

Bill Jennings celebrating his 83rd birthday in 1949, with friends.



Gestur Johannsson

JOHANNSSON

submitted by Maranda Woodward

Gestur Johannsson, known locally as Johnson, his wife, mother-in-law and three children, Joe, Oscar and Anna (Loa), lived south of St. James Anglican Church. They kept sheep as well as cattle. They carded wool and had a knitting machine on which they knitted socks and mitts. Gestur lived to be quite an age. He worked very hard as a farmer but he also wrote poetry. His wife was a



Loa Johannsson



Oscar Johannsson



Johann (Joe) Johannsson

very kind lady, when I was small she would put her hand on my head and say in Icelandic, "My dear little girl." His mother-in-law lived to be 103 years and is buried in the Lutheran Church Cemetery in Selkirk.

Joe left the farm to attend University in Winnipeg and then later taught school at Daniel McIntyre in Winnipeg. He married Stefania Arnason from Winnipeg. They had three children. Oscar married Stina Magnusson from Selkirk. They stayed on the farm until 1943 when they moved to Winnipeg. Stina took an interest in the community and played the organ for services at the church. They had four children.

Anna (Loa) married Chris Midford and moved to Selkirk. They had five boys.

JACOB JONASSON'S FAMILY HISTORY

submitted by Isabel Jonasson

During the 1880's life was not easy for the people of Iceland. Faced with hardships and famine is what brought Klemens Audnendson and his wife Ingibjorg Osk Jonsdottis with their two small children, a son, Jakob, 2 years old and a daughter Ingibjorg (Emma) 6 months old, to Canada.

They arrived in East Selkirk in 1886. Klemens and Ingibjorg with their family settled in Selkirk, Man.

After arriving in Canada, Klemens changed the family name to Jonasson. In Iceland the surname of a son always became the father's first name, with "son" added to the end of it. The daughter's surname was also the father's first name with "dottis" added to the end of it.

Jacob Jonasson was born Jakob Klemenson on July 5, 1884. There were five more children born to this family after arriving in Selkirk, Man. His oldest sister Ingibjorg (Emma) was born in Iceland on Sept. 10, 1885. She passed away in Sept. 1961. Oddny Johanna was born on Nov. 28, 1887, she was baptized on Jan. 1, 1888. She passed away when still an infant. Augusta Klemensina, known as Ina, was born on May 22, 1889, was baptized June 9, 1889, passed away at the age of fourteen years. Margaret Kristjana, was known as Kate, was born on July 7, 1891, she passed away on Feb. 12, 1919. Halldora Kristin, was called Dora, was born on Jan. 16, 1893. She was baptized on Oct. 17, 1893, she passed away in Dec. 1968. Lawrence was born on Aug. 30, 1895 and passed away on Sept. 11, 1921. Lovisa was called Lou, she was born on April 15, 1897 and passed away in Aug. 1946.

Klemens was a carpenter and boat builder, Jacob too, was a carpenter. They both worked in the government yards in Selkirk. Jacob became a farmer in 1912 in the munc. of St. Clements.

It was on Dec. 20, 1912, that Jacob Jonasson purchased from William McCorrister, legal subdivision 16 in Sec. 11-15-5E adjacent to the St. Peters Marsh. Then in 1916, Jacob bought from Paul S. Johnson all of the north half of legal subdivision 13, west of Devils Creek, Sec. 12-15-5E. It was about 1921 that the Jonasson family moved from Sec. 11-15-5E across the road to Sec. 12-15-5E, this was beside the Devils Creek, a tributary of the Red River. This is where Jonasson Farms got its beginning on May 29, 1946.



Jacob and Granddaughter Wanda Jonasson.



Stina Jonasson, 1942.

Jacob Jonasson married Johana Christina Sigursson on Sept. 20, 1906. She was known as Stina and Jacob was also known as Cubby to many people. Stina was born on May 5, 1889 to Thomas Sigursson and his wife Margaret Olsson. Stina was an only child.

Jacob and Stina had nine children, their eldest, a son, Klemens Sigurdur, known as Clifford, was born on July 10, 1908. Clifford married Emily Vogen from Selkirk the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Vogen. Clifford and Emily had eight children, their eldest, a daughter, Dallas was born July 10, 1932. She became a school teacher and while teaching in Flin Flon, Dallas met Vernon McKague. They were married on July 18, 1959. Dallas and Vernon have 2 children, the eldest an adopted son, Colin born March 31, 1967. Their own daughter, Laurie was born on July 17, 1969. Dallas passed away with Cancer on April 5, 1978. Vernon, Colin and Laurie live in Brandon, Man.

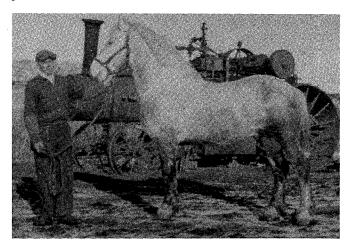
Joan, the second daughter to Clifford and Emily was born on Jan. 8, 1935. Joan is a stenographer. Joan married David Galka of East Selkirk on Feb. 25, 1961. Joan and David have three children, the oldest a son, Darren born April 26, 1966. Deneene the oldest daughter was born on Sept. 7, 1967. Tacy, a daughter was born Aug. 12, 1970. Darren and Deneene are going to the Selkirk School while Tacy attends Happy Thought School, David, Joan and family live in East Selkirk.

Lawrence (Larry) the oldest son of Clifford and Emily was born on Feb. 14, 1937. Larry was a well driller with Pruden's Well Drillers of Selkirk. Larry accidently passed away on July 6, 1966.

Hubert John (Jack), second son, was born on Nov. 3, 1939. Jack married Beverly Railton on April 28, 1962, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Railton of Selkirk. Jack and Beverly had two children, Kevin the oldest, a son, was born on March 31, 1964. Kevin is attending University in Winnipeg. Their daughter Keri was born on April 12, 1966. Keri passed away with Cancer on Aug. 23, 1975. Jack is the Principal of Bertrum E. Glavin School in Winnipeg. Jack, Beverly and Kevin live in Winnipeg.



Hugh and Jacob Jonasson breaking land in the Marsh with 8 bottom plows, 1947.



Jacob (Noodie) Jonasson Jr. with the Jonasson Farms' Stallion "Monarch of Sunnyside". Note steam engine in background used to break land.

Agnes, the third daughter of Clifford and Emily, was born on May 23, 1942. Agnes a school teacher, while teaching in Flin Flon, she met Alvin Mills. Agnes and Al were married July, 1966. They have two children. The eldest a daughter, Hillary born Feb. 5, 1971. Their son Jason, was born Aug. 13, 1973. They are both attending school in Flin Flon. Agnes, Al and family live in Flin Flon, Man.

Walter Hugh, the third son, was born on Jan. 22, 1944. Walter is living with his mother on Dr. Stewart's farm in East Selkirk, where Walter is managing the farm.

Shirley, the youngest daughter, was born Sept. 14, 1945. Shirley trained as a hairdresser and worked in Selkirk in Pruden's Beauty Salon. She upgraded and became a bookkeeper. Shirley moved to British Columbia and became a Telex Computer operator.

While living in Surrey, B.C. Shirley met Brian Murray also from Surrey, B.C. Shirley and Brian were married Oct. 7, 1978. They have three children, Melissa, the eldest a daughter was born on Feb. 9, 1980. Brenda, a second daughter, was born on June 21, 1981. Their son Dean was born on Oct. 31, 1983. Shirley and Brian and family live in Surrey, B.C.

William Lyle (Bill), the youngest of Clifford and Emily's children, was born May 2, 1947. He is a welder with Purvis shipyards in Selkirk. Bill married Linda Stefanishyn on Dec. 5, 1970. They have two children. The eldest is a daughter Tammy, born Nov. 17, 1973. Their son, Trevor, was born March 21, 1977. Tammy and Trevor both go to Happy Thought School in East Selkirk.

Clifford Jonasson passed away with a heart attack in the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg on May 26, 1973.

Jacob and Stina's second child, a daughter, Alice, was born Sept. 6, 1909 and passed away in 1913. A son, Harold, was born Nov. 20, 1911 and died July 1, 1912.

Their third son, Jacob, was born May 24, 1916. Jacob was known as Noodie. He was General Manager of Jonasson Farms from 1946-1956, Noodie and family left the farm in Sept. 1956 to reside in Selkirk. In Selkirk, Noodie drove taxis and later was the blacksmith animator at the Lower Fort Garry Museum. Noodie married Rannvieg (Lil) Stefanson of Selkirk, in July, 1942. Noodie and Lil have two children. The eldest, a son, Melvin was born Sept. 17, 1943. He is a Real Estate Agent. Melvin married Lynda Boulton from Petersfield, Man. Melvin and Lynda have two children. Their eldest, a son Douglas, is studying electronics. Their daughter, Holly is in grade nine, goes to Lockport School by bus. Melvin and Lynda live in Petersfield, Man.

Noodie and Lil's daughter Wanda was born June 9, 1948. She worked in Eaton's also as a model. Wanda married Larry Witko, they were later divorced. Wanda was working in Surrey, B.C. where she met Brian Widsten. Wanda and Brian were married and have two children, the eldest a son, Britt, was born Oct. 11, 1981, their daughter Krista Lyn was born Nov. 8, 1983. Wanda, Brian and family live in Surrey, B.C.



Noodie and Clifford Jonasson well digging outfit at Jonassons' house, 1944

Noodie passed away with Cancer on Jan. 16, 1976. Lil lives in Selkirk.

Ralph was Jacob and Stina's fourth son, born June 26, 1917. Ralph worked in the Manitoba Rolling Mills for 35 years and is now retired. Ralph married Erma Light, the eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Gus Light, on Nov. 1, 1941. Ralph and Erma have one daughter Carol, born Dec. 19, 1942. Carol was a telephone operator. Carol married Bob Bruin from Calgary, Alta. Carol and Bob have two daughters, Sherry born Sept. 9, 1967 and Norma born Jan. 20, 1971. Carol, Bob and family live in Bow Island, Alta.

Arline was the second daughter, born on Oct. 4, 1918. Arline married Bruce Hampson from Selkirk on June 27, 1942. Arline and Bruce have two children, the eldest a son, Lorne born Nov. 17, 1943. He is a meat merchandiser in Edmonton, Alta. Lorne married Michelle Dobbie from Edmonton. Lorne and Michelle have two children, the eldest a son Darren born Aug. 4, 1968, is in grade 9. A daughter Kim born Dec. 14, 1970 is in grade 7. Both Darren and Kim attend Jr. High school in Edmonton. Arline and Bruce's daughter Christina was born March 2, 1951. Christina is known as Chrissie. She married Bob Dubala from Edmonton. Chrissie and Bob have two children, the eldest a daughter Tobi Shanon born March 17, 1975, and a son Paul born Aug. 7, 1977. Chrissie, Bob and family live in Edmonton, Alta.

Bruce Hampson served in the Second World War with the Royal Canadian Artillery.

Bruce accidently passed away March 1963. Arline lives with Lorne, Michelle and family in Edmonton, Alta.

Hugh Raymond, youngest son of Jacob and Stina was born on Feb. 18, 1920. Hugh married Isabel Krutz, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Krutz from Morden, Man. on Feb. 14, 1942. Hugh and Isabel had a daughter Janice Hughine born on March 7, 1943 and passed away March 12, 1943.



Mrs. Henry Krutz (Mother-in-law) Hugh leaving for overseas.



Jonasson's house before top storey was built, 1944.

Hugh enlisted with the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1940 and went overseas in March 1943 and served with the 6th Group Bomber Command. He was an aero engine mechanic. Hugh returned home with the repatriated servicemen in Jan. 1945. In May 1945, Hugh was honorably discharged and highly commended for his well-conducted services. On Hugh's return home from overseas, Hugh and Isabel went to Hugh's parents' farm which became Jonasson Farms, of which Hugh was General Manager from 1956-1977. Jonasson Farms was sold to the Manitoba Gov't in 1975 because of the flooding from Lake Winnipeg. Hugh and Isabel moved to Selkirk on Nov. 10, 1977. Hugh passed away with cancer on Dec. 28, 1978. Isabel lives in Selkirk.

Lorna, the third daughter was born Feb. 11, 1922. Lorna married Victor Hibbert on Dec. 24, 1942, he was from Brantford, Ont. Vic was in the Royal Canadian Air Force. Lorna spent many years in Sanatoriums suffering with Turberculosis. Lorna and Vic were divorced. Later Lorna married Nick Hrehorick from Edmonton, Alta. This spring they moved to Selkirk from Winnipeg.

Margaret, the youngest daughter, was born June 10, 1923. She married Charles Fox on Oct. 4, 1947. Margaret and Charles have five children. The eldest, a son Harold born Oct. 22, 1949. Harold is plant supervisor with Barnes Western in Selkirk. Harold married Linda Drobot on Oct. 23, 1971. Linda is from Kirkness and is a nurse in



Hugh Jonasson and His mother, 1941.

Selkirk General Hospital. Harold and Linda have two children the oldest is a daughter, Stacey, born March 1, 1976. And a son, Scott, born Jan. 28, 1982. Harold and Linda live next door to Harold's parents on Lot 192.

Ronald, the second son was born March 19, 1952. He works at Abex Industries as a lead hand and lives at home with his parents. Lynne, the eldest daughter of Charlie and Margaret was born Jan. 2, 1954. Lynne married Douglas Hallam of Saskatoon, Sask. They have two children, Christopher, a son, born on Nov. 10, 1975, and a second son Jay, born June 25, 1982. Doug is a Conservation Officer for the Province of Manitoba.

The twins, Charlene and Sandra were born Oct. 23, 1957. Sandra married Randy Cronin of Clandeboye, Man. on Aug. 7, 1976. They live in Clandeboye where Randy is a mechanic at the Clandeboye Garage. Sandra works as a Secretary with Moars Plumbing and Heating in Selkirk.

Charlene graduated in 1979 from the University of Winnipeg with a Bachelor of Education and is presently teaching at Scanterbury School. Charlene lives in Selkirk.

Margaret and Charlie lived on Jonasson Farms from 1947-1957, then moved to Charles' parents, John and Gertrude Fox's farm, River Lot 147, St. Peters Road. Charles sold the Fox farm to the gov't due to flooding and high water from the Red River. Since 1974 Margaret, Charlie and family live on River Lot 190, East Selkirk. All the five children graduated from the high school in Selkirk. In 1956, Charles started working for Abex Industries in Selkirk, where he is still employed.

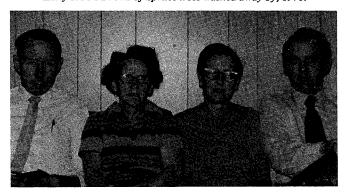
In 1912, when Jacob and Stina Jonasson and family settled on Sec. 11-15-5E, it was all forest, no roads, just trails through the bush and marsh. Jacob was instrumental in getting the first school for his children and other children in the district. The school the Jonasson children attended was a tent school on Sec. 10-15-5E halfway between Jonasson and Lefteruks as they were the only families that lived out there at the time. Their first school teacher was Mr. Patrick. There was a school built on the same place as the tent school, which was later moved to a River Lot beside the Red River and was named the Hoey School after the Minister of Education of that time. These first schools were closed for the winter months. The Jonasson children went to Libau school for the winter months, crossing over the Devils Creek when it was frozen over.

In 1945, the Hoey School was too small for all the children. This school was always under the authority of an Official Trustee from the Department of Education. The Official Trustee purchased property from Mike Kosack, where the East Hoey School was built, and the other school was West Hoey. In 1960 both West and East Hoey Schools were consolidated with Happy Thought School.

In 1943, Jacob and Stina sold all their holdings to their children. After Hugh Jonasson, Bruce Hampson and Victor Hibbert came home from their war services, a partnership was formed on May 29, 1946, among the Jonasson children and in-laws. The partnership was known by the firm name of "Jonasson Farms". There were no roads into the farm until after the war, getting in and out was done with much cost and great difficulty



Early 1950's 2 rows of Spruce trees washed away by, 1970.



Left to Right: Boyce, Johnina, Osk, and Paul Johansson.

especially in rainy wet weather. Jonasson Farms built their own all-weather one mile road into the farm. The St. Clements' Council just wouldn't help, always the excuse they were too broke.

Jacob Jonasson's parents Klemens and Ingibjorg stayed at Jonasson Farms from 1942 until their demise. Ingibjorg was born Aug. 5, 1855 and passed away Jan. 19, 1944, at the age of 89 years. Klemens was born in 1856 and died Oct. 1946, at the age of 90 years.

Stina's father, Thomas Sigursson died April 12, 1909 at the age of 39 years. After his death Stina's mother, Margaret Sigursson lived with Jacob and Stina until her demise, in 1927.

Jacob was a progressive man and very ambitious, a man of great character always ready to give a helping hand to the neighbors or anyone in need of help. Jacob was also greatly respected in the community and always the first to support any cause which would serve to better the district. Stina was admired for her gentle and quiet influence over the family. In the early days they worked hard and enjoyed immensely the simple pleasures of the time. As pioneers they made a truly great contribution to the development of their community.

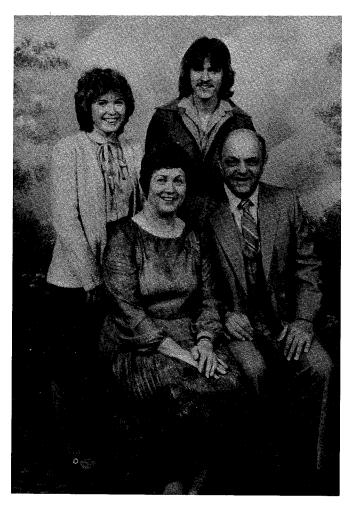
Stina Jonasson born May 5, 1889 passed away at Jonasson Farms Oct. 1, 1950, at the age of 61 years. Jacob Jonasson was born July 5, 1884 passed away at Jonasson Farms Dec. 19, 1953, age 69 years. They are buried in the Lutheran Cemetery in Selkirk, Man.

FRANK AND GEORGINA JOSEPH FAMILY HISTORY

submitted by Gina Joseph

We, Frank and Georgina (nee Cole) were married on Aug. 4, 1956 in Elkhorn, Man. We lived in Winnipeg from 1956-1973 at which time we purchased the former Harry Mazur farm in the Kirkness area where we reside at present. On Oct. 20, 1973 we moved here with our two small children: Kent Douglas born Dec. 8, 1964 and Karen Leanne born March 15, 1967.

Frank was born and raised in Stockholm, Sask. where his parents Sam and Anne owned a store. In 1946, at the age of 19, he moved to Reider, Man. with his family where they bought a farm and built a store and where his family still reside and run the store, Post Office and farm. He was the middle child in a family of 5 children, 3 boys and 2 girls. Frank received his schooling in Stockholm, Sask. He began working for the C.P. Rail in 1946 and is presently employed by the C.P. Rail at Weston Shops in Winnipeg and farms our 240 acre farm as a hobby. Frank was an avid sports participant and played hockey on several of the local teams around Reider as well as baseball in the summer. They played in the local ball tournaments.



Back Row, Left to Right: Karen and Kent. Front Row: Georgina and Frank Joseph.

I, Gina, was born and raised on a farm just 3 miles south of Reider, Man. My parents are George and Irene Cole and I am the second oldest of a family of eight, 5 girls and 3 boys. The first 8 years of my schooling were spent in a little one room country school called Two Creeks, in the Municipality of Miniota, Man. Grade 9 I took at Oak River, Man. and Grade 10 and 11 in Elkhorn, Man. I then worked as a telephone operator at Virden, Man. and later tried several other jobs before I decided to go back and take my Grade 12. I went on to Teacher's College in Winnipeg and from there I taught school for 2 years in a one room rural school called Springfield near Virden, Man. At this time I got married and we moved to Winnipeg where I taught in the city schools for 8 years. At the present time I am kept busy working on our farm, writing a column for our local newspaper, working as a volunteer on the Centennial Committee and for our local Association called the East Selkirk Recreation Association. I too, was an avid sports participant and am an avid fan and great believer in sports and recreation. I have participated in baseball and enjoyed the many tournaments our team attended as a young person as well I have participated in bowling, curling and volleyball, and enjoy hockey as a spectator. All these things help to keep me very busy along with raising our two teenage children and keeping up to their activities.

Kent began school in Winnipeg and attended Morse Place for Kindergarten, Grade 1, 2 and 3. In Grade 4 we moved here and he attended Happy Thought and the Lord Selkirk Comprehensive High School in Selkirk where he took Power Mechanics. He was very active in sports and has trophies in hockey, baseball, football, curling and even the bicycle rodeo held at Happy Thought School each year. At present he is finished Grade 12 and trying to decide what further training to take.

Karen began Kindergarten at Morse Place and moved to Happy Thought at the beginning of Grade 1. She, too, is active in sports and enjoys baseball, ringette, volleyball, and skating. At present she is in Grade 10 at the Balmoral Hall School in Winnipeg. She plans to attend University and become a Social Worker.

We are all a very sports minded family having all taken part in sports one time or another. We would very much like to see the day when East Selkirk has a sports facility equal to our neighbors around us. We have been involved with the East Selkirk Recreation Association for the past 8 years. I, more than Frank as the farm and C.P.R. keeps him busy. The children have participated in the many programs offered by the Recreation Association particularly hockey and baseball. We plan to continue to work towards completing the East Selkirk Recreation Centre and hope to see the day in the very near future when the people of this area can enjoy a closed in hockey and skating arena.

HISTORY OF ALEX KABO, HIS WIFE AND FAMILY

submitted by Anne Frey Vancouver, B.C.

Alex Kabo was born in 1860 and was raised in the country of Ukraine, under the Hungary and Austria Empire, city Lwow or Lemberg. Town Husestyn cello or village, Velyke Hovyliu. He lived with his parents, 2 sisters and 2 brothers, John and Paul.

Alex Kabo married Barbara in 1883, and they lived in Velyke Houyiu. He farmed and also worked for the flour mills.

Alex had a fall and broke his hip and was advised by the doctor to go to the USA and get his hip fixed. So he sold his farm and home stock and with his wife Barbara and 7 children, Annie, John, Sam, Mary, Steve, Bill and Katie, they sailed for Canada. They landed in 1898 in the spring in Selkirk and were shipped to Winnipeg. Diphtheria fever broke out and the whole family took sick. Alex Kabo's money was mostly spent so he worked 16 hours a day to keep the family going. A couple of months later, Annie, John and Sam started to work. They saved enough money to purchase their farm 1/4 sec. 20-14-6E in the St. Clements Municipality, Walkleyburg, Man. In 1901, the land was mostly bush and forest and stoney and there were no roads, no stores, and no neighbors, so a trail was formed so that they could walk to Selkirk to buy food. This was the life of the Settlers.

Brookside School District was formed on Oct. 19, 1910, it was officially opened for classes in the spring of 1912. In 1912 the Brookside cemetery was also founded. A few more families settled around Walkleyburg. Alex made out well on his farm. When the First World War broke out, Alex still had a bad hip, so some of the sons went into the Army, while Alex remained to look after the farm.

He sold 40 acres, and in 1918, Alex Kabo took ill, and passed away in 1919. He was one of the first persons to be buried in Brookside Cemetery.

In 1921, Barbara Kabo held an auction and sold the stock and machinery. She rented the farm and moved to Selkirk. They had 4 more children in Canada. There was now a total of eleven children. Barbara Kabo spent her last year in Winnipeg, then she took sick in the winter of 1925 and passed away in spring of 1926. She too, was buried in the Brookside Cemetery.

Of Alex and Barbara's eleven children; Annie Kabo married Andrew Dumka in 1904 and farmed next to Kabo farm. They had eleven children. They raised 9 children, as 2 boys died as babies. Annie passed away in April, 1970 in Winnipeg.

John Kabo worked on the farm, then joined the Army then worked in other provinces. He passed away in 1927, in an accident in Alberta.

Sam Kabo worked in Winnipeg, as well as on the farm, and joined the Army in 1914. He was reported missing (unknown) in action, and assumed dead since the First World War.

Mary Kabo left the farm at the age of 14 and worked in Winnipeg where she met William Tataryn. She married him in 1906 and then moved to Saskatchewan. They farmed in Ituna, Sask. They raised 15 children. Mary Kabo Tataryn moved to Winnipeg in 1947, where she passed away in Feb. 1966, in a hospital.

Steve Kabo worked on the farm and attended school and joined the Army, he also worked in many places. He kept close to all the family and left in 1926 to go out East. He was killed in the Steel Mills in Montreal in the spring of 1931. He is buried in Brookside Cemetery.

Bill Kabo was raised on the farm and attended school and moved with his mother to Winnipeg and worked at many places. He met Doris, and they were married and raised 5 children. They then moved to Thunder Place in the early 40's. Bill Kabo passed away in March, 1980 in Thunder Bay, Ont. All his children reside in Ontario.

Katie Kabo also worked on the farm and attended school, she also worked in Selkirk. She met an Army fellow, Tom Spevak and was married in 1916. They had one child and adopted a nephew, Sam. Tom, her husband drowned in the River swimming. She remarried Bill Zigel and had 3 more children and moved to Thunder Bay in the 40's. Katie Zigel passed away on June, 1956. Their children reside in Thunder Place, Ont.

Nellie Kabo was raised on the farm. She attended school and met John Luckcowee and married him. They have one son, Sam. Nellie Luckcowee passed away in 1920.

Peter Kabo was raised on the farm and attended school. He moved with his mother to Selkirk and then to Winnipeg. He worked there in the late 20's and then he followed his brother to New York. He met Ray Crumplen and they were married in 1935, in South Carolina. They had one daughter, Judith, and then moved to Virginia. Peter Kabo passed away on Jan. 26, 1961 in Virginia.

Michael Kabo was also raised on the farm and attended Brookside School and helped with chores on the farm. He moved with his mother and brothers to Selkirk after their auction. He kept on with his education and moved on to Winnipeg. His mother took ill in 1925 and passed away in the spring of 1925. He looked after his mother's business and then he immigrated to New York, in 1926. He still owns his land in Walkleyburg.

Michael Kabo married Anne Wolanik, formerly from Selkirk, also an American on Jan. 24, 1931. They raised 2 boys, Bob and Jack. They are both married, Jack lives in New York, and Bob out of New York. Michael and Anne have 6 grandchildren. Michael sold his land in Walkleyburg in the late 40's. Michael, Anne and the Kabo family all reside in New York, USA.

Paul Kabo, the youngest son born in 1910, was not a well fellow. He took ill and passed away in 1923, in Winnipeg.

This is the story of the Kabo Family, the only person left behind is Michael Kabo of the first family.

The rest are grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

PETER KALESKI

submitted by Minnie Zapotosky

Peter came to Canada in 1904, from the Western, Ukraine. He worked in the Garson Quarry for a number of years.

In 1909 he married Dora Kabez, and settled in West Selkirk, where Peter worked in the Street Car Shops.

In 1917, he bought a farm in Libau, from Mr. Grabowski. Peter and Dora lived on this farm until 1946, when because of ill health, he sold the farm to Al and Lil Tone, who still reside there.

Living conditions were hard, so in order to make a living they kept a few cows, horses, pigs and chickens. Peter also worked in the Selkirk shops every summer to get a little cash, he also went harvesting.

I remember being told of a funny incident that happened when us kids were home alone one day. A stranger drove into the yard with a horse and a cutter. After asking us kids who lived there, he was amazed to learn that he knew our parents well, and kept saying, "son of a gun", "what a coincidence", and he repeated that phrase quite often. Well, my brother, who was about 5 years old at the time, finally walked up to him and asked, "And you, You son of a gun, where, did you come from?"

Peter and Dora had six children, Irene, John, Mary, Minnie, Stephie and Frances.

Irene, married John Salter, they have two children, Lillian (Hough), and Lawrence and they live in Winnipeg.

John, (deceased), married Nettie Feschuk, they had one daughter, Judy Stamler, and one son Clifford.



Peter Kaleski, Dora his wife and Daughter Irene, 1910.



Mr. Grabowski built this house in the 1900's. The Kaleski children grew up here. Gladys, Granddaughter of Mr. Grabowski in Photo.

Mary married John Smorang, they had four children, three girls, Olga, Sally, (Hryhorko) and Elsie (Jasper) and one son Walter. Mary passed away in 1963, and John also passed away.

Minnie married John Zapototsky, they have two daughters, Vivian Troschuk, Marilyn Anderson and one son Ken. Ken passed away in May, 1983.

Stephie married Nick Krook and lives in Transcona.

Frances married Mervin Kalickuk, they have two daughters, Gail and Karen. They live in Lethbridge, Alta.

Dora passed away in 1944. Peter died in 1947. Both are buried in the Libau East Cemetery.

JOHN KALINSKY

submitted by Mary (Kalinski) Momotiuk

John Kalinsky was born in 1871 in the town of Ruska Rawa in the province of Nimerov in Ukraine. He married Tekla Stechuk born 1869 and they immigrated to Canada in 1905.

They lived in Winnipeg for four years and then moved to East Selkirk and resided on Colville Road across from the Klisko store. They were members of the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church. They farmed all the rest of their lives in East Selkirk.

They had three sons John, Walter, and George and two daughters Anne and Mary.

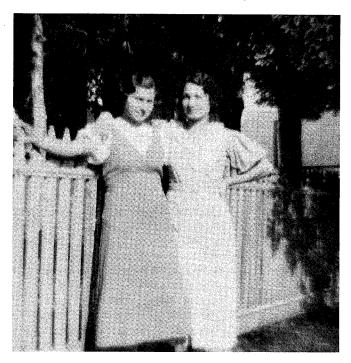
John, the oldest worked on construction of the Happy Thought School and the Seven Sisters Falls project. He left to find work in Detroit and became supervisor in the Detroit Street Railway.

Walter moved to Windsor and until his retirement was employed by Windsor Radio Station CKLW.

George worked many years for Van Horne Farms and then moved to Winnipeg where he worked as supervisor in the Manitoba Sugar Beet Co. until his retirement.

Anne worked in Winnipeg until she married.

Mary enjoyed taking part in the Ukrainian National Home and has happy memories of the activities in which



Mary and Anne Kalinsky.

she participated. She too moved to Winnipeg to work and married.

The three boys are now deceased. The girls make fond trips to East Selkirk but find many changes. It is hard to see the East Selkirk they knew before.

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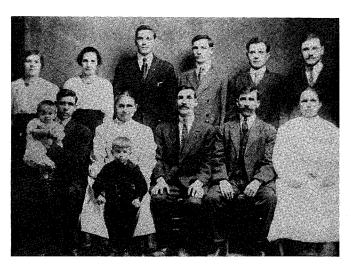
submitted by Peter Kaluzniak

The Kaluzniaks, a family of seven, Harry, his wife Pansy (nee Bunio) children John, Mary, Pete, Fred, and Kay accompanied by his brother-in-law Michael Bunio and a family of four immigrated to Canada in April 1903. Both families settled in a heavily wooded area four miles east of Libau and lived together in a log cabin with no floor for the first winter. They were very happy to see all the big trees here because the country they came from, wood was very scarce.

After a couple of years, finding out that the land was not suitable for farming in that area, the Kaluzniaks acquired some property at a place which was later called Walkleyburg and were one of the earlier settlers in that area. They built a house and other buildings, cleared the land and farmed there the rest of their lives. They were blessed with four more children, Annie, Mike, Metro and Pearl for a total of nine. There was no school in the area until 1911 when Brookside School was built and the older children went to school when they were well up in age just to learn the basics of reading and writing.

John moved to Alberta where he worked on the railroad and was a section foreman for many years. He got married there and raised a family of six children, Mike, Peter, Mary, Rose, Nancy and Verna.

Mary married Steven Pich who farmed in Walkleyburg



Left to Right: Mrs. John (Annie) Kaluzniak, Annie Kaluzniak, Fred Kaluzniak, Peter Kaluzniak, Metro Bunio, Peter Ozga. Front Row: John Kaluzniak holding his daughter Mary, Mrs. Pazhka Kaluzniak with John's son Michael, Mr. Harry Kaluzniak, Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Katherine Bunio. Mr. and Mrs. Kaluzniak and their children and grandchildren.



Peter and Annie and Family. Left to Right: Peter, Peter Jr., Zita, Nick, Annie, and Clarence.

and raised six children Mike, Bill, Nick, Metro, Steve and Kay.

Pete married Annie Musulak and farmed adjacent to the family farm until his retirement when they moved to Selkirk. They raised four children, Clarence, Peter, Nick and Zita.

Fred followed his brother John to Alberta to work on the railroad, he worked himself up to a Roadmaster with his handicap of a Grade 2 education. He got married there and raised two children, Gordon and Joan.

Kay married Nick Hornesky and lived in Alberta for

several years before residing in East Selkirk and working at the Steel Foundry. They raised one son, Metro.

Annie stayed and helped the parents in their later years and then moved to Windsor and Detroit.

Mike also moved to Alberta at a young age to join the railroad gang, then later going into farming, was married and raised three children, Shirley, Marvin and John.

Metro farmed on the family farm until the parents passed away. He then moved to North Bay, Ont.

Pearl married Andrew Dempsey. They lived in Winnipeg for a while, then moved to Victoria, B.C. They raised two children, Dennis and Barbara.

PALAGA AND SEMKO KANICKI (KONISKI)

submitted by Helen Doherty and slh

Palaga and Semko Kanicki (Paula and Samual Koniski), are pioneers of the municipality. Semko Kanicki was born on October 12, 1980 at Budzyn, Yarosz, Austria. He departed for Canada from Rotterdam, Netherlands, May 12, 1913 and arrived in Canada, Quebec on May 23, 1913.

Palaga Butich was born on Dec. 31, 1887 at Yarrow, Austria. She came to Canada in the early 1900's, where she met and married Semko Kanicki on Nov. 5, 1916 at the St. Vladamir and Olga Cathedral in Winnipeg.

Palaga and Semko finally settled in the Narol area of Manitoba, where they were involved in Market Gardening most of all their lives. They had a family of eight children: Michael and Stella, who died in infancy. The remaining six children are still living today, and they are: Steve Koniski of Vancouver, B.C., John Koniski of Wpg., Katrina Teriaco of Jackson, Michigan, Anne Gylywaychuk of Wpg., along with Michael and Joseph Koniski who also reside in the City of Wpg.

Michael Koniski says, "my Father used to get up at five o'clock every morning to start the fires at Donald



Palaga and Semko Kanicki in Narol.

School in the wood furnace. My sisters Anne, Katrina, Father and myself use to work cleaning the 4 rooms in the 2 schools for \$5.00 per month in about 1938-39. About three times per year we had to wash and scrub the wood floors and oil them to keep the dust down. The garbage had to be emptied from 4 rooms and wood carried and placed in a neat pile near the furnace. Each night all the rooms and hallways had to be swept and made ready for the next day. When the war broke out the salary was raised to \$20.00 per month, but some other family under bid my Father and we lost the contract. Father also worked for the CNR putting ties on the railroad bed".

Katie related that her father had bought a two-room log cabin and hauled it in from Lockport and set it up as a permanent home for the family. They had to carry all their water in pails from the good neighbors, until they had success in digging their own well (by shovel and pulling dirt up with the pail). They then boxed it in with wood planks. The water was very good and used for the home, cattle and farm use. Katie remembers her father hauling gravel from the gravel pit to the yard, trying to conquer the mud. At one time he had a tragic accident, he was buried up above his waist in gravel. This caused him a lot of pain and injury and he was ailing from this accident for many years.

Samuel died in June of 1970, at 80 years of age. Palaga lived with her daughter, Anne Gylywaychuk in St. Vital for some time, and later lived with Joseph, her youngest son. Palaga (Paula) died in Feb. 1979, at the age of 91 years.

Katie states that all her brothers and sisters were born in the home, being delivered by an attending midwife. Her mother looked after them all with tender loving care. Up to the age of 15, none of the children ever saw a doctor. Later on they had minor ailments attended to, such as teeth, tonsils or appendicitis. However, they were all free from major ailments.



The Koniski family. Michael of Wpg., John of Wpg., Joe of Narol, Steve of B.C., Katrina of Jackson, Mich., Anne of Wpg.