

The Senavich Family

by Carol Pashko

Our grandfather, William Senavich, settled in the R. M. of St. Andrews in 1912. He, like many other Ukrainian immigrants, left their homeland and worked in the mines of Pennsylvania before settling in Canada. He acquired a small amount of land on Poplar Avenue and Cedar Street. He chose this area since his brother Michael had previously moved to the R. M. acquiring land on Church Road near the Polish cemetery. William married in 1914 and soon began a family. Estella was born in 1916 and Michael in 1918. As often happened in those days, William's wife died shortly after the birth of her second child leaving William with an infant and toddler. Fortunately, his sister-in-law was able to help care for the children until he married again in 1918. He married Ann Dowhan of Komarno, Manitoba. She too, was originally from Ukraine. In 1920 our father, Peter, was born and in 1922 his brother Albert.

Farming was the livelihood of many at that time. They raised a few cattle, pigs and chickens, as well as growing vegetables and some grain. Cream, eggs, and vegetables were sold at the markets in Winnipeg. A trip to the city was an all day event; by horse and wagon in the summer, and by horse and sleigh in winter. In winter, great care had to be taken when transporting vegetables to avoid freezing. Stones would be heated in wood burning stoves and then placed between bags of potatoes before being covered by horse blankets in order to withstand the long, cold journey to Winnipeg.

Our father and his siblings attended St. Andrew's School. They were transported by school bus which would be best described as a horse drawn van in summer and a horse drawn covered sleigh in winter. The local community club did not exist, but a group of boys including Peter (Dad) and his brother Albert organized a hockey team and called themselves the St. Andrew's Aces. The boys would walk down to the Red River, which was a 3½ mile walk for Dad and Uncle Albert, to clear the ice and play hockey.

Community members got involved in developing and improving their local community. Since many Ukrainians settled in this part of the municipality, there was a need for a Ukrainian Church. Our grandfather William and his brother Mike helped build the first Ukrainian Catholic Church in Rosedale. William also hauled gravel by horse and wagon to help develop the roads in the area.

Over the years more land was acquired on Poplar Avenue and Bay Road by William and later by Peter. Although a variety of vegetables continued

to be grown, potatoes became the major vegetable crop. Potatoes were stored in a root cellar as well as the basement of the new home which was built in 1942.

In 1950 both William and Ann passed away. By this time, Estella McKellar (nee Senavich) was living in Orangeville, Ontario. Her two sons, John and Bill, also live in Ontario. Her husband Jim is deceased. Mike soon left the farm, but lived in the municipality until his demise in 1997. Albert married in 1946 and had seven children: Gail, Ron, Charlotte, Brian and Dwayne of Manitoba, David of Saskatchewan, and Linda of British Columbia. Albert lived near the family farm until his death in 1969.

In 1955 Peter married Jean Chubaty of Rosa, Manitoba. Rural life was nothing new to Jean. She grew up on a farm as well. In 1956 Mom and Dad bought a television. Theirs must have been one of the first TV's in the neighbourhood because every evening neighbours would gather in their living room to watch television. Saturday Night Wrestling was a crowd favourite.

Mom and Dad worked side by side on the farm. In winter, spring, and summer they performed all farm tasks. In the fall, however, hired help was needed in harvesting the potato crop. I can recall Dad travelling as far as Dallas, Manitoba to pick up workers. For a couple of weeks a year (or as long as it took) one of our granaries was transformed into a cabin for the workers. When the job was completed Dad would take the workers home. By the 1970's it was no longer necessary to travel to rural areas for workers. While Dad was out on the field early digging potatoes, Mom would drive into Winnipeg to pick up workers for the day. Sometimes, good, dependable help was hard to find. There would be days when Mom would return from Winnipeg with only one or two workers only to find that Dad had dug several rows of potatoes in anticipation of more help.

As a young child, I recall my parents keeping a couple of cows and pigs, and a few chickens. By the early 1970's they no longer kept any livestock. Their efforts were put into the potato crop which had grown during the 60's and 70's. Wheat continued to be grown. And of course, Mom always planted a big garden.

Peter and Jean Senavitch had three daughters: Sharon, Carol and Angelica. We all attended St. Andrew's School and graduated from Lord Selkirk Regional School. Sharon and Carol both continued their education at the University of Winnipeg where they both received Bachelor of Education Degrees. We also enjoyed participating in local community club sports.

Peter died in 1990. Jean still lives at the same residence on Cedar Street. Sharon married Roy Hooker of Selkirk. They have two sons: Matthew and Scott. Carol married John Pashko of Winnipeg. They have two children: Thomas and Nicole. Angie married Vern Warkentin of Glenlea. They have two daughters: Kayla and Sara. Our children have all attended St. Andrew's School. We all live in the R. M. of St. Andrews. Sharon and Roy Hooker built a home on Bay Road. Carol and John Pashko built a home on Poplar Avenue. Angie and Vern Warkentin have property on Poplar Avenue. All of this property was once farmed by our parents.

The Setter Family

Andrew Setter (1777-1870), an Orkney man from Rapeness, Westray, entered the service of the Hudson's Bay Company in 1798. He was married to Margaret Spence, the mixed-blood daughter of James Spence, also of the Orkneys, on January 28, 1821 at Beaver Creek. The Reverend John West officiated at the wedding and the same day he baptized four of their twelve children – James, George, Margaret, and Isabella. The names of other children were Elizabeth, Anne, Catherine, Mary, and John.

During the first ten years of his employment, Andrew was attached to the York Factory District, then from 1811-1819 he was employed as a "steersman" in the Saskatchewan district. He served in a similar capacity in the Upper and Lower Red River districts until 1823 when he retired to the Lower Red River Settlement.

Other Orkney antecedents in the Setter family were James Spence, James Morwick, James Calder, John Inkster, and William Sinclair as well as James Sutherland of Scotland.

The oldest son, James Setter (b 1810), was a farmer who married Jane Morwick (1817-1857) also of mixed-blood and they had eight children. Their names were Alexander, Margaret, Sarah (Sally), Nancy, Isabella, John Thomas, Jane (Jeannie), and William. Many of their descendants still live in the Selkirk-St. Andrews area; many more are spread across Canada and the United States.

Alexander (1856-1924) the youngest son of James and Jane and best known as Big Alex, married Isabella Anne Sutherland, daughter of William Richard and Margaret (Inkster). They had eight children: Margaret, William James, Archibald, Elizabeth Jane, Mary Isabelle (Molly), Ernest, Annie Inkster and John Richard. Four of Alex and Isabella's children married and had families. Another child, a niece named Agnes Margaret Sutherland, was legally adopted but retained the family name of Sutherland. William and Elizabeth

died. Archie and Molly never married. Margaret (1888-1967) married Frank Philpott. Their children were Frank, Alfred and Anne, Gordon, Raymond, Gladys, and Mary.

Hawley, Annie Inkster (1890-1972)

by Bill Hawley

Annie Setter, born September 17, 1890 at St. Andrews, Manitoba, was married to Francis James Hawley in 1912 at Selkirk. They moved to St. Paul, Minnesota where sons Norman Francis (1912-1981) and Clifford Emerson (1916-1996) were born. They moved back to Manitoba and Anne taught school in the Norwood School District while she raised her sons alone. She also worked on the S.S. Kenora before moving, with her sons, to Chicago in 1926. She died in Dodge City in 1972.

Norman and Clifford lived in Chicago and then Dodge City, Kansas but as youngsters returned to Canada in the summers to work on their uncle's farm.

Norman joined the Army Air Corps as a pilot in WWII. He married Lillian Lois Street on August 4, 1943 in Rivershead, New York. After the war he joined Clifford in Dodge City where they formed a venetian blind business. He later worked for the FAA and sold real estate before retiring. He died December 20, 1981 in Dodge City. Norman and Lois' children are: Richard James (b. 1944) married Carol Cole in 1965. He married Pat Hawley in 1977. Married Lynne Anderson in 1985. Katherine Anne (b.1947) married Thomas Linklater. John David was born in 1949. Deborah Lee (b. 1952) married Bruce Lewane and has 3 children and one grandchild. Norma Jean (b. 1953) married Rowland Brau. She later married Billy Clark, then Alan Tillary. She has two children and two grandchildren.

Clifford also joined the Army Air Corps in WWII and married Dorothy Smiskol in 1942 in Chicago. With Norman he owned a business and then a Winnebago motor home business in 1967. He retired in 1983. He was a musician and a bandleader most of his life. He was killed in a car accident in Florida. Clifford and Dorothy's children are: Leonard Allen (b. 1934) married Marjorie Wade and has 4 children and 8 grandchildren. William Francis (b.1944) married Karen Turner and has 2 children and one grandchild. Roy Robert (b. 1942) married Susie Howard. They have two children. Bonnie Elizabeth (b. 1954) is married to Dave Freshour and has two children. Lenore Anne (b. 1956) is married to Joe Barfoot and has three children.

John Richard Setter (1897-1973)

by Joyce Baisley

John Setter married Mabel Elizabeth Brown (b.

1912) in 1927. John and Mayme had four children: Lionel Richard, Joyce Lorraine, Lois Anne and Helen Arlene.

Lionel, a miner and prospector whose work took him to Australia and Indonesia, died in 1976 in British Columbia. His wife Mary and his son John who married Nicki Langerzelder survive him. They have a son Stuart.

Lois married Delmar Robinson from Clandeboye. They have three children: Gregory (b. 1956) is married to Marnie. They live in Calgary. Debbie married Larry Kolk and has two children, Taylor and Kaitlin, and lives in Petersfield. Darlene married Ken Melvin, and lives in Winnipeg with their two children.

Joyce (b. 1929) of Powell River, British Columbia married Maurice Baisley (d. 1990). They had twin sons Pat and Kerry and a daughter Janine. Pat, a helicopter pilot in the Air Force is married to Monica Brewer of Halifax. Kerry is a social worker in Vancouver. Janine married Tony Vandersloot. They live in Medicine Hat, Alberta with their three children John, Katie, and Matthew.

Arlene (b. 1941) has a son Michael married to Heidi Campbell who has two children, Tiffany and Brandon.

Sutherland, Agnes Margaret (1902-1996)

by Doug Sutherland

Agnes moved to British Columbia as a young woman. Her son Douglas Blondal (b.1942) married Joyce Marie Foss (b. 1945). They had three sons and a daughter. They were divorced in 1995. Scott Douglas (b. 1968) married Kristy Lynn Hoffman. Children Darren Douglas (b.1993) and a daughter Briann Amelia (b. 1997). Shane Fraser was born in 1969. Trevor Stuart George (b. 1970) married Shannon Carol Jobber have a daughter Kristen Leanne (b. 1995). Sherry Lynn was born in 1972.

Ernest Setter (1899-1968)

by Gwen Robinson

Ernest married Roberta Frances Kirkness (1903-1984) herself a descendent of Orkney stock. Born in Meadowdale, Ernest lived and farmed in the area for forty-four years where he served as Councillor for the Rural Municipality of St. Andrews for sixteen years and then a further four years as Reeve. He was Chairman of the Selkirk General Hospital Board and a trustee of the Provincial Drainage Board. He retired to Surrey, British Columbia in 1962.

Ernest and Roberta had four children: William, Shirley, Gwendolyn and James. William Alexander (1927-1986) married Muriel Catherine Alice

Bassford who died in 1962. He then married Sylvia Hodgins (1965) and adopted her two children, Douglas and Starla. Divorced. He married Marion Cox in 1978. Shirley Isabelle (1928-1992) married Jack Wienecke (1927-1993). Though they lived in Vancouver, Washington, Shirley retained her citizenship. Their son, Michael Craig (b. 1963) now lives in Seattle, Washington. Gwendolyn Doreen (b. 1929) married Vernon Stanley Nelson in Winnipeg in 1953. Vern died in Heidelberg, Germany in 1962. Her marriage to John Douglas Robinson in 1965 ended in divorce in 1978. Gwen lives in Sechelt, British Columbia. Gwen and Vern had three daughters. Sherri-Lynn Setter (b. 1954) married William Hamilton in 1978. They have two sons; Aaron Vernon (b. 1976) who has a daughter Maiyah Brianne (b. 1994). He will marry Gina Crosby in July 1999. William Alexander (b. 1977), at 6' 4" Alexander takes after his great-grandfather, Big Alex. Sabine Ruth (b.1960, Zweibrücken, Germany) is married to Anthony Williams of Roberts Creek, British Columbia. They have three daughters: Shaunna-Rae Isabella (b. 1992), Alaina Nicole (b. 1995), Krystal Lynne (b. 1997). Shelly Verne (b. 1962 Zweibrücken, Germany), was married to Hector Alvarado in 1992. They live in Richmond, British Columbia.

James Ernest Setter (1930-1990)

by Idella Setter

Jim married Idella Jane Aitkens (b. 1937) of Boissevain, Manitoba in 1959. At the time of his death he was Dean of the Diocese of Rupert's Land and Rector of Saint John's Cathedral, Winnipeg. His early ministry was spent in rural Manitoba followed by two years in a group ministry in Epsom, England. He returned to Winnipeg in 1969 to become rector of St. Mark's, St. Vital then served as Chaplain at the University of Manitoba and St. John's College while studying for his Master's Degree in English. He was rector of All Saint's for seven years before his appointment as Dean in 1982.

He was proud of his heritage and was a member of the Manitoba Metis Federation. In accepting the request to become Chaplain to the Lord Selkirk Settler's Association he said – with a twinkle in his eye: "My only qualification for this position is that my ancestors were on the shore waving a welcome to yours as they arrived at Red River to begin a settlement."

Jim and Idella had three children. David Andrew Aitkens (b. 1963) married Sarah Alan Copeland. They live in Los Angeles, California with their daughter Kathryn Aline (b. 1998). Mary-Joanne (b. 1967) lives in Vancouver, British Columbia. Robert

Sean (b. 1968 in Epsom, England) also lives in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Idella lives in Sechelt, British Columbia.

Shachtay, John and Alice

John Shachtay was born December 27, 1918 in Chicago, Illinois USA.

John's father, Andrew, worked for a local funeral parlour driving a hearse with a team of horses.

In 1921 Andrew received information from his father that there was land for sale in New Valley, Manitoba so his wife Agnes, and their four sons packed all they could and moved to New Valley where they purchased 160 acres of land from the Arborg Municipality. They farmed the land until they moved to Winnipeg in 1948.

Andrew and Agnes had a family of eight sons: Mike, John (Alice), Stanley (Ema), Joe (Nellie), Kaz, Nick (Freda), Walter (Sofie) and Harry (Ann). Walter and Harry are both deceased. Andrew passed away in 1984 at the age of 101 and Agnes in 1987 at the age of 102.

John went commercial fishing at the age of 14 with Chris Thorgalson and Stanley Einerson from 1932 – 1938 in Gimli and Berry Island. John enlisted in the army in 1940 and served until 1941. He then worked at a threshing gang in Emerson, where he met his wife to be Sahra Duek. They were married in 1943. In 1948 they moved back to Winnipeg where they purchased a store with his parents at 60 Edward Avenue. Leaving his wife to tend the store, he went brush cutting in McArthur Falls, Manitoba. John built their home in 1950 located at 393 St. Annes Road, St. Vital and continued working for General Oil and Husky Oil.

John and Sahra had a family of four children; Victor, Alvin, Gladys and Gloria.

Victor residing in Didsbury, Alberta, has six children, Johnny (Drew), Vincent (Chelsea & Kira), Trevor, Derek, Sahra and Victoria.

Alvin and his wife Christine reside in Winnipeg with their two daughters, Bonny (Andrew Pollreis) and Diane (children Tyler and Kayla).

In 1960, John lost his beloved wife, Sahra, and two daughters, Gladys and Gloria in a tragic boating accident. John was left to raise two young boys on his own.

Alice Shachtay was born Mary Alice Blanche Valley to Joseph Hebert Valley and Victoria Jistine Brownsell in 1928 in Sioux Lookout, Ontario. They resided in McDougall Mills and Alice attended school in Ghost River and Sioux Lookout. My father, Joe Valley, worked for the CNR and my mother worked for Mrs. Coventry's Resort in Ghost River, Ontario and later moved to Winnipeg.

In 1943, in Ghost River, Ontario, Alice married Denis Boily who originated from La Broquerie, Manitoba and they had five children, Florence, Richard, Evelyn, Denis and Melvin.

Florence Kauffeldt (Alex), had five children, Franky, Tom, Darleen, Florence and Denise Chodochuk (Mike) and their children Amanda and Casy.

Richard died at the age of three months.

Evelyn Mikolash (Jack) had two children, Cheryl and Kevin (Lucille).

Denis Boily (Shirley), had a son Ernie (Michelle) and a daughter Deanna.

Alice's husband, Denis, passed away in 1956. She then worked as a Nurses Aid until she married Mike Boyko in 1958. In 1960, Mike Boyko lost his life in the same boating accident as John Shachtay's wife Sahra and two daughters, Gladys and Gloria.

In 1960 Alice and John set up housekeeping to bring up the remaining six children as one family residing in St. Vital until 1985. In 1964 we bought a cottage located at Lot # 4, Breezy Point, next to John's brother Mike Shachtay, who lived on Lot # 5, then in 1974, there was a terrible flood, everyone got water in their cottages and Mike's cottage was split in half. John and Alice lifted seven cottages and placed cement under the buildings. In 1985 John and Alice moved to their cottage and in 1986 the ice backed up from the flood, broke their windows, walls, tables, chairs and pushed the deep freeze through an adjoining wall. Their problems were not over, as in 1988 the cottage burned ... the home was rebuilt the same year.

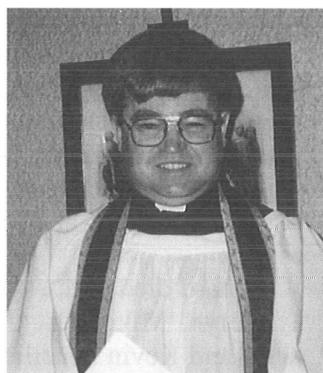
The first building in Breezy Point was a railway caboose car located at Lot # 6 with owners being Edward and Ollie Cheys. The flood of 1997 was the demise of the caboose. The hydro from the building was ripped out and the building was pushed by the water and ice off the cement blocks across the main road. With the help of the Municipality of St. Andrews who supplied the heavy equipment, the caboose was dragged back to its original location, but the walls and floors were destroyed beyond repair from the flooding and moving so the caboose was dismantled and burned.

During the floods of 1995 – 1997 the residents of Breezy Point would especially like to thank the St. Andrews Fire Department and Constable Curly Gagnon for the help and assistance that was received in patrolling the sightseers and preserving the road from unnecessary vehicular traffic.

The Reverend Sharman

The Rev. Stephen Sharman was appointed to St. Andrews Parish; St. Andrews on the Red, St.

The Reverend S.C.
Sharman – 1999.



Thomas Church, Lockport and St. Matthew's Church, Cloverdale in 1987. Prior to that, from 1981 - 1987, he was rector of the Woodlands - Stony Mountain group of parishes; St. Georges, Woodlands, Christ Church, Stony Mountain, St. Michaels, Grosse Isle, St. Lukes, Poplar Heights and St. Oswalds, Argyle, assistant of Christ Church, Selkirk, and incumbent of the Western Beaches; All Saints, Whytewold, St. Bartholomew, Winnipeg Beach and St. Augustine of Hippo, Gimli.

Fr. Sharman was born in the United Kingdom in 1951 and came to Canada in 1953. He was educated at Brandon University BA, the University of Victoria MA, the University of Toronto MA and St. Johns College, Winnipeg, M. Divinity.

He served in the Queens Forces in the Militia as an officer in the artillery and as a chaplain.

He is the archivist for the Anglican Diocese of Rupert's Land and a writer for the Rupert's Land News.

The Shelemy Family

by **Guy Shelemy**

Samuel and Ann Shelemy

Samuel Shelemy was born in Liski, District of Sokal, Ukraine on April 9, 1900 to parents Harry and Anastasia. The youngest of a family of nine, Sam's teenage years were horribly scarred by the effects of the First World War. Sam came to Canada in 1926 after having been trained as a communications specialist in the Polish Army and feeling premonitions of a second major war.

Sam worked in various occupations after coming to Canada, often moving across the country in search of work. Most notable, he worked on construction of the CNR line near St. Paul, Alberta and the Seven Sister's and Slave Falls Powerhouses in Manitoba before meeting his future wife Ann while working as a harvester in Red Rose, Manitoba.

Ann Shelemy nee Grabowski was born in Winnipeg on September 25, 1913 to parents John and Catherine. When she was eight months old, her mother took her to visit family in L'vov, Ukraine

and they became stranded by the onset of the First World War. In 1922, they were allowed to return to Canada and reunited with John who had by then established a homestead in Red Rose, Manitoba. Ann learned English very quickly – a valuable asset among the immigrant Ukrainian settlers – becoming a teaching assistant, elections officer and serving as Canada's youngest female Postmistress, from 1928 to 1934 in the Dallas/Red Rose District.

The couple married in 1934 and raised four children; Harry (1936), Mary-Ann (1938), Wally (1940) and Annette (1951). After spending their first year of marriage with Ann's parents, the couple purchased 50 acres of land and rented another 240 acres near Vivian, Manitoba where medical bills from family illness financially devastated the farm. With Sam in search of work, the family moved to Transcona where Sam worked as a boilermaker for CN's Transcona Shops. In 1944 the family moved to Vernon, BC in search of a warmer climate, but after nine years of finding only seasonal employment in housing construction, orchard work, logging, and beekeeping, the family decided to move to Hamilton, Ontario in 1953. Once there, Sam found fourteen years of steady work at the Ontario Box Factory and both sons gained employment with Canada Post.

By 1963 however, the environmental pollution from Hamilton's factories had become bad enough to once again affect the family's health prompting both sons to apply for a transfer to Winnipeg. The rest of the family followed – except for Sam who would follow almost five years later – where Ann found employment as a seamstress with Olympic Sportswear.

In 1968, Sam gained employment as a maintenance man for the Winnipeg Bus Depot and soon after, bought half of the eight acres his son Harry had purchased in St. Andrews. By then, their children had left home and Sam and Ann were in their last years of gainful employment. Sam retired from his last job at the Winnipeg Bus Depot in 1970 and started a U-Pick raspberry and strawberry farm. Ann retired from her last job as a seamstress for Rice Sportswear in 1977 and worked with her husband on the berry farm until the onset of Alzheimer disease in 1986. The couple had home-care for a number of years before moving to Holy Family Nursing Home in 1990. Ann passed away on March 7, 1992 and Sam followed on March 31, 1994. Their daughter Annette and son-in-law Robert Havens lived in the home briefly, and the residence was sold out of the family in April, 1995.

Harry and Roseanne Shelemy

Harry was born in Red Rose, Manitoba on

January 3, 1936. While growing up, the family moved numerous times and he reached the age of majority in Hamilton, Ontario where he started with Canada Post in 1954. In 1963, he transferred to Winnipeg's Main Post Office and eventually met Roseanne at a cousin's wedding social.

Roseanne nee Prystupa was born on a farm near Leoville, Saskatchewan to parents Joseph and Michalina nee Youst on September 12, 1940. In 1949, the family moved their farm to Woodlands, Manitoba where Roseanne completed high school. She graduated in 1958 and moved to Winnipeg where she first worked in Eaton's mail order department. In 1962, she changed jobs to work as an administrative assistant at the Winnipeg General Hospital.

Harry and Roseanne were married in 1965 and continued to live for a short time in Winnipeg. After their second son was born, Harry purchased eight acres on St. Andrews road and split the lot with his parents who would become their next door neighbours. In 1968, the family moved to St. Andrews where they eventually raised five children; Guy (1966), Steve (1967), Tanya (1969), Vala (1971), and Tracy (1972).

In 1974, the family started a small hobby farm with goats, chickens, geese, honey bees, numerous cats and the occasional dog. Four acres of land provided alfalfa for the goats and Roseanne's farming parents generously supplied the grain.

The children attended St. Andrew's School except for Vala who had been born with Down's Syndrome. Vala attended a special education program at the Daerwood School in Selkirk. The family was also active with St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Winnipeg where the children attended Saturday morning catechism classes and Guy and Steve participated in the parish's alter boy club. Guy, Steve and Tanya were also enrolled in music lessons; violin, accordion, guitar respectively. Today, Guy has continued to follow a career path in the entertainment industry.

In 1979, Harry transferred to the Gimli Post Office and the family moved to the Interlake where several family members continue to live.

The Shelemy's in 2000

Guy moved back to the St. Andrews family home in 1985. Previously, the home had been rented during the family's absence and Guy moved back after completing high school at St. Vladimir's College in Roblin, Manitoba and obtaining employment in Winnipeg. Since then, the residence has served as a second home for the family as the children attended university. Steve also attended St. Vladimir's College and moved back in 1986 to

obtain both Physics and Electrical Engineering Degrees from the University of Manitoba, followed by Tanya in 1987, who has since graduated from Physiotherapy (1997) and Tracy in 1990 who has since graduated from Occupational Therapy (1999).

Harry retired from Canada Post in 1991, after almost 35 years service, and now co-manages, with Roseanne, Shelemy's Store in Gimli which sells used books and sewing notions. Roseanne also does good business as the town's seamstress and Harry operates the local U-Haul rental.

The children continue to live active lives. Vala collects a disability pension and resides with Harry and Roseanne – remaining active in many of the community's special needs program. Both Tanya (Kozera) and Tracy (Yablonski) have married and live in the Fraserwood area. They commute to Winnipeg each day where Tanya works as a Physiotherapist and Tracy is an Occupational Therapist. Steve has graduated with both Physics (1992) and Electrical Engineering (1999) degrees and currently works for Manitoba Hydro. Guy continues to live in St. Andrews and is a twice graduate of the University of Winnipeg's Professional Development Programs; Communications (1997) and Management Studies (1999). He is now pursuing a multi-faceted career in the areas of business and entertainment.

Skaritko, Ron and Betty Ann by Betty Ann Skaritko nee Rogoski

Continued from Page 433 of Beyond the Gates of Lower Fort Garry, Volume one Our mother Phyllis passed away June 6, 1974 at the age of 81. This was a difficult time for us all as she was a very special person. Dad missed her terribly but was fortunate to have good health and support from his family. He had nine years on his own until his passing on April 17, 1983 at the age of 87. They always looked forward to the visits with their grandchildren; their passing left a void in our lives as well as that of their grandchildren.

We are very proud that Dad had the foresight to subdivide the property on Matlock and Gimli Road (known as Dan's Acres). It has now been fully developed. We are living on a street named after our dad called "Daniel" and one of his grandsons, Grant, is living on Grant Street. Our homestead is now being rented out.

Helen still lives in Toronto. Her husband Bill Leggat was a self-employed accountant. Bill passed away October 3, 1985 at a young age of 61. Helen retired from a large insurance company and maintains her home and especially enjoys looking after her flowers.

Frank who married Carrie Zelinitsky retired as

Constable and J.P. and from his real-estate business in Grand Beach in the early 80's. Upon his retirement Frank and Carrie moved to Winnipeg. They enjoyed their time in the city until Frank's untimely passing on April 24, 1988 at the age of 70 years. Carrie now resides in Edmonton in a nursing home. Their daughter Beverly is an X-ray technician in Edmonton. Beverly, who was married to Jim Beveridge, lost her husband on November 14, 1990 at the very young age of 46. He had just retired from the radar department at the Canadian Armed Forces base in Edmonton. Charlene has taken up residence in Galveston Texas, in the nursing profession.

Charlie and his wife Anne still live in Winnipeg Beach. Both keeping active in the Winnipeg Beach Legion, bingos, teas, dance etc. Their business known as Dan's Transfer has been sold and Charlie has enjoyed his retirement, but keeps busy. Charlie and Anne celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on May 15, 1998 at the Winnipeg Beach Legion with their sons, families, friends and bridal party attendants.

Charlie and Anne had three sons. Ron and Arlene nee Chicconi live in Edmonton and have a son Aaron (Jennifer) and daughters Nicole and Bailey. Gary and Evelyn nee Organski have two children Tammy and Brian and reside in Winnipeg. Grant and Grace nee Wasylowski reside in Matlock.

Victor, who married Ruby Kreamer, was with Dan's and Gimli Transfer until his untimely death at the age of 61 on November 30, 1985. Ruby passed away on December 3, 1987 at the age of 63. Their passing left a void for many people, especially their children Dan (Kim) and Larry (Barb), and grandchildren Jade and Randy (Paula).

Geraldine married Ken Mannes and they have a daughter Courtney and a son Kody. They also reside in Winnipeg.

Dennis and Shirlee nee Berarde reside in Winnipeg. Dennis is employed with Pembina Dodge as a car salesman and Shirlee retired in July 1997 as a salesperson at the Cosmetic Department at the Bay. Shirlee occasionally does special sales for the Elizabeth Arden line in cosmetics. Their two sons Robert and Todd reside with them.

Kay married George Counce, and they reside in Toronto. George has retired from Fiberglass Canada and Kay from Laura Secord Company. They were to start enjoying their retirement years when tragedy struck. On December 29, 1989, their daughter Lori died from cancer at a young age of 31. Lori left her two young sons Michael five, Matthew three and husband Glen. This was devastating to the family. The grandsons grew up to be great young men and enjoy spending time with grandparents. Dan, their

son, married Dianne and they have a son Michael and a daughter, Rebecca, as well, they are parents to Dianne's daughters, Kate and Sarah.

My husband Ron, who is a plumber by trade, worked with the Federal Government in the Fisheries and Oceans Department in the maintenance field for 23 years. We raised two children, Wayne and Sheryl.

Wayne attended Red River Community College and the University of Winnipeg and obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree, Double Major in Justice and Law Enforcement and Psychology, graduating also in Criminology. With this, he was employed as a customs officer in Emerson for three and a half years. He later became a private investigator and obtained another course to become a Certified Fraud Examiner and is now working with internal company thefts. Wayne married Judy Onyschuk on May 8, 1992. His wife Judy graduated from the University of Manitoba and is employed as a pharmacist. They were blessed with a beautiful daughter, Dana Rayne on August 8, 1997.

Our daughter Sheryl is a Group Underwriter for a large insurance company in Winnipeg for eighteen years. Sheryl and her fiancée Bill Woloskoski are planning a May 1999 wedding.

Ron and I were actively involved with the Matlock Recreational Club. Ron served as president from 1975 to 1989 while I served as secretary-treasurer from 1976 to 1992. For the last ten years, we house-sat in Winnipeg for the winter months, and back home for the summer for some enjoyable fishing and camping. Ron retired on May 30, 1995.

Ron and I celebrated our 40th anniversary September 6, 1998. Prior to that Ron lost Steve, his dad, on December 31, 1996 and Stella, his mom, on November 3, 1997.

In the future, we look forward to more grandchildren and good health for all.

Skazyk, Alex and Lena by Frances Skazyk

Alexander Skazyk was born in the village of Strey in Ukraine in 1895 and came to Canada in 1911. He resided in Selkirk and worked at the Manitoba Rolling Mills.

Lena Lakusciak was born in Winnipeg in 1908 and moved with her family to Rosedale when she was three.

Alex and Lena met and married in 1924 residing in Selkirk until 1935 when they purchased property at Lot 80, Donald Road, from Walter James McDonald. Together they ran a mixed farming operation and their vegetables and dairy products were taken weekly to the North End market to be sold.



Alex and Lena Skazyk and their Wedding Party, 1924.

Alex and Lena were members of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church where they served as committee members. Their home was a place for the parish priests to come after Mass to enjoy a home cooked meal, relax, and occasionally sleep over if transportation back to the city was unavailable till the following day.

They raised a family of five children: Anne, born in 1925, was married to Peter Pawulski and had three children, Donald, Jacqueline, and Wayne. Peter died in 1967. Anne remarried. Her husband Henry Yachison also had three children, Dean, David, and Gary. Anne and Henry live in Grande Point, Manitoba.

Bill born in 1928, was married to Elsie Chabluk and they had two children Doreen and Robert. Elsie passed away accidentally in 1978. Bill resides in Selkirk.

Harold, born in 1933, married Lillian Lysak and they had three children, Gordon, Brenda, and Lisa. Harold and Lillian live in Winnipeg.

Peter, born in 1936, married Frances Grochowich and they had three sons, Allan, Gregory, and Edward. Peter and Frances reside at the original farm site on Donald Road.

Walter, born in 1938, married Magdeline Kostiuk and they had two children, Jason and Tricia.

Walter and Magdeline reside on the property of Lena's parents, Martin and Anastasia Lakusciak, on Skazyk Road.

Alex died in 1956 and Lena died in 1984.

Skazyk, Peter and Frances

Peter was born in 1936, the son of Alexander and Lena Skazyk of Rosssdale. He attended Rosssdale School as a child and then took his apprenticeship in plumbing, at the same time helping out on the family farm in Rosssdale. In 1956, after the passing of his father, he took over the farming operation as well as continuing to work in the plumbing trade.

Frances was born in 1941, daughter of John and Sophie Grochowich of Selkirk. She attended Southward and Daerwood Schools and then Mapleton School after her parents moved to the R.M. of St. Andrews in 1953. After graduating from Selkirk Collegiate, she attended Teachers' College and then taught grades one to six in Seven Sisters Falls, Manitoba for two years.

Peter and Frances were married in 1961 and lived on the farm, building their new home in 1968, their home was shared with Peter's mother where she was the willing "built-in-babysitter," cook, and companion, until her death in 1984.

After their marriage, Peter continued operating



Peter & Frances Skazyk, Allan, Gregory & Edward.

the farm and was employed by the Department of Natural Resources (Parks branch), retiring in 1991. Frances taught at Victoria School in Selkirk for four years and since the arrival of their sons, has been a substitute teacher for the Lord Selkirk School Division.

Peter and Frances had three sons, Allan, Gregory, and Edward. All three attended St. Andrews School and Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School.

Allan, born in 1967, was a natural artist and entertainer. He danced with the Vitretz and Rusalka Ukrainian Dance Company and performed at many Rainbow Stage productions. After graduating from Red River College with an Advertising Art degree and being employed by several firms in Winnipeg, he has gone to Toronto to seek a career in animation art, which he is presently studying at Sheridan College.

Gregory was born in 1969 and graduated from the University of Winnipeg with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. He presently is employed as a customer service representative at National Tilden and resides in Winnipeg.

Edward, born in 1974, kept his parents busy driving him to hockey practices and games where he excelled as a goalie. After high school, he accepted a scholarship to Cornell University, Ithaca, New York where he played for the Big Red hockey team and was a member of the ECAC and Ivy League Championship team and earned the 1995-96 All-Ivy Goalie award. He graduated from Cornell with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management and is presently playing hockey for the Phoenix Mustangs of the West Coast Hockey League.

The Skazyk family has been long-time members of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church at Rossdale; both Peter and Frances serving on committees.

Peter was elected to the Council of the Rural Municipality of St. Andrews in 1989 and is presently in his fourth term as councillor.

Peter and Frances still reside at 455 Donald Road where they continue to enjoy farming and gardening.

Skibitzky, Stephen and Mary

Stephen Skibitzky was born 1898 in Kiev, Ukraine and immigrated to Canada as a young boy. His parents, Frank and Polly, settled in the Chatfield, Manitoba, district. Later the family moved to Winnipeg. Stephen was employed with Winnipeg transit for 48 years as a motor inspector with the streetcars and, in the last years before his retirement, the inspecting and repairing of trolley cars.

Stephen married Mary Scraba on June 22, 1929, the daughter of Peter and Justina. Mary was born in Dominion City, Manitoba where her parents owned and operated a general store. At an early age the



Mary and Stephen Skibitzky.

family moved to Winnipeg and another store was purchased at Arlington Street and Burrows Avenue. Mary had two brothers, William (Bill) and Michael. Also with the family was Peter and Annie Stefanyk, whom they raised in their home.

Mary graduated from St. Johns Technical School and at the early age of 19 owned and operated her own dressmaking business with 5 employees. Being very talented, the customer would bring in a picture of the item they wanted and she would design and make her own patterns.

Stephen and Mary had three children. Their oldest daughter Ruth married Michael Negrey and they have three girls; Michele, married Ken Watson of Edmonton, Angela Taylor and son Dallas of Kelowna, and Kristine, married Dave Lacroix of St. Albert, Alberta. They have two daughters, Shea and Autumn.

Their second daughter Elsie married Lloyd Engel and have three children, Wendel, Wendyne and Wenelda.

Their son Daniel married Iva Hilsen and they have two sons, Clinton and Colin. Dan resides in Winnipeg and has a mud jacking business called "Muddruckers".

Stephen purchased a home on the lakefront about 1950 at Chalet Beach. Due to no roads, floods and marsh, the only means of reaching the property was by boat. He decided in the winter of 1956 to move the house over the frozen lake to where it now stands at 20 Gimli Road in Matlock.

Stephen and Mary spent and enjoyed many summers here. Stephen loved the outdoors, landscaped the property and had a bountiful garden each summer on property he owned close by. In the 1970's they sold their home on Selkirk Avenue and moved to Matlock. Stephen died in 1980 at the age of 82, the result of an accident. Mary resided for many years in the house and then moved back to Winnipeg. She is now residing in Gravelbourg, Saskatchewan, in a nursing home.

The house continues to be part of the family. Ruth and her husband Michael Negrey purchased the house and after retiring in 1990, they have made it their permanent home.

See: The Scraba Family of Matlock

Skromeda, Fred and Mary by Marilyn Skromeda Woloshyn

Fred Skromeda was born in Tlomach, Ukraine in 1904. In 1927 he immigrated to Canada with his family – Mother, Stepfather, brothers Harry, Mike, Nick, and sister Mary.

The family operated a dairy farm very briefly in Parkdale.

Fred, a blacksmith by trade, worked in bush camps, construction of the Trans Canada Highway in the Kenora area as well as Jackson Gold Mine, north of Red Lake, Ontario.

In 1941 he purchased Lot 22 on the River Road known as the Clare Place for \$1600.00. The lot had 30 acres extending from River Road to Highway 9, five acres were cultivated, the remaining 25 acres were poplar and oak bush.

Fred married Mary Formaniuk in January 1941. Together they raised five children, Marilyn, Don, Bill, Harry, and Colleen.

Marilyn married Alex Woloshyn. They have four children, Mark and wife Leanne (Hart) and daughter Chanda. Chris and wife Deborah (Sawatzky) and son Alexander. Maryann and husband Paul Lee. Daughter Rosemarie.

Don married Marilyn Bochen and they have 2 daughters: Marlo and husband Greg Gusberti. Daughter Dayna.

Bill married Linda Malegus and they have 3 children: David and wife Candace (Nowell) and their two sons Kristian and Benjamin. Randal and wife Julie (Picklyk) and their 2 sons Nicholas and Lukas. Debra and husband Ron Hanson and their daughter Kaitlyn Marie.

Harry married Melanie Kitto and they have two daughters, Lindsey and Kelsey. Harry later remarried Jackie Randall and they have one daughter Karmin.

Colleen married Jim Rydz.

Acres of vegetables and potatoes were grown with machinery and horses provided by Jim McDonald. In 1942 potatoes were sold for 30 cents a 100 pound bag. Customers would come to the farm to buy produce throughout the week. The harvest was stored in a roothouse for the winter. The roothouse was a large deep dugout covered with straw, entered only on mild days.

The River Road was a very scenic drive for city folks to travel to Lockport where the Kenora docked. Mike Tokarchuk, an elderly Ukrainian bachelor was the first person to set up a little vegetable stand on the River Road. In 1945 Mary and Fred set up a roadside stand to sell vegetables on Sunday afternoons. The first Sunday brought in 30 cents. The heavy Sunday traffic provided a market for the freshly picked vegetables and freshly cooked corn on the cob. Business improved and as much as \$100.00 was brought in on a Sunday. Thanksgiving weekend would be very busy as customers would come for their winter supply of bags of potatoes, cabbage, carrots and onions.

As the years went on, all 30 acres of land were broken and cropped. The family rented an addition-



Roadside Stand on River Road 1953. Fred Skromeda & sons, Harry & Don.



Roadside Stand, Thanksgiving 1953.

al 40 acres, Marr's place, now known as Kimberly Place. Produce was now grown and sold to the wholesale market.

Truckloads of bunched vegetables went to the wholesale in Winnipeg twice a week – Monday and Wednesday during the peak harvest. Mary went to the Stella Avenue Market operating her own stand twice a week – Thursday and Saturday. The truck was loaded with a variety of fresh vegetables, chickens as well as fresh farm cream and cottage cheese that she prepared throughout the week. Fred worked at MacDonald Sheet Metal and later at the Manitoba Rolling Mills.

In the spring of 1991 the family sold the 30 acres and moved to a 255 acre farm on Lockport Road. The farming operation expanded and continued until 1969 when Fred and Mary sold and retired to Selkirk, Manitoba.

Don passed away in September of 1990. Mary passed away in December of the following year. Fred lived to be 95 years old and passed away May 17, 1999.

The family holds many cherished memories of



The Fred Skromeda Family. Back row – Donald, Mary, Fred, Colleen. Front row – Harry, Marilyn, Bill.

the fun on the river and the wonderful neighbours and friendships that were enjoyed.

Skrypnik, Thomas and Irene

Tymko (Thomas) Skrypnik, son of Pankiw and Teklia was born in the Ukraine, February 2, 1904. He met and married Yarena (Irene) Petryschak, daughter of Hnaut and Naschia, born October 29, 1908. This marriage took place in Capowci, Ukraine on October 17, 1926. There were three children born in the Ukraine – Maria (Mary), Wasyl (Bill), and Wlodimir (Walter). To complete their family, two more children were born in Canada, Doris in 1941 and Bohdan (Don) in 1944.

In 1938 their venture to Canada began. Pulled by two horses and a wagon, they packed a few belongings and left Capowci, Zaleszczyki on July 11, arriving at Czortkowie, then by train to Warszawy (Warsaw) arriving on the 15th of July. From Warsaw they arrived at Gdynia Port on July 21, boarded a ship to London, England arriving July 25. Their voyage continued on the Empress of Australia to Quebec, arriving on the 4th of August, finally by train to Winnipeg, settling in Lockport, Manitoba.

With what little money they were able to bring with them, they purchased fifty-five acres of land in the R.M. of St. Clements at \$35 an acre, one cow and two horses. A one-room log house was built the following year. Twenty acres of land was cleared, five acres by hand and fifteen by hiring a machine. Vegetables and grain were grown, Bill and Mary recall loading a wagon and selling vegetables door to door. In 1940 a democrat, which at that time was

a sophisticated wagon, was purchased and vegetables were transported to Selkirk.

Tom started working at the Manitoba Rolling Mill for 35 cents an hour and with that, and the sale of vegetables, saved enough to buy their first truck in 1947, and a tractor in 1951.

Later, Bill also started working for the Manitoba Rolling Mill and married the former Betty Babisky. They have three children Adrian, Terrence and Debra and lived at the home place at Lockport. Bill passed away in 1988.

Mary married Casimir Petaski, who is also a potato farmer, they have two sons, Dennis and James and are living in Lockport.

In 1963 Doris married Joe Merriman, they with their two sons, Lee and David are living in Regina, Joe is employed by the Federal Government.

Walter stayed and worked on the farm while his dad continued working at the mill. In order to expand the farming area, they purchased 220 acres of land in 1954 from Mike Dubowitz (the former McLennan Farm) in the R.M. of St. Andrews. This was an area that overlooked the beautiful Red River; also, referred to as the Ravaging Red River in the year of the flood. An underground potato storage was built and potato farming became their main farming enterprise along with a small beef herd. A house, garage and a hog barn were added in 1959 and hogs were added to their farming enterprise.

Tom and Irene celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1976 with many friends and relatives consisting of their five children, husbands and wives; twelve grandchildren; and one great grandson. Tom lived to see another great-grandchild born, and passed away in February 1977. Shortly after his death, Irene moved to Selkirk leaving her home to her youngest son Don, his wife Marilyn and their children Everett, Melanie, Amanda and Daniel. Irene continues living in Selkirk and celebrated her 90th birthday last year.

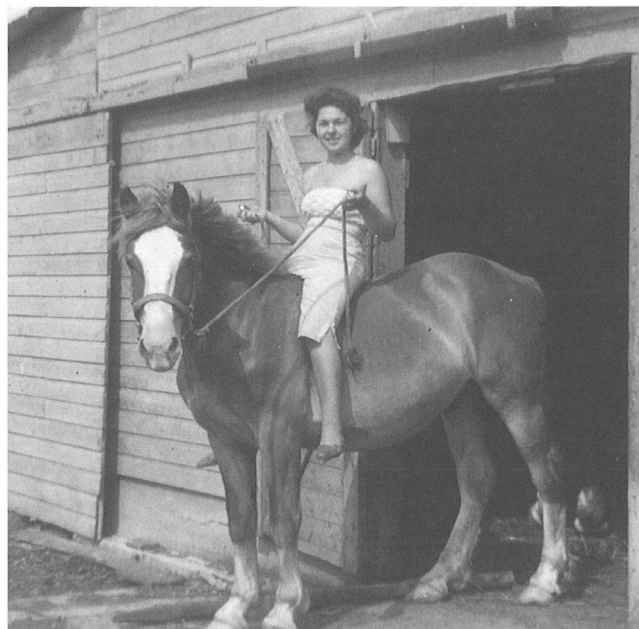


Bill, Don, Mary, Irene (mother), Thomas (father), Doris & Walter Skrypnyk.

Skrypnyk, Walter and Helen

Working on his potato farm meant a lot of manual labour for Walter Skrypnyk. On one of his visits to the X-ray department at Selkirk he met Helen, daughter of Mike and Mary Chura. They dated for a year and a half, and on October 24, 1959, on Helen's parents 26th wedding anniversary, they were married.

Walter and Helen moved to their first home on Lot 50 & 51 St. Andrews in 1960, and later were joined by his parents, his brother and sister. They then purchased 180 acres of land from Oscar & Dora Wicket, on Lots 53 and 54, which is now 1233 and 1235 Breezy Point Road. After five years, and



Helen Skrypnyk, 1954 and her main recreational vehicle.



Walter Skrypnyk, potato farming.

the birth of their sons Bill and Patrick and a daughter Cynthia, they moved to the home on their property purchased from Oscar Wickets. With some renovations and a bedroom built in the basement and waterworks installed, they had their first real home.

Four years later, another daughter, Angela, was born and more alterations were made to accommodate a bigger family. The children grew, as did the farming enterprise, so a new house was built in 1978 to house the growing family and a machine shed was built to house the added equipment.



Row crop tractor with cultivator attachment.

With the type of heavy soil near the river, Walter decided to diversify into beef and finally, in 1974, gave up the potatoes. Also, due to inconvenience, hogs were given up.

The official ground breaking ceremony for the construction of the New Selkirk Bridge in 1984 was held on Lot 51, which took up approximately 40 acres of good river property; thus the hope that the children would have a place to set up their homesteads was squashed. As a result our oldest son Bill Skrypyk purchased property on Netley Creek in Petersfield.

Patrick and his wife Glynis built their new home in 1992 on 744 Petersfield Road, which was formerly owned by Glynis's parents George and Arlene Bowman. This property was originally owned by Glynis's grandparents, Jack and Irene Bowman, later passed on to Glynis's dad George and Arlene Bowman and has now been handed down to George and Arlene's daughter Glynis and her husband Patrick. As a result, this property will be eligible for the Century Farm Award as having been owned by the Bowman family for 100 years.

Shortly after the expropriation of their land, Walter and his sons gave up farming and the property was rented out.

Walter served as chairman on the school board at a time when one of his teachers, Myrtle Barnett, taught his children. Bill, Patrick and Cindy attended school at Margaret Hayworth until its closure in 1969. Later they were transported by school bus to Selkirk, each completing their 12th grade.

Billy followed his grandfather's and Uncle Bill's footsteps by working at the Manitoba Rolling Mill.

Patrick completed a diploma course in Agriculture and worked for Manitoba Agriculture in the Crop Insurance field and later for the Weed Supervisor. He presently works for Shell Oil and is married to the former Glynis Bowman, who is an R.N. presently employed at the Betel Home Foundation in Selkirk. They have one son Adam and are expecting their second child in June.

Cynthia is married to Jeff Burnard who is employed by Sterling Press in Selkirk. Cynthia and her husband live in the original Oscar Wickets house, on Lot 55, which is now known as 1235 Breezy Point Road. This little house is a haven for people who appreciate small homey, antique homes. Cynthia is still busy taking care of people working with Home Care. They are the parents (and step-parents) to four children, Candace, Mike, Shiloh and Nick, and to their delight, on the 10th of June, Jonathon James joined their family.

Angela has just completed a computer course at the Lord Selkirk Comprehensive High School and is presently working in Selkirk for Federated Co-op, which was the former Gaynor Foods, in Selkirk. Angela and her three children, Calvin, Robert (Brian) and Cassandra are living in Selkirk.

Helen's input toward the farming enterprise was working as a secretary at the Agriculture Office up to 1996 at which time she retired. Through her job she, with the help of her husband, formed and lead a 4-H club in their area called the Red River Squatters 4-H Club. They were especially pleased with their parade floats which won awards at the Selkirk Fair and with the carolling which they sang in English as well as some German and Ukrainian. They carolled to 4-H families in our immediate area as well as shut-ins in other areas.

Walter was chairman of the Manitoba Pool Elevator for the Selkirk District as well as director on the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Association Advisory Board.

Walter and Helen are now retired and volunteer their time as custodian and treasurer for the Holy Eucharist Hall. The balance of their time is spent



Pat, Cindy, great-grandma Smoley, Angie & Billy Skrypnyk.

reaping the benefits of watching their children progress and especially enjoying their grandchildren. As their licence plate says "If we knew the grandchildren were so much fun we would have had them first."



Back row – Patrick, Bill & Walter. Front row – Angela, Cynthia & Helen Skrypnyk.

Smale, James and Phyllis by Pam Taylor

The Smale family moved to St. Andrews, Manitoba in December of 1967. My father, James Edgar Smale was born October 12, 1924 and passed away August 22, 1994. My mother Phyllis Kathleen Ukrainetz, was born November 10, 1930. We were a family of three boys and seven girls.

The previous owner of our property was a professor named Liwinski. At this time our land was known as Lot 80 Donald Road. We no longer live on Donald Road, most of us live in Selkirk, St. Andrews or the Winnipeg area. Jim lives in Ontario.

The main attraction for the move was the country living. There was a lot of room for all of us to

run, skate, play baseball, build tree forts, and ride bikes. We can remember one of the boys bringing home a turtle he found on his paper route. I kept it for a couple of days then set it free down at the slough. In the wintertime we would all get dressed up warm, walk down to the slough with skates and shovels. Ron and Lorna Truthwaite's kids were our ages – not hard when there were so many of us – and we would all play together for hours. They were kind enough to let us warm up or use the washroom when we needed to. We would all help clear snow and then we would skate and toboggan all day.

We all attended St. Andrews School, which went from grade 1 to 9. Our school bus driver was Elmer Keryluk; he was the Physical Education teacher at St. Andrews School. We recall moving from the old school into the new school; the old school had all wood floors and the old wooden steps. One couldn't sneak too far without someone hearing the creaks. It had a lot of character. The original community club was just behind the old school. It was essentially a warm up shack with benches running down each side. A lot of hockey and broomball scrimmages took place in the evenings. Of course no zambone back then, participants had to clean the ice with shovels before they played. The new community club where it presently exists brought more fun. We recall the annual carnival where there was lots to do and see. At that time it was still outdoor ice. During carnival time everyone would encircle the rink area, which would help block the wind, to watch the figure skating, jam pail curling, broomball, hockey, etc. One event that they had was a prize for the largest family. We were in competition with the Janzen family each year. The clincher was that family members had to be present. We did win a few times – oh yeah, the prize; a 20 lb bag of porridge.

I have a lot of both good and sad memories while growing up in the country. In September of 1970, we lost our youngest brother Jeff, to a drunk driver. When I think of St. Andrews, we always remember him, and all the fun times our family shared together.

Well, having a big family meant everyone had to pitch in and do chores. We made extra money by helping out people in the neighborhood. Some were older and needed help with things like cutting grass, gardening, cleaning windows. My sister Mitzie would stay with Mrs. Bayer in the evening and at night, there was a break-in at her house and her daughter did not want her to be alone at night. Mrs. Bayer lived in the Old Hay House at the top of the hill on River Road and Donald. Everything inside the house was antique, even the biffy. Mrs Bayer's grandfather, Mr. Hay (I don't recall his exact title)

was a government figure, which meant she had a lot of historical paperwork and pictures of them having tea with the Queen. During this time her daughter was the Heritage Minister – Mary Elizabeth Bayer.

An elderly couple, Sadie and Alex Truthwaite, lived on River Road up high on the south boundary of the slough. Nola often assisted her with her massive garden that she would plant each year. A very hard working and kind lady, Alex was a little of the cantankerous nature.

My sister Barb, and I, took pleasure in helping old Mr. Roberts; he lived down the road from us. He was 84 and lived in a very old house, it did not have running water or a furnace. We would go every day after school and pump fresh water for him from the pump outside of the house. We would bring in wood for his wood stove, clean his house and make him supper. We can still remember making his bed, it was so old it still had straw in the mattress and his blanket was so heavy it took both of us to make his bed. After we had all our chores done, Mr. Roberts would give us a candy. If he wasn't tired, he would play the foot organ and we would sing songs and scripture, I can still sing John 3:16. We never did know when Mr. Roberts' birthday was, but during summer some of us would all get together and make a carnival in our back yard. We would have skits, games, and a spook house, which was fun to make with all those scary things. We would charge pennies for the games, skits and the spook house. All the money we made went for a tie and shirt for Mr. Roberts' birthday. We did this every year, until Mr. Roberts was put in a retirement home. We sure missed him when he was gone.

The area has changed a lot since I lived on Donald Road. There are a lot of new houses where there used to be fields and bush. Some of our old neighbours from Donald Road are still living there, lets see, there's the Griffins, Truthwaites, Mrs. Robertson, Lubigs, Pops, Pantings, and Walls. Many others still reside in the area where any one of us had chummed with a family member: Paradoski, Senavich, Gessner, Troschuk, Sigfusson, Janzen, Telenko, Sinclair, VanMol, Nayer, Kowerko, Schreyer, Kreviazuk, Yuzark, Scromeda, and others.

In closing we would like to list all our family members and their children.

Bonnie Smale – July 26, 1950; lives in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

Lorna Mae – August 10, 1951; married John Kazuk, they have two sons, Jeffrey and Kyle.

Nola Faye – November 19, 1952 (George).

Wesley James – November 16, 1953; Jim's first marriage was to Mona Paradoski, they had two sons, Anthony and Bradley and a daughter Christina. Jim

is presently married to Kelly Maua, they had one son, Jory, and adopted her two girls, Autumn and Storm.

Donald Grant – February 21, 1956; married Donna Loutit, her children are Deana, Angie, Jackie and Johnny.

Jeffrey Craig – September 13, 1957 to September 7, 1970.

Mellissa (Mitzie) Gaye – March 10, 1959; married Kurt Proctor, they have two sons, Jordon and Mitchell and a daughter Haley.

Tamera (Tammy) Jean – May 10, 1960; married David Boyce, they have a daughter Krysten.

Pamela Elaine – November 28, 1962; married Jeffrey B. Taylor in August 1998.

Barbara Anne – October 7, 1966; has a son, Alex James Chopek.

Smigelski, Paul and Stella by Shirley Zacharkiw

Paul Smigelski was born on March 30, 1913 to Augustine Szmigelski and Mary Zlebita in Trembowla Sadah, Poland. He was the second of seven children. His sister Josie, was one year older and the two of them were very close. Brothers Kaspar and Mike and sisters Anna, Mabel and Kay made up the rest of the family. They were a large family and the children were growing up with dreams of beginning their own lives and families. There was not enough land to give to the children to be on their own and there was always the fear of war breaking out.

Many other families were having the same problem. Paul's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mikolaynko, who lived in the same village also had a large family and were making plans. These plans were about taking their families to Canada.

One day in 1930, Sam came to Paul's parents and told them about his plans and that's how the idea started. Also, Paul's parents had relatives living in Canada. Their names were Nick and Pally Swirski. They sponsored them to come to Canada.

They began their journey in July and travelled by train from Trembowla to the seaport of Gdansk and from there they took a small ship to London, England. Once there, they boarded a big ship named S.S. Megantic (The White Star Line) and set sail for Canada. They arrived at Quebec City approximately eight days later and travelled by train to Winnipeg and then by horse and wagon to Matlock. There they stayed for a time with Nick Swirski and his family. That was in August 1930.

Shortly after, Paul's father bought 80 acres of very stony land from Mick Prekopenny. On it was a small three-room house. Since it was fall and winter