



Allen & Louise Fey, Idella & Leroy Fey, Lenore Dodds – 1990.

In 1994, the Fey Clan of Canada attended our first Fey Reunion in Fargo, North Dakota. Our American cousins were surprised by our large attendance and it was the first time any of them had seen a Highland Piper and heard the pipes played. Robert created quite a stir.

We are looking forward to the year 2000 and the next Fey Reunion.

### **Fingler, Bill and Lena** by Wilma Joss nee Fingler

In October 1939 Bill, Lena and family moved to McPhillips Road, near the corner of Calder Road. At the time we lived there, McPhillips Road was pure mud with very wide ditches. We moved from Norwood (a part of St. Boniface.)

Doris was at home, Harvey went to high school in Selkirk (five miles away), Wilma, Bob and Bernice had to walk two miles down Calder Road to Mapleton School on the highway. Ron and Jean were still not old enough for school.

After Christmas, a new school (Sunrise) was opened on Calder Road at McPhillips. This school was almost across the road from us, so it was very handy. It had a basement with the furnace there, no sewer, water or electricity.

Very often on a Saturday we would go to town (Selkirk), sometimes to the movie theatre on Eveline.

Bill, and eventually Harvey, worked at the steel mill on the highway. Harvey later joined the air-force. This was the time of World War II.

Wilma and Bob went on to attend Devonshire Collegiate in Selkirk. Wilma graduated from there. Ron and Jean started school at Sunrise School.

The war in Europe ended in May 1945 and in the Pacific in August 1945.

After getting a plastering job in Winnipeg, Bill,



Family of Bill & Lena Fingler – 1944. Back row – Bernice, Bob, Wilma, Harvey, Doris. Front row – Jean, Ronny

Lena and family moved to St. Vital in October of 1945.

Lena passed away in July 1953 and Bill in March 1959. The four daughters and one son live in Winnipeg now. One son lives in California and the other in Alberta.

I know that Sunrise School was moved away and a larger Mapleton School was built on Calder Road. I don't know the dates of these happenings. I still visit Selkirk now and then.

### **Flett, Jeffrey and Marilyn** by Marilyn Flett

I am Marilyn Flett, youngest daughter of Murray and Evelyn McAulay. I was raised on the family farm on Fillmore Road. I went to Clandeboye and Selkirk Schools.

In 1986 I married Jeffrey Flett, son of Cyril Flett (deceased) and Vern Fey (deceased) of Selkirk.

Jeffrey and I bought the McAulay Farm home from my grandmother Edith McAulay in 1986. The house is situated on Fillmore Road next to my parent's home.

We have two children, a son Kyle, and a daughter Kerri who attended Wm. S. Patterson School where they were very active in running, soccer, curling, and golf. They are now going to Lockport School.

Jeffrey works in Selkirk for T & T Plumbing and I work in Winnipeg for Dr. Greenfeld.



Marilyn, Kerri, Kyle & Jeffrey Flett.

We enjoy our country living, curling in the winter and camping in the summer.

### **The Edward Foster Family**

*This story is dedicated to the memory of mom and dad, Helen and Ed Foster.*

Ed and Helen lived and farmed a section of land on the original homestead on the Petersfield Road. They built a large barn to house their stanchioned milk cows. This barn included a large loft to house loose hay. This loft became famous as both recreation and employment needs were met in the community. Many people worked on the farm doing custom stooking and also on the threshing gangs. This was all done by teams of horses. Helen did the cooking for the threshing gangs and her meals became a drawing card to the gangs that came to work for the season. This hay loft also became the sight of many barn dances with proceeds going to the Red Cross. Bands such as Andy Desjarlais, Ray Bedard, the Streich Brothers, were regulars along with many others. The good times had at these barn dances often led to romances and many weddings were the result.

The farm progressed from the horse and buggy days to the modern day machinery. We saw a transition of dairy cattle, beef cattle and hogs.

Dad had politics in his blood and was municipal councillor for over 20 years. He was also returning officer for the school division and provincial elections. Helen was a member of the Wakefield Church Anglican Church Women (ACW).

Murray, Deirdre and Lorraine's education started in the one room school at Norwood. At that time the school had about 17 students grades one through eight with one teacher. We rode our bikes in the

summer and we car-pooled with the neighbors in the winter. One of the biggest summer events were the field days, where all of the schools in the area, Norwood, Hartley, Petersfield, Meadowdale, Cloverdale and Clandeboye, Armistice and Dunara would come together in June for the events we all practised for.

Another big night was the annual Christmas concert. Our Norwood School concert was first held in the school, but as we got more sophisticated they were held in the Dunara Hall. We would practise at the school and the excitement would build as we all learned our parts. We knew it was near when Bill Bird would arrive at the school for the practise. He was the official curtain puller. The day of the concert we were driven to the hall to practise in the morning. At noon our rides picked us up and took us home so that we could get ready for the evening concert. Then by 7:00 p.m. the darkened hall was filled by family and friends. We would recite the poems we had memorized, sing the Christmas Carols we knew so well and act in the skits that we had rehearsed for the past month. Then at the end Santa would come through the door bringing us oranges, nuts and small gifts that our own Norwood School Board found budget money to purchase. The one room school days were soon over with the expansion of the Lord Selkirk School Division. Deirdre and Lorraine were the only ones who actually got to ride the school bus to school as Murray was finished high school by that time.

Other excitement in our teenage years was the year that Lorraine won the title of Miss Petersfield. This event was held during the annual Petersfield Sports Days with a whole weekend of dances, beer gardens, baseball tournaments, games and races, along with bannock and jam in the hall.

To this day we still meet people who speak of their memories of coming to the farm for the Foster Turkey Shoots. People came from miles around to our Sunday shoots; at times there could be 200 people in the yard waiting for their turn at the targets and their chance to get a Thanksgiving turkey. Dad and Murray would run the shoots and mom, Marcie, Deirdre and Lorraine would make large containers of sandwiches and coffee and serve them all afternoon.

The old original farm house burned down on December 23, 1962. At the time there wasn't a volunteer fire department in the community. But I do remember a call for help was placed to the Petersfield Curling Club as it was men's night. In no time the yard was filled with men in their blue curling sweaters along side all of the neighbors hoping to save the house. But this labour was in vain as we

only had time to take a few treasures out of the house and stand there and watch it burn. That was the Christmas that it was reaffirmed what good neighbors there were out in Petersfield. Our family moved into the little house that grandma Sutherland lived in, while she went to live with one of mom's sisters in the city. Within a few short hours neighbours were bringing us food, turkeys, clothing and even wrapped Christmas presents that were destined for under their own trees, but were lovingly brought to us to help us make a Christmas of our own.

That spring a basement was dug and a new house was moved onto the property.

After mom and dad sold the farm, Murray, Deirdre and Lorraine were all married. Murray married Marcie Sicinski, October 20, 1962. Murray worked on the farm and also obtained a Diploma in Agriculture from the University of Manitoba. Murray started to work at the Rockwood Experimental Fish Hatchery, Government of Canada in 1971, retiring in 1998.

Murray was elected Councillor for Ward 6, R. M. of St. Andrews in 1998. This ward includes the restructured Wards 5 and 6. Ward 5 was the same seat occupied by his dad from 1948 to 1968.

Murray and Marcie had two children; Nadine born April 14, 1965, and Jim born October 23, 1967. They attended Clandeboye School and went on to be the first group of students to attend the new Lockport Junior High. Their names are listed on a plaque that hangs in the school.

Nadine's heart remains at the farm where she still resides. Jim obtained a Diploma in Agriculture from the University of Manitoba. This is also where he met his future wife, Lisa Crearer from Foxwarren, Manitoba. They were married July 28, 1990 and have two sons; Dallas James born March 26, 1995 and Dylon born June 13, 1998. Jim is working for Meyers Norris Penny and Lisa is a manager for Olive Garden Canada.

Deirdre continued her education at the University of Manitoba and returned to teach the first year that William S. Patterson School opened. In 1971 Deirdre married Bob Bayes from Minnedosa, Manitoba. Bob was in the RCMP and his posting made Duncan, British Columbia their home. It was there that Rebecca Rae was born, May 11, 1974. Bob left the force in 1975 taking over the family business in Minnedosa. Michael was born July 30, 1976. Through their growing up years the children were welcome visitors at their grandparents home in Petersfield. Murray had retained the acreage right next to the original home place. There they felt the love and enjoyed the happy times, as their mother did when she was growing up on "the

farm". They tended garden and flower beds, loved grandma's cooking and baking and learned to catch frogs, ride skidoos and motor bikes. Today they all reside in Winnipeg. Bob and Deirdre, happy in their careers, with children graduated from Occupational Therapy and Computer Network Engineering.

Lorraine married Rick West in 1973. They settled in Selkirk to work and live and have been blessed with one son Tom born June 28, 1979. Tom pursued his post secondary education at Fairview College in Alberta taking a two year Golf Superintendent's Course. He is presently a superintendent at his own course in Fort St. John, British Columbia.

Very sadly, all of us stood together at the foot of the Foster grave at St. Georges Wakefield, when we buried mom in June of 1998. Dad had gone before her in May of 1990. Gone were two very loving and caring people. Mom and dad taught us kids the value of family and community.

All of us are now active in our own communities and are busy raising families whom we hope will offer the same kind of an impact as their grandparents did.

### **Foster, Garth and Irene**

*The history of our past is important so that we can understand our present and draft our future.*

As it is with all families, the last twenty years has brought a few changes. Fortunately, the parents of the Foster family, Garth and Irene, are still living on the SW quarter of 4-15-4E. On their 50th wed-



Garth & Irene Foster – 50th Wedding Anniversary.

ding anniversary party, held on September 5th, 1998 in the Clandeboye Hall, they were honored with a Manitoba Agricultural Gate Sign that signified that members of the same family have lived on this acreage for over one hundred years. The quarter was owned by Garth's grandparents, Jacob and Henrietta McNabb in 1892. The Manitoba Historical Society also gave them a plaque for their home to commemorate one hundred years of residency and the municipality of St. Andrews graciously gave a painting of an elevator with the name of Clandeboye printed plainly on the side. As there is no longer an elevator on the east side of Railway Avenue in Clandeboye, it is symbolic to have a picture.

Our family changes began on a sad note as our eldest daughter Laura lost her husband, Pat Kitchen, in a motorcycle catastrophe. His beloved Gold Wing motorcycle failed to navigate a wet slippery corner on highway #44, and not even a helmet could save his life when his head and body struck an unyielding stone wall of the Whiteshell Provincial Park. His children James and Ruth lost a father that loved them dearly and for Laura and the Foster family it was an awakening into the reality of life, the realization of how precious each day really is. Laura has since married Joachim (Gus) Tutlies, formerly of Dauphin and Winnipeg. As they both work for the

Federal government in Employment Services in Winnipeg, and Laura's daughter Ruth is attending Red River College, they sold their A-frame house in Clandeboye, in 1999, and moved to a new house in Winnipeg. They have a cottage at Balsam Bay and find that two residences and travelling takes too much of their time.

Barbara, our second daughter and her husband Bruce and family were living in Dauphin twenty years ago. They moved to the Schindler Development on the east side of the railway tracks in Clandeboye in 1988 where they built a two storey family home for their four children Andrea, Landrew, Cameron and Pamela. With the new numbering of residences that the municipality of St. Andrews initiated in 1995, their home was registered as 31 Aspen Avenue. In October, 1998 it was bought by Ron and June Putnam of Newfoundland.

Barb and Bruce have purchased a 1915 home near Arden Ridge on Highway #16 and hope to start a Bed and Breakfast business in the year 2000. Their youngest daughter Pamela is attending Neepawa High School while her mother is renovating their new home. Bruce is a computer programmer in Winnipeg and commutes on weekends. Their eldest daughter Andrea is presently enrolled at Olds College in Alberta taking a veterinary assistant



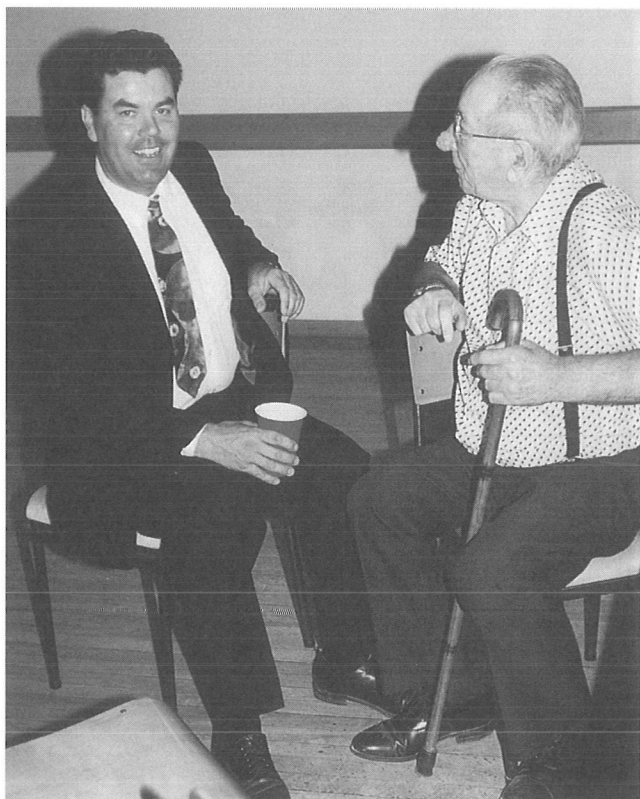
Back row – James & Ruth Kitchen, Cam, Landrew & Bruce Nicoll, Gerry & Sandy Hansma, Lea & Dean Clarke. Front row – Laura & Gus Tutlies, Andrea, Pam & Barb Nicoll, Erin, Deb, Art & Steven Preachuk. Sitting – Irene & Garth Foster.

course. Meanwhile the two boys are staying with their grandparents at Clandeboye, so that Landrew can continue with his work at Federated Co-op, the former Gaynor Foods, before he attends a firemen's course at Brandon, and Cameron is completing his high school education at the Selkirk Comprehensive School.

Our third daughter Sandra Jean is known in Alberta as Sandy Hansma. She is at home in horse country on a ranch north of Granum with her husband Gerry. They are dedicated to raising, training and showing good quarter horses, as well as farming and grazing beef cattle. It is a home away from home for her nephews James Kitchen, when he isn't in the oil fields, and for Steven Preachuk who is Gerry's right hand man.

Steven's mother and dad, our daughter Deb and her husband, have recently moved to Red Deer Alberta with their daughter Erin. Art is employed with Westside Farm Chemicals near Penhold. Debbie having taught at R.B. Russell is now teaching in Penhold. Erin has graduated and hopes to enter into the fashion world as a designer. She has had the opportunity through school, to visit New York and Vancouver in the sojourn of learning the fashion industry.

Garvin John, our only son, has decided to be partners with his Dad on the family farm and carry on the sand and gravel business. He lives in the Blue



Garvin Foster speaking with Joe Preachuk, Sept. 5, 1998.

Oak, a house formerly occupied by Garth's uncle John and Nan McNabb.

Flora Lea, our youngest daughter is now married to Dean Clarke, formerly of Fort Frances, Ontario. They are both in the computer industry, Lea as an accountant consultant and Dean as a programmer. They live in Winnipeg but their work commitments have them commuting regularly to Thunder Bay.

All our family are glad that Garth and I are content to semi-retire on the family farm. It is a sanctuary in their fast moving lives. Garth says he can't retire because people who are retired have no time; he works at his own speed. For myself, I agree with the wise person who said, "A man he works from sun to sun, a woman's work is never done".

## Frank, Brenda

### *Growing Up in St. Andrew's*

The house my maternal grandfather (Edward Croasdell) built on Lot 29-30 on St. Andrews Road is no longer there but it retains happy memories for me.



Former family home built by Edward Croasdell – 1910.

My maternal grandparents, Edward and Margaret Croasdell, arrived in St. Andrew's in 1910 by train from Coultervale, Manitoba where my mother, Ruby, was born in 1908.

In the same year my paternal grandparents, Gustav and Wilhelmina Dreger moved to Camper, Manitoba from Friedenstahl, Manitoba where my Dad, Ben, was born in 1908.

Dad came to work as a hired hand in St. Andrew's in 1933 and met Mom. They fell in love and were married in Old St. Andrew's Church-on-the-Red on October 20, 1934.



Back row – Leslie, Brenda, Raymond. Front row – Barbara, Lorna Dreger – 1955.

From that happy union, came five children, of which I was the first, followed by Raymond, Leslie, Lorna and Barbara.

Despite hard financial times, we had all the necessities of life. Mom sewed our clothes, baked bread, made butter, and preserved fruits and vegetables. We had our own garden, in which we all participate in its productivity plus we had all the meat and eggs we needed.

School days were very enjoyable to me. Winters school transportation, in the early years, was provided by a horse-drawn sleigh. We progressively achieved better transportation. Sometimes after a heavy snowstorm, the road would be impassable, especially at the train tracks where many a time steps were dug in the huge snowbank in order to scale the “mountain” of snow.

Christmas concerts were an exciting time especially for the young ones. Costumes were made, lines were rehearsed again and again, the stage “managers” organized the scenery and back drops and, last but not least, the choir practiced the carols and did their best to keep in tune. A good time was had by both participants and audience alike. In particular, I remember one play in which I played one of the leading roles. My co-star kept ad-libbing throughout, embarrassing me. Needless to say, the audience accepted it all as part of the presentation and enjoyed it thoroughly, which, of course, was the intention.

One year we had a Ukrainian principal and on bad weather days, he had some of his students, mostly boys, doing Ukrainian dances. They agreed reluctantly and created quite a spectacle – but it was all for fun.

In due course, after my siblings and I finished our education, we all pursued our chosen paths –



Ben & Ruby Dreger's 40th Wedding Anniversary – 1974.

eventually marrying. I chose my parent's twenty-second wedding anniversary as my wedding day.

In spite of hard times, the community spirit never left the district. Our challenges were met but our hard work and perseverance were rewarded.

We always made new friends and made them feel welcome. I am proud to call St. Andrew's my home which despite the hardships has been very good to me, my family and my friends.

### **Frederick, Phil and Jean**

Phil was born and raised in Winnipegosis, Manitoba, the son of Bill and Edna Frederick. Jean was born in Montreal, Quebec, the daughter of Bert and Irene Fennessy. Her father was transferred to Winnipeg by Trans Canada Airlines. Phil and Jean were married in Winnipeg July 16, 1960.

We moved to Oak Hammock in August 1965 with our four year old daughter Nancy Jean who was born in October 1961 in Winnipeg. A forty-acre farm on Lockport Road was purchased from Alf and Stella Engel who apparently only lived here for a few years. It was previously owned by John Fitch and although we have lived here for thirty-three years, it is still known as the “Old Fitch Place” to some people. It had a small storey and a half house but was big enough for the three of us. In September 1968 our son Philip Daniel was born and in February 1972 Gail Lynn arrived making the house a little small, so we built a new three bedroom bungalow that spring.

Over the years we purchased another 140 acres adjoining the home place and across the road.

The children all went to Mapleton School. Nancy went on to the Selkirk Jr. High, while Danny and Gail went to Lockport Jr. High. They all graduated from the Selkirk Comprehensive. Over the



Danny, Nancy, Gail, Jean, Phil Frederick – 1997.

years they were members of the Cloverdale 4-H Club and Nancy was 4-H Queen in 1975. Gail took figure skating at St. Andrew's Community Club. Jean was a 4-H leader for many years and on the 4-H District Council for seven years.

Phil worked in the city at Standard Aero and mixed farmed until 1992 when he retired. We continued mixed farming for another year or so then went to grain only.

Nancy and Gail both reside in Petersfield while Danny resides on a five-acre lot directly across from the home place.

Phil and Jean still reside in semi-retirement on NW24-13-3E.

### **The Freeman Family by George Freeman**

In 1793 my maternal great-great-great-great grandfather left his home in the Orkneys and came to enter the service of the Hudson Bay Company, first as a labourer, later as a bowsman, steersman, and then pilot at York Factory and Norway House. He married a native woman whose name was never recorded and they had four children, Nancy, Alex II, William, and Magnus.

In 1821 he retired from the HBC and in recognition of his services he was given the entire River lot 7, approx. 64 acres, in the Parish of St. Clements also known as Mapleton in the R.M. of St. Andrews.

In 1930, Magnus married Nancy Lyons, daughter of John Lyons and Marguerite Kipling. These were my maternal great-great-great grandparents. Nancy and Magnus built a log house somewhere between the river and the present Birston home which is located at the corner of Craig Avenue and #9 Highway in Old England. They had eight children; seven daughters, one of whom was Sarah, my great-great grandmother, and one son named Henry George.

In 1911, Henry George, my great-great uncle donated a strip of property, 139' x 932', for the con-

struction of the Mapleton School. The school named "Mapleton" was built in 1912 and served the area until the late 1950's.

On April 30, 1857, Sarah married Jacob Spence and they became my great-great grandparents. They constructed a home on Lot 6 and had ten children; seven girls and three boys. Their daughter, Ann Catherine, who was born on May 23, 1859, was my great-grandmother. She in turn gave birth to my grandmother, Sarah Ann Maude Spence on January 14, 1896. On December 24, 1917 Sarah married Alfred John Campion and had five children; Chester, Ronald, Kenneth, Bonnie, (my mother and their only daughter, born January 20, 1923) and Marshal.

Kenneth worked at Booth Fisheries until they closed their Selkirk plant. Then he worked as a caretaker for St. Clements Church, where at seventy-eight, he still rings the bell each Sunday. Kenneth still lives in the Campion home on Lot 6.

Marshal went into the services of the HBC and worked in the Arctic until his recent retirement.

Bonnie, my mother, married my father, Harry Freeman on September 30, 1939. They purchased 10 acres of Lot 1 St Andrews and had ten children. All of us children went to Mapleton school as did my mother and also my son. My dad, Harry Freeman, worked most of his life in the area roofing houses, churches, schools, and barns. In 1967 he shingled the buildings inside Lower Fort Garry.

Our parents passed away in the early 1980's but three of us still remain in the R.M. of St. Andrews. Margaret (Mrs. Jim Kirkness) lives on the original property, Lot 1. Ron and wife Hazel live on lot 5 previously owned by the late Mr. and Mrs. George Townsend. My wife and I, George and Kathy Freeman, purchased property on River Road and Fial Crescent, near Lower Fort Garry, which was formerly owned by the late Mr. and Mrs. Nick Bokert. I grew up playing on the fort walls, and now, as I near retirement, the old fort is just a few steps away.

### **Fryza, Charles and Mae**

Charles Fryza was born in Poland and came to Canada in 1937 with his parents, Konstanty and Aneila, three brothers and one sister. They settled on a farm in Monominto. He has one sister and one brother born in Canada. In 1948 they moved to Petersfield where his parents ran a dairy farm. Charles worked on his parent's farm, at a Cordite plant, in bush camps in Ontario, drove the Interlake Milk Truck and finally worked at Manitoba Rolling Mills for 32 years.

Mae was born in Selkirk to Joe and Annie Henry

who farmed the Henry homestead situated on Gimli Road near Netley Marsh. Mae was educated in Petersfield and Winnipeg and worked at Westeel Rosco before getting married. She worked at a number of different offices in Selkirk after marriage, including the High School and the Coast Guard.

Charles and Mae were married in Christ Church, Selkirk in 1957. They lived in Mapleton and Selkirk until moving back to Petersfield in 1968 where they still reside. They have three children, Bob, Evelyn, and Andrew who were all born in Selkirk.

Bob is married to the former Carla Holmes of Cartwright. They have two children, Collin and Amber. Bob is a draftsman, Carla works in Human Resources in Winnipeg and they presently live in Selkirk.

Evelyn works in insurance administration in Winnipeg and presently lives in Selkirk. Andrew has worked as a sales representative and manager in Manitoba and Alberta in the industrial products industry. He is currently managing a branch and living in Boston, Massachusetts.

Charlie and Mae retired in 1988. They keep busy with gardening, some travel and lots of dancing. Charlie still does some big game hunting and fishing.

### **Gamache, Phillip (Zeke) and Verna**

Phillip Alfred Gamache, April 27, 1925 – September 30, 1989, was the son of Henry and Ruby Gamache, nee Brydges and brother of Lawrence, Howard and Mary.



Henry Gamache.

Phillip's father, Henry, was a World War One veteran. When Henry returned from the war he worked part-time at the Fillmore farm, then during the 1948-1949 school year, he was employed by the Clandeboye School District Number 47 as a caretaker, where for the sum of \$45 per month, he agreed to haul and saw wood, clean the school yard, attend to the toilets and make any minor repairs that might be necessary.

Phillip's mother, Ruby, was well known in the district for picking berries and fishing. The corner where Wavey and Netley Creeks meet is known as Ruby's corner.



Phillip Gamache – 1959.

Phillip was better known all his life as *Zeke*. There used to be a blacksmith shop directly across from the Gamache household and the blacksmith, Bud Reid, nicknamed Phillip and his brother Lawrence, Isaac and Samuel.

It was often said that in his early years, Zeke excelled at baseball and hockey. He was a self-made man who delighted in making things work that needed fixing. He worked for Veitch Truck Lines and could navigate the big rigs with expertise. He moved buildings for George (Red) Lamontagne and for the latter part of his life he worked for Metropolitan Security as a Security Guard, first at the Rolling Mills and then at Abex Steel Foundries, with his ever faithful dog, Oden, at his side.

He married Verna Grace Wright, daughter of Grant and Alice Ellen, nee Lyons Wright of Mapleton and they were blessed with a centennial baby on February 20, 1970, a son William (Billy) Phillip Grant Gamache.

Verna moved to Clandeboye where she still lives in the house she and Phillip had moved from Walker



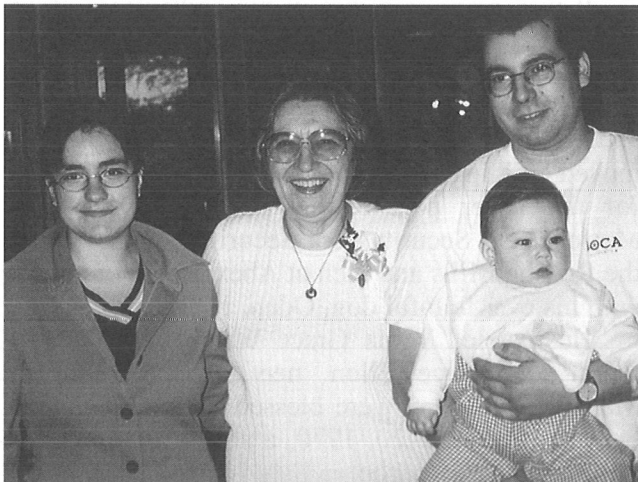


Phillip & Verna Gamache.

Avenue in Selkirk in 1969, to its present location at 108 Robinson Street in Clandeboye. Verna was born in Selkirk, lived in Mapleton, attended Mapleton School and went to Sunday School at St. Clements Church. She worked for Jenkinson Meat Market for two years before going to work at Safeway where she served for 42 years, retiring in May, 1999.

Since moving from Mapleton, Verna has been a member of St. George's Wakefield Anglican Church where she is President of the Anglican Church Women.

William (Billy) Phillip followed his family's tradition and took the apprenticeship to become a plumber. He is currently working for Pringle's Plumbing and Heating in Selkirk. Billy and Sheri, daughter of Ian and Wanda Matson, Selkirk, have one daughter Madison Elizabeth who was born August 6, 1998 and who shares that birth date with her great-grandmother, Alice Wright.



Sherry, Verna, Bill & Madison – May, 1999. Verna's Retirement from Safeway.

See: Brydges, Dave and Eliza  
Lyons, William and Alice  
Wright, Grant and Alice

### **The Ganske family** by Alan Paul Ganske

We moved to Lockport from St. Vital in 1961. I was 11 years old and the oldest of four children. It was a difficult change coming from the big city to a 2½ acre lot in rural Manitoba. It may have been easier for Debra, Wayne and Tim my younger siblings but it was a culture shock for me. Being torn away from familiarity to new surroundings with the nearest neighbour nowhere in sight was very different than wall to wall housing in a busy Winnipeg suburban neighbourhood. Dad purchased the land from Carl Aldinger. It was located on the NW corner of Lyall Drive and River Road. Today mom and dad (Paul and Helen Ganske) look out the dining room window and enjoy a scenic view of the exit of the floodway where it joins the Red River. The view is especially powerful during spring breakup with the ice floes and fast moving water.

Today all the Ganske's live with their families close to mom and dad. I, Alan, with wife Marlene nee Maritzko, own a home on Stevens Avenue West, Lockport, with son Drew and daughter Celene. Debra with husband Ian Anderson live on Lockport Road with sons Aaron and Craig. Wayne resides on country acreage in East Selkirk. Tim with Tracy Whitwell and daughters Chelsea and Madison live in Selkirk.

See Lockport Cowboys

### **Gavel, Arnold and Helen**

We purchased the land at 6403 Highway #8 early in 1981 from Filomeno Carvalho. We built our home and moved in August of 1982. A second parcel of land was purchased in 1987 from Jerome Federowich.

Our family consists of Arnold and Helen nee Hacker, and their daughters, Christine, Wendy and Karen. Chris had already graduated and was attending Red River College at the time of the move to St. Andrews.

The family together, bred, sold and showed Arabian horses. Wendy and Karen rode in performance classes extensively in Manitoba and Saskatchewan from 1985 to 1991. The family belonged to the Ag Ar Horse Association where they volunteered at horse shows, banquets and benefits for the club.

Earlier, Wendy and Karen belonged to the horse unit of a St. Andrews based 4-H Club. The group also had a mechanical unit and a cooking unit which Christine attended.

Wendy and Karen attended St. Andrews Elementary School, Lockport School, and graduated from the Selkirk Comprehensive School in 1988 and 1989. Wendy was involved in track and field and basketball at Lockport and Karen was involved in baseball at St. Andrews.

Wendy has gone on to obtain her RN and works at the Health Sciences in Winnipeg. In 1995 she married Charles Thomas a paramedic employed in Winnipeg. They were married in the historic Little Britain Church on Highway #9. In 1997 Chuck and Wendy built their own home in St. Andrews on land adjoining her parents.

Karen, a BA psych graduate, now resides in Winnipeg, works in Selkirk and is marrying John Petsaniuk this year and they plan to return to St. Andrews to live.

Christine still resides in Winnipeg and works with her parents at their family business on McPhillips Street in Winnipeg. Arnold and Helen have owned and operated Westcan High Lines for twenty-five years and plan to remain in St. Andrews after their retirement.

### **Gawne, John William and Lily**

John William Gawne came alone to Canada in 1904 at 18 years of age from the Isle of Man, an island in the Irish Sea. Finding employment with CNR, he was assigned to Winnipeg and later Souris where he met and wed Elizabeth (Lily) Collinson in 1916, the daughter of a local dairy farmer. William, as he was known, was laid off during the Depression from CN and in 1936 he and Lily moved to the Mapleton area where he began work at the Manitoba Rolling Mills in Selkirk. William died suddenly in 1948 and Lily lived on at home for many years finally moving to a nursing home where she passed away in 1985.

They had two sons, James William and Hubert Graham.

James graduated from the University of Manitoba School of Pharmacy in 1943 and married Mabelle Chamberlain, youngest daughter of Edward and Annie Chamberlain of Rosedale in 1944. Jim was employed in Winnipeg for many years as a pharmacist and spent much of his free time playing and leading various dance bands in the city. By 1961 he had purchased Gibbs Drugs Store in Selkirk and the family, which now included Joan, Jim Jr., Tom and David moved to St. Andrews. Ill health forced Jim into early retirement and he died in Selkirk in 1987. Tom and David both became pharmacists, working after graduation for a time at the family drug store. Tom is married with two children and living in St. Andrews while David, married

with three children, has moved to Roseberg, Oregon where he is employed as a pharmacist. Jim Jr. is an accountant in the construction industry in Langley, B.C. where Joan and his mother now also live.

Graham Gawne joined the RCAF in 1941 and served overseas as a pilot during WWII. Upon his return he married Eva Howard of Selkirk, daughter of Gertrude and Ernest. He was employed as a commercial pilot in various cities across the country and they raised three children, Linda, Brent and Tim. They eventually settled in Edmonton where Graham and Eva still live today.

### **Gessner, Bill and Barbara**

Bill is the oldest son of the late Charles and Maude (nee Stewart) Gessner who resided on River Lot 53 in St. Andrew's. He attended school at St. Andrew's and took his Grade 12 at St. John's in Winnipeg. After completing his education he applied for and got a job at Ogilvie Flour Mills holding a number of positions in the company until the flour mill closed 39 years later. He was active in the community as 4-H leader with the assistance from a number of parents and community members, for over ten years, and a cub leader for a while. The 4-H club started with eight members and increased to 39 members at one point. These meetings were held in parents homes or St. Andrew's School. He served on the vestry of Old St. Andrew's Church as vestryman, treasurer, people's and rector's warden.

In 1971 he married Barbara Dreger (youngest daughter of the late Ben and Ruby (nee Croasdell) Dreger of Lot 39 & 40 St. Andrews Road). They were married in St. Andrew's Church and built a house beside Bill's parents on Lot 54, now 5491 Highway #9. She has been active in the community as well. She was Beaver Leader of the St. Andrew's pack for five years and was church treasurer for fifteen years. She retired from vestry in 1995 after serving for twenty-five years. She was involved with the Lower Fort Garry Volunteer Association as secretary, president and treasurer. She received the 'Canada Volunteer Award' from the Government of Canada in 1990.

They have three children Gayle, Edward and Ian. Gayle is a graduate of the University of Winnipeg with a Bachelor of Education degree. She is active in St. Andrew's Church, having taught Sunday School for 11 years and has organized a church day camp for the past seven years. She also organized and ran the Day Camp at Lower Fort Garry last year. Edward is attending the University of Winnipeg working towards a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in Anthropology and Geography. Ian is attending the

University of Manitoba working towards a Bachelor of Computer Science degree. One of the greatest highlights for Bill and Barbara was being able to go as a family to England and Ireland in 1994 to meet relatives on both sides of the family.

After working for Ogilvie's for 39 years, Bill retired in 1989 and took a well-deserved year off before starting a new job with Manitoba Crop Insurance. He worked for them seasonally for seven years, took a leave of absence when Barbara's dad took sick so he could be at home helping her look after him, then retired after his passing in 1997. Barbara is currently Site Manager at St. Andrew's Rectory National Historic Site. Bill and Barbara enjoy history and are both on the History Book Committee for the Municipality of St. Andrews.

### **Gessner, Carl (Charlie)** by granddaughter Alexa Buckingham

Charlie Gessner was the sixth child born to John and Anna Gessner. He was born and raised at Lot 54 St. Andrew's and resided there with his wife, Joyce (Ridley) until his death in 1990. Joyce still resides at Lot 54. Charlie farmed in the St. Andrew's area all his life. He drove the school bus for over twenty years and had many fond memories of those times and the many children he transported to and from school. Charlie was very active in community activities. He served on the Selkirk & District Hospital Board for many years as well as on the St. Andrew's School Board. He was chairman of the St. Andrew's School Board at the time the "new school" was opened in 1965. Charlie was a life long member of St. Andrew's-on-the-Red Anglican Church and served on various Church committees and Boards. After retirement, Charlie contributed some of his spare time during the summers at Lower Fort Garry and took much pleasure in driving a horse drawn buggy at that historical site.

Charlie and Joyce raised three daughters: Debbie (married Ken Buckingham) resides in Winnipeg; Shelley (married John King) resides in Selkirk and Cindy (married Don Boss of Rosedale) resides in Venetia, Pennsylvania. Charlie and Joyce have four grandchildren: Alexa Paige Buckingham, Jason Curtis King, Stacey Kristine Boss and Taylor Ridley Boss.

My Papa was a kind and gentle man and he always put others before himself. I miss my Papa a lot but I am thankful I even got to meet him at all.

### **Geurts, Albert and Mary**

The Albert A. Geurts family came to St. Andrew's in 1946. My wife and I (Marie Overwater) whose parents were long time residents of the

Parkdale district were married in 1942. We lived in Bissett, Manitoba for five years where Albert worked in the San Antonio Gold Mines.

When we moved to the Parkdale area in 1946, we bought a small farm west of McPhillips. It was considered the "boondocks" in those days. The first four years that we lived there, we didn't even have electricity and telephones came many years later. We had only one neighbour – Fred and Margaret Porcher.

Here on our farm, which was a mixed farm-grain and animals – we raised a family of eleven children – eight girls and three boys. We had a few rough years but everything came out O.K. We are still living on the same farm.

All of our children live in the St. Andrew's area or within a twenty mile radius. Eight of our children are self-employed in their own business – seven of the businesses are right here in St. Andrew's.

In order of birth our daughter Marie and her husband own and operate Willards R.V. on #8 highway.

Our daughter Adelaide and her husband Greg Gilbert live on Parkton Road. Adelaide is with Canada Post and Greg is a manager at Boeing.

Our daughter Elizabeth and her husband Ed Swirsky live on #9 highway. They own and operate Lower Fort Garry Garden Center and Elizabeth's Florist and Gifts.

Ida and her husband Dennis Vermeulen live on Liss Road. They own and operate Dennis' Septic and Country Johns portable toilet rentals.

Our son Albert and his wife Tricia Gunther live on Michael Road. They own and operate Overland Campers located on #8 highway.

Our son Martin and his wife Joanne Turenne live on #9 highway. They own and operate Great West Vans International located on highway #27.

Our daughter Lucille and her husband Greg McLeod live on Briday Road, just across from Lower Fort Garry. Lucille is with the provincial government and Greg is with computers.

Our daughter Linda and her husband Wayne Posnick live on Mitchell Bay. Linda teaches at St. Andrew's School and Wayne has his own recording studio located in St. Andrew's.

Our daughter Elaine and her husband Roy Markwart live on Michael Road in East Selkirk. Elaine is with Canada Post and Roy is with the Manitoba Rolling Mills.

Our daughter Joanne and her husband Greg Kuz live on Craig Avenue. Joanne is a registered nurse at the Selkirk General Hospital and Greg is with Highways.

Our son Robert and his wife Laurette live in St.

Boniface. Robert has his own music studio—Spirited Music where over a 100 students learn to play different instruments and take voice lessons.

Since so many of the family chose to stay here, St. Andrew's must be a good place to live and do business in. We are now 82 and 79 years old and have seen a lot of changes in the municipality during our time.

## **Gibson, Arthur and Eva**

**by Irene Marriott**

My father, Arthur D. Gibson purchased 52.5 acres of land on Medicine Creek (SW11-15-4E) June 9, 1930 from Martha and John Brimacombe. The purchase price was \$630 with a deposit of \$63 leaving a balance of \$567 payable in 18 equal yearly instalments. He ended up paying off the balance earlier than agreed to and took title to the property June 25, 1942.

My father was employed with the CNR but was laid off because of the Depression. Although he owned a home in Winnipeg he couldn't afford to live



Eva & Arthur Gibson – on their Wedding Day, Toronto, August 1933.

in it so he rented it and built a small home on his property on Medicine Creek. He was a close friend of Roy Hooker of F.W. Hooker Ltd. in Selkirk and Roy convinced him to put up a decent building even if it was small. Roy offered him lumber until he could afford to pay for it.

In 1933 he married my mother, Eva Gostlin of Toronto, Ontario, and they moved to Medicine Creek. After arriving by train in Winnipeg, on an extremely hot day in August, my father and mother drove to Clandeboye in an old Ford car. My Mom thought she would never get there – I can't remember how many patches my Dad had to apply to the tires, but the 40 miles from Winnipeg seemed to take forever. Mirages were completely foreign to my Mom and she constantly wondered when she would reach the lake ahead. I'm sure she questioned herself many times en route why she would leave a \$100 month job in Toronto to come to this prairie town and my Dad out of work. Would you believe he bought a cow from a neighbour but didn't have it delivered until my Mom arrived as he didn't know how to milk. Their wedding money paid for a drilled well – times were different then!!

They had three children, Don born in 1934, Ray in 1938 and Irene in 1939. When my Dad's mother came to live with them in 1936 my Dad built another bedroom and sunroom on the original house. He sold eggs, potatoes, and fish at Winnipeg Beach but one of the highlights each year was duck shooting in the fall with his friends. Even though it was depression years and money was in very short supply he claimed it was the happiest time of his life and my Mom agreed wholeheartedly. In 1941 he was able to hold work as a fireman on the railroad again so they moved to Winnipeg, but we continued to come summers and I remember many wonderful summer holidays at what we always referred to as "the farm".

My Dad was an engineer when he retired from the CNR in 1958 and fortunately was able to enjoy a few years of retirement until his death in the spring of 1963. His greatest joy was opening up the cottage in early spring, planting and nurturing his garden and duck shooting in the fall. Both my brothers were mentally challenged and didn't live long lives; Don passed away in 1965 and Ray in 1973. My Mom and Pauline McKay, a former teacher at Clandeboye School, were very special friends. I recently learned that Pauline willed a very generous amount of money to the Association for Community Living which I'm sure in part was a tribute to my Mom and Dad and their acceptance and loving care of my brothers.

I married Harvey J. Marriott in 1962 and we had two children, Sandra Lynn born in 1964 and James

Richard born in 1965. My mother sold most of the farm land, approximately 50 acres, to Frank and Wilma Woodmass, a granddaughter of Martha and John Brimacombe, in 1965. Although Mom turned the property over to us in 1980, she spent most weekends with us during the summer and was Grandma Gibson to all the kids on Medicine Creek Road. In 1989 we tore down the old place and built a new home which we moved into in July of 1993. My mother passed away in 1991, my husband retired in 1992 and I retired in 1996.

Our children are both married and live in Winnipeg. Our daughter Sandra married Dave Silver in 1989 and have three children, Graham, born in 1991, Brent in 1994 and Camille in 1998. Our son Jim married Karen Porteous and they have one daughter Kaitlyn born in 1992.

Our children and grandchildren visit often so we continue to share a lot of good times at 122 Medicine Creek Road.

### **Goltz, Julius and Lydia**

Julius Goltz was born on December 22, 1894 in Russia. He arrived in Halifax, Nova Scotia on the ship Kursk on February 4, 1913 sailing from Libau, Russia. His first job was at the Royal Alexander Hotel in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He then worked as a farmhand in Melville, Saskatchewan and later as a farmhand for the Chamberlain's in Rosedale, Manitoba, milking as many as twenty-five cows twice a day.

Lydia Goltz nee Wuerch was also born in Russia, on April 17, 1902. She came to Canada at the age of six with her family and settled in Walkleyburg, near Libau, Manitoba where her parents farmed until 1924. She attended school in Walkleyburg and later worked as a maid and nanny for the William Epstein family in Selkirk, Manitoba from 1917-1919.

Julius and Lydia were married on March 21, 1921 at McDermot Avenue Baptist Church in Winnipeg. Their wedding present from Lydia's parents was a cow (in calf) and 12 chickens.

During their first six months of marriage, they rented a three room house on ten acres of land near Goldstone Road. Lydia would take the streetcar to Selkirk and sell eggs and butter, using the money to buy groceries. On her way home, she would stop at the Goldstone's to play a couple games of horse-shoes.

In the fall of 1921, they purchased a four room house with one acre of land on 147 St. Andrews Road (Lot 31) from Jim Leask. They then began purchasing other parcels of land on St. Andrews Road which totalled 97 acres. Some of this land was

purchased from the St. Andrew's Anglican Church and the Hudson Bay Company. Mixed farming provided them with a good life and later enabled them to purchase an additional 100 acres west of Highway No. 8 in the St. Andrews area.

Every Friday was market day for Julius, when he would take vegetables, cream, eggs, butter and chickens to Winnipeg and sell them at the market, or to regular customers door-to-door.

For eight years, the winters were spent getting up at 3:00 am, harnessing the horses, going to the gravel pit in Gonor, Manitoba and hauling gravel to repair roads. Julius helped to build St. Andrews and McPhillips Roads, Main Street and No. 8 Highway in the RM of St. Andrews. Some winters were spent hauling hay to the International Bakery in Elmwood, Winnipeg.

Julius and Lydia often recall the many May 24th Old Timer's Picnics held west of the old St. Andrew's Church off Main Street (No. 9 Highway). Tree branches were used to make stands to sell ice cream and soft drinks. Tents were set up to eat meals, donated by the women of the area, at a cost of thirty-five cents each. Some of the activities were horse and wagon races, nail pounding and numerous variety of races for adults and children. Lydia often came in first with Mrs. Briefley and Mrs. Pauline Schmidt close seconds. Some of her prizes were a double boiler and a lemon squeezer.

In the summer of 1936, Lydia was cutting hay with a team of horses. During the lunch break, while Lydia was watering the horses, a tragic accident occurred. One of the horses was new and would not drink his water. Lydia took off his bridle, the horse became frightened and started to run. Lydia tried to stop the horse by grabbing the harness and reins, but she was unable to control the horses. As a result she was struck and dragged by the cutting bar of the mower, which was still attached to the horses. Lydia was rushed to the Winnipeg General Hospital in Winnipeg; however because her leg and knee were quite mangled with mud and grass, and with the threat of gangrene and severe infection, the doctor was forced to amputate her left leg above the knee. Lydia spent four months recovering in the hospital. During this time, Henry Chizick of St. Andrews, Manitoba took care of the horses and farm.

Julius was devastated by the accident and decided to give up farming. He held an auction at his farm, selling some of his land, cattle and farm equipment. Lydia eventually convinced Julius to resume farming as it was what they knew best. In the early farming years they hired Ben Dreger and Henry Chizick as farm help.

In 1944 a new house was constructed on the



The Goltz Family. Back row – Violet, Lily, Lorraine, Verna, Shirley. Front row – Julius and Lydia.

existing property at 147 St. Andrews Road with the help of Albert Smith and Barney, a carpenter from Selkirk. The basement was dug with horses and a scraper.

Julius and Lydia had five daughters, Violet, Lily, Lorraine, Verna, Shirley and two sons, Roy and Norman. Roy died at eight months from pneumonia and Norman died at three years of age from an accident.

Violet, born on May 26, 1922, married Ernest Buehler from Bristol, South Dakota on June 11, 1949. They farmed in South Dakota for five years

and during this time their daughter, Muriel, was born on October 24, 1951 and their son, Barry, on August 21, 1953. In May 1954 they moved to Portland, Oregon where they still reside.

Lily born December 31, 1923 married Julius Koenig from Portland, Oregon on March 21, 1959. This was where they made their home. Julius passed away on March 9, 1995. Lily still resides in Portland, Oregon.

Lorraine, born August 6, 1933 married George Job of Winnipeg, Manitoba on May 14, 1955. After residing in Winnipeg for a few years, they moved to Prince Rupert, BC where their daughter Cheryl was born on January 24, 1958. After several years in the house building business, they decided to move back to Winnipeg to join George's brother in building and managing a restaurant. While in Winnipeg, their son Terence was born on September 21, 1961 and their second daughter, Janice was born on May 26, 1963. In the fall of 1976, they moved to Kelowna, BC to resume the house building business. Lorraine and George still reside in Kelowna.

Verna was born March 8, 1939 in a car three miles from home, on the way to the Winnipeg General Hospital due to the 1928 Nash car's engine needing to be warmed up with hot coals to get started. Verna married Wayne Sandison of Lockport, Manitoba on June 27, 1959. After residing a few

## DOC STORK GETS THE GREEN LIGHT



Old Doc Stork, during the past two days, staged frantic races over snow-covered highways against autos, snowmobiles, telephones and modern conveniences in general,

### Streamlined Bird Wins Strange Baby Derbies

and in both events, he came out winner.

A frantic moonlit run to Winnipeg early Wednesday morning, almost saw Doc Stork defeated . . . but not quite. Putting on a final spurt, the old chap flapped across the wire to win by a beak.

The race started at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Goltz, St. Andrew's, Man., shortly after 1 a.m. Wednesday when it became apparent that a birth was to occur unexpectedly soon.

When the couple reached Winnipeg without the appearance of a third party, they felt they had outwitted the stork, but just as the car stopped outside the Winnipeg General hospital at 2 a.m. they discovered that, although their trip had been fast, Doc Stork had been faster.

Mr. Goltz, as excited as any proud but frightened father, tore into the hospital and ran back to the car again with several internes and nurses. After Mrs. Goltz, who had been riding in the front seat, had been made comfortable, she and the

Doc Stork gets the green light, March 8, 1939.



The Goltz Farm, Spring 1968.

years in Winnipeg where their son, Darrell, was born on February 18, 1963, they built their home at 151 St. Andrews Road, St. Andrews, Manitoba, where they still reside.

Shirley was born December 15, 1940 and married Ken Dawson of St. Andrews, Manitoba on May 4, 1963. During the summer of 1963, they built their home at 262 River Road, St. Andrews, Manitoba. Their daughter, Tannis was born on April 9, 1969, a son Kelsey was born November 20, 1970, and Laurie was born February 1, 1963. Shirley and Ken still reside at 262 River Road, St. Andrews.

Julius and Lydia Goltz retired from farming in 1965 and continued to reside at 147 St. Andrews Road until their death. They were members of McDermot Avenue Baptist Church in Winnipeg Manitoba. They had a total of 7 children, 9 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Julius passed away on September 19, 1985 and Lydia on January 7, 1990, both at the Selkirk General Hospital.

### **Grieve, Bertie and Christina**

Arthur Wilbert 'Bertie' Grieve was born on February 22, 1916, the fourth son of the late Donald and Sarah Grieve of Meadowdale. Bertie attended the Meadowdale School from 1922-1930 where he attained a Grade VIII education. In 1942 he enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces. At first he was in the Saskatoon Light Infantry, later he was transferred to the South Saskatchewan Regiment. In 1943, he was sent overseas to England and then to France. He was there a month when he was wounded. He spent a

few months in a hospital in England and then served as a regimental policeman until he came home. He arrived back in Winnipeg on February 6, 1946 and received his discharge in March 1946.

Bertie married Christina May Leask, the eldest of the late Colin and Ethel Leask's family of Clandeboye on May 25, 1946 in Clandeboye United Church. Christina was born on March 15, 1923 in Winnipeg. She attended Grades I-XI in Clandeboye and Grade XII in Selkirk. After Grade XII, she went Permit Teaching at Martin School in Moosehorn, then attended Normal School, taught a year at Meadowdale School and then a year at Golden Valley School in Brunkild.

In the spring of 1947, they purchased property Pt. SE 25-14-3E, from Mrs. Dena Fedoruk who was teaching at Meadowdale School. She stayed with them while she taught there.

They used Bertie's gratuity from the Services to start a general store on Highway 8 and Bowser Road. While there, they were blessed with five children – Wilma Anne, Elva Marie, Judith Evelyn, Arthur Ian, and Sheila Christine. The children attended Meadowdale School.

In the year of 1958, they gave up the store and moved to Dunara as Bertie was hired by the Interlake Farmers Co-op. Fortunately there was a house that went with the job. He hauled milk and cream, in cans, to different dairies in Winnipeg and then brought back freight to the small stores along Highway 8. Later the Co-op purchased a tanker truck for hauling the milk.