

undertook was the massive renovation of what is known as "The Hay House" located on River Road in Lockport. The land was highly prized, but what was on it, was not. The home had been vacant for fifteen years prior to Rudi purchasing it in the early 1980's and time had not been kind to the historic home; the roof had large holes in it and the foundation had collapsed. With sheer determination, he began the arduous task of gutting the structure whose only residents were birds and mice. Most of the work was done by himself during the evenings and on his weekends off from work.

In 1987 Rudi met his future spouse, E. Lenore Somers-Isbach, who also began the horrendous task of turning the 130 year old structure into a home. Lenore was born in Shoal Lake, Manitoba on April 15, 1955. Although she lived a few years in Saskatchewan when young, and spent four years in Edmonton on her own, most of her life was spent in Winnipeg. After having worked at many jobs that did not satisfy her curiosity, Lenore decided to attend University at the age of twenty-five. She studied Art History at the Faculty of Fine Arts and graduated with Honours in 1986.

By the time Rudi and Lenore met, Rudi had made good progress on the house. The electrical, plumbing and drywalling were all in place but incomplete. Lenore was about to become a construction worker, something she had never been before. Lenore recalls "I remember one crisp and cold Saturday morning in the spring of 1987 when Rudi and I went to work on disposing of the rubble which had been gutted from the house. We dressed appropriately for the chilly day's work ahead of us, but as we steadily worked on piling the aged lumber and crumbling plaster, the heat began to hit us. We had not paid attention to the weather forecast for the day, if we had, we would have either not done the work or worn more appropriate clothing. At 4 pm we decided to quit, it was just too warm. As we were driving back to the city, we heard on the radio that it was 30 degrees Celsius, no wonder we were so warm. Despite the heat, we got the job done."

That spring the couple moved into the incomplete, but livable house. They worked at a constant pace for the next year preparing for an event that had not occurred in the house for some time. On July 9, 1988 a wedding took place, their wedding, and eight months later, on March 6, 1989, Michael Phillip Isbach was born.

The Isbachs lived in the Hay House for another four years, then moved to Winnipeg, but city life was not for them, and, within two years, they were back in the country; this time on Netley Creek in Petersfield, Manitoba.

In 1996, after selling their home in the city, they began construction of their new home. Michael would start grade two at W.S. Patterson School in Clandeboye with a class size of 33 and Lenore and Rudi would no longer have to worry about the unsafe streets of the city; they are content with the fact that their son is safe and secure. The Isbachs continue to enjoy their home on Netley creek and will for quite some time.

Jackson, Larry and Wendy **by Wendy Jackson**

Larry and Wendy, nee Smith, living in Winnipeg, first bought property in Petersfield, in 1974, on Houghton Bay Road. They built a cottage in 1975, where they enjoyed the next few summers before selling in the fall of 1977. They bought the old Petersfield School, which they extensively remodeled over the next 21 years.

Larry started working for Canada Post Corporation in 1976 and is currently a letter carrier in Selkirk. Wendy worked at the Petersfield Post Office, Anderson Agencies Ltd. in Selkirk, and is currently at the Department of Driver and Vehicle Licensing.

Larry had two daughters from a previous marriage, October (Toby) and Sherri, and together with Wendy, also had two daughters, Bonita (Nita) and Robin.

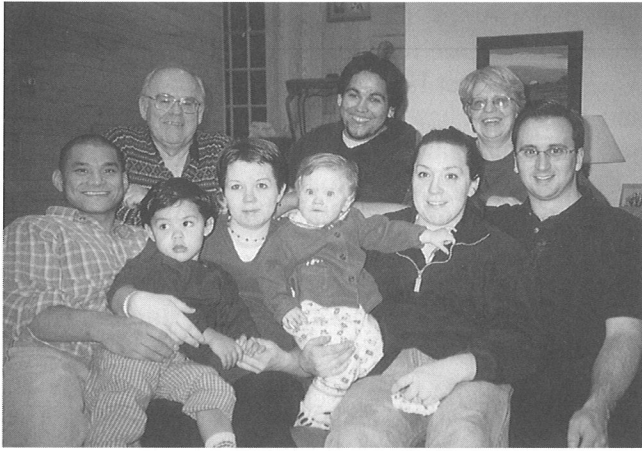
Larry and Wendy sold the school in 1998 and bought a home at 98 Medicine Creek Road, which is the same property previously owned by Wendy's grandfather, George Smith and great-grandfather, James Smith.

See: Smith, William Robert 1797-1869
Smith, James 1840-1917
Smith, George 1877-1944
Smith, Hilliard Harrison 1917-1990

James, Mike and Margo

Mike and Margo James both grew up in The Pas, Manitoba and attended the University of Manitoba in the 1950's and '60's, graduating to become high school teachers. Mike spent most of his career in St. James Collegiate and Margo at Transcona Collegiate until she resigned to raise a family. They lived in Winnipeg's Fort Garry area in the '70's when Nicole, Laurel and Darren arrived to round out the family.

In 1980, the family moved to the former John Freisen property on Bay Road in St. Andrew's. All three children attended St. Andrew's School, Lockport Junior High, and then Selkirk Comprehensive High School. Darren also graduated from St. James Collegiate in 1997. Laurel graduated from



Family of Margo & Mike James. Back row – Mike, Darren, Margo. Middle row – Angelita, Laurel, Nicole, Marc. Front row – London and Claire.

Interior Design in 1995 and Nicole from Education in 1993.

All three children were involved in Community Club sports programs. Darren played hockey, baseball, and soccer here, and football in Winnipeg. Laurel and Nicole both played baseball, but their major sport involvement was with ringette – and it still is, since they were both members of the Interlake Intermediate Debs A team which won the City and Provincial Championships in 1999. Both Darren and Laurel were also ringette referees. Mike's major sport involvement has also been with ringette. He has coached continuously since moving here, so is beginning his twentieth year this fall. While the sport was just developing in this area, he nurtured and coordinated the program for eight years in the '80's. Two of his teams have won provincial championships: the Juniors in 1987 and the Interlake Debs in 1999.

All three children were part of the Scout/Guide program in St. Andrew's, both girls receiving Gold Cords before they finished. Margo was a Girl Guide leader with Pam Cormack for several years in the '80's.

St. Andrew's-on-the-Red played a central role in the James' family life. The children were all students at the Sunday School and members of the Youth Group. Nicole and Laurel also did some teaching there. Margo served as Sunday School Superintendent, a member of Vestry, Fund Raising Chair, Synod delegate, and a member of the Steering Committee working with the provincial and federal governments for the restoration of St. Andrew's Church. Mike and Darren have both been involved in the Church Watch.

Currently, all three children live in Winnipeg. Darren works for Ivaco. Laurel works as an interior designer for ADI Designworks and has one daugh-

ter with Angelito Camaclang. Nicole has been teaching in the Lord Selkirk School Division, initially in Clandeboye and now at Happy Thought in East Selkirk. Nicole and Marc Normandeau have one daughter as well. Following a few years of part-time teaching at Springfield Collegiate in Oakbank in the mid-'80's, Margo has been teaching English as a Second Language at the Applied Linguistics Centre in Winnipeg for over ten years now. Mike retired from the public school system in 1997 and now works part-time for the Manitoba Forestry Association developing their forest nature centre in Eastern Manitoba and coordinating the Manitoba Envirothon. He has done some contract writing for the Canadian Cancer Society and continues to teach on a contract basis over the television. Then there's beekeeping! That's been a hobby for well over twenty years.

St. Andrew's has been a good place to raise a family and be a part of a vibrant community.

Janssen, Joseph and Mary by Mary Marko (daughter)

Joseph Janssen was born in Geleen, Netherlands on December 8, 1922. His father's name was Jacob Lambert and his mother's name was Johanna Ludmilla Thomassen. Joe had four sisters and four brothers. He married Maria (Mary) Agnes Ruyl on August 4, 1951. Mary was born in Elsloo, Netherlands on July 7, 1923. Her father's name was Frank Laurens Ruyl and her mother's name was Maria Gertrudes Keulers. Mary had one sister and four brothers. Three days after their wedding, Joe and Mary set sail for greater farming opportunities in Canada.

Their first destination was Quebec, where Joe mined, logged and ran a farm with his wife Mary. Their first four children were born in Quebec (Elsa, Millie, Mary and Jack). Joe had lost a close friend in a mining accident, and when he learned that one of his friends from back home was actually living in Manitoba, Joe decided to go by himself first to see if he could find work in Manitoba. As he was traveling through Thunder Bay, Ontario he met a cousin of his who was working on the Trans Canada Highway. Joe was able to get a job for a short period of time working with his cousin, then he continued on with his travels to Manitoba. In July 1959, after finding work and a place to live, Joe and Mary moved with their family to St. Andrew's, Manitoba. They rented their first home from Mr. Jim Mars which was located at River Lot 29 River Road, St. Andrew's. This was a beautiful two-storey home with river front property. Their last four children were born in Manitoba (John, Frank, Anthony and

Patricia). Their family has many memories of this first home which included an outhouse. Drinking water had to be pumped from a well. The house was built at the top of a hill, with the outhouse at the bottom of the hill. One day, after Joe had bought himself a new Oldsmobile station wagon which he parked at the top of the hill with the emergency brakes on, one of the children had gotten into the station wagon and released the emergency brake. So guess what happened to the outhouse!

After being employed in construction for the first few years, Joseph made the decision to start up his own business. In 1962, he became self employed and purchased his first backhoe, and started his own business, "Joe Janssen Construction". Over the years, he expanded and went on to employ his sons, people in the area, and he also gave opportunities to young men from overseas. Joseph worked many long hours, often well into the night and on holidays. He was very dedicated and found it very difficult to deny anyone when they called with septic or pump problems, because he knew how difficult it was to be without water in a home. Mary who was a stay-at-home mom for their eight children, handled all the accounting for the business and if they had boarders staying, Mary would take care of the cooking, cleaning and laundering for them as well. This involved working many long hours of hard work on her part as well. They worked very hard to make their business a success.

Joe and Mary were always actively involved in "St. Theresa Parish". For many years Joe volunteered his time for the maintenance and snow removal, while Mary volunteered her time cleaning the church and baking for different events. They enjoyed the annual events such as; whist drives, picnics, potluck dinners, fall suppers, and spring teas.



Joseph Janssen Family – 1974. Frank, Elsa (husband Dwight), Jack, Anthony, John, Patricia, Mary (husband Chris), Mary, Joe and Millie.

The majority of the their family, including the grandchildren are members of St. Theresa Parish.

When the lot beside them came up for sale, Joe and Mary purchased it from Mr. John MacDonald and built a bungalow with river front property located at Lot 191B River Road, St. Andrew's. As the years went by and the children grew older, they had to do some major renovations.

The older children attended St. Andrew's School, Rossdale School, Selkirk Junior High, Selkirk Senior High School, Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive High School, as well as St. Benedict's Academy and St. Mary's Academy. The younger children were fortunate to have attended both the old and new St. Andrew's School, Lockport Community School, Daerwood Community School and Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive High School.

The girls kept busy with their accordion lessons, figure skating, Brownies, Girl Guides, baseball, and the 4-H Club. The boys enjoyed playing hockey in winter and were also involved in the 4-H Club. It seemed like everyone was involved in the annual 'Winter Carnival'.



4-H Gardening Club – St. Andrews 1969. Leader – Bill Gessner.

Mr. Bill Gessner certainly needs to be commended for the many long hours of hard work and dedication which he had volunteered in making the 4-H Gardening Club such a successful community event. The 4-H Club was one of the things that brought the community together, and it certainly kept the children busy throughout the summer.

As the kids were growing up, the garden in their backyard was always broken up into many sections. One for each of their children involved in the 4-H Gardening Club. Great memories of bonfires and wiener roasts down by the river bank still remain. The younger children went on to take 4-H Arts and Crafts and Sewing. Mary donated her home for a location and offered her time as an instructor.

Summer holidays were full of excitement. Living next door to a float base, there were always a lot of interesting stories to be told by the northern elders. The children enjoyed fishing, water skiing, canoeing, swimming, bonfires, wiener roasts, playing in neighbor's forts, hay lofts, even crab apple fights. There were always enough players for two teams, so the children enjoyed playing baseball, volleyball, dodge ball, basketball, or hockey. Joe had a red and white Vauxhall parked in the backyard, which his children would scoot around in. I think everybody practiced their driving with this car. Believe it or not, they managed to fit everyone in very comfortably.

Sundays were always special family days. In the earlier years, Joe and Mary would take the family to church and then go for a picnic or a car ride in the country. Joe loved to look at the large farms.

As the children grew older, they became more involved in water sports, and Joe became a well known fisherman by his friends. Many friends would come by on Sundays to fish with Joe or to canoe or water ski with the children. Mary would cook up great big Sunday dinners, as there was always a large crowd to feed. Many great times were had by all!

Their son Frank Janssen passed away at the age of 16 on June 3, 1976. Joseph Janssen passed away at the age of 75 on November 23, 1998. Mary Janssen still resides here and is enjoying the fond memories of her husband and their children. Mary now has 19 grandchildren.

Johnson, Marvin and Annette by Pat Alexiuk

In the summer of 1948, Marvin and Annette Johnson discovered an old stone house on River road in St. Andrew's (former St. Andrew's Anglican Church rectory built in 1854 under the supervision



"Marvin's Mansion" – 1948. Front view – presently St. Andrews Rectory – National Historic Site.

of Archdeacon William Cockran, now a National Historic Site.)

They immediately purchased it, and the renovations began. It had been unoccupied for many years and shovels were used to remove dirt from the floors. These floors were later sanded, varnished and polished. Every weekend the family, plus any friend or relative who volunteered, headed out to the "mansion" to work. There was no electricity, plumbing or heat. The old chimney was torn out and new ones installed, as well as new doors and windows. Many, many layers of wall paper were removed and walls plastered in readiness for redecorating.

Even though the plumbing and heating were not entirely ready, the family – Marvin and Annette, Joan, Pat, Roy and Leonard – moved in that November. (Larry arrived later.)



"Marvin's Mansion" – 1948. Side view – presently St. Andrews Rectory – National Historic Site.



Mrs. Marvin Johnson and son-in-law Harry Alexander with daughter Pat's children Sherry and Janice Alexiuk, 1958.

The family was certainly not prepared for the winter! Many a morning, everyone was up to shovel out the driveway as the wind piled the snow in huge drifts.

The summers were spent constantly cutting grass, but everyone loved it all as it was a beautiful spot and a great community. What a wonderful old house to live in. Those were the best years of our lives. The wide window seats provided comfy places to gaze at the river and watch the boats go by. The huge rooms saw many a great party and family celebrations. Both girls had their wedding receptions there.

In 1965, when all the children but Larry had left home, the Johnson's sold their house and possessions and moved to Montserrat, an island in the Caribbean. Sadly Marvin died there in 1967. Annette moved to Powell River and died in 1993. Joan and her husband Harry Alexander reside in Powell River, Roy and Rosemarie (Wehrle) live in Campbell River, B.C., Leonard and Audrey (Grieve) live in Selkirk, Pat and her husband Paul Alexiuk live in Elm Creek. Larry was killed in a motorcycle accident in 1969.

Johnston, Stanley and Mildred by Mildred A J (Waddell) Johnston

In May, 1948, we purchased the north half of Lot 73, west of Highway #9 along Hay Road in St. Andrews. It was one mile long and one-and-one-half chains wide, had a log house that was built in 1914, a log barn, and a frame granary with a loft and a lean-to. All were in poor condition – the doors were twisted and broken, and one log was missing near the floor along the front wall of the house. There were weeds waist-high, a broken stove and other household articles, animal skeletons, dry manure, an old St. Andrews 'democrat style' school bus, and other junk strewn around the yard and in the barn – not a pretty sight! But the area was good, the price was right, and it was available. We began to work on it and before summer was over, most of the garbage was gathered up, the weeds cut down and we had begun the fixing up of our home. At the time, we were living at River Lot 110 east of Highway #9, north of Lockport in a two room house on my parents property. We received a Veteran's Land Act loan to purchase our house and property, to remodel the house and to purchase a small Allis Chalmers tractor with attachments for farming our nine acres west of the CPR tracks. We even put in a crop (wheat, I think) that first year.

Stan and I had met when we were in the armed services in October, 1941; I, a CWAC car driver, gassing up, and he, the RCASC serviceman giving



Stanley & Mildred Johnston on their Wedding Day, 1942.

gas. After a short courtship, we were married in 1942 – the first man and woman to be married to each other in the Canadian Army. I was discharged before the year was out because I got pregnant and women were not accepted or kept in the army if they were mothers of small children or mothers-to-be. Of course, we must realize that women had only begun to be recruited into the armed services. I was the 55th to join the CWAC in Manitoba. We were to do work that would free up men to do active service and fight for the freedom of our nation as well as for our motherland, The British Empire, and for other nations.

Thank God for parents. I don't know what we would have done without mine! We had four small children in 1948, and Mom cared for them while Dad, Stan and I worked on the remodelling of our house. By autumn, Stan, a carpenter by trade, took a job which took him to Churchill, Manitoba, leaving Dad, and me as his helper, to do the remodelling. We built a dormer along the south side of the second floor, a new stairway, and one to the basement, a new roof, a new log to replace the missing one, new doors, new glass to replace the broken panes, a new furnace and electric wiring. By June 1949, the house was habitable, and when Stan arrived home from Churchill on June 7, we moved into our little paradise. Over the years, more work was done as our family increased. In 1950, plumbing, and a 10x26 addition for dining and studying, was added along the south side. (For me, the two best things I ever received was that plumbing and electricity). With small children around, these two things cut my work in half, giving me time and strength to do many of the things I loved to do.

A small house was built nearby on our property in 1950 for my parents when they sold their home and retired. My Dad lived until January 1954, and Mom until July 1962. Stan's Dad died in January



Mildred Johnston, Agnes Campbell, Jane Waddell, Dorothy Johnston. Four generations – 1944.

1953, and his Mom just three weeks after mine. Now we were completely on our own!

The granary was replaced by a two-car garage in 1961, and by 1970, Stan was planning a new house. We sold the nine acres west of the CPR tracks and used the money to buy material. In August 1974, we had the basement dug and the footings poured, went away for the long weekend, and really got down to work on our return. We contracted out some of the jobs, but did most of the work ourselves (by now the family was old enough to be a great help). By November 11, the electric furnace was installed and one bedroom closed in for the boys who had been sleeping in the garage until now. They were getting pretty cold and were ready for some warmth and comfort. Stan, myself, and Theresa were fine as we were living in the small house built for my parents in 1950.

Valorie was married on December 27 that year from the new house which was far from being finished. Dorothy, Carolyn and Wilfred were married from the old house. William had died ten years earlier in a car accident near Clinton, Ontario, and Heather, a new-born in 1955. We lived in this house for eighteen years, but the remaining three-and-a-half acres of yard and trees got to be too much work

for us, so we sold it in 1992, and moved, almost across the highway, into a mobile home in the Highway Gardens Mobile Home Park. Although we had to dispose of a lot of our possessions, we have never regretted leaving our home on Hay Road. Today's mobile homes have every comfort necessary plus there are no stairs to climb (up or down), and have a very tiny yard to care for.

We have been quite active in our community through the years – taking part in Home and School, skating and hockey, 4H Clubs, Sunday school and church activities, Women's Institute, Ladies Aid, United Church Women, Sunday school teaching, church fund-raising, catering, building, repairing, caretaking, and Lay reading, plus dancing, partying, attending school events, sewing, knitting, crocheting, and building things. Stan had studied and become a carpenter after returning from his duty in the army, 1940-1946, and has spent the rest of his working years building schools, apartment towers, bridges, dams, the Winnipeg Concert Hall, Little Britain United Church Hall and his own home. He retired in 1980.



Johnston Family – 1964. William (inset), Carolyn, Dorothy, Valerie, Wilfred. Front – Stan (holding Charles), Theresa, Raymond, Patrick, Mildred.

To begin with, I was mostly a stay-at-home mom, though I worked at Eatons during the Christmas rush for several seasons, and at Lockport A&W for six years, working evenings and weekends when Stan would be home to mind the children. When Charles began school in 1968, I began to work at Selkirk Florist Shop half-days. By 1970, I wanted to work full-time, so, through the Unemployment Insurance program, I went to Red River Community College for a one-year course in Business Accounting, and, as everyone knows, it's hard to get a job in a business facility without experience. Sure! I had the diploma and a 75% average

but no experience. I returned to work in the Florist Shop while applying everywhere for a job relating to my schooling. At last, in late 1973, I started to work for the Manitoba Lotteries in their Selkirk office on a temporary basis. Before long I became a full-time employee, and in March, 1974, when the Western Canada Lottery Foundation was formed, I, along with others, joined. I continued to work for them in Selkirk and then in Winnipeg as an audit clerk until May 1985, when I retired. I hated to retire! I loved my job and my co-workers!

Over the twenty year period, early 1943 to late 1962, we gave birth to ten children, seven of whom are still living.

Dorothy, was a darling child, a beautiful teenager, an excellent employee, a good wife, mother, grandmother and friend. But she suffered very much from her illness, lupus and rheumatoid arthritis, from early teens until she died in 1989 at age 46.

William, was a clever (high I.Q.), but naughty boy who turned into a pleasant and handsome young man, joined the RCAF after Grade eleven, and studied electronics. He did well there, and during his first leave of absence, he came home, visited all of his friends, flew to Vancouver with one of those friends, saw relatives while he was there, and on his return home he visited more friends, then hitchhiked back to the air base at Clinton, Ontario. A week later, he was killed in an automobile accident at the age of twenty.

Wilfred, is a power engineer, lives in Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, works for Shell Canada in their cracking plant, has been married to Jaqueline since September 1972, and has two sons. Wilfred is healthy and still plays hockey, his one great joy. Jaqueline works in a law office and loves her work, but has to be careful as she has a severe heart problem.

Carolyn, was married, has three wonderful children, is healthy, is a great mathematician and actuary, and works for the Teachers Society in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Valorie, is married, has three great children, enjoys writing plays and stories, and works for the Federal Taxation Bureau.

Heather, died at the age of three days in 1955.

Raymond, is a very good welder, works in Winnipeg, and enjoys the single life.

Theresa, was married, has two wonderful children, and a caring ex-husband. She was a dental nurse, but does office work now and enjoys dance and theatre, and lives in Nelson, British Columbia.

Patrick, is married to Donna, lives in Calgary, and works for Shell Canada in their computer department with a crew of five. He and Donna have

one son and would like to live at the coast in British Columbia.

Charles, is an artist and works for Media-Com in Winnipeg. He has three children including our youngest grandchild who is three years old. We have fifteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, making up a wonderful family, but not one of them lives in St. Andrews. All of our children went to school here and then on to Selkirk and/or to other places for their higher education. Dorothy, was born in the Old Victoria Hospital on River Ave., in Winnipeg, and the others were all born in the two older hospitals in Selkirk, Manitoba.

Our Grandchildren:

Heather, 36, is married to Michel Distefano, and has three children; Emily – 11, Mark – 9, and Katrina – 7. Shaunavon, 31, is a strong healthy man who was brain-damaged at birth and can't talk, but can communicate with others fairly well. Rika, 27, is a health care worker, a drummer in a band, a glass designer and a beautiful young woman. Rian, 25, is separated and the father of our other two great-grandchildren – Daniel 8 and Joshua 7. He lives and works in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Christine, 23, is a very clever young woman who is at University learning to be a teacher. Darryl, 23 is a power engineer and is working for an oil company in Alberta. Stefan, 22, is going to University learning to be a computer expert. TerriLynne, 16, and Jeffrey, 14, are both in high school and live in Winnipeg, Manitoba and haven't decided what they will excel in as yet. Jayde, 11 and Seah, 8, are both in grade school in Nelson, British Columbia. Saychelle, 8, and Corbin, 6 are both in school in Winnipeg. Alex, 5, and Maslin, 3, are in pre-school. All seem to be in good health and are a pleasure to claim as ours.

Where did Stan and I come from? Stan was born in Young, Saskatchewan and moved to The Pas, Manitoba as a young boy where he learned the meaning of working to live. He also enjoyed fishing and hunting in the surrounding area with his brothers and their friends. In the mid 1930's he decided to see the country, so he travelled from coast to coast, riding the rails, and doing several types of work through those years, ending up back in The Pas working as Expressman for the CNR. From there he joined the army in 1940 and after basic training, traveled some more – by convoy to Debert, Nova Scotia where he did more training – for overseas service, but he was rejected for poor eyesight in one eye and was sent back to Manitoba in 1941 where he met me at the RCASC gas pumps. I was born near Strathclair, Manitoba, on my grandparent's farm in the same house as my mother and her brothers and sisters. When I was 6 weeks old, Mom took me

home by train to our farm south-east of Gilbert Plains. I had two brothers, both born in our farm home, and we continued to live and play there until Mom and Dad lost their farm in the 1929 crash. In 1930 we moved to Lockport in St. Clements, just about where the floodway now empties back into the Red River. It took two days traveling to get here in our 1917 Model T. I, along with my brothers, received our education in Gonor School, and began to work early in life as a helper in a Hot Dog Stand by the River. After finishing my schooling, I worked as a maid for two different families, then as a waitress for Ringers in Winnipeg. I worked the first two weeks in July, paying towards unemployment insurance, which came into effect July 1, 1941. I resigned to join the CWAC to be a driver. I drove a beautiful khaki colored car, driving officers here and there in Winnipeg. They were Col. Hunt, Col. Bell, Col. Braefield, Maj. Sorby and others, I even drove the Minister of National Defence from Fort Osborne Barracks to the CNR Station one day.

Stan worked at the Fort Osborne Barracks and was in charge of the gas rationing and use for the RCASC until shortly after our first daughter was born. He was given a promotion to sergeant and sent to Shilo, Manitoba to be in charge of the rationing and use of gas and oil for the RCASC there, and was responsible for the using of gas and oil for the training that was taking place there. By the time the war ended, he was a Company sergeant-major and still at Shilo, Manitoba. He remained in the army until men returning from overseas were given their discharges. We are in our 80's now and are still considerably busy. Imagine what might have been if Stan's eyesight had been good in 1941!

I used to walk across the Lockport bridge alone when I was a young teenager, attending Girl Guides in the basement of St. Thomas Church under the leadership of Miss Margaret Lyall, and visiting with the girls I met there – several of whom still live in the area. There were no lights on the bridge in those days, and sometimes it was scary walking home alone at night. There was also no electricity on the East side of the River along Henderson Highway, and it was quite scary walking there too!

My brothers, our friends and myself spent a lot of time in and on the river – swimming, boating and fishing, sometimes swallowing gulps of water, but it wasn't as bad then as it is now! I have attended Sunday School and Church all of my life, and only in two churches, Harmony United, south of Gilbert Plains, Manitoba, and Little Britain at Little Britain, Manitoba, on Highway #9. Stan has also been given a church related education all of his life, at the Presbyterian and the United Churches in the Pas,

Manitoba, and the Salvation Army. His mother was a captain in the Salvation Army coming from England to Canada as a young woman to work among the needy. He later joined with me at Little Britain. All of our children were baptized at Little Britain except Heather and she was baptized in the Selkirk Hospital. Dorothy, Carolyn, Valorie and Charles were married there (Wilfred at St. Anne, Manitoba, Theresa in Winnipeg, and Patrick in Surrey, British Columbia). Dorothy and her husband Donald, William, and Heather are buried in Little Britain United Church Cemetery along with my parents, William and Jane Waddell.

Kamer Family

Joe and Frieda Kamer moved to Clandeboye in 1938 with their three children; Joe – 5½ years, Margaret – 2 years, and Ed – 4 months. Joe Kamer



Joe, Margaret, Frieda (mother), Ed Kamer.



Joe & Betty Kamer, Margaret & Jason Hamm.

Sr. passed away in 1959. Frieda Kamer passed away in 1997.

Joe married Elizabeth Thidrickson of Netley in 1959. They had one daughter, Margaret, in 1971, who married Jason Hamm of Selkirk in 1995.

Margaret married Ralph Moeller of Teulon in 1956. They had four children; Carol, Roger, Janice and David. Margaret and Ralph have three grandchildren; Jennifer, Kevin and Corey.

Ed married Janet Demchuk of Selkirk in 1961. They had two daughters; Candace in 1964, and Leah in 1966. Janet passed away in 1995. Candace married Brian Langlois of Windsor, Ontario in 1988 and has three children; Sarah, William and Daniel. Leah married Anthony Ptashnik of Winnipeg in 1996.

—The family still resides on their farm west of Clandeboye.

The Kamstra Family by Bev Kamstra

Cornelius David Kamstra October 22, 1913 – November 16, 1962, married on November 7, 1936, Mae Helga Ingimundarson January 28, 1916 – April

26, 1963. They were blessed with two children: Corrine Mae Richardson, born January 24, 1938 and David John Kamstra, born March 29, 1943.

Mae and Cory lived in East Kildonan and owned George Noble Locksmith until their deaths in 1962 and 1963. The family camped at Lee River until 1949 and then started going to Camp Chesley. Cory loved to hunt and fish, and since the hunting and fishing were so good at Netley Creek they looked for a place to build a cottage. He found the perfect spot right across the creek from Camp Chesley and in 1950 they built their summer home.

After Mae and Cory passed away Dave bought the cottage and Corrine bought the home in East Kildonan.

—On January 20, 1956 Corrine Mae Kamstra married William Thomas Richardson born, October 11, 1935. They had four children:

Diane Lynn Richardson born, August 1, 1956. On June 19, 1976 Diane married Ronald William Sesak born, March 13, 1956. Children: William Ronald April 16, 1978 and Kevin Michael March 24, 1980.



Back row – Fred Kooyman, Douglas Masterto, Margaret Goodman, Arthur Johnson, Colin Martin. Front row – Irene Erickson, Olga McKenzie, Sigga Indridson, Mae & Cory Kamstra, Barney Walterson.



Cory Kamstra caught this jackfish in Netley Creek.

Linda June Richardson born, August 6, 1958. Linda married December 28, 1976 Arthur Wall born, January 16, 1951. Children: Anthony John, February 16, 1969 and James Arthur, July 14, 1972.

David William Thomas Richardson was born September 25, 1960 and died November 7, 1994.

Roger Alan Richardson born, May 2, 1965.



Dave Kamstra – high scoring winger in the Manitoba Intermediate Hockey League.



Gertrude & Abe Brown, Dave & Bev Kamstra, Corrine & Bill Richardson.

Even though Dave was born and went to school in East Kildonan he played hockey for a number of years for the Selkirk Fisherman. On October 10, 1964 David married Beverly Maryann Brown born July 19, 1945, and they started a family so Dave decided to coach hockey instead of playing. Dave coached the River East Royals AAA for six years and by then they had two boys, Dean Raymond born January 2, 1966, and Daniel David born July 12, 1970, who were also interested in hockey. Dave quit coaching and spent time taking them to hockey practices and games.

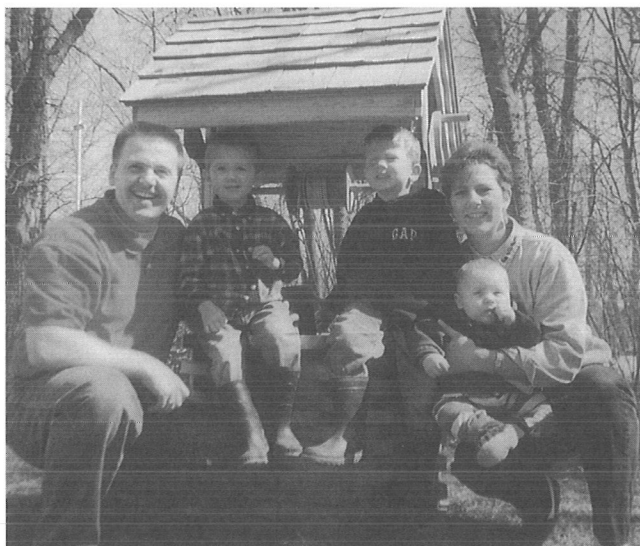
The winters were spent at hockey arenas and the summers at the cottage where the boys also took after their dad's favourite activities, boating and water skiing, especially slalom skiing.

They were always coming back with empty gas tanks to fill and sometimes even with their friends' empty tanks. Well all good things must come to an end but this allows for other good times to begin. Dean and Dan both moved out and got married to two wonderful young ladies.

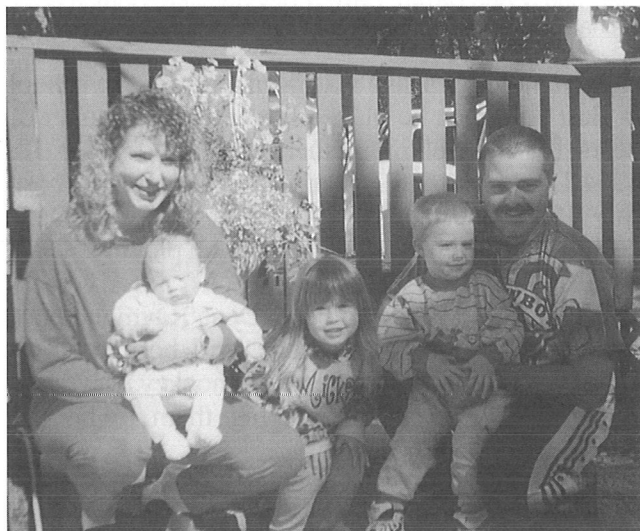
On September 7, 1990 Dean married Lisa Diane Penner born March 18, 1968. Daniel married Rachael Lynn Skryba on September 3, 1994. Rachael's birthdate is September 8, 1970.

In August of 1993 Dave and Bev sold their home in Windsor Park where they had lived for 29 years and moved to their cottage on Netley Creek. They are both retired and enjoy country living, also having the boys and their families come out to visit.

They have been blessed with 6 wonderful grandchildren. The children of Dean and Lisa are: Nathan Davis Albert, September 26, 1993; Zachray Adam, February 24, 1995; and Malachi Andrew, August 27,



Dean, Lisa, Zachary, Nathan & Malachi Kamstra



Dan & Rachael, Haylee, Courtney, Daniel Kamstra.

1997. The children of Daniel and Rachael are: Courtney Kaylin, October 4, 1995; Daniel David Cornelius, January 1, 1997; and Haylee Anna, May 15, 1999.

Bev and Dave love to see their grandchildren play in the same places that their fathers did. They also look forward to watching the grandchildren and their fathers doing things together.

Kaniuga, Debbie and Randy Benstead

I lived in the north end of Winnipeg as a child and our house did not have a yard. The boulevards became our play area, so several times during the summer my mom would drive my brothers and I out to Selkirk Park to swim. My dad would join us for a picnic supper and as we would travel home just before dark, I would wish one of the houses with the huge yards were our own.

That wish became a reality when my husband

and I joined our brothers in St. Andrews and bought our house at Lot 7, Gusnowsky Road just before we were married in April 1985. My Christmas present that same year was a beagle puppy we call Holly. Holly and I have travelled down the neighboring roads on countless occasions and made many friends along the way. I often reflect during those walks and wonder what I ever did to live in such a beautiful place.

Our life in St. Andrews has been very happy with one exception. In July 1987 a head-on-collision with another vehicle, whose driver lost control nearly claimed my husband's life. We are hoping to see major improvements to Highway #9 as the community grows so others do not have to suffer injury and tragedy.

Last summer, 25 acres behind our house was sold for development. We will miss the field that has been home to many animals and spectacular wheat, canola, barley and flax crops. We welcome the 16 families who will come to join our community and know how fortunate we have been to have had 14 years to admire the open prairie and almost call it our own.

Karlsen, Ed and Doreen

My parents were born in Norway; Carl Karlsen and Else Knudson. They were married in 1914 and immigrated to Canada in the same year. They took out a homestead in Steep Rock, Manitoba. Just after immigrating to Canada, the Karlsen family name was replaced by Wick; from then on they were always known as Carl and Else Wick.

Ingrid, Melvin and Stanley were born in Steep Rock. My dad was a carpenter by trade and was able to obtain work in Winnipeg. In 1925 he moved our family to St. James on Winchester Street where I, Edward, was born. He started working for C.T. Lount Construction.

In 1938 we moved to Petersfield. We purchased property on SW 20-15-4E from Mr. Ross. We hired the local transfer, then owned by Jim Stevenson, to move us to Petersfield. My dad continued working for C.T. Lount and would come home weekends by Grey Goose Bus Lines. He retired at the age of 60 years.

In 1939 Melvin enlisted in the army; Stanley enlisted in the Air Force and Ingrid worked at Lower Fort Garry. I attended school in Petersfield. Ingrid married Ed Trippier, Melvin remained at home and Stanley married Madge Walker.

My life, after school, continued at the farm. I broke a few acres and we had a few head of cattle. In 1944 I helped my dad build the barn that still stands today. In 1947 we built an addition to our house.

My neighbour, Ben Goodmunson, and I went into partnership and bought a threshing machine. We did custom threshing in the area for many of the local farmers and needless to say, we were also fed very well.

In 1953 I moved to Winnipeg and in 1958 I married Doreen Patyn who was born in Holland, Manitoba, where she spent the first ten years of her life. Doreen's parents then moved to a farm they bought in Oak Bluff.

When we got married we lived in Windsor Park in St. Boniface where four of our children; Debra, Lisa, Ronald and Jim were born. In 1971 we moved our family to St. Andrews, Manitoba.

My dad, Carl, died in 1972; and my mom Else died in 1975. They were both laid to rest in Dunara United Church Cemetery. Melvin died in 1992 and is also buried in the Dunara cemetery.

Our children are now married. Debra and Gordon Smith live in St. Andrews, Manitoba; they have two boys, Andrew and Graeme, both attending St. Andrews School. Lisa and Mark Kearns live in Lubbock, Texas; they have three children, Teagan, Misha and Mason. Ronald and Lesley (Pawluk) live in Winnipeg. Jim and Donna (McRae) Karlsen live in Meadowdale and have a daughter Jessica.

In 1994, Doreen and I moved back to Petersfield. We renovated the original house, where we now enjoy our retirement years.

Kelly, Emil

Emil was born in Selkirk in 1924, son of Andrew and Margaret nee Thorsteinson, who were both born in Iceland. The family moved from Iceland to Winnipeg, to Selkirk, to Hecla Island in 1907, then to St. Peters at Lot 116 Breezy Point Road in 1925. They were attracted to the area because it could grow good hay for their beef cattle and horses. Andrew farmed, fished, and worked at the Cordite plant and did carpentry work. Their original thirty-two acres was expanded to 160 acres in later years. The farm is presently used as hay land with the hay being sold.

Emil has one sister Ruby Schindler and three brothers Joe of Winnipeg and Mike and Mundy of British Columbia, both now deceased.

Emil attended Peguis School, which was south of Clandeboye Road, west and south of McIvor's and fronted on Breezy Point Road. It was a one room school with 70 students and one teacher, John A. Harriott, during the 1930's.

Their first home burned in the fall of 1930 or 31 and had to be replaced immediately as it happened late in the season, with winter approaching.

Floods have been a frequent problem of the

area, 1996 being the worst. At that time the people were ordered out of their homes by police. In 1997 he had to live for a while in Selkirk as half of the road was under water.

Emil feels the situation could be improved if Breezy Point Road was raised allowing access to the area during minor flooding, and releasing of surplus waters to the west to find faster access to Netley Marsh.

High water with summer storms were the cause of boat losses. The steamboat "*City of Selkirk*" broke loose from the Selkirk Slough during high waters in the 1920's and was grounded opposite "the cut". This was an opening made on the west side of the Red River north of Netley Creek.

The steamboat "Rocket" also broke loose and grounded at Goldeye Creek south of the mouth of Netley Creek, and also was lost.

See: Communities; Breezy Point

Kelner, Alfred and Nellie

Alfred, son of Adolphe and Mary Kelner, was born at The Pas in 1913. He came to Matlock at the age of six with his parents, brothers Adolphe, Joe, Frank, Charlie and Jack and sisters Lena and Frances. His parents grew vegetables and sold them to the cottagers and later started a bee apiary for a living.



Stooks on Alfred Kelner's Farm.

Alfred was a jack of all trades. After finishing grade eight, he got a job during the summer delivering ice and wood to the campers at Lake Winnipeg; later he worked as a gardener and handyman for a summer resident; and joined the threshing gang in the fall. He also rode freight trains to get work in the bush camps in Ontario cutting pulp during the winter months.

Alfred married Nellie, daughter of John and Tekla Polischuk of Winnipeg Beach in 1938 and lived at 229 Whytewold Road.

After his marriage, John continued working at gardening for the same people every summer. After his summer job was finished, he did odd jobs during

the winter. In the spring he'd go rat trapping at the marsh. He later started a mink ranch and did bartending in the Hotel and finally started a soft ice cream store in Selkirk. John and Nellie had three children, Albert, Bryan and Carol.

Albert, born in 1940, married Elsie Miller of Broad Valley in 1961. Albert and Elsie had two children, Grant and Karen and two grandchildren Joy and Max. They both retired from teaching and now are operating Big Al's Sharp Shop in Eriksdale.

Bryan, born in 1942, married Candace Graham of Miami Florida in 1968. They have two children, Margaret and Rebecca.

In 1988 Bryan and family moved to Cape Coral Florida, doing the same work as he did here, principal planner for Lee County in North Fort Myers.

Carol, born in 1948, married the late Art Lavallee. They had three children, Sandra, Colette and Philip. Carol now lives in Chatfield with her daughter Colette where they are beef cattle ranching.

Alfred and Nellie enjoyed their ten retirement winters they spent in Florida. Alfred especially enjoyed the many golf games he played. Alfred passed away on April 1995.



Alfred & Nellie Kelner – 50th Wedding Anniversary – 1988.

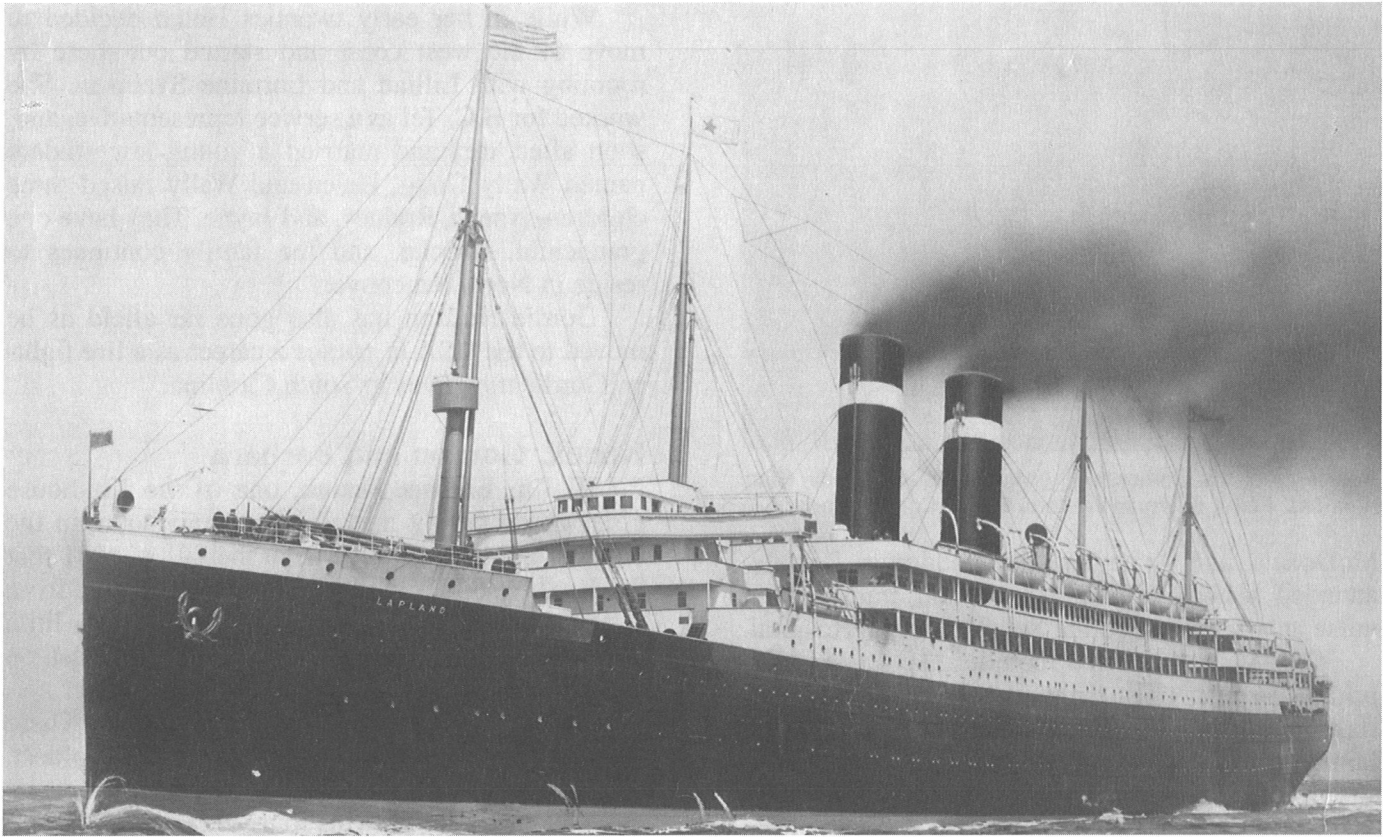
Kirkness, Stanley and Dorothy by Helen Craig

Stan and Dorothy Kirkness came from two of the oldest farming families in the Clandeboye area. Born in 1897, Stanley Howard Kirkness lived the whole of his life on the Kirkness family homestead on Wavey Creek. The only serious length of time he spent away from home was during the first World War. Stan served with the 34th Fort Garry Horse in the Canadian Expeditionary Force with the rank of trooper. He returned to Canada on board the S.S. Lapland. After the war Stan continued to farm and eventually found work with the Municipality of St. Andrews.

Dorothy Helen McDonald was born in 1903. She was the youngest of the nine children of Joseph



Stanley Howard Kirkness – 1918.



Stan Kirkness returned from World War I on the S.S. Lapland.



Dorothy Kirkness, Eva McDonald, Helen Kirkness – 3 generations.



Stan, Dorothy & Helen Kirkness – 1944.



Residents of the Community – May & Nelson Brady, Stan Kirkness, Frank & Minnie Walters, Earl & Connie Fines.

McDonald and Anne Eveline Beddome. Dorothy attended school in Clandeboye and trained as a nurse at what was then the Selkirk Mental Hospital.

This young married couple kept busy with bridge parties, whist drives, sledging parties, and flashlight fishing at the creek of the McDonald's family farm.

Dorothy was always active in community affairs especially with the United Church Women. Stan enjoyed the outdoors and was a noted hunter and trapper.

In 1932 the Kirknesses welcomed the birth of their only child Helen. Helen also spent her childhood growing up on the family homestead at Wavey Creek. She attended Clandeboye School and after graduation started to work for the Canadian Wheat Board in Winnipeg. During Helen's teens the Kirkness family grew as Stan and Dorothy took over the care of four-year-old Gordie Hudson. Gordie gave them much pleasure and enriched all their lives.



Clandeboye Commencement Exercises – 1949. John Miklovich, Marguerite Gunn, Wilda Palan, Helen Kirkness, John Setter.

While in her early twenties Helen decided to move to the west coast and started out there by rooming with Lillian and Lorraine Sveinson. She worked for B.C. Tel as a service representative, and, soon after, met and married a young law student named Wally Craig. Helen and Wally raised three children, Nancy, Rodney, and Jayne. They have one grandchild, Brooke, and the family continues to reside in North Vancouver.

Gordie Hudson has also gone far afield as he moved to the USA to pursue a career as a fire fighter. Gordie now lives in South Carolina.

Kiziuk, Gordon and Barbara

Hi I'm Barbara Kiziuk, one of the Kuxhouse girls whose family moved into Clandeboye, in the R.M. of St. Andrews. It was in the fall of 1941 that the Kuxhouse family moved into Clandeboye from a farm in Morden, Manitoba. We moved to a little place, on the property of Gordon Smith, east on Clandeboye Road.

There were five children in the family. There were four girls and one boy. Mabel being the oldest. She was twelve years old and Fred was ten years old, and then a set of twins four years old, Betty and Barbara and the youngest Margaret three years old.

We lived on a farm where we had cows, horses and chickens and so on. Dad even planted grain. I can remember when the men would come and help thresh and we would have to take lunch out to them. Mom told us one time that when the men would come in for dinner that we three girls would run into the bedroom and hide under the bed.

We all attended Clandeboye School. Mabel and Fred were already going to school and Betty, Barbara, and Margaret all started in 1944. Mom would dress us three all the same and everybody thought we were triplets.

We moved around a lot – from Smiths we went to Tom Patton's place, west on Clandeboye Road. We stayed there for a while, then we were on the move again, to Johnny Setter's home on Norwood Road where Mike Kotowich is living now. While we were living there, we went to Norwood School. Mabel, the oldest, stayed at Earl Bracken's and she went to Clandeboye School until she was seventeen years old, then she moved to British Columbia. An aunt and uncle were out and she went back with them. She got married out there in 1950 and my brother Fred went out there to the wedding.

From Johnny Setter's we moved to where Jim Donohoe is living now and stayed there for a while then we were on the road again to Arthur Smith's place west of No. 8 highway on Wavey Creek. Then Dad bought the property 3 acres behind the