

MICHAEL KOSACK

submitted by Michael Kosack

Michael was born in Libau in Dec. 1914, and is the son of Wasyl (Wlm) and Anastasia Kosack. He began his education in the Libau West School until graduation into Grade 9. He worked on the family farm until the year 1939, where he met and married Olga Klim of Libau and settled on their own farm where they presently reside. In the years ahead he worked at the Manitoba Rolling Mills at Selkirk and at their own farm, and worked at Abex Indus at Selkirk until his retirement. He was elected to the Red River Co-op Parliament and was active in the Farmers Union, as Director, Vice-president and as President of the Selkirk Local of the Farmers Union. He donated land for the building of the Hoey East School which was opened in the year 1944 until Consolidation to the Happy Thought S.D. in East Selkirk.

Olga was mother and friend to all the young permit Teachers that taught at Hoey East and provided them with room and board.

They were the parents of five children, two sons, and three daughters: Michael Lorne, Garry Allan, Sylvia Elaine, Sharron Joy, and Charlene J.E.

Lorne was born in Dec. 1939. He began his education in the Hoey East School, Grade 9 in Libau West and his High School years in Selkirk. He received his Teachers Certificate at Normal School in Winnipeg. He taught at the age of 17 years in the St. Andrews School, then in the Selkirk Schools for 8 years. In the year 1964 he moved to Alberta and taught in New Bridgen, Acadia Valley and at Oyen until 1976. In 1977, under C.E.D.A. for a two year contract, he worked as Experience Advisor to the Technical Vocational Planning Unit of the Jamaican Ministry of Education. Returning to Canada in July 1979 he resumed his teaching career as Guidance Councillor in Airdrie, Alta. Furthering his education, Lorne obtained his B.A. in Psychology in 1969, at the university of Manitoba and his Bch. Ed. in 1970 at the University of Calgary, and his Masters in Educational Psychology at the University of Calgary, in 1981. He is presently a Guidance Councillor at MacDougal High School in Airdrie, Alta.

Lorne was named "Lion Of The Year" in 1974 in Oyen, Alta. Also in 1978-79 he was once again named "Lion Of The Year" in the St. Andrews Lion's Club in Jamaica. In 1982 he was named Chairman of the Leadership of Development International Assoc. of District E. He is presently President of the Lion's Club of Crossfield, Alta. He married Wendy Green of Densmore, Sask. in 1968, adopting two children, Wesley Aaron, and Michael Allan.

Sylvia Elaine Olga was born in April 1944. Taking her Grade 1 to Grade 8 in the Hoey East School, going on to the Happy Thought School in East Selkirk, finishing her Grade 11 to 12 in the Lord Selkirk High School in Selkirk.

She received a Scholarship and the Ruth Hooker Book Award for the highest mark in Maths in Grade 12. She then took further education at the University of Manitoba where she received a bursary from the U. of M., getting her degree in B. Sc. in Mathematics in 1965



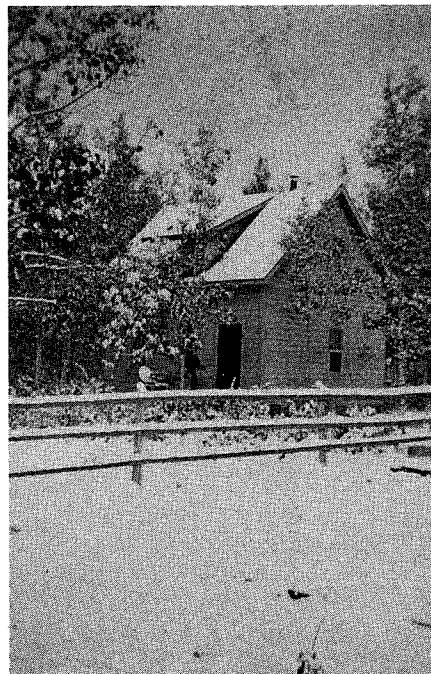
Olga and Mike Kosack and their family.

and a Certificate in Education in 1968. She taught for two years in Selkirk and one year at River East, and the last fourteen years as a Math Teacher at the Stonewall High School. She is an avid curler.

She married Robert Sweetland in 1966 of Rosser, Man. She is the mother of three children, Dwayne, Corissa, and Tamara.

Sharron was born in June, 1947 and passed away in October, 1947.

Garry Andrew Allan was born on May 4, 1951. He started his primary education in the Hoey East School,



Mike and Olga Kosack's first house.



"Building Bees" on Mike Kosack's farm July 1947.

his Junior High in the Happy Thought School and his Senior High in the Lord Selkirk School Division. He went on to join the Air Force at the age of 18, for 1 year. He then entered the University of Manitoba acquiring his B. Sc. degree in Geology in 1973. He was employed in Selkirk at the M.R.M. for a number of years before entering Southern Alberta Inst. of Technology, receiving his D.I.P. (Honours) in Petroleum Technology. He was employed as an Engineering Assistant for Acto Drilling Special Project Group in Edmonton, Alta. He was active in his school years in 4H work in the "potato club" and in the public speaking activities. He married Sandy Armstrong of Hanna, Alta. in August, 1981 and is presently the Manager of Drilling Operations for Acto Drilling. They are residing in Edmonton, Alta.

Charlene Jane Elsie was born in Feb. 1957. She started her education in the Happy Thought School, passing to Grade 9 receiving the Student of the Year Award, entering Lord Selkirk High School finishing her Grade 12 with a number of Scholarships (P.E.O.) and the "Merit of Excellence Award" from the University of Manitoba. In the year of 1977 she received her B.A. (Medieval History) at University of Manitoba. She was employed for the summer of 1979 as a cataloguer at the Manitoba Dept. of Education Library. Entering the Univ. of B.C. in 1978 she graduated in 1980 with (Masters) in Library Science. She is presently employed as a Librarian in the Head Office of P.F.R.A. in Regina, Sask. In her school years she was very active in 4H work, in the Potato Club and also in the Public Speaking Sector. She now enjoys the honour of being one of the Principal Dancers, as well as on the Executive of the Chaban Ukrainian Dance Ensemble of Sask. based in Regina.

ANDREW KOSACK

submitted by Andrew Kosack

Andrew was born in Libau in Nov. 1916 and was the son of Wasyl (Wlm) and Anastasia Kosack. He began his education in the Libau West School and after finishing school he went to work at various jobs and worked at Construction in Calgary, where he passed away in 1946, accidentally on the job.

STEVE KOSACK

submitted by Steve Kosack

Steve was born in Libau in the year 1918 and is the son of Wasyl (Wlm) and Anastasia Kosack. He was educated in the Libau West School and worked on the family farm until he entered the Army in the year 1941. Steve remained in the army until his honourable discharge in the year 1945. Then he went working in the mines at Yellowknife, N.W.T. for a period of years.

Steve met and married Kay Patson of Libau in the year 1949. They operated a store and Post Office in St. Charles, Man., and later he was employed at Dominion Rubber in Winnipeg. They moved to Vancouver, B.C. and are presently living in Calgary, Alta.

They are the parents of two children, a son and a daughter: Andrew and Shirley.

Andrew was born in Winnipeg in 1952 and received his education in Winnipeg. He worked for Blackwood Hodge where he received his apprenticeship in Diesel Mechanics, and worked for awhile in Calgary and is now presently residing in Roblin, Man. He married Donna Fibersky of Roblin in the year 1976 and they are the parents of two sons.

Shirley was born in Winnipeg in the year 1953. She was educated in Winnipeg and obtained her diploma as a Lab. Technician in The Winnipeg General Hospital, where she is presently employed. Shirley married Larry Bainard, of Winnipeg, in the year 1974. They presently reside in Winnipeg.



Steve Kosack



Alex and Edith Kosack 30th wedding anniversary.

ALEXANDER (ALEX) KOSACK

submitted by Alexander (Alex) Kosack

Alex was born in the year 1923, the son of Wasyl (Wlm) and Anastasia Kosack. He was educated in the Libau West School, until the age of fifteen, then worked on the family farm for a time and then worked at various jobs until he met and married Edith Wiess of St. Peters, in 1948. Alex started work in 1950 at the Manitoba Rolling Mills, and has remained at this occupation for over 32 years. Always active in community affairs, especially in the Kiwanis Club for the past 11 years. He is also on the Board of Directors of the Selkirk and District Hospital Board. The family are presently residing in Selkirk, Man.

They are the parents of three sons, Leslie, Terrance and Lance.

Leslie was born in Selkirk in 1953. He was educated in the Selkirk Junior and Senior High Schools. He worked at various jobs until he met and married Barbara Martin of East Selkirk. They are parents of two sons. Les is employed as a truck driver and they are presently residing in Vegreville, Alta.

Terrance was born in Selkirk in 1954 and passed away accidentally in the year 1957.

Lance was born in Selkirk in the year 1958 and was educated in the Selkirk Junior and Senior Schools, he is employed as a truck driver, and met and married Teresa Staska of Ladywood in 1980. He is presently residing in Selkirk, Man.



Lance and Theresa Kosack First anniversary.

FRED KOSACK

submitted by Fred Kosack

Fred was born in the year 1925, the son of Wasyl (Wlm) and Anastasia Kosack. He began his education in the Libau West School, and ended his education at the same school.

He worked on the family farm, was a fisherman for a period of time and in 1944 was called for Service in the Armed Forces for a period of two years. He served in the Army, Artillery, and finally Military Police Canadian Provost Corp. Fred returned to work after the war for B.A.C.M. on the Main crusher and for the CPR for a period of three years, and then Baydak Const., as well as returning to the family farm, and worked part time for Imperial Oil as well as presently operating the family farm.

He met and married Stella Koshyk of the Libau area, in 1951. (Stella's family history listed under Koshyk family). They are the parents of three sons: Rodney, Sidney, and Dale.

Rodney was born in 1952 and passed away in the year 1955.



Leslie, Brock, Kelven, Barbara Kosack living in Vegreville, Alberta.



Harry and Palahia 50th anniversary June 16, 1979. Left to Right: Gregory, Harry, Palahia, Peter Koshyk, Steffie Kosack.



Harry's 80th birthday with Palahia and their grandchildren. Back Row: Dale and Sidney Kosack, Katy, Harry Palahia, Robin and Lynne Koshyk. Front Row: Craig and Lori Koshyk.

have one son Craig, and 2 daughters Jamie and Kathy. William born Aug. 5, 1934 - married to Grace Kurbis, they have 2 daughters, Lynne and Lori, William passed away June 9, 1979. Gregory - born Nov. 17, 1949 - married to Barbara Walld, they have 2 daughters, Robin and Carolyn.

Harry and Palahia have nine grandchildren.

On January 7, 1981 Harry passed away, in his 80th year. He is buried in the Holy Family Cemetery in Winnipeg.

Although lonely without her Harry, and son William, Palahia in her 73rd year enjoys good health, regular visits

to the farm and continues her gardening as in days gone by. Her whole life has been and is devoted to her children and grandchildren and they all love her dearly.

ALEX AND MARTHA KOSOWICZ

submitted by Helen Doherty/slh

Alexander Kosowicz came to Canada with his family in 1899. His father was Dymtro Kosowicz and his mother was Annie. Alexander was one of the four children born to Metro and Annie, the others were Lena, John, and William.

On their arrival in Canada, they journeyed to Wpg. first and then in about 1900 they settled in Gonor, Man. on Lots 73 and 74.

Alexander completed his schooling, much of it in the city of Wpg. He became very proficient at the English language.

Alexander met and married Martha Lalchun in 1911 and they had five children, William, Charles, Stephen, Olga, and Peter. Martha Lalchun had come from the old country all alone, as her Mother and Father stayed behind. She stayed, upon arrival in Canada, at Mr. Lotsko Semenuik's, he was her mother's brother (uncle). He was very good to her.

Alexander did market gardening most all of his life and enjoyed working the land.

In the early 1920's, Alexander was elected as Councillor for the Municipality of St. Clements representing



Peter Kosowich



Alic Kosowicz



Annie Kosowicz

the ratepayers of Ward 2. He held this position for a total of 8 years, (1922-1929) inclusive and then was replaced by Wlm. Leonard and Geo. Donalchuk.

During his years on municipal council, Martha found it very hard caring for the home and land. Alex would be away so much in Winnipeg and Selkirk and looking after his council work and attending meetings until late at night. Martha looked after the children, the cattle and tended the garden. She found it hard to make the fires so that the vegetables, carrots, etc. wouldn't freeze in storage over the winter months.

Olga married Haig Goff and William and Peter still live on the homestead (new house) with their Mother Martha, while Charlie lives in Mississauga, Ont.

Alexander Kosowicz passed away in his 91st year, on Dec. 15, 1976 and is buried in the Holy Trinity Churchyard Cemetery in Gonor.

PETER KOTERLA

submitted by Son George Koterla

My father Peter Koterla married Eudokia Yasura in the village of Katzman Bukoevena Austria. When they left their country and came to Canada in March, 1903, they had three children, Bill, John and Mary.

About 25 families boarded the steamer in Hamburg Germany. The name of the ship was Antwerp owned by Hamhurg American Steamship Lines. This ship carried livestock in the lower deck and passengers in the upper deck. The voyage took 14 days. Most of them settled in Gonor area now known as Lockport, Man. Some families went to Dauphin and some to Edmonton.

Most of these people had very little money. They built their homes of logs and mud plaster with only one or two rooms. They had no money for lumber for the floor so they just used white clay for the floor. If a heavy person sat on a chair, the chair kept sinking down into the clay. Also, most homes were shared by two families.

Peter and Eudokia Koterla's family increased in Gonor. Eventually they had eight children. They were

Bill, Mary, John, George, Peter, Andrew, Mike and Lena.

Mixed farming, livestock, vegetables and grain was my parents livelihood. After their departure from this world, Mike and Andrew carried on their parents farmyard and in 1982 they are still farming. The home farm was expropriated for the floodway project so Mike and Andrew purchased another farm close by which is situated close to the Birds Hill Park.

In the early days there was no clergy or minister in Gonor so eventually Archbishop Makarios and the Village people chose a man called George Ambrose Yatsura who was a brother to my mother Eudokia.

George Ambrose Yatsura was educated and spoke fluent in Ukrainian, Polish and German so Archbishop Markarios ordained him as pastor in the village of

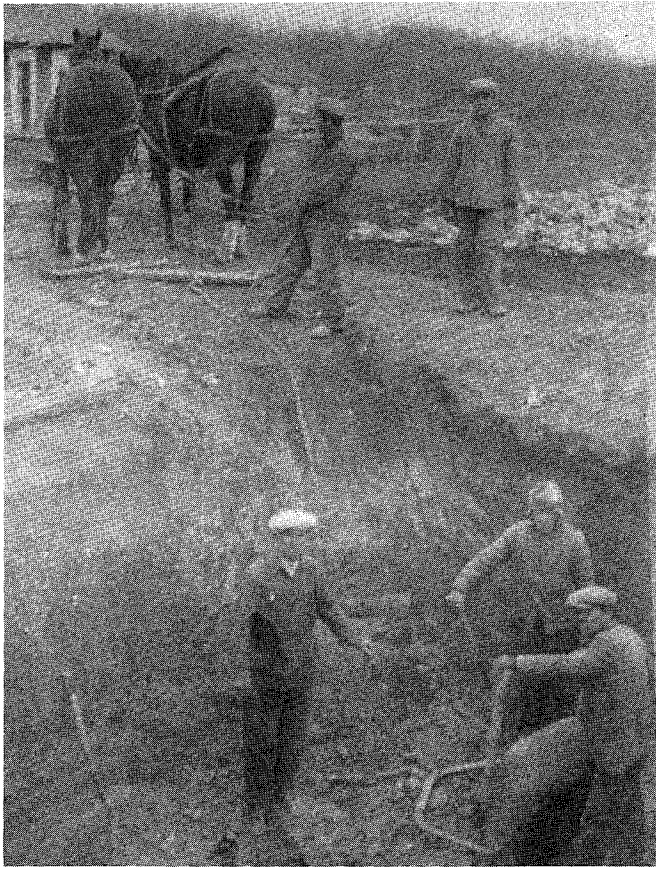


Left to Right: Ann, Rudy, John, Eudokia, Mike, Lena and Peter.

Gonor. They held church services in private homes. Later the villagers decided to build a church. Peter Koterla and his brother Alex Koterla had a farm with lots of trees so they donated logs for the church building. Mrs. Makedon donated an acre lot on which they built the Gonor Greek Orthodox Church.

Some people were fortunate enough to own a team of oxen. A road leading to Winnipeg was just a mud road. They started to put gravel on about 1906-07.

I was told that one time John Pawluk was coming from Winnipeg with his team of oxen. He came to a spot in the road where the water flowed across the road. It looked too deep to cross with a full load of flour, short, and other merchandise he had on his wagon for his family and also for other people in the neighborhood. To make



Digging a Root cellar, Top, Left to Right: Andrew and Mike Koterla. Bottom: Fur hat Peter Koterla and 2 hired men.



Peter Koterla Jr.

sure that he would not get stranded in the mud ravine, he carried all his load to the other side of the mud, on his back. He then took the oxen with the empty wagon through the mud and when he got back on the good part of the road, he reloaded his wagon and continued his journey another 4 miles to reach home.

My parents, Peter and Eudokia Koterla told me another incident when John Homeniuk and his wife were taking a load of produce to Winnipeg. The usual time was to start about 6 to 7 p.m. and at midnight they had a stopping place to give the Oxen and themselves a rest. One time during their trip a steel rein came off their wagon wheel. They had no jack to left the wagon but managed with sticks and logs. However, they could still not put the steel rein back on the wheel.

They were lucky that a man who was walking by was a blacksmith. He saw their problem and told them to heat the steel rein in a fire to expand it, put it on the wheel quickly and then quickly put it in the water to cool off the wheel, otherwise it would burn. They were close to the shore of the Red River so with a bit of fire they fixed the wheel and continued on their journey to Winnipeg.

Peter and Eudokia Koterla led a simple farming life and managed to feed and clothe all their children. They had many hardships like most of their neighbors but they also had many happy moments with their neighbors and family.



Left to Right: Lena and Eudokia Koterla.