father, Antony and his mother, Magdalene (nee: Dutka). They settled at Lot 210 Gonor. A few years later, he went to work with his father, building the C.N. Railway, passing through the Gonor district. At 14 years of age, he left home to work for a farmer in Southern Manitoba.