



Eva and Mike Yakimovich with baby Helen, 1923.



Mike, Eva and Rose Yakimovich, 1944.

In March 1921, Mike married Eva Petrynychyn from Camp Morton, daughter of Dmitro Petrynychyn and Helena (nee: Korbotuik). A two day wedding reception was held at Gonor. Mike and Eva then purchased 36 acres at Lot 266 in Narol, with a house and buildings for \$900.00. It took many years of hard work to pay for it. They had only one horse and hauled their produce to Winnipeg. If Mike could get \$6.00, some sugar and apples for the load, they were pleased.

Mike and Eva had three children: Helen, Rose, and Larry. Helen married Paul Kosakewich. Rose married Walter Stemkoski, and they operate Stemkens Grocery at Lot 246 in Narol, for the past 37 years, taking over from his father, John Stemkoski, who purchased the store in 1927 from a neighbor John Nahorney.

John Stemkoski was married to Katherina Stolar. They had five children, twelve grandchildren. One grandson, Bruce, who served a term as Councillor for Ward I in the R.M. of St. Clements, being the youngest councillor in Manitoba, only to realize his life ambition was to be a R.C.M.P., which at present he is in his fifth year with the force.

STEVE YOKIMAS FAMILY

submitted by Helen Yokimas

In Saryawa Austria, the year 1878, Steve Yokimas was born. There were four sons and one daughter in this family.

As a young man Steve worked as a "baker" in a bakery in Krakow. In the late eighteen hundred's Steve's father passed away. Steve, his mother, three brothers and sister came to Canada. The three brothers and sister and mother went on to Edmonton. Each married and made their home in that area. The mother lived with her daughter and family until her demise.

Steve bought some land east of Libau and built a house.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Libich came from Austria with children and settled east of Libau.



Mary, Anna, Baby Anne, Steve, and John Yokimas.

About 1907 Steve married their eldest daughter, Annie Libich. As the land wasn't productive in that area; he bought land in Walkleyburg on 22-14-6. He put up a house, barn, chicken barn and a grainary; all of logs. The grainary still stands today and is used for storage.

In 1919, a son John was born and in 1921 their daughter Mary was born. Annie wasn't a healthy lady the last few years and passed away in 1922.

In 1924, Anna Libiecz came from Saryawa Austria and together, Steve and Anna raised John, Mary and three daughters, Anne, Sophie and Jean.

Hay meadows were plentiful in this area in those days. Steve raised beef cattle. There was a lot of hay to be put up each year. He made hay across the road from home on eighty acres. He later bought this land, 15-14-6.

Every family suffers hardships. Steve had his share. In the spring of 1931 their home burnt down. Steve was planning to cut logs, saw the logs into lumber, and build a house. He hired a carpenter, Mr. Munolia from East Selkirk to build the house. He told Steve "if you want a house before winter, buy your lumber." So all the lumber was bought in Hooker's Lumberyard in Selkirk. The home was built that same year. Mr. Munolia charged eighty dollars for labour. This home is still lived in. Hooker's price was close to \$6000.00.



Charles, Brian, John, Michael and Helen Yokimas.



Jean, Sophie, Anne Yokimas.

Charles and Amber, Amber makes the 4th generation of Yokimas.

Steve passed away in Feb. 1942.

Anna married Stanley Tomchuk. They had one son, Eddie. He is married and lives in Halifax. Stanley has passed away. Anna is eighty-two years now; enjoys good health and lives in Selkirk.

Mary left home as a young girl to work in Winnipeg. In 1936 she married Bill Barbowski. They live in Toronto, have three children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Anne married Walter Snow, they live in Toronto and have three children. Walter passed away in 1963.

Sophie married Harry Evans and lives in Armstrong, Ont. They have two children and two grandchildren.

Jean married Andrew Dupuis. They live in Selkirk and have two children, both married.

On Nov. 17, 1942, John married Helen Grycki in St. Michaels Church in Cook's Creek. John and Helen farmed on the homestead until John passed away in 1970. They have three sons, Charles, Brian and Michael.

Charles has lived in British Columbia since 1966. In 1972, he married Lisette Lodz. They have a daughter, Amber. They farm in Penny, B.C.

When John passed away Brian and Michael took over, and are now grain farming. Helen, Brian and Michael still live in the same house Steve had built in 1931.

WILLIAM R. YOUNG

submitted by slh

W.R. Young was born in Sarnia, Ont. in the year 1851. He came to Manitoba in 1870 with the first Red River Expedition, commanded by General Wolseley. Afterwards, he kept a store in Portage la Prairie for some years and then came to St. Andrews, where he was in business with his brother, Peter R. Young. He was a Secretary-Treasurer for the Rural Municipality of St. Clements for many years, and was replaced by Thomas Bunn in that position. He died in mid-Nov. 1911 and is buried in the Mapleton cemetery.

His brother P.R. Young also died in Nov. 1911 and is buried in the Little Britain Cemetery. P.R. Young was the Postmaster for many years at Lockport and St. Andrews and was 78 years old when he passed away.

David Young, the brother to W.R. and P.R., was born in 1847 also came west in 1871, and practiced medicine near the Lower Fort. He became Supt. of the Selkirk Asylum in 1884 and remained in that position up until 1912, when he retired. David died in Oct. 1913 and his body rests in the Little Britain Cemetery.

W.R. Young had a son Bert and one daughter (Mrs. S.G. Langton).

Mr. W.R. Young became a Secretary-Treasurer for the Rural Municipality of St. Clements and served the municipality for over 18 years, resigning in 1906. His minute books were all hand written and the transcript a delight to read. His description of the events and the transactions of the regular monthly meetings of Council were clear, concise and came alive before your eyes.

JAMES YULE

submitted by slh

Mr. James Yule was born in Strichen, Aberdeenshire, Scotland on Oct. 19, 1861. He was educated in Scotland and brought up on a stock farm where his father bred cattle with some distinction. James early on showed an aptitude for the care and training of both horses and cattle.

James came to Canada when he was 19 years old (1880) and went to work on the farm of the Hon. John Dryden of Ont. In 1897 he came west to Manitoba and took charge of the "Prairie Home Farm" of the Hon. Thomas Greenway of Crystal City, a position he filled for about 5 years.

In the year 1902, he was appointed Manager of the Sir William Van Horne Farm in East Selkirk. His reputation gained great momentum with the move. One of the first things he did was to purchase a Clydesdale mare "Boydston Lass" from Greenway's stock at Crystal City and later on transferred up from Montreal some Shorthorn cattle and bulls from Senator Cochrane's, to build up the Van Horne stock. By the spring of 1903, James had increased the grain to about 450 acres under crop and by Oct. 1903 the wheat yielded 50 bushels to the acre. James also had built the 160 foot long piggery in the fall of 1903 and made room for the "Dutch Belted Cattle."

Mr. Yule managed the Van Horne Farm in East Selkirk and under his able supervision it flourished. He travelled extensively all over Europe, United States and Canada attending stock sales and adding to their purebred and thoroughbred stock. He also attended all the important cattle shows and Agricultural Fairs winning for Sir Wlm. Van Horne most of the top prizes on the continent and abroad for their string of purebred shorthorns.

James was also in great demand as a Judge at many of these agricultural exhibits and cattle shows. He became an expert in his field and was called upon constantly by the Manitoba Dept. of Agriculture as well as the College to not only share his facility at East Selkirk for student training, but to do guest appearances and speak at many

of the agricultural functions throughout the country.

Mr. Yule was always successful in carrying off many of the highest prizes with the purebred animals raised on the Van Horne Farm and exhibited at all the leading exhibitions.

In June of 1906, Albert Davis, an employee on the Van Horne Farm, was badly gored by a vicious bull. Mr. David, after a lengthy stay in hospital, recovered and the bull was shot to prevent further attacks. It was the bull attack that nearly cost James Yule his life. On the day when the bull attacked his worker, Mr. Yule went to his rescue and the animal turned on him, with the result he was nearly killed. The injuries he received told on him all the rest of his life, and caused him much pain and trouble.

Then on Dec. 23, 1910, when James was in one of the Van Horne Farm barns superintending the night feeding of the famous herd of shorthorns, he was seized with a paralytic stroke. His son was with him at the time and carried his father to the house. Dr. Ross Selkirk attended him and found him paralyzed without control of speech or motion. By mid Jan. of 1911 he was out of Hospital and spent some time in Victoria, B.C. recuperating. Naturally, he took in the Brandon Fair, Regina exhibits and so on during his trip west. He soon gained his speech and movement.

In the early fall of 1911, Mr. Yule resigned his position with the Van Horne Farms and it was reported that he had quit due to poor health. However, this is hard to believe, because by late spring of 1912 it was announced that he had accepted the general managership of the H.L. Emmert Enterprise which consisted of some 14 farms totalling about 150,000 acres of land all within a 50 mile radius of the City of Wpg. Also, it was reported that by June 1912 that Mr. Yule had just about completed negotiations to purchase the home of the late Thos. Greenway of Crystal City.

He devoted his time, energy and expertise loyally to the Emmert Farms until early in July of 1914, when he took seriously ill and was confined to hospital in Wpg. The family admitted that his health had suffered greatly ever since the old bull accident at the Van Horne Farm, and his first stroke in 1910 had taken its toll. Then on Sunday, Nov. 8, 1914, James passed away at his home in Wpg.

James Yule had three children: J. Charles, Frank and Norma.

Charlie helped his father on the farms and took a great interest in the livestock trade and eventually became partner in the firm known as "Yule and Bowes", working out of Calgary. This firm became quite prominent as a shorthorn breeder station to some importance. Frank Yule worked with his brother Charles at this location.

James Yule widely promoted the East Selkirk area during his travels and because of his management of the Van Horne Farms, we received much beneficial publicity that led to settlers seeking out our lands lying east of the Red River.

James Yule had a great love for nature and often liked to tell about the magnificent Moose and Deer that used to come onto the Van Horne farm and sample the best

shoots of wheat situated near the railway track. When they took off at full gait you could view them for over a mile and was a sight James fully enjoyed.

To James Yule must go most of the credit for the purchasing of the best stock England and Scotland could produce. These animals were added to Sir William's East Selkirk stock and brought him much honor throughout the continent. James enjoyed having the opportunity and money to bid on the best stock an exhibit could offer. Sir William Van Horne allowed James this privilege. James, in 1906, while attending the Royal Agricultural Society Show in Derby, England, purchased, for an enormous fee, a valuable heifer named "Golden Garland" who had taken top honours that year. What delighted James more than winning the coveted cup was that His Majesty the King had claimed only second prize with one of the royal stock. This was in late June, 1906 and by mid Aug. of the same year the valuable heifer was safely lodged in our own Van Horne Farms barn at East Selkirk. Also, many cups and trophies for the annual "best breed of any breed" finally came home permanently to East Selkirk because each one was won for successive years by the Van Horne Farm crew.

In conclusion, the Van Horne Farm flourished under the managership of James Yule and showed to best advantage the skill of the man who managed it. We, in St. Clements, are grateful for the years James Yule spent in our midst and view with pride his many accomplishments and his contribution to our area as an agricultural and stock breeding centre.

ANDREW AND PAULINE ZABOGRUSKI

submitted by Annie Lefteruk

Andrew Zabogruski was born in 1891, the son of William and Nettie Zabogruski. He emigrated from the Village of Divinachka to Canada in the year 1907, landing in the east and working his way to the west, where he found work first in Kenora, working for the railroad. He then moved further west to Wpg., where he worked for a few years. It was in Wpg. where he met Pauline Zubriski, who had come to Canada in 1913. Pauline was the daughter of Michael and Maria from the Village of Michaeliewka in Poland.

Andrew and Pauline were married in 1914 and that fall they moved to Riverton, Man. where they settled and carried on a mixed farm operation. Andrew was a carpenter by trade and was soon working at his trade. His projects were the building of the Progress School, followed by the All Saints local Church. The school was to burn down in later years, but the Church stood the test of time, and today still stands and is in very good condition, and is still used for Sunday mass and special services.

Andrew had a great love for music, and was an accomplished musician, playing the violin and banjo (Cymbaly) which he had fashioned himself. Soon he was in great demand at socials and gatherings where music played such a great part in the success of the event. Andrew was at his happiest when surrounded by family, friends, music, song and dance.



Andrew and Pauline Zabogruski, 1927.

Andrew and Pauline were blessed with a family of 4 children: Nettie (1915), Annie (1916) Steve (1918) and Mary in 1919. All were born in Riverton, Man.

On the Riverton farm, in addition to the other animals, Andrew kept Sheep. Pauline became very adept at spring shearing and carding her own wool. From the yarn Pauline would knit the many mitts, socks, scarves and hats needed by her growing family to meet the severe winter weather, and warm quilts for the beds. She spun her own yarn on a spinning wheel which Andrew built. The same spinning wheel was used by Annie to supply clothing for her family.

Whenever Pauline had a spare moment, she was never idle, but spent the time creating beautiful works of art, crocheting, embroidering and knitting. She especially loved to do cross-stitch, and soon had quite a collection to adorn her home and costumes, on special occasions.

In the spring of 1928 Andrew and Pauline, along with the children, made the move from Riverton to the Parish of St. Peters, lying on the east bank of the historic Red River. They settled on Lot 206 where they found the old home of John Kipling was still in good condition, and would meet the needs of the family. They soon moved in, and with Andrew's ability as a first class carpenter, soon had everything ship shape. They planted their garden and soon had everything in readiness for the first winter in St. Peters.

They once again carried on a mixed farm operation. Andrew, to supplement the family income, tendered for the mail contract hauling the mail from the East Selkirk Post Office, north in route, to the Fuller Post Office. He was successful in his bid and carried the mails by bicycle, horse, sleigh and by foot, until the Fuller P.O. closed down in the year 1949.

Andrew had a great love for his own heritage and culture, and taught all the children to speak, read and write, in the Ukrainian language. He did this teaching at home, whenever time allowed. The children had received most all of their basic education in Riverton, but spent a few terms at Patapun. Andrew also taught all the



Stella Zubrski, Pauline Zabogruski, William Zubrski, William is brother to Pauline and Stella is his wife.



Mary and Steve Zabogruski and friend.

children to appreciate music, and it became a very important part of their lives.

The four children all helped with the farm duties, and the girls also worked out helping the Rev. Mr. Walker of the St. Peters Stone Church with various domestic work, as well as the care of his wife, who was an invalid much of the time. When Nettie got married, Annie took over, followed by Mary.

Nettie married Ted Marsh of Selkirk in 1933, and they have 2 sons: William (Bill) and Walter. Bill now has 3 children of his own: Terry, Bill and Barbara. Walter has two children: Ronnie and Karan, both at home. Ted Marsh very sadly passed away in 1950, and Nettie, as the years passed, remarried to Michael Michaelchuk and they live in Wpg.

Stephen enlisted and served in the Second World War. He worked for many years at the Lisgar Hotel, in Selkirk as well as the Daerwood School, where he was Caretaker. His last place of employment was for the Manitoba Rolling Mills, where he served as Guard until his retirement in Sept. 1982. Stephen married Nettie Karatchuk of Riverton, and they have four children: Wayne, Denis, Linda and Richard. Wayne and Richard reside at home and are not married at present. Denis married Darlene Porhownik and they have 3 children: Darrin, Denise and Dwayne. Linda is married to Benny Gerbrandt and they have two sons: Justin and Steven.

Mary met and married Mike Wuzinski in 1939, and they settled in East Selkirk and raised 7 children: Patricia, Lorretta, Melvina, Betty, Terry, Brian and Sheila. All the children attended the Patapun, Happy Thought and Selkirk Schools. Mike Wuzinski passed away in 1981, and Mary passed away in 1955. Patricia married Dave Cove and they have 3 children: Brenda, David and Cathy. Loretta married Allan Cove and they have 2 children: Brian and Karen. Melvina married John Bell and they have 2 children: Brent and Leanne.

Betty married John Kereluk and they have 3 children:

Wendy, Sharon and Lisa. Terry married Valerie Gerylo and has two daughters: Lorri and Sheri, Brian married an Alberta girl, and they have 2 children: Sterling and Cindy. Sheila married Herb McWilliams and they have 2 children: Joshua and Jordan.

Annie Zabogruski met and married Nicholas Lefteruk in 1934 and they had 6 children: Donald, Boris, Polly Anne, Lloyd, Donna Jane (died in infancy) and Caroline. The history of the Nicholas Lefteruk family is covered under the Lefteruk name, elsewhere in this volume.

Andrew Zabogruski was a very talented man. In the Trades he was considered a most competent carpenter while as a musician, especially on the Violin, Banjo, and Cymbaly, he was hard to equal. He taught all his children to read, write and speak the Ukrainian language and very



Party at Riverton, Andrew Zabogruski and William Zubriski's family.

early on gave them a great appreciation of music, and taught them to play the instruments that he had fashioned himself.

Andrew died in 1956 at the age of 65 years, and it has left a void difficult to fill. Pauline lives at the Rotary Manor, Selkirk and continues to produce beautiful articles of handiwork, embroidery, crochet and knitted items. Her cross-stitch is still the envy of all who view same. Pauline is now 91 years of age and is greatly loved and respected by all her family, friends and neighbors.

The Andrew and Pauline Zabogruski family have contributed to the betterment of the community and made our municipality a better place in which to live.

NAZARKO ZAHAYKO

submitted by Ann Chyborak

Nazarko Zahayko was born in Biloze Zlota Galicia Austria on April 3, 1884. Coming to Canada in 1902 as a young man with another man, they stayed in what was then called the Immigration Hall (roundhouse) where they lived.

Mr. Zahayko worked at Garson Quarry for many years.

Dora Sawchuk was born on Aug. 2, 1894 in Solkol Village Ukraine. She was 10 years old when she came with her parents, Paul and Alexandria Sawchuk to Canada in 1904. They also stayed in the Immigration Hall, until her parents built a log house not far from the CNR tracks and the road that is now called Colville road. Their neighbours were Sharps, Ogonoski's and Solomka's.

Nazarko Zahayko and Dora Sawchuk got married on Feb. 4, 1910 in the Gr. Catholic Church in East Selkirk. There the solemnized marriage of Nazarko Zahayko, son of Jurko Zahayko and Elena Shalogan to Dora Sawchuk, daughter of Paul Sawchuk and Alexandria Kobasa the officiating Clergyman was Rev. J. Kusyj.



Nazarko Zahayko, Domka (Dora) Sawchuk and son.

Mr. Paul Sawchuk passed away on Sept. 1936 at the age of 83 and his wife stayed on the farm, as she got older, she went to live, during the winter months at her daughter's place (Dora's) or her son Mike and daughter-in-law, Sophie in Wpg., and she would return to her home in summertime. Mike (Sax) was born in Canada, Cliff was born in the Ukraine. Mike Sawchuk married Sophie Nickey in 1934. In Sept. 1956, Grama Sawchuk came to live with her granddaughter, Mrs. Ann Chyborak in Selkirk because of her old age. She lived until Dec. 28, 1956.

When she passed away at the age of 94 years, her son Mike passed away at the age of 49 on Nov. 20, 1954. Cliff passed away on July 29, 1981, and her daughter Dora passed away at the age of 64 years. on January 16, 1957.



4 generations, Domka Zahayko, Alexandria Sawchuk, Ann Chyborak, Irene Chyborak. Easter Sunday, 1955.

Nazarko Zahayko died at 66 years of age on Nov. 20, 1950.

Mr. and Mrs. Nazarko Zahayko bought land in East Selkirk and built a house along Coleville road, now across from McLeans P.O. They had five children Nellie, George, Ann, Paul and Doreen. Their neighbours were Kalinski's, Moses Zegil, Shastko's and Ewanchuk's.

Nazarko Zahayko was one of the first men to start working when the C.N.R. section line was built in 1914 or 1915. The section of track they had to work on was 7 miles from Gonor to Poplar Park. Mr. Nickolawchuk (Nickey) was the Section Foreman moving in from Portage la Prairie with his family. They lived with Zahayko's for a year before the C.N.R. Company fixed up a couple of boxcars for their living quarters and that building was 200 feet from the present C.N.R. station.

Later Mr. Lyzun came to East Selkirk as a Section Foreman and Nazarko was the first man they hired and more men, Mr. Casper Ogonoski, Alex Jacyk, Steve Timo and a few others. Nazarko worked for 29 years, summer and winter, and retired in 1942.

Mr. Zahayko was active in starting the Greek Orthodox Church and the East Selkirk hall. All the meetings were held in our house before the hall was erected father was the janitor for the hall. He kept all the soft drinks at his house to keep them warm otherwise they would freeze in the hall. When there were any concerts or bazaars in the hall, he would take the drinks, I guess in the sleigh, during the winter. The hall was not too far away and it was heated by wood stoves, 2 heaters and the stove pipes were extended from one end of the hall to the other. Father was janitor for the hall for 7 to 8 years. (in 1920's)

Mrs. Zahayko was a member and cashier for the hall and Church and a member of Benevolent Society and she was active in Ukrainian concerts and Church.

In 1931, Zahayko's family moved out from East Selkirk to their other farm north of the Star Hotel where it is now, on Harold St. West, along Cooks Creek. Paul and his family live now on the homesite off St. Peters Road.

We moved a good size grainary from East Selkirk to

the farm and added a leanto on for a kitchen, the other one room was big and we fit our furniture in nicely. A barn was built first for the animals, we also had horses. When milking the cows was finished, we would take the creamers with milk down to the creek and put them into the ice spring water and bring them up in the morning. The way we plastered our house and barn, and chicken coop, was we gathered dry horse manure and got clay from across the CN track, then we got a good size container to make the mixture. (horse manure, clay, straw, warm water and mix this with our feet or hoe until the mixture was ready, in about one or two hours.) First skinny sticks (willow) would be hammered onto the house and barn and coop to hold the clay mixture on, then we would put white wash on when it was dry. A new house was built in 1941 or 42.

Father had two brothers who came from the Ukraine in the 1920's, Bill and Mike Zahayko. Bill stayed in Canada for a while but went back to his wife in the Ukraine. Mike stayed and helped his brother, Nazarko, brush the land where the present home is now, this was in 1924-25. Mike left us and we don't know where he went.

Mrs. Zahayko used to butcher pigs for winter meat, skin it, open it up and save the blood and two kinds of casing, one for buckwheat sausage and small casings for homemade Easter sausage. The bacon would be cut in square pieces, salted and put into boxes for the summer months. Some bacon was left to make lard for pies. All this is done in the fall.

In the fall (1930's) we would sell potatoes to Sharpe's and Machewski's Merchants Store and buy bags of sugar, salt, flour, buckwheat and rice. The rest we had our own, poultry, eggs and milk. When the parents bought a cabinet radio, it had a battery with a handle, when the battery died, we would have to take it into Selkirk to get it charged up. In a few days we would have to go and get it. We would go from home across the Red River (wintertime) through the Selkirk Park (winter route), we also had a crystal radio and listened to the Chicago barn dances.

Our treat for English Christmas was to go to the show on Boxing Day. We did not get presents like kids get now (\$300.00 Coleco). For Ukrainian Christmas, Mrs. Lyzun, the section foreman's wife, gave us box hankies or gasters or whatever, we gave them turkey for Christmas, and we survived, life was very exciting. In the summer we walked to Selkirk, we took a short cut from East Selkirk Cemetery through the bush.

If we went to the park dance hall we had to be on the ferry by 12 P.M. and we walked home in the dark, because there were no electric lights then (1930's) and it was just gravel on the roads.

Older people worked hard then, stooking and stacking hay until it got threshed.

The way we made our softener for clothes was we would get wood ashes into a container and pour water on it and let it sit for a day or two, because our water from the river was so hard.

NELLIE ZAHAYKO

submitted by Ann Chyborak

Nellie Zahayko was born on Nov. 11, 1911. She went to Happy Thought School. When she was nine years old, she played mandolin (a musical instrument) with Sophie Nichey (Sawchuk) and Mary Bozyko (Karandiuk) in the 1920's. They played in concerts and when they were older they were acting in concerts (Ukrainian Mandolins in those times were \$5.00)

In 1930, she married Mike Korba from East Selkirk. In 1933, they built a house, half a mile north of the Star Hotel on Mike's parents' land, St. Peters Rd. They had three children, Donald, Margaret and Olga. On Nov. 9, 1938, Mike passed away at the age of 35 years, leaving small children, Olga only 5 months old. The hospital he was in was the Misericordia.

In 1946, Nellie and the girls left for Ontario to work. On July 7, 1947, Nellie remarried to Harry Lichach, a tobacco farmer in Simcoe, Ont. and they had two children, Helen and Paul. (Harry was a relative to Mr. and Mrs. Lyzun, the Section Foreman of East Selkirk.) Donald stayed back to finish his Grade 2 schooling. He stayed at his grandparents, Zahayko's. Don worked at the M.R.M. for a year in 1950-51, and also for a year, he went to school, in order to teach school, he then taught at Hoey East for a term, from Sept. to June he taught at the Peguis East School. Later, he went back to Ontario to his parents, and finished his Grade 13.

In May, 1956, Don graduated with honors from McMaster University, Hamilton, Ont. with a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology (engineering). He won a \$1200.00 Scholarship. His Geology experience took him to the North West Territories for a year, Northern Alberta, and Norlands Mines in Quebec, in 1957.

He now teaches Geology in Scarborough, Ont.

Donald married Freda Hayden on Sept. 12, 1959 and have three children, Michael, Kate and Timmy. They live in Agincourt, Ont.

Marge Korba married Ray Butler on Nov. 5, 1955 and have one son, Andrew. They live in Brantford, Ont.

Olga Korba married Dick Pearson on Nov. 7, 1959. They have two boys, Jason and Steven. They live in Simcoe, Ont.

Helen Lichach married Murray Uren on Nov. 17, 1973 and they have three boys, Bryan, Scott, and Richard. They live in Oakville, Ont.

Paul Lichach married Christen Jaworski on Oct. 14, 1972 and they have one boy, Simon. They live in Lasalette, Ont.

GEORGE ZAHAYKO

submitted by Ann Chyborak

George Zahayko was born on April 6, 1914 in East Selkirk. He stayed home and worked on the farm because his dad did not want him to go West to work in the 1930's because too many boys slept in ditches and were riding in boxcars on trains (called Hobos). He was in the army for a while.

He worked in the summer months on extra gangs for

C.N.R. for 25 years. He lived with his brother Paul and family.

George passed away at his residence on Dec. 11, 1979 at the age of 65 years.

ANN ZAHAYKO

submitted by Ann Chyborak

Ann Zahayko was born on Feb. 15, 1918 in East Selkirk, Man. She went to Happy Thought School. Miss Mary Kondratik was her teacher in Grades 6 and 7, Ann was 12 and 13 years old. She taught her class Ukrainian Dancing and her class went to the Selkirk Festival in 1932, and they won a prize, she also taught them Club swinging and they were active in concerts in the East Selkirk Hall.

Ann married Mike (Jerry) Chyborak on Sept. 4, 1943 in the Gr. Orthodox Church in East Selkirk. They live in West Selkirk. They have four children, Ron, Dennis, Alexina and Irene, and six grandchildren. They also celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary in 1968.

Ann worked for Booth Fisheries and Stefanson's for 85 cents an hour and Monarch Overalls for 45 cents an hour, beginners in 1954, in Selkirk.

She also took interest in the W.A. Bethel Chapel and W.A. St. Peters and Orthodox Church.

PAUL ZAHAYKO

submitted by Ann Chyborak

Paul Zahayko was born on May 17, 1926 in East Selkirk. At the age of 17, in 1943, he started to work at the Manitoba Rolling Mills. He had no car at that time, so he rode his bicycle to work from where he lives now on Harold St. West. Later he bought a truck. He also farmed with his parents and his brother George. Paul is a Craneman at the Mill.

On July 18, 1953, Paul married Lucy Lewicki from Winnipeg. They have three boys, Murray, Robert and Darrin. Robert married Gail Tesch on July 29, 1978 and



Paul Zahayko and family.

they are living in Lower Fort Garry. Murray married Debbie Strychard on Aug. 30, 1980 and they are living in Winnipeg. Darrin is single and living in Winnipeg. (He is getting married on June 11, 1983).

Paul and Lucy celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary in July, 1978.

DOREEN ZAHAYKO

submitted by Ann Chyborak

Doreen Zahayko was born on May 1, 1929 in East Selkirk. In 1946, she left for Ontario, with her sister Nellie, to work. On July 12, 1947, Doreen married, Mike Lichach in Simcoe, Ont. They had three children, Gary, Wayne, and Judy.

In 1951, Mike and Doreen came to East Selkirk and lived with her mother, Mrs. Zahayko until they bought a house in Selkirk. Mike got a job at M.R.M. They rented Kelichs (which was a billiard room) and in the fall of 1957, they made it into a hot dog stand, but in 1958 it burnt down by accident. Mike bought John Machewski Store from Pete Bosko and made it into a hot dog stand (called the Lighthouse) and living quarters also. Brian was born in Sept. 1952. They moved to East Selkirk in 1958.

On Feb. 15, 1970, Mike passed away at the age of 46. Doreen sold the place and remarried to Lorne Topley and they lived in Atikokan, Ont. for a while, returning in 1979, they live in Transcona. Later, Judy and Rudy Heckert rebought the Lighthouse (hot dog stand). They sold it in April, 1982 and built a new home.

Judy married Rudy Heckert on Aug. 14, 1971, they have two children Jeremy and Jennifer.

Gary and Brian Lichach are single and live in Burlington, Ont. Wayne passed away accidentally in Ontario on August 8, 1964.

ALEX AND MARY ZAPOTOTSKY

submitted by Peter Zapototsky

Alex and Mary came from the Ukraine in 1903. They settled in the area 4 miles east of Libau, homesteading 160 acres for the sum of \$10.00.

Their first home was built and shared with the late John Libich family. The cabin was built halfway under ground for warmth. They lived in it for one year.

Alex and Mary built their second home on the place where their youngest son, Peter still resides.

They suffered extreme hardships the first few years, as there were no stores, roads or railway. They had to walk to Selkirk for supplies. Later, Alex purchased a pair of oxen, so neighbors around used to get together and to Selkirk for their supplies. The trip took two, sometimes three days, if the weather was bad.

Their main source of income was from cutting cordwood. Alex also helped out a lot as a veterinarian, knowledge that he brought with him from the old country.

The first store opened in Libau in 1911 and was run by Mr. S.E. Greening. The C.N.R. went through Libau in



Front Row: Alex, Mary, Marilyn, Ken. Back Row: Steve, Dan, Mike Harasym, Ken Chyzewski, Vivian, Ann Harasym, Minnie, Pearl, Frank Miller, Ann holding Gary.

1914 which made living conditions and transportation a lot easier.

Mary and Alex had nine children, Eva, Dan, Mike, John, Steve, Pearl, Kay, Peter and Ann. They all attended Mars School which was located about two miles east.

Eva married Tom Fedak, they had 11 children, Mary, John, Mike, Steve, Ann, Doris, Pete, Metro, Alex, (deceased), Fred and Adeline.

Dan, moved to Chicago in 1922, he married Valentyna, they have one daughter, Jane.

Mike married Rose Jablonski, they live in Winnipeg now.

John married Minnie, (Kaleski) they still live in Libau, and have three children, Vivian Troschuk, Marilyn Anderson, and son Ken. They have 5 grandchildren, Debbie, Brenda, Michele, Douglas and Darci.

Steve married Ann (Divernechuk), they reside in Libau, and have one son, Denis.

Pearl married Ken Chyzewski, they have two children, Betty and Eddy and live in Winnipeg.



John and Minnie Zapototsky and family. Front: John and Vivian Troschuk, Minnie and John Zapototsky. Back Row: Michele Anderson, Brenda and Brian Henry, Marilyn and Doug Anderson, Debbie and Brad Lamothe, Bernice, Ken (now deceased), Darci and Doug Zapototsky.

Kay married Walter Budzan, they have three children, Sally Eddie and Terry and live in Winnipeg.

Peter married Mary (Filip), they have four children, Gilbert, Norman, Randy and Shelly. They live on the home place in Libau.

Ann married Frank Miller, and they have one son Gary. They live in Portland, Oregon.

Alex passed away in 1953, at the age of 87. Mary passed away in 1959, also age 87. Both are buried in the Libau East Cemetery.

ZARICHNEY FAMILY

submitted by Elsie Zarichney

Mary and Michael came to Canada in the early 1900's. Mary in 1907 and Micheal in 1908. They were married in 1910 and settled on Lot 42, William St. known as St. Peters Road today.

They raised a large family and worked on a small farm. They did their field work with a pair of oxen in those days. They raised their own meat, pigs, chickens, calves, there was always lots to eat.

When the children grew up and left home, Mary and Micheal farmed alone. They now farmed with a pair of horses, they had alot of hard work in those days, but they were happy to see the end of the day.

Micheal and Mary worked together as a team, most of their work was done by hand as they didn't have too much machinery in those days. Micheal passed away in December, 1949.

Mary asked her son, Andrew to live with her, and see that farming went on as long as she lived.

Mary married Joseph Michalow in 1952. They lived a good happy life for 12 years. Joseph passed away in 1964. Joseph was a retired farmer.

Mary was quite active in her time. She liked to see everything grow. She loved going to the show, and later watched T.V.

In 1970, Mary went to live with her son John. John was never married, and they lived together until her demise in 1978. Mary was 84 years old, a long time resident of St. Clements.

John worked most of his early years in the mines. Red Lake, Ont. and Pickle Crow. In the late 60's he worked in the bush at Pine Falls. John settled in his own home in 1970 and worked for Steel Brothers until his demise in 1980, he was 56 years old.

WASYL (BILL) AND MARIJA (MARIA) ZAVERSNUKE

submitted by Victoria Puteran/slh

Wasył Zaversnuk was born in Kocman, Bukowina, in the Western Ukraine (Austria), on Dec. 28, 1881. His parents were Nicholas Zawerszewik and Katherina (nee: Rusnak). Wasył was the only member of his immediate family who decided to immigrate to a new land. Wasył chose Canada. He set sail for the new country, landed in the east, and remained in Montreal for a period of time.

Then he travelled by CPR to Manitoba he stayed in Winnipeg for a spell and this was where he met young Maria Hryhirczak. Maria was born in Malatynce, Kocuiaw, Bukowina, Austria. Maria was the daughter of John Hryhirczak and Anna (Nee: Tkaczuk). Wasył worked at odd jobs to provide an income, and having a love for the land, he was searching and saving for his own property. Wasył operated a Restaurant in Winnipeg for awhile.

Wasył and Maria soon married on Nov. 20, 1907 and the land they chose was north of Winnipeg on the east side of the Red River within the Kirkness area of the Municipality of St. Clements. It was on the corner of the 2 mile road where it meets with the Garson Trail. This became the No. 1 Highway and ultimately Hwy. No. 44. People for years have remembered the location as the "Zaversnuk Corner".

Wasył was very proudly naturalized as a Canadian on June 9, 1909.

Wasył and Maria built themselves a home and worked



Wasył Zaversnuk on right with his two brothers.

their land and carried on a mixed farm operation. Wasył worked at various jobs to supplement his income. He worked on the road and drain needs for the municipality as they required his services and also the building of the approaches for the Lockport Bridge.

Wasył and Maria were blessed with 8 children: Bill (Sept. 19, 1912), Ann (Feb. 10, 1915), John (Dec. 20, 1916), Katherine (Jan. 30, 1919), George (1920), Michael (March 10, 1922), Doris, who was called Sophie (July 5, 1924), and the last child born was Victoria, on Jan. 14, 1928. All the children are still living with the exception of George, who very sadly passed away on Oct. 13, 1981, at 61 years of age.

The children all attended the Gonor and Ashfield schools and some, at a later date, received some education in Winnipeg.

Then tragedy struck the family, Maria died at an early age in the year 1930. This left Wasył with a growing

family of 8 children where the eldest had just reached his 18th birthday and the youngest, Victoria, was only 2 years old.

Wasył set about the task of raising his large family and providing for their needs. He continued to farm and work within the district.

Wasył died on May 2, 1950 and rests peacefully at the St. Nicholas Churchyard Cemetery, in Gonor.

Of the children, Wasył Jr. (Bill) and Victoria (Puteran) still live within the district.

MARY AND TED ZEBINSKI

submitted by Pearl Banash

Mary Zebinski (Kolynchuk) was born in Kirkness on October, 1919 and was the fourth child of William and Annie Kolynchuk. She has 3 brothers, one sister and one sister deceased, in June, 1969. She lived on the farm in her younger days. Her parents made sure they had enough to eat and clothes to wear. She enjoyed a very good neighbourhood with lots of children to play and visit.

She went to Ashfield School which was 1 1/2 miles away from home. At the age of 14 years, she quit school to help work on the farm. When their work was finished, she would work for the neighbour's doing such things as; hoeing potatoes and in the fall; picking potatoes. With the money she received, she felt very rich.

Sunday was always a day of rest. The family also



Ted and Mary Zebinski.

trekked out to visit grandmother Bogacki in Gonor. She was always very glad to see us, as she lived alone after grandfather passed on. On one of her visits, she met her husband "Ted" and was married in October of 1939. They lived at her in-laws for a couple of months until they purchased property in the Springfield municipality and lived there for 5 years. They sold this farm and



Nicole, Bill, Sherry and Laurel Zebinski.



Left to Right: Tina, Bob, Ida and Tyler Zebinski.

purchased a farm belonging to Johnny Moore in the Kirkness area Lot 148, Ashfield Road, where they still reside.

The marriage was blessed with 3 children. William was born October, 1940, Robert was born December, 1942, Richard was born December, 1951. Living on the farm was not very easy for the family. Everybody helped to make things prosper as families were very close in those days.

Her husband Ted started working out full-time in Transcona, CNR Shops, after the boys were big enough to help their mother. Ted worked at the CNR Shops for 24 years until his retirement in 1977.

William, the oldest son, was married in May, 1961 to Laurel Obirek. Laurel is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Obirek of Highland Glen, Man. Laurel works part time as a cook. They have 2 daughters, Sherry and



Rick and Ingrid Zebinski.