

Mintencu

From Voloca



To The Valley



Mintenko

Family Reflections



Mintenko Reunion

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Any literary endeavour of the type represented by this book is never the result of a sole individual's efforts, but rather the culmination of the overall input and inspiration of a significant number of interested persons connected by a common thread-heritage.

So it is in this publication that we display the aggregate contribution of numerous members of Petru and Agrapina's family bound together in textual format for all posterity to share.

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We are grateful to its author, Bruce Mintenko, and the Mintenko Reunion Committee for giving us permission to make it available to the world. We would also like to thank Elizabeth (Betty) Guenther (daughter of Nestor Holunga) for proposing that the book be put on the St. Elijah Museum web site and lending her copy to be digitized.

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OCR software is amazing but not perfect—sometimes it will see a "c" where there is supposed to be an "e" and it can also play with the layout of the page and text (most visible in the page numbers that change size). We have done our best to detect and remedy these errors but probably some have slipped by. We apologize to the author and contributors to the book for this.

We also apologize for the quality of the images in the digital document. The limits of software and of our own inability to make it do what we want, has resulted in the images being much more pixilated than we would like. To remedy this we will try and make as many of the key historic images available online at better resolution. And finally, note that the blank pages that followed the title page for each of the family members are omitted in the electronic version; consequently, page numbering skips by one after these.

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Petru



Agrapina

This publication is dedicated to pioneers Agrapina and Petru Mintencu who emigrated from Bucovina, Old Romania in 1912 and settled in the Lennard/Shell Valley districts of Manitoba. They demonstrated unusual courage and foresight in seeking to provide a stable and secure environment for raising their family, while at the same time ensuring a rewarding and promising future for their descendants.

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ROMANIAN SKETCHBOOK

Geography

Romania is a compact nearly - circular country in eastern Europe bounded by Ukraine, Hungary, Serbia and Bulgaria. Its approximate 92,000 square mile area includes a curved mountain range, the Carpathians, sweeping through the northern and central portion describing an arc around an upland plateau of forests and hilly farmland. To the south and east lie foothills and flat plains containing fertile soils. The Danube River borders on the south while the Black Sea edges the country for 130 miles on the northeast.

This nation's land mass is usually divided into six physical regions: Transylvania, central and northwest; Banat, western; Walachia, southern, Dobrudja, southeastern; Moldavia, northeastern; and Bucovina, northern.

The population of about 23 million is divided roughly in a 50/50 rural-urban split. More than 85% of these citizens are Romanian by ancestry. Every year, just as is the case in our own country, more and more of the people move to cities to secure a livelihood.

Romanian, the official language of the country, is spoken by virtually everyone. This language is developed from Latin and is closely related to French, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese.

The mainstream religion in Romania is the Romanian Orthodox Church, with greater than 75% of the populace pursuing its teachings.

HISTORY

Historians do not actually know when Romania was first settled, but they know of a people called Dacians who inhabited the area by 300 B.C. They were a fierce, independent people who continually repelled invasions from the East. Their first king, Burebista, established a centralized state and developed a secure empire. These people farmed, mined gold and iron ore and traded with neighbouring territories.

In A.D. 106 the Roman Emperor Trajan engaged in battle and defeated the Dacians under King Decebal, and established the area as a Roman province. It came to be called Romania - land of the Romans.

Roman settlers and soldiers occupied the area and intermarried with the native inhabitants. Soon Roman customs and the Latin language became of widespread use in this distant outpost of the vast Roman Empire.

With the disintegration of the Empire in the third century A.D., Romania was attacked alternately by wandering tribes of Bulgars, Huns, Slavs, Tartars, and others.

Over hundreds of years these various groups fought for control of the region, with no one conqueror ever acquiring full charge. Considerable intermixing among racial lines and with the local Romanian inhabitants resulted as well.

Around 1300, the people of Walachia and Moldavia gradually grew into two independent states or principalities under the rule of princes. The area known as Transylvania had been conquered and ruled by Hungary as early as the 1000's, but the province still contained a population which was predominantly Romanian.

Unification of these two original principalities along with other Romanian areas was slowed by constant invasions over the years.

Turkish domination endured the longest, from the 16th Century until the mid-nineteenth century. Ottoman troops had conquered Walachia in 1476 and Moldavia in 1504.

Under Turkish rule many of the provinces were ruled by locally elected Romanian nobles who taxed the common people heavily in order to pay the Ottoman conquerors large doses of "protection money". Doubly distressing was the practice most nobles followed of assessing additional burdensome taxation onto peasants for their own greedy purposes.

Slowly over the years, other nearby countries, including Russia, gained power and influence to such an extent as to begin recapturing border regions from the former all-powerful Ottoman Empire.

By the 1830's many of the Romanian lands were Turkish in name only and enjoyed a high degree of self-sufficiency. In 1861 the two main principalities of Walachia and Moldavia united under rule of Prince Cuza, creating the nucleus for a newly formed country. It became a kingdom in 1881 when King Carol I was officially recognized as the sovereign by other European nations.

The lifting of Turkish rule over the entire region by the end of the 19th century released numerous latent animosities and territorial ambitions which developed into the Balkan Wars. Terrible battles and massacres occurred in the process.

It was at this time that many Romanians emigrated from their traditional provinces of residence to the New World and Canada. Also attracting them were the promises of free and readily accessible farm lands for them to cultivate and own.

Through the early 1900's, aspiring powerful nations used the Balkan lands as pawns in their own territorial struggles. Romania allied with one side and then the other, whichever appeared more able to

help it remove the yoke of oppression from previous alignments.

Events of World War I ensured it obtained Banat, Bucovina, Transylvania and Bessarabia. Dobruja had been captured during the Balkan Wars. Now, Romania contained all territories inhabited by Romanian-speaking people. The newly-enlarged country came to be known as Great or Old Romania. Unfortunately, the area remained this size for only about twenty-five years.

World War II ushered in another set of problems as the country sided with the Axis Powers initially. As a penalty, she lost northern Bucovina and Bessarabia to the U.S.S.R. and southern Dobruja to Bulgaria. This latest realignment of Romania's borders remains so to this day.

The country came under the influence of the U.S.S.R., and the Communist Party ruled totally until the revolution in late 1989 toppled the ruling party, and Nicolae Ceaucescu was executed by the mob. Presently the state is moving towards a democratic government and is attempting to rebuild its destitute economy.

The survival of Romanian language, customs and religion has been called "a miracle of survival" quite unique among the nations of Europe. During the centuries when Romanian lands were ruled by powers, these harsh masters used every possible method to impose their way of life on their subjects. Still, the Romanians stood firm under adversities and retained their own lifestyle, as they do to this very day.

BUCOVINA

Bucovina is another one of the "provinces" in south-eastern Europe which straddle the border between two influential neighbours. It developed at about the same time as the two initial Romanian principalities of Walachia and Moldavia. It appears to have been a northern extension of the latter one. This province is one of Romania's most beautiful zones. Its landscape is rich with thickly forested mountains, gently sloping hills, crystal clear brooks and extensive meadows. Its name was given by the Austrians, who named it after the famous beech forests. Even though the majority of the citizens speak Romanian and believe in the teachings of the Orthodox Church, for much of the time since its inception it has been ruled by Austria-Hungary (1775-1918) or Russia (after 1944). Only during the interval between the two World Wars has this province found itself completely within borders having people of similar religion and language.

The northern half was taken over by the Soviet Union in 1944, and presently forms a portion of Ukraine following the dissolution of the U.S.S.R. in 1992. Even so, the Romanian speaking people resolutely continue to converse in their mother tongue and to support the Romanian Orthodox Church. They are indeed a proud and

determined people.

Bucovina has formed an integral part of Moldavia and is referred to as the cradle of Romanian statehood. Its churches, monasteries, and ancient fortresses exemplify traditional architecture and design. Romanian literature, music, customs and dress have endured here for centuries. The province has also supplied numerous important individuals in the letters and religion.

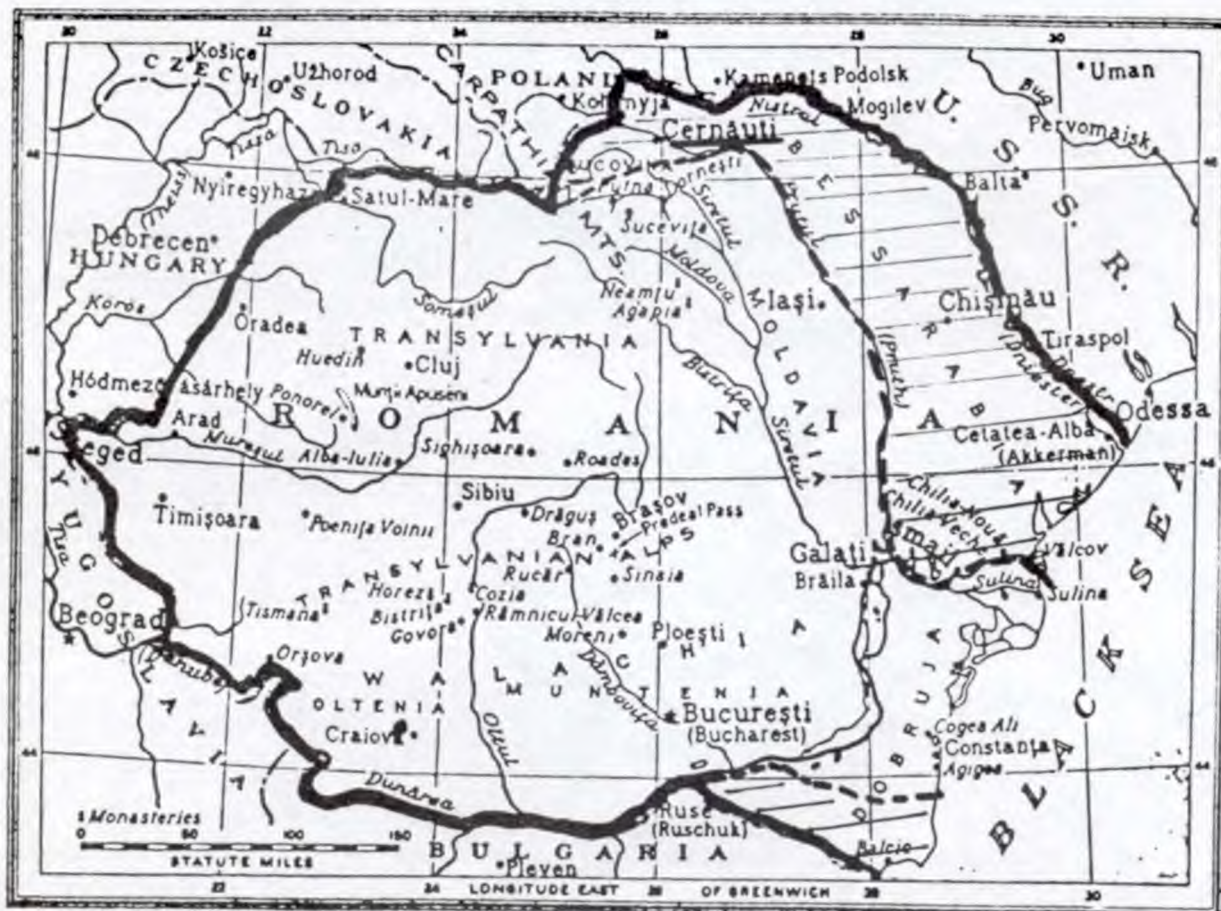
Cernauti (Chernivtsi) had been the ancient capital of the region. Now it lies near the border in Ukraine. Suceava has become the capital of Bucovina (now Suceava County) in Romania.

Romanians who emigrated from Bucovina to Canada or the United States are among the most active members in the Romanian communities here.



The united coats of arms of Moldova and Wallachia as printed in a book published in Bucharest in 1719, long before the union of the two principalities.





The map of Great Romania, showing all the territories, including Transylvania, Bucovina, Bessarabia, Muntenia and Moldavia.



Overlooking Voloca, Bucovina



BUREBISTA

*Petru
and
Agrapina*

PETRU & AGRAPINA MINTENCU

Petru Mintencu was born in the village of Voloca, Cuciuru Mare, Bucovina. He married Agrapina Paulencu from that village, and the couple resided there and commenced to raise a family of seven children. Their names in chronological order were:

Saveta (Elsie), Ion (John), Leonti (Louis), Maruta (Mary), Irina (Irene), Gheorghe (George), and Toader (Ted).

Increasing political tensions in the Balkan region and promises of free and bountiful farmlands in Canada persuaded the family to emigrate to the New World in 1912.

Accordingly eight family members, along with other relatives, set out on their epic journey by train, then steamship to Ellis Island, New York where they disembarked. From there the voyagers travelled by train to the Canadian prairies. Often immigrants detrained at Fort Qu'Appelle or Regina, registered with government authorities, then journeyed on foot or horse-drawn wagon to a homestead area already containing some Romanian settlers. Also at this time, the family surname was changed to the Mintenko spelling.

The eldest child, Saveta, had remained behind in Voloca. It is believed she had been married prior to the time of the migration, so she and her husband elected to pursue their new life together in Bucovina.

Petru, Agrapina and the children selected and settled on a homestead quarter, SE 34-23-28 in Shellmouth Municipality, with the Shell River traversing a portion of this tract of land. A reliable source of water was deemed imperative to the success of a farming operation.

Shortly, an eighth and final child was born in 1914 on this homestead. He was given the name Precopi (Jack).

The agricultural venture proceeded apace as more arable land was cleared and cultivated and a proper house and outbuildings were constructed. Petru maintained a reasonable herd of sheep and goats, and gained a reputation in the district for the delicious goats-milk cheeses which the operation produced.

With the passage of time, the children grew up and moved from home to enter adult lives in other areas of the province or country. Most married, began raising families, and earned a livelihood off the land as farmers.

Agrapina ultimately succumbed to the harsh frontier life on January 21, 1939. Her remains lie peacefully in the Shell Valley Cemetery.

Petru continued on with his farming occupation for a number of years, then sold his holdings and retired to spend time at homes of his various children on a sort of rotational basis. It was the

duty in those days for children to look after their aging parents and to maintain them in comfort until the time of their passing.

The current owner of his homestead **quarter** section of land is Geordie Galatiuk.

Petru passed away quietly at the home of Kozma and Maruta Motoshoski in the Shell Valley District on December 17, 1953. He rests now in the local cemetery beside his wife Agrapina.



Homestead of Petru & Agrapina in Shell River Valley

Saveta

SAVETA (MINTENCU) DOHIE

Saveta (Elsie) was the first child born to Petru and Agrapina Mintencu of Voloca. As the rest of the family emigrated to Canada in 1912, Saveta remained in Bucovina with her new husband, Nicholae Dohie, to pursue their life in the old country.

Three children were born into this family: Viorica, Gheorge and Zamfira.

The eldest, Viorica, married Precopi Holopina of the same village. Their family of three children consist of Marioara; Gheorge, who married Lida and children Vitali and Mariana; Stela who married Marin Georgetts and daughter, Natasha.

The only son of Saveta and Nicholae is Gheorge, and he resides in the area.

The youngest child, Zamfira, also lives in Voloca.

In the autumn of 1992 Viorica and Marioara visited Canada for a period of several weeks. The two travellers visited with virtually every relative in Manitoba during their sojourn here, from Winnipeg to Snow Lake. They were suitably impressed with the standard of living and the immensity of this country.



Group picture in Cernauta

Left to Right - Back Row: Niesor Cazuca (Viorica's friend), Marin Georgetts, Vasile Kimchinsky, Ion Holopina (Viorica's friend). Front Row: Stela Georgetts, Terry Holovach, Natasha Georgetts, Alex Holovach, Pauline Holovach, Miriora Holopina, Veronica Cazuca and Marioara Kimchinsky



Mariora, Viorica Holopina and Pauline Holovach in Shell Valley Cemetery



Viorica, Mariora and Nick Holunga In Winnipeg

Fon

ION (JOHN) MINTENCU

Ion was the second child of Petru and Agrapina Mintencu of Voloca, Bucovina. In 1912 he travelled to Canada with other members of the family. However for reasons unknown, he returned to Europe shortly thereafter.

Ion married Domnica, a lady from a nearby village, sometime after his return to his homeland.

The couple became victims of the turbulent times of the Second World War when Ion was fatally shot while they were attempting to cross the Russian-Romanian border to escape all the terrible destruction and turmoil of war. Domnica was shipped to a detention camp in Siberia, destined to a long sentence at hard labour.

It was many years later before she was finally permitted to return to her home area and relatives at Voloca, where she lived for only about one year before passing away.



Ion and Domnica Mintencu (in Old Romania)

THE ROMANIANS ——— *MIRACLE OF SURVIVAL*

When Transylvania, Bucovina, Bessarabia, Dobrudja were finally united with the Old Romanian Kingdom (vechiul regat) in 1918, the people of these lands which were separated by centuries, all spoke the same language, Romanian. This was a cultural miracle unique among the nations of Europe.

During the centuries when the Romanian lands ruled by foreign powers, the foreign masters used every possible method to impose their language, their culture, their customs and their religion on their Romanian subjects.

For centuries the Romanians died for countries which were not theirs and served foreign kings and emperors, nobles and land lords who exploited them brutally. All sorts of enticements were offered them to abandon their religion and language.

Still, the Romanians stood fast.

In Transylvania, although constituting the majority of the population, the Romanians were denied every right, political, religious, cultural and economic. The Magyar kings decreed that only Hungarians and Saxons had any rights; the Romanians were only "tolerated".

The Romanian serfs were compelled to work four days a week, totally free, for their Hungarian and Saxon land lords and to give their masters one tenth of all the produce they cultivated, including eggs from the hens and fish from the river.

In Bucovina, ruled by the Austrians, thousands of non-Romanian nationalities were colonized to overcome the Romanians' majority. German became the official language of the land.

The Russians employed ruthless methods to impose upon the Romanians of Bessarabia, their language and culture. In the old kingdom the Turks used their Phanariote princes to introduce Greek Culture into Wallachia and Moldova.

The pressure on the Romanians living in the lands ruled by foreign kings and emperors lasted centuries. They imposed on the Romanians a foreign alphabet and they exploited the people mercilessly. Some of the rich Romanian nobles succumbed but the peasants resisted all foreign pressures on their language, religion and customs.

That the Romanians who were ruled for centuries by foreign masters still preserved their language and religion until liberation came in 1918, was indeed a miracle.



Louis

LOUIS & ELSIE (HOLUNGA) MINTENKO

Louis was the son of Peter and Agrapina Mintencu. He immigrated to Lennard and Shell Valley district and farmed in the area. In 1945, the family moved to Russell to farm on the place that was once the Bernardo Home for Orphans. The residence where Louis and Elsie lived was the former staff house and was known as Cherry Hill Farm. Louis died in 1963 and Elsie passed on in 1973, and are interred in the Shell Valley church cemetery.

Louis and Elsie Mintenko had a family of eight children, Peter, Lena, Mary, George, William, Harry, Georgina and David. Only three have survived! Mary married to Bob Craig, Georgina married to Robert Schepp and George married to Geraldine.



Louis and Elsie Mintenko at home in Cherry Hill



Louis, taken in Nanette



Georgina and David



Robert and Mary Craig

MARY (MINTENKO) CRAIG

Mary is the eldest daughter of Louis and Elsie Mintenko (nee Holunga), born January 30, 1925. She attended Shell River School up to Grade VIII, then Shellbank School and correspondence courses to achieve a High School Diploma. She later took hairdressing in Roblin, working one year in Winnipeg. On July 21, 1943 she was married to Raymond Hudson Anderson.

First son born on May 30, 1944 - **CYRIL RAYMOND JAMES**

Second son born on September 15, 1947 - **KENNETH HUDSON**

Third son born April 26, 1951 - **WAYNE DOUGLAS**

Fourth son born March, 1956 - **ROBERT EDWARD**

All sons were born **in** Hamiota Hospital. Hud and Mary farmed at Oakner, Manitoba **until** 1956. They were very much a part of the community. Hud played the fiddle and Mary helped with Fowl Suppers at the United Church functions and family parties.

In 1956 they left the farm for Hamilton, Ontario. Their first home was in Stoney Creek where the family was introduced to cherry picking. In 1959 they purchased a store at Lowville, Ontario, a resort area with a 65 acre park. The growing boys attended Burlington Schools and worked summers for the Parks & Recreation Department. Hud also obtained employment with Parks Department until his retirement in 1973. On leaving the store, Mary was employed as Ward Clerk in Hamilton General Hospital, I.C.U. Hudson was deceased on December 26, 1976.

Mary married her current spouse, Robert Craig, in 1988. They live in Florida and Sarnia, Ontario on a seasonal basis.



Four - Anderson Brothers

CYRIL ANDERSON

Cy Anderson is the eldest son of Mary Craig. He graduated from Nelson High School in Burlington, Ontario. He became an Apprentice Commercial Artist for four years and spent a further four years as an Account Executive for an advertising agency.

Cy has taken many university extension courses involving marketing, economics, etc. Cy has been a Real Estate Broker since 1973 and opened his own business in 1974. Cy and his spouse, Elsie Dimitropoulos, still own their own Real Estate Company. Elsie is a successful agent and an able business partner as well as a great mom! Two sons: Sean age 20 and Scott age 17 from Cy's previous marriage, have formed a family for Cy and Elsie for 14 years. They have formed their own band and have performed locally. Scott is finishing High School and Sean is finishing second year at the Guelph University in Environmental Engineering. The family lives in a large home in the country.



Cyril, Elsie, Scott and Sean

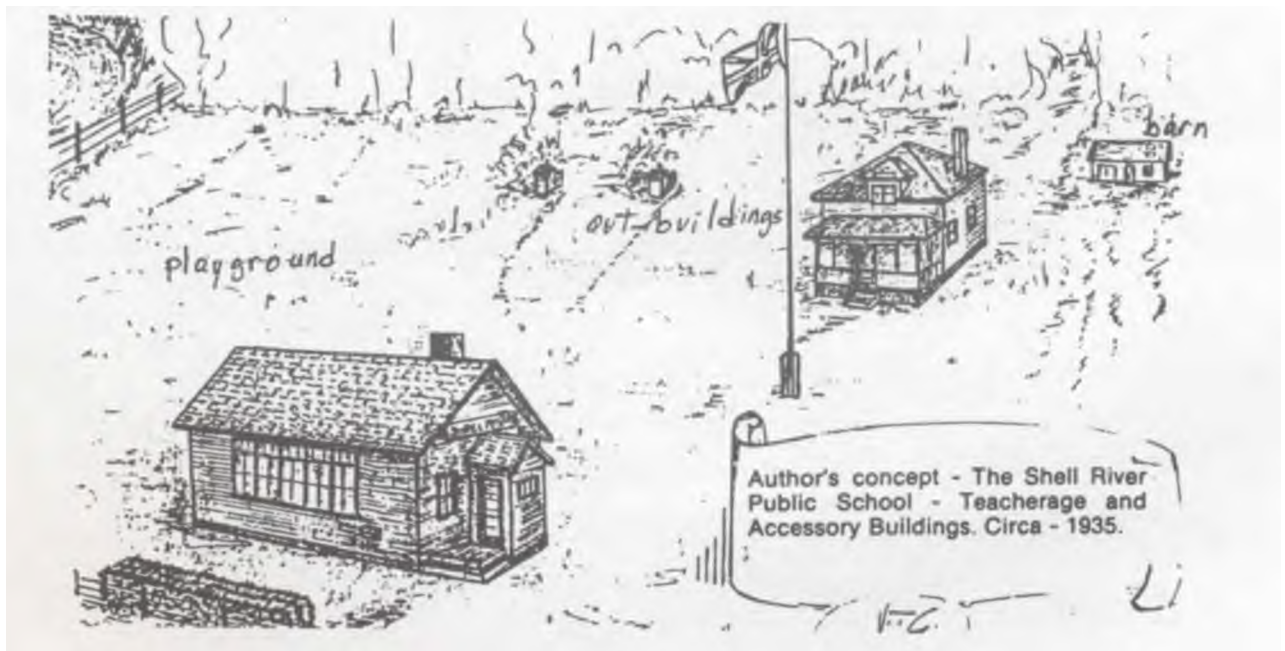
GEORGE MINTENKO

George, the eldest son of Louis and Elsie Mintenko (nee Holunga), was born on a farm less than one mile east of Lennard, Manitoba, where Louis and Elsie farmed the land. The neighbours were Mr. & Mrs. Alex Gaber and Mr. & Mrs. Wasyl Holunga. During this time Louis contracted Tuberculosis and spent many years in Ninette Sanitorium, which resulted in his losing the land in a tax sale. This development forced the family to move to a farm in the Shell River Valley, near Peter and Agrapina Mintenko's residence.

George and his brothers and sisters attended the Shell River School for their primary education. A wake up call at 7:00 a.m. was mandatory every morning as chores had to be done, including milking cows by hand, even at the age of 7 or 8 years. Then a walk of 2 1/2 miles through a bush path, over a foot bridge and uphill all the way led to school. Students were always early, especially in the summer time so they could play a game of ball, or slide down a hill in winter time on old car fenders. These were fun times - even without cash. Winter months they travelled with a cutter and white horse named Jack, who was very old but reliable. In a storm they covered their heads with a quilt and old Jack would get them home without being told. In later years Dad had a van built somewhat like a small trailer home on runners on a sled without wheels. Cars were almost unknown in the district and there were very few telephones and no hydro.

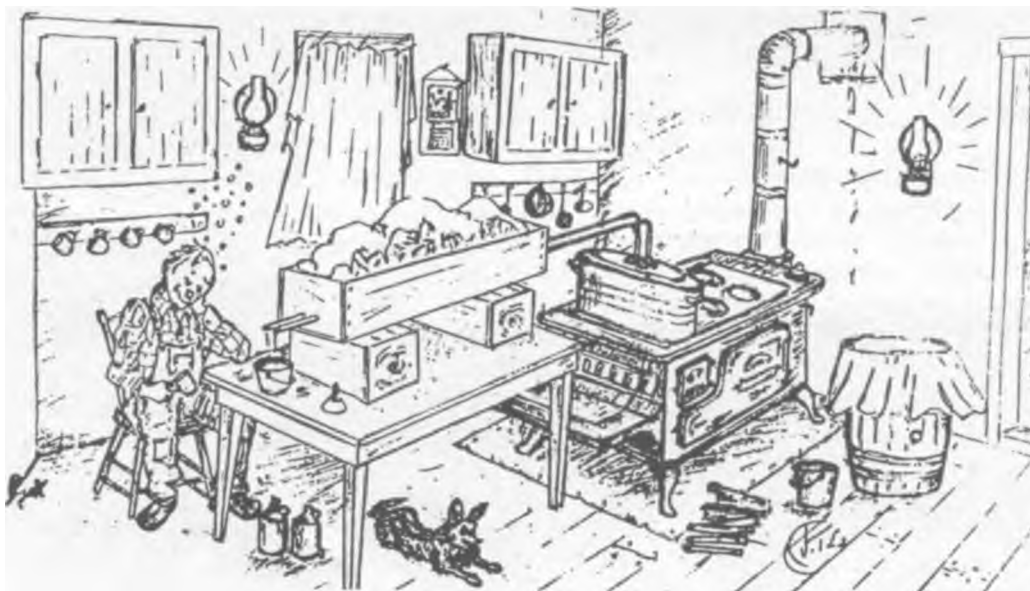
Church going was a very important part of our lives. If we could find an adult to go along, barn dances were a great entertainment when we reached 11 or 12 years of age.

Victor Goods, a second cousin, and local artist, has drawn this picture of the school and teacherage and outbuilding .



Alcohol for the most part was home brew and almost anyone that went to a party took their supply along. Here is a sketch of home distilling in process as depicted by artist, Victor Goods.

Drawn by Victor Goods



George by homestead in Shell River Valley

I left home at a very early age and went to Winnipeg and worked at several different trades to prepare for my future. In the fall of 1943, I enlisted with the Canadian Army and served till 1946, after which time I came back to the farm. I soon decided on another future, as I had upgraded my schooling while in the army and then enrolled at the Manitoba Commercial College for the next two terms to complete my education.

In 1948, I met Geraldine Chornopyski and decided to get serious and on October 1, 1949 we were married. We have a family of four children and six grandchildren, as the following pictures show.

We have been retired since June 1, 1991, and enjoy good health, travel, our children and lots of golf.

George Mintenko, son of Louis and Elsie Mintenko married Geraldine Chornopyski of Arbakka, on October 1, 1949, at the King Memorial United Church. They have four children and six grandchildren. They are retired and living in Ste. Anne, Manitoba.

Georgina, the daughter of George and Geraldine Mintenko, married to Dennis McSherry on May 30, 1970, at the Rosedale United Church in Winnipeg. They have two children. Sheila, attending the University of Winnipeg and Richard, employed with Vita Health in Winnipeg.

Katherine, the second daughter of George and Geraldine Mintenko, married Erroll Pauls at the Rosedale United Church, on March 15, 1975. They have two children, Jodie who is in junior high at Churchill High School in Winnipeg and Jeffery, who attends Riverview School.

David Mintenko, the only son of George and Geraldine Mintenko, married Joy McGregor on September 22, 1979, at Rosedale United Church. They have two children, Christine and Robert. They live in the Riverview area in Winnipeg.

Patricia, the youngest of the children of George and Geraldine Mintenko, married Mike Lalonde at the Precious Blood Church on September 12, 1981, in St. Boniface. They reside in St. Vital in Winnipeg.



George and Geraldine Mintenko



Richard, Georgina, Sheila and Dennis McSherry



Michael & Patricia Lalonde



Jodi, Erroll, Jeffery and Katherine Pauls



David, Christine, Robert & Joy Mintenko

WILLIAM & MARGARETHA (HERTLEIN) MINTENKO

William Mintenko was born to Louis and Elsie Mintenko (nee Holunga) in 1927. He died in 1975.

In 1949 William married Margaretha Hertlein, daughter of John and Mary (Mund) Hertlein. Margaretha died in 1975.

William and Margaretha had three children, Ann, Barbara and Charles.





William and Margaretha Mintenko

MERVIN & ANN (MINTENKO) KENDEL

Ann was born to William and Margaretha Mintenko (nee Hertlein), on November 9, 1949.

Ann attended school in Russell, Manitoba, from Grade I to Grade XII. After Grade XII, she attended Brandon University for one year. She really enjoyed the year but the job prospects for a B.Sc. were not very good. She then worked in Russell at the Robinson's store for over a year. In August of 1969 she moved to Winnipeg and started a course in Medical Laboratory Technology. She trained at St. Boniface Hospital and Red River College for two years, graduating in June of 1971. She moved to Langenburg, Saskatchewan after graduation and married Mervin Kendel on July 10, 1971. Mervin was born in 1945 to William and Emilie Kendel (nee Baumung). They have lived in Langenburg since that time. Ann worked in Esterhazy for two years and started employment at Langenburg Hospital as a Laboratory Technologist in July, 1973 and has been there since that time.

Marvin started working for Langenburg Motors (Parts and Service Department) in 1964 and has been there since that time. Langenburg is his hometown and it is certainly home to both of them. They enjoy life in a small town, participating in curling, waterskiing, fishing and camping. They also enjoy travelling. They are both involved in the community and kept quite busy.



Mervin and Ann Kendel

HENRY & BARB (MINTENKO) BARTKIEWICZ

Barb is the second child of William and Margaret Mintenko (nee Hartlein). Barb was born on December 5, 1950, in Russell, Manitoba.

On August 31, 1975, Barb married Henry "Hank" Bartkiewicz. They have two children; Krystal, born on May 9, 1981 and Trevor, born on February 18, 1983. Both were born in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Barb is a Clinical Coordinator of the Manitoba Nuclear Medicine Technology Training Program. She has worked at the Health Science Centre for the past twenty years.

Henry is Head of Material Management, for Public Works Canada. He has worked in this capacity for the Federal Government for approximately twenty-six years.

Krystal is in Grade VI, French Immersion School. She takes Jazz Dance lessons and Organ lessons - is a "Social Butterfly".

Trevor is in Grade IV, French Immersion School. He likes Nintendo, reading, inventing and "Working Out".



Barb, Hank, Trevor and Krystal Bartkiewicz

CHARLES WILLIAM LOUIS & CHARLENE (NERBAS) MINTENKO

Charles was born to William and Margaretha Mintenko (nee Hertlein), on April 17, 1952 in Russell, Manitoba at 2:32 p.m. He was raised in Russell on a farm, four miles west of the Community.

On June 29, 1974, he married Charlene Nerbas at the Christ Lutheran Church in Langenburg, Saskatchewan. Charlene was born to Edwin and Amanda Nerbas, on November 3, 1953.

Charles and Charlene have three children; Julie, born on June 11, 1976 in Langenburg, Saskatchewan. Their only son, Kelly, was born on December 12, 1978, in Langenburg, Saskatchewan. Courtney was born on November 30, 1988 in Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

They made their home in Langenburg, Saskatchewan from June, 1974 to December, 1974, Grayson, Saskatchewan, from December, 1974 to July, 1987. Since July of 1987 they have been enjoying their stay in Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

Charles is employed as a Truck Driver at Petro Canada in Yorkton. He has played music most of his life.



Charlene, Charles, Julie, Kelly and Courtney Mintenko



**Kevin and Karen Mahoney, Blaine, Kim and Melanie Liske,
Bob and Georgina Schepp with Sarah Liske**

GEORGINA (MINTENKO) SCHEPP

Georgina was born at Lennard, Manitoba, on April 3, 1937, and is the youngest surviving member of the family of Louis and Elsie Mintenko (nee Holunga).

In 1945, her parents moved the family to the former Bernardo home in Russell, Manitoba. It was a huge house consisting of eighteen rooms.

Georgina took her primary schooling at Brightside and her high school education at Russell. She worked for a short time for the Royal Bank of Canada in Hamilton, Ontario, before returning to Russell where she continued to work in the Royal Bank for a few years.

Georgina married Robert Schepp of Marchwell, Saskatchewan, on October 19, 1957. They settled on a farm at Harrowby, Manitoba and continue to farm in the same area, having made only one small move to an adjacent farm.

On June 28, 1959, Robert and Georgina were blessed with the arrival of a son, Kenneth David. Daughter, Kimberly Elizabeth, was born on September 7, 1961, and daughter, Karen Mary Michelle, arrived on May 4, 1966, to complete the family.

A tragic car accident took the life of their son, Kenneth, in 1982.

MEMORIES OF LIFE ON THE FARM;

In 1961, a severe drought forced all of the farmers in the area to look for feed for their cattle wherever they could find it. Robert, Jacob Schepp (his father), David Schepp (his brother), and brother-in-law, William Mintenko travelled to Hythe, Alberta to make hay and straw bales. Equipment was shipped back and forth and the bales were handled many times before they were finally shipped home by rail. The bales filled approximately thirty boxcars.

A fall hailstorm wiped out the entire crop in 1966. Undaunted, Robert purchased more land and moved the family to N.E. 16 near Harrowby, where they still reside. This expansion included enlarging his Hereford cattle herd. The long hours, years of perseverance and hard work paid off.

Robert was one of the few still using the old threshing machine at this time. The last threshing was done in 1969. Horses were no longer used to pull the racks and were replaced by tractors.

Over the years, Robert has become quite adept at doing his own mechanical, electrical and plumbing work on the farm.

While the children were growing up, Robert and Georgina enjoyed camping and travelling with their family, visiting various parts of the country in their camper. There were trips to Vancouver, Hamilton, Toronto, the Black Hills, Nebraska as well as shorter

trips to places like Madge Lake on weekends. During the winter, the whole family enjoyed skidooing along the beautiful Assiniboine Valley.

The children were involved in 4-H, Boy Scouts, Air Cadets, swimming and other school activities. During this time, Georgina spent ten years as a 4-H leader teaching sewing, carpentry and photography.

Robert served on the Harrowby School Board, was a Steward of Knox United Church and from 1976 - 1982 was a councillor for the R.M. of Russell.

After the family left home, Georgina became involved in volunteer work. She facilitated a Systematic Training for Effective Parenting program for three years, helped set up a centre for abused women and children in Russell (1987 - 1990) and served as a board member for the Alcoholism Foundation of Manitoba in Winnipeg. At the same time, she served on the Advisory Board of Alcoholism Foundation of Manitoba in Brandon. Georgina continues her involvement by working to bring Alcohol Awareness and Prevention programs to youths in the Pelly Trail School Division.

Robert and Georgina are still farming (1993) and still enjoy travelling. They look forward to retirement in the not too distant future.

KENNETH SCHEPP: June 28, 1959 - 1982

Kenneth went to school in Russell and completed high school at Major Pratt Collegiate. He trained in Heavy Duty Mechanics at Assiniboine Community College in Brandon, Manitoba.

Upon graduation, he was hired by Kroeker Farms of Portage la Prairie to set up irrigation systems. He returned to the family farm and worked with his father until his untimely death. Kenneth will always be remembered for his kindness, personality and his keen sense of humour.

BLAINE & KIMBERLY (SCHEPP) LISKE:

Kim and Blaine were married on July 30, 1983 and lived in Inglis prior to moving to their farm in 1986. Their farm is located twelve miles north and east of Inglis, Manitoba, on Provincial Road #366.

They have two children. Sarah Martina was born on October 14, 1989 in Roblin, Manitoba, and Melanie Jolene arrived on March 15, 1992 in Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

Kim completed her school years in Russell and then went on to Assiniboine Community College in Brandon to complete a certified course in Business Accountancy. She also took part of a Creative Writing course in Winnipeg.

She held a variety of jobs in the Russell area including positions at Rowat Agency/Sears, SAAN, Stedman's, Parkway Co-op, the Russell Banner and at Inglis Insurance Agency.

Blaine was previously employed by R.G. Schepp, N.M. Patterson & Sons in Inglis, Hudson's Bay Mining & Smelting in Flin Flon, various oil rigs in Alberta and Glu-Rite in Russell. He has also taken an Income Tax course and a Small Motors course by correspondence.

Today, Blaine farms hay and cattle. He also milks cows for the cream. Kim has sold Avon since 1990 and occasionally works for the Inglis Insurance Agency.

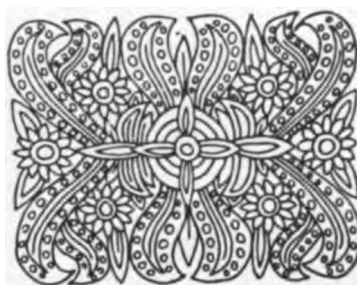
KEVIN & KAREN (SCHEPP) MAHONEY:

Karen's school years were spent in Russell and she completed high school at Major Pratt Collegiate. She was involved in a number of activities including 4-H sewing and candy striping at both the Care Home and the Russell Hospital.

Swimming was another of Karen's interests and she became quite a strong swimmer. She received her instructor's certificate and her lifeguard's certificate and spent three summers working at the Binscarth Pool. While attending school, she also worked as a waitress at the Chicken Chef.

Karen continued her studies at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg and graduated in 1987 as a Dental Hygienist. She worked for a short time in Brandon and Winnipeg.

On August 26, 1989, Karen married Kevin Mahoney of Long Island, New York, U.S.A. They lived in Tampa, Florida for about a year before returning to Long Island where Kevin is completing his Bachelor's Degree in Pharmacy at St. John's University in Queen's, New York. Karen is employed as a Dental Hygienist in Long Island.





Kim, Blaine, Sarah and Melanie Liske



Kevin and Karen Mahoney

Irina



Irina (Mintenko) and Nisiru Holunga



Irina & Nistru's family on their homestead:
Back Row - George, Nick, Vera, John, and Mary
Front Row Irina, Nistru, Petru Mintenko, Betty, Gina and Winnie



George, Vera and Nick

IRINA (MINTENKO) HOLUNGA

(Submitted by Betty Guenther as to best of her recollection)

Irina was born to Petru Mintencu and Agrapina (nee Paulencu), on July 7, 1900, in Voloca, Cuciuru Mare, a village in Bucovina, Austria. (Note: This part of Austria was annexed by Romania following World War I - 1914-1918).

Irina immigrated with her parents to Canada in 1912. They were accompanied by Zamfira (Mrs. Ted Guz (Goods), a niece of Agrapina. Her married sister, Saveta, for reasons unknown, chose to remain in Voloca.

Irina's paternal grandparents were wealthy agriculturists, specializing in orchards. They were referred to as Domn (Lord). Their dream of building an orchard empire in Canada never materialized.

Irina had five brothers: Leonti (Louis), Gheorghe (George), Ion (John), Toadre (Ted), and Jack (born in Canada); and two sisters Saveta (Elsie) and Maruta (Mary).

The following story, which took place in Voloca when Irina was approximately three years old and Nistru Holunga approximately thirteen years of age, was told by my parents. Nistru was returning to his home, which was also in Irena's neighbourhood, when he heard the cry of a child. On investigating he came across a teary-eyed little girl who informed him that she was trying to go home but was too frightened to cross the railroad tracks herself. Nistru took the little girl in his arms and returned her safely home. On that day, little did they know that they would in the future become husband and wife.

Shortly after arrival in Canada, Irina commenced domestic employment with farmers located near Russell, Manitoba, by the name of "Setters". It was here she once again became reacquainted with "Nistru Holunga". He, too, was in the employ of the "Setter" family. Nistru became the perfect suitor. He was already established, owning a quarter section of land and a newly constructed two-storey house and a barn. Nistru and Irina were married in Lennard, Manitoba. Irina was 18 years old and Nistru 28. When Nistru was taking his bride (by horse and wagon) to her new abode, he pulled the team of horses into the Shell Valley churchyard. Next to the church, close to the cemetery, was a tiny single room manse. He pulled the team up in front of the manse, jumped off the wagon, and declared to his bride, "We are home"!

Irina was astounded and began to cry, declaring, "If I had known we were going to live in a cemetery, I would never have married you". The joke was over - they kissed and made up. So on they drove to their home which was only one mile away from the church. This wagon contained Irina's trousseau (jestri) and the dowry was

probably a cow that was hitched to the back of the wagon.

Kissing and making up was not always practised. Many hardships lay ahead of them as they started their life as settlers on the homestead. Nistru and Irina had ten children to care for; five sons and five daughters. Eight of their children were born at home, with the assistance of a midwife. The two youngest children, Elizabeth and Virginia were delivered by cesarean section. Their lovely family consisted of:

- Gheorghe (George), who was a sweet and gentle person, died in March, 1955 at the age of 39.
- Vasile (William), married Rose Merinuik (Goraliuk) and lives in Snow Lake, Manitoba. They have three children, Patrick, Carl and Iris
- Veorica (Vera), died on May 30, 1961 at the age of 40. Vera was married to John Sadaway and had two children, Brenda and Brent.
- Nicolae (Nick), married Phyllis West and lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They have one daughter, Carol Ann.
- Maruta (Mary), now Mary Pitz lives in Russell, Manitoba and had nine children, (one son deceased), and is also a great grandmother of two.
- Ion (John), married Anna Fedorowich and lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They have two children, Janice Faye and Todd John.
- Agrapina (Winnie), married William Woroniuk and lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They have two children, Darryl George and Ember Iirena.
- Lisabata (Elizabeth), married Gerry Guenther, has two sons, a daughter-in-law, Irene, who are all living in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Her two sons are Derek Lloyd and Kurt Blair Shewchuk.
- Vergina (Virginia), married Latham B. Rice and lives in Nepean, Ontario. They have two children, Laird Bradford and Tara Leah.
- Toadre (Alfred), died on February 8, 1939 at the age of seven. He was an excellent scholar and a boy enjoyed by all who knew him.

It must have been particularly devastating for Irina when Alfred, her youngest son, died at the age of seven. Two weeks later, Irina lost her mother and her eldest son had just recently been diagnosed with epilepsy. How much more heartbreaking can life be!

In spite of the hard times, I can still hear mother's voice as she and dad talked, thanking God for their accomplishments since arriving in Canada... "mai ca noua ne-e bine". Shortly after the war, in 1945, they acquired a 2-seater democrat (buggy) and a winter van. They had a good stock of farm animals. Their son "Nick" had just purchased a piece of land and a new tractor with which to work the fields.

Irina was not only a pretty lady, with auburn-red, curly, long hair, she had a warm, kind, and gentle manner. In the summer when she shampooed her hair outdoors, I so enjoyed watching her comb her long tresses which glistened of gold in the heat of the sun. She usually wore a red tam. That red tam was seen everywhere; in the garden, in the corral, in the barn and in the kitchen. Baking days

never went by that she did not stop the school children, who passed our house on their way home (having another four miles to go before they reached their home), placing in their hands a thick slice of warm, homemade bread, which was spread with fresh butter and sometimes jam. After all these years I still receive comments from some of those individuals who can still savor the taste of her bread. Although Irina's English was limited, she always knew what to order from the "Watkins" and "Raleigh" man, that being turmeric, saffron, sour salt, salves, extracts and pudding mixes. My memory recalls the plain white cake she baked in the extra large pan, smothered with lemon sauce.

Irina was not only a superb cook. Her skills were many. No one else, to my recollection, could spin wool (by staff and spindle) (fus), to the consistency of angora. With her fingers being so nimble, she was able to knit a pair of socks in one evening. The finished knitted garments, whether socks, mitts or sweaters, were always soft and fluffy. I still have in my possession some of her handmade embroidered articles. Although water had to be carried a distance, one sure thing about her whites - they were "always white".

Who could forget the bedtime stories mom and dad used to tell us!! The "Three Goats" was my favourite. Then there was their version of "Hensel & Gretel". Of course, there were many "strigoi" stories.

The winter supply of foods contained several barrels of dills and barrels of cabbage which were dropped into the cellar by a rope and strong hands. The cellar was completely filled with potatoes, beets and turnips. A wall of shelves contained jars of preserves; jams, jellies and vegetables. In the spring, many neighbours would come for potatoes and other supplies. We always had an over abundance.

What do I mostly remember about my mother? Her pleasant voice, her soft whistling and humming. Her slender fingers and her calloused heels.

Although mother had no formal education, her mathematical mind was like a computer. Dad never ceased to comment on that. I remember once when dad took freshly plucked turkeys into Roblin for sale. When he returned home, Mother checked his wares against the bill of purchase and found he was \$7.00 short. That was a lot of money in those days. Early the next morning Dad returned to Roblin to have it rectified. The storekeeper gave him the \$7.00 owing plus a box of over-ripe bananas. Mother immediately sliced the bananas, adding oranges, sealing the bananas and oranges in jars. Over the winter months, we enjoyed several jars of this banana concoction, especially as an after school snack.

Nistru was able to read and write in both English and Romanian. He was also fluent in the Ukrainian language, was familiar with the other four Latin languages, and spoke some German. Because of his reading and writing skills, he was for years Secretary-Treasurer at

the local church, and as well, had served as a trustee on the local school board.

Our family was musically inclined, (especially playing the gramophone and radio). Mother played the Jews Harp, my dad the Flute. The boys played the Violin and Harmonica. The girls played the Mandolin.

I well remember that Tuesday night in August of 1948. My sisters and I had just returned home from watching a western movie in the Shell Valley Hall. The movies were something new to the community and were provided by "Smiling Johnny". He was also the leader of the band which played at the local dances. When we approached our house, we heard moaning, and knew immediately that mother was having another abdominal attack. Mother had several hernia operations which never completely healed, mostly due to the fact that she never had time to properly rest. The next day, she was rushed to the Russell Hospital in the back seat of Willie's car. I accompanied my mother to attend to her while she lay in the back seat of the car on a make-shift bed. I stayed at Uncle George and Aunt Mary's in Russell. We would visit mother during visiting hours. The following evening, Thursday, mother was sent by Flyer (train) to Winnipeg.

Russell was the first place I had seen my mother, although I was just a baby and do not remember it, but I often think about it, that it was also the last place I had seen her alive.

Friday afternoon, August 20, 1948, Raymond Paulenko delivered a note which stated that mother had passed away. We had barely received the news, when the village church bells rang, announcing a death in the village. To this day I cannot stand the sound of those church bells. The memories of that Friday are still vivid. It was the most devastating day and time of my young life.

Mother died of a bowel obstruction at the age of 48 in the Victoria General Hospital in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Irina was laid to rest in the Shell Valley Cemetery alongside three of her children as well as her parents. "Repausat in pace".

NISTRU HOLUNGA:

Nistru was born to Precopi and Agrapina Holunga (nee Popovici), on October 10, 1890. Because the family members were all fair in complexion, they were referred to as "Alboici" - the Latin word "alb" meaning white.

Motivation for leaving his homeland centered around economic conditions. The glowing accounts of the marvelous prosperity in "the new world" and promises of work enticed the conservative Romanian ploughmen to leave home, to travel farther than ever before in their lives, to separate from family and friends. It is believed that "the steamship company agents were soliciting steerage passengers throughout the villages". Nistru never did return to

his homeland. He left behind his parents, his sisters Dominica and Varvara, and two brothers, Mihail and Gheorghe.

Mosu, Precopi died at the age of 52. Bunica, Agrapina, died at the age of 86.

On arrival to America in 1909, Nistru (it is believed) landed at Ellis Island in New York, U.S.A. He was offered a job working on what is believed to be the "George Washington Bridge".

In Canada, he worked with the railroad in Montreal, Quebec, in the mines of Alberta and again on the railroad until he located his Uncles Toadre (Ted/Iacob Holunga) and Pentelae Popovich who were settled on a farm in Lennard, Manitoba, (later owned by George Bezan).

His Uncle Ted died in our "bordei" in Shell Valley, in 1955 at the age of 96.

Nistru was able to save enough money to send boat fare to his younger brother, Vasile. Ironically, they met, early in the spring along the railroad tracks near Binscarth, Manitoba. Nistru spotted a figure sitting on a culvert, soaking his feet in ditch water near the railroad. As he got closer to the figure, he thought he recognized him. The figure stood up, thinking he too recognized him. Suddenly the two men were running towards each other, calling each other by name, "Nistru" - "Vasile". The two brothers embraced and were at last reunited.

Nistru was granted local naturalization on March 31, 1914 in Russell, Manitoba.

What do I mostly remember about my dad? He was both my "father and mother" figure for many years. He whistled and sang beautifully, and loved to dance. My children, Derek and Kurt, still fondly talk about their "Mosu", remembering his warm embraces and love and being teased with his cane.

Nistru farmed in Shell Valley till his retirement at the age of 65. In 1972 he made his permanent residence at the Holiday Haven Nursing Home. He died on May 8, 1985.

With gratitude, I thank my father, Nistru, who at 19 years of age, left his family in Voloca to venture to Canada. He arrived here at the turn of the century. Canada has just celebrated its 125th year of Confederation. It is still a young country.



Nick. Alfred. Winnie, Mary and John



Vera, Nick, Winnie, Betty and Gina



Dad, Betty, Gina and Mom



Willie & Rose Holunga with their children and grandchildren



Patrick, iris, Carl, Willie and Rose

WILLIE HOLUNGA

Willie was born in the Shell Valley district on December 25, 1919, second son of Nestor Holunga and Irina (nee Mintenko), daughter of Peter and Agrapina Mintencu, known to me as "Moshu and Bunica"

Willie completed Grade 8 at Shell Valley School. Later he worked for farmers, and bush work in Armstrong, Ontario. In 1938 he left for South Porcupine, Ontario, to work in the gold mines. He returned back to the district in 1940. He then bought a farm from "Debt. Adjustment Board" for \$1,600. The place used to belong to my Uncle Ted Holunga and that was where he lived.

On May 4, 1941, Willie got married to Rose Merinuik (adoptive name Goraliuk).

Willie and Rose have three children, Patrick , Carl and Iris. Willie left the farm for Snow Lake Gold Mines, on May 14, 1954. Rose and her little family followed him in 1956, after a hail storm had totally damaged their 125 acres of wheat. At that time Patrick was 12 years, Carl 7 and Iris 2 years of age. Rose was the first lady to drive a car in Shell Valley district which was a blessing as she had to manage the home and family during this time and was in need of transportation on more than one occasion. The family settled in Snow Lake to stay.

In his life time, Willie loved fast ball, curling, golfing and hockey. He coached the midget teams. Both Willie and Rose were very active in the Elks and most community activities.

Willie retired from the mine on December 31, 1984, and has been enjoying his favourite sport, fishing and smoking fish.

Willie and Rose have had the misfortune of poor health this past year. Both are determined to attend the family reunion. We all pray for their health and looking forward to seeing them at the reunion.

PATRICK HOLUNGA

Patrick was born on July 10, 1941, in the Russell Hospital, the eldest son of Willie and Rose Holunga, grandson of Nestor and Irina Holunga, and great grandson of Peter and Agrapina Mintenko.

He was raised on the farm, enjoying horseback riding and driving the "Model A". He attended Shell Valley School until the age of twelve, when the family moved to Snow Lake, where his education was completed. Patrick enjoyed all kinds of sports.

October, 1961, Patrick was hired on with Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Co. as a raise miner.

In 1969, he apprenticed as an Electrician, the position he still holds today.

August 14, 1965, Patrick married the local school teacher, Joan Rendell. They continue to reside in Snow Lake and have raised three children.

- Valerie, born April 18, 1970, now residing and employed in Winnipeg.
- Shane, born on April 7, 1971, now attending University in Schenectady, New York.
- Jennifer, born May 5, 1976, presently in Grade XI at Snow Lake Collegiate.



Patrick, Joan, Shane, Jennifer and Valarie I Holunga

CARL HOLUNGA

Carl is the second son of Willie and Rose Holunga of Snow Lake, . Carl was born on April 15, 1947 at Jack Gorlick's farm, R.M. of Shell Mouth. Carl was raised on the farm and attended the Shell Valley school till the age of seven. In 1956 he moved to Snow Lake, Manitoba, with his mother, sister and brother where they joined their father who was working in the mines. He completed his education in Snow Lake. Carl loved hockey, dancing and curling. He worked in the mines for two years then took his electrical apprenticeship at Keewatin College in The Pas, Manitoba. He worked for two years in Thompson as an electrician for North West Electric.

A few years later he went to explore job opportunities in the U.S.A. He then worked in Timmins, Ontario for Kid Creek Copper.

Carl met his wife, Kay Gendron, in International Falls. They were married on June 3, 1972.

Carl and Kay have one daughter, Cari Ann, who is attending St. Joseph's College in Minnesota.

Recently Carl has been working in Winnipeg for the school board. Kay is a professional hair stylist.

His grandparents were Nestor and Irina Holunga (nee Mintenko), his "Moshu and Bunica". He does not recall his grandmother, Irina, but he certainly remembers Moshu for his good humour and his love for singing.



Kay, Carl Ann and Carl Holunga

IRIS (HOLUNGA) NIELSEN

Iris Valerie Holunga was born on June 11, 1953, in Roblin, Manitoba. Iris is the only daughter of Rose and Willie Holunga. She has two older brothers, Patrick and Carl. At the age of two years, Iris and family moved from Shell Valley, Manitoba to Snow Lake, Manitoba. Iris completed her Grade 12 in Snow Lake. She also attended Red River Community College for one year in Winnipeg.

Iris married Tom Nielsen, of Dunster, British Columbia, on September 27, 1975. Tom was born on January 27, 1954 in Mercede, California. At age six, Tom and family moved from New Jersey to Dunster, British Columbia.

Tom and Iris have made their home in Taber, Alberta, since September, 1977. They have three sons, Lance William Paul, Laurence Thomas and Landon Samuel.

Lance was born September 27, 1978. He is in grade 9, first year High School. Lance enjoys downhill skiing, mountain biking and percussion instruments in Band. Lance referees soccer and helps his dad with jobs.

Laurence was born November 8, 1980. He is in grade 7, Junior High. Laurence enjoys downhill skiing, soccer and Baritone Sax in Band. Laurence referees soccer and helps his dad with jobs.

Landon was born January 25, 1983. He is in grade 4. Landon enjoys hockey, soccer and fastball. He also helps his dad with jobs.

Tom is a carpenter and has his own business. February, 1991, he started Nielsen Construction. Tom enjoys hunting, fishing and hiking.

Iris is a homemaker. She keeps busy attending all her sons' hockey and soccer games. She has an antique cow-bell that she rings constantly at hockey games. She enjoys cooking and crafts.

The Nielsen's all enjoy travelling, camping, fishing, hunting and gardening. They took an eighteen day holiday to the Big Apple and New Jersey. Iris and the boys got to meet all Tom's relatives during the visit out East. Lance and Laurence have each won Junior All Around Fisherman of the Year. All the Nielsens are Fish and Game members and have a few shelves of trophies from hunting, fishing and photography.



iris and Tom



Tom. Iris, Lance, Laurenc e and Landon Nielsen



Keith, Brenda, Robert, Barry and Christopher (Kissy) Fraser



Barry, Brenda, and Grandma Joan Fraser

BRENDA KARITIAS (SADOWAY) FRASER

My immediate family consists of myself, my husband, Barry, and our three children; Robert, Keith and Christopher.

I was born on October 8, 1949, daughter of John and Vera Sadoway (nee Holunga), at Canora Union Hospital, Canora, Saskatchewan. I was then "carefully" transported to my parents residence in Mikado, Saskatchewan. This was my home until 1961. (I must add that in 1955 our family was blessed with the birth of my brother, Brent, which increased our family to four). I am told I was a talented child - playing the piano and singing like "an angel" - (I have a generous family in praise) - participating in ballet and tap dancing, public speaking, Four-H (planting my garden atop of potatoes in my parents' garden), bringing home numerous pets (cats, dogs, rabbits) etc.

After a tragic and terminal illness my mother passed away on May 30, 1961. In July of the same year we moved to Yorkton, Saskatchewan. In 1973 I met my husband there.

BARRY ROBERT FRASER:

Barry was born on January 8, 1952, son of Lauchlan and Joan Fraser (nee Dixon) at Dauphin General Hospital, Dauphin, Manitoba. Dauphin was his home for the first nineteen years of his life.

As a child he was very musical and mastered playing the trumpet. He became a member of the Dauphin Boys and Girls Marching Band. He loved sports and played "goalie" for his team. He was later involved with Air Cadets and worked his way up to the position of Warrant Officer. He also delivered papers and worked at Manco Dairies.

Barry's family was blessed in 1954 and 1956 with the additional births of brothers, Craig and Bill. All three boys kept their parents very busy and brought them countless hours of joy and adventure - all were musical, and formed their own band!

Before Barry graduated in 1969, he started working for Revelstoke Lumber Company. He worked his way up to Assistant Manager and was transferred to Yorkton, Saskatchewan in 1972. One year later he met his future bride - Brenda.

ROBERT LAUHLAN WILLIAM FRASER:

Robert is our eldest son. He made his appearance on June 24, 1974 at St. Anthony's General Hospital in The Pas, Manitoba.

He was so beautiful and tiny, weighing in at 5 1/2 pounds. Because Mom worked at the hospital, he became the pet of the nursery.

In 1975 Robert, Mom, and Dad moved to Brandon, Manitoba, as Dad was

transferred with his company. In 1976, the family was transferred to Swan River, Manitoba. In 1977 Robert gained a playmate with the birth of brother, Keith. However, his initial reaction to his brother was, "I don't want him - take him back." It didn't take long for them to become great pals.

In 1979, Robert's family of four, moved to Yorkton, Saskatchewan. Grandpa, John Sadoway, lived in Yorkton, and Robert and Keith loved to do things with Grandpa. Robert started school in Yorkton, and truly enjoyed it. In 1980, brother Chris made his appearance.

In 1983, Dad got a job in Portage la Prairie so the family moved again; and again on January 1, 1984, the family was transferred to Gimli, Manitoba, which has been home ever since.

In June, 1992 Robert made Mom and Dad very proud at his graduation from Grade 12.

Robert is presently employed at Faroex Ltd., and Interlake Met Rentals. He also at times helps Dad at the lumberyard.

When not working, he enjoys participating in sports.

KEITH BRENT JOHNATHAN FRASER:

Named after Uncle Brent, and Grandpa John, Keith arrived on April 13, 1977 at Swan River Valley Hospital, Swan River, Manitoba

Keith was a very alert and curious child, almost from the beginning, thus keeping the rest of his family on their toes - especially brother, Robert.

After moving to Yorkton, Keith expanded his horizons. He loved to tease everyone he came in contact with. In 1982 Keith started school and truly enjoyed each and every day there.

His growing up years were filled with wonderment for him. He loved a challenge and experiencing new things.

After moving to Gimli his talents began to shine. Being very athletic he began to excel in sports - in basketball, volleyball and tennis.

He also gained an interest in music, and after much pleading, got Mom and Dad to purchase a guitar and amp. Today he plays rhythm guitar in a band called "The Bitter End". He plays very well.

Keith has just turned sixteen and is now the proud holder of a "learners" license - and adding to Mom's and Dad's worries of having two sons now - behind the wheel.

Keith attends Gimli Composite High School and is presently in Grade X, and doing very well academically.

CHRISTOPHER STUART MacDONALD FRASER:

The last but certainly not the least member of the Fraser Family - and a true "Scotsman".

Christopher was born on June 22, 1980 at the Yorkton Union Hospital, Yorkton, Saskatchewan, with Aunt Susan playing coach to Mom.

Like brother, Keith, he became quick-witted and quite a tease at a fairly tender age.

His joy of life is infectious, enabling him to make friends easily, and then wrapping them around his little finger. Sometimes he is mischievous beyond words - but always with a great deal of humour.

He is presently in Grade VII and attending Gimli Elementary School. With much anticipation he looks forward to Grade VIII - in the high school - and much to the dread of brother Keith.

Christopher is also an avid sportsman - participating in soccer, volleyball, basketball and baseball. He enjoys music, listening to his "ghetto blaster" - rather than actually playing an instrument - and of course, Nintendo.

He is a Free Press Carrier, and has made friends with all his customers.

Mom believes that his overall nature and character is definitely an expression of her side of the family.

THE FRASER FAMILY are descendants of Simon Fraser and Mary, Queen of Scots: Barry, Brenda, Robert, Keith and Christopher.

Barry is the manager of North American Lumber in Gimli, and Brenda is his part-time bookkeeper and secretary. Together, they make a good team at work.

Barry is also President of Branch #182 in Gimli of the Royal Canadian Legion. Barry, Brenda and Robert are all associate-voting members of the Legion and work hard to serve their community through this wonderful organization.

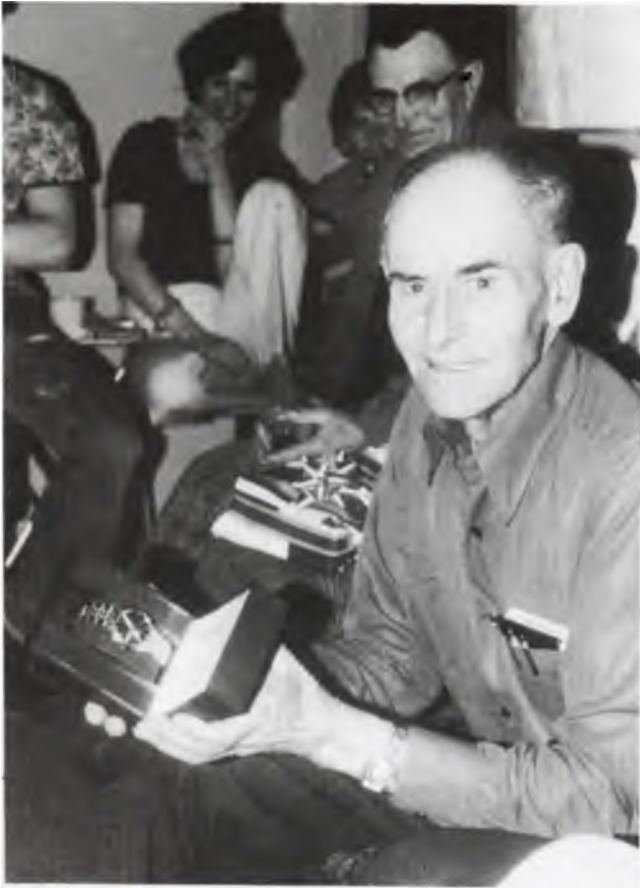
Brenda is also known (hee!) as the "Club Pro" at the Gimli Golf Course where she works three days a week besides her work at the lumberyard - and at home.

Together as a family we enjoy living and working in our community of Gimli, Manitoba.

We truly regret that we cannot be a part of this unique family reunion in the physical sense, but we do assure you we shall be with you in mind and spirit. We send our love and best wishes to all who are able to attend.

We encourage everyone to truly appreciate, enjoy and make this a wonderful experience to treasure for years to come, and hopefully some will inform us in a letter regarding this event.

God Bless and Love to All. "The Frasers".



John Sadoway



Robert Fraser on Graduation Day



Brenda Sadoway - appearance on CKOS Yorkton T.V.



Brenda, Brent and Vera Sadoway (1958)



Brent Sadoway Brenda Sadoway



Brent, Susan, Ryan, Jesse and Reid Sadoway

BRENT SADOWAY

Brent was born July 23, 1955, in Yorkton, Saskatchewan to John and Vera (nee Holunga) Sadoway. I lived in Mikado, Saskatchewan until the age of twelve whereupon I moved to Yorkton, Saskatchewan. I completed my secondary education in Yorkton, graduating Grade 12 in 1973. In the fall of 1974 I attended the Transport Canada Training Institute as a Radio Operator and graduated in July, 1975. Following my graduation, I was also married in July, 1975. I was posted in Churchill, Manitoba until November, 1977, whereupon I went back to school in Ottawa, Ontario to become an Air Traffic Controller, graduating in May, 1978. I spent two years in Thompson, Manitoba, and then relocated in 1980 to my present home in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. My interests consist of golf, hockey, and curling. My family consists of my wife, Susan, and sons, Ryan, Jesse and Reid.

SUSAN: (nee Gallagher) was born October 6, 1955, in Yorkton, Saskatchewan. She was the fourth child born to Bernard and Dorothy Gallagher. Susan has one sister and four brothers. Susan worked at the Bank of Montreal in Saskatoon until the birth of our first child. She is presently self-employed as a hair stylist and full time employed as a mother and wife! Susan's interests are crafts and curling.

RYAN: was born on April 13, 1982, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Ryan is actively involved in sports. He plays hockey, baseball, golf, swims, water skis and runs track. Ryan is a very caring boy and will be going into grade six this fall.

JESSE: was born on June 4, 1985, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Jesse also likes sports and plays hockey, soccer, swims, water skis and is starting to want to come golfing with Dad. Jesse is a very conscientious boy and will be going into grade three this fall.

REID: was born on July 16, 1988 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Reid is starting kindergarten this fall and is busy trying to keep up to his older brothers. He is involved in swimming and learning to ice skate. Reid has a very carefree disposition and is always ready to go watch another hockey game.

JOHN SADOWAY: Dad was born on January 24, 1911, in Asessippi, Manitoba, to Nestor and Katarina (nee Kobluk) Sadoway. He had two children, Brent and Brenda. He owned and operated an Esso Service Station in Mikado, Saskatchewan until 1966 whereupon he moved to Yorkton and worked as heavy duty mechanic until he retired. My dad's greatest gift were his grandchildren. Dad passed away on May 31, 1991.

VERA SADOWAY (nee Holunga): was born April 15, 1921, in Shell Valley, Manitoba, to Nestor and Irina (nee Mintenko) Holunga. Mom was taken from us at a very early age after a courageous battle with cancer. Mom passed away on May 30, 1961.



Nick Holunga



Carol Ann, Nick and Phyllis Holunga

**NICK HOLUNGA & WIFE PHYLLIS HOLUNGA
CAROL VERMEER (NEE HOLUNGA) , HUSBAND, JOHN VERMEER**

Nick was born in Shell Valley, March 2, 1923. He went to school at the public school in Shell Valley. Until 1941 he worked the farm with his father, when he received his first call to the Army. However, he was rejected for medical reasons. He then decided to go to Terrace, British Columbia where he worked in construction for a year and on to Prince Rupert to work in ship building for a time. However, he received his second call up to the Army and was accepted. He served in the Light Anti-aircraft Artillery for twenty-one months including overseas duty. After arriving home in February, 1945, some people would remark he was like Field Marshall Montgomery "won the war and came back home victoriously", hence the nickname "MONTY".

On his return home Nick purchased a farm from Jacob Iftody and while farming became interested in soft ball. Although he was working his own farm and also helping his father with his farm, Nick joined the Shell Valley Rangers soft ball team. Farming had looked pretty rosy to Nick until a great early killer frost ruined the entire crop. So devastating was this set back that mining seemed to be the one alternative to keep him on his feet. After six years working in the mines, back and spinal problems set in and he was automatically disqualified from further working underground.

Nick felt that if he went to Winnipeg he could perhaps turn his luck around. So he did, five years in auto-body repairs, five years in hairdressing. The last job for sixteen years was with the Winnipeg School Division, Division No. 1, in the combined capacity as custodian and fifth class power engineer. He retired in June, 1988, and hasn't had a day off since as his post trades kept him involved in hobbies to the limit.

In between all his working years (and while he was single) he did a fair amount of travelling. In 1953 he travelled to the West Indies and visited Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic , Haiti, Cuba and Jamaica. After that, a short tour of the United States and finally back to Hamilton, Niagara Falls and then back to Winnipeg.

Nick met Phyllis at the office of Community Homes, where Nick was also employed in the construction of new homes. Phyllis was in charge of the office, looking after payroll and also receivables as well as legal entries. Little did he know when they went for coffee in the cafe in the old Confederation Life Building in 1959 (when he took the time cards in for her to make up the payroll) that they would marry in the near future.

However, Community Homes failed, and the doors were closed. Nick and Phyllis kept in touch and were married June 30, 1961.

Phyllis was employed as personal secretary to Bob Bird of Bird

Construction at the time they were married. However, she left there in 1962 when they started having their house built. They moved into their house in September, 1962, and have lived there ever since.

Phyllis did not return to the work force for a few years after the house was built. After their daughter, Carol Ann was born, Phyllis did dressmaking at home because she did not want to leave Carol while she was just a baby, but still she did want to keep busy. After a few years she went to work for a brick company doing a combination of secretarial and accounting duties, she also learned to operate a bookkeeping machine. After about five years, she decided to change jobs and went to work for C.A. DeFehr & Sons, furniture people. There she worked in the accounting department and ran a mini-computer bookkeeping machine. Unfortunately, after eight years she was forced to take an early retirement and went on disability pension, due to osteoarthritis and osteoporosis. Moreover, because of the osteoporosis she has had severe back problems and cannot travel great distances, which means, of course, that she cannot participate in the family reunion.

Nick and Phyllis, nevertheless, are enjoying their retirement. They manage to help neighbours in the close vicinity of their home with such chores as shopping, shovelling snow and such, this keeps Nick going most of the time. Nick also helps from time to time with things that need doing at St. Demetrios Church in the city.

Carol Ann was working in the toy and sports departments at Sears in Kildonan Place. This is where she met John Vermeer whom she later married. This was Carol's first job and she worked there for the next six years. Carol decided after she and John became engaged that it was time to change her line of employment. So off to Red River College she went and enrolled in Architectural Drafting. After completing her course she was employed at Allans Glass in the drafting department for window and door installations. At this time she and John married (September 29, 1990). It was shortly after that things became very slow because of the economy and cutbacks and she was laid off. Unable to find a position in this same kind of work, she has since been hired as Assistant Manager in a leather goods shop and is thoroughly enjoying it.

Carol's main love in life is animals, particularly cats, she has two males, named Toonsis and Merlin, she also does needlecraft, sewing, as well as flower arrangements.

As mentioned earlier, John Vermeer was employed at Sears when he and Carol met. He was a mechanic in the automotive department and he also left Sears after he and Carol became engaged. John went to work at a Shell Service Station as a mechanic and was there until Shell decided to close many of their stations. However, his employer opened his own station for mechanical repairs and hired John as his assistant.

Carol's husband, John, takes great interest in late 60's and early

70's muscle cars, motorcylces and is especially interested in snowmobiles. He is a member of "Summitt Racing" a snowmobile drag racing team.

John, being post occupied, occupied and pre-occupied in his daily life as an automotive mechanic, motorcycle and snowmobile mechanics, recreational hobbies in soft ball playing, hockey, joy motoring and snowmobile racing is aptly portraying the life of the proverbial "Flying Dutchman".

John's parents were born in Holland; however, John was born in Winnipeg on November 8, 1961.



Carol Ann and John Vermeer



Nick Holunga's Retirement Party



Anna and John Hollinger



**Faye, Wayne, Jodi and John Ru
their home in Texas**



Todd Hollinger

JOHN HOLLINGER

John was born in Shell Valley, Manitoba, on March 21, 1924, to Nestor and Irina (nee Mintencu) Holunga. John took his schooling at the Shell Valley School. When he left school he worked at bush camps and saw mills in Hudson Bay, Saskatchewan for a couple of years. He then took a job at the Cordite plant in Transcona in 1941, a company making cordite for ammunition for the war. The company moved to Toronto and John started working for Burns & Company on June 24, 1942. His first job was shipping and packing.

Later on he took courses in Pork and Beef Operations. Through these courses he was trained to be a livestock buyer. On June 15, 1953 he transferred to Dauphin to buy livestock. On October 20, 1953, John married a young lady - Anna Fedorowich from Neepawa, Manitoba. Anna worked at Wawanesa Insurance.

Two years later they were transferred to Yorkton, Saskatchewan where John bought cattle at the Auction market. Anna worked at the Yorkton City Hall for the Mayor and City Clerk. Again two years later, John was transferred to Brandon, Manitoba where they lived for twelve years. While living in Brandon a daughter, Janice Faye was born on November 7, 1957. A son, Todd John was born on March 5, 1961. Once the children were in school, Anna took a part-time job working for the Dean at Brandon University. John kept busy being in charge of the hog buying operation as well as other duties.

John transferred once more - on July 8, 1968 the family moved to , Manitoba, and after forty-six years employment with Burns Meats, he retired in 1988.

In Winnipeg during the twenty years before retirement, Anna worked for thirteen years as executive secretary with Manitoba Pool Elevators.

JANICE FAYE and her husband, Wayne Alan Rubbelke were married in August, 1977

They now have two children, Jodi Ann, age 8, and John Alan, age 7. They reside in Dallas, Texas.

TODD JOHN is employed as an Ultrasonographer in the Radiology Department at Concordia Hospital in Winnipeg, Manitoba.



Mary Pitz

MARY (HOLUNGA) PITZ

I am the daughter of Nestor P. Holunga and Irene (nee Mintenko). I was born in the village of Shell Valley, Manitoba, in my parents' house.

I am the sixth child in the family of ten children. There were five boys and five girls in the family:

George (deceased) at age 39
Willie lives in Snow Lake, Manitoba
Nick lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba
John lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba
Alfred, the youngest, died at the age of seven.
Vera (deceased) at the age of forty
Myself, I live in Russell, Manitoba
Elizabeth (Betty) lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba
Virginia lives in Nepean, Ontario

I attended Shell Valley school which was located on my parents' southwest corner of the farm 30-24-28.

During the years I attended school, our jobs on the farm were helping with the garden, carding wool, stripping feathers, bringing the cows home from the road allowance or school land as people did not have pastures for their cattle, help with the milking of the cows, separate the milk, wash the pails and separator, put the cream on ice in the icehouse, bring wood into the house for the woodstove and box stove. As well, snow was brought in the house by the barrel to thaw and was used for washing clothes and other sanitary cleansing. We were also janitors of the school, the wage being \$3.00 per month. By the time I quit school the wage went up to \$5.00 a month.

In May of 1944 I married John Pitz in the Shell Valley Orthodox Church. We had nine children, five boys and four girls.

Agnes Marie
Irene Rose
Winnie Jane
Starlet Grace

Melvin Eugene
Walter James
Steven David
William Sheldon
John Adrian (deceased) at 13 months

My family are all on their own. I lived on the farm for 28 years. After my husband left in 1971, I moved to Russell in December of 1972 where I worked as a cook for Central Inn and Petro Canada.

In 1991 I retired at the age of 65 and am now enjoying a life of leisure. Recently I had been on a sea cruise which was most enjoyable.

MY GRANDPARENTS: PETRU and AGRAPINA MINTENCU

Submitted by: Mary Pitz (nee Holunga)

I am the daughter of Nestor and Irene Holunga (nee Mintenko). Peter and Agrapina Mintenko were my mother's parents.

The Mintenko family emigrated to Canada from Voloca, Cuciuru Mare, Romania (at that time under Austro-Hungary regime) in the year 1912. They purchased a quarter section of land by the Shell River in the Lennard, Manitoba district. Here they did mixed farming which included horses, cows, sheep, pigs and poultry.

I remember little about my grandparents, especially my grandmother, she had died when I was only twelve. I remember when she walked, her body stooped half way. She was a humble and pleasant lady and she worked very hard.

They had to walk up hill or cross the river no matter what direction they went to get to the main area where the store, town, school or church were located.

Their house was a two-room home, built out of logs, mud plastered both inside and out. Both interior and exterior of the house was always kept freshly whitewashed.

They also had a summer shack, where they cooked in summer; in this way the main house was kept cool and clean. This shack was also made out of logs and mud plaster. I cannot remember if it was whitewashed inside and outside. The floor was a mud floor. They also had a large oven made out of stones and mud, one was indoors and one was outdoors. Here is where grandmother would bake a large amount of bread at one time. The aroma! Such delicious bread!! She made a special broom to sweep her mud floor. This broom was made from a shrub called "Jesus' Whip". The shrub had very thin straight stems and grandmother would take enough twigs to form a broom about 2 feet long, which was then tied up with twine. This shrub is still flourishing in the gardens of Alex and Pauline Holovach.

Grandmother was a very clean woman and an excellent cook. remember her bringing pails of water from the river, having to carry them uphill to the house. I don't know if she always did this as she would also wash the clothes at home then take them to the river to be rinsed out. They had no clothesline so she would hang her clothes to dry on fences, shrubs and even lay them on the grass. Laying clothes on the grass today is a form of bleaching whites.

After the sheep had been sheared, the wool would be washed and carded. Grandmother would then spin the wool into yarn, dye the yarn and would produce the most beautiful hand made rugs which she would use to cover benches in her home as well as wall hangings.

As well, she knitted sweaters, mitts and socks.

We lived approximately five miles from Grandmother and Grandfather's place. If we went walking to their place (which was closest), we had to walk over two foot bridges before we got to their house. One bridge was before Uncle Louis and Auntie Elsie Mintenko's house; the other was just before their house. We would always stop and visit with my uncle and aunt before we proceeded to our grandparents. We would have our child play with our cousins and many times go to the river for a swim. This was the most exciting part of our trip - having the opportunity to swim in the river and learning to swim. I shall never forget the delicious chocolate cake Auntie Elsie used to serve us.

I remember my mother and father and some members of our family getting ready to visit our grandparents. The trip would be made by horse and wagon, taking the long route there which was all around and down a steep hill - no rivers to cross on this route. Because of the hills being so steep, my father would tie a chain around one back wheel so it would not turn, this would be the brakes - ingenious. This procedure was rather scary but at the same time we had a view of the valley below where our grandparents' home stood. I enjoyed going to visit my grandparents but I do not recall visiting them more than six times while grandmother was alive.

The location where my grandparents settled was actually a poor choice to settle but I suppose they thought if they were near water and the shelter of the bush it was a big investment, certainly more than they had back home - this to them meant "Beautiful Canada"



Agnes, Steven, Melvin, Walter, Rena & Winnie Jane Pitz

AGNES (PITZ) SENEK

Agnes is the first born child of John and Mary Pitz (nee Holunga). She was born on February 20, 1945.

Agnes attended Shell Valley School up to Grade VIII then continued her education up to Grade X at Inglis High School.

In 1963 she married Peter Senek and they lived in Red Lake, Ontario, where they owned and operated a Taxi business.

In 1971 they moved to Russell, Manitoba. Peter does carpentry work and Agnes enjoys being a homemaker and loves to cook. For the past eleven years, Agnes has been working part-time with Canada Post in Russell. Peter and Agnes are ardent golfers.

Agnes and Peter have four children; Angela May, Sandy Brian, Penny Marie and Thomas John. Recently, Peter and Agnes were blessed with two grandchildren; Dylan Reed Chase and Alyssa Marie Zimmer.



Agnes (Pitz) Senek



Melvin, Walter and Steven Pitz

MELVIN EUGENE PITZ

Born August 16, 1946, second child to John Pitz and Mary Holunga. Raised in Shell Valley, Manitoba.

Schooling: Elementary - Shell Valley
High School - Inglis Collegiate

I took one year off from school after failing grade eleven and went to Red Lake, Ontario, where I worked in the bush cutting logs and also in the Campbell Mine Assay Office.

I returned to school and completed grade eleven and twelve and graduated in 1966. After high school I went to Winnipeg and Aunt Betty helped me get my working career underway.

My first permanent job was as a lab technician in a Grain Research Lab.

In 1968 I quit that job to attend the Red River Community College. In 1970 I graduated as a Chemical Technologist and shortly after got a job as a Lab Technician with Environment Canada, Freshwater Institute in Winnipeg.

On March 10, 1973 I married Arlene Davidson, daughter of Laurie and Margaret Davidson. The wedding was held in Inglis.

On January 1, 1974, our first child was born. Shane was the "New Year Baby" in Fort Garry, Manitoba.

We were blessed again with daughter, Desiree Ann, on December 17, 1976.

In April of 1979, I had quit my job at the Freshwater Institute to take a Lab Technician position at the Prince Albert Pulp Mill, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

In April of 1983, I was made Lab Supervisor and worked there in that capacity until December, 1987, upon which time we moved to Kamloops, British Columbia.

In November, 1991, I left Kamloops to take on a position with Alberta Pacific Forest Products.

I now reside in Athabasca, Alberta. Our son, Shane, is enrolled in a two year Agricultural Mechanics Program at Olds, Alberta.

Our daughter, Desiree, is currently taking grade eleven. Her aspirations are to someday be a teacher.

WALTER PITZ

Walter was the third of nine children born to John and Mary (nee Holunga) Pitz of Shell Valley, Manitoba. As previously stated, Mary was the daughter of Nestor and Irina Holunga (nee Mintenko).

Walter was born on November 7, 1948 in Roblin, Manitoba, and was raised on the family farm in Shell Valley, Manitoba, NW 30-24-27 in RM of Boulton. He obtained his grade school education in Shell Valley and his high school education in Inglis. His grade 12 class was the last graduating class from the Inglis Collegiate.

He left home in July of 1966 at the age of seventeen years. Together with his brother Melvin, he went to Winnipeg and they stayed at their Auntie Betty and Uncle Lloyd Shewchuk's until fall of that year. After about a three-week stint in construction, Walter worked in the mail room at Manitoba Hydro for two months, then in October he obtained a Laboratory Technician position at the Canada Department of Agriculture (CDA) Research Station located on the University of Manitoba campus. By then he and Melvin moved into an apartment on Stradbrook Avenue.

From October of 1966 to September of 1976, he worked at CDA and attended University of Manitoba on a part-time basis, obtaining his BSA in 1974 and his M.Sc. in 1976. He also worked one year part-time (1973-1974) as a driving instructor for the Manitoba Motor League.

In June, 1974, he married Joan Iwaniuk (daughter of Julian and Olga) and in the fall of that year they moved into their house at 38 Harry Collins Avenue in Winnipeg. In 1976 they moved to Saskatoon where Walter entered a Ph.D. program in cereal science at the University of Saskatchewan and Joan worked as a secretary at the university. Upon completion of his program in the fall of 1979, they moved to Toronto, Ontario; where Walter worked as manager of research and development for Canada Malting Company until May, 1990.

His greatest blessings in life are his two children. Crystal Leigh and Mark James born on August 30, 1981 and July 22, 1983, respectively. The family moved to Winnipeg in July of 1990 where they reside at time of writing (March 1993). Walter, however, assumed an associate professor position in the Department of Cereal Science and Food Technology at North Dakota State University in Fargo, North Dakota, in November, 1991. He has been commuting every weekend since, but as one can imagine, the arrangement has been hard on the family. He recently accepted a job offer with Westcan Malting in Red Deer, Alberta, however, and they plan to relocate there as soon as their house sells.



Joan, Walter, Mark and Crystal Pitz

STEVEN DAVID PITZ

Steven was born on February 18, 1950, to John and Mary Pitz, at the Roblin Hospital. He was the fourth child and the third son born to John and Mary. He grew up at the family homestead in Shell Valley and has numerous fond childhood memories which would take too much space to describe. He graduated in 1968 from Major Pratt Collegiate in Russell, Manitoba (I'd like to be able to say with honours - as I've told my children often - if you call C- honourable!).

I quickly packed my bags and headed for the big city - Winnipeg - to attend Manitoba Institute of Technology (known today as Red River Community College) to obtain my degree in Instrumentation. After one year I had had enough and quit to seek employment. Off I headed to Thompson, Manitoba where I survived for three days (shortest job ever) and then on to Red Lake, Ontario. I survived there working several small jobs and found time to get involved with Rose Mazurek - who in 1971 I married. Our marriage was blessed with a son on April 8, 1971, named Darren David Pitz. Darren was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, where I was finishing my Instrumentation. My first job after graduating took me to The Pas, Manitoba, where I was employed at Manitoba Forestry Industry for three years. During this time our marriage was unstable and we parted our ways.

I moved to Prince Rupert, British Columbia, and was employed at Canadian Cellulose. Darren and my present wife, Shelley, joined me there. We lived there for about one year and then moved on to what we felt was a more promising climate - Grande Prairie, Alberta (NOT)! During our travels we had the opportunity to visit Kamloops, B.C. and all agreed it would be a great place to call home - someone was listening - in 1976 I was called for an interview at Weyerhaeuser - and has been home ever since. It was here Shelley and I decided to get married and chose February 17, 1979 as the happy day!

Shelley was born February 11, 1957, and raised in The Pas, Manitoba. She comes from a relatively small family with her mother, Daphne, still in The Pas, and her father deceased in 1972. She has two brothers, Lee (son A.J.) in The Pas, Manitoba, and Randy (Glenda/wife, two sons, Joshua and Aaron) in Toronto, Ontario. Her maternal grandparents are both deceased. She has two uncles from her father's side and Geido is still alive and well. Shelley graduated from M.B.C.I. in 1975 and is now self-employed in Real Estate.

Darren did his schooling from Kindergarten to Grade 12 in Kamloops, British Columbia. He graduated from Westsyde Senior Secondary in 1979 (a time we will always cherish)! Darren is now attending his fourth year of college at Cariboo. His first three years he obtained an Associate Degree in Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Geography.

As with most young people, Darren was not sure of his direction during which time a new course was in the process of being developed - the first of its type in Canada. Wouldn't you know it - it was exactly what Darren had been trying to describe to us as a career. So he is now in his first year of Natural Resource Science - a five year program. This is a field which deals with environmental management, a field where he will co-ordinate land usage between Forestry, Wildlife, Tourism, Fisheries, and the Ministry of Environment. Darren is living out on his own now and subsidizes his schooling fund by working each May - September at the local Pulp Mill - has been very fortunate to get on for the past three years. We all look forward to his graduation in 1997!

On February 27, 1985, Shelley and I were blessed with the birth of our daughter, Lindsay Erin Daphne Pitz. Darren was very pleased to have a sibling - even though there is an age difference they enjoy one another's company. Lindsay had the pleasure of having Shelley at home with her during her first seven years! We all enjoyed Lindsay as a toddler - watching her grow and discovering new things daily! Lindsay is presently attending the same elementary school big brother went to - Westmount Elementary and is doing well. Lindsay is constantly fielding different interests - jazz, soccer, swimming, down-hill skiing, ballet, and Brownies. Number one on her list is down-hill skiing followed by swimming which she seems to excel at.

To end this family write-up I want to take a few lines to express our thanks to all those dedicated family members that took the interest, effort and time to put this book together. We are all looking forward to **the weekend** of July 31, 1993.



Shelly, Lindsay, Steven and Darren Pitz



Lindsay Pitz



Darren Pitz



Rena Pitz (five)

IRENE ROSE (Rena) (PITZ) CROSS

Named after my grandmothers, Irene Holunga (nee Mintenko) and Rose Pitz (nee Budz). I am the fifth child born to Mary Pitz, (nee Holunga).

I am a graduate of Roblin Collegiate, Roblin, Manitoba.

Married to Thomas Robert Cross

Vassilios Evagelou Voukelatos

I am the proud mother of three precious children born to me:

Dayne Robert Cross - born 1973 - Graduate

Brandi Rose Cross - born 1975 - Graduate

Evangelos Vassiliou Voukelatos (Vageli) - born 1989

I hold a Diploma in Early Childhood Education and operate my own Day Care Centre. My career is teaching pre-school children. I am in co-partnership of the Bella Vita Restaurant in Maple Ridge, British Columbia where I presently reside.



Rena



Dayne, Brandi and Vageli

WINNIE JANE PITZ

I am the daughter of Mary Pitz (nee Holunga), and John Pitz.

I was born on November 1, 1955, in Inglis, Manitoba. I was delivered by midwife, Mrs. Choropita. I was baptized Agrapina Winnie Jane Pitz. I was raised in Shell Valley, Manitoba on my parents' mixed farm.

I received my education; grades 1 - 5 at Shell Valley School; grades 6 - 8 at Inglis School; grades 9 - 11 1/2 at Roblin School and grade 11 1/2 - 12 in Russell School.

My first teacher was Tom Marcinick for grades 1 - 3 of Shell Valley country school. In grade 3 I won an Art contest.

Upon receiving my grade 12 diploma in 1974, I entered the University of Winnipeg, enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts Program.

After completing the year I opted for a Social Work Certificate course which I attained at Assiniboine Community College, Brandon, Manitoba.

In 1976 I was hired by the Government of Canada, Department of Employment & Immigration, working in the capacity of an insurance officer. I worked in The Pas and transferred to Thompson. In the fall of 1979 I quit the government to travel and go back to university.

In December, 1979 I left to travel Western Europe. I visited the countries of England, Germany, Austria, Greece, Italy, Spain, Holland and France. I obtained a working visa and worked in Austria at a ski resort for 1 1/2 months.

In the fall of 1980, I returned to university, University of Manitoba, entered in my second year towards my Bachelor of Arts. During this year I discovered my passion for the fine arts and thought, God willing, I would teach myself the skill of oil painting.

After completion of my university year I travelled west with my new found purpose.

I lived in Whitehorse, Yukon for 2 1/2 years, then returned to work for the government and while there I also had the opportunity to travel to Alaska and the N.W.T.

In 1985, I moved to Vancouver to be close to my sister, Rena, the nice weather and the ocean. I worked many short term jobs while in B.C., with the provincial government and the federal government, as well as in the hospitality industry.

In 1988 I returned to Manitoba to visit my mother and I fell in

love with a farmer, Ted Hawryluk. Ted and I farm 12 miles north of Roblin, involved in a grain and beef operation.

I am still interested in painting and God willing, I will be able to complete a picture one day.



Winnie Jane Pitz



STARLET GRACE (PITZ) MAR

I am the sixth child of John and Mary Pitz (nee Holunga).

I married GILBERT MARTIN MAR	D.O.B. - January 13, 1956
We have two sons - NIKITA CECIL MAR	D.O.B. - January 29, 1990
- ELIJAH ADRIAN MAR	D.O.B. - February 1, 1992

I was born in Roblin, Manitoba. I was raised in Shell Valley, Manitoba until I was fifteen years old, at which time we moved to Russell, Manitoba. I graduated from Russell Major Pratt Collegiate in 1975.

I moved to Saskatoon in 1976. I met my husband Gil in 1977; he is originally from Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. We were married in Saskatoon on July 14, 1984.

I have been employed with the Department of Justice for the past twelve years. I work at the Saskatchewan Provincial Correctional Center. I have worked with adult offenders, young offenders and I am presently working in the Drug and Alcohol Treatment Unit.

Gil is an office manager at Helgason Roofing.

We were blessed with two beautiful sons, Nikita and Elijah, both born in Saskatoon.



Gilbert, Starlet, Nikita and Elijah Mar

WILLIAM SHELDON PITZ

Sheldon was born on January 5, 1961 in Roblin, Manitoba. He was raised on the farm in Shell Valley, Manitoba till the age of thirteen.

Moved to Russell, met future wife Gina Smart. Moved to Winnipeg in 1983, where we were resident managers of apartment buildings.

Got married on July 28, 1984 to Gina Smart who was from Binscarth, Manitoba, daughter of Garth and Edith Smart.

In 1985 we decided on self-employment and started Custom Sweeping, power sweeping parking lots and painting lines.

We gave up apartment living in 1988 and bought our own house where we presently reside at 1340 Pandora Avenue.

Our business was expanded to include concrete care and beautifying and started an advertising business in 1989 and began business in demolition in 1992.

Through years of being self-employed we encountered ups and downs but enjoy the lifestyle and we are convinced this is the life for us.

The most enjoyment in both our lives happened on October 20, 1992 at 6:40 p.m. when our baby daughter, Amanda Mae was born.

Proper recognition and appreciation should be given to those who brought the family together in this book.

Love to all from Sheldon, Gina
and Amanda



THE WORONIUK FAMILY

Winnifred Woroniuk, born Agrapina Holunga, seventh child to Nestor and Irene Holunga at the homestead in Shell Valley, Manitoba.

Winnie left home in her early teens and attended high school in both Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Ensuing that, she entered the Teacher Training College and taught school in Winnipeg for several years. In her later years, Winnie received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Winnipeg, majoring in History. She is married to Bill Woroniuk who was born in Ashern, Manitoba to Russian Orthodox parentage, where he lived his youth on the family dairy farm, later, relocated to a mink hobby farm in St. Charles, Manitoba. Following high school he enlisted in the Signal Corps, in the Royal Canadian Army, serving three years. He attended the Manitoba Technical Institute and the Red River Community College in Winnipeg. He retired from the Canadian National Railway after 25 years of service.

They have a normal life with love and laughter, sorrow and rift and a lot of prayer; experienced aches and pains and thank the Great Sustainer for many blessings. They have a son, Darryl George Burton (Bonnie) and a daughter, Ember Eerena Benson (Wayne) and a grand-daughter, Hayley Winona Burton, "the beautiful".



Winnie Woroniuk



Wayne and Ember Benson, Darryl, Bonnie and Hayley Burton, Winnie and Bill Woroniuk

THE BURTON FAMILY

Darryl is the only son of William and Winnifred Woroniuk (nee Holunga) and is married to Bonnie (nee Winship).

Darryl was born and raised in Winnipeg completing grade twelve and receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the University of Winnipeg. He is currently employed by Air Canada for the past fifteen years in the Flight Operations department. Bonnie also grew up in Winnipeg, completing grade twelve along with a Bachelor of Education degree and a pre-Masters degree in Special Education. Bonnie is currently employed by the Interlake School Division (Stonewall Centennial School) and is the Resource teacher for grades four to eight.

Darryl and Bonnie have recently added a new member to their family. Hayley Winona (named after both grandmothers, Winnifred and Iona) is now two and a half years old and is an eternal delight and constant happiness to both their lives. The three enjoy travelling, camping and currently reside in Winnipeg.

WAYNE & EMBER (WORONIUK) BENSON

Ember was born in Winnipeg, second child and only daughter of William and Winnifred Woroniuk. Educated in Winnipeg, Ember received her Registered Nurse Diploma (St. Boniface Hospital) and Intensive Care Certificate (Health Sciences Centre) as well as a Bachelor of Nursing degree from the University of Manitoba.

After Ember received her certificate in SCUBA diving, she travelled to Honduras in Central America where she met Wayne on a dive vacation. The romance between them culminated with a wedding in Winnipeg, followed by a honeymoon in Europe. Ember enjoys studying voice and has her Private Pilots license.

Wayne was also born in Winnipeg, only son of Raymond and Ellen Benson. He enjoys studying History and followed his studies through to a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and Political Science. He also studies German language, interior decorating, plays hockey and golf and currently holds the position of Junior Chairman at the St. Boniface Golf Club.

Together Wayne and Ember participate in down-hill skiing, Scuba diving, golf and the pursuit of happiness in their new home in Winnipeg.



Gerry and Betty Guenther aboard the Oceans Cruise Ship



Mosu, Nistor Holunga with his daughter, Betty and Grandsons, Derek and Kurt Shewchuk

GUENTHER, LISAVATA (ELIZABETH)

Betty was born on April 27, 1934 in the Russell Sacred Heart Hospital, daughter of Nistor Procopi Holunga, farmer, and Irina Holunga (nee Mintencu); of Shell Valley, Manitoba. Her parents were of Romanian decent and both were born in Voloca, Cuciuru Mare, a village in Bucovina, Austria. Betty was baptized in the St. John Romanian Orthodox Church, Shell Valley, Manitoba. Her godparents were Atanase and Oglia Holovaci. Betty was the ninth child of ten.

Elizabeth attended primary school at the Shell Valley School, (S.D. No. 1905, formed, on September 8, 1917). The school was located at the corner of her parents' homestead, (N.W. 19-24-27).

Betty's first teacher, in Class "A", was Mr. Morris Kalushka. Her Grade 8 teacher was Miss Edith Gorlick of Shell River, Manitoba. Miss Gorlick was the first teacher of Romanian descent to teach in the Shell Valley School. Miss Gorlick was a family descendant, her mother, Victoria, was the niece of Petru Mintencu.

Betty commenced High School at Goose Lake Collegiate in Roblin, continuing High School at Daniel MacIntyre and St. Johns Tech. in Winnipeg, Manitoba. During the years of studies, Betty worked for her room and board.

After a year of studies at Success Business College, Betty's first real job was with a law firm, at a salary of \$135.00 per month. Her office career continued for several years, at various firms, until her first son, Derek, was born. During her five years at home, Betty assisted her husband, Lloyd, in his private practice (as a psychometrician).

During the first year of her working career, Betty taught basic dancing (on Saturday mornings) at Arthur Murray's Dance Studio and did modelling through the Viola Cowdy Modelling School for several community centres and once for the Hudson Bay Store.

Betty married Lloyd Albert Shewchuk on September 6, 1958, at the St. Augustine United Church in Winnipeg.

At the time of marriage, Lloyd was a student. He continued his studies, receiving his masters degree at the University of Manitoba. He went on to receive his doctor of philosophy degree in Psychology (summa cum laude) at the University of Ottawa. Lloyd was employed with the Selkirk Mental Hospital as the first psychologist on staff.

In the summer of 1971 the family moved to Hastings, Nebraska, U.S.A., where Dr. Shewchuk obtained employment as Head of the Psychology Department at the Nebraska State Hospital.

Betty was employed in the small town of Grand Island, Nebraska, by Dr's. Murphy and Herrick, Superintendents of the Nebraska Methodist

Churches. Betty also worked part-time for The Pinkerton Detective Agency as a detective for two major department stores.

The family moved again, this time to Irvington, New York, a historical village just 40 miles outside of Manhattan.

In New York, Betty was employed as a secretary with Remington Rand. She also sold Avon products and worked part-time with the Howland Department store. Her last employment in New York was for the Blue Mountain Middle School as a "Teachers Aid".

A wonderful family acquaintance occurred while living in the Eastern States with her cousin Sandra Courtney, (nee Motoshosky), her husband Dick and their three children, Kevin, Karen and Colleen, who were living outside of Boston, Massachusetts. They frequently visited each other, enjoying being a family.

Through the years Betty was always very involved with community activities: the church, the schools and was a "Den Mother" for the local Boy Scouts troop, a chauffeur for her sons' many activities. She was also active in the Ladies Auxiliary at the Peekskill Hospital and a fund raiser for different organizations. Betty enjoys homemaking, decorating, and most of all enjoys cooking. Her love for entertaining and dinner parties were well received and enjoyed by her friends. Her home was open to all.

Lloyd and Betty's marriage dissolved in May of 1976. Betty and Kurt, along with their dogs "Misty" and "Boy" returned to Winnipeg. Derek spent that summer working at a friend's resort in Sylt, Germany, joining his mother and brother in August. Here the family enjoyed their home on Kylemore Avenue for ten years.

During these years Betty was a self-supporting, single parent. Her first job back in Winnipeg was at the Winnipeg Free Press as a multigrapher. Six months later she obtained employment with the Federal Government. At present, Betty is employed as Supervisor of Records Management and Mail Services at Health & Welfare Canada, Medical Services Branch.

During the first years back in Winnipeg, their greatest moral support was received from Betty's father. Betty, Derek and Kurt fondly remember his warmth, concern and hugs until his passing on May 8, 1985.

Upon return to Winnipeg, Betty became involved with Folklorama and held the position of deputy mayorship of the Romanian Pavilion for one year. It was during this tenure that she developed a strong desire to learn more about her heritage. Thus, in April of 1981, Betty travelled alone to Russia, making acquaintance with the Holunga family. Because of strict custom and entry to a communist country, Betty was only allowed to stay in Voloca, Bucovina for two days. There was no time to visit the maternal side of the family (Mintencu) as was planned, although she did manage to meet Saveta Dohie, a niece to Constantine Mintencu (see photo inset). During

this trip Betty visited many parts of Romania, Hungary and Italy.

Betty was fortunate to obtain a good collection of Romanian artifacts during her trip to Romania and Voloca. For many years she displayed these artifacts at the Museum of Man and Nature, and Festivals at Dauphin, Gimli and Steinback, at the Stony Mountain Penitentiary, as well as at various schools throughout Winnipeg and surrounding areas.

In recognition of Betty's ten years of volunteer services at the Museum of Man and Nature she was awarded on April 30, 1987, a gold pin by the Honourable Dr. George Johnson, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, at a reception at the Government House on the legislative grounds in Winnipeg.

DEREK LLOYD SHEWCHUK: was born on the 6th day of February, 1962 in the Ottawa Civic Hospital, Ottawa, Ontario. Derek was baptized on July 8, 1962, at the Crescent Fort Rouge Church in Winnipeg. His Godparents are, Lili Conway and Gary Speed.

Derek received his Bachelor of Arts (Economics) in 1987, completed the Canadian Securities Course in 1988. Following employment for two years at the Royal Bank, Derek is presently studying Respiratory Therapy at the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg.

On August 22, 1987, **Derek Shewchuk** married **Irene Oleszko** at the St. Andrew Bobola Church in Winnipeg.

Derek's wife, Irene, works as a coordinator at X-CAN Grain where she quickly worked her way through the ranks. Irene also has her own hairdressing business at home. Derek and Irene are proud owners of a rottweiler-shepherd by the name of "Bosiphis" (Bo Bo).

Irene and her twin brother Edward were born on June 20, 1961 at the St. Boniface Hospital. Irene has three sisters and one brother. Her parents, Wladyslaw Oleszko and Wanda, his wife, (nee Targonska) emigrated from Poland after World War II and settled in Winnipeg. Wanda is a survivor of the Dachau Concentration Camp where she spent seven years of her childhood.

KURT BLAIR SHEWCHUK: Kurt was born on the 22nd day of October, 1964 at the Women's Pavilion Hospital in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Kurt was baptized on March 14, 1965, at the St. John's United Church in Winnipeg. His Godparents are, Dr. Jack Ledger and Mrs. Pat Ledger.

After completing studies in Computer Electronics, Kurt followed his heart and took employment selling camping equipment, and enjoying, at that time, the great outdoors of Canada and the United States. He is presently studying in the Sciences, planning a career as an Environmental Specialist.

Derek and Kurt have a half brother, "Ryan O'Byrn Shewchuk" born to Dr. Lloyd Shewchuk and Kathy O'Byrn Shewchuk on May 1, 1983, in White Plains, New York. He resides with his parents in San

Francisco, California.

Betty remarried on October 15, 1988 to **Horst Gerhard Guenther (Gerry)**, at the Faith Lutheran Church in Winnipeg. Her children, Derek, his wife Irene and Kurt were attendants. Gerry and Betty honeymooned in Las Vegas, Nevada. They also took a two week Caribbean Cruise on the Oceanos Cruiseship, visiting a total of 14 islands. (Incidentally, this liner sank two years later and, ironically, the crew was first to leave the ship. Fortunately there were no fatalities.)

Gerry Guenther was born in Magdeburg, Germany on March 12, 1924, to Franz Guenther (Train Conductor), and his wife, Margarete (nee Lahn). Gerry's only brother and the eldest son, Alfred was killed in action in France. He served with the Germany Army as a Tank Commander, receiving the "Iron Cross" for bravery and heroism. Margarete passed away in 1979. Gerry's paternal grandparents were born and resided in Forbach, France.

Gerry also served his country in World War II, in the Infantry, at which time he was captured by the Russians. In 1945, he made a daring escape to West Germany.

On arriving in Canada in 1951, Gerry worked at various jobs while continuing his education. Following that, he was employed for many years by Manitoba Telephone System as a power engineer.



SHELL VALLEY SCHOOL (1949-1950) Teacher: Miss Edith Gorlick.
Doris Ungerain, Virginia Holunga, Vera Dohie, Elizabeth Holunga, Mary Paulenko, Johnny Motoshosky, Albina Chewka, Martha Zitaruik, Olympia Gorda. Centre: Evelyn Hollovach, Evelyn Chewka, Peter Manael, Albert Manael, Nick, Manael, Sylvia Paulenko, Johnny Dohie, Jackie Ungerain, Carrie Paulenko. Front row: Margie Zitaruik, Neil Dohie, Eddy Chewka, Partick Holunga, Margie Gorda, Mavis Motoshosky, David Toderain, Emily Paulenko.



Derek & Kurt Shewchuk (at Derek's wedding)



Betty Holunga (age four)



Derek and irene Shewchuk



Irina Holunga with Betty & Gina



Chore time - Nistor Holunga and his daughter, Betty



**Cozma Motoshoski harnessing horses to van
in front of Nistor Holunga's house.**

THE HOLUNGA - RICE SAGA

Virginia Holunga was born in Russell, Manitoba on 8 April, 1936 as the tenth and last child of Nestor and Irina. She grew up among the loving embrace of dad, mom, brothers, sisters and numerous relatives. She was the last to leave home and left dad on his own when she went to Winnipeg at fifteen to attend school there. Sister Winnie and her husband Bill were a tremendous help and encouragement to Gina in those early and tender years. After school she moved to Brandon and on one dreamy night with romance in the air, she danced right into the arms of Latham B.

LATHAM was born in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, the only son of Marjorie (nee Belyea) and Thomas Flint Rice. At the age of five, after the death of his father, his mother took him to live with his Grandmother in Saint John, New Brunswick. Almost immediately thereafter, he spent 2 1/2 years in the hospital with a mild case of Tuberculosis. A return to Grandmother's house didn't work so well, so while mom stayed with Grandmother, Bernie was boarded here and there. He left that scene when he joined the Canadian Army at the age of seventeen. Bernie credits the Army with having taught him the finer points of being a responsible adult. His career took him to Shilo, several west coast locations, Korea and Rivers where he fell into the arms of

Virginia Holunga became Gina Rice on a snowy 22 day of November, 1958, when she married Latham B. Bernie and Gina both worked for the first three years when Gina was a telephone operator and Bernie was an instructor at the Canadian Force's Air Supply School.

They left for Werl, Germany on the Cunard Line's Saxonica in the fall of 1961 and they enjoyed their second honeymoon on board the ship. What a trip it was! They disembarked in LaHavre, France, and took a train to their new home in a Canadian military community

The three years in Germany passed all too quickly because there was never an idle moment. If Bernie wasn't working or on exercise, they were travelling around Europe. Bernie used to say that he moved from one tent to another as he packed away his exercise gear and took out his touring kit. But they saw everything in Western Europe and even got to see Yugoslavia. On one such trip, Nana took time away from her job and joined them for a nice long visit. They couldn't visit Romania because Bernie was with the military. They also went to see the "Rock" and North Africa as well as the British Isles.

They departed Frankfurt, Germany for Brandon, Manitoba in 1964 as Bernie returned to work at Canadian Forces Base Rivers as a Crew Chief on the CH 113A Voyager helicopter. What a homecoming that was, for shortly after their return, **Laird** joined them on 3 October 1964, and **Tara** entered the fray on 17 May 1966. Laird was born in Brandon General and Tara in the Riverdale Hospital in Rivers,

Manitoba.

They left Rivers for Borden, Ontario while Tara was still a babe-in-arms. Bernie was on a year long course in which he was required to live in barracks and Gina ended up living in a small trailer with two infants - what a challenge that was! Times were good though and Bernie did find many excuses to be with his family. They spent six years in Borden while they lived in four different homes, and watched Laird and Tara leave mom's apron to head into the hallowed academic halls.

They moved to Calgary, Alberta as Bernie went to join the Army of the West. Although he was the Base Transport Officer, he still spent a good portion of his time in the field, but not as much time as everyone else did. He was warned to go to three different overseas locations and went to none, so he was able to spend quality time with the family. Gina, for her part devoted herself to keeping the home fires bright. She was always there when Laird and Tara came home, and this was to be the most memorable aspect of their growing years, the fact that mom was always home waiting for THEM. Laird and Tara spent their early school years at Sarcee in Calgary until 1975 when the family again packed to follow dad East to Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

There was no exercises for dad at Portage, so the family was able to spend a lot of time together. Nana Rice had joined them in Calgary and she lived nearby again in Portage. It was good that Laird and Tara had Nana close by as they progressed through elementary school. The major event of their lives occurred in 1976 when the family came one by one to know Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour! However, in 1977 it was again time to move, this time to Wellington, Ontario while dad was working at CFB Trenton.

Trenton became a bench mark post for a number of reasons. First of all, Nana moved into a suite within the family home. Laird started high school and dad hung up his uniform to become the CFB Trenton Base General Safety Officer and a civilian employee. Also, Bernie reached the finale to his hobby while with the Trenton Flying Club and his appointment as Chief Flying Instructor. His only piloting job after leaving Trenton was to ferry a Bellanca Scout from Calgary to Montreal. In fact, things were so well established in Trenton that the family told everyone they were there to stay when dad got an offer (he couldn't refuse) and he was off to Montreal with Laird in tow. This was a particularly hard time for the whole family for it was a family divided, and remained that way for eleven months, which was the time it took to sell the Wellington home.

Dad and son had a special relationship in Montreal as did mother and daughter in Wellington. One particular arrangement made by the two "men" was who did what in the eating chain and it was decided that Laird would cook and dad would wash. Meals were always cooked on time, even if dad was not due home until long after the supper hour and it came to pass that he loves cold foods.

That day in 1981 when the family was reunited in St. Hubert (Montreal), was a red letter one indeed. Both father and son marvelled at just how good food can taste, and that was the least of the benefits that they at last could enjoy. Laird and Tara were growing in leaps and bounds and the house was always filled with the joyful voices of their friends. It was while attending the Greenfield Park Pentecostal Church, that Laird and Tara both grew in the Lord as did Bernie and Gina. Sadly the day came that Nana could no longer cope in a normal home setting and had to move into a facility offering special care.

In mid 1983 father and son were on the move again, this time to Ottawa where son went to Ottawa University and graduated with BA Psychology while dad accepted the post of Head Plans and Programs in the Directorate of General Safety. Mother and daughter were again left behind to sell the home. Tara was in CEGEP (Quebec college) at this time and after one year mom was to leave daughter behind for Tara to finish her courses as the house sold and mom joined father and son in Ottawa. Tara fared well on her own that year and was soon back with the family in Ottawa. But the time was now approaching when the family would become a family once again divided. First, tragedy struck with the death of Nana. Then Laird was off to Atlantic Bible College in Moncton, for a year after which he went to Regent College in Vancouver. Tara was away in Eastern Bible College in Peterborough, Ontario for four years and for all that hard work she and mom took a three week trip to Israel. When they returned, she graduated with a BTh and was taken on the staff of Whitby Pentecostal Church. One year later Tara joined Friends in the West. She is now a Tour Leader with the African Children's Choir. Ah yes, they were home off and on over the years, but time sped by all too fast. On one such trip, Laird took a Woodvale Pentecostal Church girl to be his wife, and Lori Foster joined the Rice family. Lori is from the Stratford, Ontario area but her family, like ours, is spread all over.

At time of writing, dad and mom are sharing a big house all by themselves and they are enjoying a renewed time together. Laird and Lori live in Burnaby where Laird is a computer consultant and Lori is working for a law firm as a legal assistant. They both like to travel and last summer (1992) took a trip to Ireland. Tara is in Arlington, Washington, about two hours from Burnaby where she is just leaving for a year long road tour. The family will be meeting again this summer at Russell, Manitoba at the 1993 family reunion and so they will have a reunion within a reunion and perhaps it will be just one of many. What a time of celebration it will be, so make sure you don't miss it and may God's richest blessings be with us all!



Bernie, Gina, Lori, Laird and Tara Rice



Betty and Gina in Romanian National Costume



Marjorie (Nana) and Thomas Flint Rice

Maruta

MARUTA (MINTENKO) MOTOSHOSKI

Maruta, daughter of Petru and Agrapina Mintenko, married John (Cozma) Motoshoski in 1917. They first homesteaded SW 17-24-27 in Boulton but were forced to relocate during the depression. They purchased SW 33-24-27 also in Boulton in 1930. Their family consists of:

Sandy (Martha) (Mrs. Richard Courtney), Vera (Mrs. Ken Ready), Elsie (Mrs. Mike Galatiuk), Florence (Mrs. Nick Onofrechuk), Pauline (Mrs. Alex Holovach), Sylvia (Mrs. Ted Bulbeck), George (Lena), and John (Elaine).

Cozma passed away in 1959 and Maruta in 1977.



**Martha, Vera, Elsie, George, Florence, Cozma, Sylvia,
Maruta, John and Pauline Motoshoski**



Motoshoski - Family and friends gathering

ELSIE (MOTOSHOSKI) GALATIUK

I was born on August 2, 1921 on the farm at Shell Valley, Manitoba, Section 24-27. We lived on that farm until 1930. I had six sisters and two brothers.

My dad bought another farm around Shell Vale district. There we built a new home which was made out of logs, covered with a plaster made out of earth which was mixed with straw and wet earth. This earth was dug from the ground to which water was added as well as straw and a horse was used to tramp it down to the proper consistency. With a scraper, this plaster mixture was plastered to the walls and ceiling of the log frame house. The ceiling part inside the house was made out of willow logs approximately three inch round circles then plastered with this mud and straw mixture. We had all of the close neighbours along with their wives and children gather to plaster our house which was completed in one day. The neighbours' wives helped with the cooking which fed all the workmen and everybody else who was involved in this "plastering bee". Everyone seemed very happy in doing this, it also served as a social gathering. After the plaster was all dry, then came the fine finishing plaster which was made out of horse manure, sand, clay, and earth to which water was added. All this was again done in a hole in the ground only this time the men and children got into the hole and barefooted tramped this mud till it was thoroughly mixed and ready for final plastering.

The following day everybody came back, the husband, wives and children. This time the wives took part with the final touches. Using a spatula, they gave the walls and ceiling a final touch with a very thin, smooth layer of the previous coating. After that was done then the stairs to the second floor had to be made, windows and doors to be placed. My father had two carpenters to do that job, one was Nistor Nitalie (Holunga) and Alex Bodnariuk.

In the month of September, after threshing we moved into the house. Mother, with the help of her daughters, did all the white washing. The whitewash was made out of fine sand, lime and water which was mixed to the right consistency to which a touch of bluing was added which produced a whiter white. Mother had to apply three coats of this mixture before she felt it was perfect. All the children helped with the painting of the doors and windows, done up in a light green. The floors were made of plain lumber which were kept scrubbed and cleaned. To keep them a golden colour, lye was added to the water. This solution was very hard on the hands and most times after washing the floors in this solution, our fingers would have holes in them from being eaten by the lye. We were all settled in our new home by Christmas of 1932.

I had started school in Shell Vale but only stayed in school till Grade 5 as I had to go to work. I was only 12 1/2 years old when I went to work for Jack Gilmour in Russell, Manitoba. I worked from April until October at \$7.00 per month. In seven months' time

I was able to purchase a winter coat and a pair of shoes, and I believe, two dresses. I worked during the summer months only till I got married to Mike Galatiuk in 1941.

After I got married, Mike and I lived in Birtle, Manitoba for eight years, then we came to Inglis. For a few years I operated the Inglis Restaurant. While in Inglis, Mike worked with his brother, Bill in the garage. They worked together until Bill sold his garage to Ted Holunga for a body shop. Mike then worked for Peter Gaber who had bought the Esso Garage. He worked there until his death in 1965.

Shortly after Mike's departure, I went to work as a "cook" for a road construction firm and continued to do so till my retirement in 1986.

Mike and I were blessed with three children. Ernie lives in Brandon, working at the Brandon Mental Hospital as a Psychiatric Nurse. Virlie lives in Roblin and works at the Roblin Hospital. Gail lives in Beausejour. Both she and her husband are employed at the Beausejour-Correctional Institute.

I lived in the Roblin Senior Home for three years, then moved in 1990 to a Seniors Home in Yorkton, Saskatchewan.



Ernie, Darren and Betty Galatiuk



**Ted and Verlie Ungurian
and Brad Bond**



Gail, Doug, Krista and Kerry Fox



Peter Gabor (Best Man), Mike and Elsie Galatluk, and Lena Gabor (Lady of Honour)



Elsie's wedding attendants: Martha Motoshoski, Vera Holunga, Vera Burla and Mary Mintenko

FLORENCE (MOTOSHOSKI) ONOFRECHUK

Florence was the daughter of Cozma and Maruta Motoshoski. In 1941 Florence and Nick Onofrechuk were united and lived on a small farm in Blue Wing, Manitoba. They had a family of five children. Florence died in 1952, age 29. Nick died in 1986, age 84.

LAVERNE & GAIL ONOFRECHUK:

Vern and Gail Onofrechuk live in McRae, Alberta. They have three children and two grandchildren: Darryl and son James of Edmonton, Alberta; Anita of St. Paul, Alberta; Crystal and son Nicholas of Edmonton, Alberta.

EMILY & JIM WOWCHUK:

Emily and Jim Wowchuk reside in Regina, Saskatchewan. They have two children and two grandchildren: Kevin and wife Patricia of Medicine Hat, Alberta. Kevin and Patricia have two daughters, Glori-Ann and Valerie. Daughter Lori Wowchuk lives in Regina, Saskatchewan.

MARTHA & LEN YAKEILASHEK:

Martha and Len reside in Sifton, Manitoba. They have three sons and one grandchild: Lawrence and wife Susan of Winnipeg, Manitoba; Michael and wife Adrienne live in Thompson, Manitoba. They have one son, Mitchell. Adam lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

LORRAINE ONOFRECHUK;

Lorraine lives in Morden, Manitoba.

ANNE & JULIUS BRASSEUR:

Anne and Julius reside in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; along with their two sons, Kelley and Kurtis.



Nick Onofrechuk



Vera Holunga & Florence Motoshoski (Onofrechuk)



Florence (Motoshoski) Onofrechuk



**Julius and Anne Brasseur, Len and Martha Yakeilashek,
Jim and Emily Wowchuk, and Vern and Gail Onofrechuk**



Lorraine Onofrechuk

SANDY (MOTOSHOSKI) COURTNEY

Daughter of Cozma Motoshoski and Maruta (nee Mintenko).

Sandy was born in the Boulton Municipality and left home at an early age to persue a career in nursing.

In 1952 she went to Worcester, Massachusetts, U.S.A. to commence airline stewardess training. She met her future husband at a Fraternity Party at Clark University. At that time Dick (Richard) Courtney had just obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. They were married on June 27, 1953 at St. Peter's Church in Worcester.

Dick and Sandy are now retired, enjoying their new home in Cape Code.

Dick and Sandy have three children, Kevin, Karen and Colleen. Kevin married Stephanie on January 5, 1986, in Atlanta, Georgia. They are both specialists in the computer field and reside in Springfield, Illinois.

On September 14, 1991, Karen married Nickolas Mitchell at the St. George's Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Worcester. Their daughter, Samantha Jo, was born on November 2, 1992 and all reside in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts.

Colleen was born on October 10, 1963. She completed her education in Worcester, Mass. Colleen is busy with her career, enjoys visiting her parents at "The Cape" and loves to spoil her niece, Samantha Jo.



Dick, Sandy, Kevin and Karen Courtney



Kevin, Karen and Colleen Courtney

VERA (MOTOSHOSKI) READY

Vera and Ken Ready live in Sicamous, B.C. They have three children: Sheldon, Laurie and Susan.

Sheldon Ready of Sicamous, B.C.

Laurie and Barry Drinkle of Toronto, Ontario.

Susan and Ernie Motz, their children: Christopher and Allison, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

SYLVIA (MOTOSHOSKI) BULBUCK

Sylvia and Ted Bulbuck live in Inglis, Manitoba. They have five children: Tim, Sandra, Shelly, Leesa and Velda.

Tim Bulbuck of Inglis, Manitoba.

Sandra Davison of Melville, Saskatchewan.

Shelly Kiramain of Flin Flon, Manitoba.

Leesa Proskie of Melville, Saskatchewan.

Velda Yakimeshyn of Roblin, Manitoba.



Sheldon, Ken, Vera, Susan and Laurie Ready



Sylvia and Ted Bulbuck

GEORGE MOTOSHOSKI

George married Lena Toderian and they had four daughters: Mavis, Brenda, Charlotte and Teresa.

Mavis and Dick Wood of Winnipeg, Manitoba.
Brenda and Nick Holopina of Roblin, Manitoba.
Charlotte and Glen Norman of Mississauga, Ontario.
Teresa and Larry Prokopetz of Inglis, Manitoba.



George with Dick Courtney (in background)



George, Elsie, Sandy, Vera, Pauline, Sylvia and John

TERESA (MOTOSHOSKI) PROKOPETZ

My husband, Larry Prokopetz, was the first son born to Nick and Lena (nee Holopina), on November 12, 1952 at the Roblin Hospital. Larry received his schooling at Tummel, Shell Valley, Inglis and Russell Schools. He left school at the age of sixteen and ventured out into the working world. He worked for the Churchill Forest Industries, The Pas, Manitoba, until his marriage to Teresa Elizabeth Motoshoski.

Teresa was the fourth daughter of Lena (nee Toderian) and George Motoshoski, born on July 11, 1954 in Roblin, Manitoba. Teresa received part of Grade one at Shell Vale School, and in the spring moved to Shell Valley as her parents bought the general store there. Grades 1 - 6 were taken in Shell Valley, 7 & 8 in Inglis, and 9 & 10 in Roblin.

On February 27, 1971, Larry and Teresa were united in marriage at the Roblin Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Their wedding reception was held at the Shell Valley Hall.

At the young age of eighteen, (Larry) and sixteen (Teresa), they picked up and moved to Winnipeg to begin their lives together. Larry worked for Canada Packers and Teresa was employed with Allied Farm Equipment until their return to Shell Valley.

While in Winnipeg, their two sons were born; Michael Wayne, born on June 6, 1971, at the St. Boniface Hospital. Jason George Nicholas was born on April 7, 1973, at the Grace Hospital.

In the fall of 1976, the family moved back to Shell Valley to help Larry's parents, as Nick had back surgery and there were a lot of cattle to look after. They bought two quarters of land from Peter and Lena Toderian in the Blue Wing area and later purchased Cozma and Mary Motoshoski's (nee Mintenko) farm in Shell Valley. They built a new home on the property and landscaped the yard. During the winter months Larry worked on the oil rigs in Alberta to subsidize the farm expenses and Teresa began work in 1977 as a Nurses' Aid at the Roblin District Health Centre.

On December 20, 1979, their daughter, Meagan Rae-Anne was born in Dauphin, Manitoba.

Michael Wayne, first son to Larry and Teresa graduated from Roblin Goose Lake High School in 1989. During his senior years in school, Michael was actively involved with the Air Cadets and spent his summers at camps in Penhold, Alberta, Bordon, Ontario, and his final summer as a Senior Leader in Cold Lake, Alberta.

Michael has tried his hands at a variety of jobs: Farm King in Winnipeg, McMunn & Yates in Roblin, carpentry in Russell, underground boring in Saskatoon and for the past year has been living in Delta, British Columbia, working with housing construction.

Jason George Nicholas graduated from Roblin Goose Lake High School in 1991. He helped his parents with the farm until the spring of 1992 at which time he ventured out to Prince George, British Columbia to plant trees. This was seasonal work and after not finding other work, decided to come back home to work on the farm again.

Meagan Rae-Anne, a pleasant late addition to the family, is presently taking her grade eight at the Roblin Goose Lake High School and is very active in jazz dancing and enjoys skiing and talking on the telephone.

Larry and Teresa enjoy travelling; a family vacation to Disneyworld in Florida was a first, followed by a trip to Las Vegas, Nevada, then a two week vacation to Jamaica with Teresa's sister and her husband. They have also gone west to Vancouver Island and east to Toronto, Ontario. A Caribbean cruise is in the planning for their next holiday.

Presently, they are cattle and grain farming. Larry has the rural mail route to Inglis, and Teresa is still working at the hospital.

Larry's parents are well and living in Shell Valley. Teresa's mother passed away on May 15, 1989 and her father passed away on December 25, 1991.



Teresa, Larry, Jason, Michael and Meagan Prokopetz

PAULINE (MOTOSHOSKI) HOLOVACH

This is a picture of the Motoshoski family in which I am a family member about eight years old. My mother was the daughter of Agrapina and Peter Mintencu. My name is Pauline, and I was born on February 8, 1931 on my parents farm in the Boulton Municipality in the district of Shell Valley, Manitoba. My childhood days were just typical of any other child born and raised on a farm. I recall at six I began school in Shell Vale, about two miles from our home. The first day of school I was a little frightened as I did not know English well and we had a strict teacher by the name of Mike Mazur. I remember being intrigued by his wrist watch, as it was the first time I had seen one, also I remember him giving us plasticine, and I thought it was gum.

In my later years I helped around the farm doing things such as milking cows, feeding chickens, etc. In the summer we picked wild raspberries and did a fair amount of swimming because we lived very near a lake. As time went on at an early age I met and married Alex Holovach in 1947. We lived about two miles from my parents house, and there we farmed. Alex and I were blessed with seven children: Jane, Terry, Ken, Karen, Kelvin, Tom and Leah.

Later due to a back ailment, and the boys grown up and gone on their own, Alex sold the farms and worked as a "Weed Control Supervisor" in several municipalities around Roblin.



**Martha, Vera Elsie, George, Florence, Cozma, Sylvia
Maruta, John and Pauline**

Our first and eldest daughter, **JANE**, received her education at Russell, Manitoba. After high school she received her nurse's training at Brandon, Manitoba. She married Walter Tishinski, also a native of Roblin. They have two daughters, Tiffany and Allison, and now reside on their farm at Starbuck, Manitoba, from where they commute to work in Winnipeg.

TERRY, the second in the family and eldest son, also received his education at Russell, Manitoba. After high school he took agricultural courses at the University of Manitoba where he graduated and later had several agricultural jobs until the present time where he works for the Hoescht Chemical Company in Regina. He is still a bachelor, but has many friends in and out of Regina.

KEN is the third child and second son of our family. After high school he took up several jobs, mostly with construction. In his last job he had an accident where he hurt his leg. At present he is living in Winnipeg and drawing compensation.

KAREN is the fourth child and second daughter in our family. She received her education at Roblin and then took up Dental assistant courses at Keewatin College in The Pas. Later, she decided to go into Nursing. She married William Lichkowski, and has two sons, Chad and Jorden. She nurses at the Beacon Hill Lodge and resides in Winnipeg with her family.

KELVIN is the third son and fifth child of the family. He received his high school education in Roblin and he took a surveyor's course at the Red River Community College in Winnipeg. He now works as a Surveyor around the area of Surrey, British Columbia.

TOM is the fourth and youngest son in the family. He has finished his high school at Roblin. He then took a course in Business Administration at Red River Community College in Winnipeg. However, because of scarcity of jobs, he decided to do electrical work, and as of now is employed with an electrical company in Winnipeg where he presently resides.

LEAH is our third daughter and the seventh child in the family. She is taking her grade eleven at Goose Lake High School in Roblin. She sometimes works at the Chicken Delight Restaurant and does babysitting for our neighbours. She hopes to attend the University of British Columbia.

VARIOUS ACTIVITIES:

Although in a span of a lifetime one may think there is little accomplished especially on the farm, I can look back and truly say that nothing can ever take the place of our childhood days where so many things we did as children can replace any setback that besets a farmer. There are many times when a child could make do with simple forms of playing games such as Hide and Seek, Blind Man's

Bluff, or just plain Tag. In the winter a slough was cleared in order to play hockey where the neighbourhood children would gather to have a game of "Toronto versus Montreal", each player choosing a name of one of its players of these teams. In the summer a game of softball would include the Moms and Dads and all the children in the district. These are just a few of the sport activities that we had when we were on the farm. Our life centered around the St. John the Baptist Church in Shell Valley. The children attended religious education summer camp in Shell Valley. Also, we took pride in our church choir which was directed by my husband, Alex. In later years the boys played in organized hockey which meant taking them into Roblin almost every night as each played in different teams. Then with the children gone, either to college or university, or married, we moved into Roblin where at present we are semi-retired and do things we could not do before.

One of the most important aspects of our retirement was the trip we made to Europe with our eldest son, Terry. We visited our relatives in Voloca and friends in Bucharest. This was a trip we were very fortunate to make and shall never forget.



Pauline and Chester Holovach



Pauline & Chester; Jane, Wally, Tiffany, Allison Tishinski; Terry, Ken, Karen, Will, Chad and Jordan Lichkowski; Kelvin, Tom and Leah Holovach



Leah with her pet



Kelvin in The Rockies

JANE (HOLOVACH) TISHINSKI

I am Jane Tishinski, eldest child of Alex and Pauline Holovach (nee Motoshoski). My home is presently in Starbuck, Manitoba with my husband, Walter, an Engineering Technologist at Manitoba Hydro and our sixteen year old daughter, Allison. Alli, as everyone calls her, is a grade eleven student at nearby Sanford Collegiate. Our older daughter, Tiffany (19 years), moved to Winnipeg this past year and is a second-year student at University of Manitoba in Computer Science. I continue to work part-time in nursing at a geriatric health care facility.

When we think of reunions, memories naturally come to mind -- some memories are not only mental events of some past time, but can actually stimulate our senses back to that point in time. Consider the days of the one-room school with as many as sixty students within its confines. Can you not still experience the smell of those newly-oiled wooden floors on the first day of school? In the dead of winter, who can forget the cocoon-like coziness emitted by that dinosaurish wood furnace in the corner of the classroom? And what about the mouth-watering taste of those plump hot dogs and ice-cream cones at the annual picnic amidst the excitement of three-legged races and baseball games, not to mention that good-looking boy/girl from the opposing school? But, of course, the crowning glory of the school year had to be the Christmas concert - picture the toothy, smiling faces of the children, so proud of their performances that the buttons on their new finery were ready to pop!

Do you remember'

- submitted by Jane Tishinski



Walter and Jane Tishinski



Walter, Jane, Allison and Tiffany Tishinski



Tiffany and Allison Tishinski

JOHNNY MOTOSHOSKY

Johnny is the youngest of two sons of Cozma and Mary Motoshoski (nee Mintenko).

In 1959 I married Elaine Spidell. We have two children, daughter, **Darcy Lynn**, born on June 19, 1962, and **Brad Myles** was born on March 11, 1965. Brad remains single. Darcy married Roy Steele in 1981. They have three children; Michael, born October 20, 1981; Nicole, born August 24, 1983, and Jannelle, born May 27, 1988. Unfortunately, Darcy and Roy are presently separated.

Both Darcy and Brad are employed in Regina, and will likely continue to make their home here.

I left Manitoba in 1957. I joined the Regina Police Force and remained with the Force until my retirement in 1986. I attained the rank of Inspector in the Criminal Investigation Unit. In 1987 I returned to the work force as an Investigator for Saskatchewan Government Insurance. I retired in February, 1992. During the course of our marriage, Elaine worked for different agencies as a secretary and retired in 1989.

Elaine and I spend a lot of our time at Lebret, Saskatchewan. We have completed a cottage on Mission Lake, so if you don't find us at home in Regina, you'll surely find us at the cottage.

We are looking forward to this reunion and appreciate what you are doing to make it a success.



John Motoshosky



John, Elaine with granddaughter, Jannelle



Darcy, Nicole, Michael and Jannelle Steele



Brad Motoshosky



Home of John Paulencu, 1906



George



George Mintenko

GEORGE & MARY (PROKOPETZ) MINTENKO

George was born on January 31, 1903, in the village of Voloca Bucovina (Romania) and immigrated with his family to the homestead (SE 34-23-28) in Shellmouth Municipality. He was nine years old at the time.

As a young man he purchased a homestead in Boulton Municipality (SW 13-24-27). He built a home and outbuildings, and began clearing land for cultivation. On November 18, 1928 he married Mary Prokopetz at St. John The Baptist Church, Shell Valley.

Mary, the eldest child of Alex and Rose Prokopetz, was born on July 15, 1910. Alex had immigrated from Drychanitz, Ukraine in the late 1800's. He married Rose Avrum, who also had moved from Ukraine, and took up residence in the Shell Valley District.

George and Mary set out to develop a flourishing farm on the home quarter, adding to their holdings with the purchase of the adjacent quarter to the north. It was on this homestead that four of their children were born: Raymond, Isabel, Bruce and Eveleen.

Along with raising a family and farming the land, the couple continued to be involved with church activities in the district, assisting with construction of the new Romanian Orthodox Church at Lennard.

George served as a municipal councillor from 1932-37. Under his direction, the Blue Wing grade, a corduroy road was constructed to facilitate traffic movement in the area. As well, through his efforts and determination, Riding Park School #2244 was opened in 1934. He served as trustee of the school district for several years.

In 1943, the family moved to Russell, where George had purchased a section of land immediately east of the town. The original farm house and barn were moved from their location one-half mile east to a site within the town boundary.

This move was quite a unique exercise for those days with caterpillar tractors being employed to skid the buildings on huge logs which served as runners. Interestingly, the new farm yard was served with electricity and the expanded home contained its own plumbing system - one of the very first in Russell.

Farming operations on the mixed farm continued steadily, and the family grew by one with the birth of Donna at the Sacred Heart Hospital.

George and Mary continued their staunch community involvement with **the Lennard Church and with a number of organizations in Russell**. They both served as 4-H Club leaders for many years, receiving commendations for long and dedicated service. George assisted with

construction of the Curling Rink and was instrumental in the construction project of the Elks Hall. Mary became and remained a member of the Horticultural Society for several decades.

George retired and sold his farm in 1964, but did not enjoy his retirement for long, with his untimely passing on November 17, 1964 at the age of 61.

Mary continued to live in Russell and enjoy her gardening and quilting hobbies. By 1987 her health had deteriorated to the extent that she entered the Russell Personal Care Home. She resided there until her passing at the Russell Hospital on July 17, 1989 at the age of 79 years.

The remains of George and Mary lie interred in the Lennard Romanian Orthodox Cemetery.



Mary Mintenko



Bruce, Raymond, Mary, Isabel, George, Donna and Eveleen Mintenko



Mary Mintenko



Farm at Russell

ROMÂNIA



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Comuna: Voloca p.D.

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Parohia: Parohia ort. rom. Voloca pe Derelui

N-rul 273Parohia: 

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vol. VIII pag. 119-120 se află precum urmează:

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Birth Certificate: George Mintenko

RAYMOND MINTENKO

Ray is the eldest child of George and Mary Mintenko. He was born in November, 1933 on the homestead farm in Blue Wing. He attended Riding Park School and then completed his education in Russell after the family moved there in the mid 40's.

He was involved with sports, scouts and 4-H in his younger years. Following high school graduation he took a heavy mechanics course in Edmonton, after which he worked on road construction and at the Snow Lake Mine. He purchased and operated the Birtle Transfer for several years, then combined in a partnership in 1964 out of Shoal Lake to operate Bicknell Freighters. He sold out his partnership in 1970 and moved to Thompson. Since then he has been employed in T-1 Mine at INCO.

Ray met Irene (Bartram) of Birtle, Manitoba, when she was a Telephone Operator, in Russell. After a courtship of 4 1/2 years, they became engaged in September, 1954. Ray and Irene were married in May, 1955. For their wedding dance a completely new floor was placed in the loft of the barn. The couple has resided in Snow Lake, Birtle, Shoal Lake and Thompson. In Thompson Ray and Irene have been actively involved in community matters, figure skating and hockey. While residing in Shoal Lake, they organized the very active and popular "Minor Sports Association". Their children were very active in all sports and school activities. In the winter of 1969, Ray took a bus load of hockey players to Thompson, Manitoba for a week end. When he returned home, the family was informed that he had already checked out the schools and the job situation in the mines. Ray began work for INCO Mining on May 1, 1970, his family joining him in July of that summer.

Ray continued employment with Inco and Irene works for the School District of Mystery Lake.

Ray and Irene have five children:

1. Doug married Karen and have two children: Quinten and Jason. They live in Thompson, where Doug is employed as a Shift Boss in Refinery with INCO.
2. Robert married Jane-Ann and they reside in Vancouver. Robert is employed in Aviation with Transport Canada.
3. Dale married Kelly and they live in Victoria. Dale is with the Canadian Armed Forces. They have one child, Jasmine.
4. Linda works in floristry and is living in Richmond, British Columbia.
5. Cindy married Lance Jervis and they live in Drumheller, Alberta. Lance is employed at the Drumheller Correctional

Institute and Cindy teaches profession figure skating and has her own consulting business. Cindy and Lance have two sons: Christopher and Kevin.



Cindy, Linda, irene, Raymond, Doug, Bob and Dale Mintenko



Raymond and isabel



Aubrey, isabel, Robert and Gerald Reimer



isabel and Aubrey

ISABEL (MINTENKO) REIMER

Isabel Reimer (nee Mintenko), was born May 22, 1936 in Twin Brae, Manitoba on the family homestead. We moved to Russell, Manitoba in 1945, where we lived on a farm to the east of town.

I married Aubrey Reimer on May 19, 1956 in Russell, Manitoba. We moved to Snow Lake, Manitoba where Aubrey worked at the mine. Within a short time, in 1958, we moved to Saskatoon where Aubrey worked for a Surveying firm until 1961, at which time we moved to Prince Albert, pursuing the same profession. Eventually he bought out the firm and is still sole owner of Reimer Surveys.

We had three children: Gerald Thomas was born in Snow Lake. He attended school in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, continuing his education at the University of Saskatchewan where he obtained a degree in Mechanical Engineering. At present he is working for an engineering firm in Kamloops, British Columbia. Gerald is still a single guy, but we continue to have hopes.

Our second son, Robert Glen, received his degree in Physical Engineering at the University of Saskatchewan. Presently he is employed with a firm in Calgary, Alberta. Robert married Kathy Gartner in 1987. They currently reside in Calgary.

Teri Lyn was born in 1965 and passed away in the same year.

Aubrey and I enjoy living in Prince Albert. Since we have many lakes in our area, we tend to do much camping.



Gerald and Robert



Bruce



Bruce and Deanna Mintenko



Angela, Anthony and Bryan

BRUCE & DEANNA MINTENKO

Bruce was born at the family homestead in Blue Wing District on August 22, 1939. He was the third child of George and Mary Mintenko.

He was raised on the family farm at Russell, receiving primary and secondary education in local schools. As was the practice in those times, all members of the family had input into the operation of the farm, and Bruce undertook his share of duties and chores on this working farm.

Leisure time activities included involvement in the local Boy Scouts Troop, 4-H Clubs (garden, beef, grain), sports (curling and fastball).

While in grade XII, Bruce curled third position on a rink of high school boys which won top honours in the Russell Men's Curling League. He also played on several local fastball teams (Lennard Wildcats, Russell Rockets, Inglis Regals), usually in the position of left field, over a period of many years.

After completing high school, Bruce enrolled in the Teacher Training Program at the old Brandon College, obtaining a Class I certificate. Through the 1960's he attended summer schools and evening sessions to earn a B.A. ('67) degree from the University of Manitoba and a B.Ed. ('69) degree from the University of Brandon.

Bruce has taught school in several areas in Manitoba: Roblin, La Riviere, Rivers Camp, Camp Shilo, Oakville, Portage la Prairie. Currently he teaches at Yellowquill School and serves as the division Science Coordinator.

In community affairs Bruce is a very active individual. He is in his third term of office on Oakville Village Council, headed the Curling Club and Lions Sports Park, and is the Charter President of the Oakville Lions Club. He has served three years as the Lions District Secretary and now is the Lions Quest Coordinator for the eastern half of the province. One year as secretary was served with a familiar individual from the Blue Wing area, Tom Rubel, Lion Governor in 90-91.

While Bruce was extending work experience and his post-secondary education, he settled down with a family. On August 21, 1965 he married Deanna Bulman from Winnipeg. They had met earlier while Deanna was employed as a R.N. in the former Sacred Heart Hospital in Russell.

Deanna was born in Beausejour, the second child of Emil and Lena (Hastman) Bulman. In 1946 Mr. & Mrs. Bulman, their son, Norman and Deanna moved to Winnipeg. Deanna has also been employed at the Manitoba Clinic, Riverdale Hospital in Rivers and presently at the Lions Manor Personal Care Home in Portage.

Bruce and Deanna have three children: Anthony, Angela and Bryan. Anthony was born in Rivers on June 1, 1969; Angela was born in Brandon on February 14, 1971; Bryan was born in Portage on November 10, 1976. Currently Anthony has completed studies for a B.Sc. at the University of Manitoba. Angela resides and works in Vancouver, and Bryan has finished Grade XI. Secondary education for all three children has been taken at Arthur Meighan High School in Portage.





Farm of Eveleen and John Nevistiuk

EVELEEN (MINTENKO) NEVISTIUK

Eveleen, the fourth child of Mary and George Mintenko was born on June 21, 1941 on the homestead in Blue Wing. She moved with her family to Russell and obtained her schooling at schools there. Also, she was involved in 4-H Clubs during her growing years.

She worked at a number of establishments in Russell, including the Sacred Heart Hospital, and on July 15, 1961 married John Nevistiuk of Inglis.

John and Eveleen own and operate a substantial beef cattle operation, with the home farm yard located on NE 33-23-27. They have two children: Rhonda and Tracey.

Rhonda was born on March 16, 1969. She is married to Martin Horan and the family resides in Brandon, Manitoba. They have two children, Amy Dawn and Tyler Joseph John.

Tracey, born on May 22, 1970, received schooling in Inglis and Russell, and post-secondary training in Winnipeg. Presently, Tracey is employed as a legal secretary and lives in Winnipeg.



John, Eveleen, Rhonda and Tracey

DONNA MINTENKO

Donna was the fifth child of George and Mary Mintenko, born in Russell on May 23, 1946 at the Sacred Heart Hospital. She enrolled in Russell School, after which time she spent a number of years at home helping out her mother with many duties and chores.

Donna moved to Erickson in the early 1980's, then to a home in Newdale. She continues to reside at this location and attends the Rolling Dale Workshop at Cardale.



Donna and Mom



Relocating barn to new farmyard near Russell



RUSSELL'S 75TH BIRTHDAY

George Smellie, Rob McMurray, (unknown), Bill Hoffman, Bob Smellie sitting on cart, George P. Mintenko with reins, Dunk Wowk, Bill Dunn, retired Preotu Gheorghe Popa and Len Margettes

Theodore

THEODORE MINT

Theodore was born to Petru and Agrapina Mintencu, (nee Paulencu) on February 8, 1908. He died on February 29, 1972.

"Ted" Mintenko left Manitoba approximately 1925, making his way to Alberta. My mother and father met in Vahalla Center, Alberta, a Community of homesteaders. My mother was born in Gary, Minnesota, U.S.A. on March 16, 1916. Ted and Marcelle married in 1935 in Hythe, Alberta. Mother and dad were very active in the small community of Hythe. Dad was a member of the "Elks" Lodge and mother a member of the "Ladies Royal Purple". Dad coached junior softball and hockey. Mother was a singer and sang at church and community events. She has always been well known for her handknit sweaters. In 1987 mother suffered a stroke and spent many years in a nursing home in Oliver, British Columbia. Dad died on February 29, 1972 in Port Coquitlam, B.C. Mother finally succumbed to her debilitating condition in the Extended Care Unit of the Okanogan Hospital in Oliver on June 19, 1993.

Theodore went to Barbering School in Edmonton, Alberta. He barbered in Sexsmith and Hythe, Alberta, Fort Coquitlam and Osoyoos, British Columbia.

He was an active curler. He also was a tap dancer and taught dancing in the 1940's. He and his daughter, Delphine danced in the "Red Cross" concerts to raise funds for the "War Effort" (1940-1941).

He was also a member of the Elk's Lodge for thirty-five years.

On October 27, 1935, he married Macelle Bjerke in Hythe, Alberta. They had four children and resided in Hythe, Alberta until moving to British Columbia in 1947.

After moving to British Columbia in 1947, we lived for three years in Port Coquitlam and then moved to Osoyoos in the Okanagan Valley in 1950.

In 1961 Ted and Marcelle moved back to Port Coquitlam where the three youngest children finished school. Gayle and Edward went to University of British Columbia and Skip went to the Fire Department.



Ted and Marcelle Mint



Edward, Ted, Delphine, Gayle, Marcelle and Alfred (Skip)



Ted cutting grandson's hair



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*has completed a three year course in the Theory and Practice of Nursing
 in this School and has passed with credit the required examinations.*

*In Witness Whereof the Seal of the Hospital and our signatures have
 been hereunto affixed this 30th day of January 1959*

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PRESIDENT, MEDICAL STAFF

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PRINCIPAL, SCHOOL OF NURSING

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DIRECTOR OF HOSPITAL



Delphine



Delphine, Neil and Gary

DELPHINE (MINT) DAVIES

Delphine was born on November 21, 1936, in Hythe, Alberta. She graduated from high school in 1956 in Osoyoos, British Columbia. In 1959 Delphine graduated from the Royal Columbian School of Nursing in New Westminster, B.C.

Delphine as a child took piano lessons and tap dancing. She played the organ for church services in Hythe and Osoyoos. During her last year in high school, she represented Osoyoos as the Cherry Carnival Princess and had been to two wonderful reunions of past royalty in 1978 and 1988.

On February 14, 1959, in New Westminster, B.C., Delphine was married to James Davies (now divorced). There were two children from this marriage; Neil James Davies, born October 27, 1962 and Gary William Davies, born December 19, 1965.

Delphine has worked as a Surgical Nurse at Royal Columbian for twenty-five years where she is still currently employed.

NEIL DAVIES:

Neil was born on October 27, 1962. He dedicated himself to the sport of bicycle racing from the age of fourteen -- twenty-six years. His father, James Davies, was a racer in the 1950's, representing Canada in the 1954 Commonwealth Games and 1956 Olympics. Neil was a member of the Canadian National Cycling Team from 1970 - 1985, winning four national championships in Montreal and Calgary. He also represented Canada in the World Cycling Championships in Mexico City in 1980. He now runs a retail bicycle store in Burnaby, B.C. and now cycles for pleasure with his wife, Shelley.

Neil married Shelley Lott on October 23, 1991 in Vancouver, B.C., and a past triathlete - having competed in the Iron Man in Hawaii in 1986. They live in Vancouver.

GARY DAVIES:

Gary was also a competitive cyclist as a junior, age 6 - 9 years, competing on the Velodrome and later competed in Motocross Cycle racing and was an aggressive winner. His interests in photography have taken him to Southeast Asia twice. In 1983 he travelled with his uncle, "Skip Mint" to Thailand, Burma and Nepal for three months. He became quite fluent in the language and lived and with the Nepalese. His photography has captured the very essence of their living.

In 1986 he returned again to Southeast Asia for three months, taking warm clothing for the Nepalese guides who are very poor and make such a small wage for the very exhaustive carrying that they

do on long treks.

Gary is at present employed at Canada Safeway since 1988. He lives in New Westminster. Gary also devotes his time along with elementary students in helping to save the rain forests.



Gary Davies



Neil and Shelly Davies

GAYLE (MINT) CORNISH

I was born on September 18, 1943 in Grande Prairie, Alberta, the second of four children born to Ted and Marcelle (nee Bjerke) Mint.

Dad operated a barber shop all his life, and mom was a housewife. She sewed all our clothes, knit sweaters, cooked, cleaned, and washed and ironed mountains of barber towels weekly. She enjoyed reading, curling, dancing, singing, and social activities that gave her some respite from the tedium of daily chores. Mom was resourceful, creative, and clever.

Dad worked very hard, and I was always sorry that he didn't have the education he always wanted. He loved flowers, enjoyed square dancing, fishing, Lawrence Welk, and a good joke. Dad owned and operated a barber shop in Hythe, Alberta where we lived until 1946. We moved to Port Coquitlam, B.C. and dad opened another barber shop and pool room. We lived in a tar paper shack on Pitt River Road until a friend offered the use of an old rabbit pen where we spent the winter while he built a house. The new house was sheer luxury! It had a real bathtub and flush toilet!

In 1949 we moved to the Okanagan Valley, Osoyoos. Our home for the next nine years, was the dustiest, driest place we had ever seen. The desert landscape provided a striking contrast to the luxuriant orchards, crystal clear lake, and fields of wonderful ground crops. It was a great place to grow up.

Mom worked in a grocery store for a few years and the extra income was a welcome. Haircuts were 25 cents!

The lake was my natural environment! I became a good swimmer, and at age 14, won the Interior of B.C. Championship in the 50 yard freestyle, which at the time, was a pretty big deal to me. I went on to become a Red Cross Instructor and Examiner and taught swimming for about 15 years. It sure beat waitressing!

In 1958 dad decided he would make a fortune in Rossland, so we moved again, and dad lost his shirt. The only redeeming features of that little burg was that there was a dance band, a school band, a city band, a church choir, and I joined every and anything except the Canadian National Ski Team! Nancy Greene did that!

In 1961 we returned to Port Coquitlam.

I attended the Vancouver School of Art for two years and graduated with a B.Ed. from University of British Columbia in 1967. After two years of teaching, it was time to fulfill a life time dream: travel to Europe. In July, 1969, I boarded the S.S. Canberra for a 26 day cruise to Europe via the Panama Canal and spent six months travelling. The Berlin Wall was a real shock and Greece my favourite country.

I flew home via New York on an illegal charter with \$7.00 in my pocket, and made it to Vancouver in spite of missed connections during the Christmas rush!

After a few more years of teaching, a brief stint with the National Film Board, and a little free lance work with C.B.C. radio, I married an art school colleague and friend, **George Cornish** on October 26, 1976. George taught in Ladner and Patrick was born on January 4, 1978, Ladner's New Year Baby.

We moved to Osoyoos (I couldn't believe it either!) where George was hired to set up the art department for the new Osoyoos Secondary School.

Sonaiya was born in Penticton on September 1, 1979. We bought 22 acres of raw land, designed, built, and moved into our house February, 1983.

In 1986 I took the kids to Expo '86 in Vancouver, in 1987 we toured Vancouver Island, in 1989 flew to Disneyland, and in 1990 went to Drumheller, taking our Japanese student, Yoshimi, with us.

George continued to teach until 1989, and left with deteriorating health. We moved to Victoria for a year, while George attended University.

I spent about eight years working with florists, and do a little free-lance work out of the house. Recently I've started to design stationery, and attended the B.C. Creative Arts Show at B.C. Place Stadium (March '93) in Vancouver. There I met a friend from C.B.C. Radio and was asked to work on some radio documentaries. We have just submitted a proposal to "Ideas" for a documentary on Canada's Pocket Desert (which is in the South Okanagan).

As a family we ski and belong to the Society for Creative Anachronism, a medieval group. Sonaiya was elected "Empress of Appledore", and George is the Herald of our shire. Both children are great skiers and have completed the Apprentice Ski Instructor course. In December, Patrick will be able to take the Level One Ski Instructors and Snowboard Instructors courses. Sonaiya will have to wait until she is sixteen.

Goerge has spent the past two winters working at the Apex Ski Resort, and is now temporarily employed at the Sterile Insect Release Facility. He is still sort of unsettled employment-wise and is looking further afield. We enjoy our desert home, and in the spring, when all the wild flowers are out, are particularly reluctant to think of selling. I have wanted to return to teaching for some time and may just take the plunge. It's simply a matter of opportunity.

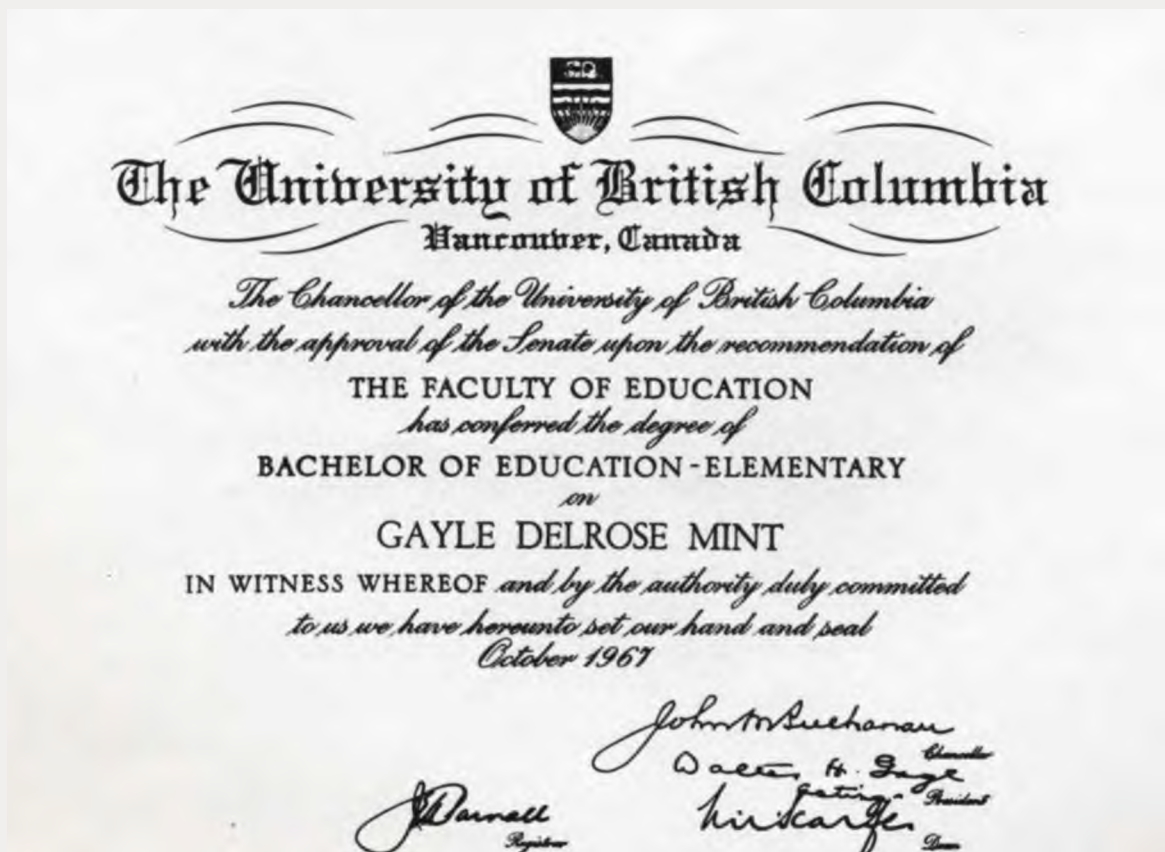
If you ever travel to the Okanagan, be sure to come and visit us in B.C.'s vacation playground! We would love to see you!!



Gayle



Gayle and George





Gayle, George, Patrick and Sonaiya Cornish



Patrick and Sonaiya

EDWARD THEODORE MINT: B.Sc., L.L.B.
(December 5, 1944 - November 7, 1983)

Submitted by sister, Gayle Cornish

Ed was born in Beaverlodge, Alberta on December 5, 1944. He was patient, resourceful and determined as a youngster, and these qualities were the strengths for his later success. I remember him hollowing out a huge old stump in Port Coquitlam when he was about four. It seemed an enormous task, and when he had finished, we were all truly amazed. He had staying power!

During high school, Ed excelled in athletics and academics. He was a whiz in math and sciences and loved to play basketball.

Although he grew up in Osoyoos, the family lived briefly in Rossland for two years (1959-1961). He was a risk taker, and friends recall how he fearlessly explored the mine tunnels in the hills around Rossland. One of his accomplishments was to construct a rocket that actually took off!

Ed graduated from high school in Port Coquitlam and attended U.B.C. There he worked as a lab assistant, and became a Don in one of the student residences. He received his B.Sc. in 1967, his M.Sc. in 1970, and his LLB. in 1974.

I remember when he had to design a triggering device for a neutron bomb in nuclear physics. Although he began his doctorate in geophysics he switched to law and was admitted to the bar in September, 1974.

That year, (1974) Ed married his high school sweetheart, Linda Rainbow. He opened his own law firm, and bought a new house.

Ed disliked courtroom work. He was thoughtful, quiet and somewhat shy, so specialized in corporate law where he could conduct business in the privacy of his office.

In the meantime, he indulged his passion for rock music by becoming one of Vancouver's leading impresarios.

He and a partner formed "Isle of Man Productions" and promoted rock in a big way. He haggled with the board of directors at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre to allow rock concerts. They consented, and Maria Muldar was the first to break that barrier. What a contrast between the prim and proper symphony goers and the raucous, cigarette smoking rock fans! Ed complained that he had to pay overtime for janitorial service and was responsible for repairing a few ripped seats. Nevertheless, he made ten thousand dollars, which wasn't too shabby.

In 1978 Isle of Man decided to host the largest rock concert ever held in Vancouver. He negotiated with the P.N.E. board for space

at Empire Stadium. And was eventually given the go ahead.

It was an extraordinary effort. Just hours before opening, four tons of lighting equipment began to buckle the side towers on the roof section. Welding outfits and hydraulic cranes were quickly brought in to avert disaster.

Empire Stadium was crammed with forty three thousand paying customers who listened to Heart, Little River Band, Bob Welch, and Nick Gelder. Vaughn Palmer of the Vancouver Sun wrote "The pair grossed more than one half million dollars and broke every record in Vancouver's concert book". The next concert was drowned by one of Vancouver's typical downpours. Their profits went down the drain and Ed switched from rock to real estate. He became wealthy.

The recession and collapse of the real estate market in the early eighties was devastating. His financial security was gone, and his marriage to Linda, a memory.

He continued to practice law until his sudden and tragic death at the age of thirty-eight. Diligent, organized and an innovative thinker, he was buried in Port Coquitlam near his Dad.



Edward_____



Edward & Linda



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Rae Lynn, Britton, Parker and Skip Mint

ALFRED PATRICK (SKIP) MINT

I was born on February 18, 1947, in Hythe, Alberta, to Ted Mint (Mintenko) and Marcelle Mint (nee Bjerke). I was the fourth child of four, having two older sisters, Delphine and Gayle and an older brother, Edward. From Hythe we moved to Port Coquitlam when I was six months old, then to Osoyoos when I was three years old, where I lived until I was twelve. Another move took us to Rossland, British Columbia, for two years, until settling back in Port Coquitlam where I completed high school.

After graduating, I worked for Imperial Oil for three years. First on a ship transporting fuel up and down the British Columbian coast. I also worked in the Imperial Oil Refinery as a dock pumpman and in the refinery laboratory. After three years, I changed companies, working for Canadian Pacific Rail where I was a switchman for two years. I was then hired onto the Burnaby Fire Department. I was happy in my profession but had a longing to travel. My first trip took me to England, Spain, Morocco, Greece, Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Nepal, Thailand and Malaysia.

When I returned home from my trip, I worked at various jobs for a short period of time. These included post officer worker, carpentry, and as a long shoreman. I was then hired onto the New Fire Department on January 1, 1974. I have completed nineteen years of service and hold the position of Lieutenant and Captain.

Throughout my life I have been involved in various sports such as rugby, basketball, lacrosse, hockey, racquetball and cycling. I presently play hockey and cycle.

I continued to travel to such countries as Egypt, Colombia and Portugal. I cycled around the country of New Zealand for two months and South Africa for four months. I most recently returned from a trip I made to Nepal where my high school friend and I hiked the mountains of Nepal for three weeks, in October of 1991.

I was married in 1986 to Rae Lynn Healy. We were married in our home in Maple Ridge, British Columbia. Rae was born in Edmonton, Alberta, September 19, 1955. We have two sons, Britton William, born January 27, 1983, in New Westminster, B.C., and Parker Healy born February 25, 1987. Britton is involved in lacrosse, hockey and baseball. Parker enjoys baseball and music. As a family, we enjoy camping and fishing. Our summer camping trip this year takes us to Quadra Island near Vancouver Island.

I look forward to meeting everyone at the reunion.

Romanian Easter Eggs



Romanian folk customs are extremely rich in their variety of designs and colors. This is evident especially around great holidays, like Easter.

Unfortunately for Romanian folklore, the urbanization and industrialization which currently goes on in Romania, causes many of the customs to slowly disappear.

Decoration of Easter eggs has survived and is among the customs still widely practiced in all regions of Romania. In a certain sense this art is closely related to painting on glass and to the embellishment of all sorts of earthen ware.

In the Romanian country side the decoration of eggs is usually done on the Thursday preceding Easter Sunday. In the olden days the coloring material usually was made of vegetable and fruit juices but today chemically made colors are widely used.

In many parts of Transylvania the custom still prevails for god-children to present gaily decorated eggs to their god-parents and for young marriageable girls to surprise their favorite young men with richly painted eggs.

Eggs colored in red are also used in folk medicine. For instance, such eggs are often mixed with food given to ailing pigs, in the belief that this helps the animals' recovery.

Easter eggs' decorations are often inspired by objects used in peasant households. Religious images, celestial formations, snakes, crosses and flowers also appear on Easter eggs.



Precopi

JACK (PRECOPI) PETER MINTENKO

(Submitted by George Mintenko)

Jack was the youngest born of Petru and Agrapina Mintenko. He owns the distinction of being the only one of the children born in Canada, on the family homestead in the Shell River Valley on SE 34-23-38 of Shellmouth Municipality, Jack's birthdate was June 19, 1914.

For a short while, and sporadically due to his being required on the family farm for work, Jack attended school in Lennard and Shell River School Districts. He spent enough time at his schooling to acquire the skills to read and write reasonably well.

In his adult life, Jack worked primarily on farming ventures. At first he earned money from various jobs and leased a tract of land in the Shell River Valley and commenced farming this property. However, the soil on this farm was quite poor, and during the drought years of the '30's he was forced to abandon the enterprise.

Next, Jack laboured on various farms near Russell, saved his money, and eventually purchased a half-section of land adjacent to the Cherry Hill Farm of his brother, Louis. He operated this farm efficiently for a number of years and, when the property value of the half-section increased, sold out to other farmers.

In the following phase of his life, Jack again worked at various farms in the area. At one time he even leased land and owned a feed lot operation in Ashern. Some of his equipment for making hay was full of innovative ideas.

Soon Jack sold his cattle and equipment and worked on construction at the Gardiner Dam in Saskatchewan. At first he lived at Outlook, then purchased a building site in Dundurn where he built a sturdy and unique dwelling, complete with hot-rock steam bath. He completed his working years employed at various farming operations near the town.

Jack was well-liked by the people of Dundurn, and he developed a therapeutic procedure for the cure of acute arthritis. From a number of his clients have come glowing and unbelievable testimony of the total effectiveness of these treatments given by Jack.

Earlier in his life Jack had been married but later divorced. No children had resulted from this marriage.

Jack passed away on September 10, 1991 at the age of 77, and is now interred in the Dundurn Cemetery at Dundurn, Saskatchewan.



Jack





Jack and Nick Holunga

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ROMANIAN EASTER EGG DESIGNS

Nicolai

Dumitricioia



Nicolai Mintenko and grandson, Ted Bezan

NICOLAI MINTENKO

Nicolai was born in Voloca, Bucovina. His father, Toader and Petru Mintenko were brothers. Nicolai married Agrapina Kocha and they had seven children born to them. The children's names are: Jean (Mrs. Louis Beznar), Mary (Mrs. Alex Goods), Mabel (Mrs. John Gorda), Vera (Mrs. Cozma Bezan), Victoria (Mrs. Nick Paulenko), Olga (Mrs. Dennis Holovach), and a son George.

The family farm was located in the Shell River Valley (Asessippi) on the NE quarter of 06-24-27. It was on this farm that the family was raised. Unfortunately, Nicholai met an untimely and early death in a farm accident when he was hurled from a speeding wagon drawn by a runaway team of horses.

DUMITRICOIA (MINTENKO) PAULENKO

Dumitricioia, Peter's sister, arrived in Canada in 1899 with her children Ion (John), Marina and Gheorge. She was a widow, her husband having passed away earlier when they still resided in Voloca. Dumitricioia lived to a ripe old age of 102, spending much of her declining years at the home of her son.

Gheorge Paulenko married Fruzina Gabor. Their children were Kost, Elsie (Mrs. Arcadie Popescu), Mary (Mrs. Alex Pentlichuk), Doris (Mrs. Charles Wilkins), Eileen (Mrs. Jerry Gagnon), Eleanor (Mrs. John Cheveldae), Vera (Mrs. Walter Kobryn), Jannis and Martin.

Ion (John) Paulenko lost his wife to an early passing. Their children were Ted, Jim, Peter, Pauline (Mrs. Nestor Onofriechuk), Victoria (Mrs. Jack Goraluk), Ina and Barbara.

Marina married Nicholai Pentlichuk while they were still in Voloca, then came to Canada with her mother and two brothers. Their children were Eli, George, Angelica (Mrs. Chorney), Elsie (Mrs. Nistru Nevistiuk), Dora (Mrs. Precopi Poclitar), Angelina (Mrs. Fred Gorda), John, and Sadie (Mrs. Zitariuk).



Petru Mintenko and his sister, Dumitricioia Paulencu _____



*Descendants
of
Vasili
Mintencu*

KATHERINE (MINTENKO) AITKEN

My name is Katrina (Katherine), daughter of John and Marina Mintenko (nee Gabor). My parents both came from Romania, although I do not know which town or region of Romania.

My father was born in Romania in 1903 and my mother was also born there in 1906. When my father was in his twenties, and my mother a few years younger, they emigrated to Canada where my father bought some land about three miles from Shell Valley. That is where my father worked - farming the land, growing wheat and corn, and the family put in a big garden with enough produce to last us through the winter until the next harvest. It was always a family ritual to cook the wheat we grew to make a porridge and serve it with honey or maple syrup for breakfast and other meals. We raised our own stock - cows, pigs, horses, geese and chickens, and we never had to buy meat, that I can remember.

Shell Valley is where all of us, eight children, were born. The eldest was Dora, then Jim, George, Ted, myself (Katherine), Verna, Lena and Billy. Shell Valley was just a little place with a store and post office combined, a gas station, a town hall, and a Romanian Church. We used to walk to Shell Valley to go to Church, to buy things at the store (owned by Jack and Lena Paulenko-Lena was my mother's niece) or to go to dances held at the Hall. We would go to school in Shell River, which was about three miles from our home. All of us children walked those three miles everyday to school. On really cold days we would stop at the neighbours houses to warm up, and then continue on to school.

I lived at home until I was about fifteen years old, when my sister Verna and I got jobs as cooks, at a logging camp/lumbermill in Northern Manitoba. One winter in that camp was enough, so Verna and I moved on until I got a job at the Swan River Hotel and Verna got a job in Birch River, a nearby town. After a year or so I wanted to travel and, although I really can't remember why I went there, I went to Yorkton, Saskatchewan, where I was employed in a Restaurant. I was alone and didn't have a place to stay until I met Vicky Rychel, who also worked at the restaurant, and she offered to share the room she was renting at the local rooming house. She has been my friend ever since.

After working in Yorkton, Vicki and I decided to travel, staying for a while in Brandon, Manitoba, and then moving on to Toronto where we decided to stay and again found work at a Restaurant.

After about five years I took a vacation to go home and be with my folks. After being home for some time I took a job in town housekeeping for a young couple who were both working and had two little girls. However, as soon as there was an opening for a restaurant job I took it, and was working in one when the war ended in 1945. All of the soldiers came home from the war and Bruce Aitken, a Gunner on a Naval merchant ship, was one of them. I had

no way of knowing that Roblin, Manitoba was his home town before I met him in the restaurant.

Bruce and I dated for about a year while living in Roblin, and then we moved to Hamilton where my sister Verna was living. In 1947 Bruce took a job driving for a Western Freight Transport Trucking Company in Chatham, travelling to Windsor and back. In 1947 Bruce and I moved to Chatham and Sherrie was born soon after. In 1948 Bruce began working in construction building houses, learning the carpentry and bricklaying trades. In 1949 Bruce and I built a house on the outskirts of Chatham on Prince Albert Road, where we raised the rest of our family.

Sherrie was born October 14, 1947; Marnie was born March 27, 1949; George was born October 3, 1952; Patricia was born October 13, 1954; and Duncan was born March 12, 1956. From then on I was kept very busy. We lived in Chatham for about fourteen years, and then moved to Thamesville, about thirty miles from Chatham, where Bruce soon built another house.

In 1969, after living about seven years in Thamesville, we moved to Trout Creek, Ontario, thirty miles south of North Bay, and bought 100 acres of land (bush), four miles from town on Highway 522. This is where Bruce and George built our current home in 1970. The three children living at home at the time, George, Patricia and Duncan, came with us. When we bought our land there wasn't anything on it - no water well, no hydro. Bruce bought a small generator and from that we had electricity for lights, television, washer and dryer, etc. It was like living on the farm at home when I was a child, but we only had coal oil lamps. We were burning wood in a wood stove for heating, and Bruce and George would haul logs from the bush and cut them, and we would carry them into the house every day. We would carry in snow, letting it melt in a large drum, to use for washing and we would get our drinking water from a nearby spring.

For the first three years in Trout Creek we lived like this until more people built out our way, creating the parties required, to have hydro brought further out from the town outskirts. I'll never forget the day I came home from work and the house was lit up like a Christmas tree - it was like Heaven!

It was after we moved out here that my Mother died at the age of 87 in Winnipeg, and my Father died at age 90. (Sorry, I have no dates).

Bruce and I are currently retired and still living in Trout Creek with George and Lena and Patricia and Bruce living near by. We had our FIRST Family Reunion in July, 1989, in Trout Creek at George and Lena's home. All of our children were there with their families, all except Stephanie, as she was born five months later in December.

GEORGE ALLAN THOMAS AITKEN

George Aitken, son of Bruce and Katherine Aitken was born in Chatham, Ontario on October 3, 1952. My father was born in Roblin, Manitoba in 1923 and my mother was born in Shell Valley, Manitoba in 1922.

My education began in Charteris Public School, Chatham, and in the spring of 1963, we moved to Thamesville, where I graduated from elementary school at SS #13 Fysh's Public School.

I attended Ridgetown District High School completing Grades 9 to 12 when we moved to Trout Creek, Ontario in 1969. I graduated from Grade 13 at Almaguin Highlands Secondary School. I then worked as a contractor, building houses and swimming pools and I am now a Welder employed by Central Welding, in North Bay, Ontario.

I met my wife, **Lena Tuulos**, after graduating from Almaguin Highlands and we were married on July 10, 1976. Lena went to Public School at Mapleridge, High School at Almaguin Highlands Secondary School and then studied nursing at Canadore College graduating as a Registered Nurse. She now works as Director of Nursing at the Lady Isabelle Nursing Home in Trout Creek.

We have three children; **Lisa Anneli**, born March 28, 1979, **David Thomas**, born July 7, 1980, and **Diana Kathleen**, born June 30, 1983.

Lisa is in Grade 8 at Mapleridge Senior Public School, Powassan, Ontario. David is in Grade 7 at Mapleridge in a French immersion program. Diana is in Grade 4 at Trout Creek Public School. In 1987 we moved from North Bay to Trout Creek where we built our new home.



George, Patricia, Duncan, Mande, Kay, Bruce and Sherrie Aitken

PATRICIA DIANE (AITKEN) PARKES

Patricia Diane, the daughter of Bruce and Katherine Aitken was born on October 13, 1954 in Chatham, Ontario. My father was born in Roblin, Manitoba in 1923 and my mother was born in Shell Valley, Manitoba in 1922.

I began my education from grade one to grade two at Charteris Public School, Chatham, and in the spring of 1963, we moved to Thamesville where I continued from Grades 3 to 7 at SS #13 Fysh's Public School. Fysh's school was one of the last one room school houses in the district until all of the one room schools were closed and we were bused to a brand new public school in Ridgetown. Howard Harwich Moravian Public School offered new facilities, as well as new friends, and I graduated with the first eighth grade class.

I completed Grades 9 and 10 at Ridgetown District High School and was in the middle of grade ten when my parents and my brother moved to Trout Creek to build our new home. My brother Duncan and I lived with our sister Sherrie and her husband Reade, until the end of the school year when we moved to Trout Creek. I completed Grades 11 to 13 at Almaguin Highlands Secondary School graduating in 1974.

After working for a year in North Bay I pursued a career in Dental Assisting, graduating from Georgian College, Orillia, Ontario in 1975. I worked for 3 years as a Dental Assistant in Orillia and North Bay, but left dental assisting to work with Browndale, a centre for emotionally disturbed children. I returned to my dental assisting career and after one year I attended Canadore College graduating with a diploma in Dental Hygiene in June, 1985. I continued to work as a Dental Hygienist in North Bay.

I met my husband, **Bruce Parkes** in 1981, where he was working as an accountant in North Bay, and we were married on August 3, 1985. Bruce graduated from University of Toronto in 1976 with a Bachelor of Physical and Health Education, working for two years, and returning to University of Windsor, Ontario, receiving his Bachelor of Commerce majoring in Accounting. He is now the Manager of Finance and Administration for Flowers by Sears, Canada.

We have one child, **Stephanie Lynn**, born December 22, 1989. We had another child, **Ryan William**, on July 19, 1992, however he had a very complex heart condition and passed away August 13, 1992. Stephanie attends Tot Town Nursery School two mornings a week, and keeps her dog, Misty and Mom and Dad Parkes very busy.



Lena and Katherine Mintenko at Roblin in 1944



Verna and Katherine Mintenko at Roblin in 1944-45

MARNIE LOU (AITKEN) ROBINSON

Marnie is the daughter of Bruce and Katherine Aitken, and was born in Chatham, Ontario on March 27, 1949. My father was born in Roblin, Manitoba in 1923 and my mother was born in Shell Valley, Manitoba in 1922. I began my primary education at Charteris Public School, Chatham, Ontario, and continued my elementary schooling at SS #13 Fysh's School when we moved to Thamesville. I graduated from Ridgetown District High School in 1968 and left home to enter McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. I subsequently studied at University of Western Ontario, London, started teaching in 1972, completing my Bachelor of Arts from the University of Windsor in 1978, and have been teaching ever since.

I met my husband, **Bev Robinson**, when we were attending Ridgetown District High School, and we were married on August 30, 1969. Bev studied psychology at the University of Western and received his Bachelor of Arts with Honours in 1972. Bev is currently a Supervisor at The Canada Employment Centre in Chatham, Ontario.

We have two children, **Christopher James (Chris)**, born March 5, 1970, and **Elizabeth Anne (Libby)**, born May 7, 1976. Chris is in his fourth year at the University of Guelph, Ontario. Libby is in Grade XI at Ridgetown District High School, Ridgetown, Ontario.



Chris, Libby, Jason, Kristin, Melanie, Diana, Kay, Bruce, David and Lisa

SHERRIE LEE (AITKEN) SPENCE

Sherrie is the daughter of Bruce and Katherine Aitken, born in Chatham, Ontario on October 12, 1947. My father was born in Roblin, Manitoba in 1923 and my mother was born in Shell Valley, Manitoba in 1922. My primary education began at Charteris Public School, Chatham, Ontario and my secondary school continued at Ridgetown District High School when we moved to Thamesville. I graduated from Ridgetown District High School in 1966 and entered Hamilton Teacher's College receiving my Teaching certificate in 1967. I returned to the Thamesville Ridgetown area and began teaching at Howard Harwich Moravian Public School, Ridgetown, Ontario, eventually teaching kindergarten, grade one and grade eight.

I met my husband, **Reade Spence**, soon after I returned from College and we were married on August 28, 1968. Reade graduated from Ridgetown College of Agricultural Technology in 1968 and joined his father in running the family farm. He is now, and has been for the last sixteen years, selling general insurance for Howard Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Ridgetown, Ontario.

We have three children, **Melanie Jane**, born April 12, 1969, **Kristen Kendall**, born September 15, 1972, and **Jason Robert**, born April 8, 1977. Melanie has graduated from McMaster University in Hamilton with a Bachelor of Science and is currently going to school in a Nuclear Medicine Program. Kristen has graduated from Mohawk College, Hamilton, in Recreation and Leadership and is looking for a position in Recreational Therapy. Jason is in Grade 10 at Blenheim District High School and plays Midget Hockey and Football.



Stephanie, two years old (1991)

DUNCAN NORRIS AITKEN

Duncan is the son of Bruce and Katherine Aitken and was born on March 12, 1956 in Chatham, Ontario. My father was born in Roblin, Manitoba in 1923 and my mother was born in Shell Valley, Manitoba in 1922.

I began Grade one in 1962 at Charteris Public School at six and a half years of age, and in the spring of 1963, we moved to Thamesville where I continued grade one at SS #13 Fysh's Public School. Fysh's school was one of the last one room school houses in the district and it had an old bell that hung in the main entry hall of the school, with a long rope that you would pull, that would lift you off your feet when chosen to ring the bell from recess.

I remained in this school until Grade VI when the district one room schools were bused to a brand new public school in Ridgetown. Howard Harwich Moravian Public School offered new facilities, as well as new friends who were bused in from other neighbouring townships. I was in the middle of Grade VIII when my parents and my brother moved to Trout Creek to build our new home. My sister, Patty and I lived with our sister Sherrie and her husband Reade, until the end of the school year when we moved to Trout Creek. I completed Grades 9 - 13 at Almaguin Highlands Secondary School where I also shared classes with Lena Tuulos (who would one day marry my brother George) and graduated in 1976. In 1976, I attended The University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario. I received my Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Fine Art, from the University of Guelph in 1978 and moved to Toronto in January, 1979 where I worked at Curry's Art Store.

In 1981 I joined Estee Lauder Cosmetics Limited, Toronto, as Creative Services Assistant to the Merchandising and Advertising Departments. My work at Estee Lauder included in-store merchandising, designing and directing corporate sales meetings, visual presentation, and various other projects from design to production. I was promoted to Visual Presentation Co-ordinator in 1983, and to Merchandising and Design Administrator in 1985, travelling all across Canada, through some of the United States and even went to Europe with the company.

I left Estee Lauder Cosmetics and established DNA DESIGN/ILLUSTRATION in March 1988 to promote my freelance design services, and have a wide variety of clients who offer me a range of creative projects that continue to challenge me and keep me in business today.

WILLIAM (BILL) MINTENKO

William (Bill) is the youngest child of Ion (John) and Marina Mintenko (nee Gabor), of Shell Valley, Manitoba.

I was born on February 14, 1934, in Boulton Municipality, Roblin, Manitoba. I resided on the farm in the Shell Valley area.

I attended Shell River School from 1940 - 1946 at which time the family moved to the Blue Wing municipality and I attended the Shell Vale School, completing Grade IX in 1949. Then fifteen years of age, I had to quit school and go out in the working world. I went to Vancouver, British Columbia looking for work. I got a job on the Tug Boats for 4 1/2 years. During that time I met my wife, Doreen Andrychuk from Ozerna, Manitoba. She was working as a Secretary. We were married on June 2, 1956 at Ozerna, Manitoba. We resided at Vancouver, B.C. following our wedding. I attended Vancouver Trade College and took a Welding Trade which I have made a career of.

We moved to Langenburg, Saskatchewan, in 1959. In 1960 we moved to Saltcoats, Saskatchewan, remaining there till 1965, then back to Langenburg for eight months before returning to Vancouver in July of 1966. In 1968 we moved to Prince George, B.C., where we presently reside.

I am employed as a Welder for Northwood Pulp Mill. My wife, Doreen, is a secretary for Canadian Forest Products in Prince George.

My sports are hunting, fishing, softball and curling.

My hobbies are dancing, swimming, movies, biking, various ornamental welding, playing my harmonica and also playing pool.

We have three children; Daryl, Brent and Marni. We also are blessed with three grandchildren.

My ancestral background is as follows:

Great Grandfather: Vasili Mintencu

Great Grandmother: Maria (maiden name not available)

Vasili & Maria Mintencu's children:

- Gheorghe & wife Katrina: **Ionica**, their son, married
Marina Gabor
(There were two girls who died)
Ionica came to Canada alone

Zamphira, their daughter, married
Eli Burla

Eleanica (a step sister) married

Tanase Holovaci.
Their sons, Ion & Pentelai
(Pentelai came to Canada alone)

Vasili Mintencu, my Great Grandfather, had three brothers and one sister, namely:

1. Teoder (his children: Nicolai (wife Agrapina)
Petru (wife Agrapina)
Domnica (husband Dumitru Paulencu)
2. Gheorghe: (had no children)
3. Dumitru: (his children: Varvara
Constantin (Constantin came to Canada
alone - he had a grocery store in
Lennard
4. Domnica: (married Dumitru Paulencu)
Their children: Marina - married to Nicolai
Pentlichuk
Ion - married to Maria Bordian
Gheorghe - married to Efrusina Gabor
(my mother, Marina's
sister)

DARYL DEAN WILLIAM:

Daryl is the eldest son of William and Doreen Mintenko, born on November 19, 1958 at the St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver, British Columbia.

In 1959 he moved to Saskatchewan with his parents. He started school in 1963. Moved back to Vancouver, B.C. in 1966 and to Prince George in 1968, where he completed his education and graduated in 1976. He attended college in Prince George for two years then attended University of Victoria for one year. In 1979 he attended The Coast Guard College at Sydney, Nova Scotia and graduated in 1983, as a Navigating Officer. He then moved to Victoria, B.C. where he is working for the Canadian Coast Guard. He has been taking continuous upgrading courses to date.

Daryl, met Shannon Louise Lake of Victoria, British Columbia, in 1988. Shannon is a Dental Assistant. They were married on July 21, 1990, and have a son, Nicholas William who was born on April 6, 1992.

Daryl's hobbies are reading, swimming, biking, camping and playing the guitar and well as being an avid golfer.

As a youngster he was in Cubs and Scouts and he played hockey and baseball, plus other sports from early years to junior level.

BRENT RYAN ANDREW:

Brent is the second son of William and Doreen Mintenko. He was

born on May 31, 1961, at the Langenburg Memorial Hospital, Langenburg, Saskatchewan. He moved with his family to Vancouver in 1966. He started school in Vancouver in 1967. Another move was made to Prince George in 1968, where he completed his education and graduated in 1979. He attended Prince George College for two years and is working at Northwood Pulp Mill in Prince George, B.C. as a Machine Tender Operator.

He met his fiancée, Jeanette Elizabeth Gibbon of Prince George, B.C. in April of 1991. Jeanette works as a secretary for a Law Firm. They have two children; Brandon James, born on November 27, 1990 and Taylor May, born April 9, 1992.

Brent was in Cubs and Scouts. He also played hockey and baseball and other sports from early years to junior level.

Brent's hobbies are dancing, swimming, playing pool, horseshoes and camping.

MARNI CHERYL ANN:

Marni is the youngest child and the only daughter of William and Doreen Mintenko. She was born on November 23, 1965 at the Langenburg Memorial Hospital, in Langenburg, Saskatchewan.

Her family moved to Vancouver, British Columbia in 1966 and then to Prince George, B.C. in 1968.

Marni started school in September of 1970 and completed her education in Prince George, B.C., graduating in 1982.

Marni met Michael Leslie Thorn of Coquitlam, B.C. in 1986 in Prince George, B.C. They were married on May 16, 1987. They reside in Surrey, B.C. Michael is working for the City of Vancouver. Marni, has been working at various part-time jobs and has been taking courses, achieving a position as a Safety Coordinator.

Marni's hobbies are softball, biking, swimming, cooking and crafts.



Bill and Doreen Mintenko



Michael and Marni Thorne



Brent, Jeanette, Brandon and Taylor Mintenko



Daryl, Shannon and Nicholas Mintenko



Marina Mintenko (Gabor)



Katherine Aitken, Billy Mintenko, Dora Hoffman, Freddie and Donny Hoffman

THE MINTENKO FAMILY TREE

