



John (Johnnie) and first wife Ruby Wilson.



Master Corporal John Willington Pruden (Jackie) with Commanding Officer, Major M.A. Harvey – April 1974. Jackie died Sept 5, 1974.

Our brother John (Jackie), Master Corporal John Wellington Pruden, Regimental #612 143 172 of Princess Patricia, P.P.C.L.I. in the Canadian Army, was born September 25, 1927 in Winnipeg. At the age of 23, John enlisted in the army in Winnipeg on February 16, 1951. He was taken on strength into the 1st Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry on February 20, 1951 where he served in Canada, the Far East, Continental Europe and Cypress. He post-humously received the Korean Medal, United Nations Service Medal, United Nation Medal (U.N.F.I.C.Y.P.), and Canadian Forces decoration.

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Johnnie Pruden – 1918.

The Pruden Bunch
to the tune of – The Brady Bunch

Here's a story of the Pruden family
Who lived along the creek at Clandeboye
There were nine kids living all together

But they were not alone.
They had Nannie and they had Fazzie
Who loved this very special bunch
Fazzie so tall and handsome
and Nannie as proud as punch.

Chorus:

The Pruden Bunch, The Pruden Bunch
We're so proud to be part of, The Pruden Bunch.
The boys they numbered five
There was Johnnie, Paul, Edgar, Harold and Stewart
When they married, it was heaven

For their wives just never knew what they would do.

Chorus:

The girls, they were so special
And we wish that they were all still here today
There was Maude and Annie, Malvina and Mae
The girls they all married, and we often wondered
What their husbands must have thought
When they'd go to the Pruden gathering
The brothers would entertain – they were a musical
lot.

Chorus:

That's our story, hope you liked it
And we should all be very very proud
To be part of this big wonderful family
Known as the 'Pruden Crowd'

Repeat Chorus:

Psooy, Joseph and Pat

Joseph is a first generation Canadian of Ukrainian descent. His parents had settled in the Chatfield area and later moved to Silver where the land was more conducive to successful farming. Patricia, a rancher's daughter, came to Winnipeg from southern Saskatchewan in 1957 to attend the St. Boniface School of Nursing. They were married in 1963.

Joe and Pat purchased an acre of land from Mike Kolodrupski in 1965. This lot was located south of Highway 27 between Main Street and the railway, and their home was the 8th to be built in this area. At that time the land was part of a wheat field and the only other houses between highway 27 and Parks Creek were along Main Street. In 1965 a garden plot was established. In 1967 their centennial project was started. Basement, plumbing, heating and electrical were contracted out; Joe and his father did the framing and November 11th was moving day. The walls were up and all was warm and secure; with real doors and gyproc still to come, the finishing touches were an after work project for Joe for many more years.

One and a half-year-old Neil moved in with them, and Brian and Karen joined them in 1968 and 1969 respectively. The children attended West St.

Paul School and participated in many of the sports programs offered by St. Andrews Community Club. Joe's community club contributions included coaching baseball and hockey teams, juvenile hockey referee, and serving on the club executive.

Joe left a career with Western Glove Works to start his own business in 1985. Jos. Psooy Masonry employed each of the three Psooy children during high school and university summers, as well as other youth from the neighborhood. Joe has built a number of house fronts and fireplaces in the St. Andrews area, and participated in the 1989 renovations at Tarrow house.

Pat has been employed as a registered nurse at Middlechurch Home of Winnipeg since 1975. Neil went into steel fabrication, spent a few years with Dustrial Steel, and is currently employed with Canadian Anglo. Brian and his sister Karen Morcilla nee Psooy attended Medical School through the University of Manitoba and are currently in Resident programs in Halifax and Winnipeg respectively.

Redfern, Gerry and Irene

Gerry and Irene Redfern, along with their sons, Kyle 10 and Alfred 8, moved to St. Andrews in September of 1980.

We purchased a small acreage from the Frank Cheslock estate. The farm itself was from the turn of the century, but in the early 1950's Frank replaced the original house. The barn and chicken coop and a couple of other original buildings are weathered grey. Being from the city, country life was new to us, but we jumped in with both feet. We had to try it all.

Within the first few years we had a couple of young horses; it was a good thing they were young and didn't know what an owner should do with a horse. We didn't know much, so we learned as the horses learned. We ended up with seven horses to care for within a couple of years. We also had to have fresh farm eggs, so we bought 100 baby chicks and five or six months later we had lots of eggs to share with family and friends. We also dug a pond and had 13 ducks and geese. The geese were a bit bossy and played havoc with visitors. We also acquired several colourful bantam chickens and roosters. Our sons, Kyle and Alfred had fun with all the animals and learned a lot with the aid of 4H. We also tried our hand at gardening. We bought an antique potato planter and a potato digger and of course a tractor. We planted far too many potatoes so we were swamped with potatoes in the fall. At that time, we both worked full-time in Winnipeg so many of our co-workers were eating our bounty that

winter. We also planted oats and a hay crop for our horses, so of course a bailer and truck was needed. Many a weekend was spent haying to stack the loft of our old barn with 1000 bales for winter feed. Building fences or repairing fences was also part of our chores.

Gerry joined the St. Andrews volunteer fire department about 1982 and served with them for about 15 years. In 1988 Gerry was in charge of the construction of the Mohawk gas and convenience store at Highway # 9 and 44. He decided that running this business was something he would like to do, so in September of that year, he became the manager of Lockport Mohawk. Now we both were no longer working in Winnipeg.

Irene had been an avid antique collector for many years, and so in 1985 opened "Country Road Antiques" using some of the old farm buildings on the property. She enjoys buying, selling, trading, and restoring antiques when she has the time. Irene is also very interested in decorating and has taken many courses and is a graduate of Red River Community College. This interest prompted the opening of "Angel Wings and Fairy Dust" in 1995. This store was first located on River Road just north of the locks. The little house, turned shop, had its floors, walls and ceilings, faux painted, sponged, stencilled and marbled, to show painting possibilities. The shop sold giftware, arts and crafts from more than 30 different artists, mostly locals. After two years, finding it too exhausting running two shops, Irene closed the River Road location and combined Angel Wings and Fairy Dust with Country Road Antiques, and now runs both out of her home location on Church Road, West.

Kyle and Alfred attended St. Andrews School, Lockport School, and the Selkirk Comprehensive. They have now grown up and moved away from home to start their own lives. The horses, chickens, ducks and geese are also gone. The farmyard still looks basically the same with antiques of all shapes and sizes filling the buildings instead of the animals. We love living and working in St. Andrews, and hope to continue for many years to come.

Reykdal, Pjetur and Helga by Mae Willis

My grandfather, Pjetur Reykdal, was born in Reydadalar, Iceland, in 1874. He emigrated from Iceland to Canada.

My grandmother, Helga Gislason, was born in Gimli, Manitoba in 1888.

My grandparents were married March 29, 1903. They lived in different places in their early marriage. Grandmother's parents, Gisle and Gudrun

Gislason, had a homestead in Winnipeg Beach in the municipality of St. Andrews, NE¼ of Section 17-28-4E. As Helga's parents were aging, she and Peter eventually took over the farm. They farmed and grandpa being a fisherman, fished on Lake Winnipeg. They also had a dairy farm supplying milk and cream to the Town of Winnipeg Beach in its early years.

The Gislasons passed away and are buried on the homestead. Grandmother Reykdal gave the Town of Winnipeg Beach two acres for a cemetery, stipulating that all the family be buried there for nothing. The farm is still operated by a grandson.

1846-1923 great-grandfather – Gisli Gislason

1849-1926 great-grandmother – Gudrun Gislason

1874-1943 grandfather Pjetur Reykdal

1888-1971 grandmother – Helga Reykdal

Pjetur and Helga had 12 children; six boys and six girls:

1903-1979 Petrina Olena – married Victor Johnson (4 children)

1905-1991 Jonaton Gunnar (John) – married Connie Omand (4 children)

1907-1982 Gisli Sigurdur – married Julia Yurejchuk (3 children) (my father)

1909-1993 Gudrun Adelbjorg (Roonie) – married Gusti Thridrickson (2 children)

1911-1978 Snolaug Sigurbjorg (May) – married Joseph Zevena (6 children)

1917- Halfridur Ettie (Grace) – married George Robinson (3 children)

1921- Johanna Jonasina (Dolly) – married Joseph Weidl (5 children)

1922- Sigtrigur Sjnorri (Tex) – married Florence Aitkenhead (3 children)

1925- Christopher Sveinn – married Jean Tarapaski (6 children)

1928- Margaret Elsie – married William Willis (2 children)

1931-1955 Charles Harold – married Jean Roth (5 children)

1933-1969 Helgi Pjetur – married Rosemond Roth (4 children)

There are many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

I hope this will give you some information on the Reykdal heritage as I did not have many of the dates and places they lived early in their marriage.

Robertson, Ralph and Edna by Ralph Robertson

I was born in Selkirk where my Dad owned and operated a meat and grocery store. Our family home, where we were born and raised, is now the "Garden on Eaton" and I am happy this turn of the



"Garden on Eaton" – Dr. Ralph Robertson's former family home.

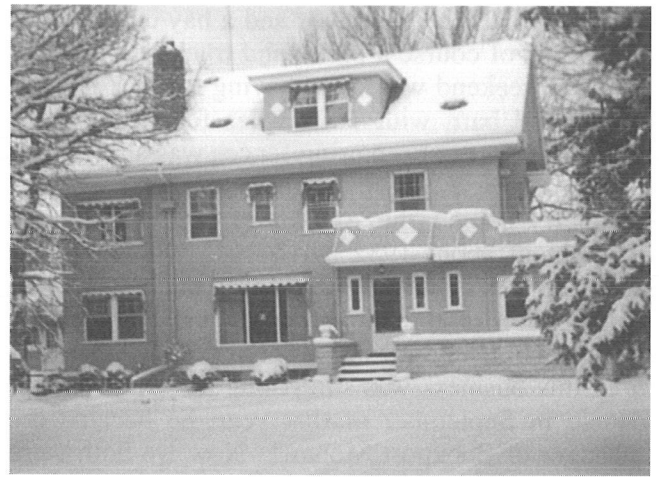
century home has been so cleverly preserved and maintained. My brothers and sisters and I attended school in Selkirk. Upon graduation from high school I went to Queen's University where I obtained my medical degree. I completed my post graduate training at Oxford, England. My wife was born in England and I met her when she came to Canada as a tourist. We were married in England when I was doing my post graduate work.

We first lived in Winnipeg for a year then moved to Selkirk for another year before purchasing our home at 710 River Road. We were always aware of the R.M. of St. Andrews especially the people who "lived up the line". This term was used to describe those who lived south of Selkirk on highway #9 and its tributary roads. One person who lived "up the line", and to whom I will always be grateful, was my music teacher, Miss Edith Thompson.

We moved to the R.M. of St. Andrews in 1963. I had just established my medical practice in Selkirk and felt we should have a permanent residence. Edna and I looked at several houses but the one that appealed to us the most was the house built by H.B. Lyall in 1915 on Lot 114 River Road. My Dad knew Mr. Lyall and had a great respect for him personally and Dad's persuasion certainly influenced our choice – one we have never regretted.

My schooling was in Selkirk and certainly in high school there were a large number of students from the municipality. Many are still among my friends.

The question has been raised, "What changes have occurred in the municipality in our lifetime?" The changes are so many they cannot be described here. I have carefully read the book *Beyond the Gates of Lower Fort Garry* and find a completely different life style to what we have today.



Home of Dr. Ralph and Edna Robertson.

Transportation is a major change. At one time a single gravel road connected Winnipeg Beach with Parkdale. In the winter you literally froze in your car going to Winnipeg. My Dad used to say that when he first came to Selkirk a trip from Petersfield to Selkirk for business required three days – one to get there, one to do business, and one to return home.

Today, great hard-surfaced highways cross the municipality, superb schools have replaced the one-room schoolhouse, thousands of new homes have appeared in a multitude of new areas. Urban sprawl is now becoming a serious problem as new housing developments increasingly occupy our prime agricultural land. However, many of the old and valued landmarks remain: Lower Fort Garry, St. Andrews Church and Miss Davis' School.

One other change that comes to mind is that the earliest settlers' maps showed the rapids at Lockport as Pelican Rapids. Certainly when we were children there wasn't a pelican to be found there. Then with the opening of the floodway pelicans have returned in ever increasing numbers since 1965.

We attend Knox Presbyterian Church in Selkirk. At one time, many of the early inhabitants of the municipality were Presbyterian but in 1925 their congregations left the Church and entered the new United Church. I think particularly of Little Britain, Cloverdale, Clandeboye and Winnipeg Beach.

Our children, Ian and Elizabeth, both attended school in Winnipeg and today live with their families in the municipality. Elizabeth, an investment advisor with RBC Securities, in Winnipeg, resides with Rick and her two children, Jennifer and Jordan, on Elm Street. Ian, chief pilot at Perimeter Airlines, resides with his wife Pamela and children Tabitha, Maclean and Victoria in a house he built on Foxgrove Place. Ian has always been an avid hockey player and at the time of writing this, still plays with the Little Britain Pioneers.

With three generations of my family living in St. Andrews, it is obvious that we like it. Best wishes to the history committee as they seek to preserve what in a few years will be history.

Robinson, Leonard and Eva by Gladys Aime

Leonard and Eva Robinson arrived in Clandeboye in 1930 from Roland, Manitoba. Eva Robinson, nee Van Norman, was born on August 14, 1904 in Roland. Leonard Robinson was born on April 19, 1903 also in Roland. They were married on November 25, 1924.

They rented some land and farmed for six years in the Myrtle district. Times were hard and money was scarce. Leonard's dad, Wesley Robinson had moved to Clandeboye and convinced Eva and Leonard to make the move also, as he felt that jobs were more plentiful around Clandeboye. By this time they had two little boys, Norman Wesley and Delmar Raymond. Leonard hooked up his horses, loaded everything they owned onto a hayrack and headed for Clandeboye. This trip took two days to complete. They rented a home owned by William McRae on 36-14-4E. Shortly after, they moved to another home along Muckle's Creek on 11-15-4E. Access to this home was by crossing the creek by boat. Ednora Drive takes one to this location now.



Eva Robinson's 90th Birthday. Back row – Jim, Delmar & Norman. Front row – Elsie, Eva (mother), Gladys. Inset: Leonard Robinson – deceased 1949.

While living along Muckle's Creek, three more children were born James Milton, Elsie May, and Gladys Mildred. Norman didn't start school until he was seven years old. Fillmore School was three miles away and Mother and Dad didn't want Norman walking alone to school each day since

there was no one else in the area walking to school.

In 1937 they moved to the town of Clandeboye where they lived for a short time in a log house owned by Mary Taylor. Robert Allan was born while living there, but because of his prematurity, he was unable to survive and is buried in Clandeboye United Church cemetery.

Leonard worked out wherever he could find work. He enjoyed carpentry and helped many people build houses.

They purchased one acre of land now known as 217 Municipal Street. Leonard built a three-room home for the seven of us. The depression years were very difficult with five little children to raise. Leonard earned \$1.00 per day. Eva kept chickens and sold eggs. She would fill an egg crate and carry it to the train station and ship it to Winnipeg for sale. In 1943, a kitchen and bedroom were added to the house.

Many fond memories are held of our family life during those years. Memories of heating a curling rod in the top of a coal-oil lamp just to have curly hair – carrying snow in to melt during the winter months and placing it in a barrel beside the big wood cook stove – making ice cream in a pail inside another pail packed with ice – only to have someone's dog get to it before us. A cellar dugout under the house was our refrigerator.

Eva was active in the United Church – very rarely missing Sunday church service and insisting her children attended Sunday School. She was a member of the Ladies Aid.

Leonard's health failed and he was unable to work. He passed away at the age of 46. Eva stayed on in their house until the children finished school. She then went to Winnipeg where she worked for a short time at Winnipeg General Hospital nursing residence as a housemother. Later she went to Grace Hospital and worked for 14 years as a cook. She sold her home in Clandeboye and moved to Winnipeg so she could be close to her work. Eva has always enjoyed crocheting and cooking which she continues to do. At 95 years of age, she is still able to live in an apartment with her daughter Elsie.

Norman married Mabel Bracken. They are both retired and live in Calgary. They have two daughters and five grandchildren.

Jim married Jean Bruce. They live in Clandeboye and are both retired. They have one son, one daughter and six grandchildren.

Delmar married Lois Setter. They are both retired and live in Cochrane, Alberta. They have two daughters, one son, and four grandchildren.

Elsie lives with Eva in an apartment in Winnipeg.

Gladys married David Aimé and they live in Clandeboye. They have one daughter, two sons, and six grandchildren.

Rogalsky, Abe and Kay

Abe and Kay Rogalsky were married in 1950. They moved into the R.M. of St. Andrews where they put down roots and began building up a farm between Selkirk and Clandeboye, at the corner of #9 Highway and Meadowdale Road. Although the first years of farming were difficult, they persevered and eventually established their family farm. They farmed a section of land, but may be best remembered for the farm-fresh eggs they sold at their house for many years.

Four Rogalsky children grew up on this farm – Louise, Linda, David, and Diane. They attended school in Clandeboye and then Selkirk. Abe served on the Clandeboye School Board. He was also involved in curling, and later coached when David played hockey in Clandeboye. All four children were members of the Clandeboye 4H Club, and later Kay was a 4H leader for many years. When Diane suddenly passed away at age sixteen in 1978, a 4H memorial trophy was created in her honour. Kay enjoyed working at the Interlake Co-op Nursery School for twelve years.

Life on the farm changed abruptly when Abe was diagnosed with cancer and passed away in 1987. The farm land has been sold, but Kay continues to live on the farmyard, looking after her large yard with its many trees and flowers.

The Rogalsky kids didn't move too far away. Louise Hiebert is an elementary schoolteacher in Steinbach where she lives with her husband, Danny. Linda Thomas teaches at the high school in Selkirk. She and her husband, Lloyd, live in East Selkirk and have four children. Dave and his wife, Michele, have three children and live in Winnipeg where Dave is a social worker. Kay is always happy to spend time with her children and grandchildren. They, in turn, enjoy going to visit her "on the farm".

Russin, Fred and Dokija by Fred Russin; grandson

On Wednesday, January 19, 1898, my grandparents, Fred and his pregnant wife Dokija, their four children, Michael, 10; Nettie, eight; John, five; and Martin, three, left Melnycia, Ukraine and followed in the footsteps of friends and neighbours to a new home and life in Canada.

They sailed out of the port of Hamburg, Germany, and after an eighteen-day stopover in Liverpool, England, continued on their voyage during which they encountered a fierce and disastrous,



Fred & Dokija Russin Family – 1907. Back row – Peter, Nettie, John. Front row – Fred, Michael, Dokija.

mid-Atlantic storm. It claimed a number of lives among whom were the brothers Michael and Martin which were laid to rest by burial at sea. Nineteen hours after the funeral, Dokija gave birth to a son, Peter, who became my father.

On Wednesday, April 6, 1898, the ship arrived in Quebec City where the Russins were hospitalized for eleven days as a result of the trauma suffered during the journey. Travelling by rail, they arrived in Winnipeg and continued to Teulon, their final destination, where they were welcomed and reunited with the Yakamischuk family who provided them with the necessities of life. Finally, accompanied by an immigration officer, Fred arrived at his designated homestead NE¼ 2-17-3 in the afternoon of Tuesday, May 31, 1898.

Forty-seven days later, with the help and generosity of neighbours, home became a reality with a two-room, thatched log cabin, a small barn, an outdoor clay oven, and a dug well all completed. Two years later, it really became a home with the birth of Michael-Martin. Fred's ability to speak and understand English made life a lot less complicated for the Russins, and this ability earned him recognition and respect from the Anglo merchants, professionals, and community. He soon found himself as a translator for his many friends and neighbours. Eager and energetic, and operating a beef herd, Fred fulfilled all the regulations of the Homestead Act and received his land title certificate on Wednesday, November 20, 1901.

In June of 1899, at Inwood, Fred purchased "Jim and Bill", a young and healthy, well trained yoke of oxen. Although much admired and cherished, the faithfully cared for animals were mysteriously poisoned in August, 1902. Facing provocation and intimidation, Fred defiantly bought a team of horses which

not only served his needs, but also those of the neighbours. The team also gave him the opportunity to participate in the local road-building program.

Being an avid reader and a member, and later president, of the Pleasant Home Ukrainian Reading Association, he knew the value of formal education and, with local support, initiated a plan to establish a school district. Appointed, and later elected, as school board members, Fred and Julia Streleski, George Pilatyk, and William Hawrysh, as a team, participated in the construction of the Melnice school (so named for the Village of Melnycia). The school opened its doors on Monday, September 7, 1908.

A fierce and destructive October 1907 forest fire destroyed everything for miles in its path, including tons of nearby stacked hay, but miraculously spared the homestead. The resulting shortage of winter feed forced Fred to severely curtail and down-size his large, successful beef herd operation from which he never fully recovered.

Proud of his new Canadian home, Fred was a modest person who solved problems and disputes with dignity and honesty and was intolerant of any impropriety. He believed in truth, justice, honesty, and freedom. He never became or appeared angry, even during the occasional uncomfortable predicament. This gentleman's greatest weakness was his unlimited generosity.

Although there was a lot of comfort and happiness in their home, events beyond their control would, at times, make life difficult and painful. They had to cope with bears, wolves, rustlers, storms, floods, and disease such as a typhoid epidemic that proved fatal to Fred. He died on November 6, 1918, at the age of 64. Dokija, at 77, passed away on December 6, 1936.

Nettie, who was a wife and homemaker, married Louis Tyshkowski. They had four children; Helen, Adline, Napoleon, and Olga.

John W., teacher, and postmaster at Winnipeg Beach, married Gertrude Grezeskowiak. They had five children; Doris, Angeline, Bernard, Agnes and Georgianne.

Peter farmed on the original homestead and married Stella Pacika. They had four children; Fred, Edna, Emil and Steve.

Michael M., teacher and merchant married Pauline Shmigelsky. They had two children; Gerald and Edith.

Russin, Peter and Stella by Fred Russin

Peter Russin was only a seven-week old infant, born aboard ship during a lengthy voyage from the Ukraine, when he and his parents and siblings

arrived in Quebec City on April the 6th, 1898. Travelling west to Manitoba's Interlake Region, he and his family settled on their designated homestead – NE¼ 2-17-3E.

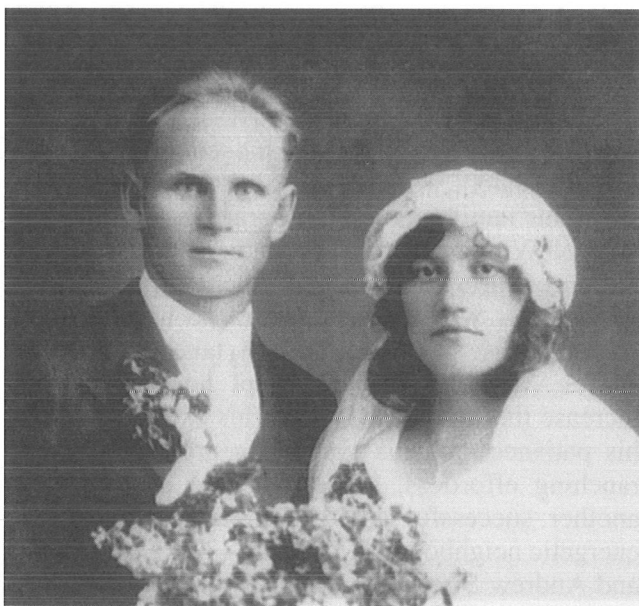
Peter received most of his education at the Melnice school, a school his father helped establish. When his family made a temporary move to the village of Winnipeg Beach to take advantage of the entrepreneurial and employment opportunities there, Peter was left behind on the homestead to continue his schooling and to take care of the chores. With his father's help, he was able to increase their beef herd, while his skill with cattle, his patience, and his systematic procedures made ranching effortless, successful, and profitable. In another successful enterprise, Peter and his two energetic neighbours and friends – Mike Nedotiafko and Andrew Streleski – decided to wintercut cordwood. The wood loaded and the horses hitched, the product was sledged and delivered to a Teulon or Winnipeg Beach woodlot. For their effort, depending on the type of wood, they received anywhere from 60 cents to as high as \$1.30 per cord.

For a short time, Peter found himself as assistant cook with the B. and B. gang of the C.P.R. Soon after, he was employed for one season only as a chef, cooking for the Merchant Marine on the Great Lakes. But he was not too enthusiastic about this type of work and returned home where he again cleared the land by cutting cordwood, tending the beef herd, and finding employment doing various jobs in the community.

A few days after his father's funeral, Peter received a 'Recruitment Conscription Notice' ordering him to report at an Armed Services Centre in Winnipeg. His military career consisted of him being confined to a boxcar near the barracks for seventy-six hours before being discharged due to the ending of World War I.

Peter was now the main provider for the family. His mother was widowed and his two brothers, John and Michael, attended high school in Teulon where they eventually would receive their teaching certificates. Thus, he continued to do what he knew best – beef ranching – and was successful in providing for the necessities for all.

As many other members of the community at the time, Peter purchased a team of horses and became employed with the Manitoba Highways' winter project hauling gravel for the new Highway 8. In addition, he transported boulders and rocks to the construction site of a waterbreak at the mouth of the Red River. Using a portion of his earnings, Peter bought a modern 'wagonette' making summer travel more convenient, comfortable, and faster.



Peter & Stella Russin – 1932.

On a Sunday in July of 1932, Peter married Stella Pasika. Her ambition was to become a teacher in the old country, but the outbreak of World War I caused her to leave her home in the Ukraine and emigrate to Canada where she arrived in May 1928. Her first employment was in a dairy processing plant in Kitchener, Ontario. Later, she worked in food services in Winnipeg and Winnipeg Beach and laboured in the potato fields at Sandy Hook where she earned \$8.00 per month and keep.

Peter and Stella's initiative helped them survive the 'Dirty Thirties'. They pooled their earnings and purchased an eight-foot McCormick-Deering grain binder with which they used to do custom cutting throughout the community. They received their own Land Title Certificate to the original homestead in 1939. It now has become a mixed farm with additionally rented land. In its 101 year history, the homestead continues to be in the Russin family. The latest owner is Peter's youngest son Steve.

Peter was a man who during his lifetime was never known to swear or use foul language. He passed away in 1969 as a result of heart failure. Stella, now in ill health, continued to live in her house on the farm until recently when she agreed to become a resident in a seniors' home. They had four children.

Fred who married Geraldine Chaykowski and have two sons; Michael and Ted.

Edna married Emil Wishnowski and they have two daughters; Pamela and Shelly.

Emily married Sophie Benn and they have two children; Amelia and Alexander.

Steve married Stephie Woloshyn and they have a son Matthew.

Russin, Fred and Geraldine

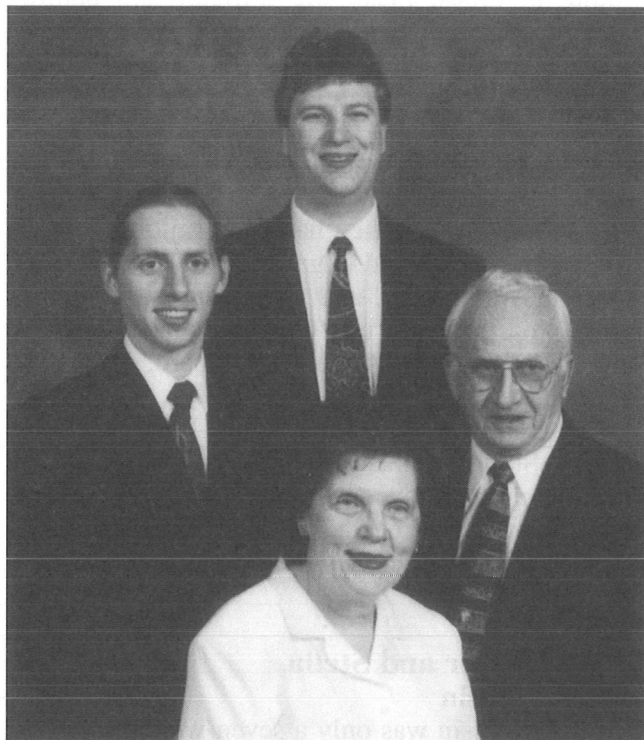
by Fred Russin

It was in the early thirties, with Mrs. Bertha Luke, a neighbouring nurse, in attendance, that Fred, the oldest son of Peter and Stella Russin was born on the original NE¼ 2-17-3 homestead in Melnice, Manitoba, where he grew up.

Fred remembers the locality being a heavy woodland. The roads were mere trails, which wound around rocks, crossed swamps, and passed through bush. In the wild, moose, deer, wolf, and fox were a frequent sight. Rabbits, partridges, and owls brought life to the environment, while a rare bear sighting would prove fatal to the animal through the actions of local hunters.

Fred attended the local Armistice Elementary School, then the Winnipeg Beach High School, and received a 'Certified Auto Mechanic' diploma from the Chicago Vocational School. Fred also played the accordion and, together with Walter Diachun on vocal and guitar and Bill Chorney on violin, made up a 'Western' band that entertained at many dances, banquets and weddings. While employed as a mechanic with Kraft Motors in Dryden, Ontario, Fred continued playing music with a local band throughout Northern Ontario.

When his father Peter became ill, Fred returned home to help out and operate the farm himself. He also worked as a part-time truck driver. In 1963 he began his career with the City of Winnipeg Transit



Fred Russin Family – 1998. Back row – Ted, Michael, Fred. Front – Geraldine.

Authority as a bus operator and retired from that position after thirty-one years of service with many Safe Driving Awards.

May 1963 saw Fred getting married to Geraldine Chaykowski who later graduated from the University of Manitoba with a B.A. Honours degree in History. Together they ventured into the apartment housing business and became the parents of two boys, Michael and Ted. Michael is a University of Manitoba Computer Science graduate and has had some challenging positions in Winnipeg and the U.S. where he also attended the University of Minnesota. He has returned to the U. of M. for further computer science studies. Ted, the younger son, obtained a B.A. Honours in philosophy from the University of Winnipeg and is currently attending the U. of M. Studying Food Sciences.

Since his retirement, Fred has become more involved in a number of cultural and educational organizations, works on his large collection of model antique farm tractors, and is also attending classes at the University of Manitoba.

Sandison, Wayne and Verna

Wayne Sandison, the only son of John and Pearl Sandison of Lockport was born March 21, 1939 in Lockport, Manitoba. He attended the Lockport School on School Road. He worked part-time for Skinner's in Lockport, later full time for the Canadian Wheat Board and the Bank of Nova Scotia in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Wayne has been employed by Canada Post as a letter carrier for the last 31 years, working out of the Selkirk Post Office for the past 25 years.

Wayne is very sports minded. Over the years, he played baseball and hockey for Lockport and Selkirk teams. Wayne has also coached baseball and managed hockey teams in Selkirk for many years.

Verna Sandison nee Goltz, second youngest daughter of Julius and Lydia Goltz of St. Andrews, Manitoba, was born March 8, 1939 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. She attended the St. Andrews School, and worked part-time for Skinner's in Lockport while attending the Manitoba Technical Institute (Commercial School) on Portage Avenue in Winnipeg to acquire a secretarial certificate. Later, she found accounting more challenging, and through night school received her CGA (Certified General Accountant) designation in 1982. Over the years, Verna has been working as controller for several Companies in Winnipeg and at present is the controller for Selkirk Chrysler MB Ltd., in Selkirk, Manitoba.

Verna has also been kept busy volunteering her time as church treasurer for McDermot Avenue

Baptist Church for six years and camp treasurer for Lake Nutimik Baptist Camp for six years. For the last seven years and at present, she has been playing her keyboard for a musical group called the Harmony Chords. They play in senior and personal care homes, for anniversaries, banquets, B-B-Q's and in different churches.

Wayne and Verna were married on June 27, 1959 at McDermot Avenue Baptist Church in Winnipeg, where they are currently active members. During the first four years of married life, they lived in a three room suite in Winnipeg. In 1967 they built their home at 151 St. Andrews Road where they raised their only child, a son Darrell, and where they have enjoyed rural living to this day.

Darrell, born February 18, 1963 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, attended the St. Andrews and Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Schools. He played saxophone in the Selkirk Royal Blues' Band and was a strong back row defensive specialist on the Selkirk Royals Varsity Boys Volleyball Team. In 1981, he graduated with honours from the Selkirk Comprehensive School with a Science Major. In 1985, he graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Bachelor of Commerce degree with honors and in 1988 received his Certified General Accountant designation.



Wayne & Verna Sandison and son Darrell.

Over the years, Darrell was very active in music and sports. He received his grade eight in accordion from Komar School of Music in Winnipeg. In 1976, at the age of thirteen, he competed in the North American Accordion Competitions held in Los Angeles, California. He was a member of the Winnipeg Contemporary Accordion Orchestra

(W.C.A.O.) under the direction of Mr. Ron Komar. Two year later, in 1978, the W.C.A.O. competed in the 21st Annual Northern California Accordion, Guitar and Piano Music Extravaganza held in Fresno, California. At this competition, Darrell played in four accordion band selections, as well as five solo competitions. The solo competitions were played by total memory. From this competition, he received a total of eight trophies; four from his solo pieces, one ranking AAA rating, two for second place and one consolation. The other four trophies were from the accordion band selections.

At the age of sixteen, Darrell received the following swimming awards; Lifesaving III, Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross. Darrell played on the Selkirk Fishermen hockey teams and in 1979 the team was the Greater Winnipeg Tier III Midget Champions. Darrell played shortstop for the Selkirk Blues baseball teams.

Darrell worked part-time for Keystone Sporting Goods in Selkirk and taught music for Komar School of Music both in Selkirk and Winnipeg.

In July 1988 Darrell moved to Vancouver, BC and on August 6, 1988 married Evelyn Frederici from Vancouver. They have been blessed with two sons, Daniel, born on June 21, 1992 and Jonas, born on April 4, 1995. Darrell and Evelyn (Evie) reside in Surrey, BC and Darrell is presently employed as director of finance for the international firm of Steffen Robertson and Kirsten, Consulting Engineers and Scientists.

Sarginson, Rob and Laurel

Attracted by the semi-rural ambience and picturesque quality of River Road, teachers Rob and Laurel Sarginson moved to St. Andrews in 1987 after 11 happy years in Selkirk.

Their unusual home at 1138 River Road now welcomes visitors from all over the world. The cou-



Evergreen Gate Bed & Breakfast – Home of Rob & Laurel Sarginson.

ple has operated Evergreen Gate Bed and Breakfast at this location since 1996.

Rob and Laurel have two children, Patrick born in 1980 and Claire born in 1983.

Schalk, Karl and Ada

Karl H. Schalk married Ada Fisher in 1958. Karl worked at the Manitoba Rolling Mill and on the family farm. In 1962 Karl and Ada bought the family farm and his parents, Karl and Anna Schalk, moved to the town of Petersfield where they built a new home and lived there until both passed away in 1993. Karl and Ada grain-farmed and had a hog operation. Karl also drove school bus for 13 years for Lord Selkirk School Division #11.

They took time out to get involved in curling. Karl was president of the Petersfield Curling Club for four years. They took some trips with friends to watch the Silver Broom. They were also involved over the years in the 4H Beef Club when their children were members. They gave up curling when their son started playing hockey in Selkirk. They travelled to different towns for hockey tournaments and enjoyed meeting many new people.

Their children are:

Elaine and husband Sheldon Laye have one son Evan. They moved up north and both worked at the Limestone Dam for six years. They then returned and bought a home in Lockport. Sheldon works for Manitoba Hydro and Elaine works for Lord Selkirk School Division.

Wendy and husband Neil Cooke have one son, Bryce. They live in Lockport. Neil teaches at Red River College and Wendy teaches for Winnipeg School Division #1.

Ronald and wife Audra, nee Mitchell, have two sons, Travis and Owen. They live in Petersfield. Ronald teaches for St. James School Division #2 and farms with his dad. Audra works for the Teachers' Retirement Allowances Fund.

Karl and Ada are still grain and hog farming and busy enjoying their grandchildren.

The Scherle Family by Trudy Paradoski

My dad Helmut and my mom, Irma arrived in Winnipeg, Manitoba in June 1950, the year of the great flood. They emigrated from Germany not knowing any English. My paternal grandmother also came with them. Once they arrived in Winnipeg they came to Little Britain area. They worked for Mr. Eichkorn picking sugar beets and cucumbers. They lived in a small barn on the Eichkorn's property. They stayed there for about five months. At the end of October all three moved back to Winnipeg

for the winter. My mother found a job at a sewing factory and my dad went to learn the plumbing trade; at night he took classes to learn English.

In 1952, my parents and grandmother purchased a home in Little Britain. By this time my dad's aunt came to live with them and my dad supported them all. They purchased property on River Road, known at that time as Lot 117 River Road. The house was bought from a Mr. Childerhouse. It was an old log house with a barn/garage on the property. At that time my parents had pigs, cows, chickens and a large vegetable garden. My mom continued working at the sewing factory in Winnipeg taking the Beaver bus every morning. My dad now worked in the plumbing business in Winnipeg too. By the mid fifties he established his own business known as Scherle's Plumbing and Heating, which he operated until the 1980's.

My brother Heinz was born in March 1953, and my mother had quit her job. I was born in April 1959. That same year my parents built a new house on the west side of the old log house. They rented the old house to other families. In 1963, they built their second house on the east side of the old house. They sold the other house. The second house was built near a creek. I remember a lot of fun times living there, such as tobogganing down the hill or playing in the creek in spring when there were plenty of fish and water.

In 1972, my parents again decided to build. This time they tore down the old log house. The new house was built directly behind the old house. My brother and I both attended the original Lockport School. We would ride our bikes or walk. The nearby abandoned gravel pit was also a famous landmark at that time; a lot of time was spent playing there.

My parents lived in the third house until 1985 when they moved to Selkirk. My brother moved into the house then and has lived there with his family since then, 739 River Road. After I got married I lived in Winnipeg for a number of years and then moved into the Pelican Place subdivision in 1990, where I still reside with my family.

My brother has three children, two daughters Katharine and Karen, and one son, Kurt. I also have three children, two daughters, Stephanie and Samantha, and one son, Trevor. My father passed away in 1990 and my mother continues to live in Selkirk.

Schofield, Albert and Agnes (Myla)

Albert, third son of Samuel and Maud Schofield, married Myla MacGarva, fifth daughter of Robert and Jeanie MacGarva, of Balmoral,

Manitoba, on April 25, 1940. They have a family of three, Ryan, Judith and Craig.

Ryan married Arlene Davies of Winnipeg, and they have three children, Richard (Rick), Ralph, and Darlene. They all lived on the home acreage on Norwood Road. Arlene taught school for the Lord Selkirk School Division #11 until her untimely death on November 22, 1988. Later Ryan married Grace King of Gillam, and they now reside in Killarney, where Ryan is employed with Manitoba Hydro. Rick married Donna (Zigga) McLeod from Lundar and they live at Gimli where Rick is stationed with Manitoba Hydro. They have one son, Devon.

Ralph married Carol Brooks, of Winnipeg. He is now separated, he lives in Transcona. They have two children Brooklyn and Edison.

Darlene married Walter deVries of Winnipeg and she also lives in Transcona with their two boys, Alex and Trevor.

Judith, their only daughter, married Leonard Boychuk, a teacher for Lord Selkirk School Division, who had been raised in Pine River. They moved to Arden in 1969 and are now retired. They have two boys, Randall (Randy), and Rodney and a daughter Janet.

Randy is married to Donna Chubaty, Rodney is single, and Janet is married to Clarence Schulak. At present they all are living in Winnipeg, Janet and Clarence have just moved back from Fergus, Ontario. Randy and Donna have a new daughter, Alexandra; and Janet and Clarence have a son, Brock.

Craig married Diane Cotton, second daughter of Stuart and Marie Cotton of Clandeboye. They have a daughter Tanya, and a son Scott. Craig is a welder, and works in Winnipeg. Diane is bookkeeper and veterinary assistant in the Selkirk Veterinary Clinic.

Albert and Myla farmed during their married life, first in the Balmoral district, and then on the south half of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 4-15-4E before moving to the farm on Norwood Road. They had a Holstein Dairy herd, while Albert worked off the farm at the Manitoba Rolling Mill in Selkirk. His last years at the Mill were spent as a Security Guard at the gate entrance.

Albert passed away August 21, 1993. Myla worked at the W. S. Patterson School for fourteen years retiring in July, 1984.

Albert and Myla had a good retirement, keeping active in the community and enjoying travelling. Many happy times were spent at Wallace Lake during the summer months once the garden and yard were cared for. They enjoyed fifty-three years together.

Myla now lives near Clandeboye on a fine area parcel, on the farm building site, part of NE¼ of 8-15-4E. She celebrated her 80th birthday on April 25, 1999, having lived fifty-seven years in the St. Andrews Municipality.

Schofield, Walter and Mimi by Lena Walker

Walter Wm. Schofield, came from Essex County, near Windsor. He was born in 1886 and came to St. Louis which is now Petersfield in the early 1900's.

He had six siblings, five brothers and one sister who all resided in Detroit, Michigan. Dad's mom was Parisian French and his dad was English. When he first came to St. Louis he made his home with Mr. & Mrs. Tom McConnell and worked for them. Then he took a surveying job with Tim Lemoine and worked up in the Far North. When war broke out, he was the first to enlist from St. Louis, with a regiment known as the Little Black Devils. Dad was considered a marksman.

He served overseas 'til the end of the war. He went into battle in the front lines and was gassed and wounded in the Battle of Ypres. Before dad went into battle he had met my mom and got engaged. When he got gassed and wounded he was sent to Versailles Hospital in France. Mom went there to be with him and after he recovered, dad and mom got married and came to Canada to settle in the Village of Petersfield. Mom was Mimi Agnes Allison, born in Kildare, Ireland and made her home in Bedfordshire, England. She had three sisters and one brother whom she never returned home to see again. Together mom and dad purchased the property that Janisches now reside on, where they farmed for some time. Then a fellow by the name of Joe McGee purchased it and then sold it to Janisches. Then mom and dad purchased the old home place where I was raised, just east of Curistons on the same road. There they raised a family of seven children, but nine children were born to them. Two died at birth; and a brother Charlie was killed working on the railway in 1943. The names of their children were: Bobby, Dorothy, Chester, David, Charlie, Edna and Lena. There was very little money in those days and a lot of bartering was done to keep food on the table. They tried their hands at many things. Dad hunted and guided many prominent people on the Netley marshes. He trapped furs. He was the village vet. He raised Percheron Stallions and travelled with them. He worked for Ducks Unlimited. He also did taxidermy work. He raised ducks, geese, turkeys, chickens and pigeons and had a steady customer, the Trossis Farm, an Italian family who loved to eat

squabs, or, baby pigeons.

Mom found time to use her nursing abilities to many people in and around the surrounding district. She nursed many people back to good health.

Their grandchildren numbered 18: Bobby and wife (2), Dorothy and Gus (3), Chester and Betty (4), David and Lorilee (4), Edna and Graham (4), Lena and Ross (1). Now there are 35 great-grandchildren.

Our home was humble but many rich and famous people, plus very poor and down on their luck, were all welcome to have a meal; whatever they had they shared, from the highest to the lowest class; no one was ever turned away. They had many hardships and tears but they persevered. Great people. Mom passed away in 1965 and Dad in 1966, Charlie in 1943, Bobby in 1996 and Chester in 1997.

Schreyer, George and Lil

We're still in Parkdale, 53 years in the same house. Joy, happiness, and sadness with the death of our daughter Beverly Nicol in 1992 of cancer. Time heals all wounds so they say? Our family members are; Brian, Nancy, Ryan and Jodi Schreyer. Jim, (Beverly) Jimmy. Peni Nicol, Gregory Schreyer. Alan, Cheri, and Claytin Kasianchuk. Kelly, Darlene, Jay and Danny Allardyce.

Changes move with the years. George retired from farming (was sick for a year) decided he'd better get active again, started a meat business enjoying life and the challenge. We've developed the land behind our house "Parkdale Place", a wonderful group of friends and neighbours, a good place to raise a family. We have a get together in summer, Golf and Barbeque; in winter, a bowling tournament followed by a terrific supper. I've retired from public life but still go to Bingo. George is still on the school board 1948 - 1999, he's the longest active board member in all of Canada.



Lil & George Schreyer - 50th Wedding Anniversary - July 8, 1995.

In 1995 we celebrated our 50th Anniversary. I would like to share a poem with you, written by Cheri.

This poem is dedicated to our parents, George and Lil Schreyer who will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary July 8, 1995.

There are gifts within my family, that I've cherished
all my years

A source of inspiration; a calming to my fears.

They truly are a treasure; a joy that I behold,

And to me, they've come more precious, as every
year unfolds.

I look at them in wonder, for all life's brought them
through.

These jewels in my family, a gift to very few.

They've weathered out the seasons, these gems, so
pure and rare,

And if you look at them more closely, you'll see a
perfect pair.

More radiant than the sunshine, for they brighten up
each day.

A diamond in life's journey; a guide to show the
way.

Silver, Ruby, Golden, the beauty they impart.

Is a present very special, a priceless piece of art.

Oh, this gift, within my family, I've treasured since
a child.

They gave me strength, stability, and showed to me,
what's style!

They gave our house their magic; turned it into a
home,

And all who dwelled within it, no heart could ever
roam.

Oh my treasure, I've been given, is a blessing from
above.

For this gift, is my Dear Parents, my source of Pride
and Love.

Schreyer, Leonard and Elsie

We reside at 5240 Hwy #9, St. Andrews. We came to St. Andrews in 1951, to what was then Lot 15 Parkdale. D.K. Mills formerly owned the property. We originated in Beausejour, and chose this area because of its closeness to Winnipeg and Selkirk.

Leonard farmed on this lot until 1990, then it was sold and some of the property was divided into lots, as a housing development.

We did not attend school in St. Andrews, but our three sons Randy, Jim and Darrell did. Our family's interests were curling, hockey, basketball and volleyball.

Jim taught at the Selkirk Comprehensive Secondary School and coached the Selkirk Royals high school volleyball team, which won many provincial tournaments, for 18 years. Randy travels for Nordic Optical Eye Glass Frames throughout

Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Ontario. Darrell is a chiropractor in Seattle.

Two of our sons live on our property – Randy, his wife Donna, and their 3 children, Cory, Christy, and Kelly; and Jim, his wife Cheryl, and their 2 children Jennifer and Brett. Our youngest son Darrell, his wife Chantelle, and their daughter Madison live in Seattle, Washington.

We have made many wonderful friends here, and are so proud to be part of this community.

The Scraba Family In Matlock

by Mary Scraba nee Kayanka

Peter Scraba came to Canada from the Ukraine as a young man and settled in Stuartburn in southern Manitoba. He worked for the railway.

Tena Prokopchuk was ten years old when she came to Canada with her parents and sister from the Ukraine. She and Peter were married on November 24, 1904. Tena said that the Priest came by once a year to the area, so if you were contemplating marriage, you had to make up your mind quickly. That year, eighteen couples were united in marriage and she said that when they all knelt down to pray, the floor collapsed. Peter continued to work for the railway and later they opened a Drygoods, Grocery and Butcher Shop in Dominion City.

Peter and Tena had three children, William, Mary, and Michael who all attended school in Dominion City. In 1918, the family moved to Winnipeg. Peter purchased homes that were in need of repair and that became his occupation. In time he purchased, and they were caretakers for, an apartment building on Selkirk Avenue. Their lives were enriched by the many friends and just as many acquaintances they came to know from the church they attended as devoted parishioners. In 1954, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with many friends and family from Winnipeg. In 1959 Peter sold the apartment block and moved to Matlock to a home he had built for their retirement. In 1964, a 60th wedding anniversary was celebrated in Matlock. Four years later, Dad passed away at the age of 94. Mother continued to live alone in Matlock and in 1977 sold the home to William and Edith Waluk and moved to Winnipeg. She died in 1980 at the age of 90.

William Scraba

William 'Bill' was an ambitious young man. After the family moved to Winnipeg, he continued his education and later became interested in politics. He was first elected as a school trustee and later served as alderman for the City of Winnipeg. He was later elected to the Provincial Legislature. He married Joan Sikorski and they had a son Rudy.

William Scraba.



In 1945 William decided to build a hunting lodge on the Red River, just north of Selkirk. It was situated on the west side of the river between Breezy Point and Devil's Creek. Much of the building material was transported by a road that led to the site. The road was later washed away. The building was a beautiful log cabin when finished. The original plan was such that it could be separated into sections if a move was necessary. Many people dropped by to see what was going on. When finished, the main lodge had a huge fireplace and a high cathedral ceiling; a bar was located on one side with a kitchen and utility room at the back. Eventually hunters came, as well as Bill's friends from Winnipeg. The lodge was enjoyed by many until the 1950 flood. The water in the river often overflowed the banks, particularly when the wind blew from the north. The only way to the lodge was by boat from Breezy Point. Mr. Bill Burr lived at Breezy Point and he looked after the boat when it was put to shore. Bill was never satisfied unless he undertook a colossal problem; he decided to move the lodge to what is now called Chalet Beach on the south end of Lake Winnipeg. He acquired some land from the R.M. of St. Andrews and during the winter of 1951, he hired movers to take it across the Netley Marsh. The various sections were separated and the move was on. Unfortunately, the tractor pulling the main lodge fell through the ice on the marsh; however, the motors were kept running constantly until the problem was resolved. Once again the move continued and eventually all the sections of the building were placed on site.

In the spring, plans to enlarge the main lodge were drawn up and the final building became larger than the original. A second floor was added, with bedrooms and bathrooms. In the meantime the two adjoining buildings were put together as another building on the site. A third home was moved in which had been built for Harry Greyeyes, who was a caretaker on the river, and his family, and later was fixed up for Mike Sigurdson, a retired fisherman

who eventually became the caretaker for the lake properties. Not satisfied with what he had already built, Bill envisioned a dance hall and restaurant to accommodate tourists and the residents of Matlock and the surrounding area. Before long that dream was realized and many dances were held with all the young people in the area enjoying the fun. McKenzie Road along the lake shore was the only means of getting in, and in order to access the dance hall, a road was built through the marsh. With tons of rock, gravel and with much effort, a road was built for the project. A bridge had to be built across the creek in order to access the road which led directly to the lodge.

But again, high water was a threat to new activities. Many times the marsh road was under water because of the north winds causing flooding on the road. The project became more than Bill could handle and eventually, he sold it to a new owner who eventually sold it to Peter Lazarenko from Netley Airport. The dance hall and other buildings were dismantled and the lumber was used to build warehouses at the airport for his business. The building that was put on the shore line from the original plan was moved across the lake and is now on Gimli Road in Matlock. It was purchased by a Frank and Emma Dziedziec from Winnipeg. It changed hands a few more times and is now owned by Michael Brentnall. The main lodge burnt to the ground on New Years Day in the late 1960's and it is my understanding that Mr. Lazarenko still owns the property. Bill moved to Toronto and died in 1971 at the age of 64. It was Bill with his visions that brought the Scraba family to the R.M. of St. Andrews on Gimli Road.

Michael Scraba married the former Mary Kayanka in Winnipeg in 1944. Shortly after the wedding, he became quite involved with the lodge that his brother Bill was building on the river. He was a professional painter and on the weekends he did all the painting on the log cabin. Beautiful wall panelling was artistically stained by Michael. The outside was oil stained brown. Once it became liveable, wife Mary and daughter Barbara who was only three years old at that time, often spent weekends with family and friends. When the lodge was moved to Lake Winnipeg, a decision to build a cottage for ourselves was realized.

Many enjoyable times were spent with family and friends on weekends and holidays. We also experienced difficulty getting to our cottage and it became quite trying at times. I recall a late October storm on the lake in the 1950's, the Mackenzie Road along the lake shore was completely eroded. Trees were uprooted and there was no other way to get in



Michael & Mary Scraba.

except by the Marsh Road. Difficult high water in 1955 was the reason to move to higher ground. We approached Dan Rogoski to purchase three lots next to the cottage that Bill moved on Gimli Road. Michael's sister Mary and her husband Steve Skibitsky shared the three lots with us. In February of 1956 we moved our cottage and Steve moved the home that was built for the caretaker, to Matlock on Gimli Road. The last lot on the block is where the parents built their home.

Once we had the cottage in Matlock, a decision to move here permanently was made. It took three years to get ready to accommodate the family. We finally moved out in June 1959 with Barbara who was 14 years of age and Kathy who was three years of age.

The challenge of landscaping and building was exciting and we quickly integrated into the community. Michael commuted to Winnipeg to work. He purchased an 'overhead door' business in Winnipeg and operated this with the help of Mary until his retirement in 1980.

Barbara married Norman Hawryluk from Winnipeg Beach. They now reside in Kamsack, Saskatchewan where they run the 'Hawryluk Agency' which is a Real Estate, Insurance and Travel agency. They have two children, Trevor and Deanna. Kathy, the younger daughter married Lawrence Borys from Melville, Saskatchewan. They now live in Whitby, Ontario where Lawrence is an electronic technician for a computer firm. They have two sons, Randy and Christopher, both are still in school.

Michael passed away in 1986 at the age of 74. Mary still lives in Matlock on the Gimli Road and is very involved, as well as being the treasurer, for the Matlock Recreational Club. She attends the Winnipeg Beach United Church which she actively supports.

Semaniuk, John and Annie

John Semaniuk came from Poland in 1927 at the age of 25. He settled predominantly in Manitoba. In 1935 on September 21st. he married Annie Parfaniuk of Rossdale. They lived on a thirteen acre homestead in Rossdale up to 1945. In the fall of '45, they purchased an 80 acre farm on Fort Garry Road, section 31-13-04 SE. They grew grain crops, raised animals and were avid market gardeners. John and Annie had 2 children. Russell was born in 1938 and Irene in 1944. John farmed up to 1978 when he died. His wife Annie survived till the time of her death in 1999. Russell and his wife Agnes looked after the farm after John's death. They have 2 sons, Marty (30) and Dwayne (28), who reside in Vancouver now. Irene has one daughter Laura (32) from a former marriage. Laura and her husband Torin Smolinski live in Clandeboye. Both Russell and Irene attended Cloverdale School #577.

As of now, Russell and Agnes are living on this homestead.



Back row – Annie & John Semaniuk. Front row – Irene & Russell.