

bit in order to move in. There still, however, weren't the modern conveniences of today. There was no running water, except for **running** for it in winter-time, no indoor plumbing, no stove (except for a pot belly stove — which meant you had to chop lots of wood), and no fridge except for a hole in the ground outside, an old wooden box to put food in and a blanket to cover the food up, but on occasion the milkman in exchange for breakfast would leave a block of ice. There was no washing machine, no clothes dryer, dishwasher, etc. Within three or so years a fridge and stove were finally purchased. George still worked in the bush camp for about three winters after their marriage. Lil was left in Parkdale minding the farm and children.

In 1946, there were few neighbours in the area. To the north of George and Lil's were Mackelsons and in the same year Christiansons moved in across the track (old streetcar line ran beside where present highway is). Slowly homes were springing up, where fields once were. Back in 1946, with no radio and no television there was lots of work to keep one busy. St. John Ambulance Courses were held in George's and Lil's home. Besides being informative it was also a way of socializing. These courses were held for approximately three years. On April 9, 1946, Brian George, their first child was born.

The farm itself started with 290 acres of land, all in St. Andrews Municipality and about 100 of this had to be broken of dense thick bush. This grew to 3,000 acres over the years in St. Andrews and Rockwood Municipalities. Besides grain, cattle and chickens were raised till about 1965.

On April 25, 1948, Beverly Carol was born. In this year, George, wanting to be closer to his family, quit the bush camp during the winter (he farmed the fields in summer, fall and spring) and began selling Wear Ever pots and pans. Lil would accompany him on his sales, cooking meals in order to demonstrate their quality. Four years later he switched to selling Life Insurance for Dominion Life. He did this for about four years as well. In 1953 a new home was built, the old house was sold and moved off the property.

In 1954 "Schreyer Equipment" was started by George and his brother Leonard. In the fall of 1954 George and Lil were sole owners. The company started in a small office in the old Massey-Ferguson headquarters, in Winnipeg. Then in 1957 it was moved to 301 Princess Street. In 1967 a new building was built at 3176 Main Street. Before this the backyard in St. Andrews was used to repair machinery. During the summer months, in between looking after the children, Lil would help out selling parts in the Parts Department. Besides the business, the farm

work would still have to get done. This meant long hours for both of them.

The family itself was also increasing in size. On October 20, 1956, Gregory Allen was born, followed by Cheryl Ann on March 25, 1958 and Darlene Marie on July 15, 1960. In 1966, when the children were all in school, Lil began working full time, for sixteen years, at Schreyer Equipment in the parts department.

In 1975 the business was sold to Brian and Greg. Brian then became sole owner and George still owned the land and buildings. In twenty-eight years, after becoming one of the top ten dealers in Western Canada, Schreyer Equipment ceased operation, due to hard economic conditions.

Thinking back over the years, one who is familiar with the area and the Schreyers, will recall the many Saturday night dances held in their huge machine shed. Between 1948 and 1951 the place would always be packed with a few hundred people. Some quite talented musicians entertained such as radio stars Red River Slim, Red River Ramblers and Jim Gawne's Band. Hot dogs and soft drinks were sold. One recollection of George's and Lil's was August 4, 1951. It had been a hot, hot day and dark clouds were building up in the west. It was a long weekend and a Sunday midnight dance was to commence at 12:01 A.M. People began gathering — then a tornado struck! A stage built adjacent to the dance floor only a week before was destroyed. The wind blew musicians' sheet music over the yard, doors were blown off buildings, people had to take cover where they could (fortunately no one was seriously injured). In Winnipeg the CKRC, 600 foot tower toppled over. Even though all this damage occurred people gathered the following weekend for yet another Saturday night dance.

Another recollection is the building of the four lane highway in 1956 (Hwy 9). Lil was in charge of feeding the twenty-four men road crew. Tables were set up in the basement of their house. Three meals were made every day beginning at 4:30 A.M. with the frying of bacon. This was done for two summers.

During the years many teachers would board at the Schreyers'. (Jean Kubas, Helen Swedlo, Mildred Schromeda, John Mosquin, Len Desmasko and others). Students from St. Benedict's Academy were billeted as well.

Other fond memories include the Parkdale Baseball team. George considers it the "Best in the West".

Community involvement always had a priority throughout George and Lil's life in St. Andrews. In 1948 George was elected to the Board of Trustees of the St. Andrews School Division #2, the oldest

School District in Western Canada from the Great Lakes to the Pacific. During that time he also served as Secretary and Truant Officer. When the Unitary School Division came into being in 1967 the Division was integrated into the Lord Selkirk School Division #11. In 1983, George will have served thirty-five Continuous Years as a School Trustee, the last nine years as Board Chairman.

Lil has also served her community. She was President for the Home and School Association for St. Andrews for one year, and President for the C.W.L. of the St. Theresa Parish for a year. She has constantly been involved in most of the church's functions. She has served as social director for the Winnipeg section of MALFERDA (Manitoba and Lakehead Farm Equipment Retail Dealers Association). She has worked over the past few years at the St. Andrews Community Club bingo.

Lil has always been at George's side in many of his other endeavours as well. George ran in two provincial elections for the N.D.P. but was defeated in Lakeside and Gimli. George has served as President for the Manitoba Implement Dealers Association and the National President for the Canadian Federation of Implement Dealers. For eight years, he had been a member of the Farm Machinery Board, and for ten years the President of Nu-Way Distributors.

Throughout the years Lots 13 and 14 have always been a constant hum of activity. Various church groups and other organizations have had picnics, dances, corn roasts and parties at the Schreyers'. Family gatherings have had many a day here also.

It seems that the Schreyers' have started their own colony in St. Andrews, as well. Brian who married Nancy Copeland of St. Clements on July 29, 1972, have two children, Ryan and Jodi both attending St. Andrews School. Beverly who married Jim Nicol of Selkirk on October 10, 1970 have two children, Jimmy and Penni who also attend St. Andrews School. Greg married Betty Murchie of Thompson on June 6, 1981 and they live in Brandon. Cheryl (Cheri) married Don Kasianchuk of Transcona on July 5, 1980 and live in St. Andrews. Darlene, at time of writing, is living at home.

The years keep rolling by and George's and Lil's pace has not really slowed any. Still quite active they enjoy bowling, golfing (George curling on occasion) and even though it is mostly work, they enjoy the maintenance of their property. George is still farming and has over the past few years been involved in I.A.E.A. (International Agricultural Exchange Association). This involves students from Norway, England, Denmark, Sweden, and other countries who travel the world over exchanging farming tech-

niques, learning from one another and especially their host families.

The many years spent in St. Andrews have brought the Schreyers many happy memories as well as some sad moments but through it all Lil and George have never forgotten their children. Our parents have taught us much over the years but especially things such as:

Behind every good man stands a good woman and behind every good woman stands a good man!

Get involved! Don't leave to others what you should be doing.

A strong family helps one jump across the hurdles of life. A family in need of one another is a family indeed!

Setter Family

by Anne (Philpott) Carter

Andrew Setter 1777-1870 came from the Orkney Islands and was married to Margaret Spence a daughter of James Spence also from the Orkneys. They had twelve children.

The eldest son James, born in 1810 was a farmer. He married Jane Morwick 1815-1857 daughter of James Morwick and Sarah (Sally) Sabiston in 1836 at St. Andrews church. They had eight children. These children have many descendants both in this area and across Canada and U.S.A.

Their daughter Nancy's eldest son George McDonald married Eliza Jane McKay. Their children included Elsie Isabel who married William Reginald Sutherland, Florence who married George Pion and "Tina" Ada Christina McDonald.

Another son — Arthur married Florence Hazel Charles. Their children include Graham and Enid McDonald who live in the Lockport area.

James and Jane's 4th child William married Frances Peebles. Their daughter Ada Theodora



Early settlers of Clandeboye area. L-R: Alex and Isabella (Sutherland) Setter, William and Mary (Sutherland) Leask.

Christina married Arthur Andrews. A son Harry and his wife Jessie live in Selkirk.

The 5th child **Jane** "Jeanne" married Thomas Grieve — Descendants of this family are Dewars, Peels and Grieves.

The youngest son **Alexander** (Big Alex) 1856-1924 married Isabella Anne Sutherland a daughter of William Richard and Margaret (Inkster) Sutherland. Their family consisted of:

Margaret Oct. 1888-Jan. 1967 — married Francis William Philpott March 1884-Oct. 1972.

Anne Inkster Setter-Sept. 1891-May 1972 married a train conductor Frank J. Hawley. Anne was a school teacher. She moved with her sons Norman and Clifford to the U.S.A. in 1926.

William James 1891-1892.

Archie Feb. 1894-Nov. 1979 a bachelor who farmed in the Meadowdale district on Number Eight Highway just south of the Clandeboye curve. The last few years he lived in Selkirk.

Elizabeth Jane (a twin) March 1895-Aug. 1895.

Mary Isabella "Molly" March 1895-May 1949 never married and lived with Ernest and his wife on the old home place in Meadowdale.

John Richard married Mary Brown "Mayme". Their children are:

Lionel was in Australia for a while then returned to Canada lived in Vancouver married and died in 1978.

Joyce married Maurice Baisley. Joyce was a nurse and Maurice a fireman. They lived in Clandeboye for a few years until their house burned around 1968. They moved to Powell River, B.C. The Baisleys have 3 children, twin sons Kerry and Pat, and a daughter Jeannine.

Lois Anne married Delmar Robinson of Clandeboye. They have three children, Gregory, Debbie and Darlene, and live in Winnipeg.

Arlene never married and lives in Vancouver, B.C.

Mayme remarried after John's death.

Ernest 1900-1968 married Roberta Frances Kirkness. They lived on the home farm in Meadowdale. The house burned while they were away on a visit. They later moved to B.C. Ernest was a councillor for a number of years. Their family is as follows:

William Alexander married Muriel Bligh who died in a house fire after they moved to the coast. William later re-married.

Shirley married John Wienicki — they have a son Michael and live in Vancouver, Wash.

Gwendolyn Doreen married Vern Nelson — They lived in Germany for a number of years. Vern died just before they were due to return home. They

had three children — Sherri-Lynn, Sabine and Shelley. They now live in B.C.

James born in 1930 married Idella Aitkins who was born in Boissevain. Their children are David Oct. 1963, Mary Jo-Anne Jan. 1967 and Robert Oct. 1968 born in England. The family now lives in Winnipeg where James is the Rector at All Saints' Church.

Alex and Isabella also raised Agnes Margaret Sutherland a daughter of Colin Sutherland.

Alex and Isabella Anne Setter lived at Parkdale until the spring of 1891 when they moved to a new log house in the Meadowdale district. Grannie Setter lived with them for many years until she became very ill. She then went to live with her daughter Jeanne Grieve.

Sherlock

The 1890's was a busy decade with many settlers coming from all over Europe, leaving for reasons of land shortages, food shortages and the adventure of making a new living in a new country.

Among these adventurous pioneers was a young lad, Lloyd Arthur Sherlock. He left his home in Ireland to make a go of it in Canada.

After a long weary trip in 1890 by ship, he finally landed in this fine country and soon made his way westward to Manitoba. Having arrived in Winnipeg and finding that his homestead was northward, he trekked on to the eastern shores of Shoal Lake, to the area presently called Erinview.

Here he established himself and started to ranch, at the now known Blue Meadows Ranch. Soon he married and raised a family.

It was truly a test of living, a hard country — roadless, full of mosquitoes, cold winters and few neighbours.

Then the war came, he joined along with his son. Rupert (Bud), his oldest, was a young lad when he went overseas with his dad.

Having survived the terrible test of life of war, they returned to their home land and decided to move to the Armistice School district in the Petersfield area. Son Cedric (Pat) had started his farm in the area, and they all liked the area. More moved from Erinview to this district also, one of them Gavin Willis, who neighboured nearby.

This land really made Lloyd feel good and he continued to farm this land till he could, into the 1960's. Lloyd also had two daughters who established themselves in western Canada.

The 1980's are here and the Sherlock life is still tilling the land. Grandson Art Sherlock farms this land now.

It now is a far cry from the Heave-Ho of the oxen

pulling the plow through new land of roots and stones in order to plant the seed, to today's living room comfort of the new diesel engines humming through the air. Yes, it has come a long way from walking behind an ox-drawn plow to an air conditioned cab. But the task still is there, "to make a living." We have different problems today, inflation, high interest, bankruptcy at a record high as compared to before, a life of fulfillment through means of hard awful toil to get food and shelter and enjoyment of life.

Simpson, Alfred and Fanny Elizabeth (nee Skipworth)

submitted by Donald and Therèse Simpson

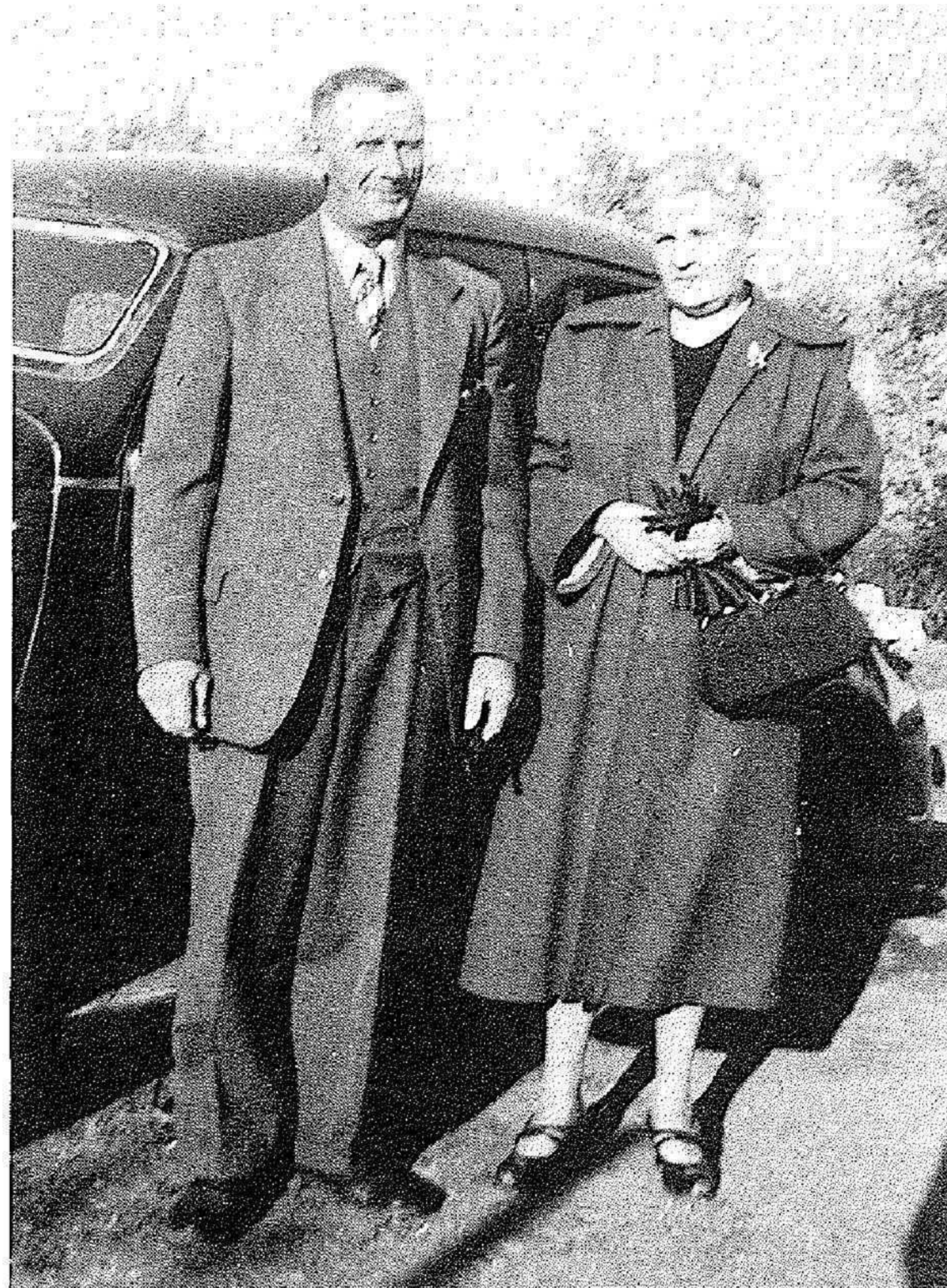
Alfred Simpson was born in Wrangle, Lincolnshire, England, on August 5, 1877 and his wife Fanny was born in Tristrney, Lincolnshire, in 1878, February 16th. Alfred came to Canada in 1910. His first job in Canada was with John J. Bird of the Norwood district. Six months later his wife and two eldest sons, George and Charles, arrived in Petersfield. Their two youngest sons, Donald and Oswald, were both born in Canada.

Until his death in 1934 at age of 57, Alfred rented the farm now owned by Frank Philpott. George died overseas during the First World War on November 21, 1918. Charles died in 1937. Fanny died December 14, 1952 at the age of 74. In the fall of 1936, Donald bought the farm Sw 6-16-4E, now owned by Nick Harder. He married Therèse Beaulieu from St. Rose, Manitoba on April 7th, 1948. Don and Therèse sold their dairy herd in 1970, their farm in 1972 and moved into their new home in Petersfield.

Oswald married Bernice Domoney and they had two daughters, Marilyn and Frances. After the death of Bernice in 1959 and Oswald in 1961, Donald and Therèse adopted and raised these two girls. Marilyn lives in Stony Mountain and is married to Glen Barsness. Frances is married to Constable Norman Thompson of the R.C.M.P. They have twin sons, Scott and Ian, and are, at present, stationed in Gillam, Manitoba.

The J. Simpson Family

The year was 1927, the ship H.M.S. Montnair sailed from Liverpool, England. Aboard were among many others, Mr. and Mrs J. Simpson and their two small daughters, Margaret and Teenie, bound for Manitoba. The voyage started in Keith, Banffshire, Scotland. They travelled by train to Liverpool where they boarded ship to Canada's port St. Johns, Newfoundland, then by train to Petersfield



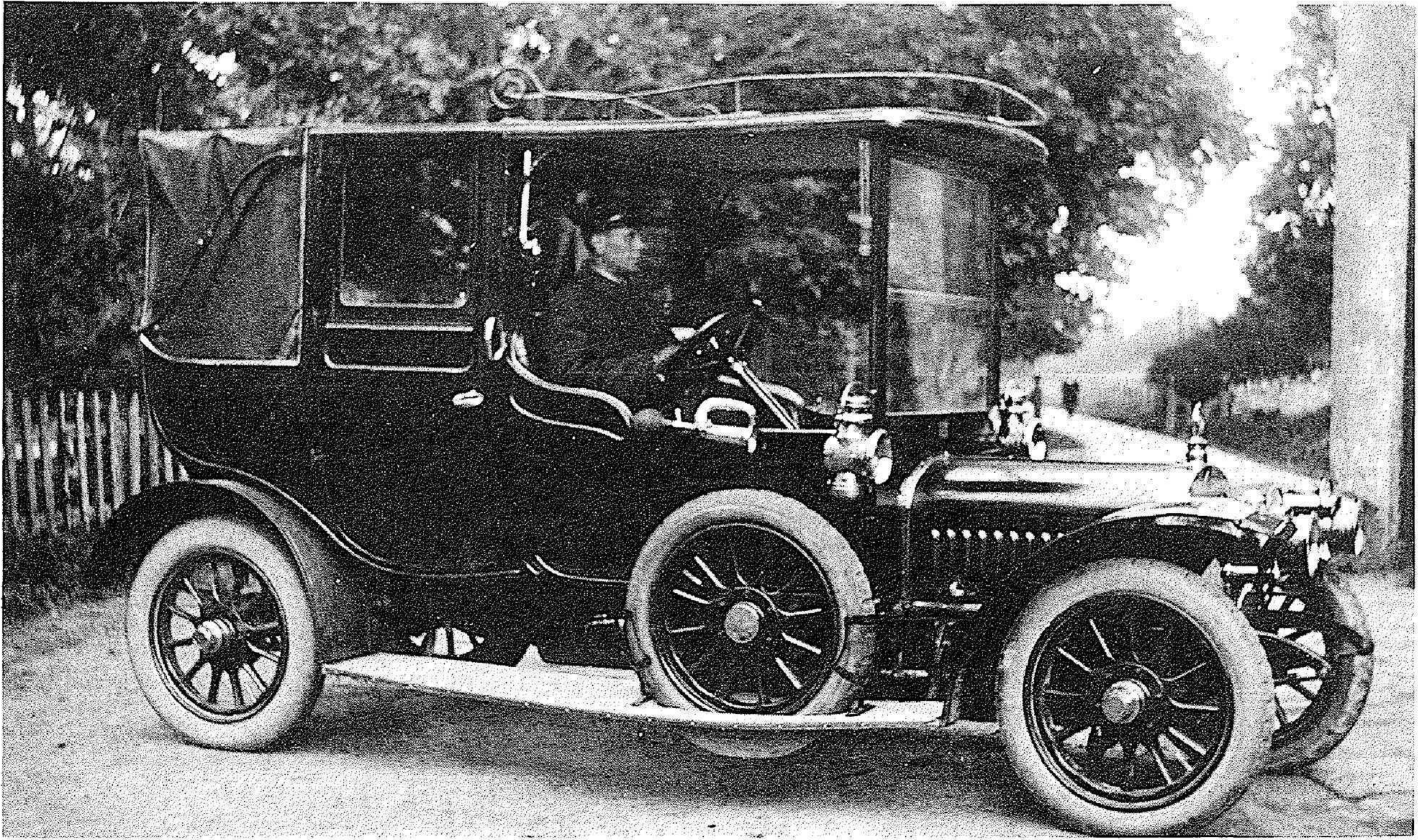
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Simpson, Petersfield, 1940.

arriving April 14th, 1927. The farm later acquired the name "Strathisla Farm".

There was evidence of having had a very wet fall before. Stooks were still standing in water. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson came to Canada as landed immigrants. Mr. Simpson had to work for two years. He worked for Mr. Harry Vosper. Then he bought the Bert Dickenson farm from the Soldier Settlement Board. In the winter, gravel was hauled to the roads for the municipality; this was how the taxes were paid.

Mr. Simpson served with the "King's Own Scottish Borderers" and was severely wounded at the Battle of the Somme. We often heard stories of very brave people in the trenches. He then convalesced at an army hospital in Birmingham, England. Mr. Simpson belonged to the Free Masons. He then returned home to Keith, to a chauffeur's job at Drummuir Castle for Lord and Lady Duff where he met Mrs. Simpson, the former Bella Davidson, who was a cook there.

The first tractor was rented from Mr. F. O. Sargent, who was the John Deere dealer at the time; it was a Rummly with chain drive at front. Then a 15.30 International Harvester graced the farm yard. Several years later, there was a W.30, which is still on the



Joe Simpson, Petersfield. Pictured in 1920 as chauffeur for Lord and Lady Duff, Drummiur Castle, Northern Scotland. Car is Sunbeam model with acetylene lamps which had to be lit each time it was driven.

farm and usable. There have always been International Harvester tractors on the farm. Of course these were the days before "rural electrification". There was always water to pump by hand for cows and horses. The children would take turns — 100 pumps each 'till the big trough was full. The animals were like huge siphons; the water was gone instantly.

The "parcels" from home from Granny and other relatives were always an exciting time. They knitted socks and sweaters, thinking this was a very harsh land. We walked to school in summer and drove horse and cutter in winter. Then during the Second War, much of the mail from overseas was "censored". Big black blotches over any names of places or people. There was great excitement when Hess landed in Scotland. Even more so as security was so tight, no one could find out what was happening. The B.B.C. news from London, England was always a must. One day when we were listening there was a loud noise — then silence. We later learned the building took a direct hit and the announcer had been killed.

When the house on the farm was remodelled and new windows installed, the bottom of the old frame had "Victory Lumber, Petersfield" stamped on. There is also an old calendar dated 1925 found behind building paper in the walls.

Mr. and Mrs. Simpson enjoyed a holiday in Scot-

land during the summer of 1959, after Tom had bought the cattle.

There were six children. Joe Jr. and family of Winnipeg. Jean, a daughter, deceased in '79 who lived in Keith, Scotland. Margaret Schuster who now lives on the farm in a mobile home with Tom and his family. Betty Mollard and family live in Stonewall. Teenie married Earl Curiston and they live in Victoria, B.C.

Mrs. Simpson passed away in 1970. Mr. Simpson in 1979 in his 93rd year.

The Sinclairs of St. Andrews contributed by Thomas H. Sinclair River Road, Lockport

The first Sinclair known as William I, arrived in Canada in 1792, employed as a writer or clerk, for the Hudson's Bay Company at York Factory for a period of two years. He rose rapidly and eventually became a chief factor and then governor of a sub-territory stretching from the Hudson Bay to the Pembina Plains. He married Margaret Nahonway Norton (or Holden) and they had eleven children, five sons and six daughters. He died in 1818, at the early age of 52, and is buried at Oxford House which he built for the company in 1798. Of his five sons, William II and Thomas became chief factors in the company while

the other three, John, James and Colin, were sent back to Scotland to be educated. John, who was always sickly, died soon after his arrival, but James and Colin continued at school where James graduated from the University of Edinburgh in 1828. He then returned to Red River where he became a free trader in partnership with Andrew MacDermott. In 1841 and 1850 he led a party of settlers from Red River to the Oregon Territories where he spent the next four years on behalf of the Hudson's Bay Company. In 1854, during an Indian uprising he was killed while defending his fort from an Indian attack.

The youngest son Colin, became a sea captain and a ship owner and during the California Gold rush was the Port Captain in San Francisco. He returned to Red River as an old man. Since it had been the habit of his mother to sit on a large boulder at the water's edge watching for the return of her sons, he had the stone brought up from the river's edge and placed over her grave. She was buried in St. John's Cathedral Church yard. On the stone are inscribed the following words:

"Eyes of my childhood's days shall meet me
Lips of my mother's love shall greet me
On the day I follow.
Oh! What mists of memories rise
Tears dim an old man's eyes."

Colin died in 1901 and is buried near her in St. John's Cathedral cemetery.

The children of Thomas (now referred to as old Tom Sinclair) were not quite so numerous but three of their generation settled in St. Andrews. **William**, who married Jennie MacDonald and whose descendants are scattered across Canada, two of whom are Mrs. Ruby Johnstone and her daughter Barbara, of Selkirk. **Margaret** married Chief Factor James Clare. One of their sons was the late Arthur Clare, who was Police Chief in the municipality for many years. His son, James Clare is still resident on the east side of the Red River across from Parkdale. The other son, **Thomas** (young Tom Sinclair) became a leading figure in the settlement. He was a magistrate, the first registrar of land titles and a councillor of Assiniboia. For a short time he was mayor of Selkirk until his early death in 1888. He married Harriet Truthwaite and left one son, C. A. Sinclair and a daughter, Irene L. Sinclair.

C. A. Sinclair married Harriet Harriott of Cloverdale and five children were born of this union; Thomas H., Ralph S., Dorothy G., Mary K., and C. A. Jr., who died at an early age without issue. Of the others, Thomas married Vera Larter of Parkdale. Their children are: Thomas W., B. Meryl, and Kenneth McDonald, all presently resident in St. Andrews. There are ten grandchildren. The eldest son,

Thomas W., (?) married Mary Rubitetz from Winnipeg. They have two daughters, Cheryl and Karen, and reside on Goldstone Road. Their daughter, Meryl, married James Stralow, of Wichita, Kansas, and they have two children, both unmarried. The youngest son, Kenneth, has four daughters and three sons, all of whom are married except the two youngest sons. There are three grandchildren.

Irene L. Sinclair, married W. H. Hart and had one daughter Dorothy, who married Reginald Fox and is resident in Winnipeg. They have two daughters and a son.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Sinclair and Mr. and Mrs. John B. Craig

At Old England

Bess Corby (from an interview with Mrs. Anne Craig in March, 1982.)

In the early 1900's people emigrated by the thousands from Europe and Great Britain. They came to a country where they would find space and room to grow. They came to Canada, a place of opportunity.

From Glasgow, Scotland, in 1910, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Sinclair came to Canada, first to Winnipeg where Mr. Sinclair worked for the City, and then in 1919, to Old England where they built their home which still stands on the northeast corner of Main Street and Craig Avenue. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair (Mrs. Anne Craig, now 83 years of age) tells the story of how her father, sometime between 1910 and 1919 decided to move on further west to investigate the possibility of homesteading in the Peace River area. He left behind him his wife and four small children, Anne who was then 10, and three little boys, Jim, Alex and Eric. He was away longer than he had expected and although he had provided for his family before he left, their finances were almost depleted when he returned from his tortuous journey, tired and disappointed. At that point they decided to remain in Manitoba and came to Old England.

Not long afterwards, a tall, handsome young Scot came out from Lanarkshire, Scotland. His name was John B. (Jack) Craig, a horticulturist by profession. Jack came to Old England to design and manage the grounds of the country home of Mr. Tucker, manager of Eaton's Winnipeg store at the time. That lovely old home on the River Road south of Selkirk still stands and is presently owned by the Grochowich family. Anne Craig married that handsome Scot and they too made their home at Old England where Jack established his greenhouses and market garden. Mr. Craig's enterprise provided employment to many young people in the summertime and supplied produce and bedding plants to local markets in Selkirk

and district, as well as to the T. Eaton Company in Winnipeg.

The Craigs had three children; Mina, Margaret and Tom who grew up at Old England and attended Mapleton and Selkirk schools. In honour of their contribution to the community, Craig Avenue has been named after them.

Skwarek, John and Annie (Smigelski)

My parents immigrated to Canada in 1905 from Poland, with their three children, Nora, Martin and Philip. They raised seven boys and three girls: Nora, Martin, Philip, John, Rose, Kasper, Ann, Walter, Frank and Joe.

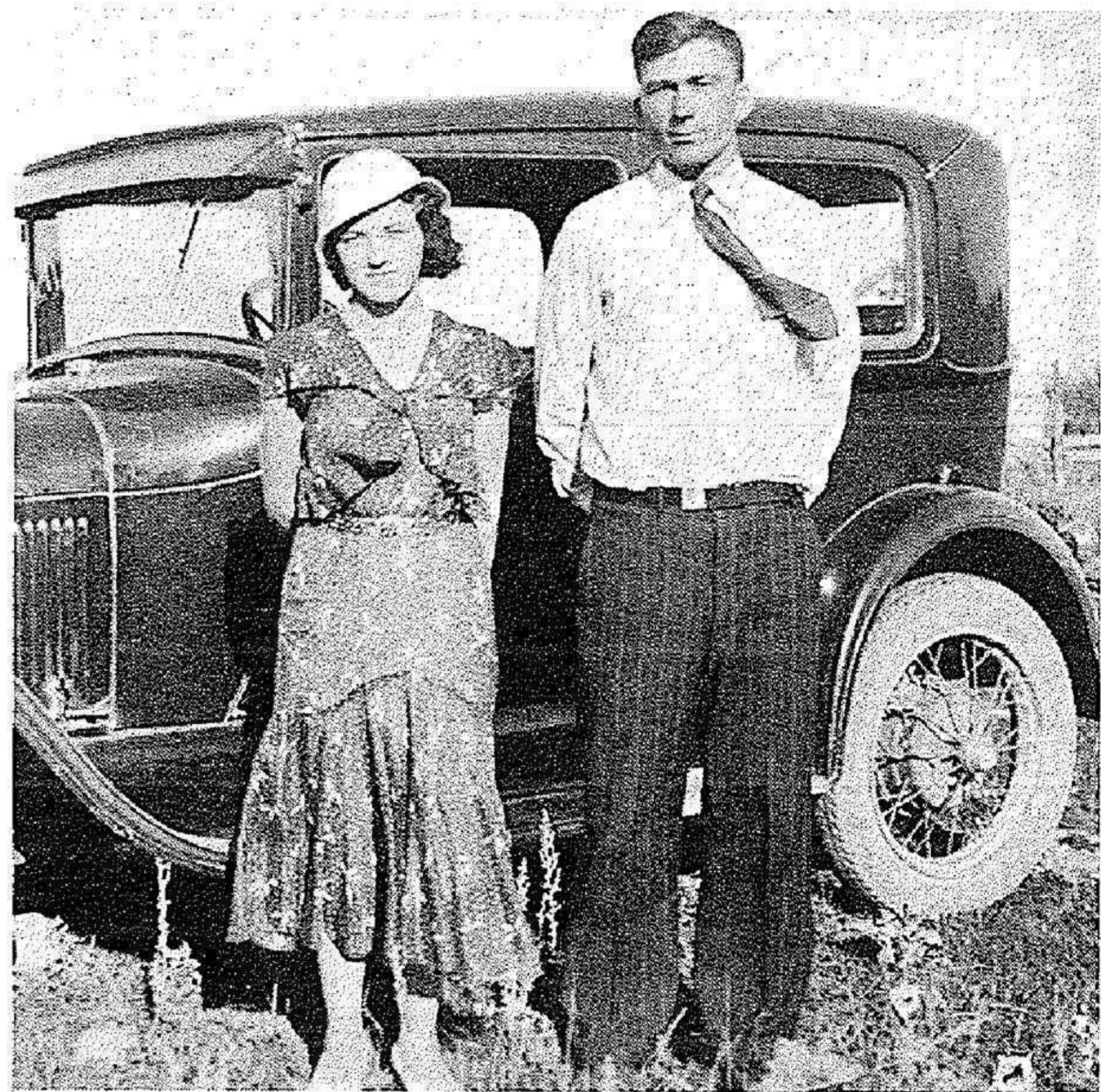
Very few of the immigrants had more than minimal financial and material resources or formal education. But they had great love of the soil and capacity for hard work and the vision of a better life for themselves and their children.

The difficult years of breaking prairie soil, of providing shelter and food, of isolation and lack of schools and social amenities are well documented in stories dealing with the colonization of the West.

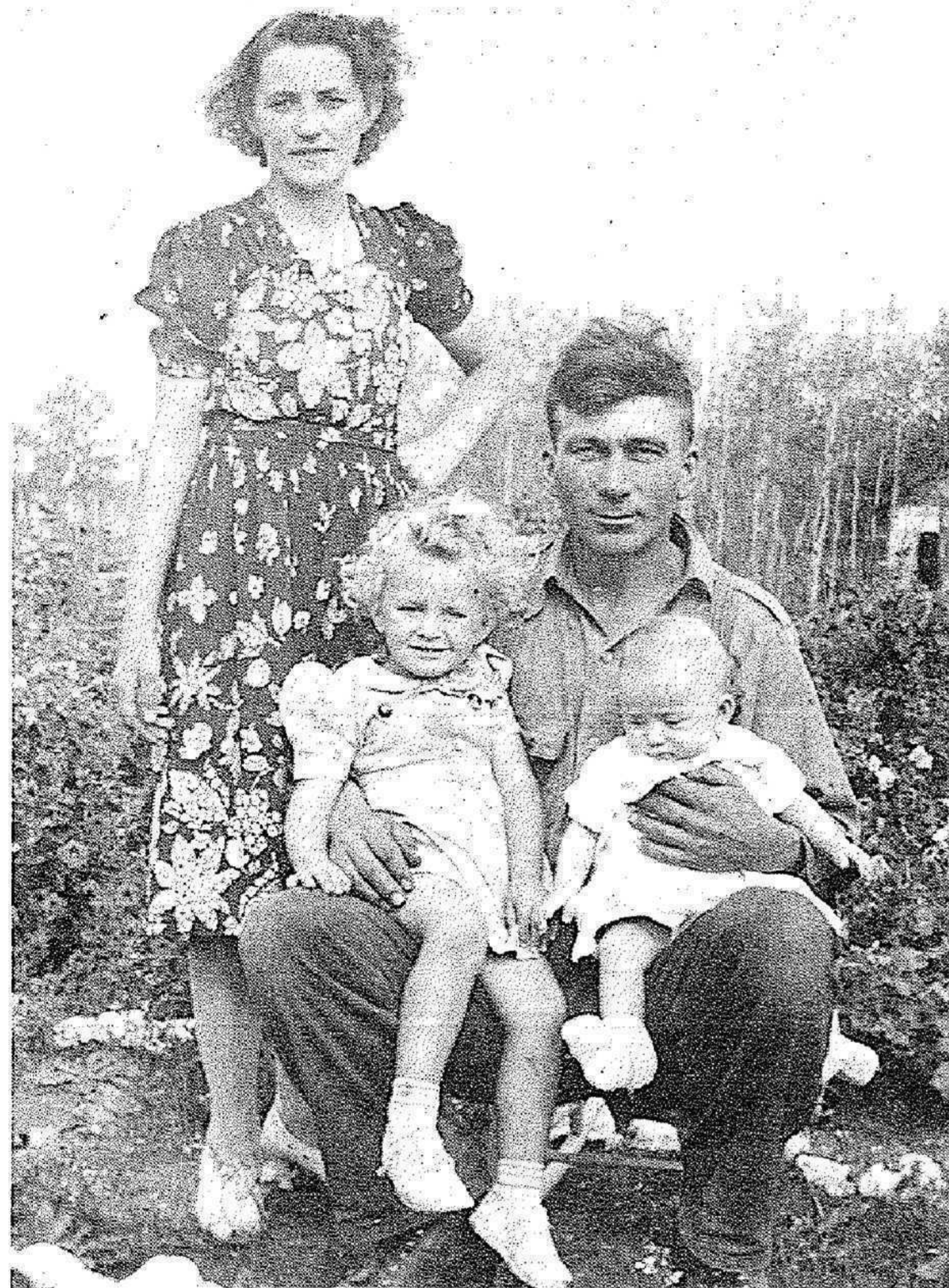
Coming to the prairies was a real experience, better known as the pioneer days. My parents settled on 80 acres in Matlock, Manitoba. My memories go back during the days when our district was all in bush, and they had to make it our homestead. In our home, at that time a log house, we experienced hard times, hunger, hard work, along with love and devotion to one's family. Any food we had, had to be raised by our parents. Oxen were in existence then, and most of the other work was done by manual

labour. You were lucky if you attended school for three or four years, at which time you took turns with your brothers, wearing shoes and sharing clothing. One's toys were made from wood. There were no times to be spoiled by our parents — we all had chores to do. Later on, as I got older I went to work in Saskatchewan, making hay and working for farmers. Sleeping above the barns and experiencing one's first time out on one's own.

I met my wife Annie, who also came with her family from Poland, in 1930. There were seven in her family; she had four sisters and three brothers. Her parents were Mary and August Smigelski, and their children Josie, Paul, Annie, Kaspar, Mike, Mabel and Kay. Annie and I were married in 1934. Our present home I built myself and broke my land, where I farmed with my brother Kasper and his wife Josie (Smigelski), for twenty-five years. My wife and I experienced the dirty thirties, along with frost, hail and grasshoppers. Our well water was very hard. There was baking bread and churning butter regularly to be done. All water had to be heated for the wash day and cooking was done on a wood stove. We were lucky to even have a fair crop during the thirties and what we harvested we could not sell, so we could only buy the essentials. My wife Annie with her



John and Annie Skwarek, Petersfield, Man.



John and Annie Skwarek with children Lois and Marjie.

gifted talent sewed all the clothes. She did all the canning and baking. During the harvest she would cook and bake for all the threshing gang, helping each other get the harvest off the fields. In those days women had to cook on a wood stove for all the threshing gang (12 to 13 men). In those days one experienced the help and understanding of one's neighbour. During the summer we all helped each other and during the cold winter months enjoyed one's company with a deck of cards.

We were gifted with two daughters. Our elder daughter Lois attended her elementary years at Armistice School. Later she went to school in Teulon, Manitoba and Winnipeg, She worked as a Secretary for Hudson's Bay Mining and Smelting Company. She got married in 1959 to Eddy Persoage from Teulon, Manitoba. She settled in Teulon, where she has helped her husband farm and make a happy home for their three children, Kelley, Michael and Lesley. Our younger daughter, Margie, attended her school years at Armistice School, Selkirk Collegiate, St. Mary's Academy and Success Commercial College. She is presently a Secretary for the Engineering Department at the University of Manitoba. She met her husband Johnny Kadynuik and they were married in 1962. Her husband works for the Hudson's Bay Company, and they were transferred to Regina, Saskatchewan, Medicine Hat, Alberta, Nanaimo, B.C. and back to Winnipeg. They have three children, Shellie, Jayne and Jaymes.

In spite of all our hard times, hard work we are thankful for our parents showing us the example of making our house a home for our children and grandchildren and many more of our family to follow in years ahead.

David and Alma Small submitted by Mr. David Small

S.E. 7-14-4E on Cloverdale Road.

In the year 1945 we moved to the Meadowdale District. My wife, Alma; my mother, Susan; our baby Kenneth and myself, David Small. Later four more children were born: Joyce, Gladys, Eileen and Bradley.



The David Small home in 1946 in Cloverdale.

We bought a farm from Mr. and Mrs. Hank Ross in 1943, located on 13-14-3 east; which included 400 acres. With us we brought along a 1939 Caterpillar tractor, the J.D. combine and our 1942 two ton truck. Our truck was our chief vehicle of transportation and is still here in our shed, ready to go should the need arise.



The bell on top of Small's barn was used to call hired help to dinner. Hank Ross used it in 1930, and David Small bought it in 1943.

This district had been very good to us so we decided to stay and call it home. After several years of cropping we felt the farm was productive under our care, so we began replacing some of the buildings which had already served one generation. When the house was replaced by the one that is there now we call the place "Home".

We continued there in a grain and dairy operation until about 1970; expanded the operation and acquired the property where we are now situated at 7-14-4 east. In the course of several years, Mr. A. Rohm and family took the dairy and we are now residing at some of the expended property where again we have built a house and call it "Home".



Family gathering for Grandma Small's birthday in 1934. Fred Small, Phyllis, Barbra, Nayda, and Lorna Small; Jim, David, Kenneth and Joyce Small; Elizabeth and Bill Hammond; Susan Margaret Small; Norma, Gordon, and Margaret James; Henry, Martha, Marion and John Small.

Colin Smith Family

Colin Smith was born in 1912, the son of Elizabeth and Colin Smith. He was raised in the St. Peters area.

Mr. Colin Smith (Sr.) was a farmer, fisherman and a captain on some fishing boats on Lake Winnipeg. His wife Elizabeth tended to the farm chores, gardening and caring for their children while her husband was out on the lake.

Their children are: Martha Le Claire, Lizzie Hourie, Winnie Monkman (deceased), Nellie Smith, and Colin Smith. All were born and raised in the St. Peters area and attended Peguis School.

Colin like his father also worked at the fisheries and farmed. He worked for fish companies in Selkirk, building bunkhouses and fish camps. He retired in 1979.

He married Lillian Calder (1916) of Selkirk. She attended the Selkirk Victoria and Central Schools. She later worked for the Parish family in Parkdale, at the Dynevor Indian Hospital, Booth Fisheries, Transcona Fisheries and for seven years for Selkirk Community Services until retiring, May 14, 1980. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were married July 27, 1936 at Old St. Peters Church by Reverend Walker. Colin and Lillian have four children, Eleanor-Mae, Shirley and Elsie (twins), and Reginald. They attended the Old St. Peters, St. Georges and the New St. Peters Churches in the area. Mrs. Smith was active on the Women's Auxiliary. The children were educated at Margaret Hayworth and Peguis School and Selkirk Collegiate. Eleanor-Mae, Shirley, and Elsie went on to further their education at Success Business College in Winnipeg. Eleanor-Mae and Reginald went to Red River College in Winnipeg, as well.

Eleanor-Mae and Wayne Leclerc live in Calgary, Alberta and have one son.

Shirley and Keith Squirell live in Winnipeg and have three children.

Elsie and Robert Hallson live in St. Peters on Lot 72. Elsie manages the Pic A Pop Store in Selkirk, and her husband Robert works for Goodbrandson's Transfer in Selkirk. They have two children who attend Selkirk Schools.

Reginald and Linda live in Selkirk and have two children.

The John Smith Family

Esther Cochrane, daughter of Mary and Henry Cochrane was born in 1887 in the St. Peters area. She married John Smith son of Sara Hannah and William Robert Smith, also of the St. Peters District on November 15, 1917. They lived at Lot 97 St. Peters. Times were hard and everyone lived off the land.



John Smith, Peguis District.



Arthur Cochrane and Esther (Cochrane) Smith, 1960 (?) long time residents of Peguis District.

They raised a few animals and had large gardens. Their means of travel was a horse and buggy.

Esther and John had nine children all who attended the Peguis School. All the children except one were born at home with Mrs. Frank McLennan as midwife. Their children are: Esther Smith (1918-1934), Lillian Smith, Percy Smith (1922-1971), Garnet Smith, Hazel Land, John Smith (1926-1981), Sylvia Freeman, Robert Smith and Yzetta Jonatanson.

Smith, Margaret

Mrs. Margaret Smith was an old-time settler who came to the Netley area and took up a homestead in the early days. She had two brothers who had already settled there, Bob and Dave McKenzie. Mrs. Smith had two daughters, Margaret and Lizzie. As she only lived one mile from the original Netley Lake School, the school teachers boarded at her home. Mrs. Smith's grand-children still farm on some of her land. The homestead was situated at the corner of Gimli road and the east end of Netley road. Some of the trees she planted are still there.

George Snyder Family

Mr. and Mrs. George Snyder and son Gilbert moved into the district prior to 1908, residing on the N $\frac{1}{2}$ 12-15-3E. Sold that farm to Barnetts, and moved to the Watson farm, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 24-15-3E around 1913. They had a 30-60 Hart Parr and broke up more land, had a separator and did custom threshing. There were two daughters, Reita and Agatha. Reita married Percy Robinson. They had three girls. Agatha worked as a secretary in Winnipeg for years, and was married in later years.

Gilbert and his mother moved in the 1920's to SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 13-15-3E. They built a house and lived there till 1940. Paula Snyder, mother of Gilbert, died around 1937, buried at Mapleton cemetery. Around 1938 Gilbert married Florrie Jasper. They lived there to 1940, then move down to Vassar, where they built a house and stable in a spruce bush. It was nice in the wintertime but bad for bull flies in the summer. They lived there till they died — Florrie about five years before Gilbert. Both are buried in Dunara cemetery.

Steve and Nettie Srutwa Family

Steve and Nettie Srutwa came to Canada in 1901 from Marumpa by Halizc. They came as far as Montreal by ship, then took a train as far as Stonewall, as that is how far the train track was built. Then they walked to Winnipeg Beach, where they homesteaded. With them came three children, Anne, John



Steve and Nettie Srutwa, Winnipeg Beach.

and Carrie. Here in Canada they had six more children, Joe, Andrew, Mike, Tom, Eluica and Mary.

Their first house was built from logs with a thatched roof and a mud floor.

Steve had to work for the more established farmers in order to keep the children fed and clothed through the long winter months. When they needed groceries such as flour and sugar, they walked to Teulon which was about twenty miles away and carried the groceries back home on their backs. Mrs. Srutwa's maiden name was Lazuruk.

Four of the children are still living, Joe, Mike, Tom and Carrie. Tom lives one mile from his parents' homestead. He married Margaret Ksionzek. They have three children, Victor, Winona and Tommy. They also have six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



Tom and Margaret (Kaionzek) Srutwa, Winnipeg Beach.

The Stephen Family

Henry James (Scotty) Stephen and Greta Irene Stephen (nee Campbell) moved to the Petersfield district, NE 24-15-3, in the spring of 1936 bringing with them their two children, John Cameron then age six years and Henry James Jr. then age three years. They left behind their first born infant child in a cemetery at Canora, Saskatchewan.

Scotty was born near Aberdeen, Scotland in 1894. He moved to Saskatchewan in 1912 and returned overseas during First World War to fight with the Canadian 5th Battalion at such battles as Ypres, Vimy Ridge, the Somme and others. After the war he returned to Saskatchewan and worked with the Royal Bank in several locations until the depression that followed 1929; at this time he was laid off. In 1924 he married Greta Irene Campbell whose parents Cameron and Jennie Campbell, were Massey Harris Implement dealers in southern Saskatchewan. Both of Greta's parents are interred in the Dunara Cemetery. Greta graduated from Regina College in 1920 with a degree in music.

Scotty found real joy in farming his quarter section of land. He was one of the last to give up farming with horses and finally bought a second hand 2 cylinder John Deere tractor in 1946. He served as secretary treasurer of the Interlake Farmers Co-operative, a trucking company, from 1940 to 1968.

Greta supplemented the busy life of mother and farmer's wife by giving music lessons to several children in the district and playing the organ for several years at the Dunara United Church.

Greta and Scotty's sons attended Dunara school for primary education. Cameron continued then to Petersfield School for one year of high school, then to Clandeboye for another. It was here that he met Marguerite Gunn whom he later married. He continued school at Teulon and then pursued a career in geology and prospecting, taking up residence in Vancouver and raising his family. Jim took one year of high school at Petersfield, continued in Winnipeg and then went to work in Regina, Saskatchewan in medical technology, where he was married and began raising a family. He then moved with his family to Ottawa.

The Dunara and Norwood districts were very friendly areas to raise a family. They could not help but have a positive influence on children who grew up there. A good example of the kindness and compassion of the community occurred in the spring of 1944 and the Stephen family were the recipients of the benevolence. In that spring Scotty was thrown to the ground when his team of horses bolted and he sustained back injuries that laid him up in his farm house for several weeks. Seeding time had come and

threatened to go without seeds going into the ground. Even the plowing of the ground had not been done. Then in a whirlwind of activity the fields were plowed, sowed and harrowed by a fleet of tractors that came as a surprise and were operated by great neighbors like Bob Moffatt, Walter Kusner, the Wallaces, D'Arville Clarke, Geo. Favel and Bud Blows. Fuel for the tractors was supplied by Jim Stevenson who owned the "corner store" on number 8 highway. That's the work of true friends.

Scotty and Greta sold their farm and moved to Selkirk in 1970. Scotty died in 1973 and is buried at Dunara United Church Cemetery. Greta, at the time of writing (1981) is confined to the Selkirk General Hospital and awaits a room in a nursing home.

The Stevensons

Herbert Clifford Stevenson, born Elstree, England August 20, 1868. He came out to Manitoba with his brother Henry in the early 1890's. He homesteaded in Barnsley, Manitoba, herding cattle for a living. He built a "Sod Shanty" on his place and on October 12, 1895 he was burned out by a prairie fire.

He returned to England and on August 16th, 1897 he married Sarah Ann Docwra Radford. She was born in Bourne, England July 4th, 1873. They moved again to Barnsley and another "Sod Shanty" was built by Mr. Stevenson where they lived for a short time. They moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba where two sons were born. Herbert Clifford July 22, 1899 and James Martin May 6, 1901.

On Good Friday 1903 they arrived in Norwood School District, St. Louis. They lived there on a farm for some years. A daughter May was born in a "Log House" April 1, 1904.

Mr. Stevenson and his sons farmed for a number of years. On August 14th, 1931, Mrs. Stevenson died in the Selkirk General Hospital.

Jim had started a trucking business in 1931 and moved to a place of his own — S.W. 30-15-4E. Mr. Stevenson moved to Jim's and had a small house of his own there.

Clifford stayed with the farm until it was abandoned in 1942. He had joined the Armed Forces in W.W.II and went overseas. He returned in 1943 and lived with his wife Annie and two daughters and one son in St. Vital, Manitoba. He died October 14th, 1957, in Deer Lodge Hospital in Winnipeg.

In 1944 Mr. Stevenson moved to Cloverdale, B.C. and later to Burnaby, B.C. He died in the Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminster, B.C. on October 16th, 1948.

Jim now lives in Aldergrove, B.C. and May in New Westminster, B.C.

The Still Family by Murray Still

My grandfather, Thomas James Still, was born in the Township of Greenwood, Manitoba, on a homestead in Rockwood, near Stonewall. His family did a lot of moving, and finally settled on prairie land near Isabella, Manitoba.

On December 10, 1917, my grandfather joined the 34th Battalion, Fort Garry Horse. He was 23 when he enlisted, and 25 when discharged. Upon his return in the spring of 1919, he acquired employment in Teulon, Manitoba. In 1920, he returned to work for his father, who had since moved to a farm in the Assiniboine Valley. He ran the threshing outfit, the Aultman Taylor separator, and 25 horsepower International gas engine.

He married my grandmother, Bessie Lorena Conrad, in April, 1925. She met him during threshing season, when she made the trip to the Assiniboine Valley, to help her brother, Nelson. They were married in Selkirk by Canon Swalwell.

Following their marriage, my grandparents returned to the Assiniboine Valley, and eventually rented their own farm. They had four sons; James Gordon, George Everet, Ernest Wilbert and Dennis Conrad, and one daughter, Almyrna Joyce.

The family spent the depression years in the Assiniboine Valley, and eventually were forced to sell what belonged to them. At the time, good two year old steers brought only \$12 a head, and cows about \$20 a head.

The family stayed with my grandmother's parents, until my grandfather was able to clear enough brush to build a house, just south of the Manitoba Rolling Mills. There was one other home closer to the highway, and from there, he cut a trail to the house.

The house had four rooms, with a combined kitchen and living room. There were two bedrooms downstairs, and one large room upstairs for the boys. My grandfather got a job at the Manitoba Rolling Mills on the shipping gang, and spent eight years there. On November 24, 1943, he joined the Veteran Guards at Fort Osborne Barracks. By this time, three more sons were added to the family; John Burton, Garry Norman, and Kenneth Graham.

My grandfather spent 18 months in the Guards, during which time he was stationed at Kapuskasing in Northern Ontario. There he was a guard in a prisoner-of-war camp. Prisoners worked in the pulp mills, and in Lethbridge he would have to take prisoners on a journey to the sugar beet fields at Barnwell, Alberta.

I vividly recall the stories my grandfather would tell of the prisoner-of-war camps. He told me the

prisoners treated him like a father figure, and were content with the camp life. Except for one time, I remember him telling me, when he broke into a bunk house in time to stop a fight between two drunk prisoners. One prisoner drew a knife, and before anything further could happen, a third prisoner entered the picture, disarming the drunk trouble maker. Though my grandfather said none of the prisoners would even think of harming him, much less escaping, I would not like to have been faced with the same situation.

My grandfather was discharged from the Guards in 1945, and the years that followed saw him at the Manitoba Steel Foundaries, the Motor Country Club, working as a carpenter, and a security guard in his later years at the Manitoba Rolling Mills.

My grandparents lived on Sunnyside Road, south of the Manitoba Rolling Mills up until about ten years ago, when they sold out to Dominion Bridge, and moved further south to the old Fidler home on the highway.

With the exception of Ernie and Garry Still, all of the family remained in and around Selkirk. Gordon is an instructor at Stony Mountain Penitentiary, Everett is a stationary engineer there, Bill is an engineer at the Selkirk Mental Hospital, John works with sheet metal, Dennis is a counselor with Canada Manpower, Ernie works in purchasing at Manitoba Hydro, Garry is a research technician for the federal government, Ken builds and maintains conventional oil-drilling rigs for the Futros Equipment Canada, and Myrna is a medical records technician with the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg.

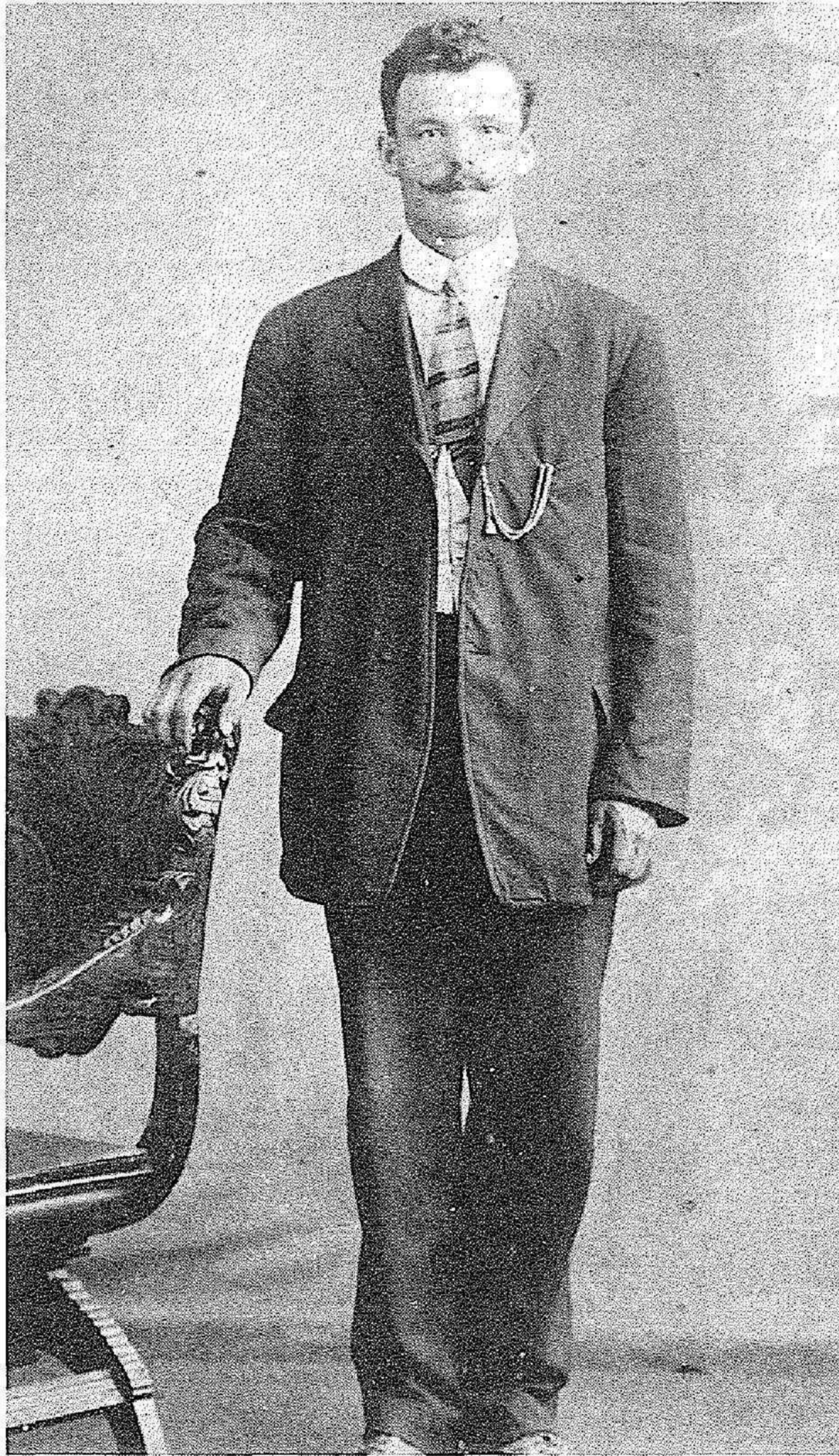
My grandfather died on November 17th, 1980, and is survived by 22 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The Stolar Family 1927 — 81 **First Pioneer to Present Generation**

William or Wasyl Stolar came to Canada from the Ukraine in 1907. Two sisters were in Canada at that time, and one came some time later. The eldest sister settled in the Lockport area, and some of her grandchildren are still here. Wasyl Stolar lived with his eldest sister and brother-in-law Steve and Aenska Gusnowsky when he first arrived.

He worked at different jobs, farm labourer, bush work, road construction, also helped on the construction of the Lockport Bridge, and Winnipeg General Hospital, where he passed away in 1964.

Matrona Stolar came to Canada from the Ukraine in 1912 with her family, which was her parents, two brothers and two sisters, her 2 year old son and was expecting her second child. Incidentally, that second



William Stolar, St. Andrews.

child was Joe Preachuk, who served Ward One in the Municipality of St. Andrews as councillor for 22 years. Her husband was detained in the Ukraine for military duty, and never did get here. He was missing in action, and presumed dead. One older brother and sister were in Canada then.

She lived in the Teulon area, working in restaurants, hospitals, and cooking on the Netherland's Company Farm in Teulon. There she had her two young sons with her during summer holidays, and they herded sheep for 25¢ a day. There was a lot of excitement.

Dad and Mother started their life together in 1920 in the Teulon area, and lived there till 1927 with Dad working on the railroad.

In March 1927 they bought a farm, that had been Jim Morrison's, an old time resident who was born on the farm in St. Andrews Municipality on Lot. 37.



Wm. and Matrona Stolar, St. Andrews.

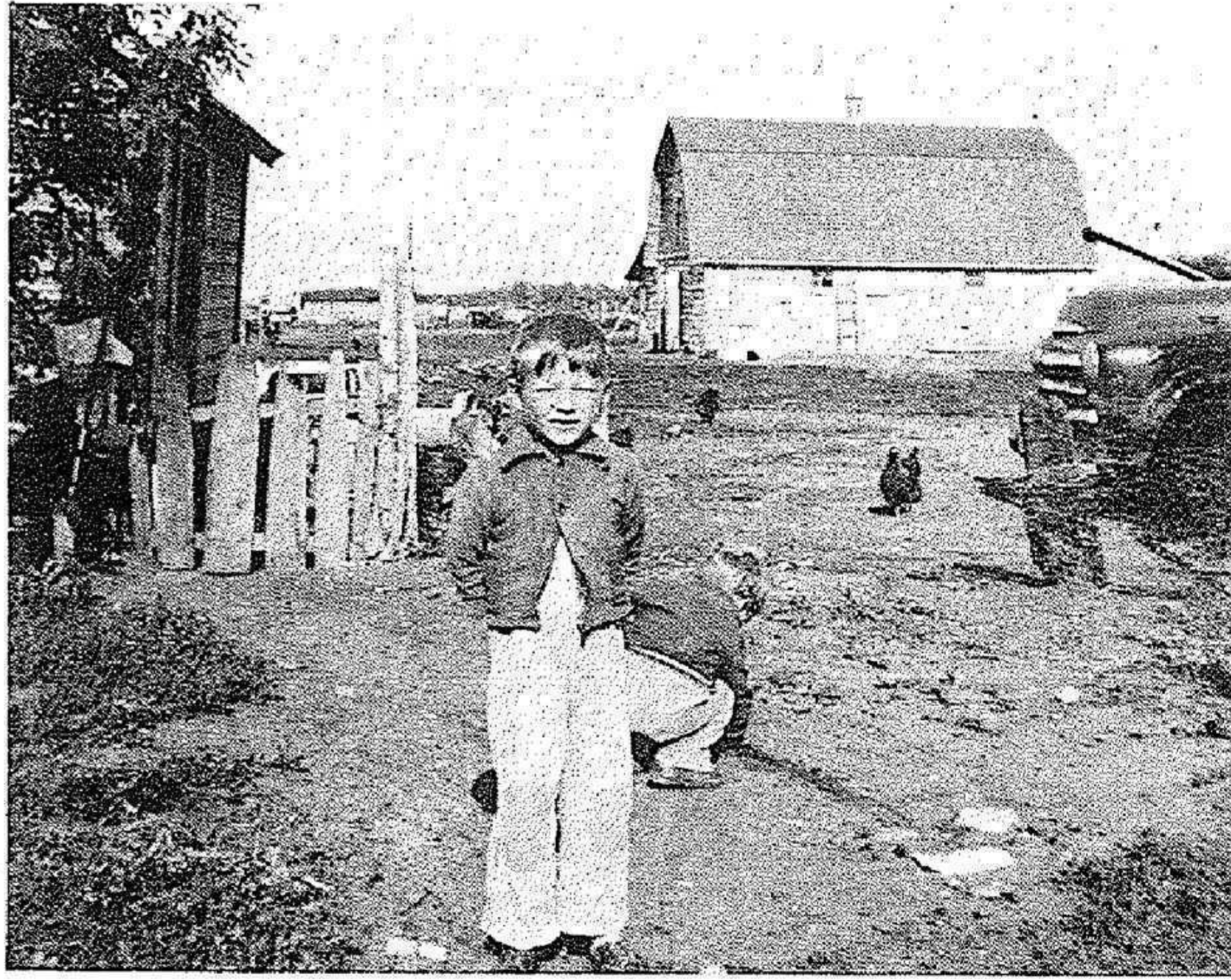
There was 37 acres running from what is now No. 9 Highway to the old McPhillip's Road.

In 1927 move was made from Teulon to St. Andrews by horses and sleigh. One of the older boys at home then, was Joe Preachuk (Stolar) who was a full fourteen years of age at that time, drove a team of horses with belongings on the sleigh, a distance of thirty-seven miles and it took twelve hours to make the trip. There were two sleighs each time on a trip. It took three trips.

When our parents first settled in St. Andrews, we lived with relatives for a short while. That was John and Sophie Semenchuk, then moved into the home on Lot 37. Life was very hard. The land needed to be worked up for better production. Machinery had to be purchased, also horses. The first year, my Mother planted a bag of potatoes, and got a bag of potatoes back in the fall, walnut-sized and smaller, which she carried into the basement by herself.

For a livelihood Mother sold butter, cottage cheese, cream, eggs, chickens, and garden produce at the market. The transportation was a horse and a small wagon, which was called a "democrat".

We also had a roan mare. She wasn't big, but she loved to go to Winnipeg. She couldn't stand to see another wagon ahead of her, and went at a real fast trot, 'till she overtook the other horse and wagon.



Log barn, St. Andrews built by Eramchuk and Kulchyski. Wayne Boch in picture.

Her name was Babe. We were all so proud of her. She was very gentle and smart.

As the farm expanded, Mother and Dad no longer went to the market. There was more land that Dad bought piece by piece. A new barn was built out of logs, which also was built by local resident carpenters who knew how to put the logs together. They were Nicholas Eramchuk and John Kulchynski. They charged \$75.00 for a barn that held 4 horses, about 12 cows, had a full loft, and was very strongly constructed.

Then we shipped cream to a dairy, fed the skim milk to calves and pigs. Potatoes were either picked up at home or were trucked to a wholesale in Winnipeg. Grain was used for horses, pigs, and some to cattle. There wasn't too much grain for sale, but there was some.

There were eleven children in all. The three youngest were born in St. Andrews. There were twins born in 1928, both died in 1928, one from whooping cough, and one from pneumonia. They are buried in the Old St. Andrews Cemetery.

Five of the remaining eight children are still living in the Municipality with some of their children. They are Alex and Rose Preachuk, Joe and Anne Preachuk, John and Ella Stolar who are on the home place Lot 37, Mary and Walter Boch, Lena and Mike Kotowich. There are twenty-five grandchildren, of whom twelve are living in St. Andrews. Also forty-six great grandchildren.

To compare 1927 to 1982: a streetcar operated from Winnipeg to Selkirk in 1927. One could hear it coming, if the wind was in the right direction, and you had time to get to the stop. The highway was just a narrow gravelled road, and if one wanted to take the time, it would have been easy to count the cars that

passed by, and not forget. Neighbours in that area weren't too far apart.

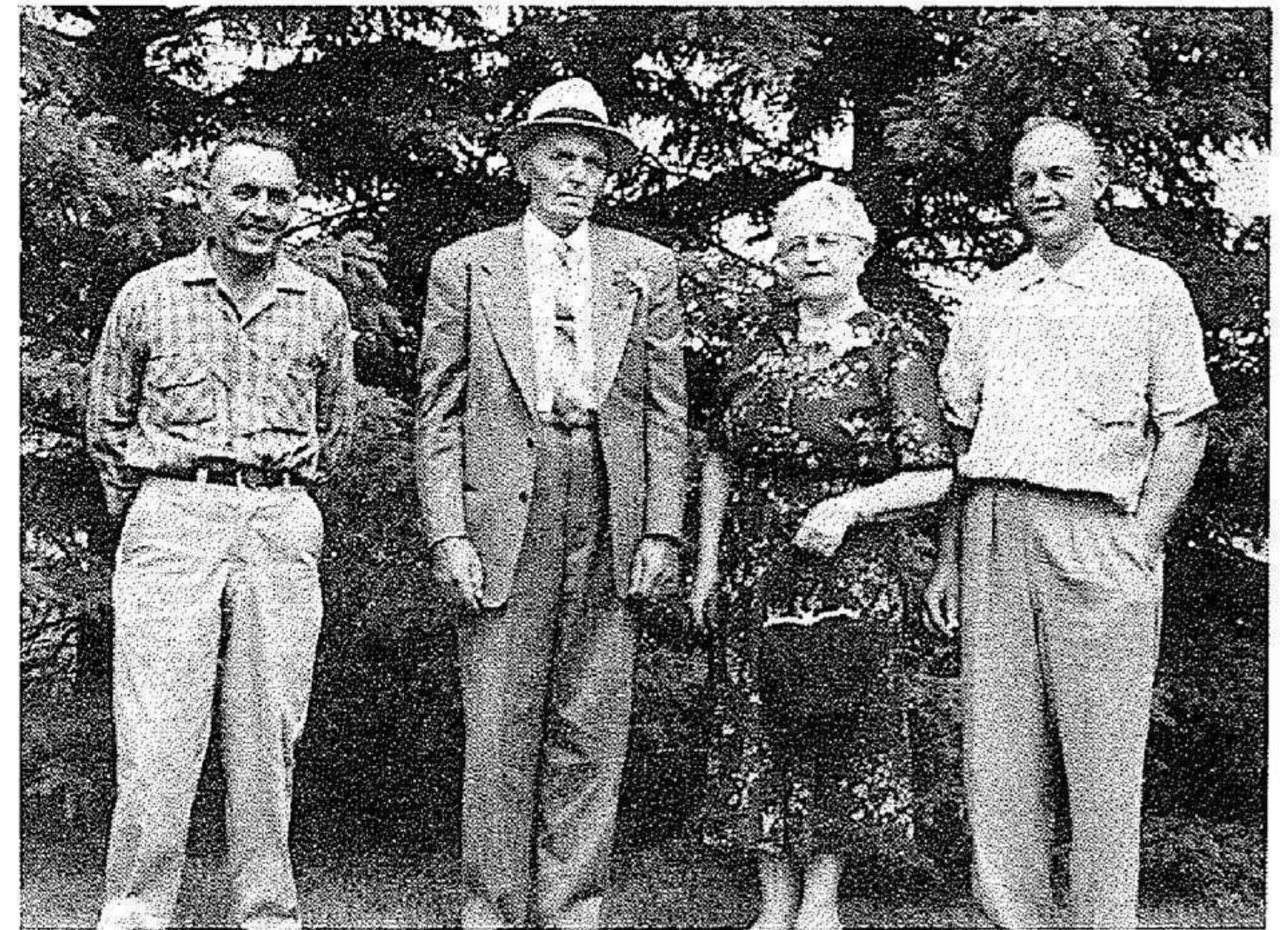
Now most of the area between Winnipeg and Selkirk is developed for homes. Progress, yes, more comfort; yes, but the contentment, the closeness, I don't know. Or is it that the older generation learned to live different than the modern? Now when there are three children in a family, each one has their own room. In the 1930-39, give or take a few years, there were as many as five or six in one room. What one didn't think of, the next one did. If one was afraid of thunder, another was brave, so he was going to protect or at least he knew nothing was going to happen.

Clothes were worn right down to rags. New things were really something. Treats were really something. Wonder which way of life was or is best?

The Streichs

submitted by Freda Streich

On the first week in April 1917, Adolph and Otilie Streich with their two sons — five-year-old William and Frederick two weeks old — left Niverville, Manitoba, en route to Fillmore Farm at Clandeboye, Man.



Adolph and Otilia Streich with their sons Bill (left) and Fred on their 50th wedding anniversary.

In one very long day, they made the fifty-mile journey behind a team of horses that pulled a wagon loaded with all their belongings, plus their dog. Two cows brought up the rear.

Upon arrival, Adolph took up his duties as foreman at Fillmore Farm. As the farm at that time was in the developing process, he was in charge of many men — carpenters, machine operators, and workers who were employed to clear the many acres of heavily wooded land, and to construct buildings.

Otilie had the chore of feeding the workers numbering as many as twenty-four at times — this in-

cluded the boss. She cared for the large house, her family, a big garden, and many chickens. After the men milked the cows and separated the milk, she cared for the cream until it soured and could be made into butter. She then made it into bricks, which, along with the eggs, were taken to Meyerowich Store in Selkirk. There they were exchanged for the groceries which fed the family and the hired men.

A girl was hired to assist in the work and to help pick the wild fruit in season. With it, Otilie made many delectable jams and jellies — and sometimes wine.

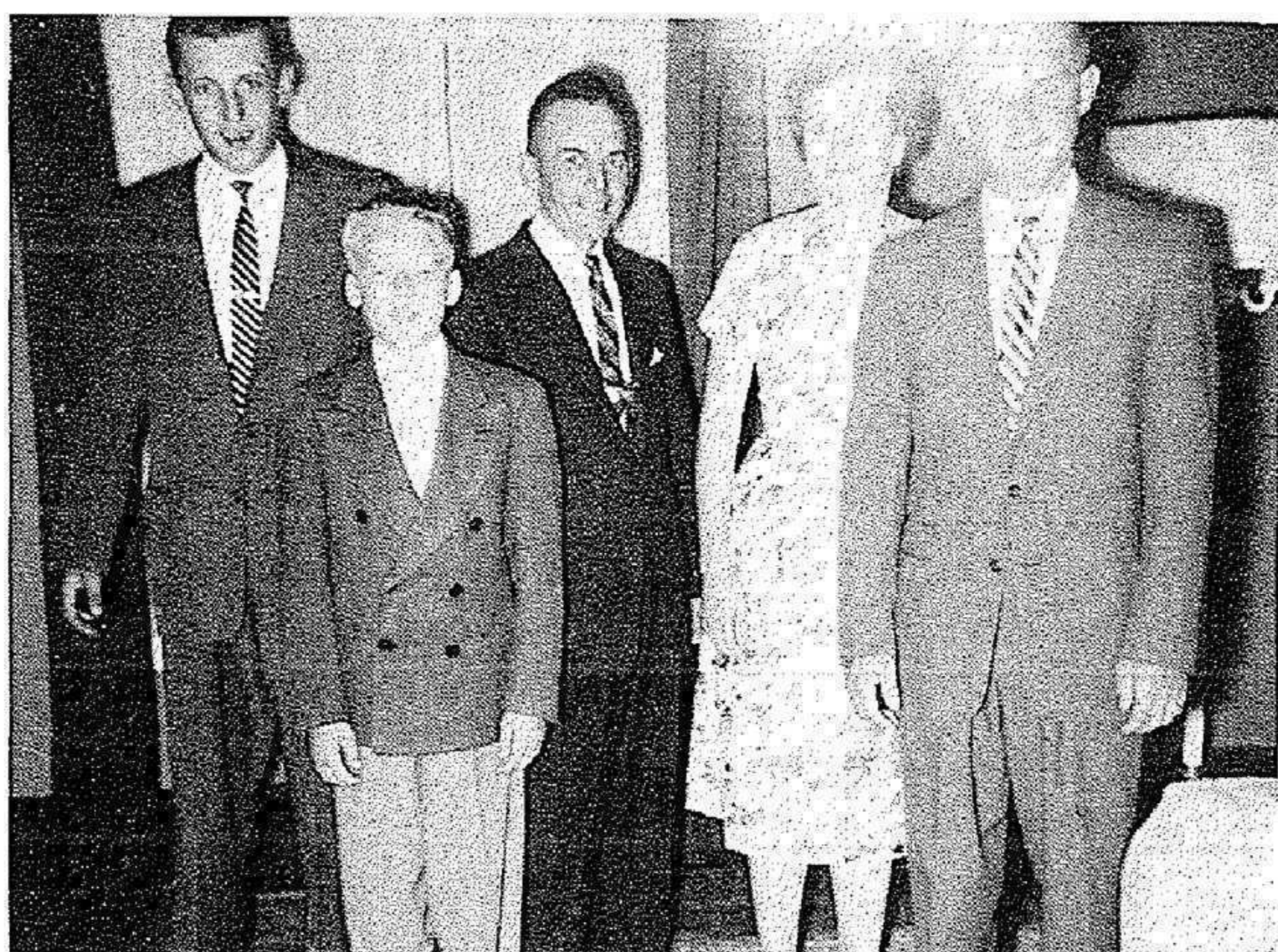
Bill and Fred walked to Clandeboye School until Fillmore School was built. There Fred was caretaker and lit the box stove fire to warm the building before 9 a.m.

Both boys worked on the farm. Adolph continued to be foreman at Fillmore Farm until retirement in 1951, when they moved to Selkirk, Manitoba, and took up residence in their newly built house at 501 Manitoba Avenue.

They joined the Selkirk Lutheran Church, where Adolph served as caretaker for many years. Otilie joined the L.C.W. organization of the church. Her fingers were always busy, and her intricate crocheted doilies are much prized by her family and friends.

Adolph died of a stroke on January 15, 1972, at which time Fred and Freda moved into the house at 501 Manitoba Avenue to care for Otilie Streich until her call came to go to Betel Home. There she lived very happily until her death in hospital December 27, 1977.

William Streich was born August 18, 1911, in the Municipality of Brokenhead — Beausejour, Manitoba. In June 1935 he married Meta (Mae) Drewlo from Beausejour, Man. this marriage was blessed with three sons: **Frederick James** — born Nov. 9,



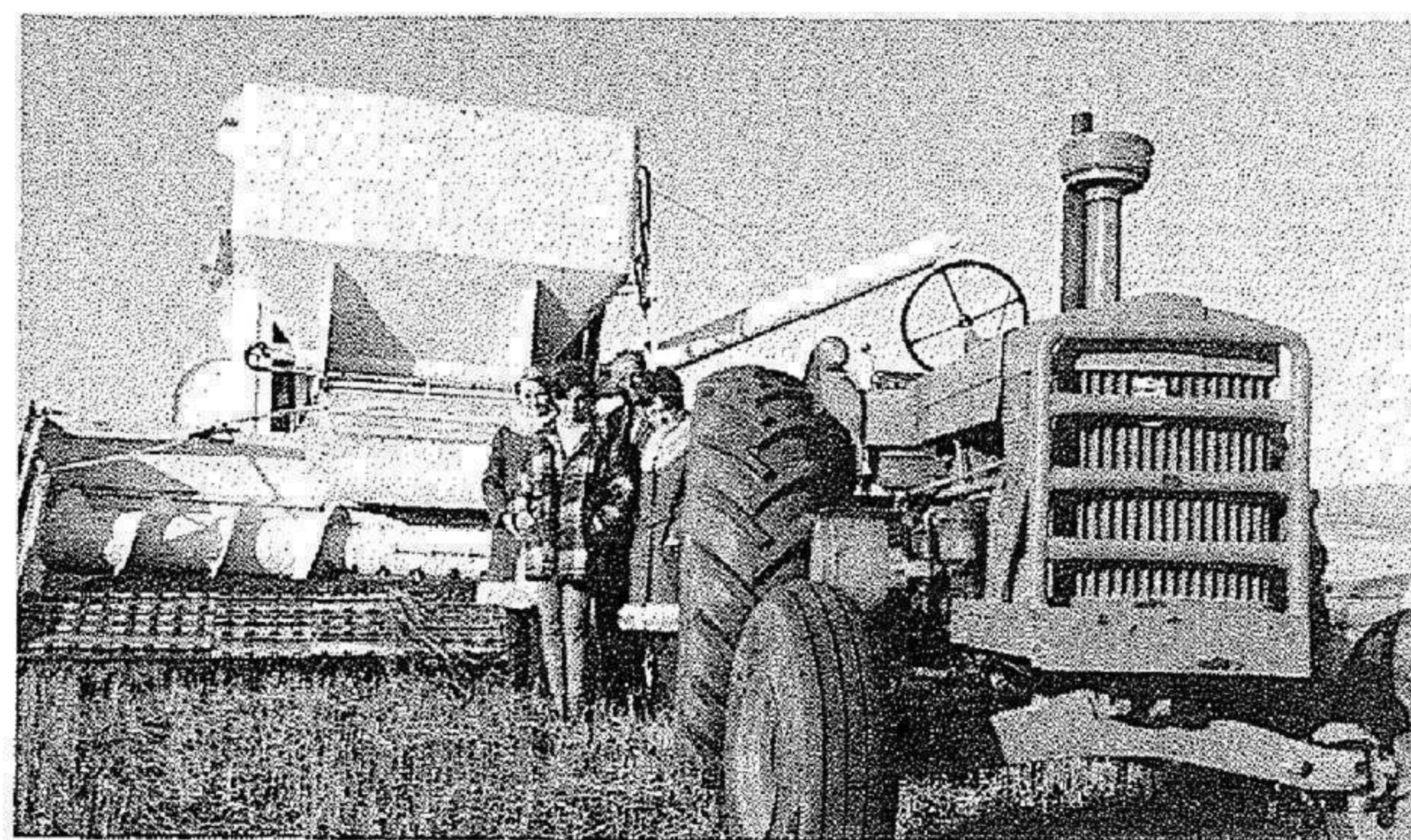
William (Bill) and Mae Streich and family. L to R: Jim, Herb and Garry.

1940; **William Garry** — born Sept. 23, 1942; **Herbert Arthur** — born Dec. 15, 1946.

On August 19, 1967, James married Marion Baczewich from Selkirk, Man. They were blessed with two sons: Terrance James — born April 29, 1972, David Russell — born Dec. 10, 1973. Jim is self-employed — Superior Agri-Systems Limited, Distributor for Mix-Mill. Jim is service and installation manager.

On May 27, 1967, Garry married Margaret Anne Parker from Charleswood, Winnipeg, Man. They were blessed with two daughters: Shauna Leigh Anne — born May 29, 1970; Susan Lori — born Dec. 28, 1972. Garry is employed with the Manitoba Hydro as Electrical Construction and Technical Co-ordinator. They live in Selkirk, Man.

On August 10, 1968, Herbert married Audrey Jefferson from Selkirk, Man. They were blessed with two children: Kevin Christor — born March 15, 1973; Christine Nicole — born March 17, 1975. Herb is employed with Manitoba Teachers Society. They live on the farm at Clandeboye, Man.



"Roto Thresh" Combine (white) Fred Streich.

Frederick Streich was born March 24, 1917. He married Freda Sanderson, of Treherne, Manitoba. They farmed there for two years, then returned to Clandeboye and purchased the Wildi farm on Road #515. Three children were born: Ronald Wayne — born October 14, 1945; Dale Frederick — born August 1, 1948; Karen Edmae — born August 26, 1953.

On May 10, 1969, Ronald married Judy McAulay. They were blessed with two sons: Paul Curtis — born Feb. 24, 1974; Todd Jeffrey — born June 24, 1975. Ron worked for Macleod's until in 1975 he took over the home farm. On November 25, 1976, an accident, when working on his car, took his life.

Dale joined the R.C.M.P. in 1968. On June 27, 1970, he married Gwen Rutledge, of Steinbach, Manitoba. They were blessed with two children: Justin Robert — born Feb. 10, 1973; Amanda Layne —