

number of years at Tyndall, Manitoba. William and his family lived south on River Road on the McKay homestead. Their sister, Harriet, married John James Smith and lived at Meadowdale. Their younger sister, Elizabeth (Eliza) married George (Walkie) McDonald and lived at Oak Hammock

## **George McKaughan**

submitted by Hazel McKaughan

George was born in 1900 at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario coming to Winnipeg in 1921. He followed agriculture for a while. For a number of years he was employed by the Western Canada Pulp and Lumber Company until the crash came in 1930.

I also came from the East with my parents in 1914 when my Dad went homesteading in the Inwood district.

George and I were married in 1930, moving out to Petersfield to 34-15-3E in August of 1934 with our two small children, Frances and Kenneth. As our business in Winnipeg had failed, we took advantage of the Rehabilitation scheme the city and municipalities were working on to get the people out of the city and back on the land.

Our loan was six hundred dollars of which two hundred dollars was retained for living expenses, and sent out in monthly payments of ten dollars the first year and eight dollars the second year. After that the families were supposed to be well enough established to support themselves. The balance of the loan could be spent on machinery and stock.

It was a struggle, I must admit, but everyone had a struggle in the hungry thirties.

We were one of the fortunate ones, for George got working for Mr. Tony Vit who had a large dairy farm across the road from us.

It was very much like homesteading days, there were only ten acres broken on 34, the rest was hay and bush. A creek ran through the quarter and when it over-flowed in the spring of 1955 we had to evacuate the cattle to No. 8 highway to our good neighbors and had to take a motor boat to go and do the milking. There was about three to four feet of water in our yard. The hens floated on a raft in the chicken house for two weeks or more.

As for roads, there were none. A slight sprinkle of gravel on a very low grade from No 8 to Mr. Vit's milk house one mile west of the highway. The Royal Transfer, roads permitting, would pick up the milk which was shipped in eight gallon cans. We could ship a crate of eggs or dressed poultry providing George went in with them as there was only one delivery point in the city.

Before we had enough cream to ship, I made butter for three cents a pound and eggs sold for

twenty cents a dozen. We sold both to Vit's and Sage's store in Petersfield.

Sage's delivered the groceries every Friday, again with roads permitting, other wise we would meet Stan at Vit's or on No. 8 highway. That was a wonderful help and we certainly appreciated it. In the first delivery of groceries was a bag of candies which I was sure I had not ordered. I mentioned it to Stan the next delivery. Stan told me about a promise his Dad had made to himself when he lived in the Dunara district and the residents took turns going to Selkirk for groceries. So many children would be disappointed when not a candy came with them. He felt so sorry for them that is when he made that promise that if ever he kept a store, his customer's children would not have that disappointment, and Sage's kept that promise.

Some families could not make a go of it and were taken back to the city. We were glad we got along on our own, for we did not want to leave all our good friends and wonderful neighbors.

## **Ken McKaughan**

I was born in Winnipeg on August 7, 1933, son of George and Hazel McKaughan. Mother and Dad moved to 34-15-3E in Petersfield in August of 1934.

Before I started school I used to help Mom and Dad with the haying. We had an old team of horses that I could handle, so I would rake the hay to the stack while my dad pitched it up to Mother to build the stack.

I received my education at Dunara school. I left school at the age of fifteen and went to work stooking and working with threshing gangs for our neighboring farmers.

At the age of seventeen I started working in the bush camps cutting logs and lumber for William Fiebelkorn east of Lac Du Bonnet for three winters. I then went to work with John Bolton for Pine Falls Pulp and Paper Company hauling pulp wood for many winters. A summer job at Burns and Company lasted from 1952 to 1958.

I married Joyce Carter in 1955. At that time she was working for Imperial Tobacco Company. We lived in Winnipeg for three years but as city life was not for us, we acquired ten acres from J. Stevenson on 30-15-4E in 1958.

In 1959 I started work for the R.M. of St. Andrews as a cat and scraper operator. Over the years I have operated different machines as they were acquired. At present I am still employed there.

Our family started with Kathleen who was born in 1959 and Denise in 1969. Kathy is employed by Mandak Metals in Selkirk. Denise is attending Lockport school.



## The McLeod Family

The McLeod family lived along the Red River on Lot 99, seven miles North of Selkirk, for many years.



Mrs. Georgina McLeod and daughters. B. row L-R: Ida, Violet. F. row — Alice, Georgina, Betty.

Mrs. Sophia Anderson, born in 1856 lived to be 104 years old. Born at St. Andrews she was the daughter of James and Isabella Bird. They had the first spinning and weaving mill in the area. Mrs. Sophia Anderson attended Miss Mathilda Davis' School for young ladies at St. Andrews. She married William Sabel in 1880, who with a friend James Darcy came from England in 1875. He settled for a time at Whytewold, Manitoba. He was an amateur artist and worked as an interpreter for people, coming to settle in Manitoba. They lived for a time in Winnipeg where he passed away at the age of thirty years from scarlet fever. Sophia moved back with her parents, James and Isabella Bird, who now lived in St. Peters. Later she married George Anderson, whose family had moved from Guelph, Ontario in 1875. Three, from this family married Selkirk Settler descendants, the Harpers, Murrays and McBeths.

Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson lived for a time at Devils Creek, East Selkirk. They raised cattle and sheep. They moved to Selkirk where Mr. Anderson was killed near his home by a runaway team of horses

that knocked fish boxes on him in 1892. Mrs. Anderson and five children moved back to live with her parents.

Mrs. Anderson spoke of Fort Garry, about Louis Riel coming to the home of her parents (James and Isabella Bird). Mrs. Bird housed some of Dr. John Schultz's men during the uprising of Riel and his followers. For this Mrs. Bird was given a set of Stoneware dishes from Dr. Schultz, of which four plates still remain in the family. Long Jake Prince, son of Chief Peguis was her neighbour for awhile. He left her his wooden bed. Mrs. Anderson spoke of the parish of St. Peters being called Eagles Nest, Gilolo and Peguis. Mrs. Anderson stated that in those days people lived off the land, with ducks being plentiful and there were always lots of wild berries. Rabbit was served for Xmas breakfast. Mr. Bird raised cattle and sold hides. They had big gardens too.

Mrs. Anderson's brother Charlie Bird married Annie Monkman and went to the Klondike Gold Rush with Robert Smith of Selkirk. He later farmed north of his old homestead with his son Bill Bird.

Her sister Isabel Bird married Murdock Reid of Selkirk who worked for the Hudson's Bay Company.



Old time residents of St. Peters. L to R: Joseph Monkman (1st mailman in area) Annie Bird and son Bill, (?).

Annie Bird married Murdock McLennan who also came from Scotland and worked for the Hudson's Bay Company.

Jane Fulsher a relative of the family lived in a big



house on the way to Winnipeg, called The Half-way House. She liked to take her family to Treaty Day in St. Peters. There was a lot of feasting and dancing.

Mrs. Sophia Anderson has five children: Henry Sabel, Mrs. Mary Flett (deceased), Edward Anderson (deceased), Mrs. Catherine Clemons and Mrs. Georgina McLeod. Mrs. Mary Flett lived all her life in St. Peters, having passed on in 1979. The Sabels, Mrs. Catherine Clemons and Mrs. Georgina McLeod and her family lived for many years in the district. As the McLeod family grew up they remember the Indians bringing baskets, rush mats, small brooms, fish and berries to trade for butter and cream. They also remember their Aunt Mary Flett coming to visit with her large family with a horse and buggy. Some of her family still live in the St. Peters area.

Mrs. Sara Smith was also a young widow, who lived across the road from the Anderson home. Her sons settled close around this area and their children grew up with the McLeod family. The McLennans and Monkman lived across the road too, and further to the south were Kiplings, Parisians and Cochranes. To the north were Vogens, Kellys, and Ramsays and later came Johnstons, Feys and Chyboraks.

All the children in the area attended Peguis School. It had one large room with eight grades, one teacher and about sixty pupils.

A ferry ran across the river six miles north of Selkirk and it was an exciting experience to watch it operate. Mr. Thomas Hardman had a store a few

hundred yards from the ferry and the McLeod children remember buying a stick of candy or a piece of licorice for a penny. They remember a Baptist Church east of the Peguis School and attended a log chapel near Robert Harper's home, then went to St. Peters Old Stone Church across the river by boat. Later St. George and new St. Peters Church were built in the parish. St. George's Church was moved from its original site to St. John's Cathedral Boys' School.

Christmas time was exciting for all, as they were held in the school house with all the neighbours joining in. The basket socials and dances were also held there.

Mrs. Sophia Anderson appeared on T.V. in 1959 and was asked why the family settled in St. Peters. She said Mr. Monkman told her father there was some good land north of Selkirk.

Those were lean years for all who lived in those times, but memories of the days gone by will always be cherished.

During her later years Mrs. Anderson had a birthday party every year with mostly relatives and a few friends. On her 100th birthday she received a telegram from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, John Diefenbaker, and many other dignitaries. A gift of a lovely blanket was given from the Council of the Municipality of St. Andrews. Mrs. Sophia Anderson passed away December 20, 1960 at her residence at the age of 104. At that time she had 27 grandchildren, 88 great-grandchildren, and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

Some of us were born on Lot 101 in St. Peters. We grew up there living with our grandmother Anderson and our mother Mrs. Georgina McLeod. In 1947 we moved to Lot 99, Mother having bought Mr. Bill Bird's property. We now had a new home and later in the early 50's electricity. Grandma Anderson was still with us; her hobbies now were watching T.V. and making mats. She could still read her favorite paper "Family Herald and Weekly Star".

Mother Georgina, we will always be grateful to her. She was kind to all who knew her, especially the Indian people. She helped them out in many ways. One friend we all admired was Mr. William Flett. He always called Mother "Gina". Along with his good wife "Phobie", who was the midwife in the area, called often at our home. Mother liked animals, especially cows. She still kept a few when we moved to Lot 99. She used to try her hand at trapping muskrat in the lake and could skin them as good as any trapper. She was married to a trapper. I also saw her kill a prairie chicken by our home. She always kept her 22 rifle handy. After we got our T.V. set she loved watching wrestling. She now lives in Malton,



Mrs. Sophia Anderson 100 years old — 1956. Died in 1960.





Ida McLeod in front of the log house of great-grandparents, James and Isabel Bird, Lot 100 St. Peters. Dr. J. Shulty's men were housed here during the Lous Riel uprising. The family received a set of stone dishes for their generosity, 4 pieces still remain.

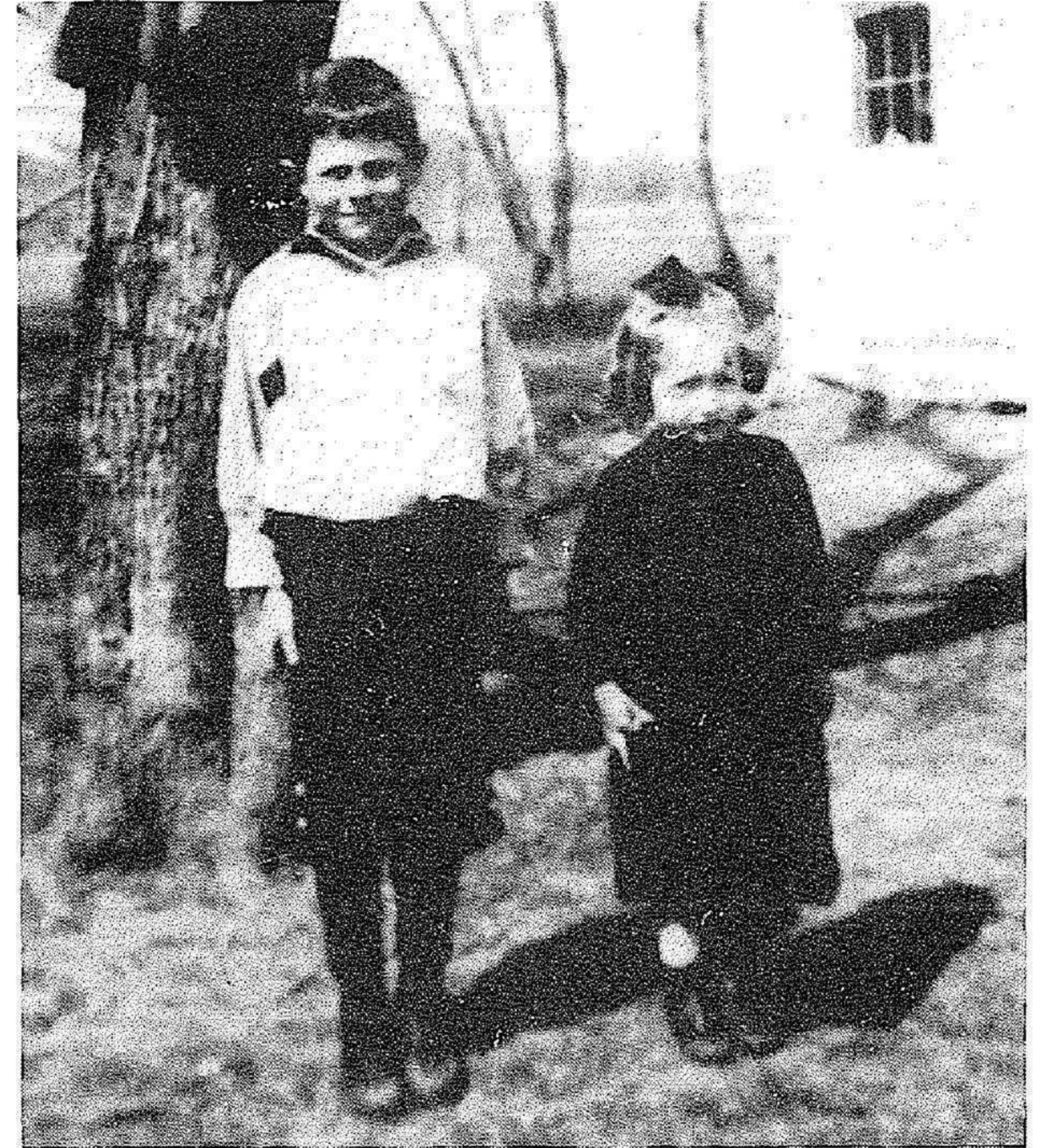
Ontario. She had a family of five. They are; Ernest, Violet, Alice and Betty. She has eight grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren.

My sister Ida Boland and I grew up in the thirties. We were considered lucky to be living on a farm. Ida liked sewing and was always looking for something to cut up. She went to three schools, Peguis, Devonshire in Selkirk and Linwood in Winnipeg, Manitoba. She moved to Toronto during the war years and worked in a bullet factory for a time. She then moved to the U.S.A. for 18 years and worked in a large Osteopathy Hospital in Los Angeles, California. Her hobby was drawing and she now does oil paintings. She now lives in Toronto and works in the Wellesley Hospital as a receptionist.

Alice was our happy sister; she loved to tell jokes. She went to Peguis School and Devonshire School in Selkirk. Later she moved to Winnipeg and worked at Eaton's before she met and married Lloyd Grahame of Stonewall. They have a family of three: Lloyd Jr., Lawrence and Jacqueline. She now works at Eaton's as a sales clerk.

Betty grew up during the war years and attended

Peguis and then Devonshire School in Selkirk. She later moved to Toronto and worked for Bell Telephone and later worked at the University of Toronto. She now lives in Malton, Ontario with her husband, Bob MacSephney. They have a family of two: Richard and Marilyn. Betty and Bob are very active in Legion work.



Ernest and Violet McLeod in front of grandmother's (Sophia Anderson) log house.

Violet McLeod went to Peguis School. She later became interest in literature and history. She started saving things no one else wanted and later found these to become antiques. She collected stamps and recipes and loves to knit. She has also been known to travel and write about her travels. Last year she visited Boston Mass. and Cape Cod. There is a museum where the Boston Tea Party took place which she found quite impressive. Violet has worked mostly as a cook and homemaker as is presently employed by Social Health Department of Selkirk. She is now living in Selkirk, Manitoba and is very interested in the Centennial Celebrations.

Allen McLeod, son and grandson, spent his boy hood along the Red River. In the summer he spent most of his time fishing with his cousin Leonard Smith. He is very active in sports, baseball and hockey, and received a letter of thanks from Premier Davis of Ontario for his interest and help in sports for the young people. Allen went to Peguis School and the Selkirk Collegiate. He now lives with his wife,



Linda and three children — Scott, Lisa and Lara, in Cobourg, Ontario. He works for Canadian National Railway as a carman.

Ernest went to Peguis School and Cross Lake School. After the war he worked as a miner, carpenter and cook in various places. He lived at Wabowden, Manitoba for many years where he had his own trap line. He had served overseas and is now retired and lives at Cross Lake. He has a family of two: Lillian and Bill, and has eleven grandchildren.

Lillie (Martha), my grandmother's foster daughter, grew up with us too. She also attended Peguis School. Later she moved to Winnipeg and worked in various stores. She married Garnet Jones of Dominion City and now lives at Lockport, Manitoba. They have one son David. His wife Louise is from Selkirk.

Uncle Harry Sabel and his wife Maggie lived on lots 100-101 in the parish of St. Peters. Uncle Harry was a great help to all, especially his mother. He helped raise cattle, horses and hogs. He had a lot of hay cut in the summer, some at Devils Creek and in the marsh. He hauled it to Selkirk in the winter and sold it at the town market. In the summer he planted potatoes and a big garden. Some years he raised cucumbers. Aunt Maggie was a quiet, gentle person who always kept busy. In the fall she could be seen

gathering weakcase by the lake. Also there was wild mint that grew by the lake. The correct name of this lake was never known, some said it was Loon Lake on account of the many Loons that nested there. Maggie was best remembered helping sick neighbours and lending a helping hand when in need. They had a family of seven: Sybil, Nellie, Mae, Bill, Doris, Clifford and Henry, twenty-eight grandchildren and forty-four great grandchildren. Mr. Sabel was killed in a car accident in 1938 near his home. Mrs. Sybil and her husband Ben Smith, still live on the old homestead.

Aunt Kate Clemons also lived on Lot 101 and later moved to Lot 98. She had bought Mr. Charlie Parisians' place. She often worked as a cook on various boats and loved the lakes. She was a good neighbour to the Indian people and often made wedding cakes for them and Xmas Cakes too. She often walked for miles picking wild strawberries, they were plentiful in those days. She still picks berries on her old homestead she visits every summer. She also loves gardening. Kate has one son, Edward and daughters Helen, Sophia and Mary, in Moyie, British Columbia where she now makes her home. She has fourteen grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren.



H. A. McPherson family, 1908. L to R: Freda, Hugh, Gordon, Amy, Laura. Taken in Wilkie, Sask.



## Hugh Andrew McPherson

Hugh Andrew McPherson was born near Toronto in 1870. He came west in 1886 and lived in Rockwood. There he met Laura E. Bristow. They were married at her home near Balmoral in January 1899 during the worst blizzard of the winter. The weather was so bad that bride and groom, minister and guests were stormed stayed at the Bristow home for some days.

A few years later the McPherson family came to Whytefold. Hugh was on the first train to Winnipeg Beach, on the newly built C.P.R. line. This train also brought out lumber from Winnipeg to build the first cottage on the lake front of Lake Winnipeg. Hugh built this and several others, including a store with living quarters for his own family, his wife and two small daughters.



Hugh McPherson home built in 1918.

Hugh and his family lived in Whytefold for some years and operated a general store. In 1904 a third child, Hugh Gordon, was born. He was the first white baby born in the district.

Later the family lived on a homestead near Matlock. They then lived for a time in Winnipeg Beach. While there, Hugh helped build the United Church, still in regular use and in good condition after some 74 years. He worked also on the Town Hall and other buildings.

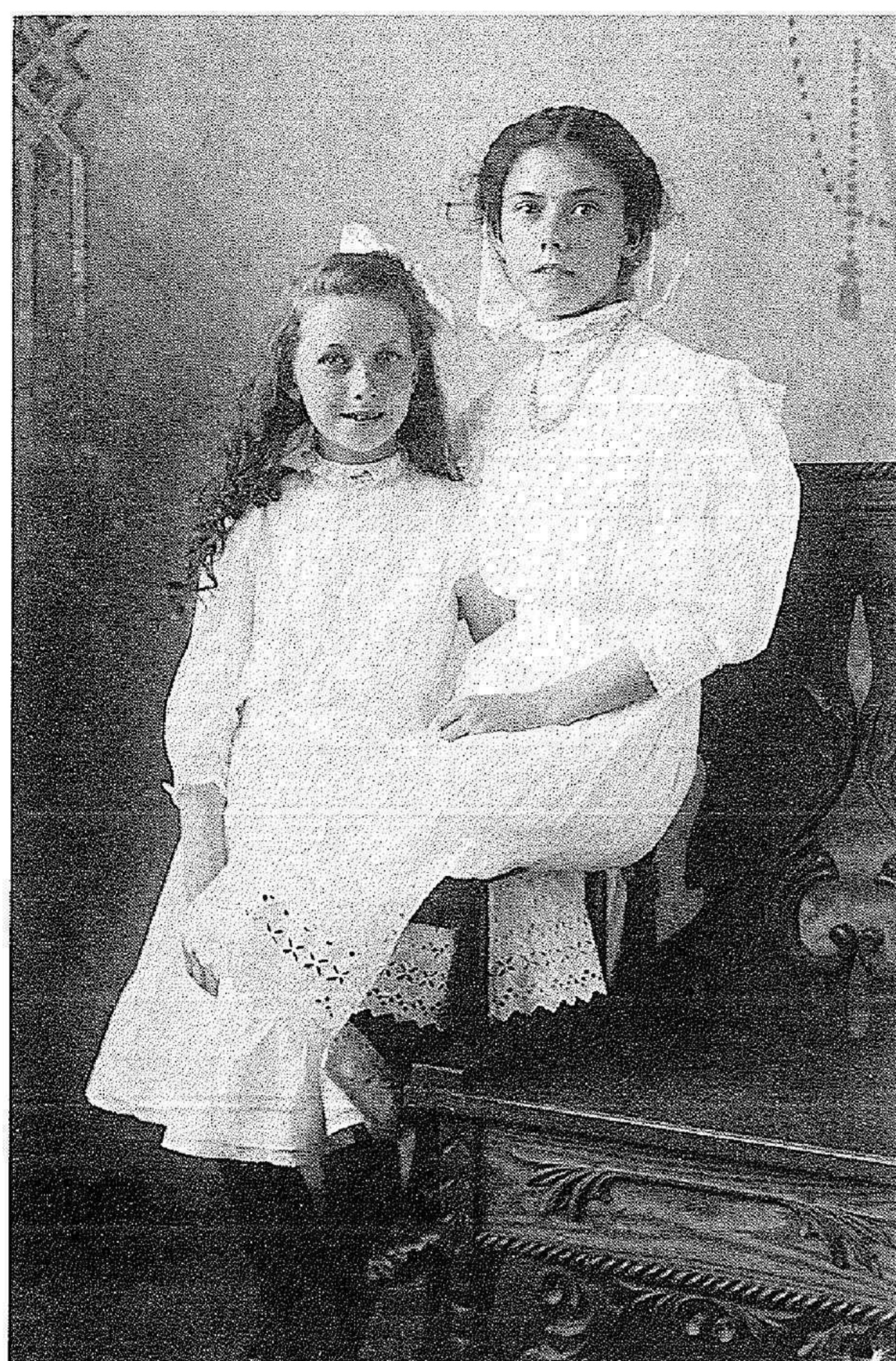
After an interval with the C.P.R. B&B in Saskatchewan he returned to St. Andrews, built a house and settled there. In 1914 his second son, William Allan, was added to the family.

During his years in Matlock Hugh took an active part in public affairs. He was a trustee for the Whytefold School District when the school house was built in 1910. The first teacher was Edith Duddles.

Later on, this one roomed school was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. This happened the very day school was to have opened for the fall



Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McPherson, 1926.



Freda and Amy McPherson, 1902.



term. This circumstance was, by at least some of the pupils, viewed as a real gift from providence.

Early entries in the minutes of the school board records include tenders for firewood at \$2.00 a cord and annual budgets totalling around \$1,000.

Hugh served a term in 1940 on the St. Andrews Council, representing Ward 7.

Amy, the eldest child, was born in October 1899. She was a school teacher and taught school in Clandeboye and Gimli. In 1924 she married Victor Sutherland of Clandeboye. They lived in Winnipeg and later Selkirk. Their only child, James, now lives in North Battleford.

The second daughter, Freda, married Leigh Large of Winnipeg. They also had one son, Hugh, who lived in Winnipeg and later in Minnedosa. He is a chartered accountant.

The McPherson home was noted for its hospitality. Mrs. McPherson acted as hostess to teachers, surveyors, United Church ministers, commercial travellers, school inspectors, etc. None of them ever felt the need of an hotel. Just to prepare meals for them all was no mean feat in these days before freezers, fridges, electricity, etc.

Hugh died in 1943 and his wife in 1944. Both lie in Wakefield churchyard.

### **Hugh Gordon McPherson**

During the summer of 1904, in the tranquil surroundings of the tiny settlement of Whytewold, Gordon McPherson was born. His destiny was to spend the next seventy-five years in the area, and to see it change to the modern mile upon mile of holiday homes that the beach area consists of today. He was

always of the opinion that no finer stretch of country was to be found and that these shores of Lake Winnipeg had something special about them. It was home for him and in his early days cast a lifelong spell upon him. It was here he was always happiest.

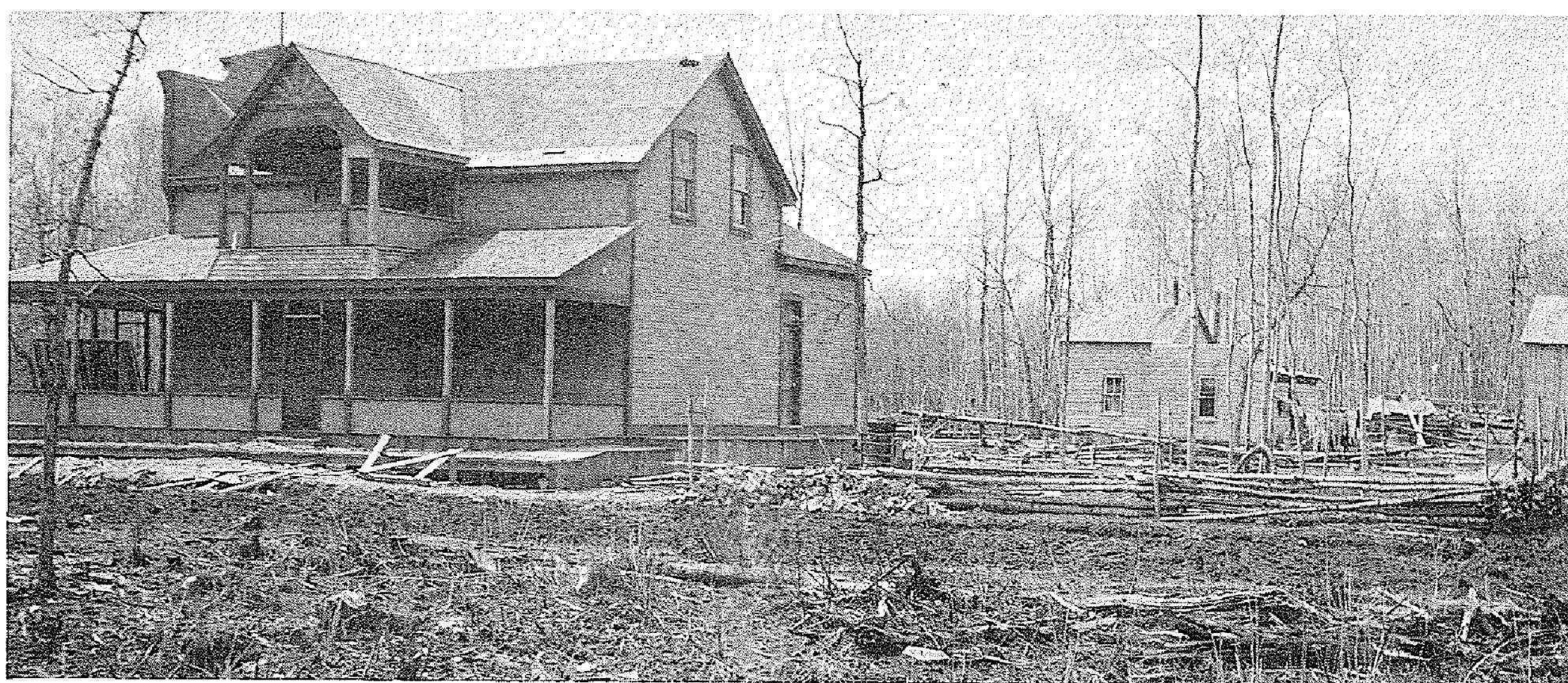
Gordon was the elder son of Hugh and Laura McPherson. The family already consisted of two sisters, Amy and Freda. Fun for children in those days was self made and the three of them spent many happy hours playing by the lake. They were in luck as their father was a skilled carpenter who could be relied upon to create interesting toys from stray blocks of wood and such like. Gordon inherited this skill and from an early age was most talented in this respect. He early developed a love of the outdoors and was always interested in the beauties of nature.

His father's store was sold and after a short sojourn in Saskatchewan, the family returned to Matlock, settling in a large house near the lakefront. Here the family became complete when another son William was born.

Gordon attended school at Whytewold and later spent some time at Teulon School. A high spot of these years was a trip he made by himself with horse and wagon from Teulon. As a thirteen year old, he was unsure of the roads and distance but most elated by his safe arrival.

Family celebrations played a large part in the social life of these years and trips to Balmoral were always a vivid memory.

In his late teens he was an enthusiastic soccer player and member of the Wytewold mens team. At that time there was a league in St. Andrews and the team was accompanied by a large very vocal group of fans, when playing at different places.



Birthplace — Gordon McPherson, Whytewold, Man., 1904





McPherson picnic, Wavy Creek, 1945, included Gordon and Bill McPherson, their two sisters and their respective husbands, wives and children.

In 1924 the family began a farming venture and moved back to the homestead. For many years hard work was the order of the day. Gordon had a milk route and became well known to summer and winter residents alike. On the farm a small golf course was experimented with and was a source of much pleasure. Gardening was a real interest for Gordon and one year in the early twenties he was especially pleased when his exhibit of celery won a prize at the C.N.R. in Toronto.

In 1934 Gordon married Winifred Martin who had come to the area as a school teacher. She was the daughter of James and Elizabeth Martin of Birtle, who later moved to Matlock. Gordon and Winnie ran a mixed farm operation for the next twenty years. Simple pleasures and lots of hard work were required but it was a rewarding life and a very pleasant one.

Each summer a family picnic was held, usually at Wavy Creek where all members of the McPherson family would gather. While the children chased crayfish, the adults visited and the day was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Highlights of these years included the coming of electricity to the farm.

In 1949 the family decided to try a different type of life. The farms were sold and a move was made to Teulon. Here for nine years Gordon was employed by the Beaver Lumber Company and Winnie again became involved in teaching. She had always had a real dedication to teaching and was a great asset to any staff.

In 1958 it was decided to return to the beaches, as a self employed contractor. Gordon was involved in the building of numerous cottages in Whytefold area. In 1958 he purchased a store with Post Office included which was run as a family business for the next eleven years. Winnie was employed again as a teacher in Winnipeg Beach and Gimli area working for some years with retarded children. Upon retire-

ment in 1971 she received a plaque from Evergreen School Division for outstanding service over the years.

At various times Gordon was involved in public affairs. He was secretary treasurer of Whytefold Beach S. D. for years, and served as a steward in the United Church at Winnipeg Beach. He was always interested in helping out the community in any way he could.

Gordon and Winnie had two children, Gloria and Gordon Jr. Gloria married Don Mollard and they spent twelve years in northern Manitoba. They now live near Stonewall with their two sons. Gordon has remained a resident of Matlock. He married Frances Bortson and they have four sons. The lack of any granddaughters has been a family joke.

The end of an era came in May 1980 when Gordon died. Winnie remains in their family home at Whytefold and is still involved in various interests.

### **McPherson Family**

**by William A. McPherson, youngest son of Hugh and Laura McPherson of Matlock, Manitoba**

I was born in Teulon in 1914 and lived in what is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Allan on Gimli Road in Matlock until I was eleven years old. I attended Whytefold School and from an early age was very interested in sports and outdoor activities, playing baseball, football, hockey and 4-H Club work, at which I was lucky enough to win a trip to the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto in 1935. I was also active in sports fishing, which I still continue to the present time.

In the fall of 1926 we moved to my parents' homestead NW $\frac{1}{4}$  section 10 Township 17, Range 4E where we went into the dairy business, selling milk and cream to the summer residents and shipping cream or making butter the rest of the year.

Times were very bad and it was difficult to make a living. My father was a carpenter by trade and he worked out, whenever he could work to help out the living on the farm.

My brother Gordon, older than me by ten years, had a hard time until I was old enough to help out. My mother also helped out by boarding the various teachers who came to the district, one of whom, Winnifred Martin, married my brother in 1934. We worked together, my parents, my brother and his wife, until the fall of 1939 when they moved to the farm of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin, a short distance away. My brother and I continued to change work with one another at haying and harvesting until the fall of 1949 when he sold his land and equipment





W. McPherson and cousin G. Stanford, B.C., picnic at Sun-view Bay, Petersfield, 1960.

and moved to Teulon to work for Beaver Lumber Company there.

In 1940 Florey Johnson and I married and we took over the running of my parents' farm, as they were both in poor health; however, they continued to help out in many ways. The depression was pretty well over by this time and things were starting to pick up.

In 1940 we purchased a new small John Deere tractor, one of the first rubber tired tractors in the district. This made a great difference, as we had been working with horses and an old Titan tractor.

In 1942 we started shipping fluid milk to Winnipeg and discontinued the seasonal milk delivery we had been operating. This contract gave us a steady income the year round. This was during the war years and help was hard to get. The only way you could manage was to exchange work with your neighbours.

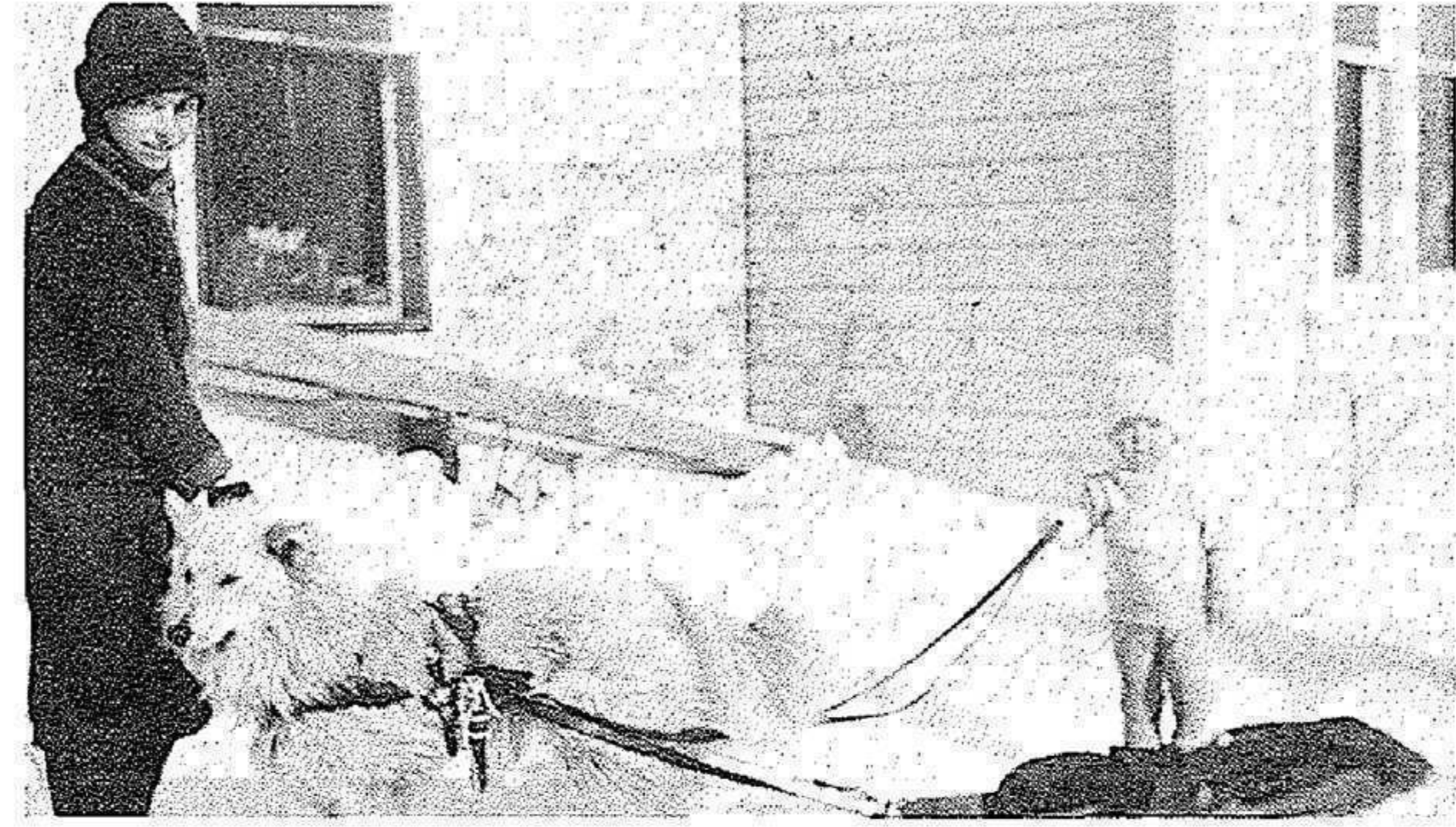
In 1943 we built a new modern barn for our cattle. This was a great improvement, as it was much easier to work in than the old building we had been using.

In 1947 we were able to get the Hydro on the farm. This really was a blessing, as we now had all the light and power we required. As well, we purchased a new De Laval milking machine, which also was a great help.

In 1954 we decided we had had enough farming and sold out to Howard Demrey and bought a small store and post office at Whytefold which we operated until 1958 and then sold and moved to our present home, part of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  section 15, Township 17, Range 4E on the Whytefold Road.

In April 1956 I started to work for the Village of Dunnottar as Police Officer and Public Works Foreman. After seven years this position became too much for one man, as I was on call 24 hours a day, so it was divided into two jobs, with me remaining as Public Works Foreman until the end of August 1977 when I retired, after 21 $\frac{1}{2}$  years serving the village.

In 1960 a Scout and Cub troupe was formed with Edgar Park a Cub Master and myself as Scout Master.



Gordon and Bill McPherson, Matlock, 1915.

There were about 30 boys involved and they had a great time, learning scouting, going on hikes, fishing trips and attending various Area camporees, which were held at Selkirk Pleasant Home, one near Morden, and two on our own property at Whytefold, at which there were about 150 scouts present, during which the various troops won many ribbons for their work. It was a happy time for Edgar and myself and the boys, and they learned a great deal about scouting and all it stands for. This carried on for about five or six years.

Our oldest daughter, Joan, was born in January 1942, she was a great joy to us all and was the first grandchild for Florey's parents. She attended Whytefold School and went to Teachers College and taught school for 16 years. She is married and lives at Balmoral, Manitoba. Robert was born in October 1943 and attended Whytefold School and the University of Manitoba, where he attained a Doctor's Degree in Geological Engineering. He now lives in Calgary, Alberta. Married.

Norma was born in 1947, attended Whytefold School and Gimli Composite High School. She now works for Manitoba Telephone System and lives in Winnipeg. Married.

Charles was born in 1949, attended Whytefold School and Gimli Composite High School, and now lives in Montreal. Married.

George was born in 1959, attended Whytefold School and Gimli Composite High School. He still lives at Matlock and operates his own construction business. Married.

All the children were baptized and confirmed at All Saints Anglican Church, Whytefold, as well as attending Sunday School and church services there.

Florey taught at Church Schools and Vacation Schools and was a synod delegate for quite a number of years. She was also my messenger service while I worked for the Village, as our home phone was used for messages, which caused her a good deal of running around to find me and was also a great help to me over the years.



In 1944 I became treasurer of All Saints Church and I am still serving in that capacity.

My father passed away at home at age 72, my mother after four days in Gimli Hospital at age 68.

From the age of ten Florey had said she wanted to go to England and visit all her parents' relations, as her mother had talked so much about all the families and places over there, and had kept up correspondence all through the years. In 1980 two of the relatives came over from England for a two week visit and invited any of us that could go for a visit in England.

In May 1981 Florey and I flew direct to Manchester Airport and had a most remarkable two weeks' visit, meeting twelve cousins and their families in their homes, where we were treated most royally and were taken to see many places in England, including the city of York, London and Buckingham Palace, and the new Humber Bridge which is the largest single span suspension bridge in the world. It was opened for traffic by the Queen in June of this year.

As well, we saw a beautiful countryside and very friendly and gracious people — truly the trip of a lifetime and a dream come true for my wife.

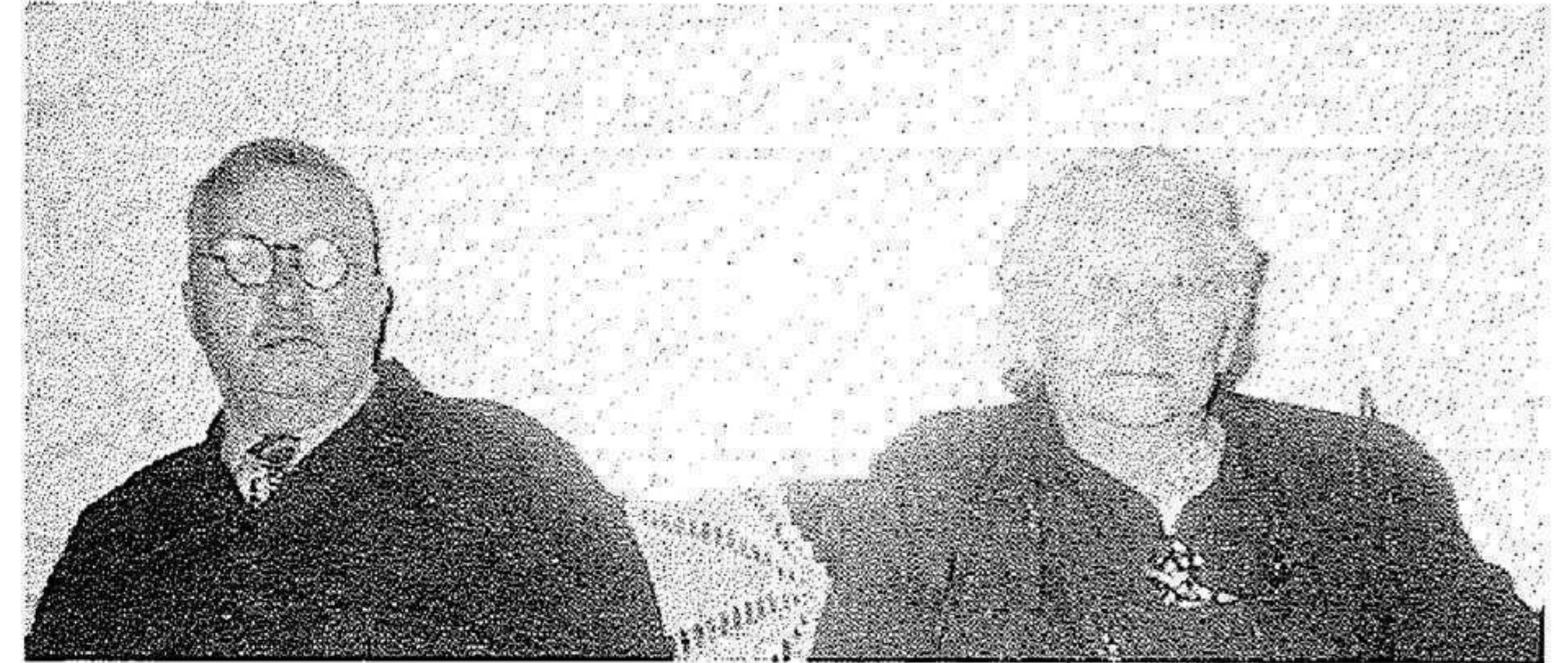
### Angus and Annie McRae Story

The McRae family in Canada really began when Duncan McRae arrived in 1837 from the Scottish Orkney Isles. He was head stonemason at Lower Fort Garry and was in charge of the stone work during the construction of St. Andrews-on-the-Red Anglican Church. He married an English governess who came to teach the Hudson's Bay Company children. They had at least eight children of their own. One daughter was Christina, later Mrs. Bill Hughes. They lived on the corner of Main Street and what is now called Calder Road in Old England.

Duncan McRae, Head stonemason, Lower Fort Garry, Supervised the stone work during construction of St. Andrews-on-the-Red Church.



Angus McRae was Duncan's grandson. In 1899, he married Annie Norquay, cousin to the Premier, the Honourable John Norquay. They had nine children; Roy, who married Lena Fidler, Ida, who married William Dalahoy, Mae, who married Tracy Scovill, Wilfred (Nicky) who married Marian McKenzie, Norman, who married Barbara Minty, Melville (Dumpy) who married Anne Kreviazuk, Victor, Myrtle who married Reg. Mitchell and Mabel who died when she was fourteen months.



Angus and Annie McRae, Old England, 1955.

Angus worked as engineer on the Wolverine, and for the Street Railway Company. At that time they lived on the corner of Rosser Avenue and Main Street in Selkirk. However, most of their lives were spent at Old England. Angus then worked as an electrician at the Manitoba Rolling Mills from 1918 until his retirement. Every Saturday afternoon he would take the 2 p.m. bus to Selkirk and return on the 6:30 p.m., with goodies and the Star Weekly paper, much to the delight of the grandchildren. The Star Weekly contained comics such "Tarzan" and "Flash Gordon" which the local paper did not have.

Annie McRae was noted for her quilting and crocheting. Every week she baked huge bannocks and fourteen loaves of bread. Her children say she also made her own soap. Each summer she had a large garden and her citron jam was a delight! In spite of her busy schedule, she always had time to lend a sympathetic ear to a neighbour, dry a tear, or bandage a damaged knee.

Duncan McRae has left many fortunate descendants. Some, will undoubtedly choose to remain in Selkirk for their lifetime.

### Hunter McRae Family

Malcolm McRae was a son of Duncan McRae known as Stone Mason of the Red River. Malcolm McRae married Isabelle Catherine Norquay and settled in Meadowdale in 1884. There were nine children in his first family and three with his second wife.

He began his farming with eighty acres and grad-



ually increased his farm to six hundred acres. In later years he raised purebred Black Angus cattle and Percheron horses.

He died at the age of 60 years in 1922, leaving his sons Edgar and Hunter established on farms of their own. They continued to farm together and broke hundreds of acres of brush land for themselves and other farmers in the surrounding area.

In 1926 Hunter McRae married Hazel Dewar and they have one son and three daughters. Hunter was a Select Seed Grower and produced Registered and Certified seed for many years. He was also one of the first in Manitoba to harvest native Kentucky Blue grass.

In 1971 Hunter retired and his son-in-law, Rask Klagenberg and daughter Carol took over the farm. They continue the seed selling operation.

### Neil McKay McRae

Neil McKay McRae was born at Clandeboye, Manitoba, on March 31, 1893.

Enlisting on November 22, 1915, Mr. McRae served twenty-two months in France, in the 43rd Infantry Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force. He is one of the few veterans of the Great War now residing in Manitoba who holds the Distinguished Conduct Medal. He received the medal June 6, 1918, and on his return from overseas received public recognition from the City of Victoria, B.C. At the time of his enlistment he was a Cadet, but by the time he was awarded the medal, he had attained the rank of Sergeant. In the Second World War he enlisted on October 16, 1942, in No. 37 Company, Veterans Guard of Canada, and was discharged October 7, 1945.



Neil McKay McRae, Clandeboye, World War I and II veteran. Holder of Distinguished Conduct Medal (June, 1918).

He has farmed and done carpentry work.

He married the former Mary Kirton, who was born in Petersfield, Manitoba, in 1902. The McRaes have three children: Colin McIvor and Neil Jr. of Calgary, and Betty (Mrs. Norman Burzuik) of Mapleton, Man.

Mr. and Mrs. McRae now live in Selkirk, Man., and will celebrate their fifty-eighth wedding anniversary on April 19, 1982.

### William and Mary McRae

Mr. and Mrs. William McRae, the latter being the former Mary McKay, moved to Clandeboye, Manitoba, from Netley in 1893.

William farmed at Clandeboye for many years, where he served on St. Andrew's Municipal Council for twenty-five years, as secretary-treasurer of the school board for thirty-five years, and was an elder of the Presbyterian Church, Clandeboye, for a number of years, then continued to act as an elder for the Selkirk Presbyterian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. McRae had five children: George (Berry), Ethel, Neil, Vera and William.

Their son William still lives on the family farm at Clandeboye.

### Michael Family

William Michael, born January 12, 1896, served his apprenticeship as a marine fitter in the ship building yards on Clyde Bank in Glasgow. He had hoped to become a sailing engineer but his stomach would never settle down when he was on a ship. After serving with The Lovat Scouts in the first World War he worked for two or three years with the railway in Scotland.



William Michael with original 6 horses, Petersfield.

In 1921, my father came to Winnipeg from Beaulieu, Inverness Shire, Scotland, with the enthusiastic encouragement of his two brothers, Alex and Hugh, who lived and worked in Winnipeg. Four of his brothers had lived in Manitoba, the eldest since 1902



or 1903 and a fifth had a business in Regina, Saskatchewan. Two of his brothers, Duncan and Tom, died while fighting with the Canadian forces in France during the first World War, a third, Donald, the one from Regina, was badly shell shocked and took over his father's business in Beaulieu.

Bill worked his first year in Canada in La Salle on the farm of James Stewart, a grain merchant. In the spring of 1922, he bought the farm of William Briggs, NE¼ 28-15-4E in Petersfield. He also bought six horses, harness, wagon, etc. from James Stewart and drove them from La Salle to Petersfield.

One day, during my father's first winter on the farm while he was still a bachelor, he was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Graham. Mrs. Graham gave him for his supper some bread rolls she had just baked. When he got home he left the rolls in the wagon while he did his chores. When he got into the house for his supper he could not understand what had happened to the rolls, they were as hard as rocks. A couple of hours later, he realized that they were frozen, when he found them as soft and fresh as they originally had been.

In March 1923, Ella Junor, who had worked in a bookstore, came from Inverness, Scotland to marry Bill Michael. He travelled to Jersey Mills in the Province of Quebec where they were married at the manse by the minister of the United Church who was my father's uncle. While travelling back to Petersfield my mother was worried that she was becoming blind because when she would look back into the coach after looking at the snow covered landscape, she could not see anything. Also she wanted to know why all the yards they passed along the way had sentry boxes which of course she was told were outhouses.

During the first five or six years on the farm, water for drinking and cooking was carried from a flowing spring ¼ mile west of the building site. In summer, they went for water by boat and walked during the winter. The cattle and horses were watered at the creek, in winter through a hole in the ice. If the wind was in the south it was necessary to use a pail on a rope to get the water, but if the wind was in the north the water would rise up, even over the hole sometimes.

From the early or middle 1920's to either 1940 or 41, my father ran an illustration station on the farm for the federal government. The government rented 35 acres along the highway which they had him divide into 5 acre plots where a system of crop rotation was practiced. There were large signs for each plot along the highway explaining what was in them now, the year before, and also what would be done the next year.

It is only necessary to look around the farm yard and driveway of the Michael farm in order to realize that my father was a very enthusiastic tree planter.

My father and mother were always interested in community affairs. My father helped organize the first calf, pig and garden clubs in the Petersfield area. My mother worked with the Petersfield Hospital Aid since its inception, as its' treasurer for over twenty five years; also with the Women's Auxilliary of the United Church. For many years my mother organized the Red Cross campaign in this area. She also supplies the wool and knits small sweaters for UNICEF.

Bill and Ella Michael had one daughter Jean who is a retired schoolteacher and lives on the farm with her mother. Bill died on March 11, 1974. Ella has just celebrated her 89th birthday January 2, 1982.

### **Arthur and Mabelle Mitchell**

**submitted by Mrs. Mabelle (Chamberlain)  
Gawne — niece**

Arthur Mitchell ventured out from Lower Beeding, near Horsham, Sussex, England in the year 1905 at the age of 20, as so many were doing in those years.

He was first employed by the Grand Trunk Railway as a Master Carpenter, building water tanks in the train stops across Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Many tales of the experiences of the winters on the prairies in those early years always made good listening.

About five years later he was hired by Mr. Robert Camplin to build a house on Redwood Avenue in Winnipeg. This venture paid off, as it was here that he met his future wife, Mabelle Camplin.

Lot 78 in the St. Andrews area was purchased, a house was built by the highway, then a gravel trail, and a wedding took place in the St. Andrews Church on September 2, 1911.

The Mitchell's settled down to life on a dairy farm. A herd of holsteins was built up and the business was carried on until 1929 when the herd was sold to Mr. T. L. Townsend who showed these cattle in fairs across Canada and the United States. Then it was back to the drawing board and to his original trade as a builder. As well as many private homes and public buildings in the community, his handiwork can be seen in the St. Thomas Church. Arthur Mitchell contributed many hours to the upkeep of the St. Andrews Church and served on the St. Andrews School Board for many years.

The Mitchell's opened their doors and made a home for Bud MacDougal and two nieces.

In later years Mr. Mitchell was employed by the Manitoba Rolling Mills, retiring in 1956, after which



he spent 12 enjoyable years with niece Lucy and husband John Van Mol in the Pembina Valley area.

Mabelle Mitchell died in 1951 in her 66th year, and Arthur Mitchell died in 1968 in his 83rd year.

### The Family of Alexander and Lillian Moar

Alexander Flett Moar was born on May 31st, 1872, in Little Grand Rapids, Man. He was the son of a Hudson's Bay Factor, John Moar and his wife Mary. He spoke Cree and Saulteaux fluently. In his early teens he acted as an interpreter for the missionary at Beren's River.



Moar Family — Family of Alex and Lillian Moar. Back row, L to R: Joseph, Lloyd, Margaret, Emmerson, Gordon. Front row: Clara, Lillian, Howard, Alexander and Gladys, Cloverdale, Man.

He came to the Cloverdale district as a young man and was engaged in farming. He passed away on November 22nd, 1953. He was laid to rest in the United Church cemetery in Cloverdale.

In 1907 he married Lillian Blance Kinsman, who was born on September 29th, 1884, in Lakeville, Nova Scotia. She came west as a school teacher and taught in Cloverdale, Meadowdale and latterly in Highland Glen. She passed away on September 22nd, 1963, with burial in the Cloverdale cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Moar were keenly interested in, and took an active part, in all community affairs. They raised a family of eight children.

Gladys Louise married August Hoffman, a dairy farmer who lived north of Selkirk. August passed away in 1945. In 1951 Gladys married Frank Lillequist, a carpenter by trade. They reside in Inwood, Manitoba.

Clara Adah Mary married Edward Appleton, who was employed with Medical Services, Dept. of Health and Welfare. They reside in Winnipeg. They had a family of three daughters. Edward died in 1978 with burial in the Cloverdale cemetery.

Earl Gordon married Beatrice Stefanson. Gordon was employed at the Hospital for Mental Diseases, first on the farm and later in the Stores Dept. Gordon and Beatrice reside in Selkirk.

Margaret Catherine married Raymond Newman. They had a family of two sons. Margaret later married Gunnar Lillequist, a carpenter by trade. They reside in Inwood, Manitoba.

Joseph Alexander served overseas in the second World War in the Tank Corps. Joseph married Martha Behrendt. They resided on a farm north of Selkirk. They raised a family of four children, two sons and two daughters. Joe passed away in 1974 with interment in the Cloverdale cemetery.

Lloyd George served with the Royal Canadian Air Force during the second World War, and made a career of the Armed Services. Lloyd is now in business in Ottawa. He married Alice Fordham. They have one son and reside in Ottawa.

John Emmerson served in the Armed Forces during the second World War. He married Grace Paquette. They reside in Selkirk where Emmerson has his own plumbing business. They have a family of four daughters and one son.

Howard Leland Clarence lived on the family farm in Cloverdale until his death in 1963. He married Emily Green. They had a family of five children. Howard was buried in the Cloverdale cemetery.

### Moffatt Family — Thomas James and Alexander

**Thomas James Moffatt**, son of Robert Moffatt and Jessie Angus, born 1863 Township of Nepean, County of Carleton, Ontario. House was situated on the Rideau River. Came to Manitoba 1889, stayed on the ranch NW31-15-4E on the south side of Netley Creek. The old ranch house was there till around 1915. Around 1900 he bought the SW $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  25-15-3E and NW $\frac{1}{4}$  24-15-3E. A log house was built in which they lived till 1909, when the lumber house was ready to live in. He married Maggie May Forster April 29, 1908. His brother Alexander, born 1861, died 3-18-1945, came west about 1900. He and Tom were partners and farmed there till their death. Alexander died on 18-3-1945.

Family of T. J. Moffat is **Robert A. Moffatt** who married Harriet McIntosh Dunphy July 3, 1935 who died October 12th the same year, and is buried in Dunara Cemetery. Married Frances Electa Clarke October 30, 1939. Their children, Dale Robert Moffatt married Carl Lipinski; Peggy May married Brian Kinsley; Patricia Frances married Norbert Glapski.

**Winnifred Emily Moffatt** married James



Stevenson, they have two children, Richard and Eleanor, an R.N. not married.

**Charles Samuel**, single, retired from Manitoba Hydro, has the old farm, rents it. These people were interested in both Norwood and Dunara schools as well as Dunara church. Alex was councillor for two terms.

## **History of my Family**

### **by Oliver Mowat**

I shall begin from my grandfathers of both sides.

My Grandfather on my mother's side was Adam McDonald. On my dad's side was Andrew Mowat.

Grandfather McDonald's father was Roderick McDonald. Grandfather Mowat's father was Martin Mowat.

My grandmother on my mother's side was Maria McKay.

These could be called pioneers because Grandfather McDonald and his father came from around Edinborough, Scotland; Mowats came from the Orkney Islands along the shore off Scotland.

They landed at Montreal and then the trek west was by boat and overland to the Red River Settlement between Parkdale and the Old St. Andrews church. On my side of the Mowats we had relatives of the Sinclairs, Stewarts, and McPhearson's. Now on the side of the McDonalds, there were Campbells, McKays and Murdochs. My mother was a McDonald and she married my dad, James Mowat.

Mother's father McDonald was a guard at Lower Fort Garry for the Hudson Bay Co.

Dad's father also worked for the Hudson Bay Co. Most of my relatives work for the Hudson Bay Co.

Getting back to the McDonalds and Mowats, they moved from the banks of the Red River to what is now called Oak Hammock.

They settled on the land as homesteaders. My mother's brother, Fred McDonald, looked after the land and the home place.

My Dad, before he got married, worked for the Government during the Riel Rebellion.

He was what they called a Scout for the Army. He used to take messages for the Army from Fort to Fort or to what position the Army was in against Louis Riel's army of Indians.

Once he was nearly captured by Riel's Scouts of Indians. He was a good rider and had a good horse, which was very fast, and by that escaped being caught or shot.

In my family there were seven. As of now I am the only one left.

## **Mowat Family**

### **submitted by O. Mowat**

In the building of the Church in 1904, most of the work was done by volunteers. People who worked and helped build the church who came from Oak Hammock were: Fred McDonald, Donald McDonald, L. Moorcraft, James Mowat, Ben Setter, V. Slater, Charles Johnstone, William Brass, Alex Johnstone and Cuthbert Johnstone.

The first winter of service in the church the wood for fuel was donated by Fred McDonald . . . four cords of white poplar. In those days the people of Oak Hammock drove to church services at Cloverdale with horse and buggy. Sometimes neighbors would get together and use a team and wagon and take whoever wanted to go to church. In those days, people lived at least a mile apart.

Mrs. Mowat, who was Victoria McDonald was an A.C.W. member for many years. She came to Oak Hammock with her parents. Her father had worked with the Hudson's Bay Company at Lower Fort Garry. She married James Mowat, who had also worked for the HBC before moving to the farm. He had worked on the York boats in Northern Manitoba, and was a scout in the Northwest Rebellion. They had four children, Oliver, Cassie, Rosser and Stan.

## **The Muckle Family**

### **submitted by Bob Muckle**

Major Alexander Montgomery Muckle came west with the Wolseley Expedition in 1870 during the activities of Louis Riel. After cessation of hostilities he was employed with survey parties for a couple of years, finally settling on the west bank of what was to become known as "Muckle Creek". This homestead was located three miles east of Clandeboye, adjacent to the north side of the Clandeboye Road and is currently the residence of Charles and Debbie Aime and family. The Major was employed as an "Agent" of the Federal Government to administer to the local Indian Bands. Reference is made to his work in "Echoes of the Red" by John J. Gunn, a nephew of his wife, the former Janet Gunn.

Muckle Creek flowed from a bottomless spring about three quarters of a mile south of this homestead and together with many other springs and the joining with Wavey and Netley Creeks flows through Lake Winnipeg and the Nelson River to Hudson Bay.

The Village of Clandeboye is named after Lord Dufferin's estate of the same name located south of Belfast between Holywood and Bangor in Northern Ireland. Lord Dufferin, Viscount Clandeboye, was a former Governor General of Canada.

The Major's mother, Mary Montgomery Muckle,



came to Muckle Creek to reside near her son. The scenery was so similar to the area in which she had grown up, "The Lovely Woods of Clandeboye" that she wrote to her childhood friend, Lady Dufferin in Ireland, and asked if she could use the name of their estate, Clandeboye. Permission was granted. A few years later when Lord Dufferin was Governor General, Lady Dufferin took the opportunity of a stop over at Winnipeg to drive to Clandeboye to visit Mary.

The Muckles were also responsible for the stained glass window in Clandeboye United Church. The window is dedicated to Mary Montgomery Muckle's daughter Mary E. M. Muckle "whom God recalled January 20, 1890 age 34 years." The window was donated by Lord Pirie of Ireland at the time the church was built. Lord Pirie's mother, Mary Muckle's sister, had been married in Quebec. His family later moved to New York where a short time later his father died. The Muckles helped the young widow and two children return to Ireland. Lord Pirie thought it fitting that he show his gratitude in that manner. The Major married Janet Gunn, the daughter of the Honourable Donald Gunn. They had five children: John McLure, Leta married to Donald Gunn (children Reta, Sandy, Bob and Archie), Anna Hollins married to John Elliot, Alexander Montgomery married to Katherine Boyd (children Leta, "Monty", Audrey and Lorraine) and Robert James Tennant Montgomery married to Hannah Estelle Jenson (one child "Bobby").

The "Tennant" was also one of the names of the Major's brother. During several visits to Scotland "Bobby" found "Tennant's Lager" to be an excellent beverage but was unable to establish contact with any long lost family. The names Alexander Montgomery and Robert are so repetitive in this family it becomes difficult to follow. Monty's son is named Alexander Montgomery but is called Bob. His son is named Robert Peter and with the other son called Andrew Montgomery the same names continue.

In addition to the Village name and the Clandeboye Church window the Muckle family is known for the ornamental Muckle Plum which was developed by R. M. Muckle, son of the Major. In 1914 after graduating from Manitoba Agricultural College, R. M. Muckle was appointed first Provincial Apiarist, a position he held for several years. He operated a nursery at his home on Muckle Creek. Many neighboring farms have shrubs and trees from the Muckle Nursery. He specialized in growing Colorado Blue Spruce. He was successful in crossing the Canada Plum with the Russian Almond to produce the above mentioned Muckle Plum which may reach a height of nine feet and is characterized by pink

flowers in early spring. The Muckle Plum, designed to withstand prairie winters, may be seen on the Regina Legislative Building grounds, as well as the Experimental Farm at Morden.

Descendants of the Major and Janet took part in a variety of activities of which a few are listed here:

#### **Sports —**

Monty — Depicted in the Hockey Hall of Fame as a member of the Moncton Black Hawks when they won the Allan Cup in 1933 and 1934.

Betty (wife of Bobby) — Runner up Canadian Ladies' Table Tennis Champion. Winner of the City of Saskatoon Table Tennis Championship. It took son Jim twenty-one years and five months to finally beat his mother. Qualified mountain climber.

Alex (son of the Major) — Manitoba Horseshoe Pitching Champion.

#### **Piping —**

The historians speak of the fact that the Hon. Donald Gunn played his bagpipes on snowshoes to cheer a party of Selkirk Settlers on their arduous journey from Fort Churchill to the Red River in April 1814. His great great granddaughter, Betty Anne, returned to Scotland in 1968 (age 16) and in 1974 to win prizes with Grades Three and Two Bands respectively in World Pipe Band competitions.

Her father "Bobby" played with eight Pipe Bands over the years including the Indianapolis "500" and was a member of the Hamilton City Police Band when they were guests of the World Champion Glasgow Police (pronounced "Polis") Band. The engagement was for eleven nights in Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, in aid of a special charity.

As a beginning piper in Ottawa, a friend advised him to concentrate on quantity of tunes rather than tuning, saying that the Pipe Major would do the tuning for him. He replied that he had several fiddle and piano playing friends near Clandeboye and they would not appreciate a poorly tuned instrument (the Wheelers, Marty Bruce, Tom McManus and Alma Gunn to name a few). Bobby points out his biggest thrill was when Eva Wheeler said to him in the famous "Red River accent" after hearing him play: "My, Bobby, you have finally found something you can play." The "Red River Valley" can be played on this instrument.

Three pipe tunes have been written in honour of Bobby: "Capt. R. M. Muckle, C.D.," composed by daughter Betty Anne, age 13, during television ads, "Muckled Up" by Pipe Major Sandy Keith of Hamilton City Police while on night duty in a police car, "Rob Muckle's Creek" by Pipe Major George Sherriff of Town of Dundas Pipe Band.

Enough "Blowing" on this theme.