

While at Dunara, Leonard James and Dena Michele were born. The family lived there from 1958-1974.

In July 1974, they purchased the property that had belonged to the late Colin and Ethel Leask of Clandeboye, present address 661 Clandeboye Road. Bertie retired from driving in 1980, after being on the job for 23 years. On March 15, 1989, Bertie passed away from emphysema.

Wilma Anne "Billie" married John Thurston on October 28, 1967. John, at the age of 29 years, passed away with a heart attack on April 4, 1969. Their daughter Christina Margaret, "Christie", was born on June 18, 1969. Billie married Mike Ratkowski on May 2, 1992 in Clandeboye United Church. Mike works for the Provincial Government. Billie works at the Selkirk Civic Office in the tax department. Christie was married on July 10, 1998 to Lloyd Norman of Winnipeg. Christie works for Springfield Industries and Lloyd for Ikon Office Solutions.

Elva Marie married Randy McConnell on August 29, 1970. Randy is with the Winnipeg Police Force. They have three boys – Ian Michael, Kent Campbell and Adam Whitney. Elva passed away on July 9, 1992 from lung cancer.

Judith Evelyn "Judy" married Geoffery Dent on June 7, 1975. They have three children – Sheldon Thomas, Alan David and Leslee Ann. Judy has a day-care and Geoff works as security in the government buildings.

Arthur Ian married Darlene Hardwick of Selkirk on June 22, 1974. They have two children – Jill Marie and Connor Ian. Ian has been driving for the Interlake Farmers Co-op since his father retired. The Co-op truck has been purchased by G. Thorimbert Ltd. Of Winnipeg and Ian continues driving for them. Darlene works in an administrative capacity for the Lord Selkirk School Division.

Sheila Christine married Larry Peadson of the Prairie Grove area on May 26, 1973. They have three children – Michelle Diane, Scott Claydon and Brett James. Sheila works for an insurance company in Winnipeg and Larry farms and also works for a rental company.

Leonard James resides in Winnipeg where he teaches auto mechanics at Red River Community College and works part-time at a Toyota dealership. Dena Michele also resides in Winnipeg. Trained in computer technology, she has worked for Canadian News and the North-West Company. Presently she is employed by Information Systems Management.

### **Grochowich, John and Sophie** **by Sophie nee Bannish Grochowich**

My grandparents, John Bannish Sr. and his wife

Theresa, came from Poland to Canada in 1904, and settled in St. Andrews, Manitoba. They had eight children, namely, Stanley, Joe, Alex, John, Peter, Pearl, Kristy, and Katie. Katie is now 99 years of age and in the hospital.

Peter Bannish was my Dad. Peter married Annie Wozny on May 16, 1916. He purchased property next to his Dad's land. Peter and Annie had four children, Nellie, Sophie, Jim, and Frank.

My brother Frank purchased my Grandfather's property and now lives at this location with his wife Verna. They have two daughters, Sherry and Lois, and one son Harold.

My brother Jim and his wife Mavis now own Mother's home. Wayne, one of their three sons, lives there. Their other two sons, Darryl and Greg live in Selkirk.

Nellie moved to Ontario where she married Sonny Spacca, raised a family and retired in Collingwood.



John & Sophie Grochowich – 1939. Walter, Stanley, Bernice and Steve.

I, Sophie, married John Grochowich in 1937 and live in Mapleton at 1126 River Road. People knew this property as "River Bend Farm." Mr. Tucker, manager of T. Eaton's built this house in 1917.

As children, my siblings and I walked four miles through deep snow to school. There were no big snowploughs in those days only long poles pulled by two teams.

We had countless difficulties in "those days" including many grasshoppers on the land. The municipality gave farmers bran with poison to put around the grain fields to keep the grasshoppers from the grain. Our Dad had used some of this bran for the field, and had planned to use the remainder to complete the job the following day. Unfortunately, our cows ate the poisoned bran and died. This caused much heartbreak to our family.

My Dad died in 1933.

The times were very bad. I quit school and went to work for Ted Partridge, a milkman who sold his produce in Selkirk. My job was to milk cows and wash milk bottles, and help in the house if time permitted. Mrs. Partridge was pregnant with her baby, Martin. I hated washing those glass milk bottles. The pay was \$15.00 per month.

After a few months at this job, I went to work for John Grochowich. His wife was ill with cancer. They had four small children, Bernice, Steve, Walter, and Stanley. Their ages were 8, 6, 4, and 2 respectively. I thought looking after children would be an easier job than milking cows and washing milk bottles. John's dear wife Ann passed away in 1937.

I was 17 years of age when I married John Grochowich. I loved the children and their Dad.

Each of the four children made his or her home in a different area; Bernice in Chicago, Illinois; Steve in Haney, BC; Walter in Kelowna, BC; and Stan in St. Andrews, MB.

John and I had two children, Frances and Patrick. Frances married Peter Skazyk of St.

Andrews and they have three sons, Allan, Gregory, and Edward. Patrick married Joanne Kukacka. Patrick is a teacher at Happy Thought School and his wife Joanne is a nurse at Holy Family Nursing Home. They have four children, Angela, Jillian, Sandra, and Paul.

John and I were married for 59 years. I still treasure the letter of congratulations received from Peter Duchek, Reeve for R.M. of St. Andrews, in July 1987 on the occasion of our golden wedding anniversary.

John worked at the Manitoba Rolling Mills for 38 years, retired in 1966 and died in 1996. I am living in my beautiful house on River Road, growing gladiolus.

### **Gulenchyn, Bernie and Susan nee Melnichuk**

We moved onto Ronald Avenue in Matlock in June 1995. Having spent my summers in Matlock since the 1950's, it was like coming home. My husband Bernie and I love the lake and the community.

My grandmother Belle Johnson lived on Bay Avenue till her passing in 1989. My brothers Bill



John & Sophie Grochowich's 50th Anniversary. Back & Middle row – Pat & Joanne, Walter & Lori, Bernice, Sophie & John, Steve & Fran, Peter & Frances, Stanley & Doreen, Gregory. Front row – Jillian, Sandra, Paul, Angela, Ed.

and Ron Melnichuk frequented Half Moon and Ralph Beaches till they were well into their teens. We would come for the summer from Red Lake, Ontario around the middle of June and stay till the start of the next school year. My grandmother often would say, "It's nice to see you come, but it's nice to see you go."

My older brother Bill and wife Linda nee Demkowski live in Sioux Lookout, Ontario. Their older son Bill Jr. and daughter-in-law Sheryl are expecting their first child in January 1999. They also reside near Bill and Linda's in Sioux Lookout.

My younger brother Ron, with his wife Lee and their two children Larissa and R.J. live in Winnipeg. Ron works at St. Boniface Hospital in the CVT Ward. Ron was honored in Texas in November 1997 during half-time at a football game. He was enrolled in the hall of fame for being all American twice during his college track career in Plainview, Texas. He was also honored at the Daniel MacIntyre reunion this past fall in Winnipeg. Lee is a vice-principal of a school in Lorette, Manitoba.

Bernie and I have two daughters, Jennifer and Sheri, who live in Winnipeg. Jennifer married Don Beall in July 1997. They are the loving parents of Kevin, Don's little boy. Jennifer is a receptionist at the Redwood Hearing Centre and Don is employed by National Leasing. Sheri is a Massage Therapist for Unity Massage in Winnipeg. There may be a marriage in the next year for her. She has met a wonderful guy also, David Block.

Bernie and I celebrated our 28th wedding anniversary this past October. For seventeen years we sold appliances on Portage Avenue under the name of A & M Appliance Ltd. In 1997 we sold the building to another firm, but retained the name for service in Winnipeg and the Interlake. Bernie has been called upon many times in the past twenty odd years by other companies to solve major problems with appliances. He commutes to Winnipeg to keep up with the calls. I have been involved with the business over the years, first as a salesperson and book-keeper, then Sales was eliminated. We now enjoy helping out in the community through the Club in various activities.

We look forward to our grandchildren and good health.

### **Haddad, Reg and Muriel**

Reg, the youngest son of Margaret and Joseph Haddad of Winnipeg, married Muriel McAulay of Clandeboye. Working for Midwest Diamond Drilling Company brought them together. They were married in 1959 and in 1961 decided Winnipeg was not the place to raise their family. They built a



Back row – Sandra, Bradley, Leslie, Charmaine. Front row – Reg & Muriel Haddad.

small house on Muckle's Creek, on part of the family farm. There they raised four children, Bradley, Sandra, Leslie and Charmaine and had many foster children to share their home.

Reg continued to work in Winnipeg for twenty more years tackling many winter storms, only to get to Winnipeg and find everything closed down. Each spring for a few days the road would be under water and he would have to use his tractor to go through the water to get to his car, then go to work. He then changed jobs – settling to work in Selkirk; first Jordon's winery and later at Red River Place nursing home. While he did these jobs, he also became the deputy chief of St. Andrews Volunteer fire department. He had many short nights of sleep due to fighting fires.

Muriel had the job of keeping the home fires burning and raising their children and borrowed children. She later took up psychiatric nursing.

Bradley, born 1961, became an aircraft engineer – he seemed to have inherited his grandfather's mechanical ability. He spent his working years in Norway House and Thompson. He lost his life in a car accident in 1990.

Sandra, born in 1963, became a psychiatric nurse and married Jerry Radford of Winnipeg. They live in St. Adolphe with their two children.

Leslie, born in 1965, joined the Canadian Navy and became a marine engineer. He lives in Victoria, BC where he has several small independent businesses.



Reg & Muriel's home on Muckle's Creek – 1997.

Charmaine, born in 1968, is a computer analyst programmer. She married Anthony Panchoo and they live in Winnipeg.

We thank our grandparents for choosing Clandeboye as their town in which to live.

### **Hall, Harold and Nelly** by Henry Hall

Harold Hall arrived in Canada in 1909. On his 16th birthday, he left London to come to Canada. The trip across the ocean was six weeks, a long voyage for a 16-year-old boy. Harold's dream was to become a farmer and this is what he set out to do. He landed in Halifax, hopped a train and headed west to Winnipeg. He started working for Silverwood Dairies. He then worked for John (Uncle Jack) Leask. This is where Harold met his wife-to-be Nelly Leask, niece of Uncle Jack. Uncle Jack was raising Nelly because Nelly had lost her parents when she was young.

After Harold and Nelly were married, they moved to southern Manitoba to take up farming. They returned three years later after devastating windstorms blew away their planted fields. They traveled back by train with Harold riding in the cattle car with his cows and Nelly enjoyed the view. While on the farm, Harold and Nelly had acquired a dog, named Rover. There was no room on the train for Rover and he had to be left behind with a neighbour. Rover, not liking the time spent in southern Manitoba, decided he was not staying as well. Three months after Harold and Nelly arrived back, their beloved Rover showed up on the doorstep. He was a little rough around the edges, but overall in pretty good shape.

As Nelly had been left some land, she and Harold began farming again. This land was north and south of the railway tracks on Hall road and Highway #9. Their first child, John, was born in 1921. Francis, another boy, was born in 1929. In 1929 Harold bought three pieces of property all

side-by-side. These three pieces are 1/2 mile east of their present home on Hall Road. Later that year Harold and his family moved into the house on the SE corner of Hall Road – presently called Boyd Road.

It was during these cold winters that Harold worked building the Hudson Bay Line going north. Harold was now farming three-quarter sections of land and working winters. Nelly worked as a telephone operator. Wages were small in the 1920's, so to make ends meet they moved out of their house and rented it to Willie and Carrie Kirkness. After the Kirknesses moved out, the old farmhouse was used as a granary. Harold and Nelly are buried at St. George's Wakefield Anglican Church on Highway #9.

With Canada's involvement in World War II, Harold's oldest son, John, chose to go overseas to serve his country. When John came home from Europe, he moved to Winnipeg. He married Olive Hill and raised four children, Joan, Harold, Glenn and Scott.

It was then that Francis met his wife-to-be Violet Bercier. Violet was born in 1923 in Boggy Creek, Manitoba. As John and his wife Olive were both working and needed a maid, they hired Violet. Violet was working to support her four boys, David, Tracy, Ted and Moise (Arron). Francis and Violet were married in 1955 and moved to Winnipeg. Later that year they had a son, Henry. They both worked hard and saved their money and in 1959 bought a house west of Winnipeg and moved it to Hall Road where Harold and Nelly had their original house. Francis and Violet raised their boys and continued working the farm. Francis also worked for Brandon Asphalt & Paving in the 50's through to the early 70's.

Francis was in Brandon helping a friend who worked for a moving company. While loading the moving truck the homeowner's two daughters asked Francis if he would take their puppy. The two girls said their dad was mean to the dog and they needed a good home for her. Francis would not be going home for at least two weeks or longer and said he could not take the dog. After loading the truck, Francis got in his car and left. After travelling a short distance, Francis heard something in the back seat. He found the girls had hidden the puppy in the car. He kept her. It took a while for the pup to get used to people, but Francis and that pup grew attached to each other. Whenever Francis was on his way home from working in Brandon, the pup would lie on the road. Francis did not always know when he would be coming home, but the pup would always be waiting to greet him. It was not an

uncommon thing to see Francis and that pup out riding the tractor together doing the fieldwork.

Francis as a teenager enjoyed playing hockey with the rest of the young lads in the area. In the spring he would play baseball. Between playing baseball and learning how to farm, Francis and his dog could be found fishing at the creek. John and Francis both attended school in Petersfield. Francis and Violet's children also attended Petersfield School while growing up. John and Olive's children all attended school in Winnipeg.

Francis can still be seen playing the odd game of baseball or watching a good game of hockey or even on week long fishing trips. His heart for sports leans towards curling and in the winter he curls three times a week. Francis has been very active in the community. He sat on numerous committees for the Petersfield Curling Club. He has been there for all the community events (summer and winter). In April 1999, Petersfield Curling Club made him a Lifetime Honourary Member in appreciation for his loyalty.

Francis also stays busy running Hall Plumbing. The community is happy to see him show up with a Roto-Rooter in hand. Ah!!!the sweet sound of a flushing toilet. Violet worked for the Lord Selkirk and Petersfield Motor Hotels for many years. Violet has a wonderful talent for hand sewing quilts and quillows (quilts that fold into pillows), wall hangings and pillows. When Violet isn't sewing something, she can be found baking something really good or working in her beautiful garden.

David was born in Boggy Creek, Manitoba and has worked as a siding applicator for over 20 years. David married Mabel Robinson. Together they had four children, Melody, Aaron, Alan and Shannon.

Tracy, born in Roblin, owns Interlake Siding. Tracy married Elaine Surface who was raising a single child, Jason. Together they had two children, Teresa and Travis. Tracy later married Janis Mostowy.

Ted was born in Yorkton and has a successful contracting company called TAB Contracting. Ted married Patricia Gregotski who was raising a single child, Gordon. Ted and Pat also own TEE-PEE Charolais and Pat owns Wavey Creek Bears. Pat has shipped her bears to all corners of the world. Pat has a wonderful way of breathing life into her bears.

Moise died at a young age.

Henry was born in Winnipeg. He married Helen Mathers who was raising three children, Tammy, Stephnie and Krystal. Henry and Helen have a son Joshua. Together he and Helen own a hobby farm in Chilliwack, British Columbia. Helen and all of their children volunteer their time to the Fraser Valley

Toy Run. 1999 will be the 13th year since the Toy Run has been established. In 1996 Henry was given a plaque in his honour for all his years of service. Henry and his family have been with the Toy Run since it started in 1986.

### Harbour, Harry and Lorraine

Harry was born in Winnipeg, son of George Henry Harbour and Martha (nee Buckhammer of Oak Hammock). George farmed on NW24-13-3E on Lockport Road. Earlier he had farmed in Hazelridge. Henry Harbour, father of George Henry, married Emma MacDonald. She was the daughter of Kenneth and Nancy MacDonald (nee Setter), early residents of River Road, St. Andrew's.



Edgar, Martha, George and Harry Harbour.



Laurie Goodridge, nee Harbour, Gary, Lorraine & Harry Harbour.

Lorraine was born and raised in West Kildonan, daughter of Edgar and Lucy Davidson (nee Maytum). Both parents were born in Winnipeg.

Lorraine has three brothers: Jim, Edward, and Ernest and one sister Pauline. Harry has one brother Edgar, living in Selkirk. Harry, now retired, farmed and worked for the C.P.R. for thirty years. Lorraine worked for Eatons until their marriage in 1959. Since then they have raised two children Laurie (Mrs. Brad Goodridge) and son Gary. Both live on parts of the farm. Laurie and Brad have two children: Brady and Connor.

### **Harder, Nick and Katie**

In the fall of 1949, Nick bought Tom Carter's farm 12-16-3E. In June of 1950 Nick married Katie nee Epp.

We have two children Ken and Karen. Ken is married to Doreen nee Klien and they have two children Sherri and Shaun and they live in Petersfield. Karen is married to Randall Dewar who lives in Cloverdale. They also have two children Brent and Nicole.

The first few years we operated a mixed farm; cows, pigs, chickens and of course grain. Then we tried pigs only and then chickens only but grain always stayed. In 1972, Ken bought Mr. Donald Simpson's farm. Ken took the chickens to his place and Nick put up a seed plant, which they operated together. In 1978 we traded yards, Ken got rid of the chickens but they still farmed grain together. In 1990 the land was sold, but we've both kept our yards.

### **The Harriott Family**

John Edward Harriott Sr. and his family were among the early settlers in the Cloverdale district.

The eldest son, John Edward, lived and farmed in Cloverdale until shortly before his death in 1951. He served as councillor for Ward 3 for over thirty seven years, 1902-1909, 1911-1925, 1930-1945. He also served as school trustee for over forty years.

John Edward's first wife was the former Ellen Mackenzie from Mapleton. They had two children, Dorothy who died at an early age, and Sybil who became a nurse and lived most of her life in Vancouver, B.C. Sybil and her husband George Ramsay had one child Sybil (Dollie) who lives with her husband Larry Blaine in Vancouver, B.C.

John Edward's second wife was the former Alice Taylor whose family, Nicol and Jean Taylor, also lived in Cloverdale. They had five children: John Edward, Roy Boyd, Ruth Jean, William Taylor and Marlene Alice.

John Edward began his career as a teacher in

Peguis, Manitoba, then as a teaching principal in Oakbank, Manitoba. He served in the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II as a navigator and instructor holding the rank of Squadron Leader. He retired from the armed forces in 1963. He then became the Director of the University of Manitoba's Continuing Education Department until his retirement in 1980.

Roy Boyd together with his wife Hilda, nee Isfeld of Winnipeg Beach, farmed in Cloverdale. They had one son, Roy Edward, who still occupies and works the family farm.

Ruth Jean lived eight short years, passing away in 1928.

William Taylor, 1923-1985, served in the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II as a Navigator/Bombardier holding the rank of Flying Officer. He served his tenure in England until 1945 when upon his return he married Oddny (Audrey) Hjorleifson. He held various positions over the years with the federal government retiring from the Department of Public Works in 1979.

Together Bill and Audrey had three children: (Audrey) Gail, William John, and James Blaine. Gail and her husband Bill live in Winnipeg and have three children, William, Debbie (Fred Hall) and Jeff (Sabrina). They have six grandchildren, Danielle, Lisa and Tyler (Hall); Matthew, Jordan, and Colm (Whyte). William John and his wife Dianne live in St. Andrew's and have three children, Ryan, Jaime and Kerilyn. James Blaine and his wife Dawn live in Winnipeg with their two children, Nolan and Ariel.

Marlene Alice was a teacher, supervisor and principal with Winnipeg School Division No. 1, retiring in 1993. Marlene and her husband, Bill Watson, reside in the Cloverdale district. They have two children, Cindy (Supleve), Kelvin William, and two grandchildren Candice and Morgan (Supleve).

### **The Brian Harris Family**

The Harris family, consisting of Brian, Deanna, Mike, Wendy and Chris, emigrated to Canada in March 1978, from Cornwall, England. Initially staying at the Cotton farm with Deanna's sister Marie and her family, they later built their home on the Schindler subdivision in Clandeboye.

Brian began working for Surge Farm Equipment, then drove for Texaco. He eventually moved over to Tri-Mac, where he continues to work until his planned retirement.

Deanna worked as a nurse's aide at Red River Place in Selkirk until she opened her home daycare in Clandeboye.

Mike graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Diploma of Agriculture in 1983.

He married Cindy Moroz in 1983 and they have three children, Colin, Jillian and Andrew. Mike is presently a melt shop shift supervisor at Gerdau MRM Steel in Selkirk. Cindy is a teacher's aide at William S. Patterson School in Clandeboye.

Wendy went to work at the TD Bank in Selkirk after graduating high school. She married Kym Terry in 1983 and they have three children, Mandy, Melissa and Catherina. Wendy is still employed by the Selkirk TD Bank. Kym is a supervising historical site restorer with the federal government.

Chris, after graduating high school, played professional soccer for the Winnipeg Fury and then in the Winnipeg Senior League for a number of years. He married Brenda Bracken in 1984 and they have two children, Justin and Tory. Chris is presently a mill billet inspector at Gerdau MRM Steel. Brenda is developing her catering business.

All members of this extended family are living in Clandeboye and are active in community life.

## **The Jim Houndle Family** **by Irene Houndle**

Evered James Garvock Houndle came to Canada at the age of three with his widowed mother, one sister, and three brothers in 1914.

His father, an Anglican minister in England, had passed away earlier that year. The eldest son had come to Canada a few years earlier and was living and working in the Petersfield area. Jim attended school at Dunara and Clandeboye. They lived on N½ of NE¼ of Sec 31-15-4E along Netley Creek.

In 1949 he purchased the SE¼ Sec 12 Township 16 3E from a bachelor named William Sandiford. In October, 1949 he married me, Irene Slater, formerly from the Teulon area. I was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Slater. Farming was Jim's main occupation with a few periods of truck driving for Jim Stevenson, Stan Carter, and spare driver for Interlake Farmers' Co-op milk truck. Those were the days when roads weren't plowed very often and milk was shipped in five and eight gallon cans. A lot of muscular power was needed compared to today's drivers.

Jim was involved in the community all his life. He served as secretary for Dunara School district. He was a director of Dunara Co-op Community Club, Netley Pool Elevator, Manitoba Dairy and Poultry Co-op, also Petersfield and District Seniors, and the local Church. He passed away in January 1991.

I still reside on the homestead with our eldest son Allan.

We had a family of four. Allan was born in January 1951, Elaine in January 1952, Larry in

January 1954, and Keith in August 1955. I'll bet you thought I was going to say January 1955.

Allan has a small herd of registered Holsteins. He sells any surplus hay and cattle. He does most of the machinery maintenance work (specializing in White Tractors of which he has 3).

Elaine married Jack Rogowski of Komarno in 1972. Jack has been employed with Manitoba Hydro for nearly thirty-one years. He works out of Dorsey near Grosse Isle since 1975. They reside on the Harry Forster Farm SE¼ 36-15-3E. Jack was well named "Jack", for he is a "Jack-of-all-trades" whether it's electrical, mechanical, carpentry or air conditioning. He helps Allan out quite often. Allan jokingly said he didn't know what he would do if Elaine and Jack separated.

Elaine and Jack have two children, Cynthia, born in November 1974, and Jason, born in May, 1981.

Cindy married Raymond Romanchuk of Selkirk in 1995. They live in Komarno, have one son Owen, born May 1997. Both Ray and Cindy are employed with Selkirk Tire.

Larry trained as an Air Traffic Controller and worked at Thompson and then at Saskatoon for ten years.

Larry married Janet Kitching of Inwood in 1985. They have two sons Derek born September 1993, and Brent born July 1995. Janet is employed by Blue Cross.

Keith married Valerie Dola of Winnipeg Beach in 1979. They separated a few years later. She passed away in 1996. Keith lived on the old Houndle place on Netley Creek a few years. He later sold the building spot to Jim and Sandy Croy and moved to Stonewall. He married Michelle in 1985. They had two children, Ainsley born May 1986, and Brock born February 1988. That marriage is now history.

In 1997 he married Valerie Marx. They have one daughter Jessica, born August, 1998. Keith has been employed as an estimator for Bird Construction of Winnipeg.

The Houndle offspring were involved in 4H in earlier years in Petersfield. They attended Sunday School regularly.

Larry and Keith were heavily involved in volleyball, fastball, and hockey. Both played fastball for a number of years with Teulon Reds and Gimli Vikings. They played many times at the Provincial playoffs. Keith played with Winnipeg teams and also with the Stonewall Phantoms. They also played hockey with Teulon Bantams and Midgets. Keith continued as goalie with Teulon Tigers of the Senior League.

Netley School and Teulon Collegiate were my sources of education. I taught in rural schools for five years, the last three being at Dunara School.

I have been actively involved in Sunday School and serving on the Church Board over the past years.

A big change has taken place the past fifty years. The farms are specialized and much larger. The motto seems to be "Bigger is Better." I wonder. I guess it's just my age showing.

### The Hrechuk Family

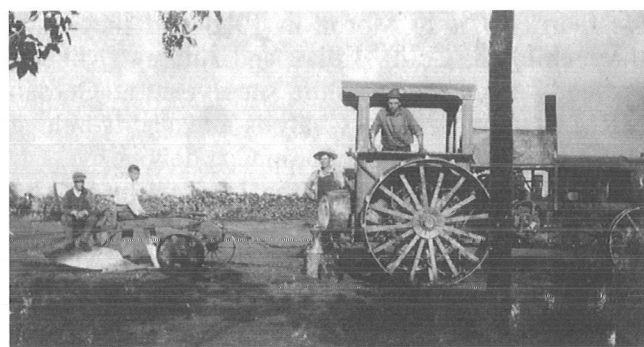
George and Pearl Hrechuk settled in St. Andrews, Lot 56 on the old No.1 Hwy, now Hwy 9, in 1927. George had to clear and break 37 acres of land, on which they grew grain and vegetables, and raised cows, pigs, and chickens.



George Hrechuk & Rumely.

George migrated from Bukovina, Romania when he was 15 years old and lived with the Lessie family in Ashfield, Manitoba. His brother John came to Canada a few years later. John lived in Winnipeg for a number of years, and then he moved to Vancouver, British Columbia, where he opened up a shoe repair business.

George, as an early pioneer, worked with Rumely and Titan tractors and broke many acres of land in the Gonor, Narol, Rossdale, East Selkirk and St. Andrews districts. He operated one of the first threshing outfits beginning in 1916 and his Rumely and Titan tractors could be heard for miles around.



George Hrechuk in cab of Rumely Gas Pull Tractor.



George Hrechuk threshing, 1935.

He moved his outfit from farm to farm threshing in the fields, and then from stacks later in the Fall right into December.

There were many dangerous incidents during those years. When moving a threshing outfit, it was necessary to remove the lugs from the rear wheels to prevent damaging the paved highways. It was sometimes necessary to cross railway tracks. On one occasion there was a slight turn on the approach to the steep crossing, the tractor climbed the grade but had difficulty to cross the tracks and began to spin the wheels. A train was approaching, but being unable to make the tractor go forward or reverse, the thresher pole was unhitched from the tractor. There was still some difficulty to get the tractor off the tracks, but George managed to do this just in time. The fast moving train zoomed by between the tractor and the threshing machine – the conductor blowing the whistle and shaking his fist at George, who was shaking in his boots.

Pearl migrated from Barych, Poland close to the city of Przemysl on the border of Poland and Ukraine. Pearl loved working in the garden, growing her flowers and looking after the cows and chickens. There was no fridge, so the milk and cream and butter was put in a pail and lowered by a rope into the well. She was very hospitable. Anyone that visited was always treated to coffee and a snack.

She had great faith in the Bible promises that a





Walter, Pearl (mother), Jennie, George (father) and Fred – 1958.

time is coming when there will be no more pain or death and that all will be resurrected from the graves and see their loved ones again in the kingdom here on earth for which we were taught to pray, 'Thy Kingdom Come.'

George and Pearl raised three children, Walter born in 1925, Jennie born in 1931, and Fred born in 1933. Pearl died in 1975. Brother John died in 1985. George lived on the same farm where he died at the age of 99 in 1994.



John Hrechuk.

Walter, at a young age, worked at Fairfield's Woollen Mills for 4 years, at various other jobs and finally got a job at the Canada West Shoe factory, which was later bought out by Greb Shoes, where he worked for 32½ years. He married Wanda Novak in 1952, and settled in Winnipeg where they raised two children David and Debbie.

Their daughter Jennie worked at Great West Life for many years, and married Ken Fenstad in 1956. They settled in Charleswood, Manitoba and raised two children Andrew and Sandra.

Son Fred worked as a machinist at Standard Aero overhauling aircraft piston engines for 26 years. Fred still lives on the same farm in St. Andrews, Manitoba

Walter, Jennie, and Fred attended St. Andrews School on the banks of the Red River. They had to walk 1½ miles to school because they lived too close to the school to qualify for a bus or sleigh ride. As children, they didn't mind walking, because their favourite halfway stop was Ukraine's General Store where they bought "hard hats and blackball candies" (5-8 for 1 cent). In the winter they would take a short cut over the snowdrifts in the fields.

In 1939 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth visited Winnipeg. The classes from St. Andrews School got on the train at St. Andrews Road. It took them to Kildonan Park where they all lined up to wave to the King and Queen.

Everybody had to work on the farm, tending the animals, growing vegetables for sale and winter use, bringing in the wood and taking out the ashes to keep the house warm, and enjoying our time together with our neighbours.



Yard hockey on Hrechuk farm – 1942.

For recreation in the winter, we made our own toys and sleighs, built our own skating rink in the backyard, and enjoyed sliding on the snow covered riverbanks. In the summer we would swim in the Red River, pick berries in the bush, enjoy the beauties of nature, and although there was not much money, we were happy with what we had; that was our way of life.

### **Huminicki, Nicholas and Olga by Nicholas Huminicki and Donna Paryniuk**

Nicholas Huminicki, son of Harry and Anna nee Atamaniuk, was born in 1923 and married Olga Legin of Poplarfield, Manitoba. We live on the fam-



Nick & Olga Huminicki and grandchild.



Nicholas Huminicki – Councillor of R.M. St. Andrews.

ily farm and have three children; David, Donna, and Edward (Billy).

In the 1980 municipal elections, I was advised by my neighbours to challenge a council seat in Ward 6 in St. Andrews. This was necessary in order to have a democratic election. The forms were signed and the required 25 signatures, to be authorized to run, were collected.

The neighbours took the trouble to get the required signatures. I had five weeks to campaign in order to be successful to win the election. I held that position for 15 consecutive years until I decided to retire from council in 1995.

The Huminicki farm expanded as we purchased more land when some of the neighbours retired, so we had to invest in better equipment. Our land had a number of pot holes that needed to be drained. The

Department of Agriculture Engineering department would come and survey at \$30 per quarter. Then they would send a profile of the direction of drain and depth of cut. We purchased an Ashland 11 yard scraper to do the job and found time to help the neighbours out with their drainage problems.

With more land, we required a second combine to get the crop off in good condition. I recall one year mother nature turned against us and we got 24 inches of rain in July. Some of the rapeseed, or canola as we call it now, laid in swaths for months. We had to purchase a grain dryer to dry the crop. There are years that we are forced to use the dryer even now if the weather turns against us.

I have been a registered seed grower for over 40 years, growing foundation timothy, annual ryegrass, biannual ryegrass and registered wheat.

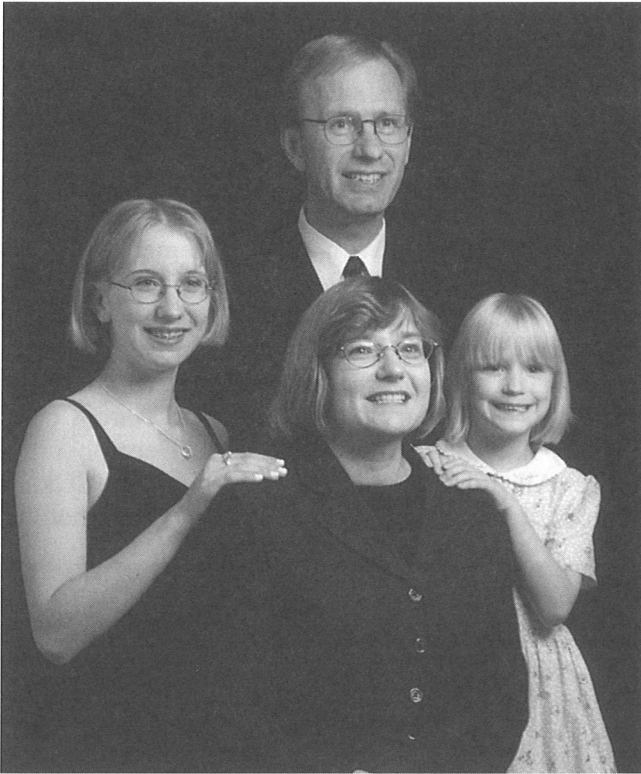


Nick Huminicki with his Ford 936 and the Teulon Tractor Pull Trophy.

In the town of Teulon there have been tractor pulls for 21 years which I never missed and for which I brought home trophies in the 4-W-Drive Class.

In 1979, **David Huminicki** completed his Agricultural Engineering degree at the University of Manitoba, graduating on the dean's honour roll. While attending university, David met Debbie Ammeter, from Starbuck, Manitoba, who was studying law. In 1980 Debbie graduated from law and was awarded the University of Manitoba Gold Medal.

David and Debbie were married on May 17, 1980 at St. Paul's Chapel on the University of Manitoba campus. They reside in Winnipeg and have two daughters. Amanda Christine was born on December 6, 1986, at the St. Boniface Hospital and enjoys dance classes. Sarah Katherine was born on March 27, 1992 at St. Boniface Hospital and enjoys sparks/girl guides.

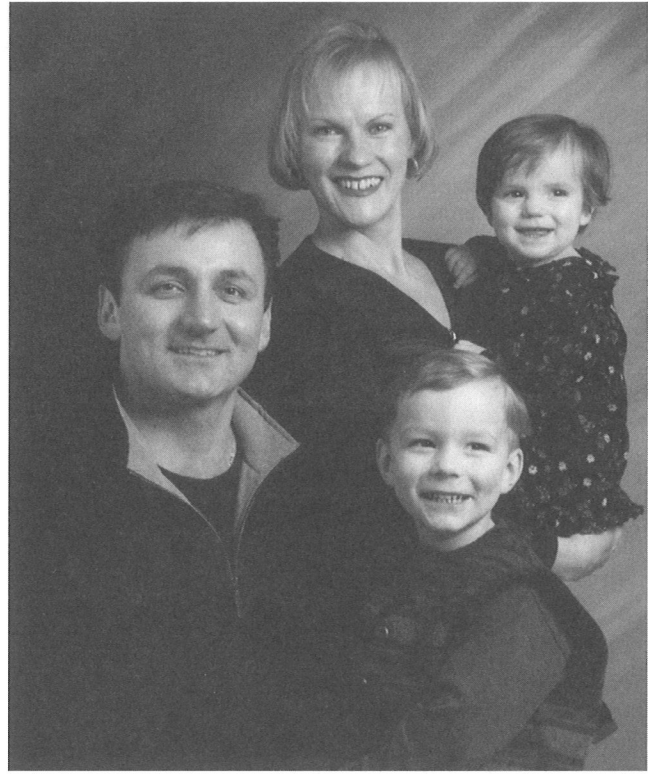


Amanda, David, Debbie & Sarah Huminicki.

Debbie articulated with the law firm of Taylor, Brazzell, McCaffrey in 1980 and joined Great-West Life Insurance as a tax lawyer in 1981. She moved to Investors Group in 1984 as a corporate lawyer. She is currently the vice-president of Advanced Financial Planning support at the Investors Group and has recently obtained her chartered financial planner designation.

David returned to university and completed his Masters of Business Administration degree at the University of Manitoba in 1989. He received the Associates Award for highest standing of part time students and was on the dean's honour roll. In 1991, David joined Manitoba Hydro where he has held several positions; implementing PowerSmart, delivering international consulting projects, attracting large industrial customers to Manitoba and overseeing business planning for non-traditional business. Most recently he has been responsible for marketing activities and preparation of the corporate marketing plan. David returns to the family farm at Winnipeg Beach to assist in seeding and harvesting operations. He enjoys going to the cottages at West Hawk Lake and at Silver Harbour with his family.

After spending a year living in the Philippines and traveling to Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore and Australia, **Donna Paryniuk nee Huminicki**, returned to Winnipeg and graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) degree in 1984.



Donna, Alexis, Myron & Nicholas Paryniuk.

In 1986, Donna joined Manitoba Hydro where she has held numerous positions throughout the corporation. Her current position is that of Senior Training and Performance Support Specialist responsible for all the business skills training that is provided to the over 4000 employees at Manitoba Hydro.

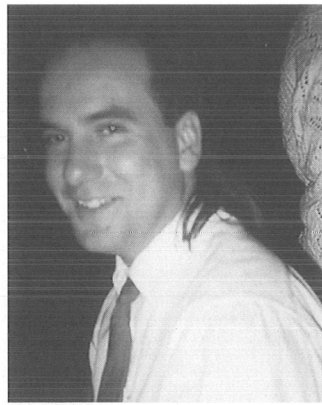
During university, Donna met Myron Paryniuk from Red Lake, Ontario. Myron was studying engineering and graduated with his Masters of Engineering in 1987. Myron has held several engineering positions with companies in Winnipeg and is currently employed with Reid Crowther and Partners Ltd. as a senior Project Engineer.

Donna and Myron were married on July 9, 1993 at St. Vladimir and Olga Cathedral, the same church her mother and father were married in forty years earlier. After their marriage, Donna and Myron settled in St. Boniface and planned to make Winnipeg their home.

In 1995 Donna and Myron were blessed with the arrival of their first child, a son, Nicholas Paul. Later that year a unique opportunity presented itself and the Paryniuk family headed west to British Columbia after Myron accepted his current position with Reid Crowther.

In 1997, Nicholas welcomed the arrival of his sister and now best friend, Alexis Marie. The family lived in beautiful White Rock, British Columbia for three years and is presently in the process of returning to Winnipeg.

Edward William (Billy)  
Huminicki.



**Edward William** continued his studies at the University of Manitoba working towards his diploma in agriculture. As the years go by, Edward helps me on the farm and has made a decision to farm, therefore we purchased more modern equipment, such as a four wheel drive tractor. After that, I rolled land over to my son, some each year to lessen the work load on me. Edward continues to purchase land that becomes available in the area.

### **Hummerston, Les and Jean**

Les and Jean, nee Garven Hummerston both grew up in Winnipeg. They were married in 1972 and moved to Lot 72 McPhillips Road (now 509 McPhillips) in May 1973. The house and property were previously owned by John and Josepha Kulczycki.

They raised two children, Tanya born in 1977 and their son Kelly in 1979. Both attended kindergarten to grade XII in the Lord Selkirk School Division. Tanya is now living in Winnipeg with her partner, Duane Zorniak, who also grew up in St. Andrew's. Tanya works in the accounting field in Winnipeg and is studying for her C.G.A. Kelly attends Red River College studying Culinary Arts.

James Garven, Jean's father, was born in Pense, Saskatchewan and now lives in Red River Place in Selkirk. Her mother, Frances, passed away in Winnipeg in 1978. Jean has one sister, Pat MacDonald of Winnipeg.

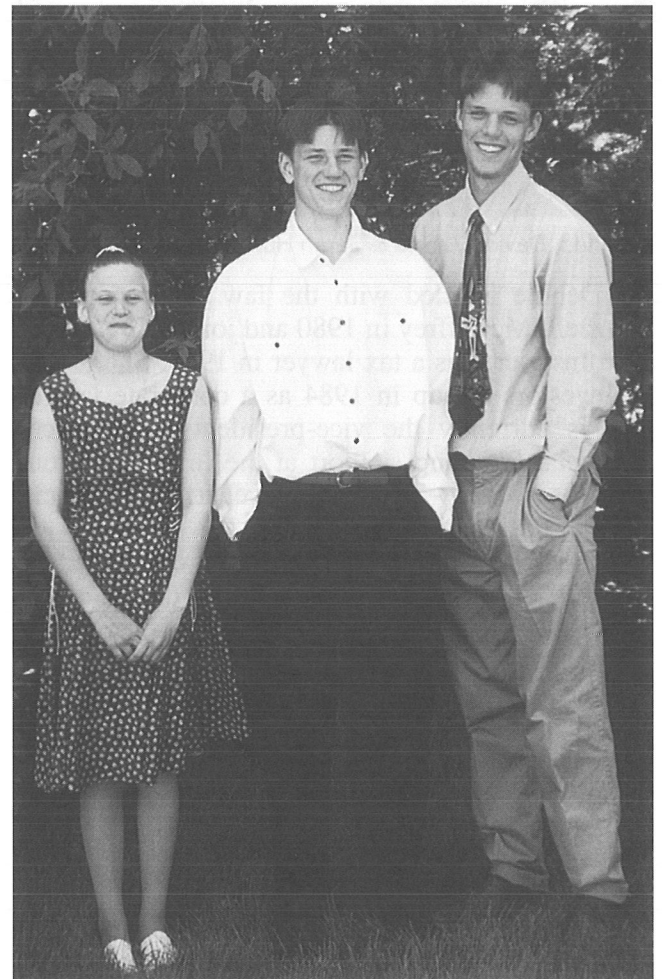
Les' parents, Jack and Jean, live in Penticton, British Columbia. He has two brothers Tom and Ken, both living in Winnipeg. His sister Gail Tilling lives in Dugald. Les enjoys hunting and painting wild life and scenery as a hobby.

### **Hunnie, Harold and Bonnie Anne**

Bonnie Anne Hunnie, youngest daughter of Dmytro and Katherine Andrusko, was born February 12, 1957 in Selkirk. She attended Margaret Hayworth, Ruth Hooker, Devonshire, Robert Smith, and the Selkirk Junior High School.

She graduated with honours from the Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive High School in 1975.

On September 27, 1975 she married Harold Hunnie, originally from Libau. Harold worked in the local garage as a mechanic. Later, he moved to Winnipeg, where he worked at a Texaco garage for several years. He changed jobs to work for Simmons Equipment Rentals, Winnipeg, as a mechanic. He was employed there for 24 years, at which time the company was purchased by Powell Equipment (Cat Rentals) where he is currently employed. Bonnie and Harold have three children; Harold Daniel Allan, born February 23, 1976; David Aaron, born January 22, 1980; Brandi Lee, born December 13, 1983. All three attended Ruth Hooker, Selkirk Junior High and the Comprehensive High School.



Brandi, David and Dan Hunnie.

Dan graduated from the Comprehensive school in 1994. He was named male athlete of the year, two consecutive years, for his achievements. He was a member of the Selkirk Dolphin Swim Club. Nationally, he held first and second place at age group level for his breaststroke. He attained many provincial records throughout his career, brought

home many medals and trophies from Provincials and other swim meets. Dan was a member on the Manitoba swim team which competed at the 1990 Western Canada Games held in Winnipeg. Volleyball, a favorite sport of his, also brought him medals and fame. He was a member of the high school team, which won the championships more than once. He was named to the provincial graduating all-star team. Volleyball took him to Kamloops, BC as a member of the Manitoba Team at the Canada Games. He was recruited to play for the University of Manitoba, which also brought medals home. Track and field was a great success to him; he competed in the javelin competition. Dan performed with the Rossdale Ukrainian Dancers for many years, including performances at the Dauphin Ukrainian Festival and Folklorama.

David graduated in June 1998. He is currently employed at the Powell Equipment Rentals. He also played high school sports, volleyball, water polo, track and also swam with the Selkirk Dolphins swim club for many years, bringing home numerous medals and trophies. He also danced with Rossdale and Selkirk Fialka Ukrainian Dancers. Medals from Teulon's Ukrainian Festival hang with his swimming medals.

Brandi is currently taking her grade eleven at the Comprehensive High School. She grew up with the Selkirk Dolphins first as Dan's baby sister, runner, helper at meets, and then to become a competitive swimmer. She has also acquired a number of trophies and medals for swimming and other sports. Brandi plays high school volleyball, track and field; she played basketball in junior high. She competed in the Canada Games at Brandon, as well as taking part in the opening ceremonies.

Brandi danced with the Rossdale Ukrainian Dance School before joining the Selkirk Ukrainian Dance School. Currently, as part off the Fialka Ukrainian Dancers, she has travelled and performed in Teulon's Ukrainian Festival, at Vegerville Alberta Ukrainian Festival, and also at St. Hillare Minnesota. She danced at the Pan Am games held in Winnipeg in 1999.

The Hunnie's will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on September 27, 2000.

See: Andrusko, Dmytro and Katherine.

### **Hunt, Dick and Betty**

Dick and Betty Hunt had five kids. Ken, Dan, Janice, Marilyn and George. We came to Clandeboye to live on the corner section of the Foster Farm by Wavey Creek and down the road from Wilfred Hunt. We lived in a big pink two-storey house with no phone and no running water.

With the creek on two sides of us, and the "bridge" just around the corner, we spent many hours swimming, skating and fishing. We wandered over to Uncle Bunt's gravel pit often. The raspberries and pinchcherries that grew around the pit were abundant and yummy. We used to sneak over to the Fort Garry Pit often, too. We'd explore and go for a swim in the crystal clear water. We had quite the trek to get there – thru the bush, across the broken log on the creek, thru the thorn bush and over/under the barbed wire – but it was worth it.

Every year Wavey Creek flooded up to our driveway and we would have to go through Uncle Wit's field and thru the mud to catch the school bus at his driveway. The school bus didn't come down our driveway because we didn't have a culvert. George Cronin drove us home to our door a couple of times when he was a school bus driver using a van. That was real nice. Lorna Alexander drove us to school for years, then Karl Schalk drove us to Selkirk for High School. We attended Clandeboye and Petersfield Schools, then Selkirk Collegiate and "The Comp."

Ken went to work, and live, on the Kamer Farm on Clandeboye Road while he was still going to school in Selkirk. We didn't see very much of him, then. From there he moved around a bit, heading west. He now lives near Rocky Mountain House, Alberta and is drilling wells. He has four children, Julie, Jamie, Jolene and Ricki, and one granddaughter. All live in Alberta. He still loves to putter around and investigate how things work, as long as he has his coffee and smokes!

Danny went to work on the Kamer Farm shortly after Ken. He finished school while working for them. Then he made his way to Kitchner, Ontario where he became a meat cutter. Then he decided to head west to join Ken. There he learned how to drill wells. He was also a building manager and learned how to fix anything that was broken. He moved back to Selkirk and became a Beaver Bus Driver for awhile. Then he owned Hunt's Drilling, but gave that up, too. Now he is cutting meat at Schneider's. He has two boys, Timothy and Neil.

Janice was involved in the Clandeboye 4H Club for seven years. She really enjoyed the time spent there and is thankful that Aunt Irene got her involved. At sixteen, she worked at Howard's Lunch Bar in the Bus Depot, Electro Knit, and spent eight years working for Beaver Bus Lines in the office. She met her husband Joe Schellenberg there; he was a bus driver. He later went on to become a piano tuner/technician. Janice and Joe have Interlake Piano Service in Selkirk. They were married May 22, 1982, and have four children, Shawn, Jennifer,

Joshua and Joanna. Janice is a free-lance artist doing lettering, cartooning and painting. The Selkirk Library has her artwork in their windows every month, plus her personalized pictures adorn their Christmas cards every year. Their family is very musical and has entertained at Betel Home and the Christmas Tree Festival in Selkirk. All the children play instruments and Joe can play all and sing beautifully. Janice claps! They are very much involved in the Church and Christian ministry.

Marilyn lives in Fort St. John, British Columbia with her husband Bryan and children Bowden and Sarah. She left Clandeboye in her teens and ventured around ending up in Burnaby, British Columbia, but before she left, she had a baby girl and gave her up for adoption. She lived for many years in Burnaby, then moved around Alberta and British Columbia with her husband, finally settling down in Fort St. John. Her husband Bryan is a driller in the oil patch for Senalta. Marilyn is a homemaker, and the best perogy and cabbage roll maker according to her sister! In 1999, she had the great joy of meeting her daughter, Corine, whom she had given up for adoption. Corine had grown up in Teulon. Marilyn got a bonus, too, because Corine had just become a mom to Austin, born in February.

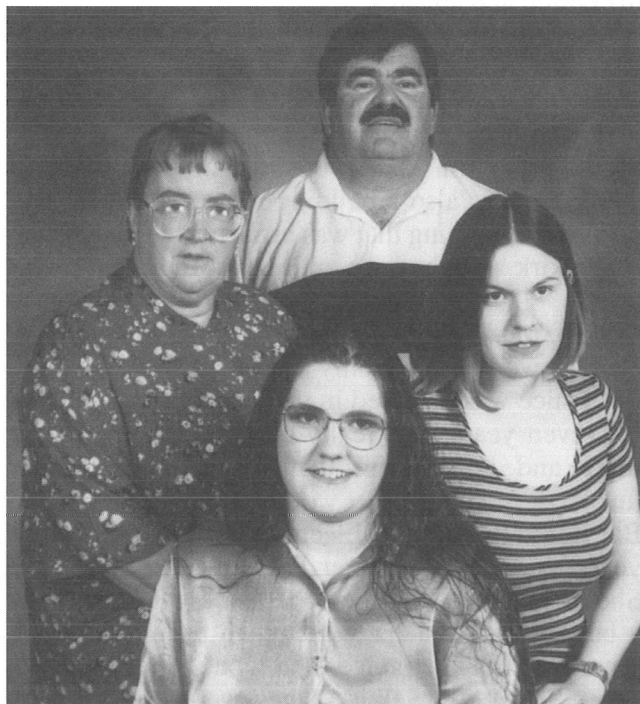
George passed away tragically in 1978.

Betty Hunt passed away in 1988.

Dick Hunt passed away in 1990.

### Hutton, Ken and Barb

The story continues. When the last edition of



Ken, Barb, Leif, Rilla Hutton.

*Beyond the Gates of Lower Fort Garry* was published Ken and I had two girls Leif age four and Rilla age one and a half. Needless to say many things have happened during the past 16 years. We have all grown in one way or another.

We are still in the horse business and have come to really call the Clandeboye/Petersfield area home. In fact when friends ask us where we live – we always answer “the twin cities”, meaning Clandeboye and Petersfield. We have changed direction in the past few years but have been involved in every aspect of local community life. Everything from the Church, 4-H, Agricultural Society, St. Andrews Kennel Club, St. Andrews Horse Club, Manitoba Appaloosa Horse Club, Manitoba Dairy Goat Association, Manitoba Jersey Association and International Border Collie Association. Ken has been a coach in T-ball and soccer as well as a long time 4-H leader and last year President of the Manitoba 4-H Council. Barb has also been active in 4-H, the local Recreation Association, St. Andrews Kennel Club, St. Andrews Horse Association, Canadian Pony of Americas Association, as well as showing horses, dairy goats, and border collie dogs.

Ken had heart surgery in 1987 and we sold our entire herd of Jersey cows and dairy goats. We cut our horses to a manageable number. Ken volunteers at Betel Personal Care Home in Selkirk and is still active in the church. He has backed out of many of his other volunteer activities. Barb worked for the St. John’s Cathedral Boy’s School until it closed in 1990. Then she worked in the office of Canada Safeway from July 1991 until her job was eliminated in March of 1997. Barb started at Red River College in September of 1997 and graduated from an Administrative Technology course in June of 1998. Barb is presently working part-time for Interlake Employment Association out of Stonewall. She is an Employment Coordinator for the Gimli area.

Leif, now 22, is engaged to be married to Brent Panting of Lockport. The happy day will be May 29, 1999. Lief was an active horsewoman until she was six – then turned her interests to other things. Leif has a super “throwing arm” and played baseball all through her teenage years. She graduated from Selkirk High School in 1994 and spent a year in Finland courtesy of the Selkirk Rotary Club. She made many life-long friends and has returned to Finland for a two-month stint. Rilla, age 19, is now living in Lockport. Rilla, the active horsewoman and her Appaloosa gelding, Big Bad Bob, were consistent winners at local horse show and fairs. Rilla and Bob won many trophies and year-end awards in



Warbonnet, Lazarus, Bobtail, P.O.A. Pony.

everything from showmanship to barrels and poles. Rilla rode steadily until she was 12 when she broke her collarbone playing soccer. Rilla then turned her interests more heavily to soccer and baseball. Both girls now work in Selkirk and lead busy lives.

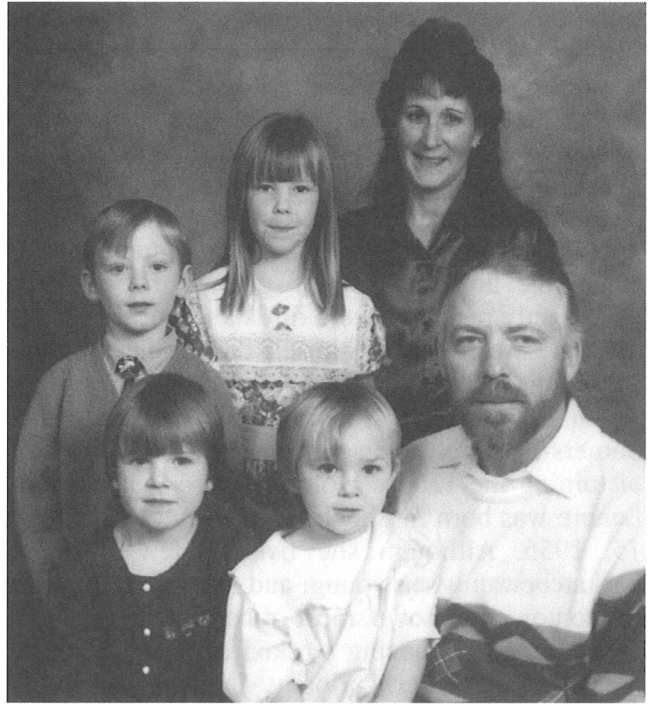
Ken and I still have eight registered Pony of Americas ponies, a few cows, and a couple of dogs and assorted cats. We have owned this farm twenty four years this past November, although when anyone speaks of our property it is still called "the old Gudmundson farm". When asked if we have lived here all our lives – we answer "not yet".

### **The Matthew Hygaard Family**

The Hygaard family has lived in the R.M. of St. Andrews since the early 1900's. Thorsteinn Grant Hygaard enlisted in World War I in February 1916, at the age of twenty-two. He served with the 108th Battalion, and was wounded twice. He returned to Canada in March 1919. Grant and his wife Susan, nee Robinson, of Ireland, purchased NE 15-14-4E and raised a family of eight children on a mixed farm. Their family consisted of; Howard William Thorsteinn born April 28, 1921, Grant Gardener born July 20, 1922, Joseph Franklin (Jack) born February 1, 1924, Mavis Maureen Debra born May 29, 1925, Gerald David born December 21, 1927, Dorothy Joyce and Kathleen Enid born March 22, 1930 and Desmond Arthur born November 23, 1932.

Desmond married Lucy Blanche (Gudmundsson) Goodman on April 21, 1956. They lived in Alberta until 1960, and then they purchased property on Bowser Road, NW 21-14-4E until 1970. In 1970 they purchased the original farm and moved. Desmond and Lucy continued to raise their family and operate a mixed farm. Des purchased, in 1971, a water-well drilling company that his brother, Gerald had started in 1959.

Des and Lucy's family consisted of Danny Desmond born August 17, 1957, Rodney Arthur born December 22, 1958, Matthew Ashley born



Desmond, Amanda, Deb, Ashley, Rob & Matt Hygaard.

September 30, 1960, and Patrick Esmond born August 11, 1971. Desmond Arthur passed away September 27, 1979. Lucy married John Martin on October 29, 1983, and moved to East Selkirk.

Matthew married Debra Jean Whitelam on June 29, 1990. They reside on Bracken Road or SW 15-14-4E, just south of the original homestead. Matt and Debbie are raising their children; Amanda Maeola born November 14, 1991, Desmond Thomas born November 27, 1992, Ashley Jean born May 14, 1994, and Robin Leanne born December 7, 1995, on a mixed farm of cattle and seeded acres. Matt also works at Interlake Agro in the summer, and often works in Pine Falls in winter.

We enjoy living here and we hope that our children will want to live close by in the municipality when they grow up and have families of their own.

See: Whitelam (Ingimundson)

### **Isbach, Rudi and Lenore**

Wulf Ruediger (Rudi) Isbach was born in post-war Germany on February 27, 1946. In 1958, he and his family moved to Canada. Their first destination was Fort William, now known as Thunder Bay, Ontario, however in 1960, his father found work on a farm in Headingley, Manitoba and the family has lived in this province ever since.

Rudi's father was a carpenter by trade, and on many occasions his son assisted him with his work. Rudi enjoyed working with his hands and took up buying and renovating older homes as a hobby.

The largest and most ambitious project he