
*The
Ledochowski Family Album*

1903 ~ 2003

*Gregory & Anna Ledochowski
and their Descendants*

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in North America*

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Introduction

The conception of this family history began quite unintentionally one warm summer evening back in 1976. I was about 23 at the time and attending the University of Manitoba. We were at the old air force base recreation hall in Gimli, Manitoba - a 45-minute drive from my hometown of Poplarfield and I was accompanying my parents to the wedding reception for my cousin Gailbreth Leduchowski.

At one point, late in the evening, I was sitting at a table with a group of people, which included my parents, Mike and Anne Ledohowski, and a small group of my father's relatives and their spouses. Not knowing exactly how Gailbreth and I were related, I asked if anybody could explain to me our connection. The Ledohowski family was large and fairly well known in the region, but I really didn't know how I was related to most of them. What was also curious to me was that there were three or four variations on the spelling of the family name in local use.

As I sit and compose the introduction to this family history, some 30 years later, I can still vividly recall its beginning. Mrs. John Zuk was sitting across from me at our table and offered to try to explain how Gailbreth and I were related. She picked up an empty cigarette package (almost everybody smoked socially back then) and tore it open. She dug into her purse for a pen, and with the willing help of others at the table, noted a handful of names on the blank inner side of the pack. She then connected the names with a few simple lines and arrows - and there it was! Gailbreth and I were second cousins. My father, Mike, and Gailbreth's father, Sid, were first cousins. Our grandfathers were brothers. I was also told that evening that there were about forty five or more other first cousins in the Ledochowski clan of my Dad and Sid's generation. I remember thinking that was certainly a lot of cousins, but didn't really think much more about it beyond that. And, concerning the family name, nobody at the table that night was quite sure why there were several different spellings.

I hadn't planned on saving Mrs. Zuk's little diagram. I was satisfied to have found out how I was related to Gailbreth - and her three equally good looking sisters. Some weeks later I found the little note. Taking another look at it, I thought maybe I'd copy it to a proper piece of paper and add in my immediate family to see how many first cousins I myself had. That was fairly easily completed. Later looking at it, I thought that to do this properly, to have something I

could share, I should try to get the name, birth date and a photo of each of my Dad's "forty-five or so" first-cousins, add the section on my immediate family and make a little family history booklet. It would consist of two family tree charts and about sixty to seventy photographs. I should easily be able to do that, or so I thought.

I had no completion date in mind and no idea how long it might take. It would just be an on-going fun thing - like a number of other little projects I always had on the go. So, over the next few years, whenever we had relatives drop by our house to visit or when the different families gathered at a social event, I would introduce myself to people my parents pointed out as relatives. By the end of the evening I'd invariably get one or two new names or birth dates to add to my booklet. I was frequently invited to drop by and look through family albums for old pictures that I might want to copy. I had bought myself a 35 mm camera a few years back and had done some 'close up' copy-work both in high school and more recently at university. Photographing the old photographs was something I knew how to do, and it was usually done right on a kitchen table using a copy-stand I made fitted with light bulbs for strong even lighting. Everybody was always friendly and obliging, and I very much enjoyed these in-home visits.

There were months and even years when little progress was made filling in the gaps in my booklet. Greater priorities occupied my youth. But when I did get a chance to meet with newly-introduced family members, the encouragement, new information and photos they graciously offered up, always seemed to energize me. Then I would invariably find the time to put a few more weeks or months of serious work on the project. I was accumulating a fairly large number of photographs and my little family history booklet was beginning to look like a large scrapbook, or more like some sort of extended-family photo album.

Sometimes someone would relate a short story about a family member to me. By far the most interesting of these stories I heard concerned the dark "secret" about the family back in Europe. It appears that the Ledochowski family was a wealthy and prominent family, with branches living in southern Poland and Austria. The family was devotedly Roman Catholic and a number of individuals held prominent positions in the Catholic Church hierarchy. About 1855 a family scandal occurred which resulted in the expulsion to a convent

and subsequent shunning of a young unwed mother by the name of Sofia Ledochowska - who had insisted on keeping her baby. Mother and young son Gregory Ledochowski eventually settled down in the town of Przemyśl, in southeastern Poland. Here Sofia later married and had several more children. Over the years, there was no reconciling with the family and any thought of noble titles, inheritance or even assistance for either Sofia or Gregory was given up and long forgotten.

As the story goes, young Gregory grows to manhood, and around 1885 marries Anna Litwin. Before long they have a family of six, five sons and a daughter: Stefan, Ivan, Fedko, Petro, Mikoly, and the youngest, Katharina. In 1903 Gregory makes a decisive decision to leave the old world behind. He booked passage on an immigrant ship to Canada with high hopes of a new and better life. Within a few short weeks, the eight of them have a homestead and a very different and very difficult, new life as pioneers in the 'bush, swamp and stone' of Manitoba's central Interlake region. With hard work, slow but steady progress was made, and the family began to put down roots in their new homeland.

However, the old world connection did not quite end with that. It is said that shortly after Gregory's passing in 1925, a 'registered' letter arrived for him at the Hamrlik Post Office. It was said to have been sent by a lawyer representing Gregory's mother Sofia, who was still alive back in Poland and related something about a family reconciliation and Gregory "never having to work another day in his life". However, with Gregory now deceased, it was left to Stefan as the oldest son to travel to Poland to handle the family business. But, barely able to meet his young and growing family's basic needs, a trip overseas was out of the question at the time. Soon thereafter, Sofia herself passed away. The family inheritance also passed - into the hands of the Roman Catholic Church. The family of Gregory Ledochowski remained homesteaders and farmers in the forests and swamps of the Interlake region.

It is an interesting but possibly a tall tale, or are we some sort of 'lost' branch of the noble European Ledochowski family? This story was told to me by Anne (Mrs. Fred) Leduchowski, who related it in Ukrainian, and as my Dad translated into English and I jotted down notes. Other members of the family, including my father, said they also had heard the same story. I though it was simply fascinating.

The majority of the other family short stories told to me involved outstanding feats of strength. One, involving my own grandfather Stefan Ledochowski, had him taking the place of one of his horses, which came up lame while hauling fish crates for the Icelanders winter fishing on Lake Winnipeg. Another involved Kost Leduchowski walking down a highway in northwest Ontario carrying a police car door under his arm, to which he was handcuffed. And yet another involved Great Uncle Mike Ledochowski carrying 500 pounds of flour on his back as part of a wager with a local storekeeper. These particular short stories are related in more detail in the pages to come. I found these and the all-to-few other such stories very interesting, and they played a major role in keeping me interested in the project.

Then, sometime early in 2002, with the centenary of Gregory and Anna's arrival in Canada approaching, my cousin Leo Ledochowski of the Canad Inns hotel chain, suggested that we should organize a family reunion to mark the anniversary. I thought that was an excellent idea and set about to help plan and organize the event. I enlisted the help of a small group of distant cousins. After a year or more of regular meetings, on the third weekend of July, 2003 "The Ledochowski Family Reunion 1903-2003" was celebrated. The three day event went off, as they say "without a hitch" and was a great success. As part of the event I put up a display of most of the images and information that I had collected to that point. Plus, in the months leading up to the reunion I pushed hard to fill in what ever 'missing bits' I could. In spite of the time needed to help coordinate and plan the reunion, I nevertheless made great strides in getting more photos and basic personal information. It was about this time that I realized that a full-fledged book was now in the making.

In conjunction with the reunion preparations, I produced a Ledochowski Family website, <Ledochowski.ca> which cousin Leo offered to host on the internet using his Canad Inn's server. In addition to reunion information, the website included sections from the family history album and other family history items. At about this time both Leo and Ben Ledochowski graciously provided some much needed financial assistance to cover the growing stationary, photographic, travel and postal expenses that I was incurring. It was much appreciated and helped to keep me going.

About a year after the reunion, and much follow-up work, both hard drives on my home computer crashed, and without up-to-date backups, I faced months of redoing previously finished work. It was at this low point that I seriously considered giving up. Among the many files lost was a new and improved family website I had just completed, which included a significant number of photos from the reunion and new sections from the family book. But, as before, after some time away from it, the need to finish the project began to needle me again.

Towards the end of 2005 I decided to make one final push, a 'Polish Push' as my Dad would say, and try to get photos and information from the few remaining families who were not yet properly represented in the book. I have to admit now, it took longer than I thought I had the energy or time for, but I kept the push going and by early December 2006, at long last, it was essentially done. All that remained was to arrange for proofreading and printing.

I would like to briefly note some of the memorable visits I had with people that I would otherwise never have gotten to know so well, had it not been for this project. These include John and Anne Zuk, Mary and Mike Martyniuk, Dan Leduchowski, Helen Sawka, and Nellie Klym, - each of whom I had the pleasure of visiting several times. Other relatives that I corresponded with by mail, email, and by telephone, but never met face to face were Joe Ledochowski of Riverside, California and Judy Greenleaf of Deerborn, Michigan.

I'd like to mention another rather interesting aspect of this project. I intentionally selected and copied pictures that provided a good time span, to show people at different stages of their lives. After working with many hundreds of photos, I feel as though I've watched from afar as virtually all my relatives went through childhood, grew up, married, had families, and settled into old age. Eleven hundred photos appear in this book, but at least twice that number were copied, and probably ten times that number were examined. As a result, I honestly feel as though I personally know everyone in this book, including those that I have never even met or spoken with. Hopefully, readers will get a similar sense of this 'familiarity' through the eleven hundred images selected for use in the book.

It was sometimes quite a challenge to get full and accurate information concerning all the names, correct spellings, birth, marriage and deceased dates and locations. Despite numerous eyes and the best of intentions, some errors and typos undoubtedly exist for which I apologize. Spelling of some family names and place names also proved problematic. The spelling for "Hamrlik" was finally settled by locating an old post office registered letters book for the district, which eliminated the "Hamerlik" and "Hamirlik" versions, both of which are sometimes used locally.

And finally, on a personal note, this publication marks the completion of the second of three so-called "Memories & Photographs" projects I have been working on for most of my adult life. The first of these was The Poplarfield and District Millennium Album, published in March 2001. It was an attempt to preserve some of the colourful history and images from my home community and district of Poplarfield, Manitoba.

This, my second family history book, focuses on one extended family within that community - the Ledohowski family, (and also the Leduchowski family, the Ledochowski family and part of the Kochan family.)

My third and final family history book will focus on the lives and the times of one of the '46 1st-cousin' families that make up the Ledochowski clan. That of course, would be my father and mother, Michael and Ann Ledohowski. Work on that book is now well advanced. It should be completed, and a limited number of copies printed, with only a couple more years of work.

These personal history books are my gift to my family and community. They offer a few select memories and images from our collective past. They remind us who we are and where we came from - something I believe everyone should know about themselves. And..., I eventually did figure out why the family name has several different spellings.

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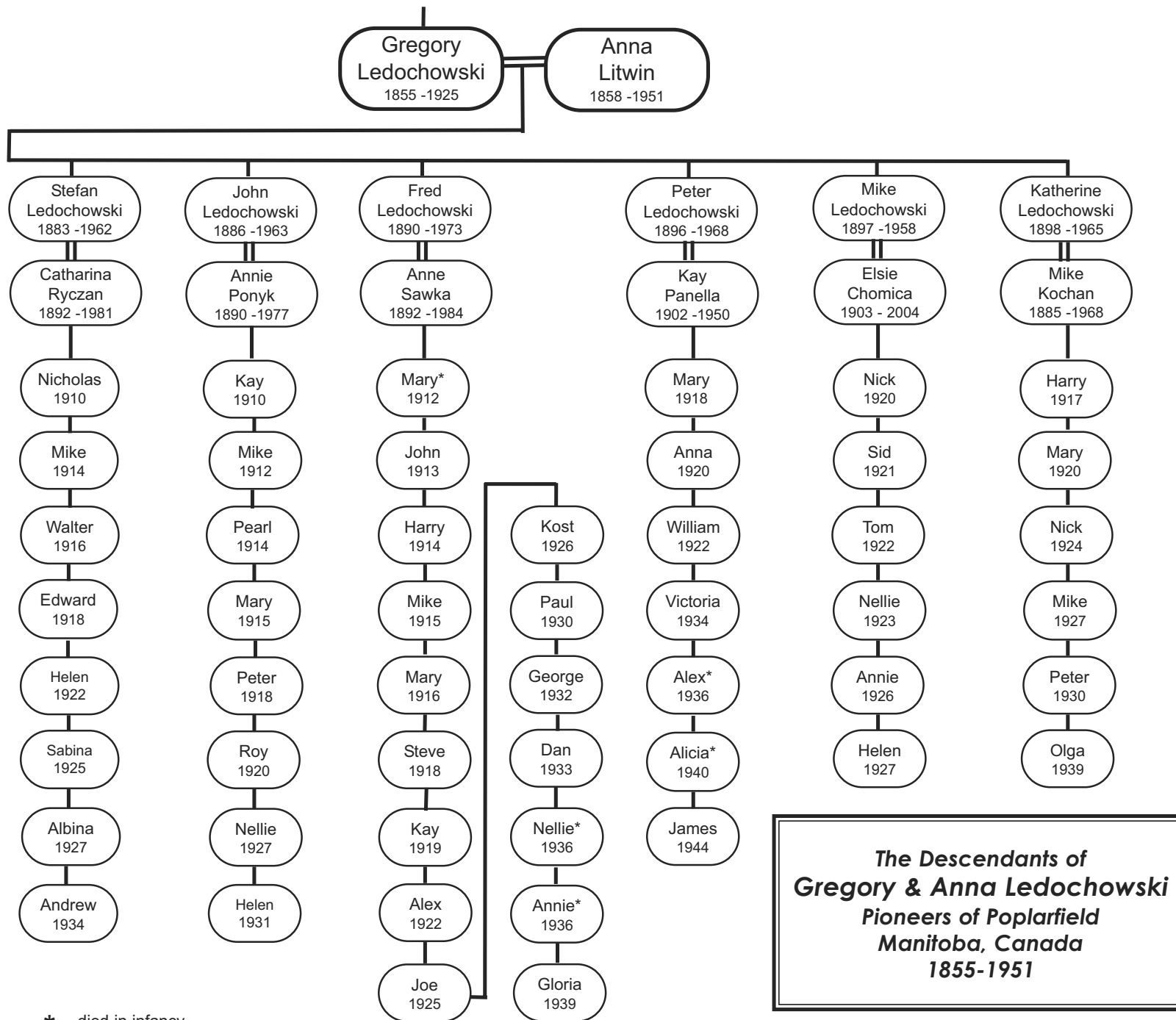
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Chapter One

The first generation resident in Canada:

Hoyt & Hontka Ledochowski





Gregory Ledochowski
1855 - October 6, 1925
c1924.



Anna Ledochowski
1858 - October 4, 1951
c1924.

Gregory and Anna Ledochowski

The patriarch of the Ledochowski family in Canada was Grygor Ledochowski, though he initially went by the name of "Hryte", meaning Harold or Harry in English.

The family origins in Europe are not well known. Several branches of the Ledochowski family in Poland and Austria were prominent and titled families. The family was devoutly Roman Catholic, and many devoted their lives to the church, some of whom became very notable: such as Maria Teresa Ledochowska, the missionary "Mother of Africa" who was beatified in 1975; her sister Mother Ursula (Julia) Ledochowska, canonized in 2003 for her work educating and caring for children in Poland; a brother Wladimir Ledochowski, who was Superior General of the Jesuit Order in Rome (1915 - 1942). And, the youngest brother, Ignacy Ledochowski, was a general in the Polish army who fought against the Bolsheviks after WWI in the re-establishing of the Republic of Poland and who was captured by the Germans in WWII & died in the Nordhausen concentration camp (1945) There were other military heroes in the family dating back to the saving of the city of Vienna from the Turks by the Polish Cavalry in 1683, a battle in which brothers Kazimierz & Felicjan Ledochowski lost their lives. Earlier history has the family associated with the bringing of Christianity to Poland in 975AD. For which they were rewarded with a family coat-of-arms: a golden circle containing three gold crosses on a blue background (granted from Grand Duke Wladimir of Kiev). Later, in 1457 for military service to the crown, they were granted an estate, 'Ledochow' in Wolhynia (from which the family name is derived).

Family legend has it that Gregory's mother, Sofia Ledochowska, was closely related to the titled branch of the Ledochowski family in Poland, but no documentation substantiating the claim have been found. All that is known with some certainty is that Gregory was born about 1855 in Prezemysl, Eastern Poland, to a young woman by the name of Sofia Ledochwska. Sofia, being unwed and with child, was banished to a convent. Determined to raise the child herself, she settled in the town of Prezemysl, where she apparently found work as a domestic in the household of a wealthy family, and was able support herself and her son. She eventually married a Mr. Tzier, and they had three children together. About 1883, at the age of 27, Gregory married Anne Lytwyn. Gregory and Anna went on to raise a family of five sons and a daughter. Stefan, the oldest, was born on July 24, 1884 in the nearby town of Stubno, Poland. 'Ivan' (John) was born in 1887, 'Fedko' (Fred) in 1890, 'Petro' (Peter) in 1896, 'Mikaly' (Mike) in 1897, and 'Katharina' (Catherine) in 1898.

In 1903 the whole family, except 20 year-old Stefan, immigrated to Canada. Stefan had been conscripted into the Austrian Military and trained as a sniper. He remained in Poland until 1910 when he was discharged and finally was able to join the family. By this time his parents and siblings were well entrenched in developing homesteads in the isolated wilderness of spruce, swamp and stone of what would become the Hamrlik Postal District,

near the future communities of Poplarfield and Chatfield in the Interlake Region of Manitoba. Gregory had selected and filed claim for homestead on quarter section SE 2-22-1 WPM, five miles east and two miles south of present day Poplarfield. As the boys came of age, each in turn filed for homesteads of their own in the immediate vicinity; John in 1907, Mike in 1908, and Fred in 1909. At the time there was very little cash money to be earned in the region. Hand tools were used for all farmwork, livestock was minimal, and life was harsh and difficult.

Gregory and the older boys apparently found some paying work with the Icelanders at Arborg and Gimli and were paid with a young calf. But local work was difficult to find especially for cash money. As well, for a number of years running, older sons worked with the harvest gangs on the prairies of Saskatchewan and railway construction gangs to earn a few precious dollars, leaving the women and children to tend the farm and fend for themselves, sometimes for months at a time. Gregory also worked railway construction for three months in 1905.

The 1911 Canadian Census form indicated that "Hryte Ledyhouski" (55) lived with his wife Annie (52) and three children Peter (17), Mike (14), and Katie (12) on Section 2-22-1WPM along with Stefan (28), and Fred (21) with his wife Annie (18) all together in a single large log house'. John "Ledyhouski" (24), his wife Annie (19), and their daughter Katie (1) also lived on 2-22-1WPM, in a household of their own. The census also indicated that in the year prior, 1910, Peter and Mike each spent 26 weeks working 60-hour weeks as railway labourers, earning \$180 each for their efforts. Brother Fred worked for 18 weeks earning \$120.

Gregory's application for 'patent' to his homestead claim, dated March 18, 1912, also provides some interesting information. The homestead entry claim was filed on August 18, 1903. The family lived in temporary accommodation in the Pleasant Home Postal District near the town of Teulon while a log house was being built on the homestead, which was completed in November 1904. Between 1906 and 1911 the land cleared for crops only amounted to 10 acres. A cattle herd was slowly built up from only 3 head in 1904 to 24 head in 1911. The patent application noted that in 1912, the farmstead consisted of six log buildings: a house, 16x30 feet in size; a 20x30 granary; a 12x16 shed; a 12x17 summer kitchen; 24x30 barn; an 18x20 barn. There was also 15 acres of fencing for a total estimated value of \$1,275.00 - after nine years of hard work.

Gregory Ledochowski passed away in his house, on the family homestead, in the summer of 1934 at the age of 69. Anna lived to be 93 years old and passed away in 1951. She spent her final years living with her daughter and son in-law, Katherine and Mike Kockan on their farm. Gregory and Anna are buried side by side in the Hamrlik Community Cemetery, not far from the family homestead.

Arrived June 18th -03
Arrive 5:00 - 30
June 18th Steerage 1590.

HANSA-LINE.
SCHEDULE A.

PARTICULARS RELATIVE TO THE VESSEL.

VESSEL'S NAME.	MASTER'S NAME.	TONNAGE.	FROM WHAT PORT OR PLACE.	Total number of superficial feet in the several compartments set apart for Passengers, other than Cabin Passengers.	Total number of Adult Passengers, exclusive of Master, Crew and Cabin Passengers, which the vessel can legally carry.	WHERE BOUND.
<i>Assyria</i>	<i>Schlaefke</i>	<i>4144, 70</i> <i>Reg. Tonn</i>	<i>Hamburg</i> <i>via</i> <i>Boulogne s.m.</i>			<i>Halifax</i>

Port of Embarkation.	Names of Passengers.	ADULTS.		CHILDREN BETWEEN 1 AND 14.		Number of Infants not over 1 year.	Profession, Occupation or Calling of Passengers.	Nation or Country of Birth.	Births at Sea.	Deaths.	Places in the Dominion of Canada or United States to which passengers are bound.
		Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.						
	<i>Hryt, Harry</i>	<i>33</i>					<i>laborer</i>		<i>1500</i>		
	<i>Ledochowski, Ivan</i>	<i>39</i>							<i>1500</i>		
	<i>Ledochowski, Hryt</i>	<i>47</i>									
	<i>Honka</i>		<i>43</i>				<i>wife</i>				
	<i>Ivan</i>	<i>16</i>									<i>Winnipeg, Man.</i>
	<i>Fedko</i>			<i>11</i>							
	<i>Petro</i>			<i>9</i>							
	<i>Mikoly</i>			<i>5</i>							
	<i>Katharina</i>				<i>4</i>						
	<i>Bron, Marie</i>	<i>68</i>					<i>mother</i>				
	<i>Kette</i>	<i>24</i>					<i>wife</i>		<i>1200</i>		<i>Winnipeg, Man.</i>

Gal 180.00

Gal 1200.00

1903 - Passenger list from the S.S. "Assyria".

Excerpt from the passenger manifest of the Hansa-Line's "Assyria", bound from Hamburg, Germany, via Boulogne, France to Halifax, Canada. Total steerage 1,590 Passengers. Arrival at Halifax: June 18, 1903, 5:00 am. Page 9: "Ledochowsky Hryt (Harry), age 47; Honka (Anna), age 43; Ivan (John), age 16; Fedko (Fred), age 11; Petro (Peter), age 9; Mikoly (Mike), age 5; and Katharina (Katherine), age 4". Bound from Galica to Winnipeg, Manitoba. Cash in hand \$180.00.

A copy of Gregory's August 18, 1903 application for homestead entry.

The homestead application registering SE 2-22-1W to "Gregor Lyduchowski", signed with 'his mark'. The Dominion Lands Office interpreted the 'w' as 'ui', as subsequent department letters used 'Lyduchouiski'.

Earlier that same year, the passenger manifest for the S.S. *Assyria* clearly recorded his name as being 'Hryt Ledochowski'. It is uncertain why 'Gregory' was used on the homestead application, although it is likely that the registrar was looking for an English language equivalent. Hryt continued to be used until the early 1920s when the government's version of the name was gradually adopted in everyday use.

Form A.

No. 19212

APPLICATION FOR A HOMESTEAD ENTRY.

I, Gregor Lyduchowski
of Ukraine do hereby apply
for a Homestead Entry, under sub-clause _____ of clause _____ of "The
Dominion Lands Act," for the 18 Quarter-Section of Section Number 2
of the 22 Township in the 1 Range West
of the 10 Meridian.

Gregor ^{his} Lyduchowski
mark

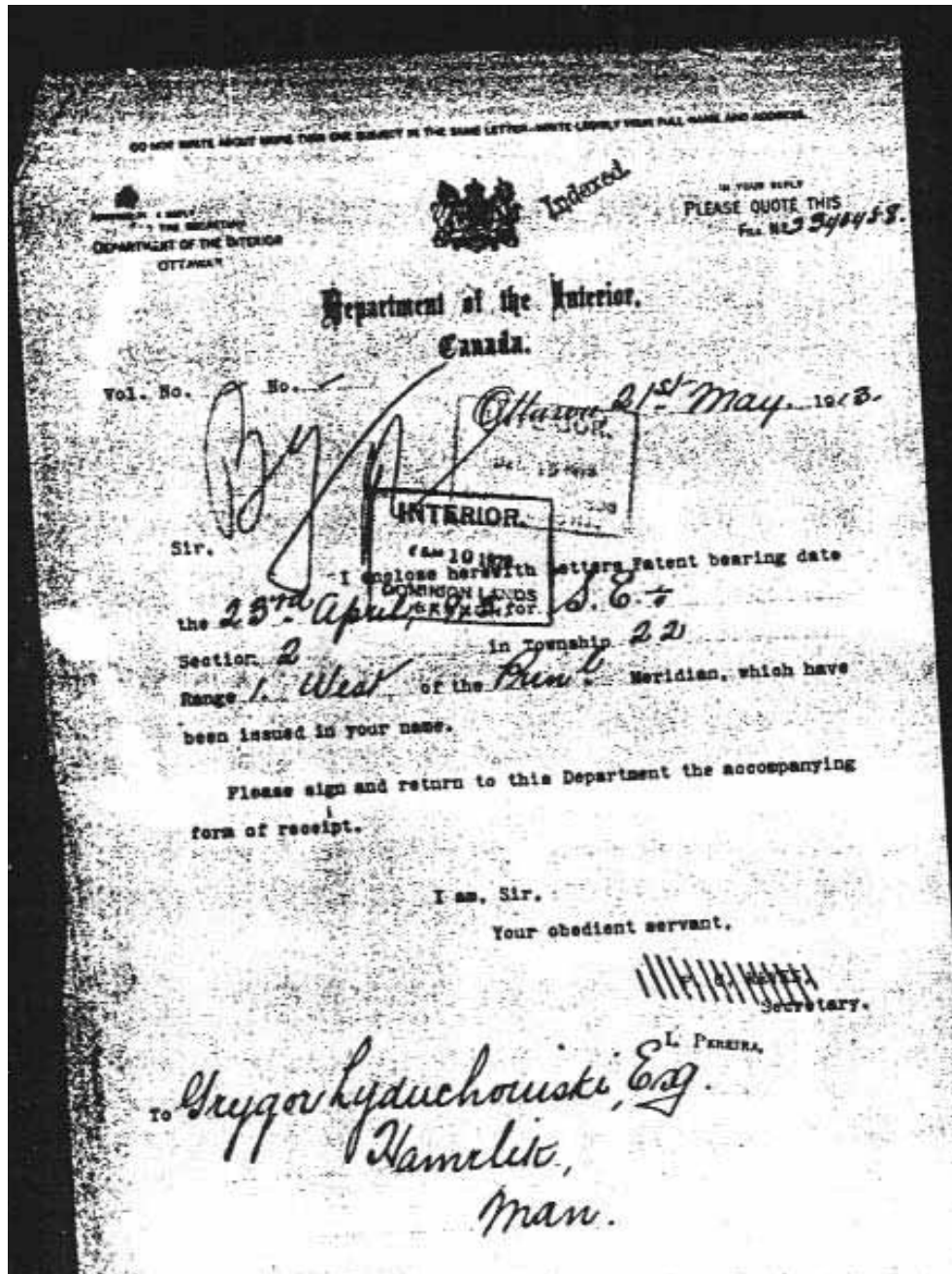
District. 160

19 1903

Note - The following information called for below will be checked and filed in by Agent when granting entry

Number of acres to be entered	NATIONALITY	WHERE FROM	PREVIOUS OCCUPATION
<u>7</u>	<u>Polician</u>	<u>Austria</u>	<u>Farmer</u>

Form No. 1.



Left: A copy of a Department of the Interior letter bearing Patent (title) to the homestead claim in 1917. Note use of the Christian name "Gregor", and the family name clearly spelled as "Lyduchouiski".

Department of the Interior
Canada

Ottawa, 21st May 1913

Sir,
I enclose herewith Letters Patent bearing date, the 23rd of April 1913 for SE 1/4 Section 2 in the Township 22 Range 1 West of the Principal Meridian, which have been issued in your name.

Please sign and return to this Department the accompanying form of receipt.

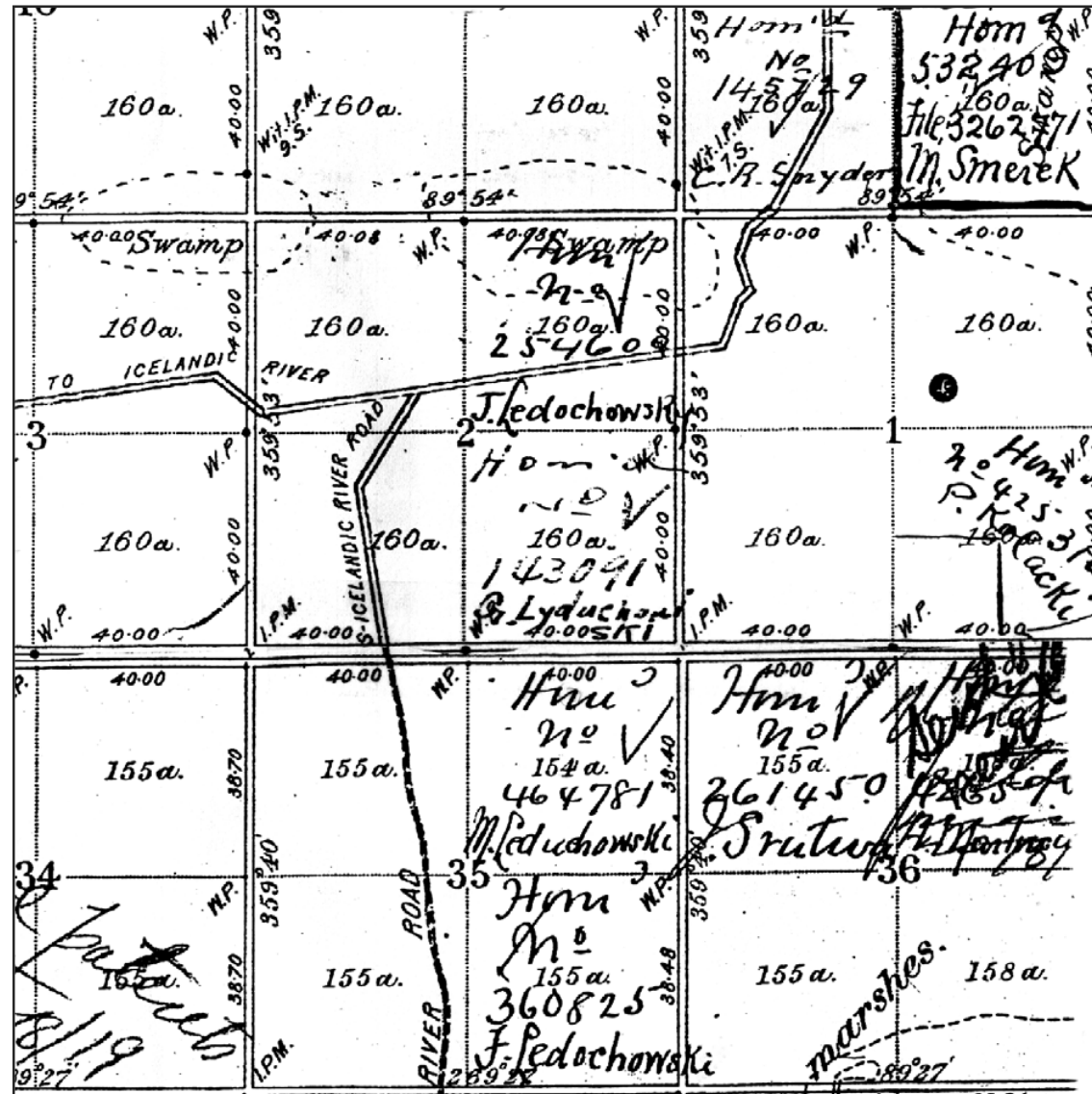
I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant
L. Peretra
Secretary,

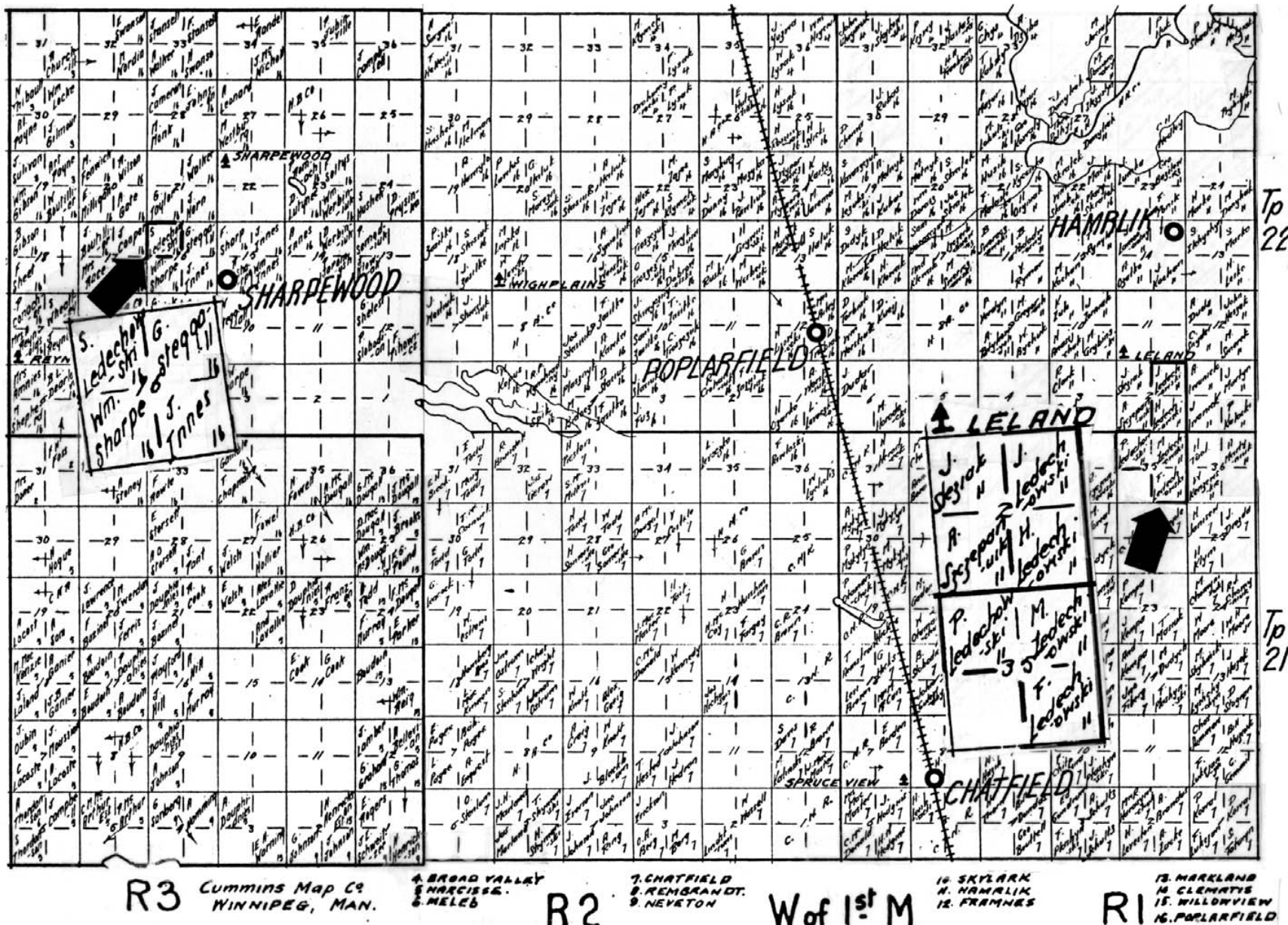
To Grygor Lyduchowski, Esq.
Hamalik, Man

A detail of a homesteaders map showing the area in the Hamrlik Postal District settled by Gregory Ledochowski and three of his five sons: Fred, Mike and John. Note that each homestead entry was registered with a different spelling of the name: "G.Lyduchowski; J.Ledochowsky; M. Leduchowski; and F.Ledochowski".

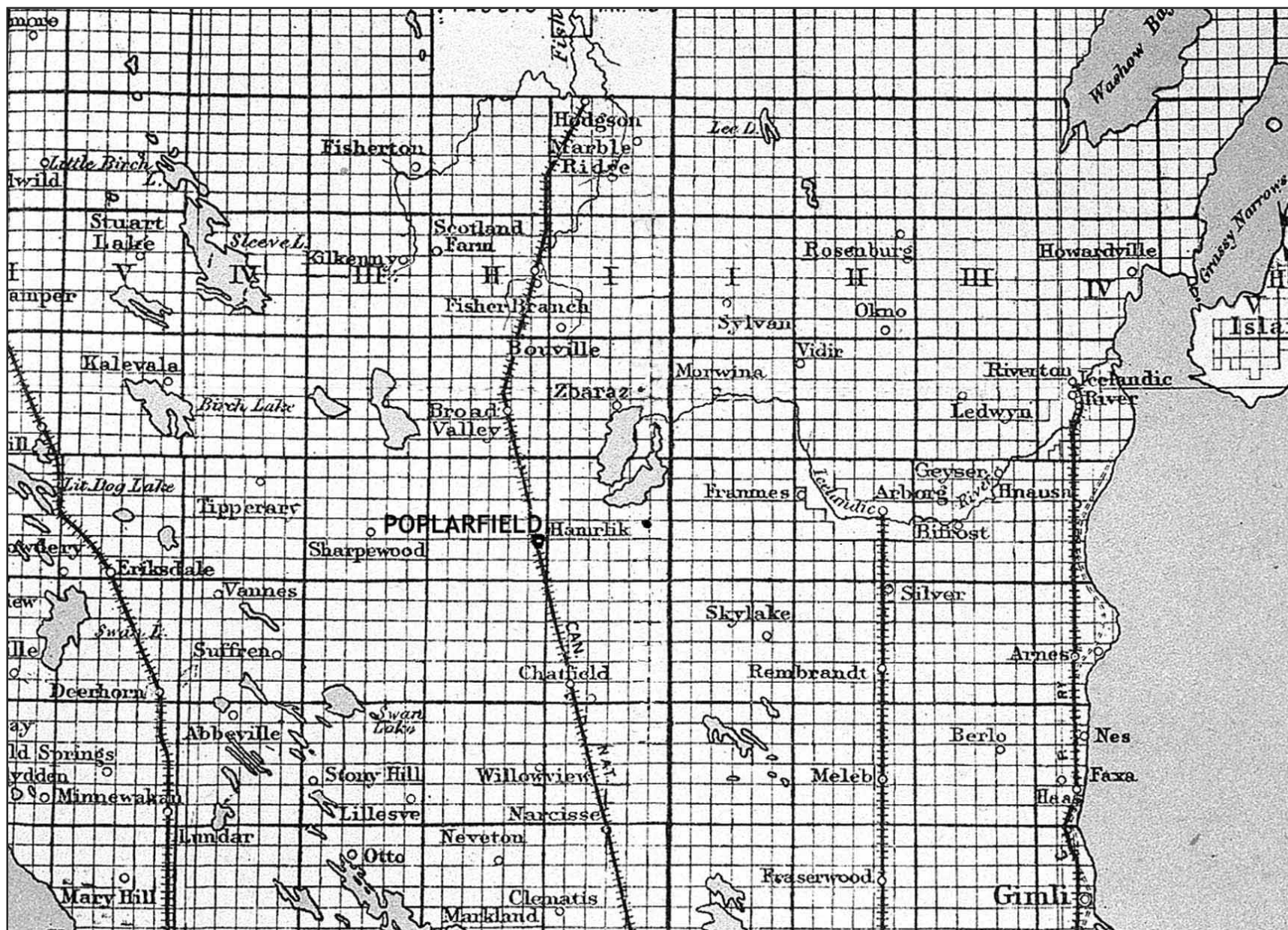
Many of the early settlers were illiterate, and the land agents tended to spell the name as best they could when the homesteads were registered. There was much confusion over the spelling of some family names, and even official records varied. In this case, 'Ledochowski' is of course the proper spelling, however Fred and Peter adopted 'Leduchowski'; brother Stephan settled upon 'Ledohowski'; while the remaining siblings used the original spelling.

Other land ownership maps portrayed the family name as being 'Ledechowski.' Brother Stefan had initially filed for a homestead just to the east of brother Mike's homestead on the NW 36 quarter section, but in 1914 cancelled the claim and moved to the area later to be known as the Sharpewood Postal District.

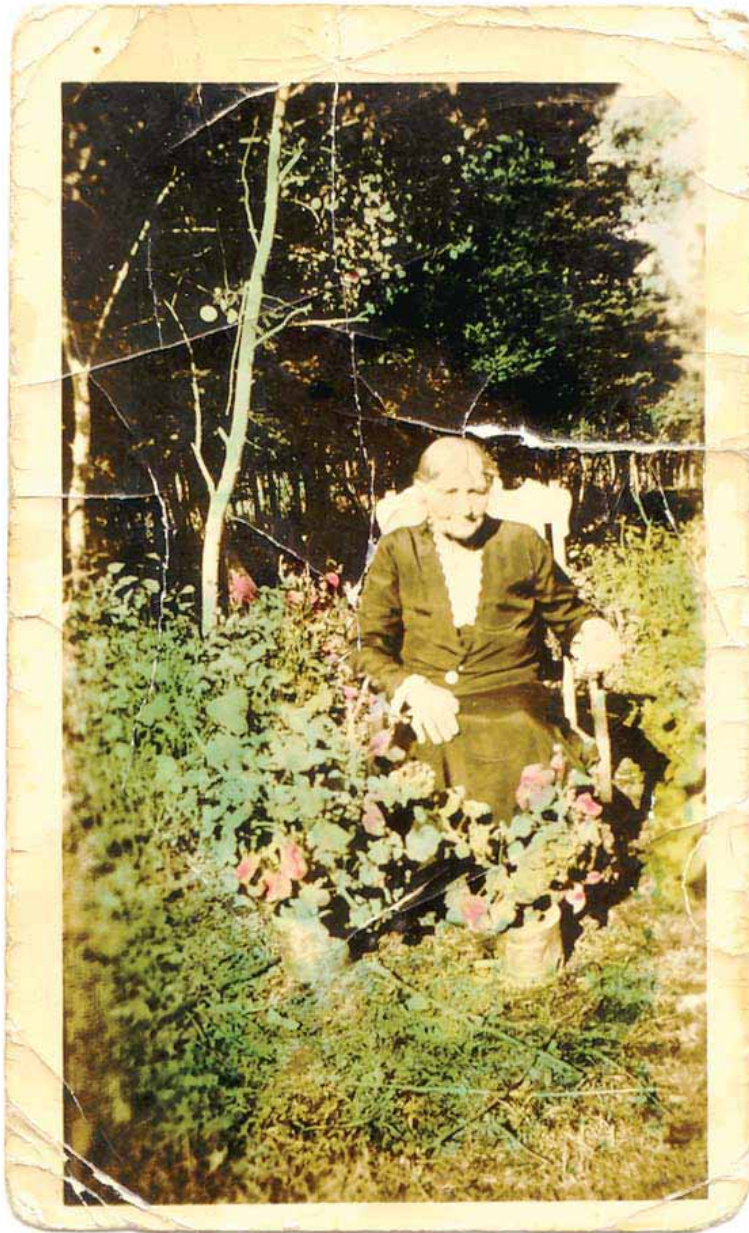




Land Ownership Map, Poplarfield region. A page from Cummin's 1923 Rural Land Ownership Directory. Note the location of Stefan's homestead in Sharpewood, and his father's and brothers' homesteads, in a grouping, 15 miles east in the Hamrluk district. Note also the use of the spelling "Ledechowski" in all cases.



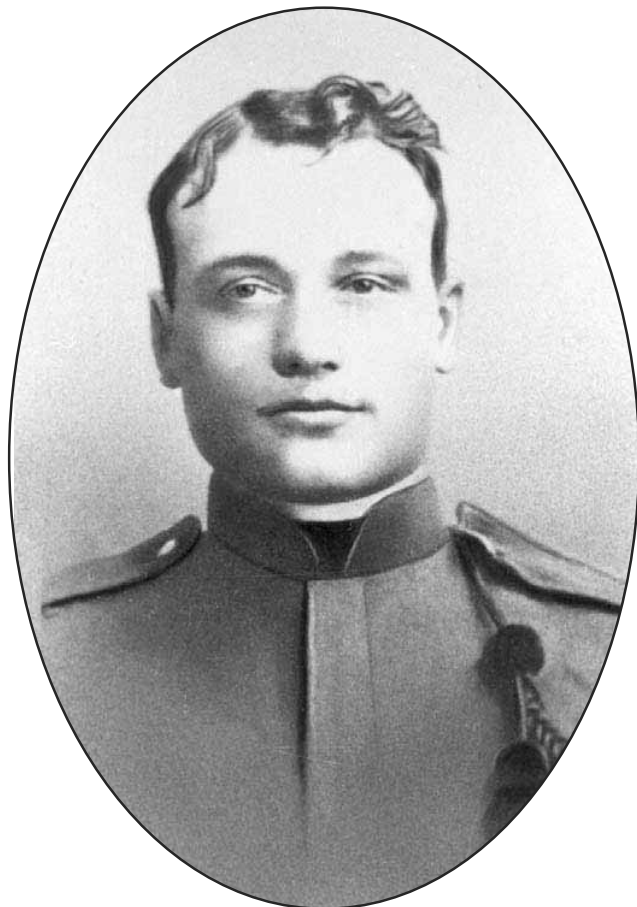
Map printed in 1919 showing Poplarfield and surrounding region, in Manitoba's Interlake region, including the survey grid, railway lines, water bodies and post office locations. Note the many shallow lakes which existed in the region at this time, particularly those east and west of Poplarfield.



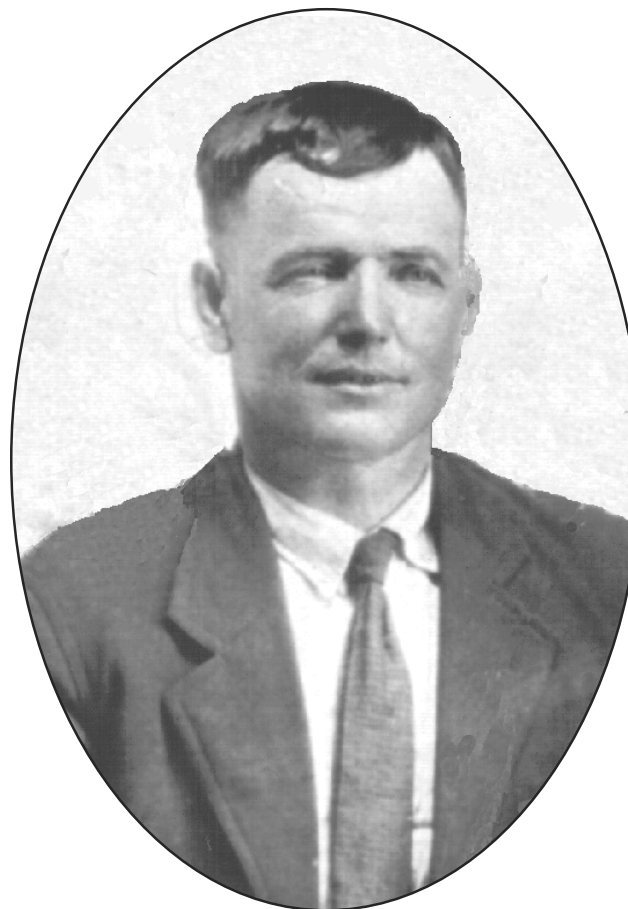
A hand-coloured photograph of Anne Ledochowski, sitting amongst a few potted plants at her daughter Katherine Kochan's farm. Picture likely taken around 1950.



Anne Ledochowski as she appeared about 1947. Anne passed away in 1951 at the age of 93.



1st born
Stefan (Steve) Ledochowski
July 24, 1883 ~ March 13, 1962
Photo c1909 at 26 years of age.



2nd born
Ivan (John) Ledochowski
August, 1887 ~ 1963
Photo c1928 at 32 years of age.



3rd born
Fedko (Fred) Ledochowski
February 20, 1890 ~ June 4, 1973
Photo 1911 at 21 years of age.



4th born
Petro (Peter) Ledochowski
June, 1896 ~ 1968
Photo 1929 at 33 years of age.



5th born
Mikoly (Mike) Ledochowski
December, 1897 ~ August, 1958
Photo 1919 at 22 years of age.



6th born
Katharina (Katherine) Ledochowski
March 4, 1898 ~ January 9, 1965
Photo 1960 at 62 years of age.



The cemetery markers for Gregory and Anna Ledochowski in the Harmlik Community Cemetery.

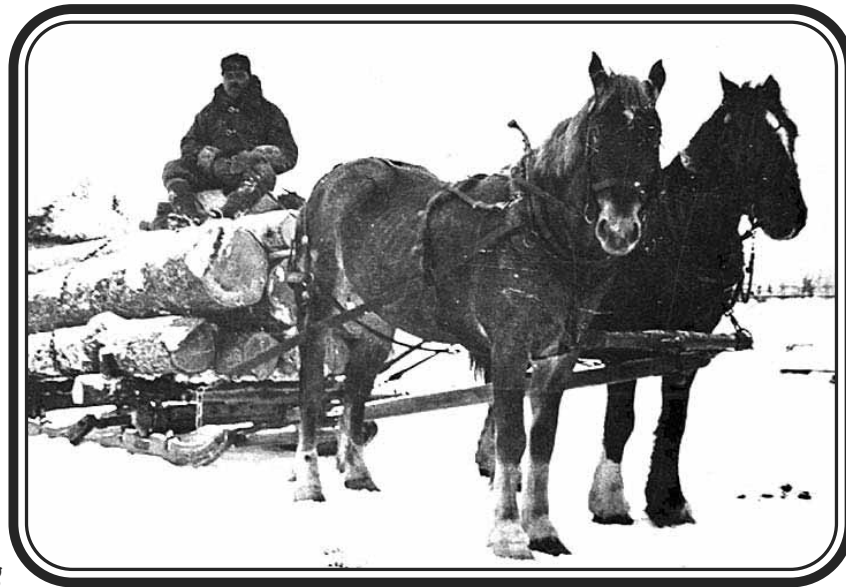
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A Polish Immigrant Family's Legacy in Canada

Chapter Two

Gregory and Anna's first born of six children, a son:

Stephan Ledochowski

My great-grandfather, Stefan Ledohowski, has always been a man of myth for me. Dead before I was born, he has, for me, only ever existed in stories and pictures. A photo of a young man in a uniform that has stood in my parents' living room as far back as I can remember has represented the man who as a teenager lifted the landlord bodily off his horse for whipping his small brother. He is the man of family stories who then came to Canada and brought over his young wife and young son.



One of the stories that my father told me about him has always stayed with me. It is a story of strength and endurance in a Manitoba winter. Out on Lake Winnipeg, one cold, dark, winter evening, his horse carriage full of fish cracked through the ice. One horse was killed, but Stefan couldn't just leave the fish behind and let his family starve. So out on the lake, with the wind whipping around him, he hitched himself along side the other horse and pulled the carriage free, carrying food to his family in a prairie winter.

Lindy Ledohowski

Stefan Ledochowski

Stefan Ledochowski was born on July 24, 1883, the first-born of Gregory and Anna Ledochowski's six children. In 1903 in Poland, as a 20 year old, Stefan was serving his mandatory term in the Austrian military (as a sniper) when his parents and five siblings left Poland for a new life on the Canadian prairies. Stefan was discharged in 1910 and soon after married Katharina Ryczan who was born on March 23, 1892 in Naklo, near Stubno, Poland. Their first born, Nicholas, was born late in 1910, just before Stefan left to join the family in Manitoba. Katherine and Nick joined them in 1913.

Soon after arriving in Canada, Stefan registered for a homestead near the rest of the family in the Hamrlik Postal District, and commenced to prepare a farmstead for the family. In 1914 Stefan took a new homestead 15 miles west of Hamrlik in what would become the Sharpwood Postal District, soon after that township was opened up to homesteading. Being among the first settlers in the district, he was able to select one of the few good quarter sections in the township. With not so much as an oxen or plow to begin with, the family, which now included a second son, Michael, moved from Hamrlik to their new home in the forest.

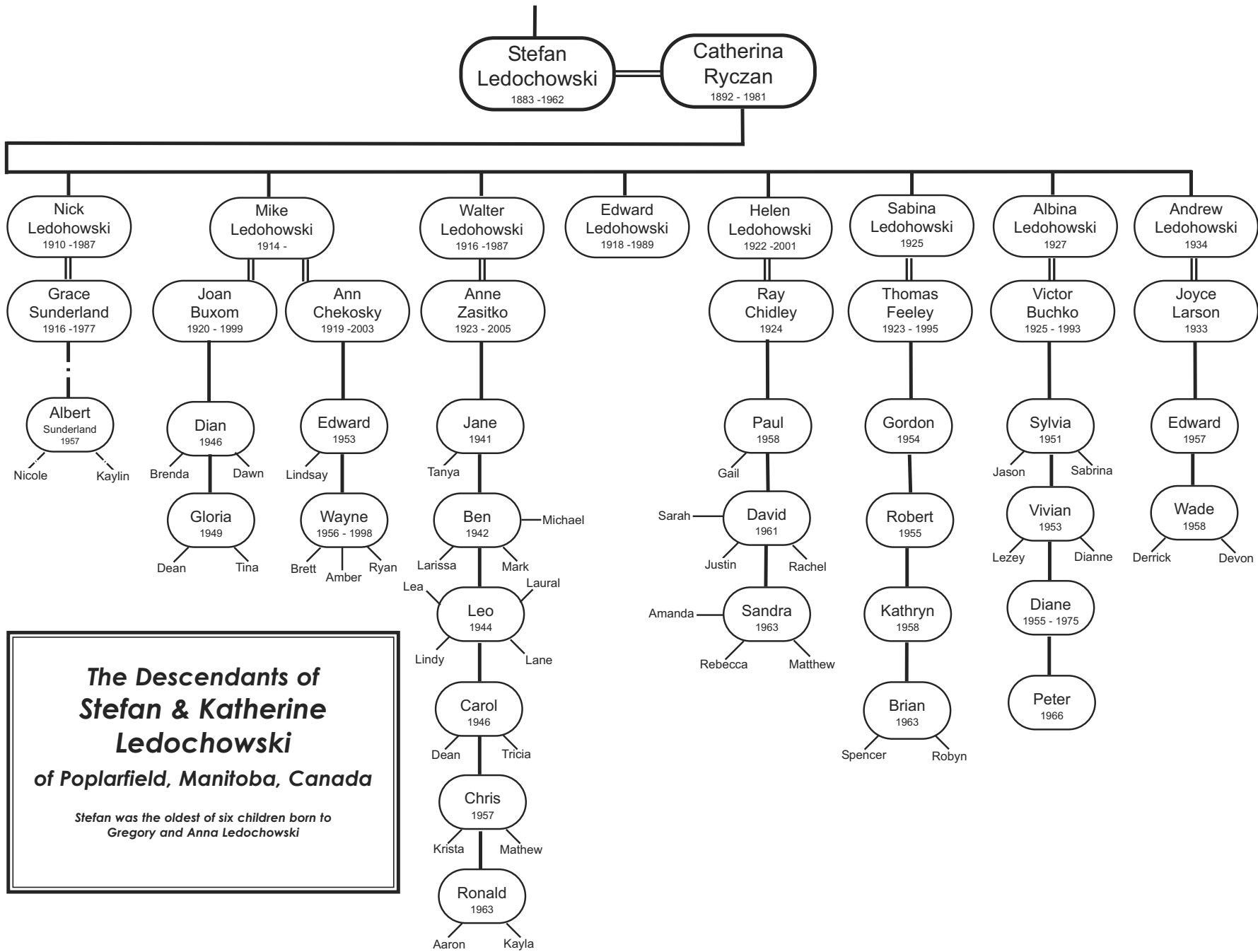
Stefan slowly built up a mixed farming operation, and with the benefit of fertile and relatively stone free cropland, he was able to slowly but surely grow and improve. During the twenties, Katherine and the children often spent many months alone on the homestead while Stefan would seek out paying employment with the autumn threshing gangs in Saskatchewan and winter freighting with the Icelanders out of Riverton. A second quarter of land, the 'Hudson's Bay Company' quarter, was purchased in the early thirties, and with help from the boys, it too was largely cleared and put into crop production.

The family eventually grew to include a total of eight children. They were: Nick (born: 1910), Mike (1914), Walter (1916), Ed (1918), Helen (1922), Sabina (1925), Albina (1927), and Andrew (1934). Stefan continued to farm even as Mike, Walter and Ed left the farm to establish businesses in Poplarfield and to work in the bush-camps and mines of northwestern Ontario.

Stefan and Katherine retired from farming in 1948 and with the proceeds of the farm auction, built themselves a retirement home in Poplarfield. During the early 1950's, they sponsored Polish immigrants Stanislaw and Aniela Nawrot and their young son Joe, who took up residence in Winnipeg. The Nawrots were distant relatives of Katherine's. When Stefan and Katherine's home was destroyed by fire in 1958, at the Nawrots' invitation, they moved to Winnipeg and lived in a suite in the Nawrot home. For a time, son Nick lived with his parents in their suite.

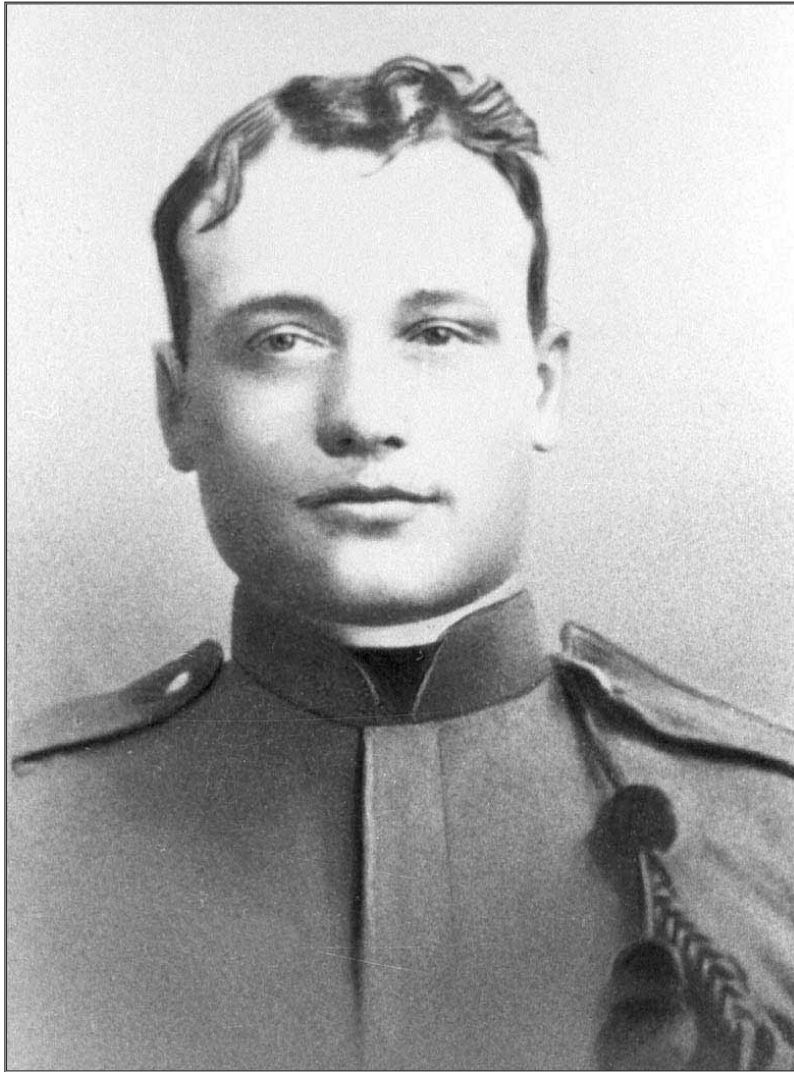
Stefan passed away on March 13, 1962 at the age of 78. Katherine continued to live with the Nawrots until the late 1960s when she moved in with her daughter Albina for a year until a room became available in the Holy Ghost Senior Centre. Katherine very much enjoyed her new friends and life at Holy Ghost and hoped to remain there until she reached a hundred. However, Katherine took ill in 1979 and spent her final months at St. Joseph's Personal Care Home in Winnipeg. She passed away at the age of 89, on December 6, 1981 while giving her son Walter a big final hug.

Stefan and Katherine were laid to rest side by side at the Holy Ghost Roman Catholic Cemetery in Winnipeg, Manitoba.



**The Descendants of
Stefan & Katherine
Ledochowski
of Poplarfield, Manitoba, Canada**

*Stefan was the oldest of six children born to
Gregory and Anna Ledochowski*

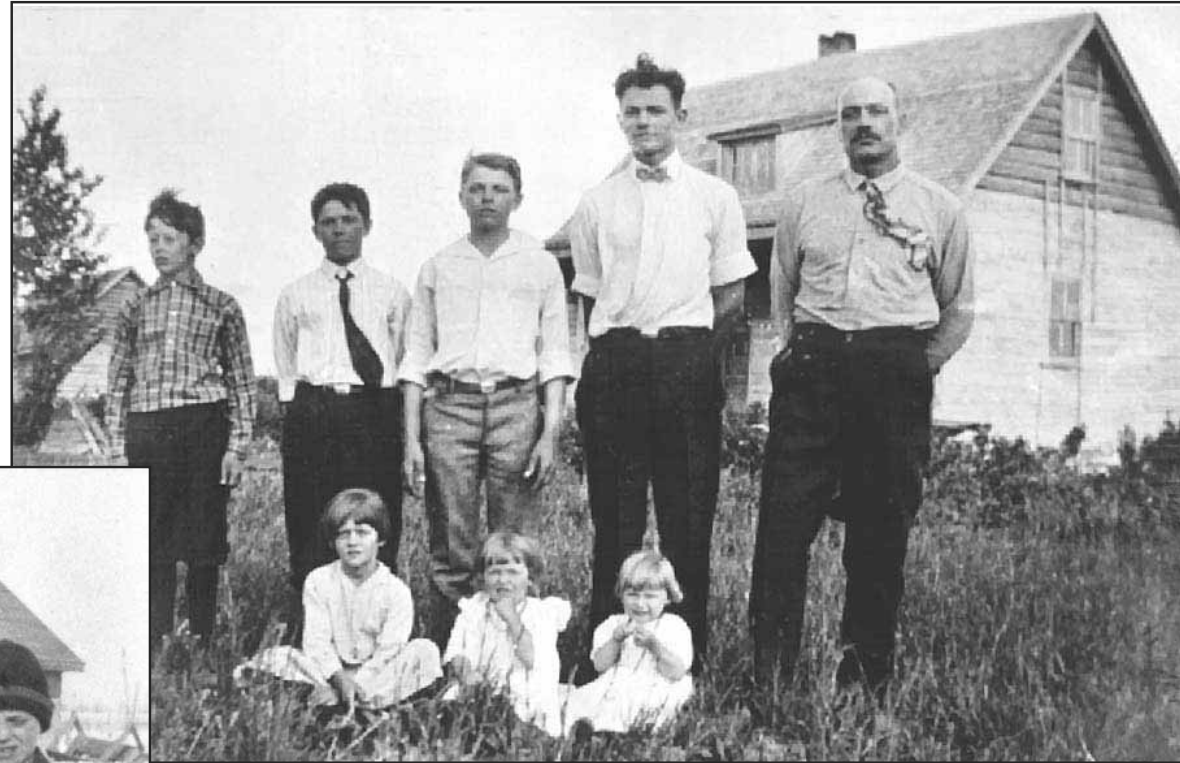


Stefan Ledochowski. Photo about 1909 at 26 years of age wearing his Austrian army sniper's uniform.



Katherine Ledochowski (Ryczan), with baby Nicholas. Photo about 1912, Stubno, East Poland.

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1926 - Family Portrait. The family gathers for a group photo, Katherine handles the camera. (L-R) are: Ed, Walter, Michael, Nick, and Stefan Ledochowski. Helena, Sabina and Albina seated, in front. Andrew, the last child, was born in 1934.

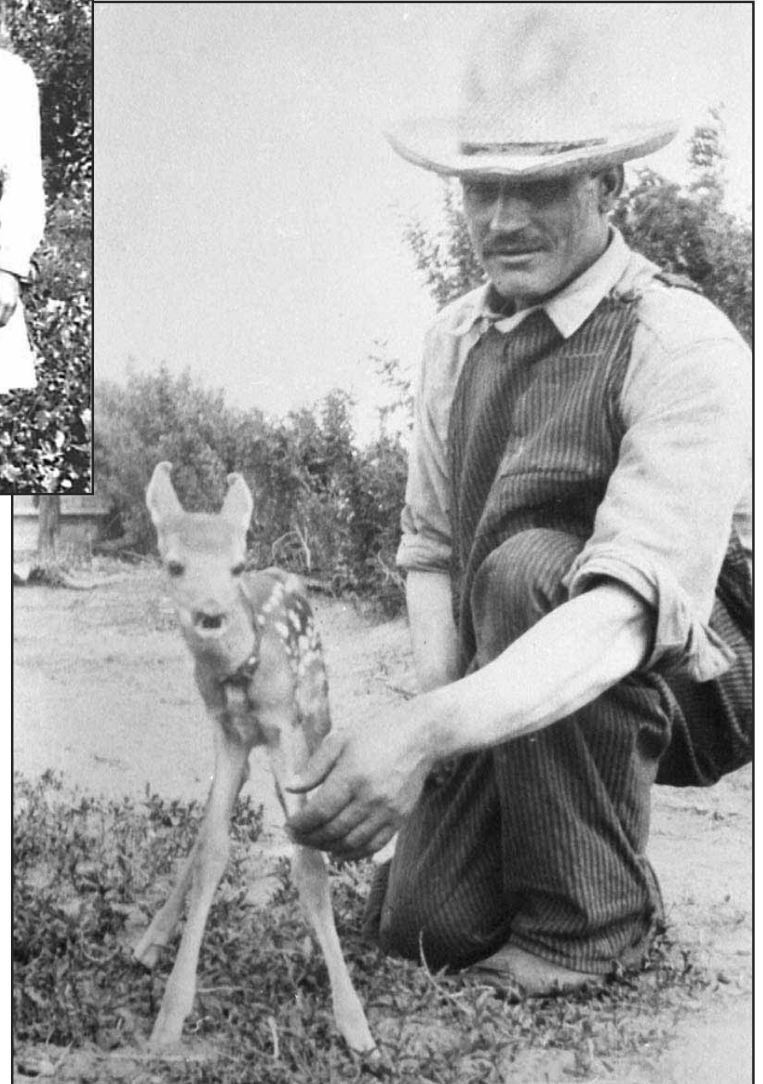


Left: An early family photograph, c1922. Katherine Ledochowski with children Helena, Mike, Walter, and Ed (with the white toque). Apparently, Walter (left) and Mike (right) are making faces in response to Ed having just wet his pants.



Above: Family Portrait, c1930. Back row: Ed, Katherine Ledochowski, and Walter. Front row: The three sisters, Albina, Sabina and Helena.

Right: Stefan Ledochowski and fawn, 1927. While digging seneca root, Walter and brother Mike came across this new born fawn, all alone. The boys carried it six miles to the family farmstead. It was the first of three pet deer the family domesticated, and was called "Billy".

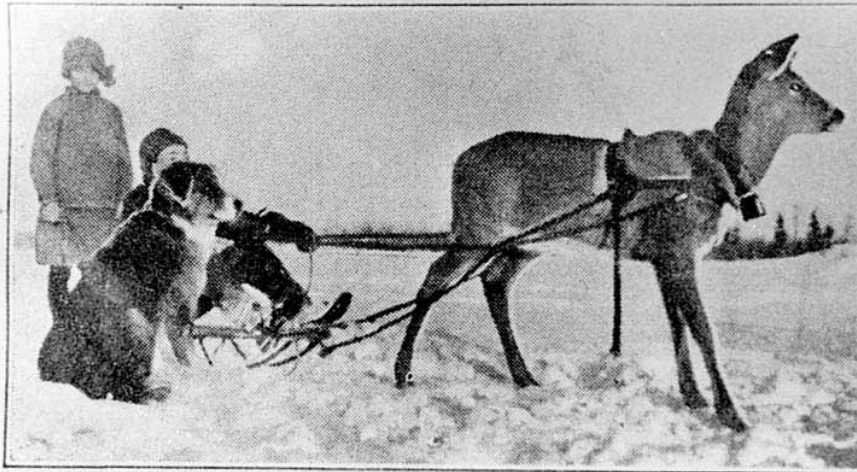




Walter Ledochowski seeding wheat on father Stefan's homestead with a team of four horses, c1931. The horses are Jack, Dan, Prince and Queenie.

Right: "Pet Deer Proves Useful". Clipped from the pages of the Winnipeg Free Press in January of 1928 showing how the family's pet deer was taught to pull a sleigh. The photograph was mailed in by the family and soon after appeared in the newspaper. The children in the photo are Helen Ledochowski, and neighbour Wilfred Sharpe, and his dog.

Pet Deer Proves Useful



In the wooded areas of the west, deer frequently hover round the farms during the winter months. This one became the playmate of Helen Ledochowski and her brother at Sharpewood, Man.



Left: Stefan Ledochowski pictured as he was about to leave his Sharpewood District homestead with a sledload of logs, on a trip to the Hamrluk area, and the sawmill operated by his brothers' Fred and John, c1925. It was a full day trip each way and, depending if somebody was ahead of him at the mill, he would have to wait two or three days before he got the logs cut. The lumber was used for the construction of farm buildings.

Below: Threshing wheat on Stefan Ledochowski's farm c1928, with neighbour Albert Kasner's outfit, taken before Stefan bought his own. Mr. Kasner is at centre front wearing the knit hat and neighbour Charlie Monk on the wagon. At the left is Katherine with children Ed, Helen and Sabina. Stefan and Mike are on the stacks.





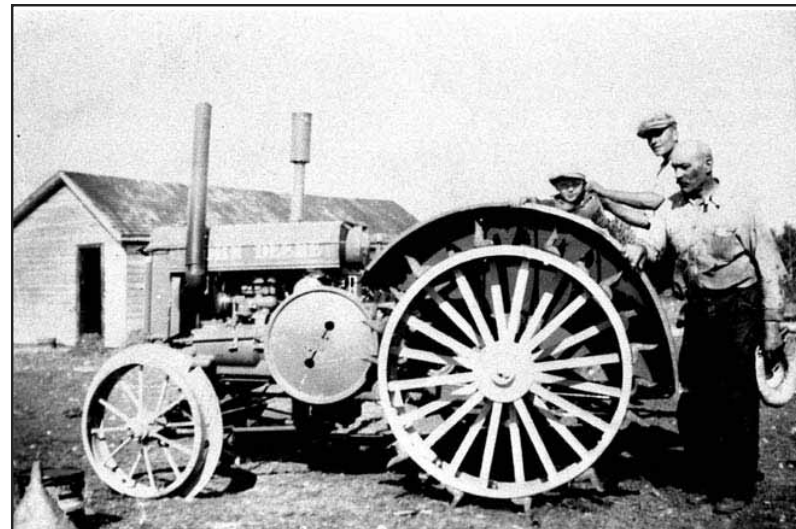
The National Garage in New Poplarfield, built by Stefan's son Mike in the fall of 1939. The Garage was also used for storing freight associated with the Transfer Business which Mike and brother Walter also established at the time.



Katherine, Stefan, youngest child Andrew, and Walter's son Leo. Photo taken on the farm in Sharpewood about 1946.



Threshing scene on the Ledochowski farm, during the later 1930s, showing the two men on the wagon pitching sheaves onto the thresher pickup reel, and the Poplarfield Transfer truck being used to store and haul the grain.



Stefan and Nick pose for a photo beside the family's steel-wheeled John Deere tractor which was purchased, used, about 1937.



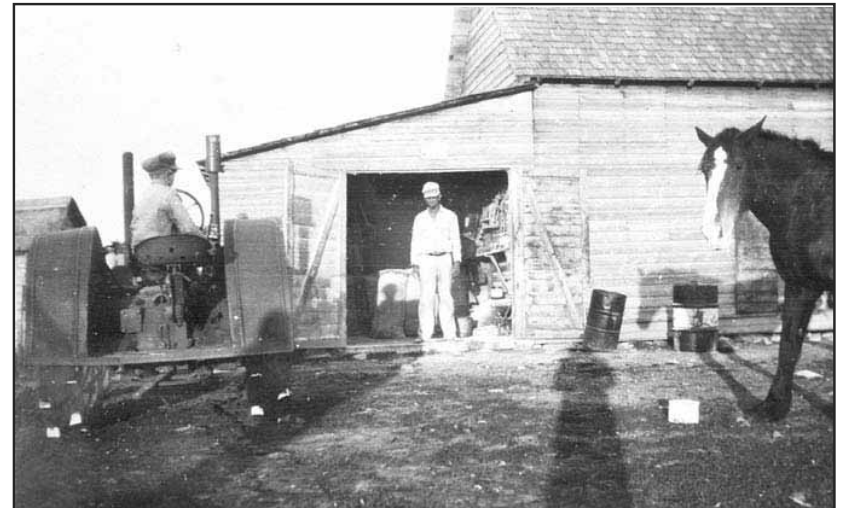
Stefan photographed feeding the family poultry flock, which, as the picture shows, included chickens, turkeys, ducks, and geese. Note the large steel-wheeled breaker plow in the background, and the fuel drums. Photos likely taken during the Forties.



Stefan patting down a young colt. Horses were used for light farm work and winter transportation until the early 1950s, and good animals were highly prized. Note the herd of cows in the background.



Nick at the controls of a rubber-wheeled tractor, pulling a binder and cutting down a fine looking crop, sometime during the war years.



Mother snaps another farmyard scene, this time with Andrew on the John Deere, Nick in the feedshed doorway, and one of the farmhorses getting in on the action.

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Right: Stefan and Katherine Ledochowski, dressed for church, c1943. A church was never built in Sharpewood so they used to drive over to the closest one in the nearby High Plains District. The vehicle behind them is the family's 1936 Chevrolet.



Left: Katherine Ledochowski poses by the family automobile, likely on her way to church or a social function of some sort.



Right: Stefan Ledochowski poses by son Walter's Poplarfield Transfer truck. The transfer at the time was a three ton 1936 Chevrolet. Family farmhouse in the background.





Above: The five Ledochowski brothers gather for a family photo before Mike and Ed 'ship out' for service during World War II. New Poplarfield town site, 1942. L-R are: Nick, Ed, Andrew (8 years old), Mike, and Walter.

Above right: Albina, Andy, and Sabina take the horses for a ride around the farm, c1945.

Right: L-R: Nick, Helen, Sabina and Anne Zasitko, who was wed to brother Walter in 1940.



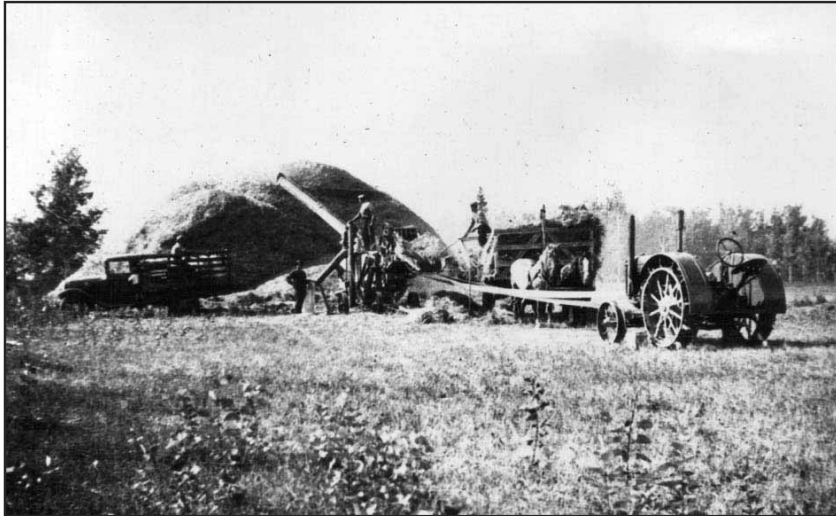


Photo taken during the last harvest at the Ledochowski homestead in 1948, soon after which the equipment and the land was sold.



The two youngest family members, Andy and Albina enjoy a tender moment together while home in 1950, to help celebrate Albina's marriage to Victor Buchko of Fisher Branch.



Walter and Anne Ledohowski, and Mike and Ann Ledohowski, pose for the camera while on a car trip to the United States during the summer of 1953, not long after Mike and Ann's wedding in Poplarfield.



Mike Ledohowski and a few friends photographed with their rifles before leaving for a deer hunt in the Sharpwood Postal District. Bambi, the family pet, was wisely kept close to home during the annual hunt.



Left: Stefan and Katherine Ledochowski c1961. Stefan passed away on March 13, 1962. Katherine passed away on December 6, 1981.

Below: Stefan and Katherine's retirement home which was constructed in 'New' Poplarfield townsite after their Sharpewood area homestead was sold in 1948, and the equipment and livestock auctioned off.



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Left: Six family members gather for a photograph in March 1962 after Stefan's funeral. L-R are: Helen, Walter, Katherine Ledochowski, Sabina, Andrew, and Nick. Missing from this photo are Mike, Ed, and Albina. Ed suffered a head injury during WWII and spent much of his later life at Deer Lodge Veteran's Hospital in Winnipeg.



Katherine Ledochowski with her grandchildren Paul Chidley and Kathryn Feeley, in Toronto, Ontario about 1971.



"Babcia" with grandson Ben (Walter's son), and infant grandson Brian Feeley (Sabina's youngest child). Photo taken in 1963.

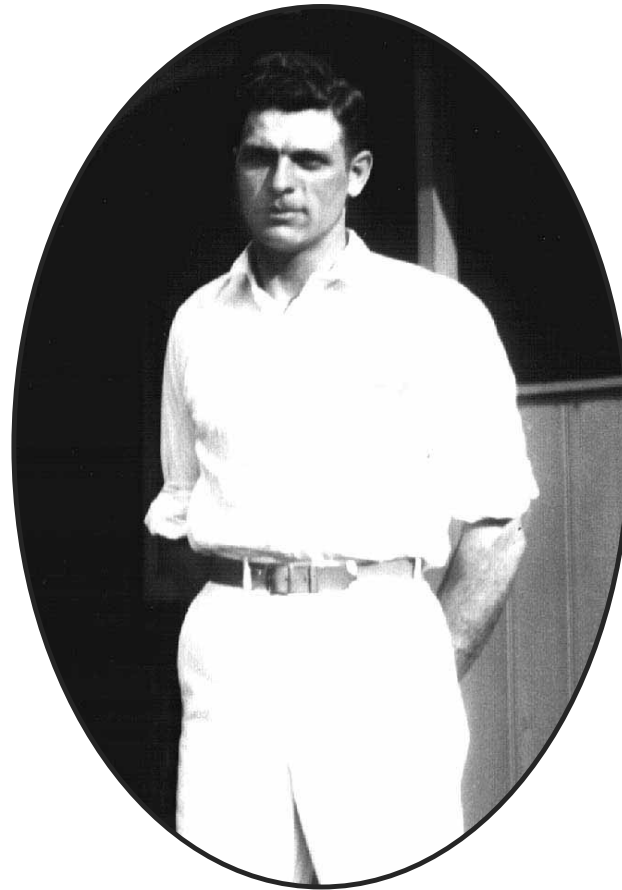
Right: Six members of the family pose for a photograph in Winnipeg in December of 1981 after a family supper following mother, Katherine's, funeral. L-R: Sabina, Nick, Helen, Mike, Albina, and Walter.



Left: A family group photo taken in May 1989 while everybody was still in town after brother Ed's funeral. L-R are: Andy, Helen, Albina, Sabina, and Mike. Mike was part of a Legion 'colour party' which provided military honours during the service.



1st born
Nick Ledochowski
December 20, 1910 ~ August 23, 1987
Photo c1941 at 31 years of age.



2nd born
Mike Ledochowski
October 3, 1914
Photo c1938 at 24 years of age.



3rd born
Walter Ledochowski
October 22, 1916 ~ May 21, 1987
Photo c1950 at 34 years of age.



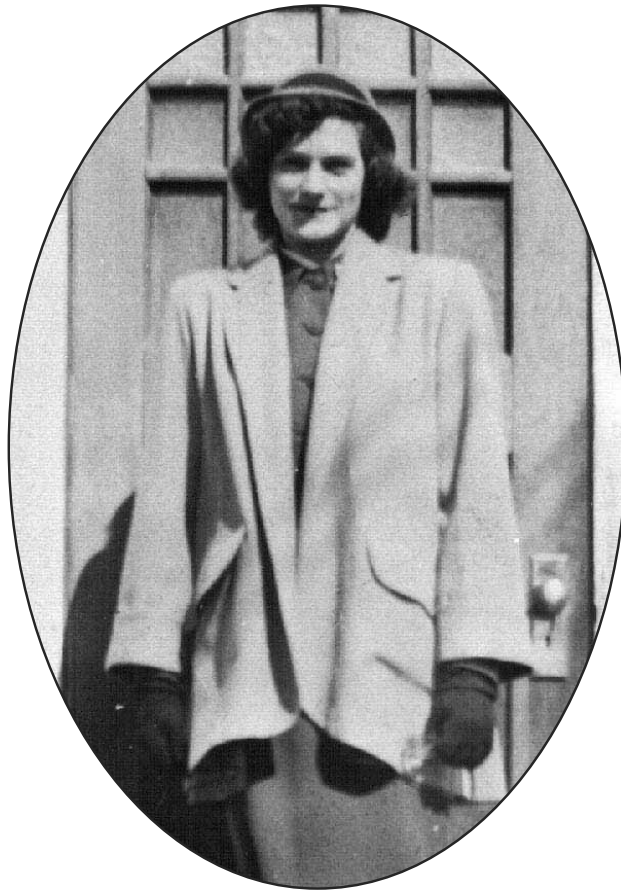
4th born
Ed Ledochowski
December 29, 1918 ~ May 25, 1989
Photo c1942 at 24 years of age.



5th born
Helen Ledochowski
June 4, 1922 ~ October 15, 2001
photo 1941 at 19 years of age.



6th born
Sabina Ledochowski
May 2, 1925
photo c1944 at 19 years of age.



7th born
Albina Ledochowski
August 2, 1927
photo c1947 at 20 years of age.



8th born
Andrew Ledochowski
May 2, 1934
photo c1961 at 27 years of age.



Nick and brother Mike, on the farm about 1937.



Nick in 1975, smartly clad in the style of the day.

Nicholas Ledochowski

Nick was born on December 20, 1910 in Stubno, Poland, and although he came into the world a normal and healthy baby boy, as an infant he contracted typhoid fever, and was rendered completely deaf. As he had not yet learned to speak before he fell ill, as a child and adult he was also largely unable to speak, despite possessing normal vocal cords. As soon as he was old enough his father Stefan sent him to the Manitoba School for the Deaf in Winnipeg to be educated through sign-language. Nick attended the residential school for approximately eight years, coming home during the summer holidays to help out on the farm and be with the family.

Despite his handicap, Nick was a proud man and always self-sufficient. During the early 1930's, Nick worked for Joe Hudhda, a Fisher Branch area farmer, followed by a job at a hotel in Winnipeg owned by Mr. Menard who had family in Fisher Branch. After a time, Nick found employment with an upholstery manufacturer. He continued with the upholstery business in Winnipeg until the mid-1960s, when he moved to Toronto, finding similar work there. An extremely generous man, Nick often sent gifts to family members.

While living in Toronto, Nick became acquainted with Grace Sunderland, a widow, and in December 1967, in his 57th year, they were married. After Nick and Grace's marriage, Grace's son Albert lived with her and his new step-father, Nick. Albert was welcomed into the Ledochowski clan by his new aunts, uncles and cousins, and he enjoyed visiting his new relatives. Albert himself became a step-father in 1998 when he married, Donna, a divorced mother of two girls. The Sunderland family currently live happily together in Red Deer, Alberta.

Grace passed away in 1977. After, Nick moved to Vernon, British Columbia, where he lived contently until his passing in 1987 at the age of 77.



Nick, Grace and Albert on the day that Albert entered the family. Both Nick and Grace were deaf mutes and communicated by sign language. Albert would grow up to become one of the Ledochowski family's favorite sons.



Above left: Nick and Grace Ledochowski sharing a warm moment with the camera.



Above right: Nick and Albert pictured together a few months before Nick's passing on August 23, 1987 in Vernon, British Columbia.



Right: Albert's wife Donna and her daughters Nicole and Kaylin and the much-loved family pet dog 'Grace', in 2003, in Red Deer, Alberta.



Left: Albert enjoying the view, and a relaxing moment during a May 1992 hike in the Rocky Mountains. Hiking is one of his favourite holiday pastimes.

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Left: Mike Ledochowski and Joan Bloxam, 1946.



Right: Mike & Ann Ledochowski, wedding photo, 1951.

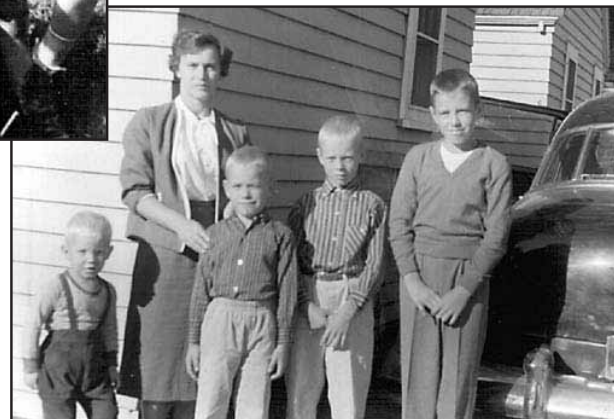
Mike Ledochowski

Mike left the family farm in his early teens at the height of the Great Depression, and found work in the timber and mining operations of NW Ontario. After several years as a timber cutter, a truck and tractor-train freighter, a saw-mill operator, and a blast captain in a gold mine, in 1938 he took his savings and enrolled in a short-course mechanic's school in Chicago, Illinois. Returning to Poplarfield he built a small sawmill, cut his own lumber, and built the National Garage in the 'New Poplarfield' town site. In 1940 he enlisted in the Canadian Army and served six years with the Canadian 3rd Division Provost Corp in Britain and Europe. Accompanying him home from England in 1946 was Joan Bloxam, and before divorcing in 1949, they had two daughters together, Dian/46 and Gloria/49.

In October, 1951, Mike married a former Poplarfield area friend, Ann Lisowecki-Chekosky, recently widowed. They would share 50 years of marriage and family together, which included two more children for Mike, sons Ed/53 and Wayne/56, and two stepsons by Anne's first marriage, Ken and Ron Chekosky. Mike and Ann operated the National Garage for 20 years, after which they ran a registered grain and timothy grass seed farm for 22 years, and during which they ran the Poplarfield Post Office for 19 years. In 1979, at age 65, Mike obtained his pilot's licence and over the next 11 years logged 1,200 hours of flying time in his Piper Cub. Mike retired from farming in 1984 at the age of 70. Mike's passions were hunting, mechanics and community development. He was instrumental in establishing the Poplarfield Community Centre, the Poplarfield Curling Club, and the Fisher Game & Fish Association, and served for many years on the executive of the Arborg Legion Branch No.161. Ann Ledochowski passed away on May 17, 2003 at the age of 84. Mike continues to live in Poplarfield, where at age 91, he still drives his own car, and continues to be physically and active.



Left: Ann (Lisowecki) Chekosky with sons Ken and infant Ron, photographed in 1950 not long after husband Bernard had passed away. Ann grew up in 'old' Poplarfield, and had been a teenage acquaintance of Mike Ledochowski. They were married October 19, 1951.



Right: Ann Ledochowski and four children in 1959. L-R: Wayne & Ed Ledochowski, and Ron and Ken Chekosky.



The second National Garage in Poplarfield which Mike operated from about 1946 to 1966.

Left: Mike and friend Metro Melnyk at the front counter in the National Garage, c1964.



Mike and friends showing off the rewards of another successful moose hunt, c1962. The young lad to Mike's right is son Wayne.



Mike and one of several 'bombardiers' he designed and built. This one was photographed in 1967 and was used principally for deer hunting excursions.



Family portrait 1991. Mike & Ann Ledochowski, and the boys: Ron, Wayne, Ken & Ed.



Harvest time 1975, Mike Ledochowski begins to smile as a successful harvest begins to wind down. Mike sold the garage business in 1962 and made a living as a pedigreed and registered seed producer until he retired in 1984.



Mike and Ann's sons Wayne and Ed Ledochowski enjoying a refreshment after a game of cribbage at Hecla Island campground in 1984. Both were graduates of the University of Manitoba. Wayne tragically passed away at the age of 42, on December 23, 1998 after a short courageous battle with cancer.



Mike and Ann dressed and ready for a trip to the Arborg Legion where they were life-members and where Mike served over the years in various positions including vice-president, c1995.

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Gregory > Stefan > Mike



Left: Family photo taken on the occasion of Mike and Ann's 45th Wedding Anniversary in 1996.

L-R: group of 4 on the left: Ron and Karen Chekosky with children Kurt and Kaila. Next group of 4: Ken and Anne Chekosky with daughters Laura and Olivia. At centre: Mike and Ann Ledochowski. Next group of 3: Ed and Monique Ledochowski and daughter Lindsay. Group at right: Wayne Ledochowski and his three children. Brett, Amber, and Ryan.



Left: Mike and Ann beside Mike's Piper PA-12. Mike received his pilot's licence in 1979 at age 65 and continued to fly until he was 75.

Right: Mike & Ann Ledochowski in October 1996, at ages 82 and 77 respectively, toasting to their 45th anniversary.



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Mike's daughter, by his first marriage, Dian with her husband Rick Lees and their daughters Dawn/72, and Brenda/70. At the time Dian, Rick and the girls lived in Surrey, British Columbia.



Left: Graduation photo of Mike's daughter Gloria as a graduating Registered Nurse in 1983. Spending her entire career in medicine, Gloria is currently a Nursing Instructor at Langara College in Vancouver, British Columbia.



Gloria with her two children, Dean and Tina DeVita in 2003, North Burnaby, British Columbia.



Dian's daughter Dawn with her husband Randy Jones, and their daughter Chanelle in 2003 in Vancouver, British Columbia.



Brenda Lees poses for a snapshot with sister Dawn, at Dawn's high school graduation c1990



Right: Dian and Rick with daughter Brenda and her husband Richard.



Centre couple: Gloria DeVita and Bert Laakmann, Gloria's partner of 24 years; family group at left: Gloria's daughter Tina, her husband Bill, and their two sons Christopher and Nicholas. Family group at right, Gloria's son Sean DeVita, his wife Irene, and their children Tonia and Mateo Devita, in 2003.



Walter and Anne Ledohowski, with children L-R: Ben, Carol, Leo, and Jane. Photo about 1950.



Walter Ledohowski and Anne Zsitko
September 15, 1940.

Walter Ledohowski

As a young man Walter worked with father Stefan on the family homestead in the Sharpwood Postal District, and also established a transfer business in nearby Poplarfield, Manitoba. On September 15, 1940 he married Anne Zsitko and they eventually had two daughters and four sons (Jane/41, Ben/42, Leo/44, Carol/46, Chris/57 & Ron/63). Walter and Anne operated the Poplarfield Transfer for seven years during which time Walter also continued to assist his father on the farm. In 1947, Walter purchased the Coronation Hotel in Poplarfield and operated it until 1954 when he decided to go into farming full time. Walter was among the first to grow registered grain for seed, and was responsible for introducing Timothy grass seed production to the Interlake region.

Although his first love was the land, he chose to go back into the hotel business and, in 1960, purchased the Broadview Hotel in Saskatchewan, followed by the Yorkton Hotel in 1964. Over time, his four sons would join him and eventually become major hoteliers in Western Canada. After purchases of a hotel and a pair of motels in Winnipeg and 20 years in Saskatchewan, Walter and Anne moved back to Manitoba in 1979 and made their permanent home in Winnipeg.

Walter was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, and good company. Walter Ledohowski passed away at the age of 70 on May 21, 1987 and was laid to rest at Chapel Lawn, in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Anne remained near her children in Winnipeg, and passed away on October 23, 2005.



Walter Ledohowski and sons, Ben and Leo, photographed on the steps of the Coronation Hotel, Poplarfield, New Town, around 1948. Walter & Anne owned the hotel from 1947 to 1954.



On the steps of the Coronation Hotel, 1953. Anne Ledohowski (in print dress) and daughters Jane and Carol, Anne's sister-in-law Albina Buchko, her daughter Sylvia (in white dress).



Broadview Hotel as it appeared in 1960. It was sold in 1965, soon after the Yorkton Hotel was purchased. All the boys also got involved in the hotel business and eventually became major hoteliers, establishing the Canad Inns Hotel chain in Manitoba, as well as the Best Western Cedar Park Inn in Edmonton, and the Greenwood Inns chain in Western Canada.



Walter photographed with staff at an after-hours get-together at the Broadview Hotel, 1961 or 1962.



A family photo taken in 1968 on the occasion of Leo's marriage to Joanne Dengis. L-R: Chris, Jane, Ben, Leo and Joanne, Carol, and 5 year old Ron standing in front with mom & dad, Walter and Anne Ledochowski



The Yorkton Hotel, in Yorkton, Saskatchewan after renovations undertaken by Walter in 1969. It was purchased by Walter and Anne in 1964.



Walter and Anne Ledochowski, about 1985.



Anne Ledochowski and the children. Back row, L-R: Ben, Chris, Ron, and Leo. Seated: Carol, Jane, and Anne. Photo 2001 at the wedding in Calgary, Alberta of Carol's daughter, Tricia Miskiman.



The family of Walter and Anne's firstborn, a daughter, Jane. Rear L-R: Jane and husband Bud Holm. Middle couple: their only child, daughter Tanya/69 and her husband Sean Corrie; Front row: Tanya and Sean's three children, Maxwell/96, Jasmine/87, and Thomas/93. Photo taken December of 2002. Jane Holm is a retired school teacher.



Ben and Janet Ledochowski with their family in December of 2002. L-R: Michael/70 and wife Deanna with William/00 and Christina/02; daughter Larissa/67; Janet and Ben; Mark/69 with his wife Susan and their daughter Caitlyn/02. Ben is a hotelier with interests in several hotels in Edmonton, Calgary and Winnipeg.

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Leo and Joanne Ledochowski with their four children in 2003: L-R: Lane '78, Laurel '80, Lindy '76, Lea '74. Leo is President and C.E.O. of the Canad Inns chain of hotels and nightclubs, centred in Winnipeg.



Carol and Don Miskiman with the children and grandchildren in 2004. L-R: Lisa and son Dean Miskiman (b:1968) with their son Justin (2002); Carol and Don Miskiman; daughter Tricia (1972) and her husband Ross Wade with their son Joshua (2003). Carol and Don are both retired and now live in Calgary, Alberta.



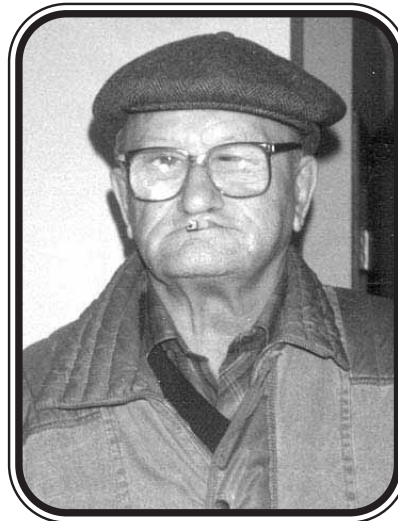
Christopher and Angela Ledochowski with their two children in 2003: Krista/88 and Mathew/91; Chris was Corporate Vice President of Canad Inns and Manager of Canad Inns Transcona from 1979 to 2000, and is currently self-employed.



Ron Ledochowski with his two children in 2004, Kayla (1988) and Aaron (1987) and Ron's fiancée Vanessa Borges. Ron is currently Director of Marketing and Corporate Vice-president of Canad Inns.



Ed gets a visit from brother Mike and brother-in-law Victor Buchko.



Ed heading outside for a cigarette while living at Deer Lodge Hospital in Winnipeg.



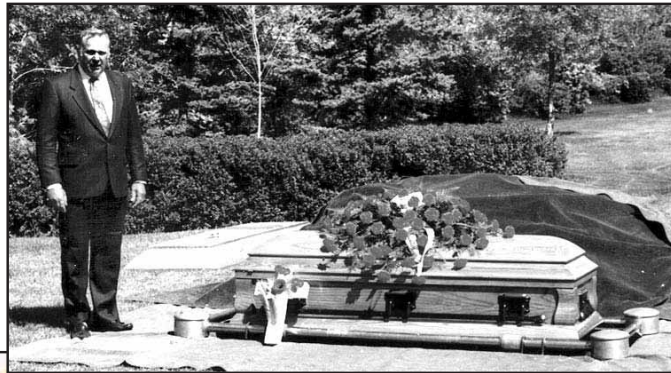
Ed Ledohowski

At age 14, Ed decided it was time to leave home. He rode the rails to northwestern Ontario and found work in the mines and bush camps. He would come home for regular visits, before returning to NW Ontario, where he was in 1939 as a 21 year old, when WWII broke out. He immediately made his way to Camp Petawawa, Ontario where he enlisted into the service. He was assigned to the Provost Corps, as a military police officer but his poor eyesight kept him on the home front. Stationed in Vancouver, he frequently escorted prisoners of war to the camps, convoy and transport duties, etc. On one fateful day, Ed found himself in an altercation, apparently with a group of American soldiers, and received a severe beating, resulting in permanent brain damage. A good portion of his life after that was spent in various hospitals.

During the late 1960s, Ed was released into the custody of his brother Walter's son, Ben. After that, Ed lived for a number of years with brother Walter in Yorkton, Saskatchewan, and also worked for Ben at a motel in Winnipeg, Manitoba. His latter years were spent at Deer Lodge Veteran's Hospital in Winnipeg. During these years his sister Albina Buchko acted as legal guardian.

Ed passed away at the age of 70 of cancer in May of 1989 and was laid to rest with military honours by a Canadian Legion Colour Party. Ed's older brother Mike, a fellow 1939-45 veteran, was a flag bearer in the Legion Colour Party. Ed lies at rest at Chapel Lawn near other family members including brother Walter.

Right: Andy Ledohowski pays last respect to his brother Ed who away in the spring of 1989.



Left: The Royal Canadian Legion Colour Party at Ed Ledohowski's graveside.

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Helen Ledohowski and Ray Chidley,
October 19, 1956, Toronto, Ontario.

Helen Ledohowski

Born June 4, 1922 on the family farm, Helen was the first girl in the family after four boys. Like her brothers and sisters, Helen attended Sharpwood School before moving to Winnipeg. During war years of the early 1940s she worked in Winnipeg on airplanes used for pilot training. In 1945 Helen moved to Toronto. She found work with the Toronto Transit Commission and then found employment at Radio Valve, doing production testing of radio tubes. Invited several times by the 'boy next door' for a date, she finally relented and continued dating Raymond Leslie Chidley for about two years before they married on October 19, 1956. Ray and Helen honeymooned in New York City and while out for dinner, got to meet Jimmy Dorsey of the Dorsey Brothers band, one of the top big bands of their day, and received a personally autographed picture which the family still treasures.

Helen and Ray raised a family of two sons and a daughter, Paul (1958), David (1961), and Sandra (1963). The family lived in Scarborough, Ontario, where Ray was employed as Traffic Manager for Sifto Salt. They enjoyed time at the family cottage in Bala (Muskoka), Ontario.

Helen sketched and painted most of her life. As a member of the Scarborough Art Guild she enjoyed many friendships, art shows, and especially meeting the special guest artists such as Tom Chatfield, Andy Donato and Robert Bateman. Not only did paintings of these artists hang in the family home, but dozens of Helen's own paintings did as well. Although often asked to sell them, she hated to part with any of them. Helen passed away on October 15, 2001 at the age of 79. Services were held October 19, in Scarborough, Ontario, on what would have been her 45th wedding anniversary.



Helen in her Toronto Transit Authority
uniform in Toronto, Ontario in 1944.



Helen and the kids: L-R: Sandra, Paul and David, photographed in
1963. The Chidley family made their home in Toronto, Ontario.



Sandra Chidley and grandma,
Katherine Ledochowski, photographed
in 1963.



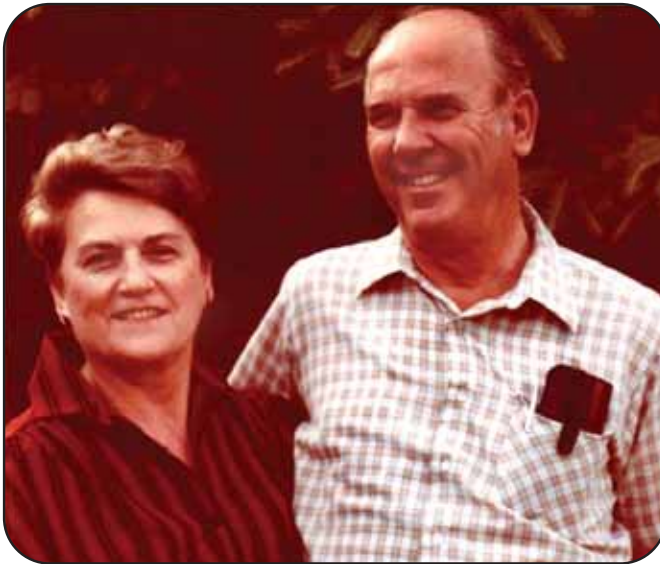
Helen and first born child, Paul Chidley, are
photographed with a rather large fish in 1960
outside of her and husband Ray's house in
Toronto.



Helen and Ray's three children, L-R: Paul, Sandra, and David photographed in the front yard of their Toronto, Ontario home in 1963.



Helen and Ray Chidley and daughter Sandra in 1975.



Helen and Ray Chidley in 1984.



Helen and Ray Chidley and the family photographed at Paul's marriage to Gail Wadsworth in 1980.



A family group photograph taken on David's wedding day: L-R: Paul Chidley; Mr. Ray Chidley; Doreen and David Chidley; Helen (Ledochowski) Chidley; Sandra Chidley; Gail Chidley (Paul's wife). 1984, Scarborough, Ontario.



Sandra Chidley and David Thompson Wedding Day, May 30, 1987. Far left: David, Doreen & baby Sarah Chidley; Flanking the bridal couple: Helen & Ray Chidley; Far right: Paul & Gail Chidley. Flower girl is Beth Chidley, Paul and Gail's daughter.



From right to left: Ray and Helen Chidley with daughter Sandra with her husband David and their three children; and their son David with his wife Doreen and their three children. Photo taken at the family cottage in Bala, Ontario.



Helen and Ray's son Paul, with his wife Gail and their daughter Beth photographed swimming with a live dolphins at Discovery Cove in Orlando, Florida, during a 1999 holiday trip. Paul, Gail and Beth make their home in Calgary, Alberta, where Paul works as an electronics designer for Kayden Instruments Ltd.



Helen and Ray's son David with his wife and children at home in London Ontario, Christmas 2002. L-R are: Justin Chidley, David Chidley, Doreen Chidley, Rachel Chidley, Sarah Chidley and Bandit the family dog. David enjoyed an award winning career as a photo journalist for the Calgary Sun and later with the London Free Press.



Helen and Ray's daughter Sandra with her husband David Thompson and their three children in 2002, L-R: Amanda, Rebecca and Matthew. The Thompsons make their home in Ancaster, Ontario. David works as a software author and entrepreneur. Sandra is a full time mom and community volunteer.



Wedding day for Tom Feeley and Sabina Ledochowski,
January 22, 1953, Toronto, Ontario.

Sabina Ledochowski

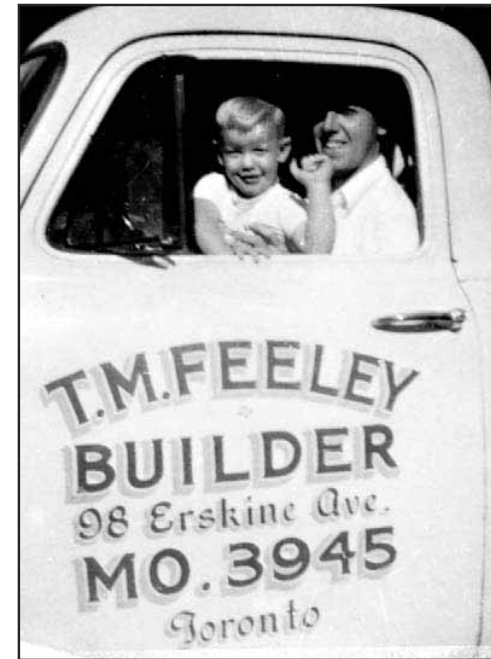
Sabina was born on the family farm on May 2, 1925. Like her siblings, she attended Sharpwood School as a child. In 1939, at the beginning of World War II, she had to quit school in order to help out on the farm, with her older brothers now either in the Army or having left home. In 1943, Sabina herself left home, and obtained employment in Winnipeg, at the C.A.T.P. No.5 Air Observer School, which trained Air Force navigators and bombardiers. At war's end in 1945, she moved on to Toronto, Ontario and, after taking a Business Course, found employment with an electronics firm, where she worked for several years. About this time she met and later, in 1953, married Thomas Feeley of Toronto. Together they soon started up a house building company, with Sabina handling the bookkeeping, and looking to the needs of a growing family.

Sabina and Tom raised a family of four: Gordon (1954, accountant); Robert ('55, dentist); Kathryn ('58, fashion designer); and Brian ('63), who took over the family business after Tom Feeley's passing in 1995. After retirement, Sabina embarked upon an active lifestyle which included collecting art and antiques, and art classes which led to Art Group workshop trips to various exotic locations in Canada, the USA, Britain, continental Europe, Hong Kong, and Indonesia.

In 2000, Sabina travelled with nephew Ben Ledochowski, his wife Janet and daughter Lara, on a memorable trip of several weeks' length to Argentina for the family's first meeting with relatives from mother Catherine's side of the family. Currently, while still maintaining a home in Toronto, summer months are more often spent at the family cottage on Lake Simcoe with family and friends, and enjoying golf and many activities with the grandchildren - and time during the late autumn at her daughter's condo in Siesta Key, Florida.



Sabina with first-born Gordon, who was
born in Toronto on August 27 1954.



Thomas Feeley and son Gordon in Tom's 1950
3/4 ton 1950 GM truck.



Feeley Family photographed at a cousin's wedding in 1965. Sabina; Gordon (11); Kathryn (7); Robert (10) in his Cubs uniform; Brian (2) and Thomas Feeley.



Tom and Sabina Feeley taken on holiday in Florida in 1974



Thomas Feeley and daughter Kathryn taking the family SkiDoo for a spin during the winter of 1978, at the family cottage on Lake Simcoe.



Left: Dr. Robert Feeley, as a Graduate of Western University in dentistry in 1981, at age 25.

Right: Family group on the wedding day of Gordon Feeley and Haywan Chou, August 31, 1981, in Toronto, Ontario. LR: Kathryn, Haywan & Gordon, Robert & Brian.





Thomas and Sabina Feeley with son Brian and his bride Mary Jayne on their wedding day in September of 1990.



Uncle Mike comes to Toronto from Manitoba for the wedding of sister Helen's daughter Sandra in 1987. He is pictured above with members of sister Sabina's family. L-R are: Tom Feeley; daughter-in-law, Haywan; Sabina; Brian, with girlfriend Mary Jayne; Robert Feeley; and Mike Ledohowski.



Brian took over the family construction business after Thomas Feeley's passing in 1991, and in 1995 built this home for his wife Mary Jayne. During an average year the company builds about fifty to fifty-five homes in the Toronto area.



Brian and Robert Feeley, and Brian's two children checking out dad's restored 1947 Packard.

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Gregory > Stefan > Sabina



Left: Gordon and Haywan photographed at Kathryn's wedding in 1997 at Aspen, Colorado.

Right: Kathryn and Robert Sullivan, and their new best friend, in 2001 at their home in Aspen, Colorado.

Below left: Sabina and daughter Kathryn Sullivan enjoying an afternoon of snowshoeing, and sporting examples of the winter clothing wear Kathryn designed for 'Head' and 'Akasha' Sporting Goods companies.

Below right: Brian Feeley with wife Mary Jayne, son Spencer and daughter Robyn. Photographed at the family cottage on Lake Simco, Ontario in 2000.



Above: Gordon Feeley taking nephew Spencer for a ride in Gord's 1950 3/4 ton GM truck, the same make and model as the family's original work vehicle. 1996.





Left: Albina Ledochowski & Victor Buchko on their Wedding Day, July 15, 1950. Fisher Branch, Manitoba.



Albina with her three daughters photographed during the summer of 1956. L-R: Vivian (age 3), Albina, Dianne (1), and Sylvia (5).

ALBINA LEDOCHOWSKI

Albina (Al as she is often called) was the last to leave the family farm in Sharpewood. During the summer of 1948 she left to work at her brother Walter's hotel in Poplarfield. That fall, she met Victor Buchko at a dance in Fisher Branch. Victor returned from Toronto the following spring, rekindled the relationship, proposed marriage and they were wed on July 15, 1950. They farmed in the Fisher Branch area until 1961 when they moved with their 3 daughters to Churchill, Manitoba to work at brother-in-law, Mike Chernichan's, hotel.

In 1964 they returned to Fisher Branch to take over the Buchko farm. Al held part-time jobs showing her creative ability making arrangements at the floral shop and displayed caring and compassion for her home-care clients. Farming was tough and during the fall of 1973, they managed the Stony Mountain Hotel, then returned in the spring to put in the crops. They sold the farm and moved to Winnipeg in 1979. Al acquired a housekeeping position at St. Benedicts until retiring in 1984. She also helped to look after her mother and brother Ed, till their passing. She enjoyed camping with the family at Watchhorn Beach and other campgrounds in Manitoba, Minnesota and North Dakota. Hunting and fishing were annual events with Victor. Curling and snowmobiling were great pastimes and she also took up cross-country skiing. Albina travelled to many locations, accompanying her sister Helen to Florida and Calgary, and with Victor to Texas, Mexico, Grand Cayman, Vancouver and Toronto.

Al and Victor raised 3 daughters and 1 son: Sylvia 1951, Vivian 1954, Dianne 1956 (deceased 1975), and Peter 1966. Victor passed away 1993. Today, Al enjoys her home, flower gardening, watching birds from her deck, and meeting friends for leisurely walks and a game of Aggravation. She still drives to the country to see the grandchildren and great grandchildren and to attend many functions and celebrations.



Albina and Victor Buchko and their three daughters gather for a photo during a visit with Grandma Katherine Ledochowski in Winnipeg, 1961. L-R: Sylvia, Dianne, and Vivian Buchko.



Vivian with Peter, Sylvia and Dianne enjoying a horse back ride in the summer of 1967.



Family photo taken at Vivian's wedding, July 28, 1973. L-R: Dianne, Sylvia, Vivian, Albina, Peter, and Victor Buchko.



The entire Buchko family at Christmas time in 1969. L-R: Victor, Albina, Sylvia, Vivian, Dianne and Peter.



Grandma Katherine Ledochowski with daughter Albina and granddaughter Sylvia at Sylvia's wedding on August. 21, 1971 in Fisher Branch, Manitoba.

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Dianne as she competed in the Miss Interlake Contest of 1974 as Miss Fisher Branch.



Four generations of family members. L-R: Albina Buchko; Katherine Ledochowski, with little Lezley Prus, proud mom, Vivian Prus. At Grandma's in Winnipeg, 1977.



Victor and Al holidaying at Grand Cayman, February 1988.



Family portrait taken in summer of 1986. Top L-R: Victor, Ron Meilleur (Sylvia), Peter, Michael Prus (Vivian). Bottom L-R: Albina, Sabrina, Sylvia, Jason, Dianne, Vivian, Lezley.



Albina & Victor's second born, daughter Vivian with her husband Michael Prus and their two daughters Lezley and Dianne Prus, 1998. Currently, the Prus family make their home in the Fisher Branch District where Michael manages and operates the regional community pasture.



Ron, Sylvia, daughter Sabrina and son Jason on cruise in January 1999.



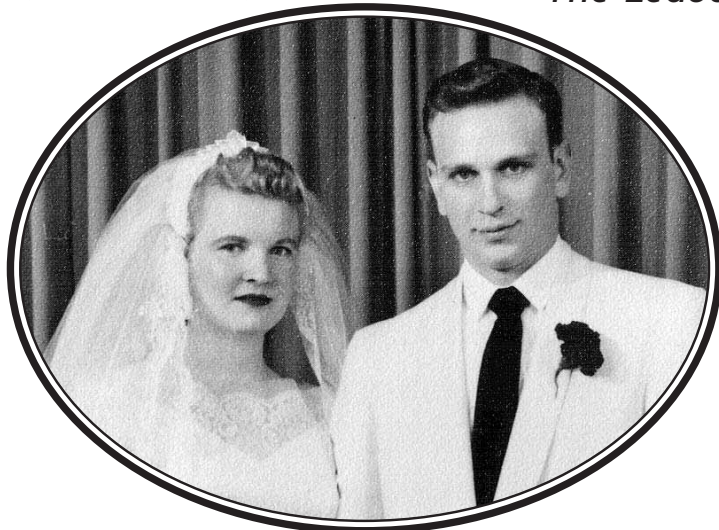
Albina with her children, Sylvia, Vivian, and Peter taken at a Buchko family reunion held in July, 2004.



Peter and fiancée Rayann Buchko photographed at their wedding social in 2003, Winnipeg, Manitoba.



Family portrait taken September 2003. Standing L-R: Marvin & Lezley Prus, Ron & Sylvia Meilleur, Rayann & Peter Buchko (the Bride & Groom), Albina Buchko, Michael & Vivian Prus, Dianne Prus, Dan Plett. Sitting L-R: Brandon & Cameron Prus, Jason Meilleur & Megan Wardecker, Sabrina Meilleur & Cameron McCray, and at right little Dannier Prus by her mommy's side.



Andrew Ledohowski and Joyce Larson on November 30, 1956.

Andrew Ledohowski

Andrew Ledohowski was born on the family farm in Sharpewood on February 4, 1934. He attended several local schools and at age 15, after completing grade 9, he began his long working career in the mechanical world, with a job at his brother Mike's National Garage in New Poplarfield.

He then moved up to working at a hydro dam construction site in Pine Falls, Manitoba, which was followed by a job driving a dumpster, building a railway grade in Northern Manitoba. The spring of 1954 found Andy working for B.C. Forest Products on Vancouver Island. The job involved attaching cables to logs being dragged across the mountain sides to loading docks. Two hours into his second job site a close friend was killed, followed by a close call on his own life. Deciding a change of career was in order, he then found work on a series of road construction projects across central Alberta, as a cat & scrapper operator. This was followed by a year at Uranium City, Saskatchewan with a diamond drill crew doing surface exploration. Next was a job as a general mechanic at a series of Distant Early Warning (DEW) Line radar sites in the far Arctic, with the final job site being on the coast of Baffin Island. Returning to Edmonton in 1961, Andy found work as a diesel mechanic with Caterpillar Inc. and, after gaining certification in 1961, became the company Field Mechanic, doing on-the-job-site repairs at locations across Northern Alberta. He then finally settled into a long career in the pipeline industry, first as a heavy duty mechanic during the laying of the TransCanada Pipeline across Western Canada to Ontario, and into the United States. He continued the same type of oil pipeline work for the rest of his working life, which included a year-long job in the deserts of Saudi Arabia. Andy finally retired from working the oil patch in 1993.

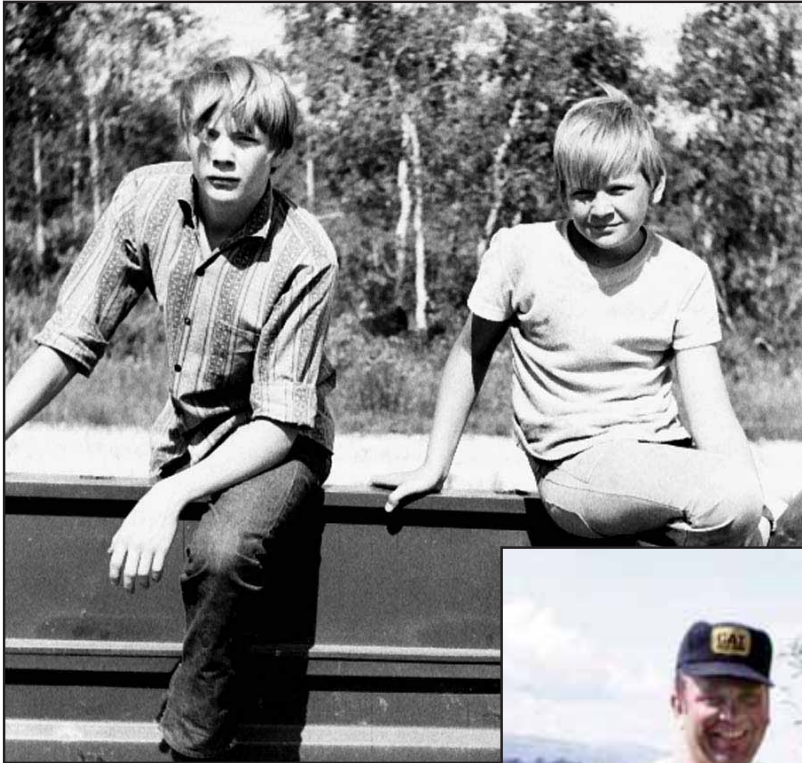
Andrew first met Joyce Larson while living in Edmonton in 1954. After a two-year courtship, they married on November 30, 1956. Together Andrew and Joyce Ledohowski raised two sons Edward (1957) and Wade (1958). He and Joyce moved to Kamloops, British Columbia in 1969 where they continue to live in 2003. Andrew continues an active lifestyle highlighted by hunting, gardening, and constant household projects, which include constructing a full-sized kit airplane in his back yard, and then earning his pilot's licence. Joyce continues to work as a real estate agent covering the greater Kamloops region.



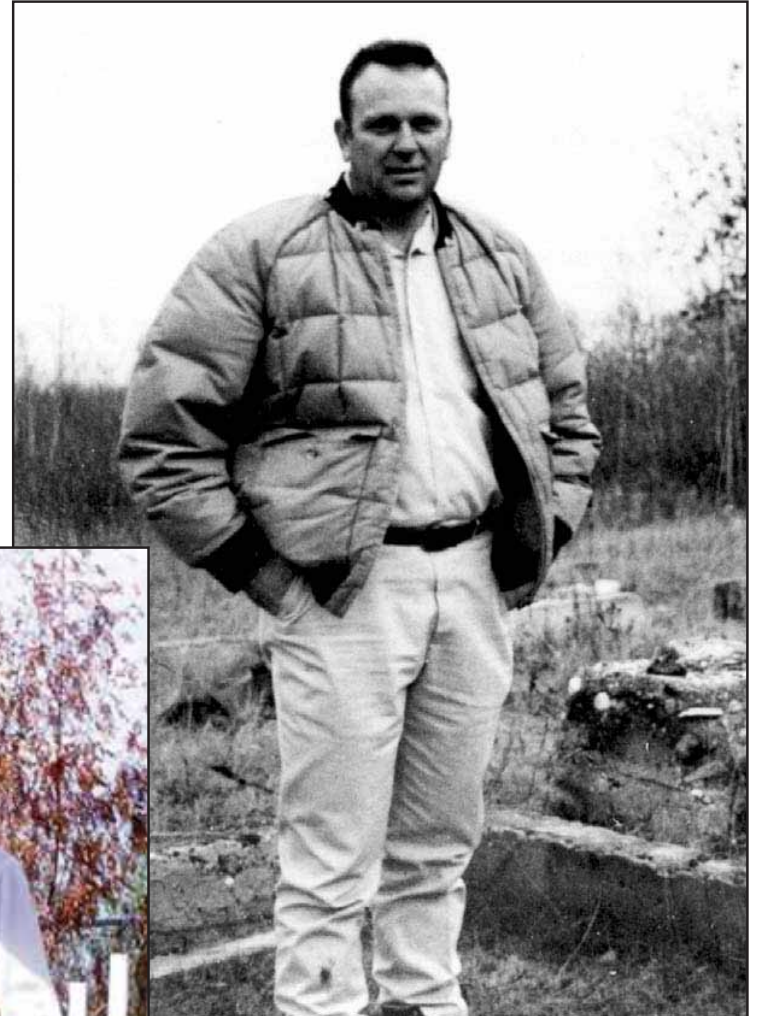
Joyce Ledohowski and baby Ed, beside the family car in 1959.



Right: Andy and Joyce Ledohowski's sons in 1962, Ed and Wade. Home for Andy, Joyce and the boys was at 1050 Laroque Street in Kamloops, British, Columbia



Andy and Joyce Ledochowski's sons: Ed (age 16) and Wade (age 15) photographed in 1973 during a family visit to Uncle Mike's grain farm in Poplarfield, Manitoba.



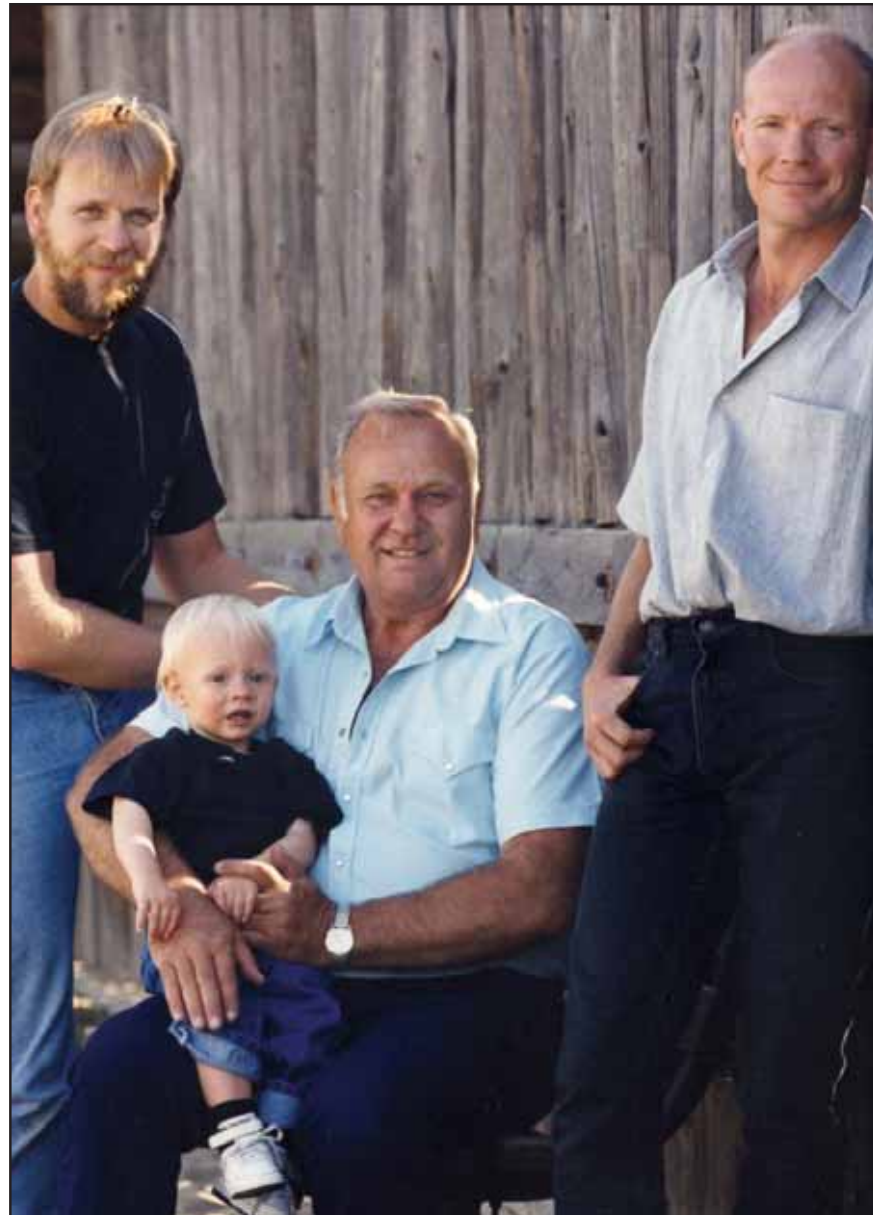
Andy visits the site of the former Sharpewood School house near the old family homestead in 1973. Andy was one of the last class of 10 students to attend Sharpewood S.D. No.1867, which closed permanently after the 1944-45 school year.



Left: Andy and Joyce in their Kamloops back yard beside one of Andy's many home constructions, this one a homemade barbeque.



Andy in his backyard garden. Despite a long career in oil patch heavy mechanics, gardening and putting up preserves has long been a favourite pastime, as is big game hunting, and inventing backyard labour-saving mechanical devices.



Andy Ledochowski with sons Ed and Wade and grandson Derrick, in Kamloops, British Columbia, 1992. Later that year Wade's wife Didi gave birth to another son, Devon Ledochowski.



We're grand parents! Andy and Joyce pose for a snapshot with their daughter-in-law Didi (Wade's wife) and little Derrick Ledochowski in 1990.



Left: Andy, after a successful hunt in the East Kootenays in 2003. Hunting is one of Andy's lifelong passions.



Right: Andrew and Joyce Ledohowski, 2002, at their home in Kamloops, B.C.



Lower left: Grandsons Devon and Derrick Ledohowski in 1994, ages 4 and 6. Photo taken in the back yard of their Williams Lake, B.C. home.

Below: Andy Ledohowski with his completed kit airplane which he built in his backyard in Kamloops. Andy followed up by earning his pilot's licence and taking to the air for pleasure flying in the Kamloops region.



Descendants of Stefan Ledochowski

- 1 Stefan Ledochowski Born: Jul 24, 1883 in Przemysl, Poland Died: Mar 13, 1962 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
- .. +Catharina Ryczan Born: Mar 23, 1892 in Naklo, Poland Married: Feb 10, 1910 in Stubno, Poland Died: Dec 06, 1981 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 2 Nicholas Ledochowski Born: Dec 17, 1910 in Stubno, Poland Died: Aug 23, 1987 in Vernon, B.C.
- +Grace Sunderland Born: Dec 06, 1916 Married: Dec 1967 Died: Jun 22, 1977 in Toronto, Ontario
- 3 Albert Sunderland Born: Dec 13, 1957
- +Donna Irene Domcij Born: May 09, 1962 Married: Jun 13, 1998 in Red Deer, Alberta
- 4 Nicole Irene Sunderland Born: Jul 02, 1996
- 4 Kaylin Rosemarie Sunderland Born: Sep 10, 1992
- 2 Michael Ledochowski Born: Oct 03, 1914 in Hamerlik, Manitoba
- +Maureen Joan Bloxam Born: 1920 in England Married: 1946 Divorce: 1949 Died: May 1999
- 3 Dian Katherina Ledochowski Born: Sep 29, 1946 in Teulon, Manitoba
- +Rick Lees Born: Oct 04, 1946 in Vancouver, B.C. Married: May 20, 1967 in Vancouver, B. C.
- 4 Brenda Lees Born: Aug 12, 1970 in Vancouver, B.C.
- +Richard
- 5 Isabella Tiara Lees Born: May 19, 2005
- 4 Dawn Lees Born: Jan 15, 1972 in Burnaby General, Vancouver, B.C.
- +Randy Jones
- 5 Chanelle Lee Jones
- 3 Gloria Pennelope Ledochowski Born: Dec 31, 1949 in Fisher Branch, MB
- +M DeVita
- 4 Sean Santo DeVita Born: Feb 23, 1969 in Vancouver, B.C.
- +Irene Born: Apr 10, 1964 in Vancouver, B.C.
- 5 Antonia DeVita Born: Apr 24, 1994 in White Rock, BC
- 5 Mateo DeVita Born: Feb 21, 1998 in Vancouver, BC
- 4 Tina DeVita Born: Apr 26, 1967 in Vancouver, BC
- +Bill Cryans Born: Aug 09, 1958 in Montreal, Quebec
- 5 Christopher Cryans Born: Sep 18, 1996 in Vancouver, B.C.
- 5 Nicholas Cryans Born: Dec 14, 1999 in Vancouver, B.C.
- 5 Sophia Glorianna Cryans Born: Sep 09, 2003 in Vancouver, B.C.
- *2nd Husband of Gloria Pennelope Ledochowski:
- +Norbert Laakmann Born: Nov 23, 1936 in Velbert, Germany
- *2nd Wife of Michael Ledochowski:
- +Ann Lisowecki Born: Oct 18, 1919 in Poplarfield, Manitoba Married: Oct 19, 1951 in St. Nicholas Church, Poplarfield
- 3 Edward Michael Ledochowski Born: Mar 22, 1953 in Poplarfield, Manitoba
- +Monique Camelle Loiselle Born: Nov 23, 1961 Married: Aug 18, 1984 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 4 Lindsay Ledochowski Born: Dec 31, 1992
- 3 Wayne Allen Ledochowski Born: Sep 26, 1956 in Winnipeg, Manitoba Died: Dec 23, 1998 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
- +Wendy Theresa Eastveld Born: Jan 13, 1960 Married: Jun 18, 1983 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 4 Brett Michael Ledochowski Born: Aug 10, 1984 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 4 Amber Courtney Ledochowski Born: Jan 24, 1987 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 4 Ryan Paul Ledochowski Born: Nov 17, 1988 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 2 Walter Ledochowski Born: Oct 22, 1916 in Sharpewood, Manitoba Died: May 21, 1987 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
- +Anne Zasitko Born: Jan 14, 1923 in High Plains, Manitoba Married: Sep 15, 1940 in High Plains, Manitoba
- 3 June Rosemarie Ledochowski Born: Aug 04, 1941 in Poplarfield, Manitoba
- +Bjorguin Holm Born: May 05, 1941 in Gimli, Manitoba Married: Oct 31, 1968 in Winnipeg, Manitoba

..... 4 Tanya Janelle Holm Born: May 07, 1969 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
 +Sean Corrie Born: Jun 03, 1966 Married: Aug 16, 1987 in St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church, St. Boniface, MB
 5 Jasmine Rachel Corrie Born: Dec 08, 1987 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
 5 Thomas Spencer Walter Corrie Born: Apr 02, 1993 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
 5 Maxwell Bjorgvin Liam Corrie Born: May 08, 1996 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
 3 Ben Walter Ledohowski Born: Sep 03, 1942 in Poplarfield, Manitoba
 +Janet Fay Rederburg Born: Feb 11, 1944 in Wadena, Saskatchewan Married: May 07, 1966 in St. Joseph's Uk. Cath. Church, Yorkton
 4 Larissa Ann Ledohowski Born: Sep 12, 1967 in Yorkton, Saskatchewan
 4 Mark James Ledohowski Born: Nov 10, 1969 in Yorkton, Saskatchewan
 +Susan Muring Married: Jun 01, 2002 in St. Theresa R.C. Church, Edmonton, AB
 5 Caitlyn Elizabeth Ledohowski Born: Nov 03, 2002 in Edmonton, Alberta
 5 Carolyn Faye Ledohowski Born: Oct 23, 2004 in Edmonton, Alberta
 4 Michael Ben Ledohowski Born: Oct 31, 1970 in Yorkton, Saskatchewan
 +Deanna Lynn Hawreliak Born: May 03, 1971 in Edmonton, Alberta Married: Aug 06, 1994 in St. John's Uk. Ortho. Edmonton
 5 William James Ledohowski Born: May 24, 2000 in Edmonton, Alberta
 5 Christina Hope Ledohowski Born: Jun 01, 2003 in Edmonton, Alberta
 5 Brandon Ledohowski Born: Jan 19, 2004 in Edmonton, Alberta
 5 Mathew Ryan Ledohowski Born: Nov 24, 2005 in Edmonton, Alberta
 3 Leon Norman Ledohowski Born: Mar 15, 1944 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
 +Joanne Dengis Born: Apr 28, 1944 in Hamilton, Ontario Married: Dec 1968 in Yorkton, Saskatchewan
 4 Lea Joel Ledohowski Born: Dec 03, 1974 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
 4 Lindy Anne Ledohowski Born: Sep 15, 1976 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
 4 Lane Denis Ledohowski Born: Sep 20, 1978 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
 4 Laurel Eden Ledohowski Born: Oct 24, 1980 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
 3 Carol Lovey Ledohowski Born: Mar 29, 1946 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
 +Donald Miskiman Born: Sep 11, 1943 in Broadview, Saskatchewan Married: Oct 09, 1965 in Holy Family Church, Winnipeg
 4 Dean Richard Miskiman Born: Aug 09, 1968 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
 +Lisa Coutts Born: Dec 31, 1969
 5 Justin Donald Miskiman Born: Jan 20, 2002 in Calgary, Alberta
 5 Amie Lyn Miskiman Born: Mar 20, 2005 in Calgary, Alberta
 4 Tricia Lee Miskiman Born: Oct 15, 1972 in Yorkton, Saskatchewan
 +Ross Liston Wade Married: Mar 31, 2001 in Knox United Church, Calgary, Alberta
 5 Joshua Jamieson Wade Born: Oct 20, 2003 in Calgary, Alberta
 3 Christopher Wallace Ledohowski Born: May 13, 1957 in Arborg, Manitoba
 +Angela Anonychuk Born: Nov 05, 1962 in Winnipeg, Manitoba Married: May 13, 1983 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
 4 Krista Ledohowski Born: Mar 22, 1988 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
 4 Mathew Ledohowski Born: Feb 07, 1991 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
 3 Ronald Steven Ledohowski Born: Oct 11, 1963 in Broadview, Saskatchewan
 +Tracy Palmer Born: Feb 07, 1967 Married: Oct 1986 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
 4 Aaron Scott Ledohowski Born: Mar 12, 1987 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
 4 Kayla Ray Ledohowski Born: Sep 09, 1988 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
 2 Edward Ledohowski Born: Dec 30, 1918 in NW16-22-3W, Sharpwood, Manitoba Died: May 25, 1989 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
 2 Helena Ledohowski Born: Jun 04, 1922 in Sharpwood, Manitoba Died: Oct 15, 2001 in Scarborough, Ontario
 +Ray Chidley Born: Sep 18, 1924 in 4th Street, New Toronto, Ontario Married: Oct 19, 1956 in Toronto, Ontario
 3 Paul Edward Chidley Born: May 14, 1958 in Toronto, Ontario
 +Gail Wadsworth Born: Jul 03, 1959 Married: Jan 12, 1980 in Scarborough, Ontario

..... 4 Elizabeth Victoria Chidley Born: May 20, 1985 in Peterborough, Ontario
 3 David Joseph Chidley Born: Jan 12, 1961 in Toronto, Ontario
 +Doreen Mary Hackl Born: Sep 13, 1959 in Calgary, Alberta Married: Sep 29, 1984 in Calgary, Alberta
 4 Sarah Amanda Chidley Born: May 17, 1986 in Calgary, Alberta
 4 Justin Adam Chidley Born: Nov 08, 1987 in Calgary, Alberta
 4 Rachel Nicole Chidley Born: Dec 25, 1989 in Calgary, Alberta
 3 Sandra Ann Chidley Born: Mar 14, 1963 in Toronto, Ontario
 +David Thompson Married: May 30, 1987
 4 Rebecca Ruth Thompson Born: May 13, 1992 in Hamilton, Ontario
 4 Amanda Ann Florence Thompson Born: Jan 20, 1995 in Hamilton, Ontario
 4 Matthew Raymond Joseph Thompson Born: Oct 20, 1996 in Hamilton, Ontario
 2 Sabina Ledohowski Born: May 02, 1925 in Sharpewood, Manitoba
 +Thomas Feeley Born: Jan 29, 1923 Married: Jan 22, 1953 in Toronto, Ontario Died: Mar 29, 1995 in Toronto, Ontario
 3 Gordon Stefan Feeley Born: Aug 27, 1954 in Toronto, Ontario
 +Haywan Chau Born: Apr 30, 1953 Married: Aug 31, 1981 in Toronto, Ontario
 3 Robert Thomas Feeley Born: Nov 28, 1955
 3 Kathryn Rose Feeley Born: Jun 09, 1958 in Toronto, Ontario
 +Robert Sullivan Born: Jan 26, 1957 Married: Aug 23, 1997 in Aspen, Colorado
 3 Brian David Feeley Born: Jul 07, 1963 in Toronto, Ontario
 +Maryjayne Ross Born: Jul 18, 1964 Married: Sep 15, 1990
 4 Robyn Feeley Born: Aug 26, 1992 in Toronto, Ontario
 4 Spencer Thomas Feeley Born: Mar 24, 1994 in Toronto, Ontario
 2 Albina Ledohowski Born: Aug 03, 1927 in Sharpewood, MB
 +Victor Buchko Born: Sep 12, 1925 in Fisher Branch, Manitoba Married: Jul 15, 1950 in Fisher Branch, MB Died: Jun 21, 1993 in Winnipeg, MB
 3 Sylvia Buchko Born: May 07, 1951 in Fisher Branch, Manitoba
 +Ronald Meilleur Born: Oct 21, 1949 Married: Aug 21, 1971 in Fisher Branch, Manitoba
 4 Sabrina Meilleur Born: Aug 13, 1980
 4 Jason Meilleur Born: Apr 22, 1982
 3 Vivian Buchko Born: Jan 24, 1953 in Fisher Branch, Manitoba
 +Michael Prus Born: Aug 05, 1950 Married: Jul 24, 1973
 4 Lezley Dawn Prus Born: Jun 21, 1976 in Fisher Branch, MB
 +Marvin Olson
 5 Cameron Michael Prus Born: Jan 06, 1998
 4 Dianne May Prus Born: Aug 21, 1977 in Fisher Branch, MB
 +Dan Beck
 5 Danya May Beck Born: Dec 06, 2001
 3 Diane Buchko Born: Nov 23, 1955 in Fisher Branch, Manitoba Died: Mar 03, 1975 in Fisher Branch, Manitoba
 3 Peter Buchko Born: Sep 09, 1966 in Fisher Branch, Manitoba
 2 Andrew Ledohowski Born: Feb 04, 1934 in Sharpewood, Manitoba
 +Joyce Larson Born: Aug 04, 1933 Married: Nov 30, 1956 in Edmonton, Alberta
 3 Edward Lawrence Ledohowski Born: 1957
 3 Wade Trenton Ledohowski Born: Sep 18, 1958 in Edmonton, Alberta
 +Didi Belton Born: May 24, 1962 in Kamloops, B. C. Married: May 02, 1987 in Kamloops, B. C.
 4 Derrick Ledohowski Born: May 07, 1990 in Williams Lake, B. C.
 4 Devon Ledohowski Born: Jun 26, 1992 in Williams Lake, B. C.

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Chapter Three

Gregory and Anna's second born of six children, a son:

Yvan Ledochowski



John Ledochowski

John (Ivan) Ledochowski was born in Przemysl, Eastern Poland to Gregory and Anna Ledochowski in August of 1887. He was their second child, brother Stefan having been born three years earlier. Four more siblings, three brothers and a sister, would follow in the coming years.

In 1903, John was a young man of 16 when his whole family immigrated to Canada, except for brother Stefan who was serving in the Austrian Army and would follow later. John lived with his parents and siblings on the family homestead in what would eventually become known as the Hamrlik Postal District, but it was a number of years before a district post office was established. The family was the earliest to settle in the district, together with the Hamrlik family, and it was several years before other settlers began arriving in the area.

The early years were very difficult and as the 'oldest' of the children, John worked extra hard to help the family get a solid foothold in what was then nothing but an isolated wilderness, comprised of 'bush, swamp and stones'.

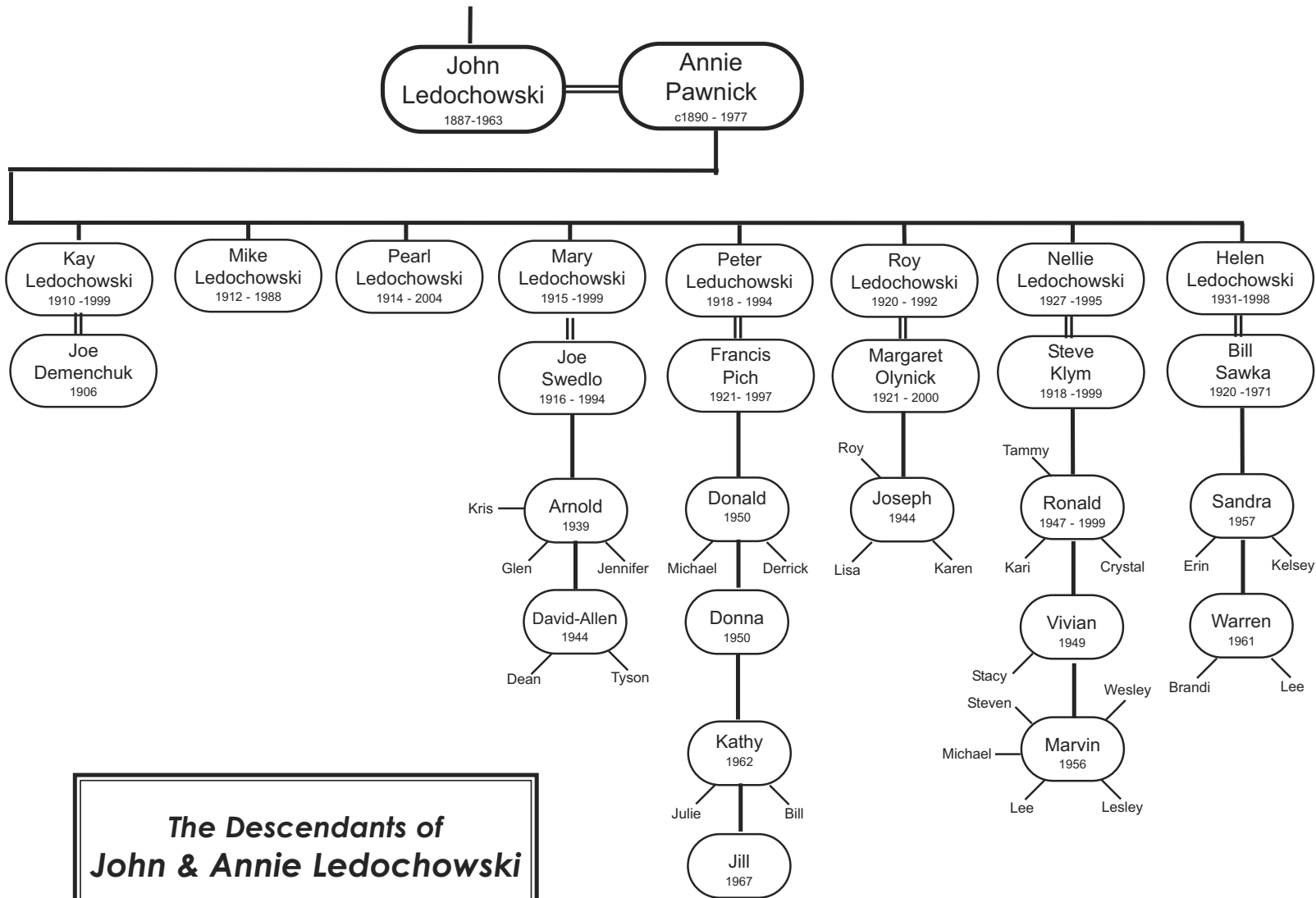
After four years, in January 1907, John walked 40 miles to the Dominion Land Office in Stonewall and submitted a claim for a homestead of his own, choosing quarter section NE 2-22-1 WPM, near his father's homestead. He then commenced to build a house, labouring long and hard to clear and break the land, initially, using nothing but an axe, pick, and shovel. His application for Patent or Title, later indicated that he had taken up residence in the house in March of 1908.

In 1909, John Ledochowski married Annie Pawnick. They went on to raise a family of eight - three sons and five daughters: Katie (1910), Mike (1912), Pearl (1914), Mary (1915), Peter (1918), Roy (1920), Nellie (1927), and Helen (1931).

Like most men in the area, for a number of years John would work for four to six weeks each year on the fall harvest gangs in Southern Manitoba and Saskatchewan to earn cash money.

In 1919, after 12 years of occupancy, John applied for patent and title to the homestead. After visiting the farm, the Homestead Inspector recorded that John had managed to put only 16 acres under cultivation during this time, but in his recommendation to grant patent, described the property as being "*bush and stoney land where one acre of breaking is equivalent to 11 acres prairie land*". The inspection report also noted that John's other assets at the time included a wife, 5 children, 17 cattle, 5 horses, 4 hogs, a log home 40'x28' in size, a log barn 40'x24', a 22'x12' granary, a well, 100 acres of timber land, 30 acres of hayland and 10 acres of swamp land.

John and Annie continued to farm on the family homestead until 1957 when they sold the farm and retired to the nearby community of Arborg. John Ledochowski passed away in 1963 at the age of 76. Annie lived to be 85, passing away in 1977. John and Annie are buried side by side at the All Saints Cemetery in Winnipeg.



**The Descendants of
John & Annie Ledochowski
of Poplarfield, Manitoba, Canada**

*John was the second of six children born to
Gregory and Anna Ledochowski*

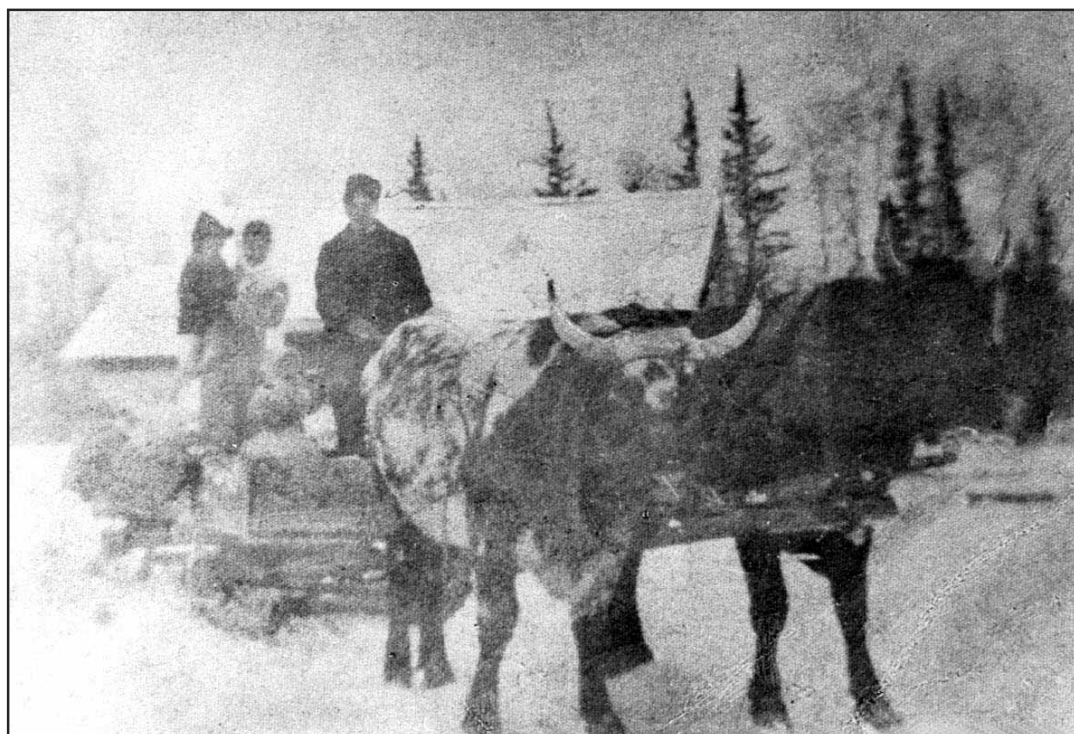


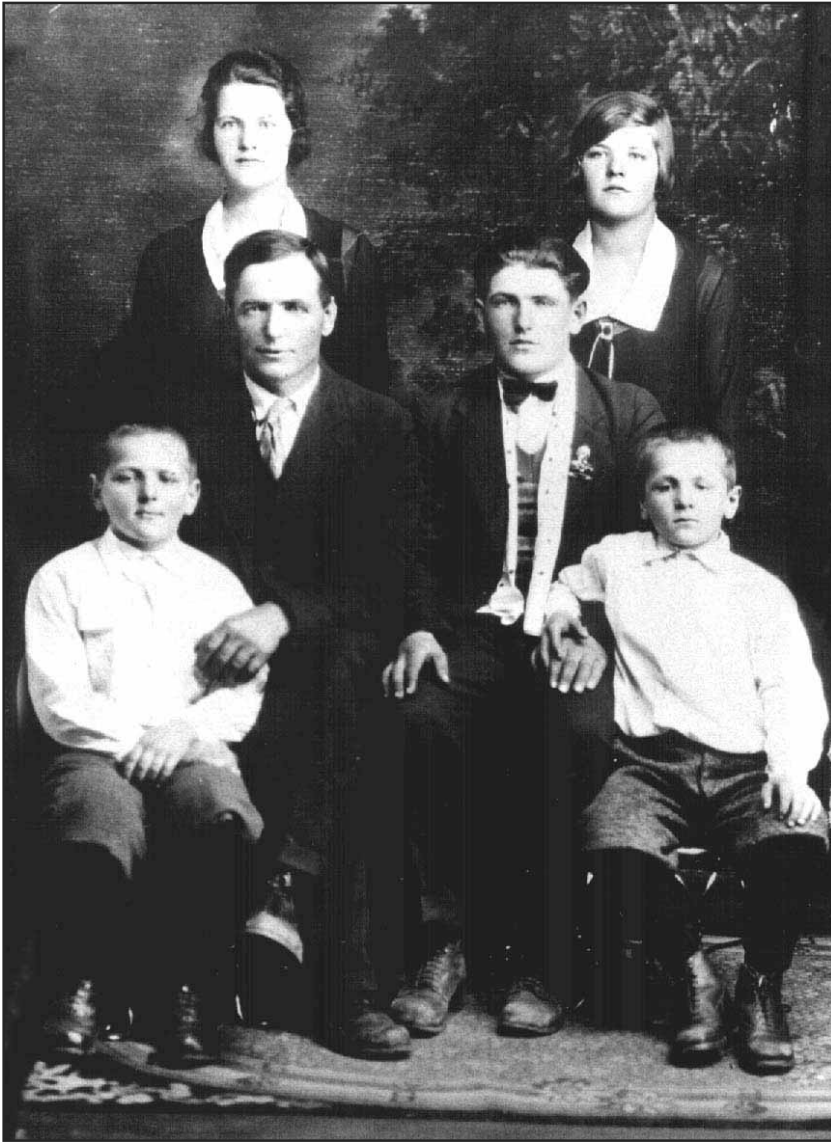
John Ledochowski and Annie Pawnick on their wedding day, January 15, 1905.

Right: A five year old Katie Ledochowski poses with little brother Michael on the family homestead in the Hamrlík district around 1915.



Below: John, Annie and the children pulling out from the homestead using a farm sled pulled by oxen. Photo likely taken around 1914 as there appears to be only two children in the sled.





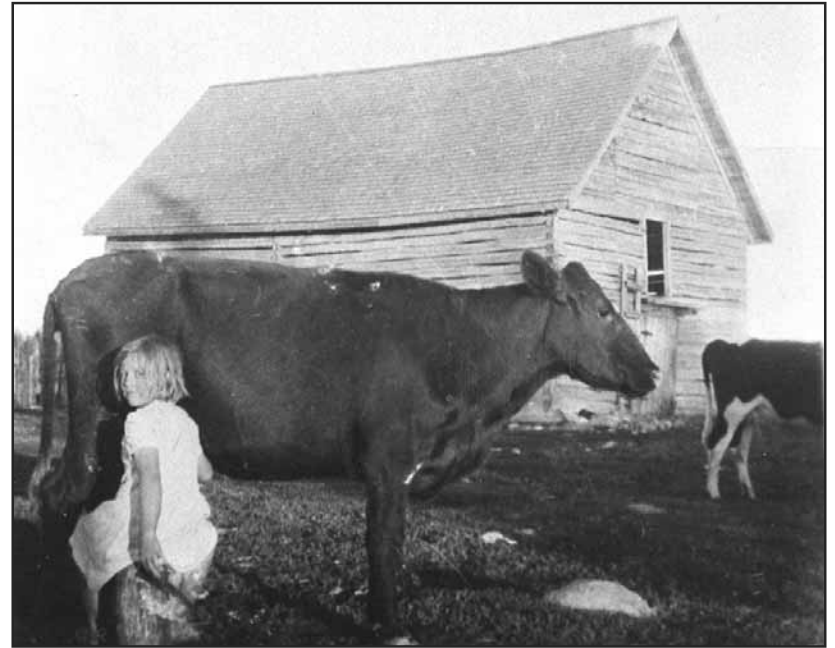
John photographed with a group of five of his eight children (clockwise): Katie, Pearl; Mike; Roy; and Peter. This photo was likely taken around 1927.



Annie and John with three of their daughters, c1928: (clockwise): Kay, Mary, and baby Nellie. Taken in Winnipeg while visiting Katie, who had found work in the city.



Helen standing outside on a winter's day to pose for a quick picture wearing what is quite likely a Christmas concert costume, given the head-dress. The lad in the background is likely brother Peter, and the year around 1938.



An eleven year old Helen milking the cows on the family farm around 1942. Note the large log barn in the background.



Annie and daughter Nellie photographed on the steps of the farmhouse around 1940.

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John Ledochowski and son Mike with a group of men at the Victor Wallach sawmill in the Mantagao Lake area, 1940/41. Some of the men identified include: B-R: 1. unknown, 2. Steve Swedlo, 3. **Joe Swedlo** (John's son-in-law), 4. Stan Skibinski, 5. **Mike "Gowan" Ledochowski**, 6. ? Skibinski, 7. Joe Skibinski, 8. **John Ledochowski** (with pipe). FR: 1. unknown, 2. John Skibinski, 3. unknown, 4. the 'Timber Inspector', 5. Joe Wallach.



Right: View of the sawmill owned and operated by John and brother Fred. The brothers milled lumber for almost a quarter century.

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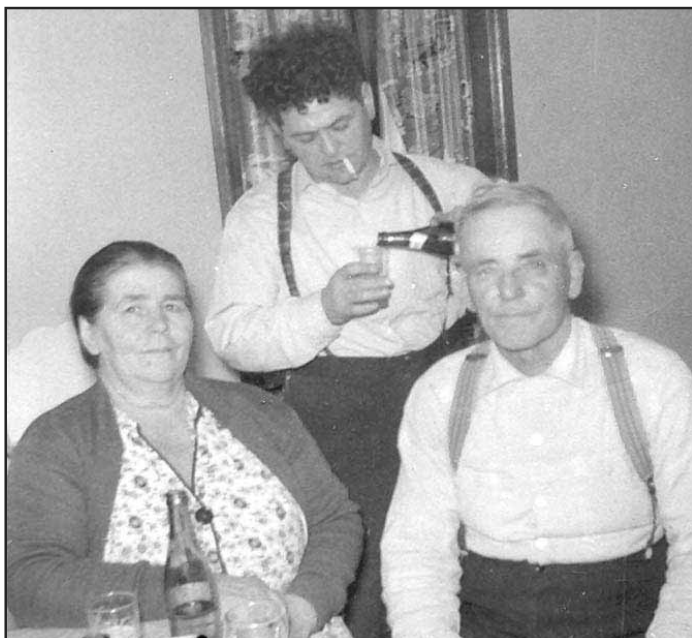


Couple Celebrates Golden Wedding

MR. AND MRS. JOHN LEDOCHOWSKI of Arborg, Man., were honored Saturday evening at a reception marking their 50th wedding anniversary. The reception was held in the Ukrainian Labor Temple, Euclid Avenue, and attended by family and friends. Messages of congratulations were read from Prime Minister Diefenbaker and Premier Duff Roblin. Gifts given the couple included an electric stove and a tri-light lamp. Present were all eight of their children: Mrs. Joseph Demenchuk, Mrs. Stephen Klym, Mrs. William Sawka, Roy, all of Winnipeg; Mrs. Joseph Swedlo, Poplarfield, Man.; Pearl, Detroit; Michael, Dryden, Ont.; and Peter, Atikokan, Ont. There are nine grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Ledochowski were married 50 years ago at Poplarfield where they farmed until two years ago.



John and Annie Ledochowski as they appeared at daughter Helen's wedding to Bill Sawka on January 1, 1955.



John and Annie pose for a snapshot while son Peter refreshes his drink.



John and Annie Ledochowski with daughter Kay and her husband Joe Demenchuk, and son Roy and his wife Margaret, photographed at Helen's wedding on January 1, 1955.



Above: John and Annie's daughters, Pearl Ledochowski and little sister Helen, likely taken during the early fifties.



Above right: Daughter-in-law, Margaret (Roy's wife), with Pearl.



Right: Roy and Pearl in 1956.



Above left: John and Annie's sons-in-law, Bill Sawka (Helen's husband) & Joe Demenchuk (Kayda's husband) having an after dinner drink.

Above right: Annie Ledochowski relaxing after a family dinner.

Left: John and Annie at daughter Helen's wedding in 1955.



1st born
Kay Ledochowski
December 25, 1910 ~ December 27, 1999
Photo c1930 at 20 years of age.



2nd born
Mike Ledochowski
1912 ~ January 9, 1988
Photo c1934 at 22 years of age.



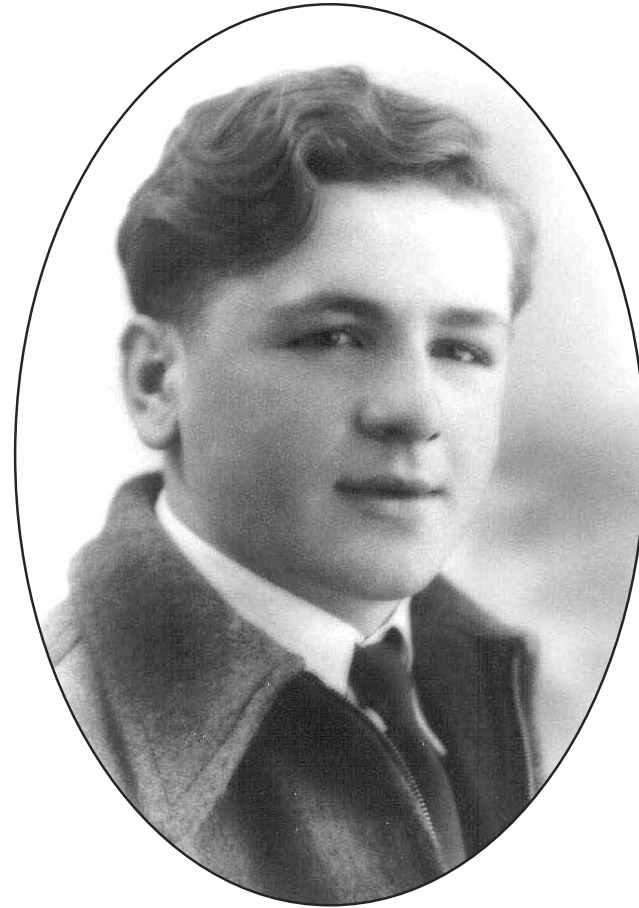
3rd born
Pearl Ledochowski
October 15, 1914 ~ June 16, 2004
Photo c1925 at 20 years of age.



4th born
Mary Ledochowski
September 5, 1915 ~ July 11, 1999
Photo c1925 at 21 years of age.



5th born
Peter Ledochowski
August 23, 1918 ~ March 14, 1994
Photo 1948 at 30 years of age.



6th born
Roy Ledochowski
September 29, 1920 ~ March 1, 1992
Photo 1940 at 20 years of age.



7th born
Nastia (Nellie) Ledochowski
April 3, 1927 ~ September 1, 1995
Photo c1937 at 20 years of age.



8th born
Helen Ledochowski
April 10, 1931 ~ July 4, 1998
Photo 1947 at 16 years of age.



Kay and Joe Demenchuk

Kay Ledochowski

Kay Ledochowski was born on December 25, 1910 in the Hamrlík District and attended Leeland School. She left the family farm and moved to Winnipeg where she married Joe Demenchuk on November 15, 1932. Together they lived and operated Aberdeen Fish Market in Winnipeg. Kay was fond of picking wild berries and mushrooms.

Kay passed away on December 27, 1999 at the age of 89, and was laid to rest at the All Saints Cemetery in Winnipeg. Joe continued to reside in Winnipeg until his passing in 2005. He was interred at all Saints Cemetery, Winnipeg next to Kay.



Kay Ledochowski at age 22 in 1932 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.



Kay's husband, Joe Demenchuk at age 24 in 1930.



Right: Joe and Kay with Joe's cousin's daughter Elizabeth.



Joe and some fellow employees at Neptune Fisheries, Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1968.



Joe and Kay Dememchuk, photographed during a visit to Winnipeg Beach in the fall of 1980.



Joe in 1980 after a day of fishing the White Mud River.



Kay Dememchuk, photographed in the summer of 1971, inspecting her beloved flower garden in the backyard of her home at 464 Aberdeen Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba.



Joe and Kay Dememchuk at the back of their home on Aberdeen Avenue in Winnipeg, showing another piece of their always outstanding flower garden.



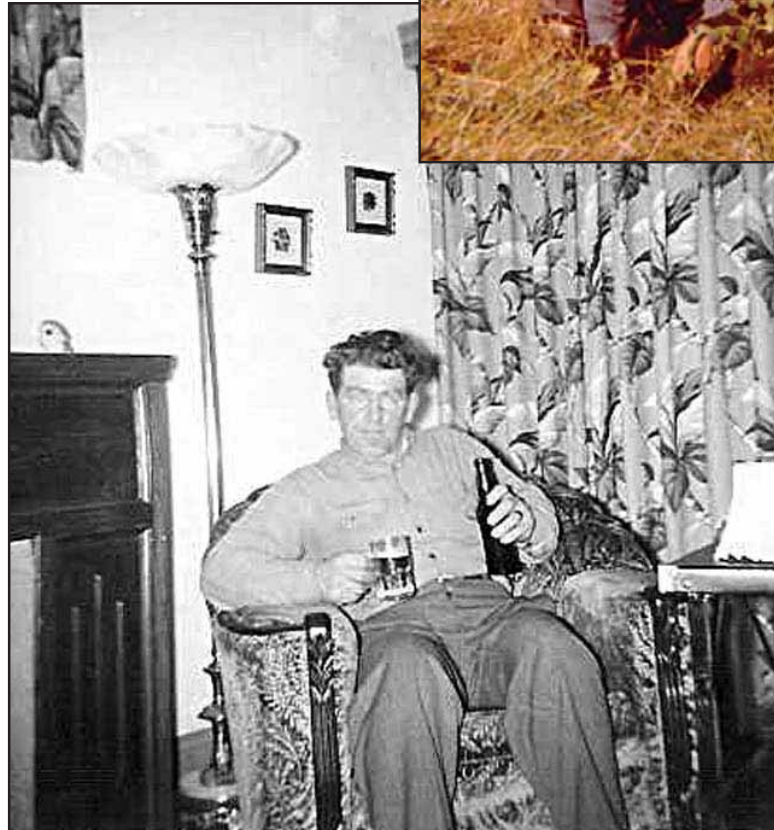
Mike Ledochowski

Mike Ledochowski was born in 1912 in Hamrluk District in the family farmhouse. As a child he attended nearby Leeland School.

After helping run the family farm, during the later years of the Great Depression, he made his way to Northwestern Ontario to try to find paying employment, and spent several years working the lumber camp and mine sites. He later returned to the Hamrluk District where he farmed until he retired to nearby Arborg, Manitoba. Mike generally was known by his nickname, 'Gowan'.

Mike passed away on January 9, 1988 at the age of 76, and was laid to rest at All Saints Cemetery in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Right: Mike in 1973 digging rhubarb in his backyard garden in Poplarfield.



Mike enjoying a cool refreshment.



Pearl Ledochowski

Above left: Pearl Ledochowski

Above: Pearl and a friend in uniform and on the job in Detroit, Michigan.

Left: Pearl in snapshot taken 1956.



Pearl Ledochowski was born on October 15, 1914 on the family farm in Hamrlik District and she attended Leeland School.

As a young woman Pearl left the family farm and moved to Winnipeg, where she worked as a housekeeper.

She subsequently moved to Windsor, Ontario where she found work as a waitress. She then moved to Detroit and worked at J.L. Hudson Company. After 25 years of service to the company, she returned to Winnipeg.

Pearl passed away on June 16, 2005 at the age of 89 and was laid to rest in the All Saints Cemetery in Winnipeg.



Pearl Ledochowski with brother-in-law Bill Sawka and their nephew Marvin Klym (Nellie's son) in 1957.



Pearl Ledochowski and sister-in-law Margaret, 1991.



Pearl Ledochowski at her 75th birthday in 1989, Winnipeg.



Above left: Arnold and David Swedlo photographed in their backyard, note the barn in the background.

Right Arnold with pet rabbits, c1945



Right: Mary Ledochowski and Joe Swedlo on their wedding day, May 28, 1939.

Mary Ledochowski

Mary Ledochowski was born on September 5, 1915 and was raised in the Hamrlík Postal District. As a child she attended Leeland School.

Mary married Joe Swedlo in 1938 and they remained in the Hamrlík District farming on Section 1, Township 22, Range 1 West.

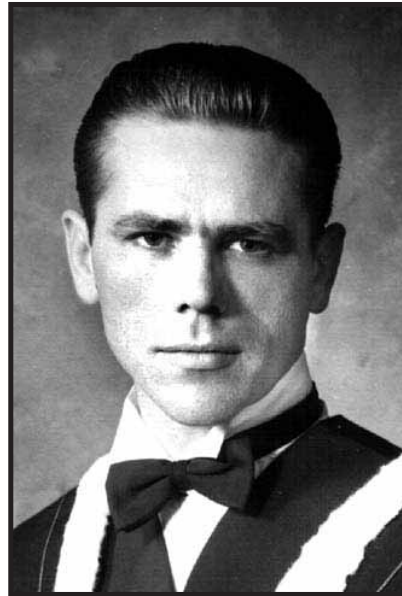
Together they had two boys, Arnold and David. They were fond of farm life, where they stayed all their lives.

Joe passed away in 1994. Mary passed away in 1999 in her 84th year. Both were interred in Hamrlík Community Cemetery.

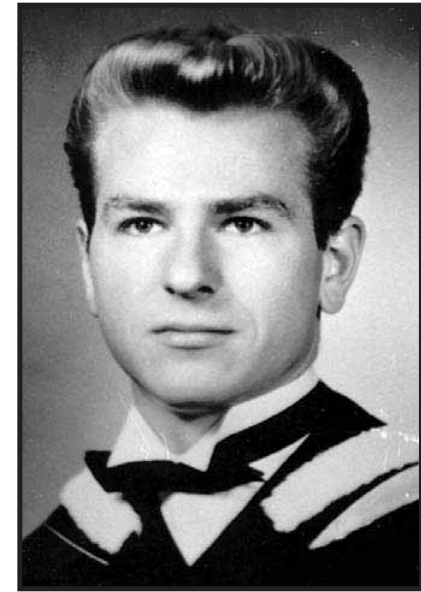
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Joe Swedlo and 'Uncle' Mike Ledochowski photographed during a rabbit hunting excursion in the local woods.



Arnold Swedlo
Born October 9, 1939
Photo 1965, 26 years of age.
University of Manitoba
Engineering Grad 1970



David-Allen Swedlo
Born October 25, 1944
Photograph c1965 at 21 years of age.



Right: Mary and Joe in 1978 with their grandsons Glen and Kris Swedlo, son Arnold's children.

Left: Joe Swedlo readying his Massey Harris combine for harvest, September 1963.





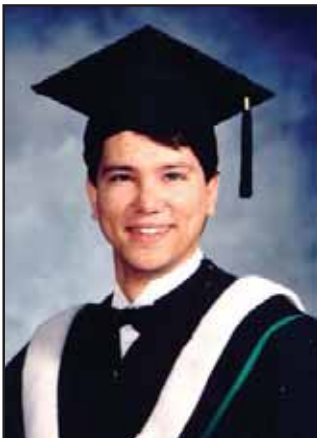
Arnold Swedlo and Dianne Cherniak wedding photo, 1966, Poplarfield, Manitoba.



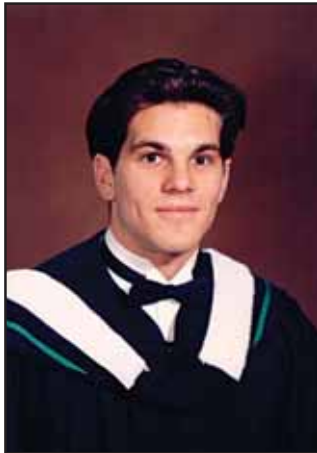
Dianne Swedlo poses for a photo with the kids, Kris, Jennifer, and Glen during a visit to Banff, Alberta, c1982. Arnold is behind camera.



Arnold visits with son Glen and his children, Duncan, Connor, and newly-born Eric at Glen and Amy's home in Airdrie, Alberta. Autumn 2001.



Glen Swedlo
University of Manitoba,
Electrical Engineering
1993 graduate.



Kris Swedlo
University of Manitoba,
School of Commerce
1995 graduate.



Jennifer Swedlo
University of Manitoba,
School of Commerce
2002 graduate.

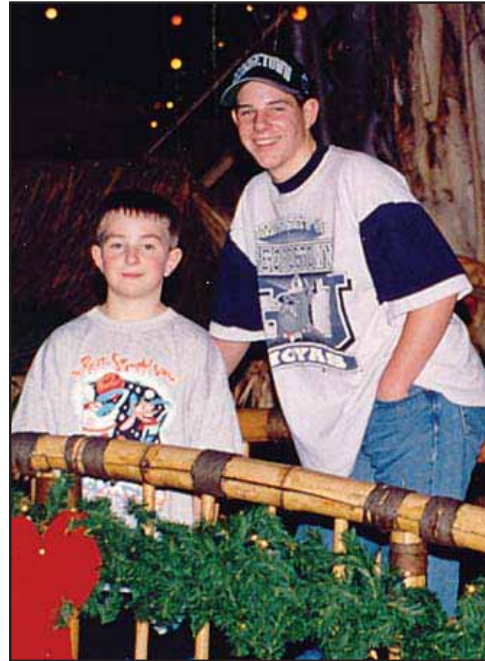


Arnold and Dianne Swedlo with their children Kris, Jennifer and Glen, on Glen and Amy's wedding day, May 29, 1999 in Calgary, Alberta.

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David Allan Swedlo in 1970.



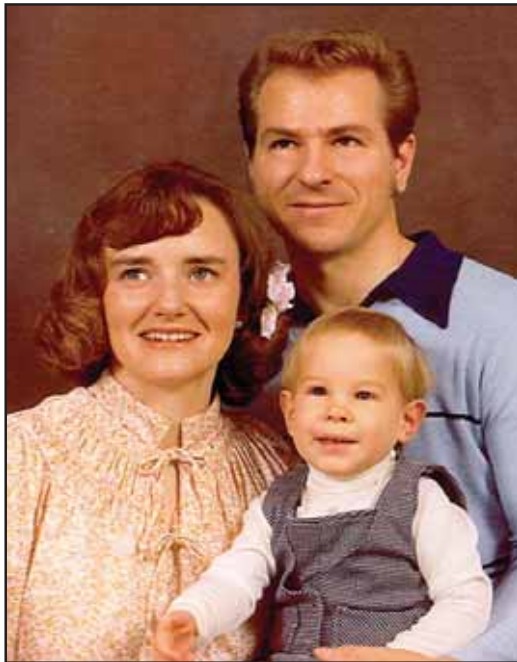
David and Mavis's children Tyson and Dean photographed in December of 1995.



Tyson Swedlo high school graduation photo, 1996. He attended Maples Collegiate in Winnipeg. After high school Tyson studied Computer Science at the University of Manitoba.



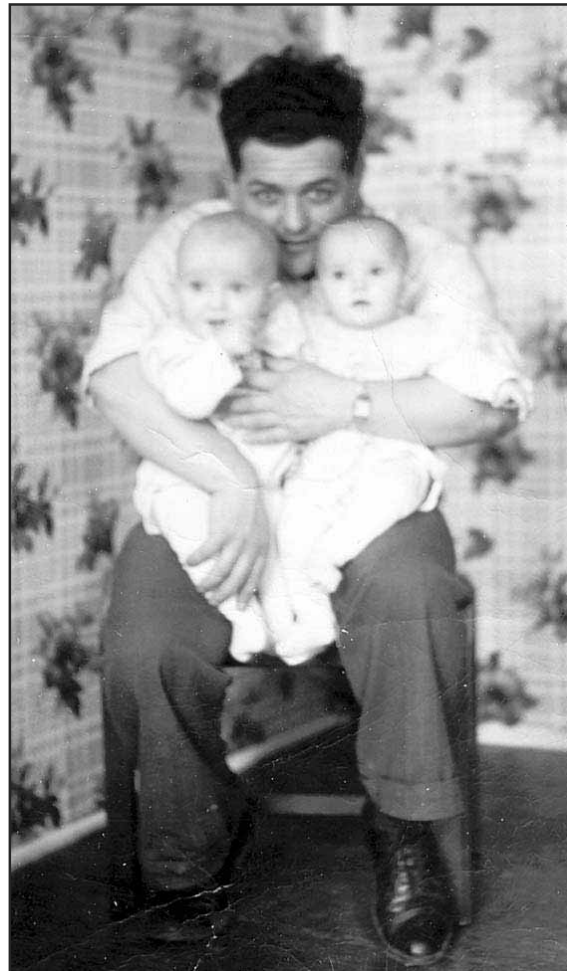
Dean Swedlo, graduation photo. After high school Dean studied and attained his BSc. Honours in Science at the University of Manitoba in 2001. He is now studying Medicine.



David Allan Swedlo with his wife Mavis and first born son Dean Swedlo, born April 24, 1978. Photo c1981. David and Mavis make their home in Winnipeg, Manitoba, where David is a school teacher.



David and Mavis Swedlo on their wedding day in 1975, photographed with David's parents Mary and Joe Swedlo in Winnipeg, Manitoba.



Peter Leduchowski

After leaving the family farm, Peter enrolled in a barber school in Winnipeg. After graduating he cut hair for the Canadian Armed Forces in Churchill, Manitoba.

On July 23, 1948 he married Frances Pich in Thunder Bay, Ontario. In 1959 they moved to Atikokan, Ontario where Peter opened up a barber shop on Main Street which was his place of employment for the next 33 years. Pete also sharpened skates in his shop and for a period of time handled the skate sharpening of the Atikokan Voyageurs hockey team. 'Pete the Barber' retired from his lifelong work in 1983, although some of his faithful customers continued to get haircuts at his home for some time.

Peter and Frances raised four children: twins, Donna and Donald (b.1950); Kathy (1962); and Jill (1967). His hobbies included woodworking, and he was an avid fisherman and hunter.

Peter passed away at the age of 75 years on March 14, 1994 in his home in Atikokan.

Above left: Frances Pich photographed in 1948. On July 23, 1948 Francis married Peter Leduchowski.

Above: Peter with twins Donald and Donna Leduchowski. Photo taken in April, 1950 in Atikokan, Ontario.

Left: Frances Pich and her father-in-law John Leduchowski in 1949.





Above: Peter the Barber doing what he did best, for his grandson Derrick Leduchowski. It was Peter's last haircut in his shop on Main Street before retirement.

Above right: After doing his appointed rounds, Santa's helper Peter Leduchowski poses for a photo with his daughter Jill around 1978. Santa's little helper was a regular at the Christmas parties put on by the Parish of Sts. Peter and Paul in Atikokan.

Right: Peter Leduchowski in action in 1975 at his barber shop at 202 Main Street, Atikokan, Ontario.

Left: Peter returns from another fishing excursion. Daughter Jill checking out the day's catch. Photo around 1972.





Spring, 1981. Michael and Donald, Peter and Derrick Leduchowski sit for a quick photo in Don's new home at 125 Cedar Crescent, Atikokan, Ontario.



Pete's daughter Donna and husband Fred Choma on their wedding day, July 9, 1981.



Daughter Jill Leduchowski and partner Terry Hall pose with a moose Terry downed during a moose hunt in the Atikokan area in 2002.



Right: Peter's son Donald Murray Leduchowski, his wife Louise, and their two sons, Michael (1977), and Derrick (1980). Don and Louise make their home in Atikokan, Ontario. In 2003, Michael was a Bush Pilot and then a pilot with the Canadian Armed Forces (17th Wing) and Derrick is currently a student at the University of Guelph.

Left: Peter's daughter Kathy with her husband Glenn Boyda and their two children Julie and Billy. The Boyda's make their home in Atikokan, Ontario. Bill Graduated in 2005 from Confederation College in Thunder Bay, Ontario with a diploma in Forestry. Julie graduated in 2006 from Ryerson University in Toronto with a Bachelor of Science in Food & Nutrition.





Peter and Frances Leduchowski pose for a photo in 1998 with daughter Donna and her husband Fred Choma. With Grandma on the swing are daughter Kathy Boyda's children, Bill (then 3), and Julie (6) and Jasper the dog. Donna earned her Masters degree in nursing and was employed for many years as head nurse at St. Joseph Hospital in Thunder Bay, Ontario. She is currently working with an independent health system in Thunder Bay. Fred is a fire fighter for the City of Thunder Bay, Ontario.



Peter & Francis' daughters Jill and Kathy in 2002. Taken at the Bayda family home in Atikokan.

Retires after 33 years at trade

‘Pete the Barber’ ready to call it a day

By: SANDRA GOWRILUK
[PROGRESS Staff Writer]

From now on the only face Pete Leduchowski will be shaving will be his own. Known as ‘Pete the Barber’ to his customers, his retirement brings an end to 33 years of barbering.


Pete arrived here from Winnipeg in 1950 looking for employment as a barber. ‘‘Atikokan seemed so far away when I read about it in the newspaper,’’ Pete recalls. Considering the round-about route he took to get here, Atikokan was far away. (At that time there wasn’t a highway from Fort Frances to Thunder Bay.) From Winnipeg he drove to Kenora, then to Duluth, and finally to Thunder Bay. From there he hopped a train to Atikokan.

Pete purchased equipment from a barber on Mackenzie Avenue and set himself up in business, something he has never regretted. ‘‘I didn’t think twice about going into

business on my own,’’ he said. ‘‘The best part was being my own boss,’’ he added. Pete stayed on Mackenzie for a year before moving to the corner of Main and Gorrie (now a parking lot). Several years later he moved the building to its present site, eventually adding onto the back.

Business isn’t the way it used to be, Pete said. ‘‘I can remember days when every chair in the place was filled; I even had to bring chairs from the back for the men while they waited. We used to joke and have a good laugh,’’ he said. Times have changed. Men don’t mind paying more money to have their hair styled by a hairdresser, Pete said. Very few men even have a hot shave anymore, however, there are a few who enjoy coming in for a shampoo, shave, and a haircut, all for the price of \$11.

Pete looks forward to his retirement. He says he now will have time to do those things he wasn’t able to do when he had the shop. He plans to construct a building behind his home to continue sharpening skates, chain saws and knives. He also would like to fix up his house, do some fishing and pick blueberries this summer. ‘‘I’ll miss all my old friends coming in and passing the bull,’’ Pete said.




Pete enjoying an afternoon of fishing, one of his most loved activities.



Above: Roy Ledochowski and son Joe outside the family home located at 708 Aberdeen Avenue in Winnipeg, Manitoba, 1947.

Right: Roy and Margaret Ledochowski in 1978.



Right: Roy Ledochowski & Margaret Olynick on their wedding day on October 16, 1943.

Roy Ledochowski

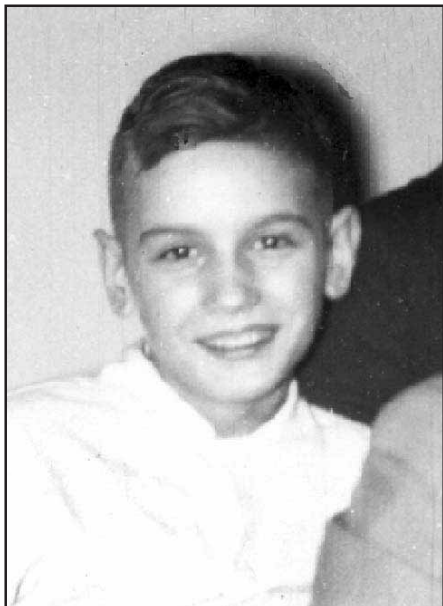
Roy Ledochowski was born on September 29, 1919 on the family farm in the Hamrlík Postal District. He attended nearby Leeland School. After leaving home, like many of his siblings and cousins, Roy found his first steady work in the lumber camps of Northern Ontario.

He married Margaret Olynick on October 16, 1943. Roy and Margaret were blessed with a single child, a son Joe.

For most of his adult life, Roy drove a bulldozer. For a time he was co-owner of R & D Construction in Winnipeg.

After retiring Roy and Margaret enjoyed traveling with their motor home and frequent fishing trips.

Roy passed away on March 1, 1992 at the age of 73. Margaret passed away September 3, 2000. They are both interred at All Saints Cemetery in Winnipeg. Son Joe currently lives in Riverside, California, with his wife Ellen and three children, Roy Jr., Lisa, and Karen.



Roy and Margaret's son Joe Ledochowski around 1955, photographed during a visit at Aunt Helen and Uncle Bill Sawka's in Winnipeg, Manitoba.



Left: Joe & Ellen Ledochowski on their wedding day in Cucamonga, California, September 5, 1974. Joe and Ellen had two daughters Lisa and Karen. A son, Roy, was born during a brief first marriage to Dawn Dare.

Below: Roy Ledochowski looks on from his chair as Joe and Ellen Ledochowski pose for a photograph. It was August of 1986 and Joe was back in Winnipeg for a visit with dear old Dad driving up from Riverside, California, where he had moved to and taken up residence.



Roy and Margaret Ledochowski at their 45th wedding anniversary on October 16, 1988, celebrated at the Russian Hall on Selkirk Avenue in Winnipeg.





Joe and his daughters Karen and Lisa pose for a photograph with Aunt Pearl (centre) at Uncle Joe and Auntie Katie Demenchuk's house, during a 1991 trip to Winnipeg.



Joe and Ellen Ledochowski in 1992.



Roy and Margaret pictured with Roy's sister Pearl Ledochowski in 1991 at a family get-together to celebrate their sister Helen's 60th birthday.



Margaret Ledochowski with son Joe, daughter-in-law Ellen, grand children Karen, Lisa, and Roy, and Roy's wife Steffany in 1993.

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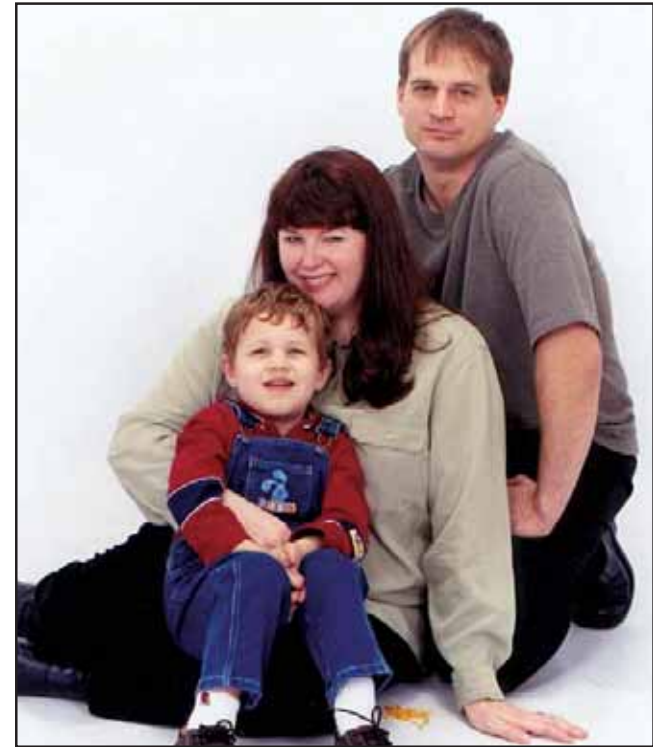
Lisa & Matt Survillas on April 25, 1998. Lisa is Joe and Ellen's eldest daughter. Matt and Lisa reside in Riverside, California.



Joe's daughter Karen Ledochowski on the day she wed Terry Sidur, March 14, 2003.



The Sidur family on November 23, 2006. Karen and Terry Sidur and their children, and Joe and Ellen's grandchildren and Roy and Margaret's great-grandchildren: Damon and baby Dean Sidur.



Joe's son Roy (by his first marriage, Dawn Dare), his wife Steffany and their son Ben, photographed on December 26, 1993 at their home in San Jose, California.



Joe and Ellen's daughters Lisa and Karen with her children in 2001. On the left with Lisa are Dominique and Zachery Survillas. Karen and her son, Damon Sidur are on the right.



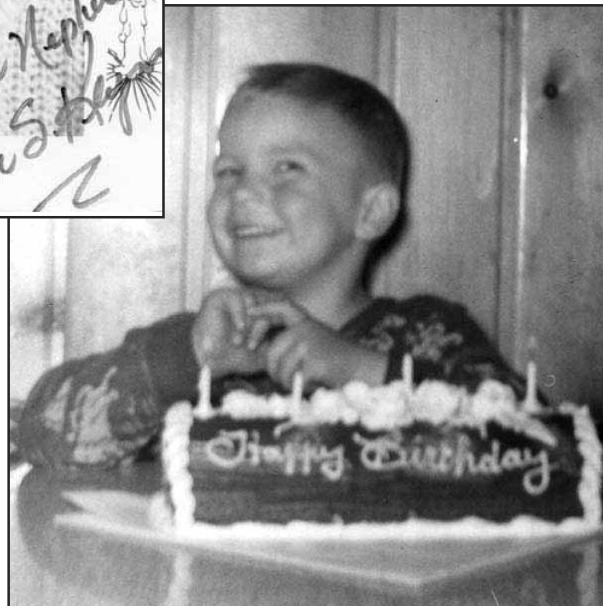
Joe and Ellen Ledochowski in 2003, Riverside, California.



Ron Klym in 1966.



Vivian Klym in 1967.



Marvin Klym in 1961.



Nellie Ledochowski and Steve Klym on their wedding day, July 6, 1946.

Nellie Ledochowski

Nellie Ledochowski was born on the family farm in the Hamrlik District on April 3, 1927. As a child she attended nearby Leeland School.

As a young woman she left the family farm seeking paying work. She eventually met, and on July 6, 1946 married Steve Klym. Together they raised three children, Ronald (1947), Vivian (1949), and Marvin (1956). Steve worked most of his life as a carpenter and Nellie tended to the children and later worked at Boeing in Winnipeg.

Nellie passed away on September 1, 1995 and Steve on December 7, 1999. They were interred side by side at All Saints Cemetery, Winnipeg.



Ronald Klym, c1995



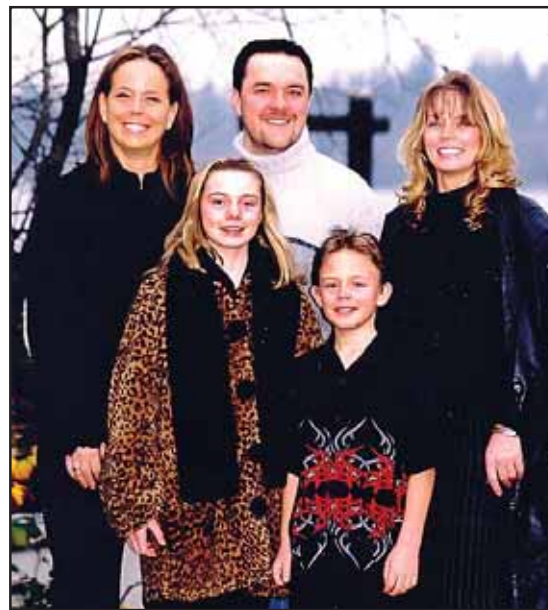
Vivian (Klym) Taylor, 2003



Marvin Klym, 1998



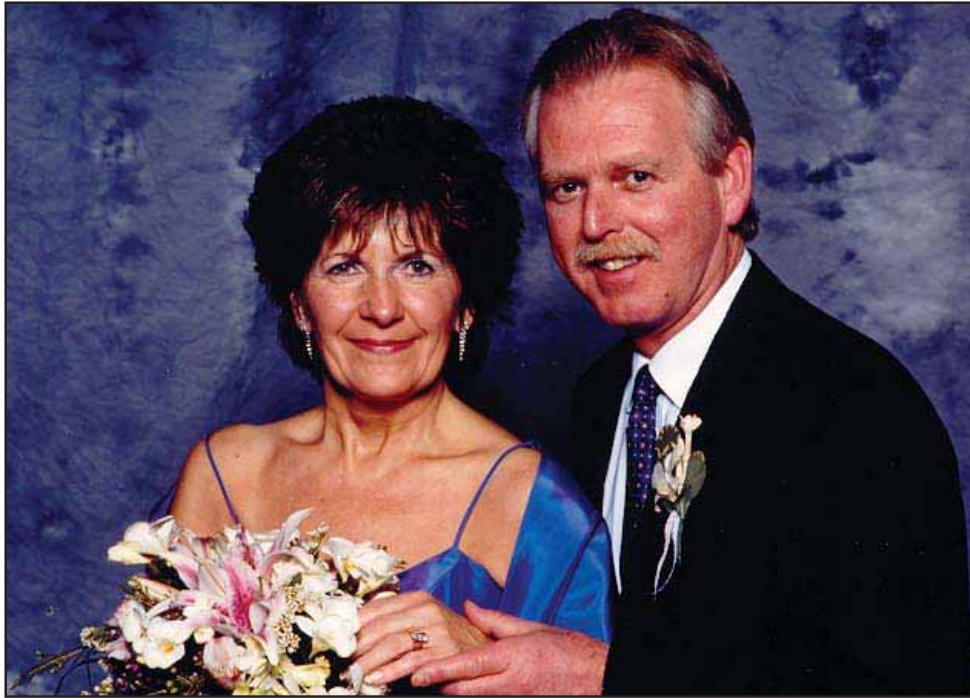
Nellie and Steve Klym's son Ronald with the Shriner Motor Patrol around 1990. Ron was born, raised and educated in Winnipeg. He had a keen interest in things automotive and worked in the auto trade all of his adult life. Ron passed away in 1999 at the age of 52.



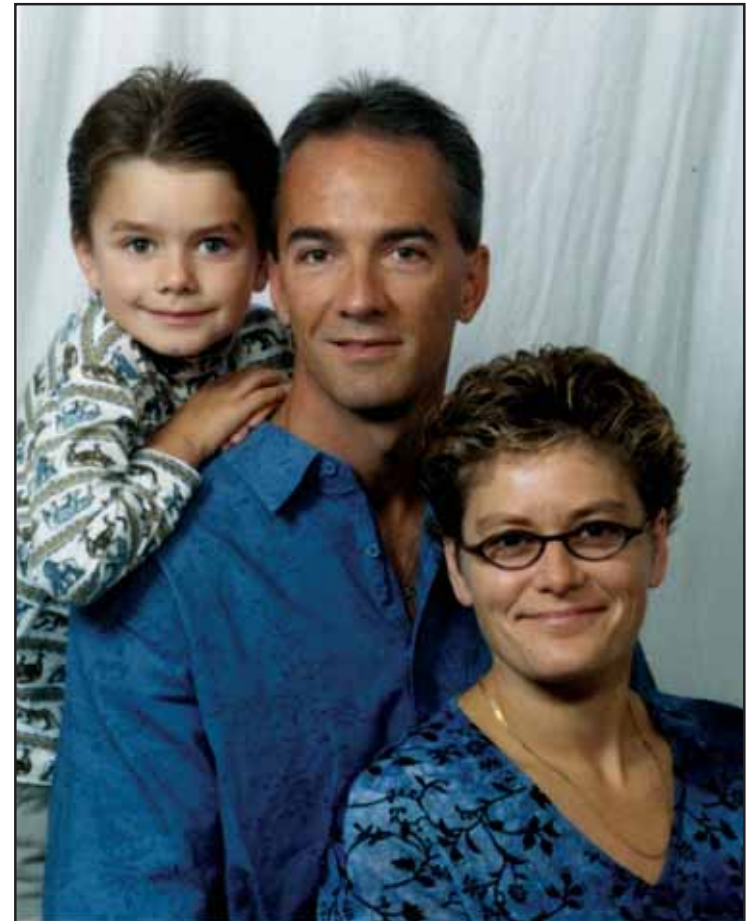
Ron Klym's immediate family. Back row couple: daughter Tammy and her husband Sean Sakolfsky. Middle and far right is Ron's other daughter, Kari, and her two children, Shantelle and Anthony Stiza.



Ron's third daughter Crystal Klym. Born in 1975.



Vivian and husband Randy Taylor. Photo around 2003.



Vivian's daughter Stacy and her husband Rob Oliferchuk and their son, Brendyn. Photo taken around 2004.



Nellie's daughter Vivian (seated) with her husband Randy Taylor (standing at left) and her daughter Stacy Oliferchuk (rear centre). At right rear is Marvin Klym with his two youngest, daughters Lesley and Lee. Photo 2003.



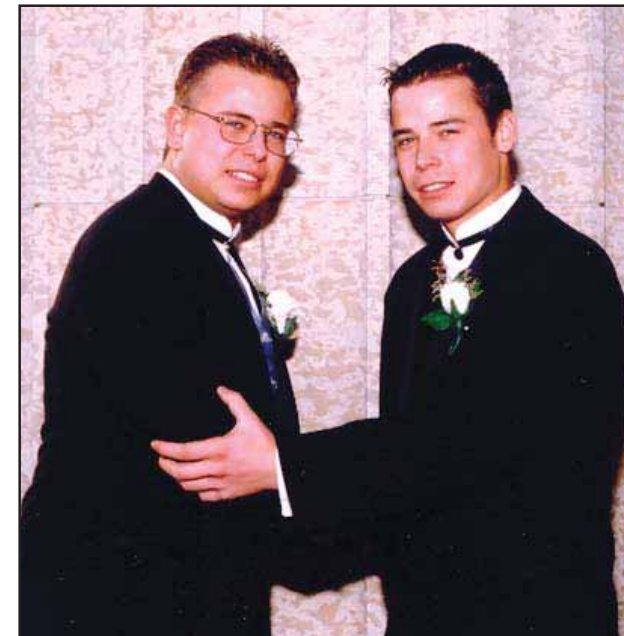
Nellie's third born, Marvin Klym and his family members in 1998 in Winnipeg, on the occasion of his son Steven's wedding. Marvin & his wife Janice are the couple in centre rear. The children, back row L-R, are: 3rd oldest, Michael; the oldest, Steven; and 2nd oldest at the far right, Wesley Klym. The lovely ladies front are: Dana (Steven's bride), 2nd youngest, Lee; and the baby of the family, Lesley.



Marvin Klym's pride and joy as well as bread and butter, his tractor trailer rig. Marvin is the owner-operator of this rig, and with frequent assistance from Janice, hauls cabinetry under contract with Kitchen Craft of Winnipeg, to locations in Manitoba and in the Eastern United States, often as far as Florida.



Left: Marvin Klym with his wife Janice, and the three youngest of their five children, L-R: Lee, Lesley, and Michael Klym. Photographed at Universal City, Florida in 2001.



Right: Nellie's grandsons, Steven and Wesley Klym, Marvin Klym's two oldest sons. Photo taken in 1998 at Steven's wedding.



Helen Ledochowski and finance Bill Sawka, who is sporting a Sadie Hawkin's Day 'boutonniere' made by Helen .



Helen Ledochowski and Bill Sawka on their wedding day, January 1, 1955.

Helen Ledochowski

Helen was born on April 10, 1931 on the family farm in the Hamrlík District. After attending nearby Leeland School, she came to Winnipeg to complete her education, but an argument with a family member ended her dream of becoming a school teacher.

Helen married Bill Sawka on January 1, 1955 and together they raised two children, Sandra (born 1957) and Warren (born 1961).

After losing Bill to cancer in 1971, Helen worked many jobs to support the family. She returned to school (Red River Community College) and after graduating, worked as a secretary with the Manitoba Government until her retirement. Helen passed away on July 4, 1998.

She is interred with Bill at the Glen Eden Cemetery in Winnipeg.



Bill Sawka photographed in April of 1955 with the family car, a 1955 Plymouth. This snapshot was taken in Detroit, Michigan, during a visit to Pearl's.



Helen and Bill Sawka around 1957.



Helen and Bill's two children, Warren and Sandra Sawka at Warren's 2nd birthday party in 1963.



Helen and Sandra Sawka in 1958 at the family home located at 157 Polson Avenue in Winnipeg.



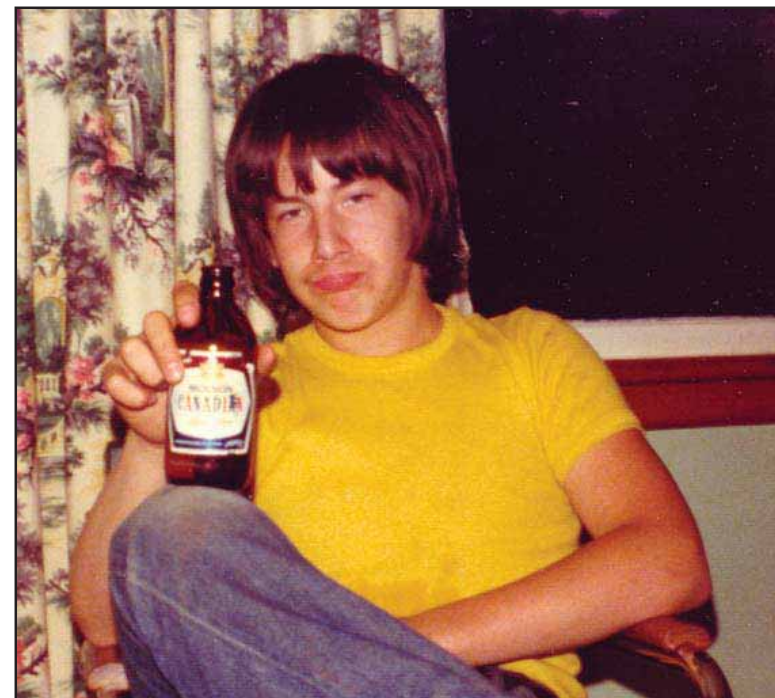
Bill Sawka with his firstborn, Sandra Sawka in the summer of 1957.



Sandra Sawka at age 10 during Christmas Holidays, 1967.



Helen and Warren Sawka, with aunt Francis and her two youngest, Cathy and Jill Leduchowski, Atikokan, 1975.



Above: Helen Sawka with her two children Sandra and Warren photographed during the early 1980s in Winnipeg.

Above right: Warren photographed during a 1975 family road trip to Atikokan, Ontario, to visit uncle Peter.

Right: Warren and Bonnie Sawka and their two children, Lee (1982) and Brandi (1977), and grand-daughter Madison, Brandi's daughter, who was born in 1998.





Helen Sawka blows out the candles on her birthday cake as older siblings Roy and Pearl Ledochowski look on, April 10, 1991. It was Helen's 60th birthday.



Erin Bencharski's grade 8 class photo. September 2005, age 13.



Kelsey Bencharski's grade 6 class photo. September 2005, age 11.



Helen and Bill Sawka's daughter Sandra and her husband Wayne Bencharski in 2002. Sandra and Wayne have two daughters: Erin, born on June 27, 1992 and Kelsey, born on March 21, 1994. The Bencharski's make their home in Winnipeg.

Descendants of John Ledochowski

1 John Ledochowski Born: Jun 1886 in Stubno, Poland Died: 1963
.. +Annie Pawnick Born: Jan 1892 Married: Jan 15, 1909 Died: 1977
..... 2 Kay Ledochowski Born: Dec 25, 1910 in Poplarfield, Manitoba Died: Dec 27, 1999
..... +Joe Demenchuk Born: 1906 Died: Mar 25, 2005 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 2 Michael Ledochowski Born: 1912 in Poplarfield, Manitoba Died: Jan 09, 1988
..... 2 Pearl Ledochowski Born: Oct 15, 1914 in Poplarfield, Manitoba Died: Jun 16, 2004 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 2 Mary Ledochowski Born: Sep 05, 1915 in Poplarfield, Manitoba Died: Jul 11, 1999 in Arborg, Manitoba
..... +Joe Swedlo Born: 1916 Married: May 28, 1939 Died: 1994
..... 3 Arnold Swedlo Born: Oct 09, 1939 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... +Dianne Cherniak Born: Apr 28, 1944 in Gimli, Manitoba
..... 4 Glen Swedlo Born: Feb 06, 1970 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... +Amy McCleverty Married: May 29, 1999 in Calgary, Alberta
..... 5 Duncan Swedlo Born: Apr 25, 1998 in Calgary, Alberta
..... 5 Connor Swedlo Born: Feb 23, 2000 in Calgary, Alberta
..... 5 Eric Swedlo Born: Aug 30, 2001 in Calgary, Alberta
..... 4 Kris Swedlo Born: Jan 21, 1972 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 4 Jennifer Swedlo Born: Jan 30, 1978 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 3 David Allen Swedlo Born: Oct 25, 1944 in Winnipeg Manitoba
..... +Mavis Macdougall Born: Jun 07, 1952 in Winnipeg Manitoba Married: Jul 05, 1975 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 4 Dean Swedlo Born: Apr 24, 1978 in Winnipeg Manitoba
..... 4 Tyson Swedlo Born: Dec 05, 1983 in Winnipeg Manitoba
..... 2 Peter Leduchowski Born: Aug 23, 1918 in Poplarfield, Manitoba Died: Mar 14, 1994 in Atikokan, Ontario
..... +Francis Pich Married: Jul 23, 1948 Died: 1977 in Atikokan, Ontario
..... 3 Donald Murray Leduchowski Born: Sep 19, 1950 in Atikokan, Ontario
..... +Louise Ann-May Emery Born: Jun 22, 1948 in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan Married: May 22, 1976 in Assiniboia, Saskatchewan
..... 4 Michael Tyler Ledochowski Born: Dec 17, 1977 in Atikokan, Ontario
..... 4 Derrick Steven Ledochowski Born: Nov 26, 1980 in Atikokan, Ontario
..... 3 Donna Marie Leduchowski Born: Sep 19, 1950 in Atikokan, Ontario
..... +Fred Choma Married: Jul 09, 1981 in Thunder Bay, Ontario
..... 3 Kathy Leduchowski Born: Mar 26, 1962 in Atikokan, Ontario
..... +Glen Dale Boyda Born: in Atikokan, Ontario Married: Apr 24, 1981
..... 4 Julie Marie Boyda Born: Feb 09, 1982 in Atikokan, Ontario
..... 4 William Joseph Boyda Born: Jun 01, 1985 in Atikokan, Ontario
..... 3 Jill Elizabeth Leduchowski Born: Jun 23, 1967 in Atikokan, Ontario
..... +Terry TJ Hall Born: Mar 25, 1968
..... 2 Roy Ledochowski Born: Sep 29, 1920 in Poplarfield, Manitoba Died: Mar 01, 1992 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... +Margaret Olynick Born: 1921 in Angusville, Manitoba Married: 1943 Died: Sep 03, 2000 in St. Boniface, Manitoba
..... 3 Joseph A. Ledochowski Born: Feb 17, 1944 in St. Boniface, Manitoba
..... +Dawn Dare
..... 4 Roy R. Ledochowski Born: Nov 18, 1965 in Orange, California
..... +Steffany Lockhardt Born: Mar 31, 1967 in Milwaukee, Oregon Married: Apr 13, 1994 in Monterey, California
..... 5 Benjamin Ryan Ledochowski Born: Apr 06, 2001 in San Jose, California
..... *2nd Wife of Joseph A. Ledochowski:
..... +Ellen Downey Born: Nov 14, 1952 in East Los Angeles, California Married: Sep 05, 1974 in Cucamonga, California
..... 4 Lisa Ledochowski Born: Feb 27, 1976 in Torrance, California

..... +Mathew Survillas Born: Sep 07, 1972 in Rapid City, South Dakota Married: Apr 25, 1998 in Westminister, California
..... 5 Dominique Breann Survillas Born: Apr 05, 1999 in Riverside, California
..... 5 Zachary Joseph Survillas Born: Sep 28, 2000 in Riverside, California
..... 4 Karen Ledochowski Born: Oct 18, 1979 in Upland, California
..... +Terry Sidur Born: Apr 16, 1979 in Huntington, California Married: Mar 14, 2003 in Flamingo Hilton, Las Vegas, Nevada
..... 5 Damon Sidur Born: Nov 16, 2000 in Riverside, California
..... 5 Dean Vincent Sidur Born: Apr 05, 2006 in Riverside, California
..... 2 Nellie Ledochowski Born: Apr 03, 1927 in Poplarfield, Manitoba Died: Sep 01, 1995 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... +Steve Klym Born: Sep 02, 1918 Married: Jul 06, 1946 Died: Dec 07, 1999 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 3 Ronald Steven Klym Born: Jan 14, 1947 in Winnipeg, Manitoba Died: Nov 11, 1999
..... 4 Kari Klym Born: Oct 10, 1968 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 5 Shantelle Stiza Born: Jul 08, 1990 in British Columbia
..... 5 Antony Stiza Born: Dec 12, 1993 in British Columbia
..... 4 Tammy Klym Born: Jul 10, 1970 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... +Sean Sakolfsky
..... 4 Crystal Klym Born: Dec 1975 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 3 Vivian Klym Born: Jan 04, 1949 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... +Randy Taylor Born: Apr 18, 1957 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 4 Stacy Morrison Born: Jun 02, 1969 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... +Rob Oliferchuk Born: Aug 07, 1965 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 5 Brendyn Oliferchuk Born: Nov 23, 1998 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 3 Marvin Klym Born: Apr 13, 1956 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... +Janice Vestur Born: May 16, 1959 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 4 Steven Klym Born: Dec 14, 1976
..... +Dana Stoughton Born: Nov 15, 1977 Married: 1998 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 5 Cole James Klym Born: Jun 25, 2003 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 4 Wesley Klym Born: Nov 10, 1978 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 4 Michael Klym Born: Apr 26, 1986 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 4 Lee Janelle Klym Born: Jun 07, 1992 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 4 Lesley Ann Klym Born: May 26, 1995 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 2 Helen Ledochowski Born: Apr 10, 1931 in Poplarfield, Manitoba Died: Jul 04, 1998 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... +Bill Sawka Born: Feb 02, 1920 in Winnipeg, Manitoba Married: Jan 01, 1955 Died: Dec 30, 1971
..... 3 Sandra Sawka Born: Apr 22, 1957 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... +Anthony Wayne Bencharski Born: Mar 28, 1959 in Wadena, Saskatchewan Married: Oct 10, 1987 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 4 Erin Helen Sawka-Bencharski Born: Jun 27, 1992 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 4 Kelsey Marie Sawka-Bencharski Born: Mar 21, 1994 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 3 Warren Sawka Born: Dec 19, 1961 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... +Bonnie May Chabluk Born: May 27, 1960 in Winnipeg, Manitoba Married: Jun 18, 1982 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 4 Brandi Marie Sawka Born: Jan 13, 1977 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... +Deverand Palmer Born: Oct 30, 1974 in Selkirk, Manitoba
..... 5 Madison Paige Sawka-Palmer Born: Jan 28, 1998 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 4 Lee Anne Sawka Born: Nov 09, 1982 in Winnipeg, Manitoba

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Chapter Four

Gregory and Anna's third born of six children, another son:

Fredko Ledochowski



Fred Ledochowski

Fred, the third oldest of Gregory and Anne Ledochowski's six children, was born on February 20th, 1890 in southeastern Poland. Fred was 13 when the family immigrated to Canada in 1903, and after arriving, lived and worked on his parents' homestead in the Hamrluk District until he reached the age of 19, in 1909, and filed for a homestead of his own. Located at SE 35-21-1W, it was only a mile from his parents' farm.

In 1911, Fred met and soon married Anne Sawka who had come to Canada with her parents and sisters the year before from the village of Horycki, District of Drohobych, in Ukraine. After a house had been built, Fred and Anna moved onto their homestead. Together they brought 16 children into the world, of which 13 survived to adulthood. There were: John (born 1913), Harry (1914), Mike (1915), Mary (1916), Steve (1918), Kay (1919), Alex (1922), Joe (1925), Kost (1926), Paul (1930), George (1932), Dan (1933) and Gloria (1939). In addition, three other children died in infancy. Mary in 1912 after burning herself on an open fire, and twins Nellie & Annie in 1936 after Anna, who was eight months pregnant, was kicked in the stomach by a cow while milking it.

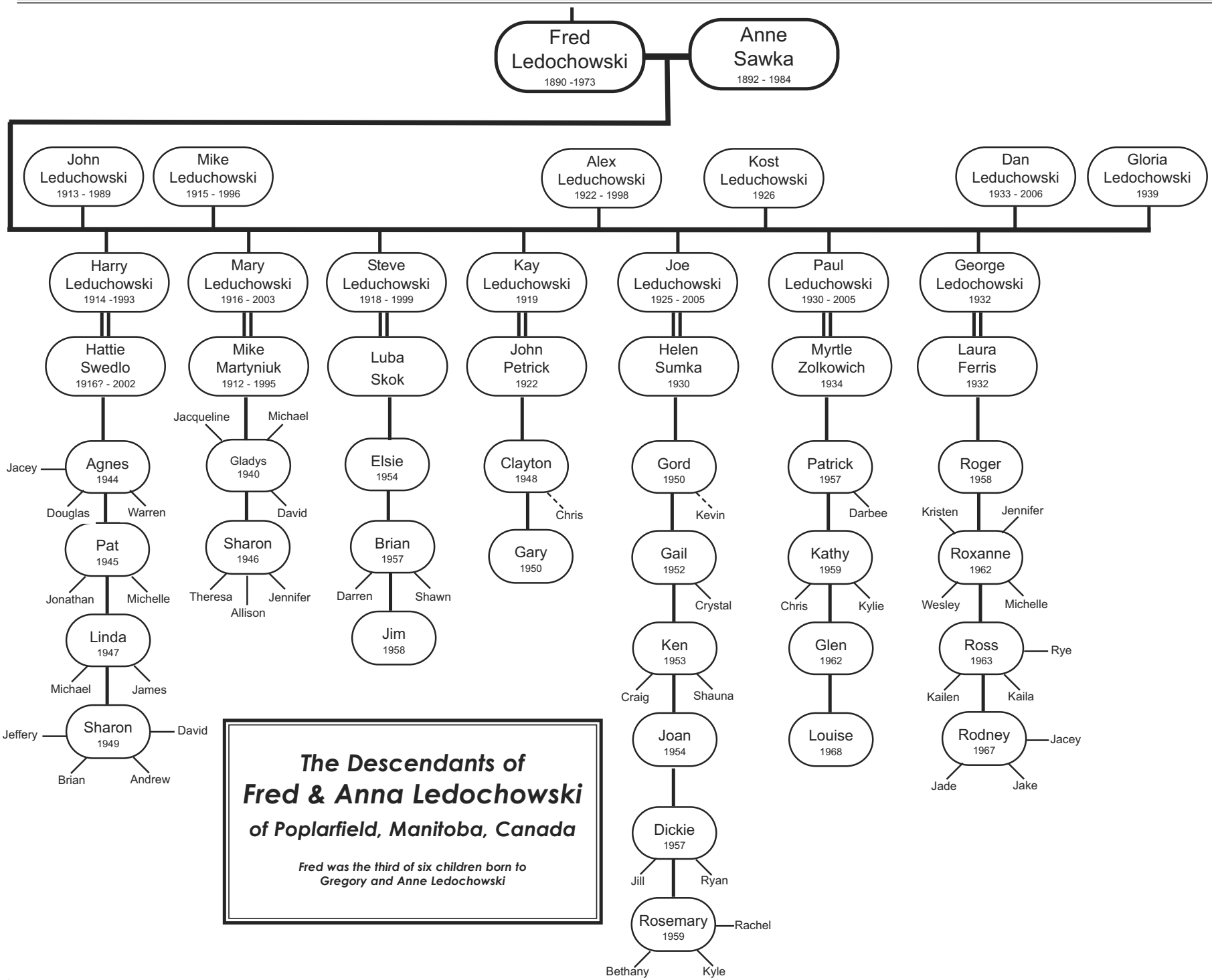
During the difficult early years, Fred together with some of his brothers, often took jobs on the railroad during the summer months, and went to Saskatchewan to work on the harvesting gangs in the autumn, leaving the wives to care for the children and the farm animals. During the winter at home, they cut cordwood and trapped for food and fur for sale. In 1919 Fred and his brother John purchased a used steam tractor and started a sawmill business providing people

in the district with lumber. While away tending to the mill operation, Anna undertook all the chores on the farm, with the help of the older children. In later years, the family farm grew in size, as Fred acquired two more nearby quarter-sections of land for pasture, crops and hay. In 1949, Fred bought the Co-op General Store in Chatfield, the operation of which was assigned to son, George, at the time only 17. After overseeing the business for a short time, the store was then sold to George.

Fred was self-educated and a master of all trades in the agricultural field. With the help of his wife, Anna, he was a builder, butcher, gardener, groomer, hunter, mechanic, shearer of sheep, trapper, and veterinarian - healing farm animals and neutering the male farm animals - growing a variety of field crops, and putting up hay for feeding the farm animals in the winter.

In his senior years, Fred did chores around the farm, never truly retiring until he no longer had the strength and was too weak to work. In 1971, Fred and Anna celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with all of their 13 children present.

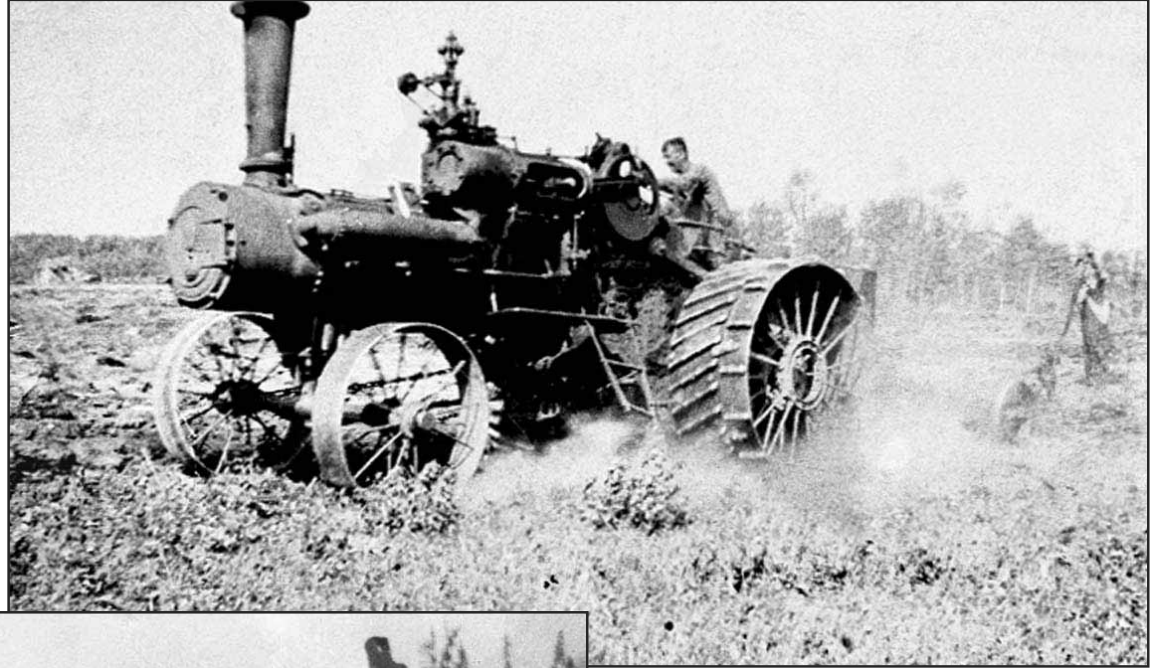
Fred passed away on June 4, 1973 at the age of 83 and was laid to rest in the Chatfield Community Cemetery. Anne passed away on March 21, 1984 at the age of 92 years and was buried next to her husband. The original farmhouse still exists in 2003 and for many years has been the home of Dan Leduchowski, who is the last remaining family member in Canada making a living as a farmer.





Wedding portrait of Fred Ledochowski and Anne Sawka, January 31, 1911.

Right: Fred at the controls of one of the first Case Steamers in the central Interlake region. In 1919 Fred and his brother John purchased a used Case Steamer to start up a sawmill, and for custom field work in the Hamrlik District. They purchased their first thresher in 1921 and were also involved in custom harvesting.



Left: Scene at the Ledochowski Bros. sawmill site during the mid 1920s. Fred and John ran a sawmill operation in the Hamrlik Postal District for several decades beginning in the mid 1920s. Note the lumber enclosure constructed around the Case steam-tractor powering the mill, to keep it clear of ice and snow. Brother Steve would come from as far away as the Sharpewood District with a sled-load of logs for milling.



Left: Neighbour John Iwanski repairing the family bicycle while some of the Ledochowski children look on. Kay is in the white dress; Steve with the cap; Joe is standing beside the bike; Mary is crouching at centre front; Kost leaning against the table; and baby Dan in barefeet at the far right.



Right: Steve, Alex and 5 year old Paul tending to cattle beside the large log barn located on the family farmyard. Note the farm sled in the foreground. In 1940, a tornado hit the farm, which tore the barn apart, carried a shack away, and broke windows in all the buildings. It took two years to rebuild and repair all the damage done to buildings and property.

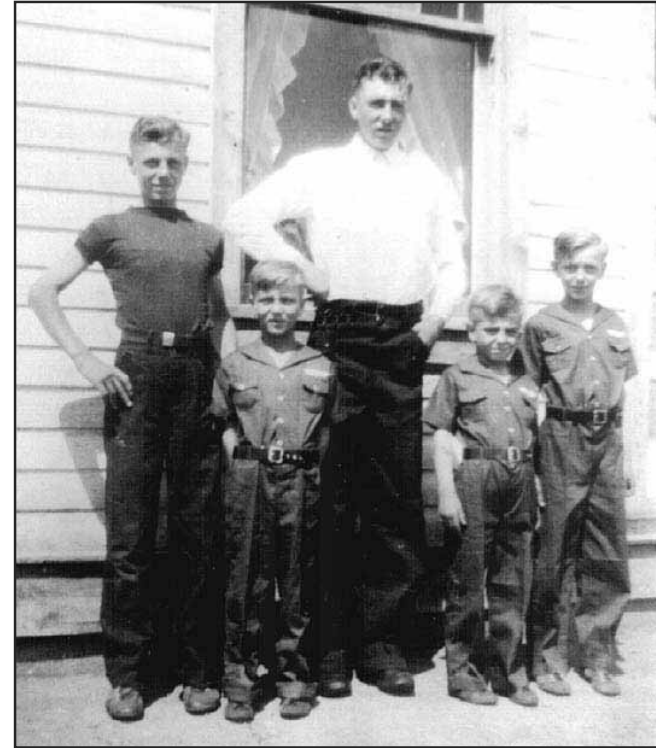


Left: View of the Fred and Anna Leduchowski farmyard, likely during the mid-1930s. The house was built in 1909 and the large log barn in 1914. Fred and Anna moved to the farm during the summer of 1912, after living for a time with his parents Gregory and Anna. First born Maria was 6 months old at the time of the move. Tragically, Maria contracted pneumonia and passed away later the next year. .

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Above: Dan, Gloria, Paul, and George pose for a photo in front of the family's Allis Chambers tractor, about 1940. Notice the 'customized' model T Ford by the house, and the bouquet of flowers in a basket attached to front of the tractor.



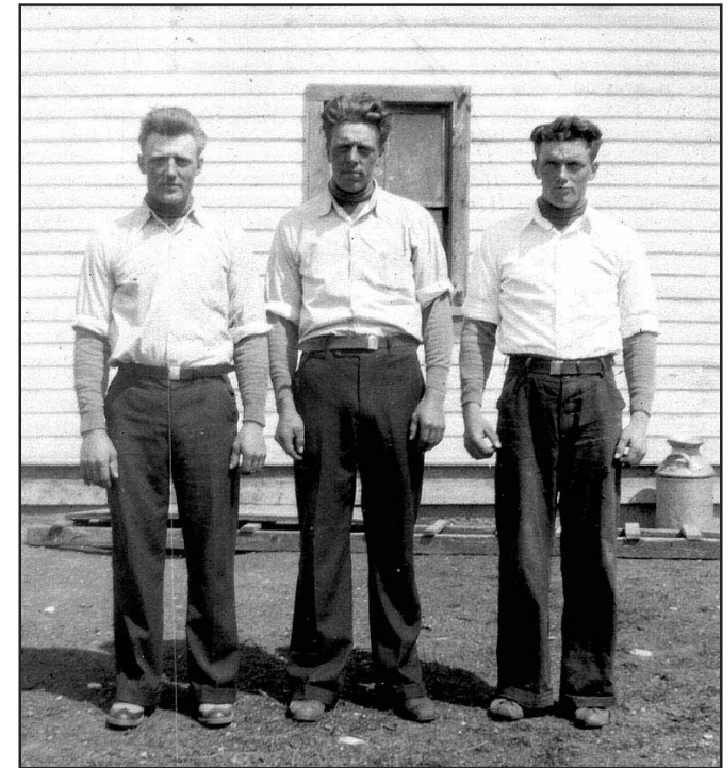
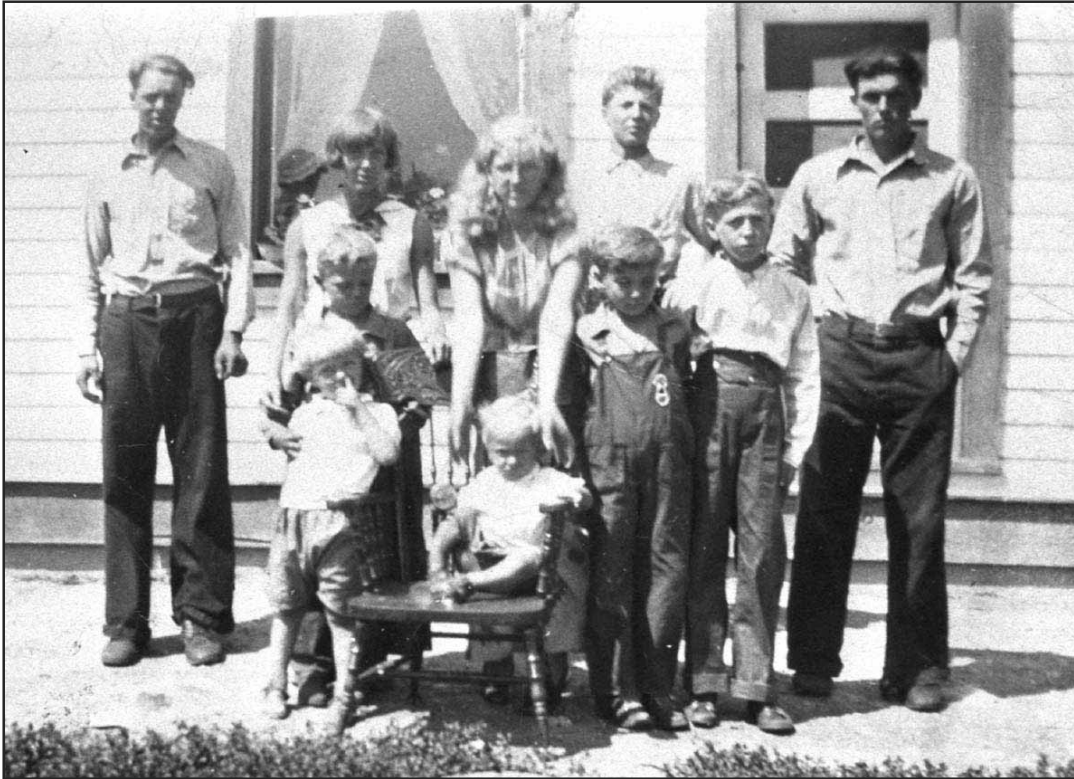
Above right: Another group photo of Leduchowski boys, this time around 1942. L-R: Ken, George, Alex, Dan and Paul.



Dan and some of his brothers catching geese and having a swim in the farmyard dugout. Note the enclosure made from 'slabs' from the Fred's sawmill operation.



Right: A one-year old Gloria by the family farmhouse. Gloria was the youngest of Fred and Anna's 13 children.



Above: Family Group photograph. Taken in July of 1933 this photo shows 10 of the 13 children born to Fred and Anne Leduchowski. Rear: Mike, Kay, Mary, Steve and John. Front: Kost, Paul, George (on chair), Joe, and Alex. Brother Harry was standing behind the camera taking the photograph.

Harry, Mike and John Leduchowski around 1935.



Left: Dan, the youngest of the Leduchowski boys, with a farmyard friend, c1940.



Right: Joe, Kost, Paul, George and Dan pose for a photo beside the family farm truck, c1939.

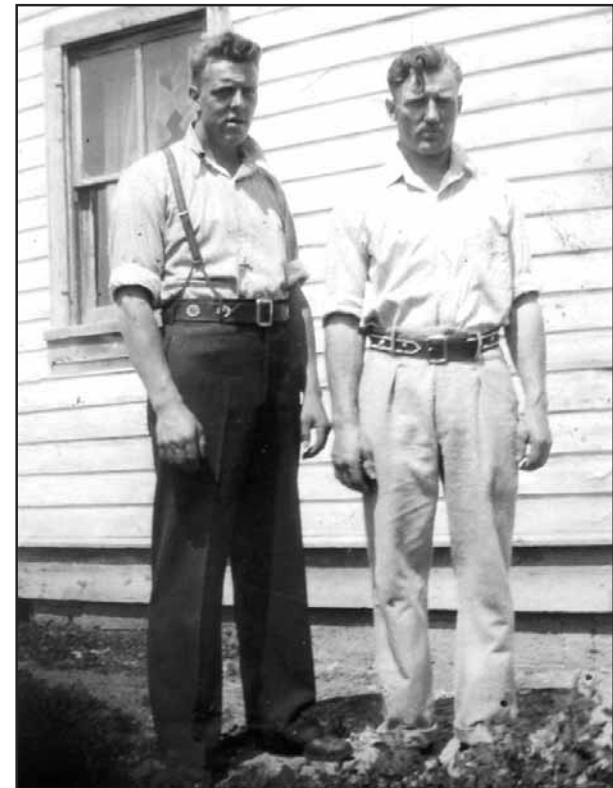
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With ten boys in Fred & Anna Leduchowski's family, trapping and hunting was a natural pastime and enterprise. The photograph on the right taken in 1948 show Paul and George sighting in two of six rifles visible in the picture. In the photo below taken 11 years earlier, Paul and George watch as older brother John prepares to depart with toboggan in tow, on a trapping and hunting trip to Fish Lake, some six miles southeast of the farm. John used "Blahey's haying cabin" as a base camp from which to operate.



Right: Brothers Mike and Harry Leduchowski around 1937.

Left: With so many boys in the family, rough stuff, particularly boxing, was very common, as captured in this 1948 photograph. L-R are: Gloria, Dan, neighbour Eddie Yaremchuk, George and Paul.





Left: Fred and Anne with baby Gloria in 1940. Fred was 49 and Anne 47 years old when Gloria was born in 1939. She was the last of 13 children. An additional three children died in infancy.



Right: Anne Leduchowski and her daughters, Mary and Kay standing, Gloria on her mother's lap, c1942.

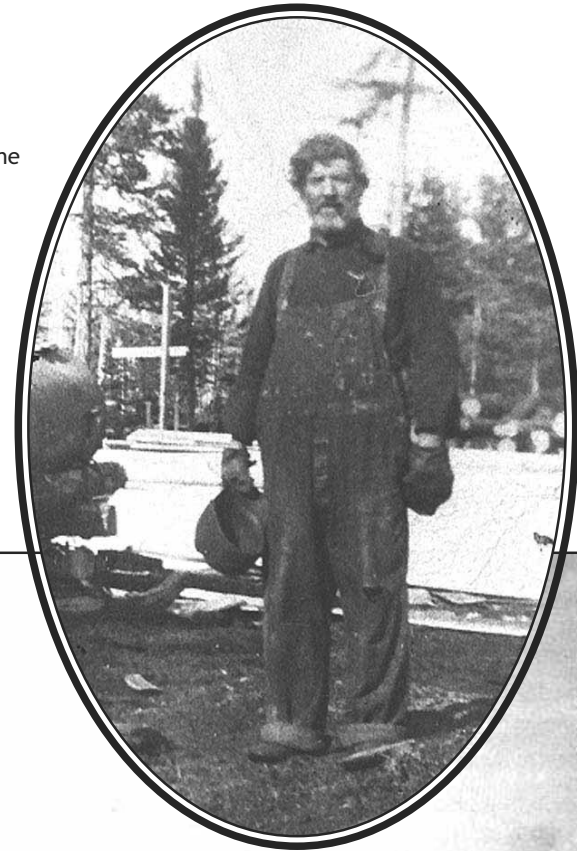
Below: Its time for a photograph when nine of the ten brothers are all home at the same time, as happened in August of 1940. Left to right in order of age are: John, Harry, Mike, Steve, Alex, Kost, Paul, George and Dan. Joe was away due to a broken leg he got running the bases during a baseball game.



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Right: Fred Leduchowski, photographed at the site of his Lake St. George sawmill in 1946.

Below: A view of the operations at the Ledochowski Bros. mill in Hamrlík, set up at the time at the John Bazilewich farm. L-R: Charlie Walashek and John Bazilewich handling the logs. John Ledochowski operating the saw, 1942. Note that the old Case steamer is still powering the Ledochowski Bros. mill, some 25 years after it was first purchased.





Left: Four brothers, George, Joe, Paul, and Dan on the 1957 Chatfield Baseball team. Back row: John Kempa, George Ledochowski, Joe Leduchowski, Norris Pawlychka, Paul Leduchowski, and Art Levallee. Front row: Dan Leduchowski, Gordie Lavallee, Eddie Iwanusiw, Peter Genyk and Steven Banera.

Right: George Ledochowski standing beside his store in Chatfield. The store had previously been the Chatfield Co-op Store, and was first purchased by his father Fred when it failed and was auctioned off. George formally took it over in 1953 and operated it until 1970. The 1953 Pontiac was George's pride and joy. Note the spelling of the family name on the storefront. Fred and his children generally went by the "U" variation of the spelling. Later several of the children formally adopted the original Ledochowski spelling of the name.



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Left: 1952 and Kay comes home for a visit.
L-R: Dan, Gloria, Kay, Anna and Fred holding
grandsons Gary and Clayton Petrick.



Right: Preparing to butcher a hog on the Fred Leduchowski farm, c1955. Visible L-R: Dan Leduchowski, John Petrick (Kay's husband), and Fred Leduchowski at right with the knife. Butchering was usually done in the autumn after freeze-up, so that the meat could be preserved. Sometimes, for social occasions such as a weddings, a hog would be butchered during the summer. Note the vehicles and the large barn in the background.



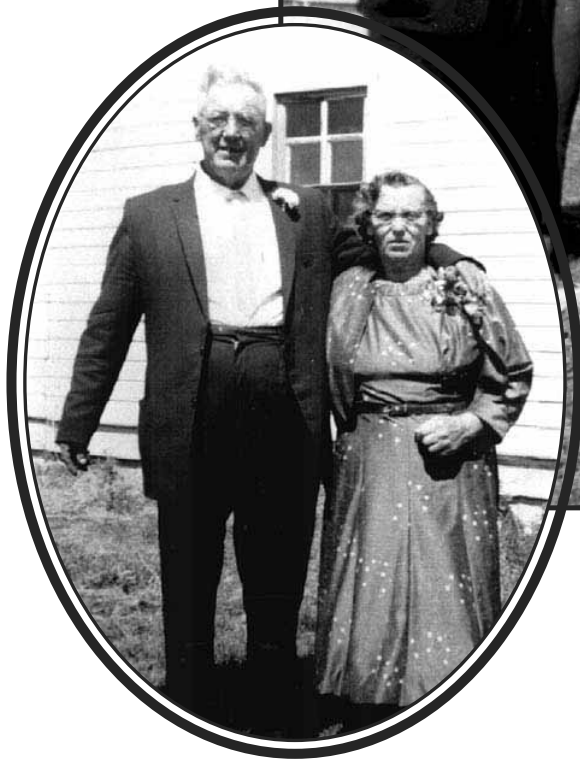
Photo taken during the summer of 1955 at Mary and Mike Martyniuk's home in Port Arthur. Paul and Myrtle were on their way to Niagara Falls for their honeymoon and stopped along the journey to visit Mary and Mike. John, also living in the area at the time, was invited to join them all for dinner, after which Mike Martyniuk snapped this flash photograph of Mary, Paul, Myrtle and Mike at the dinner table. During this time Paul and John worked together cutting pulp.

Below: George and Joe ham it up for the camera, during a sparring match in George's bedroom, at the rear of the Ledochowski Store in Chatfield around 1951. In their sister Gloria's view, Joe and the boys were always either "boxing, playing baseball, shooting, or slaughtering something."



Scenes of Paul cutting and stacking pulplogs in 1952, NW Ontario.

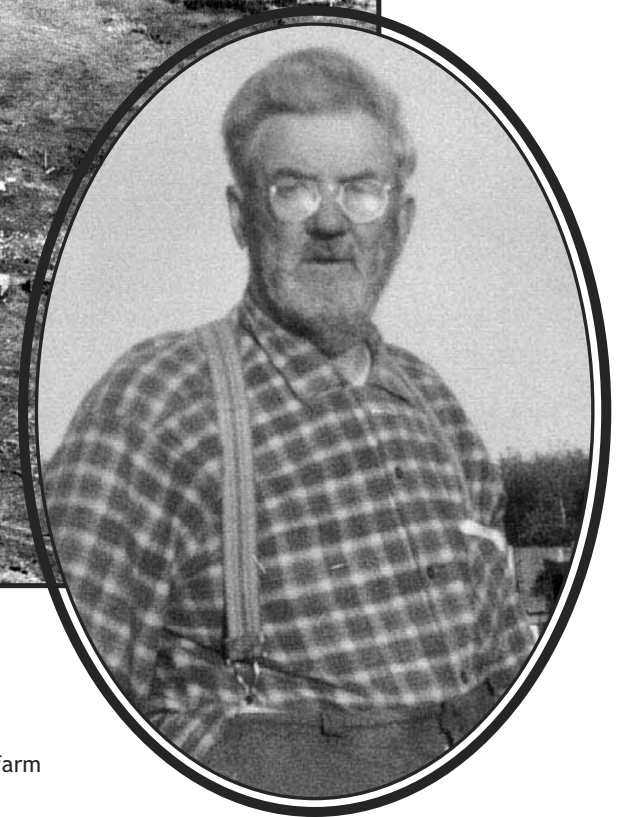




Above and left: Fred and Anne, and all 13 surviving children photographed on their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 1960.



Above: An aerial view of the Fred and Anne Leduchowski farmstead in 1965.



Right: A bearded Fred photographed on his farm in April 1965 at the age of 75.

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Left: Fred & Anne Leduchowski pose for a photo with the boys during their 60th Wedding Anniversary in July of 1971. Back row, L-R are: Kost, Steve, Mike, George, John, Paul, and Joe. Kneeling behind, a seated Fred and Anne are Dan and Harry.

Below left: Fred & Anne Leduchowski and the three daughters, Kay, Gloria and Mary, pose for a photo with Mom and Dad.

Below: Fred & Anne at the head table during their 60th Wedding Anniversary celebration in 1971. Anna is raising a glass in a toast to the guests.





Left: Anne Leduchowski and part of her extended family, September 1970. The occasion was likely Kay and John Petrick's 25th wedding anniversary. Standing, six brothers, L-R: Steve, Harry, George, Alex, John and Joe. In front is Dickie (Joe's son). Seated: Helen (Joe's wife), Mary, Anne Leduchowski, Mike, and Kay's son Clayton Petrick. Kneeling are: Gloria, Rosemarie (Joe's daughter), Kay and Laura (George's wife).

Below left: Anne Leduchowski and daughters, Mary, Kay and Gloria, in September 1963, at Mary's daughter Gladys' wedding.

Below: Anne Leduchowski during her 90th Birthday party in 1982, surrounded by six of her ten sons. Clockwise are: George, Joe, Mike, Kost, Alex and Dan.





A family group photo taken at the wedding of George's son Ross to Sonya Dyck in Teulon, August 8, 1992. Back row: Harry, Mike, Steve, Alex, Joe and Paul. Front row: George, Mary, Kay, and Dan.



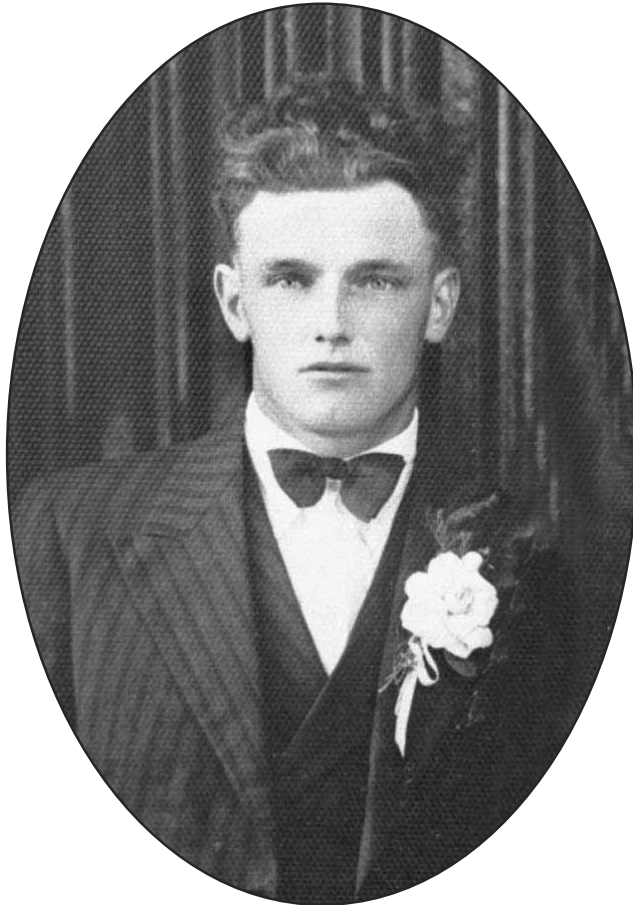
A family gathering in 1996. Standing L-R are: Kost, Dan, Paul and George. Seated: Alex, Gloria, Kay, Mary and Joe.



Brothers Joe, Dan, George and Paul photographed during their 2003 induction into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame as members of the 1952-59 Chatfield Cardinals ball team, inducted for its outstanding record as a 'small town' baseball team.



Kay and Dan photographed testing the waters of a flowing well located near the old homestead in October 2001.



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John Leduchowski
January 14, 1913 ~ June 5, 1989
Photo 1937 at 24 years of age.



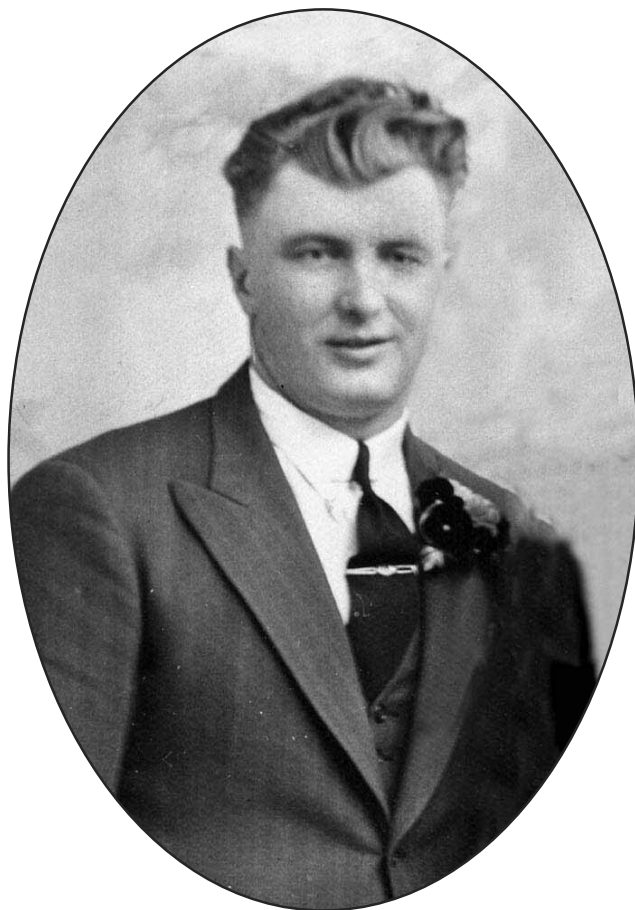
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Harry Leduchowski
March 1, 1914 ~ June 5, 1993
Photo 1943 at 29 years of age.



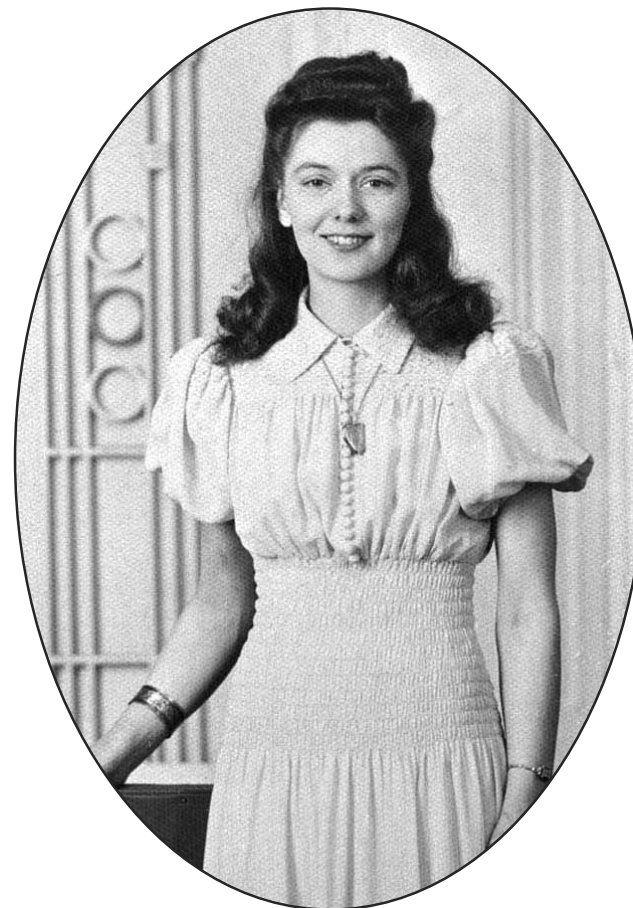
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Mike Leduchowski
April 15, 1915 ~ March 17, 1996
Photo c1937 at 22 years of age.



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Mary Leduchowski
August 28, 1916 ~ August 2003
Photo 1937 at 21 years of age.



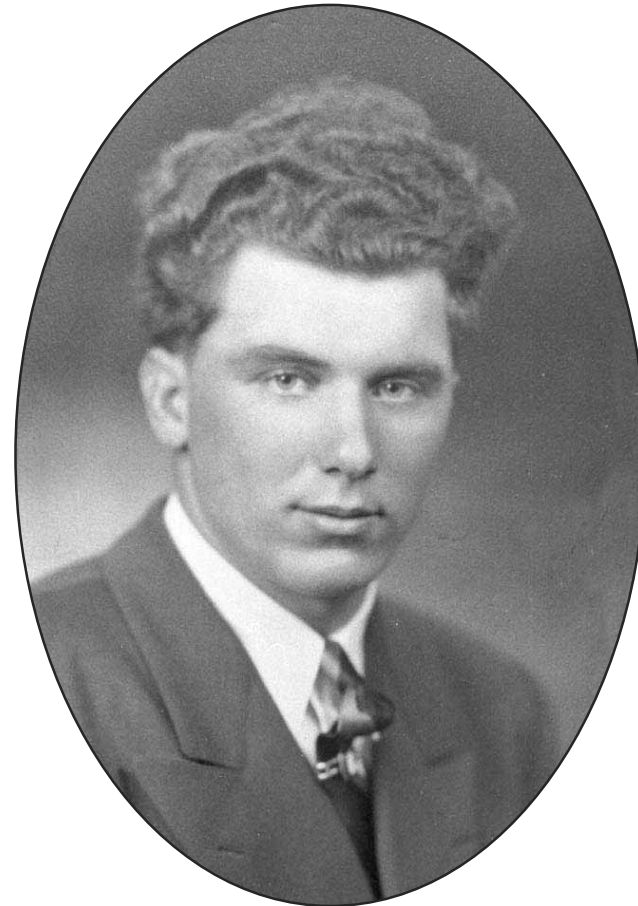
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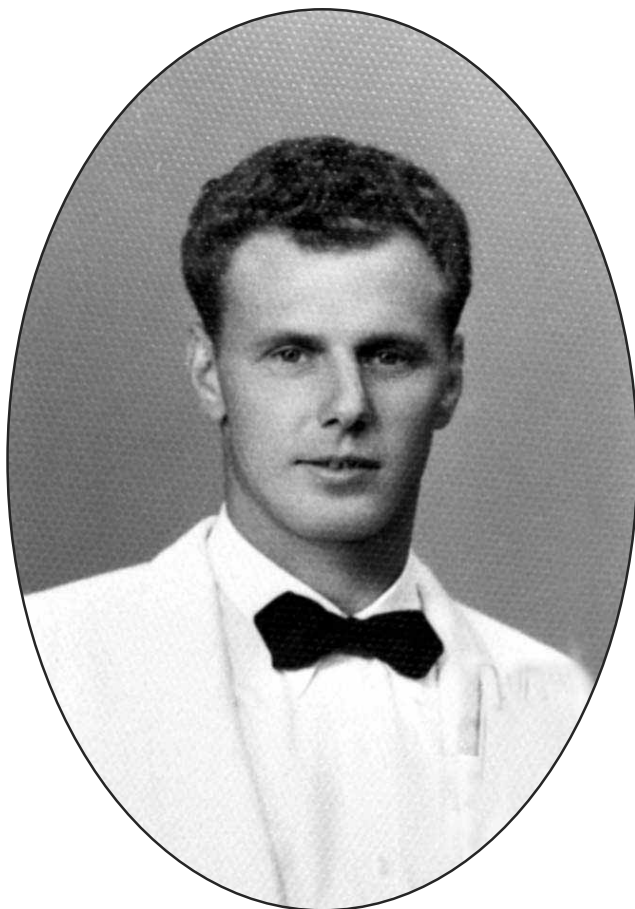
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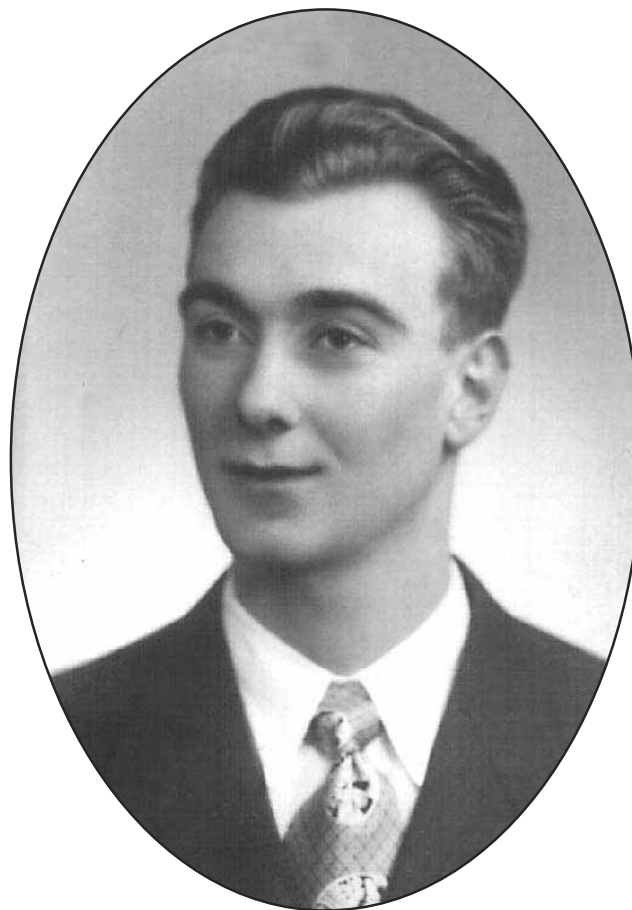
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October 15, 1922 ~ October 18, 1998
Photo 1945 at 23 years of age.



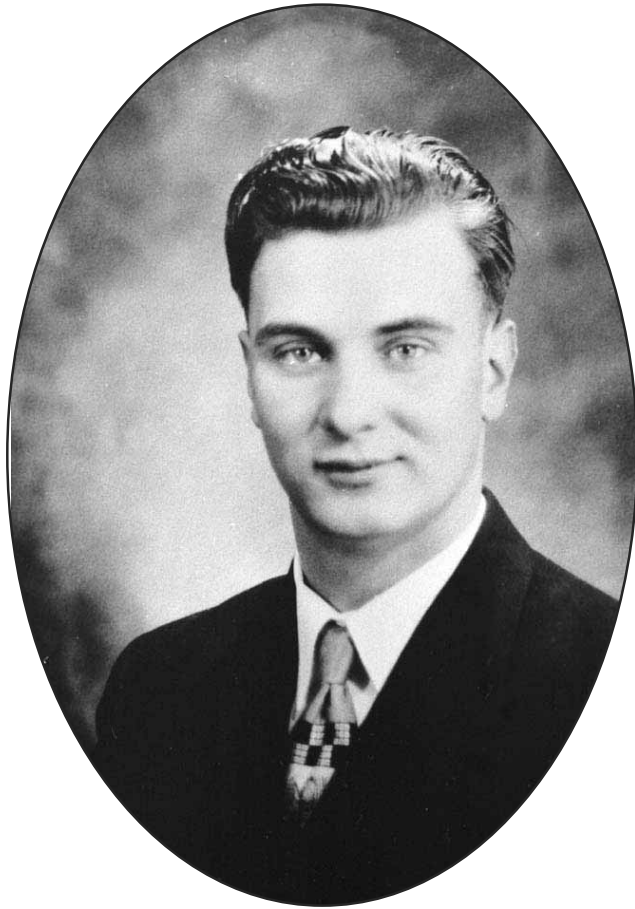
8th born
Joe Leduchowski
1925 June 4, 1925 ~ May 6, 2005
Photo c1949 at 24 years of age.



9th born
Kost Leduchowski
1926 September 25
Photo 1955 at 29 years of age.



10th born
Paul Leduchowski
August 27, 1930 ~ March 17, 2005
Photo 1951 at 21 years of age.



11th born
George Ledochowski
January 28, 1932
Photo 1954 at 22 years of age.



12th born
Dan Leduchowski
May 23, 1933 ~ September 17, 2006
Photo c1965 at 33 years of age.



13th born
Gloria Ledochowski
June 25, 1939
Photo 1955 at 16 years of age.



John Leduchowski as a 35 year old in 1948.



John Leduchowski was 72 years old when this photograph was taken of him in 1985.

John Leduchowski

John was born in 1913 and was the oldest son of Fred and Anne. He completed grade 6 at Wheat Hill School. After helping on the farm, he went to Saskatchewan to help with harvesting in the early 1930s. While at home, John, with the 300 Savage rifle, proved to be a very successful hunter. He provided the family with much of the food. John also trapped in the Interlake area. He also pitched for the Wheat Hill baseball team and had a very good fastball.

Later, John went to Ontario peeling pulp and working in a mine. In 1942 he bought a 2-ton truck so he could haul gravel and pulpwood. 1944 saw John move to Port Arthur where he cut pulpwood and bought a 3-ton truck. After hauling pulpwood he went back to cutting wood, and did some prospecting in the Beardmore area. John then worked for Abitibi Price Company for 15 years. During his time in Port Arthur John lived in a boarding house in the city. John passed away at the age of 76 in 1989 and is buried with family members in the Chatfield Cemetery.



Left: John (the oldest child) pinning corsage on Mom during Fred and Anne's 60th Wedding anniversary held in Chatfield in 1971. Looking on is Steve.



At the time of this 1950 dinner table picture, Kost was boarding at Harry and Hattie's house. L-R are: Kost, Hattie, Linda (3), Sharon (1), Carol Zorniak-Swedlo, Patsy (5), Agnes (6) and Uncle George.



Harry Leduchowski and Hattie Swedlo, March 6, 1943

Harry Leduchowski

Harry, the second son of Fred and Anne, was born on the family farm on March 1, 1914. He attended the local school, but only formally finished grade 4. Harry educated himself over the years. He worked on the family farm helping his mother and father with farm chores. In the 1930's, he left the family farm, jumped the train boxcars and travelled to Ontario. After working at bush camps, he eventually travelled to Timmins. There, he worked in the gold mines for a few years, eventually travelling to Toronto. He worked as a pipe fitter for many years at Grinnells and during the last ten years, did maintenance (repairing the machinery that made the pipes for gas lines).

Harry married Hattie Swedlo (daughter of Mike and Mary Swedlo of Poplarfield, Manitoba) in Toronto, Ontario, on March, 1943. They had 4 daughters, Agnes (1944), Patricia (1945), Linda (1947) and Sharon (1949). Harry had many hobbies which included hunting, fishing, camping and boating. He once built his own boat from blueprints. Harry loved to take his daughters camping and fishing with him to the North Georgian Bay area. He was a family man who enjoyed travelling to Manitoba to visit his family on a regular basis. Harry died from lung cancer at 79 years of age, June, 1993. He is buried in North Toronto. His wife Hattie died in 2002 and is buried beside Harry.



Daughters Pat, Sharon, Agnes and Linda.



Harry and Hattie enjoying an afternoon at the swimming hole in a photo dated July 3, 1943.



Left: Harry and Hattie Leduchowski, with their children, along with their spouses and families on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary in March of 1993.



Right: Harry Leduchowski with granddaughter Michelle Cowley, Pat's daughter, about 1985.

Left: Harry and Hattie Leduchowski pose for a family portrait with daughters, L-R: Agnes Daniell, Linda Nagy, Sharon Stubbs and Patricial Cowley, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary in March of 1993.





Agnes with her husband Bob Daniell and their three children L-R: Warren, Douglas and Karen in 2001.



Agnes and Bob's extended family. L-R: Warren, Melissa and daughter Kelsey. First born daughter Megan front centre. Douglas with his bride Kathy, Agnes and Bob Daniell, and daughter Karen with daughter Elsie and her husband.



Agnes Daniell. CStJ, AdeC, RN in a December 2002 photograph. At the time Agnes served as Aide De Camp to the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, and as the Provincial Commissioner for the St. John Ambulance. She was also the recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal.



Agnes' son Warren Daniell with his wife Melissa, and their two daughters Megan & Kelsey, in 2003, Georgetown, Ontario.



Linda Nagy with her two sons, Michael and James Nagy.

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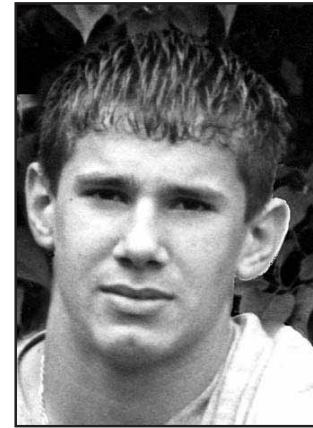
Sharon and Bill's first born Jeff Stubbs in 2000. Jeff was born 1979 in Dallas, Texas.



Sharon and Bill's son David born 1981 in Dallas, Texas.



Brian Stubbs, born 1983 in London, Ontario.



Andrew Stubbs, born 1985 in London, Ontario.

Sharon and her husband Bill Stubbs in 2002. The Stubbs family has lived in various communities in southern Ontario as well as in Calgary, Alberta and Dallas, Texas. Bill is an ordained Minister and Sharon has had a career in the fields of secretarial, commercial, and personal care.



Patricia and her two children Michelle, and Jonathan Cowley in 2002.



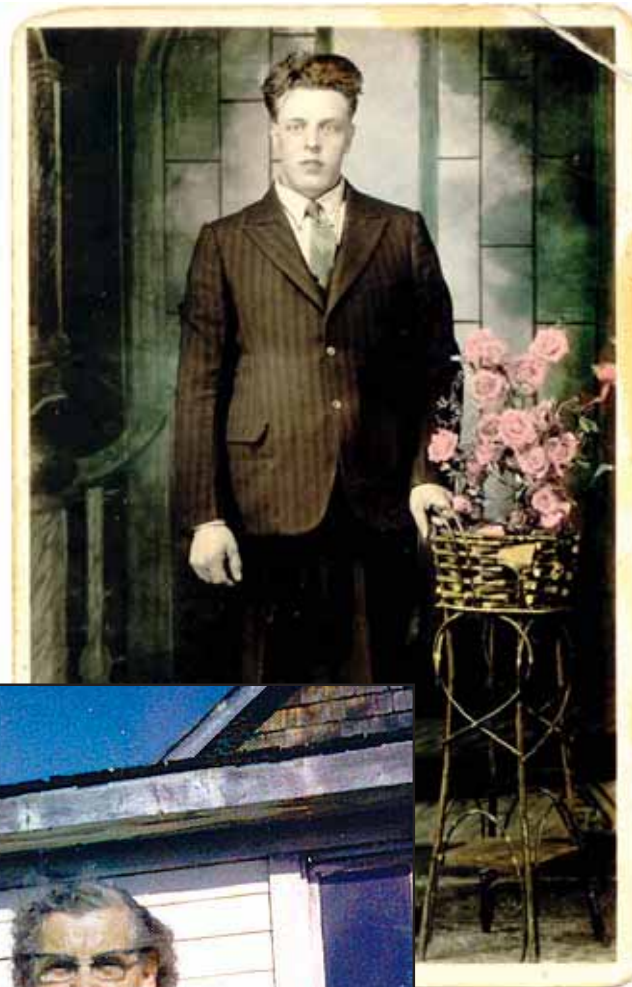
Patricia's children, Michelle and Jonathan Cowley as wedding attendants for a cousin, about 1980.



Patricia and her husband George Cowley, about 2001. The Cowley's lived in both Newmarket and Toronto, before retiring to Qualicum Beach, B.C. Pat had a career as a Registered Nurse and George as a government meat inspector.

Right: A detail from a hand-tinted Shapira's Studio of Winnipeg 'postcard photo', of Mike Leduchowski c1940.

Below: Mike and Anna Leduchowski pose for a photo during a visit to the farm around 1975. Mike at the time was 60 years old. Mike was especially close to his mother and often helped out by building cupboards or steps and generally helped where he could whenever he visited.



Mike Leduchowski

Mike was born in 1915. After completing grade five at Wheathill School he helped on the farm. Mike hauled cream for the Chatfield Creamery, earning 25 cents a can. In the 1930s, Mike and his friends were jumping boxcars to get to Ontario. Mike then worked in a mine in Ontario and then cut wood.

For many years after, Mike trucked pulpwood. In the late 1960s Mike was in a serious accident, when a truck approaching his truck lost its logs. Mike injured his back and lived in Dryden for many years. In 1970, Mike moved back to Teulon where he raised trout in his backyard pond. While in Teulon, Mike enjoyed spending occasional afternoons at the racetrack in Winnipeg. He also enjoyed watching his nephews and nieces play baseball and hockey. Mike was always on hand to give George advice about his construction company and about baseball. Mike was also known to ponder important decisions over a 'micky', with the decision made upon the finishing of the bottle.

Mike was a generous and kind person, who always enjoyed the family's visits and companionship and hunting with his brothers. For three years Mike lived in Co-op housing in Teulon. Mike passed away peacefully in 1996 and is buried at the Chatfield Cemetery.





Left: Mary Leduchowski and Mike Martyniuk on their wedding day, September 18, 1937.

Mary Leduchowski

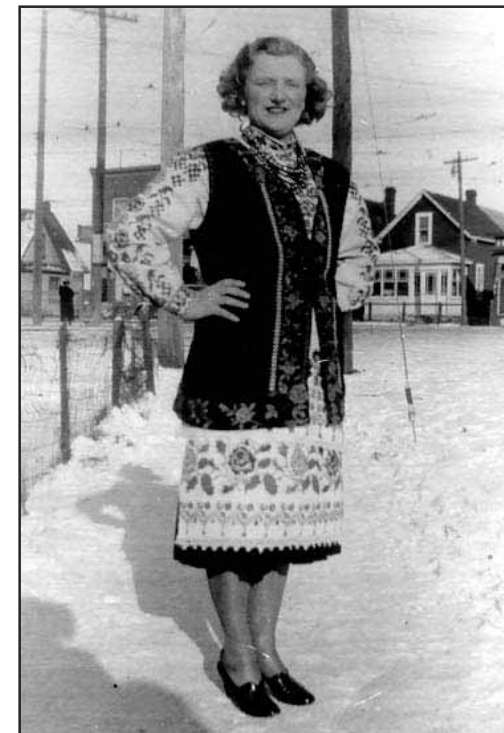
Mary Leduchowski was born on August 28, 1916 in the family farm house. She attended nearby Wheathill School, but as a young girl quit school to help out full time at home, given her mother's rapidly growing family and few sisters in the family to help with the many household, garden and farmyard chores. During her later teens, Mary was courted by Mike Martyniuk, whose family lived and farmed in the district. After working for a time in Winnipeg as a housemaid, Mary accepted Mike's proposal of marriage and on September 18, 1937 in St. John's Greek Orthodox Church in Winnipeg, they were married. The wedding reception was held a week later back home on the farm in Hamrluk. After the reception Mike and Mary left for Thunder Bay, Ontario taking with them but one suitcase and 30 dollars cash to start a life together.

After various short-term labouring jobs, Mike and Mary rented and operated a rooming and boarding house for several years. 1944 was spent at a bush camp where Mike ran the camp and Mary was the cook for about 30 men, after which they bought a house in Jumbo Gardens outside the city, where they lived for 13 years and where their two daughters, Gladys and Sharon spent their early childhood. Gladys was born on September 15, 1940 and Sharon on February 27, 1946. In May of 1956 the family moved into a new home in Port Arthur, where Mike and Mary lived happily for an additional 36 years. Mike was employed in the lumber trade, while Mary managed the house and the large gardens, which she and Mike developed over the years.

In 1992 Mary and Mike moved back to Manitoba to take up residence in a seniors apartment residence, to be close to their children and their families, both of whom lived in Winnipeg. Mike passed away on January 5, 1995. Mary remained in the apartment until 2002 when she moved in with daughter Sharon. Mary passed away in August 2003 and was laid to rest next to her husband at Glen Eden Gardens in Winnipeg.



Upper right: Mike Martyniuk comes a-courting! Mary Leduchowski and Mike Martyniuk clowning around on the Leduchowski family farm, in 1934. Mary was eighteen at the time.



Right: Mary Martyniuk poses in traditional Ukrainian dress, at Fort William, Ontario, around 1940.



Left: Mike and Mary in 1946 in Port Arthur, Ontario with daughters Gladys and Sharon, who was just a new born at the time.



Right: Mike and Mary Martyniuk return home to visit the folks in 1948. L-R: Mike and Sharon, Gladys feeding a deer fawn, Gloria Ledochowski, and her big sister Mary. Gloria, the youngest of the Leduchowski clan, was but a year and a half older than her niece, Gladys Martyniuk.



Gladys Martyniuk in her early-teens. Gladys was born on September 15, 1940



Sharon Martyniuk as she appeared in her early teens. Sharon was born on February 27 1946.



The Martyniuk family gathers for a portrait on October 5, 1963 when Gladys was wed to Jack Gamble. In 1963, Sharon was 17 years old and Gladys 23 years.

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Left: Gladys with her husband Jack Gamble and their children in a 1978 family photo. The children are: Jacqueline 1967, Michael 1968 and David, 1972.

Lower left: Jack Gamble with his son Michael and his significant other, Marjan.

Right: Daughter Jacqueline Gamble with her son Matthew.

Lower right: David Gamble with his significant other, Mary Chin.





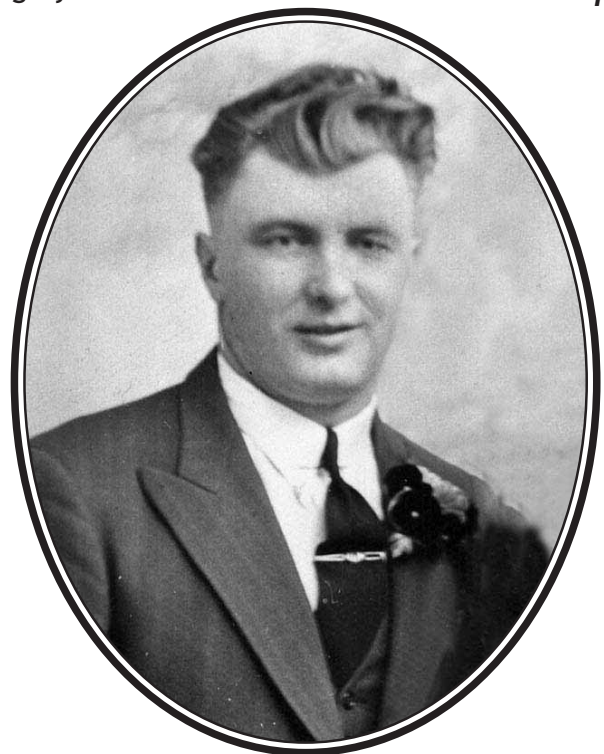
Above: The family gathers for a photo at Sharon's wedding on April 19, 1969. L-R: Anne Ledochowski, Mike and Mary Martyniuk, and their two daughters Sharon and Gladys. At the time, Grandma Anne was 77, Mike 57, Mary 53, Sharon 23, and Gladys 29.



Ron and Sharon Brehm with L-R: Teresa (born: 1973); Jennifer (1979); and Allison (1976).



Right: Mary photographed with daughter Sharon, her husband Ron Brehm, and their three daughters, L-R: Jennifer, Allison and Theresa. Accompanying Jennifer is her boyfriend Darrin, and with Teresa, is husband Kevin and their infant son Cameron. Mary was 86 at the time of this photo, taken in the autumn of 2002, in Teresa and Kevin's back yard, in Winnipeg, Manitoba.



Steve Leduchowski

Steve was born on June 12, 1918. He attended Wheathill School and completed grade 6. He was the biggest in the family, as an adult was six foot two inches, 250 pounds. During the war years, Steve attempted to volunteer for the Services but was not accepted due to his large size. He remained at home and worked on the family farm until 1945 when he flew out to Red Lake, Ontario and obtained work in the mines.

He later came to Geraldton and was hired by Kimberly Clark to haul wood to the mill with his truck. Steve and Walter Keemle, friends from Red lake, were the company's top wood haulers. At Geraldton he met Luba Skok, and together they had three children, Elsie (1954); Brian (1957) and Jim (1958). Later, Steve started his own contracting business, and with hard work the business expanded steadily. He was never scared to take a risk and often bought equipment not knowing if it would even work. Steve enjoyed hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed watching baseball and hockey, and visiting with his grandchildren. He was an excellent gardener, whatever he planted it was sure to flourish. In 1998, he purchased property on Kenogamisis Lake near Geraldton for sand, gravel and a residence site.

Steve lived to be 81 years old. He passed away on January 21, 1999 and was buried in Geraldton. Sons Jim and Brian are continuing to operate the business which their dad established.

Right: Steve Leduchowski with daughter Elsie, c1956.



Above: Steve Leduchowski partner Luba Skok.



Right: Brian (age 10), Elsie (age 13) and Jimmy (age 9) cooling their feet in a highway-side stream near Geraldton, Ontario in 1967.



Right: Steve and Anna photographed during Fred and Anna's 60th Wedding Anniversary in 1971.

Left: Steve Leduchowski in 1988 in his seventieth year.



Steve's son Jim as a 12 year old in 1970. Geraldton, Ontario



Steve Leduchowski in 1965 with his three children; Elsie, Brian and Jimmy. Note the boys having a bit of fun with the mounted fish, quite likely one of dad's.



Brian and Jimmy Leduchowski join their dad, Steve, and six of their uncles for a snapshot during a family wedding around 1970.



Steve's son Brian Leduchowski, his wife Susie, and their two children Darren (1993) and Shawn (1997). At the time of this 1999 photo, Brian and family resided in Geraldton, Ontario.



Brian, his sons Shawn and Darren, and brother Jim Leduchowski posing for a snapshot by one of the family business' logging trucks in 2002. Geraldton, Ontario.



One of a small fleet of logging trucks owned and operated by Steve's sons Jim and Brian under contract for Kimberly-Clark in Geraldton, Ontario.



Other logging trucks owned and operated by Jim and Brian for the Kimberly-Clark paper company in Geraldton, Ontario.



Brian and Jim working at a job site near Geraldton around 2002.



Steve's grandson Darren Leduchowski aboard one of the family's front-end loaders.



Brian stringing cable with Caterpillar at a job site near Geraldton around 2002.



Some of Steve Leduchowski's family members pose for a photo in 2003 in Geraldton, Ontario: Brian and sons Darren (left) and Shawn (right), sister Elsie, and mother Luba.



Left: Kay Leduchowski and John Petrick on their wedding day, September 23, 1944.

Right: Kay in traditional Ukrainian dress, on Simpson Street in Fort William, Ontario around 1940. During the late 1930s and early 1940s, many of Kay's siblings lived and worked in the old 'twin cities' of Fort William and Port Arthur in northwestern Ontario. The communities were later merged and renamed Thunder Bay.



Kay Leduchowski

Kay Leduchowski was born on August 12, 1919 on the family homestead. She was the sixth of 13 children, and like all her siblings attended nearby Wheat Hill School. At age 20, she left the family farm to join her sister Mary Martyniuk in Port Arthur, now called Thunder Bay. Her first employment was as a chamber maid at the Avenue Hotel. In 1942, she took employment at the local aircraft plant called "Can-Car", beginning work as an aircraft assembly line riveter, building Hawker Hurricane fighter planes for Britain, before moving on to the building of the Curtiss Hell Diver bombers for the USA Navy. It was here in the Can-Car plant that she met her future husband John Petrick. They married, after a courtship of two years, on September 23, 1944. They recently celebrated 58 years of marriage.

In 1972 Kay accepted a caretaker's position at Confederation College in Thunder Bay. Kay and John built their own home in 1954, and a cottage on Hicks Lake, 40 miles from home, in 1972. They were blessed with two sons, Clayton and Gary. Both were lost tragically, Clayton at age 44 in 1992 and Gary at age 25 in 1975. Kay was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church and her strong faith in her creator led her family to also take a leadership role in the church. In her social activities she volunteered for years delivering "Meals on Wheels" to shut-in seniors and the handicapped, and was also active in the Red Cross where, with her husband John, both donated over 50 pints of blood. John retired in 1986 after 46 years as a Charge Hand and Supervisor.

As a couple of retirees, Kay age 83 and John, age 81, still reside in their home in Thunder Bay, Ontario, and enjoy travelling to winter destinations in the Caribbean and summer bus travel throughout USA and Canada.



Left: Kay Leduchowski in 1940 at the age of twenty-one. Kay is wearing her assembly line uniform. The plant in Fort William, Ontario where she worked constructed Hawker Hurricane Fighter planes for the Allied forces in World War II. Note the lunch pail.



Left: Kay Petrick and her first born, a son, Clayton David, born on June 17, 1948.



Kay and John Petrick and the boys, Clayton and Gary enjoying a dip at the lake in north western Ontario around 1955.



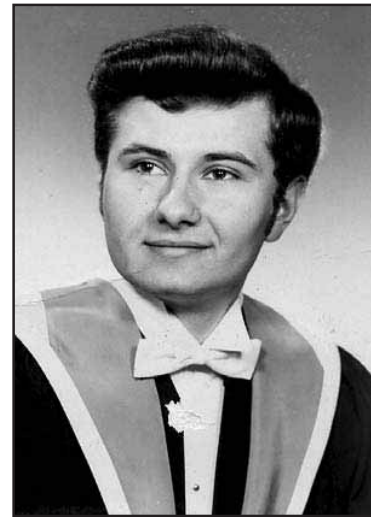
Right: Five year old little Clayton Petrick, posing as the great hunter. 1953, Fort William, Ontario.



Mary & Mike Martyniuk stop by for a visit. L-R: Gary and Clayton Petrick, Mary Martyniuk, sister Kay Petrick, John Petrick and Mike Martyniuk Christmas 1960. Mary is Kay's younger sister.



John and Kay Petrick, on their 25th Anniversary in 1969.



Clayton David Petrick's University graduation photo. Clayton went on to become a Professor of Business Administration at Confederation College and Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario.



Gary Neil Petrick's University graduation photo. Gary earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at Lakehead University in 1972.



Right: Clayton and Carol Petrick on their wedding day, October 27, 1972.

Left: Clayton and Gary Petrick on Clayton's wedding day, October 27, 1982.

Both Clayton and Gary were hemophiliacs, having been born with the so-called 'bleeders disease'. Tragically, both died prematurely, Gary at the age of 25 in 1975, and Clayton at the age of 44 in 1992.





Kay and John Petrick in 1986 at Lake Louise, British Columbia. At the time they were on route to Vancouver to take in the Expo 86 World's Fair.



Grandson Chris Petrick gives grandma Kay a loving kiss and hug while enjoying the view from atop Mount McKay, near Thunder Bay.



Christopher Petrick at age one and a half catching his first fish on Hicks Lake at the Family Camp.



Chris Petrick and his canine pal Basenji in 2002.

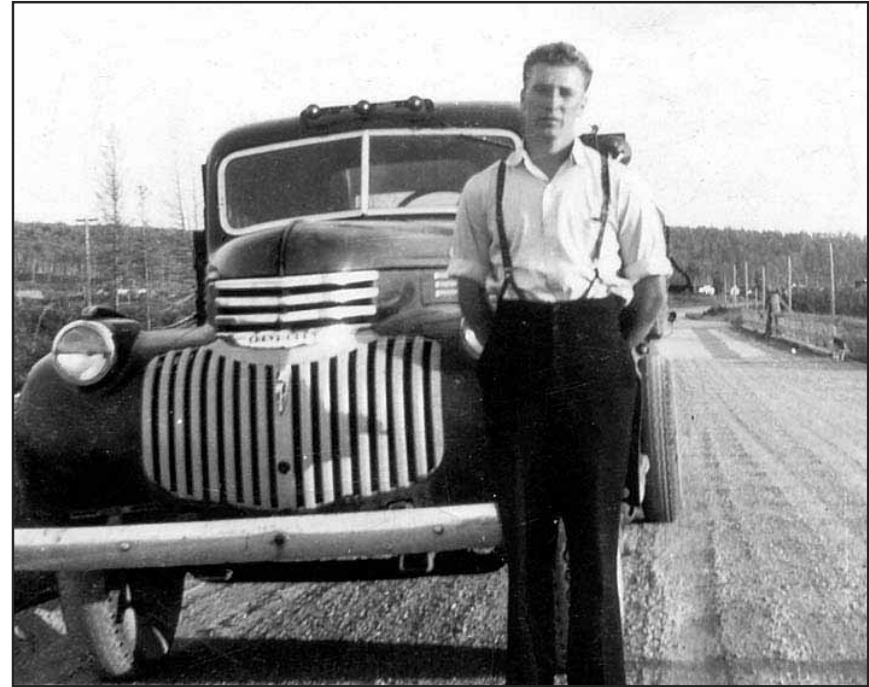


Alex Leduchowski in 1948.

Alex Leduchowski

Alex Leduchowski was born on October 15, 1922. He attended Wheathill School and also went to Teulon where he took Grade XI. In school, Alex was known for his unusual activities and leadership, which often made things interesting for the teachers. At 18, Alex left the farm to pursue work in the bush camps in Northwestern Ontario. After a number of years in the camps, Alex ventured into his own logging and trucking company in Dryden and Thunder Bay. Alex was a very strong man, one time lifting a 100 pound sack of flour ten times using only his right arm. When provoked, people knew there was going to be trouble when Alex would first adjust his glasses, then take them off, pull his belt up tight and step forward to confront the trouble-makers. He was also known for his amazing fastball which his brothers had difficulty in catching. He was also a very good boxer, being an avid believer in shadow boxing and the use of short six-inch jabs. Alex also did some prospecting in the Beardmore and Dryden areas.

Alex left northwestern Ontario in the 1970s to join his brother Paul in the hotel business in Saskatchewan, working from 1970 to 1975 at the Queen's Hotel in Moosomin, and from 1975 to 1979 at the York Hotel in Swift Current. In 1979, Alex retired from the hotel business and returned to live on the family homestead. Alex was an avid prospector, trapper and hunter, and immensely enjoyed these pursuits. He was known for storytelling whenever he got together with family. Alex always made time to attend local baseball games and hockey games, and loved to watch his nephews and nieces play sports. On October 18, 1998, Alex passed away after a short battle with cancer. He was laid to rest near his parents and brothers in the Chatfield Community Cemetery.



Alex Leduchowski posing by a 1942 GMC transport truck near Thunder Bay in 1945.



Alex Leduchowski photographed after a successful day of moose hunting near Dryden, Ontario in 1960.



Alex poses for a photograph outside the Queen's Hotel & Lounge, his place of employment at the time, with brother Paul, and his two daughters Louise and Kathy. The lady to Alex's right is Rose Rushowich, a friend who was visiting Moosomin, Saskatchewan from Dryden. Rose's husband Mike is behind the lens taking the picture, July 27, 1972.



Alex photographed about to go outside to cut firewood. c1985.



Right: Alex Leduchowski in 1996.

Left: Alex in 1982 at age 60.





Joe Leduchowski and Helen Sumka on their wedding day, July 31, 1948.

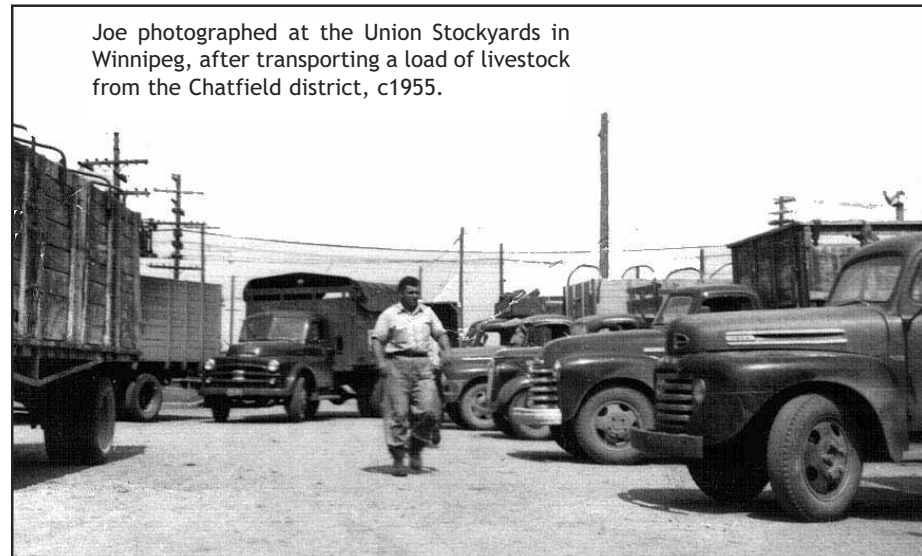
Joe Leduchowski

Joe was born in 1925. He attended Wheathill School and completed grade 8. After school, Joe worked on the family farm for two years. During the early 1940's Joe worked for 3 ½ years at Canada Car in Fort William, Ontario where he helped build airplanes for the war effort. Joe then worked one year in Odden, Ontario, cutting pulpwood. In 1948 he married Helen Sumka of the Sky Lake District, near Chatfield. Shortly after, he worked at building the Pine Portage hydro-electric power dam near Nipigon, Ontario. In 1949, Joe returned to Chatfield where he bought the Chatfield Transfer. He operated the transfer for 27 years, and also farmed in the Sky Lake District for many of those years.

While living in Chatfield, Joe was President of the Chatfield Sports Club for eight years. From 1945-1968 Joe was active as a player and manager for the Chatfield baseball team. Joe's actions usually spoke louder than his words, as the following example will testify. Joe believes in fair play, and one time during a game at Oak Point, an umpire (who happened to be the father of one of the opposition players) would not call any strikes. Joe, catching at the time, questioned him. The umpire promptly ejected Joe from the game. Joe responded by saying: "If I'm out of the game, then so are you", and proceeded to pick the umpire up, lift him over his head, and throw him over a five foot fence out of the baseball diamond. Hunting, fishing, and trapping have always been favorite pastimes, which Joe continues to enjoy. Joe sold the transfer business in 1976 and worked at the York Hotel in Swift Current, Saskatchewan for two years. The farms in Sky Lake were sold and Joe then worked construction for several years. In 1986, he and Helen purchased the Towers Hotel in Dauphin, Manitoba, which they continue to operate. In 1996 Joe and Helen bought a home in Dauphin. Joe was inducted into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame in 2003 as a member of the 1952-59 Chatfield Cardinals.



Three year-old Gail and four year old Gordie sitting on the hood of Joe's transfer in 1954 in Chatfield.



Joe photographed at the Union Stockyards in Winnipeg, after transporting a load of livestock from the Chatfield district, c1955.

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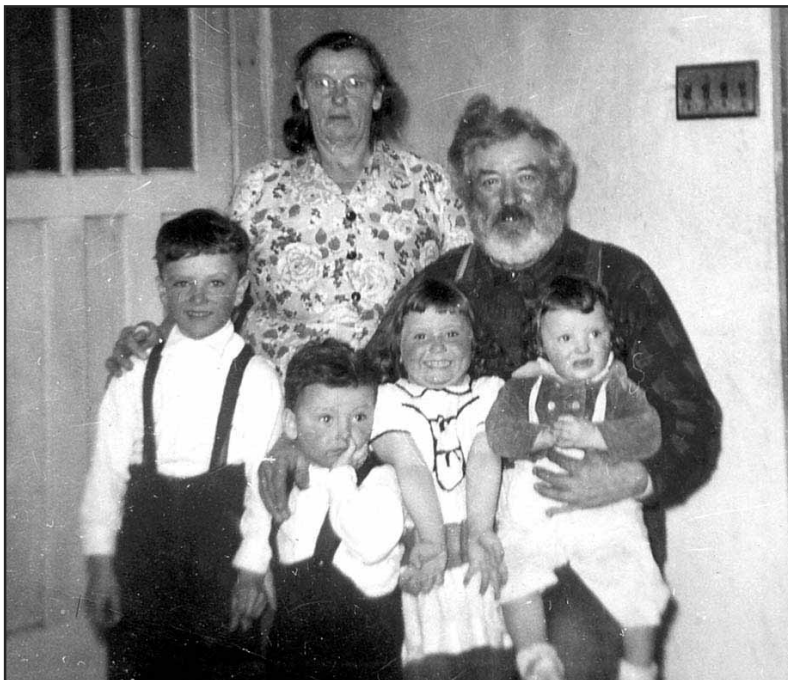
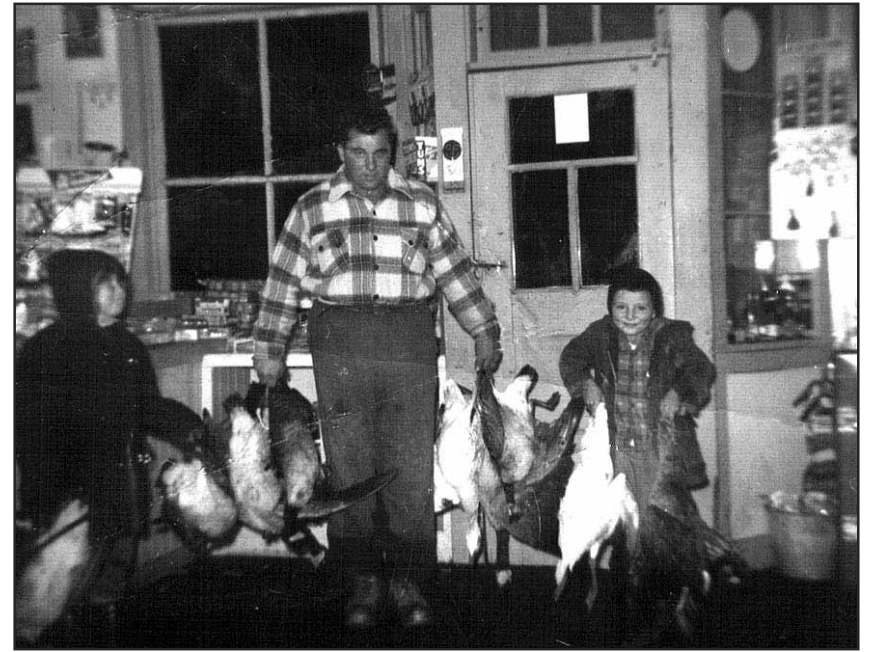


Left: Joe Leduchowski as a member of the Chatfield baseball club during the early 1950s. Joe was a long-time member of the Chatfield team as were brothers, George, Paul and Dan.

Right: Joe Leduchowski shows off the results of a goose hunting excursion to one of the local marshes, with the help of children Gail (left) and Ken (right). Photographed in brother George's store in Chatfield in October 1959.

Below right: The 1957 lineup of the Chatfield Cardinals. Joe is standing third from left. Brother George is to Joe's right, Dan is in the front row extreme left and Paul back row second from the right.

Below left: Joe and Helen's children pose for a photo with their grandparents Fred & Anne Ledochowski during a visit to the farm in 1957. The children in the photograph are, L-R: Gord, Ken, Gail and Joan Leduchowski.





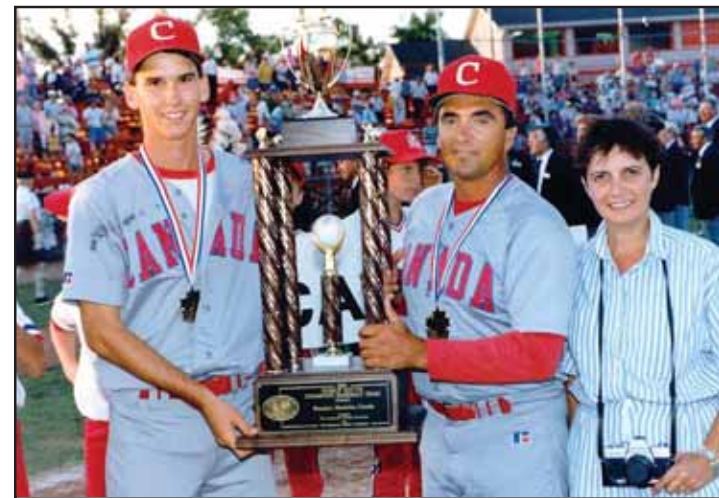
Joe and Helen at their 25th Wedding Anniversary Social in 1973.



And a second daughter marries. A family portrait taken on Joan Leduchowski's wedding day, July 2, 1977. L-R are: Rosemarie, Gord, Gail, Ken, the Bride & Groom Joan & Rick Orr, Helen behind them, Dickie and Joe.



Joe and Helen Leduchowski and their six children pose for a celebratory snapshot, 1973.



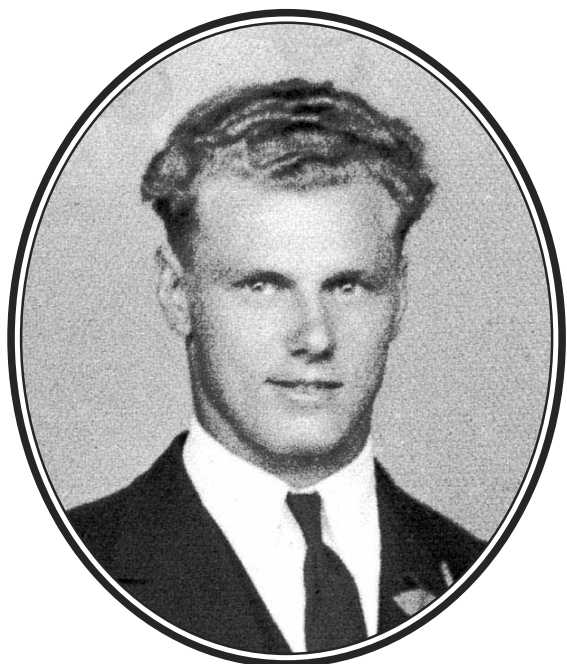
Like Father, like son. Team Canada won the 1991 World Junior Baseball Championship before a hometown crowd in Brandon, Manitoba. In-field Coach Gord Leduchowski and wife Paulette pose for a photo with Team Canada captain Jason Birmingham. In 1998, Gord was recognized for his contributions to baseball by being inducted into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame in the Player/builder category.

Below: The immediate family gathers for a photograph, on the occasion of Joe and Helen's 50th wedding anniversary in 1998, held 'back home', in Chatfield, Manitoba. Standing from the left are: Rosemarie, Dickie, Joan, Ken, Gail and Gord. Seated front and centre are Joe & Helen Leduchowski.



Above: The entire extended family gathers on stage in the Chatfield Community Centre for a group family photograph during the 50th wedding anniversary dinner held in 1998, in Chatfield, Manitoba.

Back row L-R: Gordie and wife Paulette, Dickie, Ryan, Dean Sendora, Sage Sendora, Kenny, Craig, Ken's wife Betty, Gail's daughter Crystal Smadella, Kevin Kopys, Joan (Leduchowski) Orr, Gail (Leduchowski) Orobko and husband Rick. Middle row, L-R: Betty Cardif, Ken's & Betty's daughter Shauna, Mr. and Mrs. Joe & Helen Leduchowski, Bethany Dubois, Rosemarie (Leduchowski)-Dubois, Paul Dubois. Seated up front: Kyle and Rachel Dubois.



Kost Leduchowski

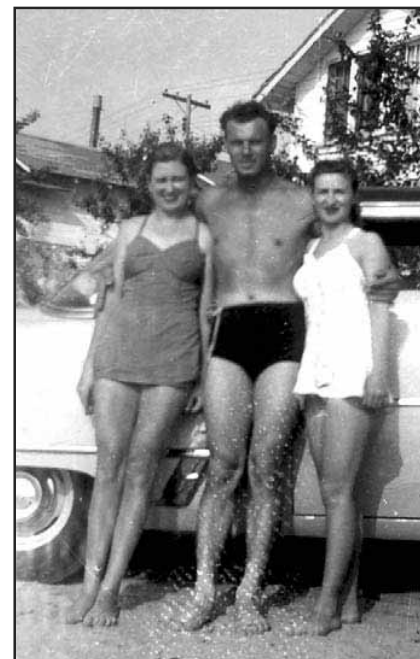
Kost was born in 1926. He attended Wheathill School and completed grade 8. After grade 8 he helped on the farm for four years. Kost worked in the Lake St. George area cutting and hauling pulpwood. In 1945 Kost moved to Port Arthur cutting wood. 1949 saw Kost move to Toronto where he worked at carpentry and construction.

From 1955 to 1962, Kost worked in Geraldton, Ontario and then Dryden, cutting in the bush. Kost was a very powerful man, both in the bush and in everyday life. In one feat of strength, after finding himself outside a 'bootlegger's' house during a police raid in Geraldton, Ontario, Kost was handcuffed to the police car. After the Police left to enter the house. Kost twisted the car door off its hinges and walked off to town, with the door in hand. His friend, Nick Ozubko, cut the cuffs off. The Police had to drive the town's only cruiser without a door, for a week before a new one could be delivered.

1962 saw Kost in Saskatchewan at the Esterhazy Hotel and also the potash mines. From 1963 to 1988 Kost cut pulpwood (5 to 6 cords a day) in the Pine Falls area of Manitoba. In 1988 Kost retired and moved back to the family homestead to live with brother Dan. As an observer, Kost was a man of few words, but when he spoke everyone always listened.



Kost holding a buddy, Fred Kerlicki, aloft during an afternoon at Wasaga Beach, Ontario.



Kost with lady friends, Wasaga Beach, Ontario, c1950.



Right: Walking in Toronto with friends, Moroslav and Ben Tanasichuk and third unidentified friend.



Above: Kost visits sister Mary and her family in Port Arthur, Ontario for Christmas in 1956. In the photo with Kost is brother-in-law Mike Martyniuk and nieces Sharon and Gladys.



Above right: Kost in 1982 at the age of 56.

Right: Kost, Dan and Alex with their three year old grand-nephew, Christopher on the three-wheeler, out on the farm in 1990. Christopher was Clayton Petrick's adopted son.



Left: Kost photographed by a street-photographer in Winnipeg. Street photographers were popular during the 1930s and early 1940s.



Paul Leduchowski and Myrtle Zolkewich

Paul Leduchowski

Paul left the farm in 1948, and like most of his siblings, initially obtained work in the lumber camps of northwestern Ontario. He also found work with the CPR in Toronto, Canada Packers in Winnipeg, and one year working in his cousin Walter's Coronation Hotel in Poplarfield before settling in a position as a logger with the pulp and paper mill in Dryden, Ontario, where he was employed until 1960.

On October 8, 1955 Paul married Myrtle Zolkewich of Poplarfield. Paul and Myrtle raised four children, Patrick, born 1957; Kathryn born 1959; Glen born 1962; and Louise born in 1968.

In 1960 Paul & Myrtle ventured into the hotel business, with cousin Walter Ledohowski, with the Broadview Hotel, in Broadview Saskatchewan. In 1962 they purchased the Central Hotel in Esterhazy. In 1970 Paul took over the Queens Hotel in Moosomin, which brother Alex helped to operate. Five years later Paul and Alex moved to Swift Current where they purchased and ran the York Hotel. During the 1980s they owned the Bridge House Hotel in Moose Jaw, the Holiday Inn (Seven Oaks), and Plains Hotel in Regina.

Paul retired in 1990 and since then he and Myrtle have enjoyed their retirement, travelling, visiting with family, and owning a hobby farm not far from the old family homestead near Poplarfield, Manitoba. In 2003 Paul was inducted into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame as a member of the 1952-59 Chatfield Cardinals.



Paul and Myrtle at the 'presentation table. Note the large pile of bills on the table in front of the bridal couple.



Paul and Myrtle's old time 'Ukrainian-style' wedding reception photographed in full swing at the 'Orthodox Hall' in New Poplarfield, October 8, 1955.



Patrick and Glen at Birds Point, near the family cabin 1968.



The family recreational vehicle in which many miles and happy hours were spent.



Right: Paul & Myrtle Ledochowski with their children Louise, Patrick, Kathryn and Glen. Taken at Paul and Myrtle's 25 wedding anniversary. December 1980, Swift Current, Saskatchewan where at the time the family owned and operated the York Hotel.

Left: Paul and Myrtle Ledochowski's children get up and close to a flock of turkeys. LR: Kathryn, Patrick and Glen, taken at the Zolkewich family farm during a visit to Poplarfield area in 1966. The final member of the family, Louise, was born two years later in 1968.



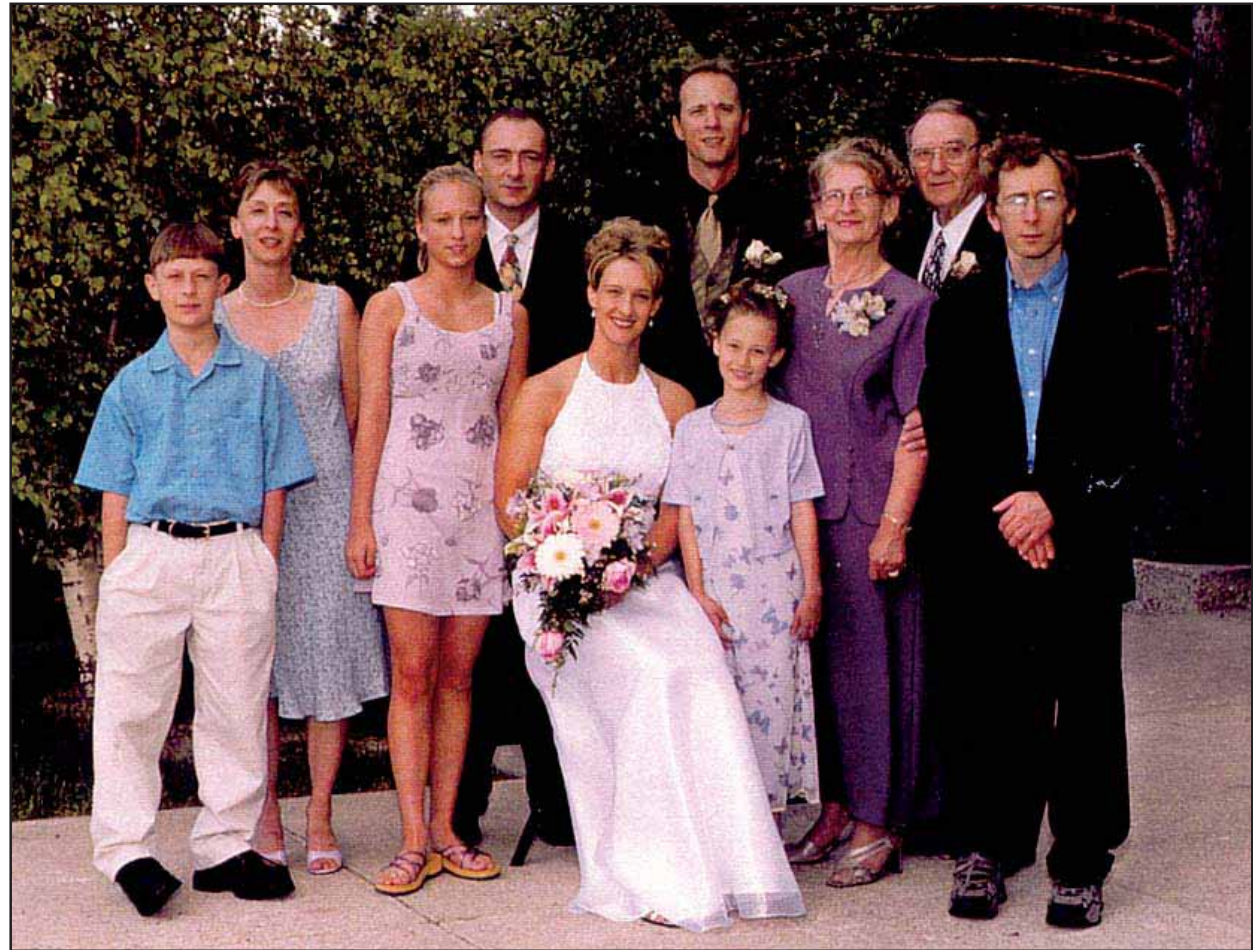
Paul & Myrtle's hotel, the Bridge House, in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, as it appeared in 1986.



The Plains Hotel in Regina, Saskatchewan, as it appeared in a early 1980s postcard.



Louise Leduchowski at age 15 in 1983 wearing her Ukrainian Poltava costume. Louise danced with the Tavria dance group of Regina. Dancing for a number of years, her performance venues included the National Ukrainian Festival in Dauphin, Manitoba, and Expo 86 in Vancouver, British Columbia.



Paul and Myrtle, with the kids and grand-children photographed on the occasion of Louise's marriage to Mike Mallett on June 30, 2001, Regina, Saskatchewan. L-R are: Christopher, Kathryn, Darbee, Pat, Louise (bride), Mike (groom), Kylie, Myrtle, Paul and Glen.



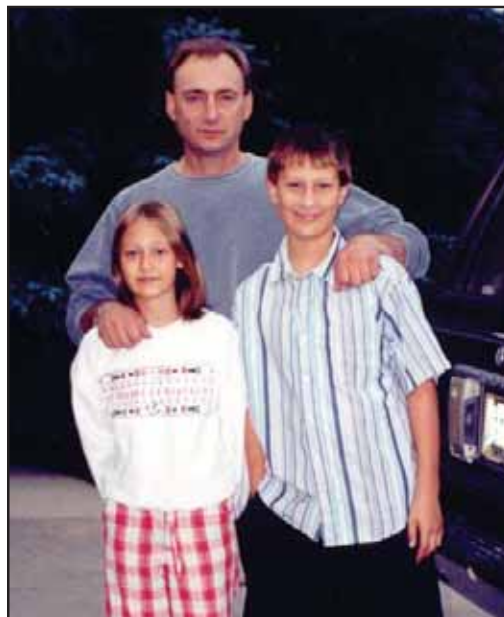
Paul and Myrtle in 2003. Regina, Saskatchewan.



Paul and Myrtle's second-born, Kathryn Leduchowski, in 2003. Kathryn and her two children make their home in Clarenville, Newfoundland.



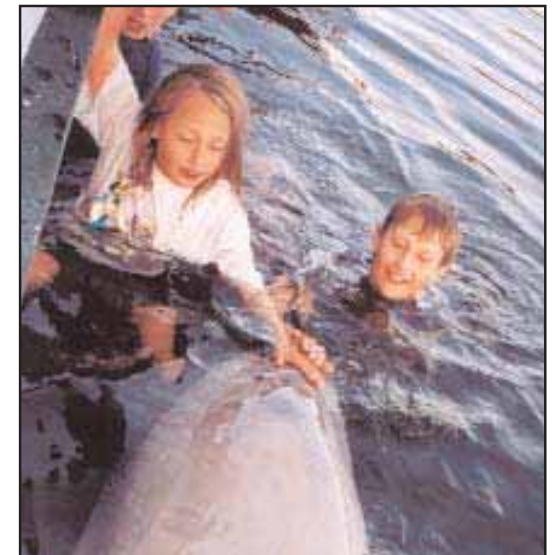
Paul and Myrtle's youngest, daughter Louise, photographed with her husband, Mike Mallett, in 2002 while on vacation in Rhodes, Greece.



2002 Uncle Patrick with Kylie and Chris, sister Kathryn's children.



Darbee Ledochowski, Patrick's daughter, in Ukrainian dance costume in 1994.



Kathryn's two children, Kylie & Christopher photographed with a wild Beluga whale, Newfoundland, July 2002.



George Leduchowski and Laura Ferris on their wedding day, November 6, 1954.

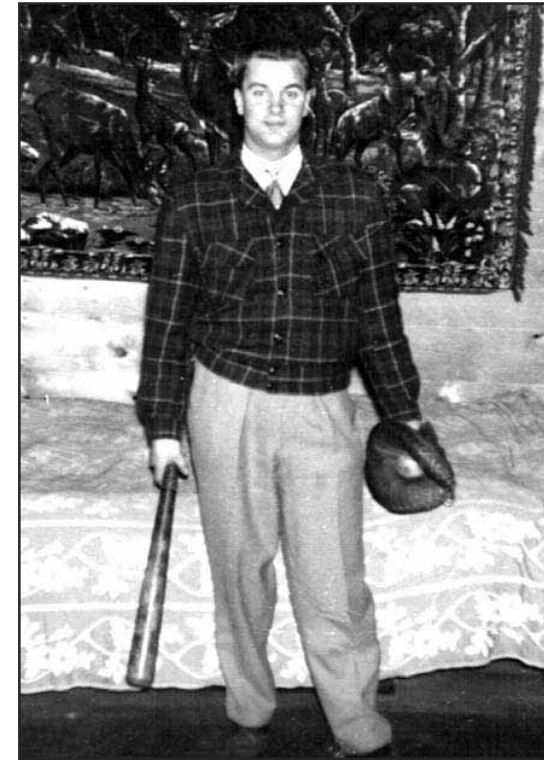
George Ledochowski

After completing his schooling at Wheathill School, George began his high-school education in Inwood. After his father Fred purchased the bankrupt Chatfield Co-op Store, George was called home to assist in its re-opening and operation under the family name. Before long, he arranged to purchase the store from his father and in 1949 became a full time store keeper.

In 1954 he married his sweetheart, Laura Ferris who hailed from the Suffern District west of Chatfield. They had four children, Roger, Roxane, Ross, and Rodney. George and Laura operated the Ledochowski Store in Chatfield until 1970 when they had the buildings moved to property along PTH #7 in Teulon. The new business began as a roadside restaurant, which thrived and later expanded to include a lounge and motel units. The 'G & L' was sold in 1986 whereafter George increased his time spent at his main sideline business of custom roadbuilding and land clearing on farms throughout the Interlake region.

In 2003, at the age of 71 George was still working at his earth-moving business. Throughout the years he continued his involvement and passion for first love, baseball, managing and coaching the Teulon Cardinals of the Winnipeg Senior Baseball League for many years. In 1998 George was inducted into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame as a builder, and again in 2003 as a member of the 1952-1959 Chatfield baseball team, recognized for their outstanding record of play.

A young George with a baseball bat, glove and ball, c1954. For more than fifty years George was 'Mr. Baseball' in the Interlake region, and in 1998 was inducted in the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame for life-time achievement.



Below: The 1952 to 1959 Chatfield Baseball team, later inducted into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame for their prowess on the field. Back row L-R are: Joe Ledochowski, Fred Kempa, Fred Kibsey, Fred Masiak, & John Kempa. Front Row, L-R are: Steve Kowal, Harry Shushkewich, John Kowal, and main pitcher George Ledochowski.





George and Laura photographed at a community function in Chatfield held in their honor of their many years of residency and involvement in the community.

Right & below: The "G & L" Restaurant and Motel owned and operated by George and Laura from 1971 to 1986. Photo taken in 1979, Teulon, Manitoba.



Below: George's four Caterpillar tractors used in his land clearing and road building business. This particular set of machinery was what George owned in 2002.

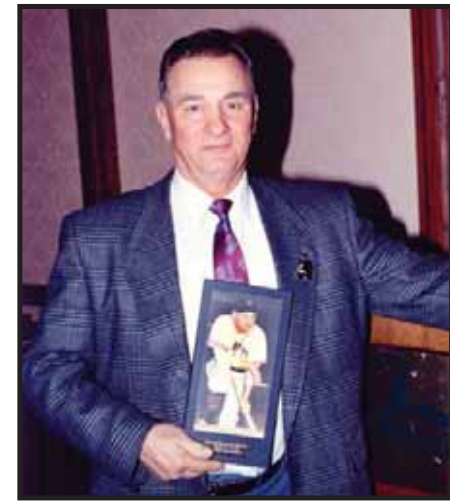




George still working the pitcher's mound, photographed during a baseball tournament in Chatfield at age 66 in 1998.



George being presented an award during his induction into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame as a 'Builder and Coach' in Brandon, Manitoba in 1998.



George with The Manitoba Hall of Fame award photographed during his induction into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame as a 'builder and coach' held in Brandon, Manitoba in 1998.



George and Laura Ledochowski with their four children at a family function in 1992. L-R are: Roger, Laura, Ross, George, Roxanne and Rodney.



George and Laura Ledochowski in 2002.



George and Laura's youngest son Rodney with his wife Diana and their three children: Jake 4 yrs, Jade 6 yrs, and Jacey 1 yr, in 2003, Teulon, Manitoba. Rodney is a physical education teacher at Teulon Collegiate, and a player/coach for the Teulon Cardinals Baseball team. Diana is a Pharmacy technician.



George and Laura's first born, Roger Ledochowski. Roger lives in Teulon where he is employed as a greens keeper. His favorite pastimes include golfing and fishing.



George and Laura's second child, Roxane, with her husband Craig Pawluk and their five children in 2002: Kristen (1985), Jennifer (1987), Wesley (1989), Michelle (1992) and Brayden (1999). Craig is a grain and hog producer and the family live on a farm located east of Teulon.



George and Laura's third born Ross in 2003, with his wife Sonya (Dyck) and their three children: Kaila (1997), Kailen (1999) and Rye (2002). Ross teaches senior math and science at Teulon Collegiate, and is also a member of Teulon Cardinals Baseball team. Sonya is a Senior Business Analyst with Investors Group. Ross, Sonya and family make their home in Teulon.



Below: A group photo of all eleven of George & Laura's grandchildren in 2002, photographed in the living room of their Teulon, Manitoba home. L-R: Jade, Jennifer, Kaila, Kailen, Michelle, Jacey, Wesley, Rye, Brayden, Kristen and Jake.



Dan Leduchowski, c1960

Dan Leduchowski

Dan was born in 1933 and completed grade 8 at Wheat Hill School. Dan then worked on the family farm for the next eight years. From there, Dan moved to Winnipeg where he poured basements for the next two years. For the next eight years, Dan hauled gravel for Frasers. The years 1969 to 1972 saw Dan move back to Chatfield and work for the Department of Highways in Poplarfield. From Highways, Dan then took over the cattle farm.

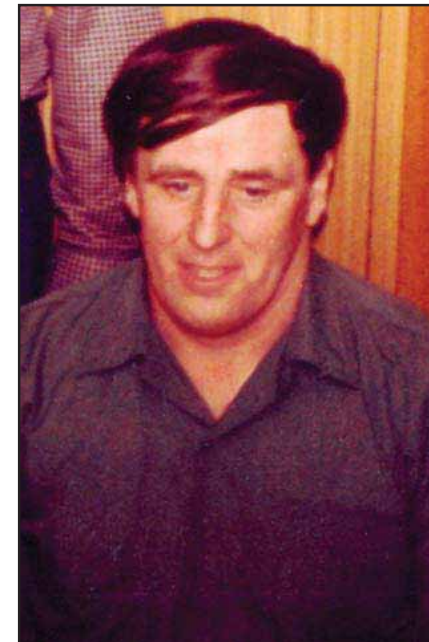
In his younger years, Dan was active in hunting, trapping and baseball. He played outfield for most of his baseball career but did pitch a little, once throwing a one hitter at a baseball tournament in Hodgson, Manitoba. He was noted to always get on base even if he had to use his elbows. In 2003 Dan was inducted into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame as a member of the 1952-59 Chatfield Cardinals. Dan has been an active member of the Chatfield Community Club. He has collected admission to annual baseball tournaments for the Club for more than 50 years. It should be noted that Dan was last Leduchowski to make a living as a farmer. He continued to reside in the original family farmhouse built by his father raising cattle until shortly before he passed away of cancer on September 17, 2006.



Dan with his Mom and Dad around 1968. Dan stayed on the family farm and eventually took over the operation. He would become the last male Ledochowski to earn a living as a farmer, and the farm was the last of the original family homesteads to be owned by a family member.



Left: Dan Leduchowski on the family farm around 1955, decked-out and ready to head out to a local social function.



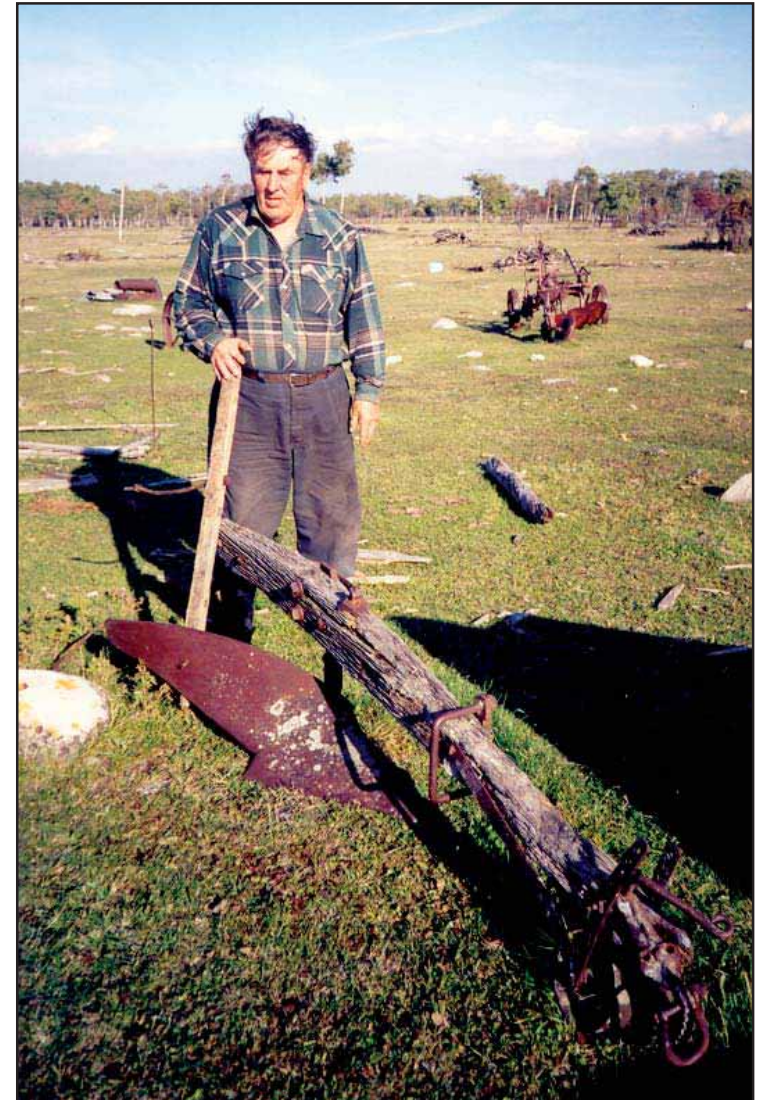
Right: Dan in 1982 at the age of 49.



Dan and Gloria with brother Paul's wife, Myrtle, photographed at the Chatfield Hall in 1997.



Three-wheeled transportation down on the old homestead, 2000. Dan Leduchowski on his modorized "trike" checking out the cattle herd.



Dan in 2000 posing with the first plow used on the family homestead. Father, Fred Leduchowski likely purchased the plow soon after registering the homestead in 1910. Note the many boulders scattered throughout the farmyard. Such large rocks were very hard on such farm equipment, the horses pulling it, and the person trying to manage the plow. This early plow featured an oak draw-beam.



Gloria Ledochowski in 1961 age 22.



Photo taken on June 25, 1959, during a 20th birthday party given by some of the parents of Gloria's twelve students, and two of their pre-school siblings, at Hoey East School in Libau, Manitoba, to mark the end of her first year of teaching.



Gloria and Anna at sister Kay's and husband John Petrick's 25th wedding anniversary held in September of 1969 in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Gloria Ledochowski

Gloria Ledochowski was born on June 25, 1939 in the family farmhouse. After completing eight grades in seven years at Wheat Hill School, Gloria left at age 14 to attend Spruce View School in Chatfield, where she completed grades nine and ten. Grades 11 and 12 were completed at Daniel McIntyre and Gordon Bell High Schools in Winnipeg. During these later studies, she worked part-time as a waitress, and as a live-in nanny for her board and room. From 1955 to 1958 she was a member of the Canadian Air Force Reserves and trained with the Intelligence Specialist Unit.

In 1958 she earned her teacher's certificate at the Manitoba Teacher's College and following graduation taught in three rural Manitoba Schools, Hoey East (Libau), Lake Francis, and Chatfield. She then moved to Manhattan, New York for a year of study at Grace Downs School. After returning, she taught grades 6, 7, & 8 at the St. John Catholic School in Red Lake, Ontario for two years, and was also acting-principal and school secretary. She then taught at the Convent of the Sacred Heart (private girls' school) in Charleswood, Manitoba, and at Atikokan and Red Rock Ontario, each for one year. From September 1967 to June of 1996, Gloria obtained a position with the Wellington County Roman Catholic Separate School Board in Guelph where she was employed for almost 30 years.

In 1970 while teaching full-time, Gloria enrolled in part-time studies at Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario and graduated in 1977 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in (child) Psychology and a minor in Geography. Gloria participated in three Educator Exchange Programs: to Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1983-84; Griffith, New South Wales, Australia in 1987; and to Augusta, Western Australia in 1995. Since retiring in 1996, Gloria has been active as a volunteer with the Victorian Order of Nurses, and currently resides in Guelph, Ontario.



Gloria, posing with her 1969 'Candy Apple Red' Ford Mustang which came equipped with a powerful V-8 engine and a thrush muffler. On several occasions during the summer holidays, Gloria drove from Guelph, Ontario to Chatfield to visit the family. By using the 4-lane Michigan route, south of Lake Superior, the 2400 km trip was accomplished in virtually 'no time at all'.



Above: Gloria, as the youngest child, was given the honour of pinning on Dad's boutonniere during Fred and Anna's 60th Wedding Anniversary party in 1971 in Chatfield, Manitoba.



Photograph taken in December 1987 by the Sydney Opera House in Sydney, Australia. Gloria participated in a teachers' exchange program and spent a year teaching in Griffith, New South Wales, which is located about an eight hour's drive west of Sydney.



Right: Gloria in March of 1995, after an afternoon of fishing in the Indian Ocean while on Teacher Exchange to Augusta, Western Australia. Included in the snapshot are two of her Australian pupils, younger 'year-one' siblings. The fishing town is noted as being the most southwestern community on the Australian continent.



While on a school field trip during her last year of teaching in 1996, Gloria's grade four pupils dared her to pose for a photo with a rather large garter snake, also named Gloria. Although terrified of snakes, Gloria managed a big smile for the camera, required as part of the dare.

Descendants of Fred Ledochowski

1 Fred Ledochowski Born: Feb 20, 1890 in Stubno, Poland Died: Jun 04, 1973
.. +Anna Sawka Born: Feb 20, 1892 in Drobobych, Ukraine Married: Jan 31, 1911 Died: Mar 21, 1984
..... 2 John Leduchowski Born: Jan 15, 1913 in Wheathill District, Manitoba Died: Jun 05, 1989 in Port Arthur General Hospital, Thunder Bay
..... 2 Harry Leduchowski Born: Mar 01, 1914 in Wheathill District, Manitoba Died: Jun 05, 1993
..... +Hattie Swedlo Born: Mar 08, 1917 Married: Mar 06, 1943 Died: Apr 27, 2002
..... 3 Agnes Leduchowski Born: Jul 16, 1944
..... +Bob Daniell
..... 4 Karen Jane Daniell Born: Dec 19, 1968
..... 5 Elise Danielle Daniell Born: Dec 16, 2001
..... 4 Douglas Robert Daniell Born: Dec 16, 1971
..... +Cathy Morwood Married: Jun 19, 2003
..... 4 Warren James Daniell Born: Jan 13, 1976
..... +Melissa
..... 5 Megan Harvey Daniell Born: Oct 29, 1997
..... 5 Kelsey Daniell Born: Mar 13, 2002
..... 3 Pat Leduchowski Born: Dec 08, 1945
..... +George Cowley
..... 4 Jonathan Cowley Born: Jul 12, 1972
..... 4 Michelle Cowley Born: Sep 25, 1975
..... 3 Linda Leduchowski Born: Sep 13, 1947
..... +Zolly Nagy
..... 4 Michael Nagy Born: Jun 16, 1983
..... 4 James Nagy Born: Mar 13, 1986
..... 3 Sharon Leduchowski Born: May 15, 1949 in Toronto, Ontario
..... +William R. Stubbs
..... 4 Jeffery David Stubbs Born: Feb 10, 1979 in Dallas, Texas
..... 4 David William Stubbs Born: Jan 28, 1981 in Dallas, Texas
..... 4 Brian Scott Stubbs Born: Jan 26, 1983 in London, Ontario
..... 4 Andrew Joel Stubbs Born: Jun 25, 1985 in London, Ontario
..... 2 Mike Leduchowski Born: Apr 15, 1915 in Wheathill District, Manitoba Died: Mar 17, 1996 in Teulon, Manitoba
..... 2 Mary Leduchowski Born: Aug 28, 1916 in Wheathill District, Manitoba
..... +Mike Martynuik Born: Apr 18, 1912 in Poplarfield, Manitoba Married: Sep 18, 1937 in St. John's Orthodox Church, Winnipeg Died: Jan 05, 1995
..... 3 Gladys Martynuik Born: Sep 15, 1940
..... +Jack Gamble Married: Oct 05, 1963
..... 4 Jacqueline Kelly Gamble Born: Feb 07, 1967
..... 5 Matthew Gamble Born: Oct 08, 1999
..... 4 Michael Gamble Born: Jul 31, 1968
..... 4 David Gamble Born: Jan 05, 1972
..... 3 Sharon Martynuik Born: Feb 27, 1946
..... +Ronald Brehm Married: Apr 19, 1969
..... 4 Theresa Brehm Born: Dec 18, 1973
..... 5 Cameron Visser Brehm Born: Dec 16, 2001
..... 4 Allison Brehm Born: Dec 26, 1976
..... 4 Jennifer Brehm Born: Jan 24, 1979
..... 2 Steve Leduchowski Born: Jun 12, 1918 in Wheathill District, Manitoba Died: Feb 19, 1999 in Geraldton, Ontario

..... +Luba Skok
 3 Elsie Leduchowski Born: Jul 17, 1954
 3 Brian Leduchowski Born: May 19, 1957 in Geraldton, Ontario
 +Susie
 4 Darren Leduchowski Born: Mar 17, 1993 in Geraldton, Ontario
 4 Shawn Leduchowski Born: Jul 03, 1997 in Geraldton, Ontario
 3 Jim Leduchowski Born: Mar 12, 1958
 2 Kay Leduchowski Born: Aug 12, 1919 in Wheathill District, Manitoba
 +John Petrick Born: Dec 13, 1921 in Fort William, Ontario Married: Sep 23, 1944
 3 Clayton David Petrick Born: Jun 17, 1948 in Thunder Bay, Ontario Died: Aug 31, 1992
 +Carol Larabie Born: Jun 21, 1951 Married: Oct 27, 1972
 4 Christopher David Petrick Born: Jan 24, 1984
 3 Gary Neil Petrick Born: Nov 25, 1950 Died: Dec 17, 1975
 2 Alex Leduchowski Born: Oct 15, 1922 in Wheathill District, Manitoba Died: Oct 18, 1998 in Riverview Health Centre, Winnipeg, Manitoba
 2 Joseph Leduchowski Born: Jun 04, 1925 in Wheathill District, Manitoba Died: May 06, 2005 in Dauphin, Manitoba
 +Helen Sumka Born: Feb 07, 1930 in SkyLake, Manitoba Married: Jul 31, 1948 in Skylake District
 3 Gord Leduchowski Born: Mar 18, 1950 in Chatfield, Manitoba
 +Paulette Pododworney Born: Mar 1949 in Poplarfield, Manitoba Married: Dec 09, 1972
 4 Kevin Kopas
 3 Gail Leduchowski Born: Dec 16, 1951 in Chatfield, Manitoba
 +Rick Orobko Born: Oct 10, 1944 Married: Sep 13, 1975
 4 Crystal Orobko Born: Feb 10, 1978
 3 Kenneth Leduchowski Born: Apr 06, 1953 in Arborg, Manitoba
 +Betty Mamchuk Born: Jun 06, 1952 Married: Dec 07, 1972 in Winnipeg
 4 Craig Kenneth Leduchowski Born: Nov 03, 1971
 4 Shauna Michelle Leduchowski Born: Apr 15, 1976
 +Garth Hazlitt
 3 Joan Leduchowski Born: Dec 23, 1954 in Chatfield, Manitoba
 +Rick Orr Born: Jan 01, 1951 Married: Jul 02, 1977
 3 Dick James Leduchowski Born: Jun 23, 1957 in Chatfield, Manitoba
 +Debra Ann Bryngelson Married: Dec 1980
 4 Jill Christine Leduchowski Born: Jun 10, 1978
 +Dean Iatridis
 5 Sage Athena Iatridis
 5 Christopher Basil Iatridis
 4 Ryan James Leduchowski Born: May 05, 1982
 3 Rose Marie Leduchowski Born: Dec 15, 1959 in Chatfield, Manitoba
 +Paul Dubois Born: Mar 14, 1958 Married: Nov 08, 1980
 4 Bethany Dubois Born: Feb 24, 1985
 4 Kyle Dubois Born: Aug 18, 1990
 4 Rachel Dubois Born: Dec 22, 1991
 2 Kost Leduchowski Born: Sep 25, 1926 in Wheathill District, Manitoba
 2 Paul Leduchowski Born: Aug 27, 1930 in Chatfield, Manitoba Died: Mar 17, 2005
 +Myrtle Zolkewich Born: Feb 06, 1934 in Poplarfield, Manitoba Married: Oct 08, 1955 in Holy Trinity Cathedral, Winnipeg
 3 Patrick Paul Leduchowski Born: Mar 17, 1957
 +Laureen McWilliams Married: May 16, 1987

..... 4 Darbee Leduchowski Born: Aug 01, 1986
..... 3 Kathryn Natalie Leduchowski Born: Feb 11, 1959
..... +Christopher Ralph Duffitt
..... 4 Christopher John Duffitt Born: Apr 12, 1991 in Clarenville, Newfoundland
..... 4 Kylie Justyna Duffitt Born: Nov 21, 1992 in Clarenville, Newfoundland
..... 3 Glen Michael Leduchowski Born: Sep 12, 1962 in Esterhazy, Saskatchewan
..... 3 Louise Maria Leduchowski Born: Apr 27, 1968
..... +Mike Mallett Married: Jun 30, 2001
..... 2 George Ledochowski Born: Jan 28, 1932 in Wheathill School District, Manitoba
..... +Laura Ferris Born: Mar 10, 1932 in Ericksdale, Manitoba Married: Nov 06, 1954 in St. Vladimir Cathedral, Winnipeg
..... 3 Roger Ledochowski Born: Oct 25, 1958 in St. Boniface Hospital, Winnipeg
..... 3 Roxane Lyn Ledochowski Born: May 11, 1962 in St. Boniface Hospital, Winnipeg
..... +Craig Edward Pawluk Born: Sep 27, 1958 in Selkirk, Manitoba Married: Jun 26, 1984
..... 4 Kristen Laura Pawluk Born: Sep 08, 1985
..... 4 Jennifer Joyce Pawluk Born: Nov 05, 1987
..... 4 Wesley Edward Pawluk Born: Sep 18, 1989
..... 4 Michelle Jenny Pawluk Born: Oct 05, 1992
..... 4 Brayden George Kenten Pawluk Born: Jun 23, 1999
..... 3 Ross Ledochowski Born: Mar 07, 1964
..... +Sonya Dyck Born: Apr 21, 1967
..... 4 Kaila Rain Ledochowski Born: Aug 17, 1997
..... 4 Kailen Shea Ledochowski Born: Aug 20, 1999
..... 4 Rye Ethane Thomas Born: Jan 18, 2001
..... 3 Rodney Ledochowski Born: May 31, 1967 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... +Diana Goldsbrough Born: Apr 21, 1968 in Winnipeg, Manitoba Married: Sep 1990
..... 4 Jade Madison Ledochowski Born: Mar 07, 1997 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 4 Jake Quinton George Ledochowski Born: Jan 22, 1999 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 4 Jacey Brooke Ledochowski Born: Jul 06, 2002 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 2 Dan Leduchowski Born: May 23, 1933 in Wheathill District, Manitoba Died: Sep 17, 2006 in Teulon, Manitoba
..... 2 Gloria Leduchowski Born: Jun 25, 1939 in Wheathill District, Manitoba

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Chapter Five

Gregory and Anna's fourth born of six children, another son:

Peter Ledochowski



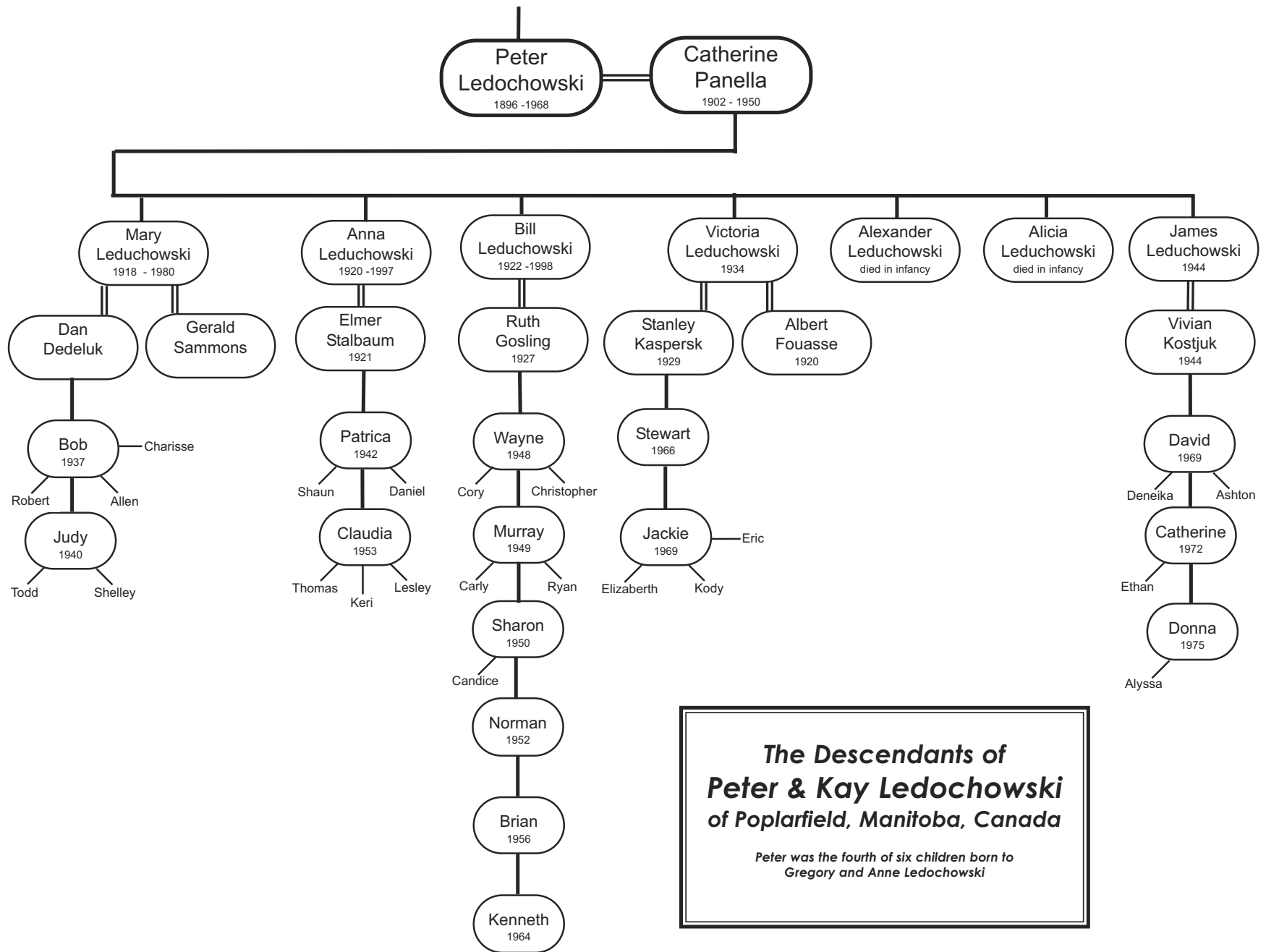
Peter Ledochowski

Peter Ledochowski was nine years old in 1903, when he accompanied his father and mother, Gregory and Anna Ledochowski, and four of his five siblings, and embarked on the S.S. Assyria, departing Hamburg, Germany for Canada, with high hopes for a new and better life as pioneers in the wilderness of Manitoba's Interlake region. Older brother Stefan joined the family in 1910.

Like his brothers, Peter took a homestead of his own close to his parents' farm as soon as he was old enough to qualify. His claim was registered on March 7, 1913.

Peter Ledochowski married Catherine Panella about 1917 and together they raised a family of five, two sons and three daughters; Rose Marie (born 1918), Annie (1920), William (1922), Victoria (1934) and James (1944). Two other children died as infants, Alex & Alicia. Peter sold the farm in the late 1940s and purchased a home in Stonewall, Manitoba. The two youngest children, Vicky and Jim, accompanied their parents to Stonewall. Rose Marie and Annie both moved to the Detroit area, and Bill settled in Winnipeg. While living in Stonewall, Peter worked as a mechanic at Stonewall Motors and Ford Dealership until he retired.

Catherine passed away on August 9, 1950 and was laid to rest in the Stonewall Community Cemetery. During the mid-fifties Peter remarried, to Mary Dudtka, a recent widow from the Stonewall area. Peter remained in Stonewall until he passed away at the age of 72 in 1968. Peter Ledochowski was laid to rest alongside Catherine in Stonewall, Manitoba.



**The Descendants of
Peter & Kay Ledochowski
of Poplarfield, Manitoba, Canada**

*Peter was the fourth of six children born to
Gregory and Anne Ledochowski*



Left: Peter and Catherine Ledochowski pose for a photo around 1930.



Right: Peter Ledochowski with team of horses and sled with the family farmhouse in the background. Note the split firewood piled up in the front verandah.



Peter and Catherine pose for a photo beside the family steam tractor, c1930.



Right: Peter and Catherine with infant son William on a buck-board, dressed in their good clothes headed to town, or perhaps off to church, early-1920s.



Left: View of the two little log barns on the family homestead. Peter can be seen in the centre of the photo providing the livestock with feed and water. Note also the horse-drawn cutter in the background.

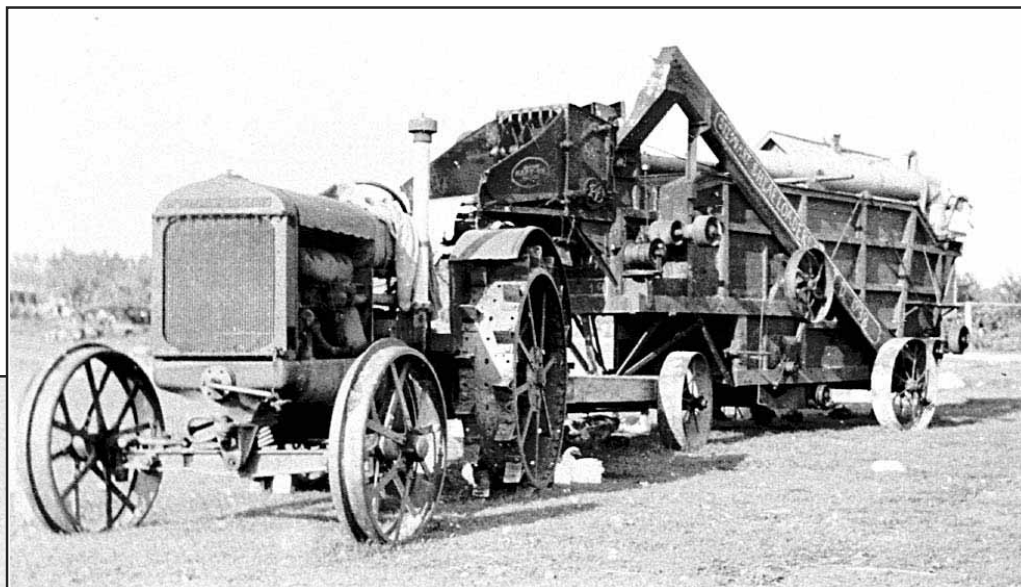
Below: General view of the farmyard showing seven separate buildings. Note the vertical log construction of the shed at extreme left and the horizontal log construction of the two barns in the background.



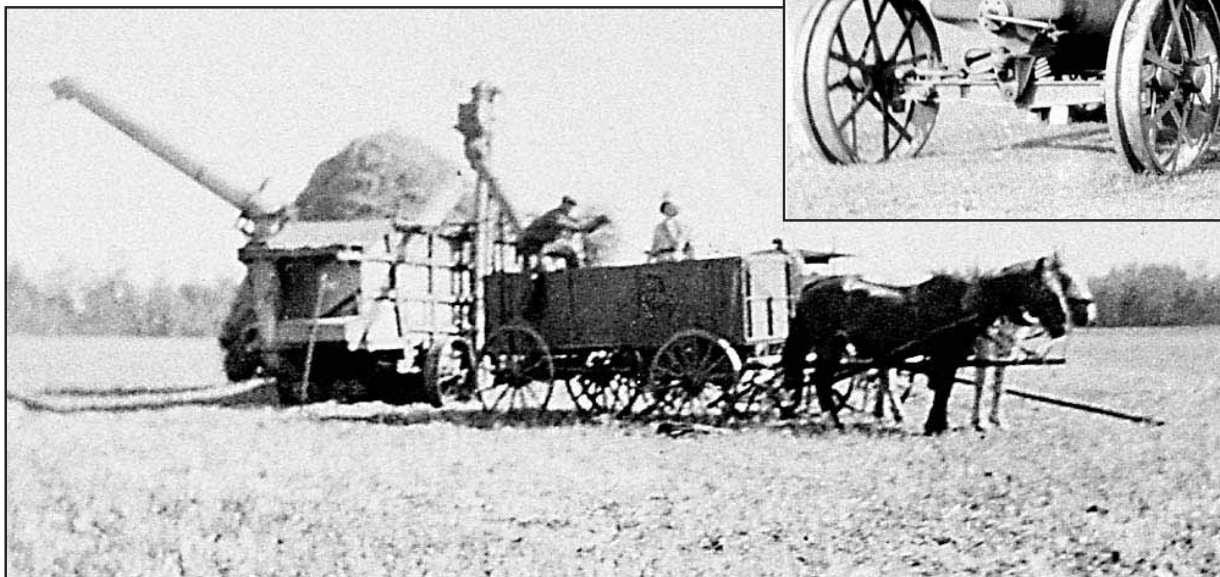
Catherine coming back from doing wintertime chores. Note the unfinished wood-frame building in the background.



Right: The most expensive piece of farm equipment on the farm, the threshing machine, and the McCormick-Deering steel-wheeled tractor.



Below: A view of the tractor and thresher in action during a harvest on the farm during the 1930s. Note the horse-drawn grain wagon, patiently waiting for a full load of sacks before being driven to the granary to be unloaded.



Below: Catherine proudly pictured in a field full of grain stooks in 1938. Clearly, there was a bountiful harvest on this particular year.





Studio photograph of Annie and Mary, likely taken as part of a wedding day celebration.



Right: Bill, Mary with Vicky and Annie in 1935.

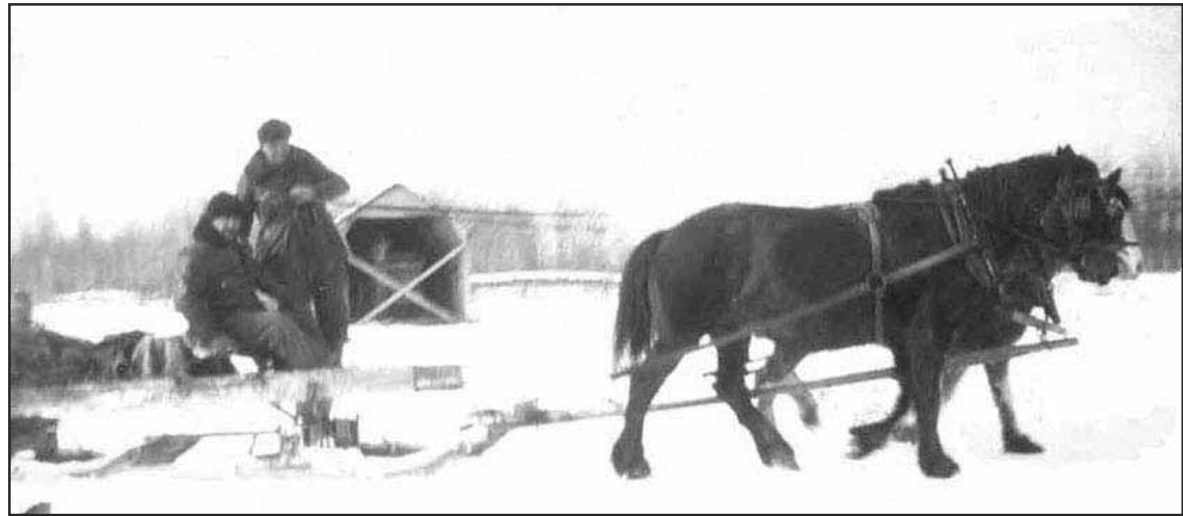


Right: Peter, Anna, Catherine, Vicky and the family dog, c1937

Right: Until the late-1940s farm-roads weren't plowed, meaning that a team and sled was the typical mode of winter transportation throughout rural Manitoba.



Mary and Annie pose for a photograph around 1937.



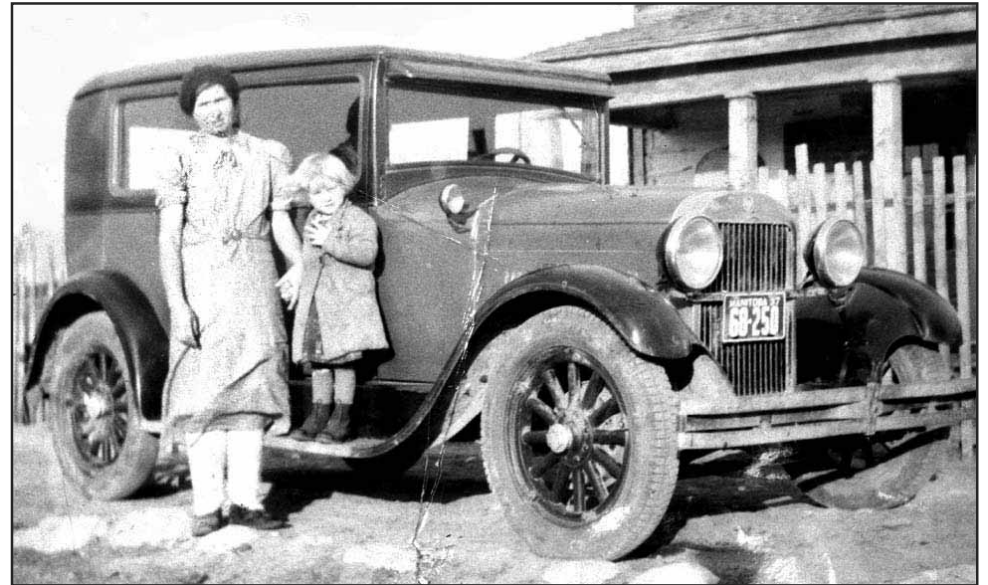
Annie and Bill pose for a photograph during the late-1930s.



Annie around 1942.



Bill Leduchowski around 1940 checking out an early model car on the family farm in the Hamrlik Postal District.



Catherine and a three year old Victoria pose for a photograph beside the family's first automobile, a 1920s vintage Essex. The vehicle is showing a 1937 licence plate.



Left: Bill cutting firewood with a stationary engine and belt-driven saw. Sister Anna with Victoria in background, c1935.



Right: Victoria around 1945.



Bill attempting to start the McCormick-Deering tractor with Vicky's help, Hamrlik, 1940.



Vicky Leduchowski during the winter of 1940. Note the wood-pile along the fence line in the background.



James Leduchowski, the youngest in the family pictured around 1947. It doesn't look as if he was very keen on being cleaned up and set up to have his photograph taken.



Catherine Leduchowski with daughters Vicky and Annie coming in from the chicken coop with two pails of eggs, summer of 1941.



Peter and Catherine Ledochowski's home in Stonewall, Manitoba which the family moved into around 1948.



Peter and son-in-law Jerry Sammons (daughter Rose Marie's husband), after Catherine's funeral service, August 14, 1950.

Entered Into Rest

At the Winnipeg General Hospital, on
Wednesday, August 9, 1950

Catherine Ledockowski

(beloved wife of Peter Ledockowski)
aged 48 years.

Funeral Service

Funeral service will be held in Stonewall
United Church on

Monday, August 14, 1950

at 2.00 p.m.

Interment in Stonewall cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted with Holloway & Langtry.

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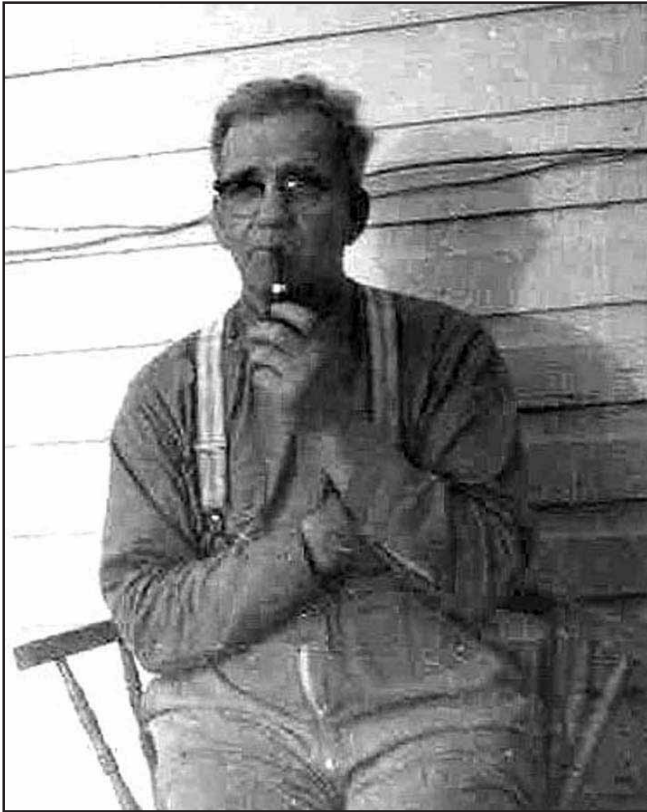


Above: During the late Fifties, Peter Ledochowski met and later married widow, Mary Dudtka, of the Stonewall area. In the studio photograph above Peter poses with his youngest child, James, and Mary with her daughter Betty.

Above left: Family and friends gather at Annie and Elmer Stalbaum's house after daughter Claudia's baptism in 1953. L-R are: Cousin Pearl Ledochowski (John), Rose Marie, Elmer, Annie, older daughter Pat Stalbaum, Jerry Sammons, (Rose Marie's second husband) and Judy Dedeluk, and Catherine Swar holding baby Claudia.

Left: Peter Ledochowski with his two youngest children, Jim and Vicky, who pose for a photo in front of daughter Rose Marie's house in Dearborn, Michigan in the summer of 1955. Pete and the children drove all the way up from Stonewall, Manitoba in the family half ton pickup to visit with sisters Rosemarie and Annie, who were now living in the Detroit, Michigan area.





Above: Peter Ledochowski in 1965. During his twilight years in Stonewall, Peter could often be found passing the long summer days sitting on the verandah puffing on his pipe.



Above right: Peter Ledochowski photographed with his two sons and three daughters at his youngest son, Jim's wedding day to Vivian Kostjuk, which was held in Winnipeg, Manitoba on June 19, 1965. L-R are: Annie, Jim, Peter Ledochowski, William and Mary. Seated is Victoria.



Right: Peter and Mary Leduchowski pose for a snapshot during Jim's wedding in the summer of 1965.

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Peter Ledochowski with four of his five children in Stonewall in 1967. L-R are: Victoria, Peter Leduchowski, Annie, Jim and Bill, sitting on the ground. At the lower left, looking up at his mother, Victoria, is Stewart Kasperski.



Victoria and Jim at Jim's high school graduation, Stonewall, Manitoba. 1962.



A family gathering in 1977. The grown-ups at the back of the group are, L-R: Annie, Bill, Rose Marie and Victoria. Jim's son David is the lad partially hidden behind Stewart Kasperski, Victoria's son. The young lady in the blue dress is Stewart's sister Jackie Kasperski. Jim Leduchowski's other two children, Catherine and little Donna are the remaining two children.



September 1974. Rose Marie and Annie enjoying a pleasant autumn afternoon together in Dearborn, Michigan. Annie passed away three years later in 1977.



Five Leduchowski siblings pose for an 'instant' Poloriod photo during the mid-seventies. Annie, Victoria, Rose Marie in back with Bill and Jim Leduchowski seated in front.



1st born
Rose Marie Leduchowski
January 20, 1918 ~ June 1980
Photo c1935 at 17 years of age.



2nd born
Anna Leduchowski
August 9, 1920 ~ January 20, 1997
Photo 1942 at 22 years of age.



3rd born
William Leduchowski
October 19, 1922 ~ January 30, 1998
Photo c1940 at 18 years of age.



4th born
Victoria Leduchowski
August 26, 1934
Photo c1962 at 28 years of age.



5th born
James Ledochowski
January 22, 1944
Photo 1965 at 21 years of age.



In 1934 Rose Marie Leduchowski married Dan Dedeluk of Winnipeg. In 1935, shortly before moving to Detroit, Michigan, Rose Marie and Dan drove up to the family farm to visit one more time with Mom, Dad, and the rest of the family. In this photo sister Annie is standing on the running-board behind Rose Marie as papa Peter Leduchowski leans back against the front grill.



Rose Marie Leduchowski and Dan Dedeluk wedding photo c1934. Rose Marie was 16 years old at the time.

Rose Marie Leduchowski

Rose Marie married Daniel Dedeluk in 1934 at the age of 16 and soon after Rose Marie and Dan moved to Detroit, Michigan. They had two children together: Robert Daniel (born 1937), and Judith Ann (born 1940).

She and Dan later divorced, and in 1948 she married Gerald Sammons and moved to Dearborn, Michigan. In 1962 Rose Marie again remarried to Floyd Slomon, and they moved to Lincoln Park, Michigan. Only one year later, Floyd tragically passed away. Wanting to keep Floyd's three children, Susan, Charlene, and Charles together as a family unit, she raised them until they all graduated from High School.

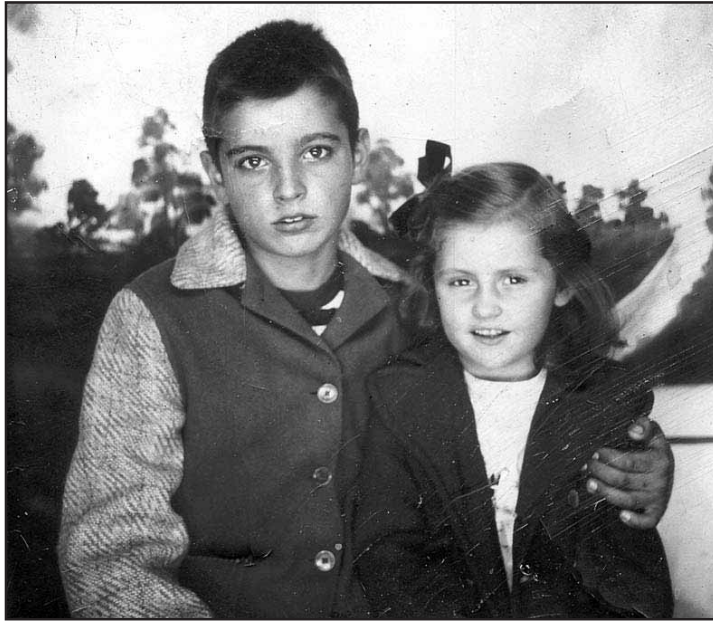
Rose Marie had five grandchildren, Robert, Allen, Todd, Shelley and Charisse. If alive today she would have had eight great-grandchildren: Matthew, Jason, Shawn, Brittney, Michael, Nicole, Jessica and Meagan.

Rose Marie worked for Town-Robinson Fastener Company in Detroit, Michigan for 35 years, finally retiring in February 1980. Looking forward to her retirement, she tragically passed away only three months later on May 17, 1980 at the age of 62 years. She was dearly loved by all in her extended family, and would have been extremely proud of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Left: Rose Marie, and her two children, Judith and Robert Dedeluk, pose for a photo in the front yard of their home in Detroit, Michigan, about 1946.

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Above left: Rose Marie and Dan Dedeluk's children Robert and Judie as they were around 1948.

Above right: Rose Marie and second husband, Jerry Sammons on their wedding day, March 1, 1947 in Detroit, Michigan.

Left: Rose Marie and third husband Floyd Solomon on their wedding day September 1, 1962. Joining them in this photograph are Rose Marie's two children Robert and Judith Dedeluk.

Right: Rose Marie Dedeluk in 1975 taken during the Towne-Robinson Company Picnic. She worked for the company for 35 years



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Gregory > Peter > Rose Marie



Robert and Carol Dedeluk with a first prize award received at a vintage car show. Retired in 2000 Bob is the proud owner and shower of three mint-condition Ford Mustangs, 1966 Coupe, 1985 SOV and a 2001 Corba. Robert and Carol raised a family of three: Robert L. (1958), Allen (1959) and Charisse (1966).



Robert & Carol's first born, Robert Lee Dedeluk at age 43 in 2001, with (above) his son Jason at age 17 in 2001.



Robert L. Dedeluk and his second wife Barbara. Robert & Barbara reside in El Paso, Texas.



A family portrait of Robert and Carol's son Allen Curtis Dedeluk with his wife Lana and their three children, L-R: Matt, (born 1982), Shawn (1985), and Brittney (1989).



Robert and Carol's daughter Charisse Marie with her husband Troy Norman and their children, 5 year old Nicole and 3 year old Jessica as they were in 2000.

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Above left: Rose Marie's daughter Judie Dedeluk and Ed Greenleaf wedding photo, July 11 1960.

Above: Rose Marie Dedeluk with her grandchildren, Judie's two children, Todd and Shelley Greenleaf, at the St. Sebastian Church Carnival in Dearborn, Michigan, 1966.

Above right: Judie Greenleaf in 1999

Right: Judie Greenleaf's daughter Shelley Hofer and her son Michael, born August 18, 1989, and (inset) Michael at age 14 in 2003.

Left: Judie Greenleaf's son Todd Greenleaf, his wife Laura and their daughter Megan, who was born February 5, 2000.





Annie Stablaum and daughter Patricia photographed with sister Vicky Ledochowski during a visit back home on the farm in 1945.



Annie Leduchowski, about 1941.



Right: Annie Leduchowski and husband Elmer Stalbaum in 1942.

Annie Leduchowski



Annie's daughter Patricia Stalbaum as a four year old with Santa in 1948.



Annie and second born, daughter Claudia in 1953.

Annie left the family farm in 1940, and soon made her way to Detroit, Michigan where she joined her sister Mary who had moved there earlier. She found work as a waitress and later met and began a relationship with Elmer Stalbaum. They married on April 11, 1943.

Annie and Elmer lived in Detroit until 1952 when they bought a house in Dearborn, Michigan. They had two children together: Patricia Ann Stalbaum (1944), and Claudia Deborah Stalbaum (1953).

She delighted in serving her community as school crossing guard throughout the 1950s and 1960s. She later took employment as a cook and kitchen helper. Her favourite hobby was flower gardening, particularly roses. Her outdoor flower gardens were always a sight to behold. Elmer and Annie were divorced in 1974.

Annie passed away at the age of 77 in 1997, at her home in Dearborn, Michigan in the house which she dearly loved and where she lived most of her life adult life.



Annie in Dearborn Michigan, on the job as a crossing guard. Note the 1950s period clothing, buildings and vehicles styles.



Annie Stalbaum as she appeared around 1991.



Summer holidays at Camp Dearborn tent village. L-R: Annie, daughter Claudia, cousin Betty Swar, and daughter Patricia. 1961.



Annie's house in Dearborn, Michigan where she lived from 1952 to 1997.

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1974. Annie's daughter Patricia with her two children Shaun (1964) and Daniel McAllister (1966).



Shaun (McAllister) with her husband Daniel Langel soon after their August 19, 1990 marriage in Dowagiac, Michigan.



Shaun and Daniel Langel with their children Carissa, Patrick and Jessica Langel in 2001.



Daniel McAllister in 1986, in service to his country.



Daniel McAllister in 1990, with his two sons Matthew (1989) and Wyatt (1990).



Patricia as she was photographed about 1985.



Patricia Stalbaum in 1994.

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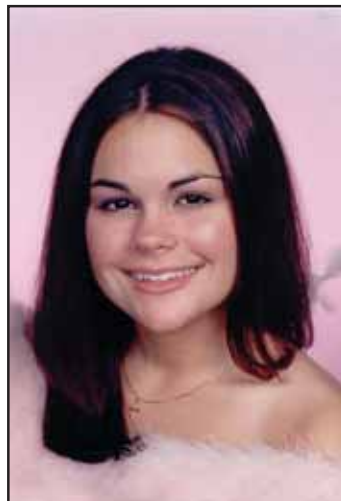
Wedding photos of Annie's daughter, Claudia and husband Chris Thomas, April 15, 1995.



Annie's daughter Claudia photographed with her second husband Chris Thomas, and her children Thomas, Keri and Lesley Kosier, during a ski holiday in 2001.



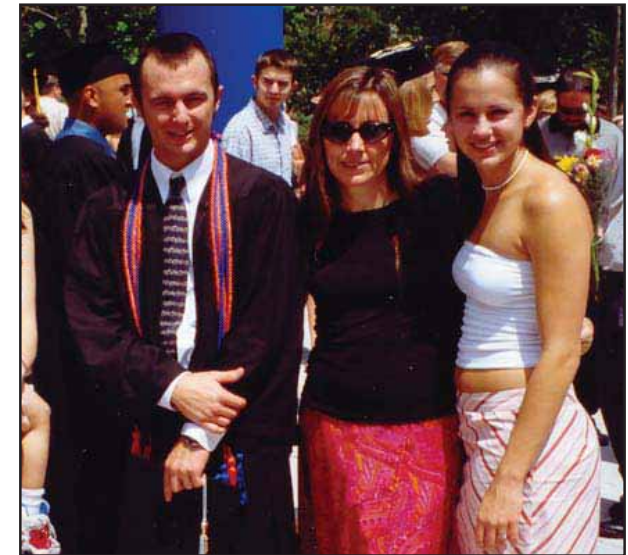
Left: Annie's daughter Claudia in her nurse's uniform in 1991.



Right: Claudia's daughter and Annie's granddaughter, Lesley Kosier, as she was in 2002.



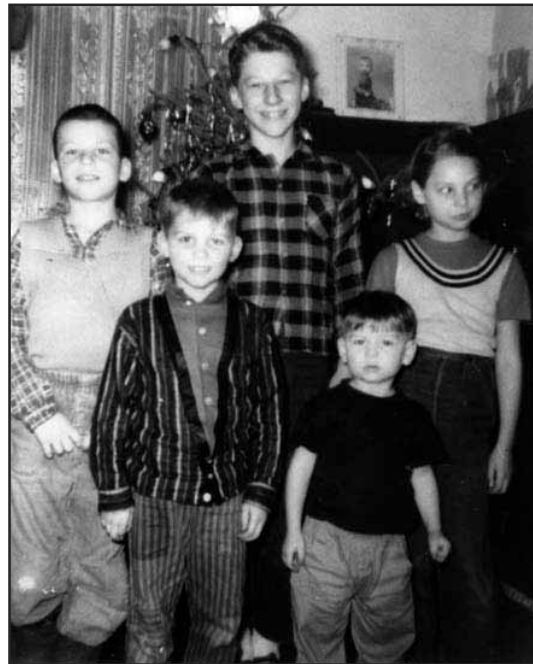
Claudia's son Tom Kosier, his wife Athena, and their son Tommy, pose for a photo at Tom's graduation ceremony at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida in 2002.



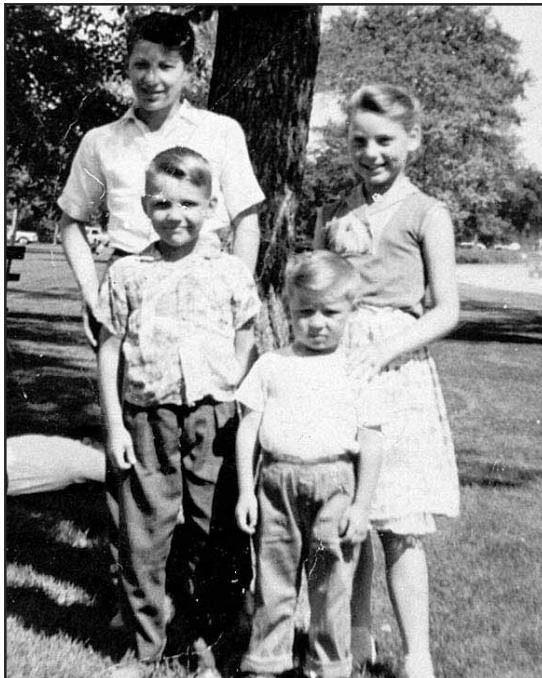
Annie's daughter Claudia and her son and daughter Tom, and Keri Kosier, in 2002.



The boys, Wayne, Brian, and Murray dressed and ready for a day playing in the snow.



A Christmas day snapshot of the kids. L-R are: Murray, Norm, Wayne, Brian and Sharon in December 1960.



Four of William and Ruth's six children pose for a group photo at Assiniboine Park in Winnipeg, in 1962. L-R they are: Wayne (14 yrs), Norman (10 yrs), Brian (6 yrs) and Sharon (12 yrs).



The baby of the family, Kenneth in 1965, walking down the back lane with one bare foot.



William Leduchowski & Ruth Gosling shortly before their marriage in 1948.

William Leduchowski

William Leduchowski left the family farm in 1943 to enlist in the Canadian army, where he served on the home front as a rifleman until discharged in 1946. He then found work in the mines of northwestern Ontario.

In 1947 he met and, within a year, married Ruth Gosling, the sister of his best friend Alfred Gosling. William and Ruth made their home in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Together they had six children: Wayne (b:1948), Murray (1949), Sharon (1950), Norman (1952), Brian (1956) and Kenneth (1964).

While still a young man, William suffered a heart attack. He then home studied to become a machinest, and after graduating found work at Delro Industries in Winnipeg where he remained for 25 years. When time permitted William enjoyed helping keep up the large family garden and working on various mechanical projects.

William Leduchowski passed away on June 30, 1998 at the age of 76 and was laid to rest next to his parents Peter and Catherine Leduchowski at the Stonewall Community Cemetery.



Above: William and Ruth Leduchowski in 1973 during their 25th Wedding Anniversary party. Later in the 1970s William and Ruth were divorced.



Above: Ruth and the children in 1980, L-R are: Wayne, Ken, Ruth, Sharon, Murray, Brian and Norm.

Right: William visits with the children and the group poses for a photo, around 1990: L-R are: Kenneth, Wayne's wife Margaret and their son Cory, William Leduchowski (Dad), Christopher and his father Wayne, Sharon and Brian Leduchowski. Soon after Ken moved to California, USA and Brian moved to Victoria, British Columbia.





A 1985 family portrait. L-R Mandy Leduchowski (in white, 10yrs) and sister Amber (in blue, 14) with dad Norman Leduchowski (at rear in blue, 33); Sharon (Leduchowski) Champagne (seated in bright dress, 35) with her daughter Candice (behind in red sweater, 11); Ken Leduchowski (at rear with the big smile, 21); Wayne Leduchowski (at rear w. glasses, 37), his sons Cory, 13 & Chris 15, and wife Margaret (seated w. sweater, 37); Murray Ledd holding baby daughter Carly, with his 2nd wife, Lynda, 26, with their son Ryan, 3, on her knees; Brian Leduchowski (at far right in the red sweater); and at the far lower right seated in the wicker chair is Ruth Leduchowski. Mother to Norman, Wayne, Murray, Ken, Sharon, and Brian. William and Ruth were divorced during the early 1980s.



Above: Peter and Ruth's only daughter Sharon Champagne and her only child Candice Champagne in 1992.



Above: Kenneth in 1990 at age 26.



Above: A family gathering at Sharon's 50th birthday, July 25, 2000. Back row: Margaret, Rene Tucker (Norman's partner), Norman, Wayne and his son Cory Leduchowski. Front row: Sharon Champagne, Ty (partner to Sharon's daughter Candice) and at far right is Candice Champagne.



Studio portrait of William Leduchowski taken on May 19, 1998, at age 76. William passed away six weeks after this photograph was taken.



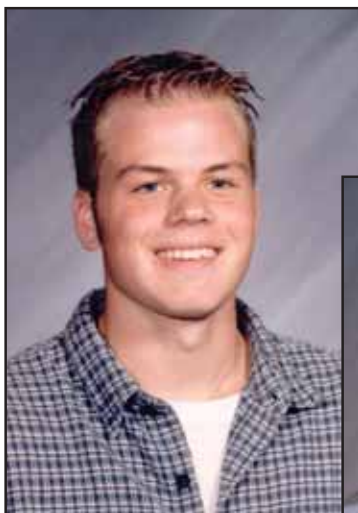
Family photo taken in Wayne's backyard in Winnipeg, July 1998. L-R : Wayne', Murray, Ruth Leduchowski (Mom), Sharon, Norman and Brian. Missing from the photo is Kenneth Leduchowski who, at the time, was living in California. Wayne Leduchowski developed cancer and succumbed to the disease in 2005.



Murray & Lynda Ledd with their children Carley and Ryan, 1992.



Murray Ledd's first born Lisa with husband Rod on their wedding day in 1992.



Ryan Ledd as a 16 year old in 1999.



Carley Ledd in 1999, at 14 years of age.



Bill's daughter Sharon and her nephew Chris in 2000.



Wayne Leduchowski's two sons Cory and Christopher in 1998.



Victoria Elizabeth Leduchowski

Victoria was born in the Poplarfield District on the family farm in August 1934. During the 1940s when the farm was sold, and shortly thereafter, she and little brother Jim accompanied Mom and Dad when the family moved to Stonewall, Manitoba. Vickie received both her primary and secondary schooling in Stonewall. When mother, Catherine Leduchowski passed away in 1950, Vicky left school and took work at the hotel in Stonewall.

At the age of 18 years Victoria moved to Portage la Prairie, Manitoba where she worked for three years at the City Bus Depot. Following that she moved back to Winnipeg and found employment as a Dental Technician at Shaw's Dental Labs in the Boyd Building on Portage Avenue, where she worked for nine years. While working at Shaw's she met and in 1962 married Stan Kasperski. Stan and Victoria raised two children, a daughter Jacqueline Kasperski and an adopted son Stuart Kasperski. Victoria and Stan were divorced in 1982.

Victoria then found work as a school bus driver in the St. Vital and St. Boniface School Districts of Winnipeg. That was where she met her second husband, Albert Fouasse, whom she married on June 25, 1983.

After 20 years as a school bus driver, Victoria retired in 1993. Victoria and Albert currently reside in their house in the St Vital district of Winnipeg near the banks of Seine River, where they have lived for the past 24 years.



Above: Victoria's husband Stan Kasperski, their daughter Jacqueline and adopted son Stuart Kasperski, Winnipeg, Manitoba, 1969. Stuart at the time was five years old, and Jacqueline one year.



Right: Victoria Kasperski and daughter Jackie in 1970.



Victoria, all smiles, in 1967.



Jacqueline Kasperski in her backyard at 112 Newman Avenue in Winnipeg, 1971.



Victoria dressed for a Halloween Social around 1985.



Victoria in 1987 heading out for a night of western line dancing..



Jacqueline Rose Kasperski's 1977 school picture. She was 8 at the time.



Stewart Kasperski's 1977 school picture. Stewart was 11 at the time.



Victoria and Albert Fouasse married on June 25, 1983.



Victoria and her second husband Albert Fouasse checking out a gift cup in 1987



Victoria photographed on the job as a kindergarden bus driver for Ecolé Lécerte in Winnipeg's Saint Boniface School Division, around 1995. One of her regular students, Sylvia, offers an additional smile for the camera.



Victoria and little brother Jim Leduchowski share a tender moment in 1985.



Victoria's daughter Jacqueline Kasperski in 1988. Jacqueline currently works in Beausejour, Manitoba helping children with learning disabilities.



Victoria's son Stewart Kasperski in 1987. Stewart lives in Regina, Saskatchewan where he works as a computer analyst.



Left: Victoria's daughter Jacqueline & her husband Jason 'Bud' Martin in 2001. Bud is self-employed as a handy man. Jacqueline works in the mental health field.

Below: Jacqueline & Bud's three children: Elizabeth (born 1997), Kody(1999) and Eric (2005) Martin.



Above left: Victoria and adopted son Stewart Kasperski on December 26, 1992, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Left: Victoria and Albert Fouasse in their Winnipeg home in 2003. They are still active and in their retirement enjoy activities such as dancing, cycling, gardening and reading.





Jim Leduchowski and Vivian Kostjuk on their wedding day, June 19, 1965.

James Leduchowski

Jim was born in Winnipeg and lived as an infant on the old homestead near Poplarfield. When his mother Catherine became ill with cancer during the late 1940s, the family moved to a farm near Balmoral, Manitoba, and then into nearby Stonewall where Jim grew up from the age of 3 to 18.

He graduated from Stonewall High School in 1962, and soon after found employment with the Manitoba Telephone System, with whom he served for more than 37 years as a central office man, retiring in Arborg, his last posting in 1999.

Jim met Vivian Kostjuk in 1960 and after dating for five years they married. Not long after, they moved to Arborg where they raised three children, David (1969), Catherine (1972) and Donna (1975).

In Arborg Jim served on the Ardal Lutheran Church Council for six years, including president in 1978. He also served as a volunteer for many years on the Arborg and District Ambulance, Fire Department and Hospital Boards. Vivian served on the executive of the Arborg Curling Club, coached girl's baseball, figure skating, and taught Sunday School at the Ardal-Geysir Lutheran Church. She also served 19 years as a school trustee for the Evergreen School Division.

Jim and Vivian are currently enjoying their retirement in Arborg, having now lived there for 40 years. Jim still enjoys hunting and the great outdoors. He loves to drive his cars and a 4-wheel drive. His prize vehicle is a 1967 Dodge Charger, owned from new. Jim and Vivian now also enjoy their four, and still counting, grand children, and continue to enjoy good health.

Right: Jim and Vivian's three children in 1975. L-R: David, Donna in the Jolly Jumper, and Cathy.



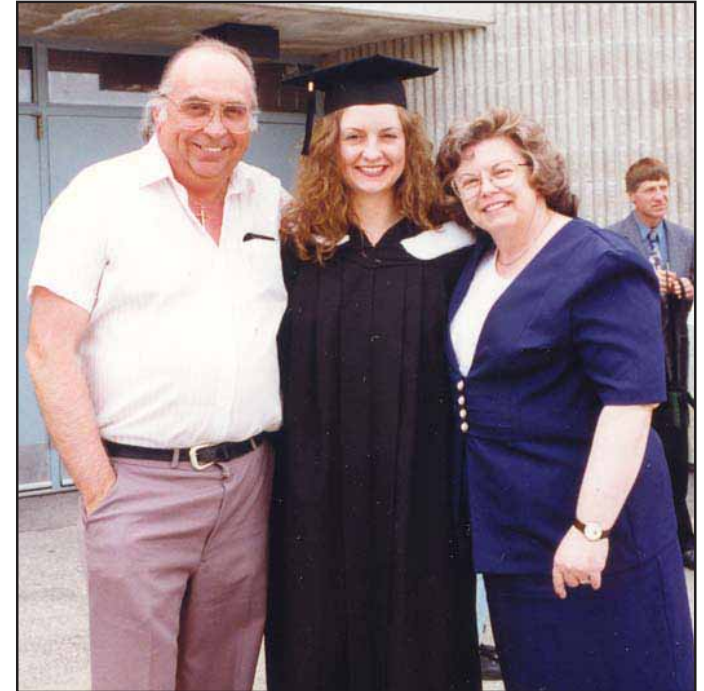
Left: David Leduchowski posing with four prairie chickens he shot during his first hunt in 1980.

Blow: Jim Leduchowski checking out the Manitoba Telephone System company snowmobile in May of 1969.





Left: Donna's baptism in 1975, Arborg, Manitoba. Back row L-R: Godparents Darlene and Arnold Kolaske, Vivian and Jim Leduchowski. Front row, L-R: Donna, David and Cathy Leduchowski.



Right: Jim and Vivian Leduchowski and daughter Cathy at the University of Manitoba 1996 Convocation.

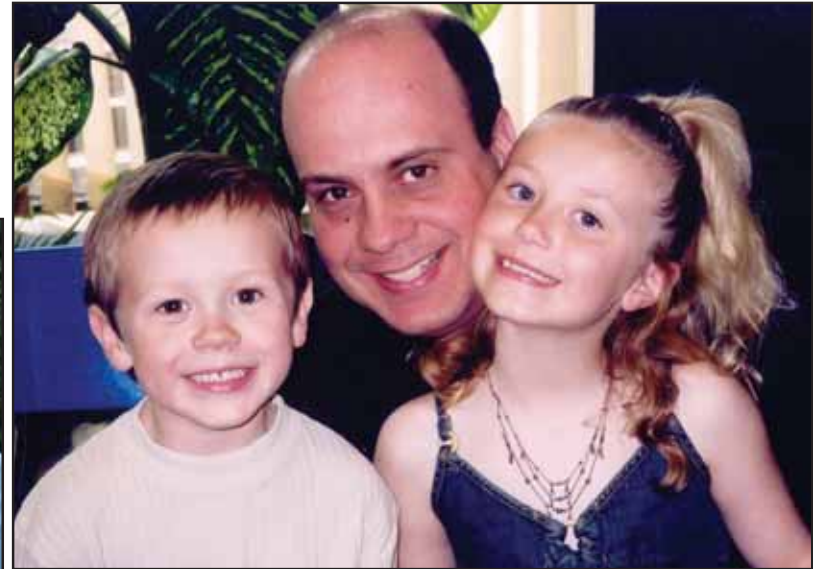


Right: Jim and Vivian Leduchowski with daughter Donna during the University of Manitoba, 1997 Convocation.

The Leduchowski's in 1994. Back row L-R: Catherine, David and Donna. Seated: Jim and Vivian Leduchowski.



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Above left: Donna and her daughter Alyssa Gard in 2003. Alyssa was born on September 11, 2002.

Above: Donna and Miles Gislason eloped and were married in Minnedosa, Manitoba on August 16, 2006.

Above right: David Leduchowski with his two children in May of 2004, Ashton (4 years old) and Deneika (7 years old).

Right: A studio portrait of Vivian and James Leduchowski in 2000.

Left: Three generations of Leduchowski men: Grandpa Jim Leduchowski, Papa David Leduchowski and little big man, Ashon Leduchowski at centre.





Left: A family portrait taken on the occasion of Catherine's marriage to Carl Ramsay on December 13, 2003. On the left is Donna holding her daughter Alyssa, to Donna's left is brother David with his son Ashton. At centre are the Bride and Groom. Catherine and Carl Ramsay. To their left is Vivian and Jim Leduchowski with David's daughter Deneika in front of them.

Lower left: Jim and Vivian Leduchowski's three grandchildren, all smiles. L-R: Ashton Leduchowski, Deneika Leduchowski and Alyssa Gard in 2004.

Below: Jim and Vivian Leduchowski's daughter Catherine with her husband Carl Ramsay and their first born, Jim and Vivian's fourth grandchild, Ethan Ramsay, who was born on March 16, 2005. Catherine & Carl make their home in Winnipeg.



Descendants of Peter Ledochowski

1 Peter Ledochowski Born: Jun 1896 in Stubno, Poland Died: Nov 26, 1968 in Stonewall, Manitoba
.. +Catherine Panella Born: 1902 Died: Aug 09, 1950 in Stonewall, Manitoba
..... 2 Rose Marie Leduchowski Born: Jan 20, 1918 in Hamrlik, Manitoba Died: May 17, 1980 in Detroit, Michigan
..... +Dan Dedeluk Married: 1934 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 3 Robert Daniel Dedeluk Born: Mar 04, 1937
..... +Carol Jean Born: Jan 04, 1941
..... 4 Robert Lee Dedeluk Born: Jul 14, 1958
..... 5 Jason Daniel Dedeluk Born: May 04, 1984
..... +Barbara Married: Mar 2004
..... 4 Allen Curtis Dedeluk Born: Sep 30, 1959
..... +Lana Rene Born: Sep 20, 1960
..... 5 Matthew Allen Dedeluk Born: Nov 03, 1982
..... 5 Shawn Michael Dedeluk Born: Nov 03, 1985
..... 5 Brittney Marie Dedeluk Born: May 14, 1989
..... 4 Charisse Marie Dedeluk Born: Mar 23, 1966
..... +Troy Norman Born: Feb 05, 1967
..... 5 Nicole Rose Norman Born: Apr 02, 1995
..... 5 Jessica Lyn Norman Born: Apr 05, 1997
..... 3 Judith Ann Dedeluk Born: Oct 15, 1940
..... +Ed Greenleaf Married: Jun 11, 1960 Divorce: Sep 09, 1977
..... 4 Todd Greenleaf Born: Jul 30, 1961
..... +Laura Born: Oct 14
..... 5 Megan Greenleaf Born: Feb 05, 2000
..... 4 Shelley Greenleaf Born: Sep 29, 1964
..... +mr. Hofer
..... 5 Michael Hoffer Born: Aug 16, 1989
..... *2nd Husband of Rose Marie Leduchowski:
..... +Jerry Sammons Married: Mar 01, 1947
..... *3rd Husband of Rose Marie Leduchowski:
..... +Floyd Solomon Married: Sep 01, 1962
..... 2 Annie Leduchowski Born: Aug 09, 1920 in Hamrlik, Manitoba Died: Jan 20, 1997 in Dearborn, Michigan
..... +Elmer George Stalbaum Born: Dec 06, 1921 Married: Apr 11, 1943 Divorce: 1954 Died: Jun 29, 2001
..... 3 Patricia Ann Stalbaum Born: Sep 22, 1944
..... +Robert Joseph McCallister Married: Mar 08, 1963 in Detroit, Michigan
..... 4 Shaun Marie McCallister Born: Jun 05, 1964 in Detroit, Michigan
..... +Daniel Scott Langel Born: Mar 31, 1965 Married: Aug 19, 1990 in South Bend, In
..... 5 Carissa Marie McCallister-Langel Born: May 25, 1985 in Niles, Michigan
..... +Fisher
..... 6 Gabriel Marie Fisher Born: Aug 12, 2003 in South Bend, In
..... 5 Jacob Scott Langel Born: Jun 11, 1989 in South Bend, In Died: Jul 09, 1989
..... 5 Jessica Ann Marie Langel Born: Apr 03, 1990 in South Bend, In
..... 5 Patrick Scott Langel Born: Jul 26, 1991 in South Bend, In
..... 4 Daniel Robert McCallister Born: Sep 11, 1966 in Dearborn, Michigan
..... +Victoria Lynn Chorba Married: Aug 11, 1990 in Niles, Michigan
..... 5 Matthew Jeremiah McCallister Born: Oct 12, 1989

..... 5 Wyatt Daniel McAllister Born: Dec 09, 1990
 *2nd Husband of Patricia Ann Stalbaum:
 +Paul P Kearney Married: Oct 26, 1979 in Dearborn, Michigan
 *3rd Husband of Patricia Ann Stalbaum:
 +Dennis Scarlett Married: Sep 06, 1985 in Niles, Michigan
 3 Claudia Deborah Stalbaum Born: Feb 09, 1953
 +Thomas Clinton Kosier Born: Apr 11, 1952 Married: Nov 03, 1973
 4 Thomas Clinton Kosier II Born: Nov 04, 1978
 +Athena Constantakos Born: Jul 26, 1976
 5 Thomas Ender Constantakos Kosier Born: May 26, 1999
 4 Keri Lynn Kosier Born: Oct 07, 1982
 4 Lesley Erin Kosier Born: Jul 10, 1984
 *2nd Husband of Claudia Deborah Stalbaum:
 +Christopher Dana Thomas Born: Jul 09, 1961 Married: 1985
 2 William Leduchowski Born: Oct 19, 1922 in Chatfield, Manitoba, Sec 35-21-1 Died: Jun 30, 1998 in Stonewall, Manitoba
 +Ruth Elizabeth Gosling Born: May 06, 1927 in Balmoral, Manitoba Married: May 1947 in Winnipeg, Manitoba Divorce: 1982
 3 Wayne Leduchowski Born: Jun 29, 1948
 +Margaret Yule Born: Oct 28, 1948 Married: Dec 13, 1969 Died: Mar 17, 2005 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
 4 Cory Leduchowski
 +Liane
 4 Christopher Leduchowski
 +Paula
 3 Murray Ledd Born: Jun 17, 1949
 +Wendy
 4 Lisa Ledd
 +ex Rod Nachtigall Married: Oct 10, 1992
 *2nd Wife of Murray Ledd:
 +Lynda Shaw Married: 1970
 4 Carly Ledd
 4 Ryan Ledd
 3 Sharon Leduchowski Born: Jul 25, 1950
 +Gary Champagne Born: Jan 11, 1950 Married: Nov 27, 1971
 4 Candice Champagne
 3 Norman Leduchowski Born: Oct 18, 1952
 +Colleen Gallaher
 4 Amber Leduchowski
 4 Mandy Leduchowski
 *Partner of Norman Leduchowski:
 +Renee Tucker Born: Mar 17, 1954 Met: 1972
 3 Brian Leduchowski Born: Apr 04, 1956
 3 Ken Leduchowski Born: Apr 17, 1964
 2 Victoria Elizabeth Leduchowski Born: Aug 26, 1934 in Hamrlik, Manitoba
 +Stanley Kasperski Married: 1962 in Winnipeg Divorce: 1982
 3 Stewart Kasperski Born: Oct 03, 1966
 3 Jacqueline Rose Kasperski Born: Feb 16, 1969
 +'Bud' Martin Jason

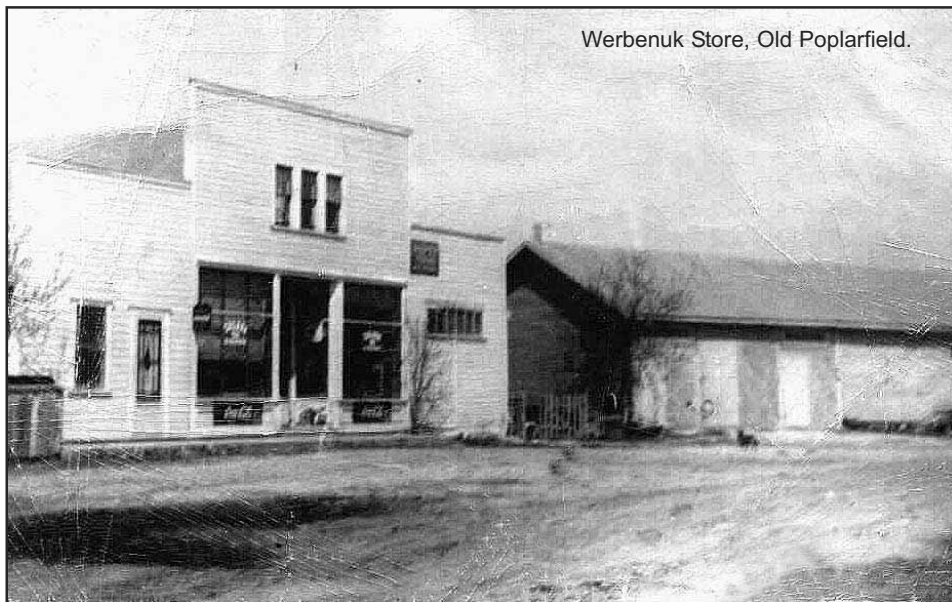
..... 4 Elizaberth Rose Jason Born: Aug 19, 1997
..... 4 Kody Jason Born: 1999
..... 4 Eric Miles Jason Born: 2005
..... *2nd Husband of Victoria Elizabeth Leduchowski:
..... +Albert Fouasse Born: Mar 12, 1920 Married: Jun 25, 1983
..... 2 James Leduchowski Born: Jan 22, 1944 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... +Vivian Kostyuk Born: Jul 05, 1944 in Winnipeg, Manitoba Married: Jun 19, 1965 in Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winnipeg
..... 3 David Leduchowski Born: Jul 17, 1969 in Arborg, Manitoba Divorced: 2002
..... +Stacey-Lee Berger Married: Aug 03, 1996 in Arborg, Manitoba Divorce: 2002
..... 4 Deneika Leduchowski Born: Nov 01, 1996
..... 4 Ashton Leduchowski Born: Dec 15, 1999
..... 3 Catherine Leduchowski Born: Feb 10, 1972 in Arborg, Manitoba
..... +Carl Ramsay
..... 4 Ethan Daniel Ramsay Born: Mar 16, 2005
..... 3 Donna Leduchowski Born: Jul 08, 1975 in Arborg, Manitoba Divorced: 2003
..... +Stuart Gard Married: Jul 1998 Divorce: 2003
..... 4 Alyssa Marie Gard Born: Sep 11, 2002 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... *2nd Husband of Donna Leduchowski:
..... +Miles Gislason Married: Aug 16, 2006

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Chapter Six

Gregory and Anna's fifth born of six children, yet another son:

Mikolaj Ledochowski



The Wager.

Rather than leaving this page blank, I'll instead use the space to recount the story I once heard of an outstanding feat of strength performed by 'Great' Uncle Mike Ledochowski. It seems one cold winter evening during the midst of The Great Depression Mike was at John Werbenuk's store in the original 'old' Poplarfield townsite conducting business, along with a group of other customers. Debates and wagers of various sorts were popular 'stove-side' activities. The topic of feats of strength came up, as it often did, and after some discussion, Mr. Werbenuk wagered that Mike (who was well known for his strength), could not carry five one-hundred pound sacks of flour at one time, down the the length of the large store, out the front door, down the stairs and place them into his sled without dropping anything or falling. Mike agreed to the wager, and one by one the heavy sacks were placed on Mike's shoulders and under his arms. With everybody following and cheering him on, he proceeded to exit the store with his prize and load it into his sled, without once faltering. Five hundred pounds of flour during the 'Dirty Thirties', was like winning a lottery and made for lots of bread and other baking in the Ledochowski household that winter, as well as great story telling. I inquired, but nobody seemed to recall, what Uncle Mike put up on his side of the wager. Not that it matters much if you're the winner of the wager.

Ed Ledohowski

Michael Ledochowski

Mike was five years old when the family came to Canada on the immigrant steamer S.S. Assyria in 1903, with Dad, Mom and four of his five siblings. The trip and the move to Canada must have been a wondrous adventure for a lad his age.

As did his older brothers, he lived and helped out on the family homestead, and when he was old enough, made his own claim nearby. He likely did not attend school as it was a number of years later that the local school districts were formed.

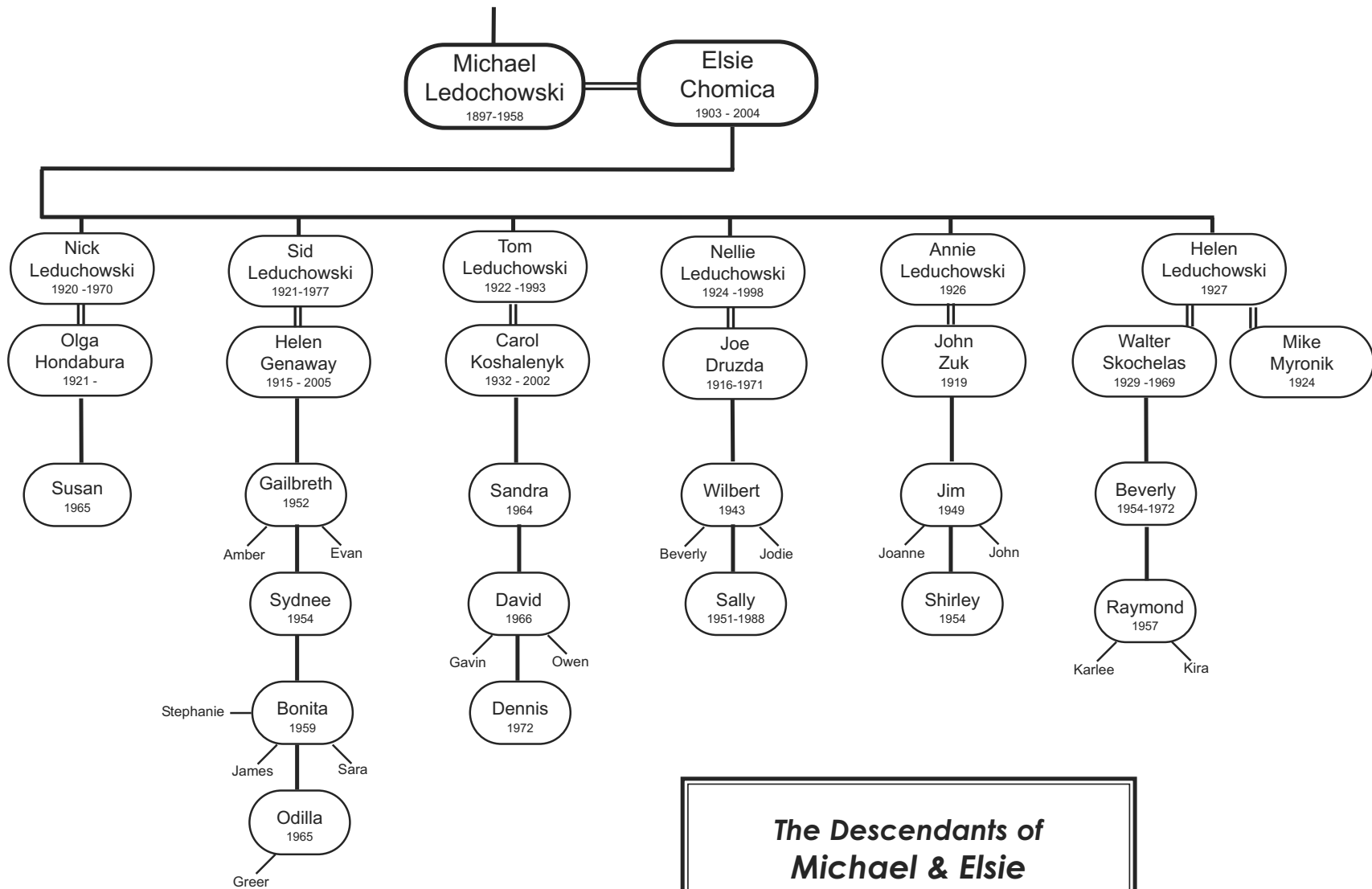
Mike's homestead was the NE quarter of section 35 township 21 Range 1 West, in the Hamrlik Postal District. It was registered on June 22, 1912. His father had the quarter immediately to the north, brother Peter the one to the west and brother Fred to the south. Mike lived on his homestead as a bachelor for seven years, constructing buildings, clearing land, planting crops and raising a few livestock as best he could in those early pioneer days. In 1919 he married Elsie Chomica, whose parents had homesteaded in the district. Together they eventually raised a family of six: Nick (born 1920), Sid (1921), Tom (1922), Nellie (1923), Annie (1926) and Helen (1927).

The early pioneer years were difficult for everyone in the district. There was little paying employment to be found anywhere. There were no roads. Even most road allowances weren't cleared for years. It was eight and a half miles to the railway town of Chatfield, and six miles to Poplarfield, mostly through swamps and heavy bush. School for the children was two and a half miles cross country each way.

Elsie was said to be proficient at snaring and skinning rabbits and digging seneca root to sell at the town stores. Sometimes large distances were walked to locate the best high, dry ridges where the seneca root grew best.

Mike, Elsie and the children took part in a number of community organizations, such as the Sporting Club, Women's Institute, and later the Old Timer's Club, and often volunteered to work at community functions. After more than 25 years of making a living from the land, in 1946 Mike moved the family to Arnes, Manitoba. Six years later, they moved to Winnipeg.

Mike Ledochowski passed away at the age of 62 in 1958. Elsie outlived all the Ledochowski's. She passed away in her one hundred and first year on July 14, 2004.



**The Descendants of
Michael & Elsie
Ledochowski
of Poplarfield, Manitoba, Canada**

*Mike was the fifth of six children born to
Gregory and Anna Ledochowski*

Below: Mike and Elsie photographed in front of their farmhouse around 1925. The house quite likely had just recently been 'wood-sided and fixed-up' prompting a photograph. Mike's homestead was the NE quarter of Section 35 Township 21 Range 1 West of the Prime Meridian, in what was then known as the Hamrlik Postal District.



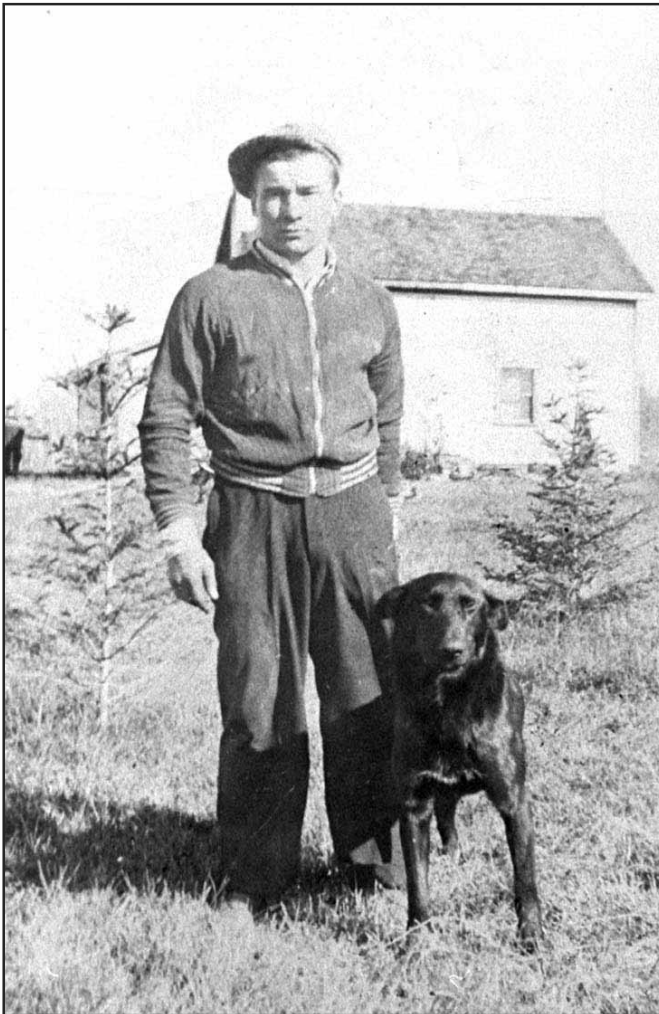
Above: Mike Ledochowski and Elsie Chomica photographed on the day of their wedding in 1919 in Winnipeg.



Left: Mrs. Mike Ledochowski (Elsie Chomica) photographed at her cousin Stanley Leschyshyn's homestead. She had apparently been taking the team of hitched horses somewhere and stopped in to say hello, where she was persuaded to pose for a photograph. Elsie was apparently known locally by her nickname "Tachka". Photo from Stanley Leschyshyn family album.



Right: Annie, Helen, and Nellie photographed at the edge of one of dad's fields in 1929.



Son, Tom with the family dog c1935.



Elsie Ledochowski at the grindstone touching up the edges on her sececa root shovel before departing for an afternoon of searching and digging. Seneca root digging was usually undertaken in the late spring when they were in full bloom and clearly visible with their white buds. Seneca roots could be worth as much as fifty cents a pound 'green' or \$1.75 'dried', and thus were a good source of extra hard cash around the farm.

Right: Sid, Nick, cousin William Ledochowski and Tom photographed in front of the carriganas on the farm in Hamrlík, c1939.



Left: Mike Ledochowski and sons Tom and Sid photographed in the farmyard around 1938.



Both Nick and Sid volunteered to serve during World War II, Nick in the Army and Sid in the Canadian Navy.



Harvest time, c1939. Tom in the back of the truck bagging grain and Sid on the hay wagon pitching sheaves into the thresher. Note the lettering, "M Ledochowski, Poplarfield" painted on the farm truck door.

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Above left: While visiting daughter Helen in Red Lake, Ontario around 1956, Mike Ledochowski was photographed after what clearly had been a good day of fishing.



Above: A family gathering about 1965 with Tom, Nellie, Helen, Elsie Ledochowski, Annie and Nick. Missing at this time was Sid. Mike had passed away in 1958.



Right: Elsie Ledochowski in 1969 with her children Ann Zuk and Nick Leduchowski (standing); to her right is sister Doris Czechowski from Hodgson Manitoba; and in front are grand daughters Shirley Zuk and Susan Leduchowski.

Left: As the mother of the groom to be, Elsie receives a floral corsage at son Tom and Carol Koshelanyk's Wedding Social in June 1962.



Left: Elsie Ledochowski with daughters Helen, Nellie and Annie, 1973. The occasion was Helen's marriage to Mike Myronuk.

Right: Elsie Ledochowski, at 71 years of age in 1973.

Lower left: Elsie Ledochowski with daughters Annie, Helen and Nellie, likely during the during the 1980s.

Lower right: Elsie at 96 years of age in 1998. In 2003, the family reunion year, Elsie celebrated her 100th birthday.



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Anne and Helen at Skagway, Alaska in 1993 during a Crown Princess cruise through the inner passage to Alaska.



Elsie Ledochowski at 100 on April 15, 2003.



Portrait of Elsie Ledochowski displayed in the entrance lobby of Holy Family Nursing Home in Winnipeg. Such portraits are produced in honour of manor residents upon reaching their 100th year.



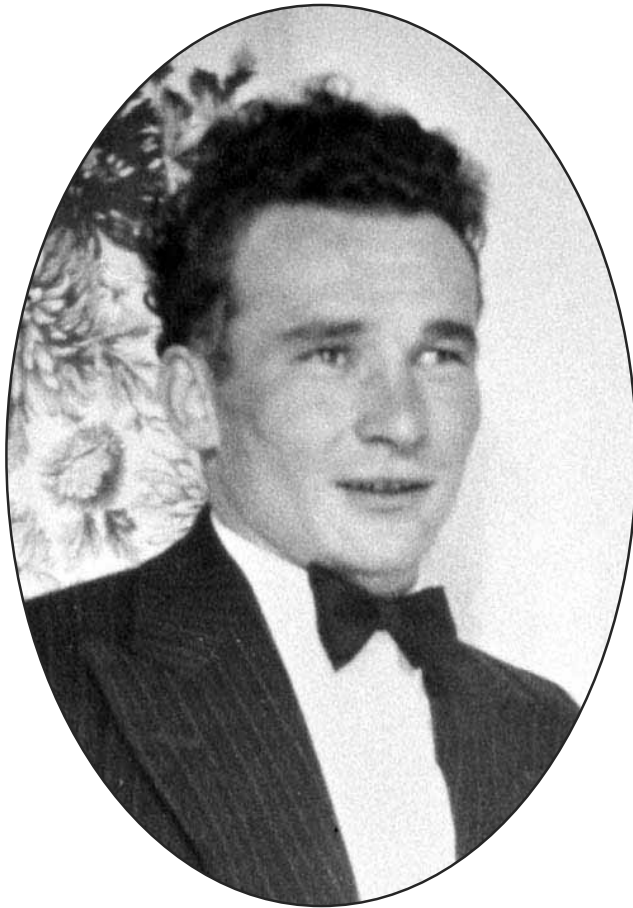
Elsie Ledochowski and great-granddaughter Joanne Zuk on Elsie's 100th birthday April 15, 2003. Holy Family Nursing Home in Winnipeg.



1st born
Nick Leduchowski
February 10, 1920 ~ July, 1970
Photo c1940 at 20 years of age.



2nd born
Sid Leduchowski
February 17, 1921 ~ July 14, 1977
Photo c1941 at 20 years of age.



3rd born
Tom Leduchowski
April 22, 1922 ~ February 23, 1993
Photo c1944 at 20 years of age.



4th born
Nellie Leduchowski
May 9, 1923 ~ October 7, 1998
Photo c1945 at 18 years of age.



5th born
Anne Leduchowski
February 10, 1926
Photo 1944 at 18 years of age.



6th born
Helen Leduchowski
September 1, 1927
Photo 1947 at 20 years of age.



Left: Nick Leduchowski and Olga Hondabura on their wedding day, September 1963.



Right: Olga and Nick photographed beside their Winnipeg home in 1964.

Nick Leduchowski

Nick was born on the family farm on February 10, 1920 and as a child attended Wheathill School.

As a young man Nick answered his country's call and joined up after the outbreak of World War II. After returning from serving overseas, Nick worked on the family farm in Hamlik and later in Arnes. After the farm was sold he moved to Winnipeg, and was employed by the Canadian Pacific Railway in Winnipeg.

Nick married Olga Hondabura in 1963. Nick and Olga had one child, a daughter, Susan who was born on November 15, 1965.

During the late 1960s Nick became ill with Hodgekins disease. Nick Leduchowski passed away on July 28, 1970 at the age of fifty.



Above: Susan Leduchowski in her backyard crib in 1967. It was the only way to keep her from wandering off. Note the backyard garden and garages.



Above: Nick and daughter Susan, in 1970, Winnipeg, Manitoba.



Susan Leduchowski on her back steps clutching her well-worn little hockey stick, 1969.



Susan Leduchowski as she was at age 15 in 1980.



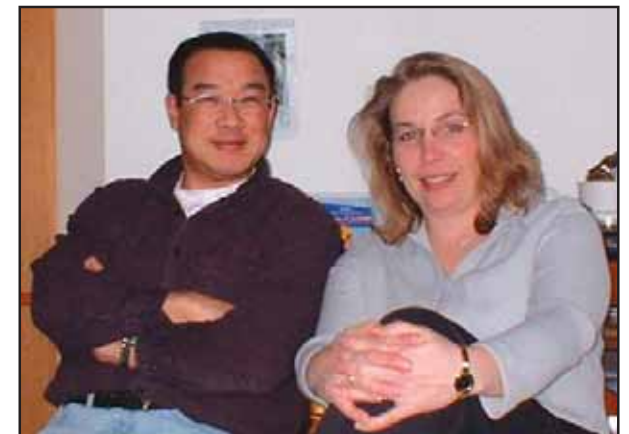
Susan Ledochowski and Wayne Ichiwa on their wedding day in Winnipeg, Manitoba on August 13, 1994.



Susan Leduchowski mountain climbing. 1983, Mount Allan, in the Kananaskis, Alberta.



Olga Leduchowski with Susan on her wedding day in 1994.



Susan and Wayne Ichiwa in 2002.



Sidney Leduchowski and Helen Genoway
November 19, 1951.

Sidney Leduchowski

After leaving the family farm during the depths of the Great Depression and ‘jumping railroad cars’ for a time, Sid enlisted to serve the Allied cause during World War II. He was assigned to service as Stoker 1st Class on the tug ‘Helena’ with the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Service on the Canadian east coast. After the Allied victory in 1945, he returned to the Interlake and before long established himself with a service station and farm equipment dealership in the hamlet of Finns, Manitoba. He married Helen Genoway of Rama, Saskatchewan on November 19, 1951. Together Sid and Helen had four children, all daughters: Gailbreth (1952), Sydnee (1954), Bonita (1956) and Odelia (1959).

In 1958 the family moved the business from Finns to nearby Riverton where Sid continued to service and sell Massey Ferguson farm machinery. His hard work was rewarded by winning several farm equipment sales awards, which included trips to Rio de Janeiro and Mexico. During his years at Riverton, Sid most enjoyed reading the newspaper funnies to his girls, hunting and fishing, and old cars. He also was an active curler and proudly provided his team with matching curling sweaters sporting the Massey Ferguson colours and logo. A gifted mechanic he loved to fix up old cars and put them into good running condition. He also very much enjoyed a good hockey game. Sid and Helen retired to Kelowna, British Columbia in 1975.

Sidney Leduchowski passed away at the age of 56 on July 14, 1977 in Kelowna. Helen then moved to Edmonton and lived for a time with daughter Odelia. Helen passed away in Kelowna in 2005.



Sid Leduchowski and his mates dockside by their tug the Helena in Halifax, Nova Scotia, 1944.



Sid's Sales & Service in Finns, Manitoba, a garage and Massey Ferguson Implements dealership, as it was around 1958. Later that same year, the family, the business, and the building was moved 10 miles north to Riverton, where Sid continued to live and operate the business until he retired in 1975.



Sid with daughters Gailbreth and Sydnee in 1956 at Finns, Manitoba.



Daughters Gailbreth (6 yrs), Bonita, (1 yr) and Sydnee (4 yrs), Finns, 1958.



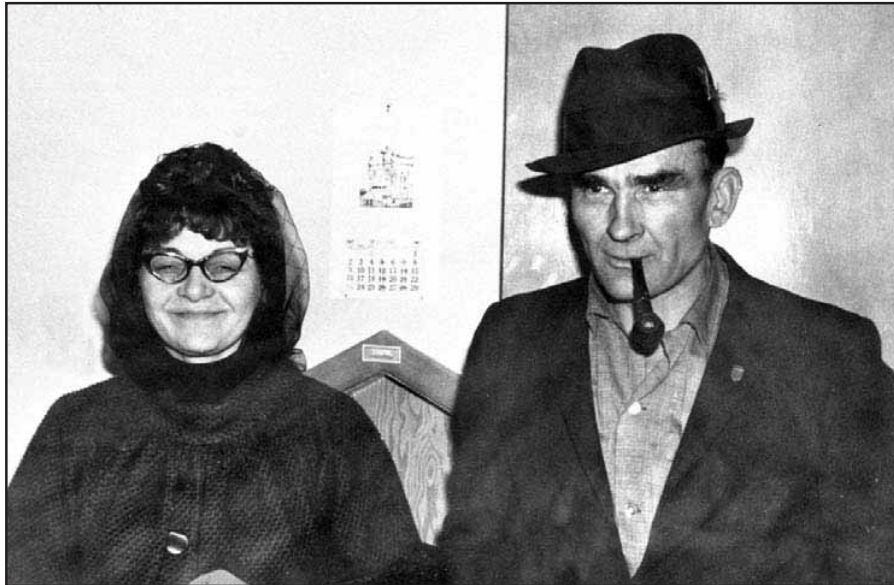
Sid and Helen's four daughters, Gailbreth, Bonita, Sydnee and Odelia photographed c1967 outside their home in Riverton, Manitoba.



Sid reading the newspaper comics with the girls at the kitchen table of their Riverton, Manitoba home. L-R are: Gailbreth, Odelia, Sid and Bonita, Sid loved to entertain the girls and regularly read the funnies to them, explaining the punchline so that they would understand the humour.



The new garage and dealership business in Riverton, Manitoba as it appeared in 1975. The new building was erected after the original was destroyed by fire in January 1973.



Sidney and Helen Leduchowski, photographed at their home in Riverton as they were about to depart for a trip to Mexico in the spring of 1967. The holiday was awarded to Sid by Massey Ferguson Implements for surpassing sales quotas.



Bonita in 1970 when she was 13 years old.



Sydnee as a 17 year-old in 1971.



Sid photographed in 1971 coming into the house for supper in his mechanic overalls and with his favourite pipe in mouth.



Sid and Helen Leduchowski photographed in 1974 during Gailbreth's and Don Hurak's wedding held in Gimli, Manitoba.



Odelia as a 13 year-old in 1972.



Gailbreth in 1976, as a 24 year old University of Manitoba, Bachelor of Education Graduate.

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Gregory > Mike > Sid



Daughter, Gailbreth with husband Don Hurak and their children, Amber and Evan in November of 2002. The Hurak family make their home in Winnipeg, Manitoba where Don works as a tax auditor for the Manitoba government. Gailbreth has been a teacher in Pembina Hills School Division since 1976.



Right: Sid's daughter, Odelia on March 10, 1990. After completing her Masters degree in Visual Arts (painting) Odelia formally adopted the original Polish feminine version of the family name, "Ledóchowska". The 'i' traditionally was used by male members of the family and 'a' by unmarried female members.



Left: Odelia Ledóchowska's daughter Greer at age 11 in 2003. She was born on December 30, 1991. Odelia and Greer reside in Edmonton, Alberta.



Daughter, Sydnee and her husband Ray Jesseau-Leduc in 2002. The Jesseau's reside in Penticton, British Columbia where Sydnee has worked for the Government's Agents office for 24+ years.



Sid & Helen's daughter Bonita and her family on January 19, 2003. L-R: Sara, Jim, James, Bonita and Stephanie Firby. Winnipeg, Manitoba.



Tom Leduchowski and Carol Koshelanyk on their wedding day, July 7, 1962.

Tom Leduchowski

Tom married Carol Koshelanyk of Fisher Branch on July 7, 1962. Tom and Helen raised a family of three: Sandra (1964), David (1966) and Dennis (1972).

Tom, Carol and the children made their home in Fisher Branch, Manitoba where Tom operated a land-clearing and road building business for many years.

Tom passed away at the age of 71 on February 23, 1993. Carol continued to live in the family home in Fisher Branch to her passing in 2003.



Above: Scenes from Tom & Carol Leduchowski's wedding and reception, July 7, 1962, at Fisher Branch, Manitoba. From above: at the church service, at the presentation table, and at the head table with Tom's sister, Nellie, mother Elsie Ledochowski, best man Joe Zasitko and brother Nick.



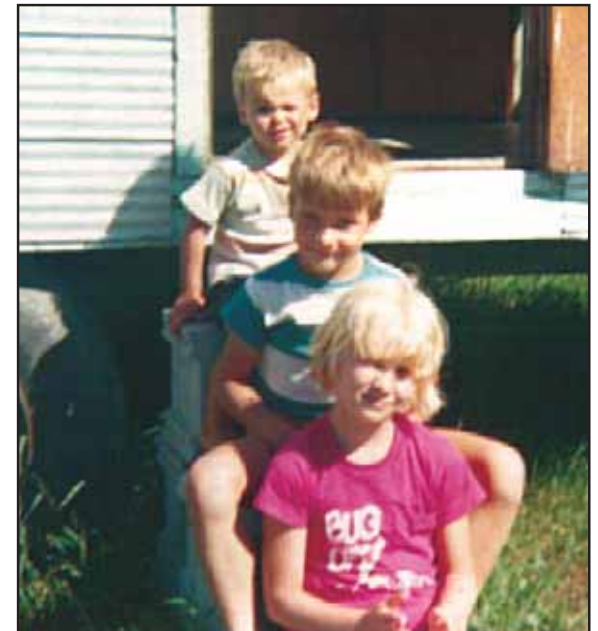
Sandra and David in 1969. Sandra was born in 1964 and David in 1966.



Tom having a 'cold one' while taking a break from building an airstrip for cousin Mike Ledochowski on his grain farm near Poplarfield in 1981. Tom was a farmer and contractor for most of his working life. The family made their home in Fisher Branch, Manitoba.



Sandra, David and Dennis pose with cousin Susan Leduchowski (Nick's daughter, with pup), about 1970.



Tom and Carol's three children, Sandra, David and Dennis as they appeared around 1977. Dennis, the youngest, was born in 1972.



Family photograph taken on Sandra's wedding day, February 14, 1988 at the Southwood Supper Club in Winnipeg. L-R: Tom's mother, Elsie Leduchowski, his son David, his wife Carol, daughter Sandra and her groom Henry, Tom Leduchowski, brother Nick's daughter Susan, and Tom's youngest son, Dennis.



Above: Sandra Leduchowski's grade 12 graduation photo, Fisher Branch, 1982.



Above: Tom and David at David's grade 12 graduation in Fisher Branch in 1981.



Family photograph taken at Christmas 1992. Standing, L-R: Couple at left, Susan and Wayne Ichiwa, Dennis, Tom, David and his wife Julie, and Sandra at the far right. Susan Ichiwa is Tom's niece.



David & Julie Leduchowski and their sons Gavin (born 1996) and Owen (born 1998). David, Julie and the boys live in Teulon, Manitoba where David runs a small auto sales business and is employed with Canadian National Railways.



Tom Leduchowski, Christmas 1992. Only two months later, on February 23, 1993 Tom passed away.



Dennis Leduchowski, Tom and Carol's youngest, at age 30 in December 2002.



Cousin Susan Ichiwa, poses for a picture with her cousins, David, Sandra and Dennis Leduchowski, December, 2002.



Nellie Leduchowski and husband Joe Drozda on their wedding day in 1942.

Nellie Leduchowski

Nellie was born on the family farm on May 9, 1923 and as a child attended Wheathill School together with a large number of her cousins.

At a young age Nellie travelled to Montreal, Quebec where she worked at her Uncle John Chomica's restaurant. Nellie later moved to Toronto, Ontario and met Joe Frank Drozda. Joe and Nellie married in 1942. Nellie and Joe Drozda had two children, Wilbert (1943) and Sally (1951).

Sally tragically passed away in 1989. Wilbert and his family moved to Long Island, New York where they currently live.

Nellie spent her adult life as a homemaker, caregiver, and social worker. Joe Drozka passed away suddenly in 1971. Nellie later remarried. Nellie passed away at the age of 75 in 1998. Nellie had two grandchildren Joseph (born 1971) and Beverley (1975).



Above: Nellie and Joe Drozda and their children, Sally and Wilbert photographed in their living room on January 2, 1954. Wilbert was eleven and Sally three years old at the time.



Right: Sally Drozda c1970 at 18 years of age. Sally graduated from George Harvey Collegiate.



Nellie (centre) with Uncle John Chomica to her right, and the other staff at the Uncle John's restaurant in Montreal, Quebec, 1954. Uncle John offered his niece employment and as a very young lady, Nellie left the farm and went off to work. Note the prices of the meals posted on the wall at the rear of the room.

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Nellie Drozda with 23 year old daughter Sally in 1973. Sally passed away in 1989.



Nellie and Joe Drozda's son Wilbert and his bride Margaret on their wedding day. Wilbert and Margaret had two children, a son Jodie and a daughter, Beverly.



Wilbert and Margaret Drozda's daughter Beverly as she was at age 13, Long Island, New York.



Right: Wilbert and Margaret Drozda's first born, son Jodie (Joe), and his wife Veronica photographed c2000.

Left: Nellie and Joe Drozda photographed with son Wilbert and his wife Margaret on their Wedding Day. Wilbert and Margaret reside in Long Island, New York.





Above: John Zuk, Contractor. Two year old Jimmy Zuk and hired employee, Serge Petrus, pose for a photo on John's dragline at a road-bilding job site in 1952. Below: John's dragline loaded on the 'low-bed' and ready for transport to the next job site, in 1953.



Annie Leduchowski and John Zuk on their wedding day, May 31, 1946.

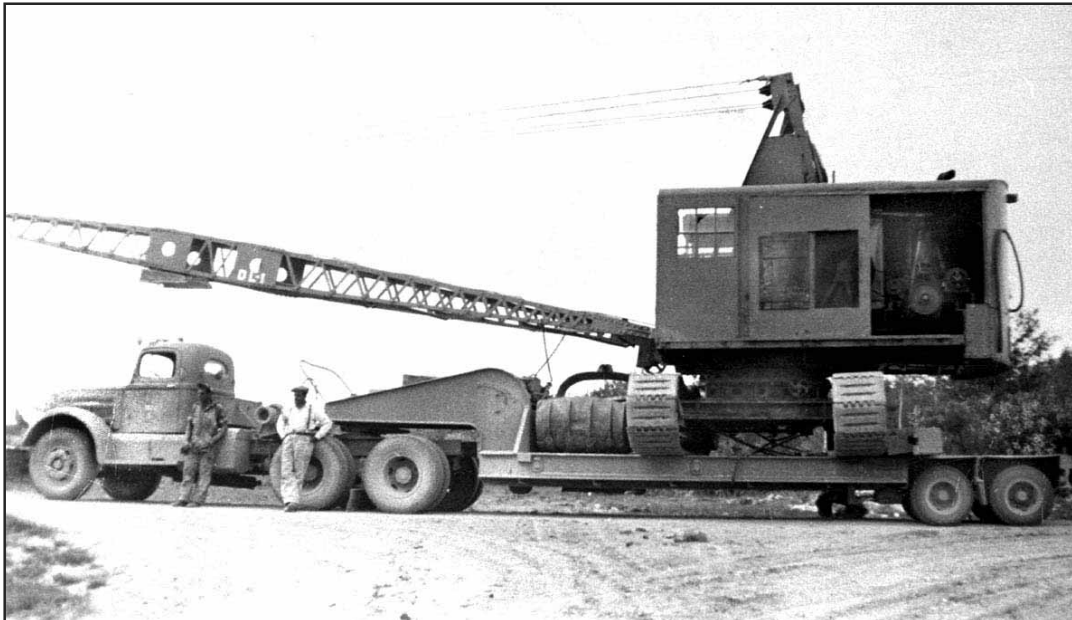
Annie Leduchowski

Annie left the family farm at 18 years of age to assist with the war effort during World War II. She made her way to Toronto where she was employed at a Lancaster Bombers factory.

After the war she returned to the family farm in Manitoba, and not long after married John Zuk whose parents also homesteaded in the Hamrlik District. John and Annie soon started their own road construction business, where Annie applied her administrative and financial skill to the business. As well, she was the cook for the family and several employees.

Subsequent to the road construction business Annie was a cashier at another family business, Sparkle Car Wash in Winnipeg. In her retirement, Annie loves working in her flower beds which many bypassers stop to admire. She is an excellent cook and loves to make perogies, cabbage rolls, borscht and so on. She was an avid curler and Toronto Blue Jays baseball fan. Annie and John enjoyed many summers at Wendigo Resort where they fished and joined in the recreational activities. Annie and John had two children: Jim (1949) and Shirley (1954).

Currently, in 2003, Annie and John live in their home on Polson Avenue in Winnipeg, Manitoba where they continue to live an active life.





Above: Shirley Zuk in her Ukrainian dance troupe costume, at age ten in 1964.



Above: Annie and John Zuk with their two children Jim and Shirley, around 1970.



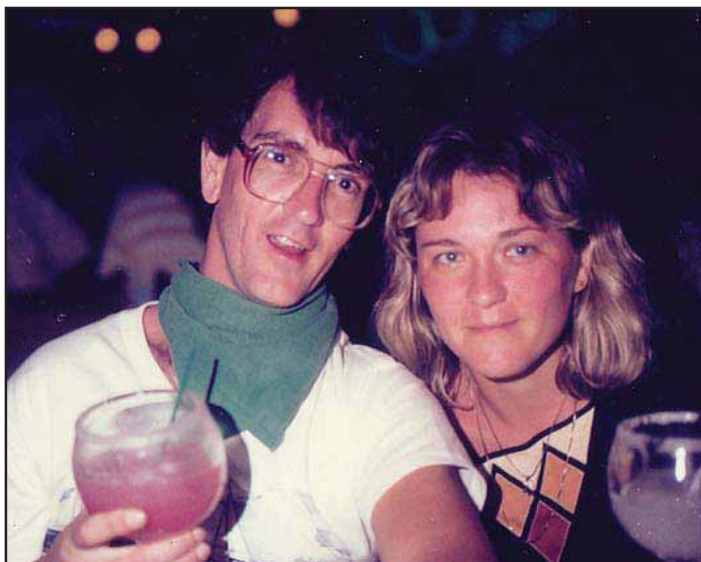
Right: Jim Zuk in his Ukrainian dance troupe outfit at age 15 in 1964.

Below: Shirley and Jim Zuk around 1962 with their pet rabbit. Note the clothing styles at the time.

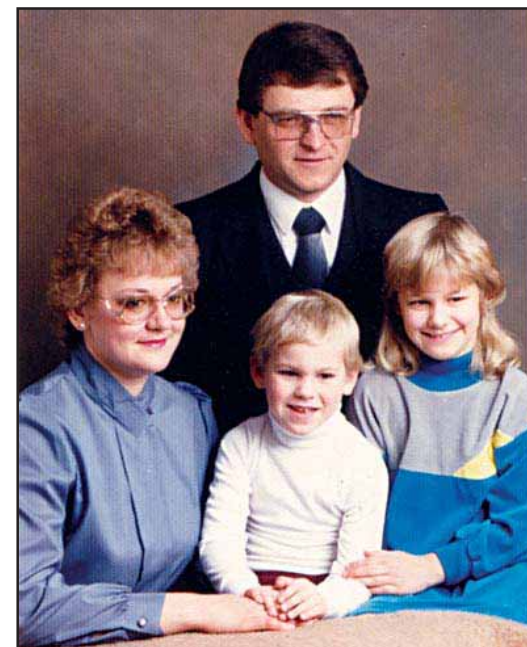




Shirley Zuk at 35 in 1989.



Shirley and husband Jim Bethune photographed during a holiday trip to Mexico in 1985. Home for Jim and Shirley at the time was Winnipeg.



Jim with wife Pat and children Joanne (1978) and John (1980).



John and Annie Zuk, their daughter Shirley and her husband Jim Bethune. Also on the right are their son Jim Zuk, his wife Pat, and their two children Joanne and Jonathan Zuk. Photo taken around 1985.



John and Anne Zuk, daughter Shirley and son-in-law Jim pose for a team photo on the ice after winning first place at the Ridgeville, Manitoba annual curling bonspiel in 1988.

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Left: Jim Zuk in 2002. A thirty year veteran of the aerospace industry, Jim and wife Pat have spent the past 25 years working a hobby farm and enjoying the rural life near Komarno, Manitoba.



John and Annie Zuk in 2002. John and Annie ran a road construction business for many years, and would bid on government contracts. Annie handled the entire administrative end of the business. She was later a cashier for the family-owned car wash. Her interests include curling, cooking, walking, playing cards, and spending time with the grandchildren.



Left: Shirley (Zuk) Bethune in 1992. Inheriting her mother's administrative skills, Shirley worked for Western Canada Lotteries, the Manitoba Legislature, the Winnipeg Police Service, and the Winnipeg Mayor's Office. She now lives in Vermillion Bay, Ontario with husband Jim, where she is involved in snowmobiling, canoeing, hiking, and community volunteer work. Shirley is a great lover of cats.



Granddaughter Joanne Zuk on her graduation day at the University of Winnipeg, Faculty of Science.



Grandson John Zuk at his graduation from Red River College in Winnipeg in Instrumentation and Electrical Engineering Technology.



Left: Helen at age 18 in 1945.



Walter Skochelas and Helen Ledochowski on their wedding day in 1950.

Helen Ledochowski

Helen received their primary education at Wheathill School located near the family farm. She went on to attend residential high school at Teulon Collegiate, graduating in June 1947. After a year of Normal School (Teacher's College) training in Winnipeg she taught for three years in various rural schools in Manitoba.

In 1950 she married Walter Skochelas and moved to Red Lake, Ontario where she continued to teach. Two children, Beverly and Raymond, were born in Red Lake in 1954 and 1957 respectively. When Beverly contracted Cystic Fibrosis, the family moved to Toronto so Beverly could receive medical treatment. Ray passed away suddenly in 1969. Beverly passed away in 1975.

Helen continued to work as a teacher for the next 25 years. She and second husband Mike Myronuk currently live in Toronto, Ontario.



Helen and Walter Skochelas with six-year old Beverly and three year old Raymond in 1960 in their home in Red Lake, Ontario.

Right: Helen and Walter Skochelas pose for a snapshot on February 1, 1969. Walter passed away suddenly three weeks later.

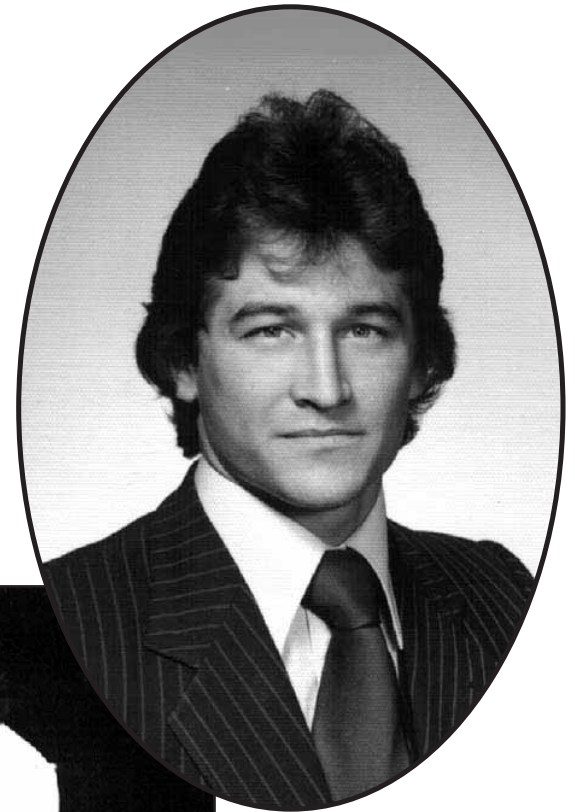
Below right: Helen with daughter Beverly, who was then 17, and son Raymond, 14, in 1972 and well dressed in the hip style of the time, polyester and high hem-lines.

Below: Helen and Walter Skochelas' children Beverly and Raymond as they appeared at ages twelve and nine in 1966. Beverly was born in 1954 and Raymond in 1957.



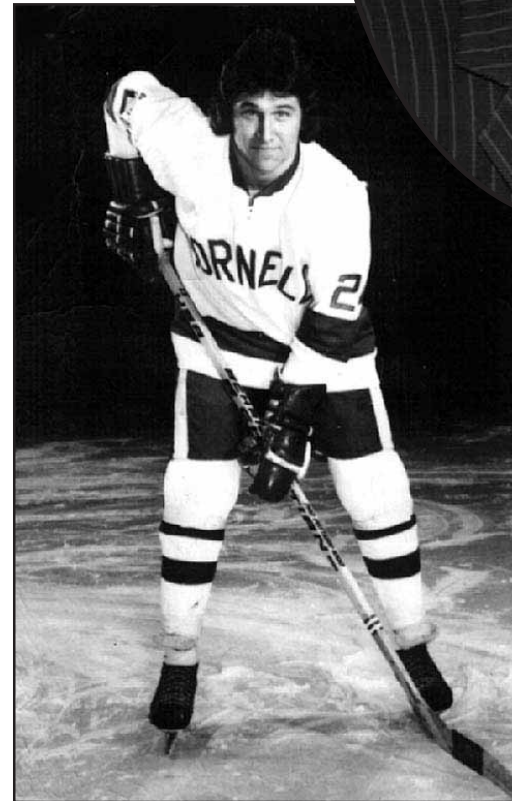
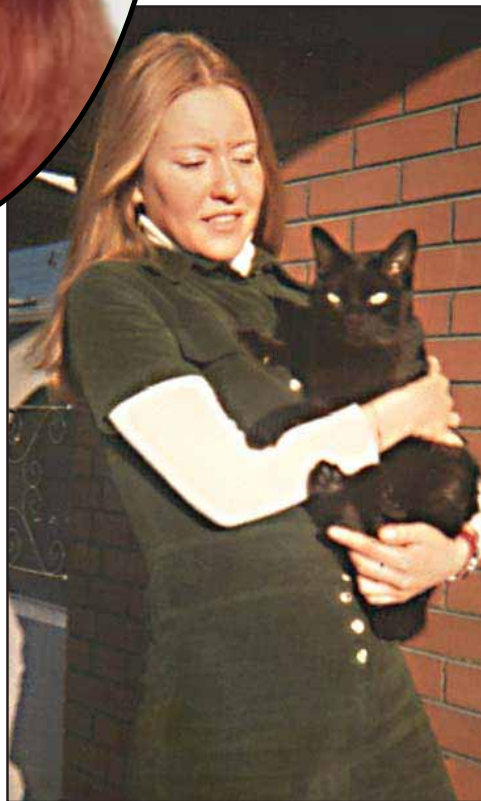


Left: Beverly Anne Skochelas in her High School Graduation photo in 1971



Right: Raymond Skochelas graduation photo at St. Michael's College, 1976.

Right: Beverly Skochelas as an animal-loving young woman. Beverly graduated from Western Technical High School in Toronto, and was pursuing a career as a secretary at Rothman's until she passed away on February 8, 1975 at the tender age of 21.



Left: Raymond Skochelas attended St. Michael's College in Toronto where he achieved an outstanding athletic award and a scholarship to attend Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. There, he achieved a Bachelor of Science Degree. He was also a valued member of the Cornell University Hockey Team as seen in this 1977 photo.



Above: Ray and Paula Skochelas pictured on holiday in Greece in September 2001. Ray currently holds a senior position in marketing and product development in Etobicoke, Ontario, and is a sports and music enthusiast.



Right: Raymond and Paula's two children: Karlee Rae Skochelas, age 12 and Kira Nicole Skochelas, age 8, in 2001.



Above: Helen married for a second time in 1973 to Michael Myronuk. They are pictured here in 1980 during one of many tours and trips enjoyed during their retirement years, which included cycling through Holland and along the Danube River, dog-sledding in Baffin Island, and cross country skiing in Alberta and northern Quebec.

Descendants of Michael Ledochowski

1 Michael Ledochowski Born: 1897 in Przemysl, Poland Died: Aug 1958 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
.. +Elsie Chomica Born: Apr 15, 1903 in Poland Married: Feb 16, 1919 in Winnipeg, Manitoba Died: Jul 14, 2004 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 2 Nick Leduchowski Born: Feb 10, 1920 in Hamrlik, Manitoba Died: Jul 1970 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... +Olga Hondabura Born: Feb 22, 1921 Married: Sep 1963
..... 3 Susan Leduchowski Born: Nov 15, 1965
..... +Wayne Ichiiwa Born: Jul 10, 1960 Married: Aug 13, 1994 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 2 Sidney Leduchowski Born: Feb 17, 1921 in Winnipeg, Manitoba Died: Jul 14, 1977 in Kelowna, B.C.
..... +Helen Genoway Born: Oct 12, 1915 Married: Nov 19, 1951 Died: Jan 27, 2005 in Kelowna, B.C.
..... 3 Gailbreth Leduchowski Born: Nov 05, 1952 in Riverton, Manitoba
..... +Don Hurak Born: 1947
..... 4 Evan Justin Hurak Born: Jun 12, 1979 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 4 Amber Kely Hurak Born: Aug 03, 1982 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 3 Sydnee Leduchowski Born: Feb 26, 1954 in Riverton, Manitoba
..... +Ray Jesseau Born: 1947
..... 3 Bonita Leduchowski Born: Dec 05, 1957 in Riverton, Manitoba
..... +Jim Firby Born: 1957
..... 4 Stephanie Firby Born: 1977 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 4 James Firby Born: 1982 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 4 Sara Firby Born: 1986 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 3 Odelia Ledochowska Born: Feb 10, 1959 in Riverton, Manitoba
..... 4 Greer Leduchowska Born: Dec 30, 1991 in Edmonton, Alberta
..... 2 Tom Leduchowski Born: Apr 22, 1922 Died: Feb 23, 1993 in Fisher Branch, Manitoba
..... +Carol Koshalenyk Born: May 22, 1932 Married: Jul 07, 1962 in St. Joseph's , Winnipeg Died: Jul 07, 2002 in Percy Moore Hospital, Hodgson, MB
..... 3 Sandra Leduchowski Born: Nov 08, 1964
..... +Henry Conan Born: Jun 23, 1962 Married: Feb 14, 1988
..... 3 David Leduchowski Born: Aug 23, 1966
..... +Julie Dawson Born: Apr 22, 1974
..... 4 Gavin Leduchowski Born: Mar 25, 1996
..... 4 Owen Dawson Leduchowski Born: Sep 25, 1998
..... 3 Dennis Leduchowski Born: Jan 25, 1972
..... 2 Nellie Leduchowski Born: May 09, 1923 Died: Oct 07, 1998
..... +Fred Rubletz
..... *2nd Husband of Nellie Leduchowski:
..... +Joe Drozda Married: 1942 Died: 1971
..... 3 Wilbert Drozda Born: Jun 05, 1943
..... +Margaret Munshaw
..... 4 Jodie Drozda
..... +Veronica
..... 4 Beverly Anne Drozda
..... 3 Sally Drozda Born: Oct 31, 1951 Died: Feb 08, 1988
..... +Brain Jones
..... 2 Annie Leduchowski Born: Feb 10, 1926
..... +John Zuk Born: Oct 26, 1919 Married: May 31, 1946
..... 3 James Zuk Born: Jan 16, 1949
..... +Pat Born: Apr 02, 1947

..... 4 Joanne Zuk Born: Aug 05, 1978
..... 4 John Zuk Born: Jun 29, 1980
..... 3 Shirley Zuk Born: May 08, 1954
..... +Jim Bethune Born: Mar 23, 1953
..... 2 Helen Leduchowski Born: Sep 01, 1927
..... +Walter Skochelas Born: Sep 01, 1929 Died: Feb 19, 1969
..... 3 Beverly Skochelas Born: Mar 01, 1954 in Red Lake, Ontario Died: Feb 08, 1975 in Toronto, Ontario
..... 3 Raymond Skochelas Born: Apr 03, 1957 in Red Lake, Ontario
..... +Paula
..... 4 Karlee Rae Skochelas Born: Feb 12, 1989 in Etobicoke, Ontario
..... 4 Kira Nicole Skochelas Born: Mar 11, 1994 in Etobicoke, Ontario
..... *2nd Husband of Helen Leduchowski:
..... +Michael Myronuk Born: Dec 02, 1924 Married: Dec 02, 1973

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Chapter Seven

Gregory and Anna's last born of six children, at last, a daughter:

Natharina Ledochowski

Katherine Ledochowski

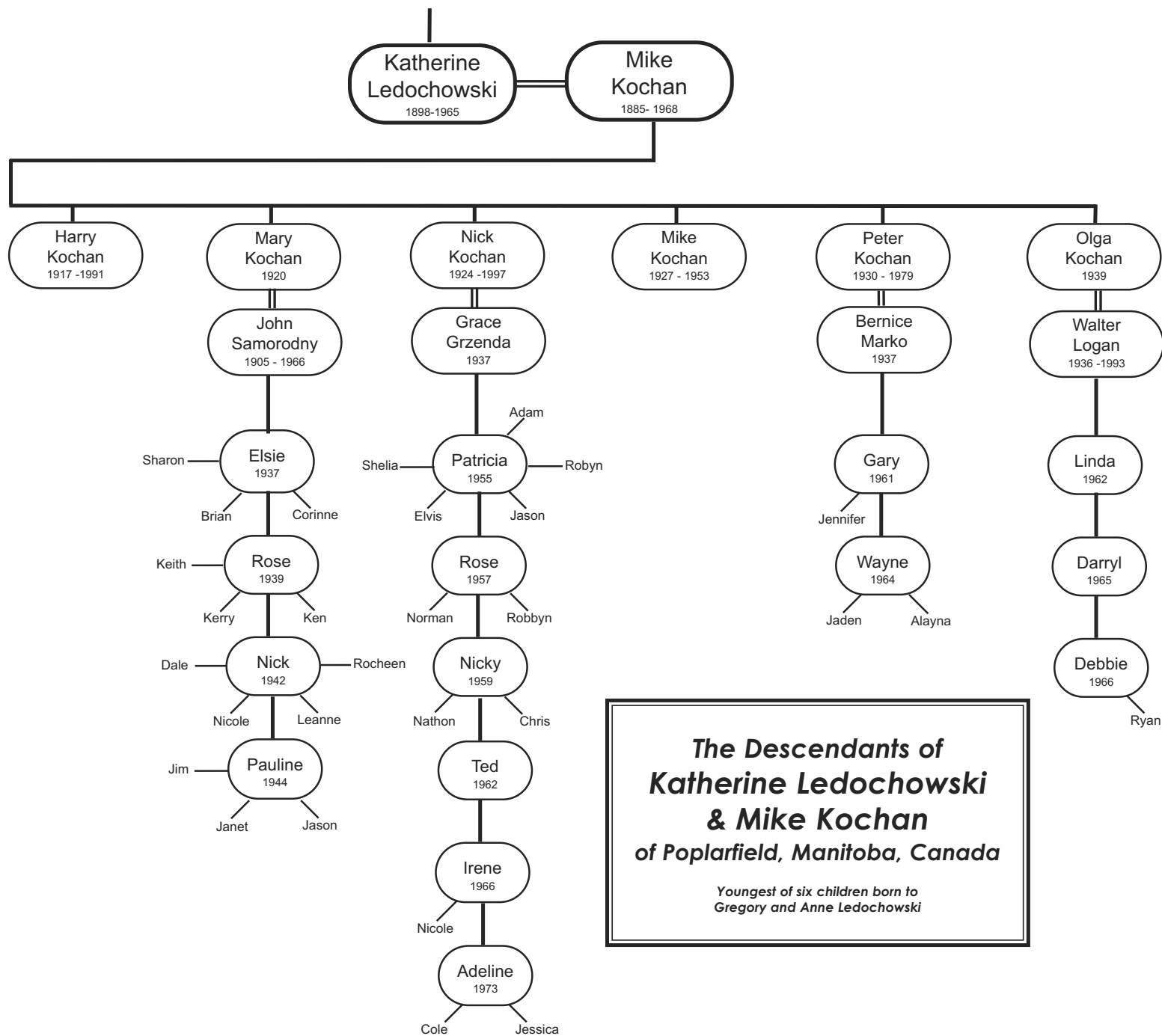
Katherine (Ledochowski) Kochan

Katherine was born March 4, 1898. Like her older siblings she came with her parents Gregory and Anna to Canada in 1903. She was four years old at the time of the journey. Katherine grew up on her parents' homestead, and helped as much as she could during the early, difficult, pioneer years. At the tender age of 16 she married Michael Kochan, the son of a nearby homesteader.

Mike and Katherine were able to obtain a homestead in the Hamrlik Postal District not far from the rest of the Ledochowski family, on SW quarter of section 15 Township 22 Range 1 West of the principal meridian. Here they made a life for themselves as farmers and raised a family of six: Harry (1917), Mary (1920), Nick (1924), Mike (1927), Peter (1930) and Olga (1939).

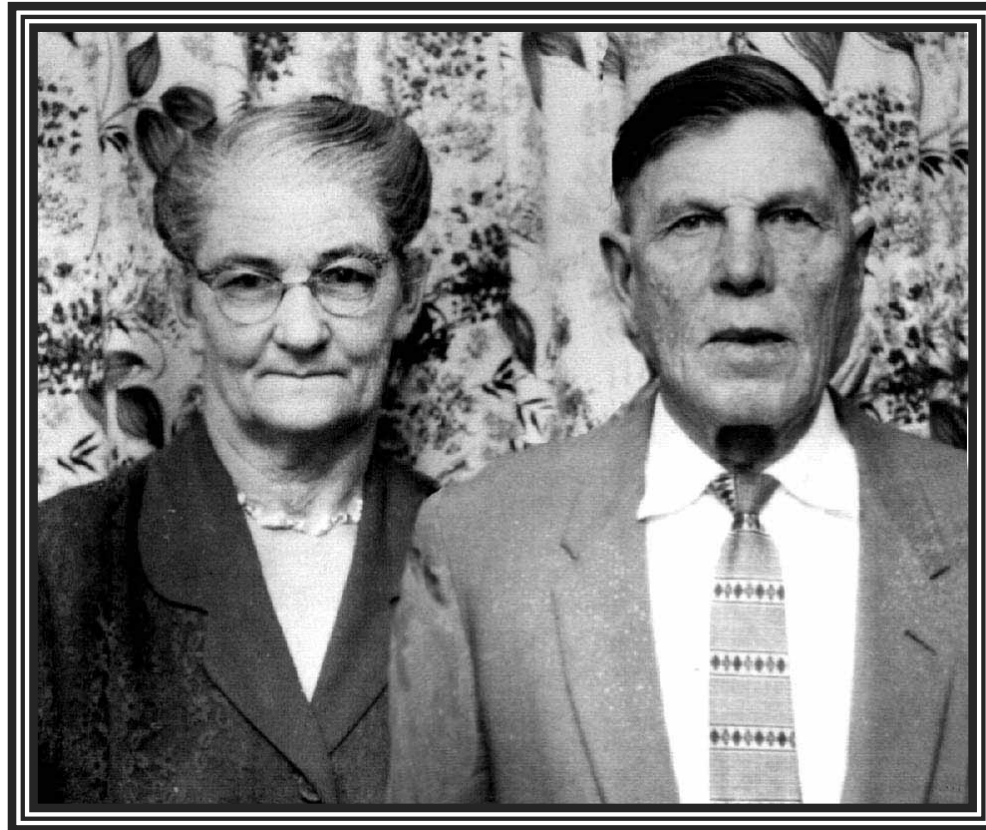
Mike and Katherine were active members of the Hamrlik District Church, St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, being among the founding members of the parish. In 1953, after 40 years of farm life, they purchased a house at 465 Logan Avenue in Winnipeg and moved to the city. They celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary in 1963 with many friends, family and former neighbours.

Katherine passed away at the age of 67 on January 9, 1965 and was laid to rest in the Hamrlik Community Cemetery. Mike lived to his 83rd year and passed away on October 17, 1968. He too was laid to rest in the Hamrlik Community Cemetery, near his wife and other family members.



**The Descendants of
Katherine Ledochowski
& Mike Kochan
of Poplarfield, Manitoba, Canada**

*Youngest of six children born to
Gregory and Anne Ledochowski*



Katherine (Ledochowski) and Mike Kochan photographed in their living room around 1960. At the time, Katherine would have been 62 years old and Mike 73 years.



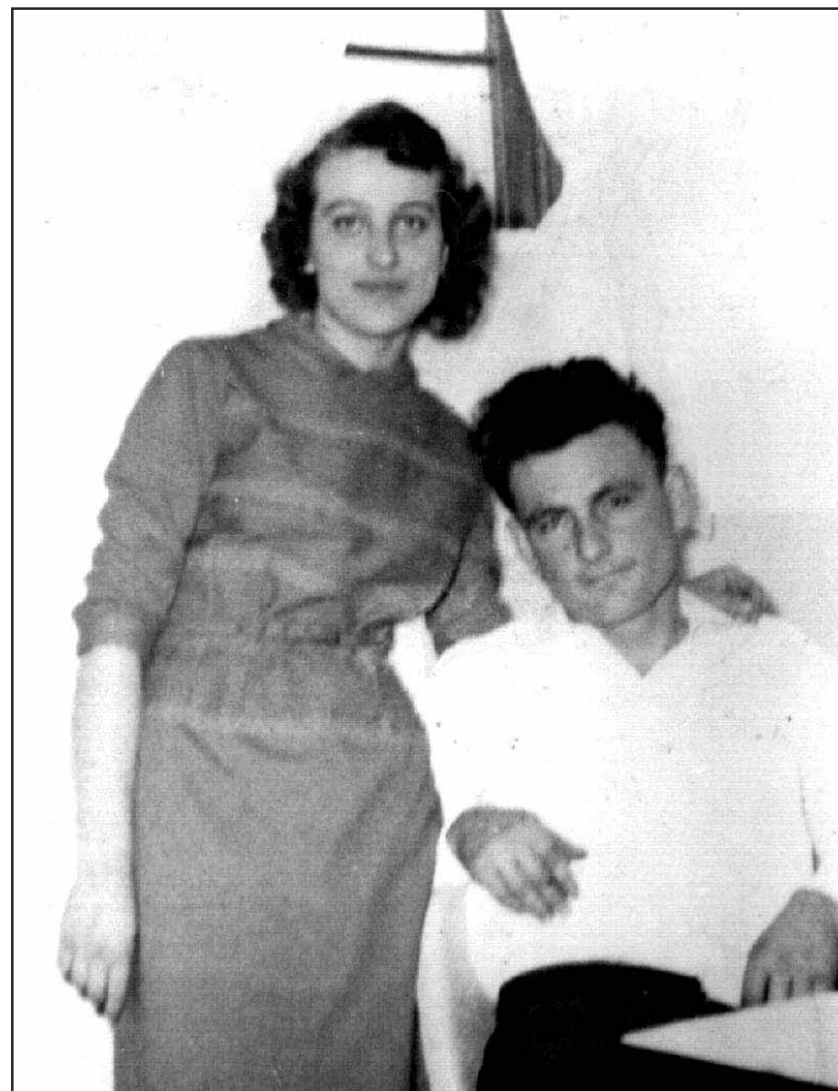
Above: An interesting view of the Mike and Katherine Kochan farmyard, SW 15-22-1W, Hamlik Postal District. Mike's homestead claim was registered on November 11, 1910. Both sets of farm buildings can be seen in the photo, the original pioneer log structures and the 'new' barn and house built during the 1940s. Note the choice of a yardsite in a large spruce bluff, which was initially common in the Hamerlik District. The field in the distance was likely the edge of a large marsh, now dry and cropped. The road passing by the farmstead later became PTH highway #68 and Poplarfield is about five miles up the road.



Above: Photograph of the Kochan farmyard looking east from across the road, likely taken during the early 1960s. Note again the original "old country style" log house at the left, and the storey-and-a-half frame house at right, constructed for Mike and Katherine in 1942 by Nick Lisowecki of Poplarfield. Katherine's mother, Anna Ledochowski lived her final years with daughter Katherine here at the Kochan farm.



Katherine and daughter Olga pose for a photograph by the Christmas tree, about 1955.



Peter Kochan and his niece (sister Mary's daughter), Elsie Samorodny about 1958.



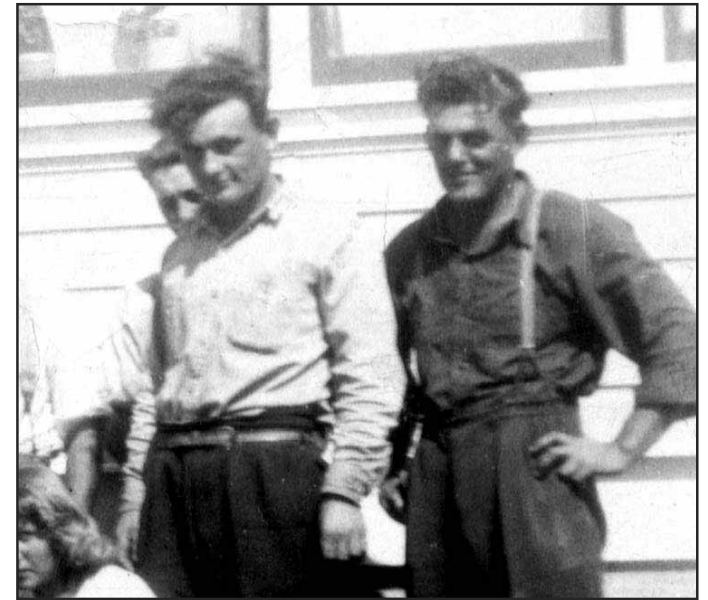
Left: St. John's Church parishioners attend a church dinner at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fedowich after Sunday mass. Among those in attendance this day were Mike and Katherine Kochan (centre, in white with purse, and centre with white shirt and suspenders); Mrs. Mike Ozubko (at far right); Katherine Marko seated at Katherine's right. The house in the background is typical of the old country Ukrainian style house but at the time of the picture, now with wood siding and shingles having replaced the original grass thatch roof and mud-plastered white-washed walls.



Right: Katherine and Mike photographed with their son Peter and his bride Bernice Kochan on their wedding day on August 6th, 1960. The wedding reception was the first wedding to take place in the new Poplarfield Community Hall, which was still not quite completed at the time.



Left: Peter Kochan and older sister Mary Samorodny photographed at a family wedding in Poplarfield. When Mary's daughter Rose was married in 1967, Uncle Peter was asked to give the bride away in place of her father John, who had passed away in 1966.

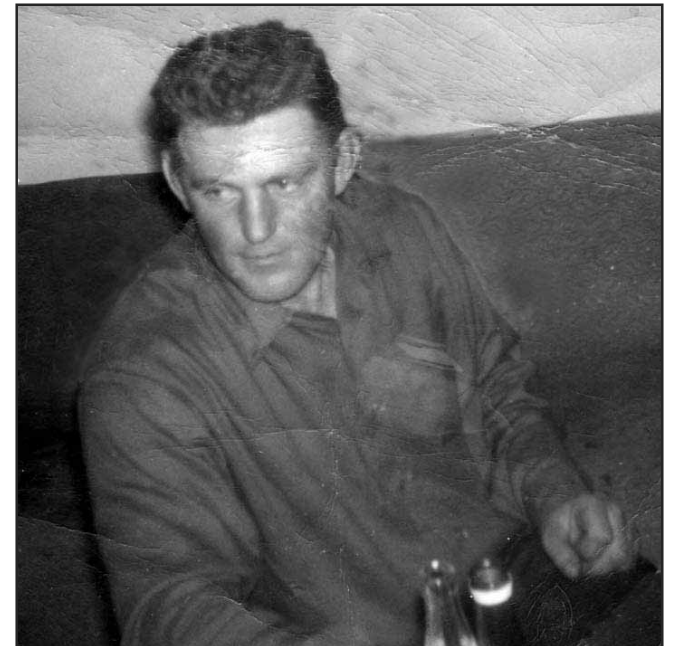


Right: Photo showing brothers Peter and Nick Kochan around 1953. Partially obscured, behind Peter, is brother Harry.



Right: Nick Kochan at home on the family couch around 1954.

Left: Olga Kochan 1953. Olga was the youngest of six children born to Katherine and Mike Kochan.





Left: Katherine and Mike Kochan's 50th anniversary in 1963. Peter Leduchowski (Best Man) and Eva Daciw (Maid of Honour) also in the photograph.



Left: Katherine and Mike Kochan with son Michael's new car, a 1953 Pontiac Stradle Chief, which, after Mike's sudden passing, was given to Mike's brother Harry Kochan.

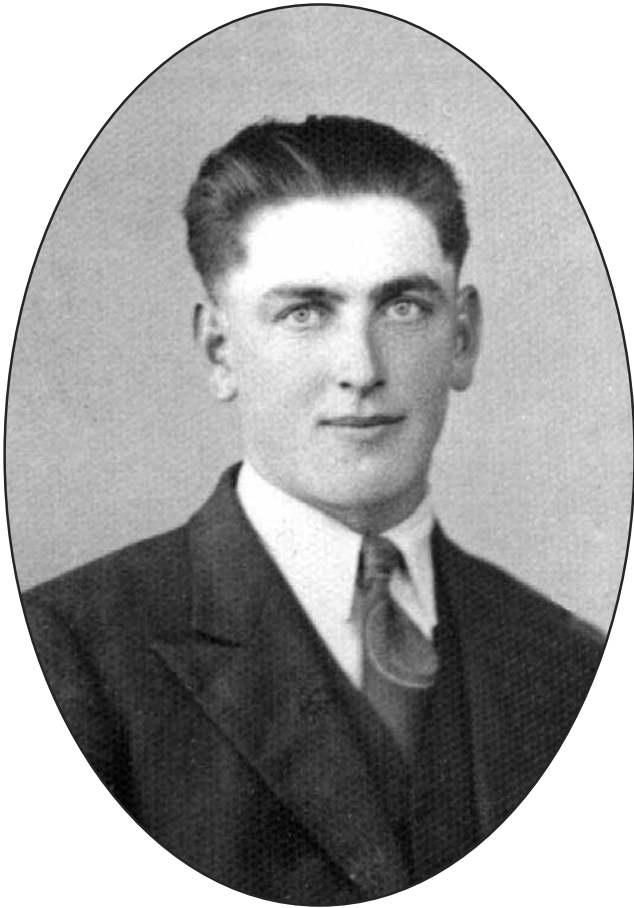
Right: Katherine and Mike Kochan's retirement home located at 465 Logan Avenue in Winnipeg, which they moved to in 1953. The purchase price for the 1 1/2 storey brick house was \$5,000.00.



Left: Harry Kochan photographed at a Christmas dinner. Note Mom, Katherine in the background. Photo likely taken during early 1960s. The other individuals at the table were long time boarders at the Kochan household.

Right: Young Nick Kochan Jr. gets some time on grandpa's knee during a family get together around 1962. Note that grandpa is clearly missing the little finger on his left hand.

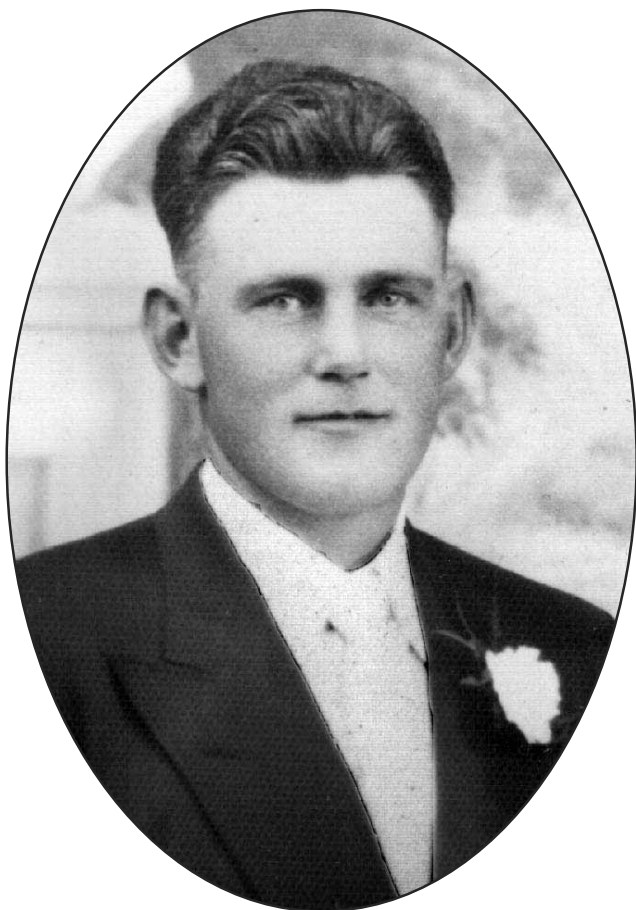




1st born
Harry Kochan
July 29, 1917 ~ February 23, 1991
Photo c1937 at 20 years of age.



2nd born
Mary Kochan
February 24, 1920
Photo 1936 at 16 years of age.



3rd born
Nick Kochan
January 24, 1924 ~ January 28, 1997
Photo c1944 at 20 years of age.



4th born
Mike Kochan
November 26, 1927 ~ July 19, 1953
Photo 1947 at 20 years of age.



5th born
Peter Kochan
March 2, 1930 ~ October 10, 1979
Photo 1955 at 25 years of age.



6th born
Olga Kochan
June 29, 1939
Photo 1955 at 16 years of age.



A snapshot showing Harry Kochan (centre) with brother-in-law John Samorodny (right) and Joe Yaciuk (friend and neighbour). Snapshot taken after a Christmas dinner at John and Mary Samorodny's house, and likely during the early Sixties.

Below: Harry Kochan in 1989 at 72 years of age.



Harry Kochan around 1935 as an 18 year old.

Harry Kochan

Harry grew up on his parents farm, and as a child attended nearby Leeland School. He remained in the district and after purchasing some land he took up farming. He remained a farmer and a bachelor for this entire life.

During the early 1950's Harry entered into a side business and operated a White Rose Fuel Station business from the farm, supplying and distributing oil, gas, diesel, grease and other related products to area farmers. He operated as a sole proprietor, but family members would often, and gladly, help out when needed.

Harry was fond of farming and spending time with his friends and family. In retirement, he stayed with brother Nick for a time and then moved into the Arborg Hotel

Harry Kochan passed away on February 23, 1991 at the age of 74, and was laid to rest among family members in the Hamrlík Community Cemetery.



Above: Harry Kochan in 1987 with Jennifer Kochan (brother Pete's granddaughter), and Robyn Paveck (brother Nick's granddaughter).

Right: Harry Kochan with brother Nick just sitting back after a family dinner.





John Samorodny and Mary Kochan, on their wedding day, January 14, 1936.

Mary (Kochan) Samorodny

Mary Kochan was born on February 24, 1920 on her parents farm in the Hamrlik District. As a child she attended Leeland School and helped her brothers and parents develop the family homestead.

After being courted by many suitors, Mary married John Samorodny, the son of a neighbouring homesteader on January 14, 1936. She was 16 years old.

Mary and John spent their life developing and operating a farm of their own, in the same general district where they grew up - among friends and relatives. Together they raised a family of four: Elsie (1937), Rose (1939), Nick (1942), and Pauline (1944).

After 30 years of marriage, John Samorodny passed away on March 7, 1966, in his 60th year.

In 1976 Mary moved to Winnipeg and supported herself by working as a domestic.

Mary retired in 1989, and in 2003 continues to live in Winnipeg. Her greatest joys are her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren.



Nick Samorodny around 1961 at age 19.



Elsie Samorodny in 1958 at age 21.



Pauline and Rose by the family's 1957 Christmas tree. At the time Pauline was 14 and Rose 18 years old.



John and Mary Samorodny photographed in 1961 at their 25th Wedding Anniversary dinner, held at the Poplarfield Community Centre.

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Family photo taken in 1961 at John and Mary Samorodny's 25th Wedding Anniversary held at the Poplarfield Community Centre. L-R are: Pauline, Rose, Elsie (holding daughter Sharon), Nick, John and Mary. John passed away suddenly in 1966.



Mary Samorodny her 70th birthday in 1990.



Five generations. Mary Samordny holding her great great grandson Austin, and joined by her daughter Pauline, granddaughter Janet and great granddaughter Angelica. Photo in 2001.



A family group photo taken when Nick's daughter Dale married Terry Stanowski in June 1990. L-R: Pauline, Nick, Mary, Elsie and Rose.



Mary Samorodny and ten of her eleven grandchildren gather for group photograph at Mary's 65th birthday party. Back Row L-R are: Mary, Sharon, Dale, Brian, Nicole, Corinne, Rocheen, Angelica, Janet, and at the far right is Sharon's husband Peter Hiebert. The three lads up front are Kenneth, Keith, and Kerry. The sole missing grandchild was Jimmy Rechik.

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Nicky married Mary Wallach in 1966. They were photographed here in 1976 with their three daughters Dale, Nicole, and Leanne. In December of 1978 Mary and Leanne were tragically killed in an auto accident near Winnipeg.



Left: Nick and Jane Samorodny in August 2002 on Nicole's wedding day.



Above: Nick, Jane and the girls: Nicole and Dale on the ends, Rocheen at front centre. Taken about 1985.

Right: Nick and Jane Samorodny's daughter Rocheen Samorodny in 2002.

Left: Nick Samorodny's daughter Nicole and Ryan Johnson on their wedding day, August 10, 2002 held in the back yard of Nick and Jane's Winnipeg home.



Dale Samorodny and Terry Stanowski on their wedding day, July 7, 1990.



Dale and Terry Stanowski with their three girls, Taylor (on right) Darcie (left) and Ciara (middle). They make their home in Arborg, Manitoba.

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Pauline, Roy Rechik, Janet and Jim around 1972.



Pauline's children Janet, Jason, and Jim Rechik around 1970. Jason tragically passed away Christmas Eve that same year.



Rose and Julius Paulson in 1980. They were married on June 17, 1967.



Janet Rechik in 1995.



Jim Rechik in 1995.



Roy and Pauline Rechik at their 25th Wedding Anniversary in 1988.



Rose and Julius' three sons Ken, Keith, Kerry pose for a family photo with Keith's bride Destiny Kirkham on June 1, 1991. Keith and Destiny and their sons currently reside in Las Vegas, Nevada.



Roy and Pauline Rechik's daughter Janet with her two children, daughter Angelica Varas and son Johnny Mathews. Photo taken in 1998.



Rose and husband Julius Paulson at their 25th Wedding Anniversary in 1992.



Keith and Destiny's son Tyler in 2003 at age 10.



Keith and Destiny's son Phillip in 2003, age 8.



Elsie Samorodny and her husband Raymond Bale. They married on June 11, 1960 and raised a family of three: Sharon, Brian, and Corinne Bale.



Elsie and Raymond's daughter, Sharon with her husband Peter Hiebert and their daughter Courtney. in 2000. The Hieberts make their home in Calgary, Alberta.



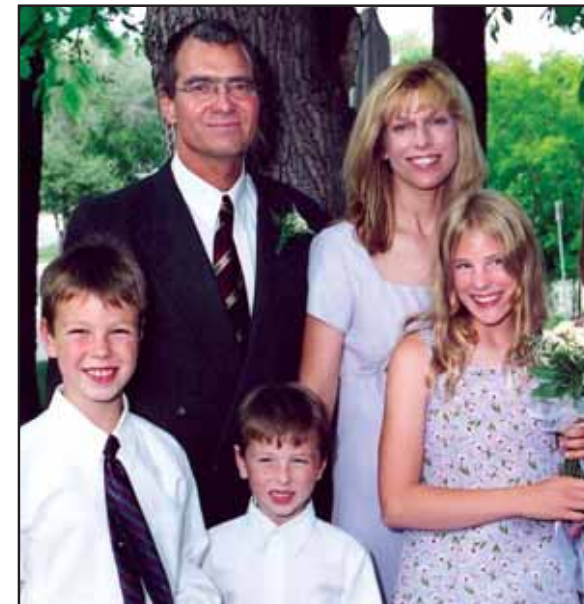
Corinne Bale, the youngest of Elsie and Raymond's three children. about 2001.



Elsie and Raymond's son Brian Bale with his bride, Kirsten Eden, on their wedding day, 8 Sept 1990 in Winnipeg.



Right: Brian and Kristen Bale with their children Riley and Meaghan.



Corinne in 2003 with her husband Daniel Lemoin, and Corinne's three children Nicholas, Nathan, and Emily.



Nick Kochan and Grace Grzenda on their wedding day, April 30, 1955.

Nick Kochan

Nick was born on February 24, 1924, and grew up, as did most of his many cousins, on his parents farm in the Hamrlik Postal District.

After leaving home, during the late 1930s Nick worked numerous jobs in many locations. During the autumn months he worked on the harvest gangs on farms across the prairies and southern Ontario. During the winter he worked in the logging camps, cutting pulp in locations such as Pine Falls, Manitoba, and Dryden and Kenora in northwestern Ontario. He also worked at Pickle Crow mines, also in northwestern Ontario.

Nick Kochan married Grace Grzenda on April 30, 1955 and together they raised six children: Patricia (1955), Rose(1957), Nicky (1959), Ted (1962), Irene (1966) and Adeline (1973).

In 1959 Nick and Grace moved to their new farm, of which all the buildings were constructed by Nick himself. Together they operated the farm for 33 years. Grace was very much involved. Whether it was taking care of the children, preparing large meals for the farm hands, or helping in the fields and around the farm, Grace was always there helping out.

Carpentry was a passion for Nick, and after retiring from farming in 1988 he took up furniture making, and fashioned many superb pieces using carefully selected oak trees found on the farm, without pattern or expensive tools, just a vision and his hands. Nick and Grace also enjoyed travelling in their retirement to places in Canada and the USA.

Nick passed away on January 28, 1997 at the age of 73 and was laid to rest at the Hamrlik Community Cemetery. Grace currently enjoys good health and continues to live in her retirement home in Poplarfield, Manitoba.



Nick and Grace's six children, in their youth.

Clockwise from above are: Rose and Patricia dressed for a special occasion, Nick Jr., Irene, Pat holding little Adeline, Ted, brothers Nick and Ted ham it up during a Christmas get together.





Nick and Grace Kochan with the family at Patricia's 1978 marriage to Glen Pavcek. L-R: Irene, Ted, Rose, Patricia & Glenn, Grace and Nick Kochan, with a five-year-old Adeline. Missing from the group is Nick Kochan Jr.



Nick Kochan Jr. and Brenda Kolach on their wedding day in February 1984.



Above left: Grace lets first grandson Adam Pavcek 'drive' the tractor. Note the stone picker, John Deere tractor, swather and fuel tank in the rear.

Above centre: Grace & Brenda making deer sausage, 1986.

Above right: Nick sharpening swather blades in preparation for harvest in August of 1987.

Right: Ted Kochan taking nephew Adam Paveck for a ride on one of several horses kept on the family farm, 1985.

Left: 1986 grandkids, Left: Norman Saliken (Rose's), and Chris & Nathan Kochan (Nick Jr's.).

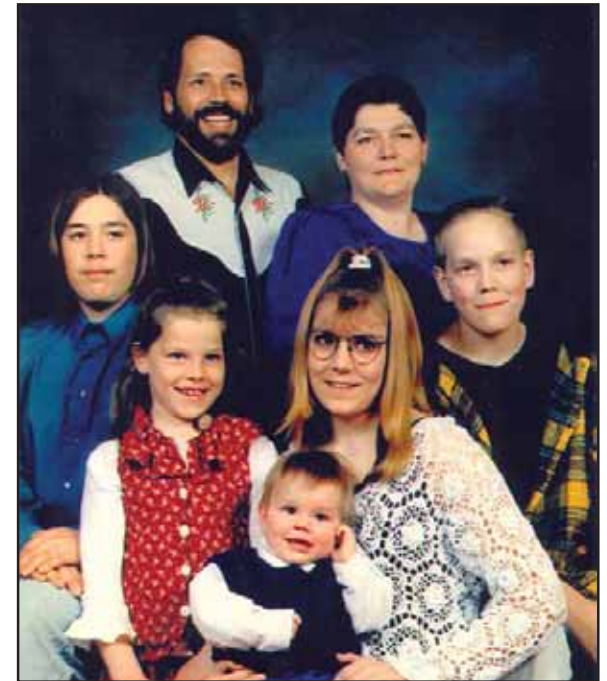


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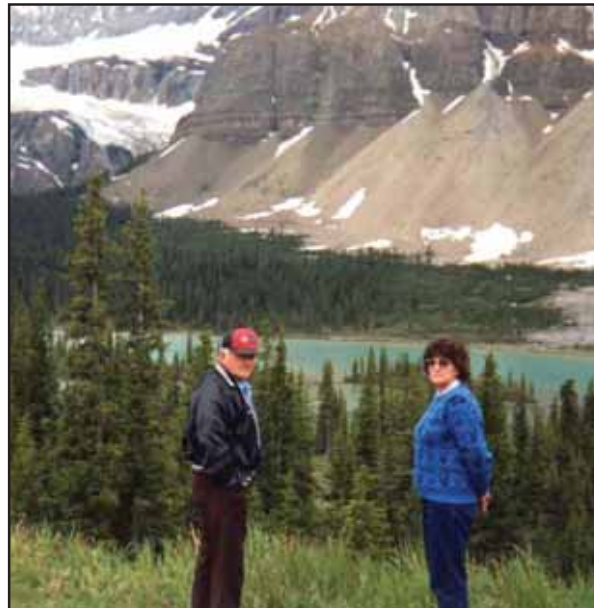
Above and right: Grace and Nick Kochan as they were during the early 1980s, at the time, always busy and on the go.



Patricia, Nick and Grace's first born of their six children, with her husband Glenn Pavcek and their five children in 1994. Clockwise from top are: Glenn and Pat Pavcek, Sheila, Elvis, little Jason, Robyn, and Adam Pavcek.



Above: Checking the crops, early 1980s. Nick Kochan explaining to daughter Adeline the finer points on how to judge when the crop is ready for harvesting.



Right: Nick and Grace enjoying the view from a look-out vantage point in the Rocky Mountains during a trip to British Columbia.



Three generations family group. Nick's fifth born, daughter Irene, with her daughter Nicole, and grandpa Nick in 1994.



Nick and Grace in 1994, one year short of their 40th wedding anniversary.



Nick and Grace's third child, Nick Jr, with his family in 2003. Nick at centre; to his right is wife Brenda; to her right is their son Chris; at the far right is oldest son Nathan and in front of his is his girlfriend Jannelle.



Nick and Grace and family at daughter Adeline's marriage to Thomas Stocki in 1994. The group of four at the far left includes Nick Kochan Jr. with his wife Brenda and their two sons Nathan and Chris; next to them is Irene with her daughter Nicole Kochan; next to her is Rose Kochan, at centre rear is the bride and groom Thomas & Adeline Stocki; in front of them is Mom and Dad, Nick & Gracie Kochan, standing behind is son Ted Kochan; and the group of seven at the far right Pat & Glen Pavcek; and their children: Robin, Adam and Elvis (kneeling), then standing is Sheila who is holding her infant brother Jason Pavcek.

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Patricia with her family in 2003. Back row: Sheila, Elvis, Patricia and Adam. Middle two: Blue and Jason. Front two: Bailey and Robyn.



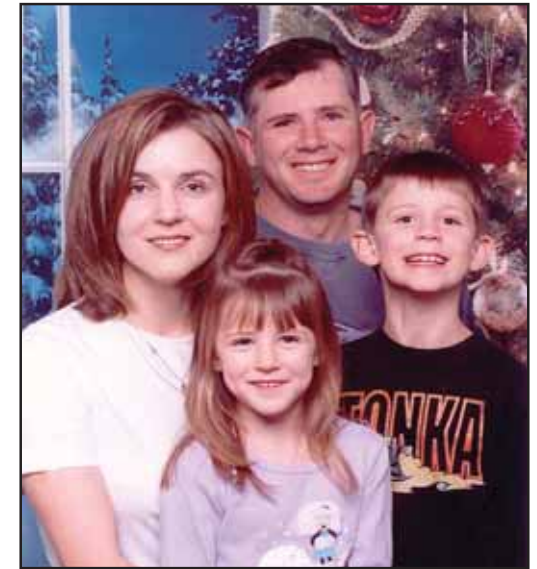
Nick and Grace Kochan's second born, Rose, with her family in 2002 at their home in Port Hardy, British Columbia. L-R are: Robbyn, Harry, Rose, and Norman Saliken.



Ted Kochan in 2004.



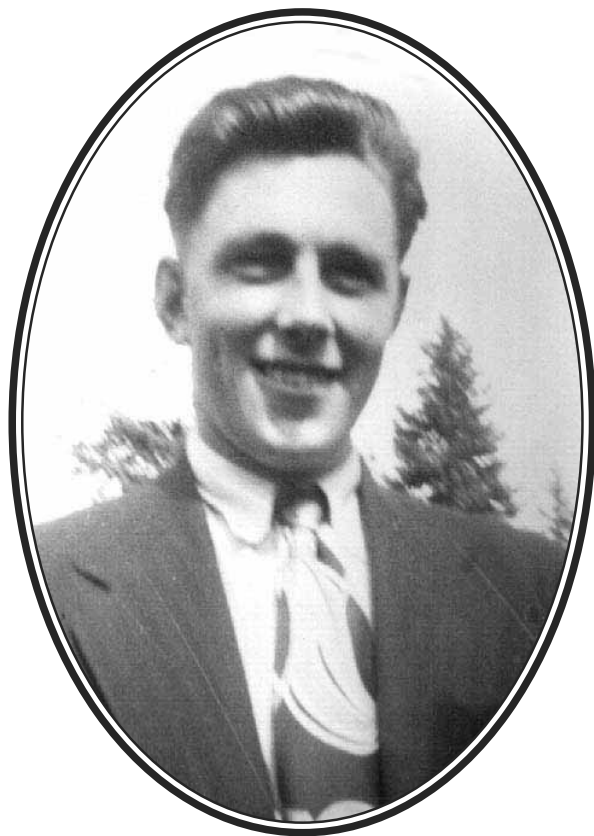
Irene Kochan, daughter Nicole and Nicole's father Ed Babiuk after Nicole's First Communion in 2001.



Nick and Grace's youngest child, Adeline with her husband, Thomas Stocki, and their children Cole and Jessica in 2002. Adeline and Tom operate a trucking business in Fisher Branch.



Jessica and Cole Stocki, and cousin Nicole Kochan pose for a photo in their Ukrainian dance troupe costumes in 2005.



Mike Kochan

Mike Kochan was born November 26, 1927 in Hamrlík. He was the fourth of Katherine & Mike Kochan's six children. Mike attended nearby Leeland School as a child.

When he left home like many of his cousins and friends, he travelled to northwestern Ontario where he found work in Dryden cutting pulp for the paper mill. After eight years in Dryden, at the tender age of 26, he tragically drowned on July 19, 1953. He had been enjoying a Sunday morning swim with friends at Sandy Beach, two miles east of Dryden, Ontario when he disappeared under the waters of Wabigoon Lake. He was well liked and had many friends. His loss was a blow to all who knew him, no less so to his fiancée.

He was laid to rest near other family members at the Hamrlík Community Cemetery.



Mike Kochan in 1940 at age 14. When Mike turned 15 he left home and got a job in Dryden, Ontario.



A photo of Katherine Kochan with Beatrice, Michael's fiancée from Dryden, Ontario, 1953.



Mike Kochan and Beatrice Boyd in Dryden around 1952.



Family and friends gather for a blessing of the grave, during the summer of 1954. Michael was buried in the Hamrlík Community Cemetery next to Grandmother Anna and grandfather Gregory Ledochowski.



Above: Peter Kochan, his bride Bernice Marko, and his parents Katherine (Ledochowski) and Mike Kochan on their wedding day. Peter and Bernice's wedding reception was the first to be held in the still unfinished, Poplarfield Community Centre Hall in August 1960.



Peter Kochan

Peter Kochan was born in Hamrlik, Manitoba, March 2nd, 1930. He attended Leeland School.

Leaving home at the age of 17, Peter worked for a time on a tobacco farm near Toronto. He also worked at Dryden, Ontario and Pine Falls, Manitoba cutting pulp.

Returning to Hamrlik he farmed from 1960 to 1979. On August 6, 1960 he married Bernice Marko and together they raised two sons, Gary (born 1961) and Wayne (born 1964).

Peter and Bernice operated a mixed farm for 19 years until he tragically and suddenly passed away on October 10, 1979 at the age of 49. He was laid to rest at the Hamrlik Community Cemetery. Bernice continues to farm and live in the Poplarfield area, as does Gary Kochan and his family. Wayne and family live only 13 miles away in Fisher Banch.



Bernice Kochan and son Gary in 1962.



Peter, Bernice and Gary Kochan c1962.



Peter Kochan in 1966 with sons Wayne and Gary.



Gary and Wayne around 1967.



Wayne Kochan in his Ukrainian dance costume about 1970. Wayne began Ukrainian dancing at the age of 4 1/2 and danced actively for many years, becoming a proficient and creative dancer and instructor. Cindy Swaychewski was his dance partner for 16 of those years.



Brothers Wayne and Gary Kochan photographed at the dinner table during Christmas 1980.



Wayne and Gary Kochan 2001. Taken during a quiet break in the activities surrounding Wayne's wedding day.

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Gary Kochan and Gail Vandersteen on their wedding day on April 16, 1983.



Gary and Gail Kochan with daughter Jennifer in 1990. Gary and his family make their home in Poplarfield, Manitoba.



Jennifer Kochan in 1993, six years old and in pig-tails.



An eight year old Jennifer Kochan in her Ukrainian dance outfit, posing with welcoming ceremony sash, bread and salt.



A family portrait on a beautiful July afternoon. Gary and Gail Kochan, and daughter Jennifer in 2001.



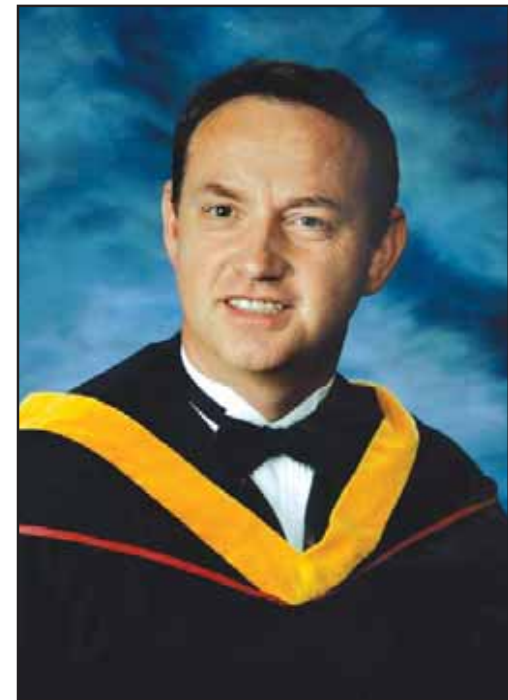
Jennifer Kochan's high school graduation photo, in 2005.



Wayne and Leanne Kochan with son Jaden on July 17, 2000. Wayne, Leanne and their children make their home in Fisher Branch, Manitoba.



Wayne Kochan Ukrainian dancer extraordinaire. Wayne and his dance partner of 16 years, Cindy Swarychewski performed throughout Manitoba, and were regulars at the Dauphin National Ukrainian Festival. They also choreographed their own routines and taught Ukrainian dance. Wayne is holding niece Jennifer in this 1988 photo.



Wayne Kochan as a graduate of the University of Manitoba in 2005.



Peter Kochan's family as photographed at Wayne and Leanne Kochan's wedding in Fisher Branch in 2001. Standing L-R are: Wayne and Gail Kochan, Leanne and Gary Kochan. Seated are Jennifer and Peter's widow Bernice Kochan.



Leanne Kochan with son Jaden and daughter Allayna in 2004 at their home in Fisher Branch, Manitoba.



Jaden and Allayna Kochan in 2005



Left: Olga Kochan and Wally Logan pose for a snapshot before heading out on a date in May of 1961. Cool threads!



Olga Kochan and Walter Logan on their wedding day, 1961.

Olga Kochan

Olga was born on June 29, 1939. She moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1953 where she attended Hugh John MacDonald School.

Olga married Walter Logan in 1961 and they settled in Winnipeg. Together Olga and Walter raised three children: Linda (July 26, 1962), Darryl (April 2, 1965) and Debbie (May 18, 1966).

Husband Walter Logan passed away on December 3, 1993. Olga resides in Tyndall, Manitoba, and presently continues to operate her food services business, Mr. Perogy.



Left: Olga Logan along with her and Wally's three children Darryl, Linda, and Debbie Logan, in the summer of 1969.



Mom (centre in blue) and her two daughters, Debbie (left) and Linda (right), photographed together at the wedding of a family friend in 1990.



Wally and Olga's Drive-Inn restaurant which they owned and operated in Steinbach, Manitoba from 1980 to 1984.



LeRoy's Dine In Restaurant in Tyndall, Manitoba which Wally and Olga Logan operated from 1984 to 1989. From 1989 to the present time Olga has operated a frozen food service out of this facility under the name of Mr. Perogy Food Services.



Above left: A family photo taken during daughter Debbie's wedding day in Tyndall, Manitoba, July 18, 1992. L-R are: Darryl Logan, Linda Logan, groom Peter Kielich and his bride Debbie Logan and the proud parents, Olga and Wally Logan.

Above: Olga and Wally Logan photographed at daughter Debbie's wedding in 1992.

Left: Olga and Wally's daughters, Linda and Debbie in 1995.



Linda Logan in December 1992.



Olga and Wally's daughter Debbie with her husband Peter Kielich and their son Ryan Kielich, as they were in September of 2002.



Darryl Logan in July of 2001.

Descendants of Katherine Ledochowski

1 Katherine Ledochowski Born: Mar 04, 1898 in Stubno, Poland Died: Jan 09, 1965 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
.. +Mike Kochan Born: Nov 21, 1885 Died: Oct 17, 1968 in Arborg, Manitoba
..... 2 Harry Kochan Born: Jul 29, 1917 in Hamrluk, Manitoba Died: Feb 23, 1991 in Hamrluk, Manitoba
..... 2 Mary Kochan Born: Feb 24, 1920
..... +John Samorodny Born: May 01, 1905 Married: Jan 14, 1936 in Sts. Vlad & Olga Cathedral, Winnipeg Died: Mar 07, 1966 in Gimli, Manitoba
..... 3 Elsie Samorodny Born: Mar 26, 1937
..... +Raymond Bale Born: Apr 22, 1925 Married: Jun 11, 1960 in Sacred Heart Church, Winnipeg,
..... 4 Sharon Bale Born: May 23, 1961
..... +Peter Hiebert Born: Jan 30, 1961 Married: May 28, 1983 in Westminster United, Winnipeg
..... 5 Courtney Born: Oct 05, 1991
..... 4 Brian Bale Born: Apr 02, 1963
..... +Kirsten Eden Born: Apr 18, 1967 Married: Sep 08, 1990 in Epiphany Lutheran Church, Winnipeg
..... 5 Meaghan Bale Born: Aug 17, 1992
..... 5 Riley Bale Born: Jan 10, 1994
..... 4 Corinne Bale Born: May 28, 1964
..... +Kieron Moeller Born: Nov 12, 1963 Married: Jul 25, 1986 in Holy Cross Church, Winnipeg
..... 5 Emily Moeller Born: May 25, 1991
..... 5 Nicholas Moeller Born: Jan 05, 1994
..... 5 Nathan Moeller Born: Jun 20, 1996
..... *2nd Husband of Corinne Bale:
..... +Daniel Lemoine Born: May 23, 1957 Married: Jun 21, 2003 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 3 Rose Samorodny Born: Sep 07, 1939
..... +Julius Paulson Born: Mar 05, 1928 Married: Jun 17, 1967 in Ardal Lutheran Church, Arborg
..... 4 Keith Julius Paulson Born: Jun 20, 1968
..... +Destiny Kirkham Born: Oct 25, 1965 Married: Jun 01, 1991 in First Lutheran Church, Winnipeg
..... 5 Tyler Bruce Paulson Born: Aug 15, 1993 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 5 Phillip Logan Paulson Born: Oct 16, 1995 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 4 Kerry Paulson Born: Aug 07, 1971
..... 4 Kenneth Paulson Born: Jun 17, 1973
..... 3 Nick Samorodny Born: Aug 03, 1942
..... +Mary Ann Wallach Born: Mar 14, 1944 Married: Oct 22, 1966 in Winnipeg, Manitoba Died: Dec 20, 1978 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 4 Dale June Samorodny Born: Jun 18, 1968
..... +Terry Stanowski Born: Mar 12, 1963 Married: Jul 07, 1990 in Kildonan United, Winnipeg
..... 5 Taylor Marie Stanowski Born: Jan 19, 1994
..... 5 Darcie Laurel Stanowski Born: Apr 29, 1996
..... 5 Ciara Jordan Stanowski Born: Jun 25, 1997
..... 4 Nicole Marie Samorodny Born: Oct 27, 1971
..... +Ryan Bjorn Johnson Born: Aug 08, 1973 Married: Aug 10, 2002 in Samorodny home, West St. Paul, Manitoba
..... 4 Leanne Myrtle Samorodny Born: Jul 17, 1973 Died: Dec 19, 1978 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... *2nd Wife of Nick Samorodny:
..... +Jane Regina Stoyanowski Born: Jun 27, 1949 Married: Jul 18, 1981 in Joe Stanowski residence, Arborg
..... 4 Rocheen Samorodny Born: Mar 18, 1983
..... 3 Pauline Samorodny Born: Jul 10, 1944
..... +Roy Rechik Born: Dec 18, 1938 Married: Jun 22, 1963 in St. John the Baptist Church, Hamrluk
..... 4 Jim John Rechik Born: Jan 17, 1965

..... 4 Janet Mary Rechik Born: Sep 07, 1966
 +Jeff John Mathews Born: Oct 17, 1963 Married: Jul 13, 1991 in Blessed Virgin Church, Winnipeg
 5 Angelica Kirsten Varas Born: Aug 27, 1985 in Winnipeg
 6 Austin Mantik Born: Oct 18, 2001 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
 6 Anthony Timmerman Born: Feb 02, 2006
 5 John Jason Mathews Born: Apr 30, 1993
 4 Jason Rechik Born: Nov 18, 1969 Died: Dec 24, 1970
 2 Nick Kochan Born: Jan 24, 1924 in Hamrlik Postal District, Manitoba Died: Jan 28, 1997
 +Grace Grzenda Born: Jan 20, 1937 in Victoria Hospital, Winnipeg Married: Apr 30, 1955
 3 Patrica Katherine Kochan Born: Dec 01, 1955 in Fisher Branch Hospital, Fisher Branch, Manitoba
 +Glenn Donald Pavcek Born: May 04, 1955 Married: May 20, 1978 in Winnipeg Died: Feb 24, 1997 in Winnipeg
 4 Adam Joseph Pavcek Born: Sep 21, 1978 in Misericordia Hospital, Winnipeg
 +Channon Parisian
 5 Danaya Pavcek
 5 Taven Pavcek
 4 Sheila Grace Pavcek Born: Feb 17, 1980 in Misericordia Hospital, Winnipeg
 5 Blue William Lepine Born: Nov 07, 1997 in Winnipeg
 5 Bailey Glen Lepine Born: Dec 19, 1998
 4 Elvis Nicholas Pavcek Born: May 29, 1981 in Misericordia Hospital, Winnipeg
 4 Robyn Olga Pavcek Born: Apr 21, 1987 in Misericordia Hospital, Winnipeg
 4 JasonTheodore Pavcek Born: Apr 20, 1993 in Misericordia Hospital, Winnipeg
 3 Rose Marie Kochan Born: Apr 30, 1957 in Gimli Hospital, Gimli, Manitoba.
 +Harry Saliken
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 4 Robbyn Nadia Saliken Born: Jul 30, 1988
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 4 Nathan Nicholas Kochan Born: May 31, 1983
 4 Christopher Lee Kochan Born: Sep 28, 1986
 3 Theodore Brian Kochan Born: Apr 16, 1962 in Arborg Hospital, Arborg Manitoba
 3 Irene Elizabeth Kochan Born: Feb 15, 1966 in Gimli Hospital, Gimli, Manitoba.
 +Edward Joseph Babiuk Born: Dec 02, 1964
 4 Nicole Patricia Grace Kochan Born: Dec 07, 1989
 3 Adeline Faith Kochan Born: Jul 29, 1973 in Arborg Hospital, Arborg, Manitoba.
 +Thomas James Stocki Jr. Born: Apr 24, 1968 in Gimli, Manitoba Married: Jun 18, 1994 in St. John's Greek Catholic, Hamrlik
 4 Cole Thomas Nicholas Stocki Born: Apr 29, 1995 in Arborg Hospital, Arborg, Manitoba.
 4 Jessica Grace Eve Stocki Born: Jul 26, 1997 in Arborg Hospital, Arborg, Manitoba.
 2 Mike Kochan Born: Nov 26, 1927 Died: Jul 19, 1953
 2 Peter Kochan Born: Mar 02, 1930 in Poplarfield Died: Oct 10, 1979 in Poplarfield, Manitoba
 +Bernice Beatrice Marko Born: Nov 01, 1937 in Poplarfield Married: Aug 06, 1960 in Poplarfield, Manitoba
 3 Gary Michael Kochan Born: Jan 11, 1961 in Pine Falls, Manitoba
 +Gail Vandersteen Born: Jul 31, 1959 in El Rose, Saskatchewan Married: Apr 16, 1983 in Poplarfield, Manitoba
 4 Jennifer Kochan Born: Aug 11, 1987
 3 Wayne John Kochan Born: Jun 02, 1964 in Arborg, Manitoba
 +Leanne Marie Chesley Born: Dec 09, 1969 in Winnipeg, Manitoba Married: Jul 28, 2001 in Weston Gospel Church, Winnipeg
 4 Jaden Matthew Kochan Born: Jul 17, 2000 in Winnipeg, Manitoba

..... 4 Alayna Savannah Kochan Born: Feb 07, 2003 in Winnipeg, Manitoba
..... 2 Olga Kochan Born: Jun 29, 1939
..... +Wally Logan Born: Mar 04, 1936 Married: Sep 09, 1961 in St. Andrew's Ukrainian Catholic, Winnipeg Died: Dec 03, 1993
..... 3 Linda Ann Logan Born: Jul 26, 1962
..... 3 Darryl Glen Logan Born: Apr 02, 1965
..... 3 Deborah Lynn Logan Born: May 18, 1966
..... +Peter Kielich Born: May 24, 1961 Married: Jul 18, 1992 in St. Mary's Roman Catholic, Beausejour
..... 4 Ryan Michael Kielich Born: Dec 10, 1998

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Chapter Eight

Ledochowski Family Reunion Weekend.
July 25-27, 2003
Winnipeg, Chatfield, & Poplarfield, Manitoba



LEDOCHOWSKI FAMILY CENTURY REUNION

Schedule of Events

DAY ONE - FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2003

Canad Inns Polo Park - 1405 St. Matthews Avenue, Winnipeg, MB

- 2:00 - 10:00 pm Registration, Family Album Display, Registration for Photo Appointments
Hospitality Room - Ambassador 4
- 7:00 - 10:00 pm Wine & Cheese Reception, Slideshow Display
Hospitality Room - Ambassador 4

DAY TWO - SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2003

Canad Inns Polo Park

- 12:00 - 3:00 pm Registration, Family Album Display, Registration for Photo Appointments
Hospitality Room - Ambassador 4
- 3:00 - 5:00 pm Pre-Booked Photo Appointments
Hospitality Room - Ambassador 4
- 5:00 - 2:00 am Banquet and Dance - Ambassador 1
- 5:00 - 6:00 pm Cocktails (Cash Bar)
- 6:00 - 6:30 pm Welcome, Ledochowski Family Tribute
Master of Ceremonies: Ed Ledochowski
Family History: Ben Ledochowski
Toast to Gregory: Leo Ledochowski
Toast to Anna: Joanne Zuk
- 6:30 - 8:30 pm Dinner
Grace given by Jennifer Swedlo
Garden Salad Cabbage Rolls Green Beans Rolls
Chicken Kiev Glazed Carrots Roasted Potatoes
- 8:30 - 9:00 pm Family Recognition Awards, Family Plaque Unveiling, Dessert
Family recognition awards: Ed Ledochowski
Family plaque: Paul, Joe, Kost, & Dan and George Ledochowski
Cheesecake, tea and coffee served
Mnohaya Leeta lead by Kalyna
- 9:00 - 2:00 am Dance and Social
Music by Kalyna
Photograph appointments in Hospitality Room
Coffee and cake served at 11:00 pm

LEDOCHOWSKI FAMILY CENTURY REUNION

Schedule of Events

DAY THREE - SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2003

Chatfield and Poplarfield, Manitoba

11:00 - 2:00 pm	Exhibition Baseball Game & Picnic (Cash Canteen) Chatfield Sports Park (Chatfield vs. Fisher Branch)
2:00 - 5:30 pm	Opportunity to Visit Area Sites Area churches, cemeteries, museum, school, & homesteads
3:00 - 12:00 am	Family Activities Odyssey Lodge, Poplarfield
3:00 - 5:30 pm	Hay Rides, Children's Activities, Pool Party
5:30 - 6:00 pm	All-in-One Family Photograph
6:00 - 12:00 am	Pig Roast & Pool Party, Beer Gardens, Fireworks (10:00)

DAY FOUR - MONDAY, JULY 28, 2003

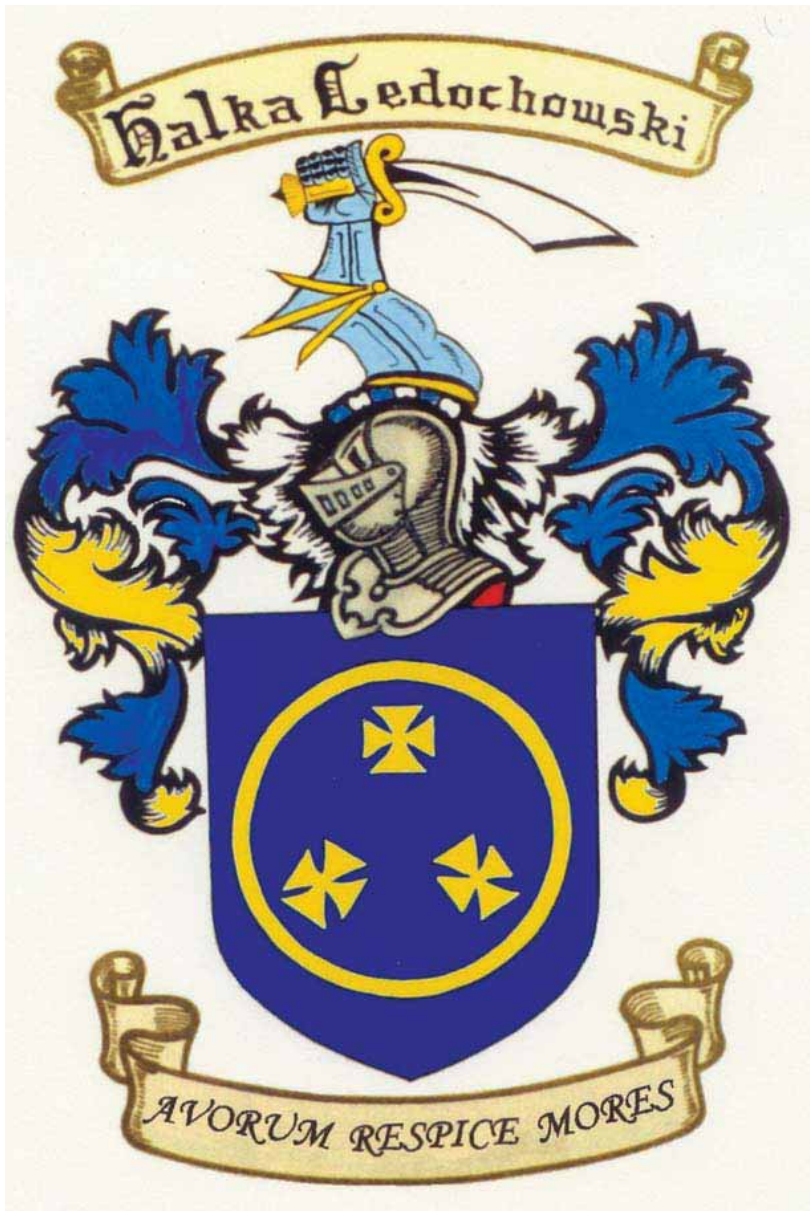
8:30 - 11:00 am	Farewell Brunch. Greenwood Inn - 1715 Wellington Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba
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REUNION COMMITTEE

Ed Ledohowski, Ben Ledohowski, Leo Ledohowski, Ron Ledohowski, Jane Holm, Sylvia Meilleur, Arnold Swedlo, Gord Leduchowski, Jim Leduchowski, Anne Zuk Joanne Zuk, Susan Ichiwa, Rose Paulson.



The Origin of the Ledochowski Family in Europe and their Coat-of-Arms

The Ledochowski family was and is well known for its deep spirit of faith and eminently Catholic life... mention being first made of them in the early history of the evangelization of Poland.

The origin of the coat-of-arms is significative of the family character. The legend runs that, about the year 975, a certain Halka was sent by the Ruthenian Grand Duke Wlodimir to the Court of Constantinople to learn the Christian religion. Attracted by the splendour of the Greek rite, on his return to court he advised the Grand Duke and his people to embrace Christianity. When the courtiers present jeered him and at the religion he praised, Halka traced a circle around himself, with three crosses in the centre, and, placing his trust in God, he challenged to combat, fought with, and overcame those who had insulted him. There upon, the Grand Duke gave him as a crest a golden circle on a blue ground with three crosses in the centre forming a triangle.

Nestor Halka (a descendent of the original convert Halka), who lived in the fifteenth century, received from the Lithuanian Prince Casimir (afterwards King of Poland) the estate of 'Ledochow' (in 1457) and added the family name that of Ledochowski, as many others did who adopted the name of the estate given to them by the Prince.

Over the years, many members of the Ledochowski family distinguished themselves militarily in defense of their country and religiously with their strong faith and service to the church. Some, for their deeds were granted land estates and noble titles. In these cases, additional elements, such as a nine pointed crown (to signify the title of Count) as well as two knights in armor, flanking the coat-of-arms were added. At different times and for different branches of the family, the coat of arms varied slightly.

However, it is in the Latin phrase that rests below the coat-of arms which speaks to the family's strength and faith - "My Life for God and Country".

(Source: The origin of the Ledochowski Family coat-of-arms, as told in the booklet: The Servant of God - Mary Theresa, Countess Ledochowska - Foundress of the Sodality of Saint Peter Claver by Valeria Bielak, 1944.)

LEDOCHOWSKI FAMILY

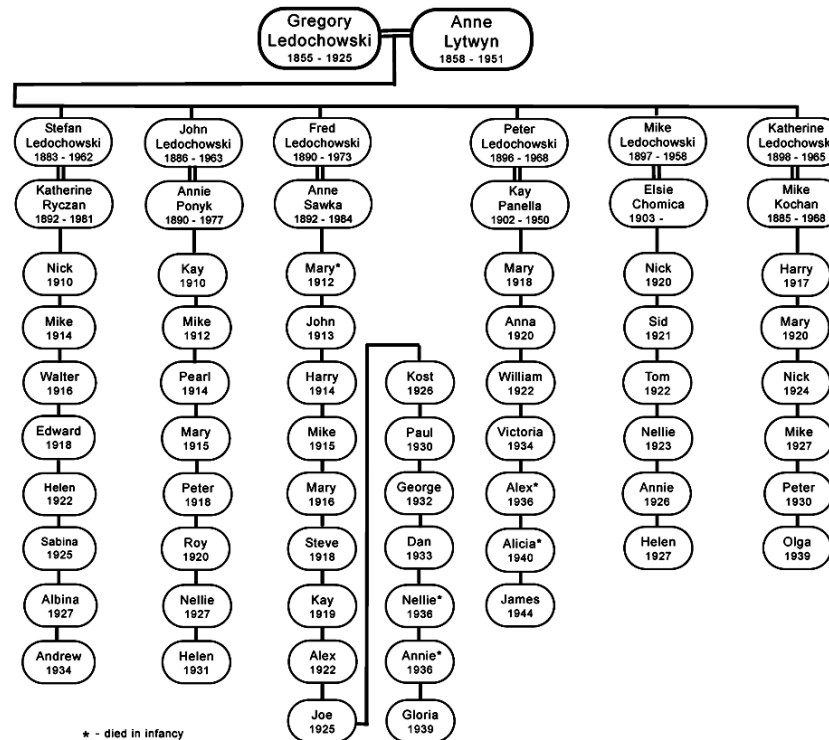
1903 ~ 2003

In the spring of 1903 Gregory Ledochowski (47), his wife Anne (Lytwyn) (43) with their six children, left Przemysl, Poland, for Canada with the dream of creating a new and better life. By summer, a homestead had been selected, (SE 2-22-1W), located 5 miles east and 2 miles south of the present community of Poplarfield in what became known as the Hamrlik postal district. As the children grew up, each took homesteads of their own in the immediate and neighbouring vicinity. From this initial foothold in an isolated wilderness of bush, swamp and stone, by sheer sweat of their brow and unbending perseverance, the family prospered and grew, to include 51 grandchildren and over 100 great-grandchildren. Today, the descendants of Gregory and Anne reside throughout Manitoba, Canada and the United States, representing all walks of life. Pride of work and perseverance continues to be a family trait.

Erected on July 26, 2003 by the family in grateful recognition of Gregory and Anne's courage, faith, and strength, on the 100th anniversary of their arrival in Canada.

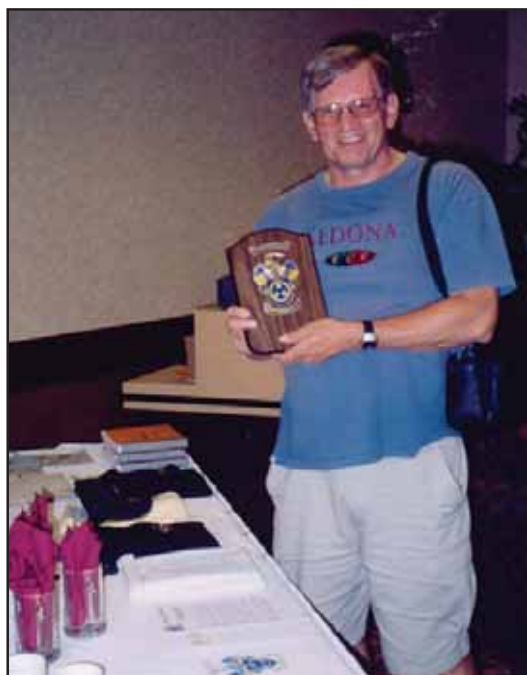
"Each knew that there would be no personal honour or glory for them. Nor would people remember the toil and hardship that would go into building the road, or their bones that would one day lay beneath it. But each knew that only after they broke the stone and cleared the way, would people travel this road."
 ...Ivan Franko

FOREVER IN OUR MEMORY



Copy of the memorial plaque unveiled at the reunion banquet.

Family Reunion Weekend. Friday, July 25, 2003



Friday Night Icebreaker

**Wine & Cheese
and
Family History Display**

**Canad Inns - Polo Park
Winnipeg, Manitoba**

Left: Ben Ledohowski visits the Hospitality Room to help with the setup, early Friday afternoon. Ben was an event sponsor and a reunion committee member.



Planning Committee member, Susan Ichiiwa getting the guest list and info packages ready for the Friday night registrants.



Reunion Committee members and cousins, Ben and Ed Ledohowski and Arnold Swedlo photographed after helping to tape up all 300 pages of Ed's draft Ledochowski Family Album book to the wall of the hospitality room.



The Family Reunion Banner set up in the Hospitality Room on Friday afternoon. Ben Ledohowski's PowerPoint presentation of his travels to Poland is being tested. On the display table are some of Ben's photo albums, old family documents, maps and other family history material for the family to browse through.

Family Reunion Weekend. Friday, July 25, 2003



Jennifer Swedlo and Rose Paulson working the registration table on Friday night.



Jane Holm, with her daughter Tanya, Tanya's husband Sean Corrie and two of their three children, Jasmine and Maxwell Corrie. On the wall in the rear are the maps of Manitoba, Canada and the United States, upon which family members marked their home towns with little red sticky-dots.



A general view of the Wine & Cheese crowd at the height of the evening.



A general view of the Wine & Cheese crowd at the height of the evening. The young man in the blue T-shirt is Michael Ledohowski from Edmonton, Alberta.

Family Reunion Weekend. Friday, July 25, 2003



Mike Ledohowski and his children, Dian Lees, Ed Ledohowski and Gloria Devita. Mike lives in Poplarfield, Ed in Winnipeg, and the girls on the west coast.



Introductory notes and the first six pages from Ed's Ledochowski Family Album, 1903-2003 family history book project. Almost 300 pages of photographs were on display, and pens provided so that family members could add and correct information and dates provided in the photo captions.



Above and right: Views of part of the family album display.

Family Reunion Weekend. Friday, July 25, 2003



Paul Chidley and Dian Lees, all smiles. Paul hails from Calgary, and Dian from Osoyoos.



The planning committee chair, Ed Ledohowski with his wife Monique and their daughter Lindsay. They are residents of Winnipeg.



Ben Ledohowski with his daughter-in-law Deanna and her children William and Christina.



First cousins, Andy Ledohowski and Olga Logan. Andy and Olga were two of the distinguished 3rd generation group in attendance. All 17 surviving members of the original '46-1st cousins' were in attendance at the reunion.

Family Reunion Weekend. Friday, July 25, 2003



Chris Ledohowski gives his sister Carol Miskiman a big brotherly hug. Chris is from Winnipeg, and Carol from Calgary.



Donald Leduchowski and his sister Jill (right) catch up on family news with Janice Klym. Donald and Jim drove up from Atikokan, Ontario just to attend the opening night activities, having to return to work on Saturday.



Jim and Vivian Leduchowski chatting with Jim's niece Claudia Thomas and her husband Chris, who travelled all the way from Jupiter, Florida.



Mike Ledohowski and daughter Gloria Devita share a laugh. Mike, at 89 years, was the oldest of the "3rd generation 1st cousins" in attendance.

Family Reunion Weekend. Friday, July 25, 2003



Another view of Friday night's crowd during the early evening.



Louise Mallett, her partner Mike, and Louise's sister Kathryn, on the right. Kathryn hails from Clarendville, Newfoundland, and the Malletts from Regina.



Planning committee members Arnold Swedlo and Jim Leduchowski, comfortable and relaxed, as the evening's activities unfold smoothly.



Ray Chidley and brother-in-law Mike Ledohowski. Ray hails from Scarborough, Ontario.

Family Reunion Weekend. Friday, July 25, 2003



A view of the refreshment table on Friday night, provided courtesy of Leo Ledochowski. It included wine, a variety of cheeses, fruit, and juices.



Claudia Thomas and Jim Leduchowski taking another look at the family album display. Jim had the distinction of being the youngest of the 46-members '3rd generation family group'.



The family album display was hugely popular with the family members and provided grist for many conversations and stories.



A final general view of the hospitality room on Friday night, July 25, 2003.

Family Reunion Weekend. Saturday, July 26, 2003



Members of the musical group 'Kalyna' greeting guests at the door, as commonly done in Ukrainian style weddings.

**Saturday Night
Dinner & Dance
Family Awards
Plaque Unveiling
Family History Display**

**Canad Inns - Polo Park
Winnipeg, Manitoba**



View of the banquet hall area during the early evening at the Canad Inns Polo Park hotel complex, in Winnipeg.



Family members arriving in the reception hall area. The couple in the centre are Ken and Betty Leduchowski. Ken and Betty are from Winnipeg.



The Raymond Skochelas' table. Raymond at centre, Mike and Helen Myronik at right. To the left are Ray's wife Paula and their daughters Kartie and Kira. The family group is from Etobicoke, Ontario.

Family Reunion Weekend. Friday, July 25, 2003



Saving spots at the table. At the left are Chris Ledohowski, his sister Carol Miskiman, their mother Anne Ledohowski. In conversation at the right are Joanne Ledohowski and Bud Holm.



Members of the Buchko table. L-R Peter Buchko, mom Albina Buchko, Peter's fiancé Rayann, Ron and Sylvia Meilleur.



General view of the banquet area leading up to the dinner and welcoming speeches.



Claudia Thomas poses for a snapshot with Aunt Pearl Ledochowski - the oldest surviving female of the '3rd generation 1st cousins' in attendance.

Family Reunion Weekend. Saturday, July 26, 2003



Ben and Janet Ledohowski with daughter Larissa (center). Ben, Janet and Larissa make their home in Edmonton, Alberta where Ben is in the hotel business like his brothers Leo and Ron and his cousin Paul.



Cousins James Zuk and Wilbert Drozda get to see each other after many years. Wilbert's wife Margaret and James' wife Pat also in the snapshot.



One half of the Mike Ledohowski table. L-R Monique Ledohowski, Karen and Ron Chekosky (Mike's step-son), and Mike on Ron's left. Mike is from the Stefan family branch. Ann Ledohowski, Mike's wife of 50 years, passed away only two months before the Reunion Weekend.



The remainder of the Mike Ledohowski table. Kurt Chekosky, son of Ron and Karen, Brett, Ryan and Amber Ledohowski, children of Wayne Ledohowski, and Lindsay, daughter of Ed and Monique Ledohowski.

Family Reunion Weekend. Saturday, July 26, 2003



Paul and Myrtle Leduchowski, Hoteliers, from Regina, Saskatchewan.



Kay and John Petrick, Kay's brother Kost Leduchowski. The Petrick's are from Thunder Bay, Ontario. Kost lives on the old family homestead near Chatfield with younger brother Dan.



Joanne Zuk and Jonathan Cowley, all smiles and obviously enjoying the evening.



Pat Cowley and her son Jonathan. Pat was one of the four daughters born to Harry and Hattie Leduchowski on the Fred branch of the family.

Family Reunion Weekend. Saturday, July 26, 2003



The official family reunion cake, done up in triplicate and sporting different versions of the old family coat-of-arms.



The Mary Martyniuk table. Mary was the 4th of Fred and Anna Ledochowski's 16 children. L-R: daughters Sharon and Gladys, husbands Jack Gamble and Ron Brehm. The young ladies to the right are Sharon and Ron Brehm's daughters Theresa, Allison and Jennifer.



Cousins Darbee Leduchowski & Kylie Duffitt. Darbee and Kylie are the granddaughters of Paul and Myrtle Leduchowski of Regina.

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Master of Ceremonies and reunion planning committee chair, Ed Ledohowski welcomes the family and guests to the evening's activities.



Ben Ledohowski sharing some of his findings concerning the family's European ancestral history with the dinner crowd.



Planning committee members present Ed Ledohowski with a gift of a family coat-of-arms plaque for taking the lead on organizing the reunion.



Jane Holm presenting a family award certificate to brother Leo Ledohowski in the Most Outstanding Family Entrepreneur category.

Family Reunion Weekend. Saturday, July 26, 2003



Susan Ichiwa presenting, and Gloria Ledochowski (L) being recognized as the 'only 3rd Generation University Degree Holder'.



Vicky Fouasse, her brother James Leduchowski and their niece Claudia Thomas with their awards for being 3rd general family elders and Claudia for traveling the farthest to attend.



Gord, Paul, Dan Leduchowski and George Ledochowski with their awards in the category of Outstanding Athletic Achievement for their involvement in Manitoba baseball.



Three generations of smiles. Jane Holm with daughter Tanya Corrie and granddaughter Jasmine Corrie.

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Susan Ichiwa and Rose Paulson prepare the plaque for the ribbon cutting ceremony.



George Ledochowski cutting the fifth and final ribbon securing the flag draping the memorial plaque.



The family memorial plaque inscription includes historical information, a quote from poet Ivan Franko, and family tree chart of the first three generations of Ledochowski's on Canadian soil.



The five surviving of Fred and Anna Ledochowski's 10 sons, and the sponsors of the family memorial plaque pose for a photo. L-R Joe, Dan, Paul, Kost and George.

Family Reunion Weekend. Saturday, July 26, 2003



Eight brothers and sisters. Gloria, Paul, Mary, Joe, Kost, Dan, Kay and George pose for a family photo beside the Ledochowski family memorial.



Ed, Susan and Rose react when Ed is informed he couldn't keep the gift presented to him, but that he would eventually get it.



Members of Kalyna leading the singing of the traditional Ukrainian song, a wish for a long healthy and happy life, Mnohaya Leeta.



Albert and Donna Sunderland tearing up the dance floor during the after dinner dance and social. The Sunderlands drove to Winnipeg from their home in Red Deer, Alberta.

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Sandra Bencharski and her daughters Erin and Kelsey, among those enjoying themselves on the dance floor.



Cousins Lindsay and Amber Ledohowski, trying to get the hang of a good old style fast Ukrainian Polka.



It's hard not to dance to good Ukrainian style music when it's in the blood - Christina Ledohowski.



Helen Myronik, centre, and friends enjoying a round of the always popular Butterfly dance.

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Another two family members happy to see each other again.



Wilbert Drozda and James Zuk hamming it up for the camera. The two are from the Mike family branch.



Also from the Mike family branch, and first cousins to Wilbert and James above-right, the children of Tom and Carol Leduchowski: David, Sandra and Dennis.



Members of the Stefan family branch squeeze together for a group photo in the Hospitality Room where a professional photographer had set up a mini-studio for Saturday night family pictures.

Family Reunion Weekend. Saturday, July 26, 2003



Catching some quiet time in the Hospitality Room section of the evening's facilities. Pictured here are Mike Ledohowski with daughters Dian and Gloria, and Mike's nephew and Canad Inn's CEO, Leo Ledohowski.



Members of the Peter family branch, including: Albert & Vicky Fouasse, Chris & Claudia Thomas, Candice and Sharon Champagne, Jim and Vivian Leduchowski, and Murray and Lynda Ledd in centre front.



Siblings Sabina Feeley and Mike Ledohowski from the Stefan family branch. Mike, at 89 years, was recognized as being the oldest male family member ever, in the Canadian branch of the family.



The members of the Ledochowski Family Century Reunion 1903-2003 Committee, pose for a photo. L-R Leo Ledohowski, Jane Holm, Ron Ledohowski, Rose Paulson, Sylvia Meilleur, Ed Ledohowski, Arnold Swedlo, Ben Ledohowski, Joanne Zuk, James Leduchowski, Anne Zuk. Susan Ichiwa and Gord Leduchowski in lower front.

Family Reunion Weekend. Sunday, July 27, 2003



Andrew and Chris Ledohowski checking out the baseball action at Chatfield Sports Park.

**Sunday Homecoming
Site Visits**

**Baseball & Picnic at
Chatfield, Manitoba**

**Pig Roast, Beer
Garden, & Pool Party
Poplarfield, Manitoba**



Family Reunion sign at the 'Chatfield corner' outside of town.



The picnic shelter at the baseball diamond was a popular place to gather because of the shade and tables.



Members of the Stefan family branch at the picnic shelter, Sunday morning.

Family Reunion Weekend. Sunday, July 27, 2003



Ron Meilleur and Paul & Myrtle Leduchowski among the spectators watching the Chatfield vs Fisher Branch exhibition game.



Kurt Chekosky playing for Fisher Branch connects with a low pitch.



L-R: David Swedlo, Tanya Corrie, Janet Ledohowski, Carol Miskiman and Anne Ledohowski.



Little Caitlyn Ledohowski, with parents Mark and Susan nearby, gestures to a distant cousin as Aunt Larissa Ledohowski turns to watch the goings on.

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Action on the ball diamond, Ron Chekosky about to release with a pitch as the Chatfield player on third starts for home. Fisher Branch won the game.



Manitoba Baseball Hall of Famer, Paul Leduchowski signs a baseball glove for an admiring young relative, Thomas Corrie, as Jane Holm looks on.



Wayne and Susan Ichiwa enjoying the sunny weather, the ball game, cold refreshments, and a comfortable chair from which to take it all in.



The canteen at the Chatfield Sports Park, where hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks and other snacks were available to the Sunday morning crowd.

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Paul Chidley enjoying a burger and coke.



Fiancé Kara Kliewer and Lane Ledochowski, all smiles and enjoying the day.



Wilbert and Margaret Drozda of Islip Terrace, New York. Wilbert's mother was Nellie Leduchowski on the Mike branch of the family.



An impromptu tail-gate party in the parking lot of the Chatfield Sports Park. Facing the camera, L-R are: Paul Leduchowski, Ben Ledochowski, Chris Ledochowski, and Andy Ledochowski.

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Manitoba Baseball Hall of Famer, Gord Leduchowski signs a glove for a young fan. Jane Holm looking on.



Another tailgate party. L-R: unidentified, George Ledochowski, Leo Ledochowski and Brian Leduchowski. Note the variations of the spelling of family name, and in the case of George and his nephew, even within the same family branch.

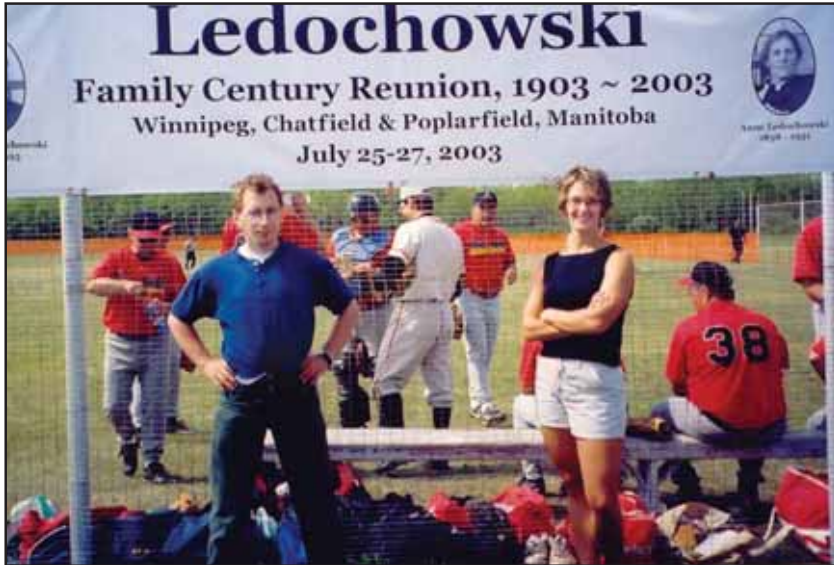


Ben Ledochowski and George Ledochowski. Ben and son Michael drove down from Edmonton in their recreational vehicles, which they also brought to the country for Sunday's activities.



Jane Holm and dear friend and cousin Gloria Ledochowski, pose for a snapshot in front of the family reunion banner at the Chatfield Sports Park Sunday morning.

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Two of Paul and Myrtle Leduchowski's four children, Glen and Louise, at the Sunday baseball game. Glen and his sister Louise both hail from Regina, Saskatchewan.



Enjoying the game and the day. The three individuals facing the camera are L-R: Dian Lees, Kathryn Feeley, and Mike Ledohowski., Note the number of cars in the parking lot behind.



Final resting place of Peter and Catherine Leduchowski, second generation pioneers. Stonewall, Manitoba.



Visiting the dearly departed at the Chatfield Community Cemetery. Fred and Anna Ledochowski and several members of their family can be found here.

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Hamirlik Community Cemetery, final resting place of Gregory and Anna Ledochowski as well as many from the Katherine family branch. Note that the spelling of 'Hamirlik' differs from the official spelling 'Hamrlik', seen on the Land Ownership and Postal District maps shown on pages 11 and 12.



Marker for William Leduchowski.



Leo Ledohowski visiting the departed family members during the Sunday early afternoon district tour portion of the weekend programme.



Gravestone for Peter and Katherine Kochan, at the Hamrlik Community Cemetery. Katherine was the only daughter, and youngest of Gregory and Anna Ledochowski's six children.

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St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. The present structure was built in 1936 by Nick Lisowecki of Poplarfield after the original, only two years old, was destroyed by fire. Fortunately, the church administrators had purchased a fire insurance policy, and the building was soon replaced.



Sign in the church yard. Note the spelling 'Hamerlik' differs from what appeared on early maps 'Hamrlik', and on the 'Hamirlik' Community Cemetry sign.



Jim and Vivian Leduchowski and Chris Thomas visiting the church the Leduchowski family helped establish and attended, during the Sunday afternoon self-guided tours.



A good view of the altar portion of St. John's Church, Hamrlik District.

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Claudia Thomas and Vivian Leduchowski beside the Fred and Anna Ledochowski farmhouse. The home is this original 1911 log home, and is the only one of the original homesteads to survive.



Upper - Right : Claudia, Jim and Vivian checking out one of the early log barns on the former Pete Ledochowski homestead, northeast of Chatfield.



One of Fred's early farm tractors, an Alis Chambers tractor used primarily during the late 1930s and early 1940s.

Right: One of two original kitchen cabinets constructed "by hand by a travelling German carpenter during the early 1920s" in Fred and Anna's farmhouse.



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Front door at the Odyssey Lodge in Poplarfield, site of the late afternoon activities. Formerly the Poplarfield High School, it was converted by Ron Chekosky into a small hotel as part of his Big Antler outfitting business.



View of the beer garden tent and the pool section of the Odyssey Lodge in Poplarfield.



Prior to the construction of the collegiate building, the third and final Dehowa school stood on this site in Poplarfield, right at the end of the sidewalk seen in the photo above. The Dehowa Memorial School District marker was erected during the Poplarfield 2002 Reunion weekend.



Arnold Swedlo at the Pig Roast/Pool Party/Beer Gardens portion of Sunday's activities Sunday evening.

Family Reunion Weekend. Sunday, July 27, 2003



Ed and Lynn Restau and their daughter checking out the progress of roast pig as the family gather for supper in Poplarfield.



Carving and preparing the barbeque pig for the food line.



Michael and Deanna Ledohowski being served by Lynn Restau at the food line.



View of the buffet line later Sunday afternoon at the Odyssey Lodge in Poplarfield.

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Joanne, Lane and Leo Ledohowski, Paul and Ray Chidley among those at the Sunday evening buffet table.



General view of the setup under the beer garden tent.



Monique, Anne, Joanne and Krista Ledohowski. Bud Holm and Chris Ledohowski at the right.



Another general view of the setup under the beer garden tent.

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Hay rides to the old Poplarfield townsite were part of the Sunday evening activities at the old school grounds in Poplarfield. Here the team and wagon are pulling into the school yard after one of the trips.



Stanley Shewchuk, team and wagon driver, and his passengers traverse a portion of the old CPR railway grade, now a maintained recreation trail stretching over 100 km from Gross Isle to Fisher Branch.



Jane Holm, Maxwell Corrie, Ryan and Amber Ledohowski among the passengers onboard for the afternoon's last hayride.



A four-legged member of the Ledochowski clan. This little K-9 is the family pet of David and Doreen Chidley and their three children. Even he seems to be smiling.

Family Reunion Weekend. Sunday, July 27, 2003



Two of the small but growing sixth-generation level of Ledochowski family in Canada, with Chris Ledochowski showing them how to ham for the camera.



View of the pool area in the Odyssey Lodge. A plunge in the pool was a welcome relief for many of the children and adults in Poplarfield on Sunday afternoon. Arnold's children & grandchildren. Clockwise from bottom left: Connor Swedlo, Erick Swedlo, Glen Swedlo, James Bucklet, Jennifer Swedlo, Duncan Swedlo.



Thomas Corrie getting ready to cannonball, Odyssey Lodge pool area.



View of the pool and seating area at the Odyssey Lodge. Above the patio area is a mezzanine bar and TV room area.

Family Reunion Weekend. Sunday, July 27, 2003



Mike Ledohowski with his home-made "Red Baron" recreational vehicle, constructed by Mike from the frame up, in his 88th year. Passenger Lane Ledohowski.



Ron Chekosky, Kathryn Feeley, Mike Ledohowski and Ed Ledohowski.



Mike taking his sister Sabina and Nephew Ben Ledohowski for a spin around the old school yard on the Red Baron.



Chris, Mike and Joanne Ledohowski, and a good view of the back end of the vehicle.

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L-R: unknown, Catherine & David Leduchowski, Murray and Lynda Ledd, James Leduchowski and Claudia Thomas enjoying a little food, refreshments and conversation under the canvas.



General view of the party tent, located at the former site of Dehowa School in Poplarfield, Manitoba. A number of family members attended school at this site.



Planning Committee members Joanne Zuk and Gord Leduchowski, able to smile towards the end of a weekend which went off without a hitch.



L-R: Michael Nagy, Pat Cowley and her son Jonathan, Paulette Leduchowski sticking around for one last beer after the concluding fireworks display.

Family Reunion Weekend. Sunday, July 27, 2003



About 175 of almost 250 family members and guests who attended the Ledochowski Family Century Reunion held in Winnipeg, Chatfield, and Poplarfield, Manitoba on July 25-27, 2003.



The people responsible for organizing the Ledochowski Family Century Reunion, 1903-2003.
L-R: Leo Ledohowski, Jane Holm, Ron Ledohowski, Rose Paulson, Sylvia Meilleur, Ed Ledohowski (with
the family coat-of-arms), Arnold Swedlo (with the mini family plaque), Ben Ledohowski, Joanne Zuk,
James Leduchowski and Anne Zuk.

The Ledochowski Family Album
A Polish Immigrant Family's Legacy in Canada

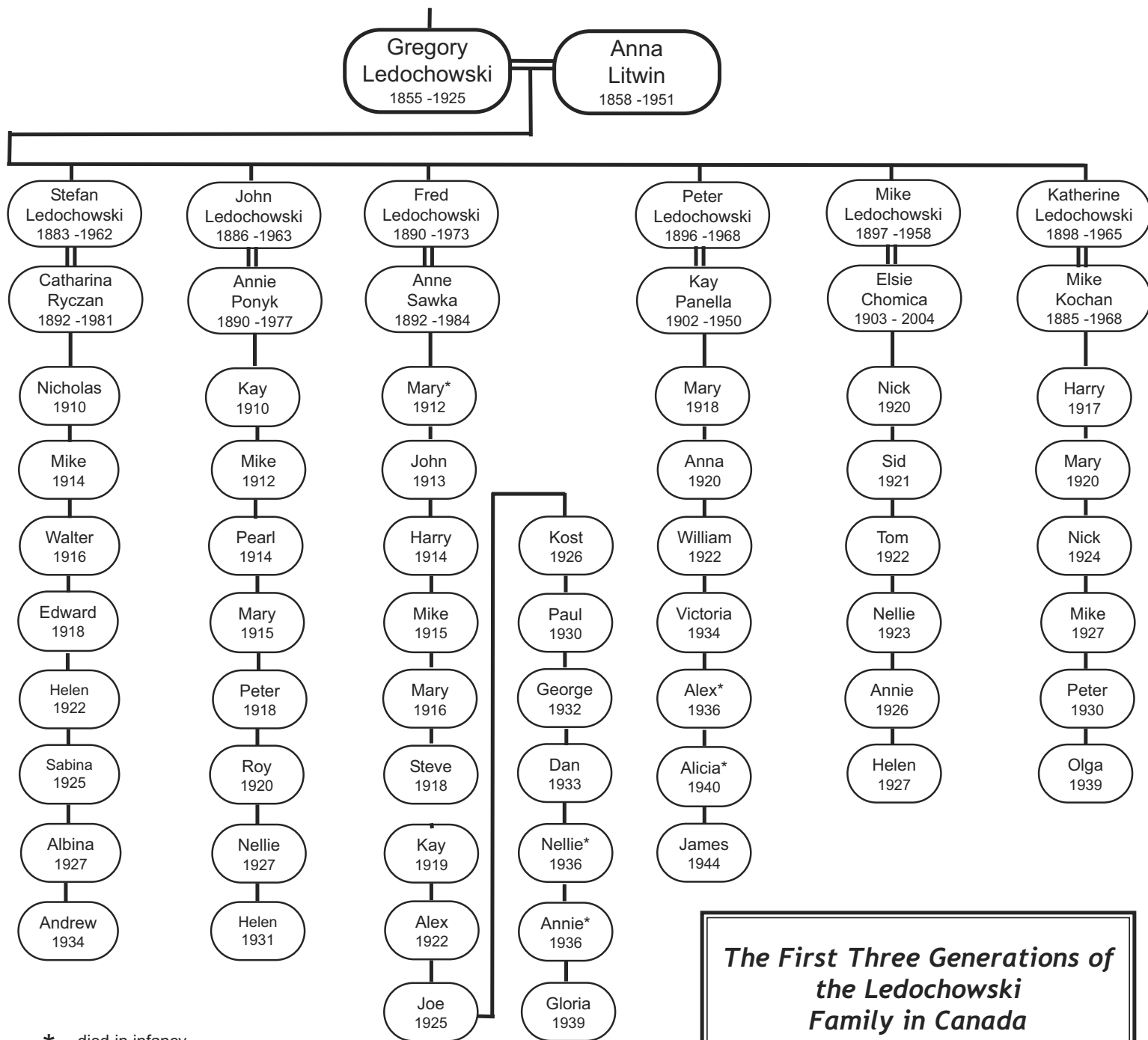
Chapter Nine

The Ledochowski Family Gallery
The First Three Generations

Personal Note:

The following 28-page chapter is just the product I had in mind when I started this family history project way back in the 1970s, that being a three-generation family tree chart with a photograph of every individual on it. In all honesty, the preceding 340 pages sort of just came together as I strove to achieve my original goal. As it was my original intent, in the following final chapter I am repeating the individual family portraits seen earlier - but all together as I had envisioned it. The people portrayed on the pages to follow made up a single extended family. The vast majority of them knew each other well, and most spent their childhoods together as rural neighbours. I believe that the first three generations of the Ledochowski family in North America ought to be portrayed and remembered in this way, as a single family. Our family.

Ed Ledochowski



* - died in infancy

*The First Three Generations of
the Ledochowski
Family in Canada*

The First Generation

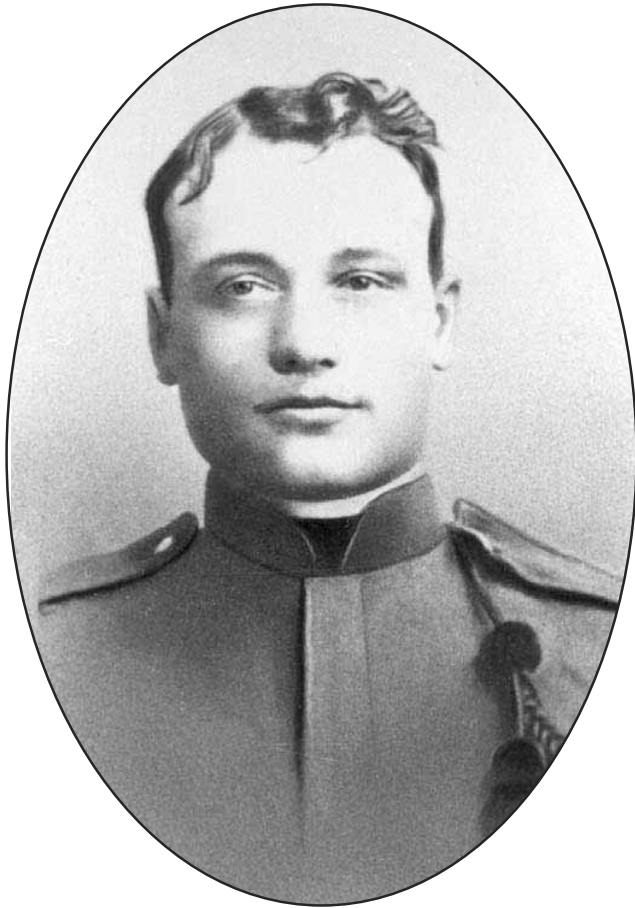


Gregory Ledochowski
1855 - October 6, 1925
c1924.

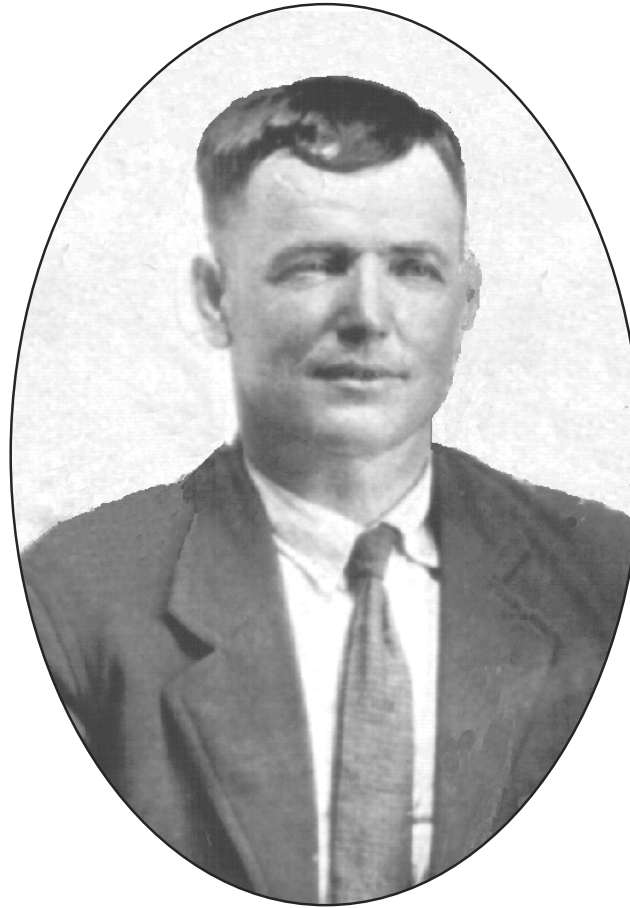


Anna Ledochowski
1858 - October 4, 1951
c1924.

The Second Generation



Stefan (Steve) Ledochowski
Gregory and Anna's 1st
July 24, 1883 ~ March 13, 1962
c1909



Ivan (John) Ledochowski
Gregory and Anna's 2nd
August, 1887 ~ 1963
c1928

The Second Generation



Fedko (Fred) Ledochowski
Gregory and Anna's 3rd
February 20, 1890 ~ June 4, 1973
1911



Petro (Peter) Ledochowski
Gregory and Anna's 4th
June, 1896 ~ 1968
1929

The Second Generation



Mikoly (Mike) Ledochowski
Gregory and Anna's 5th
December, 1897 ~ August, 1958
1919



Katharina (Katherine) Ledochowski
Gregory and Anna's 6th
March 4, 1898 ~ January 9, 1965
1960

The Third Generation



Nick Ledohowski
Stefan and Katherine's 1st
December 20, 1910 ~ August 23, 1987
c1941



Mike Ledohowski
Stefan and Katherine's 2nd
October 3, 1914
c1942

The Third Generation



Walter Ledohowski
Stefan and Katherine's 3rd
October 22, 1916 ~ May 21, 1987
c1950.



Edward Ledohowski
Stefan and Katherine's 4th
December 29, 1918 ~ May 25, 1989
c1942

The Third Generation

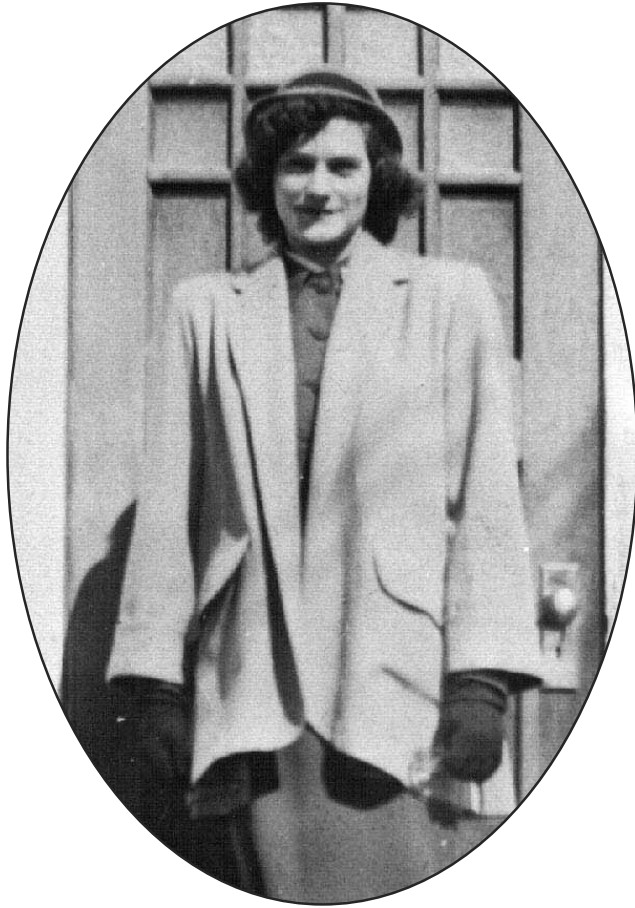


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Stefan and Katherine's 5th
June 4, 1922 ~ October 15, 2001
1941



Sabina Ledohowski
Stefan and Katherine's 6th
May 2, 1925
c1944

The Third Generation



Albina Ledohowski
Stefan and Katherine's 7th
August 2, 1927
c1947



Andrew Ledohowski
Stefan and Katherine's 8th
May 2, 1934
c1961

The Third Generation



Kay Ledochowski
John & Annie Ledochowski's 1st
December 25, 1910 ~ December 27, 1999
c1930



Mike Ledochowski
John & Annie Ledochowski's 2nd
1912 ~ January 9, 1988
c1934

The Third Generation



Pearl Ledochowski
John & Annie Ledochowski's 3rd
October 15, 1914 ~ June 16, 2004
c1925

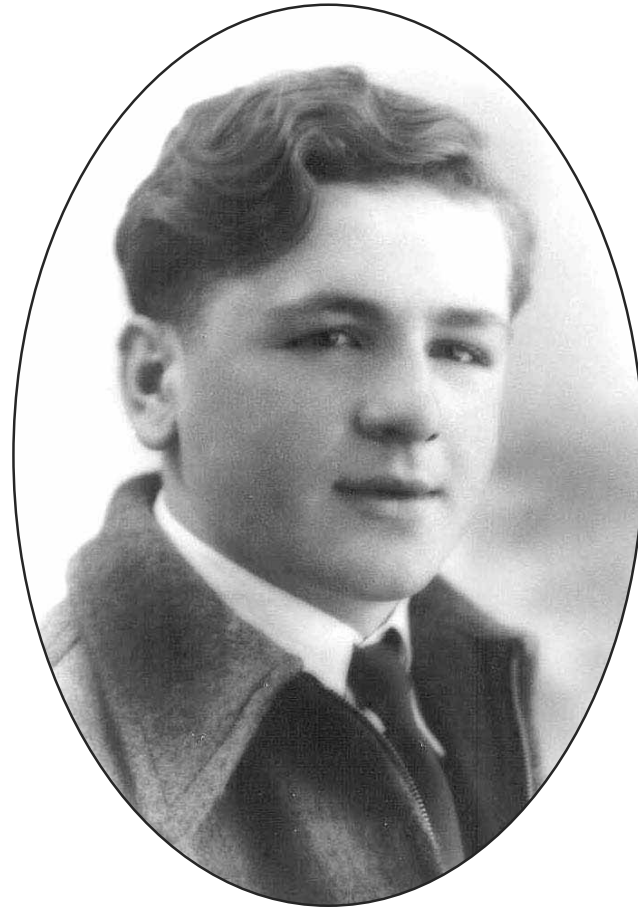


Mary Ledochowski
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September 5, 1915 ~ July 11, 1999
c1925

The Third Generation



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August 23, 1918 ~ March 14, 1994
1948



Roy Ledochowski
John & Annie Ledochowski's 6th
September 29, 1920 ~ March 1, 1992
1940

The Third Generation

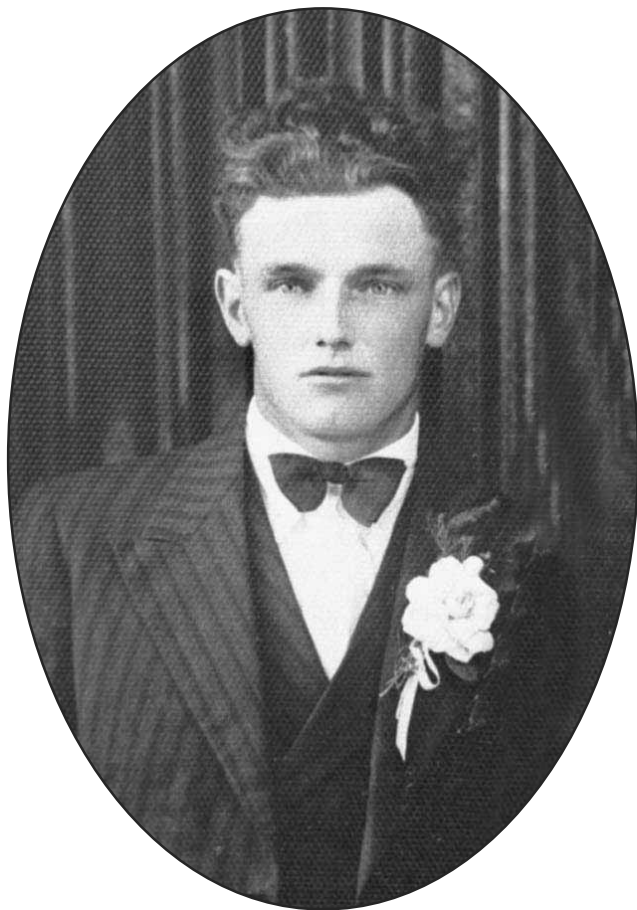


Nastia (Nellie) Ledochowski
John & Annie Ledochowski's 7th
April 3, 1927 ~ September 1, 1995
c1937



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John & Annie Ledochowski's 8th
April 10, 1931 ~ July 4, 1998
1947

The Third Generation



John Leduchowski
Fred & Anne Ledochowski's 1st
January 14, 1913 ~ June 5, 1989
1937



Harry Leduchowski
Fred & Anne Ledochowski's 2nd
March 1, 1914 ~ June 5, 1993
1943

The Third Generation

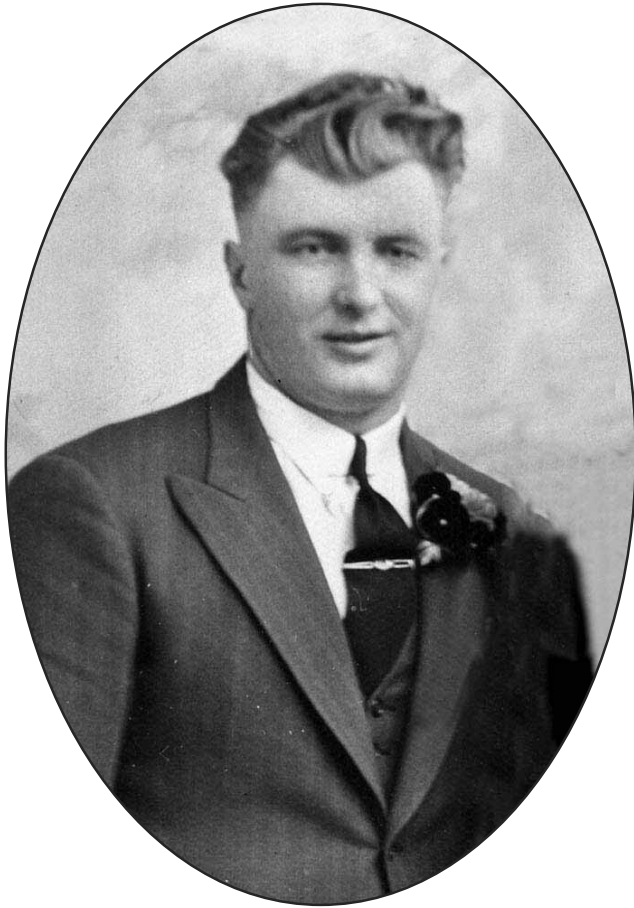


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April 15, 1915 ~ March 17, 1996
c1937

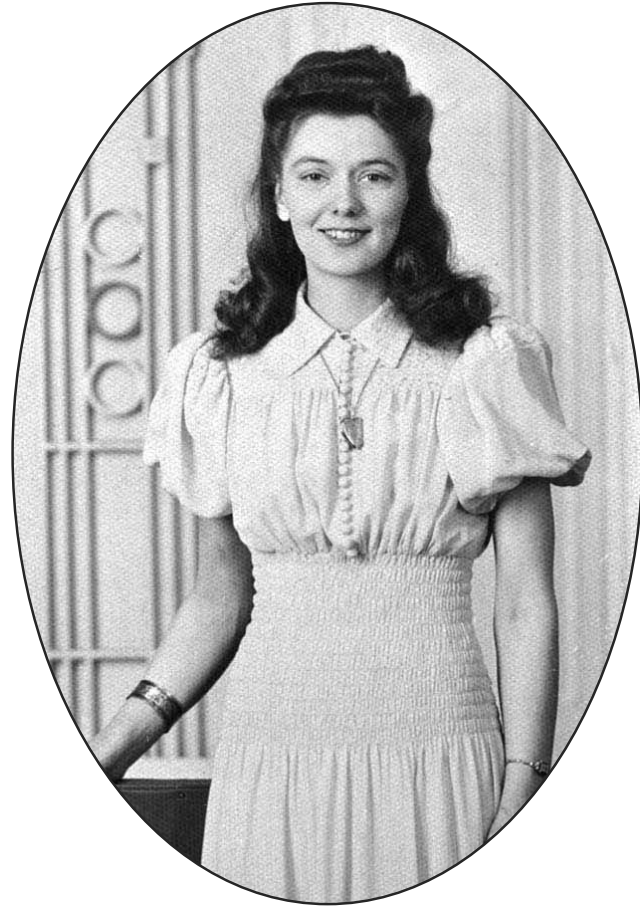


Mary Leduchowski
Fred & Anne Ledochowski's 4th
August 28, 1916 ~ August 2003
1937

The Third Generation



Steve Leduchowski
Fred & Anne Ledochowski's 5th
June 12, 1918 ~ February 19, 1999
c1943

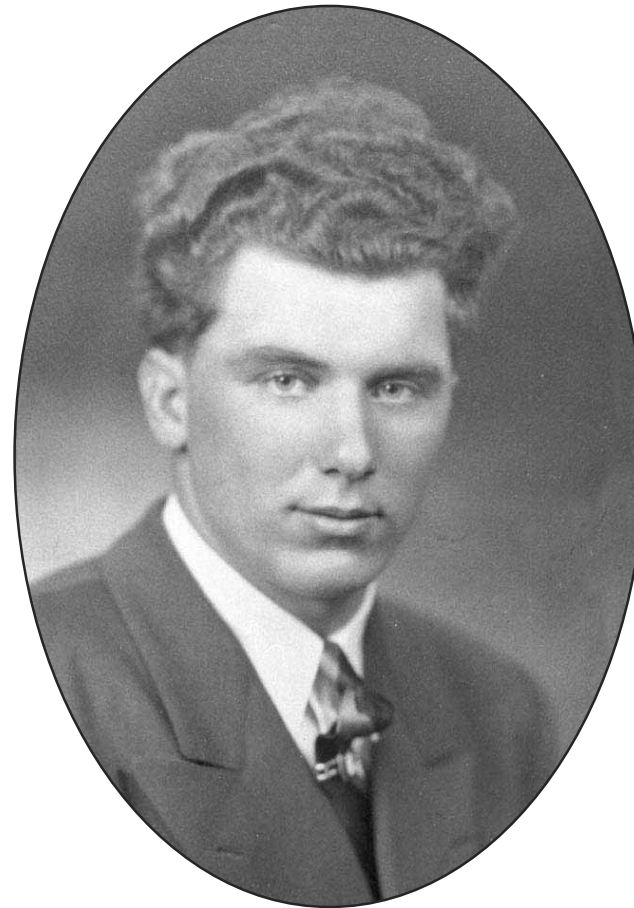


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Fred & Anne Ledochowski's 6th
August 12, 1919
1943

The Third Generation

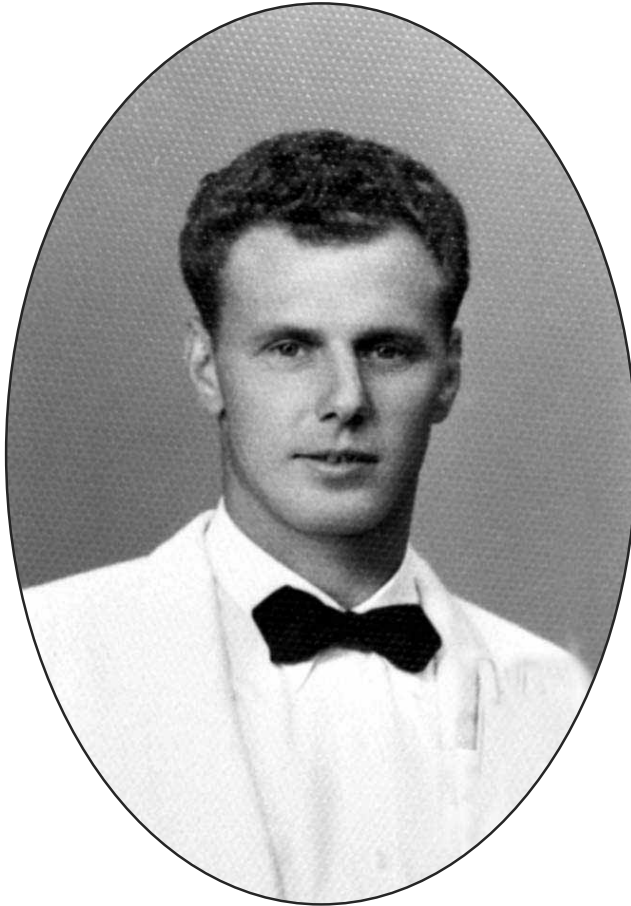


Alex Leduchowski
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October 15, 1922 ~ October 18, 1998
1945

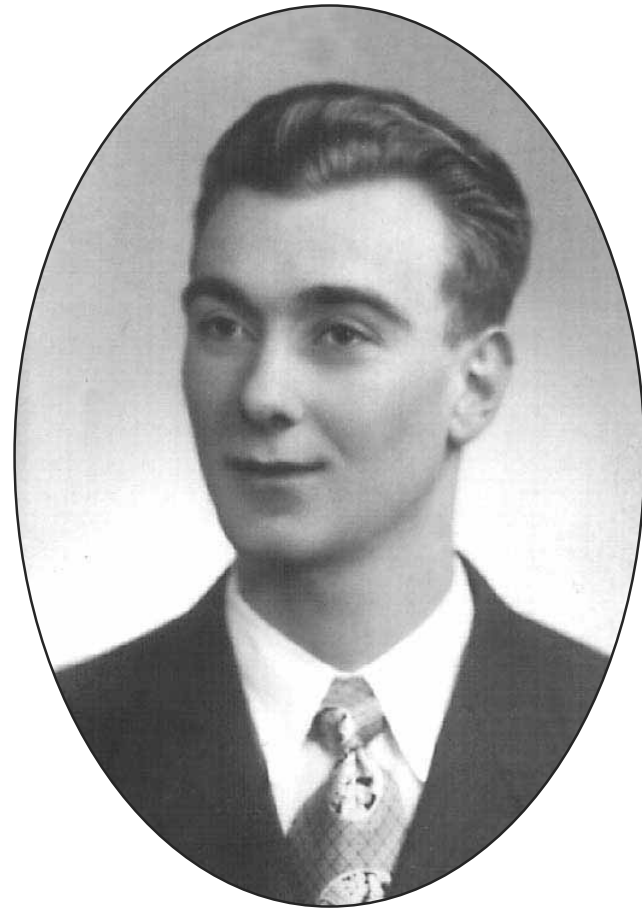


Joe Leduchowski
Fred & Anne Ledochowski's 8th
1925 June 4, 1925 ~ May 6, 2005
c1949

The Third Generation

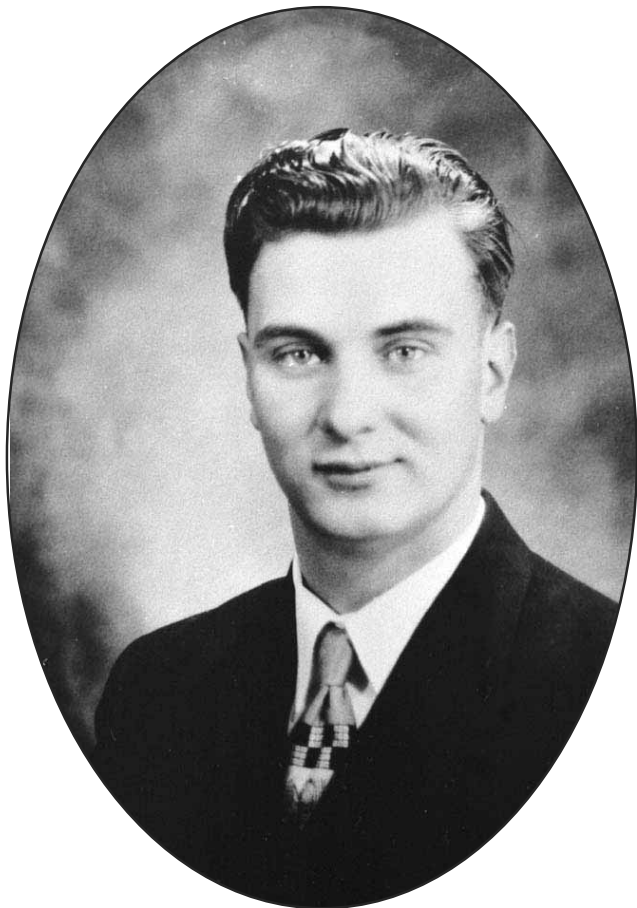


Kost Leduchowski
Fred & Anne Ledochowski's 9th
1926 September 25
1955



Paul Leduchowski
Fred & Anne Ledochowski's 10th
August 27, 1930 ~ March 17, 2005
1951

The Third Generation



George Ledochowski
Fred & Anne Ledochowski's 11th
January 28, 1932
1954



Dan Leduchowski
Fred & Anne Ledochowski's 12th
May 23, 1933 - September 17, 2006
c1965

The Third Generation



Gloria Ledochowski
Fred & Anne Ledochowski's 13th
June 25, 1939
1955



Rose Marie Leduchowski
Peter & Catherine's 1st
January 20, 1918 ~ June 1980
c1935

The Third Generation



Anna Leduchowsk
Peter & Catherine's 2nd
August 9, 1920 ~ January 20, 1997
1942



William Leduchowski
Peter & Catherine's 3rd
October 19, 1922 ~ January 30, 1998
c1940

The Third Generation



Victoria Leduchowski
Peter & Catherine's 4th
August 26, 1934
c1962

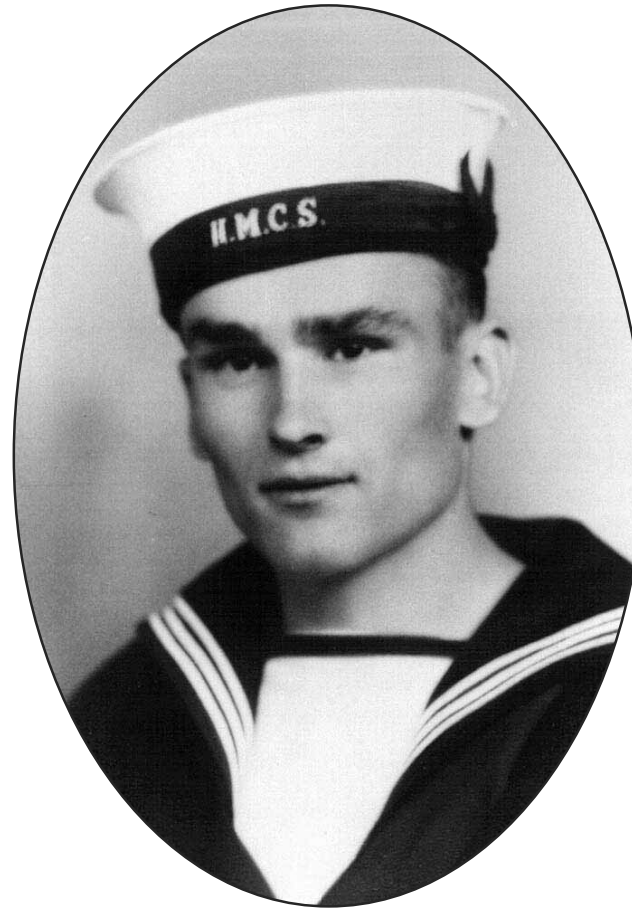


James Ledochowski
Peter & Catherine's 5th
January 22, 1944
1965

The Third Generation

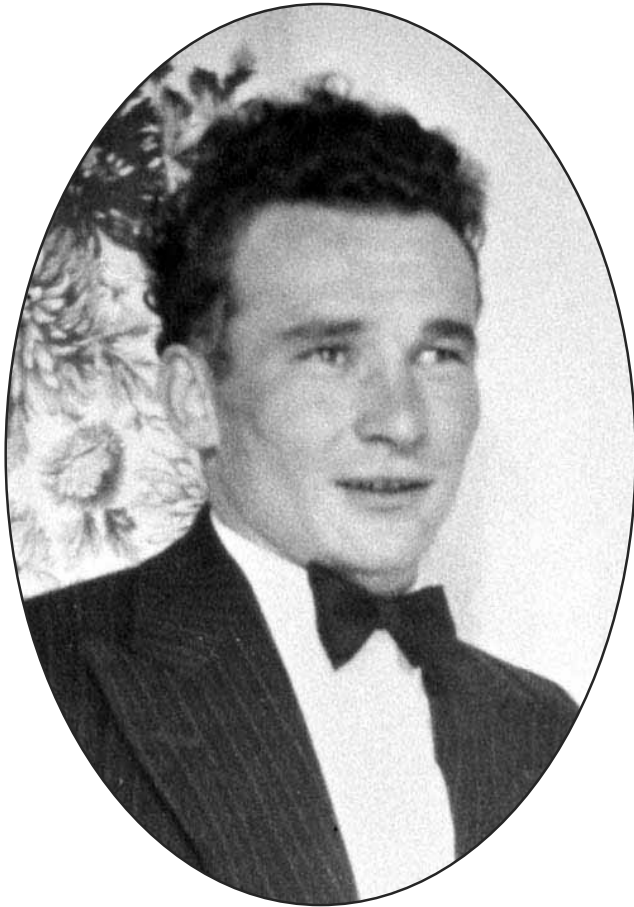


Nick Leduchowski
Mike & Elsie's 1st
February 10, 1920 ~ July, 1970
c1940



Sid Leduchowski
Mike & Elsie's 2nd
February 17, 1921 ~ July 14, 1977
c1941

The Third Generation



Tom Leduchowski
Mike & Elsie's 3rd
April 22, 1922 ~ February 23, 1993
c1944



Nellie Leduchowski
Mike & Elsie's 4th
May 9, 1923 ~ October 7, 1998
c1945

The Third Generation



Anne Leduchowski
Mike & Elsie's 5th
February 10, 1926
1944



Helen Leduchowski
Mike & Elsie's 6th
September 1, 1927
1947

The Third Generation

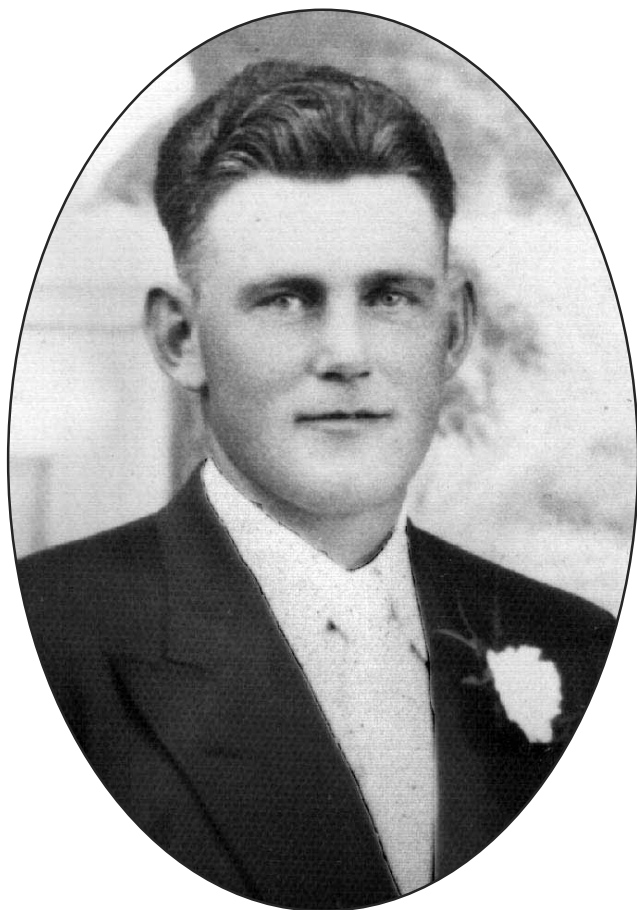


Harry Kochan
Katherine & Mike's 1st
July 29, 1917 ~ February 23, 1991
c1937



Mary Kochan
Katherine & Mike's 2nd
February 24, 1920
1936

The Third Generation



Nick Kochan
Katherine & Mike's 3rd
January 24, 1924 ~ January 28, 1997
c1944



Mike Kochan
Katherine & Mike's 4th
November 26, 1927 ~ July 19, 1953
1947

The Third Generation



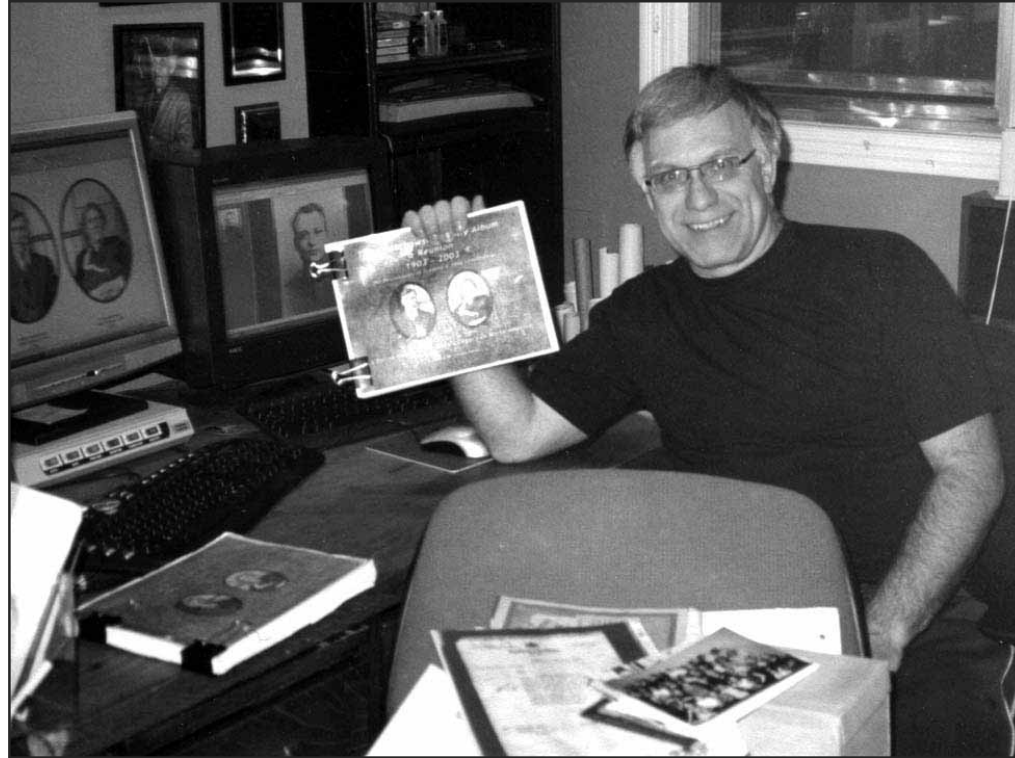
Peter Kochan
Katherine & Mike's 5th
March 2, 1930 ~ October 10, 1979
1955



Olga Kochan
Katherine & Mike's 6th
June 29, 1939
1955

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The Ledochowski Family Album



The author
Ed Ledochowski

...at a familiar place, in front of his home computer surrounded by family history files and photographs, and at long last, in January 2007, with a finished manuscript in hand.

