

Edward Funk was born in July of 1929, and was raised in the Lowe Farm area. He was the second son of Henry J. and Katherine Funk. At the age of 11, his father died of leukemia, leaving his mother to look after seven children ranging from age one and a half to 13 years of age.

Frank and Edward went out as farm laborers during the summer holidays in order to help their mother financially.

Edward received his education in the Steinfeld School and attended Lowe Farm High School. He worked as clerk in the Lowe Farm Co-op Store and some years later was in the position of manager of the store.

In 1950, he married Justina Rempel, whom he got to know during high school. Justina, daughter of Ben and Eva Rempel, was born in the Kronsweide School District and began school there. By the time of her second school year, she attended the Lowe Farm school and later the high school.

Justina was a store clerk in Dyck's Store as well as a substitute clerk in the Co-op store. Later she worked in Robin Hood's Store at Victoria Beach.

The romance between Edward and Justina resulted in their becoming engaged. At the time, a family employed Justina in Darlingford where she looked after three children and tended to housework.

Justina and Edward were married in the Morris United Church on October 14, 1950. Edward was working for the Canadian National Railways at the time. The young couple moved into a house in Lowe Farm that was owned by Edward and his brother Frank.

Edward was encouraged by a friend to work for a road construction company. This took the couple to Saskatchewan for one year. Justina's father also owned a construction company and asked Edward to work for him, which he did for two years. In 1952, their daughter Debra was born and in 1954, Leslie and Beverly arrived. This was the end of camp life and so, in 1954, Edward started working for the Rural Municipality of Morris, also on road maintenance. This meant long days at work, so the young children saw their dad mostly on weekends.

This changed somewhat when Edward accepted the job as store manager at the Lowe Farm Co-op in February, 1959. He remained with the Co-op until February, 1963, when he again worked for the R.M. of Morris.

In 1959, Terese was born and a year later, 1960, Colleen joined the family. The three older children were in school by this time and two little girls became great friends. In November, 1963, another son, named Jeffrey Alan, was born.

Justina's dad died on November 7, 1961, and Edward, Justina and family bought the parents large home. Here there was plenty of space for the six children who were quickly growing up.

In August 1975, Edward was called to Graysville to serve as full time pastor. This meant giving up his job as grader operator for the R.M. of Morris, selling the prop-

erty, finding a home and moving to Graysville. This also meant a cut in salary and income. The three children who were still at home were rather reluctant at first but after talking it over, they were agreeable to making the move.

Thus, in 1976, after commuting for a year, the family moved a house onto a one acre yard, which they had to clear of bush and trees. They made the change of residence just before the school year began. Jeffrey entered junior high, Colleen was in Grade XI, and Terese in Grade XII. The change of school was good for them. We lived in the country now so they took more time for their studies.

In 1975, Edward and Justina celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in the Lowe Farm Bergthaler Church. At this time they already had two sons-in-law and two grandchildren. Debra married James Hudson on September 4, 1971, and Beverly married David Hudson on May 20, 1972.

Marriage dates of the other children of Edward and Justina Funk are as follows: On July 2, 1977, Terese married Richard Schroeder and on August 2, 1980, Colleen married Harvey Giesbrecht. Lesley married Glenda Anderson on March 5, 1983, and Jeffrey married Sandra Zacharias on June 16, 1984.

In the latter part of August 1982, Edward, Justina, and Jeffrey moved to Plum Coulee where Edward served as pastor in the Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Plum Coulee for seven years. They made many friends and felt like retiring in Plum Coulee but in August 1989, they moved to Burns Lake, British Columbia for a three year term.

This was a rather difficult move to make, but being adventurous and knowing that it was God's will, they moved. The area was beautiful and the people were very acceptable and hospitable. They developed close friendships with many people there and still keep in touch with them.

The move back to Plum Coulee was made in September, 1992. It was time to be re-acquainted with the grandchildren who, by this time numbered 13. The youngest two were born while their grandparents were in B. C. Upon returning, they moved into their home on PR#306 and River Avenue and after a while, started remodeling.

They tried being retired, but soon they were hired to visit seniors in the high rise apartments in Winkler. It was a blessing to them to be able to bring a bit of cheer into some lonely lives. After about a year, a church near Elm Creek asked Edward whether he would consider ministering in their church at Wingham as an interim pastor. He consented to do this for one year, but wound up serving them for three years. To this day he ministers there once a month and also serves in other churches in the area as guest speaker.

Edward enjoys doing wood work and other small projects when called upon. Justina enjoys various crafts,

substitutes as correspondent for some local papers and has served, and is still serving, on the committee for the local thrift store. She spends time restoring, dressing, and also making dolls. She tries to keep her collection down to 200.

Their family is presently as follows: After the divorce of Debra and Jim Hudson in 1989, Debra married Kirk Brabant on June 30, 1996. Debra works as secretary for an investment brokerage and Kirk works as supervisor at an electrical firm. Together they have five children; two from Debra's first marriage, Joshua and Matthew, and three from Kirk's first marriage, Charles, Allan, and Craig. They reside in Calgary.

Beverly and David Hudson have two children, Christopher and Jennifer. Christopher married Leanne Ducharme on May 21, 1995, and they have one son, Andrew, born May 20, 1997, and one daughter, Jade Anne, born October 25, 1998. David, Beverly and Christopher run their own business, Mid-West Tire and Auto Centre in Winnipeg. Jennifer was born September 2, 1974, and is working in Winnipeg.

Leslie and Glenda (Anderson) Funk reside in Morris and are the parents of three children; David Leslie, born July 12, 1985, Michael Andrew, born June 11, 1988, and Caitlin Nicole, born December 15, 1990. Les owns DMC Interior and Exterior Painting, and Glenda works as a secretary for Brunet's Construction. Glenda has also been in various singing groups and is often called to sing at weddings and funerals.

Terese and Richard Schroeder are the parents of three children; Tyrel Brennan, born October 6, 1979, is presently attending college in Calgary. Meghan Adele, born April 28, 1982, is attending the Morden Junior High. Rick is employed as a machinist by Kroeker Farms Machinery in Winkler and Terese is a teacher's aid in school. They reside in Morden.

Colleen and Harvey Giesbrecht's marriage also resulted in a divorce in May 1998. They have one daughter, Laurie Ann, born August 15, 1981. Colleen is presently employed as secretary for Linear Grain Inc. in Carman, and Laurie attends the Carman Collegiate. They reside in Carman.

Jeffrey and Sandra (Zacharias) Funk are the parents of two children. Colin Jeffrey was born January 11, 1988, and Kelsey Alexandra was born August 28, 1990. They are both attending school. Jeffrey, works for the Decor Cabinets in Morden and Sandra is a receptionist at the Bethel Hospital. They reside in Morden.

PETER P. & KATHRINA (GROENING) FUNK

From Furrows in the Valley

Peter P. Funk, son of Peter and Cornelia Funk, came from Heuboden, Mariampole, Russia.

They left Russia, March 31, 1875, and arrived in Canada, May 10, 1875. Peter, my dad, was born May 1, 1875. He had five brothers and six sisters.



Peter Funk and Kathrina Funk.

Kathrina Funk was the daughter of Abraham and Helena Groening, who came from Russia in 1874 and landed at Niverville, Manitoba. Kathrina, my mother, was born February 2, 1878 at Rheinland, Manitoba. She had two brothers and one sister. Both Dad and Mother were of Mennonite origin.

The reason both of their parents came to Canada, was because Russia was continuously at war and there was always conflict. Mennonites were opposed to war and, besides, land in Canada was cheap and homesteads could be taken up. Most of them were good farmers. Grandpa Groening took up four homesteads, one for each child. They were situated between Rose Farm, Lowe Farm and Kane. It was nicknamed the 'Cutta,' Lowe Farm being their post office.

Their education left a lot to be desired. Dad reached the great Grade of III or IV, while Mother only got in about 10 months; she was constantly sick when cold weather set in.

They were married in 1889, and had 11 children, four of whom died in childhood. The others were Cath, Nora, Pete, Helen, Ben, Anne and Billy.

They were farming on one of the quarters that Grandpa Groening bought and their possessions were few. They belonged to the Rudnerweider Church.

Their social life consisted of going to church regularly, attending weddings and funerals and visiting friends and relatives. The annual killing of pigs was work, but usually enjoyed by five or six couples. The best food was put forward, and, maybe for the men, a snifter of two out of the bottle, (brandy most likely), and fresh spareribs and liverwurst.

They both learned to read at school and at home they spent many nights reading the Yugen Freund, Bible, the Runschau, the Nor-western, the Almanac, and a series of Minshausen detective books, which made the rounds in the 'Cutta' and were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Mother did lots of knitting, sewing and mending, making patchwork quilts and hooked rugs. She enjoyed gardening immensely, and was always up at the crack of dawn to tend her plants. I remember one particularly bad year for the gardens, except for Mother's. Relatives and friends came and loaded their cars, and some came with stone boats! One year Dad hid watermelon in the granary in the wheat and we had watermelon at Christmas. What a great treat that was!

Mother was a fairly good shot, and used to shoot prairie chickens for supper. She could also shoot tin cans off fence posts. She was always asked to bake buns for weddings and funerals. Delicious!

She delivered many babies and looked after the mothers. She was also asked to help with the dead, like washing bodies and dressing and fixing up the coffins that were homemade, fixed with eyelet lace and geraniums.

Dad was a putterer, fixing thing like spokes in wagons and buggies, greasing the machinery and the wheels. I always had a swing, but also, on Sundays, the gang would come over and the result would be another broken chair or window - something else for Dad to fix!

During the big influenza outbreak, everybody in the 'Cutta' was sick, with the exception of dad and Cath. He would go from neighbor to neighbor to feed the stock, milk the cows and bring enough fuel for them to keep warm. It kept him pretty busy.

When Queen Centre School was to be closed, dad gave a corner of his land for a new school and enough room for a barn and a playground. Mary Wiens from Lowe Farm, with Grade VIII education, was the first teacher and taught grades I to VIII. Later on a consolidated school was open in Kane, and we were all taken to school in vans.

In the Dirty Thirties, we had 30 acres of oats, allotted for the milk cows. Helen and I had just finished

stooking it and Mother had "yahooed" for a while. (Her yahoos could be heard for a mile or two). The black clouds overhead turned into a tornado, which hit and smashed a hayrack, and took every bundle of oats up 20 or 30 feet into ditches and neighbors' fields. There was not a lot of oats left for the cows.

Dad had cancer of the lips in the twenties and had it operated on. He liked his smokes and coffee, and the odd glass of beer or a shot of brandy. He was always very interested in his grandchildren, and what progress any of his children made. He was quick tempered but cooled off just as fast and became quite docile in his old age. He died of cancer of the throat at the age of almost 93 years.

Mother was always ready to help the sick or anybody who needed it and was very generous. She was a deeply religious woman and had much faith. She looked after her mother three years after Grandpa died and again three years before Grandma died at the age of 83.

They retired from farming and moved to Lowe Farm. When unable to look after themselves, (Mother was blind the last eight years of her life), they were in

Winkler Old Folks Home for one year, then at the Altona home for the rest of their lives.

They thoroughly enjoyed their grandchildren and were interested in their comings and goings.

JACOB P. & HELENA (PENNER) GERBRANDT

Submitted by Agatha Gerbrandt



Jacob P. and Helena Gerbrandt.



The John Gerbrandt family, 1993.



The John Gerbrandt farm, 1986.

The Jacob Gerbrandt family, together with seven children, moved to the Lowe Farm area in 1898. They had already homesteaded in Lichtfeld, southwest of Altona. Their son Jacob was the only one who became a farmer in the Lowe Farm area. He married Helena Penner of Lowe Farm. They bought NW13-4-2 from his father.

Jacob and Helena had a family of nine children, all of them attending Kronsweide School, southwest of Lowe Farm.

Helena passed away in 1930, leaving a large family behind. The youngest were twins, aged two.

Two years later, Jacob remarried to Susanna Giesbrecht Heinrichs, a widow with 10 children.

The Gerbrandts have always considered the church and Christian fellowship a very important part of their lives. Grandpa, Jacob Gerbrandt, was active in the Kronsweide Sommerfeld Church.

John and Agatha, together with their family, were involved in the Kronsweide Church until it closed in 1975. We then joined the Emmanuel Church in Lowe Farm.

John has many pleasant memories of Lowe Farm. Some of the businesses were Rosners Store, Schroeders International Agency, Martens Garage and Braun's Garage.

Spending time at the Penner grandparents meant meeting lots of cousins and aunts and uncles. Also, he could watch the cow herder chasing the cows out to pasture after their daily milking was done.

Grandpa Penner was known as "Butcher" Penner in his day. Later he went into building bridges for the many drainage ditches in the area. Son Jacob P., together with others, started the Rose Farm Rudnerweider Church in 1937. (It was later known as EMMC.) In 1938 he became a minister, often travelling long distances with horse and sleigh on Sunday morning to bring the message in other churches.

Jacob's son John stayed in the Lowe Farm area and continued farming on 16-4-2w. He took over Box 65, the same post box that his father and grandfather had. This box number had stayed in the family for almost 100 years.

John married Agatha Dyck in 1951 in the Rose Farm Church. Her parents, John P. Dycks, lived in the Rose Farm area.

We bought the Dyck home place in 1956 and farmed, expanding as the years passed. We also raised hogs and livestock.

Our family of one boy and three girls attended Rose Farm School, later going to Kane, Lowe Farm and Morris High School.

In 1988 we moved to Winkler, but continued farming until 1993. Our children have found their occupations in other areas. Eldon, our oldest son, together with his wife Bonnie, is in the furniture business in Morden. They have four children. Lorena and her husband Wayne Favel work as house parents in a children's home in Alberta. Glenda is working for Family Services in Winnipeg. Eleanor married Tony Rose. They have three children. Tony worked for the Rural Municipality of Morris for 18 years. He is presently employed at Westfield Industries in Rosenort. They lived in the Lowe Farm area until 1998, when they moved to Morris. Eleanor is a spare bus driver for the Morris Macdonald School Division.

JAKE & NETTIE (DUECK) GERBRANDT



Jake and Nettie Gerbrandt, 1988.

Jake H. Gerbrandt grew up in the Kronsweide School District, south of Lowe Farm with his parents, Jacob and Helena Gerbrandt and brothers and sisters.

Nettie (Dueck) Gerbrandt grew up in the Rosefarm School District, southwest of Lowe Farm

with her parents, Jacob and Aganetha Dueck and brothers and sisters.

After their marriage in 1945, they lived in Ontario and then Bergfeld before moving back to the Lowe Farm area in 1953. They farmed southeast of Lowe Farm, in the St. Peters School District and then southwest of Lowe Farm, in the Rose Farm area. They retired from farming and moved to Winkler in 1986.

Jake and Nettie were actively involved in the community and church. Jake was a school trustee during the process of consolidating the small country schools into the Lowe Farm Consolidated School. Jake was also involved in planning the senior's residence in Lowe Farm. After the closure of the Rose Farm Church in 1975, Jake and Nettie became active members of the Lowe Farm Emmanuel Church.

Nettie passed away at the age of 66 in November of 1989. Jake was married to Margaret Dueck for less than a year before he also passed away at the age of 71 in August of 1992.

Jake and Nettie Gerbrandt's children are: Dorothy and Ken Fisher and Eric of Winnipeg; Linda and Ken Warkentin, Philip, and Jonathan of Morden; Edwin and Mavis Gerbrandt, Kevin, Bryan, Darren, and Brent of Morden; Elma and James Dean, Matthew and Charlotte of The Pas.

ANNA (REMPLE) & ED GIESBRECHT

From Furrows in the Valley

Anna was the second daughter of Peter P. and Nettie Remple. On October 6, 1932, Anna married Ed Giesbrecht, son of Peter A. and Katherine Giesbrecht. For 31 years, they farmed northeast of Lowe Farm, in the Heabert School District.

They had four children.

Abe married Mary Pylypiuk. They are living in Kamloops, British Columbia and have two children.

Ben married Judi Braun and they have three children. Ben passed away in 1970.

George married Vivian McWilliams and lives in Vernon, British Columbia. They have three children.

Margaret married Eddy Klassen and is living in Armstrong, British Columbia. They have two children.

Anna and Ed sold their farm in 1965 and moved to Lowe Farm. In 1971, they moved to Morris.

WILHELM GINTER

From Furrows in the Valley

In 1930, Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm Ginter moved to 15-4-2, two miles west and four miles south of Lowe Farm, onto a quarter section of land which they purchased for \$2,500. They lived on this farm until 1967, at which time they moved to Altona.

The Ginters had seven children: Freda, Anne, Henry,

Jake, Albert, Bill and Ed.

Freda is a nurse in Altona. Anne (Dave) Wiebe lives at Lowe Farm and has four daughters. Linda (Ernie) Neufeld of Altona, has three daughters; Shirley, Sharon and Valerie. Henry married Evelyn Wiebe. He is a carpenter in Thompson. Jake died in 1956. Albert married Justina Wolfe. They live on the home farm with their three sons, Robert, Ronald and Allen. Bill, who married Joyce Suderman, taught in the Morris Collegiate. They live in Morris with their three children: Michael, Audrey and Steven. Ed, who lives in Vancouver, married Irene Pedroche.

ABRAM & HELENA GROENING

submitted by Norman Groening



The Henry Groening residence built 1912 – 1913.



*Loading sheaves with sheaf-loader
for threshing, possibly 1936.*

Abram and Helena Groening, my grandparents, moved into the community in 1897. They built their home on the SW corner of section 21-4-2w and lived there until Abram Groening died in 1917.

They had four children: Henry, who married Maria Penner; Katherine married Peter Funk; Abram married Maria Martens; and Helen married Dr. Cornelius Wiebe. Except for Helen, the family continued to farm on section 21.

Henry A. and Maria Groening, my parents, were married in 1903, and began building their farm home near the middle of section 21. The first building was a barn with living quarters at the south end. In 1912 to 1913 they built their house which is presently occupied by Agatha (Elmer) Groening. Much of the building was constructed of cedar and was very well built.

While farming was good on the mostly virgin soil, it was done with much hard work. The field work was done mostly with horses which meant a lot of work year round. A threshing machine was purchased in 1911. It was of wood construction and was kept in repair and stored indoors. It was last used in 1940. A Fordson tractor and later a 10-20 Titan were used on the farm. A shief loader was used at threshing and also for some haying. It was pulled by four horses. My sister Mary drove the loader at harvest time when she was only 16 years old, a courageous and skillful accomplishment.

Henry Groening was seriously crippled due to arthritis bouts in childhood and in later years. In spite of his limitations he worked very hard. Not able to sit in the popular Ford Model T because of a stiff hip, he purchased a Reo tutoring car, which was used in the mid thirties. The car was not used in winter, at least not when there was snow.

Communication, like transportation, was limited. Not everyone had public (government) phones. A small private hook-up of phones was used with Uncle Abram Groening and Uncle Peter and Katherine Funk, as well as brother Abram and Lizzie Groening. Another private phone connected with about 12 neighbors in the immediate community. Lines and phones were maintained by owners and were often in need of fixing. My dad, Henry Groening, was often called upon to find and correct a malfunction. Lines were often down or shorting out somewhere.

Maria, my mom, like all farm wives, did an awful lot of work to take care of family and a large garden, plus helping with the livestock, cows, pigs, hens, and usually some geese. There were no conveniences such as refrigerators and deep freezers. An ice cellar was added in the early thirties. It was helpful, but still a lot of steps to run. Animals were slaughtered occasionally as needed for meat. A chicken roast meant catching some roosters or hens and butchering them. The meat was always fresh! Everyone had some assigned chores to do. Mom, Maria Groening, was a good organizer.

Maria Groening moved to Lowe Farm in 1949 or 1950. She had a house built a few lots south of the Berghthaler Church. She lived there together with daughter Mary and son Detroy, until her death in 1959.

Detroy purchased the egg and poultry station in Lowe Farm in 1946. Abram, Theodore and Ed continued to farm. Ervin and Norman started a new farm yard in 1948 on section 28. We farmed together until the early sixties when Ervin and Agatha went into church ministry in Saskatchewan. George was a teacher plus minister for a

number of years. He taught in several local schools, including Kronsweide, St. Peters and Rosefarm. Dora married Ben Hamm and lived in Winnipeg. Helen married Henry Giesbrecht and spent many years in the ministry in Ontario. Clara married Aaron Siemens, and lived in Winnipeg until retiring to British Columbia. Theodore and Tina retired from farming to continue their ministry in Winnipeg.

Anna and I, Norman Groening, were married in July, 1947 and made our home on the NW quarter if section 28. We continued on the farm until we retired in 1991. Our oldest daughter Joyce is presently teaching in Lowe Farm Elementary School, after teaching for many years in Thompson and with Black Forest Academy in Germany. She is married to Bill Siemens and lives in Morris. Leta is married to Jerry Maksymyk. They live in Portage and are employed in the church and Tim Horton. Karen and husband, Bob Toews, live near Altona. Bob works at Friesens. Sheryl and husband, Doug Braaten are working with Gospel for Asia in the office in Hamilton, Ontario. Wendi, our youngest, married Phil Tolley. They have now moved from Washington to Colorado.

Recollections of Norm Groening

We lived six miles from the town of Lowe Farm when I was a boy. Going to town was usually a weekly event. Roads were often poor in rainy spells and in wintertime horse and sleigh was often the only means to go. There was little or no gravel in our area. Even the highway, after a prolonged wet time did not look like a highway but a series of rests.

I will try to share some things as best I can recollect from when I was small.

I remember the long series of huge snow drifts across much of main street after blizzards. What an obstacle course! (There was no snow break north of town). Main Street had a board walk of planks. I think some of the other streets had some narrower ones too.

I remember the train (steam engine) and the railway station with its large wooden plank platform and the wagon cart. The station and train service was used a lot as mail orders were quite popular. I remember the large cast iron pot bellied store in the centre of the station room, also the benches along some walls. I was intrigued by the almost constant clicking of the telegraph which tapped away all day even when no one was present. The train would come through from Winnipeg in the late morning and return again about three or four in the afternoon Monday through Friday. I remember the hiss of the steam engine, the bell, the whistle and the chug as the train started to move. Train passenger service was used a fair amount to Winnipeg and other towns.

On occasion we could ride along to town with dad on our Rio car. I remember Ervin and I shopping for mixed candies, a then popular hard candy, while Dad was getting parts for the binder at the McCormick

Deering shop, somewhere-more toward the east part of town. We looked at the different candies in the display windows in store counters. I remember going to a different store because the store man was quite unfriendly towards little boys. We were turned off by his attitude. Fortunately I do not remember who it was or in what store. Anyway, five cents bought a nice little bag of candies.

I was very intrigued with Martens black smith repair shop. It had shafts and pulleys and belts on the wall and ceiling. It was very dimly lit. That was before we had hydro electric power. Even towns like Lowe Farm did not have hydro power. Mr. Martens provided some electricity for some of the town with a generator plant. I think it was 21 volt and powered by a large stationary diesel engine – possibly a Fairbanks-Morre. I remember Mr. Martens showing us how he started the diesel by hand on the huge fly wheels. He was meticulous in his preparations. It was quite a feat to get that first compression round. I remember the neat clicking sounds of the engine as it gained speed. Electric power was very limited. Those who were hooked up used it only for special conveniences-not for cooking and baking. Some used very small bulbs -15 watt to save power. It was a great convenience compared to kerosene lamps. At 10:00 p.m. each evening the plant was shut down. I think there was a warning signal of light flicker shortly before the engine was stopped.

I was also fascinated by Rosner's general store. There were so many things for sale, on shelves and hanging on the walls – even horse harnesses. The store was operated by the Rosner family. They were a Jewish family in a community of mostly Mennonites. They were friendly and courteous and my impression was that they did a good service. I remember that they took eggs etc, as credit for groceries. Many people had

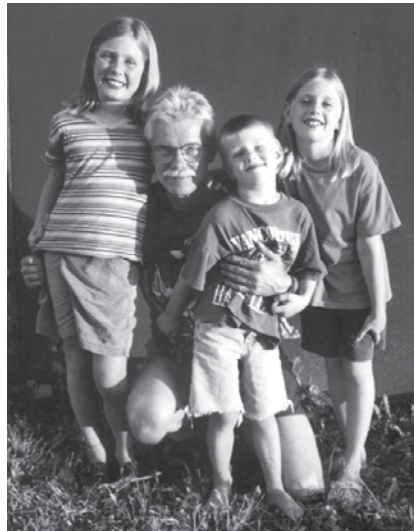
accounts and paid periodically. Some accounts were difficult to collect. I remember Cornelius Dueck working in the store. Also I remember the railing back of the store on which to tie horses.

I remember being at a community picnic or perhaps it was a field day. There was a booth to buy goodies even ice cream and bananas hanging in huge bunches. There was real baseball or hard ball as it was called in those days. A spectacular event was the parachute jumping. Planes were quite rare at the time for us and to see someone jumping out of the plane, seeing the chute open and then floating down was quite awesome.

Even though Lowe Farm for not large at the time it had a surprising number of stores and businesses. Most of the basic groceries and well as our gas and kerosene were bought there.

EDD & MARGARET GROENING

Submitted by Ralph Groening



Allison, Ralph, Michael and Jillian Groening.

Edd Groening was born February 5, 1913, at the Groening farm located on 21-4-2w. Edd attended the Kane Consolidated School for Grade I – XI and finished high school in Lowe Farm at

the age of 27. After graduation Dad taught school on permit at Nedrob in western Manitoba. Education was very important to Dad and he had planned to attend the University of Manitoba, but World War II intervened and his plans changed. He received conscientious objector status and worked at the coal mines in Bienfait, Saskatchewan and at a lumber camp in Kapuskasing, Ontario, as alternative service.

In 1942, Dad met Margaret Heinrichs from Horndean. Margaret enjoyed school and learning, but, unfortunately the expectation of the time was that children leave school at age 14 and help support the family. For two years Margaret worked for Dad's mother, Mrs. Henry Groening, during the summer and attended Elim Bible School in Altona during the winter.

Edd and Margaret Groening were married on June 17, 1944, at the Rose Farm Church by Rev. J.N. Heppner. They built a home and farmstead on the northeast corner of 33-4-2w just across the railroad track from the Bill Deutchman farm.

In addition to farming, Mom and Dad were very busy with church and school activities. Dad served as lay minister in the Kane Church until it closed in 1973 and was a school trustee in Kane for 13 years. After the Kane Church closed, my parents attended the Lowe Farm Bergthaler Church.

Dad farmed with his sons, Ralph and Tim, from 1978 until his official retirement at age 80 in 1993. In 1981 Edd and Margaret Groening moved to Winkler.

Six children were born to Edd and Margaret. Ralph was born May 23, 1946. After graduating from high school, Ralph attended the University of Manitoba, and then travelled through Europe for three months on a quest for adventure and to meet the requirement of the 1960's youth culture. He worked as an aircraft serviceman at the



*Standing (l-r): Tim, Roger, Ralph, Anita, Charles.
Sitting: Edd, Paul and Margaret Groening.*



The Edd and Margaret Groening family, 1995. Standing (l-r): Keith Shackelford, Ralph, Charles, Paul, Tim and Roger Groening. Sitting: Anita Shackelford, Krista Shackelford, Edd and Margaret Groening, Cheri Froese, Teresa Rempel, Ruth Loepky. Front row: Michael, Allison, Jillian, Laura, Tom and Amy Groening.

airport in Winnipeg until 1976, then moved back to Lowe Farm to farm with his dad and brother Tim. In 1983, Ralph married Rhonda Sommerfeld. They have three children: Allison Zoe, born July 28, 1928; Jillian Lindsay, born April 17, 1990; and Michael Edd Arthur, born January 9, 1993. Ralph and Rhonda were divorced in 1995. In addition to farming with his brother Tim, Ralph has served as a municipal councillor for the Rural Municipality of Morris since 1995.

Anita Julia was born July 27, 1948. Anita graduated from the faculty of Education at the University of Manitoba. In 1973, she married Keith Shackelford. They have

a daughter, Krista Dawn, born June 27, 1982. Anita and Keith live in Edmonton where Keith works for the federal government and Anita teaches school. Krista is a high school student.

Mark Roger was born May 2, 1951. Roger earned his Masters degree in Education and has established his own educational training school in Winnipeg. Roger married Ruth Loepky in 1980. Ruth works for the provincial government as family services regional manager for Winnipeg. They have three children: Laura Danielle, born September 25, 1985; Thomas Mark L., born July 10, 1989; and Amy Rebecca, born December 21, 1989. Roger and Ruth and family live in Winnipeg.

Timothy Edd was born April 23, 1955. He earned his Arts degree at the University of Manitoba. Tim worked as an instructor for agriculture diploma program at the University of Manitoba for seven years. He has farmed with his brother Ralph since 1976. In 1984, Tim married Teresa Rempel. Teresa has worked as a florist for many years, and is presently employed as a floral manager for Safeway in Winnipeg. Tim and Teresa live in La Salle.

Paul Anthony was born May 14, 1963. Paul has worked as a musician since leaving high school. He has played with a number of Winnipeg alternative rock bands, the latest group called, "Twelve Elves." Paul works presently as a computer programmer for the Angus Reid Group. He lives in Winnipeg.

JOHN F. & ANNA (HIEBERT) GROENING

Submitted by Russell Greening



John F. and Anna (Hiebert) Groening.

John Groening was born on December 19, 1896, and married Anna Hiebert on September 13, 1913. Our parents lived most of their lives in the Lowe Farm area. Our father, John Groening, was an adopted child and had no known relatives. Our mother, Anna Hiebert Groening, was born October 4, 1896, and was the daughter of John Hiebert, who homesteaded in the Lowe Farm area. John Hiebert was the donor of the land on which the Heabert School (northeast of Lowe Farm) was

built in approximately 1903.

John and Anna Groening had two children born to them: Estelle on March 30, 1927, and Russell, born on July 30, 1934.

John Groening passed away on September 15, 1967, and our mother passed away on March 10, 1989. Our parents did the best they could for their children under some very difficult circumstances. It was our mother's deep faith and determination that made a difference in tough times. Her strong principals have always impacted our lives.

Estelle married Paul Charach on July 31, 1959, and they had four children: Robert born on April 17, 1960; Lawrence born on September 8, 1962; Rosalie born on January 17, 1964; and Bradley, born on October 23, 1967. Paul Charach passed away on January 20, 1992.

Robert, a teacher, is married to Alison Bickle and they have two children; Brenda and David. Lawrence is married to Elizabeth Labun. They reside in Kuwait where they are both teaching. Rosalie is married to Kim Olson and they have three children; Ryan, Sara and Steven. Brad is married to Susan Ens. Estelle has retired to a Seniors High Rise on Wilkes Avenue and her children and grandchildren are her pride and joy.

Russell married Lenore Hyde of Kane on September 15, 1951. They had one son, Dale, who was born on June 19, 1952. Russell and his family moved to Edmonton, Alberta in November of 1965 and have resided in this province to the present. Their son married Iris Dolhaniuk in September of 1973, and they had two children; Donavon and Patricia. Dale passed away on July 21, 1982, as a result of a swimming accident. Russell and Lenore retired in 1996 and moved to a retirement village in Sherwood Park, Alberta. They are very much enjoying their retirement, they bowl, play bridge and have many other activities and find most of the days are just not long enough.

ABRAM H. & ELIZABETH (PAETKAU) GROENING

Submitted by Edwin Greening



Abram and Elizabeth Groening, 1964.



Back row: (l - r) Elmer; Second row: Albert and Arnold; Front row: Burton, Elizabeth Groening, Edwin, Abram Groening, Linda; Front: Margaret; 1944.

When my dad wanted to make himself understood he would say, "Soll eck die dann eh mole op Dietch saya?" (Should I tell you in German?) Just like Grandpa Henry, Dad had a determined will, although he was a lot more easy-going. Anyone who could farm successfully in the Lowe Farm gumbo soil, and starting out in the Great Depression, must have been a man of iron character!

Abram was the oldest of a family of twelve, seven boys and five girls, born to Henry and Maria Groening. Ten are alive at the time of this writing. In 1927, Dad married Elizabeth Paetkau, who had come from Russia only four years earlier, and together they raised a family of seven.

The first son, Elmer, came along in 1928, after which five children were born smack bang in "Dirty Thirties!" Arnold was born in 1930, Albert in 1933, myself, Edwin, in 1935, Burton in 1937, Linda in 1938, and finally, in 1942, Margaret was born. What made matters worse, at least at first, was when war broke out in 1939 and food rationing began. I can remember our parents getting sugar coupons, but we always had enough to eat, because we all had to work.

Dad managed to buy a new Model D John Deere in 1937, and was content driving a Hupmobile car that he converted to a semi-trailer to haul grain off the fields. We had horses for work and transportation in those days until the 1950's, especially in winter.

Dad believed in being practical, and as children we rode in the back of a 1929 Dodge truck until 1949, when we bought our first car, a 1937 Buick, for \$900. Were we ever delighted! It was the same year that our family moved to Dad's homestead, located one mile north of our home in Rose Farm School District.

In our earlier years, work was king, and we seldom played ball. We were taught how to play games such as checkers, crocinole, and "malechi" (Nine Man Morris). Dad was very hard to beat in any game, however, to keep our spirits up, he might let us win sometimes. What we

learned in the malechi game, was to set up the nine blocks in such a position that each move made a row of three blocks. This would enable the player to take off an opponent's block, a sure way to win the game. Dad applied this to everyday life where we were encouraged to set up our life so each move would make us win.

We were also encouraged to play a musical instrument, although we never received formal lessons. Dad played the violin, as did Elmer. Arnold played steel guitar, while Albert played guitar, violin, or the steel guitar. I played the mandolin, and Burt played the guitar. Linda played the accordion or pump organ. Sometimes Mother used the organ to discipline us. I had to play the organ when I was naughty, but Margaret never learned to play the organ because she was never naughty! Instead, she learned to sing. Dad did not mind spending many hours playing together with us, even during busy times. Our family, along with friends, often provided music in our little home church at Rose Farm. This was his way of serving the Lord, even during Sunday morning service.

Throughout the years, Dad kept a running handwritten diary of day to day activities. These scribbles and notebooks are now in the hands of family members, and reveal as much about Dad as about his work. In the 1936 notebook is an entry that caught my eye.

"February 29. In the evening I and Lena practiced one song, 'You go to your church and I'll go to Mine.' We kind of got the little boy Edwin excited and he wouldn't get to sleep till 5:30 in the morning, so we got tired too. I slept about 4 1/2 hours."

This song, which continues, "But let's walk along together," still gets me excited!

"Lena" was Dad's sister Helen, and would have been 20 when she played the pump organ while Dad played the fiddle. Mom and Dad belonged to the Lowe Farm Berghthaler Church but attended the local Rose Farm Church and supported them both.

Dad was a skilled carpenter, and with rather simple tools, he built a kitchen hutch and buffet, a writing cabinet, and many household items. He enjoyed repairing musical instruments such as a fiddle, and showed much skill and patience. His mechanical ability enabled him to repair the old farm machinery, and to teach his boys resourcefulness. Perhaps his most important daily activity, besides his work, was Bible reading, as seen in his diary entries. Those of us who remembered him, would agree that he lived what he read, as evidenced by his kindness, generosity, and patience.

Mother was a hard working, loving, and intelligent person, and her faith in God stood firm. If I could choose a mother, I would choose her, because she came as close to the Proverbs 31 description as anyone could expect. Hospitality, cooking, gardening, sewing, pickling peppers, nursing hurting children - you name it, she was equal to the task. She could recycle things so well back in her days, it would put anybody to shame nowadays. She would dig food and veggie scraps directly into the garden, and didn't bother composting anything. Her garden, as a result, was very productive! Besides looking

after her own family, she had time to teach Sunday School. And guess who was the best story teller? Yep! She could tell a story in Low German while reading it in English. She had the gift to bring out the story at its best. Mother took her Ladies group seriously, and contributed knitting, bandage rolls, and whatever was needed that she could do.

What became of the family?

Elmer married Agatha Dueck in 1954. They raised Harold, Melvin, Janice, Donald, Marilyn and Leroy. After a few years teaching public school, they took over the family farm. Elmer went to his eternal home in 1989. Leroy now runs the fourth generation farm.

Arnold, an accountant, married Lilly Hiebert in 1960, and moved to California where they had two children, Barbara and Allan. Arnold had limited lung capacity due to a deformed chest and back, and died unexpectedly in 1972, following a short illness.

Albert married Wilma Penner in 1956, on the first of April! They had four children; Clarice, Goldie, Connie, and Kenny. Albert, the first in the family to become a private pilot, also taught school, and did some nursery, grain and strawberry farming in the Portage area. Wilma passed away in 1995.

I, Edwin, the second pilot, married Alice Loewen. I had met her at camp and Bible School. We had four sons: Barry, Bruce, Brent, and Tim. I taught school, too, then moved to Calgary where I tune pianos. We are now raising Jessica, the daughter of Brent and Lori Lynn. She is, therefore, both our granddaughter and daughter, and is doubly special.

Burton married Martha Froese in 1959, and had five children. Grant, Calvin, Audrey, Rodney, and Wanda. Audrey passed away in 1963, and was laid to rest in the Rose Farm Cemetery. Burton worked as a printer, and played guitar and double bass. They make their home in Winnipeg.

Linda married Jerry Morevec in 1958, and had Bonnie and Richard. Jerry died in a car crash in 1974. Linda was fortunate, later, to run into Wally Jergens, literally, whom she soon married. They are now retired and have moved to Ontario, where Wally continues to write music, play the piano, and fly model airplanes.

Margaret, the youngest of the family, married Abe Zacharias, the singer, in 1962. This family consists of Angela, Kevin, Laurel, and Trevor. Abe and Marge live near Salmon Arm, British Columbia and like to travel to churches, where Abe sings many of the songs that he has written over the years.

Our parents farmed until 1967, when they retired to Gretna and let Elmer take over the homestead. It was too early in life for Dad to retire, but he found things to do, fixing and puttering. Mother would continue her gardening hobby, and grow vegetables and flowers.

It is hard to believe they are both gone to be with the Lord. In 1984, Dad began showing signs of Parkinson's disease. He was admitted to the Altona Personal Care Home in January 1990. Mother then moved to an apartment in Altona. Dad passed away on April 3, 1991, and was laid to rest in the Rose Farm Cemetery. Mother

never seemed to show her age, and did very well on her own till age 91 when she had surgery in Winnipeg. She began to recover during the biggest flood Manitoba had ever seen, and went back to Altona. She suffered a stroke, which left her helpless for nearly a year. She was laid to rest beside Dad following her passing on March 5, 1998.

ELMER & AGATHA (DUECK) GROENING

Submitted by Agatha Groening



Elmer and Agatha Groening, 1953.



Back row: (l - r) Melvin, Janice, Harold; First row: Agatha, Donald and Elmer with Marilyn and Leroy Groening.



*Leroy Groening, 1998,
on the farm he bought in 1996.
The house was built in 1912.*

Elmer Groening was born at his parents home on April 16, 1928 in the Rose Farm School District. They had a house-barn combination home. He was the first child of Abram H. and Elizabeth (Paetkau) Groening.

The family lived half a mile north of the Rose Farm Rudnerwiede Church, which they attended. Elmer attended Sunday school and public school in the Rose Farm School, and took Grade IX by correspondence there as well. He accepted the Lord as his personal Savior at an early age, was baptized at the Rose Farm Church at the age of 20, and became a member there.

His father taught him to play the violin and through the years Elmer and his father and four brothers spent many enjoyable hours making music together. Many times they were asked to bring music at special occasions such as weddings and at church services. Elmer also sang in the choir and fellowshiped with other young people.

In 1948, his family moved to their grandmother, Mrs. Henry A. Groening's farm, one and a quarter miles north of their place. They were happy for the move, as they now had a big house. Elmer and his brothers helped with the farm work. In 1952, Elmer bought a

Model A Ford car.

On September 21, 1952, Elmer married Agatha Dueck, daughter of Jacob P. and Anganetha (Giesbrecht) Dueck of Rose Farm at the Rose Farm Church. We had six children, who are all living. After our marriage we lived on a farm near Lowe Farm for four years, where Elmer worked for his Uncle and Aunt, the Theodore Groenings.

A few years later Elmer took some high school subjects, studying at home during his spare time during two winters and wrote his June Exams at Kane School.

In the fall of 1956, he entered Winnipeg Normal School, and studied to become a teacher. He took his grade XII Physics class at evening school, and another subject at summer school later. We lived in two rooms (there was also a hall and a bathroom) in the upstairs of a house and paid \$35 a month rent.

In the summer of 1957, we moved up north to Riverton, and Elmer taught at the Mennville School for eight years. The first two years he taught Grades I - VIII, but then another room was added to the school and Elmer taught Grades V - VIII. He was the principal the next six years. We gained many friends during our time there. The Mennville Church had an outreach in Riverton and Elmer taught Sunday School there.

In 1965, we moved to Moosehorn and taught at the Kissman country school for two years. We attended the Moosehorn Baptist Church and Elmer taught a Sunday School class there as well.

In 1967, Elmer's parents were planning to retire to Gretna, and our children were very anxious to move to Grandpa's farm. It was time for a change. The move was made in July. Teacher's salaries went up and farm prices went down at the time. At first farming was not so successful. The first year we seeded our crop (1968), the harvest was completed on

November 26, after a long wet fall. Elmer hired a combine with rice tires in order to drive the wet fields. After a few years things farming went better.

We attended the same church we left 11 years before. Elmer taught a Sunday School class again, and after a while I taught as well. In 1975, the Rose Farm Church closed and we began attending the Emmanuel Gospel Church in Lowe Farm and became members there. Elmer was secretary/treasurer of the Sunday School and the Missions treasurer for five years.

Harold, Melvin and Janice attended young peoples at Rose Farm and some of the children attended young peoples meetings and choir at Emmanuel Church as well. The children attended Kane school, and when it closed they attended the Lowe Farm School, and all graduated from Morris High School.

Harold was born June 13, 1954. After high school he attended Winnipeg Bible College and graduated there. He worked at home on our farm during the summer months, or else helped a neighbor. He married Lillian Friesen of the Altona area on June 14, 1980. After living and working in Calgary for several years, they took linguistic training in Grand Forks, North Dakota and Dallas, Texas. They have been in the Asia area for 11 years doing Bible translation and promoting literacy, producing a dictionary and other booklets for the people to read in their own language. They have three sons, Bryce, 16, Mark, 12, and Evan, 8.

Melvin was born May 11, 1956. After high school he took one semester at Winnipeg Bible College. Melvin married Elva Groening, daughter of Frank and Tina Groening on June 19, 1976. They lived in Morden and Melvin worked at the Macleods store from 1977 - 1980, and Elva worked at Stedmans. In 1981 they moved to Melita, Manitoba and were owners of the Macleods store for 11 years. In 1991, they moved to the Norman Groening farm. They started out with mostly grain farming. Presently Melvin is manager of the True Value store in Winkler, and Elva works there as well. They have some cattle and do quite a bit of haying on the farm. They have three sons. Blair, 19, graduated from Morris School in 1997. He has a job at Homestead Plumbing Warehouse in Winkler. Brock is 16 years old and is in Grade X in Morris School. He is actively involved in sports. Mitchell is 11 years old and in Grade VI at Lowe Farm School. He enjoys the farm very much.

Janice was born February 11, 1959. She graduated from Winnipeg Bible College in 1980. While there she met Gordon McGillivray of Edmonton. They got married on October 24, 1981. They lived at a Bible Camp at Beauval, Saskatchewan for four and a half years. They are now farming west of Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan, and are involved in a country church. They have six daughters; twins Erin and Kelsi, 14, Shannon, 11, Misty, 9, Emily, 3, and Kaylie, 1.

Donald was born on May 26, 1965. After graduating from high school, he managed our farm when his Dad

got sick. He attended Winnipeg Bible College in 1985 - 1986. He married Lillian Redekopp on October 24, 1989. She is a registered nurse, and works half time at Winkler Hospital. They bought Donald's grandparents, Jacob P. Dueck's, former farm in 1995 and grow grain, alfalfa, etc. He also has some cattle and feeds hogs. He is superintendent of the Emmanuel Gospel Church Sunday School at Lowe Farm. Donald and Lillian have two children; Rylan, 3, and Jillana, 1.

Marilyn was born March 23, 1970. After her graduation from high school, she attended Winnipeg Bible College for two years. She is living in Winkler and is manager of Warehouse One "The Jean Store". She taught a Sunday school class at Emmanuel Church at Lowe Farm for several years. Marilyn also plays the piano.

Leroy was born on June 25, 1971. He is living on the farm where he grew up, and grows grain, alfalfa, etc. He also set up a biotech and had hogs and some cattle. A number of years ago he took an electronics course. He also enjoys welding, manufacturing and inventing things. Leroy plays guitar.

Leroy bought my farm yard and 80 acres in 1996. This farm land, plus the rest of the section 21-4-2w was first bought by Leroy's great-great-grandfather, Abram Groening for \$8 an acre in 1897.

Elmer was a quiet man. He loved working in the shop fixing machinery. In the first years of farming he grew sunflowers. He and his dad made an attachment for the combine to combine the sunflowers.

In 1983, Elmer got sick. A surgery was done to remove a brain tumor in August. Radiation treatments followed in November and December, which made him sick and unable to work for some time. In time he regained strength and went back to work. He had six more surgeries from 1986 - 1988 and became blind in January of 1989. During his time of illness he had much time to meditate on Bible truths he had studied through the years.

After a month of home care from Morris and a week at the Altona hospital, he passed away on May 27, 1989. I was living on the farm with Leroy, but I have now moved to Winkler.

JOHN K. & KATHERINA GERBRANDT

John K. and Katherina Gerbrandt came to the Lowe Farm area in the spring of 1919. They settled in the Steinfeld School District, buying land from Fred Wall. Their family consisted at that time of Margaret, John, Nick, Mary and Cornie. Later Jake was born here, as well as Helen. Mom and Dad remained on this farm all their lives. The Depression years were hard on everyone, but with a hard working Mom who raised chickens, milked cows and had a large garden every year, we managed quite well as far as food for everyone to eat. Hogs were part of the food chain as well and there was always beef for butchering.



Back row: (l - r) Diedrich Dyck, Cornie Gerbrandt, Nick Gerbrandt, John Thiessen, Henry Dyck; Front row: Helen Dyck, Elsie Gerbrandt, Mary Thiessen, Margaret Dyck.

Money to pay for the land was another story. Prices were so low in the Thirties, it was hard to make ends meet.

John K. Gerbrandt was a public minded person serving on the Steinfeld School Board as a trustee for a number of years. He was in poor health for awhile and passed away on February 9, 1939. Katherina Gerbrandt passed away in 1965.

Their family:

Margaret Gerbrandt, born 1903, married Henry D. Dyck in 1928. After moving around many times in their early married years they settled at Altberghthal west of Altona, where Henry was a carpenter by trade. They retired to Altona. Margaret passed away in 1992, and Henry in 1991. Their children were Helen, Tina, Martha, Mary, and Anne.

Helen married Joe Pope. They were missionaries in Northern Canada and are now living in Alberta. Tina (deceased 1994) married Pete Kroeker and lived in Winnipeg. Martha married Ernie Martens and they reside in Winkler. Mary married Henry Arendt. They reside in Winnipeg. Anne married George Funk and they reside in Vermette, Manitoba.

John J. Gerbrandt, born 1905, married Mary Gerbrandt in 1932. They lived in the Steinfeld area. They have one son, Benjamin. John had rheumatic fever as a child that affected his heart. He died in 1938 when his son was three months old. His wife Mary passed away in 1991. Benjamin became an accountant, and now lives in Toronto.

Nick Gerbrandt, born 1907, remained a bachelor and farmed the home place. He was very involved with the Co-op movement around Lowe Farm from the very beginning, being a director at the Consumers for some time. He was also a founding member and a Director for many years at the Lowe Farm Credit Union. He passed away in 1971.

Mary Gerbrandt, born 1910, married John W. Thiessen in 1928. They lived at Myrtle for a few years and then moved to the Kronsweide area where they farmed. They retired to Lowe Farm. Mary passed away in 1979. Her husband John passed away in 1990. They had five children; Tina, Mary, Peter, Hilda, and Nettie.

Tina Thiessen married Jake Hildebrandt, a transfer truck driver. They lived in Roland. Jake passed away suddenly in 1985. Later, Tina married George Friesen who passed away in 1996. Tina now lives at Halbstadt, Manitoba.

Mary Thiessen was working in Winnipeg. She has multiple sclerosis and is in Meadow Wood Manor in Winnipeg.

Peter Thiessen married Ruby Driedger. They live in Winnipeg, but continue farming the home place south of Lowe Farm.

Hilda Thiessen married Werner Janz. They live at Lorette, Manitoba. Nettie Thiessen lives in Winnipeg and has been employed at Manitoba Hydro for many years.

Cornie Gerbrandt, born 1913, married Elsie Dyck in 1940. They built their own home across the road, and Cornie continued farming along with his brother Nick. Cornie was a school trustee for many years and also a school bus driver. This was before the big yellow school buses took over.

Their children are Zelma, John, Mary, Peter, Betty, Irvin and Dorothy. Zelma married David Coombs and they live at Russell, Manitoba. John married Margaret Watts. They live in Burnaby, British Columbia. Mary married Ray Hildebrandt and they live in Winnipeg. Peter married Bonnie Bronson and lives at Selkirk, Manitoba. Betty married David Froese. They lived at Lowe Farm. Betty passed away in 1988 at the age of 40 years. Irvin married Betty Dredgeon. He is a carpenter and they live in Nanton, Alberta. Dorothy married Ken Froese. They are both teachers, and live in Fort St. John, British Columbia. Elsie Gerbrandt passed away in 1996. Cornie is in a care home in Altona.

Jake Gerbrandt, born 1920, moved to the west coast after the war years. He got married to Doris Williams in Chilliwack, British Columbia. They then moved to Calgary where he was a carpenter all his life. Their family includes; Jim, Robert, Linda, Ron, Helen, Gloria and Shirley. They all live in Calgary. Jake passed away in 1991 and his wife still lives in Calgary.

Helen Gerbrandt, born 1922, married Diedrich (Richard) Dyck in 1947. He worked for Herman and

Bill Brown where he learned to operate the dragline and did that for two years. In 1950 they bought land northwest of Lowe Farm and farmed after that. Living next to the Tobacco Creek drain has had its ups and downs through the years, but they managed to stay above water. Diedrich passed away in 1987.

Their children are; Lynda, Ed, Les, Gary and Chris. Lynda Dyck married Ron Schroeder in 1970 and they are living near Lowe Farm. They have three children; Kelly, born 1971, resides in Winnipeg. Kelly married Kim Galbraith in 1993, and they have a son Brenden, born 1994. Theresa, born 1973, resides in British Columbia. Keith, born in 1976, resides at home.

Ed Dyck married Gina Saban. They are living near Morden and have three children, including Kayle, born 1984, Jennesa, born 1985 and Megan, born 1989. Ed and Gina own and operate Olympic Sports in Morden that opened in 1979.

Les Dyck married Jackie Matthies. They lived at Roland and then moved to the Lowe Farm area. Les is a carpenter by trade. They had three children. Kere was born in 1988, Riley was born in 1991 and Kelsey was born in 1994. In early 1996 Jackie became ill with a rare disease and after a 14 month valiant struggle to overcome it, she passed away in April, 1997, of aplastic anemia.

Gary Dyck married Marielle Desaulniers in 1990. They live on the outskirts of Lowe Farm. Gary works for the Department of Highways as Supervisor and Marielle works for the Morris School Division #19 as an educational assistant. They both enjoy gardening and rustic furniture.

Chris Dyck married Ronald Janke in 1992, and they reside in Morris. They have two children, Sabrina, born 1994, and Adam, born 1995. Chris is currently working part-time at the Lowe

Farm Credit Union, and Ron is working as an executive assistant for the Minister of Government Services.

The only direct descendants of John K. and Katherina Gerbrandt living in the Lowe Farm area are the family of Diedrich and Helen (Gerbrandt) Dyck.

MARVIN & BETSY GERBRANT



Marvin and Betsy Gerbrant with Leah, Robin, Tanis and Mark.

Located three miles south and half a mile west of Lowe Farm (13-4-2w) is the farm that has been in the Gerbrant family for three generations. In the mid-1900's it actually had two families living side by side, divided only by a water pond. Cousins would play and send messages back and forth from the hay lofts.

The yard that remains eventually became the home of Jake E. Gerbrant, son of Cornelius Gerbrant and later was home to his son Marvin.

Marvin's school years began in a one-room country school, Kronsweide. Grades I - VIII were filled with happy memories, including ball games, craft making and programs. He went on to complete his grades IX - XI in Lowe Farm School and graduated from Grade XII in Morris. After a brief

employment at the sugar beet factory in Winnipeg and bus welding, he settled down to farm.

Marvin's city born wife, Betsy, on the other hand, attended a Winnipeg school from K-III and then her family relocated to Carman where she graduated Grade XII from Carman Collegiate. From there it was on to Elim Bible School in Altona to complete a two year program there. Betsy worked as a nurses' aide part time during high school, spent a short time with MTS as a service representative and then worked as a medical secretary.

What started as a casual jest between a table full of Bible school students eventually became a reality. Marv and Betsy were married by Ed Funk on September 20, 1975, at the Lowe Farm Bergthaler Mennonite Church. They have resided at the family farm for 23 years and farm a modest 600 acres.

Their first child, Leah, was born in 1978. Leah has attended Kindergarten to Grade VIII at the Lowe Farm School, Grades XI - XII at the Morris School and Providence College. She was employed at Colonial Inn Coffee Shop in Morris during high school. After high school she worked as a travel agent for Network Travel in Winkler for one year. Recently she has been at Camp Evergreen in Alberta. Her future plans are to take a Child and Youth Development course at Red River Community College.

Robin was born in 1980. She also attended Kindergarten to Grade VIII at the Lowe Farm School and Grades IX - XII at the Morris School. She has been employed by Dueck's Big Way, and is currently employed at Bruce Gregory Law Office in Morris. She is the main caregiver to our horses.

Tanis was born in 1981, and also attended Kindergarten to Grade VIII at the Lowe Farm School, and Grades IX to XI at Morris School. She has a part-time

job at the Colonial Inn Coffee Shop in Morris and is looking forward to graduating in the summer of 1999. Her future plans are to attend Herzing Career College to become an ambulance attendant.

Mark was born in 1986. He currently attends Lowe Farm School, Grade VII.

ABRAM R. GIESBRECHT

Submitted by Katbrine (Giesbrecht) Hiebert



*The Abram R. Giesbrecht family including:
Susan, Abram Jr., Peter, Jake and Margaret.*

My Giesbrecht great grandparents were brought with their parents from the Bergthal Colony in "The Ukraine", Russia, to Canada in 1874.

After they married in Canada, they moved to a village called Lichtfeld, near Altona. They farmed but also operated Giesbrecht General Store in Altona.

Peter, Abram, Susan, Jacob, Margaret and John were born in Altona. In 1900 the parents decided to settle on a farm near Lowe Farm - one and a half miles east, and one mile north of the town site. Henry and Eva were born here to complete their family of eight children.

After my great-granddad died in 1923, at age 63, my great-grandmother continued on the farm with the help of her youngest son Henry, until about 1933. At that time her children built her a one-bedroom cottage in Lowe Farm. Here she lived in excellent health to a nice old age of 92. She enjoyed her garden, especially her flowers, and kept up her talents of baking the best peppernuts in Lowe Farm. At about this time her eyesight began failing, so her last years were spent being taken care of at the home of Mrs. P.S. Braun, in Lowe Farm, and later in the Steinbach nursing home.

I remember going to my great grandmother's home in Lowe Farm while I was attending high school. My best friend was acting out the part of an elderly lady, and we went to borrow one of her black head pieces with satin ribbon on it, for our high school production.

JOHN B. & MARGARET (FUNK) GIESBRECHT

John Giesbrecht, resident of the Morris Municipality from 1900 - 1967, was born on May 1, 1897 in Altona, Manitoba. He was the fifth child in a family of eight. His parents, Abram R. Giesbrecht and Susanna Braun both had traveled

*Abram und Susana Giesbrecht
laden freundlich ein*

zur Doppel-Hochzeitsfeier ihrer Tochter

Margaretha

mit

Johann Funk

und ihres Sohnes

Johann

mit

Margaretha Funk

zu Sonntag, den 27. Juli 1919

1 Uhr nachmittags

in ihrer Wohnung zu Lowe Farm, Man.

*A double wedding. John Giesbrecht
married Margaret Funk and Margaret
Giesbrecht married John Funk.*

far from their native land in Holland before reaching Canada in 1874.

John and his family settled on a farm one and a half miles east and one mile north of Lowe Farm when he was three years old. Studying both in English and German, John was able to attend elementary school. He was employed thereafter on his family's grain farm.

On July 27, 1919, John was married to Margaret Funk, the great-granddaughter of Peter and Margareta Funk, who immigrated to America from Prussia in 1875. After their marriage, John and Margaret began raising cattle and grain on his farm two miles north of his parents farm. John and Margaret's wedding on July 27, 1919, was part of a unique double ceremony, as John's sister Margaret also married Margaret's brother John on that day.

Unfortunately, in the winter of 1927, the Giesbrecht family home was lost in a fire. They managed to save very little - one truck of belongings, one oil lamp, a hymn book, and a barrel of freshly packed meat. A new farm house was built and the family remained on the farm until 1932, when they moved into the town of Lowe Farm.

John operated a blacksmith shop for five years until his health forced him to turn away from his profession. From 1938 - 1954, John worked for the Rural Municipality of Morris. At first he used his 3/4 ton truck, providing transportation for bridge construction supplies. Later he worked as an operator of caterpillar tractors and road graders. In the 1940's, he also operated a small feed grinding plant to supplement his income.

From 1956 until he retired in 1967, John worked at Hy-Way Motors in Morris as a service station attendant. After this he worked only part time for H & W Construction of Morris, and was still working part time when he passed away suddenly in 1967 at the age of 70 years.

John was predeceased by his wife Margaret in 1949, but had remarried to Mary Klassen (nee Harder). Mary passed away in 1999.

John and Margaret's children: Henry, born October 8, 1920; Katherine, born July 16, 1922; and Peter, born October 8, 1929.

Henry, residing in Morris, married Tina Little of Portage La Prairie, Manitoba. He was employed in road construction until retirement.

Katherine married Bernhard Braun. They reside in Lowe Farm and have two daughters: Sandra Penner residing in Winnipeg; and Merelyn and Colin Hunkin (born in England), reside near Oakville, Manitoba.

John and Margaret's youngest son, Peter, never married. He was employed by Mannix Construction of Alberta for 22 years, and later worked in road construction in Manitoba. He was residing in Morris when he passed away in 1998.

John and Margaret have two great granddaughters, Dana McKee of Winnipeg, and Devon Hunkin of Oakville, Manitoba, as well as one great-grandson, Aiden Hunkin, also of Oakville.

John and Margaret, having experienced hardships during their lifetime, were always willing to lend a hand to those less fortunate, especially those who faced illness and stress.

BILL & GERTY GIESBRECHT

Submitted by Gerty Giesbrecht

We began our life together on October 1, 1944. We moved to Winnipeg where Bill continued working for Burns meat packing plant and I also worked there for awhile.



Gerty and Bill on their 25th wedding anniversary with Rick and MaryAnn in 1969.



Bill Giesbrecht with his 1010 Case combine in 1963.



Teacher Menno Friesen with woodworking class of Kronsweide School displaying some of their articles.

In April, 1946, we decided to go back to full time farming and moved to the Kronsweide school district which is two miles west and three and a half miles south of Lowe Farm. The school was a one room school where Grades I to VIII were taught. It also had a church (the Sommerfeld church) where we worshipped for a number of years. Farming became more difficult because of low prices and very slow movement of grain. As a result Bill went into part time trucking.

There was a lot of togetherness in this district. We had our annual social events such as Christmas programs, school picnics and Red Cross programs, as well as auction sales where items made by the teacher and students were sold. The proceeds were donated to the Canadian Red Cross. These social events were highlights for our community.

Shortly after we moved to the farm we got involved in the affairs of the community. Bill served on school board for a number of years and I assisted teaching craft in school and taught music to our children as well as a number of students of the community.

Bill served as director on the Lowe Farm Co-op Store Board, local Manitoba Pool Elevator and the Lowe Farm Credit Union. We both found these experiences not only interesting, but educational as well.

RICK & LIZ (FRIESEN) GIESBRECHT

*Submitted by Rick and Liz
Giesbrecht*

Rick and Liz (Friesen) Giesbrecht were married on July 26, 1975, in the Lowe Farm Bergthaler Mennonite Church.

Rick (son of Bill and Gerty Giesbrecht) grew up and attended school in the Kronsweide School District and completed High School in Lowe Farm and Morris schools. Rick has been active in



Rick and Liz Giesbrecht

sports, such as hockey, baseball and curling in Lowe Farm. He served on numerous boards including the Lowe Farm Chamber of Commerce, Lowe Farm Co-op, Lowe Farm Credit Union, Manitoba Pool Elevators (local and sub-district) and is an active member of the Lowe Farm Bergthaler Mennonite Church, serving as treasurer and singing in a local gospel quartet (Shannon Gospel Quartet).

Liz moved to Lowe Farm in 1967 with her parents, Peter and Helen Friesen (UGG agent). She completed her schooling in Lowe Farm and Morris. She has been active in the Lowe Farm Curling Club, Home and School Association and Daily Vacation Bible School Program. Liz is also a member of the Ladies Fellowship of the Bergthaler Church.

After their marriage, Rick and Liz began farming 1,160 acres on SW 14-4-2w of Lowe Farm together with Rick's parents. They now live on the farm started by Rick's parents, who semi-retired to Winkler in 1981. Rick and Liz are both active on the farm, maintaining a grain and oilseed farm, operating a hog barn for over 20 years, and maintaining a large yard and garden.

They have two daughters, Rhonda, born June 27, 1977, and Kimberly, born May 22, 1980.

Rhonda resides in Winnipeg, attending Faculty of Management at the University of Manitoba as well as working. Kimberly graduated from Morris Collegiate in 1998 and is attending Red River Community College, taking Child and Youth Development courses.

FRANK & AGANETHA (GERBRANDT) GIESBRECHT

*Researched and copied from
different stories and genealogies
by great-grandson Peter G. Dueck*



Franz and Anganetha Giesbrecht.

Great-Grandfather Franz Giesbrecht was born November 4, 1844, to Jacob and Katharina (Bergen) Giesbrecht in Russia. Great Grandmother Aganetha (nee Gerbrandt) was born January 2, 1846, to Jacob and Katharina (nee Bergen) Gerbrandt in Russia.

They were married on November 6, 1866, and came to Canada in 1874. The last lap of their journey was on the boat, the International from Fargo, North Dakota to Fort Garry, Manitoba where they landed September 5, 1874, with five children.

They settled in the East Reserve and at the first opportunity took up a homestead in the New Hope District west of Altona where a sod house was their first shelter.

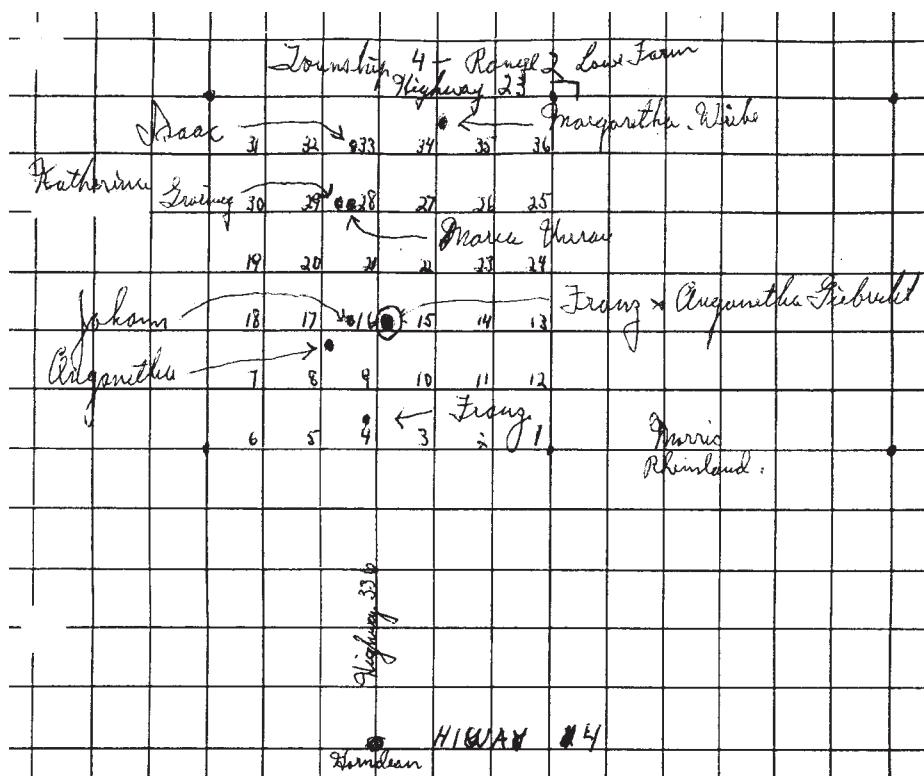
In 1897, they sold their home-

stead and moved to 15-4-2w, three miles west and four miles south of Lowe Farm. Here they continued to farm until they retired and had a small house built near their children, Jacob and Aganetha Blatz. Franz died June 4, 1912, at the age of 65 years. Aganetha spent her remaining years living with her daughter Margaretha until her death on January 4, 1920, at the age of 74 years. Margaretha later married widower Henry P. Wiebe. They had 12 children: Johann (September 15, 1867 - January 11, 1953); Jacob (September 13, 1869 - August 7, 1951); Aganetha Blatz (September 16, 1871 - March 9, 1953); Anna Stoesz (February 19, 1873 - November 29, 1896); Franz (January 19, 1875 - May 29, 1959); Heinrich (November 22, 1876 - May 9, 1963); Peter (July 18, 1878 - April 26, 1897); Helena (Kehler) (February 2, 1881 - December 24, 1974); Katharina Groening (December 11, 1882 - January 16, 1950); Isaak (October 25, 1884 - July 15, 1960); Margaretha Wiebe (April 16, 1886 - November 12, 1960); Maria Unrau (August 25, 1888 - May 7, 1967); Susanna Wall (March 8, 1890 - April 26, 1977).

Eight of these children - Johann, Aganetha, Franz, Heinrich, Katharina, Isaak, Margaretha and Maria - settled in Township 4-2w. Starting on 4-4-2w and zigzagging your way north you needed only drive nine miles to visit all of them. Son Heinrich remained single and worked in the area. Susanna, the youngest, married John Wall and lived in Plum Coulee. Helena married John Kehler and lived north of Morden, and Jacob married and moved west to Killarney. Presently four of the above families are represented in the Lowe Farm area by grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren of Franz and Aganetha Giesbrecht.



The children of Franz and Anganetha Giesbrecht. Back row: (l - r) Johann, Franz, Henry, Isaak. Front row: Anganetha Blatz, Helena Kehler, Katharina Groening, Margaretha Wiebe, Maria Unrau, Susanna Wall.



Map

JOHANN F. & AGANETHA GIESBRECHT

*Submitted by grandson
Peter G. Dueck*



Johann and Anganetha Giesbrecht.

Johann F. Giesbrecht was born in Ekataerinoslow, Heuboden, South Russia on September 15, 1867. Together with his parents and siblings he immigrated to Manitoba in 1874. The last lap of their journey was made on the "International," from Fargo, North Dakota to Fort Garry, Manitoba where they landed on September 15, 1874.

Aganetha was born to Cornelius and Helena Wiebe on December 26, 1871, at Friedrichsthal, South Russia. The Wiebe family immigrated to Canada in 1875, reaching Quebec on October 5, sailing aboard the S. S. Sardinia of the Allen Line. From here the family moved to Manitoba where they settled in the West Reserve.

The Frank Giesbrecht family settled in the East Reserve but soon took up a homestead in the Neuhoftung (New Hope) district west of Altona. It was here on June 25, 1891, that Johann was married to Aganetha Wiebe and settled

down in the Rome district, on the very place that Tim and Dorothy Stoesz, great-grandson of Johann and Aganetha, now live and farm. It was here that their children were born and the older ones grew up. In 1915, they moved to Rose Farm settling on half a section of land where they farmed for many years. They attended the Kronsweide Sommerfeld Church, where Johann served as a Chorister (Vorsanger). In 1937, Johann donated three acres of land for the building site of the Rosefarm Rudnerweide Church, to which they also changed their membership at that time. A note of interest is that the very first wedding to be performed in the new church was that of daughter Mary to Abram A. Lepp of Saskatoon in April of 1938.

Aganetha loved plants and flowers and the parlor windows were always ablaze with brightly blooming geraniums. She was also an avid gardener and together with her daughters spent many hours raising vegetables for the family. Some of the recollections that the grandchildren have of their grandfather is that he was always whittling something or sitting near his "corner" cupboard reading. On the occasion that an evening would be spent there, without fail, Grandfather would send Aunt Tina or Mary down to the dark cellar for a large bowl of apples and what a treat that was! What fun the Grandchildren had playing in the hay loft when they weren't supposed to. The smell of fresh bread baking in the outside oven and seeing rows of smoked hams hanging in the machine shed are a few of the memories that come to mind.

After the death of Aganetha, Johann retired and moved to Altona in the early 1940's. His daughter Tina made the move with him and cared for him until his death in 1953.

PETER A. GIESBRECHT

*Submitted by Katherine
(Giesbrecht) Hiebert*



Peter and Katharina Giesbrecht.

When my grandpa was growing up they lived at Altona. In 1900, his parents moved the family one and a half miles east and one mile north of Lowe Farm. In 1903, when Peter and Katharina married, they moved one quarter mile north of Peter's parents yard. They farmed here, raising their family of two sons and one daughter; Ben P. Giesbrecht, Ed P. Giesbrecht, and Susan (Peter M.) Wiebe.

Granddad Peter A. Giesbrecht was an extremely creative individual. He built his own tractor around 1915, and also bought a kit for a Model T Ford Tractor. He was secretary- treasurer of the Lowe Farm Grain Growers Grain Company from 1914 until 1917, according to records I've seen, but it may have been longer.

After Grandpa passed away, Grandma remained on the farm. She spent one winter with her daughter Susan and lived in a seniors home in Morden, helping with meals and laundry. Then she met Grandpa Harder from Plum Coulee, married him and spent five happy years in Plum Coulee, enjoying gardening and new companionship. Grandma baked the most buttery light buns ever, and wonderful peppernuts!

BERNHARD P. & ANNIE (PETERS) GIESBRECHT

Submitted by Kathrine (Giesbrecht) Hiebert



Ben and Annie Giesbrecht.

When my parents were married, they lived with his parents, the Peter A. Giesbrechts, until they built their own home half a mile north of his parents yard. They farmed a quarter section, and later rented 80 acres from his mother. Here they raised their 10 children to adulthood.

These children included: Doreen (Carl) Asplund of Thompson; Peter of Coombs, British Columbia; Edna (Gordon) Stewart of Brandon, Manitoba; Katherine (Allan) Hiebert of Fannystelle, Manitoba; Elaine (deceased) of Ontario; Viola of Calgary; Verna (Frank) Froese of Rossendale, Manitoba; Marlene (Alfred) Fruck of Winnipeg; Bill of Campbell River, British Columbia; Beverly (Ed) Neufeld of Campbell River British Columbia.

My mother was well remembered for the 20 loaves of deliciously light home made bread she baked every week, as well as for hearty wholesome meals. Thankfully, none of us 10 children had allergies so we ate what was prepared. My dad was a Heabert School trustee for a few years and a very conscientious farmer, letting the wild oats germinate before starting to seed in spring. Until the last few years no crops were sprayed, and my dad never applied fertilizer, although they always summerfallowed in those years.

In 1965, they sold their farm to their neighbors, Peter and John Friesen. They bought a comfortable two-bedroom house in Morris. Dad worked at trucking for Herman Wiebe, and cultivated many gardens in Morris. I remember the time when a street was being dug out and

back filled with gravel and sand, Dad asked the crew how they expected water to run uphill. They informed him that they used instruments and that the far end was the right height. Eventually they admitted they needed to lower the far end by 11 inches. Dad was usually right, or so he thought. His thought was, "If it's worth doing, it's worth doing it well." We were taught as children never to gossip, and not to repeat gossip we heard from others.

Mom passed away in September, 1982, and Dad in December, 1987.

JAKE & KATIE GINTER



Jake and Katie Ginter and family.

We have lived in Lowe Farm for almost 50 years.

We got married in 1948, in the Plum Coulee area and lived in Morris that first winter. During the summer we moved back to Plum Coulee to work. The next summer we moved to Sperling to do farm work. The following year we had our first son, born in the Morris Hospital. In the fall we moved again, this time to Winnipeg, where Jake found employment at Winnipeg Supply. By this time it was the spring of 1952. We moved back to Lowe Farm to work on the farm of George Wiebe.

In 1957, we bought our house in Lowe Farm. Jake started working for C. H. Klassen Trucking and worked there until 1959. Ben Klassen took over the business and Jake worked for him for a while. A new school was being built in Lowe Farm and required a caretaker. Jake put his name in and got the job. Together, we worked for the school for a total of 25 years. At the age of 65 Jake retired, but I continued working, doing cooking in the hotel restaurant, and also some domestic work. I also worked for 24 years for Braun, Schmidt, Gregory Law Office in Morris.

We attend church in Lowe Farm. We have four children, four grandchildren, and one great grandchild. All of our children were born in the Morris Hospital.

Larry, born May 3, 1951, is married to Claudia Komstra of Thunder Bay, Ontario. Larry is a long distance truck driver. Claudia is a great gardener. They live in Warren, Manitoba and have three sons.

Geoffrey was born August 25, 1976. After finishing school in Warren he took a small engine repair course in Brandon where he finished at Level II. Geoffrey was diagnosed with muscular sclerosis shortly after he began working, which was very upsetting for him as for all of us. Friends are very good to him.

Gregory, born July 28, 1978, also finished school in Warren, where he took University Entrance courses. He graduated in 1996, and is now working for the pipeline.

Gordie, born April 25, 1982, is still in school.

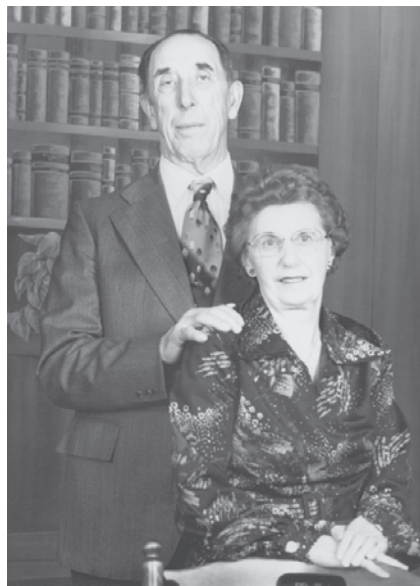
Reney was born March 5, 1955. He married and has one daughter who was born on March 28, 1981. Reney's daughter had a baby boy, Jayden Matthew, born on August 12, 1998. Reney and his daughter live in British Columbia where Reney is employed at a tire shop.

Our daughter, Cordelia, born May 4, 1960, lives in Winnipeg where she is currently employed with a catering company.

Kelly, born April 13, 1963, lives and works in Winnipeg.

ROY & IRMA (SCHWARZ) GLUCK

Roy Gluck was born to Herman and Mathilde (Dreger) on March 9, 1906, in Morris, Manitoba, and grew up in the Rose Farm area. In 1938, Roy moved to the Lowe Farm area where he purchased the NE 12-5-2w parcel of land and began his farming career.



Roy and Irma Gluck.

On June 15, 1940, Roy married Irma Schwarz of Graysville, Manitoba, and they continued farming together until 1971, when they retired and moved to Morris, Manitoba. They have three sons: Paul of Winnipeg Beach; Terry of Regina, Saskatchewan; and Larry of Lowe Farm.

Roy died on May 25, 1986. Irma continued to live in Morris until 1997, when she sold their home and moved into the Prairie View apartments in Lowe Farm.

Irma Gluck was born to Reinhold and Bertha Schwarz on December 12, 1912, in Poland. At the age of 17, Irma immigrated with her parents and siblings to Canada. She has many memories of this important event in her life, and often expresses her appreciation of the wonderful qualities of life in Canada, and how fortunate we are to live in a country such as this.

Irma is known for her fine cooking, baking and gardening skills. When Roy and Irma retired to Morris in 1971, she began working as a cook at the Red River Valley Lodge and became famous with the staff there for her awesome cinnamon buns and apple pies! In 1981, Irma suffered serious

burns as a result of a house fire, and spent four months recuperating. She went back to work and then retired in 1985. After Roy passed away in 1986, Irma continued to cook, bake, garden and enjoy her grandchildren.

In 1997, Irma sold their family home and moved back to Lowe Farm where she is presently enjoying the company of other tenants at the Prairie View apartments, and the freedom of apartment living.

LARRY & MARGARET (PETERS) GLUCK



Larry, Margaret, Eric and Heidi Gluck.

Larry and Margaret (Peters) Gluck were married on October 9, 1971, and began farming on the Gluck's family farm, which is located one and a half miles north of Lowe Farm on PR 332. They have two children: Eric, born July 23, 1976; and Heidi, born October 29, 1979.

Larry was born on March 29, 1949, and received his schooling in Lowe Farm and Morris. After high school graduation, Larry began farming with his dad, and has continued to farm with Margaret since 1971, when they were married. He has been a life-long resident and an active community member. Larry has served on the



The Gluck yard in 1994.

Lowe Farm Fire Department for many years, serving as Fire Chief for five of those years. He was also a councilor for the R.M. of Morris from 1983 to 1988.

Larry has served on the board of the Lowe Farm Recreation District and has volunteered many hours for various fund raising events in the community.

Margaret was born on September 6, 1952, in Morris, Manitoba and grew up in the Broadview and Sewell areas until she was married to Larry.

Margaret received her education at Sewell and Morris, and graduated in 1969. She taught piano lessons from 1970 until 1988, when she took on a full time position at the Valley Agricultural Society in Morris. In 1993, Margaret started working for Manitoba Agriculture at the Morris District Office, where she is still employed.

Margaret has also served in various community and church activities. She is on the Lowe Farm Co-op Board of Directors. She also served as secretary for the Lowe Farm Chamber of Commerce, has been the organist at Morris United Church since 1973, and has volunteered for many other community activities.

Eric Gluck was born on July 23, 1976, and graduated from Morris School in 1995. In 1998, he purchased a parcel of land and is presently farming together with Larry and Margaret.

Heidi Gluck was born on October 29, 1979, and graduated from Morris School in 1997. She is in her second year of university, working towards her Bachelor of Arts (Music Education) degree.

EDWARD & SUSAN (GIESBRECHT) GROENING

*Submitted by Edward and
Susie Groening*

Edward's elementary school days were in Queen Centre and later in Kane Consolidated School. My high school days were in Lowe Farm except for one year (1924 - 1925) in the Mennonite Educational Institute in Altona.

I remember principal Peter H. Neufeld and Isaac J. Warkentin challenging the students that when they went back to their respective communities, they would lend their spare time to the needs of mankind, not necessarily for personal gain or fame. This challenge always lingered in my mind, and later, I had the privilege to



*Ed and Susie Groening,
November 3, 1935.*

become involved in municipal, political, education and co-operative philosophy dialogue.

I became impressed with the co-operative philosophy that seeks to establish a brotherhood of mankind, irrespective of race, creed, or nationality. It seeks to minimize greed, and looks forward to having every man equal at annual meetings, and uses our savings or surplus to do the greatest amount of good to the greatest number of people. It has been my privilege in the past 40 years to serve in all the various executive positions, and to help in the 1930's and 1940's to organize many co-operative societies in our and other communities.

I married Susan Schroeder Giesbrecht in Nov. 1935. Susan and I had the joy of being active in our local church and community activities for many years which now gives us many occasions to reflect and recall.

I started farming in 1927, five miles northwest of Lowe Farm and by 1967 farmed 600 acres. On several occasions I took a short



Susan Groening's childhood home, one mile south of Lowe Farm. Evelyn Giesbrecht in foreground.



Ed Groening's childhood home, seven miles southwest of Lowe Farm in the Rose Farm district. This was home to a family of 12 children.



Back row: (l - r) Tanya, Ed, Susie, Andrew, Vicky, Myron and Kevin. Front row: Kenneth and Patrick. Inset: Marlene.

agricultural course, and on one occasion, the late Dr. Peter Olson, our instructor at the university, challenged us to remember that any Tom, Dick and Harry can raise grain for the commercial elevator, but it's only a farmer that can produce pure seed. This challenge lingered and plagued my mind and as a result I started growing Registered and Certified seed which warranted acquiring seed cleaning equipment in the 1950's and 1940's. It was a partial success, later becoming known as Farmex Seed Supply of which my son Kenneth assumed the responsibility in 1967.

He continued with a variety of cereals for a number of years and switched to alfalfa, a clover like plant used for fodder for livestock and also for natural nutrition products for humans. This too is a very technical plant and with the uncertain weather conditions that we experience in our Manitoba province this proved to have too many hazards to be successful.

Our family as of January, 1999:

Son Kenneth and wife Vicky (Fedoryshen) are residing on our original farm yard four miles north and a mile west of Lowe Farm. For the last couple of years Ken has been self-employed with Echo Star Satellite Systems, installing the newer 18 inch dishes and receivers in area homes. Their three sons are now grown and all living in Winnipeg.

Son Myron and wife Anne (Tarpea) are very busy establishing their own business. Myron has had his own business called "Commercial Brushworks" specializing in painting and building repairs. Ann is trying her hand at a shop for Indonesian art works.

Son Patrick and wife Sandra (Goertsen) recently moved to Winnipeg in order to eliminate a lot of traveling to work. Patrick is an accountant and Sandra (herself a musician) is employed with a mail order music company.

Son Andrew (single) is still busy going to school at University of Manitoba and earning a living planting trees in summer.

Our daughter Marlene and her two grown children, Tanya and Kevin, also live in Winnipeg and are all busy establishing their own homes and careers. Marlene and Tanya (engaged to Darin Weslak) are each employed with child and Family Services doing social work, mostly with aboriginal teenagers. Marlene's son Kevin and his wife Chantel (Zebier) are busy raising their two little girls, Teagan, 5 1/2, and Lauren, 3, as well as both working at full time jobs. Chantel works at Zellers in the cafeteria and Kevin works at an egg processing plant.

Susie's contribution:

In adding up and summarizing this brief history of our years together living in Lowe Farm and on our farm north of Lowe Farm, I don't know of any other place that I would have rather been. I was raised just south of town together with two brothers, Jac and Abe, and sister Evelyn (Henry) Wiens. We are children of the late Jacob and Annie Giesbrecht. I had a "fairly normal" childhood

and adolescence.

I married at 17 and a half to a handsome young man 11 years my senior. We lived through the Depression, floods, hailstorms and more. Now, at 81 and 92 years respectively, we can look back and say that by God's grace and mercy we have survived. We will be married 64 years this coming November (God willing), are in fairly good health, still living in our own home, and provoking and challenging each other just enough to make us aware that we are still human beings on the way to perfection. Life has been good and we are blessed. A sense of humor has been a valuable asset.

Our many years in Lowe Farm have given us a wealth of memories. Along with the many physical changes that have taken place in and around Lowe Farm are the many people that have become part of our lives during these years. Many of them have gone on to their eternal reward, but the contribution that each of them have made in influencing and molding our lives can never be measured. We look forward to meeting many of those that we share memories with at Lowe Farm's 100th birthday party on July 2, 3, and 4, 1999. Then we'll have something to talk and laugh about for the next 100 years, in fact for all eternity - what a blessed hope.

ABRAM & NETTIE (KLASSEN) HARDER



Abe and Nettie Harder.

Abram Harder was born at home on the farm on November 8, 1921, to Abram and Tina Harder. Abe is one of three boys and six girls.

Nettie was born to John and Nettie Klassen on October 14, 1929, at home on the farm, just outside of Lowe Farm. Nettie is the second oldest child of six children. Nettie has spent all of her life in Lowe Farm, surrounded by her entire family, except little brother Peter who lives in Sanford with his family.

Abe left home at a very early age of 15. He had many jobs growing up, but the best job he had was when he was working for a friend and met his beautiful wife-to-be. From that day on, Abe and Nettie have been inseparable. They married on February 16, 1950. They share three daughters.

Once married, Abe farmed with his father-in-law. A couple of years later Abe started work as a mechanic for the Co-op Garage. In the early 1960's, Abe began working for the Rural Municipality of Morris as a cat and scraper operator. After 22 years of service, he finally retired from the R.M. of Morris. Abe was tired but not retired! He now fixes lawn mowers and small engines as a hobby.

As long as Abe worked, Nettie kept the house, children and yard in ship shape order. Nettie has always been very particular with the way things are done and how they look. Abe and Nettie have enjoyed being a part of Lowe Farm.

Betty Anne was born on April 29, 1950, and suddenly passed away on September 9, 1996. Betty was diagnosed with polio in 1952, and had to spend a lot of time in the hospital growing up. Doctors weren't sure if Betty would make it, but she was such a fighter, and lived 20 plus years longer than the doctors figured. She was a very smart person, who helped people in many ways. Betty never married.

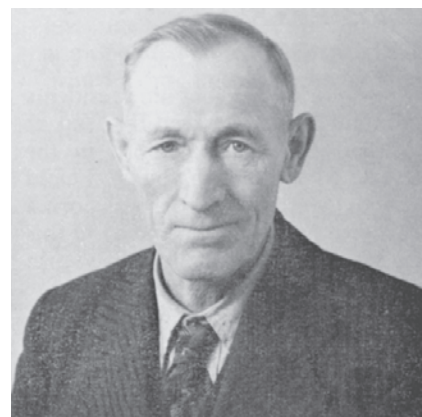
Doreen was born on October

20, 1951. She married Walter Friesen of Lowe Farm on November 2, 1968. They share one daughter, Paula Lynn, born August 9, 1971. In 1981, Doreen and Paula moved back to Winnipeg from British Columbia, and on December 23, 1985 Doreen married Paul Joyal of Winnipeg. Doreen and Paul now reside in Lowe Farm. Paula is married to Terry Melanson of Winnipeg. They reside in Morris with their son Kyle, born July 6, 1998.

Patricia Louise was born on January 21, 1959. Louise married David Knutt of Morris on June 24, 1989. Dave and Louise have two daughters; Carmelle, born on November 19, 1992, and Raena, born February 16, 1996. Louise has her own business, "Louise's Printshop" which she works out of their home in Morris.

CORNELIUS HARDER

Submitted by Katharine Derksen



Cornelius Harder in 1936.

My father was born at Fargo, North Dakota on October 20, 1880, son of Abram and Agnetha (Toews) Harder. He came to Manitoba at a very young age with his parents who settled in the Halbstadt area where they built a sod shack to live in for the first years. They plowed potatoes under in sod furrows, the potatoes grew flat but never the less were good food.



The Cornelius Harder farm at 20-5-1 W, 1925.

My mother was born at Schanzenfeld, January 25, 1880, the daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Fehr) Martens.

My parents were married at Halbstadt in 1904, where they farmed until 1918. They ventured out to four and a half miles northeast of Lowe Farm where they bought three quarters of Section 20-5-1w in the Rural Municipality of Morris.

Drainage ditches were few and far between. Several sloughs had to be filled in to make the land usable, and there were trees and bushes to be cleared. Several huge rocks, five and a half by two and a half feet were removed from the fields with the use of the old Universal Rumly tractor. The Rumly and Titan tractors were also used for field work to help lessen the load of the horses, which usually numbered at least nine.

There were some large old buildings on the yard when my family moved there. A large new barn was built in 1920 to house livestock and horses, and other buildings were later added to accommodate the scores of hogs, chickens, turkeys and sheep, usually numbering between 100 and 300, which my sister and I faithfully tended during the summer months.

There were eleven children in our family: Nettie married David Enns and moved to Paraguay. Nettie passed away June 10, 1998; Peter deceased in adolescence; Cornelius married Eva Harder of Lowe Farm. Cornelius passed away October 1, 1973; Elizabeth married Jacob Froese of Grunthal. Elizabeth passed away June 5, 1979; Mary resides in Winnipeg; Annie married Peter Harder of Grunthal. Annie passed away September 1, 1984; John married Margaret Falk of Winnipeg. John passed away December 24, 1988; Julius married Annie Kehler of Morris. Julius passed away July 12, 1990; Daniel married Annie Harder of Morden; Justina married Otto Herkert of Oak Bluff; Katherine married Abe Derksen of Lowe Farm.

Life was quite difficult for my father when, in 1924, my mother passed away suddenly leaving him with 11 children to look after. My parents were members of the Sommerfeld Mennonite Church. Christian principle were not neglected at home, even though going to church eight miles distant regularly was not always possible with



The Cornelius Harder farm at 29-5-1 in 1942.

the horse drawn vehicles. It was especially difficult during poor road and weather conditions. At times there were church services held in our home, or in the local schools. Seeing the need, Father was active in distributing the necessities to the needy through church channels.

In the late twenties he bought the south half of Section 29-5-1w through which the Tobacco Creek drain was running diagonally. This drain was upgraded to make a double dyke in 1935 and again in 1943 when it was made into one large drain.

During the early thirties he bought the NE 1/4 of Section 15-5-2w and the S half of Section 16-5-2w. Being several miles away, my brothers would sometimes go there with implements to work, and stay for the week, sleeping in a tent.

To help with income during the lean thirties, Father bought a truck and set up somewhat of a livestock transfer in the neighborhood to haul farm animals to market in Winnipeg. Also round about that time, he went into partnership with John Martens to build and operate a grocery store in Lowe Farm. This was helpful also in purchasing some goods in bulk for the large family that we were. However, the store proved to be too inconvenient and didn't last many years before the partnership was dissolved and the store closed.

Father was interested in gardening for production as well as a hobby. He planted dozens of fruit trees and shrubs. As well we always had a huge vegetable garden. As far back as I can remember there were always a few hired hands around, especially during harvest, when the crew moved from farm to farm in the neighborhood with the threshing separator and Rumly and Titan pulling the machine. This was followed by several horse drawn racks and grain wagons. I recall listening for the rattle of the racks after dark to signal the days end and rest. Oh, how delicious were the breaks for coffee with country cream and oven fresh buns and homemade butter sugar cubes for the sweet tooth.

Those aforementioned implements were of course replaced with combines, tractors and trucks in the late thirties.

In 1936, after several of my sisters had married and

left home, Father hired a housekeeper for the summer. The single state of life and prospective lonely years in later life probably influenced him to change that. In December of that year he sought out the maiden Sarah Heppner, (she had worked in our home during the summer) and made her his wife. Three children were born to them: Frank married Maria Doerksen. They are living in Winnipeg;

Eva married Abram Friesen; Margaret married Jacob Brown.

Crops and prices improved during the forties and Father purchased one and three quarter sections of land in the MacGregor area, however he never worked the land himself and resold it again in 1950.

The war years of 1939-1946 brought spiritual hardships to many families, and when part of the Sommerfeld church planned an exodus to Paraguay in 1948, my parents felt the need to emigrate there, taking the three young children with them as well as three older married daughters; Nettie, Elizabeth and Annie with their families. Elizabeth and Annie have since moved back to Manitoba.

It was a hard struggle to make a living in that foreign country, but succeed he did. After a lengthy illness and much suffering he passed away in Paraguay on his 79th birthday, October 20, 1959. Sarah, Cornelius Harders second wife, passed away on July 19, 1985.

CORNELIUS C. & EVA (HARDER) HARDER

Submitted by John C. Harder



Cornelius C. and Eva Harder, 1938.



*Cornelius C. and Eva Harder and family. Back row: John Harder; Middle row: (l - r) Anne, Eva, Cornelius and Abe; Front row: Helen, Henry and Justina, 1955.
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Cornelius C. Harder was born September 12, 1909, at Halbstadt, Manitoba to Cornelius and Elizabeth (Martens) Harder. They moved northeast of Lowe Farm in 1918, where they farmed.

Cornelius attended Heabert School for four years and helped out at home. Later he worked at Martens Machine Shop in Lowe Farm for a few years. In 1937, he started farming on his own, on SE 16-5-2w, northwest of Lowe Farm.

He married Eva Harder, daughter of Peter P. Harders in 1938. Both are baptized members of the Sommerfeld Church at Kronsweide.

Six children were born to them: John, Annie, Abram, Helen, Justina and Henry.

In 1949, they moved to SE 25-5-2w, four miles north of Lowe Farm, where the children attended Neufeld School.

Cornelius served for a number of years on the Pool Elevator board and on the Consumers Co-op in Lowe Farm. As well he was a school trustee at Neufeld School for many years.

Cornelius and Eva traveled to Paraguay and Mexico before retiring to Lowe Farm in 1973. Dad passed away on October 1, 1973, of cancer, leaving Mom alone in retirement. Mother passed away on December 17, 1998. She was 83. We thank Thee, Lord, for a Christian heritage.

JOHN C. & EVA (UNRAU) HARDER*Submitted by John Harder**John and Eva Harder and family.*

Back row: (l - r) Marc Piche and Martha Harder, Eva, John and Frank Harder; Middle row: Peter, Ann and Heidi Harder, Aneta, David and Scott Harder; Front row: Rebecca and Kevin Harder, December 26, 1997.

I was born John Cornelius Harder on August 25, 1938, in Winkler, Manitoba to Cornelius C. and Eva Harder of Lowe Farm. I grew up and attended school at Kane and Neufeld schools. I loved working at home, especially with Dad as advisor, and particularly after Dad suffered a farm accident which left him handicapped in 1960.

In 1960, I started farming, with Dad's help, buying the north half of 14-5-2w, northwest of Lowe Farm.

In 1963, I married Eva Unrau, daughter of C. P. Unrau, and rented 40 acres with some buildings which we later inherited from Eva's folks. We are both baptized members of the Reinland Mennonite Church and attend church in Altona.

Four children were born to us; David J., 1965, Peter E., 1968, Martha A., 1972 and Frank C., 1978. They attended schools in Lowe Farm and Morris and Sunday School in Altona.

I served as Sunday School teacher for 27 years, until 1998. This has brought many blessings. I also served for 25 years as delegate for Manitoba Pool Elevators and a few years on the Consumer Co-op board.

We own 496 acres now, including some land inherited from my dad. We grow wheat, oats, barley and canola and some hay. We also have a small egg layer operation.

Farming has been up and down over the years, but the Lord has been good to us and we have much to be

thankful for.

Our children:

David, born in 1965, attended Sunday School in his growing up years and was baptized in 1985. He started grade school in Lowe Farm and finished high school in Morris. He also took a building course in Altona. David rented some land for a few years, and then left for Winkler to work for Shell Canada. He married Anita Martens of Winkler and they have made their home in Winkler, where they attend the Baptist Church.

Peter, born in 1968, attended Sunday School in his growing up years and was baptized in 1987. He also started school in Lowe Farm and finished high school in Morris. He took a welding course in St. Jean. Peter rents some land from his dad, besides buying his grandfather's yard site of 40 acres on SE 25-5-2w, north of Lowe Farm. He works as custodian for the Lowe Farm School besides farming and machining. He met and married Ann Doerksen of Altona. They have a family of three; Rebecca, born in 1993, Heidi, born in 1995, and Joshua, born in 1998. They attend the Morris Fellowship Chapel in Morris.

Martha was born in 1972. She also attended Sunday School in her younger years and was baptized in 1992. She started school in Lowe Farm and finished in Morris. She took a course at Success Business College in Winnipeg. Martha was employed by Lowen, Martens and Rempel law firm in Winnipeg for some years and spent a year at Concord College. She met and married Marc Piche of Winnipeg and in 1998 they moved to Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, where Marc works as a newspaper reporter. They attended the Mennonite Brethren Church in Winnipeg.

Frank was born in 1978. He, our youngest, also attended Sunday School and was baptized in 1996. He also attends Morris Fellowship Chapel in Morris. He attended school in Lowe Farm and Morris and enrolled in a one-year course at Providence College and Seminary in Otterbourne, Manitoba. David and his brother Peter enjoy working with the youth in church. Frank started to earn his living by working at the Mohawk Gas Station in Morris, but soon left for a job at Country Graphics, a print shop in Rosenort. Frank presently resides with Dad and Mom on SE 24-5-2w, north of Lowe Farm, where he helps on the farm.

JACOB B. & SUSAN (KLASSEN) HARDER

Jacob B. Harder, only son of Jacob and Maria (Brown) Harder, was born on April 27, 1907, in the Village of Old Altona. Jacob B. Harder married Susan Klassen, daughter of Peter P. and Katherine Klassen on June 30, 1929. Jacob and Susan were the first couple to get married in the Lowe Farm Berghthaler Church. They had five children: Archie Harold, Donald Irvine, Lorna Laverne, Russell Roger and Wilfred Allan (Butch).

Jacob Harders started farming in 1930, the start of

the depression. They sold their first wheat for 49 cents per bushel. Times were so hard that at one point they sat on the road with what little belongings they had. They were finally taken in by Susan's brother, John K. Klassen, for a week, after which time, Jake and Susan found 160 acres they could rent.

The buildings consisted of a 12 by 18 foot shanty (the house) and a barn 14 by 24 feet, located on NE 1/4 18-5-1w. They farmed this land for three years until 1933, when they lost their crop through a combination of drought, grasshoppers and flood. They finally rented S 1/2 of 8-4-1w. They were finally able to purchase this land and the NE 1/2 8-4-1w in 1951. This land is presently rented to their son Butch. In 1968, Jacob and Susan moved to Morris.

Jacob relates the following story, which is probably typical of the many that took place throughout the west during the 'Dirty Thirties'.

"Having lost our crop in 1933, a delegation of 15 farmers went to the Rural Municipality of Morris council to ask for seed grain and I was appointed spokesman for the group. We had read in the Free Press newspaper that the government had a program of supplying seed grain to the farmers. In the event that we could not pay, the government would pay two thirds and the municipality one third. In spite of this, the councilors refused to help us, because they claimed they had done this kind of business before and lost. I told them I had been the first one to take 'Relief' (as it was called) but I got a job filling pot holes for the Rural Municipality to pay for every cent of my account in full. I told the secretary of the council to look up my account, but they refused. I also told the council that if we were just looking for Relief, as they claimed, we would not be asking for seed to put in a crop. We still did not get any seed."

Because of the various hardships, Jacob became very interested and active in the Co-op movement. In his opinion, this was a way in which people could join together to help themselves. Jacob was elected a director of the Lowe Farm Consumers in 1936.

He also helped organize the Lowe Farm Pool Elevators in 1937, and became active in helping the starting of the Co-op Store, which became a reality in 1940.

Jacob became a member of the Manitoba Farmer's Union, when it started in the early 1950's and was a provincial director in this organization when it joined the other provincial farm unions in 1969, to become the National Farmer's Union. He holds an honorary life membership in the National Farmer's Union.

To supplement his farm income, Jacob started auctioneering in 1945. His first sale was conducted for his brother-in-law, William Brown, on Section 19-4-1w, presently the home of Ken and Sharon Reimer. In later years, Jacob Harder's sons, Wilfred (Butch) and Russell, carried on the auction business.

Because the Harders could see no future in farming, they decided that their main goal in life would be to give

their children a high school education, which was all they felt they would ever be able to offer them. This was not the most popular idea at the time, because the general practice in those days was to take the children out of school as soon as possible and put them to work on the farm.

With the sudden upswing of grain prices in the early 1970's, the Harder's sold their share of the farm machinery to their son Wilfred (Butch), in 1973 they rented him the land so they could fully enjoy their retirement in Morris.

In 1968, Jacob and Susan moved to Morris, where they met many new friends. Susanne enjoyed playing cards and visiting with her neighbors. Jacob got involved with the Morris Senior Citizens Board and always felt that one should participate and contribute something to the community in which one lives. Susan Harder passed away on March 9, 1978, at the Morris General Hospital.

In 1983, Jacob married Hazel Jaster of Regina, and continued to live in Morris. They spent many winters in Florida and some in British Columbia. They also made a trip to Russia and several trips to England to visit Hazel's daughter.

Jacob had a seizure on August 2, 1993, at the home of his sister Helen in Calgary. Due to his deteriorating health he is living in the Fort Garry Personal Care Home in Winnipeg. On his better days he still enjoys a game of cards or checkers and a good story.

The children of Jacob B. Harder are as follows:

Archie and wife Eva are retired and living in Toronto, Ontario; Donald passed away on April 30, 1991, in Vancouver, British Columbia; Lorna and husband Alex Kuhlmann are retired and live in Port Coquitlam, B.C.; Russell and wife Lorraine are farming and live in the Birds Hill area; Butch and wife Joyce are farming on a farm adjacent to the west end of the town of Lowe Farm.

Jacob also has two stepchildren:

Flora, and husband Alexander Skeaping of London, England; Bob, and wife Rita Jaster of Calgary, Alberta.

In addition Jacob B. Harder has been blessed with twelve grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

W. A. (BUTCH) & JOYCE (RECKSIDLER) HARDER

Wilfred A. Harder, known as "Butch" Harder, son of Jacob B. and Susanne (Klassen) Harder, was born at SW 1/4 8-4-1w on December 9, 1941. He took grade school at Steinfeld School, which is presently the home of his cousin, Jake H. and Dorothy Klassen.

Upon completion of high school at Lowe Farm in 1961, Butch rented the land formerly farmed by his uncle, John K. Klassen who had passed away that summer. This land was part of the Diedrich Heppner Estate. This land was the E 1/2 of 1-5-2 just west of Lowe Farm and also the W 1/2 of 6-5-1, on which is situated the major portion of the town of Lowe Farm. The E 1/2 1-5-2



The yard of Butch and Joyce Harder.



A harvest meal on the field. (l - r) Butch Harder, Joyce Harder, Howard Brown, Ron Unrau and Eric Gluck.



Dean Harder's graduation, June, 1998, with his parents, Joyce and Butch.

was purchased by Butch in 1966 (presently his yard site) and the rest of the section was purchased from his cousins, Martin and Jake Klassen in later years. The W 1/2 6-5-1 (260 acres) on which the major portion of the town of Lowe Farm is located was purchased in 1996 from Mary Loewen, sister-in-law of Diedrich Heppner.

Butch recalls putting in the first crop in 1962. This was one of the latest springs on record, due to excessive rainfall. He seeded his first field on June 19 (mustard was in full bloom) and finished on June 25. In 1966, he planted trees on the southeast corner of Section 1-5-2, planning for a yard site in the future. Butch gradually expanded his farm through purchasing and renting additional land.

To ease the workload of operating the farm, Butch hired Ron Unrau in 1975. Ron is a major part of the farm operation and takes full responsibility of the farm (especially when Butch is away at meetings). The farm employs additional people during the summer months. In 1998, Cliff Matthies was hired as Ron's full time assistant and is expected to come back on a regular basis for the summer. Butch and Joyce feel very fortunate in having had very dedicated and hard working local employees over the years, in addition to Ron working for them. People who have worked for them over the years included Ken Reimer, Howard Brown, Ray Switzer, Larry Gluck, Todd Paetkau, Eric Gluck and presently, Cliff Matthies. In 1997, Jake Falk rented his land to the Harders and works for them part time as an equipment operator in the busy season.

In 1969, Butch followed in his father's footsteps by joining him in the auction business. Since then, his brother Russell and Howard Brown have also joined the business.

Butch married Joyce Recksiedler, daughter of William

and Erica Recksiedler of Sewell on October 14, 1977. Before moving to Lowe Farm, Joyce was nursing at the Grace General Hospital in Winnipeg. Joyce has since retired from nursing.

On February 5, 1980, their son, Dean Allen Harder, was born in the Winnipeg General Hospital.

In 1981, Butch and Joyce moved into their new home built on the yard just west of the town of Lowe Farm. Over the next few years they landscaped and planted additional trees and shrubs. Grain storage and other buildings were added over time. Butch says the only things remaining from the original yard are the hydro pole and a tree in the southeast corner of the yard.

Butch has been active in community affairs. He started attending local Farmers Union and Co-op meetings when he was still in high school. He credits his interest in community affairs to his parents and other members in the community who encouraged youth involvement.

"No matter where I travel, I'm proud to say I'm from Lowe Farm," he says.

In terms of pioneer history, Lowe Farm has a proud record, especially as it relates to the early beginning of the Co-operative movement.

Butch has served as local, regional and national Director of the Farmers Union. His political career with Manitoba Pool Elevators (now Agricore) started in 1968 when he was first elected as a delegate. He served in this capacity until 1986, when he was elected as a director for MPE District 2, and served as director until 1998. While a director for MPE he was also serving as a director of XCAN Grain (the marketing arm of the MPE), a director of Western Co-operative Fertilizer (of which MPE is part owner), a director of the Manitoba Co-op Council and director of the Canadian Co-operative Association.

In 1986, Butch was also elected as an Advisory Committee member to the Canadian Wheat Board.

In 1998, the structure of the Canadian Wheat Board was changed dramatically and the first election for Wheat Board directors was held. Butch ran for the newly created district which represents over half the province of Manitoba and won by a good majority. Because of this new position, it was mandatory that he resign as a Pool-Agricore director. This he did with some sadness on December 30, 1998.

His first official meeting of the newly created Canadian Wheat Board took place January 7 and 8, 1999, in Winnipeg.

Joyce also felt it was important to get involved in community affairs. She served as director of Lowe Farm Co-op, was a member and president of the Lowe Farm Parents Home and School, Sunday School teacher and Church councilor of St. Johns Lutheran Church in Rosenfeld, member of the Morris Lioness Club, director of the Morris Agricultural Society, a director for Morris Area Senior Support Services and a volunteer for other

organizations.

In June 1998, Dean graduated from Grade XII at Morris School. In September he started classes at the University of Winnipeg. As with most teenagers, Dean always kept himself busy. He played hockey for several years, enjoyed skiing, snowboarding and attended Manitoba Theatre for Young People for three years. He was the social convenor for the Student Council, and attended the Co-op Leadership Camp in Clear Lake. For two years he served as one of the junior leaders. He also was fortunate to attend two International CCA Youth Conferences, one held in Halifax, Nova Scotia in 1996, the other held in Winnipeg in 1999. Dean has volunteered at the Fringe Festival and plans to volunteer at the Pan-Am Games, being held in Winnipeg during the summer of 1999. During the summer months Dean works for his dad on the family farm.

Ron Unrau family

Ron Unrau has lived in Lowe Farm for 31 years. His residence is on the former John F. and Tina Braun yard, just southwest of Lowe Farm. He is a very hard-working, community-minded person. Whenever there is anything needed in the community Ron is always there to give a helping hand. Ron has been a member of the Lowe Farm Volunteer Fire Department for many years, on the board of the Lowe Farm Community Recreation Board, serves on the local MPE - Agricore committee, sings in the Prairie Chaff Choir and is on the board of the United Church in Morris.

Ron has five children: Kevin, and wife Chantel of Winnipeg; Tanya of Winnipeg; Damian in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan; Rohan residing in Winnipeg; Fiona living at home and attending Morris High School.

Ron has two grandchildren, Teagen and Lauren, living in Winnipeg

ED & TINA (KLASSEN) HEINRICHS

Ed Heinrichs is the son of Ben and Lena Heinrichs of Lowe Farm. He was born on May 22, 1925, at home, three miles south of Lowe Farm. Ed is the second child of eight boys and three girls.

He took his education at many different schools as his parents moved often within the surrounding area. He took Grade I at New Kennedy School, south of Lowe Farm; Grade II at Rosenfeld; Grade III at Pleasant Valley, west of Rosenort; Grades IV and V at Neufeld School, north of Lowe Farm; Grade VI at Steinfeld School; then finished Grade VII, Junior High, at St. Peters School. When attending school in Pleasant Valley and Neufeld schools, Ed only attended in the summer months, as he had to walk to school and it was too cold in winter to walk three miles. There was no bus service in those days!

Ed has had many jobs over the years, but always worked to provide for his family. From 1941 - 1945 he



Ronald, Judith, Beverley and Dolores.



Ed and Tina Heinrichs.

worked for Dan Recksiedler. Working on the farm, he did all sorts of jobs. In 1945, Ed left Dan's place to pursue life in Ontario as a Leitch Gold Miner. In 1947, Ed moved to Prince George, British Columbia to work as a logger for one year. In 1948, he moved back to Lowe Farm to be close to family and friends and started a gravel truck business with his brother John. In 1950 - 1955 Ed worked for P. L. Braun Service Station as a mechanic. From 1955 - 1957 he worked on the dragline for Klassen

Bros. and later Paul Braun. In 1957, Ed then moved on to the Rural Municipality of Morris as a dragline grader operator for 17 years. Finally from 1974 until retirement in 1991, Ed worked full time for Hugh Munro Construction. After retirement he has continued to work part-time for Hugh Munro Construction.

Tina (Klassen) Heinrichs is the third child of John and Nettie Klassen. She was born on November 24, 1932, at home, northeast of Lowe Farm. Tina has two brothers and three sisters, all living except for her older brother, Willie, who passed away in 1985. Tina completed her elementary and junior high (Grades I - VII) at the Lowe Farm schools, both in the little "red brick" school and the "white" school. Tina, along with brothers and sisters, helped out a lot at home, including milking the cows and doing all housework. At the age of 14, Tina started to work outside of the home at Pete Penner's Cafe and later at Ike Klassen's Cafe.

On August 26, 1950, Ed and Tina married in a small family ceremony. Over the years, they shared four children. On March 13, 1951, their first and only boy was born, Ronald Edward. On February 14, 1952, Judith Elaine was born. Beverley Ann was born on January 8, 1956, and finally Dolores Lucille came along on December 7, 1959.

Ron now resides in Campbell River, British Columbia and has two daughters and one son. Judy now resides in Jasper, Alberta and has three sons. Bev resides in Winnipeg, and has two sons. Dolores also resides in Winnipeg, and has two daughters and one son. Ed and Tina now have seven wonderful great-grandchildren.

Tina kept very busy with her children, along with many odd jobs through the years. Tina and her sister Nettie worked at many homes, painting and cleaning. In summer time during the Stampede in Morris, Tina cooked at the food

stands. She now volunteers part time at the Morris Mennonite Central Committee store.

Ed and Tina attend church at the Emmanuel Gospel Church, where Tina also serves on the ladies food committee.

Ed and Tina bought their first home, just north of P. L. Braun's Service Station, for \$400 in 1951 and resided there until 1955 when they purchased their second home for \$1,200 on Reimer Street in Lowe Farm. In the fall of 1971, this house was torn down and they bought a newer home and had it moved onto this property above a new basement, costing a total of \$9,000. They still reside in this home today.

HENRY P. & MARIA (REIMER) HEINRICHS

Submitted by Susie Bergen

Henry Heinrichs was born in 1896 near Plum Coulee. The Heinrichs family had been successful in farming, so it was only natural that Henry would try his hand at it too. He started to farm north of Lowe Farm in 1919. After "baching" for a few years, he married Maria Reimer in 1923. Their beginnings were very sparse and simple. He worked for the Rural Municipality of Morris, dragging roads and scraping dirt over bridges and culverts, using horses and scrapers.

The family moved a few times, always north of Lowe Farm. Henry's first tractor was a Fordson. Later he acquired an Allis Chalmers and then a Cockshutt. An important purchase was a swather and combine in 1935. They were thrifty, hard working people.

Henry taught Sunday School, first in the Neufeld School and then in the Lowe Farm Bergthaler Church for many years.

In 1940 Mom and Dad moved one mile east of Lowe Farm. The children all went to school there. Dad and Mom retired in 1959 and moved to Steinbach. Six years later

they returned to Lowe Farm. Mom passed away in 1966. She was buried on the day of her 43rd wedding anniversary.

Dad remarried in June of 1966, to Susie Wiebe, and moved back to Steinbach. Dad died on his 75th birthday, in 1971, at the Steinbach Hospital.

The Heinrichs children: Susie, married Jake Bergen and is living in Lowe Farm.

Tina married Abe Penner. They farmed at Rose Farm and later moved to Winkler.

Dick married Phyllis Karlenzig. They farmed at Rosenort and later moved to Morden.

Ed married Evelyn Wiebe. They farmed at Lowe Farm, Fisher Branch, Morris, and finally, Steinbach. They had five children. Ed died in 1989.

Bill married Joyce Borkowski. They live in Winnipeg, where Bill has driven truck for 30 years. They have four children.

Henry was killed in an accident on June 29, 1964. He was 29 years, 11 months.

Dave died as the result of a stabbing at the age of 27, on November 16, 1964.

WILLIAM P. & KATHERINA HEINRICHS

Submitted by Peter R. Heinrichs

William was born in 1898, in a small village near Plum Coulee. In about 1919 he bought a farm north of Lowe Farm. Prices were high at that time. Shortly after that prices fell and due to poor drainage, which was the cause of crop failures, he lost that farm.

Katherina Rempel was born to Cornelius and Katherina Rempel in 1896 in a village near Gretna. From there her parents moved to Bergfeld, a village near to Grunthal, Manitoba. In 1913 the Rempel family moved to Lowe Farm.

Courtship seems to have been somewhat different in those days. In his autobiography, William

writes that he had seen Katherina a few times in church but did not have the nerve to go and talk to her. Having just been born again a few months earlier, he decided he would pray, and pray he did! He told the Lord that he would hitch his horse to the buggy and start it toward Lowe Farm. If the horse would go to Rempel's place without him pulling the line, he would take that as an answer that this girl was to be his wife. Believe it or not the horse went to Rempel's! On that first visit he told Tina that he felt the call of God on his life to go into the ministry. That fall, September 1922, they got married.

William had rented a farm four miles north of Lowe Farm and that is where I, Peter, was born in July of 1923.

When that farm was sold, he rented a farm which I learned to know as the Gregory farm. This farm was located half a mile west and two miles north of the Lowe Farm Post Office. While on this farm my siblings Martha and Bill were born.

This farm was sold as well. In early spring of 1929, we moved to the Dyck farm. We called it that because the buildings had been built by a John Dyck and his father. This farm was located four miles south and one and three-quarter miles east of the Lowe Farm cemetery. While on this farm my siblings Dave, Mary, Harry and Johanna were born.

William was elected to be a Sunday School teacher in the Bergthaler church, when the church was still meeting in the big brick school house. On November 22, 1928, William was elected to the ministry and on May 21, 1929, he was ordained. With this he became the first resident minister of the Lowe Farm Bergthaler Church.

William writes in his autobiography that on very muddy days he would walk to church carrying his shoes. He would go as far as the

Reimers' place, there he would wash his feet and put his shoes on and go to church as there was a side-walk from there to the church. Otherwise he would travel with horse and buggy or horse and sleigh. In those days the Bergthaler ministers also had to preach in other areas. He writes that he traveled with horse and buggy or sleigh to such places as Rosenfeld, Altona, Gretna, Plum Coulee, Winkler, Morden and many other places. He writes that he does not remember ever missing a preaching appointment due to weather or road conditions.

In 1935, the Dyck farm was sold. William bought a farm some eight miles southeast of Grunthal and, after the harvest was in, we moved away from Lowe Farm. Here in the Spencer District is where my youngest two siblings Edna and Randall were born.

ART AND LEONA HIEBERT

Submitted by Art Hiebert

Leona and I live on section NE 9-4-2w where we have a mixed farming operation. We moved to this farm in 1980, after my parents, Martin and Elizabeth Hiebert moved to Winkler in the fall of 1979.

Leona and I got married on May 29, 1971, in the Morden Bergthaler Mennonite Church. Leona trained as a Registered Nurse at the Grace Hospital in Winnipeg and graduated in April 1971. I received my Motor Vehicle Mechanics license in 1974. We lived in Winnipeg from 1971 until the spring of 1980. During this time Leona practiced her nursing at the Concordia Hospital and Fred Douglas Lodge. I worked at the automotive center at Simpsons Sears, Garden City. It was also during this time that our three children were born. Lyndon was born June 22, 1975, Joleen, November 26, 1977 and Carilee on September 27, 1979.



*Back row: (l - r) Art Hiebert, Joleen, Sonia, Lyndon;
Front row: Leona Hiebert and Corilee;*

At the present, Lyndon is in fourth year Agri-Business at the University of Manitoba. He got married to Sonia Dueck from Winnipeg on January 4, 1997. Joleen graduated from Providence College in April of 1998, with a Bachelor of Arts in Music. She is presently working in Morden. Carilee is in her second year at Providence College. Leona has been working at the Salem Personal Care Home in Winkler since 1980.

We, as a family, have been worshipping at the Lowe Farm Bergthaler Mennonite Church where I have had the privilege of serving as a Lay Minister for the past fifteen years. I have also served on the board of directors for the Lowe Farm Credit Union since 1981.

We have appreciated being a part of a caring, progressive community.

JOHAN & ANNA (HARDER) HIEBERT

Submitted by Abram Dyck

Johan and Anna were both born in the Bergthal Colony in Russia about 200 miles east of the Chortitz Colony. Johann was born March 14, 1852 and was the son of Peter and Sarah (Kauenhowen) Hiebert and Anna was born on February 3, 1855, to Abraham and Anna (Falk) Harder. They were married in the Bergthal Colony on November 21, 1873. They came to Canada with the first group of Mennonites from the Bergthal Colony along with Johann's father Peter, and Anna's parents (Abraham Harders). They came on the S.S. Nova Scotian, landing in Quebec in July, 1874. Then they proceeded by boat through the Great Lakes to Duluth, Minnesota and then by train to Fargo, North Dakota. From Fargo they went by riverboat along the Red River to the junction of the Rat River and down the Rat River to the Immigration sheds by Niverville.

They all settled in the village of Bergthal in the East Reserve, which was located on the SE 24-7-5e. A year

later the Harders moved to Schoenfeld, which was located on SE 23-6-5e, three miles east and one and a half miles south of Kleefeld. Johann and Anna moved to Tannenau about three miles west of present day Mitchell. Peter Hiebert homesteaded on NW19-5-5e, which was about two miles west of Grunthal. Peter Hiebert died on his homestead in 1877, and Johann and Anna, along with the Abraham Harders remained in the East Reserve until 1879. At that time the others moved to the West Reserve. The Abraham Harders homesteaded on SW 9-2-2w, their son Abraham on SE 9-2-2w, and their son Heinrich on SW 21-2-2w. Johann and Anna homesteaded on NW 17-2-2w, which was directly across the road from the present day Bergfeld church and about four and a half miles southeast of Plum Coulee.

Johann and Anna lived at Bergfeld until 1892 when they sold the farm to Marten Hiebert and moved to the NE 9-5-1w which is three and a half miles northeast of Lowe Farm. They had nine children when they came and four more were born on this farm.

Their oldest daughter, Anna, was married June 27, 1893, to Peter Penner. She died and was buried at the farm on March 4, 1894. Then on October 12, 1895, Peter was born and died the next day on the farm and is also buried there. On November 3, 1899, Grandmother Anna (Harder) Hiebert died while giving birth to daughter Agatha. She is also buried on the farm. On January 11, 1905, Johann and Anna's daughter-in-law Aganetha (Wiebe) Hiebert died and was buried on the farm. From what we have heard, a neighbor's child that passed away is also interred at the farm.

Grandfather re-married after Anna died, to Anna Heinrichs (Loewen). Then on May 10, 1908, Johann died and shortly thereafter daughter Margareta also died. They are both buried in Lowe Farm Cemetery.

Now, just a brief run-down of Johann and Anna's other children and their spouses:

Anna (1875-1894) married Peter Penner in 1893.

Katherine (1877-1963) married Abram Dyck (1874-1928). They lived in Reinthal, south of Plum Coulee, and raised 11 children,

John (1878-1966) married Aganetha Wiebe (1884-1905).

John's second marriage was to Helena Bergen (1880-1959). They had a total of 14 children. They moved around extensively, to Mexico, Lowe Farm, Swift Current, Carrot River and some places more than once.

Maria (1881-1959) married John Reiner (1879-1947) in 1900. They raised 11 children and moved to the Peace River in Alberta, except for their daughter Annie, who married Emil Fuchs, and daughter Maria, who married Henry Heinrichs. Both families lived in the Lowe Farm area.

Abram (1883-1971) married Sarah Funk (1886-1946) in 1903. They raised 15 children and I believe they lived around Lowe Farm originally, because Sarah's parents were from Lowe Farm, but later they moved to the Swift Current area.

Sarah (1885-1965) married Jacob Loewen (1882-1952) in 1903. They raised 10 children and originally lived at



*Abram and Anna (Falk) Harder,
parents of Anna (Harder) Hiebert.*



*Joban Hiebert, 1852 – 1908.
Anna refused to allow photos to be
taken of her.*

Niverville and later moved around. Jacob was in business in Lowe Farm for a number of years but later they moved to the Swift Current area.

Helena (1887-1981) married Nels Funk (1884-1976) in 1905. They raised nine children. They moved to the Beaver Flat region north of Swift Current in the early 1900s and Nels went into ranching along the South Saskatchewan River.



(l – r) Sarah (Hiebert) and Jacob Loewen with granddaughter, Jean (Wiens) Kebler. Agatha (Hiebert) and Heinrich I. Dyck with daughter Margarethe (Dyck) Rempel. Katharina (Hiebert) Dyck (Abram). Nels and Helena (Hiebert) Frunk and adopted daughter Greta Funk. Henry and Agatha (Hiebert) Friesen and son Johnny.



The Hiebert farm house, NE 9-5-1w.

They came to Manitoba regularly to visit Helena's sisters and their spouses at Lowe Farm, Winkler and Niverville.

Aganetha (1889-1947) (my mother) married Heinrich I. Dyck (1877-1948) in 1907. They raised 15 children in and around Lowe Farm. Henry was a grain buyer for a number of years as well as a farmer in the Lowe Farm area and a few years in the Rosthern, Sas-

katchewan area.

Elizabeth (1893-1977) married Henry Loewen in 1917. They raised seven children and lived in the Winkler area. Henry was a tinsmith and so were his sons and they had their own shop.

The second Anna (1896-1989) married John Groening (1896-1967). They raised two children and lived in Lowe Farm and John was the Section Foreman on the

Railway.

Agatha (1899-1984) married Henry Friesen (1893-1986) in 1918. They raised six children in Lowe Farm. Henry was caretaker of the school in Lowe Farm for many years.

Margareta (1891-1908) was nearly 17 when she died. Peter (1895-1895) died in infancy.

Johann and Anna Hiebert donated the land for the Heabert School in the early 1900s. It was replaced in 1950 and later it was used for a Spikja (granery). Now Peter Friesen, the present owner of the farm, told me that the town of Morris requested if they could use the building for fire-fighting practice. He gave his consent so now the Heabert School building is past history.

Anna (Harder) Hiebert's mother was Anna (Falk) Harder whose parents were Heinrich and Maria (Janzen) Falk. Heinrich Falk was born in 1799, and his first wife, Maria, died November 22, 1854. Heinrich then married the widow of Wilhelm Esau (Anna Peters) who was also born in 1799, and they came to Canada when they were 75 years old. They were called "de Hundat joashi Faulkji" (the hundred year Falks), according to Anna Fuchs, who is in the Menno home in Grunthal, Manitoba. Heinrich died March 10, 1895, at 96 years of age and Anna (Peters) Falk died February 13, 1897 at 98 years of age. The family of Henry I. Dyck:

Henry I. Dyck (1877-1948) first married Katherine Banman (1879-1907) in 1899. Their children were: Henry Dyck (1901-1901); second Henry (1903-1907); daughter Katherine Dyck, (1905-1995) who married Henry Funk (1904-1941) in 1926. Katherine's second marriage was to Jacob Funk (1896-1953) in 1947. They raised nine children and lived at Kronsweide, Lowe Farm and later in Steinbach, Manitoba.

Henry I. Dyck's second marriage was to Aganetha Hiebert (1889-1947) in 1907. Their children were:

Maria, (1908-1997) who married Frank Enns (1908-1980) in 1926. They raised seven children and lived and worked at Billy Dutchman and later bought a farm at Arden.

Son Heinrich (Henry) (1909-1989) served with Canadian Army for three years. Heinrich married Laurie Nault (1943-) in 1978.

Daughter Anna (1910-1996) married Tuenis (Tim) Vandenberg (1906-) in 1941. They raised six children and lived at Riding Mountain, Newdale, and Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Son John (1912-1995) married Ethel Thompson (1919-1987) in 1939. John served five years with the Canadian Army at Camp Borden, Ontario. He lived in Winnipeg the remainder of his life.

Daughter Helen (Lena) (1914-) first married Martin Kehler ((1908-1966) in 1957. Her second marriage was to Jacob Wiebe (1900-1983) in 1967. Helen's third marriage was to Dietrich Janzen (1903-1997) in 1985. Lena raised one daughter. She lived at Lowe Farm and worked for Bert Oltman until his demise, then nine years at Myrtle, 16 years at Plum Coulee and 13 years in Winkler.

Daughter Agatha (1914-) married Harry Loedeman (1904-1976) in 1948. They raised one daughter and lived in Winnipeg.

Daughter Aganetha (1916-1917) died in infancy.

Daughter Sarah (1920-) married Frances McGreevery (1908-1972) in 1948. Sarah's second marriage was to Jake Banman in 1993. They lived at Fannystell, Stony Mountain, Chicago and Neepawa.

Daughter Aganetha (Nettie) (1922-) first married Bill Braun (1921-1958) in 1940. Aganetha's second marriage was to Henry Braun(1921-) in 1962. They lived in Lowe Farm, Winnipeg, and Steinbach. They raised six children; son Isaac Dyck (1924-1988) married Gudrun Webber in 1966. Isaac spent three years in the Canadian Army and lived in Fannystelle, Stony Mountain, Chicago and Winnipeg; son Abram (1925-) married Helen Rempel (1926-) from Osterwick, Ukraine in 1952. They raised five children. Abram served 24 years in the Canadian Army and Royal Canadian Air Force. They lived in Marville, France, Saskatoon, Falconbridge, Ontario, Cold Lake, Alberta, and Winnipeg, Manitoba; son Cornelius (1927-) married Ruth Drobot (1928-) in 1955. Cornelius worked as a carpenter in northwest Ontario and lived in Keewatin and Kenora. They raised four children; son Bernhardt (Benny) (1929-) married Agnes Wishnowski (1924-) in 1950. They raised five children and resided at Foley, Manitoba and Sarnia, Ontario; daughter Margarthe (Marge) (1932-) married Clarence Rempel (1928-) in 1951. They raised six children and lived in Winnipeg. Clarence was a long distance truck driver. Note: Except for the first two Henrys listed above as children of Henry I. Dyck the remainder were all born and grew up in Lowe Farm.

JOHN M. & HELENA HIEBERT

Submitted by Allan R. Hiebert



John and Helena Hiebert

When my parents were married, my dad was farming at Grossweide, in the Plum Coulee area. They soon moved to Rosenort where they rented farmland with brothers Jake and Henry. Some years later they purchased land at Melba. In 1941, they moved to Morris, and in 1942, they bought the farm that A. R. Giesbrecht had previously owned, one and a half miles east and one mile north of Lowe Farm.

They raised four children: Elma (A. C.) Klassen of Winnipeg; Olga, who passed away at the age of 33 years; Allan and wife Kathy at Fannystelle, Manitoba; Art and wife Elva in Atikokan, Ontario.

During the years at Lowe Farm they butchered a lot of hogs and sold them, as well as delivering milk and cream door to door in Lowe Farm. Dad was secretary of the Heabert School District for a few years. My mom has mentioned the years they lived at Lowe Farm were their best years.

In 1964, they sold their farm to Mom's brother, Diedrich Schroeder. They bought a comfortable home in Winkler, enjoying the yard and garden. Mom and Dad were both active as volunteers at the Bible Camp near Winkler. Dad passed away in 1972. Mom moved to the high rise in Winkler in 1973, where she resides to this day. Until the end of June, 1977, she helped on the 6th floor, preparing tables for their Thursday noon meal at the high rise, as well as canning food for those meals.

Helena Hiebert turned 99 years young on December 9, 1998.

ALLAN R. & KATHERINE HIEBERT

Submitted by Katherine Hiebert

We've been "On the Road Again" a lot! Allan was on road construction in the early years of our married life, while our children were young. He worked for Albert Schroeder, Paul Braun Construction, Clanton Wiebe and Harvey Wiebe and Harry Heinrichs. He hasn't forgotten unloading coal cars in Lowe Farm and hauling gravel to Rosenort, without hydraulics to dump the gravel.

We have lived from Ear Falls, Ontario to the Malahat on Vancouver Island. We also spent time at the Hecla Island Causeway, at the Diefenbacher Dam in Saskatchewan, as well as in Wekusko, Manitoba and the Red River Floodway.

On Vancouver Island we built a home on the beautiful Malahat, but we missed the Manitoba winters, so we came back.

Our son, Keith was born in Outlook, Saskatchewan when Allan worked at the Diefenbaker Dam. Keith was born April 9, 1961. Keith and Carmina his wife have their own touring band, and have a home in Winnipeg.

Debbie was born in Morris, on January 31, 1963. She is married to Ashley Sinclair and they have two daughters; Savanna, age six and Taylor, age four. Debbie works as a legal assistant for a patent agency in Kelowna,



Allan and Katherine Hiebert and family.

British Columbia. Her husband Ashley is a computer draftsman at Western Star Trucks also in Kelowna.

Patty was born in Winnipeg at the old Grace Hospital on July 21, 1964. She works at Investors Group in Winnipeg. Her husband Lemuel Jackson, manages Accurate Rubber Stamps. Their son Alexander is four years old.

When Allan decided to leave the construction life, he went into farming. He worked for Bill Craddock at Fannystelle and in 1980 managed 1,800 acres for a German landowner. Later he worked for an Austrian and is in semi-retirement now. He helps out a farmer in the busy spring and fall seasons, at Fannystelle.

Katherine has worked at Woolco in Unicity and is presently employed by United Grain Growers, learning the computer language at a ripe old age in 1990. She has hobbies she wants to pursue when she retires which include oil painting, wheat weaving, quilting, and researching family history.

Allan and Katherine have taken up golfing. Every weekend that is suitable you might find us somewhere on the links.

BEN B. HILDEBRAND*From Furrows in the Valley**Originally submitted by B. W. Hildebrand*

Ben Hildebrand was born in the village of Greenfarm, north of Winkler, Manitoba in 1890, and had his schooling in a district where English and German were taught.

Helena Wall was born at Plum Coulee at the home of J. F. Wall, two miles west of town. She was born in 1896, and attended a private school till the age of 12.

They were married in 1915, in the Sommerfeld Church of Grossweide. They farmed for 11 years one and a half miles west of Plum Coulee, then sold the farm to Jacob Siemens, and moved to Lowe Farm.

Ben and his brother Abe bought half a section of land from the widow, Mrs. Jacob Dyck (N half of 15-4-2w). The farm was pioneered by our old neighbor's father (B. Funk) on the north side of the road from where we lived. We were 10 people (two families) when we started, and somewhere around 18 or 20 when Uncle Abe moved to Rose Farm District in 1939.

The going was quite tough during the Depression years. It was dry and there were many grasshoppers. Those years everything was eaten. What grasshoppers didn't take, we ate. We had one good thing, though. Dad and Uncle Abe decided to go tractor farming. So in 1929 the old Titan was sold and several horses and a new tractor bought. It was a John Deere Model D, costing \$1,245. It took them nine years to pay for it.

One thing always remained with my Dad, and that was credit. Thank God he never abused it as far as I know. Charly Rosner, the storekeeper, was always willing to stand by. I even remember when dad came home one day in January with a two gallon pail of strawberry jam. What a treat! He insisted that Dad take the jam. He said it did nobody any good standing in his store and if Dad ever had any money, he knew that he would pay with it.

Dietrich Hoepfner was another man in Dad's life. He had a fuel business, so we could always drive our tractor. He also sold binder twine. This was another very necessary item when the crop was ready. We had our own threshing outfit, so there was always a threshing company going in fall, together with some neighbors. Later Dad bought a combine and the neighborly business closed.

During the Depression we also made our own fuel for the winter. This was pressed manure! That was also a neighborly job. Great company and fun, except for the smell!

My dad passed away in 1953, in the month of September, at the age of 63. My mother passed away six years later. They were carried to rest in the Kronsweide Cemetery.

The farm was sold to Jacob Wall and is now farmed by the Giesbrechts.

GEORGE & JEAN (KIRK) HILDEBRAND

George was born April 14, 1923, to David and Maria Hildebrand of Plum Coulee. He was the youngest of a family of 14. Jean was born June 19, 1930, to John and Jean Kirk of Reston, Manitoba.

They were married April 9, 1949, in the Morden United Church by Pastor Cook.

George and Jean had two children. Caroline Shirley was born October 16, 1954, and Donald George was born September 18, 1957. Both attended school in Lowe Farm.

In 1959, they moved to Lowe Farm where George did carpentry work for Jake Friesen. He also built sidewalks and maintained the skating rink in the winter. For many years George mowed grass for the municipality. In 1972, Carol married Gary Manchulenko of Winnipeg, formerly of Morris. They have three daughters; Jennifer, Melanie and Kerri.

In 1976, Don married Anna Banman of Winnipeg. They had two children; Jason and Melissa.

The first great grandson of George and Jean was born on November 2, 1998, to Melissa and Ken Irving. His name is Nickalos Kenneth George.

In 1978, George was diagnosed with Alzheimers disease. As the disease progressed, it became apparent Jean could no longer cope on her own. George was admitted to Eden in Winkler in 1982, where he passed away on August 1, 1984. Jean currently lives at 32 First Street East and keeps busy volunteering for the Alzheimer's Association, the Legion Auxiliary in Morris, and tending to her home and garden.

HENRY & SUSAN (THIESSEN) HILDEBRAND

Henry and Susan Hildebrand riding the train in British Columbia with conductor Hildebrand, 1998.

Henry was born at Halbstadt on February 12, 1919, to the late Peter and Kathrina Hildebrand. Henry came to Lowe Farm in December 1940, to work for his grandfather, Isaac Hildebrand. Here he met his future wife,

Susan Thiessen, who happened to be the granddaughter of Isaac Hildebrand's second wife (Aganetha Thiessen) who married Isaac Hildebrand in 1929. It was through this marriage that Henry and Susan shared the same grandparents when they got married in 1943.

Susan was born at Lowe Farm, May 25, 1925, to the late Bernard W. and Lena Thiessen. Henry and Susan got married on October 28, 1943. They were blessed with three children, Eugene, Marcel, and Eunice, as well as six grandchildren.

Eugene married Elaine Doell of Lowe Farm on August 9, 1969. They have two children and live in Winnipeg.

Eugene retired in June of 1998, after working for 32 years as the Superintendent of Taxation for the City of Winnipeg. His wife Elaine teaches Grade VI at Springs Christian Academy. Their son Curtis graduated this year as a mechanical engineer. Their daughter Lindi is employed at Kitchen Craft as a quality coordinator.

Henry and Susan's second son, Marcel, lives in Vancouver, British Columbia, and is a railroad conductor with British Columbia Rail.

Their daughter Eunice married a farmer, Walter Sawatzky, of Lowe Farm on November 26, 1977, and they have four children. James is a Grade XII graduate, while Matthew, Jesse, and Amy-Beth are all currently in school.

Henry was employed with the Rural Municipality of Morris for 37 years, and retired in March, 1984. Since his retirement, Henry and Susan have enjoyed traveling coast to coast across Canada and the United States. They traveled north to Alaska and south to Florida and Paraguay, South America, and lots in between, not forgetting Mazatlan. Paging through the travel album brings back many fond memories.

Susan's hobbies include crafts, sewing, and collecting souvenir pins through the years of traveling. Henry enjoys gardening and is often seen working out in the yard.

Wednesday is a special day at the Lowe Farm Friendship Center for Susan and Henry. They also do volunteer work at the Mennonite Central Committee furniture store in Morris. They attend the Emmanuel Gospel Church in Lowe Farm and celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary October 28, 1998, with all of their children.

The Hildebrands still reside at 58 First St. in Lowe Farm.

JAKE & HELEN (GIESBRECHT) HILDEBRAND

Jake was born in Winkler on June 11, 1924. Helen was born in Neuborst on November 15, 1926. Jake and Helen were married on August 22, 1948. They moved to Lowe Farm in 1960. Jake worked for the Canadian National Railways and they lived in the section house from 1962 until 1967. They had three sons: Dave, Irvin and John, all of Winnipeg. Jake and Helen moved to Morris in 1967. Helen deceased on December 31, 1994.

PETER P. & HELENA HILDEBRAND

Submitted by Peter Hildebrand



The Peter P. Hildebrand family in 1955.

Our parents moved into the Lowe Farm area in 1931 and practiced mixed farming there until the fall of 1968, when they moved to Winnipeg. They rented land from Walter Baker until 1956, at which time they purchased it. In 1973, the land was sold to David Froese.

Eight children were born to Peter and Helena Hildebrand.

Jessie, born in 1931, married Jake Falk from Steinbach in 1957. They have six children. Jake passed away in 1984. Jessie remarried and divorced.

Peter, born in 1933, married Marjorie Regier of Winnipeg in 1957. They have four children. Marjorie died in a car accident in 1984. Peter later married Anne Kehler Dueck. David born in 1934, died in 1935.

Helena, born in 1936, married John Peters of British Columbia in 1961. They have six married children.

David, born in 1936, married Gertie Voth of Winnipeg in 1963, and has four children, one married. He divorced Gertie and married Brenda McCaugherty in 1987.

William, born in 1941, married Hilda Poettcker from Alberta in 1964. They have four children, one adopted. Two of these children are married.

Linda, born in 1944, married William Dueck from Oak Bluff in 1968 and they have four daughters. One is married.

Ruth, born in 1946, married Tony Novak from Minitonas in 1968. They have two children.

All the children attended Grades I - VIII at Heabert School, and high school in Lowe Farm and later in Morris.

Our parents enjoyed farming and always had a beautiful garden. They were never wealthy, but never lacked the necessities of life. Our family attended the Sperling Mennonite Brethren Church, where Dad was the leader for years and also the youth leader. Our parents taught us right from wrong. Dad and Mom's spiritual lives were so interwoven with their daily lives,



The Peter P. Hildebrand farm two miles east and three miles north of Lowe Farm.

that it is difficult to isolate it, even for discussion purposes. Dad was a man of prayer, and sought daily guidance and direction from God. He walked with God.

I, Peter, the second child in the Hildebrand family, lived in Winnipeg after graduating from Lowe Farm High School, and was employed with Russel Motors Paint Shop, T. Eaton's co, Security Storage, office manager for Easton Plumbing and Heating and trained for manager at Kresge Stores.

In 1957, after my marriage to Marge, my brother-in-law and I had our own roofing company, Falk and Hildebrand, for 12 years. Then I became salesman for Strand Steel and Behlen Wickes, managed Headingly Sno-Jet and sold life insurance and real estate.

Marge and I had four children: Gerald married Brenda Peters; Shirley married Robert Penner; Harvey married Dolores Sawatsky; Dennis married Cheryl Hildebrand.

I have 10 grandchildren, the oldest now 16, and the youngest five.

We moved to Boissevain in 1969 and bought a farm from Lieutenant Governor Eric F. Willis. I still farm there with my three sons. My daughter Shirley is employed at Gerrard Strapping and her husband Robert at Reimer Express as a Dispatcher. Anne and I now live in Winnipeg and are enjoying semi-retirement here.

RON & MARIE HILDEBRAND

Ron was born February 23, 1954 in Morden, Manitoba. Marie was born September 16, 1954 in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. They were married in the Morden United Church on March 5, 1977. After moving to Lowe Farm, Ron found employment at the Lowe Farm Co-op where he has been employed since 1981.

Both Ron and Marie have been active in the community. Ron has served on the Chamber of Commerce, was a volunteer with the Lowe Farm Fire Department for 14 years. He also volunteered at the skating rink, home and school, the curling club and as a board member of the Lowe Farm Housing Corporation. Ron enjoys hunting, fishing and golf in his spare time.

Marie has been involved in Home and School, Daily Vacation Bible School and has taught Sunday School. Marie enjoys making crafts, gardening, cook-



Ron and Marie Hildebrand with Michael and Jennifer.

ing, baking and spending time with family and friends. Marie is currently working at Home Hardware in Morris.

Ron and Marie have two children:

Michael Henry was born in Altona in 1982 and is currently attending Morris School; Jennifer Helen was born in Altona in 1984 and is also attending Morris School. Jennifer is one of the few fortunate people who get to celebrate a birthday once every four years.

ANNE (LOEPPKY) HUDSON

Submitted by Anne Hudson



Katherina Loeppky, 92, and daughter Anne Hudson.

When I was eight years old my parents, Peter and Katherina Leoppky, moved from the Langvin School District six miles east of Altona to the John Peters farm two and a half miles northeast of Lowe Farm.



*Katherina Loeppky, 87, and nine of her siblings.
Standing: (l-r) Pete, Henry, Jake, Philip, Edward, Daniel.
Sitting: Kate, Katherina, Anne.*



*Standing: (l-r) David, Brenda, Sharon, Jim.
Sitting: Kathy, Anne Tim.*



David, Tom, Jim, Brenda, Ann, Kathy, and Sharon.



Ed, Dave and Henry Loeppky, 1945.

We were nine children still at home: Henry, Jake, Philip, Katherine, Edward, David, Anne, Abe and Diedrich. Two boys, Peter and John, were already married.

It was a good time for my parents to move as they had a large growing family to help on the 640 acre farm. At that time most of the farm work was still done with horses.

There was a large barn filled with horses and milking cows plus a pig barn with generally 18 pigs. The chicken barn had approximately 150 chickens plus geese, turkeys and a sheep or two. This made for a lot of chores each day. There were chores for all of us from the oldest to the youngest. The younger ones were often given the chore of filling the wood box morning and evening.

I started my schooling in Lowe Farm, with the exception of two months, the fall we moved. I had all my nine years of schooling in Lowe Farm. I wanted to continue my schooling but as some of my older brothers got married and some were called into Active Service, we younger ones had to drop out of school to help with the farm work. So no more school.

In the fall of 1943, the farm was sold and, as it had only been rented, we were forced to move. It was then that Dad bought a farm (one section) at Austin, Manitoba. We moved there in the spring of 1944.

It was the end of our first year at Austin that the war again changed our life on the farm even more. One more of my brothers was called to Active Service leaving only myself and Edward to help Mom and Dad and so Dad was forced to hire help to operate the farm.

I got married to a service man three months before the war ended. I stayed to help on the farm till my husband's discharge at which time we then moved to Brandon.

It was eight years later, with four children, we moved back to Lowe Farm to the town and community I had grown up in. Mom and Dad had retired back to Lowe Farm due to Dad's ill health. Dad passed away in September, 1953.

Two more children were born to our family in the first three-and-a-half years back in Lowe Farm. Two years after the last child was born the children's father took off

for greener pastures, never to return

Life from then on was a long hard struggle. It was at this time I put my faith in God and, with His help, was able to raise my six children. The Church and community life have sustained me.

My years in the community started in the fall of 1933, and have continued until the present in 1999, with the exception of 10 years (1944-1954). My children now have all left Lowe Farm. Sharon is in Calgary; Brenda in Morris; Jim in Guatemala, Central America; David in Winnipeg; Tom in Victoria, British Columbia and Kathy in Gretna, Manitoba.

ALFRED & OLGA JOYAL



Alfred and Olga Joyal.

Alfred Lucien, youngest son of Jean Baptiste and Celina Joya, was born June 17, 1920, in Winnipeg. In 1940, Al began working at Canadian National Railways, first as a traveling car inspector and later on as a painter in Fort Rouge Shops, and finally in the Transcona Shops. Al retired from the railway in 1981, after 41 years service.

Al married Clemence Roy on September 15, 1945. Clemence, youngest daughter of Joseph and Evalina Roy was born on February 21, 1919, at Fisher Branch, Manitoba. Within this union came three children.

Judy married George Mattern of Winnipeg Beach in 1966. They have three sons, Michael, Mark and Chris. They also have one grandson, Chad.

Paul married Doreen Harder of Lowe Farm in 1986. Paul has two daughters: Audrey, married to David Smith of Winnipeg, has one son, Joshua. Karen is married to Colin McCheyne of Winnipeg. Doreen has one daughter, Paula, married to Terry Melanson of Morris. They have one son, Kyle.

Jo-Anne married Brian Kaasa of Calgary, Alberta in 1973. They have three children: Christine, Daniel and David all currently living at home.

Olga, youngest daughter of David and Mary Braun, was born May 16, 1915, in Altona. On September 16, 1938, Olga married Ike Klassen, 14th child of Peter and

Kathrine Klassen of Lowe Farm. Ike passed away on May 8, 1982.

To this marriage were born four children: Wesley is married Dolores Reage. They have four children, including Karen, (married to Bob with two children) Jill, (married to Bruce, has four children) Laura, and Richard; Pat married Herb Martel. They have two sons. Darryl, (married Angelica and has one daughter) and Kelly, (married to Carol); Pat passed away on September 25, 1990; Bob married Pat Borsa. They have three children, including Curt, (married Tammy and has two children) Glen, and Leanne. Bob passed away on December 31, 1989; Reg married Verna Hiebert. They have two children, Naomi (married and divorced with two children) Jolene (married Kyle and has one child.)

Al and Olga have a total of 16 great grandchildren.

Al and Olga were introduced to each other through the matchmaking efforts of Doreen and her sister Betty Ann. It was obviously love at first sight. They were married in their backyard in Lowe Farm on June 13, 1987, by Pastor Lehman of Morris. Since their marriage Al and Olga have traveled extensively to such places as Nashville, Tennessee, Florida, San Diego, California, the Bahamas, the Maritimes, Alberta and the West Coast.

They have both been involved in the Lowe Farm Friendship Center for many years. In addition they also enjoy spending time with their family and friends, playing cards and just plain enjoying retirement.

PAUL & DOREEN (HARDER) JOYAL

Submitted by Paul Joyal



Paul and Doreen Joyal.

Paul and Doreen met in Winnipeg and were married two years later on December 23, 1985. On March 26, 1986, Paul and Doreen moved to Lowe Farm, with Doreen's daughter Paula, having purchased their first home together from Jake and Susan Bergen.

Paul, the only son of Alfred and Clemence Joyal, was born on November 28, 1950. In 1952, Paul was affected by the polio epidemic. He grew up and attended school in Winnipeg. On September 1, 1971 he entered service with Canadian National Railways, first as a trainman, and

then, in 1974, Paul was promoted to conductor, the position he currently holds. Paul enjoys electrical wiring and music as hobbies. He was on the Lowe Farm Fire Department and was president of the Chamber of Commerce for a short time. He was also actively involved in the Centennial Celebration Committee and the History Book Committee.

Doreen, second daughter of Abe and Nettie Harder, was born on October 20, 1951. Doreen grew up and received her education in Lowe Farm. She loved sports as a teen. Doreen was a feisty youth, and got into lots of mischief with her older sister Betty. Doreen spent lots of time at her grandparents' home growing up, as her sister got polio in 1952, and her parents had to go to the hospital in Winnipeg to spend time with Betty-Anne. Doreen is very active in all aspects of her family. She also enjoys making crafts and interior decorating.

Along with this marriage came three daughters. Audrey Lynne Marie (Joyal) Smith resides in Winnipeg, where she is employed at Credit Union Central. Audrey married David Smith in Glenboro, Manitoba on June 24, 1995. Paula Lynne (Friesen) Melanson resides in Morris where she currently works out of her home. Paula married Terry Melanson in Morris, on September 7, 1996. Karen Bonnie Marie (Joyal) McCheyne resides in Winnipeg, where she is employed at Regal Greetings & Gifts. Karen married Colin McCheyne in Winnipeg, on August 5, 1995.

In July of 1998, Paul and Doreen were twice blessed with grandchildren. Kyle Jeffrey was born on July 6, 1998 and is the son of Paula and Terry. On July 18, 1998, Joshua David was born to Audrey and David.

ABRAM AND AGATHA KEHLER

Submitted by Anne Dueck Hildebrand



Abram and Agatha Kehler.



Abram Kehler's, December, 1956.



*Back row: (l - r) Agatha Kehler, Mary Gerbrandt, Helen Falk, Anne Dueck Hildebrand, Hilda Penner, Martha Warkentin.
Front row: Ed Kehler, Rose Friesen, Irvin Kehler, Grace Stafford, 1986.*

The big Kehler family was privileged to dwell on the Main Street of Lowe Farm, right behind, but adjoining the "Shoe Shop". We were an even 12 children, the oldest 22, and already away from home when the youngest was born.

Abe was born in 1926. He passed away of a liver disease in 1985; Mary, born in 1938 married Ed Gerbrandt; Helen, born in 1930, married Abe Falk of Lowe Farm; Bill, born in 1932, married Dorothy Dyck, daughter of the A. S. Dycks; Anne, born in 1934, married Melvin Dueck of Rosenort (he died in 1985). She then married Peter Hildebrand, son of the P. P. Hildebrands of the Heabert School District; Hilda, born in 1936, married Harry Penner son of the B. E. Penners; Henry, born 1938 married Naomi Wall of British Columbia; Martha, born in 1939, married Joe Warkentin of Grunthal; Ed, born in 1941, married Lynne Derksen of Winnipeg; Rose, born in 1943, married Ernest Friesen; Irwin, born in 1944, married Lily Deutchman of Morris; Grace, born in 1948, married Nick Zilkowski. They were

divorced and she then married Lawrence Stafford of Moose Jaw; Judy Kehler, (Abe's daughter) grew up with her parents and is living in Alberta.

Our parents were never wealthy, but Mother wrote in her "Life Story", "We were poor, but we had the Lord. He never let us down." On the same note, they left us a heritage that is immeasurable. They were conscientious, and brought us up to "owe no one anything but love to one another".

Mother was fully occupied at home with her large family, but did get involved in the community. The 1950 flood was a time where she made coffee and chocolate milk in big boilers, for the victims from Rosenort and Morris, as well as volunteers. Meals were served in the Community Hall by the Women's Institute. (Mrs. John Brown was in charge).

Our family made many new friends during this time, as we hosted young people in the evenings, often getting together to sing and play our instruments. We had the pump organ and several guitars and violins, thanks to family allowance.

I, Anne, the fifth of the Kehler family, taught school and for years was substitute teacher in several schools, as well as part time secretary and pay roll clerk in the Rosenort Eventide Home. My first husband, Melvin Dueck, and I pastored several churches in the Rosenort and Morris area. We had five children, who have given us 10 grandchildren: Cindy and Dell Fast live in Winnipeg; Redge and Linda live in Alberta; Rhonda and Howard Bergstresser live in Morris; Kent and Sandy live in Winnipeg; Joe and Karen live in Saskatchewan.

HENRY J. & ANNA (THIESSEN) KEHLER



Henry and Anna Kehler's family in 1947.

Henry J. Kehler was born in Rhineland on December 27, 1905. Anna Thiessen was born March 2, 1915. They moved to the farm two miles south and four-and-a-half miles west of Lowe Farm in 1936. They lived there until 1961, one and a half years after Henry died. Anna and the family moved to Winkler after that.

They had five children: Nettie (deceased in 1971); Martha of Sanford; Jake of Winnipeg; Elma of Winkler; and Dorothy of Winnipeg.

JAKE & MARY (FRIESEN) KEHLER



Jake and Mary's 45th wedding anniversary. Back row: (l - r) Jason and Susie Kehler, Jeremy Bergen, Greg Kehler, Christopher Bergman, Karl Bergman, Mark Bergen, Carrie Kehler; Middle row: Greg and Janice Doerksen, Larry and Esther Dueck, John and Barb Kehler, Tracy Kehler, Brandt Kehler, Janet Bergen, Jake and Mary Kehler, holding Owen Doerksen, Pete and Melinda Kehler, Adam Kehler, Bernie and Sara Bergen, Rodney and Darlene Bergman; Front row: Bethany Dueck, Laurissa Dueck, Joshua Kehler, Mathew Dueck, Alison Bergen, Kimberly Bergman.

Jake Kehler was born in 1933, south of Plum Coulee and later moved six miles north of Horndean with his parents Peter and Helena (Dueck) Kehler. He took his schooling in the Melba school.

In 1953 he married Mary Friesen, daughter of Bishop John A. and Sara (Gerbrandt) Friesen of the Steinfeld School District south of Lowe Farm.

In the first year of their married life they lived and worked for a farmer south of Plum Coulee. In 1955, they moved back to the Lowe Farm area on the farmyard which was known as the Abram Wiebe farm, south of Lowe Farm, where they still reside.

Jake worked for the Rural Municipality of Morris for 38 years as a backhoe operator, retiring in 1993, as well as farming the 80 acres for a number of years which they later rented to their son John.

Mary stayed at home as a housewife and mother to their six children until 1983, when she started to work in the dietary department at the Morris Hospital for 10 years. In 1993 she started to work as a meal coordinator for seniors in the Prairie View Apartments in Lowe Farm where she continues to work.

They are the parents of two sons and four daughters, who are all married and living in Manitoba

JOHN & BARBARA (KLASSEN) KEHLER



Front row (sitting): (l - r) Carrie, Barb, John; Back row: Greg Tracy, Susie and Jason.

John, the son of Jacob and Mary Kehler, and Barbara, the daughter of Cornelius and Sara Klassen, were married on May 4, 1974, in the Kronsweide Sommerfeld Church south of Lowe Farm. They rented a house in the area for the first four years and moved to 26-4-1w in November 1978, where they reside today.

John and Barb were blessed with four children: Gregory, born April 13, 1976; Jason, born June 1, 1978;

Carrie, born September 3, 1982; and Tracy, born June 3, 1984.

Currently, John and Barb are operating a mixed farm and have done so since 1980.

ISAAC P. & AGANETHA (NEUFELD) KLASSEN

Submitted by Anna Klassen

Our parents, Isaac and Aganetha (Neufeld) Klassen moved to Lowe Farm area in the late fall of 1929. Prior to this they lived in the Kronsthal area west of Gretna. They also lived in Mexico for two years. Their first home was a half mile south and a half mile west of Lowe Farm on the south side of the Shannon. After a few years they moved to the north side of the Shannon where Dad worked for John J. Schroeder for a number of years.

Later they moved to Lowe Farm and Dad worked for different farmers in the area. He also had a feed cutter, which kept him busy in fall. Later he had a wood cutting machine, cutting fire wood. There was no electrical heat in those days. He drove the transfer truck numerous years for his brother, Uncle George. In the later years he worked for the R.M. of Morris. Dad was diagnosed with lung cancer in 1954. He had to have cobalt treatments, but they were not successful and Dad passed away November 1, 1955.

Mom was very strong for herself and the family, which she kept together. She was a hard worker and always had a big garden to help feed the family. I'm sure it wasn't always easy for her but she never complained. Mom survived Dad by 29 years, passing away February 29, 1984.

We all got our education in the Lowe Farm School. After finishing school we had to go to work. We had all kinds of jobs, including housework and more. The girls all served the public, working in the stores in Lowe Farm. The boys had different jobs including mechanics. In the later years they were all in construction.

Mom and Dad had a family of 12 children, two of which died in infancy. They are as follows:

Isaac married Tina (Penner) after World War II where he served with the Royal Canadian Air Force as a mechanic. They resided in Lowe Farm, Sperling and later moved to Winnipeg. They have one son, Murray, who lives in Winnipeg. Isaac passed away in July, 1989.

Tina married Abe Blatz. They resided in Lowe Farm, Kane and later moved to Winnipeg. They had two children, Wilma and Melvin. Wilma and David Kropla have three daughters: Trisha, Kimberly and Amanda. They are all living in Toronto, except Kimberly, who lives in Winnipeg. Melvin and Peggy (Berger) and son Brendan reside in Calgary. Abe passed away in September, 1995.

Anne is retired and resides in the Prairie View Apartments in Lowe Farm. She worked for Lowe Farm Co-op Services for 24 1/2 years, and before that, the Rosner Store for 10 years, and Sperling Garage for six years.



Isaac Klassen



Aganetha Klassen



Anne Klassen

Nettie married Harry Wiebe. They resided in Lowe Farm and later moved to Fort Whyte. They had four children. Gary was fatally hurt on a construction site and passed away in July, 1970. Dale and Maureen (Poersch) reside in Fort Whyte. They have two children, Anthony and Shawna-Lee. Anthony lives in Marathon, Ontario. Shawna-Lee married Cory Redwood and is living in Winnipeg. Karen and Rod MacKenzie reside in Winnipeg. They have a family of four, Candace, Jennifer, Allison and Graham, as well as a Granddaughter, Madison. Reg resides in Fort Whyte and works for the Canadian National Railways.

Nettie passed away in April, 1983. Harry married Mary Wiebe in 1997. They reside in Winnipeg during the summer and Texas in the winter months.

Mary married Martin Friesen and they resided in Letellier and Lowe Farm. They had one daughter, Janet and Ken Howard, as well as one grandson, Matthew. They reside in Winnipeg. Martin passed away in July, 1992 and Mary in March, 1994.

Lily married Willie Klassen they resided in Lowe Farm. They had four children. Marlene and Bruce Friesen reside in Dugald with their three sons, Jason, Daniel and Jeffrey. Gerald and Marie (Friesen) resided in Lowe Farm with their two sons Kevin and Rob. Gerald passed away in January, 1991. Bob and Joyce (Erickson) resided in Winnipeg and Morris, later moving to Lundar with their three children, Derek, Heidi and Jillian. Barb and Pierre Ducharme reside in Transcona. They have one daughter, Amanda. Willie passed away in October, 1985. Lily passed away in June, 1989.

Phil married Linda (Bergen). They resided in Sperling as well as in different parts of Alberta and now reside in Edmonton. They have three children. Ken and Diana (Plews) reside in Grande Prairie

with their children Karman and Kirk. Barry and Miana (Brink) reside in Calgary with two daughters, Alissa and Kimberly. Roxanne resides in Owen Sound, Ontario.

Abe married Eleanor (Klapstein). They resided in different parts of British Columbia and are now living in Sicamous, British Columbia. They have five children. Gordon and Vicki (Trudel) and their three sons, Blake, Jason and Curtis, live in Sicamous. Eleanor and Izaak Warmenhoven with their children Jesse, Natasha and Shawn, also reside in Sicamous. Dwayne also lives in Sicamous. Sharon and Carey Metcalf and children Melissa, Kelsey and Mark live in Calgary. Patricia also resides in Calgary.

Susie married Peter Klassen they resided in Lowe Farm, later moving to Morris. They have five children. Laura and Brenda reside in Altona, Sheila and Bill Thiessen, together with their children Rebecca and Zachary, reside in Crystal City. Evelyn and Michael live in Winnipeg.

Ed married Margaret (Giesbrecht) and they reside in Armstrong, British Columbia. Their children are Leanne and Geoffrey. Leanne resides in Invermere, B. C.

JOHN K. & NETTIE (PETERS) KLASSEN

Submitted by the family

Our father, John K. Klassen, 11th child and seventh son of Peter and Katherina Klassen (nee Klippenstein), was born on February 21, 1905, at the Kronsweide District of Lowe Farm. The Peter Klassens farmed just across the road from the Kronsweide School, close to the Sommerfelder Church, which still stands today.

Dad was a blond, very curly-haired youngster, who didn't enjoy school all too much, but he excelled in mathematics. Just give him the dimensions of a granary and he could orally determine the amount of grain in it almost to the

precise bushel. This trait he inherited from his mother.

At the early age of 13, Dad was working like a grown up with his dad's threshing outfit. He stayed at home and worked on the farm until he married Nettie Peters, also of Lowe Farm, on February 8, 1928. To this union six children were born; Willie, Nettie, Tina, Suzy, Marianne, and Peter.

The spring after they got married, Dad rented the land just west of the former Ed E. Klassen's (his brother's) place, and together with brother Ed, he seeded it with three teams of horses (12). Later on that fall, his father purchased his first John Deere tractor. But, alas, excessive rains and floods in summer caused everything to drown.

Community pastures, which were a little north of here, were so wet that the cattle broke out of the pastures because of the mosquito infestation. Mom and Dad lived at home with Dad's parents until fall when they moved one-and-a-half miles west of Lowe Farm. Because of the crop failure, they had no feed for their cow, chickens and four horses, which Dad had raised at home from colts. So Dad hitched up the old grain wagon, went to his other married brothers and sisters and came home with the wagon filled with feed. That's real sharing!

Next year, they moved to a farm just west and south of town, close to what is now known as the Shannon. This was in 1929, and times were poor, so Dad started work on the bridges. It was while he was working on the bridges that he was asked to dig many graves, as this was the beginning of the typhoid epidemic here. While digging with pick axes, a fellow worker's axe slipped and hauled into Dad's scalp. Dad survived, just as he also survived the next year's (1930) typhoid which both he and Mother contracted. Uncle Ed Klassen came to tend the chores and Anne Rempel (now Mrs. Ed Giesbrecht) looked after Willie and the housework, as Mother was flat in bed. Little Nettie (baby) was taken to Anne's parents, the Peter P. Remples (Dad's sister, Nettie) for a number of months.

One day, after "faspa", Dad hitched up the hay rack. They loaded everything on it and moved to the former Ed E. Klassen place, east and north of town. Here they farmed a quarter section. They often took in Dad's bachelor brother Abram, who was Lowe Farm's drayman later on. The year of 1932 was a drought year with crop failure when no kernel formed and all was chaff. That fall, Dad had \$4 after debts were paid. I guess you might say it was the beginning of the "Depression", but they had one cow, which produced half a pail of milk per day, and Saturday mornings, Mother would churn butter. Dad would take it to town and trade it for groceries and tobacco. When their 40 chickens started laying, things began to look up. This was the same year baby Tina came along.

In the fall of 1933, Dad supplemented his livelihood by working Bert Altmann's land. In 1935, my parents moved to the farm just west of town. The Dewey

Simpsons had farmed here prior to Dad and the land took a lot of pampering before it began producing again. Dad rented part of the section, with Uncle John F. Braun (sister Trinkie's husband) renting the other 240 acres of this same section. When our larder became scarce, Aunt Trinkie would come across the tracks carrying a pot of jellies, which, when cooked, we all enjoyed.

In 1936, William Brauns, (Dad's sister Anne) moved back from British Columbia and fixed up a summer cottage on the folks' yard, where they lived for about a year.

Lowe Farm also had what was known as a "Sports Day and Circus", which took place in our pasture. This continued for a number of years. One year an act included a parachutist dropping out of an airplane.

The first tractor Dad purchased was a Model C Case, which he and Uncle Henry bought together. You must remember Uncle Henry farmed about four miles north of Lowe Farm at the Neufeld School District. Later, Dad bought a Model L Case. In 1939, Uncle Henry and Dad purchased a new combine and swather. Thus, for years, until about 1949 or 1950, they harvested together. I can remember all the dinners and faspas Mom took (she walked) to the fields and the men would take turns on the machinery during the meal times. Dad or Uncle Henry sometimes caught a 10 minute snooze on the stubble over the noon hour.

In 1942, the folks went into the "milk business", supplying a lot of Lowe Farm people with milk twice a day. At first, milk was seven cents per quart. Sometimes they delivered (often with horse and buggy if it was muddy) 30 or more quarts. In 1950, when they stopped delivery because only pasteurized milk was to be sold, they received 15 cents per quart. Quite a change from today's price of milk! This gave Willie, Nettie, and Tina pocket money, well deserved after early mornings and late evenings of milking, separating, and deliveries before and after school.

Nineteen hundred and fifty appears to have been a very busy year for our family. The three oldest children, Willie, Nettie, and Tina were all married that year. April brought showers of blessings as Mom and Dad became first time grandparents one day and the very next day parents of their last son, Peter, who was born in Winnipeg due to the 1950 flood. That spring, Dad purchased a new TD6 International Crawler, but before he could use it for seeding, he was called upon to use it in the big flood in Rosenort. Willie and Abe (Nettie's husband) worked day and night, using this crawler to rescue people and livestock.

The previous year, Willie commenced farming a small portion of land, and like Dad, was completely hauled out that year. In 1950, both Willie and Abe started farming and together with Dad they rented and farmed 1,015 acres. Of course, as they farmed more land, bigger and better machinery was purchased. Most of the cattle were sold in 1951.

Nineteen hundred and fifty-two was the year of the polio epidemic and it hit our family twofold. The oldest granddaughter Betty-Anne, 2, contracted polio, and two weeks later, daughter Marianne, 6, was stricken. The illness was followed by years of therapy at home.

The boys farmed together with Dad until 1959. At that time Dad continued with the help of a hired hand, Jake Klassen, his nephew's son. However, throughout the years, he had employed various hired help, including Willie Klassen, (Uncle Henry's son) and Frank Giesbrecht.

Dad served various terms as a Co-op Store board member. His motto, regardless where applicable, used to be "Don't wait till tomorrow, what you can do today!"

When we were smaller, we really appreciated Dad's sweet tooth, and would be eagerly awaiting his arrival back home from town to see what goodies he had bought for us now. Even our pup waited for Dad to thrust his paw into his pocket and withdraw the little brown paper bag of goodies. Lots of kids, now long grown, will remember John Klassen having bought them an ice-cream cone in town when they waited in the cars for their dads.

Mom and Dad were baptized and joined the Kronsweide Sommerfeld Church in 1928. Dad parted from us to be with his Lord and Savior on June 8, 1961. Shortly after his death, Mother was once again hailed out. In the fall, after harvest and a farm auction, Mother, together with Marianne and Peter, still in school, moved into town.

Wilfred A. Harder (Butch), our nephew, now farms the same land that Dad farmed for almost 26 years.

Dad is survived by our mom, Nettie Klassen, living in the Lowe Farm Prairie View Apartments, five living children and their spouses; 17 living grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren. Mom's oldest son Willie and his wife Lily passed away 1985 and 1989 respectively and their oldest son Gerald Klassen in 1991. Mom's oldest granddaughter Betty Anne Harder passed away in September 1996.

PETER A. & KATHERINE (KLIPPENSTEIN) KLASSEN



Peter and Katherine Klassen and family in 1915. Back row: (l - r) Anna, Marie, Jake, Abram, John and Henry. Susan standing between her parents. Ike on the right side of his father and Ed on his mother's knee.

Peter A. Klassen was born in Russia in 1869. When he was five years old his family immigrated to Fargo, North Dakota, U.S.A. Peter visited Manitoba frequently and this is where he met his bride, Katherine Klippenstein. They were married on July 22, 1890.

Peter and Katherine lived a short time in the States, but Katherine preferred Canada, settling in Southern Manitoba. Peter had been known as homesteading much of the land in the Kronsweide District, where they lived most of their life.

They had 15 children: William (1892); Nettie (1893); Tina (1894); Peter (1896); Abram (1897); Jacob (1899); Henry and Cornie (1900); Marie (1902); Annie (1903); John (1905); Susanna (1907); Sarah (1909); Isaac (1911); and Erdman (1913).

Peter died in January, 1932 and Katherine died in October, 1943.

HENRY P. & KATHERINE (FROESE) KLASSEN

From Furrows in the Valley



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Klassen who lived south of Lowe Farm.

Henry P. Klassen was a twin son of Peter and Katherine (Klippenstein) Klassen. His twin brother, Cornie, passed away shortly after birth. In 1919, Henry was united in marriage to Katherine Froese, daughter of Peter and Maria Froese.

When they got married, Katherine got one cow and some chickens from her parents and



Mrs. J. B. Harder (Susanna Klassen)

Henry got a horse, six chickens and one half a pig, when it was time to kill pigs. Their first house was 16 feet by 24 feet, which they lived in for two years. During their first two years of farming, they were hauled out once and moved to John Nymon's place, where Henry worked for Mr. Finkelstein. They lived there for one month then moved five and a half miles south of Lowe Farm.

The family remembers their father as a very hard worker. Although he had hardly any money when they started out, he had learned to save and do with as little as possible.

In 1930, Henry and Katherine moved four miles north of Lowe Farm, to section 25-5-2w. They had 12 children:

Dorothy married Jake Sawatzky and is living in Chilliwack, British Columbia. They have four children and seven grandchildren.

Tina married Bill Bergmann. They live in Winnipeg. They have four children and one grandchild.

Henry died at the age of five.

Mary married John Esau and is living in Steinbach. They have eight children (one died at infancy) and six grandchildren.

Pete married Agatha Dyck and lives in Oak Bluff. They have three children.

Johnnie married Ruth Siemens and is living in Delta British Co-

lumbia. They have three children and one grandchild.

William married Ruth Gerbrandt. They live in Oak Bluff and have three children.

Henry married Olwine Reimer. They are living in Starbuck and have five children (one set of twins) and one foster child, as well as one grandchild.

Anne married David Affleck and lives in France. They have three children (one set of twin girls).

Helena married Ben Redekopp and lives in Aldergrove, British Columbia. They have two children.

Isaac married Alvina Reimer. They are living in Abbotsford, British Columbia. They have three children.

Susie died in infancy.

Annie and Helena are twin daughters.

In 1949, Henry and Katherine retired and moved to Steinbach. In 1961, Henry died and Katherine was living in the Cedarwood Apartments in Steinbach.

JACOB & MARY (HARDER) KLASSEN

From Furrows in the Valley

Jacob Klassen was born on January 5, 1899, to Peter A. and Katherine (Klippenstein) Klassen. In 1922, Jacob married Mary Harder, daughter of Jacob and Mary Brown Harder. They lived most of their life in the Lowe Farm district. They farmed section 20-4-1w from 1925 -1948. They raised seven children: Mary, Agnes, Jacob, Susan, Eddy, Erny and Herman. In 1948, Jacob Klassen passed away.

Mary remarried in 1949, to John Giesbrecht, who had three children: Henry, Kay and Peter. John worked for the rural municipality of Morris for many years. They were married 18 years, when John passed away in 1967. Mary died in 1999.

Her children are as follows: Mary (John) Wiebe of Lowe Farm, Manitoba. John and Mary are farming section 20-4-1, which was at one time farmed by her parents; Agnes (Dave) Schroeder, of Morris, Manitoba; Jake of Parksville, Vancouver Island, British Columbia; Susan (Harry) Heinrichs, of Morris, Manitoba; Erny of Parksville, Vancouver Island, British Columbia; Herman of Delta, British Columbia.

TINA KLASSEN

Tina, the third oldest child of Peter A. and Katherine Klassen, was married to John F. Braun.

They lived at the corner of S 36-4-2w, now the home of Ron Unrau. They farmed, and to the Lowe Farm residents, the Braun farm was the source of fresh farm eggs and plump juicy chickens. Youngsters never objected being sent to the Brauns' for eggs because their reward was ultimately a smile, a few kind words and candy from the tin on the fridge. Although the Brauns' had no children of their own, they offered their home and hospitality freely to nieces, nephews and friends where traditional Mennonite meals and faspas were at their best.

Both John and Tina, who forfeited their own education for hard farm work, encouraged and inspired younger generations to study, learn and better themselves. Many will remember "Uncle John" in his reading corner and the present image of 'Tante Trinka' in bare feet and an apron full of eggs. John and Tina Braun spent their last years in the town of Lowe Farm. Tina passed away in September of 1970 and was followed by John, in July of 1971.

PETER P. & SARAH (KROEKER) KLASSEN

From Furrows in the Valley



The four generations of Mrs. Peter P. Klassen, including Mrs. P. P. Rempel, P.S. Schroeder, and infant daughter.

Peter P. Klassen was born April 1, 1896, and died July 3, 1954. He married Marie Heinrichs in 1916. They lived four-and-one-half miles southwest of Lowe Farm, later moving to a farm three and three quarter miles southeast of Lowe Farm. Maria died in 1930, after 13-and-a-half years of marriage.

The same year, he remarried to Sarah Kroeker. They lived on the same farm until 1946, when they moved to another farm three and a half miles southeast of Lowe Farm. Here they lived until 1954, when Peter died. Sarah and her children lived there until 1959; when she and her youngest son, the only one left at home, moved to town. After her youngest child was married, she remained living in Lowe Farm. She lived there until 1972 when she moved to Steinbach, into the Bethesda personal Care Home. She died in 1987.

Peter P. Klassen had six children with his first wife. Their names were: Erdman, Tina, Mary, Annie, Cornie, and Peter.

He had four children with his second wife: Willie, Ben, and twins Jake and Susan. Erdman married Mary Derksen and died in 1975. Mary lived in Lowe Farm. They had three children and six grandchildren.

Tina married Dave Rempel and they now live in Altona. They have four children and eleven grandchildren.

Mary married Cornie Rempel and lived in Lowe Farm. They had five children and there are now 11 grandchildren. Mary died in 1993. Cornie married Eva Stoess in 1995. He died in 1996.

Annie married Ben Wall. They had nine children. There are now 27 grandchildren (one deceased) and four great grandchildren (one deceased). Annie Died in 1991. Ben married Mary Kauenhowen in 1992. Mary died in May, 1998. Ben lives in Winkler.

Cornie married Sara Froese. They live in Altona. They have five children and 10 grandchildren.

Peter married Susie Klassen. They live in Morris and have five children and two grandchildren.

Willie married Nettie Schroeder. They have four children and eight grandchildren. They live in Morris.

Ben married Justina Froese. They live in Morris and have four children and four grandchildren.

Jake married Dorothy Gerbrandt. They live five and a half miles south of Lowe Farm, and have three children and six grandchildren.

Susan married Peter Froese and they live in Altona. They have three children and four grandchildren.

CORNELIUS & SUSANNA (FRIESEN) KROEKER

This is the family history of Cornelius (1819 - 1904) and Susanna (Friesen) Kroeker (1823 - 1898), their son Cornelius (1842 - 1918) and Agatha (Peters) Kroeker (1846 - 1933), (she was nearly blind), their son Cornelius (1869 - 1941), (lost in a snowstorm) and Maria (Dueck) Kroeker (1869 - 1936).

The above came to Canada by ship, train, and, finally, the S. S. International, north on the Red

River to Winnipeg in July, 1875. The family migration was from Holland, to Germany, Prussia, Ukraine and finally, Canada.



*Cornelius and
Aganatha (Peters) Kroeker.*



John and Agatha (Kroeker) Enns.



Mildred (Kroeker) and Milton Coben.

After shopping for their necessities in Winnipeg they headed back south on the Red to the junction of the Rat. Here they disembarked and stayed in temporary housing built by Mr. Shantz from Kitchener, Ontario.

About 500 families left the Ukraine between 1874 - 1876 to find a new home in Canada. Louis Riel was creating some excitement in dealing with the Hudson's Bay Company. He was truly the founder of Manitoba.

After a few years in the East Reserve, many moved to the West. Around 1900, Cornelius and Maria (Dueck) Kroeker, with their two daughters, Aganetha (Peter) Banman and Sarah (Peter) Klassen, moved to Lowe Farm.

They farmed south of Lowe Farm. Aganetha and Sarah had to board with their grandparents and the D. W. Friesens (grandfather's sister) in Altona, because there was no school in the region. Later they attended school in Lowe Farm.

Cornelius and Maria had the following children: Aganetha (1896 - 1981) married Peter Banman (1888). Their family consisted of: Marie (1918); Jacob (1919); Henry (1921); Anna (1923); Julius (1925); Sarah (1927); Peter (1929); Katherine (1931); John (1938).

Sarah (1897) married widower Peter Klassen. He had six children from a first marriage: Erdman (1917); Tina (1920); Mary (1921); Annie (1925); Cornelius (1927); Peter (1926). Sarah and Peter had four children: Willie (1931); Bernhard (1934); Jake and twin Susie (1938).

Cornelius (1900) and Eva (Giesbrecht) Kroeker (1902) had eight children: Abe (1925); Dora (1927); Erdman (1925); Marie (1930-died 1930); Emmie (1931); Marie (1933); John (1936); Alvin (1943). Dora married David Wiebe, a teacher; Erdman and Alice have been into teaching, sales and nursing; Emmie married Abe Hildebrand; Ed and Alice have

been in teaching, sales and nutritionist; Dora and David Wiebe taught school; Marie and John Schmidt are farming and involved in farm sales; John and Grace are working in social work, ministry and music therapy; Alvin married Anne and does carpentry work.

Maria (1902) and Isbrandt Unrau (1898) had 11 children: Cornelius (1921); Diedrich (1923); Aganetha (1924); Justina (1926); Heinrich (1927); Sarah (1929); William (1931); Elizabeth (1932); Maria (1935); Annie (1937); John (1940).

Jacob (1904) and Susanna (Enns) Kroeker: John (1925); Mary (1927); Willie (1928); Lena (1930); Henry (1933); twins Edward and Cornelius (1936); Peter (1937); Tena (1939). After Susanna's passing in 1951 Jacob remarried to Mary Wiebe.

Peter (1906) and Katherine (Unrau) Kroeker. They had: Erdman (1930); Alvina (1932); Benjamin (1937).

Agatha (1911) and John Enns (1904). They had George (1933); Marie (1934); Helen (1936); John (1939).

Katherine (1913) and John Guenther (1915). They had: Helen (1929); Anna (1936); Edward (1937); Harold (1938); Jennie (1941); Shirley (1942); Myrtle (1949); Florence (19__). In 1966 Katherine remarried to Monty Glenesk.

Abram (1915) and Mildred Cohen (1922). They had: David, Patricia, Miles, and Donny.

Bernhard (1919) and Josephine Huculak (1926). They had: Kenneth (1947); Elizabeth (1951); Sylvia (1958).

The children and grandchildren of Cornelius and Maria Dueck Kroeker turned out to be farmers, carpenters, teachers, nurses, sales people, dieticians, laborers, chaplains, security personnel, trucking dispatchers, military service personnel, municipal workers, miners, ministers, electricians, mechanics and inventors.



Katherine (Kroeker) and John Guenther.



Josephine (Kroeker) and Bernabard Huculak.



Aganatha (Kroeker) and Peter Banman.